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DOCUMENT VERSION

1 Abstract

This document outlines the steps and overview on how the internet payment gateway is integrated into the flutter application system.

SCOPE:

- 1) Overview of flutter versions and dependencies
- 2) Overview of internet payment gateway
- 3) How internet payment gateway is integrated with flutter
- 4) Outputs

1.1 Abbreviations

| Code | Description |
|------|--------------------------|
| IPG | Internet Payment Gateway |
| tx | Transaction |
| &Pay | AmpersandPay SDN BHD |
| | |

2 Overview

2.1 Overview of flutter version and dependencies

This is version of flutter 2025 October. And these are the dependencies that we will be using in this flutter ecommerce project.

The words in blue are the name of the dependencies, and the green numbers are the latest version used. The versions will change overtime depending on when flutter is updated.

You can get their latest by searching it here:

<https://pub.dev/> or just add whatever dependencies name at the back to get it

eg. <https://pub.dev/packages/crypto>

```
dependencies:  
  flutter:  
    sdk: flutter  
  
  # The following adds the Cupertino Icons font to your application.  
  # Use with the CupertinoIcons class for iOS style icons.  
  cupertino_icons: ^1.0.8  
  carousel_slider: ^5.1.1  
  url_launcher: ^6.3.2  
  firebase_core: ^4.1.1  
  cloud_firestore: ^6.0.2  
  http: ^1.5.0  
  crypto: ^3.0.6  
  flutter_inappwebview: ^6.1.5  
  webview_flutter: ^4.13.0  
  firebase_auth: ^6.1.1  
  shared_preferences: ^2.5.3
```

Figure 2.1 flutter dependencies and version

2.1.1 Dependencies Definition

These are the purpose of each dependency that is used in the files.

| Dependency | Version | Purpose |
|----------------------|---------|---|
| flutter | SDK | Core Flutter SDK – provides the framework for building cross-platform mobile apps |
| cupertino_icons | ^1.0.8 | Provides iOS-style icons for Cupertino widgets |
| carousel_slider | ^5.1.1 | Enables creating image or widget carousels/sliders in the app |
| url_launcher | ^6.3.2 | Allows opening external URLs, email, phone calls, or other apps from Flutter |
| firebase_core | ^4.1.1 | Core Firebase SDK – required to initialize Firebase in Flutter |
| cloud_firestore | ^6.0.2 | Enables reading/writing data to Firebase Cloud Firestore (NoSQL database) |
| http | ^1.5.0 | Provides HTTP client functionality for REST API calls |
| crypto | ^3.0.6 | Provides cryptographic functions like hashing (MD5, SHA) and HMAC |
| flutter_inappwebview | ^6.1.5 | Provides advanced WebView functionality with more control over web content |
| webview_flutter | ^4.13.0 | Official Flutter plugin to embed simple WebViews in the app |
| firebase_auth | ^6.1.1 | Firebase Authentication SDK – supports email/password, social login, and more |

Table 2.1.1 flutter dependencies 2025 version and purpose

2.1.2 File Dependencies

Each files have their own specific dependencies that is used to make it work. So, in this section we will be discussing more the important files that is needed to make the IPG work.

The main files that are involved in the IPG are:

- 1) order_checkout.dart
- 2) call_api.dart
- 3) payment_webview.dart
- 4) query_transaction.dart
- 5) finish_checkout.dart

| File Name | Functionality | Key Points |
|------------------------|---|---|
| order_checkout.dart | Handles the initial checkout process: collecting order details, user inputs, and preparing order data | Typically interacts with the UI for order summary and user confirmation before payment |
| call_api.dart | Manages API requests related to orders and payments | Sends order data to backend, receives tx info or status, and returns responses |
| payment_webview.dart | Opens a WebView for the payment gateway | Displays the payment provider's interface inside the app; monitors completion or failure events |
| query_transaction.dart | Queries the backend or payment gateway for tx status | Checks if payment succeeded, pending, or failed; used to update UI and trigger next steps |
| finish_checkout.dart | Handles post-payment logic: finalizing order, updating order status, showing success or failure page | Confirms tx completion, updates database/UI, and optionally redirects user to receipt |

Table 2.1.2 File name and its functionalities

3 ORDER_CHECKOUT.DART

This order_checkout.dart implements the checkout page. It allows users to enter delivery information, select a payment method, review their cart summary, save the order to Firestore, and proceed with payment via an online payment gateway (call_api.dart).

3.1 Key Functionalities

The order_checkout.dart file implements the **checkout and payment initiation interface** of the Flutter SDK.

It connects the user's frontend actions with backend operations such as data storage, payment gateway communication, and tx handling.

| No. | Functionality | Description |
|-----|------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | User Input Collection | Provides text fields for name, address, email, and phone number, along with a dropdown to select payment method (Online Banking, Credit Card, or E-Wallet). |
| 2 | Form Validation | Uses a GlobalKey<FormState> (_formKey) to validate all user inputs before proceeding with the checkout process. |
| 3 | Order Data Preparation | Constructs an order object containing order ID, user ID, payment method, subtotal, product list, and customer details. |
| 4 | Firestore Integration | Saves the order data into the Firestore orders collection with status set to "pending_payment" and links it to the logged-in user. |
| 5 | Payment Readiness Control | Displays the "Pay Now" button only after a valid order has been successfully stored in Firestore, ensuring that incomplete orders cannot proceed to payment. |
| 6 | Payment Gateway Integration | Initiates the payment process by calling CallApi.processPayment() (from call_api.dart), passing the order details, total amount, and user information. |
| 7 | Secure tx Handling | Uses the SDK's built-in signing process (SHA-512) through call_api.dart to ensure that all payment requests are securely verified. |

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| 8 | Payment WebView Redirection | Redirects the user to the PaymentWebView page using the returned checkoutUrl to complete the payment within a secure in-app browser. |
| 9 | User Feedback and Error Handling | Displays contextual messages using Snackbar widgets to inform users of success, validation errors, or failed payment attempts. |
| 10 | Dynamic UI Components | Builds responsive widgets such as _buildTextField() and _buildCartSummary() to show cart contents, totals, and interactively manage form data. |

3.2 Dependencies Used

| Dependency | Purpose / How It's Used |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| flutter/material.dart | Provides UI widgets, layouts, buttons, forms, styling, and input validation. |
| cloud_firestore/cloud_firestore.dart | Enables reading and writing order data to Firestore database. Used to save orders and retrieve user information. |
| call_api.dart | Handles online payment API integration. Used to process payments with the selected method and order data. |
| payment_webview.dart | Opens a WebView to show the payment gateway page after initiating payment. |

Table 3.2 dependencies in order_checkout.dart and its purpose

3.2.1 Flutter/material.dart

The flutter/material.dart package provides the core Material Design UI components for Flutter applications. In order_checkout.dart, it is used to build the visual structure of the checkout page, including the Scaffold, AppBar, TextFormField for user input, DropdownButtonFormField for payment selection, ElevatedButton for actions like "Proceed" and "Pay Now," and layout widgets such as Column and Row. It ensures a consistent, responsive, and visually appealing user interface following Material Design principles.

| Component / Widget | Purpose in OrderCheckout.dart |
|-------------------------|--|
| Scaffold | Provides the basic page layout structure with AppBar, body, and background color. |
| AppBar | Displays the top navigation bar with the title “Checkout” and a red accent background. |
| SingleChildScrollView | Makes the page scrollable to accommodate all form fields and the cart summary. |
| Column / Row | Arranges widgets vertically (Column) and horizontally (Row) for layout of buttons and form fields. |
| Text | Shows labels, order ID, and summary information with different font styles and colors. |
| TextField | Creates form fields for user inputs: Full Name, Address, Email, Phone Number. |
| DropdownButtonFormField | Provides a dropdown for selecting the payment method. |
| ElevatedButton | Buttons for “Cancel”, “Proceed”, and “Pay Now” actions with custom styling. |
| Padding / SizedBox | Controls spacing between widgets for proper layout and readability. |
| SnackBar | Displays messages to the user for errors or confirmation (e.g., “Order saved”). |
| Card / ListTile | Displays the items in the cart with product image, name, quantity, and price. |

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| TextStyle / Colors | Controls the appearance of text and UI elements to match the app's dark theme. |
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Table 3.2.1 widgets inside flutter material dependency

3.2.2 Cloud_firestore/cloud_firestore.dart

The cloud_firestore dependency is used to store and manage order data in a Firebase Firestore database. When a user fills in their delivery details and clicks “Proceed”, the app validates the form and saves all order information into the orders collection. Each order is associated with a unique orderId and the userId of the logged-in Firestore user, allowing tracking of order status and linking orders to specific users.

| Dependency | Usage in File | Purpose |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| FirebaseFirestore | Firestore.instance.collection('orders').doc(widget.orderId).set(orderData) | Saves order details to Firestore |
| DocumentReference | doc(widget.orderId) | References a specific order document |
| CollectionReference | collection('orders') | Points to the orders collection |
| set() | .set(orderData) | Writes order data into Firestore |

Table 3.2.2 Firestore dependency

| Functionality | Explanation | Code Reference |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Save order data | Saves customer info and cart items to Firestore | _handleProceed() method, FirebaseFirestore.instance.collection('orders').doc(widget.orderId).set(orderData) |
| Link order to user | Associates order with current user | orderData["userId"] = widget.userId |
| Track order status | Marks order as pending payment and delivery not started | orderData["status"] = "pending_payment" & orderData["deliveryStatus"] = "not_started" |
| Store product list | Stores cart items with id, name, qty, price, image | orderData["productList"] = widget.cartItems.map(...).toList() |

Table 3.2.2 Functionality of firestore dependency

3.2.3 call_api.dart

The `call_api.dart` file handles sending the checkout information to your payment gateway and retrieves the URL and tx ID needed to redirect the user to the payment page. It acts as the bridge between your Flutter app and the external payment system.

| Component / Function | Usage in File | Purpose |
|--|---|---|
| CallApi class | <code>_handlePay()</code> in <code>OrderCheckout</code> | Provides static methods to call external payment API |
| <code>processPayment()</code> | <code>_handlePay()</code> | Sends order details, payment method, user info, and items to payment API and returns checkout URL and tx ID |
| <code>http.post()</code> | Inside <code>processPayment()</code> | Makes a POST request to the payment API with JSON payload |
| <code>payload</code> | Inside <code>processPayment()</code> | Contains order ID, user ID, total amount, items, payment method, and customer info |
| <code>jsonEncode(payload)</code> | Inside <code>processPayment()</code> | Converts Dart map into JSON for API request |
| <code>jsonDecode(response.body)</code> | Inside <code>processPayment()</code> | Parses API response into a Dart map for use in app |
| <code>return data</code> | Inside <code>processPayment()</code> | Returns API response to <code>OrderCheckout</code> for redirecting to payment page |

Table 3.2.3 functionality of `call_api.dart` link file

3.2.4 payment_webview.dart

Payment_webview.dart provides a WebView screen that loads the external payment page for the user to complete their tx. It tracks the order and tx ID and can detect payment completion to update the app accordingly.

| Component / Function | Usage in File | Purpose |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| PaymentWebView class | _handlePay() in OrderCheckout | Opens a WebView to display the payment gateway checkout page |
| checkoutUrl | Constructor parameter | URL provided by the payment API to complete the tx |
| orderId | Constructor parameter | Tracks the order associated with the payment |
| txId | Constructor parameter | Tx ID returned by the payment API |
| userId | Constructor parameter | Firestore user ID for linking payment status to user |
| WebView widget | Inside PaymentWebView | Renders the payment gateway page within the app |
| navigationDelegate | Optional WebView property | Monitors URL changes to detect payment success or failure |
| onPageFinished / onWebResourceError | Optional WebView callbacks | Handle events like page load complete or errors in the WebView |

Table 3.2.4 functionality of payment_webview.dart link file

3.3 How Flutter Use This Order_checkout.dart File

The order_checkout.dart file functions as the checkout interface in the Flutter application. It serves as the main bridge between the user, the app's Firestore database, and the payment gateway integration handled by call_api.dart.

It collects user input, validates order details, saves the order to Firebase Firestore, and then triggers the payment process through the API SDK.

| Step | Action | Explanation |
|------|----------------------------------|---|
| 1 | User fills out the checkout form | The user enters delivery details such as name, address, email, and phone number, and selects a payment method from the dropdown list. |
| 2 | App validates input fields | The form is validated through _formKey to ensure all required information is correctly entered before proceeding. |
| 3 | Order data prepared | The app constructs an order object containing the customer information, product list, total amount, and order ID. |
| 4 | Order saved in Firestore | The _handleProceed() method uploads the order data into the orders collection in Firebase Firestore with a status of "pending_payment." |
| 5 | "Pay Now" button activated | Once the order is saved, the interface enables the Pay Now button, allowing the user to proceed with payment. |
| 6 | Payment process initiated | When the user taps "Pay Now," the _handlePay() function calls the CallApi.processPayment() method from call_api.dart. |
| 7 | Payment request sent to &Pay | The CallApi class builds the payment payload, signs it using SHA-512, and communicates with the &Pay API. |
| 8 | Checkout URL received | If the API call succeeds, it returns a checkoutUrl and txId, which are used to redirect the user to the payment gateway. |
| 9 | User redirected to payment page | Flutter navigates to PaymentWebView, which loads the &Pay checkout interface, allowing the user to complete the payment. |

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| 10 | Tx tracking maintained | Tx details including order ID, txId, user ID, and payment status remain stored in Firestore for monitoring and history. |
|----|------------------------|---|

Table 3.3 steps on order_checkout.dart

4 CALL_API.DART

4.1 Key Functionalities

The call_api.dart file serves as the core SDK module responsible for establishing secure communication between the Flutter application and the &Pay IPG.

It performs request preparation, cryptographic signing, data transmission, response handling, and tx recording.

| No. | Functionality | Description |
|-----|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Merchant Configuration | Defines essential merchant credentials including merchantId, integrationKey, and API endpoint (apiUrl) for connecting to &Pay sandbox or live environment. |
| 2 | Payment Channel Mapping | Uses the _getChannelCode() method to map Flutter payment options (e.g., Online Banking, Credit Card, E-Wallet) to &Pay required tx channel codes (DD, CC, EW). |
| 3 | SHA-512 Signature Generation | Implements _generateSignature() to combine the JSON payload with the integrationKey and apply SHA-512 hashing , ensuring message integrity and authentication. |
| 4 | Payload Construction | Builds a structured JSON object containing merchant details, tx information, customer data, and product list, following &Pay API format. |
| 5 | Secure HTTP Request Handling | Uses the http.post() method to send the signed payload via HTTPS with required headers (Content-Type, signature) to the &Pay API. |
| 6 | API Response Processing | Decodes and validates the server's response. If successful (ret == 0), it extracts the txId and checkout URL (checkoutUrl). |

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|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 7 | Firestore Tx Logging | Automatically saves tx details (order ID, txId, status, userId, timestamps) into the Firestore orders collection for tracking and reconciliation. |
| 8 | Error Handling and Logging | Uses try–catch blocks and Dart’s log() function to record API responses, errors, or exceptions for debugging and reliability analysis. |
| 9 | Frontend Integration Support | Returns structured response data (e.g., checkoutUrl, txId) back to Flutter’s UI layer (e.g., order_checkout.dart) for redirection to the payment WebView. |

Table 4.1 functionalities of call_api.dart

4.2 Dependencies Used

| Dependency | Import Statement | Purpose / Usage |
|------------------------|---|---|
| dart:convert | import 'dart:convert'; | Used for encoding and decoding JSON (jsonEncode, jsonDecode) when preparing the request payload and parsing the API response. |
| dart:developer | import 'dart:developer'; | Provides the log() function to print structured debugging information to the console. |
| crypto | import 'package:crypto/crypto.dart'; | Used to generate a SHA-512 hash signature for securely signing payment requests before sending to &Pay. |
| http | import 'package:http/http.dart' as http; | Handles HTTPS POST requests to communicate with &Pay's payment API endpoint. |
| cloud_firestore | import 'package:cloud_firestore/ cloud_firestore.dart'; | Connects to Firebase Firestore to store and update tx details (txId, status, timestamps, userId) after initiating payment. |

Table 4.2 Dependencies used in call_api.dart

4.2.1 Dart Convert

The dart:convert library in Dart is used for encoding and decoding data — mainly converting between JSON strings and Dart objects like Map and List.

It allows your app to:

- Encode (serialize) Dart data into JSON before sending it to APIs or saving it.
- Decode (deserialize) JSON responses from APIs back into usable Dart data structures.

In short, dart:convert acts as the bridge between Dart objects and JSON data used in web APIs.

```
// Encode to JSON and generate signature for security
final jsonString = jsonEncode(payload); // Encode Dart Map (payload) into JSON string
final signature = _generateSignature(jsonString);
```

Figure 4.2.1 Encode data into JSON

```
// ✅ Handle successful response
if (response.statusCode == 200) {
  final Map<String, dynamic> data = jsonDecode(response.body); // Decode JSON response from API back into a Dart Map
```

Figure 4.2.1 Decode JSON into String

4.2.2 Dart Developer

The dart:developer library provides built-in tools for debugging and performance monitoring in Dart.

It lets developers:

- Log diagnostic messages using log() (shown in the Debug Console or Dart DevTools).
- Record custom events and performance metrics.
- Interact with Dart DevTools for profiling and inspecting runtime behavior.

In short, it's mainly used for **debugging and logging** during development.

```
// Log payload and signature for debugging
log("==> JSON Payload ==>\n$jsonString");
log("==> Signature ==> $signature");
```

Figure 4.2.2 debugging

```
// Log response details
log("==> Response Code: ${response.statusCode} ==>");
log("==> Response Body: ${response.body} ==>");
```

Figure 4.2.2 error code response

```
} catch (e) {
    // Catch and log any runtime errors (network or parsing issues)
    log("X processPayment Error: $e");
    return {"error": true, "message": e.toString()};
}
```

Figure 4.2.2 runtime error response

****These error responses will be displayed on the UI if there is any error****

4.2.3 Crypto

The crypto package in Dart provides cryptographic hashing and message authentication tools. It allows developers to generate secure hashes (like SHA-1, SHA-256, SHA-512, MD5) and verify data integrity — essential for secure API communication, password storage, and digital signatures.

In this file, it's used to generate a SHA-512 signature that authenticates and verifies your payment request before sending it to &Pay.

| Component | Description | Purpose in call_api.dart |
|--|--|--|
| import 'package:crypto/crypto.dart'; | Imports the crypto library | Gives access to hashing algorithms like SHA-512 |
| import 'dart:convert'; | Imports Dart's encoding utilities | Provides utf8.encode() used before hashing |
| utf8.encode(jsonString + integrationKey) | Converts the payment data and key into bytes | Prepares data for hashing |
| sha512.convert(bytes) | Runs the SHA-512 hashing function | Generates a secure, 512-bit hash digest |
| digest.toString() | Converts hashed bytes into a human-readable hex string | Produces the final signature string |
| signature (in header) | Used as an HTTP header in API request | Authenticates the request between Flutter and &Pay |

Table 4.2.3 Crypto dependency components

These are the steps that is used with this crypto dependency in call_api.dart file.

| Step | Action | Purpose | Code |
|------|-----------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Build JSON payload | Collect payment data | final jsonString = jsonEncode(payload); |
| 2 | Add integration key | Include secret for verification | jsonString + integrationKey |
| 3 | Encode to bytes | Prepare data for hashing | final bytes = utf8.encode(jsonString + integrationKey); |
| 4 | Hash using SHA-512 | Create secure digital fingerprint | final digest = sha512.convert(bytes); |
| 5 | Convert to hex string | Make it readable and transmittable | final signature = digest.toString(); |
| 6 | Attach to HTTP header | Authenticate API request | headers: { "Content-Type": "application/json", "signature": signature, } |
| 7 | Server verifies | Ensure message integrity and authenticity | |

Table 4.2.3 steps in call_api.dart

4.2.4 HTTP

The http package in Dart provides tools for sending and receiving data over the web using the HTTP protocol.

In this file, it's used to send payment requests to the &Pay API using a secure HTTPS POST method and handle the API's response.

It acts as the communication bridge between the Flutter app and the external payment server.

| Component | Description | Purpose in call_api.dart |
|--|--|---|
| import 'package:http/http.dart' as http; | Imports the Dart HTTP client library | Enables network communication (GET, POST, etc.) |
| Uri.parse(apiUrl) | Converts a string URL into a Uri object | Required by the HTTP client to know where to send the request |
| http.post(...) | Sends an HTTP POST request | Transmits the payment data securely to the &Pay API |
| headers | A map of key-value pairs attached to the request | Includes metadata like Content-Type and the generated signature |
| body: jsonString | Contains the JSON-encoded payment payload | Sends customer and order data to the payment gateway |
| response.statusCode | HTTP status code returned by the server | Indicates whether the request succeeded (200) or failed |
| response.body | The content returned by the server | Contains the API response (e.g., checkout URL, tx status) |
| jsonDecode(response.body) | Decodes JSON string from the server back into a Dart map | Allows your app to process and extract API data easily |

Table 4.2.4 http dependency usage

4.2.5 Cloud Firestore

The cloud_firestore package allows your Flutter app to interact with Google Cloud Firestore, a NoSQL cloud database.

In call_api.dart, it's used to store and track payment tx records such as txId, status, timestamps, and the userId of the person making the order.

It ensures that every tx processed through &Pay is also logged and retrievable in your own app's database.

| Component | Description | Purpose in call_api.dart |
|---|--|---|
| Import 'package:cloud_firestore/cloud_firestore.dart'; | Imports Firestore library | Enables connection to Firebase's Firestore database |
| FirebaseFirestore.instance | Access point for the Firestore database | Provides methods to read/write data |
| .collection('orders') | Refers to the "orders" collection in Firestore | Groups all order documents for organized storage |
| .doc(orderId) | Creates or references a document identified by orderId | Uniquely identifies each tx record |
| .set({...}, SetOptions(merge: true)) | Writes or updates data in the document | Saves tx info (txId, status, timestamps, etc.) |
| "userId": userId | Stores the user's Firestore ID | Links the order record to a specific logged-in user |
| "status": "pending" | Tracks current tx status | Useful for checking payment updates later (section 6) |
| "createdAt" / "updatedAt" | Timestamps | Record when the tx was initiated and last updated |

Table 4.2.5 firestore usage

4.3 How Flutter Use This call_api.dart File

The call_api.dart file acts as the backend communication layer between the Flutter application and the &Pay IPG.

It is used whenever a user confirms an order and proceeds to make a payment.

In the app's checkout or order confirmation page, the CallApi.processPayment() method is called with the user's details, selected payment method, item list, total amount, and unique order ID.

| Step | Action | Explanation |
|------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | User clicks "Proceed to Payment" | In the Flutter checkout page, a button triggers a function that calls CallApi.processPayment() |
| 2 | App prepares payment info | The app collects all the details like total amount, order ID, payment method, and customer info |
| 3 | CallApi builds and signs the request | The call_api.dart file creates a JSON payload and generates a SHA-512 signature for security |
| 4 | Request sent to &Pay | It uses http.post() to send the data to the &Pay API endpoint |
| 5 | &Pay returns checkout URL | If successful, the API sends back a link (checkoutUrl) where the user can make the payment |
| 6 | App redirects user to payment page | Flutter uses that checkout URL to open the payment interface (in browser or WebView) |
| 7 | Tx saved in Firestore | The call_api.dart SDK also saves the tx data (txId, status, userId) into Firebase Firestore for tracking |

Table 4.3 overall steps of call_api.dart

5 PAYMENT_WEBVIEW.DART

5.1 Functionality of Payment_webview.dart

The payment_webview.dart file provides the Flutter SDK's payment execution and tracking interface, enabling users to complete payments directly within the app using an embedded webview. It continuously monitors the tx status through periodic API polling and updates Firestore records accordingly.

| No. | Functionality | Description |
|-----|------------------------------|---|
| 1 | WebView Integration | Embeds the &Pay checkout page within Flutter using the InAppWebView widget, allowing seamless in-app payment without leaving the application. |
| 2 | Tx Polling Mechanism | Implements _startPolling() using a Timer.periodic loop that checks the tx status every 2 seconds through the &PayQuery.queryTransaction() API call. |
| 3 | Real-Time Status Detection | Continuously monitors tx responses and webview URL redirects to detect payment outcomes such as success, failed, or cancelled. |
| 4 | Firestore Order Update | Updates the corresponding order document in Firestore with real-time payment status and timestamps once the tx is finalized. |
| 5 | Cart Synchronization | Automatically clears purchased items from the user's Firestore cart after successful payment, ensuring the user's cart remains up to date. |
| 6 | Error Handling and Time-outs | Cancels polling after exceeding the maximum allowed attempts or upon result handling, preventing infinite loops and ensuring robust error management. |
| 7 | Automatic Navigation | Redirects the user to payment result upon tx completion. |

Table 5.1 functionalities of payment_webview.dart

5.2 Dependencies Used

| No. | Dependency | Description / Purpose |
|-----|--|---|
| 1 | dart:async | Provides asynchronous programming support such as Timer, Future, and Stream, used for polling and delayed tasks during payment verification. |
| 2 | package:flutter/material.dart | Supplies Flutter's Material Design widgets used to build and style the payment interface. |
| 3 | package:flutter_inappwebview/flutter_inappwebview.dart | Enables the app to embed a web browser inside the Flutter app, allowing users to complete payments within a secure WebView without leaving the app. |
| 4 | package:cloud_firestore/cloud_firestore.dart | Connects the app to Cloud Firestore for reading and writing data. It is used to update order status, record timestamps, and clear purchased items from the user's cart. |
| 5 | query_transaction.dart | Contains logic to query the &Pay tx API, allowing the app to check payment status periodically using the &Pay Query.queryTransaction() method. |
| 6 | finish_checkout.dart | Displays the final payment result screen after the tx is completed or failed, confirming the checkout status to the user. |

Table 5.2 dependencies used in payment_webview.dart

5.2.1 Dart Async

The dart:async library in payment_webview.dart enables asynchronous operations such as waiting, polling, and handling delays. It ensures smooth payment processing without freezing the UI, allowing the app to periodically check the tx status, delay actions when necessary, and manage background tasks efficiently.

| Component | Description | Purpose in payment_webview.dart |
|----------------------|---|---|
| import 'dart:async'; | Imports Dart's asynchronous programming library | Enables background operations like timers and delayed tasks |
| Timer.periodic() | Runs a function repeatedly at fixed intervals | Polls the &Pay API every 2 seconds to check payment status |
| Future.delayed() | Executes a task after a specified delay | Waits 1 minute before starting tx polling |
| Future<void> | Represents async functions with no return value | Used for Firestore updates and cart clearing |
| await | Pauses execution until an async task completes | Ensures operations like Firestore writes finish before continuing |

Table 5.2.1 functionalities of dart async dependency

5.2.2 Package:flutter/material.dart

The package:flutter/material.dart dependency provides the core Flutter Material Design components used to build the user interface of payment_webview.dart. It handles UI layout, navigation, and visual styling such as the app bar, progress indicator, and scaffold structure.

| Component | Description | Purpose in payment_webview.dart |
|--|---|--|
| import 'package:flutter/material.dart'; | Imports Flutter's Material Design library | Enables use of widgets for building the UI |
| Scaffold | Provides a basic visual layout structure | Wraps the entire payment page with app bar and body |
| AppBar | Displays a top navigation bar | Shows the page title and back button during payment |
| IconButton | A clickable icon widget | Used for the back button to cancel payment |
| Text | Displays text content | Used for the page title "Complete Payment" |
| LinearProgressIndicator | Shows loading progress visually | Indicates webview loading progress |
| Navigator.pushReplacement() | Navigates between pages | Redirects to the finish checkout page after payment completion |
| setState() | Updates the widget's state dynamically | Refreshes progress bar as the webview loads |

Table 5.2.2 functionalities of package flutter dependency

5.2.3 Flutter_inappweb view.dart

This Flutter_inappweb view.dart enables the Flutter application to embed and control a directly within the app.

In the payment_webview.dart file, it is used to display the &Pay payment page, track loading progress, and detect redirection URLs (success/failure) to determine payment status.

| Component | Description | Purpose in payment_webview.dart |
|---|--|--|
| import 'package:flutter_inappwebview/flutter_inappwebview.dart'; | Imports the InAppWebView package | Allows Flutter to render a web browser view inside the app |
| InAppWebView | Core webview widget | Displays the payment checkout page inside the app rather than redirecting to an external browser |
| InAppWebViewController | Controller class for webview instance | Enables controlling or monitoring the webview (e.g., checking URLs, progress updates) |
| InAppWebViewSettings | Configuration class for webview behavior | Enables JavaScript, inline media playback, and secure browsing settings |
| URLRequest(url: WebUri(widget.checkoutUrl)) | Defines the webview's initial page to load | Opens the payment checkout URL when the user reaches this screen |
| onProgressChanged | Event listener for load progress | Updates the progress bar (LinearProgressIndicator) as the payment page loads |
| onLoadStop | Event triggered when page finishes loading | Detects when the webview redirects to "success" or "failed" URLs to handle tx result |

Table 5.2.3 functionality of flutter in app view dependency

5.2.4 Firestore

The Firestore dependency in this file is used to store, update, and synchronize payment tx data in real-time. It tracks the user's order status (paid / failed), updates timestamps, and clears the purchased items from the user's cart upon successful payment.

| Component | Description | Purpose in payment_webview.dart |
|--|--|--|
| import 'package:cloud_firestore/cloud_firestore.dart'; | Imports the Cloud Firestore library | Allows communication between the Flutter app and Firebase Firestore database |
| FirebaseFirestore.instance | Singleton instance of the Firestore service | Provides access to Firestore's read/write and update methods |
| .collection('orders') | References the "orders" collection | Stores and updates each order document related to payment tx |
| .doc(widget.orderId) | Retrieves or updates a specific order document | Identifies and updates the correct tx record by order ID |
| .update({...}) | Updates existing document fields | Changes order status to "paid" or "failed" after tx verification |
| .collection('users').doc(widget.userId).collection('cart') | Accesses the user's cart subcollection | Finds and deletes purchased items after successful payment |
| .get() | Fetches all documents from the collection | Reads the cart items to determine which ones to remove |
| .delete() | Deletes specific documents | Removes items that were part of the completed order from the user's cart |
| DateTime.now() | Generates current timestamp | Records the exact time the payment was updated in Firestore |

Table 5.2.4 functionalities of firestore dependency

5.2.5 Query_transaction.dart

The query_transaction.dart file is responsible for communicating with the &Pay API to verify the status of a tx. It is called periodically by payment_webview.dart during payment polling to check whether the tx has succeeded, failed, or is still pending.

| Component | Description | Purpose in payment_webview.dart |
|---|---|---|
| import 'query_transaction.dart'; | Imports the tx query module | Enables API-based tx verification with &Pay |
| AmpersandPayQuery. query Transaction(widget.txId) | Static method call to query the API using the tx ID | Sends HTTP requests to check tx status from &Pay |
| data["txStatus"] | Extracted response field from the API | Used to determine if the payment is “SUCCESS”, “PAID”, or still pending |
| data["ret"] == 1201 | Return code from &Pay API | Indicates that the tx is not yet available or still processing |
| try...catch (e) | Error handling block | Prevents the app from crashing if the API request fails during polling |

Table 5.2.5 functionalities of query_transaction.dart import

5.2.6 Finish_checkout.dart

The finish_checkout.dart file handles what happens after payment completion. It is responsible for confirming the tx, updating the order record in Firestore, and displaying a success or failure message to the user. This ensures that the checkout process ends cleanly and that tx data remains synchronized between the app and backend.

| Component | Description | Purpose in payment_webview.dart |
|--|--|---|
| import 'finish_checkout.dart'; | Imports the post-payment handler | Allows the app to execute final checkout logic after payment confirmation |
| FinishCheckoutPage(orderId: widget.orderId, txId: widget.txId) | Navigates to the final checkout page | Displays the result of the payment and order confirmation |
| updateTransactionStatus() | Method inside finish_checkout.dart | Updates the order's status (e.g., "paid", "failed") in Firestore |
| showSuccessMessage() / showErrorMessage() | UI feedback functions | Provides visual confirmation of tx outcome to the user |
| Navigator.pushReplacement() | Replaces the current WebView screen with FinishCheckout page | Cleans up the navigation stack and redirects user after completion |

Table 5.2.6 functionalities of finish_checkout.dart import

5.3 How Flutter Use This payment_webview.dart File

The payment_webview.dart file is used by Flutter to display and monitor the payment process in real-time. It integrates a web-based payment gateway directly inside the Flutter app using a WebView and continuously checks the tx status through API polling. This file bridges the gap between the user interface and backend payment verification, ensuring a seamless checkout experience.

| Step | Action | Explanation |
|------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | User proceeds to payment | When the user clicks the “Proceed to Payment” button on the checkout page, the app navigates to the PaymentWebView widget. |
| 2 | Checkout page opens in WebView | The widget loads the checkoutUrl using the InAppWebView component, allowing the user to complete payment without leaving the app. |
| 3 | Tx polling starts | After a short delay, the _startPolling() method automatically queries the tx status from the &Pay API (via query_transaction.dart). |
| 4 | Firestore updates order status | Once the API confirms the payment result, _handlePaymentResult() updates the Firestore record (e.g., marking order as “paid” or “failed”). |
| 5 | Cart items cleared | If the payment succeeds, _clearCart() removes the purchased products from the user’s Firestore cart collection. |
| 6 | Redirect to final confirmation | Finally, Flutter navigates to FinishCheckoutPage (from finish_checkout.dart) to show the success or failure message. |

Table 5.3 steps in payment_webview.dart

6 QUERY_TRANSACTION.DART

6.1 Functionalities of Query_transaction.dart

The query_transaction.dart file functions as a backend communication and status tracking module within the Flutter payment SDK. It connects directly to the &Pay API to verify and monitor tx statuses. It can perform both one-time status checks and automated polling, and it updates Firestore records when payments are confirmed.

| No. | Functionality | Description |
|-----|---|--|
| 1 | Tx Status Query | Sends a secure POST request to the &Pay /tx/query API endpoint using the tx ID and merchant credentials to retrieve the current payment status. |
| 2 | Secure Signature Generation | Generates a SHA-512 signature combining the request payload and integration key to authenticate and validate all outgoing API requests. |
| 3 | Automated Polling Mechanism | Implements a Timer.periodic function in pollTransaction() to repeatedly query the tx status every few seconds until a result is obtained or timeout occurs. |
| 4 | Firestore Integration | Automatically updates the corresponding order document in Firestore with the latest tx status (paid, failed, etc.) and timestamps once payment confirmation is received. |
| 5 | Timeout and Retry Control | Limits the number of polling attempts (default: 60) to prevent endless API calls and adds retry logic for delayed or missing tx responses. |
| 6 | Error Logging and Exception Handling | Captures and logs all HTTP errors, exceptions, and invalid responses using the dart:developer log utility to aid debugging and API monitoring. |
| 7 | Data Integrity Assurance | Ensures accurate synchronization between &Pay's tx records and Firestore by validating tx results before database updates. |

Table 6.1 functionalities of query_transaction.dart file

6.2 Dependencies Used

| No. | Dependency | Description / Purpose |
|-----|--|---|
| 1 | dart:async | Provides asynchronous operations like Timer and Future, enabling timed polling and repeated tx status checks. |
| 2 | dart:convert | Handles JSON encoding and decoding, allowing the SDK to send properly formatted data and interpret API responses from &Pay. |
| 3 | dart:developer | Offers logging functionality via log(), used for debugging, error tracing, and tracking API responses during tx polling. |
| 4 | package:crypto/ crypto.dart | Generates cryptographic SHA-512 hashes for securely signing API requests before they are sent to the &Pay server. |
| 5 | package:http/http.dart | Facilitates HTTP communication by sending POST requests to the &Pay query endpoint and receiving tx status data. |
| 6 | package:cloud_ firestore/cloud_ firestore.dart | Connects to Firebase Firestore, allowing automatic updates to order documents when a tx status changes to “paid.” |

Table 6.2 dependencies used in query_transaction.dart

6.2.1 Dart Async

The dart:async dependency in query_transaction.dart enables asynchronous operations essential for real-time payment verification. It powers features like delayed execution, periodic polling with Timer.periodic(), and non-blocking HTTP requests using Future and await, ensuring the app continuously checks tx status from &Pay without freezing the user interface.

| Component | Description | Purpose in query_transaction.dart |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| import 'dart:async'; | Imports Dart's asynchronous programming library | Enables use of Future, Timer, and Stream for non-blocking tasks such as periodic tx polling. |
| Timer.periodic() | Creates a timer that runs a callback function repeatedly at fixed intervals | Used to poll the &Pay API every few seconds until the payment status is confirmed. |
| Future.delayed() | Delays the execution of code for a specific duration | Ensures that the first polling request only starts after one minute, preventing premature queries. |
| Future<Map<String, dynamic>?> | Defines an asynchronous function that returns a future Map result | Represents the asynchronous HTTP request and response handling for querying tx data. |
| async / await keywords | Dart syntax for managing asynchronous code execution | Allows the app to wait for HTTP responses and Firestore updates without blocking the main UI thread. |

Table 6.2.1 functionality of dart async in query_transaction.dart file

6.2.2 Dart Convert

The dart:convert dependency provides JSON encoding and decoding functionality in Dart. In this file, it is used to convert Dart objects (maps) into JSON strings for API requests (jsonEncode) and to parse JSON responses from the &Pay API (jsonDecode). It ensures that data can be safely sent to and received from the payment API in a format both Dart and the server understand.

| Component | Description | Purpose in query_transaction.dart |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| import 'dart:convert'; | Imports Dart's built-in JSON library | Enables conversion between Dart objects and JSON for API communication |
| jsonEncode(body) | Converts a Dart map into a JSON-formatted string | Prepares the request payload to send to the &Pay API |
| jsonDecode(response.body) | Converts a JSON-formatted string response into a Dart map | Extracts tx details like txStatus and ret from the API response |
| utf8.encode() | Converts a string to UTF-8 bytes | Used in combination with sha512 to generate a secure request signature for API authentication |

Table 6.2.2 functionality of dart convert dependency

6.2.3 Dart Developer

The dart:developer dependency provides tools for logging and debugging within Dart applications. In this file, it is used to record real-time events such as API calls, tx statuses, and error messages during the polling and querying process, helping developers monitor and troubleshoot payment-related operations efficiently.

| Component | Description | Purpose in query_transaction.dart |
|--|---|---|
| import 'dart:developer'; | Imports Dart's developer tools | Allows the use of logging utilities for debugging purposes |
| log() | Built-in logging function from dart:developer | Prints diagnostic messages, tx status updates, and API responses to the console |
| log("⚠️ Polling error: \$e"); | Logs caught exceptions during polling | Helps identify and troubleshoot polling or connection issues |
| log("✅ Query Response: \$data"); | Logs successful responses from the API | Confirms valid communication and data retrieval from &Pay |
| 'log("🌐 Polling txId: \$txId | Status: \$status");' | Displays tx progress during polling |
| log("⚠️ Max polling attempts reached..."); | Tracks timeout conditions | Provides a debug alert when polling exceeds its retry limit |

Table 6.2.3 functionality of dart developer dependency

6.2.4 Crypto

The package:crypto/crypto.dart dependency provides cryptographic hashing functions like SHA-512, which are essential for ensuring data integrity and secure communication between the Flutter app and the &Pay API. In this file, it is used to generate a secure signature that authenticates API requests.

| Component | Description | Purpose in <code>query_transaction.dart</code> |
|---|---|--|
| <code>import 'package:crypto/ crypto.dart';</code> | Imports the Dart crypto package | Grants access to industry-standard hashing algorithms such as SHA-512 for secure signing |
| <code>utf8.encode(jsonBod y + integrationKey)</code> | Converts the combined JSON payload and integration key into bytes | Prepares raw data for hashing; ensures encoding consistency |
| <code>sha512.convert(...)</code> | Applies the SHA-512 algorithm to the encoded data | Generates a unique, irreversible 512-bit hash to verify authenticity |
| <code>toString()</code> | Converts the hash output into a human-readable hexadecimal format | Produces a clean signature string usable in API headers |
| <code>final signature = ...</code> | Stores the computed hash value | Serves as the digital signature required by the &Pay API |
| <code>"signature": signature (inside HTTP headers)</code> | Attaches the generated signature to each outgoing POST request | Allows the &Pay server to verify the request's origin and integrity |

Table 6.2.4 functionality of crypto dependency

6.2.5 HTTP

The package: http/http.dart dependency provides the tools for making HTTP requests to external APIs. In query_transaction.dart, it is responsible for sending signed POST requests to the &Pay endpoint, receiving responses, and handling communication errors during tx status queries.

| Component | Description | Purpose in query_transaction.dart |
|---|--|--|
| Import 'package: http/http.dart' as http; | Imports the HTTP client library | Enables sending and receiving HTTP requests and responses |
| http.post() | Sends an HTTP POST request to a specified URL | Used to communicate with the &Pay API to query tx statuses |
| Uri.parse(queryUrl) | Converts a URL string into a URI object | Ensures the URL is properly formatted for the HTTP request |
| headers: { ... } | Defines metadata like content type, charset, and signature | Ensures the request is securely formatted and authenticated |
| body: jsonBody | Contains the encoded JSON payload sent to the server | Sends merchant and tx data for status verification |
| response.statusCode | Stores the HTTP response code (e.g., 200, 400, 500) | Determines if the API request succeeded or failed |
| response.body | Contains the response content from the server | Used to decode and process the tx status data |
| jsonDecode(response.body) | Parses the JSON response into a Dart object | Converts API response data into a usable format for further processing |
| log("✅ Query Response: \$data"); | Logs successful HTTP responses for debugging | Helps monitor communication results and API reliability |

Table 6.2.5 functionality of http dependency

6.2.6 FireStore Cloud

The package:cloud_firestore/cloud_firestore.dart dependency connects the Flutter app to Google Cloud Firestore, allowing it to read, write, and update real-time data. In query_transaction.dart, it is used to automatically update the order status in the Firestore database once a payment is confirmed by the &Pay API.

| Component | Description | Purpose in query_transaction.dart |
|---|--|--|
| import 'package:cloud_firestore/ cloud_firestore.dart'; | Imports Firestore functionality | Enables communication with the Firestore database |
| FirebaseFirestore.instance | Provides the singleton Firestore instance | Grants access to the app's Firestore database for read/write operations |
| .collection('orders') | Refers to the orders collection in Firestore | Specifies where order documents are stored |
| .doc(orderId) | References a specific document by its ID | Identifies which order record to update after payment verification |
| .update({...}) | Updates fields in an existing Firestore document | Automatically marks an order as "paid" and records a timestamp when payment is confirmed |
| "status": "paid" | Field value written to Firestore | Reflects the successful payment completion in the order record |
| "updatedAt": DateTime.now() | Writes the current timestamp | Logs when the order status was last updated for tracking and auditing |
| await FirebaseFirestore.instance. collection(...).update(...) | Executes the update asynchronously | Ensures real-time synchronization between the SDK and Firestore |

Table 6.2.6 functionality of firestore dependency

6.3 How Flutter Use This `Query_transaction.dart` File

The Flutter application integrates the `query_transaction.dart` file to handle payment status verification after a tx is initiated. This file functions as the backend service layer that communicates with the &Pay API to check the real-time status of a tx and update the Firestore database accordingly.

| Step | Action | Explanation |
|-------------|---|---|
| 1 | Payment initiated in Flutter app | When the user completes payment in the in-app WebView, the Flutter app triggers the verification process. |
| 2 | App calls <code>AmpersandPayQuery.pollTransaction()</code> | This method starts a background polling loop that periodically queries the &Pay server for the tx status. |
| 3 | <code>queryTransaction()</code> sends HTTP request | The method builds a JSON payload with the tx ID and merchant credentials, signs it with SHA-512, and sends it to the &Pay API. |
| 4 | &Pay responds with status data | The API returns a response containing fields such as txStatus and ret, which indicate whether the payment was successful, pending, or failed. |
| 5 | App updates Firestore automatically | Once a successful status (SUCCESS or PAID) is detected, the function updates the order record in the Firestore orders collection. |
| 6 | Real-time feedback to user | The Flutter app reflects the updated status on the checkout or confirmation screen, allowing users to see their payment result instantly. |

Table 6.3 steps on `query_transaction.dart` file

7 FINISH_CHECKOUT.DART

7.1 Functionalities

The finish_checkout.dart file functions as the final order confirmation and data synchronization module within the Flutter payment workflow. It executes cleanup and post-payment operations after a tx attempt, ensuring that order data, user carts, and Firestore records remain consistent. Depending on payment success, it either deletes failed orders or archives successful ones into the paidProducts collection for record-keeping.

| No. | Functionality | Description |
|-----|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Order Retrieval from Firestore | Fetches the order document from the orders collection using the provided orderId to display order and customer details. |
| 2 | Failed Payment Handling | Deletes the Firestore order record if the payment was unsuccessful, preventing incomplete tx from being stored. |
| 3 | Successful Payment Processing | Transfers each purchased product from the order into the paidProducts collection, recording tx ID, user details, and timestamp. |
| 4 | Cart Cleanup | Removes successfully purchased products from the user's cart subcollection in Firestore to maintain an accurate cart state. |
| 5 | Payment Method Conversion | Converts raw payment codes (e.g., “EW”, “CC”, “DD”) into readable names like <i>E-Wallet</i> , <i>Credit Card</i> , or <i>Online Banking</i> . |
| 6 | User Feedback and Navigation | Displays a detailed receipt showing payment result, customer info, and order summary, and provides a “Return to Home” button for navigation. |
| 7 | Error Handling and Logging | Uses try...catch and debugPrint() to handle Firestore access errors, preventing crashes during data loading or deletion. |

Table 7.1 functionalities of finish_checkout.dart file

7.2 Dependencies Used

These dependencies are similarly used in other files.

| No. | Dependency | Description / Purpose |
|-----|---|--|
| 1 | package:flutter/material.dart | Provides Flutter's core Material Design widgets and layout components used to build the UI for the payment receipt screen (e.g., Scaffold, AppBar, Text, ElevatedButton). |
| 2 | package:cloud_firestore/cloud_firestore.dart | Connects the app to Google Cloud Firestore , allowing it to retrieve order data, delete failed orders, move successful orders to the paidProducts collection, and clear purchased items from the user's cart. |

Table 7.2 dependencies used in finish_checkout.dart

7.3 How Flutter Use This Finish_checkout.dart File

The finish_checkout.dart file is executed after a payment process concludes, either successfully or unsuccessfully. Flutter uses this file as the final stage of the checkout workflow, handling both visual feedback to the user and backend updates in Firestore.

When the payment process (from payment_webview.dart) finishes, this page is opened through a Navigator route transition, passing the required parameters such as orderId, txId, success, and userId.

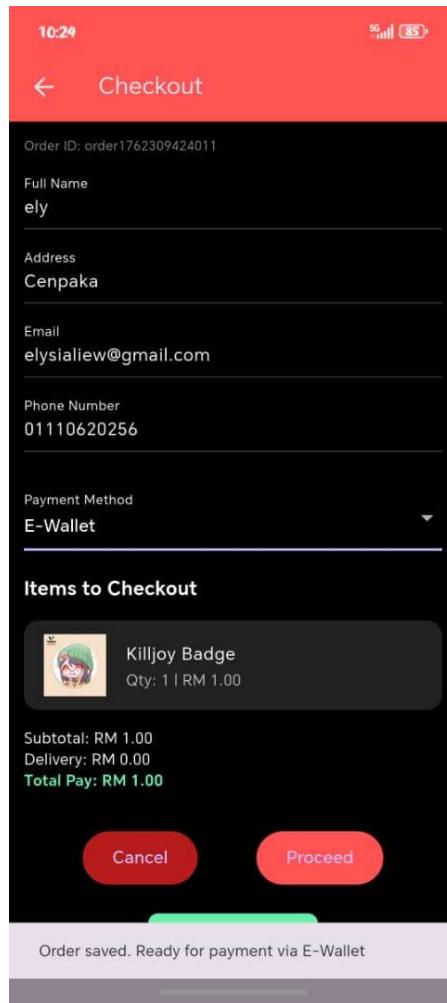
| Step | Action | Explanation |
|------|--|---|
| 1 | FinishCheckoutPage is opened after payment result | When the user returns from the payment WebView (successful or failed), the app navigates to the FinishCheckoutPage, passing along the orderId, txId, success, and userId. |
| 2 | _loadOrder() runs automatically on initState() | Upon page initialization, _loadOrder() retrieves the corresponding order document from the Firestore orders collection using the provided orderId. |

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|----------|--|---|
| 3 | Checks payment result (success/failure) | If success is false, the function deletes the order document to remove failed tx. If true, the order details are stored in memory for display. |
| 4 | Displays receipt details to user | The UI shows whether the tx succeeded or failed, including order details, user info, payment method, and itemized list of purchased products. |
| 5 | User clicks “Return to Home” | When tapped, <code>_handleHome()</code> runs — if the payment succeeded, it calls <code>_savePaidProducts()</code> before navigating back to the home page. |
| 6 | <code>_savePaidProducts()</code> stores completed purchases | This method saves each purchased product as a new document in the Firestore paidProducts collection, tagging them with order and tx info. |
| 7 | <code>_clearPurchasedItemsFromCart()</code> cleans up user cart | After recording purchases, it removes the bought items from the user's Firestore cart collection to prevent duplicates. |
| 8 | Navigation completes | Finally, Flutter pops all intermediate pages until reaching the home screen, completing the checkout process. |

Table 7.3 steps on `finish_checkout.dart` file

8 Outputs

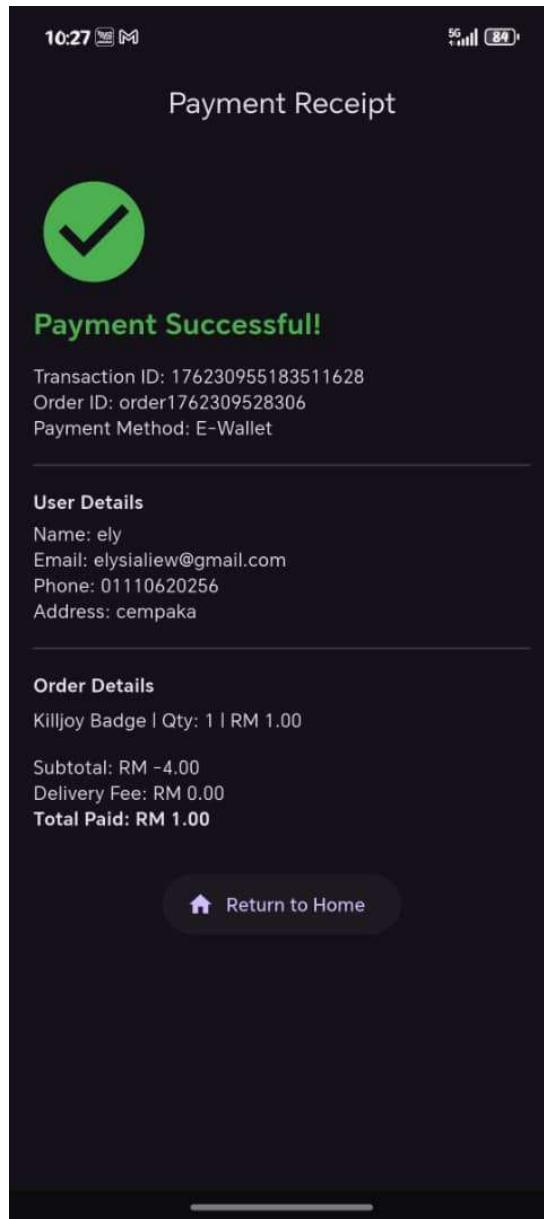
When details are saved successfully in the order_checkout.dart page. It will show a successful message at the bottom. Then user can proceed to pay.



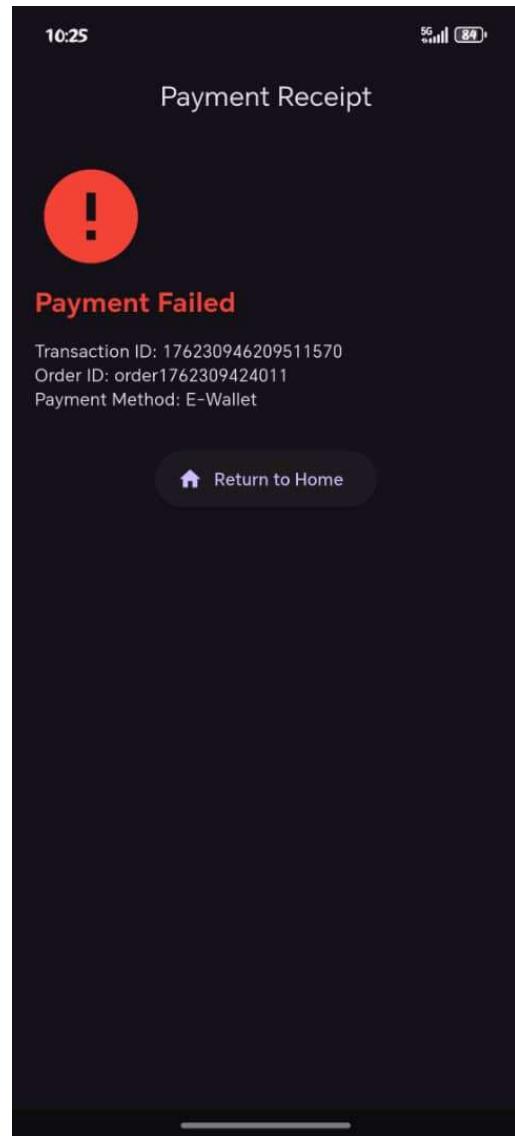
***OTHER ERROR MESSAGE WILL PROMPT IN THIS PAGE WHEN YOU CLICK
THE PAY BUTTON.***

in this case there are no errors, hence no error message will appear when u click pay

When payment is made, and the query_transaction.dart poll that they payment is SUCCESSFUL and update database to successful. It will then redirect user to finish_checkout.dart page and prompt a successful payment receipt.



Hence otherwise, when payment is not made and user click back and the query_transaction.dart poll did not reach successful. It will then redirect user to finish_checkout.dart page and prompt a failed payment receipt.



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