

Lab Objectives:

By the end of this lab, students will:

- Understand Dart fundamentals (functions, OOP, inheritance, and async programming).
- Write Dart code that mirrors real-world Flutter app development.
- Develop reusable components similar to Flutter widgets.

Task 1: Entry Point and Functions

Concept:

Every Dart program starts with the `main()` function, just like a Flutter app. The `main()` function initializes the app, similar to `void main() => runApp(MyApp());` in Flutter.

Task:

1. Create a function named `startApp()`.
2. Inside `startApp()`, print `"Welcome to Dart Lab!"`.
3. Call `startApp()` inside `main()`.
4. Add another function, `showAppInfo()`, which prints `"This is a Dart practice session"`.
5. Call `showAppInfo()` inside `main()`.

```
dart

void main() {
    startApp();
    showAppInfo();
}

void startApp() {
    print("Welcome to Dart Lab!");
}

void showAppInfo() {
    print("This is a Dart practice session.");
}
```



Task 2: Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) - Classes and Objects

Concept:

Flutter widgets are based on **classes**. In Dart, we create classes to define reusable UI components, like `Text` and `Button`.

Task:

1. Create a class called `Button`.
2. Add a property `label` (of type `String`).
3. Create a constructor that initializes `label`.
4. Add a **method** `click()`, which prints "`<label> button clicked!`".
5. In `main()`, create an object of `Button`, set the label to `"Login"`, and call `click()`.

```
dart

class Button {
    String label;

    Button(this.label);

    void click() {
        print("$label button clicked!");
    }
}

void main() {
    Button myButton = Button("Login");
    myButton.click();
}
```

📌 Task 3: Constructors & Named Parameters

Concept:

Flutter uses **named parameters** in widgets (e.g., `Text("Hello", style: TextStyle(fontSize: 20))`).

Task:

1. Create a class called `User`.
2. Define two properties: `name` (String) and `age` (int).
3. Create a constructor that uses **named parameters** with `required` keyword.
4. Add a method `showUser()` that prints the user's details.
5. In `main()`, create an object of `User` and call `showUser()`.

```
dart

class User {
    String name;
    int age;

    User({required this.name, required this.age});

    void showUser() {
        print("User: $name, Age: $age");
    }
}

void main() {
    User user1 = User(name: "Ali", age: 25);
    user1.showUser();
}
```

📌 Task 4: Asynchronous Programming (Future, async-await)

Concept:

In Flutter, we use `Future` for tasks like API calls.

Task:

1. Create an **asynchronous function** called `fetchData()`.
2. Inside `fetchData()`, print `"Fetching data..."`.
3. Use `await Future.delayed(Duration(seconds: 2));` to simulate a delay.
4. After the delay, print `"Data retrieved!"`.
5. Call `fetchData()` in `main()` and print `"Executing other tasks..."` before it.

```
dart

import 'dart:async';

Future<void> fetchData() async {
    print("Fetching data...");
    await Future.delayed(Duration(seconds: 2));
    print("Data retrieved!");
}

void main() {
    fetchData();
    print("Executing other tasks...");
}
```

Task 5: Convert Map to JSON and Parse It Back

Concept:

Flutter apps frequently communicate with APIs, which send and receive JSON data. In Dart, we use `Map<String, dynamic>` to represent JSON data and the `dart:convert` library to convert between `Map` and JSON format.

Task:

1. Import the `dart:convert` library (`import 'dart:convert';`).
2. Create a `Map<String, dynamic>` named `product`, containing:
 - `"id"` (int)
 - `"name"` (String)
 - `"price"` (double)
3. Convert the `Map` to a `JSON string` using `jsonEncode()`.
4. Print the `JSON string`.
5. Convert the `JSON string` back to a `Map` using `jsonDecode()`.
6. Print the parsed `Map`.

```
dart

import 'dart:convert';

void main() {
    Map<String, dynamic> product = {
        "id": 1,
        "name": "Laptop",
        "price": 1200.5
    };

    // Convert Map to JSON string
    String jsonString = jsonEncode(product);
    print("JSON String: $jsonString");

    // Convert JSON string back to Map
    Map<String, dynamic> parsedMap = jsonDecode(jsonString);
    print("Parsed Map: $parsedMap");
}
```



Task 6: Creating a Simple Dart UI Model (Like Flutter Widgets)

Concept:

Flutter widgets are reusable classes.

Task:

1. Create a **class** `TextWidget` with a property `text`.
2. Define a **constructor** to initialize `text`.
3. Add a **method** `render()` that prints `"Rendering text: <text>"`.
4. In `main()`, create an object of `TextWidget`, set text to `"Welcome to Flutter"`, and call `render()`.

```
dart

class TextWidget {
    String text;

    TextWidget(this.text);

    void render() {
        print("Rendering text: $text");
    }
}

void main() {
    TextWidget title = TextWidget("Welcome to Flutter");
    title.render();
}
```

📌 Task 7: Inheritance + Method Overriding and Using super in Dart: Like Flutter Widgets Overriding build()

Concept:

In Flutter, widgets override the `build()` method to define UI. Similarly, in Dart, we use **method overriding** to change the behavior of a parent class method. Additionally, `super` is used to call a method from the parent class.

Task:

1. Create a **base class** `LabelWidget` with:
 - A method `display()` that prints "Rendering label".
2. Create a **subclass** `BoldLabelWidget` that **extends** `LabelWidget`.
 - **Override** the `display()` method.
 - Inside the overridden method, **call** `super.display()` first.
 - Then print "Label displayed in bold".
3. Create another **subclass** `FancyLabelWidget` that also **extends** `LabelWidget`.
 - **Override** `display()` to print "Rendering a fancy label!" (without calling `super.display()`).
4. In `main()`, create **objects** of `BoldLabelWidget` and `FancyLabelWidget`, then call `display()` on both.

```
dart

class LabelWidget {
    void display() {
        print("Rendering label");
    }
}

class BoldLabelWidget extends LabelWidget {
    @override
    void display() {
        super.display();
        print("Label displayed in bold");
    }
}

class FancyLabelWidget extends LabelWidget {
    @override
    void display() {
        print("Rendering a fancy label!");
    }
}

void main() {
    BoldLabelWidget boldLabel = BoldLabelWidget();
    FancyLabelWidget fancyLabel = FancyLabelWidget();

    boldLabel.display();
    fancyLabel.display();
}
```

📌 Assignment: Object-Oriented Modelling for a To-Do App in Dart

📝 Objective:

Design and implement a To-Do App using Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) in Dart. The goal is to apply classes, constructors, inheritance, method overriding, lists, and map handling to create a simple task management system.

📘 Scenario: To-Do List App

A startup wants to develop a To-Do List Application where users can add, remove, complete, and list tasks. Each task has a title, description, priority level, and completion status. Some tasks may have due dates, while others do not.

Your task is to create a Dart program that models this system using OOP principles.

◆ Requirements:

<p>1 Create a <code>Task</code> class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Properties:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><code>id</code> (int) → Unique identifier for each task.<code>title</code> (String) → The task's name.<code>description</code> (String) → A short description.<code>priority</code> (String) → Can be "Low", "Medium", or "High".<code>isCompleted</code> (bool) → Default: <code>false</code>.Methods:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><code>markComplete()</code> → Marks the task as completed.<code>displayTask()</code> → Prints the task details.	<p>3 Create a <code>TaskManager</code> Class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Properties:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A list to store tasks.Methods:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><code>addTask(Task task)</code> → Adds a new task to the list.<code>removeTask(int id)</code> → Removes a task by ID.<code>listTasks()</code> → Displays all tasks.<code>listPendingTasks()</code> → Displays only incomplete tasks.<code>markTaskComplete(int id)</code> → Marks a task as completed.
<p>2 Create a <code>TaskWithDueDate</code> Class (Inheritance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Extends <code>Task</code> class and adds:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><code>dueDate</code> (DateTime) → Deadline for the task.Override <code>displayTask()</code> to include the due date.	<p>4 Implement the Main Function</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Instantiate <code>TaskManager</code>.Add at least 3 tasks (including one with a due date).List all tasks.Mark a task as completed.List only pending tasks.