

Build Once, Run Everywhere: Intro to Flutter Development

Welcome to our journey into Flutter, Google's UI toolkit for building beautiful apps for mobile, web, and desktop from a single codebase.

In this workshop, we'll explore the fundamentals and build a real app together.



What We'll Build Today

Intro to Flutter & Dart

Ul toolkit for cross-platform apps

Build a Simple App

Live coding demonstration

Layouts, Widgets & State
Ul building blocks

API Integration
Fetch real data

What is Flutter?

Google's UI toolkit

Open-source framework

Single codebase

Build for Multiple Platforms

- iOS & Android
- Web browsers
- Windows, macOS, Linux

Native Performance

Compiles to machine code

No interpreters



Why Choose Flutter?

- Hot Reload
 See changes instantly
- Beautiful UIs
 Custom, animated designs
- High Performance
 60fps animations
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 Large package library

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Dart Quickstart

Modern OOP Language

- Familiar syntax
- Type-safe
- Null safety

Async Support

- Futures
- Async/await
- Streams

Easy for JS Devs

- Similar functions
- Object literals
- String interpolation

Setting Up Flutter

Install Flutter SDK

Download and extract

Setup IDE

VS Code, IntelliJ or Android Studio

Run flutter doctor

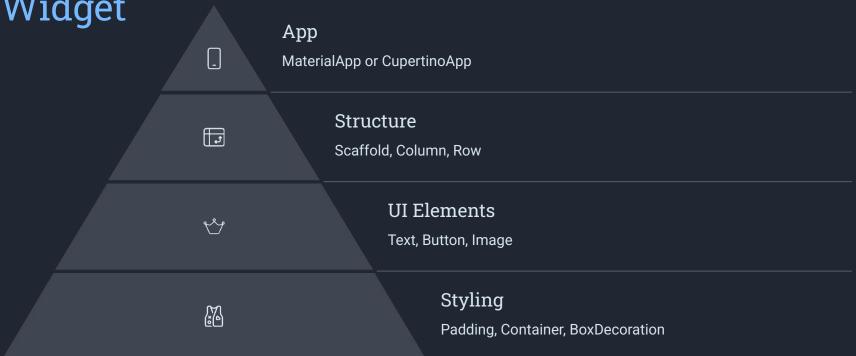
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Create Project

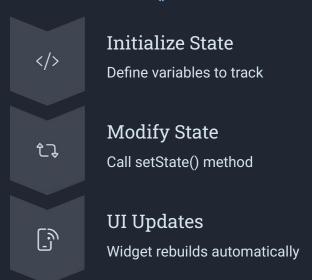
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Everything is a Widget

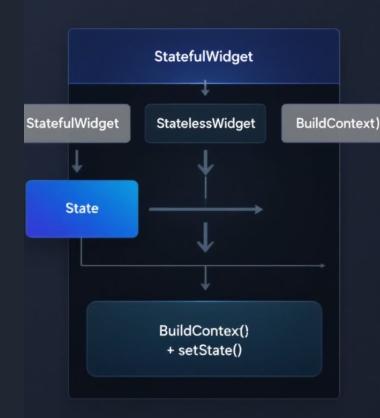


Managing State with setState()



setState() tells Flutter that something has changed. This triggers a rebuild of the widget with updated values.

Flutter mannaagement widgets



Let's Build a Random Joke

App!

Create Layout

Scaffold with centered column

Style App

Add fonts, colors, animations



Add API Call

Fetch random quotes

Manage State

Update UI when data arrives



Calling an API in Flutter



Make It Look Beautiful

Layout Widgets

- Padding for spacing
- Container for styling
- SizedBox for dimensions

Styling Options

- Custom fonts with google_fonts
- ThemeData for consistent look
- BoxDecoration for shadows and borders

Good design isn't just about looks. It improves usability and creates a professional impression.

Must-Know Flutter Packages

http

Make network requests easily. Essential for connecting to APIs and web services.

google_fonts

Access 1000+ Google Fonts directly. No need to download font files.

shared_preferences

Store simple data persistently. Perfect for saving user settings and preferences.

lottie

Add beautiful animations. Render Adobe After Effects animations natively.

Find thousands more packages at pub.dev, Flutter's official package repository.



Debug & Iterate Faster



Hot Reload

See changes instantly without losing state. Press R in console or click the lightning icon.



Widget Inspector

Examine the widget tree. Find layout issues and hierarchy problems quickly.

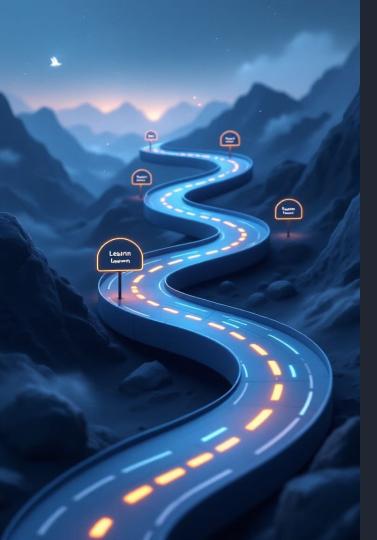


Performance Tab

Monitor app performance. Identify and fix UI jank and slow operations.

DevTools is your secret weapon. Master these tools to become a more efficient Flutter developer.





Keep Learning, Keep Building

Official Documentation

Visit flutter.dev/learn and dart.dev for comprehensive guides and tutorials.

Open Source Projects

Explore real-world code on GitHub. Study how others solve problems.

Video Tutorials

Follow Flutter channels on YouTube for visual learning.

Build Projects

"The best way to learn is to build." Start small and grow your skills.



Thanks for Joining!

