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Firebase

Building apps using **Firebase** is one of the fastest-growing technology trends in the world. Using Firebase, developers can build apps at a rapid pace without managing the infrastructure, including authentication, storing and syncing data, securely hosting web assets, and cloud storage. Firebase has a base plan that is free, allowing 1 GB the storage and 100 simultaneous connections. If you wish to upgrade, you can check out the plans here: https://firebase.google.com/

Connecting with Firebase

Let's first take a look at how to connect with Firebase. We will first need to ensure whether the connections to the Firebase are made properly; to do so, follow these steps:

- 1. Create a new Flutter project in your IDE or editor
- 2. Open the file pubspec.yamlfile
- 3. Add the following dependency: a

```
dependencies: flutter:

sdk: flutter

cloud_firestore: ^0.9.5+2 //Add this line
```

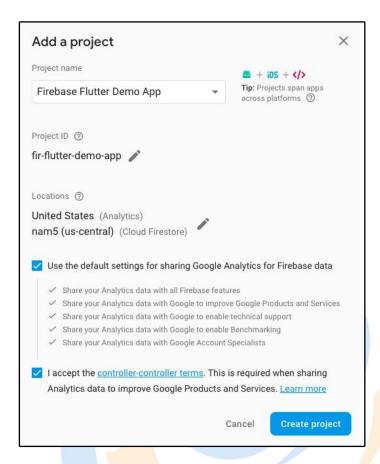
4. Next, to make your connection, in your IDE or using command line run the following:

flutter packages get

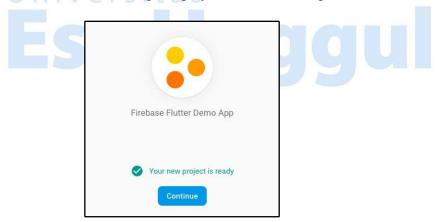
Creating a Firebase project

Once the connection has been made, the next step will be to create a Firebase project. So, let's get started. Follow the given steps to create your project:

- 1. Open the website https://firebase.google.comand log in or sign up. You can use your Google credentials to log inhere.
- 2. Next, click on Add Project.
- 3. Once you click this option, you will see the following screen:



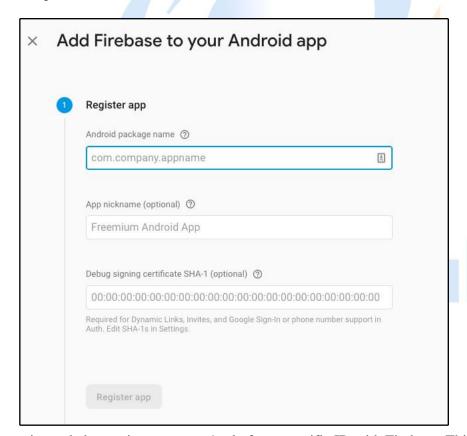
- 4. Add a **Project name** (for example: FirebaseFlutterDemoAppin our case). The **Project ID** gets auto-generated, or you could type a unique project ID of your own. They are globally unique identifiers.
- 5. Select the country in Locations and then proceed to accept the terms and conditions before you click Create project.
- 6. Click the **Create project** option, and wait a few seconds before the Firebase console shows the message displayed in the following screenshot:



- 7. If your screen shows the **Your new project is ready** text, as shown in the preceding screenshot, you can click the **Continue**button.
- 8. Once that is done, you will be shown the project settings dashboard of the app as follows:



9. Choose platform-specific Firebase configurations, based on which app platform you will be building an app for, and click on the respective icon. In our case, since we are building an Android app, we will click on the Android icon to proceed.



This step is needed to register your app's platform-specific ID with Firebase. This will generate configuration files that we will add to our project folders. Note that in the top-level directory of your Flutter app, iOS and Android are two of the subdirectories that hold the respective platform-specific configuration files:

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The most important field here is the **Android package name**. This is generally

the applicationIdin your app-level build.gradlefile. Another way to find the package name is to follow these steps:

- 1. In the Flutter app directory, check the android/app/src/main/AndroidManifest.xmlfile.
- 2. Under the Manifest tag, find the string value of the package, which will be the value of the package name.
- 3. In the Firebase dialog, paste the copied package name from step 2 into the **Android package name** field.

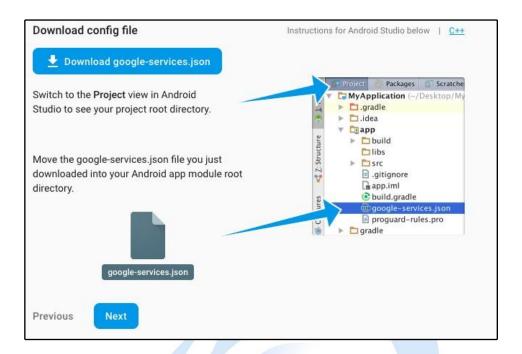
If you are developing the Flutter app for both iOS and Android, you need to register both the iOS and Android versions within the same Firebase project. But if you are developing it just for one platform, you can just click one of them.

Next, you can add the **App nickname**, which is an optional field. There is another optional field **Debug signing certificate SHA-1**, which has to be used in the same cases if the app uses features such as Google Sign in for Authentication, Dynamic Links, and Invites. In this case, you have to find the debug certificate fingerprint value that you can grab and paste in the field. Refer to the link here, https://developers.google.com/android/guides/ client-auth, for understanding how to build client auth. Since, in this example, we are not using any of these features, we will leave it blank. Click on **Register app**.

Downloading and setting up the config file

The next part will be to download and set up the config file. Follow the given steps to to download and set up the config file:

- 1. After clicking **Register app**, the console in this step will generate the google-services.jsonfile. Download this file to your computer.
- 2. Once the file has been downloaded, go to your Flutter app directory, and move the google-services.json file that you downloaded previously into the android/app directory.
- 3. After the file has been moved, in the Firebase console, click **Next** as shown in the following screenshot:



Adding Firebase SDK

Now that we have downloaded and set up the config file, the penultimate step is to add Firebase SDK to your project. The Google services plugin for Gradle ensures that the JSON file you downloaded is read. In order to enable Google APIs or Firebase services in your application, you have to add a google-servicesdependency. Two minor modifications are needed to build gradlefiles to use the plugin. Take a look at the following:

1. Project-level build.gradle(<project>/build.gradle):

```
buildscript {
dependencies

{
// Add this line
classpath 'com.google.gms:google-services:4.2.0'
}
```

2. App-level build.gradle(<project>/<app-module>/build.gradle):

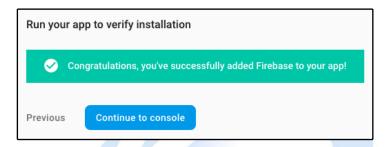
```
dependencies {
    // Add this line
    implementation 'com.google.firebase:firebase-core:16.0.1' }
...
// Add to the bottom of the file
apply plugin: 'com.google.gms.google-services'
```

3. Click the **Sync Now** option to complete this process.

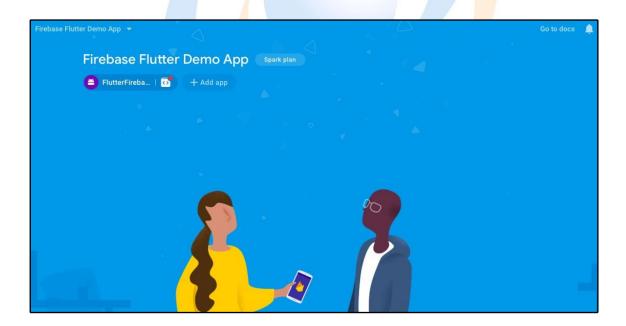
Verifying the configuration

Once the previous steps are complete, we have to verify whether your Flutter app is connected to Firebase. To ensure this, follow these steps:

- 1. Build the project and run it on the device connected to your computer.
- 2. Once the app gets run on the phone, the Firebase console automatically detects the configurations and displays a success message as follows:



3. After you click **Continue to console**, you will be taken to the console showing the project name and the other settings:



In the next section, we will see how to connect to the Cloud Database.

Creating a Cloud Firestore Database

Once the Firebase-Flutter set up is complete, you are all set to build the app. We will now set up a Cloud Firestore database and initialize some values. Follow these steps:

1. Under the **Develop** option, click on **Database**.

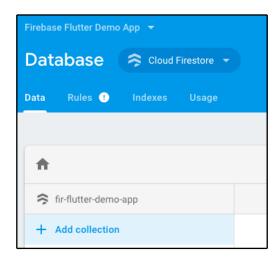
2. In the panel shown, click Create database:



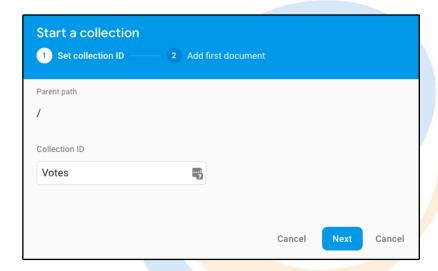
3. After clicking, you will see a pop-up panel: **Security rules for Cloud Firestore**. Select **Start in test mode** and enable it:



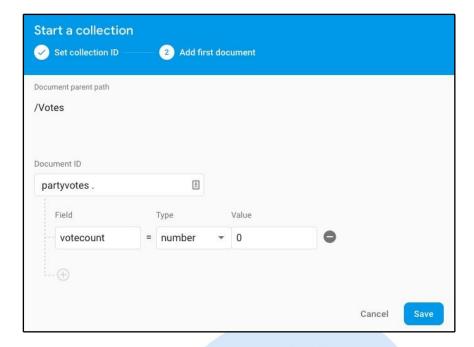
- 4. We select test mode because we want anyone with the database reference to be able to read or write to the database. When you build the production version of the app, ensure you set up security rules. You can read about these rules here: https://firebase.google.com/docs/reference/rules/rules. After clicking Enable, the Cloud Firestore will be provisioned with security rules and will be ready for use.
- 5. From the following panel, click **Add collection**:



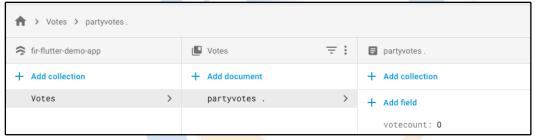
6. We presume that we would have just one collection in Firestore, called **Votes**. A **collection** is a set of documents that comprise the data:



- 7. Click Next.
- 8. A collection must contain at least one document, which is Cloud Firestore's unit of storage. You can either use an auto-generated ID or have a custom ID. In our case, we use **partyvotes**.
- 9. For the existing **Field**, enter the value of the name (in our case, it's VoteCount), select the data **Type**, then enter the **Value** of **partyvotes**. Since its an Integer, we select the number and set its initial value to be **0**:



- 10. Click Save.
- 11. After adding several documents to your collection, your database should look something like this:



Firestore is a NoSQL database, which means that we would not be working with rows and columns. Now we will build the layout of the app. Using the Firestore details, we will construct the list layout, which will generate the list items runtime based on the values in the Firestore and read/update the fresh values when tapped on the list item into the Firestore database. The following is the main.dartfile:

```
{"partyname": "Janata Dal Party", "rating": 9},
 {"partyname": "NOTA", "rating": 11},
];
class MyApp extends StatelessWidget { @override
 Widget build(BuildContext context) { return
    MaterialApp(
       title: 'State Party Elections - Worker Profile', home: MyHomePage(),
    );
 }
}
class MyHomePage extends StatefulWidget { @override
 _MyHomePageState createState() { return
    _MyHomePageState();
 }
}
class _MyHomePageState extends State<MyHomePage> { @override
 Widget build(BuildContext context) { return Scaffold(
       appBar: AppBar(title: Text('Party Votes')), body:
       _buildBody(context),
    );
 }
 Widget buildBody(BuildContext context) {
    // We will add the code here in the next section return _buildList(context,
    party);
 }
 Widget _buildList(BuildContext context, List<Map> snapshot) { return ListView(
       padding: const EdgeInsets.only(top: 22.0),
       children: snapshot.map((data) => _buildListItem(context, data)).toList(),
    );
 }
 Widget _buildListItem(BuildContext context, Map data) { final result =
    Record.fromMap(data);
```

```
// Adding the padding to ensure enough space is given return Padding(
       key: ValueKey(result.name),
       padding: const EdgeInsets.symmetric(horizontal: 15.0, vertical: 7.0), child: Container(
          decoration: BoxDecoration(
             border: Border.all(color: Colors.red), borderRadius:
             BorderRadius.circular(6.0),
          ),
// Showing the list item, with name towards the left and the votes to the right
          child: ListTile(
             title: Text(record.partyname),
             trailing: Text(record.partyvotes.toString()), onTap: () => print(record),
          ),
       ),
    );
 }
}
class Record {
 final String partyname; final int
 partyvotes;
 final DocumentReference reference;
 Record.fromMap(Map<String, dynamic> map, {this.reference})
       : assert(map['partyname'] != null),
          assert(map['partyvotes'] != null), name =
          map['partyname'],
          votes = map['partyvotes'];
 Record.fromSnapshot(DocumentSnapshot snapshot)
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 @override
 String toString() => "Record<$partyname:$partyvotes>";
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We have the collection ready on Firestore Cloud. In the previous example, we have used the party object. It's time we now use the Firestore cloud data from our collection to be shown. We can do that by calling Cloud Firestore using a Firestore.instancereference. For example, if

you wish to call a specific collection from your Firestore Cloud database, you can use the following command to return a stream of snapshots:

Firestore.instance.collection('collection_name').snapshots()

Streams are of two types: single subscription or broadcast. Streams are responsible for providing an asynchronous sequence of data. User-generated events and data read from files are the two data sequences. Now, using StreamBuilderwidget, we will inject the stream of data into the user interface we have created. One of the classic use cases of the StreamBuilderis that, whenever there is a change in the Firestore values, the list gets updated automatically.

Look for the _buildBodymethod in the previous code and replace the content with this code:

```
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StreamBuilder<QuerySnapshot>(
    stream: Firestore.instance.collection('party').snapshots(), builder: (context, snapshot) {
        if (!snapshot.hasData) return LinearProgressIndicator(); return _buildList(context, snapshot.data.documents);
    },
    );
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           onTap: () => Firestore.instance.runTransaction((transaction) async {
              final freshFBsnapshot = await
                 transaction.get(record.reference);
                final updated = Record.fromSnapshot(freshFBsnapshot);
                    await transaction
                          .update(record.reference, {'partyvotes': updated.votes + 1});
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Once you run the code, try clicking on List Items and you will see the updates values mapped on the Firestore Cloud database. You could also try updating the List Item names (in our case, the Party names) in the Firestore Cloud database, and you will see the List Item option updating.

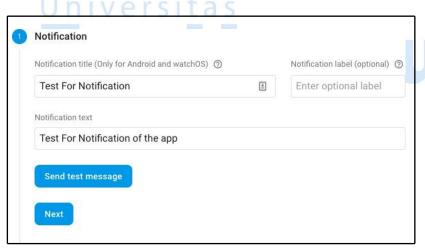
Firebase Cloud Messaging

Firebase Cloud Messaging (FCM) is an effective way to drive engagement within the app using the app notification. Using FCM, you can send two kinds of messages to the client device:

- 1. Notification messages that are directly handled by FCM SDK
- 2. Data messages

Both these messages have a maximum payload of 4KB. When sending messages from the Firebase console, there is a 1,024 character limit. Firebase has Cloud Messaging as well as In-App messaging, but in this section, we will discuss only Firebase Cloud messaging.

In the Firebase console, click on **Grow Cloud Messaging** in the left panel. Follow this by clicking **Send your first message.** as shown in the following screenshot:



To test the message on your device, FCM tokens are needed. Use the following Android code to generate these tokens:

FirebaseInstanceId.getInstance().getInstanceId()

```
public void onComplete(@NonNull Task<InstanceIdResult> actionable) {
    if (!actionable.isSuccessful()) { Log.w(TAG, "getInstanceId failed", actionable.getException()); return;
}

// Get new Instance ID token

String tokenID = actionable.getResult().getToken();

// Log and toast

String message = getString(R.string.msg_token_fmt, tokenID);

Log.d(TAG, message); Toast.makeText(MainActivity.this, message,

Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();
}

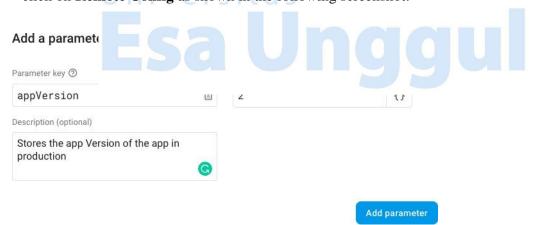
});
```

FCM also allows configuring messages specific to targets such as GeoLocations, versions of the app, Languages, and User Audiences. This case is ideal when you wish to send notifications to a specific set of users.

Firebase Remote Config

Using Firebase's Remote Config API, you can make changes to the app without the user actually downloading an app update. One example of this is when you push a new update to the app in production, you can show the pop-up message to the user when they launch the app about the update.

To set up Firebase Remote Config, head over to the **Grow** tab in the Firebase console and click on **Remote Config** as shown in the following screenshot:



Add the **Parameter key** and the **Default value**. There is an optional field for adding the description. Click **Add Parameter** to proceed. Avoid storing any confidential information in the remote config. Firebase also allows the setting of conditions for the parameter. For example, if you want to show a specific welcome message to a user in India and a different message to a user in the USA, remote configuration can come in handy.