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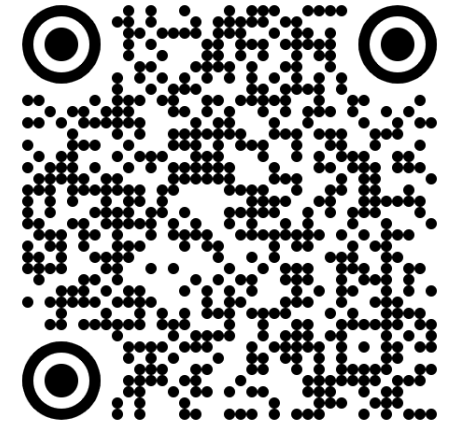
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# IS487 Emerging Topics in IS

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Machine Learning



NLP/MT/ASP  
Data Mining



# Course Info

• **Classes:** Sunday to Wednesday at 3:00 – 3:50 PM

• **Room:** Lab GA13

• **Marks  
distribution**

Assessment	Weight %age	Schedule
<u>Certificate (Coursera)</u>	5	Week 12
Assignment	5%	Week 10
Project	15%	Throughout semester
Mid-Term (Practical)	20%	Week 9
Graded Labs (4 labs)	10%	Throughout semester
Attendance	5%	
Final Exam	40%	



TIME TO START



# What we will learn

1. Foundation & Flutter Mindset
2. Crafting Beautiful & Responsive UI
3. Making Apps Interactive & Dynamic
4. Build Multi-Screen Experience
5. Working with Real Data
6. Tapping into Native Device Features
7. Polishing and Publishing Apps

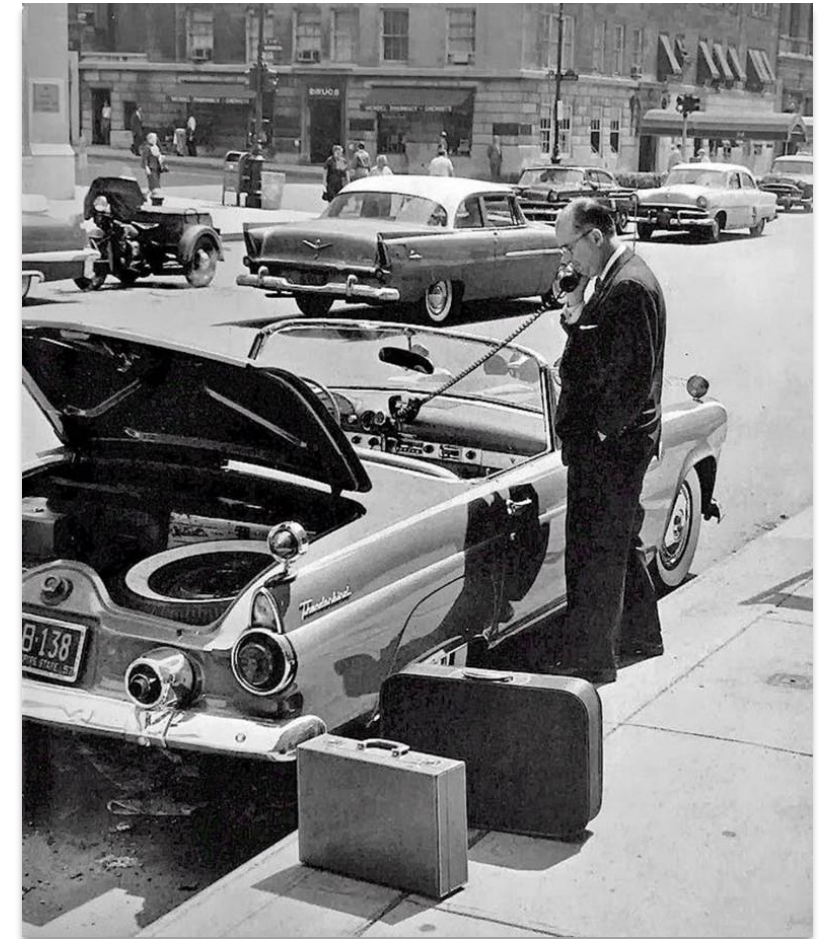
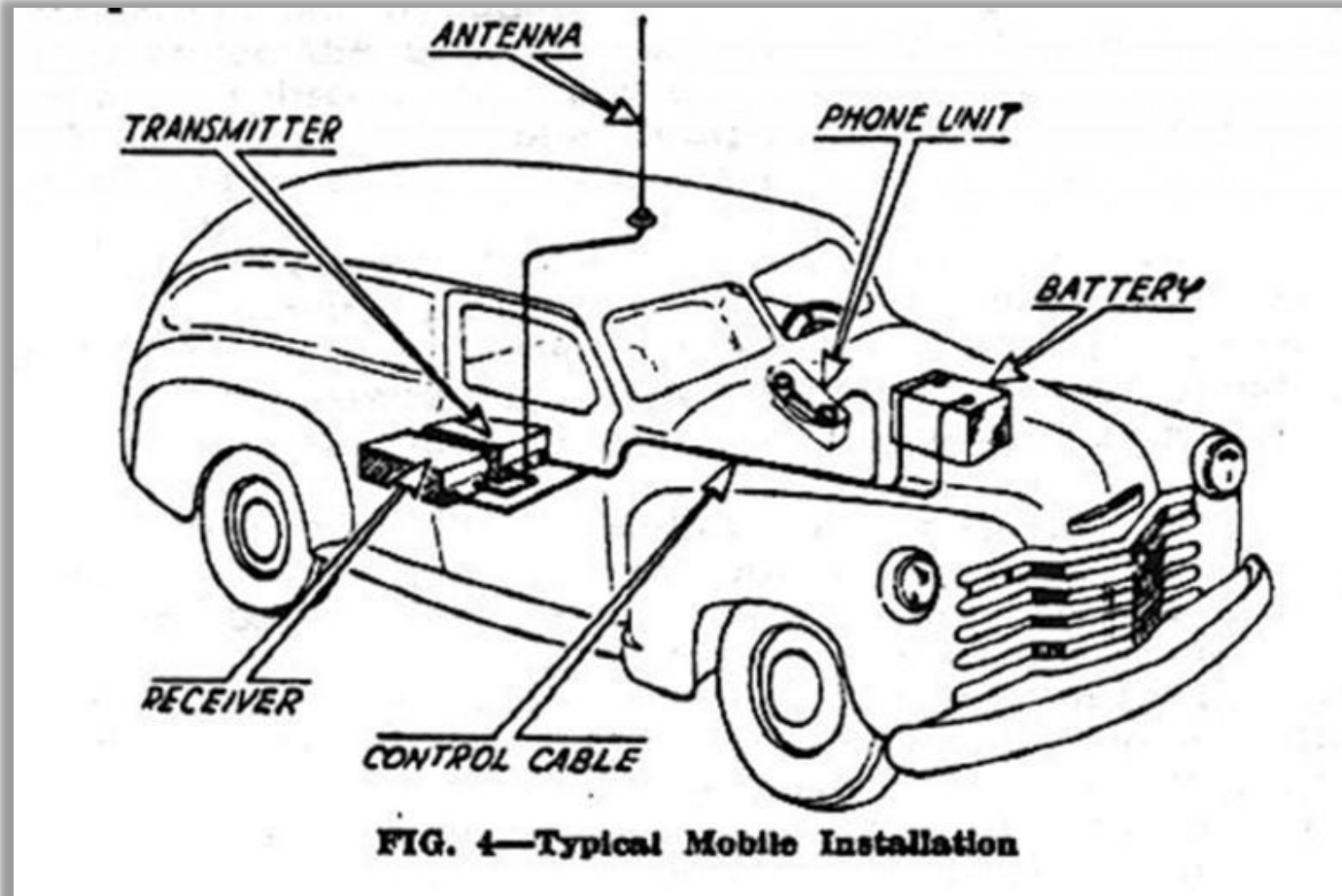
# What is Mobile App Development?

- Process of **creating applications** for **portable devices**

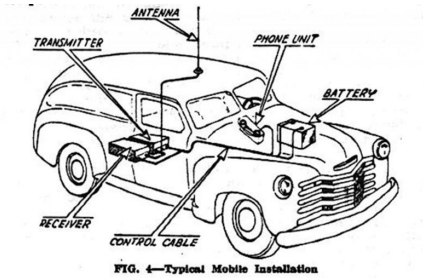
**Portable Devices: Compact lightweight computing devices that can be easily carried around**

- Smartphones, tablets, smartwatches, e-readers, gaming consoles, ...
- Entertainment and work on the move

# Mobile Devices History



# Portable Device Evolution



2007



# Portable Device Evolution

- **Early Days**

- PDA & mobile offering basic functionalities: contacts, Voice calls

- **Modern Era**

- Modern devices: high resolution screens, extensive connectivity

- **Future Trends**

- High speed connectivity, AR, VR, AI, DA, ...

# Operating Systems

- Android
- iOS
- Harmony
- Windows
- BlackBerry
- Palm OS
- Symbian
- ...



# Impact & Key Features

- Mobility
- Connectivity
- Versatility
- Digital Social life
- Video Calls and Meetings
- Health management
- Productivity
- Work on the Go
- Games, movies, ...
- Education and Learning

# Hardware

- Processors
  - ARM Processors: high performance & low power
- RAM
  - 2 to 12 GB
- Storage
  - Flash memory, SD cards
- Display: LCD, OLED
- Touchscreen: capacitive, resistive



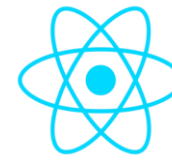
# Platforms and Languages



Flutter



Xamarin



React Native



Kotlin

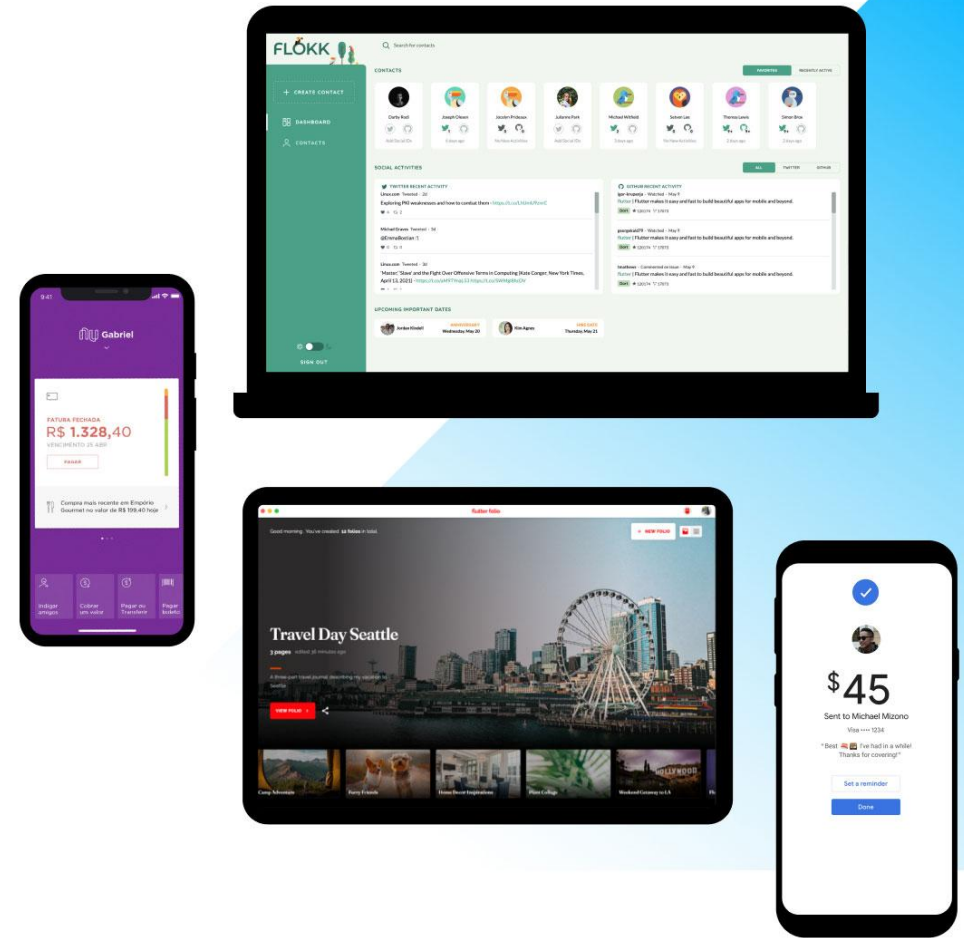


Dart



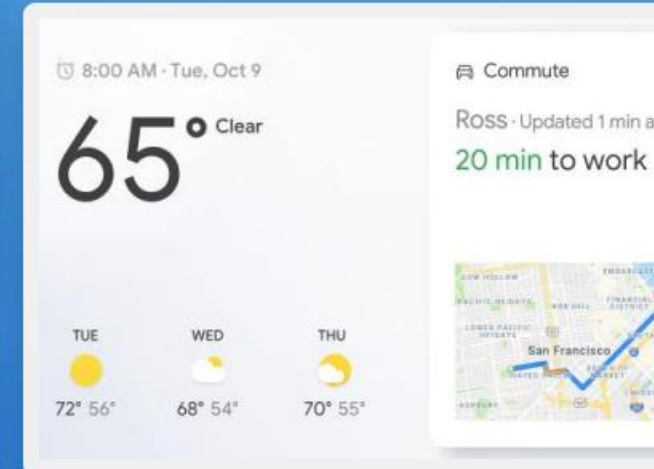
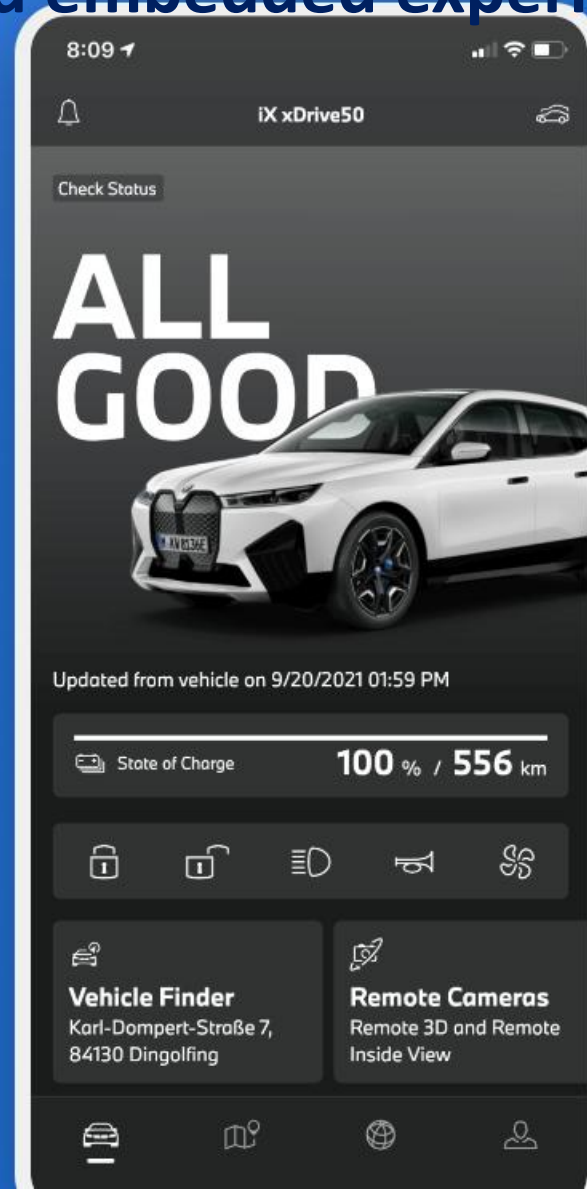
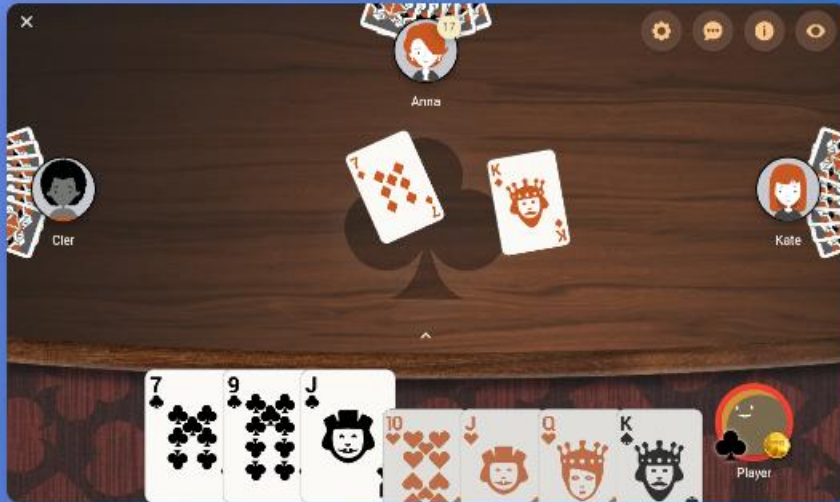
# Flutter since 2017

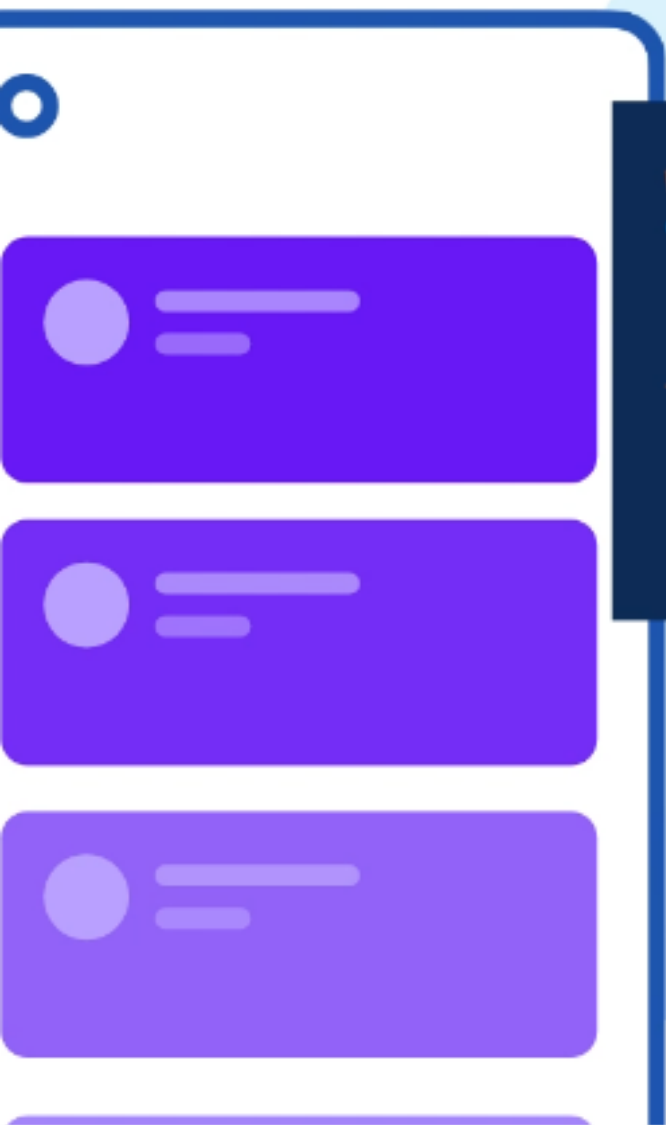
- Cross platform UI toolkit for mobile, web & desktop
- Single Codebase - Dart
- High performance
- Beautiful Uis
- Fast development



# Build for any screen

Flutter transforms the development process. Build, test, and deploy beautiful mobile, web, desktop, and embedded experiences from a single codebase.





```
Widget build(BuildContext  
context) {  
  return Scaffold(  
    appBar: AppBar(  
      title: const  
Text('Composition FTW!'),  
    ),  
    body: ...  
  );  
}
```

## Fast

Flutter code compiles to ARM or Intel machine code as well as JavaScript, for fast performance on any device.

[Try it in DartPad](#)





## Productive

Build and iterate quickly with Hot Reload. Update code and see changes almost instantly, without losing state.

[Try it in DartPad](#)



```
Scaffold(  
  appBar: AppBar(  
    title: const Text('Automatic adaptivity!'),  
  ),  
  body: ...  
)
```

## Flexible

Control every pixel to create customized, adaptive designs that look and feel great on any screen.

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# Setup Development Environment

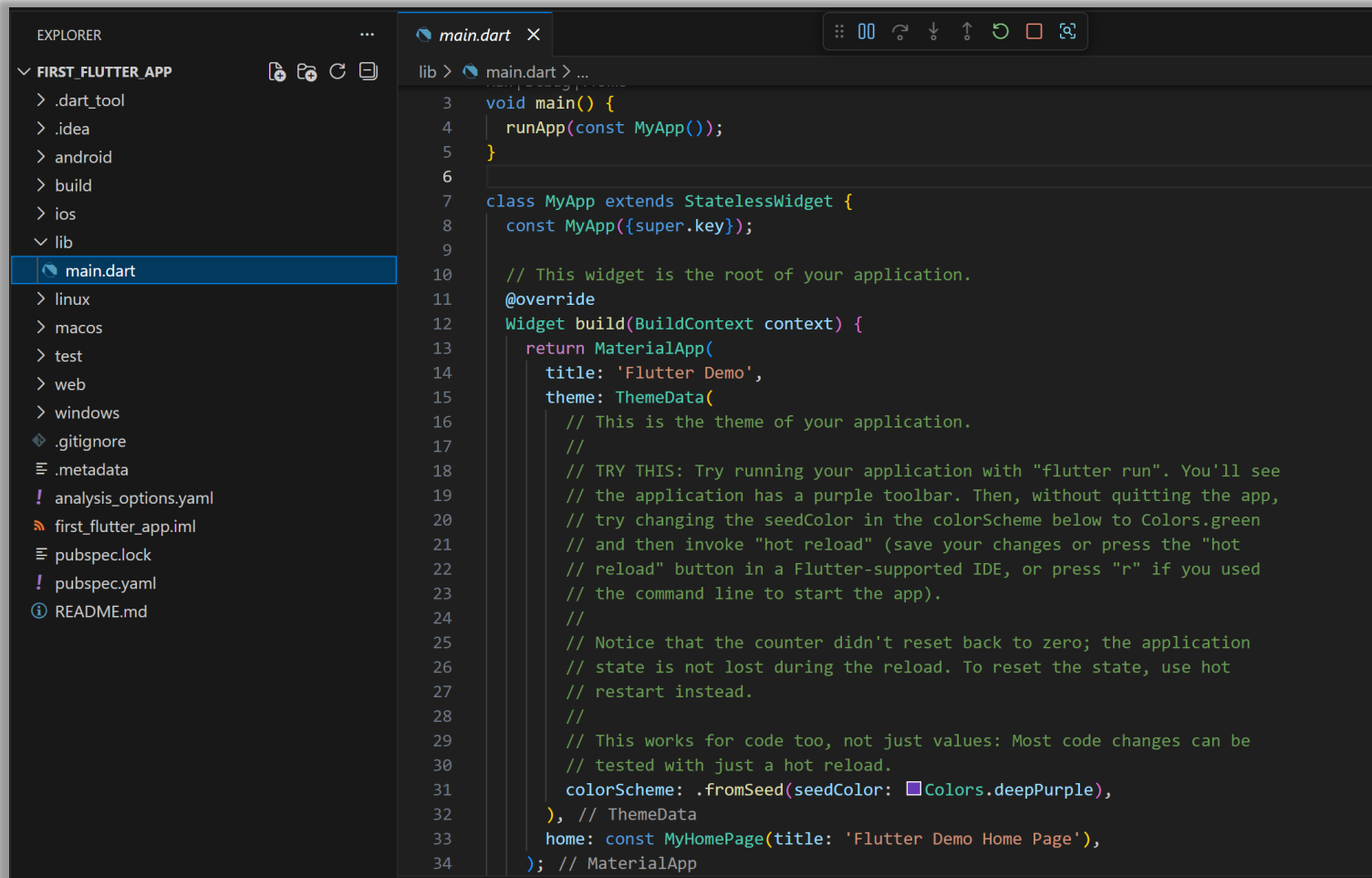
1. Download and install GIT - [Download](#)
2. Download and install VS Code - [download](#)
3. Download and install Android Studio - [download](#)
4. Download Flutter - [Download](#)
  1. Unzip the files to %USERPROFILE%\development
  2. Add %USERPROFILE%\development\flutter\bin to the Path (Environment Variable)

# Setup and Test Flutter

- Open Command Prompt and run following commands
  - `$ flutter --version`
  - `$ dart --version`
- Check Flutter development environment
  - `$ flutter doctor`

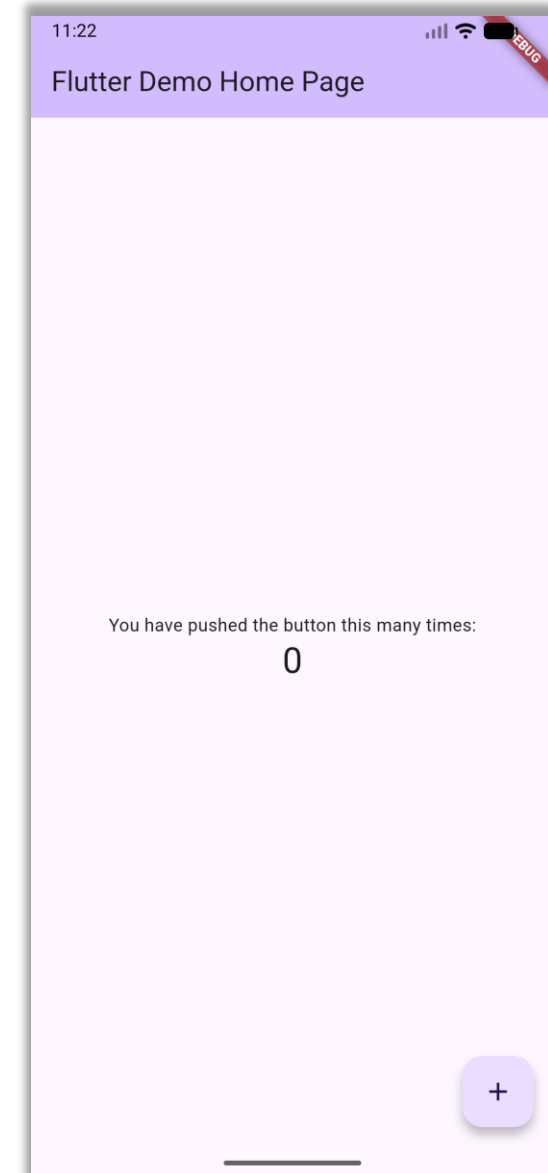


# First App



```

lib > main.dart > ...
3 void main() {
4   runApp(const MyApp());
5 }
6
7 class MyApp extends StatelessWidget {
8   const MyApp({super.key});
9
10  // This widget is the root of your application.
11  @override
12  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
13    return MaterialApp(
14      title: 'Flutter Demo',
15      theme: ThemeData(
16        // This is the theme of your application.
17        //
18        // TRY THIS: Try running your application with "flutter run". You'll see
19        // the application has a purple toolbar. Then, without quitting the app,
20        // try changing the seedColor in the colorScheme below to Colors.green
21        // and then invoke "hot reload" (save your changes or press the "hot
22        // reload" button in a Flutter-supported IDE, or press "r" if you used
23        // the command line to start the app).
24        //
25        // Notice that the counter didn't reset back to zero; the application
26        // state is not lost during the reload. To reset the state, use hot
27        // restart instead.
28        //
29        // This works for code too, not just values: Most code changes can be
30        // tested with just a hot reload.
31        colorScheme: .fromSeed(seedColor: Colors.deepPurple),
32      ), // ThemeData
33      home: const MyHomePage(title: 'Flutter Demo Home Page'),
34    ); // MaterialApp
  
```



# Project Folders Explained

android – Folder for **Android** App's specific files.

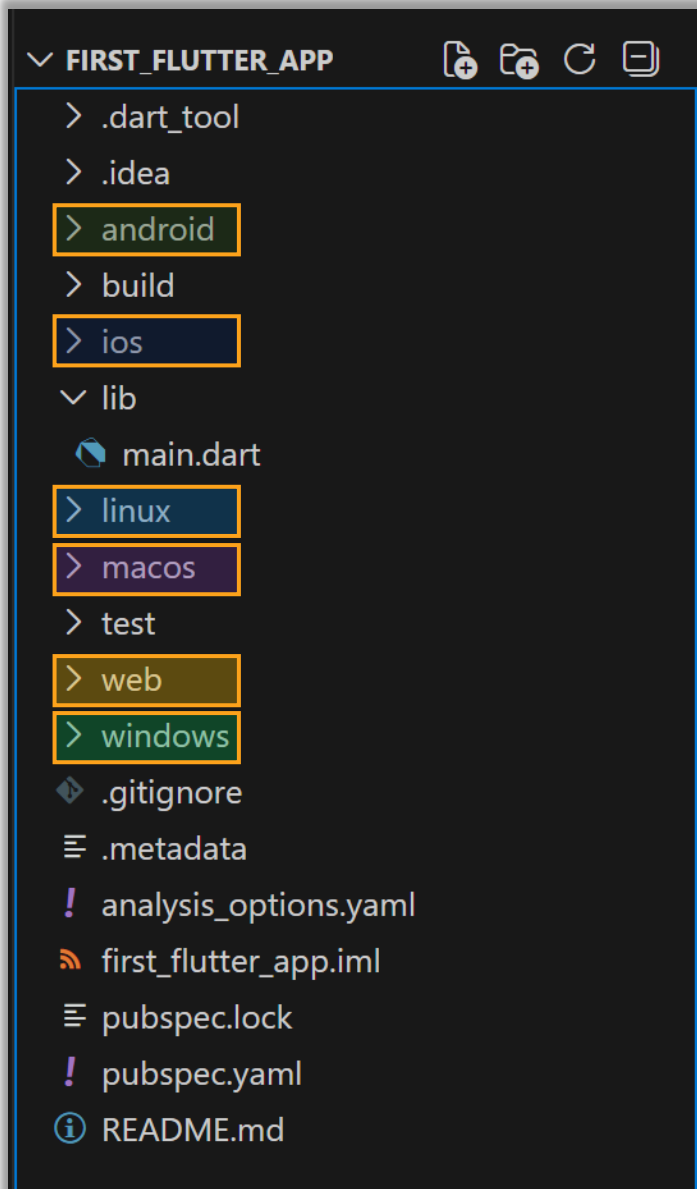
iso – Folder for **iOS** App's specific files.

linux – Folder for **Linux** App's specific files.

macos – Folder for **MACOS** App's specific files.

web – Folder for **Web** App's specific files.

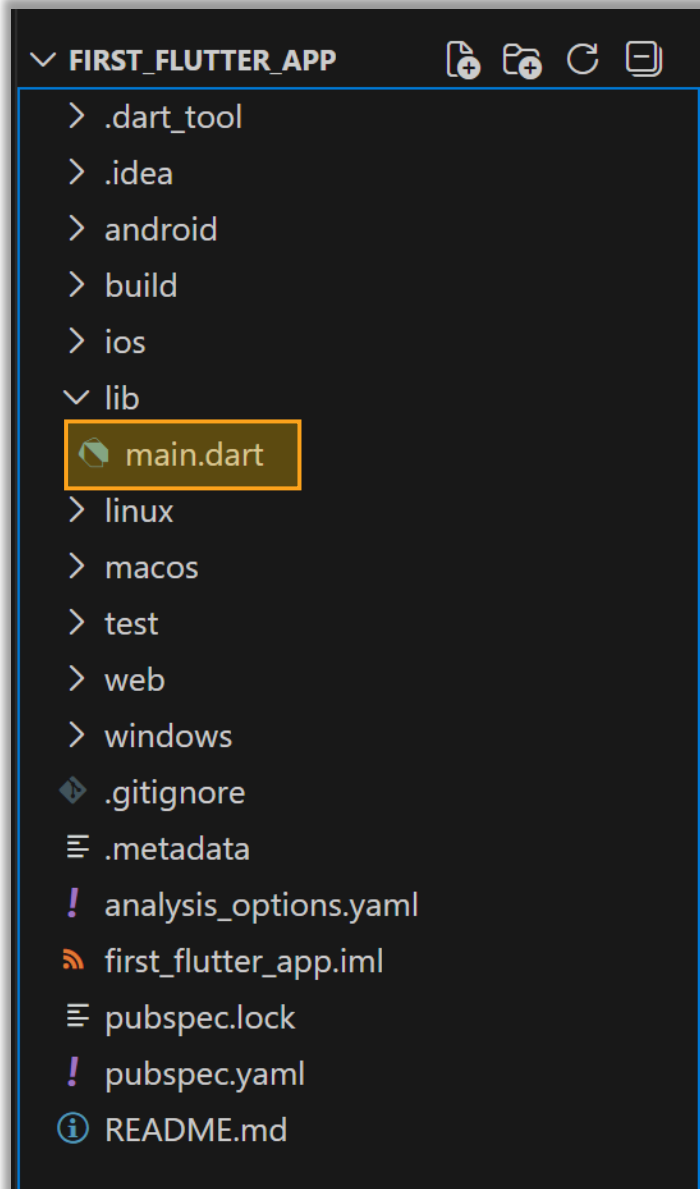
windows – Folder for **Windows** App's specific files.



# Files Explained

## main.dart

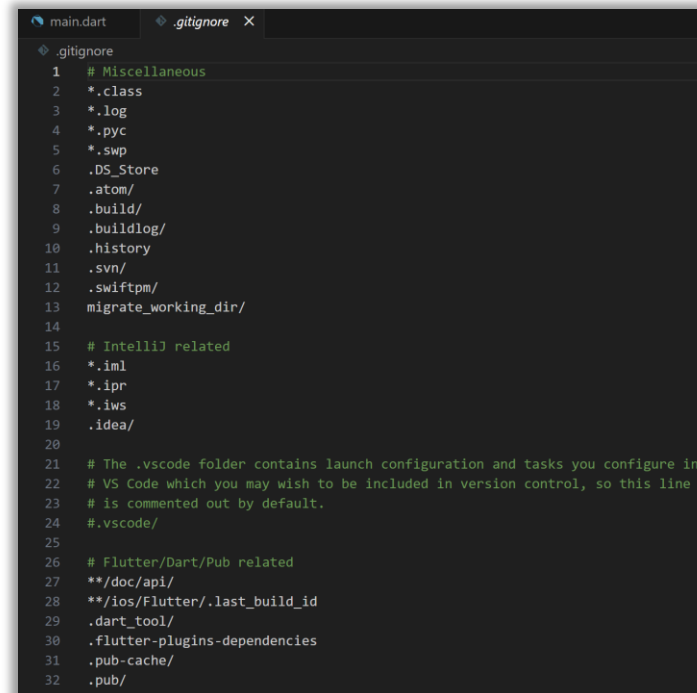
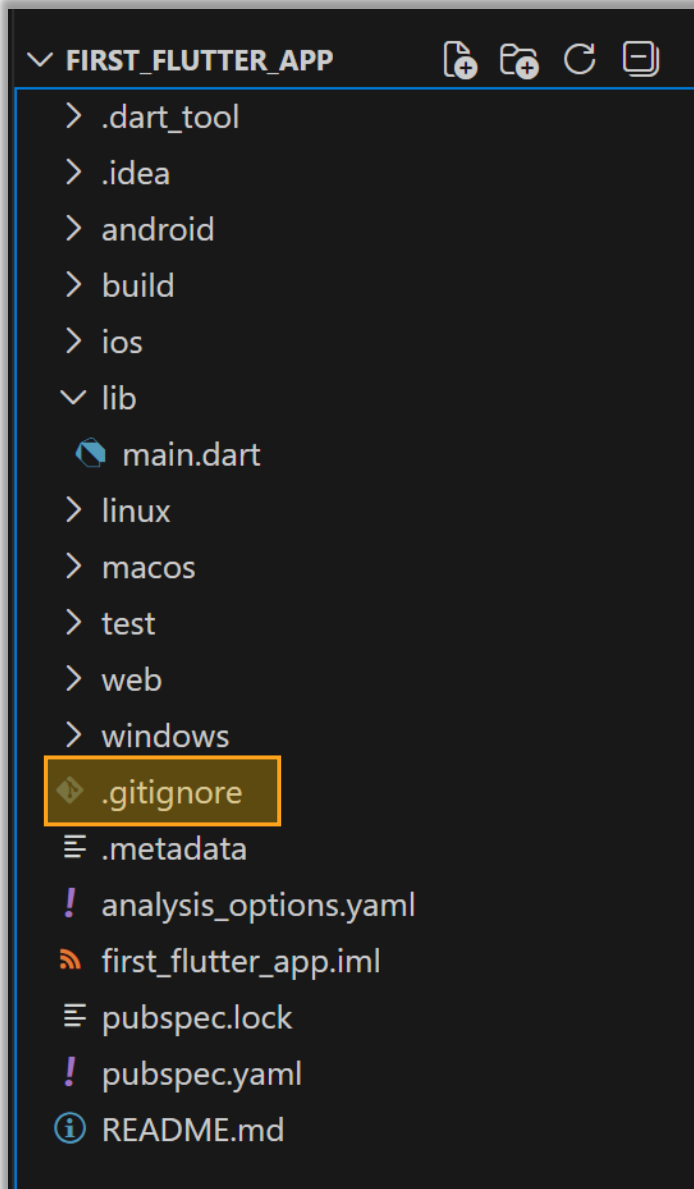
- Main file containing **main()** method
- **Entry point** of the App
- Crucial for initialization of Flutter environment and launching UI



# Files Explained

## .gitignore

- Used to tell GIT to ignore the files



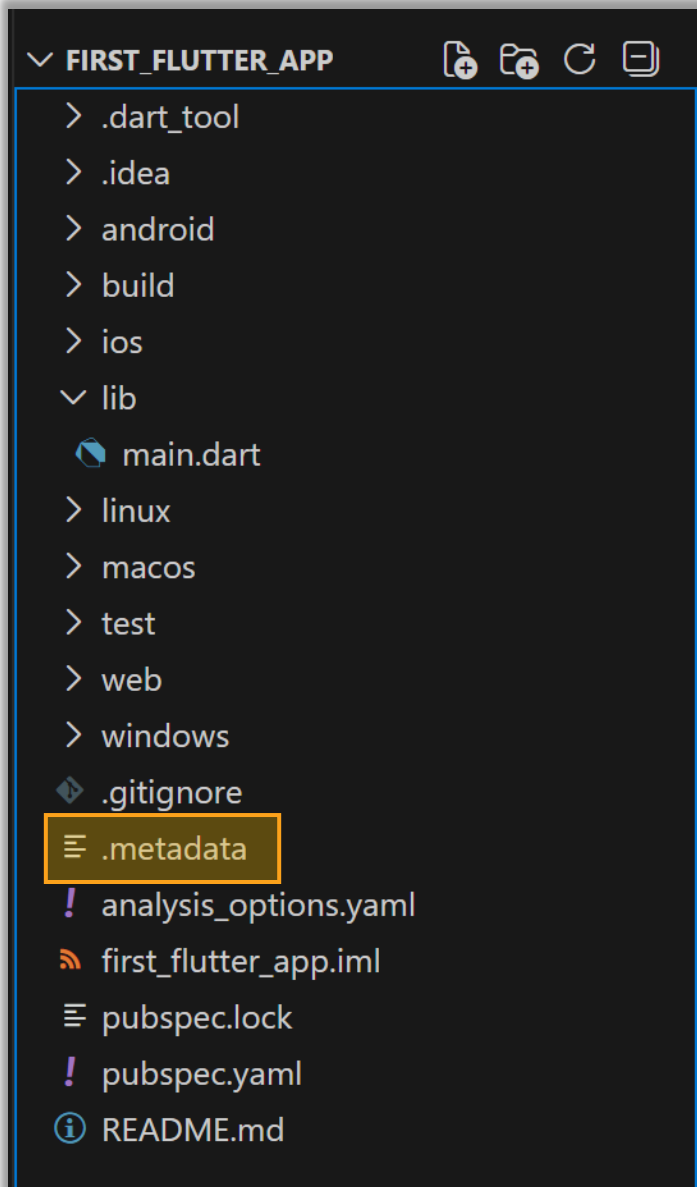
```
1 # Miscellaneous
2 *.class
3 *.log
4 *.pyc
5 *.swp
6 .DS_Store
7 .atom/
8 .build/
9 .buildlog/
10 .history
11 .svn/
12 .swiftpm/
13 migrate_working_dir/
14
15 # IntelliJ related
16 *.iml
17 *.ipr
18 *.iws
19 .idea/
20
21 # The .vscode folder contains launch configuration and tasks you configure in
22 # VS Code which you may wish to be included in version control, so this line
23 # is commented out by default.
24 #.vscode/
25
26 # Flutter/Dart/Pub related
27 **/doc/api/
28 **/ios/Flutter/.last_build_id
29 .dart_tool/
30 .flutter-plugins-dependencies
31 .pub-cache/
32 .pub/
```



# Files Explained

## .metadata

- Properties of project

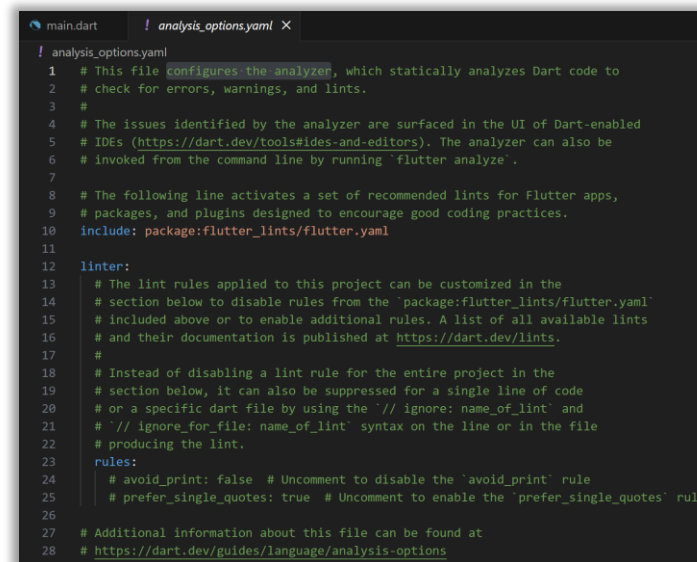
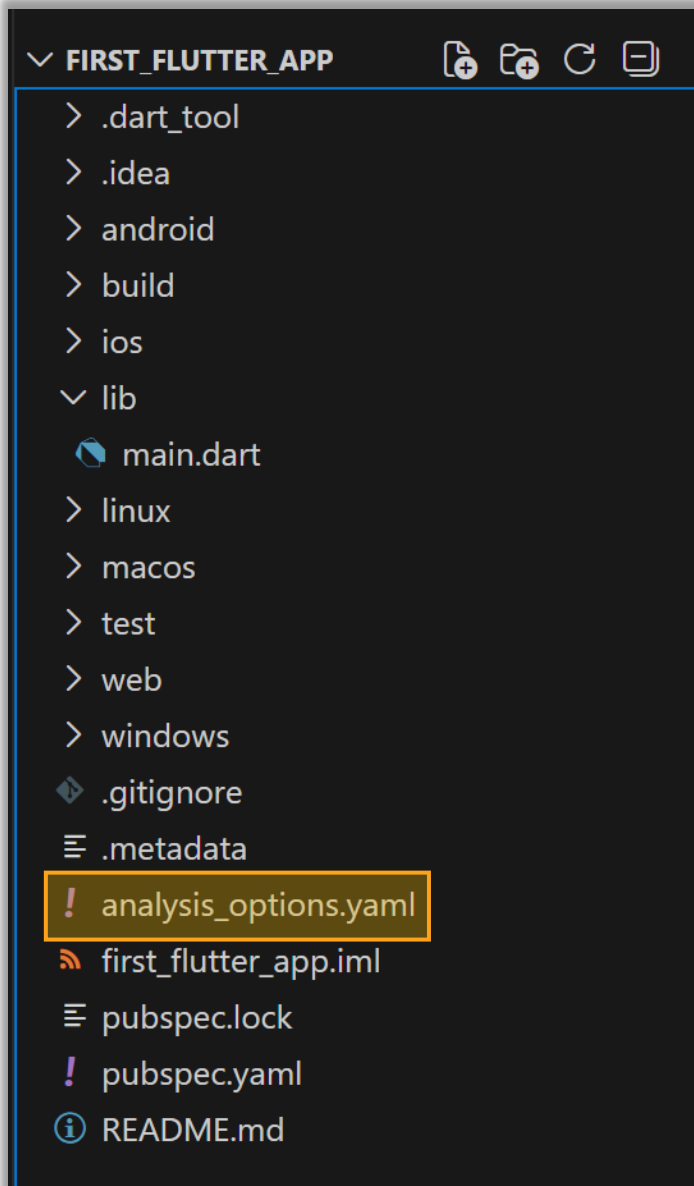


```
! .metadata
1  # This file tracks properties of this Flutter project.
2  # Used by Flutter tool to assess capabilities and perform upgrades etc.
3  #
4  # This file should be version controlled and should not be manually edited.
5
6  version:
7    revision: "19074d12f7eaf6a8180cd4036a430c1d76de904e"
8    channel: "stable"
9
10 project_type: app
11
12 # Tracks metadata for the flutter migrate command
13 migration:
14   platforms:
15     - platform: root
16       create_revision: 19074d12f7eaf6a8180cd4036a430c1d76de904e
17       base_revision: 19074d12f7eaf6a8180cd4036a430c1d76de904e
18     - platform: android
19       create_revision: 19074d12f7eaf6a8180cd4036a430c1d76de904e
20       base_revision: 19074d12f7eaf6a8180cd4036a430c1d76de904e
21     - platform: ios
22       create_revision: 19074d12f7eaf6a8180cd4036a430c1d76de904e
23       base_revision: 19074d12f7eaf6a8180cd4036a430c1d76de904e
24     - platform: linux
25       create_revision: 19074d12f7eaf6a8180cd4036a430c1d76de904e
26       base_revision: 19074d12f7eaf6a8180cd4036a430c1d76de904e
27     - platform: macos
28       create_revision: 19074d12f7eaf6a8180cd4036a430c1d76de904e
29       base_revision: 19074d12f7eaf6a8180cd4036a430c1d76de904e
30     - platform: web
31       create_revision: 19074d12f7eaf6a8180cd4036a430c1d76de904e
32       base_revision: 19074d12f7eaf6a8180cd4036a430c1d76de904e
```

# Files Explained

## Analysis\_options.yaml

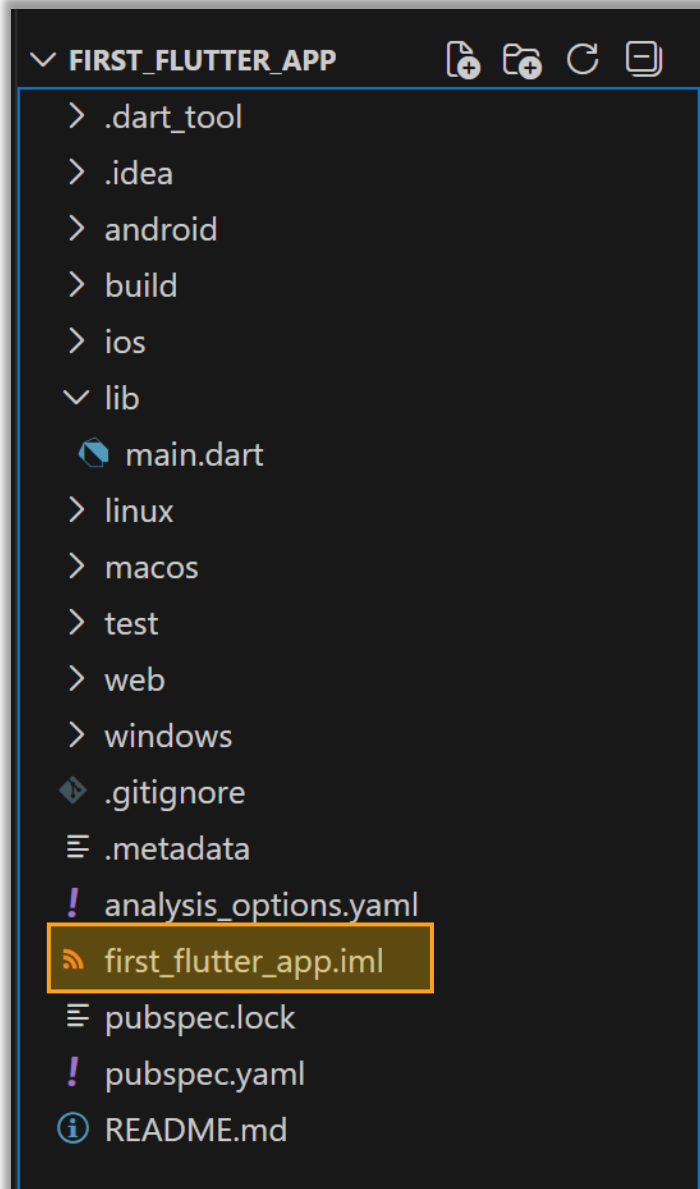
- configures the code analyzer



# Files Explained

## First\_flutter\_app.imp

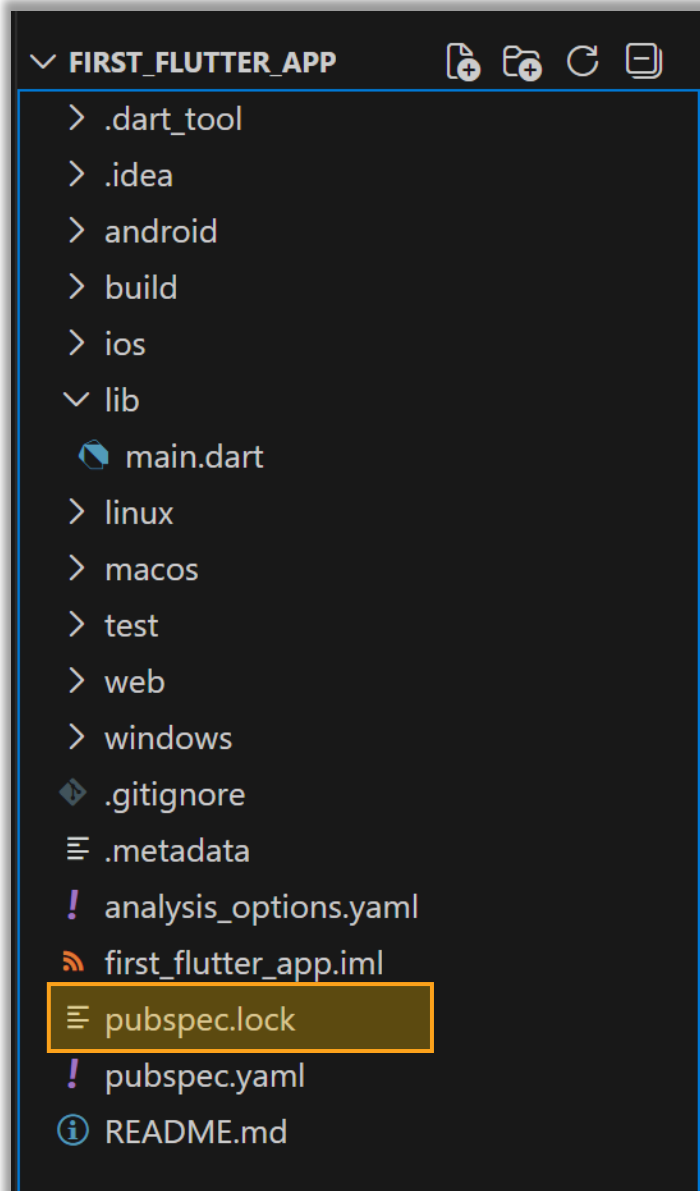
- Stores information about the project's structure, modules, paths, and dependencies for the IDE



# Files Explained

## pubspec.lock

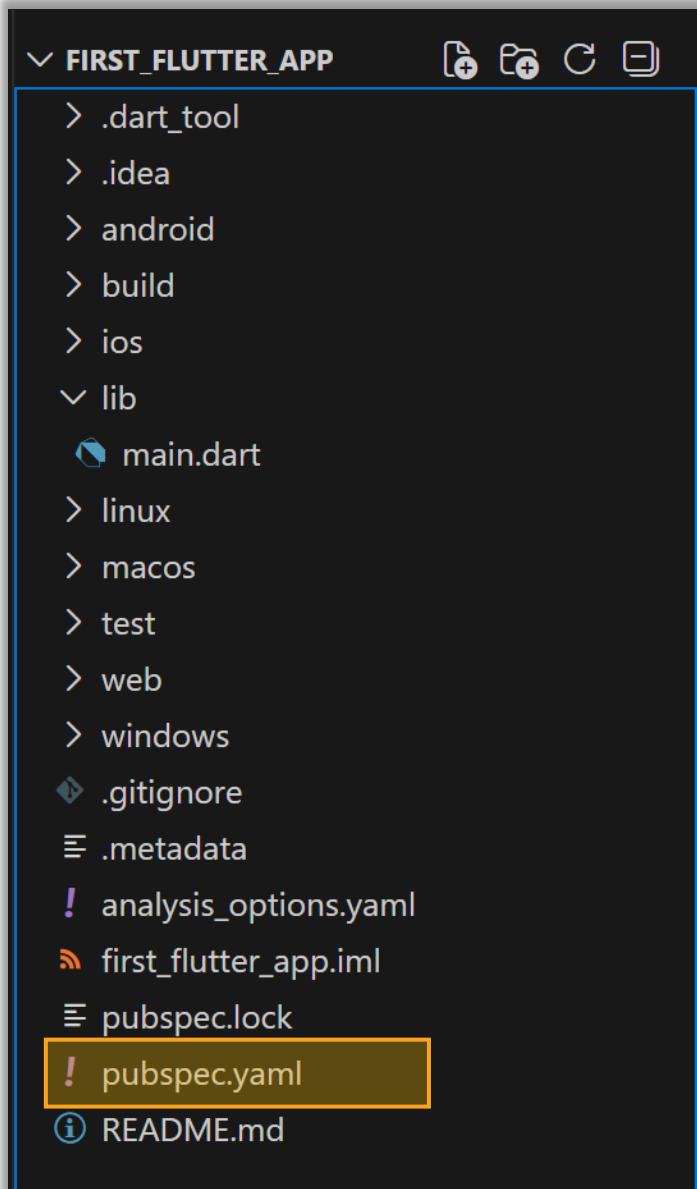
- Stores project dependencies with specific version used in App
- Auto generated by **pubspec.yaml**



# Files Explained

## pubspec.yaml

- Manifest of the project
- Essential Metadata
  - Name, description
  - Dependencies and versions
- Project Settings
- Resources declaration

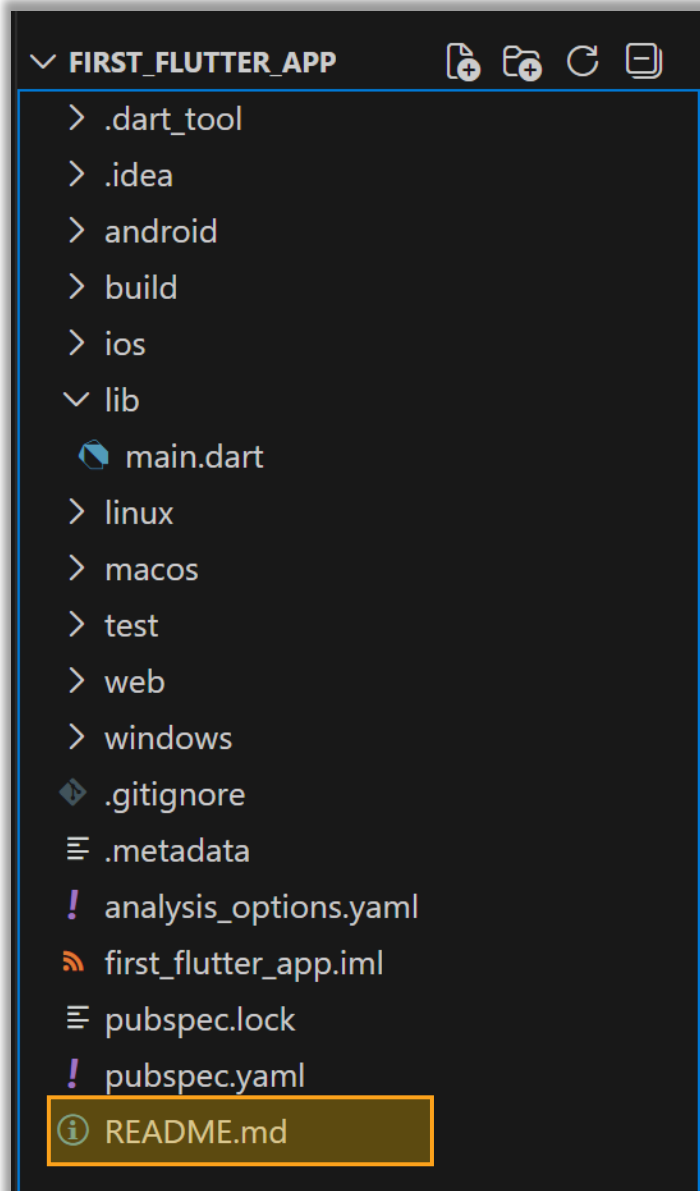




# Files Explained

## README.md

- Read me file that explain the project



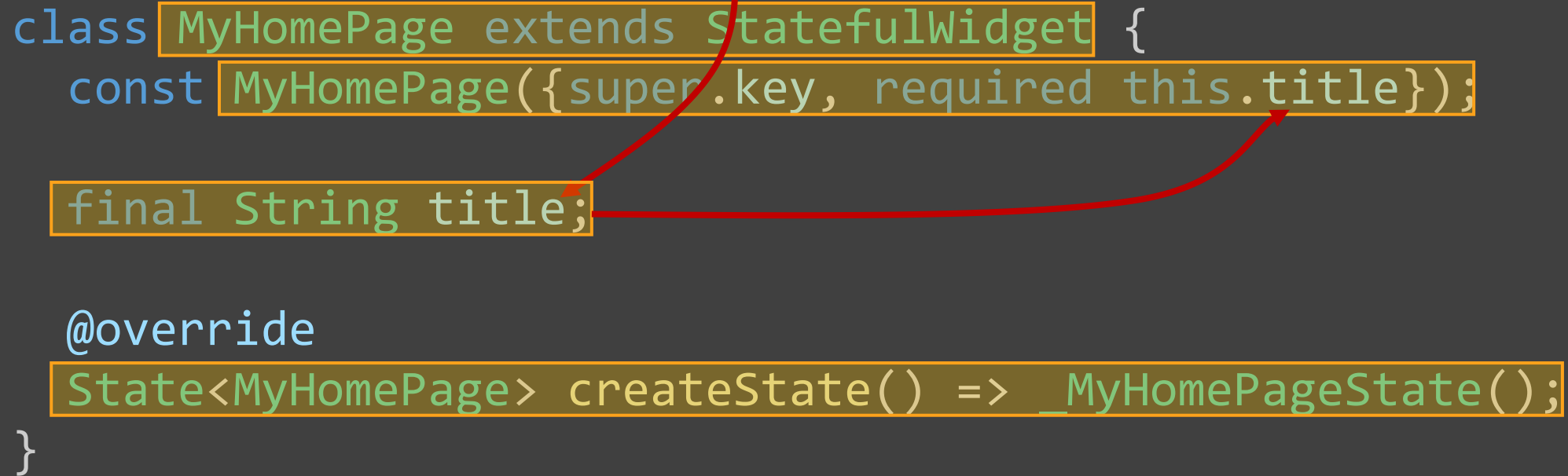
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void main() {  
  runApp(const MyApp());  
}
```

# main.dart

```
class MyApp extends StatelessWidget {  
  const MyApp({super.key});  
  @override  
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {  
    return MaterialApp(  
      title: 'Flutter Demo',  
      theme: ThemeData(  
        colorScheme: .fromSeed(seedColor: Colors.deepPurple),  
      ),  
      home: const MyHomePage(title: 'Flutter Demo Home Page'),  
    );  
  }  
}
```

```
home: const MyHomePage(title: 'Flutter Demo Home Page')
```

```
class MyHomePage extends StatefulWidget {  
  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: AppBar(  
      backgroundColor: Theme.of(context).colorScheme.inversePrimary,  
      title: Text(widget.title),  
    ),  
    body: Center(  
      child: Column(  
        mainAxisAlignment: .center,  
        children: [  
          const Text('You have pushed the button this many times:'),  
          Text(  
            '$_counter',  
            style: Theme.of(context).textTheme.headlineMedium,  
          ),  
        ],  
      ),  
    ),  
    floatingActionButton: FloatingActionButton(  
      onPressed: _incrementCounter,  
      tooltip: 'Increment',  
      child: const Icon(Icons.add),  
    ),  
  );  
}
```



# References

- <https://flutter.dev/>