Bloc (`flutter_bloc`)

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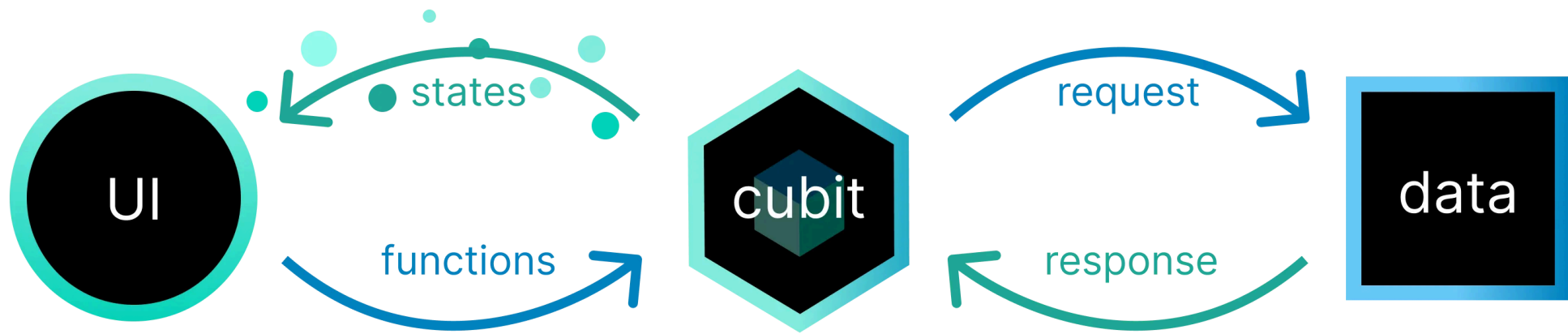
Overview

- Introduction to `bloc`

- How does `bloc` work?

- Getting under the hood 🔍

- Advanced `bloc`

- Summary

BLoC ?

- **B**usiness **Lo**gic **C**omponent
- Goal:
  - Simplify State Management
  - Providing a structured way for the flow of events and data
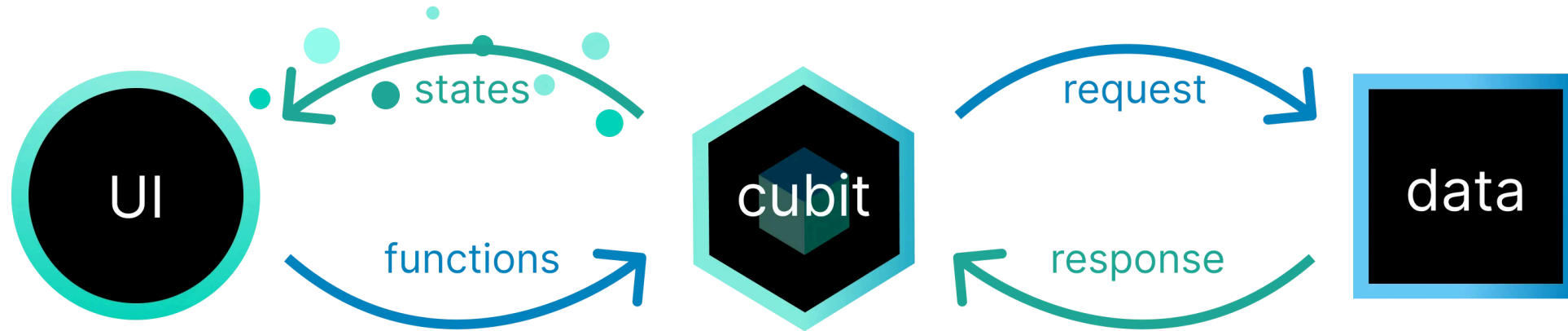
What is BLoC ?

Why use `BLoC`?

- State management is hard.
- `bloc` is simple.

But how?

- What is this `cubit` and how do I create one?

How to define a cubit

```
class CounterCubit extends Cubit<int> {
  CounterCubit() : super(0);

  void increment() => emit(state + 1);
  void decrement() => emit(state - 1);
}
```

Using a `cubit` : Initialization

```dart
class App extends StatelessWidget {
  const App({super.key});

  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return MaterialApp(
      home: BlocProvider(
        create: (context) => CounterCubit(),
        child: const IndexPage(),
      ),
      // ...
    );
  }
}
```

Using a `cubit` : Getting the value
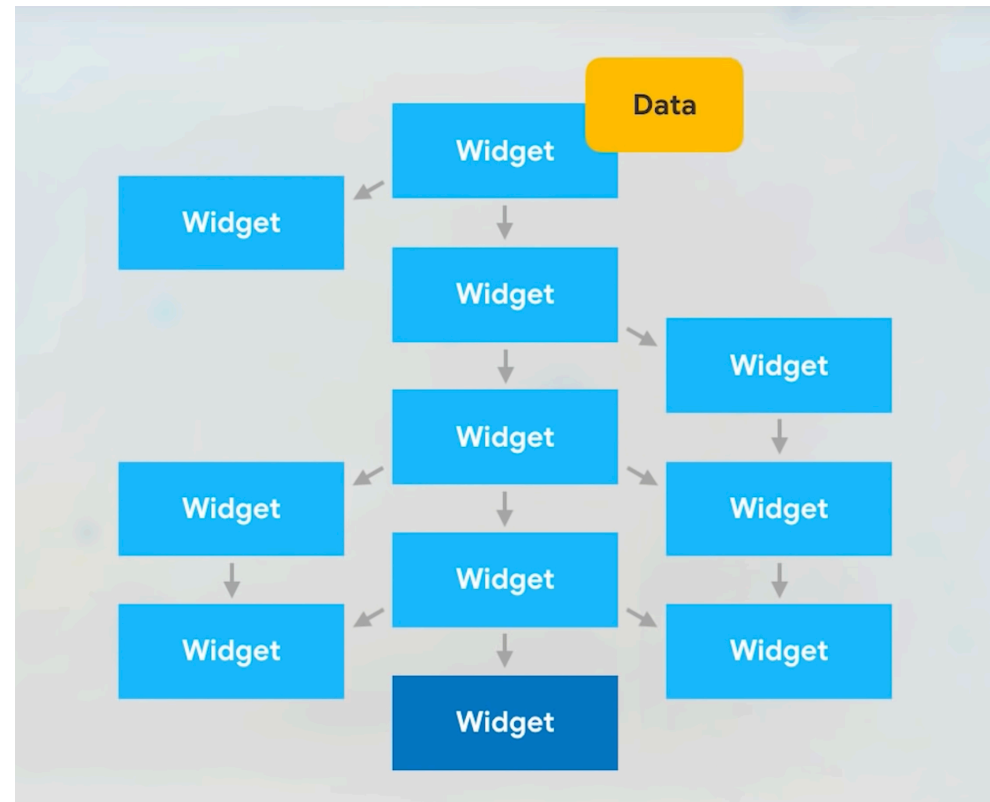
```dart
// ...
class Counter extends StatelessWidget {
  const Counter({super.key});

  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return BlocBuilder<CounterCubit, int>(
      builder: (context, state) => Text('Current counter: $state'),
    );
  }
}
// ...
```
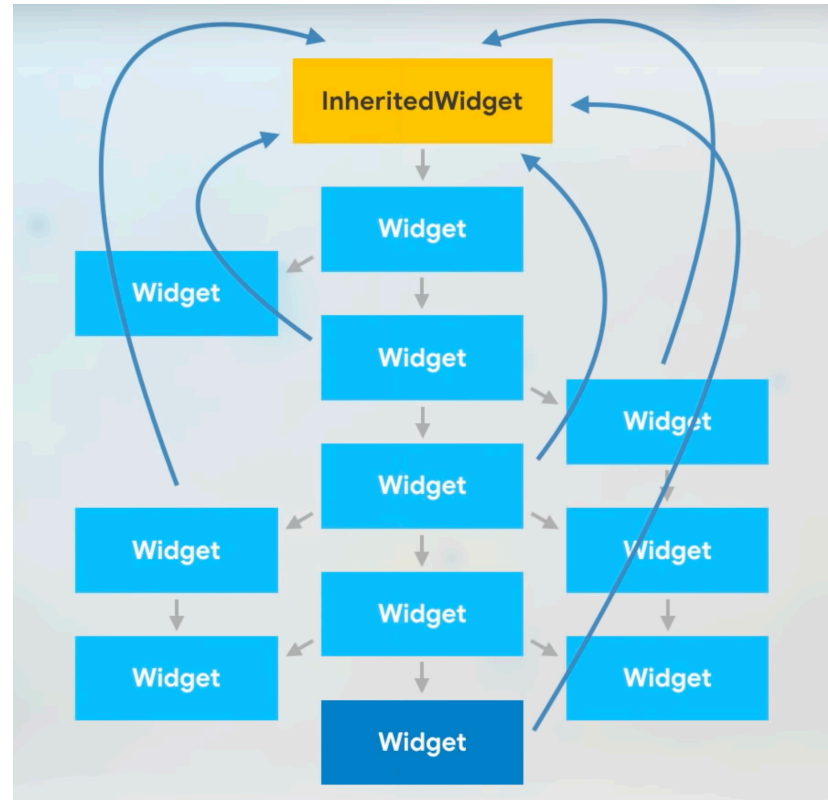
Using a `cubit` : Sending an event

```
// ...
void _increment(BuildContext context) => context.read<CounterCubit>().increment();
// ...
```

How does it work?

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Let's build our own 🚀

- State management libraries aren't black magic.

```dart
class SimpleState<T> {
  T _value;
  final StreamController<T> _streamController;

  SimpleState(value)
      : _value = value,
        _streamController = StreamController.broadcast() {
    _streamController.onListen = () => _streamController.add(_value);
  }

  emit(T value) {
    _value = value;
    _streamController.add(_value);
  }

  T get value => _value;

  Stream<T> get stream => _streamController.stream;
}
```

```dart
class SimpleStateProvider<T extends SimpleState> extends InheritedWidget {
  final T state;

  const SimpleStateProvider({
    super.key,
    required this.state,
    required super.child,
  });

  @override
  bool updateShouldNotify(covariant InheritedWidget oldWidget) {
    return false;
  }

  static SimpleStateProvider<T>? maybeOf<T extends SimpleState>(
      BuildContext context) {
    return context.dependOnInheritedWidgetOfExactType<SimpleStateProvider<T>>();
  }

  static SimpleStateProvider<T> of<T extends SimpleState>(
      BuildContext context) {
    final result = maybeOf<T>(context);
    assert(result != null, 'No SimpleStateProvider found in context');
    return result!;
  }
}
```

```dart
class SimpleStateBuilder<T extends SimpleState<S>, S> extends StatelessWidget {
  final Widget Function(BuildContext, S?) _builder;

  const SimpleStateBuilder({
    super.key,
    required Widget Function(BuildContext, S?) builder,
  }) : _builder = builder;

  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return StreamBuilder(
        stream: context.simpleState<T>().stream,
        builder: (context, snapshot) {
          return _builder(context, snapshot.data);
        });
  }
}
```

```
extension SimpleStateProviderExtension on BuildContext {
  T simpleState<T extends SimpleState>() =>
      SimpleStateProvider.of<T>(this).state;
}
```

Let's try: Creating a **SimpleState**

```
class CounterSimpleState extends SimpleState<int> {
  CounterSimpleState() : super(0);

  void increment() => emit(value + 1);
  void decrement() => emit(value - 1);
}
```

Let's try: Initialization

```dart
class App extends StatelessWidget {
  const App({super.key});

  final _counterState = CounterSimpleState();

  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return MaterialApp(
      home: SimpleStateProvider(
        state: _counterState,
        child: const IndexPage(),
      ),
      // ...
    );
  }
}
```

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class Counter extends StatelessWidget {
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  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return SimpleStateBuilder<CounterSimpleState, int>(
      builder: (context, state) => Text('Current SimpleState counter: $state'),
    );
  }
}
// ...
```

Let's try: Sending an event

```
// ...
void _increment(BuildContext context) => context.simpleState<CounterSimpleState>().increment();
// ...
```

Advanced `bloc`

```dart
sealed class CounterEvent {}

final class CounterIncrementPressed extends CounterEvent {}

class CounterBloc extends Bloc<CounterEvent, int> {
  CounterBloc() : super(0) {
    on<CounterIncrementPressed>((event, emit) {
      emit(state + 1);
    });
  }
}
```

Summary

- State management libraries aren't black magic.

- They do still make things easier though.

- Bloc is very mighty, but easy to use.

Questions?

References

The full source code is available on Github:

https://github.com/paulkoehlerdev/bloc_example

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