Cheat Sheet: Advanced Flutter

Calling APIs in Flutter

Туре	Description	Code Example
Making Your First API Call	Learn how to perform a basic HTTP GET request	<pre>Future<void> fetchData() async { var response = await http.get(Uri.parse('https://api.example.com/data')); print(response.body); }</void></pre>
Handling API Errors	Implement error handling for API requests	<pre>try { var response = await http.get(Uri.parse('https://api.example.com/data')); print(response.body); } catch (e) { print('Caught error: \$e'); }</pre>
Parsing JSON Data	Decode JSON data received from an API into Dart objects	<pre>var data = jsonDecode(response.body); print('User name: \${data['username']}');</pre>
Asynchronous Programming Use async and await for asynchronous API calls		<pre>Future<void> getUserData() async { var response = await http.get(Uri.parse('https://api.example.com/users/1')); var data = jsonDecode(response.body); print('User name: \${data['name']}'); }</void></pre>
Post Data to API	Send data to an API using the POST method	<pre>Future<void> postData() async { var response = await http.post(Uri.parse('https://api.example.com/add'), body: {'name': 'John Doe'}); print('Response status: \${response.statusCode}'); }</void></pre>

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Fetch Data with Headers	Make HTTP requests with additional headers	<pre>Future<void> fetchWithHeaders() async { var response = await http.get(Uri.parse('https://api.example.com/data'), headers: {'Authorization': 'Bearer your_token_here'}); print('Data with headers: \${response.body}'); }</void></pre>	

Introduction to mobile native features in Flutter

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Accessing the Camera	Utilize the native camera functionality via the Flutter plugin	<pre>Future<void> takePicture() async { final cameras = await availableCameras(); final firstCamera = cameras.first; final CameraController controller = CameraController(firstCamera, ResolutionPreset.high); await controller.initialize(); final image = await controller.takePicture(); controller.dispose(); }</void></pre>
Using GPS	Fetch the current location using the geolocation plugin	Position position = await Geolocator.getCurrentPosition(desiredAccuracy: LocationAccuracy.high); print('Current location: \${position.latitude}, \${position.longitude}');
Local Storage	Store data locally using the shared_preferences plugin	SharedPreferences.getInstance(); SharedPreferences.getInstance(); await prefs.setString('username', 'exampleUser');
Accessing Device Sensors	Interact with native device sensors like the accelerometer	<pre>StreamSubscription<dynamic> subscription = AccelerometerEvents.listen((AccelerometerEvent event) { print(event); });</dynamic></pre>
Managing Notifications	Schedule and manage notifications locally on the device	FlutterLocalNotificationsPlugin notificationsPlugin = FlutterLocalNotificationsPlugin(); var androidDetails = AndroidNotificationDetails('channelId', 'channelName', 'channelDescription'); var generalNotificationDetails = NotificationDetails(android: androidDetails); await notificationsPlugin.show(0, 'Test Title', 'Test Body', generalNotificationDetails);

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Managing state in Flutter

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Manage local widget state changes in a StatefulWidget	Provides a way to manage and update the local state of a widget	<pre>setState(() { _counter++; });</pre>
InheritedWidget	Provides a way to pass data down the widget tree and allows descendants to rebuild when the data changes	MyInheritedWidget(data: counter, child: ChildWidget());
GlobalKey and FormState	Utilize GlobalKey to access the state from anywhere in the app, commonly used with forms	<pre>final _formKey = GlobalKey<formstate>(); Form(key: _formKey, child: Column(children: [TextFormField(validator: (value) => value.isEmpty ? 'Cannot be empty' : null), ElevatedButton(onPressed: () { if (_formKey.currentState.validate()) { // Process data } },</formstate></pre>
Provider for state management	A wrapper around InheritedWidget to make state management easier and more efficient	<pre>ChangeNotifierProvider(create: (context) => DataModel(), child: Consumer<datamodel>(builder: (context, dataModel, child) { return Text('\${dataModel.value}'); },),);</datamodel></pre>

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Flutter Persistence with Local Storage

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SharedPreferences	Ideal for simple data such as user preferences and settings	<pre>final prefs = await SharedPreferences.getInstance(); prefs.setInt('counter', 10); int counter = prefs.getInt('counter') ?? 0;</pre>
SQLite	Ideal for structured data and complex queries. It works like a traditional database	
Files	Read/write files for documents or media	
Third-Party Packages	Hive: A fast, NoSQL database for Flutter. LocalStorage: Similar to web local storage, ideal for storing JSON data.	
Initialize Local Storage	Set up the chosen storage method at the start of your app.	<pre>final prefs = await SharedPreferences.getInstance();</pre>
CRUD Operations Implement Create, Read, Update, and Delete functions.		<pre>// Saving data prefs.setInt('counter', 10); // Retrieving data int counter = prefs.getInt('counter') ?? 0; // Deleting data prefs.remove('counter');</pre>
Serialization/Deserialization	Encode and decode data using JSON for complex structures	<pre>import 'dart:convert'; Map userMap = jsonDecode(jsonString); var user = User.fromJson(userMap);</pre>

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Integrating with State Management	Use state management tools (e.g., Provider, Riverpod) to handle local storage updates dynamically in the UI	<pre>class UserProvider with ChangeNotifier { User _user; User get user => _user; void loadUser() { String userJson = storage.getItem('user'); _user = User.fromJson(jsonDecode(userJson)); notifyListeners(); } }</pre>
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Plugins in Flutter

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Using the url_launcher Plugin	Open a URL in the mobile browser from a Flutter app	<pre>if (await canLaunch(url)) { await launch(url); } else { throw 'Could not launch \$url'; }</pre>
Managing Plugin Compatibility	Ensure that plugins are compatible with the version of Flutter you are using	<pre>// Typically handled in your pubspec.yaml by specifying compatible versions dependencies: flutter: sdk: flutter url_launcher: ^6.0.3</pre>
Camera Plugin	Access the device camera to capture photos and videos	<pre>final cameras = await availableCameras(); final firstCamera = cameras.first; final cameraController = CameraController(firstCamera, ResolutionPreset.medium); await cameraController.initialize();</pre>
Audio Players Plugin	Play audio files and streams in Flutter with the Audio Players plugin	<pre>final player = AudioPlayer(); await player.play(UrlSource('https://example.com/audio.mp3'));</pre>
Flutter Maps Plugin	Integrate maps into your Flutter applications using the maps plugin	GoogleMap(onMapCreated: _onMapCreated, initialCameraPosition: CameraPosition(target: LatLng(0.0, 0.0), zoom: 10.0,

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