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INTERVIEW GUIDE

DART INTERVIEW QUESTION GUIDE

Core language, modern Dart, async runtime, Flutter-focused questions, output puzzles and coding rounds - explained for real interviews.

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How to use this guide

Do not memorize answers word-for-word. Learn the idea, explain it in your own words, then prove it with a short code example.

01

UNDERSTAND

Know the language rule and the reason behind it.

02

EXPLAIN

Give a 20-40 second interview-ready answer.

03

PROVE

Use a tiny code example, output, or counter-example.

THE 60-SECOND RULE

A strong answer usually has three parts: definition, why it matters, and a concise example. If the interviewer asks deeper questions, expand into trade-offs or edge cases.

ANSWER SHAPE

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Question: What is null safety?
Answer: Dart's type system separates nullable and non-nullable types.
Why it matters: many null errors become compile-time errors.
Example: String name; vs String? name;
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Interview roadmap

Move from language foundations to runtime, architecture, coding rounds and rapid revision.

01

Core language

Types, final/const/late, null safety, operators, control flow

02

Functions & collections

Parameters, closures, higher-order functions, List/Set/Map

03

OOP & type system

Classes, interfaces, mixins, generics, equality, immutability

04

Modern Dart

Records, patterns, sealed classes, class modifiers, extensions

05

Async runtime

Futures, event loop, microtasks, Streams, isolates

06

Practical interview

JSON, debugging, coding rounds, Flutter-focused Dart, rapid-fire

Types, inference and dynamic

Interviewers often test whether you understand what Dart knows at compile time versus what can change at runtime.

1

What is type inference in Dart?

Dart can infer a variable type from its initializer. `var count = 1` is inferred as `int`; `var` does not mean dynamically typed.

CORE

2

How is `var` different from `dynamic`?

`var` asks the compiler to infer one static type. `dynamic` turns off most static checks for that value until runtime.

TRICK

3

When would you use `Object` instead of `dynamic`?

Use `Object` when you want any non-null object but still want static safety. You must check or cast before accessing members.

TYPE SYSTEM

4

What does `num` represent?

`num` is the common supertype of `int` and `double`. It is useful when an API accepts either numeric form.

CORE

5

Can the type of a `var` variable change later?

No. Once inferred, the variable keeps that static type. `var x = 1; x = 2.5;` is a compile-time error.

TRICK

6

What is the safest default: `var`, explicit type, or `dynamic`?

Use `var` when the type is obvious, an explicit type when it improves API clarity, and `dynamic` only when truly necessary.

PRACTICE

INTERVIEW TIP

A strong answer distinguishes static typing from runtime values.

final, const and late

These keywords look simple, but they reveal whether you understand initialization time, immutability and runtime behavior.

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What is the difference between `final` and `const`?

`final` is assigned once at runtime. `const` requires a compile-time constant and also creates canonical constant objects where applicable.

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8

Can a `final` List still change?

Yes. `final` prevents reassignment of the variable, not mutation of the object. `final items = <int>[]; items.add(1);` is valid.

TRICK

9

What does `late` do?

`late` delays initialization while keeping a non-nullable type. Reading it before assignment causes a runtime error.

NULL SAFETY

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When should `late final` be used?

When a value is initialized after construction but should still be assigned only once, such as dependency setup with a lifecycle method.

PRACTICE

11

Why can overusing `late` be dangerous?

It moves an initialization guarantee from compile time to runtime, so misuse can produce `LateInitializationError`.

RISK

12

What is a const constructor?

A constructor marked `const` can create compile-time constant instances when all arguments are compile-time constants and fields are final.

OOP

INTERVIEW TIP

Mention that `final` is about assignment, while object immutability depends on the object itself.

Nullable vs non-nullable types

Null safety is one of Dart's most important interview topics because it affects API design, promotion and runtime reliability.

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What does sound null safety mean?

The type system distinguishes nullable and non-nullable types and enforces those guarantees consistently across sound code.

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What is the difference between `String` and `String?`?

`String` cannot hold null. `String?` can hold a `String` or null, so it must be checked before member access.

CORE

15

What does `!` do?

The null assertion operator tells the compiler a nullable value is non-null. If that assumption is wrong, the program throws at runtime.

TRICK

16

Explain null-aware operators.

`?.` performs conditional member access, `??` provides a fallback, and `??=` assigns only when the target is null.

SYNTAX

17

What is type promotion?

After a valid check, Dart can promote a variable to a more specific type, e.g. from `String?` to `String` after `if (name != null)`.

TYPE SYSTEM

18

Why may promotion fail for a field?

Mutable fields can change between checks and use. Local final variables are easier for the compiler to promote safely.

ADVANCED

INTERVIEW TIP

Avoid presenting `!` as a normal fix for nullability. It is an assertion and should be justified.

Operators and equality

Many output questions hide small rules around `==`, `identical`, cascades, spreads and short-circuiting.

19

What is the difference between `==` and `identical()`?

`==` checks logical equality and can be overridden. `identical(a, b)` checks whether two references point to the exact same object.

TRICK

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What does `?..` or `..` cascade syntax do?

Cascades let you perform multiple operations on the same object without repeating the variable name. They return the original receiver.

SYNTAX

21

How do `&&` and `||` short-circuit?

The right side is evaluated only when necessary: `&&` stops on false; `||` stops on true.

CORE

22

What is the spread operator?

`...items` inserts elements from another collection; `...?items` does the same only when the source is non-null.

COLLECTIONS

23

When should you override `==` and `hashCode`?

When objects should compare by value, especially if they are keys in sets/maps or used in state comparisons. Both must stay consistent.

OOP

24

What is integer division in Dart?

`~/` divides and truncates toward zero, producing an integer result. `/` always produces a double.

OUTPUT

INTERVIEW TIP

If you override `==`, always discuss the matching `hashCode` contract.

if, switch, loops and expressions

Modern Dart supports expressive control flow, especially with switch expressions and patterns.

25

When is a switch expression useful?

When you want to map an input directly to a value in a concise exhaustive expression.

MODERN

26

What is the difference between `break` and `continue`?

`break` exits the nearest loop or switch. `continue` skips to the next iteration of the loop.

CORE

27

What is a labeled break?

A label lets `break` or `continue` target an outer loop explicitly in nested control flow.

ADVANCED

28

Can Dart `switch` be exhaustive?

Yes. With enums, sealed hierarchies and certain patterns, the analyzer can verify that all possible cases are handled.

MODERN

29

What is a collection `if` or `for`?

It lets you build list/set/map literals conditionally or iteratively without separate mutation steps.

COLLECTIONS

30

Why prefer expressions over deeply nested conditionals?

Small expressions can improve readability and make state mapping easier to reason about and test.

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INTERVIEW TIP

For modern Dart interviews, expect pattern-based switch questions, not only classic case labels.

FUNCTIONS

Parameters, returns and first-class functions

Dart treats functions as values, which makes callbacks, functional transformations and Flutter event handlers natural.

31

Are functions first-class objects in Dart?

Yes. You can assign them to variables, pass them as arguments, and return them from other functions.

CORE

32

What is the difference between positional and named parameters?

Positional parameters are matched by order. Named parameters are matched by name and improve readability for APIs with several options.

CORE

33

What does `required` mean for a named parameter?

It makes a named parameter mandatory at the call site even though named parameters are otherwise optional by default.

NULL SAFETY

34

What is an arrow function?

A concise function body written with `=>` for a single expression. It implicitly returns that expression.

SYNTAX

35

Can a function return another function?

Yes. This is common for closures, factories, configuration and higher-order utility patterns.

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36

What is a typedef?

A typedef gives a readable name to a function type or other type alias, improving signatures and API clarity.

TYPE SYSTEM

INTERVIEW TIP

In interviews, describe named parameters as an API-design tool, not just syntax.

Closures and lexical scope

Closures are heavily used in Flutter callbacks, collection transformations, builders and asynchronous code.

37

What is a closure?

A function that captures variables from its surrounding lexical scope and can continue using them later.

CORE

38

What does lexical scope mean?

A name is visible based on where code is written, not based on the runtime caller. Inner scopes can access outer variables.

CORE

39

Why are closures useful in Flutter?

Callbacks can capture state or dependencies without creating a dedicated class for every tiny behavior.

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What is a higher-order function?

A function that accepts another function, returns one, or both. `map`, `where`, and `fold` rely on this style.

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What is a tear-off?

A concise reference to an existing function or constructor without wrapping it in another closure when signatures already match.

MODERN

42

What is the closure capture pitfall?

Captured mutable variables can change before the callback runs, producing surprising results. Prefer clear local values when timing matters.

TRICK

INTERVIEW TIP

A practical example using `map`, `where`, or a Flutter callback makes closure answers much stronger.

COLLECTIONS

List, Set and Map

Collection choice is often tested through complexity, ordering, uniqueness and transformation questions.

43

When would you use a List?

For an ordered sequence where duplicates are allowed and index-based access matters.

CORE

44

When would you use a Set?

When uniqueness is important and membership checks are more central than index positions.

CORE

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When would you use a Map?

For key-value lookup, such as JSON-like structures, caches, indexes or configuration.

CORE

46

What does `where()` return?

An Iterable containing elements that satisfy the predicate. It is lazy until iterated or converted.

LAZY

47

What is the difference between `map()` and `forEach()`?

`map()` transforms and returns a lazy Iterable. `forEach()` is for side effects and returns void.

TRICK

48

Why call `toList()` after `map()`?

To materialize the lazy Iterable into a concrete List, often needed by APIs or widgets expecting a List.

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INTERVIEW TIP

A frequent interview trap is saying `map()` returns a List. It returns an Iterable unless materialized.

map, where, fold and expand

Interviewers may ask you to transform data without writing mutation-heavy loops.

49 What does `fold()` do?

It reduces a sequence into one accumulated value using an initial value and combine function.

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50 What does `expand()` do?

It maps each element to zero or more elements and flattens the result into one Iterable.

ADVANCED

51 What is lazy evaluation in Iterable methods?

Many transformations are computed only when the Iterable is iterated, which can avoid unnecessary work.

PERFORMANCE

52 How would you remove duplicates while preserving a usable collection?

A common approach is `items.toSet().toList()`, but ordering semantics and custom equality should be considered.

CODING

53 How do you safely access the first matching item?

Use a deliberate strategy such as `firstWhere` with `orElse`, or package helpers like `firstWhereOrNull` where appropriate.

PRACTICE

54 What is a collection spread useful for?

Combining multiple collections declaratively, especially when building UI lists or immutable-style values.

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INTERVIEW TIP

Know whether an operation is eager or lazy; that detail often distinguishes intermediate from strong answers.

Classes, constructors and object lifecycle

Dart has a flexible object model with generative, named, factory and redirecting constructors.

55

What is a generative constructor?

A constructor that creates and initializes a new instance of its class.

CORE

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Why use a named constructor?

To provide multiple readable creation paths such as `User.fromJson()` or `DateTime.now()`.

API DESIGN

57

What is a factory constructor?

A constructor that may return an existing instance, a subtype, or perform creation logic without always allocating a new instance.

ADVANCED

58

Can a factory constructor access `this`?

No, because it may not create a new instance of the declaring class and has no instance before returning.

TRICK

59

What is an initializer list?

Code after `:` in a constructor that initializes fields or asserts conditions before the constructor body runs.

CORE

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What are redirecting constructors?

Constructors that delegate to another constructor to centralize initialization logic.

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INTERVIEW TIP

Use a real example: `Model.fromJson` for named constructors and caching/singleton behavior for factories.

Abstract classes, interfaces and mixins

Dart's class model gives several ways to share behavior or define contracts.

61 **What is an abstract class?**

A class that cannot be directly instantiated and may contain abstract members plus concrete implementation.

CORE

62 **Does Dart have an `interface` keyword for classic interfaces?**

Every class implicitly defines an interface. Modern class modifiers can also constrain how a class may be used.

MODERN

63 **What does `implements` require?**

The implementing class must provide the full interface contract; implementation code is not inherited.

TRICK

64 **What is a mixin?**

A reusable unit of behavior that can be applied to classes without forming a traditional superclass chain.

CORE

65 **What does `with` do?**

It applies one or more mixins to a class, incorporating their members subject to constraints.

SYNTAX

66 **When should you prefer composition?**

When behaviors can vary independently or inheritance would create tight coupling. Composition is often easier to test and change.

DESIGN

INTERVIEW TIP

Explain the difference between inheriting implementation (`extends`) and only promising a contract (`implements`).

Generics and type constraints

Generics let APIs remain reusable while preserving compile-time information and avoiding unsafe casts.

67 Why use generics?

They preserve type safety and reuse. `List<String>` tells the compiler what elements are valid and what reads return.

CORE

68 What is a generic constraint?

`T extends SomeType` restricts acceptable type arguments so generic code can safely use members of that bound.

ADVANCED

69 What does `List<Object>` vs `List<dynamic>` imply?

`Object` keeps static checks; `dynamic` allows unchecked member access that may fail at runtime.

TRICK

70 What is generic type inference?

Dart can infer type arguments from constructor arguments, function arguments or surrounding context.

CORE

71 Why are generics valuable in repositories or result types?

A generic API such as `Result<T>` or `Repository<T>` can model many domains while keeping each call strongly typed.

ARCHITECTURE

72 What is a common generic interview mistake?

Using `dynamic` to make code compile instead of designing an appropriate generic type or constraint.

RISK

INTERVIEW TIP

A good generic answer connects type safety to better API design and fewer runtime casts.

Records and destructuring

Records are lightweight immutable aggregate values with structural shape-based typing.

73 What is a record in Dart?

A fixed-size, immutable aggregate of multiple values without declaring a class just to group them.

MODERN

74 How are records typed?

By their shape: number of fields, field types, and names of named fields.

TYPE SYSTEM

75 When are records preferable to classes?

For short-lived grouped return values or internal transformations where behavior and domain identity are unnecessary.

DESIGN

76 How do you destructure a record?

Use a pattern such as `var (name, age) = userInfo;` to bind fields directly.

MODERN

77 Are records mutable?

No. A record value is immutable; create another record to represent a changed value.

TRICK

78 Why not replace every model class with records?

Domain classes provide names, methods, invariants and long-term API meaning. Records are best for lightweight grouping.

DESIGN

INTERVIEW TIP

Records reduce ceremony, but domain modeling still matters.

Patterns, matching and destructuring

Pattern matching is now central to expressive and type-safe Dart control flow.

79 **What is a pattern?**

A pattern describes the shape a value must match and can simultaneously test and extract parts of that value.

MODERN

80 **What is an object pattern?**

A pattern that matches an object by type and destructures selected properties through getters.

ADVANCED

81 **What is a list pattern?**

A pattern that matches list structure and can bind specific positions or use rest patterns for remaining elements.

ADVANCED

82 **Why are patterns useful in switch?**

They combine matching, type checks and destructuring, reducing repetitive casts and nested conditionals.

MODERN

83 **What is a guard clause in a switch case?**

An additional `when` condition that must be true after the pattern matches.

ADVANCED

84 **How can patterns improve JSON handling?**

They can validate expected shapes while extracting nested values, though production deserialization still needs robust error handling.

PRACTICE

INTERVIEW TIP

Modern Dart interviews increasingly test whether you can read and reason about pattern syntax.

Sealed classes and exhaustive states

Sealed hierarchies are excellent for finite state modeling and exhaustive switch handling.

85

What does `sealed` mean?

A sealed class restricts direct subtype declarations to the same library, allowing the compiler to know the closed subtype set.

MODERN

86

Why are sealed classes useful for UI state?

They model states such as Loading, Success and Failure as distinct types and enable exhaustive switches.

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87

How is sealed different from abstract?

Abstract prevents direct instantiation but does not by itself close the subtype set. Sealed also constrains where subtypes can be declared.

TRICK

88

What is exhaustive switching?

A switch is exhaustive when every possible input case is handled; with sealed types, the analyzer can often verify this statically.

TYPE SYSTEM

89

What is a `final class` modifier?

It prevents subtyping outside its library while still allowing construction unless other modifiers prevent it.

MODERN

90

Why do class modifiers matter in package APIs?

They let library authors communicate and enforce intended extension, implementation and construction boundaries.

API DESIGN

INTERVIEW TIP

A sealed result or UI state example is a high-value interview answer.

Extension methods and extension types

Extensions improve APIs without modifying the original type. Extension types provide zero-cost static wrappers in many cases.

91 What is an extension method?

A statically resolved way to add convenient methods/getters to an existing type without inheritance or source modification.

MODERN

92 Can extension methods override instance methods?

No. Real instance members take precedence; extension resolution is static.

TRICK

93 What problem do extension types solve?

They let you create a distinct static interface around an existing representation, useful for domain-specific type safety with little runtime overhead.

ADVANCED

94 Give a good extension-method use case.

Formatting, parsing, validation or UI convenience helpers that naturally belong near an existing type but are app-specific.

PRACTICE

95 When can extensions become harmful?

When many overlapping extensions create ambiguous or surprising APIs. Keep them focused and discoverable.

DESIGN

96 Why are extension types interesting for IDs?

They can distinguish values like UserId and OrderId at compile time even if both use the same underlying representation.

TYPE SAFETY

INTERVIEW TIP

Use extensions to clarify code, not to hide business logic.

Exceptions, try/catch and typed failures

Interviewers want to see whether you distinguish exceptional failures from expected business outcomes.

97

How do you catch a specific exception type?

Use `on SomeException catch (e)` when you want type-specific handling.

CORE

98

What is `finally` used for?

Cleanup that must run whether the operation succeeds or throws, such as releasing resources or resetting loading state.

CORE

99

What does `rethrow` do?

It propagates the currently caught exception while preserving the original stack trace better than throwing the caught object again.

ADVANCED

100

When should you create custom exceptions?

When callers benefit from distinguishing failure categories and carrying domain-specific context.

DESIGN

101

Should validation failures always be exceptions?

Not necessarily. Expected domain outcomes may be better represented as result values or sealed states.

ARCHITECTURE

102

What is a common async error-handling mistake?

Starting a Future without awaiting or handling it, causing errors to surface outside the intended control flow.

TRICK

INTERVIEW TIP

Strong candidates explain both mechanics and error-modeling trade-offs.

Future, async and await

Async questions are among the most common Dart/Flutter interview topics.

103

What is a Future?

A placeholder for a value or error that will become available later.

CORE

104

What does `async` do?

It allows `await` inside the function and makes the function return a Future, wrapping returned values automatically.

CORE

105

What does `await` do?

It suspends the current async function until the Future completes; it does not block the entire Dart isolate.

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106

What is the difference between `await` and `.then()`?

Both compose Futures. `await` often produces clearer sequential code and integrates naturally with try/catch.

PRACTICE

107

Can an async function return `void`?

It can, but `Future<void>` is usually preferable because callers can await completion and observe errors.

TRICK

108

What is `Future.wait` for?

Waiting for several independent Futures to complete, often enabling concurrency of I/O operations.

ADVANCED

INTERVIEW TIP

Say explicitly: `await` pauses the function, not the whole Flutter UI thread/isolate.

Event loop and microtasks

Understanding scheduling helps explain why output order can surprise developers.

109

What is the Dart event loop?

Each isolate processes queued asynchronous work in an event loop, handling one event at a time.

RUNTIME

110

What is the microtask queue?

A higher-priority queue processed before the next event-queue item once current synchronous work finishes.

ADVANCED

111

Why avoid excessive microtasks?

They can delay normal event processing and make an app less responsive if continuously scheduled.

PERFORMANCE

112

Does a Future always run on another thread?

No. Futures represent asynchronous completion; code often continues on the same isolate unless work is explicitly moved elsewhere.

TRICK

113

What runs first: synchronous code or queued async callbacks?

Current synchronous code completes first. Then queued microtasks are processed before the next event.

OUTPUT

114

When does scheduling knowledge matter in Flutter?

When debugging ordering, stale state, duplicate events, animation/UI responsiveness or heavy work blocking the main isolate.

FLUTTER

INTERVIEW TIP

Future is not synonymous with thread. That distinction is a classic interview discriminator.

Streams and subscriptions

Streams model multiple asynchronous values over time and are foundational in reactive Dart APIs.

115

What is a Stream?

An asynchronous sequence of data events, errors and a completion signal.

CORE

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Future vs Stream?

A Future produces one eventual result; a Stream can produce zero, one or many events over time.

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What is a StreamSubscription?

The handle returned when listening to a stream; it can pause, resume or cancel the subscription.

CORE

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Single-subscription vs broadcast stream?

A single-subscription stream has one listener and is suitable for sequential data; broadcast streams allow multiple listeners for event-style sources.

ADVANCED

119

Why cancel subscriptions?

To release resources and prevent callbacks after the owning object is no longer active.

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120

What does `async*` do?

It defines an asynchronous generator function that returns a Stream and emits values with `yield`.

SYNTAX

INTERVIEW TIP

Tie Stream answers to lifecycle management; forgetting cancellation is a practical red flag.

Isolates and CPU-heavy work

Isolates provide memory-isolated concurrency and are important for keeping Flutter UIs responsive during CPU-heavy tasks.

121

What is an isolate?

An independent Dart execution context with its own memory and event loop. Isolates communicate by message passing.

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122

Why use an isolate?

To move CPU-intensive work away from the main isolate so rendering and user interaction remain responsive.

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123

How are isolates different from threads sharing memory?

Dart isolates do not share mutable memory directly; communication occurs through messages, reducing shared-state races.

RUNTIME

124

When should you NOT use an isolate?

For ordinary network I/O or tiny work where startup/serialization overhead outweighs the benefit.

TRICK

125

What is `Isolate.run` useful for?

Running a computation in a new isolate and receiving its result with a simpler API than manual port management.

MODERN

126

What kind of work belongs in isolates?

Large JSON parsing, image processing, compression, cryptography or other sustained CPU-bound computations.

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The key interview phrase: async I/O does not automatically need an isolate; CPU-heavy work may.

Equality, hashCode and identity

Value objects and state classes often fail in subtle ways when equality contracts are misunderstood.

127

What is the equality contract?

If `a == b` is true, their hash codes must also be equal. Equality should also behave consistently and sensibly.

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128

Why does hashCode matter?

Hash-based collections such as Set and Map use it to organize and locate keys efficiently.

CORE

129

What is identity equality?

Checking whether two references point to the same object, typically with `identical`.

CORE

130

Why are mutable map keys dangerous?

If fields involved in equality/hashCode change after insertion, lookup behavior can break because the key effectively moved logically.

TRICK

131

What makes a good value object?

Immutable fields, meaningful value equality, stable hashCode, and a focused domain concept.

DESIGN

132

Why do state-management libraries care about equality?

Equality affects change detection, rebuild decisions, caching and tests.

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If you discuss equality, mention immutability; the two concepts are strongly connected.

Immutable models and copy patterns

Immutability makes state transitions easier to reason about, compare and test.

133

What does immutable mean?

An object's observable state does not change after construction. New states are represented by new objects.

CORE

134

Does `final` automatically make a class deeply immutable?

No. A final field may still refer to a mutable object such as a List. Deep immutability requires controlling nested mutation too.

TRICK

135

Why use `copyWith`?

It creates a modified copy while retaining unchanged fields, a common pattern for immutable state objects.

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Why is immutability useful in async code?

It reduces accidental shared-state mutation and makes snapshots easier to reason about across callbacks.

DESIGN

137

What are const objects good for?

Compile-time canonical values, predictable immutability, and sometimes reduced allocation for repeated constants.

PERFORMANCE

138

What is defensive copying?

Creating copies of incoming mutable collections so external code cannot mutate internal state unexpectedly.

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Immutability is a design property, not just the presence of `final`.

JSON, models and serialization

Most Flutter roles involve network data, so interviewers often test conversion, typing and failure handling.

139 What does `jsonDecode` return?

A dynamic object structure typically composed of Map<String, dynamic>, List<dynamic>, primitives and null.

CORE

140 Why convert JSON maps into typed models?

Typed models centralize validation, improve autocomplete, reduce repeated casts and make domain logic safer.

ARCHITECTURE

141 What is a `fromJson` constructor/factory?

A conventional creation API that parses a JSON map into a typed model instance.

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142 What can go wrong with direct casts from JSON?

Missing keys, null values or unexpected types can throw at runtime. Robust parsing should validate assumptions.

TRICK

143 Manual serialization vs code generation?

Manual code is transparent for small models; code generation reduces boilerplate and inconsistency in larger codebases.

DESIGN

144 Why keep transport models separate from domain models sometimes?

API shapes may change independently from business concepts; separation can protect the domain layer.

ARCHITECTURE

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Explain the boundary between untyped external data and strongly typed internal models.

Testing Dart logic effectively

Testing questions reveal whether you can design code that is isolated, deterministic and easy to verify.

145

Unit test vs integration test?

A unit test checks a small piece in isolation; an integration test checks multiple components working together.

CORE

146

What makes code easy to unit test?

Pure logic, explicit dependencies, small responsibilities and minimal hidden global state.

DESIGN

147

Why inject dependencies?

So tests can provide fakes/mocks and control external behavior such as APIs, clocks or storage.

ARCHITECTURE

148

What should an async test await?

The Future or expected completion signal; otherwise the test may finish before the behavior under test completes.

ASYNC

149

Why test edge cases?

Bugs cluster around empty input, nullability, boundaries, errors and unexpected sequences.

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150

What is a flaky test?

A test that sometimes passes and sometimes fails due to timing, shared state, randomness or external dependencies.

TRICK

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Interviewers value reasoning about testability more than naming a particular mocking package.

Performance and memory questions

You do not need VM-internals expertise, but you should know common causes of wasted work and blocked UI.

151

What is the biggest performance risk on the main isolate?

Long synchronous CPU work that prevents the event loop from servicing rendering and user input.

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Why can lazy iterables help?

They avoid computing transformed elements until needed and can prevent unnecessary intermediate allocations.

PERFORMANCE

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When can lazy iterables hurt?

Repeated iteration may recompute expensive transformations; materializing once can be better when reused.

TRICK

154

What is object allocation pressure?

Creating many short-lived objects increases garbage-collection work and can contribute to jank in hot paths.

ADVANCED

155

How can `const` help Flutter code?

It can reuse canonical objects and lets Flutter treat constant widget subtrees as stable where applicable.

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Why profile instead of guessing?

Performance bottlenecks are often surprising; measurement tells you whether CPU, allocation, I/O or rendering is actually limiting.

PRACTICE

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A mature answer prefers profiling and evidence over premature micro-optimization.

Predict the output - and explain why

State the output first, then explain the scheduling, null-safety or collection rule behind it.

QUESTION 1

```
print('A');
Future(() => print('B'));
scheduleMicrotask(() => print('C'));
print('D');
```

EXPECTED

A, D, C, B. Synchronous work finishes first, then microtasks, then the next event.

QUESTION 2

```
var list = [1, 2, 3];
final copy = [...list];
list.add(4);
print(copy);
```

EXPECTED

[1, 2, 3]. Spread created a new list with the elements present at that moment.

QUESTION 3

```
int? n;
print(n ?? 5);
n ??= 9;
print(n);
```

EXPECTED

5 then 9. ?? reads with a fallback; ??= assigns only when the target is null.

QUESTION 4

```
final a = [1,2,3].map((e) => e * 2);
print(a.toList());
```

EXPECTED

[2, 4, 6]. map returns an Iterable which is materialized here with toList().

Mini coding challenges

Use these to practice collection fluency, null safety, async reasoning and clean problem decomposition.

01

Frequency map

Count each String in a List<String>.

02

First non-repeating

Return the first character that occurs once.

03

Group by key

Group users by city.

04

Safe average

Return null for empty input.

05

Deduplicate models

Keep the latest item per ID.

06

Async fan-out

Run independent requests concurrently.

07

Debounce search

Avoid one API call per keystroke.

08

Heavy parsing

Decide when an isolate is justified.

Dart questions Flutter interviewers ask

The visible symptom may be Flutter-specific, but the underlying concept is usually Dart types, lifecycle, async behavior or isolation.

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Why should build() avoid heavy synchronous work?

Because it runs on the main isolate and can block frame production, causing jank.

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Why are immutable widget objects natural in Flutter?

Widgets describe configuration; new widget objects represent new configuration while framework state lives elsewhere.

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Why prefer Future<void> for async callbacks you control?

Completion and errors stay observable, and callers/tests can await the operation.

ASYNC

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Why cancel a StreamSubscription in dispose?

To stop callbacks and release resources after the owner is no longer active.

LIFECYCLE

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What conceptually causes setState-after-dispose bugs?

An async callback completes after the UI owner is gone: a lifecycle plus async-state problem.

ASYNC

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When does isolate-style work help Flutter?

When CPU-heavy work blocks the main isolate; ordinary network waiting usually does not need another isolate.

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30 rapid-fire Dart questions

Try to answer each in one sentence. Mark any question that takes more than 20 seconds.

01	Is var dynamically typed?
02	Can a final List be mutated?
03	What does late trade away?
04	What is Never used for?
05	What does ?. do on null?
06	Does / return int for int operands?
07	Can functions be stored in variables?
08	What does a closure capture?
09	Does map() return List?
10	Why is Set membership useful?
11	What does implements inherit?
12	Can a factory return a subtype?
13	Why pair == with hashCode?
14	What is a generic bound?
15	What defines a record shape?
16	What does a pattern do?
17	Why use sealed classes?
18	Are extension methods dynamically dispatched?
19	When should you rethrow?
20	Future vs Stream?
21	Does await block the app?
22	Microtask vs event queue?
23	Does Future mean a new thread?
24	Why cancel subscriptions?
25	Why use isolates?
26	Can isolates share mutable memory?
27	What does jsonDecode return?

Dart interview cheat sheet

A compact final revision page for the most frequently confused language and runtime concepts.

`var`	Infer one static type
`dynamic`	Runtime-checked member access
`final`	Assign once at runtime
`const`	Compile-time constant
`late`	Deferred initialization
`String?`	Nullable String
`!`	Assert non-null
`??`	Fallback if null
`~/`	Integer division
`=>`	Single-expression body
`...`	Collection spread
`factory`	Constructor may return another instance
`mixin`	Reusable behavior
`sealed`	Closed subtype family
`record`	Lightweight typed aggregate
`pattern`	Match + destructure
`Future`	One eventual value/error
`Stream`	Multiple async events
`await`	Pause async function
`Isolate`	Independent memory + event loop

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Understand. Explain. Prove.

The best interview answer is not the longest one. It is the answer that is technically correct, easy to follow, and backed by a small example when needed.

- OK **Know the rule**
- OK **Explain why it matters**
- OK **Show a tiny code example**
- OK **Discuss the trade-off when asked**

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