Flutter Code Review Guidelines

A comprehensive guide for maintaining code quality and consistency in Flutter projects.
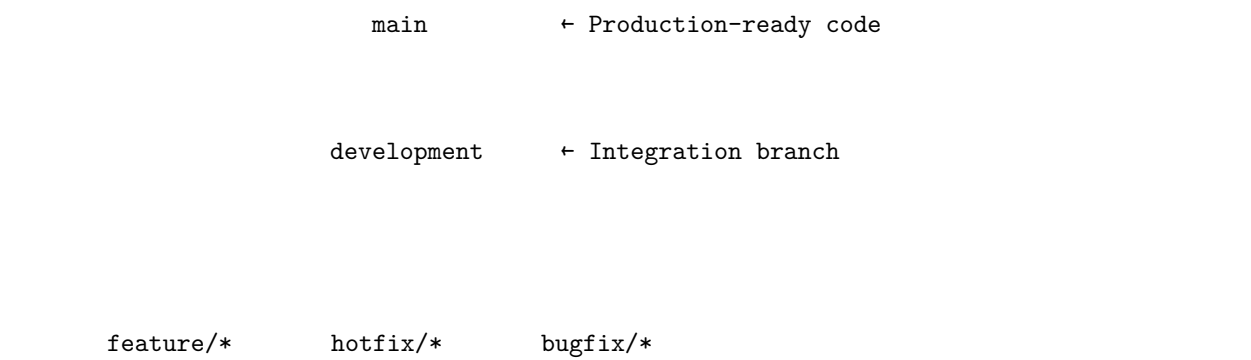

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Branch Structure Overview

Our repository follows a structured branching strategy to maintain code quality and streamline the development workflow.

```
main            ← Production-ready code



development     ← Integration branch




feature/*       hotfix/*        bugfix/*
```

Main Branches

Branch	Purpose	Protected
`main`	Production-ready code. Only receives merges from `development` after thorough testing.	
`development`	Integration branch for features. All feature branches merge here first.	

Supporting Branches

Type	Pattern	Description	Example
Feature	`feature/PRJ-XX`	New features or enhancements	`feature/PRJ-01`
Hotfix	`hotfix/PRJ-XX`	Critical production fixes	`hotfix/PRJ-01`
Bugfix	`bugfix/PRJ-XX`	Non-critical bug fixes	`bugfix/PRJ-01`

Naming Rules

Do	Don't
`feature/PRJ-123`	`feature/new-feature`
`hotfix/PRJ-456`	`hotfix/fix-bug`
`feature/PRJ-01`	`Feature/PRJ-01`
Use lowercase	Use UPPERCASE or MixedCase
Reference ticket numbers	Use vague descriptions

Branch Workflow

```
gitGraph
    commit id: "Initial"
    branch development
    checkout development
    commit id: "Dev Setup"
    branch feature/PRJ-01
    checkout feature/PRJ-01
    commit id: "Feature Work"
    commit id: "Feature Complete"
    checkout development
    merge feature/PRJ-01
    checkout main
    merge development tag: "v1.0.0"
    branch hotfix/PRJ-02
    checkout hotfix/PRJ-02
    commit id: "Critical Fix"
    checkout main
    merge hotfix/PRJ-02 tag: "v1.0.1"
    checkout development
    merge main
```

Quick Reference

Remember: Always create branches from `development` for features and from `main` for hotfixes.

Action	Command
Create feature branch	`git checkout -b feature/PRJ-XX development`
Create hotfix branch	`git checkout -b hotfix/PRJ-XX main`
Push branch	`git push -u origin feature/PRJ-XX`

Pull/Merge Request Guidelines

Overview

All code changes must go through a formal Pull Request (PR) / Merge Request (MR) process before being merged into protected branches.

```
Create PR        Code Review        Run Tests              Merge
                 (1 Reviewer)        (CI/CD)
```

```
Draft PR          Review         Unit Tests      Complete
Description       Comments       Integration     Merged
Labels            Changes        Coverage        Branch Deleted
```
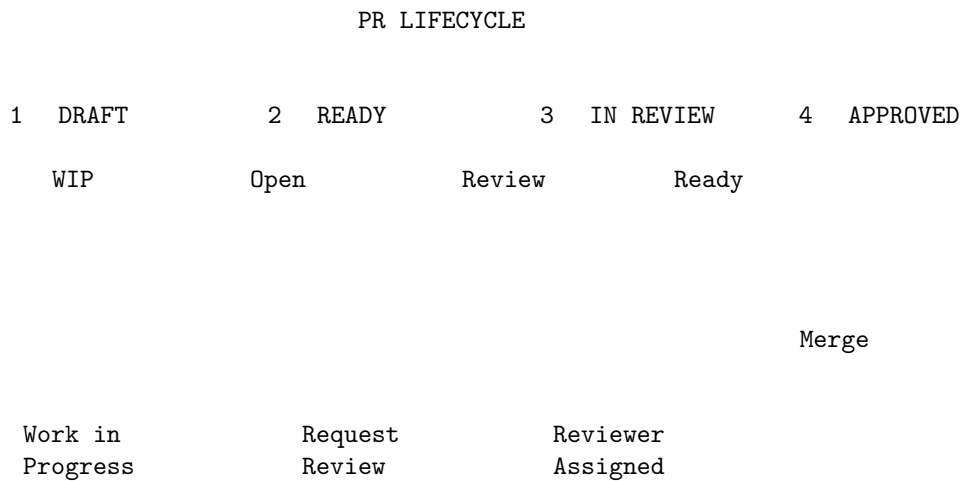
PR Requirements Checklist

Requirement	Description	Mandatory
Reviewer	Minimum **1 reviewer** must approve the PR	
Description	Clear description of changes and purpose	
Linked Issue	Reference to related ticket (PRJ-XX)	
Unit Tests	Tests must pass (project-dependent)	
Code Review	All review comments must be resolved	
No Conflicts	Branch must be up-to-date with target	

Review Process Flow

```
                        PR LIFECYCLE


1   DRAFT          2   READY           3   IN REVIEW      4   APPROVED

    WIP               Open                Review             Ready




                                                     Merge



    Work in           Request            Reviewer
    Progress          Review             Assigned
```

Reviewer Responsibilities

Task	Description
Code Quality	Check for clean, readable, and maintainable code
Architecture	Ensure changes align with project architecture
Bug Detection	Identify potential bugs or edge cases
Documentation	Verify code is properly documented
Test Coverage	Confirm adequate test coverage for changes
Style Guide	Ensure code follows Flutter/Dart style guidelines

Unit Testing Requirements

Unit test requirements are **project-dependent**. Configure based on your project's needs.

Project Type	Test Requirement	Coverage Target
Enterprise	Mandatory for all PRs	80%
Standard App	Required for business logic	60%
MVP/Prototype	Recommended for critical paths	40%

CI/CD Pipeline Steps

```
# Example CI Pipeline
stages:
  - analyze      #  Static analysis (flutter analyze)
  - test         #  Unit & Widget tests
  - build        #  Build verification
  - coverage     #  Coverage report (optional)
```

Step	Command	Required
Analyze	`flutter analyze`	
Test	`flutter test`	Project-dependent
Coverage	`flutter test --coverage`	Project-dependent
Build	`flutter build`	

PR Title Format

Type	Format	Example
Feature	`[PRJ-XX] feat: description`	`[PRJ-01] feat: add user authentication`
Bug Fix	`[PRJ-XX] fix: description`	`[PRJ-02] fix: resolve login crash`
Hotfix	`[PRJ-XX] hotfix: description`	`[PRJ-03] hotfix: critical payment bug`
Refactor	`[PRJ-XX] refactor: description`	`[PRJ-04] refactor: optimize api calls`

Merge Rules

Target Branch	Source Branch	Approval Required	Tests Required
`development`	`feature/*`	1 Reviewer	Project-dependent
`development`	`bugfix/*`	1 Reviewer	Project-dependent
`main`	`development`	1 Reviewer	All tests must pass
`main`	`hotfix/*`	1 Reviewer	All tests must pass

Best Practices

Tips for Effective PRs

Do	Don't
Keep PRs small and focused	Create massive PRs with unrelated changes
Write clear, descriptive titles	Use vague titles like "fixes" or "updates"
Respond to review comments promptly	Ignore or dismiss feedback
Self-review before requesting review	Submit without checking your own code

Do	Don't
Update PR description if scope changes	Leave outdated descriptions
Delete branch after merge	Leave stale branches in repository

Commit Message Guidelines

Overview

Commit messages are a critical part of project documentation. They help team members understand the history and purpose of changes. Well-written commit messages make debugging, reviewing, and collaboration much easier.

Language: Both **English** and **Turkish** are acceptable for commit messages.

Commit Message Structure

```
<type>: <subject>

<body (optional but recommended)>

<footer (optional)>
```

```
                    COMMIT MESSAGE ANATOMY


   feat: Add user authentication with biometric support


                  Subject: Descriptive, explains WHAT & WHY

       Type: Category of change

   - Implemented fingerprint and face recognition login
   - Added fallback to PIN code authentication
   - Updated security provider configuration


       Body: Detailed explanation (optional but recommended)

   Closes #123


       Footer: References to issues/tickets (optional)
```

Commit Types

Type	Emoji	Description	Example
feat		New feature or functionality	feat: Add dark mode toggle

Type	Emoji	Description	Example
fix		Bug fix	fix: Resolve null pointer in user service
docs		Documentation changes	docs: Update API documentation
style		Code style (formatting, semicolons, etc.)	style: Format code with dart formatter
refactor		Code refactoring (no feature/fix)	refactor: Simplify authentication logic
test		Adding or modifying tests	test: Add unit tests for cart service
chore		Build process or auxiliary tool changes	chore: Update dependencies
perf		Performance improvements	perf: Optimize image loading
ci		CI/CD configuration changes	ci: Add Flutter analyze step

Message Length Requirements

Part	Minimum	Maximum	Required
Subject	15 characters	72 characters	
Body	-	-	Recommended
Footer	-	-	Optional

Important: Commit messages that are too short or vague will be **rejected** during code review.

Good vs Bad Examples

Bad Commit Messages (TOO SHORT / VAGUE)

Bad Message	Problem
fix	No description at all
update	What was updated?
changes	What changes?
bug fix	Which bug? Where?
wip	Work in progress is not a valid commit
asdf	Meaningless
done	What is done?
test	What test?

Good Commit Messages (DESCRIPTIVE) **English Examples:**

```
feat: Add biometric authentication for secure login

- Implemented fingerprint recognition using local_auth package
- Added FaceID support for iOS devices
- Created fallback mechanism for devices without biometric support
- Updated user preferences to store biometric settings

Closes PRJ-123
```

```
fix: Resolve crash when navigating back from payment screen

The app was crashing due to disposed controller being accessed
after the widget was removed from the tree. Added proper lifecycle
management and null checks to prevent this issue.

Fixes PRJ-456

refactor: Simplify state management in product listing

- Migrated from StatefulWidget to Riverpod providers
- Reduced widget rebuilds by 40%
- Extracted business logic into separate service class
```

Turkish Examples (Türkçe Örnekler):

```
feat: Kullanıcı profil sayfasına fotoğraf yükleme özelliği eklendi

- Galeriden ve kameradan fotoğraf seçimi implementasyonu yapıldı
- Fotoğraf sıkıştırma ve boyutlandırma işlemleri eklendi
- Firebase Storage entegrasyonu tamamlandı

PRJ-789

fix: Sepet sayfasında ürün silme işlemindeki hata giderildi

Ürün silindiğinde toplam fiyat güncellenmiyordu. State yönetimi
düzeltilerek anlık güncelleme sağlandı.

PRJ-321
```

Commit Message Rules

Rule	Do	Don't
Be Descriptive	`feat: Add user profile photo upload with cropping`	`feat: photo`
Explain Why	`fix: Prevent memory leak by disposing animation controller`	`fix: memory`
Use Present Tense	`Add feature / Fix bug`	`Added feature / Fixed bug`
Capitalize First Letter	`feat: Add new button`	`feat: add new button`
No Period at End	`feat: Add login screen`	`feat: Add login screen.`
Reference Tickets	`Closes PRJ-123`	No reference to related work
One Logical Change	One commit per logical change	Multiple unrelated changes

Minimum Information Checklist

Every commit message should answer these questions:

Question	Required
WHAT was changed?	
WHY was it changed?	
WHICH ticket/issue is related?	Recommended

Question	Required
IMPACT - Does it break anything?	If applicable

Quick Reference Card

```
COMMIT MESSAGE CHECKLIST


   Type prefix used (feat/fix/docs/style/refactor/test)
   Subject is descriptive (minimum 15 characters)
   Explains WHAT was changed
   Explains WHY it was changed
   References related ticket (PRJ-XX)
   Written in present tense
   First letter capitalized
   No period at the end of subject
   Body added for complex changes
```

Naming Conventions

Overview

Consistent naming conventions are essential for code readability and maintainability. This section covers Dart and Flutter specific naming rules that every team member must follow.

```
DART NAMING CONVENTIONS OVERVIEW


   PascalCase      →  Classes, Enums, Typedefs, Extensions
   camelCase       →  Variables, Functions, Parameters
   snake_case      →  Files, Folders, Packages, Libraries
   _prefixed       →  Private members
   SCREAMING_CASE  →  Compile-time constants (optional)
```

Naming Styles Reference

Style	Usage	Example
PascalCase	Classes, Enums, Typedefs, Extensions, Mixins	UserProfile, AuthState
camelCase	Variables, Functions, Methods, Parameters	userName, fetchData()
snake_case	Files, Directories, Packages, Libraries	user_profile.dart
_camelCase	Private members	_privateMethod(), _counter
SCREAMING_SNAKE_CASE	Compile-time constants (optional)	MAX_RETRY_COUNT

Files & Directories

All file and directory names should use `snake_case`

Type	Convention	Good	Bad
Dart files	`snake_case.dart`	`user_profile.dart`	`UserProfile.dart`, `userProfile.dart`
Directories	`snake_case`	`user_management/`	`UserManagement/`, `userManagement/`
Test files	`*_test.dart`	`user_service_test.dart`	`UserServiceTest.dart`
Generated files	`*.g.dart`, `*.freezed.dart`	`user.g.dart`	`User.g.dart`

Flutter Project Structure Example

```
lib/
  core/
    constants/
      app_colors.dart          snake_case
      app_strings.dart         snake_case
      api_endpoints.dart       snake_case
    utils/
      date_formatter.dart      snake_case
      validators.dart          snake_case
    extensions/
      string_extensions.dart   snake_case
      context_extensions.dart  snake_case
  features/
    authentication/
      data/
        models/
          user_model.dart          snake_case
        repositories/
          auth_repository.dart      snake_case
      domain/
        entities/
          user_entity.dart          snake_case
      presentation/
        screens/
          login_screen.dart         snake_case
        widgets/
          login_form.dart           snake_case
        providers/
          auth_provider.dart         snake_case
  main.dart
```

Classes

Use `PascalCase` for all class names

```dart
// GOOD - PascalCase
class UserProfile {}
```

```dart
class AuthenticationService {}
class ShoppingCartItem {}
class HttpClientException {}

// BAD
class userProfile {}          // camelCase - wrong
class User_Profile {}         // snake_case - wrong
class USERPROFILE {}          // UPPERCASE - wrong
class Userprofile {}          // Not properly capitalized
```

Widget Classes

```dart
// GOOD - Descriptive widget names with suffix
class LoginScreen extends StatefulWidget {}
class UserProfileCard extends StatelessWidget {}
class CustomElevatedButton extends StatelessWidget {}
class ProductListTile extends StatelessWidget {}
class ShimmerLoadingWidget extends StatelessWidget {}

// BAD - Vague or improper names
class Login extends StatefulWidget {}         // Too vague
class Card1 extends StatelessWidget {}        // Numbered names
class MyWidget extends StatelessWidget {}     // Non-descriptive
class userCard extends StatelessWidget {}     // camelCase
```

Model Classes

```dart
// GOOD - Clear model naming
class UserModel {
  final String id;
  final String firstName;
  final String lastName;
  final String emailAddress;
  final DateTime createdAt;

  const UserModel({
    required this.id,
    required this.firstName,
    required this.lastName,
    required this.emailAddress,
    required this.createdAt,
  });
}

class ProductResponseDto {
  final List<ProductModel> products;
  final PaginationMeta meta;

  const ProductResponseDto({
    required this.products,
    required this.meta,
  });
}

// BAD
```

```
class User_Model {}          // snake_case
class usermodel {}           // lowercase
class UserDTO {}             // Abbreviation should be 'Dto'
```

Variables & Properties

Use `camelCase` for all variables and properties

```
//  GOOD - Descriptive camelCase
String userName = 'John';
int itemCount = 0;
bool isLoggedIn = false;
double totalPrice = 99.99;
List<String> selectedItems = [];
Map<String, dynamic> userPreferences = {};

//  GOOD - Boolean naming (use is/has/can/should prefix)
bool isVisible = true;
bool hasPermission = false;
bool canEdit = true;
bool shouldRefresh = false;
bool isLoadingData = false;

//  BAD
String UserName = 'John';       // PascalCase
int item_count = 0;             // snake_case
bool logged_in = false;         // snake_case
String s = 'John';              // Too short, non-descriptive
int x = 0;                      // Single letter variable
bool flag = true;               // Vague boolean name
```

Private Members

```
class UserService {
  //  GOOD - Private members with underscore prefix
  final String _apiKey;
  int _retryCount = 0;
  bool _isInitialized = false;
  final List<String> _cachedUsers = [];

  //  GOOD - Private methods
  void _initializeService() {}
  Future<void> _fetchFromCache() async {}
  bool _validateInput(String input) => input.isNotEmpty;

  //  BAD
  String __apiKey;                // Double underscore
  int privateCount = 0;           // Missing underscore for private
}
```

Functions & Methods

Use `camelCase` for all functions and methods

```dart
// GOOD - Verb-based, descriptive names
Future<User> fetchUserById(String userId) async {}
void updateUserProfile(UserProfile profile) {}
bool validateEmailAddress(String email) {}
List<Product> filterProductsByCategory(String category) {}
String formatCurrencyValue(double amount) {}
Future<void> saveToLocalStorage(String key, dynamic value) async {}

// GOOD - Async methods with clear intent
Future<List<Order>> loadUserOrders() async {}
Future<void> syncDataWithServer() async {}
Future<bool> checkNetworkConnectivity() async {}

// GOOD - Boolean returning methods
bool isValidPhoneNumber(String phone) {}
bool hasRequiredPermissions() {}
bool canUserAccessFeature(String featureId) {}

// BAD
void DoSomething() {}          // PascalCase
void fetch_user() {}           // snake_case
void f() {}                    // Too short
void data() {}                 // Noun instead of verb
void process() {}              // Too vague
Future<void> user() async {}   // Noun, unclear intent
```

Getters & Setters

```dart
class ShoppingCart {
  final List<CartItem> _items = [];

  // GOOD - Descriptive getters
  int get itemCount => _items.length;
  double get totalPrice => _items.fold(0, (sum, item) => sum + item.price);
  bool get isEmpty => _items.isEmpty;
  bool get hasDiscountApplied => _discountCode != null;
  List<CartItem> get items => List.unmodifiable(_items);

  String? _discountCode;

  // GOOD - Setters with validation
  set discountCode(String? code) {
    if (code == null || code.length >= 4) {
      _discountCode = code;
    }
  }

  // BAD
  int get GetCount => _items.length;  // PascalCase getter
  int get cnt => _items.length;       // Abbreviated
}
```

Enums

Use `PascalCase` for enum names and `camelCase` for values

```dart
//  GOOD - PascalCase enum, camelCase values
enum UserRole {
  admin,
  moderator,
  editor,
  viewer,
  guest,
}

enum OrderStatus {
  pending,
  processing,
  shipped,
  delivered,
  cancelled,
  refunded,
}

enum AuthenticationState {
  initial,
  loading,
  authenticated,
  unauthenticated,
  error,
}

//  GOOD - Enhanced enums with properties
enum PaymentMethod {
  creditCard('Credit Card', Icons.credit_card),
  debitCard('Debit Card', Icons.payment),
  bankTransfer('Bank Transfer', Icons.account_balance),
  digitalWallet('Digital Wallet', Icons.wallet);

  final String displayName;
  final IconData icon;

  const PaymentMethod(this.displayName, this.icon);
}

//  BAD
enum user_role { Admin, Moderator }   // snake_case enum, PascalCase values
enum ORDERSTATUS { PENDING }          // SCREAMING_CASE
enum orderStatus { Pending }          // camelCase enum
```

Constants

Use `camelCase` for constants (Dart style guide recommendation)

```dart
//  GOOD - Dart recommended style (camelCase)
const int maxRetryAttempts = 3;
```

```dart
const double defaultPadding = 16.0;
const String apiBaseUrl = 'https://api.example.com';
const Duration connectionTimeout = Duration(seconds: 30);

// GOOD - Constant class/group
class AppConstants {
  AppConstants._(); // Private constructor

  static const int maxImageSize = 5 * 1024 * 1024; // 5MB
  static const int maxUsernameLength = 30;
  static const int minPasswordLength = 8;
  static const String defaultLocale = 'en_US';
}

class ApiEndpoints {
  ApiEndpoints._();

  static const String baseUrl = 'https://api.example.com/v1';
  static const String users = '$baseUrl/users';
  static const String products = '$baseUrl/products';
  static const String orders = '$baseUrl/orders';
}

// ACCEPTABLE - SCREAMING_SNAKE_CASE for compile-time constants
// (Some teams prefer this for better visibility)
const int MAX_RETRY_ATTEMPTS = 3;
const String API_BASE_URL = 'https://api.example.com';

// BAD
const int MaxRetryAttempts = 3;    // PascalCase
const int max_retry = 3;           // snake_case with abbreviation
```

Theme Constants

```dart
// GOOD - Organized color constants
class AppColors {
  AppColors._();

  // Primary colors
  static const Color primaryBlue = Color(0xFF2196F3);
  static const Color primaryDark = Color(0xFF1976D2);
  static const Color primaryLight = Color(0xFFBBDEFB);

  // Semantic colors
  static const Color successGreen = Color(0xFF4CAF50);
  static const Color errorRed = Color(0xFFF44336);
  static const Color warningOrange = Color(0xFFFF9800);
  static const Color infoBlue = Color(0xFF2196F3);

  // Neutral colors
  static const Color textPrimary = Color(0xFF212121);
  static const Color textSecondary = Color(0xFF757575);
  static const Color backgroundLight = Color(0xFFFAFAFA);
  static const Color dividerColor = Color(0xFFBDBDBD);
```

```
}

class AppTextStyles {
  AppTextStyles._();

  static const TextStyle headlineLarge = TextStyle(
    fontSize: 32,
    fontWeight: FontWeight.bold,
    letterSpacing: -0.5,
  );

  static const TextStyle bodyMedium = TextStyle(
    fontSize: 14,
    fontWeight: FontWeight.normal,
    height: 1.5,
  );
}
```

Extensions

Use `PascalCase` with descriptive suffix

```
//  GOOD - Clear extension naming
extension StringExtensions on String {
  bool get isValidEmail {
    return RegExp(r'^[\w-\.]+@([\w-]+\.)+[\w-]{2,4}$').hasMatch(this);
  }

  String get capitalizeFirst {
    if (isEmpty) return this;
    return '${this[0].toUpperCase()}${substring(1)}';
  }

  String truncate(int maxLength) {
    if (length <= maxLength) return this;
    return '${substring(0, maxLength)}...';
  }
}

extension DateTimeExtensions on DateTime {
  String get formattedDate => '$day/$month/$year';

  String get timeAgo {
    final difference = DateTime.now().difference(this);
    if (difference.inDays > 0) return '${difference.inDays}d ago';
    if (difference.inHours > 0) return '${difference.inHours}h ago';
    return '${difference.inMinutes}m ago';
  }

  bool get isToday {
    final now = DateTime.now();
    return year == now.year && month == now.month && day == now.day;
  }
```

```
}

extension BuildContextExtensions on BuildContext {
  ThemeData get theme => Theme.of(this);
  TextTheme get textTheme => Theme.of(this).textTheme;
  ColorScheme get colorScheme => Theme.of(this).colorScheme;
  Size get screenSize => MediaQuery.of(this).size;

  void showSnackBar(String message) {
    ScaffoldMessenger.of(this).showSnackBar(
      SnackBar(content: Text(message)),
    );
  }
}

//   BAD
extension Strings on String {}        // Too vague
extension string_ext on String {}     // snake_case
extension on String {}                 // Anonymous extension (hard to reference)
```

Typedef & Type Aliases

Use `PascalCase` for type definitions

```
//   GOOD - Clear type aliases
typedef JsonMap = Map<String, dynamic>;
typedef VoidCallback = void Function();
typedef ValueChanged<T> = void Function(T value);
typedef AsyncValueGetter<T> = Future<T> Function();
typedef ItemBuilder<T> = Widget Function(BuildContext context, T item);

//   GOOD - Function type definitions
typedef OnUserSelected = void Function(User user);
typedef OnError = void Function(String errorMessage);
typedef DataFetcher<T> = Future<T> Function(String id);
typedef Validator = String? Function(String? value);

// Usage example
class UserListWidget extends StatelessWidget {
  final OnUserSelected onUserSelected;
  final ItemBuilder<User> itemBuilder;

  const UserListWidget({
    required this.onUserSelected,
    required this.itemBuilder,
  });
}

//   BAD
typedef json_map = Map<String, dynamic>;  // snake_case
typedef callback = void Function();        // camelCase
```

Complete Naming Convention Summary

Element	Convention	Example
Classes	PascalCase	UserProfileService
Widgets	PascalCase + Suffix	LoginScreen, CustomButton
Enums	PascalCase	AuthState
Enum Values	camelCase	authenticated, loading
Variables	camelCase	userName, isLoading
Constants	camelCase or SCREAMING_CASE	maxRetry, MAX_RETRY
Functions	camelCase	fetchUserData()
Methods	camelCase	calculateTotal()
Parameters	camelCase	userId, onPressed
Private Members	_camelCase	_controller, _init()
Files	snake_case	user_service.dart
Directories	snake_case	data_sources/
Packages	snake_case	flutter_bloc
Extensions	PascalCase + Extension	StringExtensions
Typedefs	PascalCase	JsonMap, VoidCallback
Mixins	PascalCase	ValidationMixin

Quick Reference Card

```
              DART/FLUTTER NAMING CHECKLIST


    FILES & FOLDERS
        All files use snake_case.dart
        All directories use snake_case
        Test files end with _test.dart

    CLASSES & TYPES
        Classes use PascalCase
        Enums use PascalCase with camelCase values
        Extensions use PascalCase with descriptive suffix
        Typedefs use PascalCase

    VARIABLES & FUNCTIONS
        Variables use camelCase
        Functions/Methods use camelCase
        Booleans have is/has/can/should prefix
        Private members have _ prefix

    GENERAL RULES
        Names are descriptive and meaningful
        No single-letter variables (except loops: i, j, k)
        No abbreviations unless widely known (id, url, api)
        Functions start with verbs (get, set, fetch, load)
```