# What's Flutter and why should I try it?

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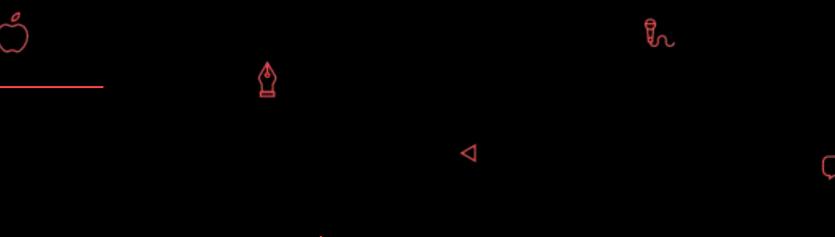
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#### Innovation is Freedom





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# **OVH: Key Figures**

**1.3M** Customers worldwide in **138** Countries

**1.5 Billions** of investment over five years

+ 2 000 Employees

**18** Years of Innovation

**19** Countries

**350k** Dedicated Servers

200k Private cloud VMs running

**500k** Public cloud Instances created in a month

Hosting capacity : **1.3M** Physical Servers



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**V**OVH

**27** Datacenters

**4** DC under construction

**2** DC in project

**13** Tbps bandwith capacity

**33** Points of presence

### **OVH: Our solutions**

Cloud

**VPS Public Cloud Private Cloud** Serveur dédié Cloud Desktop **Hybrid Cloud** 

**Containers** Compute Database **Object Storage Securities** Messaging

**Mobile** 

Hosting

Æ Hosting Domain names Email **CDN** Web hosting **MS Office MS** solutions

Web

🗂 Telecom VolP SMS/Fax Virtual desktop Cloud HubiC **Over theBox** 







### **OVH & Poland**



- Klaba family comes from Poland
- OVH data center in Warsaw
- OVH office in Wroclaw

















# What's Flutter?

#### Yet another mobile solution?





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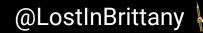
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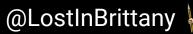




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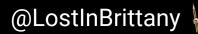




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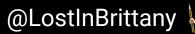




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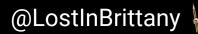




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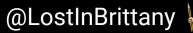




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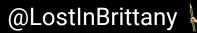




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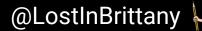




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# Looking back

# Diving into the history of mobile app development





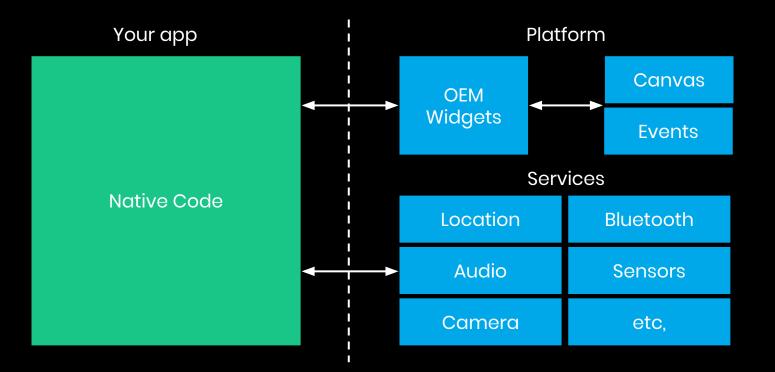
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# At the beginning there were the SDKs

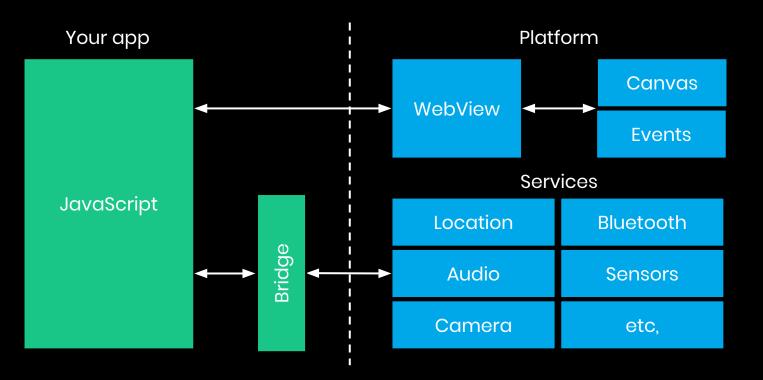








## Then the Webviews...

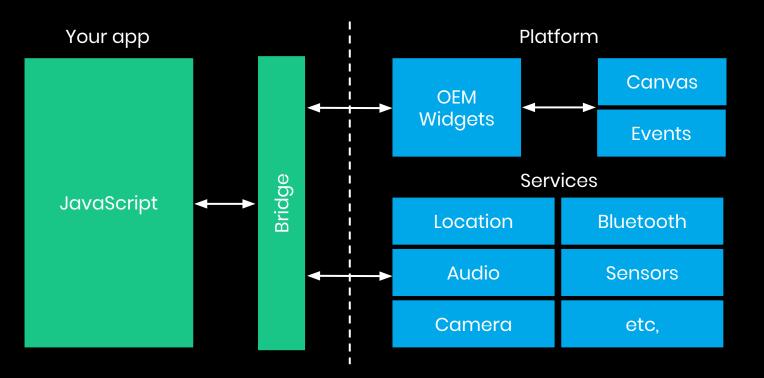








## **And the Reactive views**

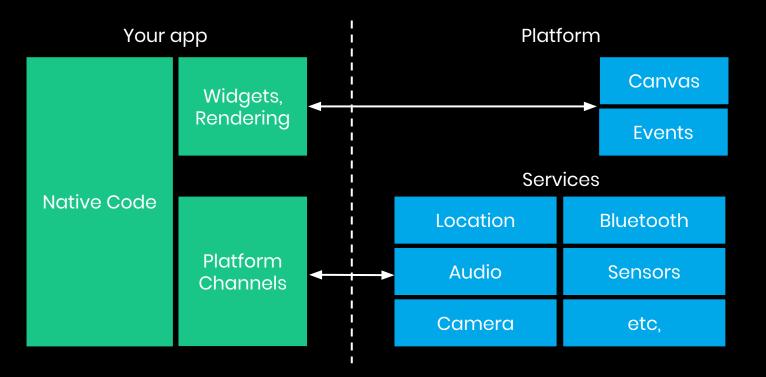








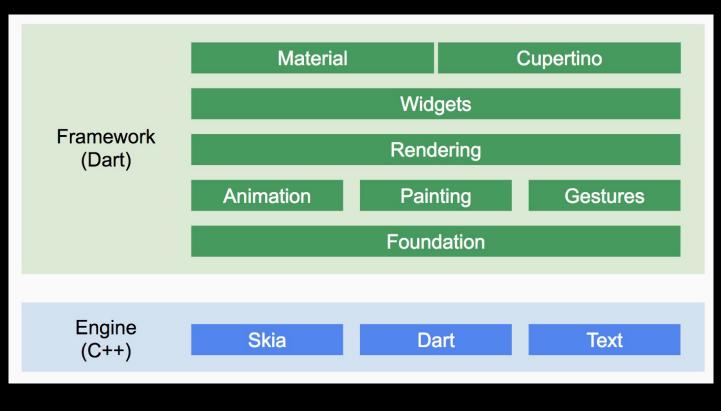
### **Enter Flutter**







## **Flutter architecture**











## **But why Dart?**

#### Because Google, duh! ...or maybe there are good reasons?





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## Dart can be compiled AOT or JIT

Development builds: Custom VM offers super fast hot reload change cycle Release builds:

Full AOT-compilation to **native machine code** offers **super fast startup and execution** 







# Dart's allocation and GC

- Many new objects:
   Lock-free, fast allocation
- Short-lived objects:
  - Precise, generational garbage collection







# Dart is an easy, familiar language

#### An easy language:

- No exotic syntax
- Easy to read, easy to write
- Very expressive

#### A familiar language:

- JavaScript devs find it easy to learn
- Java / C# devs even more









# Widgets

# Why does Flutter use its own widgets, instead of OEM?





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# Widgets make or break an app

- They need to look good
- They need to feel natural
- They need to be fast
- They need to be extensible and customizable

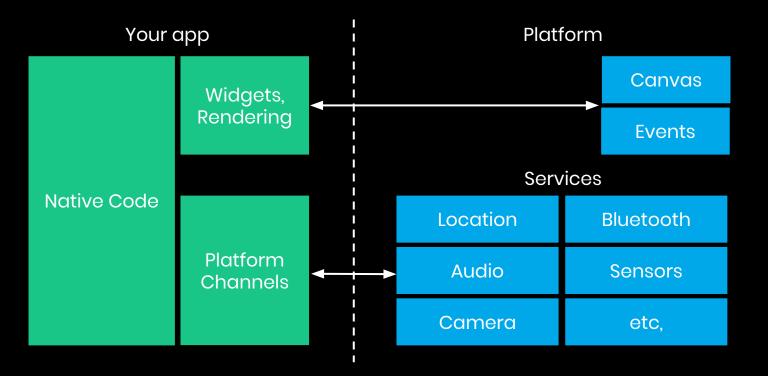
#### And Flutter widgets are all that!







# Widgets are raised into the app









# Small tradeoff on app size

Your app Widgets, Rendering Native Code Platform Channels Having the widgets and rendering in the app have a cost:

Minimal app size ~7 MB

But the benefices are great











## Layout

#### How Flutter does layout? CSS like? XML like?





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# **Traditional rule based layouts**

#### Large set of rules

- Fixed
- Applied to all the widgets

#### **Cascading application**

- Interactions & conflicts
- Low performance







## **Chrome team experiment**

Could a different layout model allow faster rendering?

- Each widget specifies its own simple layout model
- Less rules, heavily optimized
- Complex layouts are turned into widgets







# **Everything is a widget**

Layouts

Margin

Padding

are widgets

Themes

Application

Navigation



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even scrolling is a widget!





# **Blazing fast and flexible layouts**

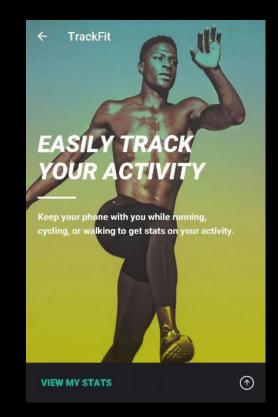


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Flutter is a mobile app SDK for building highperformance, high-fidelity, apps for IOS and Android STREET, STREET ø 0000 START EXPLORING

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Welcome to Flutter















#### Show us some code

There are developers in the room, you know...





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# Let's begin with a Hello World...

import 'package:flutter/material.dart';

```
void main() {
    runApp(
        new Center(
            child: new Text(
               'Hello, world!',
               textDirection: TextDirection.ltr,
            ),
        ),
        );
}
```

#### You will never do that IRL...



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#### **Extending Stateless Widget**

import 'package:flutter/material.dart';

```
class MyAppBar extends StatelessWidget {
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return new Center(
      child: new Text(
        'Hello, world!',
        textDirection: TextDirection.ltr,
void main() {
  runApp(new MyAppBar());
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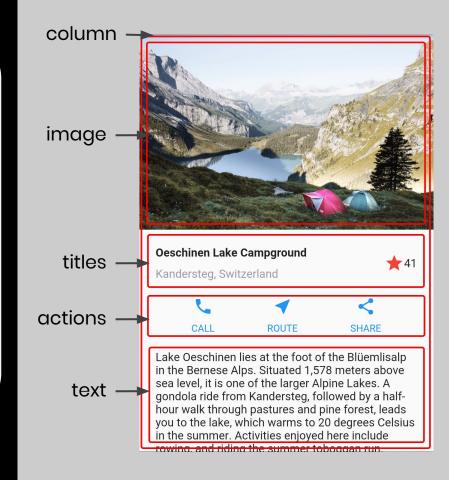
# A widget's main job is to implement a build function✓H✗ Google DevelopersWhat's✓ Flutter?@LostInBrittany



#### **Complex layouts**

```
body: new Column(
  children: [
    imageSection(
      path: 'images/lake.jpg',
    titleSection(
      heading: 'Oeschinen Lake Campground',
      subtitle: 'Kandersteg, Switzerland',
      stars: stars,
    buttonSection(),
    textSection(
        text:
            'Lake Oeschinen lies at the...'),
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),
```

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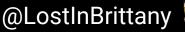


#### 'Ul-as-code'

```
new Row(
  mainAxisAlignment: MainAxisAlignment.spaceEvenly,
  children: [
    new IconAction(icon: Icons.call, label: 'CALL'),
    new IconAction(icon: Icons.near_me, label: 'ROUTE'),
    new IconAction(icon: Icons.share, label: 'SHARE'),
])
```

CALL ROUTE SHARE

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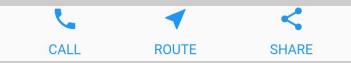




## Composability

class IconAction extends StatelessWidget {
 const IconAction({this.icon, this.label, this.onTap});

```
Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return new InkWell(
       child: new Column(
         children: [
           new Icon(icon, color: primaryColor),
           new Container(
             margin: const EdgeInsets.only(top: 8.0),
             child: new Text(
               Label
             style: new TextStyle(color: primaryColor),
             ),
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      onTap: onTap,
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#### Why to choose Flutter?

OK, so it's a new technology to build mobile apps, rather cool, yeah... but why should I choose it?





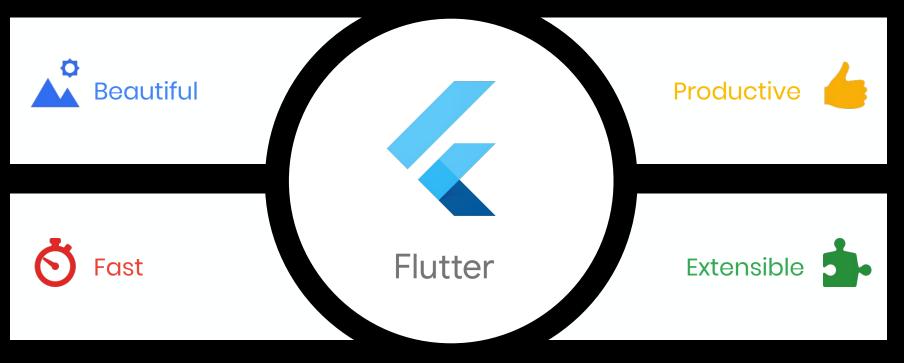
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#### Why choose Flutter?





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#### Beautiful

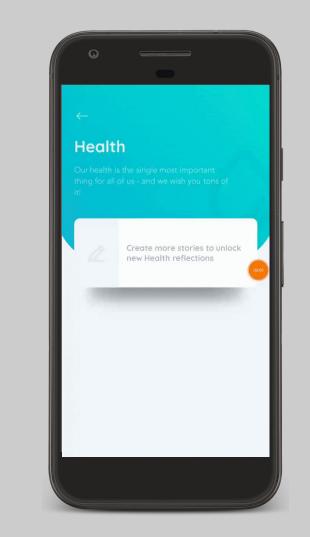
Control every pixel on the screen

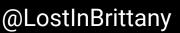
Make your brand come to life

Never say "no" to your designer

Stand out in the marketplace

Win awards with beautiful UI





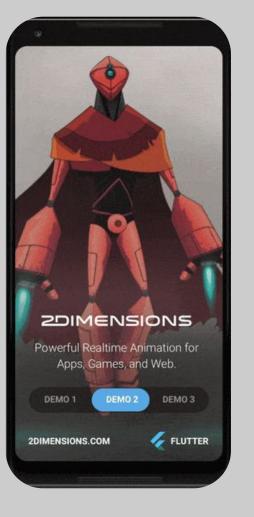


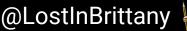


Brings the power of a games engine to user experience development

60fps, GPU accelerated

Compiled to native machine code







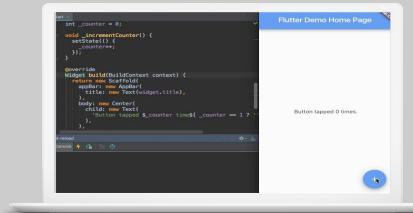
#### Productive

- Sub-second reload times
- Paint your app to life
- Iterate rapidly on features
- Test hypotheses quicker than ever
- More time to experiment & test features
- Single-codebase for faster collab
- **3X Productivity Gains**

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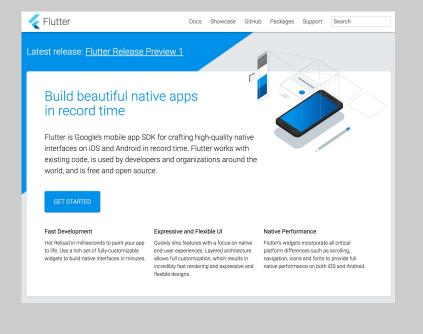
#### Extensible

Everything is free and open source

# Layered architecture: easy to extend

Deep platform integrations

Hundreds of third-party packages (ads, videos, database, cloud etc.)



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# HAMILTON Developer Stories





#### A wonderful time to begin with Flutter

# Flutter is getting momentum, and the 1.0 is around the corner...





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#### Flutter 1.0 on the starting blocks



#### Latest release: Flutter Release Preview 2







#### **Getting momentum**

#### Top Active Software Repos on GitHub

Rank	Repo	Stars
1	twbs/bootstrap	127,344
2	vuejs/vue	113,839
3	facebook/react	111,154
4	tensorflow/tensorflow	109,412
5	d3/d3	78,734
40	pallets/flask	38,739
41	moment/moment	38,562
42	GoogleChrome/puppeteer	38,118
43	getlantern/lantern	37,487
44	jakubroztocil/httpie	37,319
45	flutter/flutter	37,099
46	trekhleb/javascript-algorithms	36,776
47	django/django	36,369
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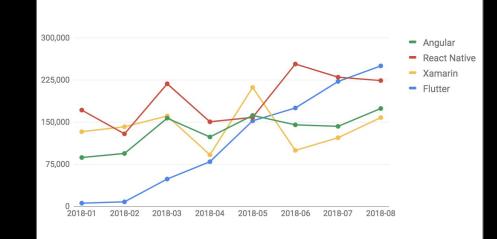


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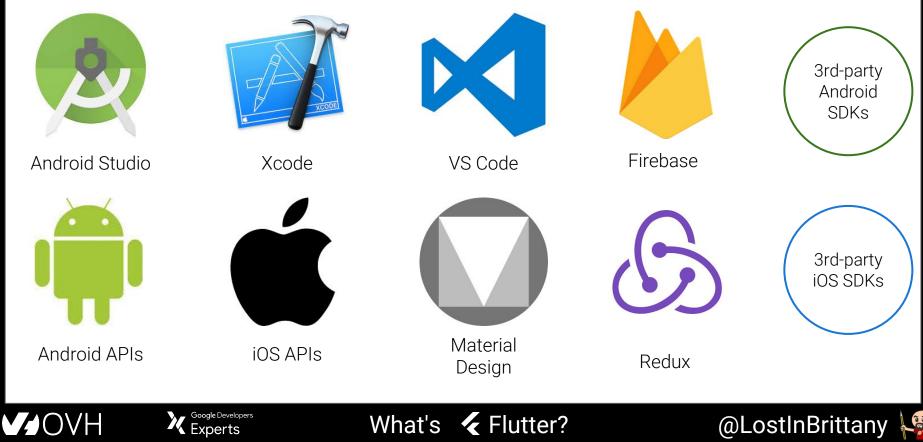
#### StackOverflow Question Views



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## Integration with popular tools











## I want to try it!

#### How could you use Flutter today?





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#### **Get started now: flutter.io**

Start a new app from scratch

Prototype a new app idea

Bring your app to the the other platform

Use Flutter for a part of your app

Build your new idea in Flutter, and reach both iOS and Android at the same time. Use Flutter to test out an app concept or idea in record time. You already have an iOS or Android app? Use Flutter to build for the other platform. Combine codebases when you've proven your Flutter app. Test Flutter in production with one or two screens in your existing app.









#### Thank you!









