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EXPERIMENT 06

AIM: To connect firebase with flutter UI

STEPS:

Prerequisites

- Flutter installed on your system (Download Flutter)
- Firebase account (Go to Firebase Console)
- Android Studio or VS Code installed with Flutter plugin

Step 1: Create a Firebase Project

- 1. Go to Firebase Console.
- 2. Click on "Create a project".
- 3. Enter the project name and agree to terms.
- 4. Click **Continue** and complete the setup.

Step 2: Register the Flutter App in Firebase

- 1. In the Firebase Console, select your project.
- 2. Click on "Add app" and choose:
 - Android (for Android setup)
 - o **iOS** (for iOS setup)
 - Web (for web setup)

3. For Android:

- Enter the package name (found in android/app/build.gradle → applicationId).
- Download the google-services.json file and place it in android/app/directory.

4. For iOS:

flutter pub get

- o Download GoogleService-Info.plist and place it in ios/Runner/.
- o Open ios/Runner/Info.plist and add required Firebase configurations.

Step 3: Add Firebase SDK to Flutter Project

Open pubspec.yaml and add the required Firebase dependencies:
Yaml
dependencies:
flutter:
 sdk: flutter
firebase_core: latest_version
firebase_auth: latest_version # (If using authentication)
cloud_firestore: latest_version # (If using Firestore)

Run:

Step 4: Configure Firebase for Android

Open android/build.gradle and ensure:

classpath 'com.google.gms:google-services:latest_version'

Open android/app/build.gradle and add:

apply plugin: 'com.google.gms.google-services'

Step 5: Initialize Firebase in Flutter

1. Open main.dart and initialize Firebase before running the app:

```
import 'package:firebase_core/firebase_core.dart';
import 'package:flutter/material.dart';

Future<void> main() async {
   WidgetsFlutterBinding.ensureInitialized();
   await Firebase.initializeApp();
   runApp(MyApp());
}

class MyApp extends StatelessWidget {
    @override
```

```
Widget build(BuildContext context) {
  return MaterialApp(
    home: Scaffold(
        appBar: AppBar(title: Text('Firebase Connected')),
        body: Center(child: Text('Welcome to Firebase with Flutter!')),
      ),
    );
}
```

Step 6: Commands to run (for web)

1. Go to the path of your flutter project.

Cd (your path)

2. Perform commands

```
Firebase login

dart pub global activate flutterfire_cli

$env:Path += ";C:\Users\PC\AppData\Local\Pub\Cache\bin"

flutterfire configure

flutter pub get

flutter pub add cloud firestore
```

Flutter run -d chrome

Step 7: Run the App

Run the project to verify the connection:

flutter run

STEPS FROM OFFICIAL DOCUMENT

Creating a New Flutter Project

This tutorial will require the creation of an example Flutter app.

Once you have your environment set up for Flutter, you can run the following to create a new application:

flutter create flutterfirebaseexample

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Navigate to the new project directory:

cd flutterfirebaseexample

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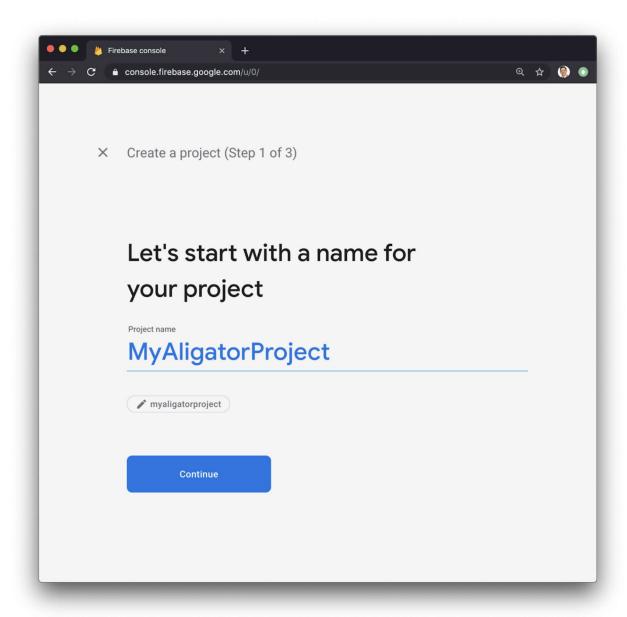
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Using flutter create will produce a demo application that will display the number of times a button is clicked.

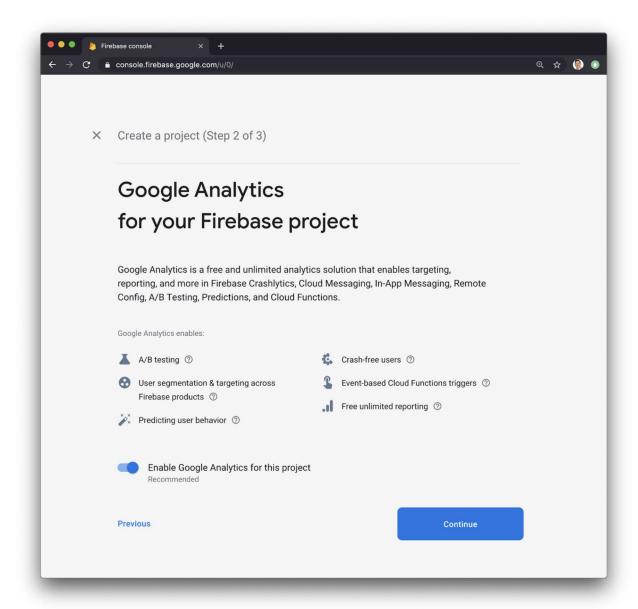
Now that we've got a Flutter project up and running, we can add Firebase.

Creating a New Firebase Project

First, log in with your Google account to manage your Firebase projects. From within the Firebase dashboard, select the Create new project button and give it a name:



Next, we're given the option to enable Google Analytics. This tutorial will not require Google Analytics, but you can also choose to add it to your project.



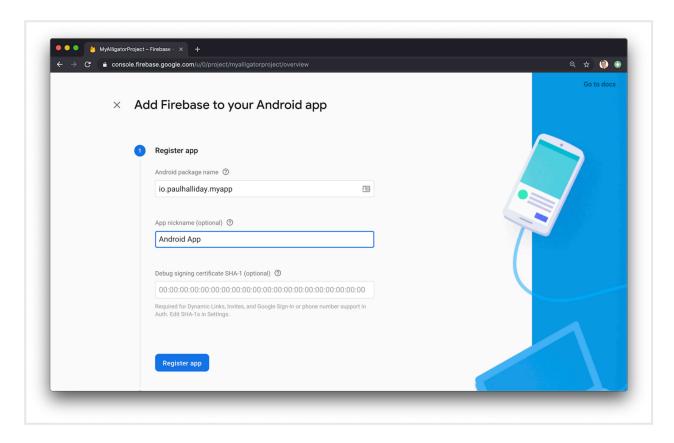
f you choose to use Google Analytics, you will need to review and accept the terms and conditions prior to project creation.

After pressing Continue, your project will be created and resources will be provisioned. You will then be directed to the dashboard for the new project.

Adding Android support

Registering the App

In order to add Android support to our Flutter application, select the Android logo from the dashboard. This brings us to the following screen:



The most important thing here is to match up the Android package name that you choose here with the one inside of our application.

The structure consists of at least two segments. A common pattern is to use a domain name, a company name, and the application name:

com.example.flutterfirebaseexample

Once you've decided on a name, open android/app/build.gradle in your code editor and update the applicationId to match the Android package name:

```
android/app/build.gradle
...

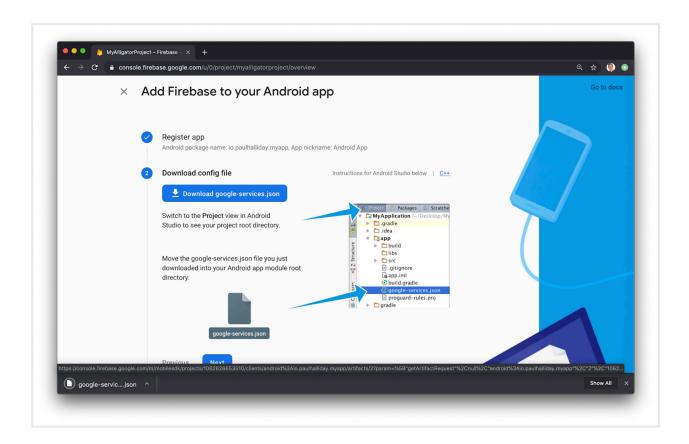
defaultConfig {
    // TODO: Specify your own unique Application ID
    (https://developer.android.com/studio/build/application-id.html).
    applicationId 'com.example.flutterfirebaseexample'
    ...
}
...
```

You can skip the app nickname and debug signing keys at this stage. Select Register app to continue.

Downloading the Config File

The next step is to add the Firebase configuration file into our Flutter project. This is important as it contains the API keys and other critical information for Firebase to use.

Select Download google-services.json from this page:



Next, move the google-services.json file to the android/app directory within the Flutter project.

Adding the Firebase SDK

We'll now need to update our Gradle configuration to include the Google Services plugin.

Open android/build.gradle in your code editor and modify it to include the following:

```
android/build.gradle

buildscript {
    repositories {
        // Check that you have the following line (if not, add it):
        google() // Google's Maven repository
    }
    dependencies {
```

```
// Add this line
classpath 'com.google.gms:google-services:4.3.6'
}

allprojects {
...
repositories {
    // Check that you have the following line (if not, add it):
    google() // Google's Maven repository
...
}
```

Finally, update the app level file at android/app/build.gradle to include the following:

```
android/app/build.gradle
apply plugin: 'com.android.application'

// Add this line
apply plugin: 'com.google.gms.google-services'

dependencies {

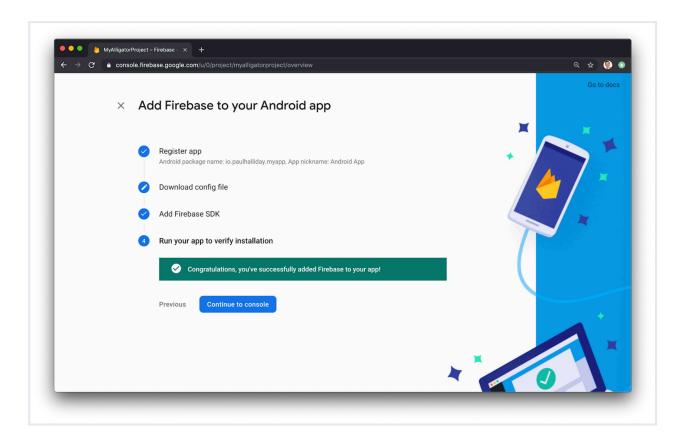
// Import the Firebase BoM
implementation platform('com.google.firebase:firebase-bom:28.0.0')

// Add the dependencies for any other desired Firebase products

// https://firebase.google.com/docs/android/setup#available-libraries
}
```

With this update, we're essentially applying the Google Services plugin as well as looking at how other Flutter Firebase plugins can be activated such as Analytics.

From here, run your application on an Android device or simulator. If everything has worked correctly, you should get the following message in the dashboard:



Next up, let's add iOS support!

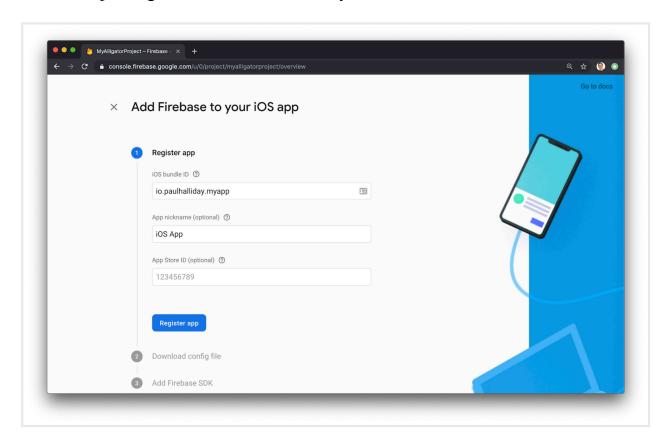
Adding iOS Support

In order to add Firebase support for iOS, we have to follow a similar set of instructions.

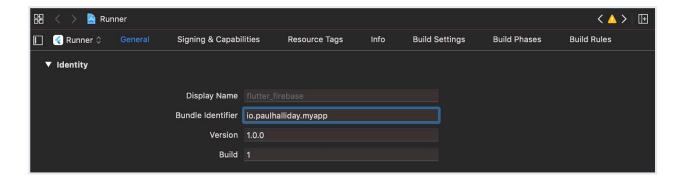
Head back over to the dashboard and select Add app and then iOS icon to be navigated to the setup process.

Registering an App

Once again, we'll need to add an "iOS Bundle ID". It is possible to use the "Android package name" for consistency:



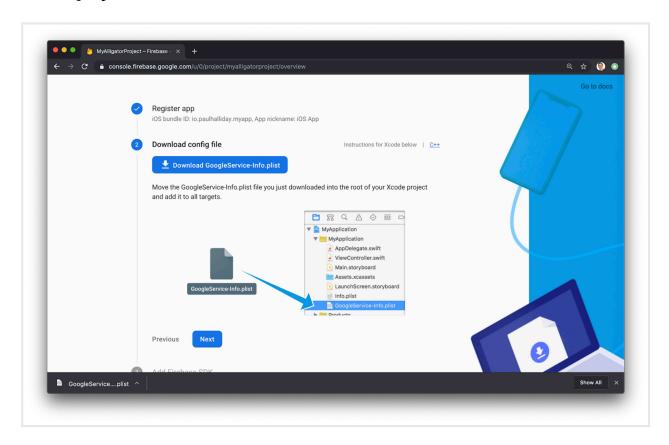
You'll then need to make sure this matches up by opening the iOS project up in Xcode at ios/Runner/Runner.xcodeproj and changing the Bundle identifier under General:



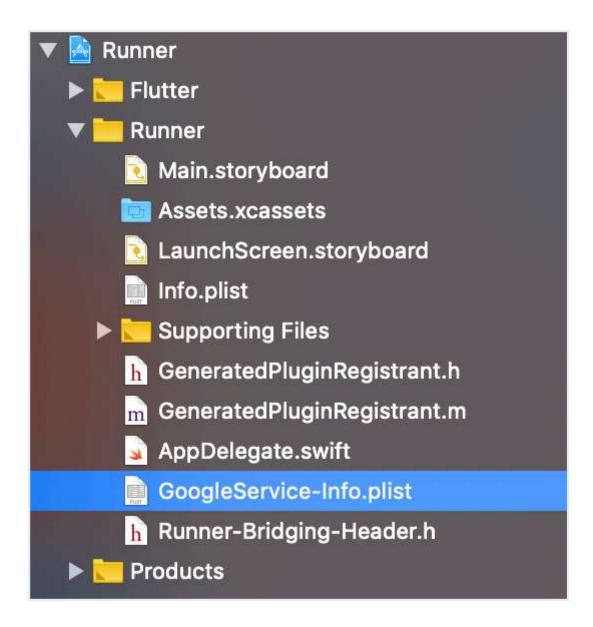
Click Register app to move to the next screen.

Downloading the Config File

In this step, we'll need to download the configuration file and add this to our Xcode project.



Download GoogleService-Info.plist and move this into the root of your Xcode project within Runner:



Be sure to move this file within Xcode to create the proper file references.

There are additional steps for installing the Firebase SDK and adding initialization code, but they are not necessary for this tutorial.

That's it!

Errors encountered

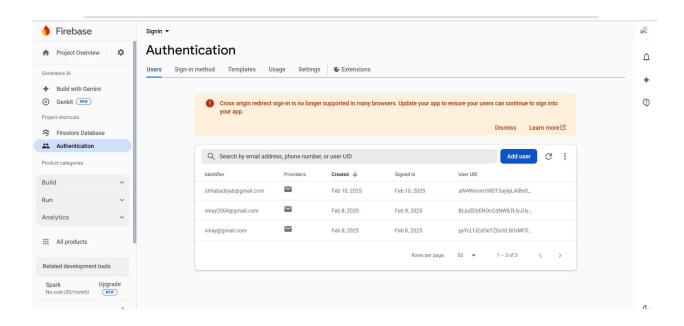
- 1. our pubspec.yaml file has a major issue:
- You're using firebase_core: ^3.11.0, but your environment constraint is sdk: ">=2.12.0 <3.0.0", which is outdated.
- firebase_core: ^3.11.0 does not exist; the latest stable version is firebase_core: ^2.15.0.
- Your dependencies might be outdated and incompatible.

To correct this update your dependencies in .yaml file

2. Clean your project run

Flutter clean
Flutter pub get
Flutter run

OUTPUT:



Conclusion

In this article, you learned how to set up and ready our Flutter applications to be used with Firebase.

Flutter has official support for Firebase with the FlutterFire set of libraries.