2C Creating and running

Alright! We've got Flutter tools installed and one or more IDEs with extension ready to go. So let's create a Flutter app -- the project we'll be using for the rest of the course.

Creating a Flutter app

- 1. Open a terminal/command window. cd to someplace you'll remember. The Desktop would be a great choice.
- 2. Using flutter create, scaffold a new app called "daam". (It stands for "Dinner And A Movie", our client).
- Feel free to look at the files created in Windows Explorer, Finder, or just with an Is/dir command. But you can also see these files when you open that project in VS Code. Go ahead and do so. Explore the files and folders created. Hint:
 - To open the project in VS Code, you can either drag the daam folder into VS Code or go File-Open Project and navigate to your project folder
- 4. Run the application in the IDE. In VSCode, you open main.dart and hit F5. The 'play' button on the left also works. Verify that it opens in a browser.

Exercising the debugger

- 5. Set a breakpoint in the startup method and run again.
- 6. When the breakpoint is hit, practice stepping into, stepping over, and stepping out.
- 7. Examine the value of some variables as you step through.

pubspec.yaml

pub is the system that Dart/Flutter uses to manage library dependencies. The pubspec.yaml file shows all the library packages that are needed by this project.

8. Edit pubspec.yaml. Find the dependencies section. Add these dependencies:

intl:
http:

Hints:

- Indentation is important! Make sure they're indented the same number of spaces as the other things at that level.
- 9. When you save the file, a process called pub will run and install these libraries. We'll need them later.