**CHAPTER 7:**

Chapter 7 of Beginning Flutter: A Hands-On Guide to App Development by Marco L. Napoli explores the use of Flutter’s built-in libraries and packages to extend app functionality. It introduces the concept of packages, which are pre-built solutions available through **pub.dev**, Flutter’s package repository. Readers learn how to search for, install, and integrate packages into their projects, streamlining the development process by leveraging reusable code for common tasks.

The chapter highlights several popular packages, such as **http** for making network requests and **provider** for state management. It demonstrates how these packages can simplify complex functionalities, such as fetching data from APIs or managing app-wide states. By the end of the chapter, readers are equipped with the knowledge to explore and utilize external libraries, enabling them to build more feature-rich applications efficiently while maintaining clean and maintainable code.