COMP 4768: Software Development for Mobile Devices

Prerequisites:

COMP 2008 or the former COMP 2760,

COMP 2006 or the former COMP 3715, and

COMP 2005 or the former COMP 3716

Why take this course?

- Real world impact:
 - Mobile apps are used daily by billions, offering a chance to make a global impact src
- Growing demand for mobile app developers
 - Mobile development skills are in high demand, with a growing job market src
- Entrepreneurial Opportunities
 - The skills to turn an idea into an app, and perhaps a startup

- Community and Networking
 - Access to a large community of developers and industry professionals
- Industry Applications
 - Mobile apps are crucial in various sectors—healthcare, finance, ecommerce, and more

Things to consider while developing for mobile

- What are the platforms?
- What are the programming languages?
- Alternatives?
 - Native development vs Crossplatform development
- Cross-platform app development
 - Was always an option see https://youtu.be/a_u-NAF2cXg
 - Has improved significantly in

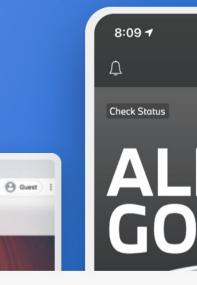
- performance and ease of development and deployment
- Most popular cross-platform mobile app development frameworks:
 - React Native
 - Xamarin
 - Flutter





Build apps for any screen

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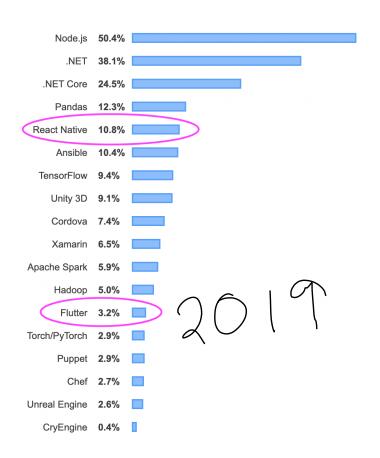


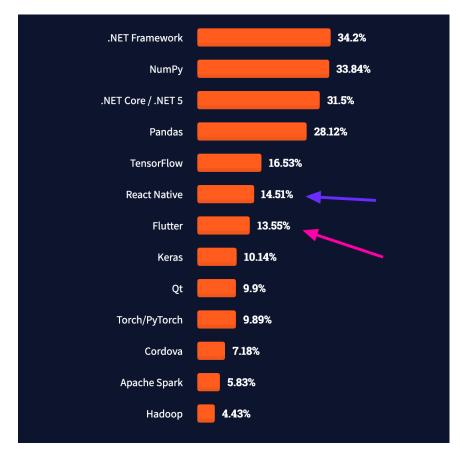


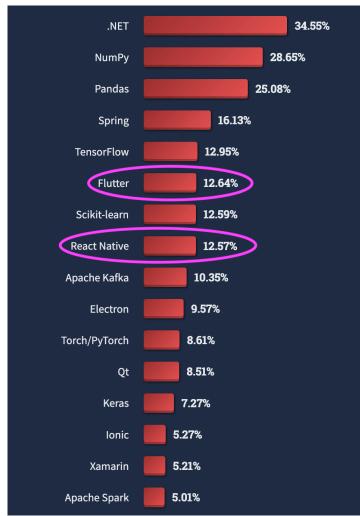
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Flutter Vs. React Native

Popularity Comparison as per Stack Overflow Surveys src







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History of Dart



Initial Development

- Developed internally at Google
- Created by Lars Bak and Kasper Lund

Public Announcement

Unveiled in October 2011 at GOTO conference

Dart 1.0

- First stable release in 2012
- Focused on web development

Introduction of Flutter

- Dart becomes the language for Flutter in 2015
- Expands to mobile development

• Dart 2.0

- Released in 2018
- Strong typing and client-side optimization

Flutter for Web

- Announced in 2019
- Dart extends to web development

Recent Updates

- Sound null safety in 2021
- Performance and robustness improvements

• Dart 3.0

- Released in May 2023
- Dropped support for before 2.12

Current Version is 3.1

• Released 16 August 2023

What is Flutter?



- Flutter is Google's portable UI toolkit for crafting beautiful, natively compiled applications for mobile, web, and desktop from a single codebase.
- Flutter works with existing code, is used by developers and organizations around the world, and is free and open source.



Dash is the mascot for the Dart language and the Flutter framework.

Advantages of Flutter

Cross-Platform Development: Single codebase for both Android and iOS

Rich UI Components: Extensive library of pre-designed widgets

Performance: Close-to-native performance due to direct compilation

Hot Reload: Instant updates without losing state

Strong Community: Growing ecosystem and active community support

Customizable: High degree of customization for UI elements

Integration: Easy to integrate with existing or native code

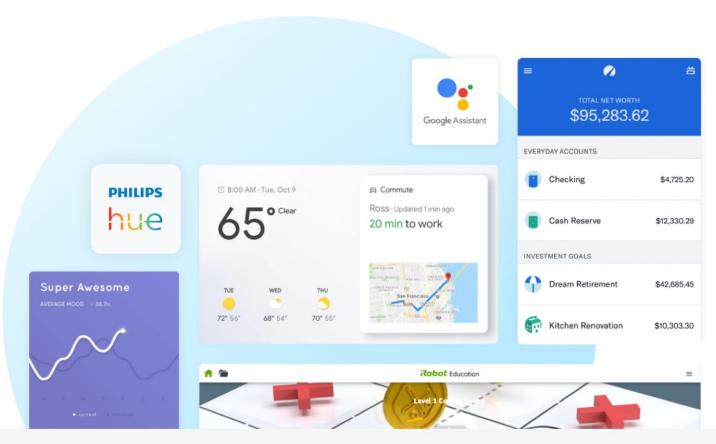
Open Source: Free to use and open for community contributions

State Management: Various options for efficient state management

Package Support: Wide range of packages and plugins available

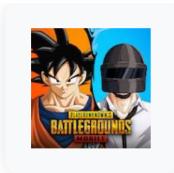












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