Introduction to mobile development using Flutter

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Objective overview

In this course you will learn

- Understand how to use flutter framework
- Understand basic of Dart lang*
- Create your applications with multiple functionalities
- Know how to design mobile architecture
- Put your app into Production
- Know where to find changes of framework

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TLDR;

Agreements

- Understand, not remember
 - Cover multiple aspect
 - Please take notes perspective, open discussion/opinion
- Follow Along I'll. Go slow, 🔑 I'm promise 🗇
- Practices is the key things
- Enjoy coding

Chapter 1: Installation and Setup for Flutter Development

Flutter SDK installation

Overview Process

- Go to Official Website -> https://flutter.dev
- Getting Start tab
- Proceed the instruction steps
 - Select your operating system (macOS)
 - Download .zip file
 - Extract the .zip
 - Place in desire location
 - Update system path ~> export PATH="\$PATH:`pwd`/flutter/bin" to ~/.bash_profile or ~/.bash_rc
 - Restart your Terminal

Flutter SDK installation

Overview Process

- In you Terminal type "flutter" to identify is your setup success or not
 - If "Success" it's should prompt out lie this ->

```
Manage your Flutter app development.

Common commands:
   flutter create <output directory>
        Create a new Flutter project in the specified directory.

flutter run [options]
      Run your Flutter application on an attached device or in an emulator.
```

If "No" please check your system variable path

macOS setup

Prerequisites

For developing a mobile application you need 2 IDEs





macOS setup

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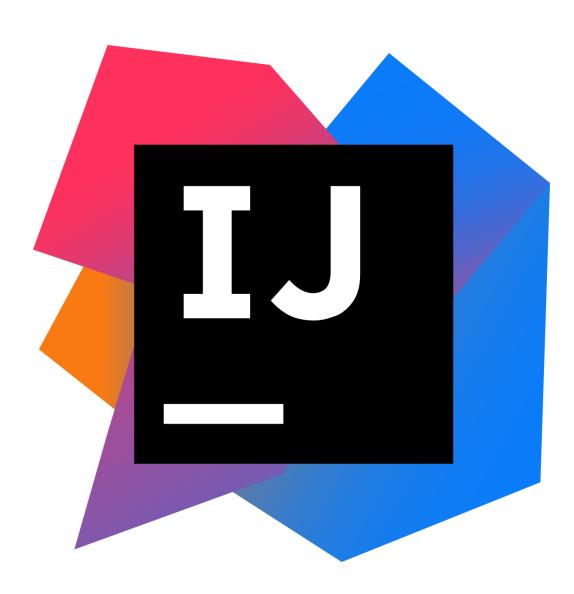
For additional tools you will also need to install Homebrew => <u>The Missing</u>
 <u>Package Manager for macOS (or Linux)</u> — <u>Homebrew</u>



macOS setup Select your IDEs

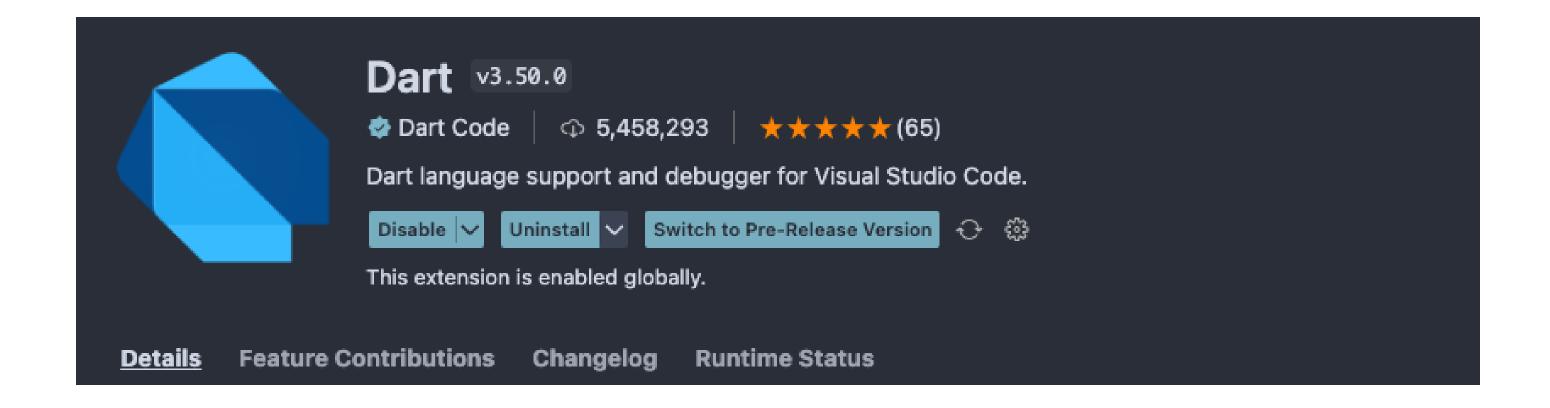
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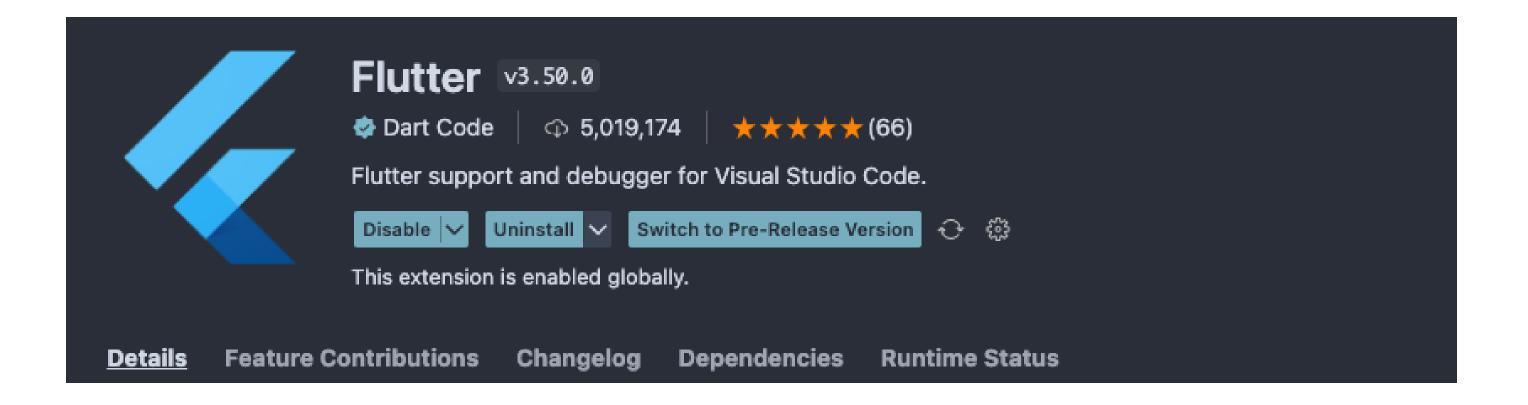




But in this training we will use VScode as a main ide

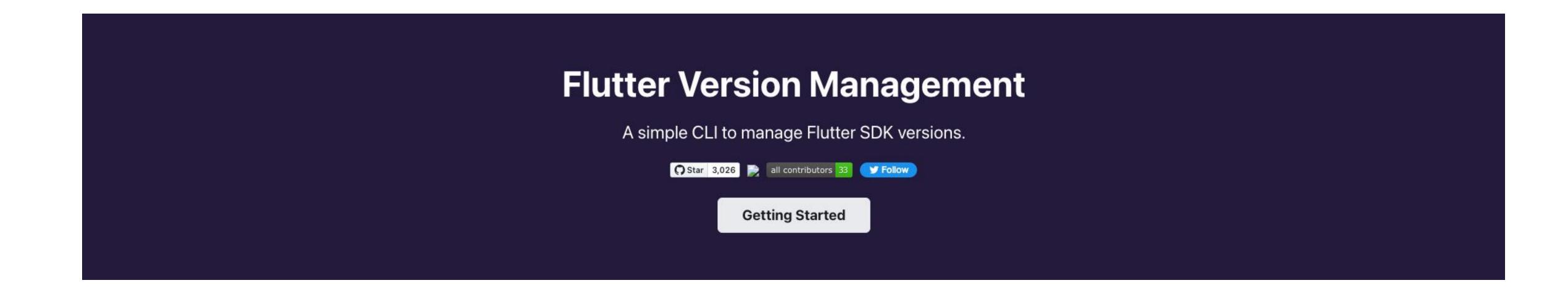
macOS setup Setup an extensions





Can I install more than 1 flutter version?

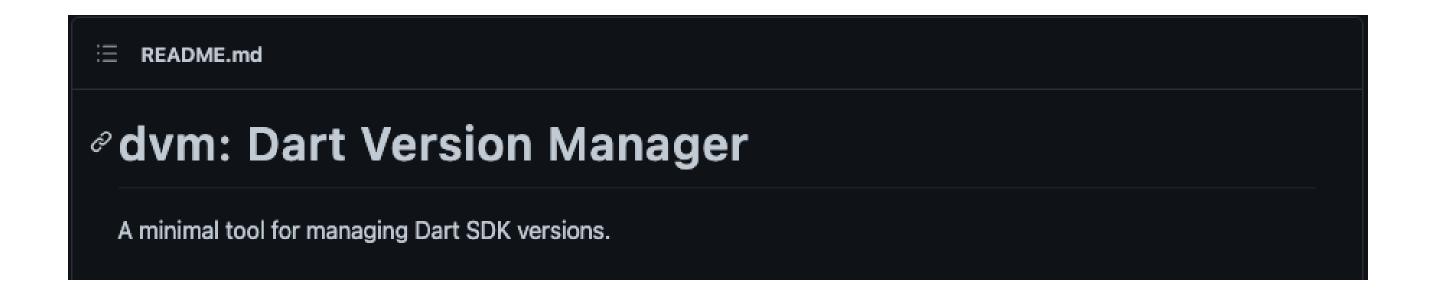
Introduction to FVMs/DVMs



Flutter Learning EP6: Managing Multiple version of Flutter SDK using FVM - YouTube

Introduction to FVMs/DVMs DVMs

cbracken/dvm: Dart Version Manager (github.com)



Chapter 2: Creating 1st flutter app

Introductions

In this chapter we are going to

- Create 1st flutter application via CLI
- Know how to use the basic commands
- Fundamental Structure
- Run 1st Application on an Emulator/Simulator
- Learn other essential dev tools DevTools/Debugger

Flutter Commands

These are basic command you are going to use in this course

- flutter create <application_name> => crate flutter project
- flutter doctor (-v) => command that will give you a prompt about version and additional dependencies that required to develop a flutter application
- flutter pub get => get and install dependencies in your project
- flutter run => run your 1st flutter app
- flutter upgrade

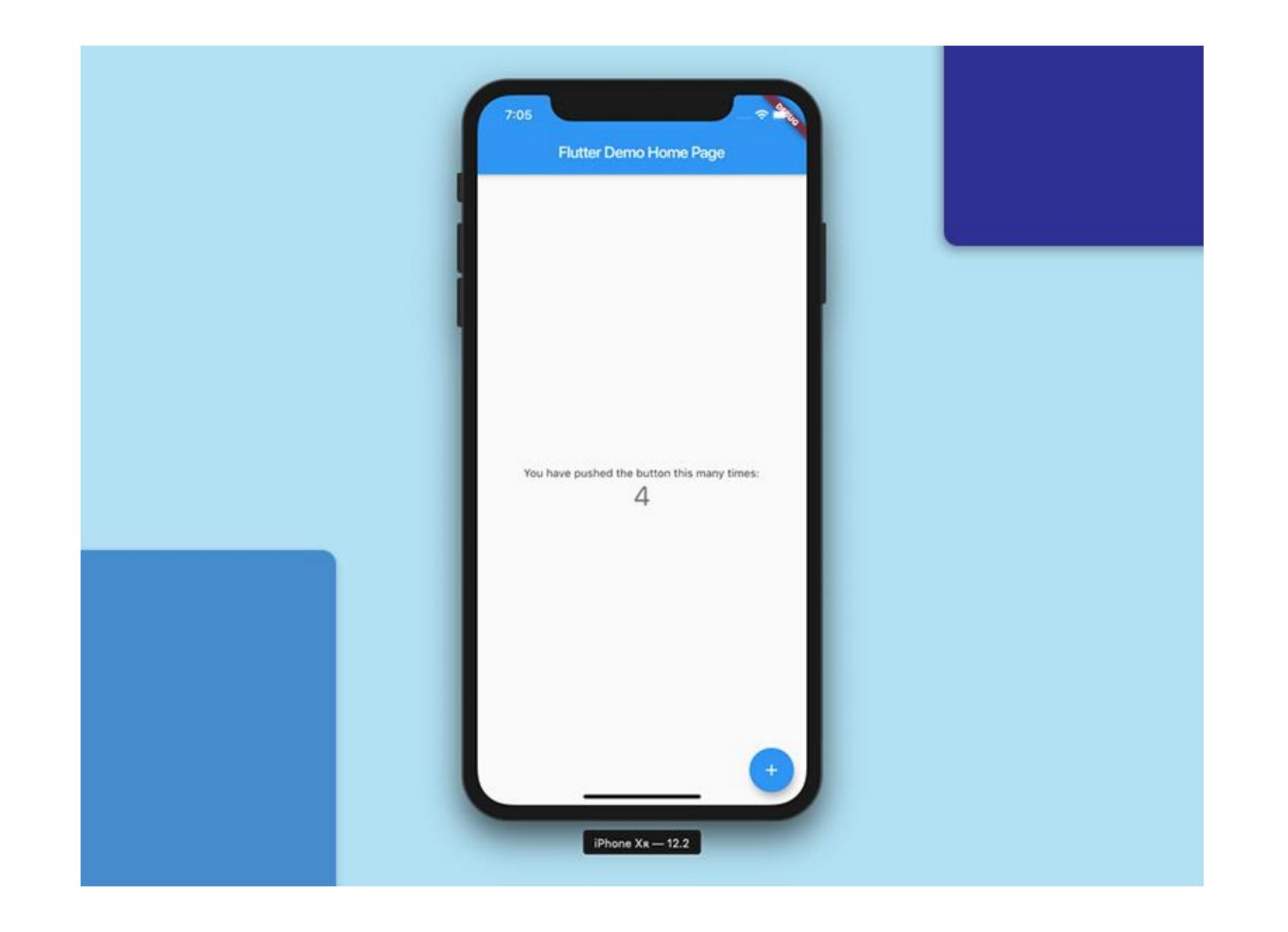
Create 1st flutter application using CLI via command line

- Type "flutter create <application_name>" and lets magic happen
- Open IDE to see the code
- Take a quick look at the code

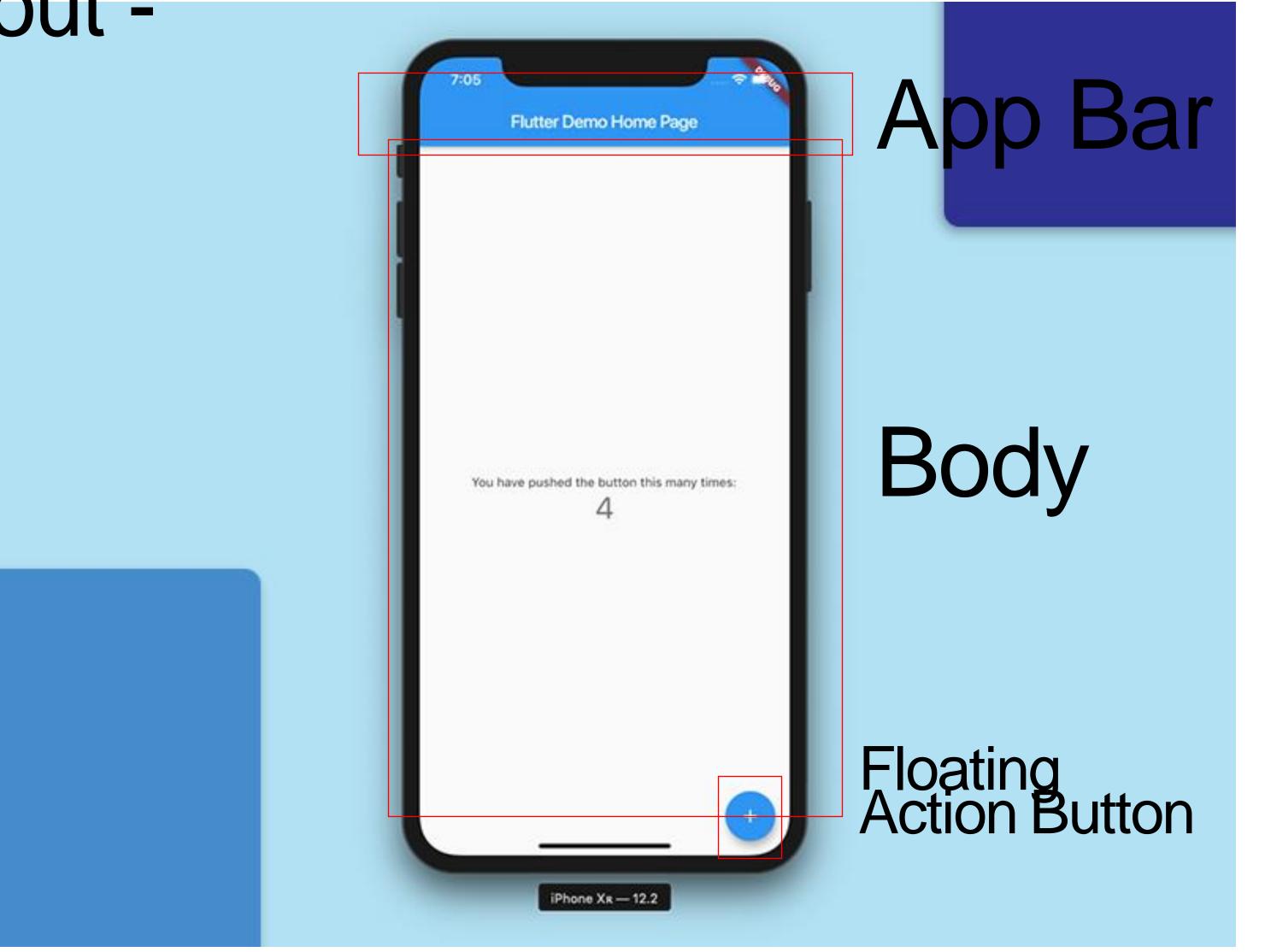
Run your 1st application

1st Checkpoint

- Start iOS Simulator ~> open –a Simulator
- Start Android Emulator ~> open Android Studio
- Type "flutter run" to start your application for the 1st time



Basic Layout - Scaffold



Run your 1st application

1st Checkpoint

 Look at your terminal, you will see additional information that essential to your development

O → flutter run Launching lib/main.dart on iPhone 14 Pro Max in debug mode... Running Xcode build... Compiling, linking and signing... Xcode build done. 20.4s Syncing files to device iPhone 14 Pro Max... Flutter run key commands. r Hot reload. 🤲 🤲 🤚 R Hot restart. h List all available interactive commands. d Detach (terminate "flutter run" but leave application running). **c** Clear the screen q Quit (terminate the application on the device). 🦾 Running with sound null safety 🦾 An Observatory debugger and profiler on iPhone 14 Pro Max

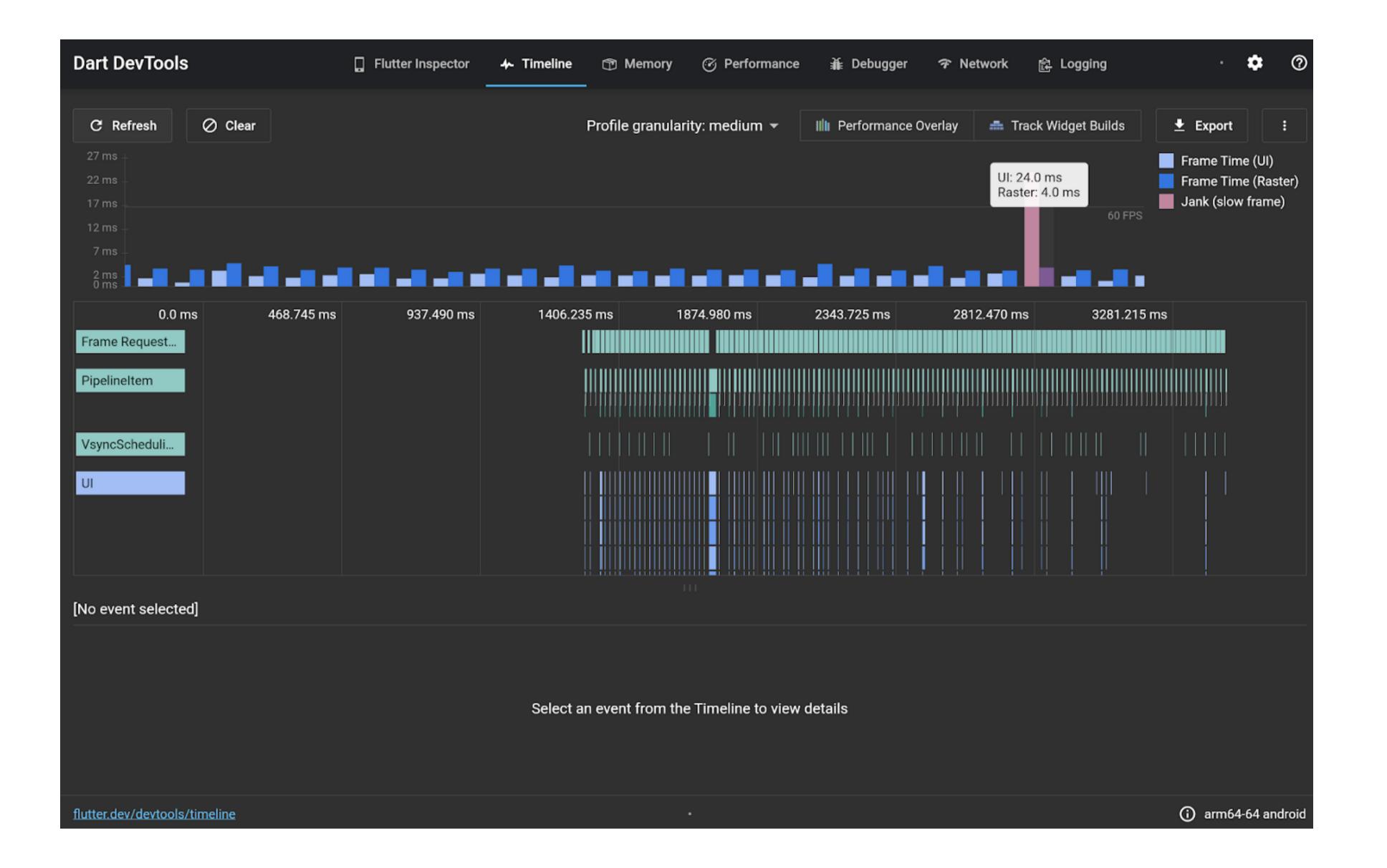
An essential Tools

DevTools

 Built-in tools that helps developer identify certain part of an application such as Uls, performance, memory consumptions

Debugger

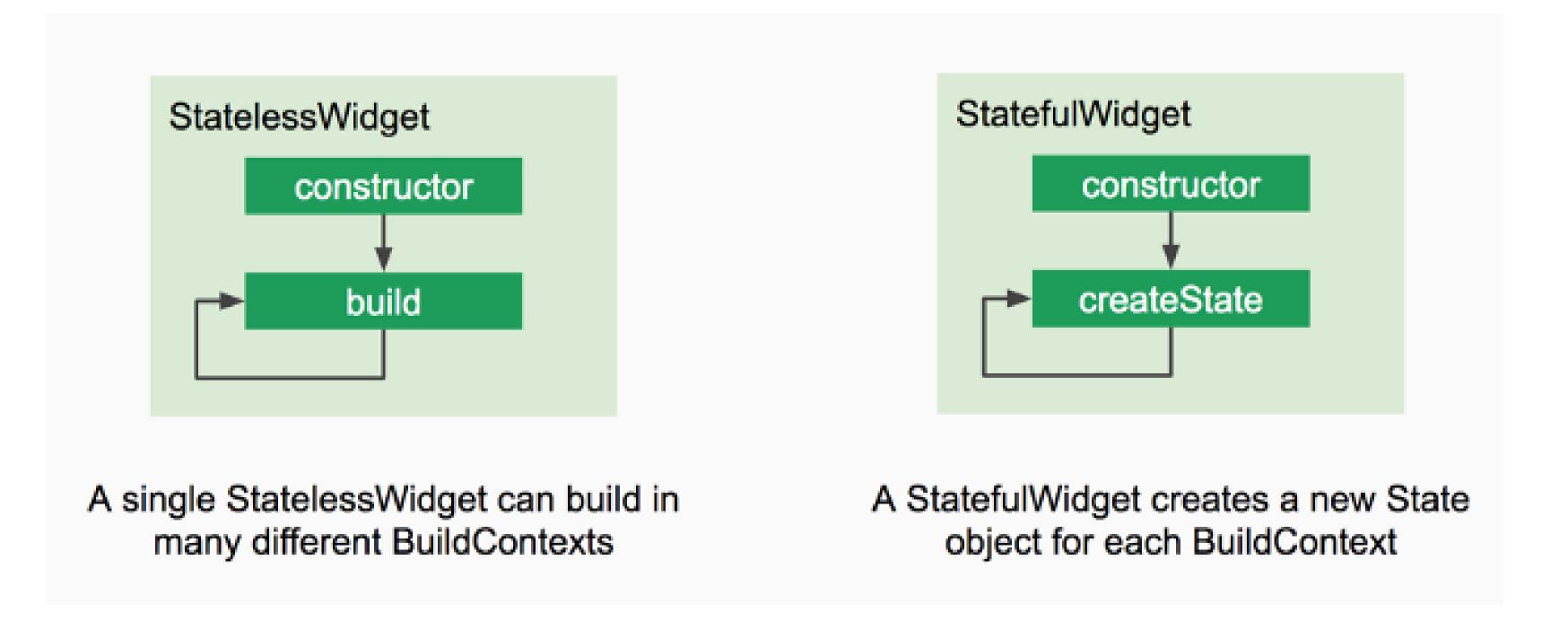
Internal VScode debugger



Fundamental structure

Stateless vs Stateful

- In flutter we have 2 types of core widget
 - Stateless Widget
 - Stateful Widget



Stateful Widget

- Plenty of "state" -> mutable variable's value
- Change within its widget (local state)
- Life Cycle
- Can call setState((){})

 // add example of stateful state less (5 quick question)

```
class MyApp extends StatefulWidget {
 const MyApp({Key? key}) : super(key: key);
 @override
 State<MyApp> createState() => _MyAppState();
class _MyAppState extends State<MyApp> {
 @override
 Widget build(BuildContext context) {
   return Container();
```

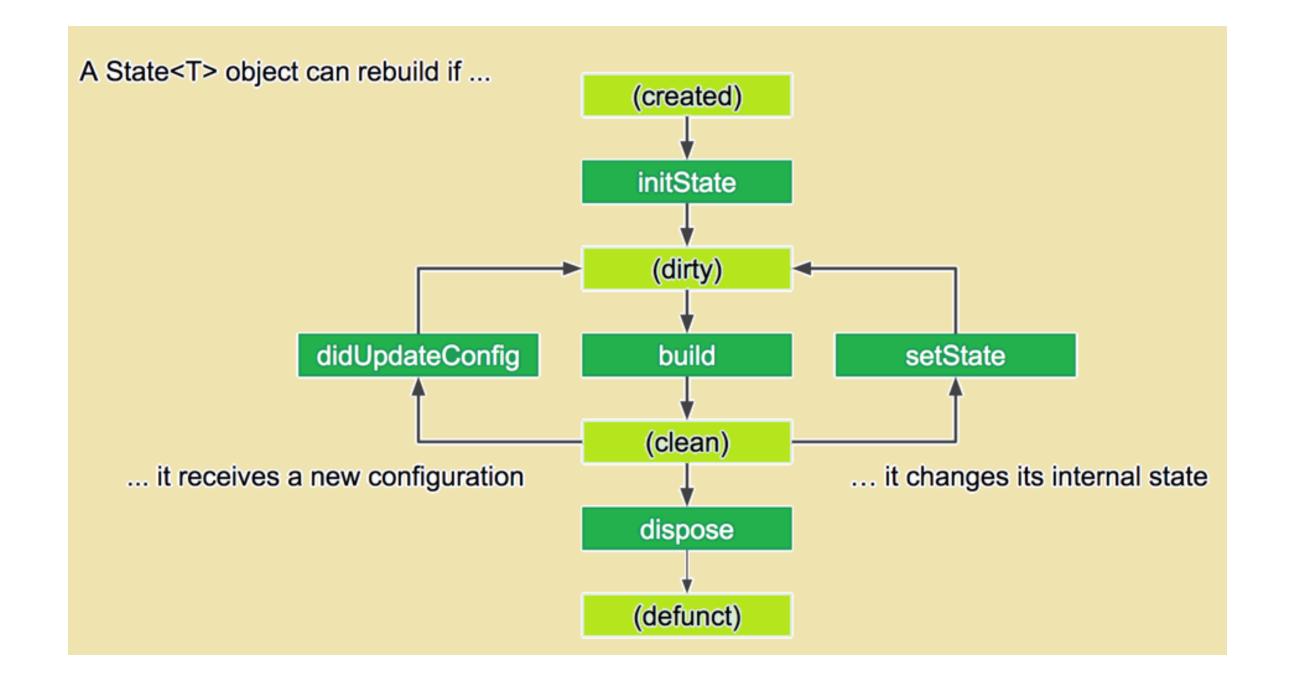
Widget Lifecycle

Born – Live – Die – Repeat

Terminologies in modern frontend framework,

- Manage things need to display not display (UI element)
- Do some task before components appeared

 initState(), dispose(),build(), didChangeDependencies()



Mini Checkpoint 1

```
class MyHomePage extends <??> {
  const MyHomePage({super.key, required this.title});
  final String title;
  @override
  State<MyHomePage> createState() => _MyHomePageState();
class _MyHomePageState extends State<MyHomePage> {
  int _counter = 0;
  void _incrementCounter() {
    setState(() {
      _counter++;
    });
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return Scaffold(
      appBar:
```

```
• • •
class MyApp extends <??> {
  const MyApp({super.key});
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return MaterialApp(
      title: 'Flutter Demo',
      theme: ThemeData(
        primarySwatch: Colors.blue,
      home: const MyHomePage(title: 'Flutter Demo Home Page'),
```

```
• • •
class SamplePage extends <??> {
  const SamplePage({super.key});
  @override
  State<SamplePage> createState() => _SamplePageState();
class _SamplePageState extends State<SamplePage> {
  @override
  void initState() {
    super.initState();
    /// ...some code
@override
  void dispose() {
   /// ...some code
    super.dispose();
```

```
class MiniCheckpoint15 extends <??>{
 const MiniCheckpoint({Key? key}) : super(key: key);
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return ScaffoldLayout(
      body: Center(
        child: Image.asset("path_to_image"),
```

Stateless Widget

- "not" retain any variable' value
- Give constructor, Then build
- State may control by it's parent

```
• • •
class MyApp extends StatelessWidget {
  const MyApp({super.key});
  // This widget is the root of your application.
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return MaterialApp(
      title: 'Flutter Demo',
      theme: ThemeData(
        // Try running your application with "flutter run". You'll see the
        // or simply save your changes to "hot reload" in a Flutter IDE).
        // Notice that the counter didn't reset back to zero; the application
        primarySwatch: Colors.blue,
      home: const MyHomePage(title: 'Flutter Demo Home Page'),
```

Recap

Stateless Stateful

- To identify which widget type are
 - Pattern
 - initState()
 - SetState

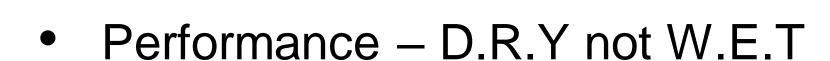
5 mins break

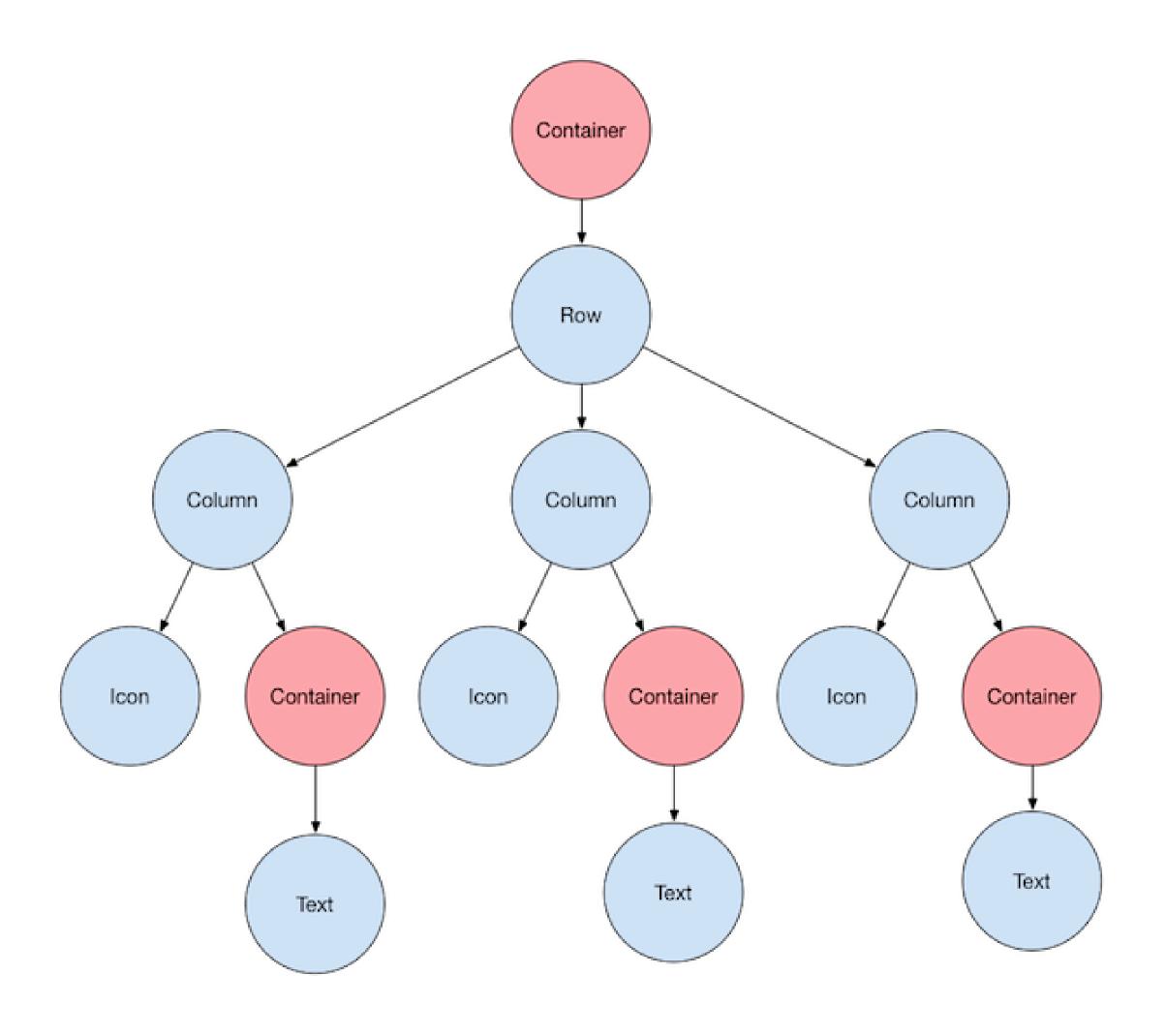
Widget Tree

How your code looks like

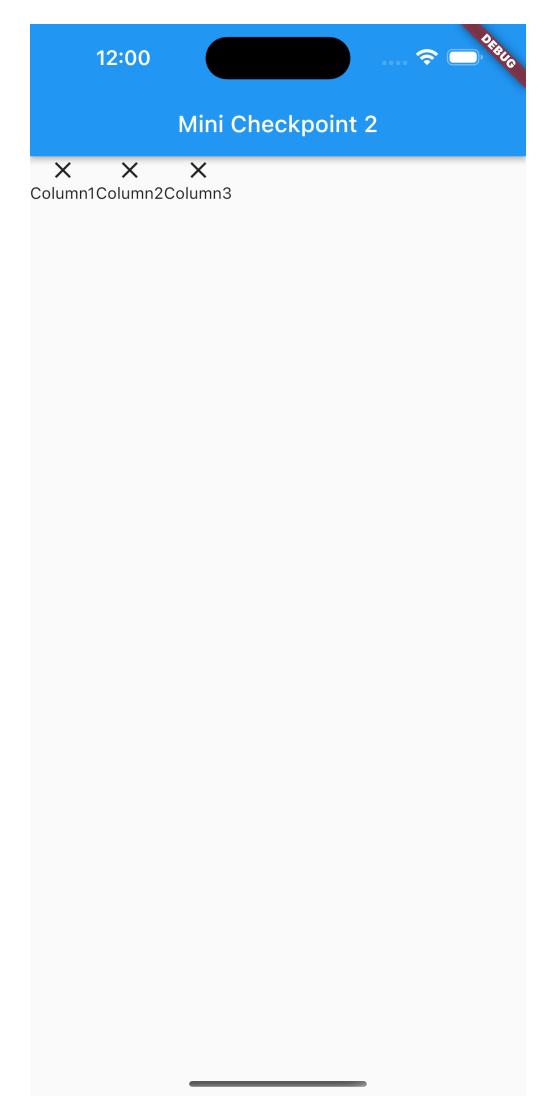
Concept => Layers – Section - branches

- Terminologies
 - Parent
 - Child
 - Children
 - Nested Structure





Mini Checkpoint 2



Chapter 4: Why Flutter



TLDR;

Flutter is an open source framework by Google for building beautiful, natively compiled, multi-platform applications from a single codebase.

Advantages

- Native feeling
- Single code base for Multiple platform (Universal)
- Rich Animations 60FPS smoothness
- Beautiful Uls Material Design

Limitations

- Single Code base => if else conditions
- Multiple platform -> knowledge in multiple platform to implement additional native functionalities
- Rich Animations 60FPS smoothness => performance / battery life/ memory consumption management
- iOS -> any new feature need to wait for 3rd party (open-source community) to develop and maintain
- iOS -> most of the patch focus on iOS improvement and optimization
- Flutter try to be jack of all trades

Common Pits Fall

- Using Flutter for only single platform
 - Alternatives Jetpack Compose, SwiftUl
- Code once, you need to choose which platform that can goes together
- Replacing -> co-exists

Take A Break 15 mins

Chapter 5: Introduction to Widgets

Introduction to Widgets

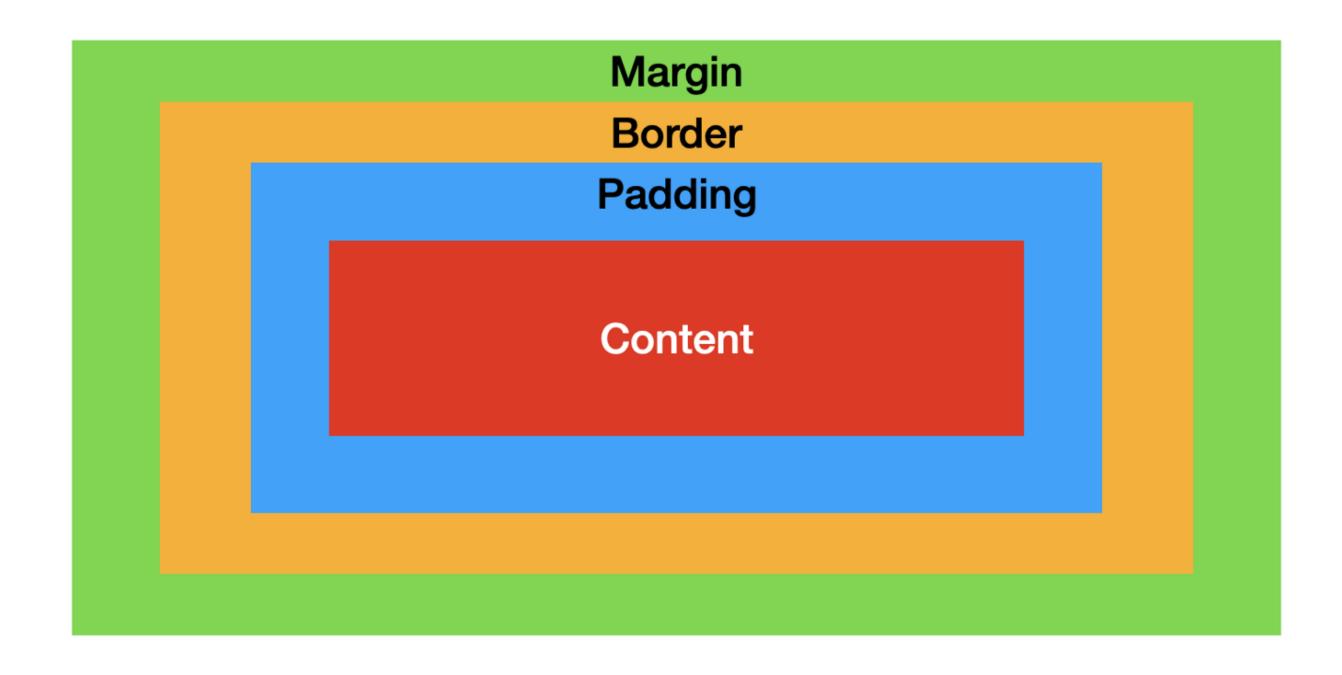
Any UI components in flutter, either small or large are called "Widgets"

Basic widget - Container

- Multiple Properties
- BoxModel (CSS)
 - Padding
 - Margin
- Alternative
 - SizedBox()

```
Container(
  constraints: BoxConstraints.expand(
    height: Theme.of(context).textTheme.headline4!.fontSize! * 1.1 + 200.0,
  padding: const EdgeInsets.all(8.0),
  color: Colors.blue[600],
  alignment: Alignment.center,
  transform: Matrix4.rotationZ(0.1),
  child: Text('Hello World',
    style: Theme.of(context)
        .textTheme
        .headline4!
        .copyWith(color: Colors.white)),
```

Box Model



Mini Checkpoint 3

Fill colors and spaces to your container

Basic widget - Text

```
Text(
   'Hello, $_name! How are you?',
   textAlign: TextAlign.center,
   overflow: TextOverflow.ellipsis,
   style: const TextStyle(fontWeight: FontWeight.bold),
)
```

we call this typography

Mini Checkpoint 4

Playing with Text

Basic widget - Image

To display image inside you application

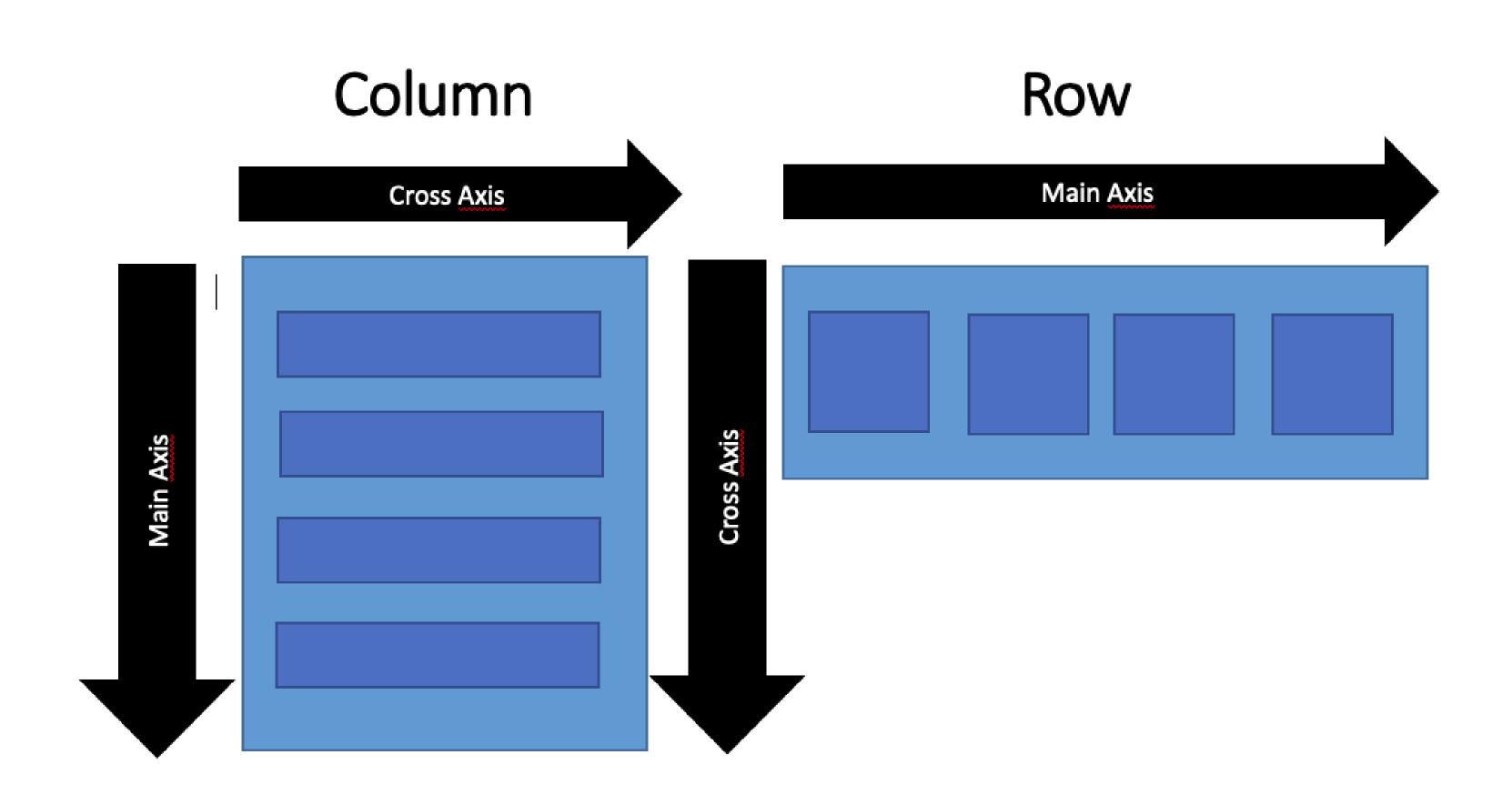
- Image.assets -> Load image from local
 - Create "assets" folder
 - Add path to pubspec.yaml
- Image.network -> Load image from network

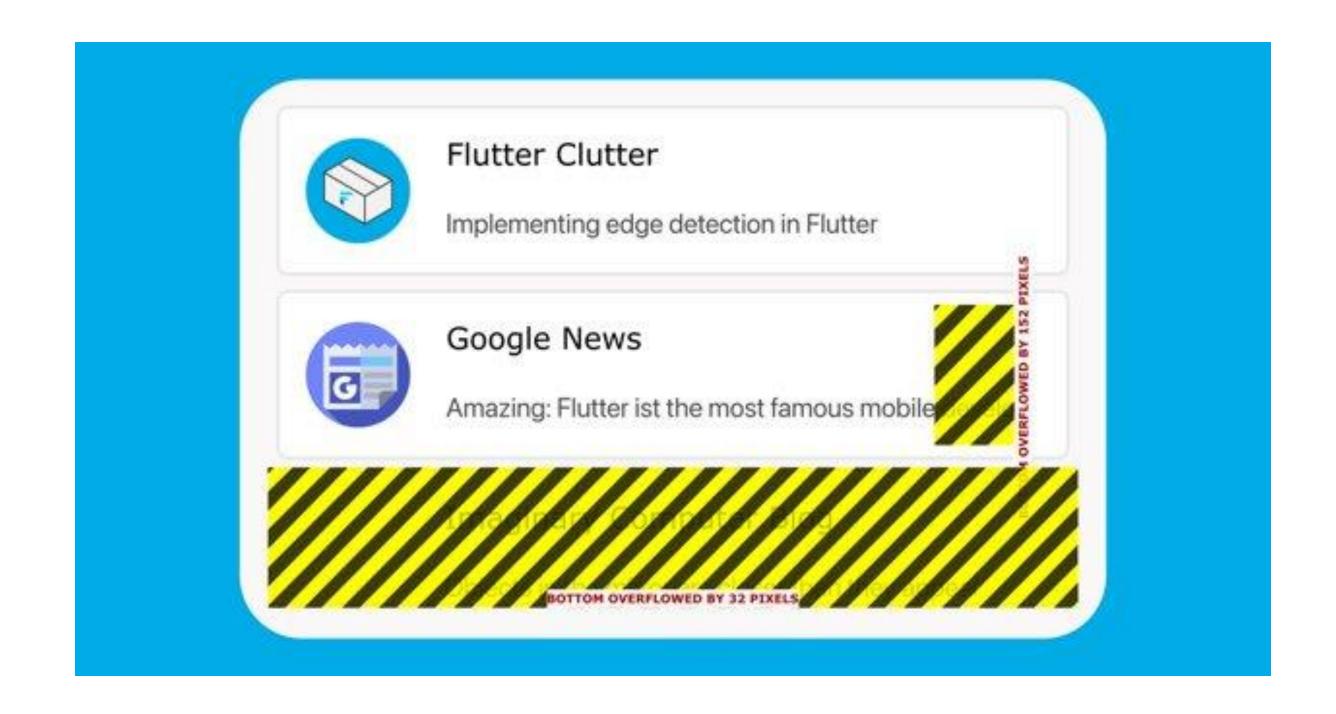
```
const Image(
  image: NetworkImage('https://flutter.github.io/assets-for-api-docs/assets/widgets/owl.jpg'),
)
```

Mini Checkpoint 5

Playing with Image

Basic widget – Row and Column





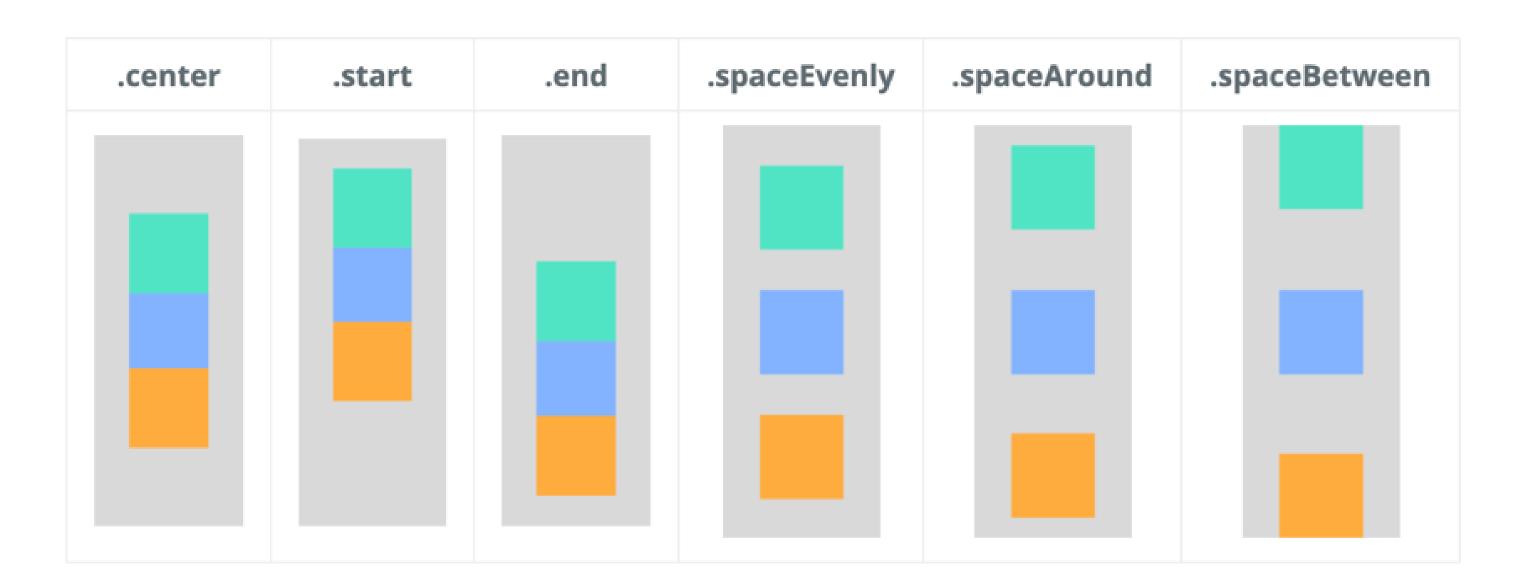
Mini Checkpoint 6

Adding scroll functionality to your column/row

- You encounter an overflow
- Wrap SingleChildScrollView
- Tell the direction of scroll
 - Axis.horizontal
 - Axis.vertocal

Introduction to Alignments

- 2 main properties for both row and column
 - MainAxisAlignment
 - CrossAxisAlignment



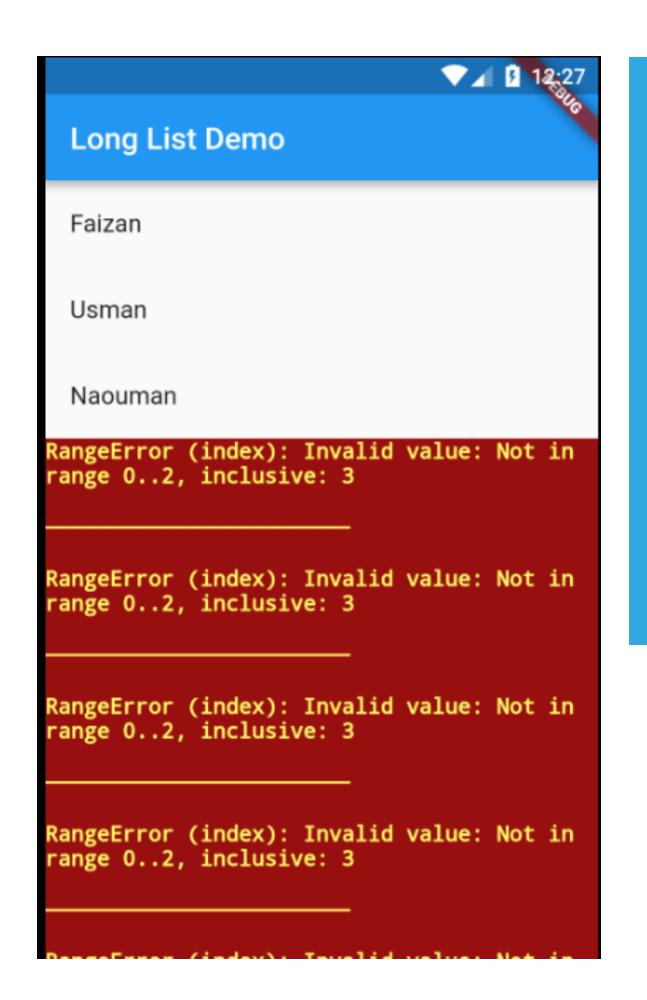
Mini Checkpoint 7

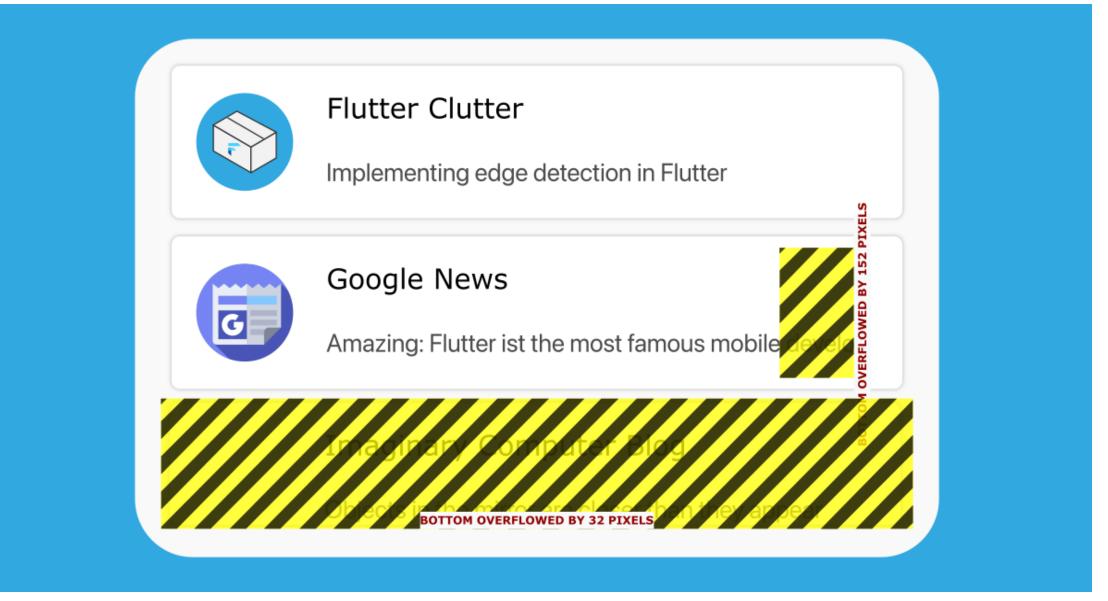
Align you widgets

Further Study

Flutter Layout Cheat Sheet. Do you need simple layout samples for... | by
 Tomek Polański | Flutter Community

Widget Error Handling





The following assertion was thrown during layout: A RenderFlex overflowed by 61 pixels on the right.	
The relevant error-causing widget was Row The overflowing RenderFlex has an orientation of Axis.horizontal. The edge of the RenderFlex that is overflowing has been marked in the rendering	150_\Social@wolutionemics\socialmovolutionamies.dart:119 with a yellow and black striped pattern. This is usually c
aused by the contents being too big for the RenderFlex. Consider applying a flex factor (e.g. using an Expanded widget) to force the children of the RenderFlex to fit within the available space instead of being sized to their natural size. This is considered an error condition because it indicates that there is content that cannot be seen. If the content is legitimately bigge	
r than the available space, consider clipping it with a ClipRect widget before putting it in the flex, or using a scrollable container rat her than a Flex, like a ListView. The specific RenderFlex in question is: RenderFlex#7e7b0 relayoutBoundary=up14 OVERFLOWING	

Take A Break 10 mins

Chapter 6: Advanced layout building

Grid View

Now you know

- GirdView.count()
- GridView.builder()

Pit fall -> Combine Row and Column to make a grid

List View

- ListView.count()
- Listview.builder()

Pit fall -> List View != Column

Stack

```
Stack(
   alignment: Alignment.center,
   textDirection: TextDirection.rtl,
   fit: StackFit.loose,
   overflow: Overflow.visible,
   clipBehavior: Clip.hardEdge,
   children: <Widget>[]
),
```

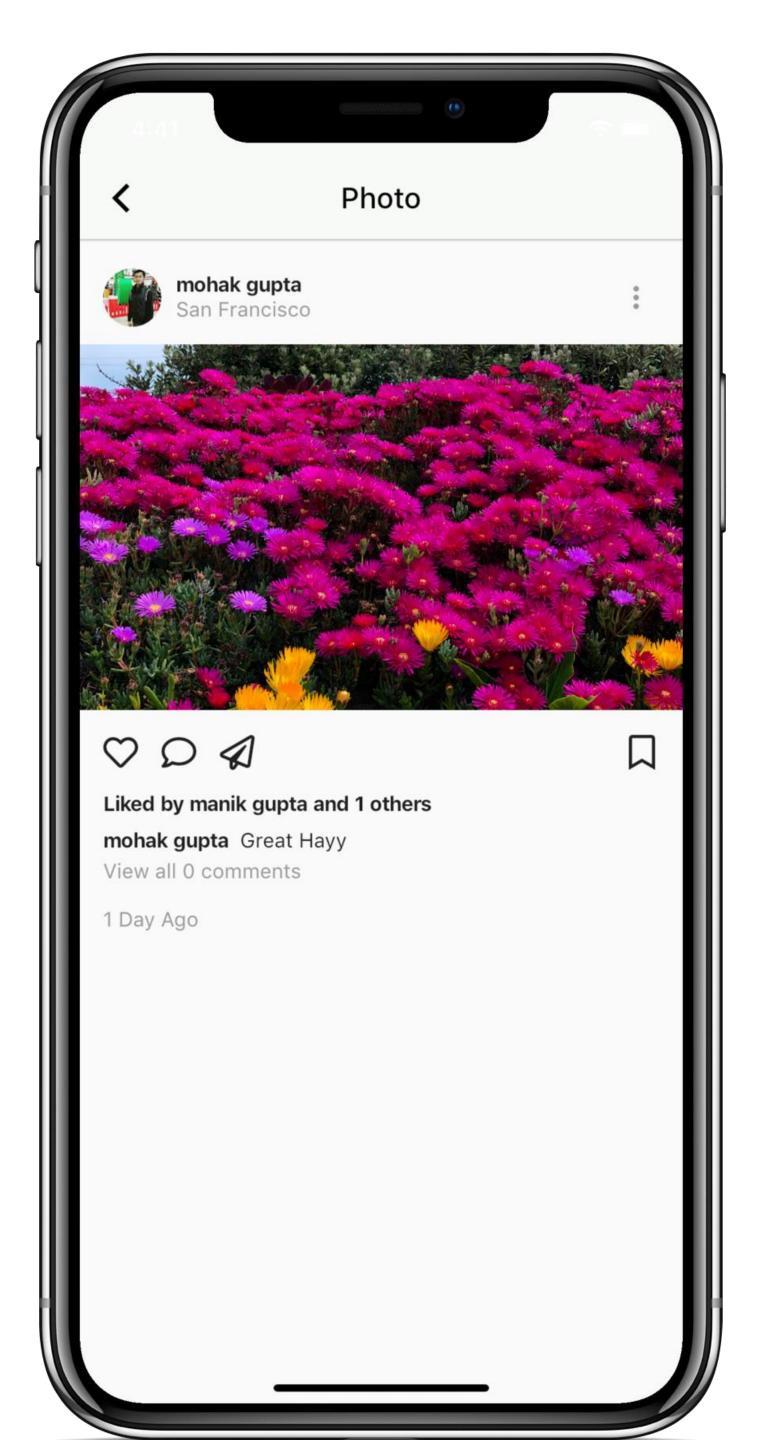
- When you want to stack components on top each other
- For example -> Overlay loading

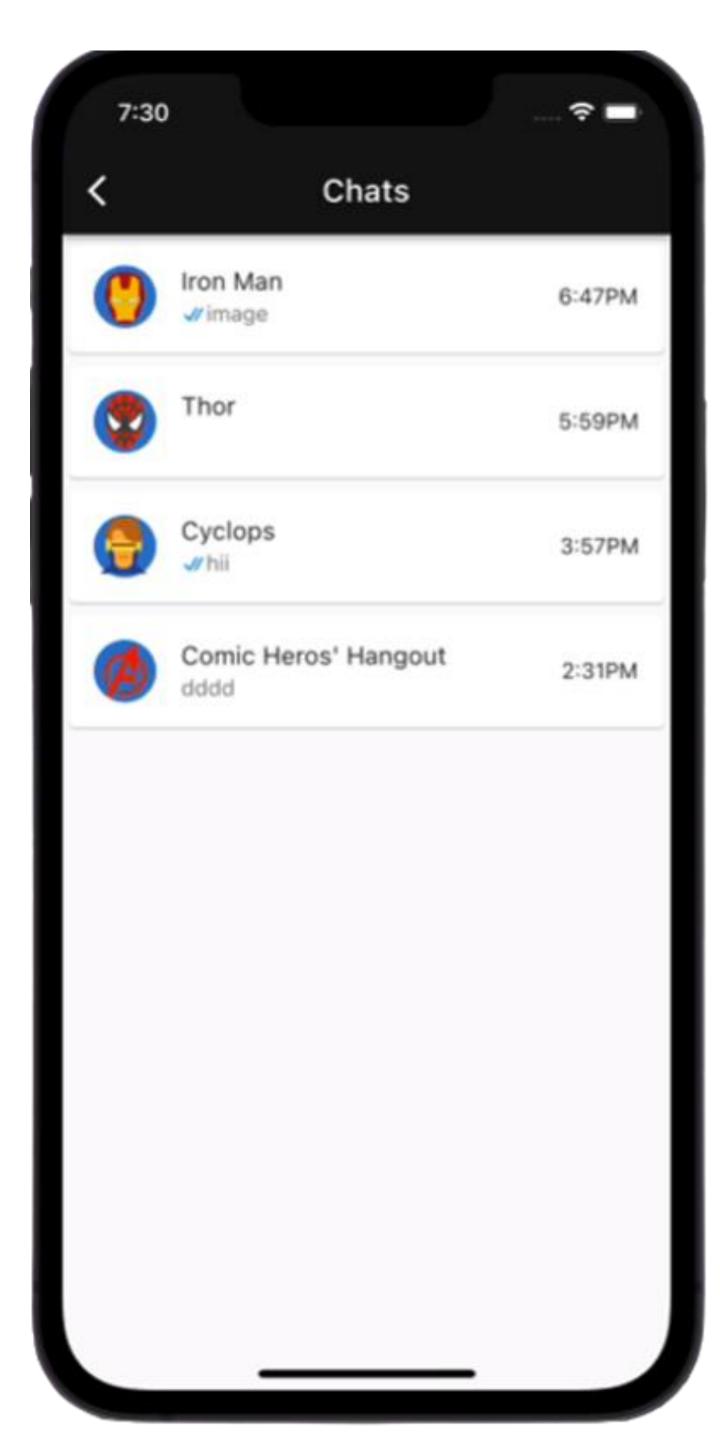
Take A Break 10 mins

2nd Checkpoint – Creating UI from given image

aka Code in the dark

- Choose reference Uls 5 min
- Think/discuss about how this will build using flutter (in terms of layout/ widgets)
 - 5 min
- Explain your plan 5 min each
- 15 mins for coding
- Let discuss key take away 5 mins each
- Q/A





Hints - Helpers

Scope down

- Static
- Standard Fonts
- Image -> fill with any color
- Internet is Allow

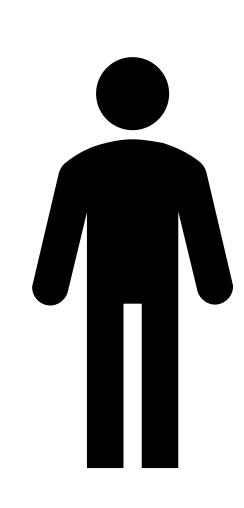


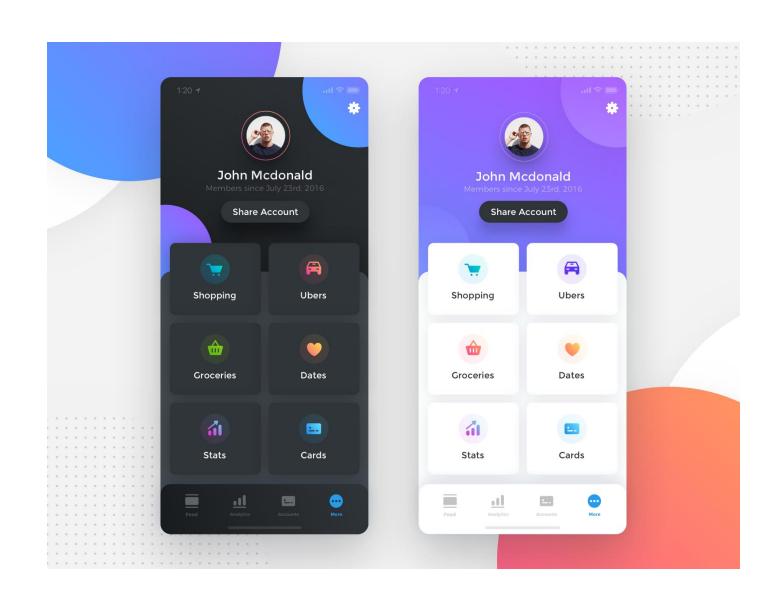
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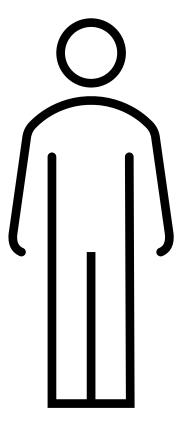
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Key take away from this checkpoint







Further Study

- https://m3.material.io
- <u>Atomic Design | Brad Frost</u>

Summaries

Now you know

- How to install/setup flutter SDK in your local machine
- Basic flutter command
- Fundamental of flutter components
- Dart Lang*
- Flutter Widgets
- Design system in general/flutter/atomic design

Homework

- Create GitHub account individual -> studentID_groupName
- And upload all the checkpoint code to GitHub
 - mini_checkpoint_x
 - checkpoint_x
- And submit git username -> I'll post the form in Discord Channel
- I'll upload the code within this Friday -> so everyone can review
- I'll send the additional information -> in Discord Channel

Recap Part 1

30 mins

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 - Cover multiple aspect
 - Take notes perspective, discussion
- Follow Along I'll. Go slow, 🔑 I'm promise 😊
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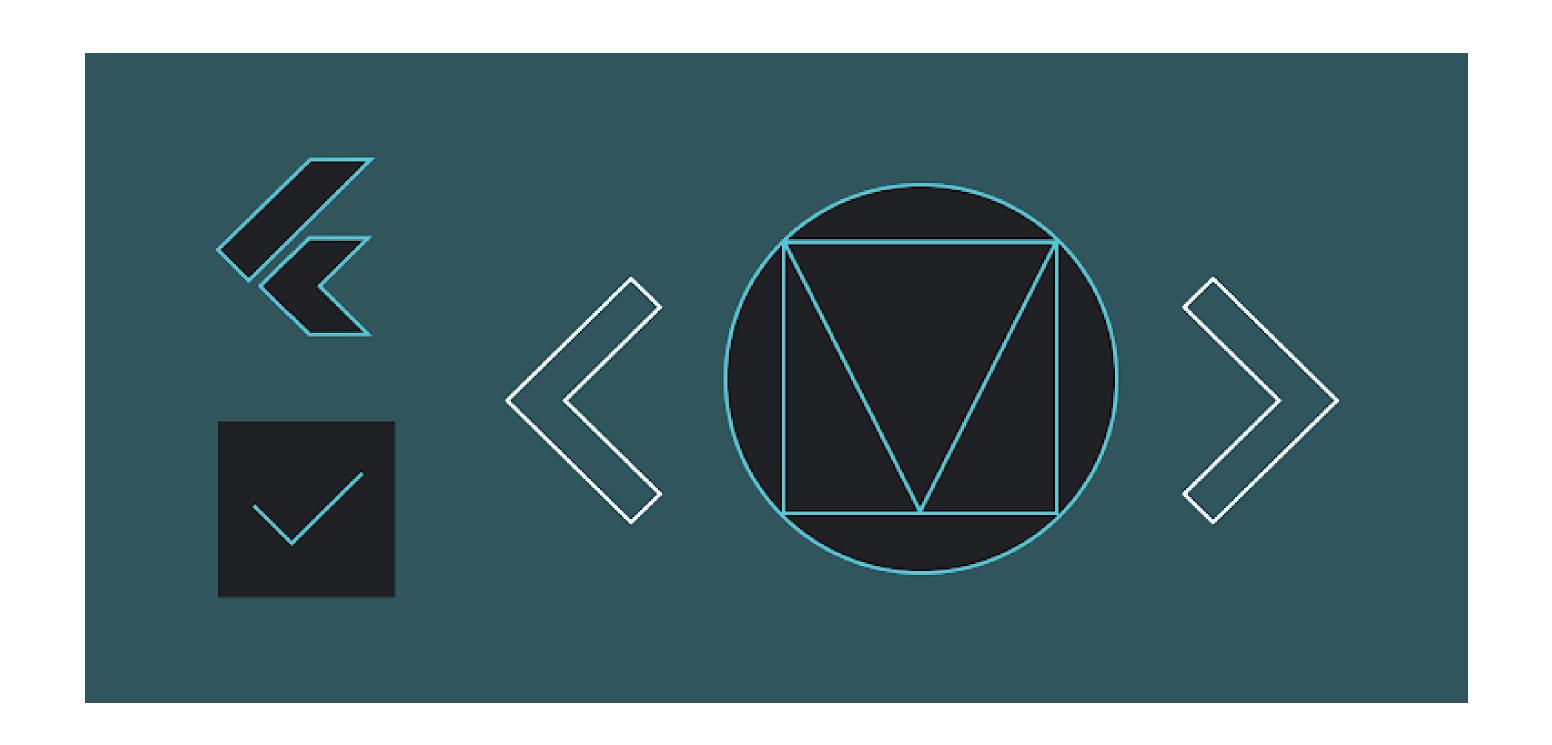
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Chapter 7: Design System



Material Design

is an adaptable system of guidelines, components, and tools that support the best practices of user interface design

- Focus Platform
 - Mobile
 - Android (Native)
 - iOS (native) -> m3 not transition to iOS
 - Cross platform -> Flutter
 - Web
- Responsiveness
- Surface/ Shadows/ Reflection/ Ripple effect/ Transitions
- All the example in this section will refer to material design v2

Material Design Typography

- Concept like CSS property
- Fonts
 - Size
 - Family
 - Weight Bold, Regular,
 - Color
 - Etc.

Material Design Iconography

- Refers to icons in material design
- Built-in to flutter framework
- Mostly 1:1 Ratio
- Multiple style outlined, fill

Material Design

Components – buttons – show example

```
. .
TextButton(
  style: ButtonStyle(
    foregroundColor: MaterialStateProperty.all<Color>
(Colorerbaye) or: Material State Property. resolve With < Color > (
      (Set<MaterialState> states) {
        if (states.contains(MaterialState.hovered))
          return Colors.blue.withOpacity(0.04);
        if (states.contains(MaterialState.focused) ||
            states.contains(MaterialState.pressed))
          return Colors.blue.withOpacity(0.12);
        return null; // Defer to the widget's default.
  onPressed: () {},
  child: Text('TextButton')
```

```
ElevatedButton(
  style: ElevatedButton.styleFrom(
    onPrimary: Colors.black87,
    primary: Colors.grey[300],
    minimumSize: Size(88, 36),
    padding: EdgeInsets.symmetric(horizontal: 16),
    shape: const RoundedRectangleBorder(
      borderRadius:
Border, Radius.all(Radius.circular(2)),
  onPressed: () {},
  child: Text('Looks like a RaisedButton'),
```

- Migrating to the New Material Buttons and their Themes Google Docs
- V1 V2

Add Buttons

Material Design

Theme

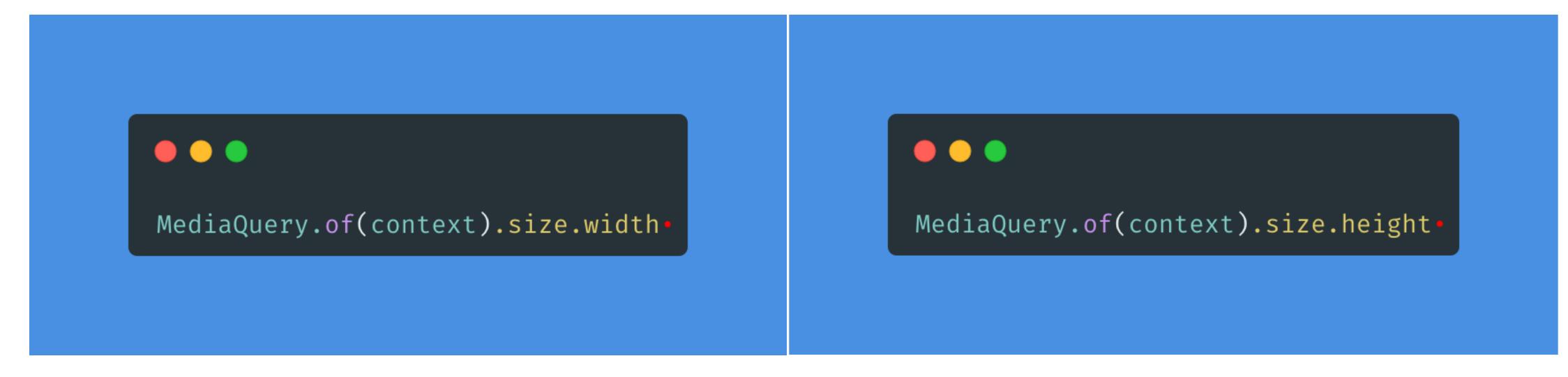
Default theme for any modern platform – light / dark

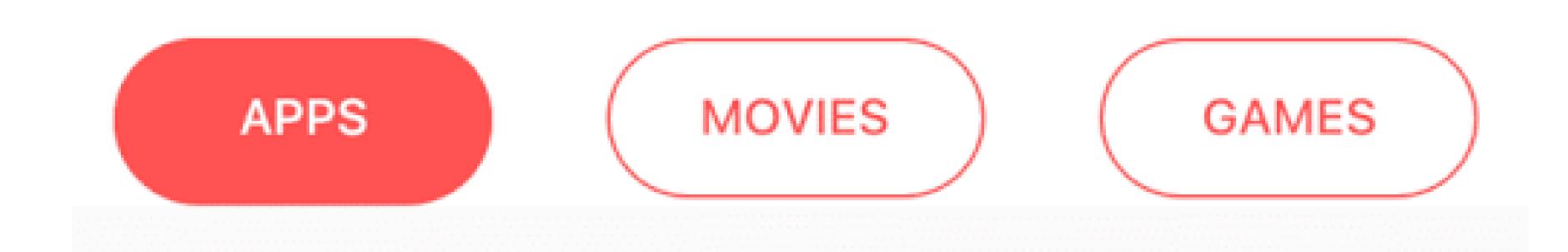
```
MaterialApp(
    theme: ThemeData.light(), // or ThemeData.dark()
);
```

Material Design

Responsiveness – dynamic size

Basic -> MediaQuery.of(context).size -> Apply example with button





Take a break 10 mins

Chapter 8: Introduction to Widgets – Form

Widget - Form

- Group of inputs Text, choices [radio, checkbox], Dropdown selection
- Can validate individual
- Or Validate entire form.

Widget – TextFormField

```
TextFormField(
  decoration: const InputDecoration(
    icon: Icon(Icons.person),
    hintText: 'What do people call you?',
    labelText: 'Name *',
  onSaved: (String? value) {
    // code when the user saves the form.
  validator: (String? value) {
    return (value \neq null & value.contains('a')) ? 'Do not use the a char.' :
nu}l;
```

Widget – Radio button

```
Radio<String>(
 value: 'Male',
 groupValue: _gender,
 onChanged: (String gender)
 setState(() {
     _gender = gender;
   });
```

Widget - Checkbox

```
• • •
Checkbox(
  checkColor: Colors.white,
  fillColor:
MaterialSiaCherkperty.resolveWith(getColor),
  onChanged: (bool? value) {
    setState(() {
      isChecked = value!;
    });
```

Widget - DropDownMenu

```
• • •
DropdownButton<String>(
  value: dropdownValue,
  icon: const Icon(Icons.arrow_downward),
  elevation: 16,
  style: const TextStyle(color: Colors.deepPurple),
  underline: Container(
   height: 2,
    color: Colors.deepPurpleAccent,
  onChanged: (String? value) {
    // This is called when the user selects an item.
   setState(() {
     dropdownValue = value!;
  items: list.map<DropdownMenuItem<String>>>((String value)
   return DropdownMenuItem<String>(
      value: value,
      child: Text(value),
  }).toList(),
```

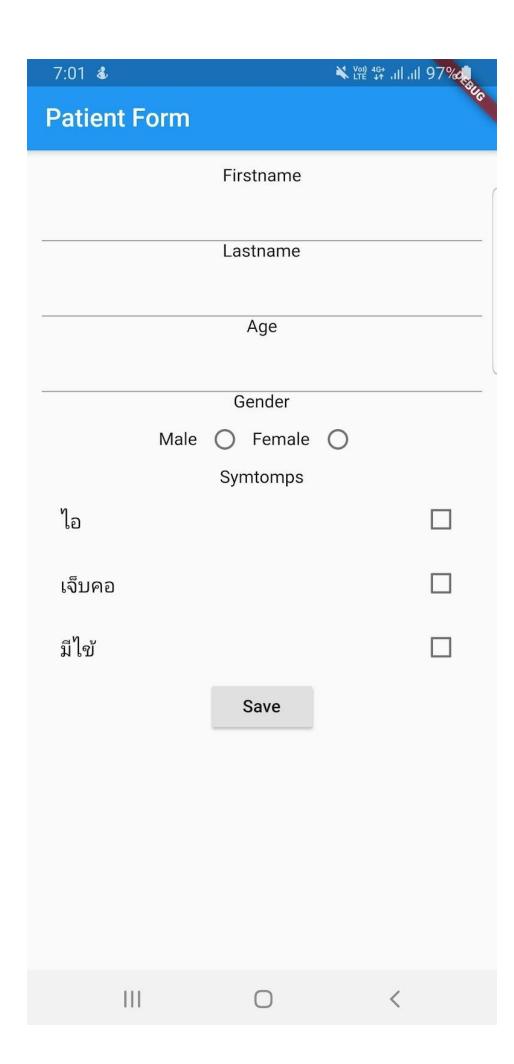
Validator

 On each form element we can have validator to validate input match or not match and can be trigger the error message

```
TextFormField(
   // The validator receives the text that the user has
envalidator: (value) {
   if (value = null || value.isEmpty) {
     return 'Please enter some text';
   }
   return null;
   },
),
```

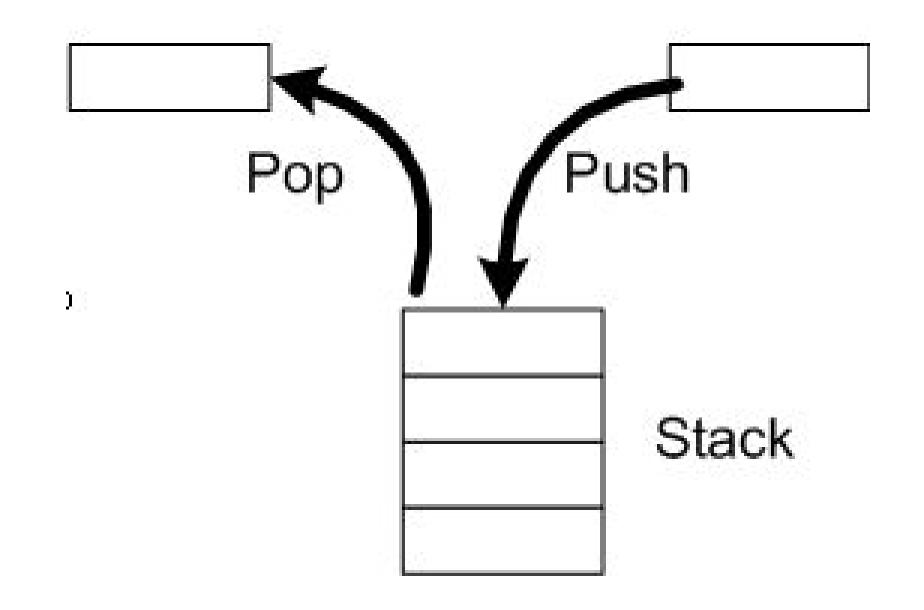
3rd Checkpoint: Covid Patient Form

- Objective -> Create a form and pass data between pages.
- Code complexity -> Beginner
- Use Widget
 - Form
 - TextFormField
 - RadioButton
 - CheckBox
 - Navigation between page*
- Final code at here -> https://github.com/Krseisenh/covid_form



Section 9: Navigation

Stack Concept (Push, Pop)





Nav 1.0

```
• • •
Navigator.push(
  context,
  MaterialPageRoute(builder: (context) ⇒ SecondPage())
Navigator.pop(context)
Navigator.pushNamed(
  context,
  '/second_page',
  arguments: {},
```

Limitation

- Once the flow of the app is not linear, will be hard to manage widget stack using push and pop method
- Page required preloaded data
- Require to remapping widget to corresponding path

Section 11: Software Architecture

Introduction to "Mobile" Application Architecture – Concept

Building a house



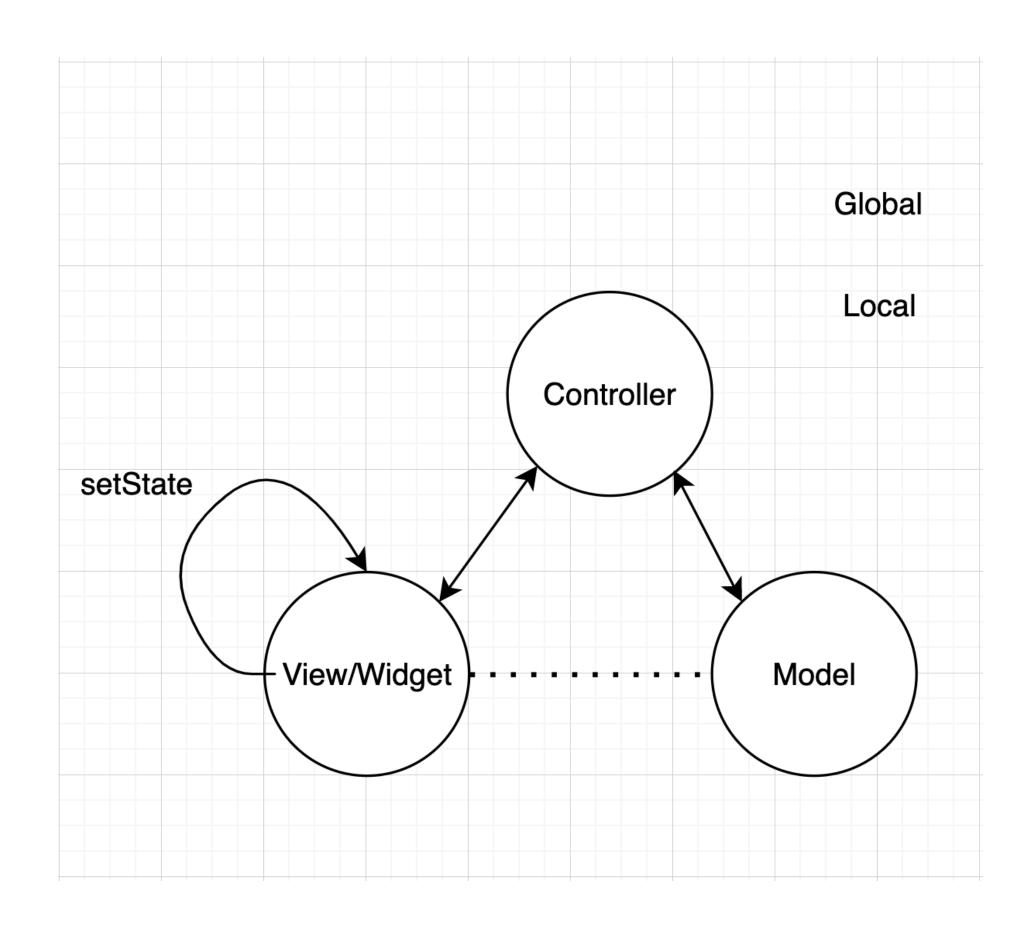




Mobile Clean Architecture

- MVVM
- MVC
- Separate between Business logic and Uls
- In flutter, we have things call Buildcontext

 for example, => logic to perform navigation



Section 12: Working with 3rd party libs

Introduction to Pub.dev

- Where all the "open-source" 3rd party library are located.
- You can submit your lib
- All platform support or platform specific support

How to choose 3rd lib in your project Experience sharing

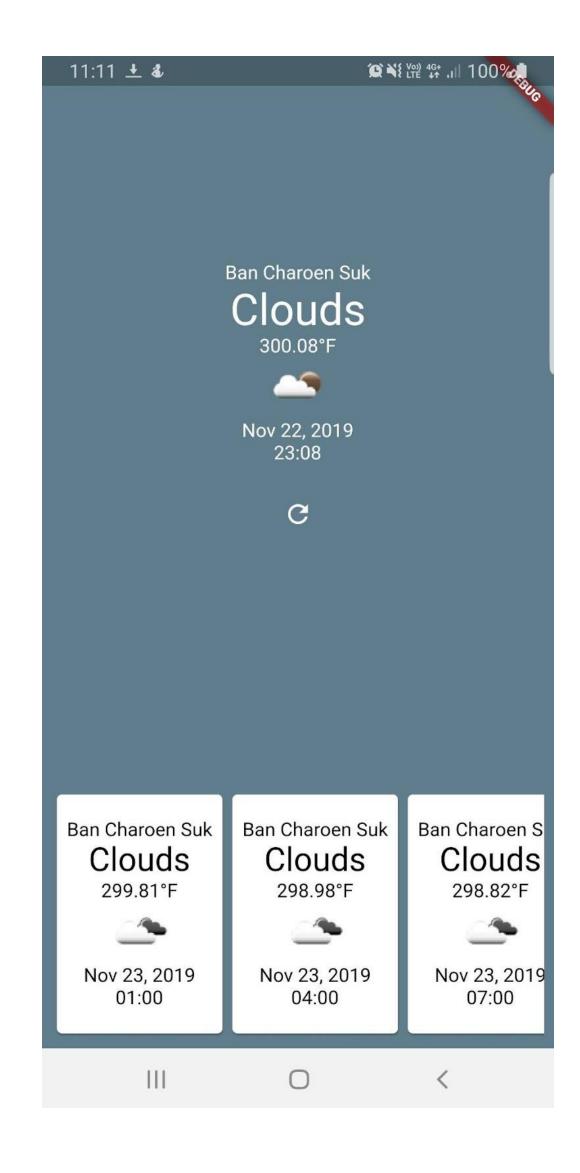
- By looking at the lib REAMMD.md file might not give you the exact functions you want
- Go to their GitHub repo
- Then clone the project and take a look at their example folder

Popular libraries

- Dio
- flutter_configs/flutter_dotenv
- Location -> Intro to Native Bridge
- <u>easy_localization</u>

Section 13: Introduction to State Management

4th Checkpoint - setState



Dealing with Legacy Code

- Objective -> refactor code, setState, using 3rd party libs
- Code complexity-> intermediate
- Widget involve
 - Text
 - Image
 - Row
 - Column
- Final code at here -> https://github.com/3|Vv0w/today_weather.git

Chapter 15: Releasing application

Android

Commands

- Generated keystore and update gradle file
- flutter clean
- flutter build apk –release
- flutter build appbundle --release

IOS - optional

Open and follow along in the XCode

Summaries

Homework

- As Group Start discussing what application do you want to do as final project
 - SPA (single page application) MPA (2 pages)
 - Query data (API) and display in screen
 - Simple UI
- Upload all the checkpoint code to GitHub -> submit DL (this Friday)
 - mini_checkpoint_x
 - checkpoint_x
- I'll upload the code within this Friday -> so everyone can review
- I'll send the additional information -> in Discord Channel