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MPL Assignment No. 01

Q1. Explain the key features and advantages of using flutter for mobile app development.

→ Flutter is a popular open-source UI toolkit developed by Google for building natively compiled applications for mobile (ios & Android) web and desktop from a single codebase.

⇒ Key features of flutter:-

1. Single codebase: Write once, run on multiple platform (ios, Android web, desktop).
2. Dart Programming language:- Uses Dart, which is optimized for fast performance and ahead-of-time (AOT) compilation.
3. Hot Reload: Instantly reflects changes in the app without restarting, making development faster and more efficient.
4. Rich Widget Library: Provides a vast collection of customizable widgets that support Material design and Cupertino styles for a native look and feel.

⇒ Advantages of using flutter:

1. Faster development Time: Hot reload and a single codebase reduce development effort and time.

2. cost effective :- Since developers write one codebase for multiple platforms, it reduces costs associated with maintaining separate teams for ios & Android.
3. Consistent UI :- flutter sends everything using its own engine, ensuring a uniform look across devices.

Q1. b) Discuss how the flutter framework differs from traditional approaches ? and why it has gained popularity in the developer community?

→ flutter uses a single codebase for multiple platforms, unlike traditional native development that requires separate code for ios (swift) & Android (Kotlin). It does not rely on platform-specific UI components but instead renders everything using its own skia graphic engine, ensuring consistency. Unlike React Native, which uses a Javascript bridge, flutter compiles directly to native ARM code, offering better performance. Its hot reload feature allows developers to see changes instantly, making development faster & more efficient.

Flutter has gained popularity due to its faster development, cost efficiency, & cross platform support. Business prefers it as it reduces development apps. Its customizable widget system ensures a smooth native like experience.

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2. a) Describe the concept of the widget tree in flutter. Explain the widget composition is used to build complex UI.

→ In flutter, everything is a widget (button, text, layout etc). These widgets are arranged in a hierarchical structure known as the widget tree. The widget tree determines the UI.

- Widget composition to build complex UI:-
- flutter encourages a composition-based approach rather than inheritance.
- Instead of creating large, monolithic widget, developers build small, reusable widget that are combined to form complex UIs.
- ex. A column widget can hold multiple text & button widget, creating a structured layout.

Q2. b) Provide ex of commonly used widgets & their roles in creating a widget tree.

→ 1) Structural widget,

- scaffold : Provide basic structure of a screen.
- container : Used for layout styling.
- column & Row : Used for vertical & horizontal layout.

2) Interactive widget

- Text field : for user input
- Elevated Button : Clickable buttons.

3) Styling widget,

- Padding: Adds spacing around widget.
- Align, centre: Adjust alignment.

4) List & scrollable widget.

- ListView: Scrollable list
- GridView: Provide / display items in Grid.

ex:- Simple widget Tree

scaffold (

appBar: AppBar(title: Text("Flutter App")),

body: Column (

children: [

Text("Welcome to flutter"),

ElevatedButton(onPressed: () {}, child:

Text("Click Me")),

],

),

);

Q3 a) Discuss the importance of state management in flutter application.

→ Importance of state management in flutter application state management refers to handling dynamic data that changes overtime.

- In flutter, the UI rebuilds when the state changes, ensuring the app remains interactive & responsive proper state management helps in performance, optimization, code maintainability & better UI behaviour.

- b) Compare and contrast the different state management in flutter approaches available in flutter, such as setState, provider & Riverpod, provide scenarios where each approach is suitable.
- Comparison of state management Approaches in flutter
- | Approach | Description | Suitable Scenarios |
|----------|---|--|
| setState | Basic state management by calling setState() to update UI | Small apps, simple UI updates (eg toggling a switch) |
| Provider | Uses Inherited widget to efficiently manage state across the widget tree | Medium sized apps needing global state sharing (eg, user authentication) |
| Riverpod | More scalable than Provider with improved dependency injection & state handling | Large, complex apps requiring modular & scalable state management (eg. e-commerce apps). |

- Q4 a) Explain the process of integrating firebase with a flutter application.
Discuss the benefits of using firebase as a backend solution.

- Integrating firebase with flutter & its benefits:-
- Integration Process:
- Setup firebase Console:

Create a firebase project

Register the App for Android & ios

Download & app google-services.json (Android) or google service-info.plist (ios)

Install firebase dependencies:

yaml

dependencies:

firebase-core: latest-version

firebase-auth: latest-version

cloud_firestore: latest-version

Initialize Firebase in flutter

dart

```
void main() async {  
  widget Flutter Binding.ensureInitialized();  
  await firebase.initializeApp();  
  runApp(MyApp());  
}
```

Benefits :-

No need to manage servers (Backend-as-a-service)
Provide authentication database & cloud function
scalable & cost-effective.

Q4. b) Highlight the firebase services commonly used in flutter development & provide brief overview of how data synchronization is achieved.

→ commonly used firebase services in flutter & data synchronization service functionality.
firebase authentication NoSQL database for real-time data syncing. firebase storage upload & manage files (images, videos) cloud messaging push notifications, firebase Analytics app usage analytics.

Data Synchronization in firebase :

firebase allows real-time data syncing using snapshot listener.

ex, of real-time listener in firebase :
dart

```
firebaseFirestore.instance.collection('message').  
snapshots().
```

```
listen('snapshot') {
```

```
  for (var doc in snapshot.docs) {
```

```
    print(doc.data());
```

```
  }
```

```
});
```

