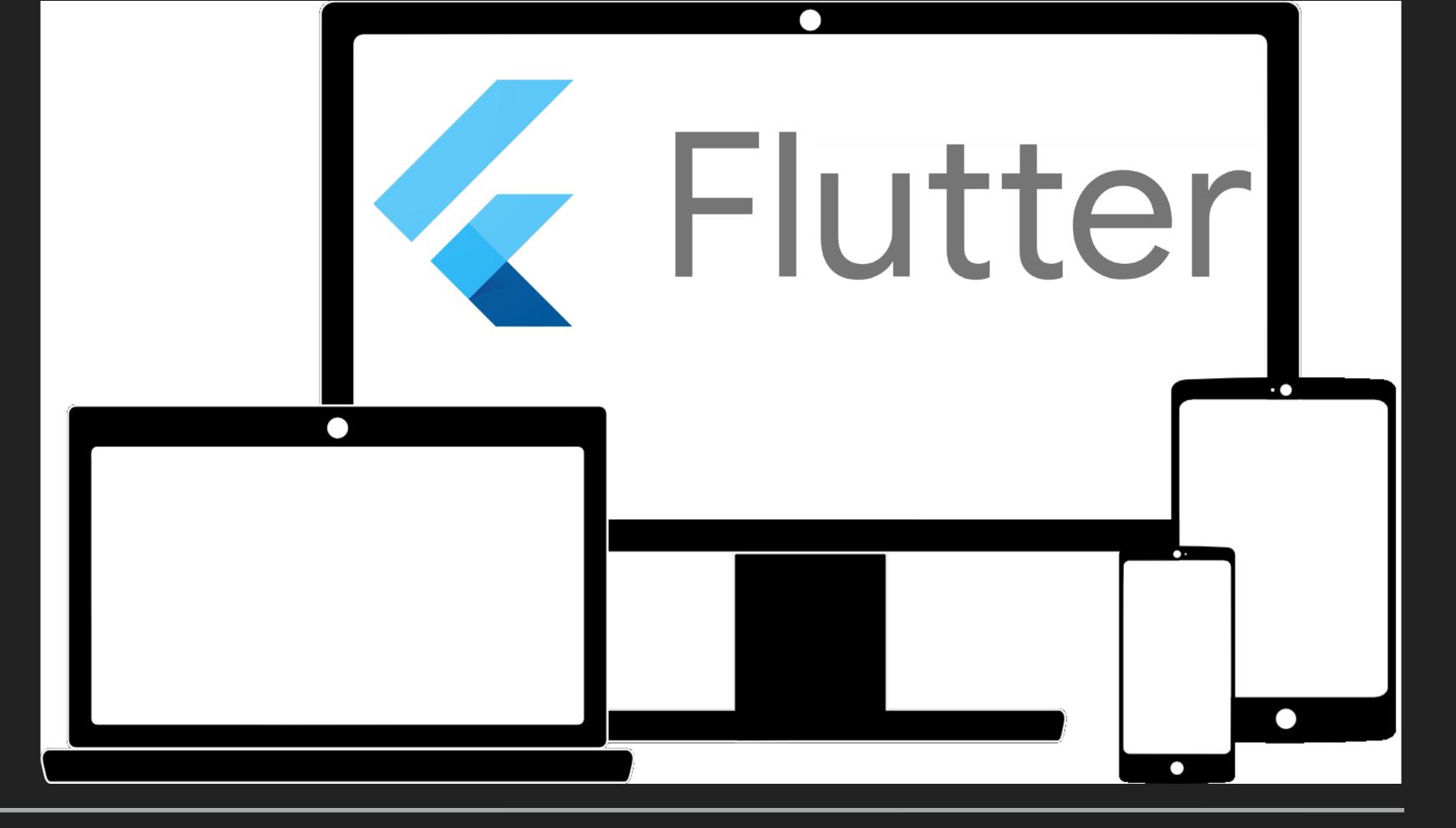




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GOOGLE'S FLUTTER: MOBILE, WEB & DESKTOP FRONTENDS WITH 1 CODEBASE?

# BUILD MOBILE, WEB & DESKTOP FRONTENDS WITH FLUTTER & 1 CODEBASE?

### YES, WE CAN

#### I'LL SHOW YOU

# BUT WE GENERALLY SHOULDN'T

### I'LL TELL YOU WHY

#### FLUTTER ON MOBILE:



#### I'LL ALSO TELL YOU WHY

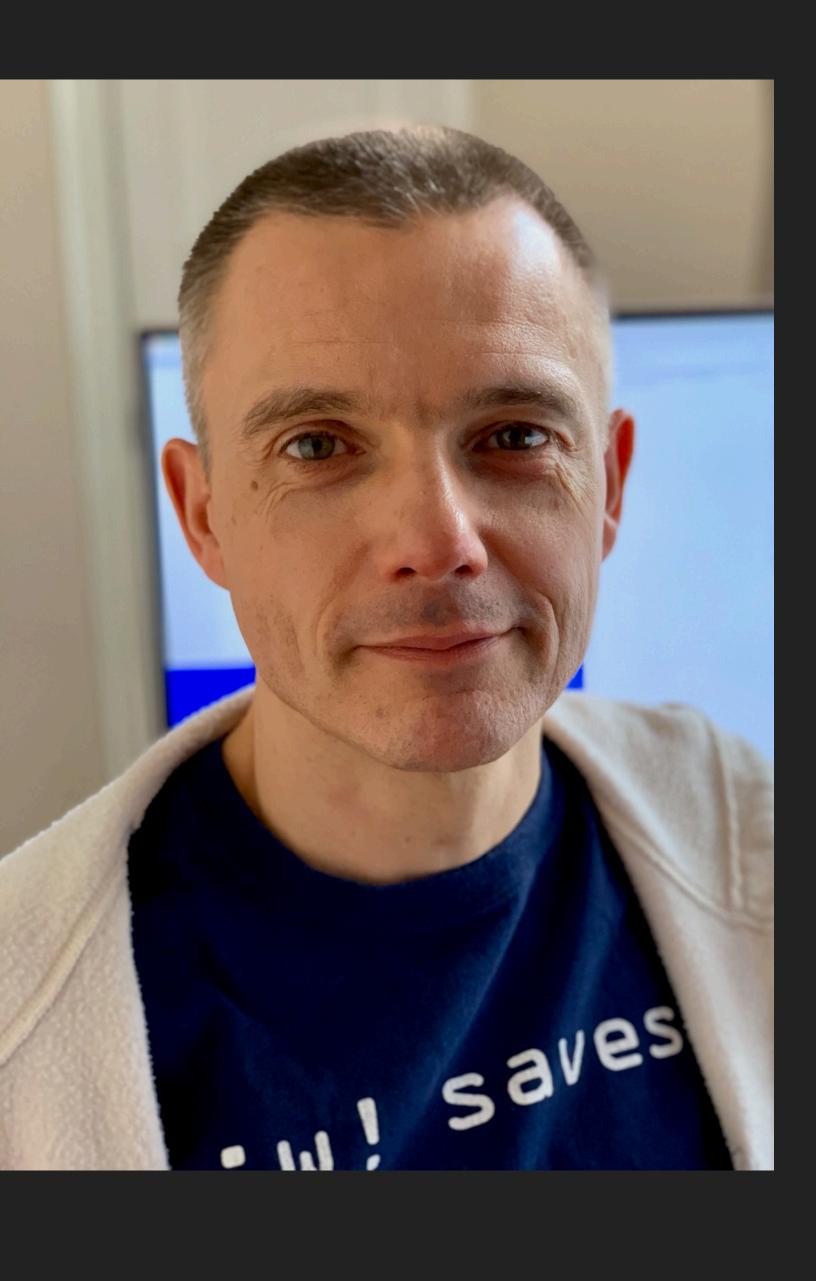
WHY CROSS-PLATFORM?

HOW CROSS-PLATFORM?

HOW FLUTTER WORKS

MY FLUTTER EXPERIENCES

#### WHY AM HERE?



#### FLUTTER APP IN APP STORES

INFOQ JAVA EDITOR, PC QCON LONDON

JAVA DEVELOPER FOR 23 YEARS

USE JAVA, ANGULAR & FLUTTER - NOT ASSOCIATED

#### I GIVE YOU OPTIONS...

#### L.BUTYOU DECIDE!



# SLIDES & MORE

### BPF.LI/QCN

WHY CROSS-PLATFORM

HOW CROSS-PLATFORM

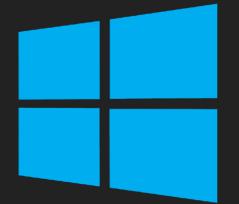
HOW FLUTTER WORKS

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# WHY CROSS-PLATFORM FRONT-ENDS?

# USERS ARE MULTI-PLATFORM

#### PC







.NET C# SWIFTU SWIFT GTK/KDE C++

#### MOBILE

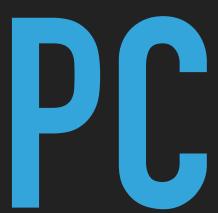


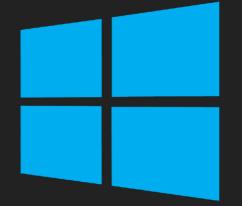


SWIFTUI SWIFT JETPACK
COMPOSE
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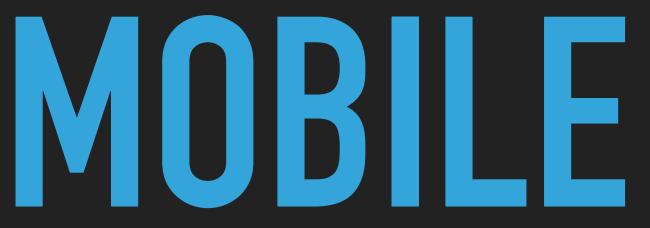
### PLATTFORM SDK FRONT-ENDS: TOO EXPENSIVE















### 1 FRAMEWORK, 1 LANGUAGE CROSS-PLATFORM

# CROSS-PLATFORM FRONT-ENDS: CHEAPER & GOOD ENOUGH

# GOOD ENOUGH: ENTERPRISE & CONSUMER APPS - NOT GAMES

# CROSS-PLATFORM FRONT-ENDS!

#### MINCORC DIATERDA

HOW CROSS-PLATFORM

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# HOW CROSS-PLATFORM FRONT-ENDS?

#### BIGGEST SOFTWARE ECOSYSTEM EVER

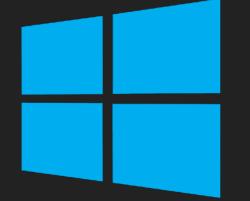
MANY & CHEAP DEVELOPERS

REACT, ANGULAR, VUE

HARD TO LEARN

WEB

#### PC













HTML, CSS JAVASCRIPT/TYPESCRIPT MISSING ON IOS: PUSH NOTIFICATIONS, BACKGROUND SYNC

RESTRICTED: LOCAL STORAGE, NOT ALL NATIVE FEATURES

OFTEN SLOWER & LESS COMFORTABLE

DOESN'T HAVE "PREMIUM FEEL" OF NATIVE APP

### ISSUES: WEB ON MOBILE

# WHY NATIVE LOOK & FEEL?

# NON-NATIVE LOOK & FEEL: SOME USERS CONFUSED, SOME COMPLAIN

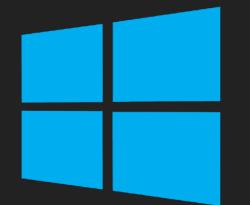
## GOOGLE APPS ON IOS: MATERIAL UI => NATIVE OS UI

## "REALLY MAKE PRODUCTS FEEL GREAT ON APPLE PLATFORMS"

JEFF VERKOEYEN, GOOGLE

# CROSS-PLATFORM X 2: WEB + NATIVE









HTML, CSS

JAVASCRIPT/TYPESCRIPT



NATIVE CROSS-PLATFORM

# ADDING MOBILE APP TO EXISTING WEB APP...

### LOFTEN HAS NO BUSINESS CASE - UNLESS HARD RESTRICTION

#### DEFINE: "NATIVE"

#### RUNS NATIVELY, IN APP STORES

NATIVE LOOK & FEEL

ACCESS TO NATIVE PLATFORM FEATURES

#### NATIVE X 3

### NATIVE CROSS-PLATFORM FRAMEWORKS?

FLUTTER (GOOGLE)

XAMARIN/.NET MAUI (MICROSOFT)

REACT NATIVE (META)

JAVAFX (GLUON)

#### OPEN-SOURCE & JAVA-LIKE

#### DECLARATIVE UI MODEL

## STANDARD FLUTTER APP (MODIFIED)



#### Flutter Demo Home Page

Pushed 0 times



```
int _counter = 0;
    Text('Pushed $_counter times'),
```

localhost:57317/#/

Flutter Demo Home Page

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```

#### STATUS & EVENTS

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## FRAMEWORK UPDATES UI

STATUS & EVENTS

FRAMEWORK UPDATES UI

#### DECLARATIVE MODEL



#### NET MAUI (Q2/2022)



SWIFTUI (2019)



REACT (2013)



SWIFTUI (2019)



JETPACK COMPOSE (JULY 2021)

REACT NATIVE (2015)

**FLUTTER (2017)** 

#### XAMARIN - OLD: OLD .NET, C#, UI WITH PLATFORM SDKS

NET MAUI - NEW: NEW NET, C#, UI IN MAUI

### XAMARIN/.NET MAUI

## WHICH FRAMEWORK IS POPULAR?

#### EASIER TO USE

EASIER TO CONVINCE TEAMMATES/BOSSES

ALL ELSE EQUAL: USE MOST POPULAR

VERY UNPOPULAR: DON'T USE IT

#### WHY POPULARITY?

## I MEASURE TECHNOLOGY POPULARITY

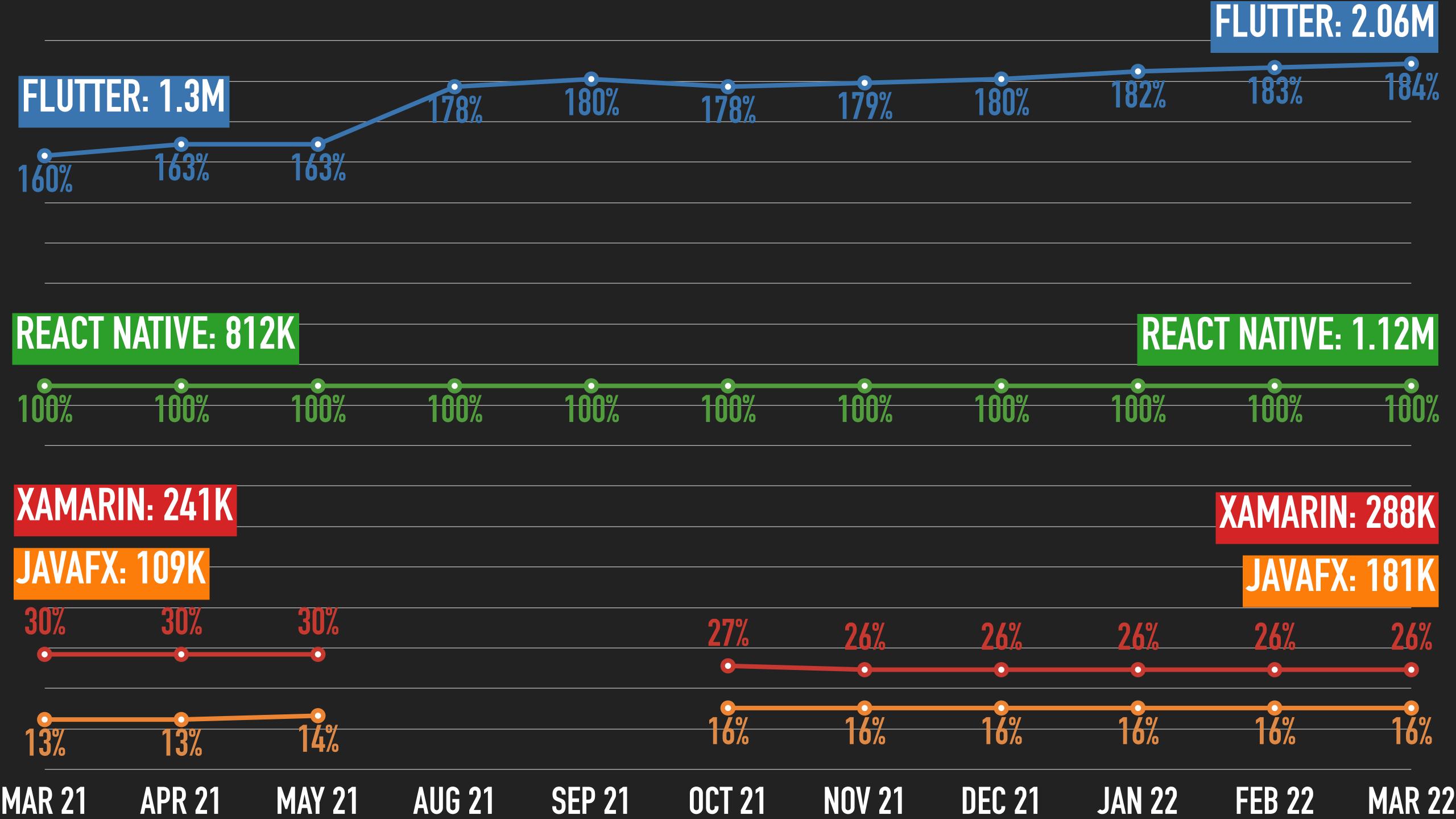
### TALK PAGE: GOOGLE SEARCHES & QUESTIONS COSTACK OVERFLOW

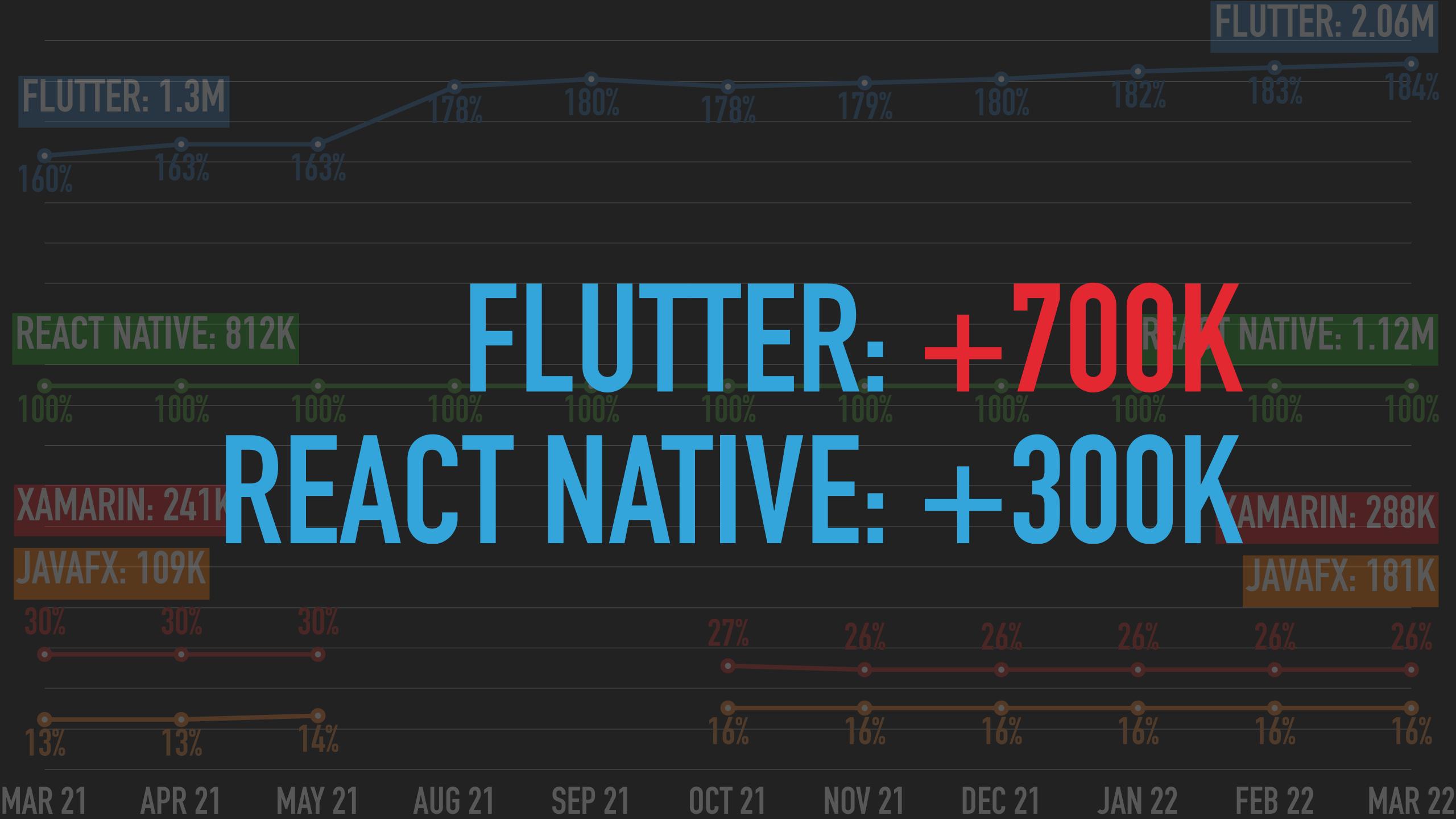
### FLUTTER WINS

## JOB MARKET DEMAND & SUPPLY?

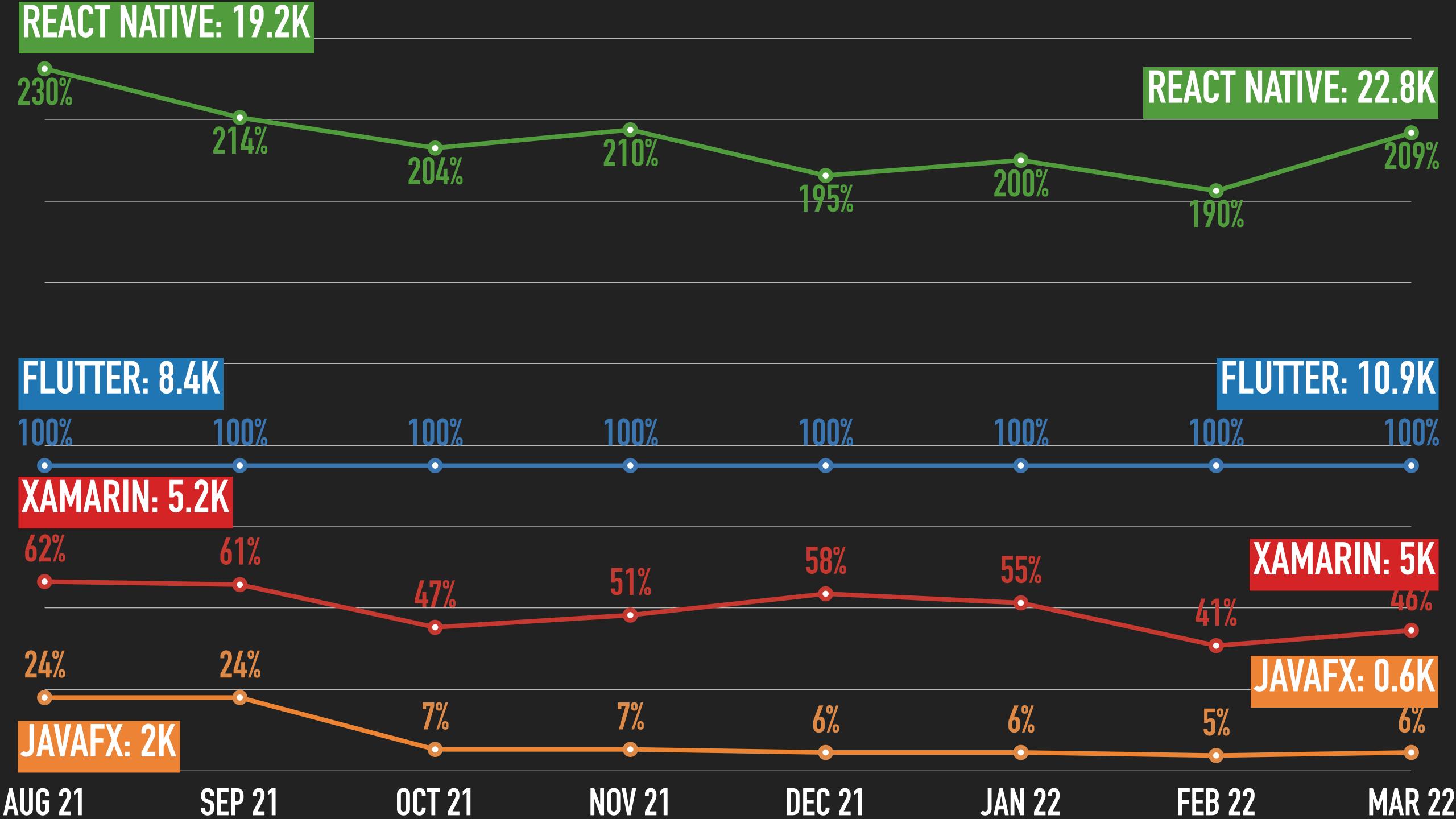
## TEAMMATES & BOSSES LOOK THERE!

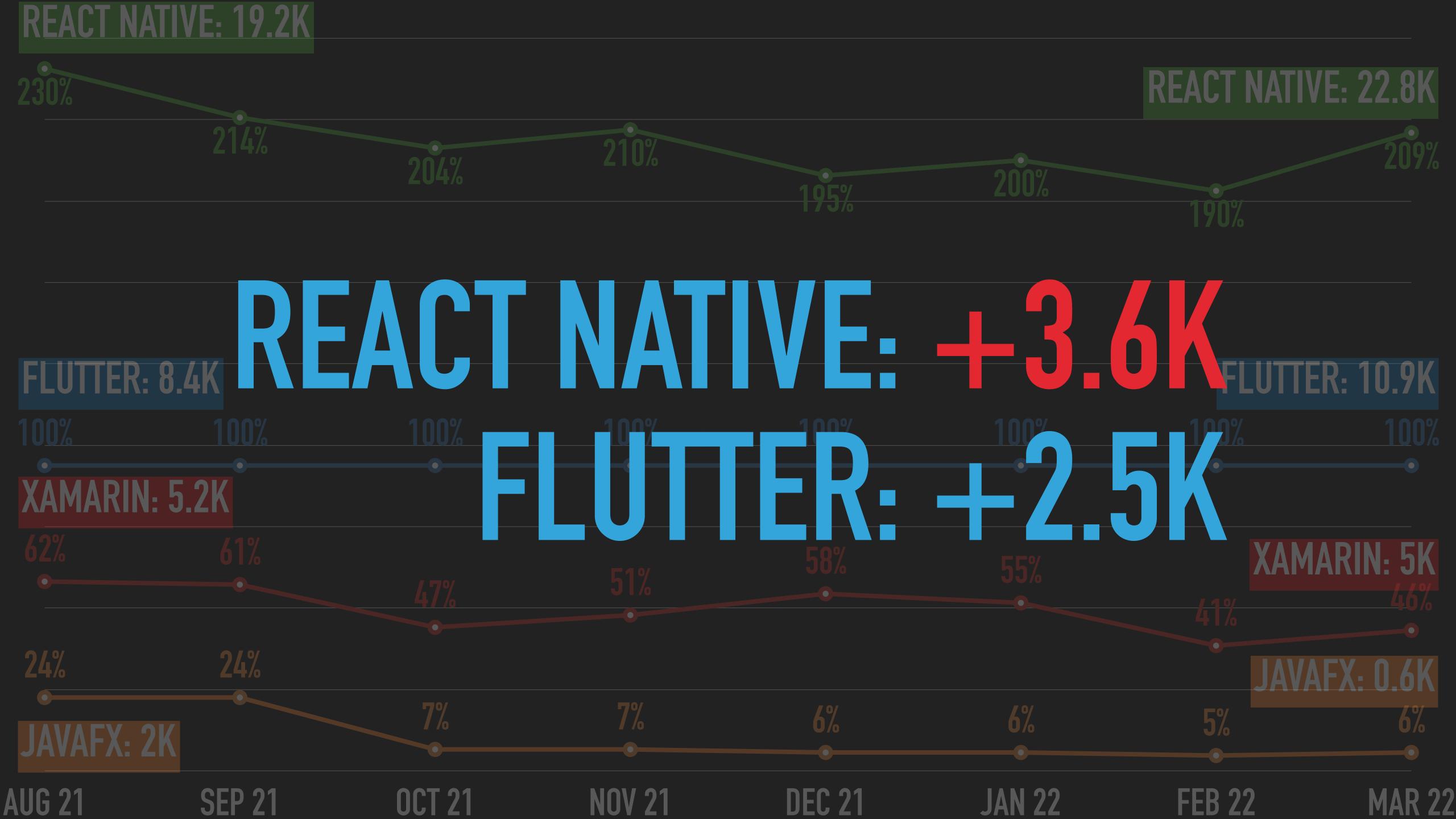
# DEVELOPER SUPPLY PROXY: COURSES BOUGHT @ UDEMY





## TECHNOLOGY DEMAND PROXY: MENTIONED IN JOB ADS @ INDEED (62 COUNTRIES)





### GOOGLE, STACK OVERFLOW, DEVELOPER SUPPLY: FLUTTER WINS, PULLING AWAY FROM REACT NATIVE

TECHNOLOGY DEMAND: REACT NATIVE WINS, HOLDING STEADY AGAINST FLUTTER

#### POPULARITY

## NEWSLETTER: ALSO JVM LANGUAGES & FRAMEWORKS, DATABASES, WEB FRAMEWORKS

#### SECTION SUMMARY

## WEB: BIGGEST, MANY DEVS, HARD TO LEARN - REACT, ANGULAR, VUE

NATIVE: MOBILE, DECLARATIVE, FLUTTER (DEVELOPERS), REACT NATIVE (EMPLOYERS), XAMARIN

## CROSS-PLATFORM FRONT-ENDS!

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### HOW FLUTTER WORKS

# WILL GOOGLE KILL FLUTTER?



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2023

#### Google Currents (2019)

Running out of juice in 12 months,
Google Currents was service that
provided social media features similar to
Google+ for Google Workspace
customers. It will be almost 4 years old.



#### YouTube Originals

Dead as a doorknob in 9 months, YouTube Originals was a variety of original content including scripted series, educational videos, and music and celebrity programming. It will be over 6 years old.



#### Google OnHub

Expiring in 9 months, Google OnHub was a series of residential wireless routers manufactured by Asus and TP-Link that were powered by Google software, managed by Google apps, and offered enhanced special features like Google Assistant. It will be over 7 years old.



#### June 2022

#### Google Chrome Apps

Off to the glue factory in 3 months, Google Chrome Apps were hosted or packaged web applications that ran on the Google Chrome browser. It will be over 11 years old.



#### May 2022

#### G Suite (Legacy Free Edition)

Expiring in 29 days, G Suite (Legacy Free Edition) was a free tier offering some of the services included in Google's productivity suite. It will be over 15 years old.

- IN-HOUSE COMPETITION: ANGULAR, JETPACK COMPOSE
- POPULAR: WINS WITH DEVS, 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE IN JOBS
- **EXTERNAL COMMITMENT: TOYOTA, UBUNTU**

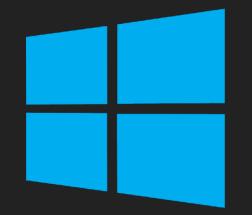
## WE DON'T KNOW!

# WHICH PLATFORM STABLE SINCE WHEN?

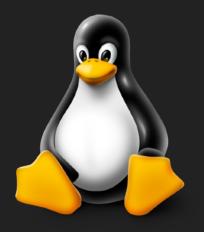


















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# PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE: DART

```
class MyClass extends AnotherClass {
 String firstName = "Karsten";
 int yearsOfJava = 23;
 List<String> myList = new LinkedList<>();
  String sayHello(String name) {
   var feedback = "Hello, " + name;
    return feedback;
```

### THIS IS JAVA

```
class MyClass extends AnotherClass {
 String firstName = "Karsten";
 int yearsOfJava = 23;
 List<String> myList = List.empty();
  String sayHello(String name) {
   var feedback = "Hello, " + name;
    return feedback;
```

#### THIS IS DART

```
class MyClass extends AnotherClass {
  var firstName = "Karsten";
  var yearsOfJava = 23;
  var myList = <String>[];

sayHello(String name) ⇒ "Hello, $name";
}
```

### CONCISE DART

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```

### THIS IS JAVA

#### ORIGINALLY FOR BROWSER

"SIMPLIFIED JAVA FOR UI DEVELOPMENT"

SOUND NULL SAFETY & ASYNC/AWAIT

1 MAIN THREAD, CREATE THREADS (ISOLATES)

#### DAR

# GOOGLE TUNES DART FOR FLUTTER

```
return Column(
    children: [
        Text("First name: $firstName"),
        Text("Last name: $lastName"),
        if (isAdmin) Text("Password: $password"),
        ],
    );
```

#### SYNTACTIC SUGAR

```
children:
  Text("First name: $firstName"),
  Text("Last name: $lastName"),
  if (isAdmin) Text("Password: $password"),
    INSTEAD OF SEPARATE ARRAY
    WITH IF STATEMENT
```

## SYNTACTIC SUGAR

## LIBRARIES: PLUGINS

PLUGINS – FLUTTER: 16K, DART: 14K

MOST ARE OPEN-SOURCE

GOOD "PLUGIN SURVIVAL RATIO"

FORKING PLUGINS IS EASY

PLUGINS

### UI ELEMENTS: WIDGETS

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# WIDGETS ARE CLASSES

#### CONFIGURE BUILT-IN WIDGETS, CREATE YOUR OWN

EMULATED WITH GRAPHIC ENGINE SKIA (CHROME, FIREFOX)

NO NATIVE SDK UI ELEMENTS: "FLUTTER PAINTS PIXELS"

## WIDGETS

# LOOK & FEEL: WIDGET SETS

BASE: CONTAINER, ROW, COLUMN, TEXT, IMAGES, SHAPES, . . .

BUILT-IN LOOK & FEEL: MATERIAL DESIGN, IOS

3RD-PARTY LOOK & FEEL: MACOS, WINDOWS, LINUX

## WIDGETS SETS

## SAMPLE FLUTTER APP. 5 NATIVE LOOK & FEEL WITH CODEBASE

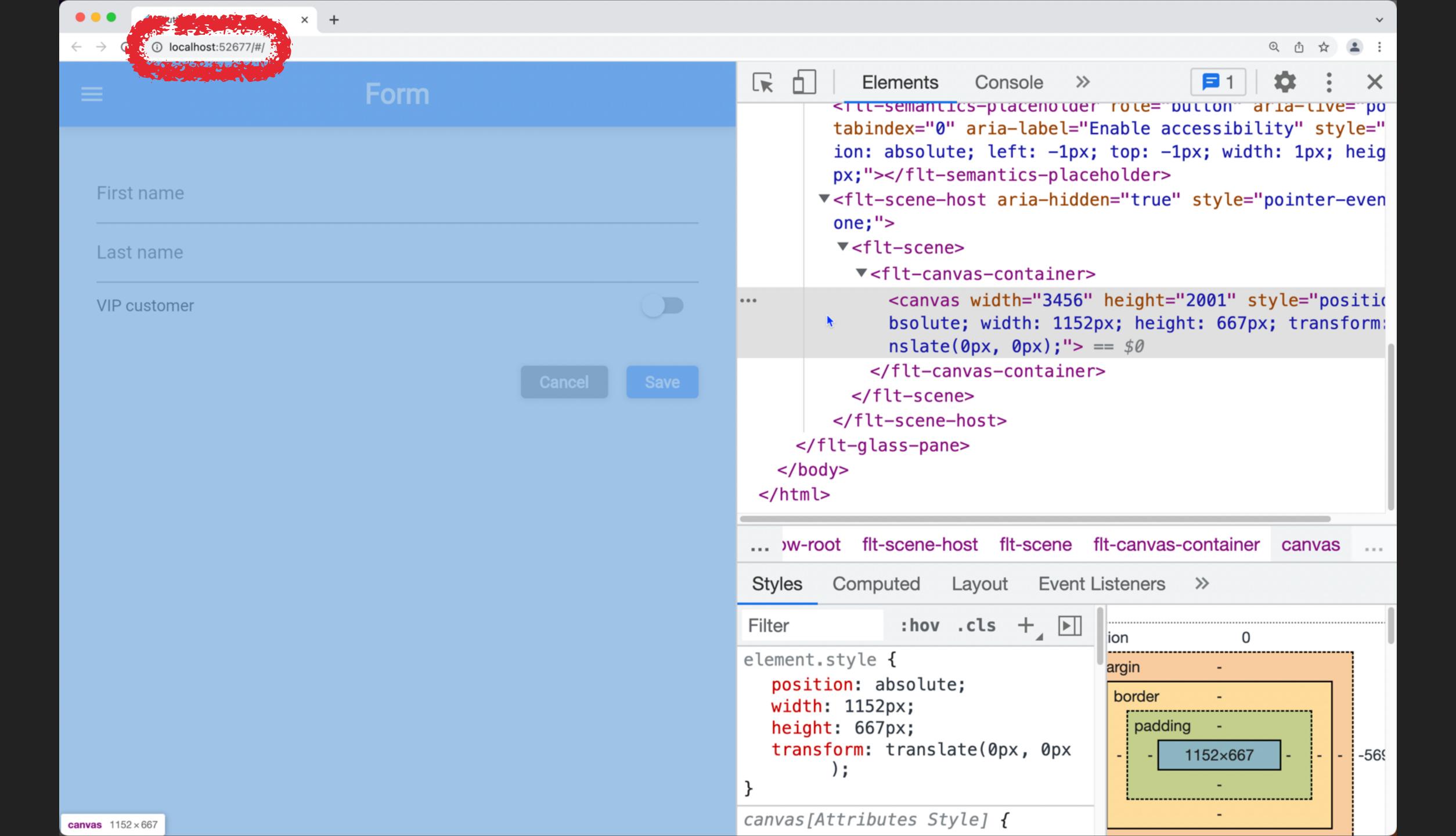
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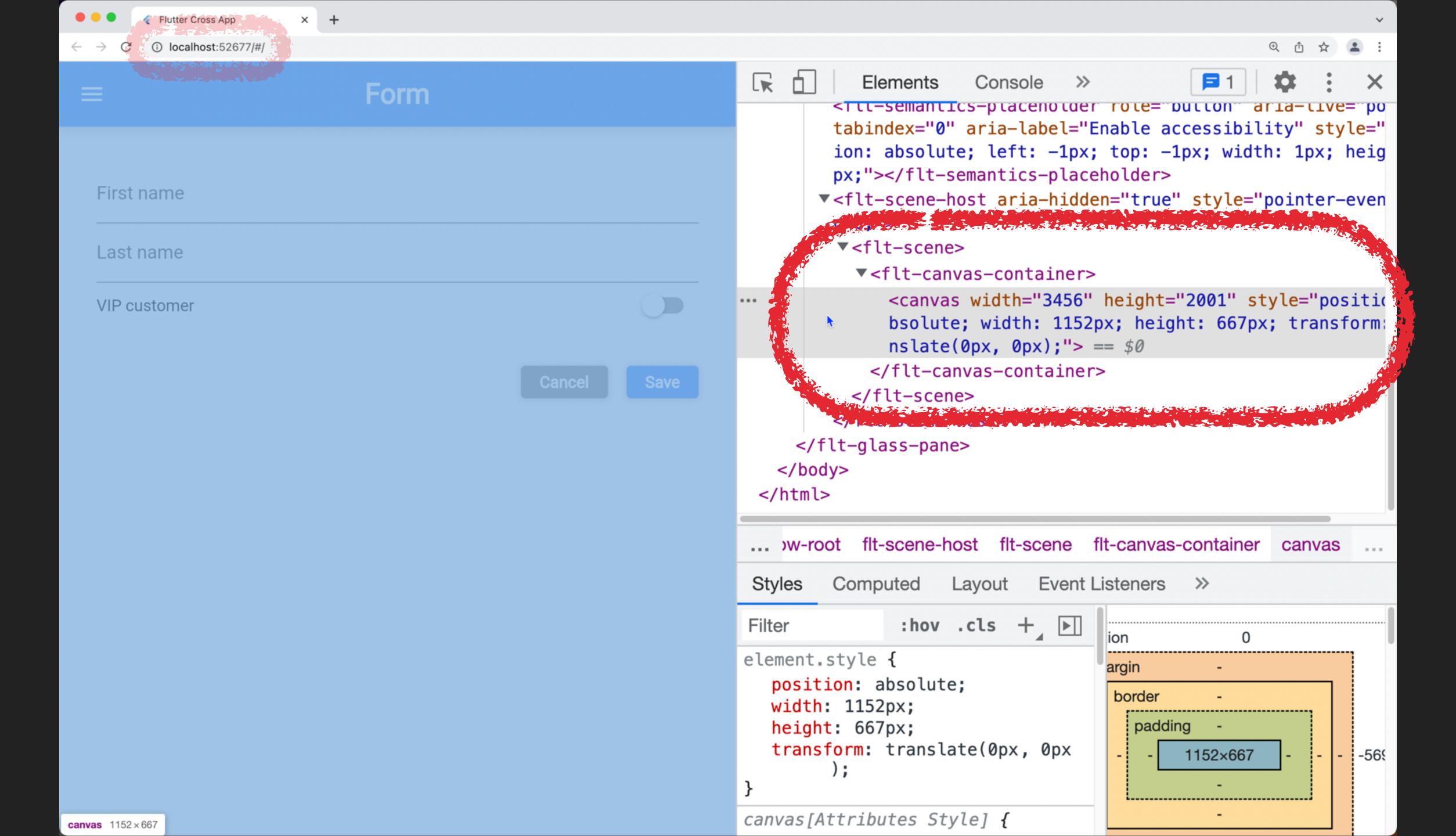


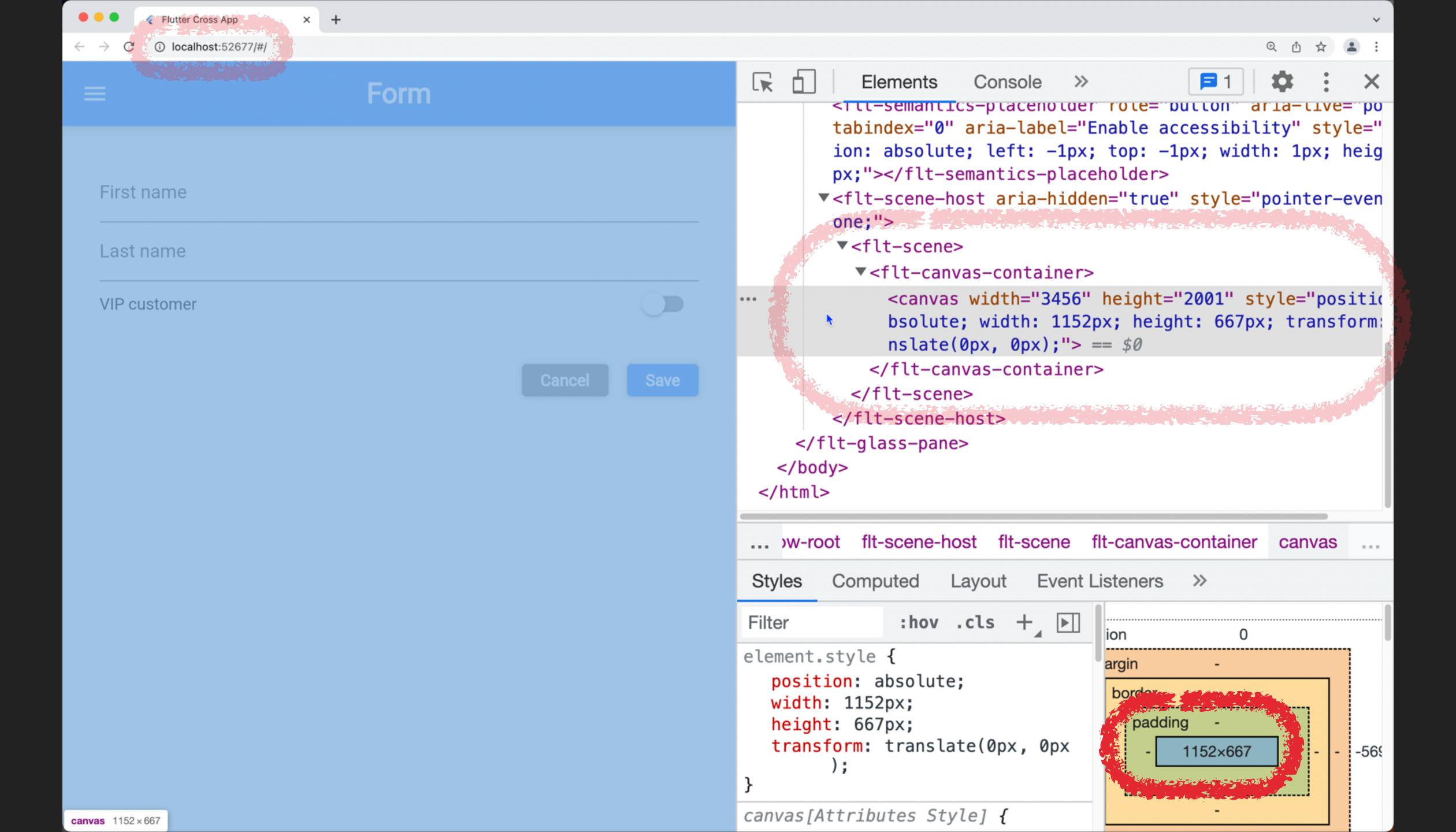
#### 5 NATIVE LOOK & FEEL

### SWITCH LOOK & FEEL

## SWITCH LOOK & FEEL BECAUSE "FLUTTER PAINTS PIXELS"







## SAMPLE APP ON GITHUB

#### CREATED MY OWN WIDGETS

WIDGETS HAVE SWITCH STATEMENT =>
CREATES WIDGET FOR CURRENT PLATFORM

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

GLOBAL STATE MANAGEMENT: "PROVIDER"

WIDGET SET: MATERIAL/NATIVE/CUSTOM

ROUTING: SIMPLE ("NAVIGATOR")/COMPLEX ("ROUTER")

LAYOUT: NO DEFAULT - 3RD PARTY PLUGIN

## ARCHITECTURAL CHOICES

## NATIVE INTEGRATION

#### IOS/ANDROID: STABLE

WEB/DESKTOP: UNDER CONSTRUCTION?

## FLUTTER IN NATIVE APPS

PLUGINS: CAMERA, PICTURES, LOCATION, ...

MOBILE: SHOW NATIVE SCREENS + WEB VIEWS

MOBILE: CHANNELS (PUBLISH & SUBSCRIBE) TO NATIVE CODE & C-API

### NATIVE CODE IN FLUTTER

### RUNNATIVELY

ANDROID: ANDROID STUDIO, IOS/MACOS: MACOS + XCODE, WINDOWS: WINDOWS + VISUAL STUDIO

FLUTTER ENGINE: C/C++

FLUTTER APP: NATIVE ARM LIBRARY (MOBILE), JAVASCRIPT (WEB), C++ (WINDOWS, LINUX), OBJECTIVE-C (MACOS)

# PLATFORM TOOL CHAINS

### CODE, BUILD & DEPLOY

# "EXCELLENT DEV EXPERIENCE"

### DE: INTELLIJ/ANDROID STUDIO & VISUAL STUDIO CODE

DEV TOOLS: INSPECTOR, PROFILER FOR MEMORY, CPU & NETWORK, "JANK" DIAGNOSIS, WORK IN TERMINAL

### 

#### MONOREPO: CODE FOR ALL PLATFORMS IN 1 GIT PROJECT

1 FOLDER FOR DART, 1 FOLDER PER PLATFORM (SOME PROJECTS – XCODE, ANDROID STUDIO)

PLATFORM: NATIVE SHELLS (APPDELEGATE.SWIFT, MAINACTIVITY.KT)

### PROJECT STRUCTURE

#### SLOW IOS/ANDROID BUILDS

DART VM DURING DEVELOPMENT

HOT RESTART: APP STARTS OVER IN 3 SECONDS

HOT RELOAD: 1 SECOND FROM "SAVED" TO "RUNNING"

### FAST BUILD & DEPLOY

### PLATFORM CHECK

### FLUTTER VS. WORLD

- O NATIVE LOOK & FEEL
- ACCESS TO NATIVE OS LIBRARIES
- G FAST BUILD & DEPLOY

## MOBILE: de de

- ONLY MATERIAL UI
- NO ACCESS TO PLATFORM LIBRARIES (JAVASCRIPT)
- TINY AMOUNT OF LIBRARIES VS. JAVASCRIPT



- WHY NOT WEB?
- ONLY WINDOWS STABLE, MAC & LINUX NOT
- ACCESS TO NATIVE OS LIBRARIES
- O WINDOWS & MACOS UI: INCOMPLETE, MAINTAINED?

### DESKTOP: 5

JAVASCRIPT

SLOWER

NATIVE UI ELEMENTS

SEPARATE PROJECTS

(WINDOWS & MACOS)

DART

**FASTER** 

PAINTS PIXEL

MONOREPO

WINDOWS, MAC, LINUX

# REACT NATIVE VS. FLUTTER

#### NO NEED TO LEARN WEB STACK

DART = SIMPLER JAVA

UI AS CODE WITH CLASSES

USE 2 OF THE 3 TOP JAVA IDES

### FLUTTER FITS JAVA

### SECTION SUMMARY

### DART

NATIVE INTEGRATION

PLUGINS

RUNS NATIVELY

WIDGETS

CODE, BUILD & DEPLOY

WIDGET SETS

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# THAT'S HOW FLUTTER WORKS

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MY FLUTTER EXPERIENCES

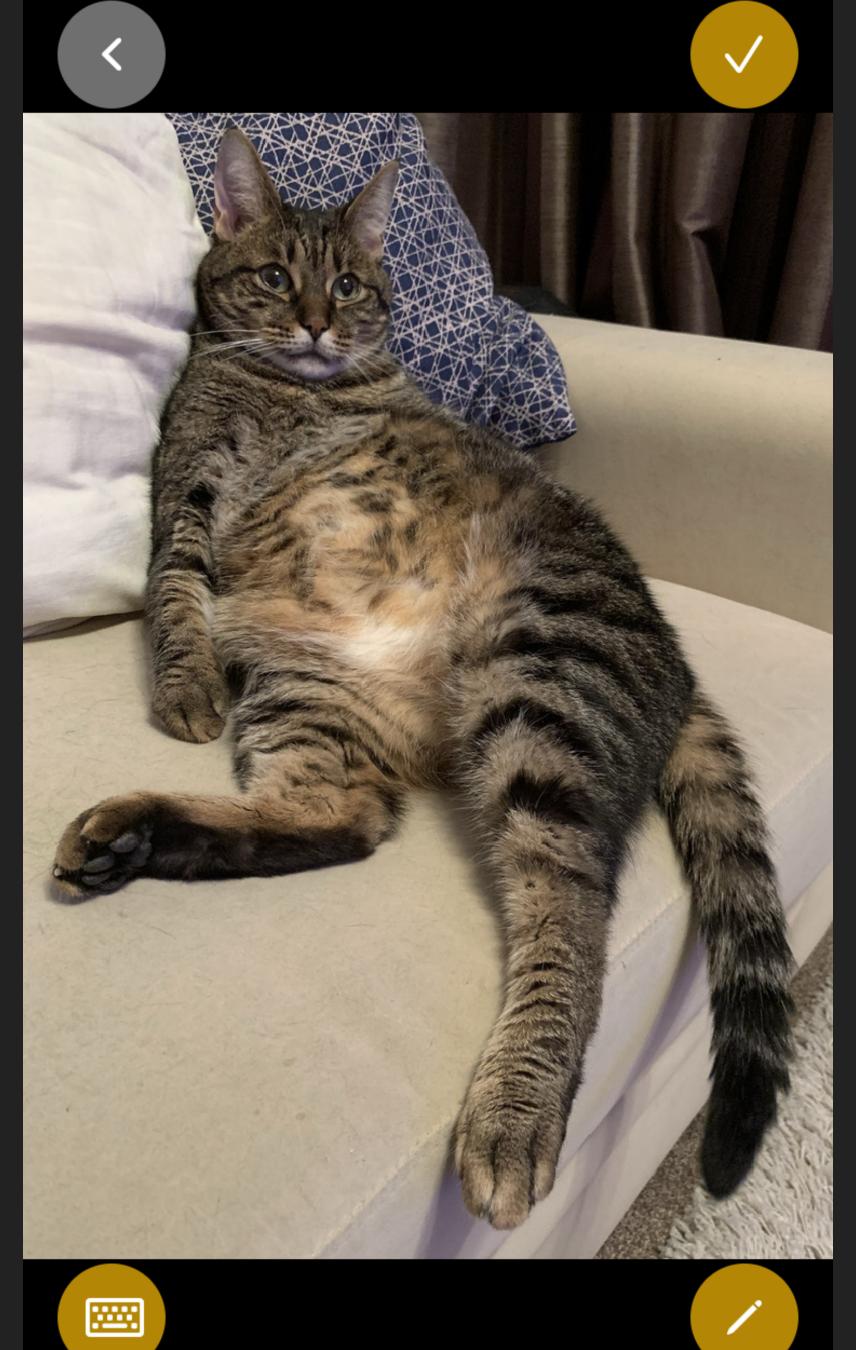
# MY FLUTTER EXPERIENCES

#### **B2B SAAS FOR COMPANIES WITH CAT-SITTERS**

REMOVE FRICTION & SAVE TIME

I WROTE THE CODE

### MY START-UP





CAT-SITTER FLUTTER

IOS & ANDROID

FRONT-END

MANA-GER

ANGULAR

**BROWSER** 

AUTHENTICATION

FILES

FIREBASE

BACK-END

JAVA & SPRING



### UNLIMITED STORAGE, PUSH NOTIFICATIONS

AS FAST & EASY TO USE AS POSSIBLE => NATIVE UI

PRODUCTIVITY: DART + FAST CODE, BUILD & DEPLOY

### FLUTTER BUSINESS CASE

WORKS AS DESIGNED: "2 APPS FOR PRICE OF 1.2"

MINOR QUIBBLES (E.G. SIMULATOR DOESN'T STOP)

APPLE TROUBLE (E.G., NO PASTE INTO SIMULATOR)

FLUTTER LISTENS (BUG FIXES, DEV SURVEYS)

### FLUTTER ON MOBILE &

#### WORKS WELL ON IOS & ANDROID

105 QUIBBLES (NO LIST TILE)

FLUTTER TEAM: "CUSTOMIZE MATERIAL"

### FLUTTER PAINTS PIXELS

### GOOGLE'S "BACK-END AS A SERVICE" FOR MOBILE, WEB, SERVER

MOSTLY FREE SERVICES, SOME PAID

1 SERVICE INSTEAD OF 2 (IOS + ANDROID): CRASH LOGGING, TEST VERSIONS, . . .

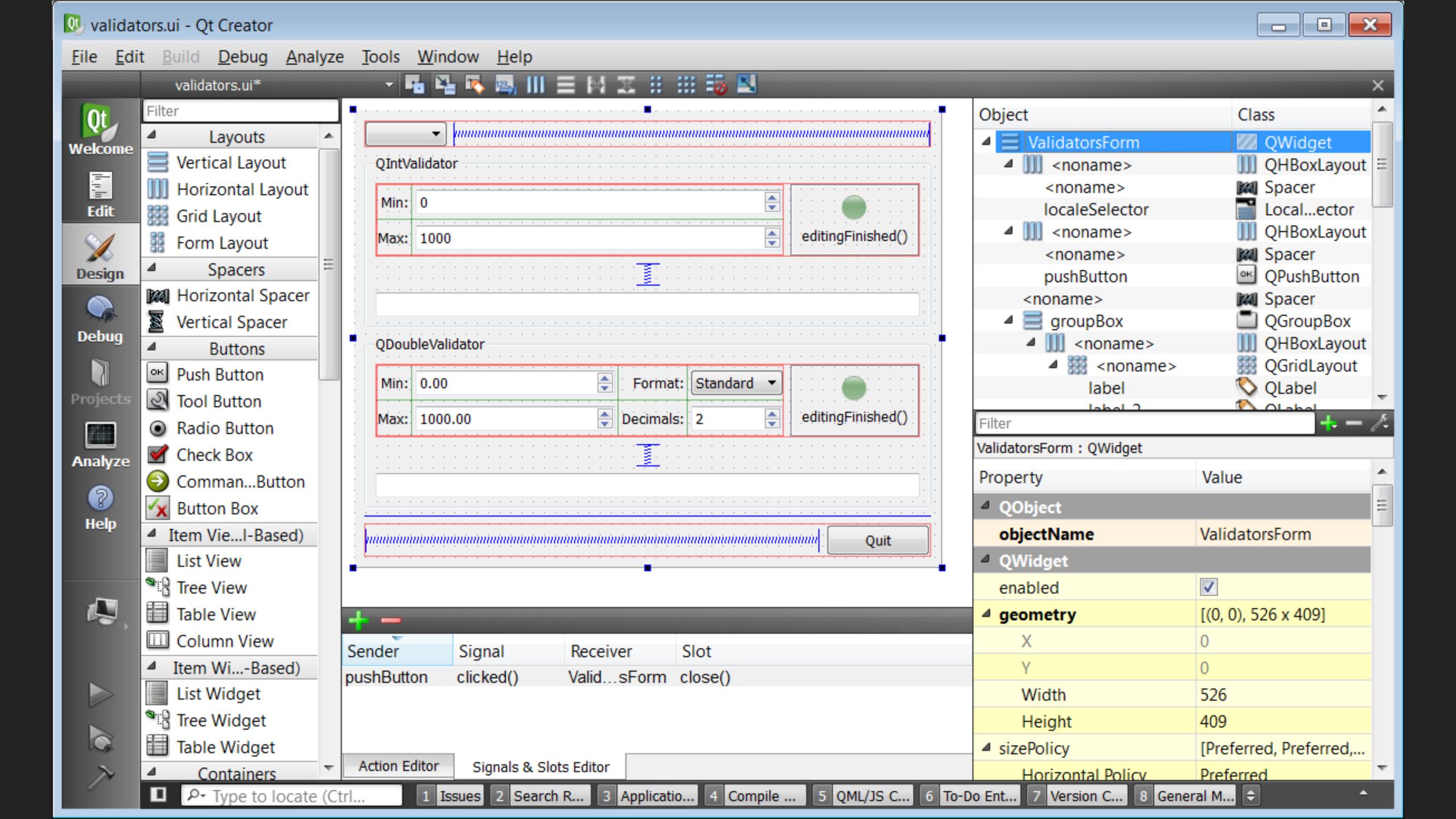


### MOBILE POWER

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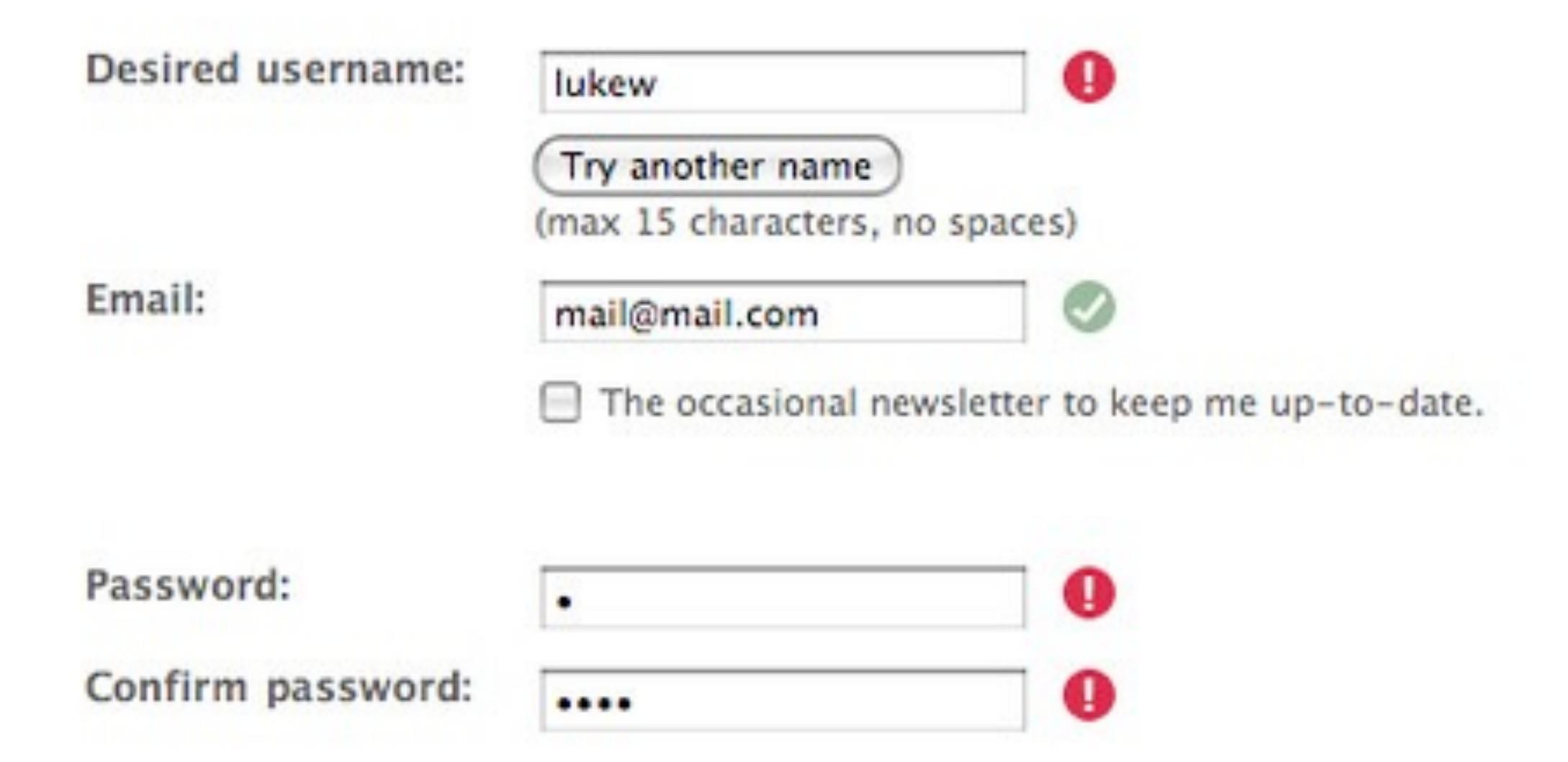
# EDIT VIDEOS ON PHONES!

# THINK MORE "DESKTOP CLIENT"...



# "SIMPLE WEB BROWSER"

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#### 10S & ANDROID POWERFUL

STORE DATA LOCALLY - HELPS OFFLINE

LOAD & SAVE DATA IN BACKGROUND

WEB: LIMITED & HARDER

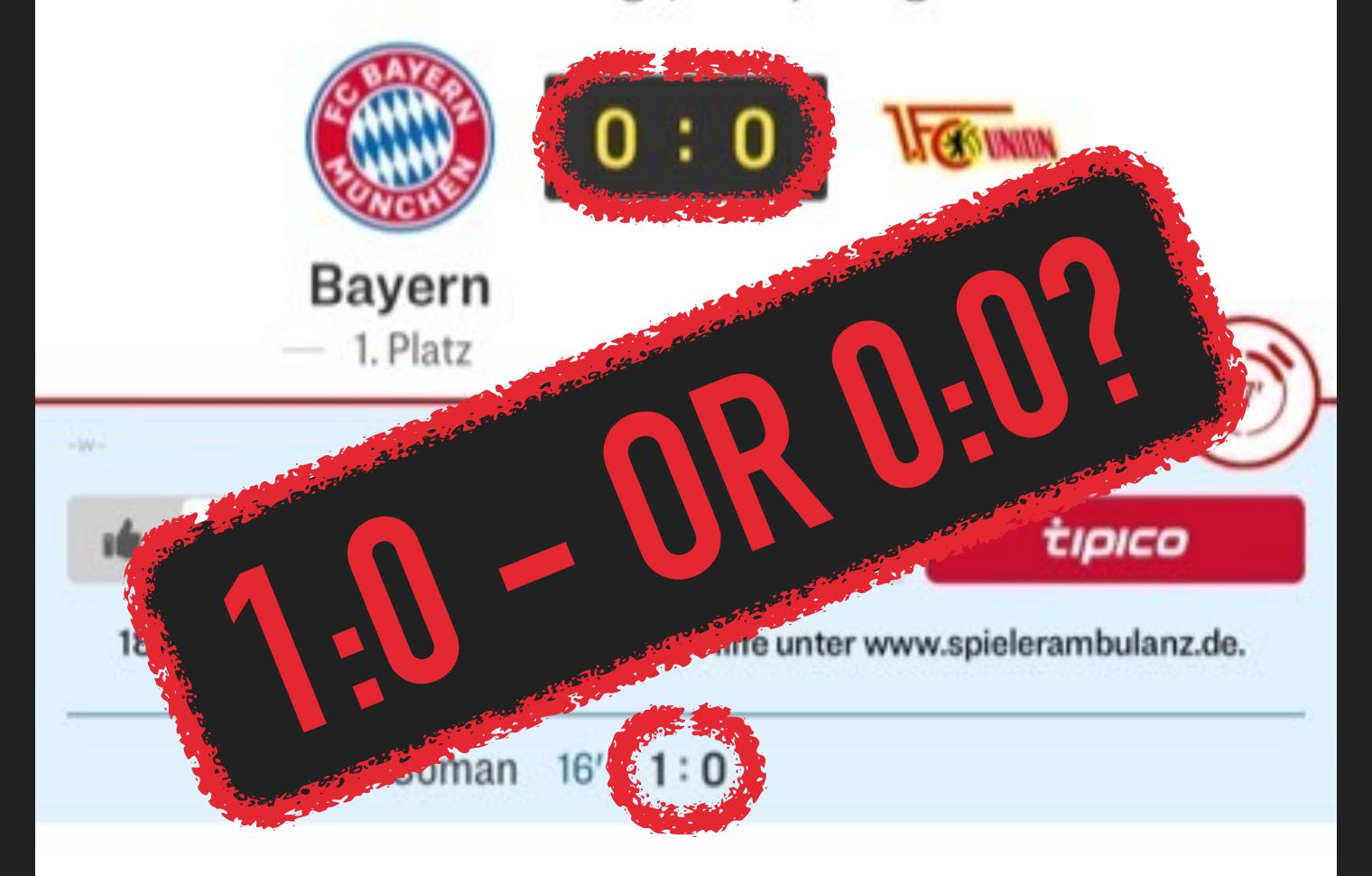
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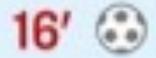
# ONE SOURCE OF UI TRUTH

### AVOID "UI OUT OF SYNC"

# GERMANY BIGGEST SPORTS APP "KICKER"

#### Bundesliga, 27. Spieltag







Tor für Bayern



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## MACOS APP STORE

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# HOW TO AVOID "UI OUT OF SYNC"?

#### ONE GLOBAL DATA STORE

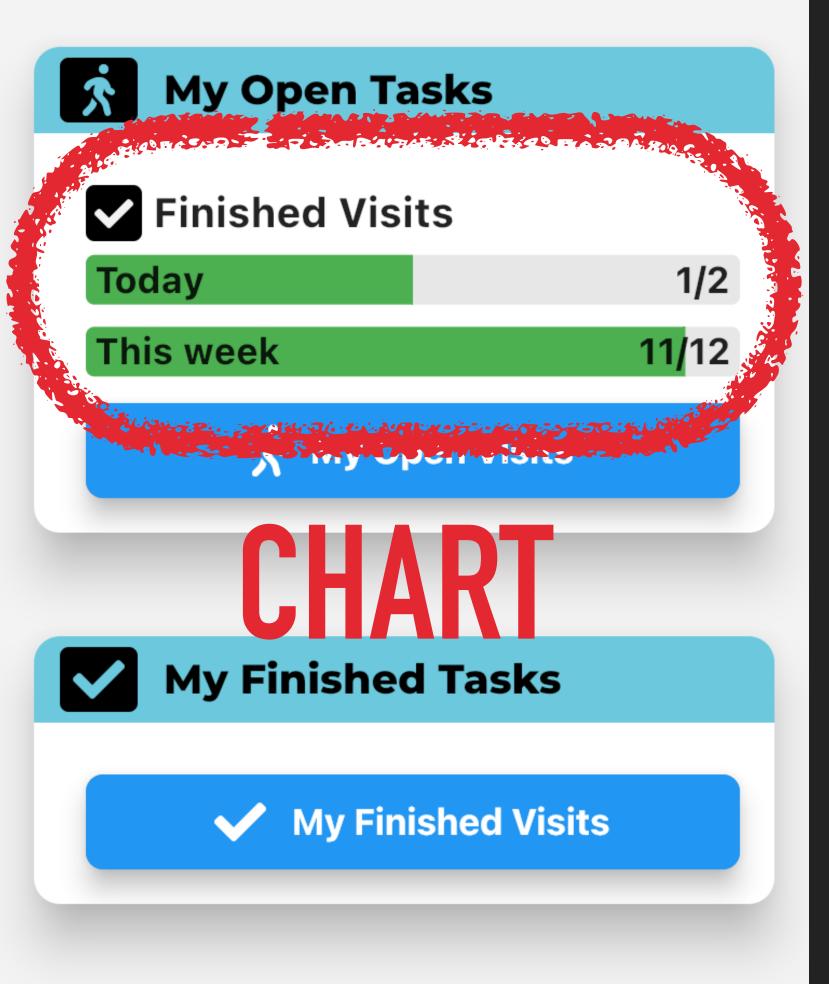
DATA STORE CHANGES => ENTIRE UI UPDATES

NO "STATUS DUPLICATES" IN DATA STORE

## ONE SOURCE OF UITRUTH

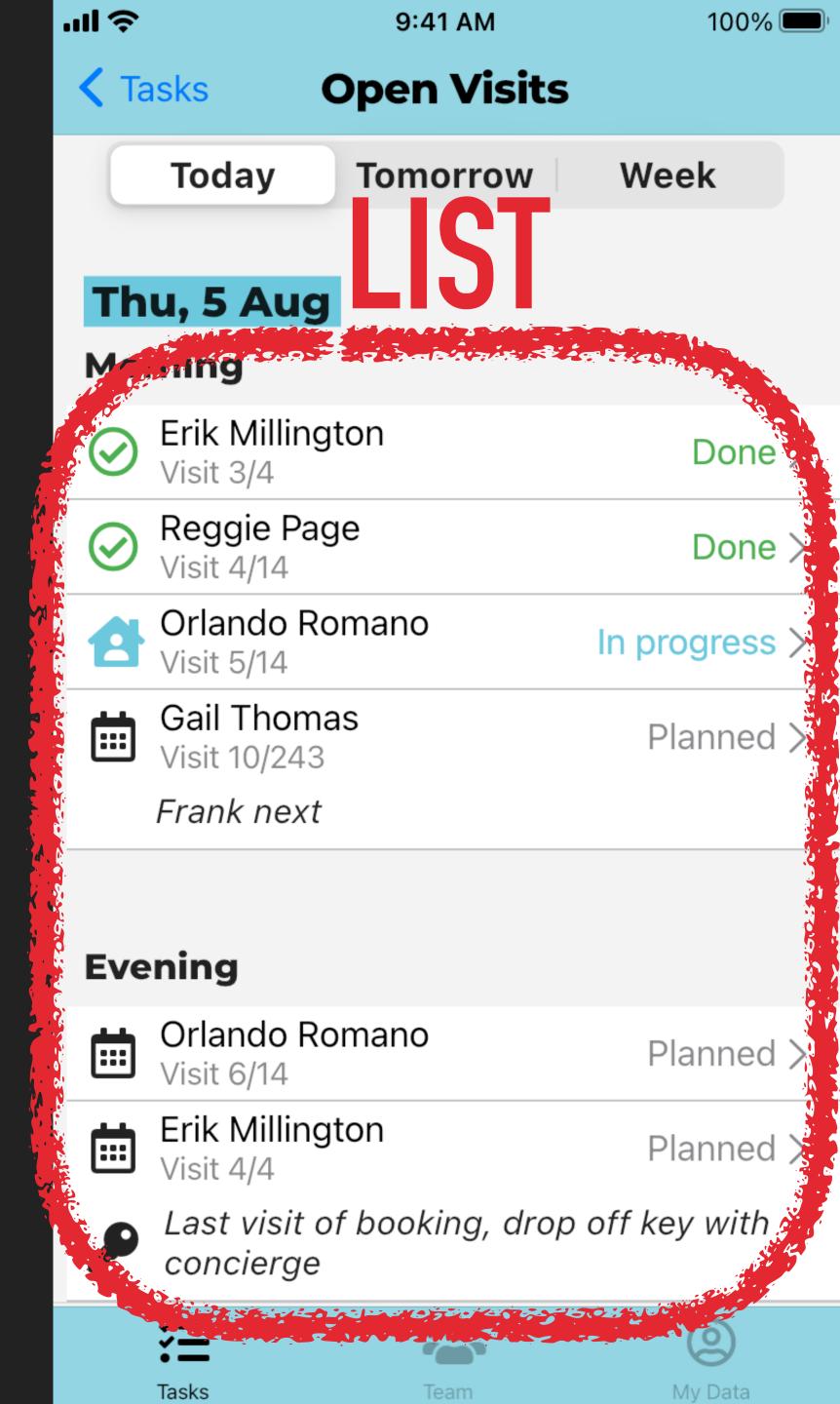


**Tasks** 



INITIALLY: TWO
DIFFERENT OBJECTS
=> OUT OF SYNC

NOW: CHART =
REAL-TIME
CALCULATION
OVER LIST









# "STATUS DUPLICATES" => REAL-TIME CALCULATION

# MOBILE POWER

#### AVOID UI SYNC ISSUES: ONE GLOBAL DATA STORE

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WORKS OFFLINE - BUT DUPLICATES SERVER CODE

## ONE SOURCE OF UITRUTH

# BE CONSISTENT









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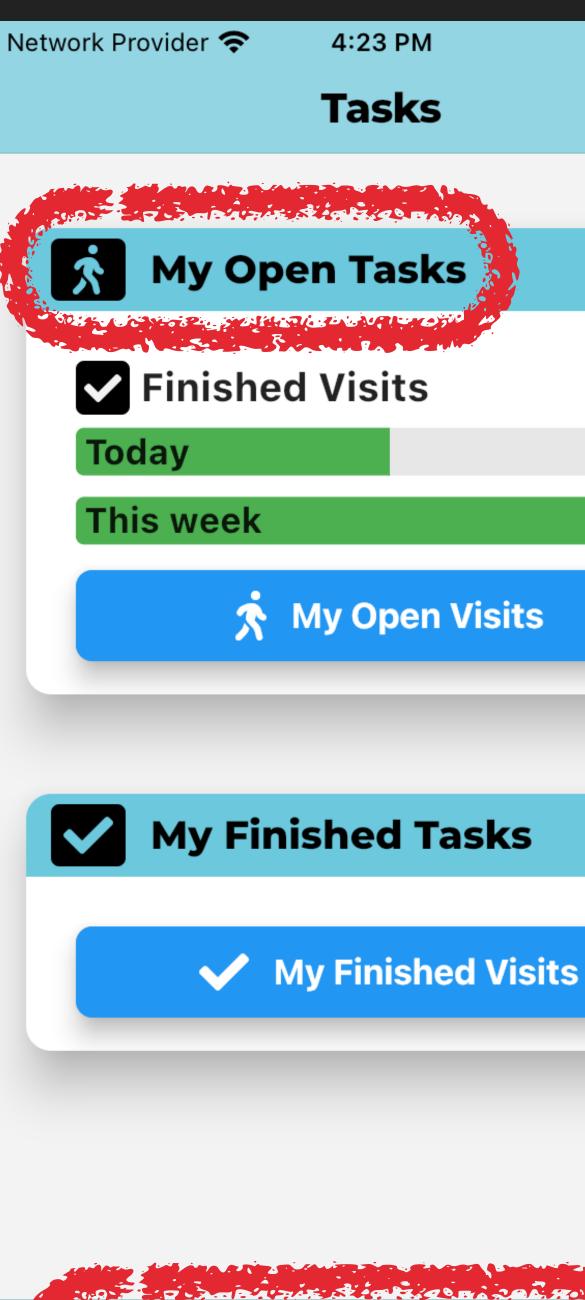


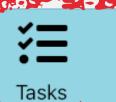
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#### RESPECT PLATFORM PARADIGMS

SHARE COLORS (BRAND & BOOTSTRAP)

SHARE FONTS (GOOGLE FONTS)

SHARE ICONS (FONTAWESOME)

## BE CONSISTENT

REUSE CODE: USE FLUTTER PLUGINS

DRY: WRITE YOUR OWN COMPONENTS

STRUCTURE: VERTICAL & HORIZONTAL LAYERS

### BACK TO BASICS

### SECTION SUMMARY

#### BUSINESS CASE

MOBILE POWER

FLUTTER 4

1 SOURCE OF UITRUTH

FLUTTER PAINTS PIXELS BE CONSISTENT

FIREBASE 4

BACK TO BASICS

# MY FLUTTER EXPERIENCES

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CITTED EVIDEDIENCE.

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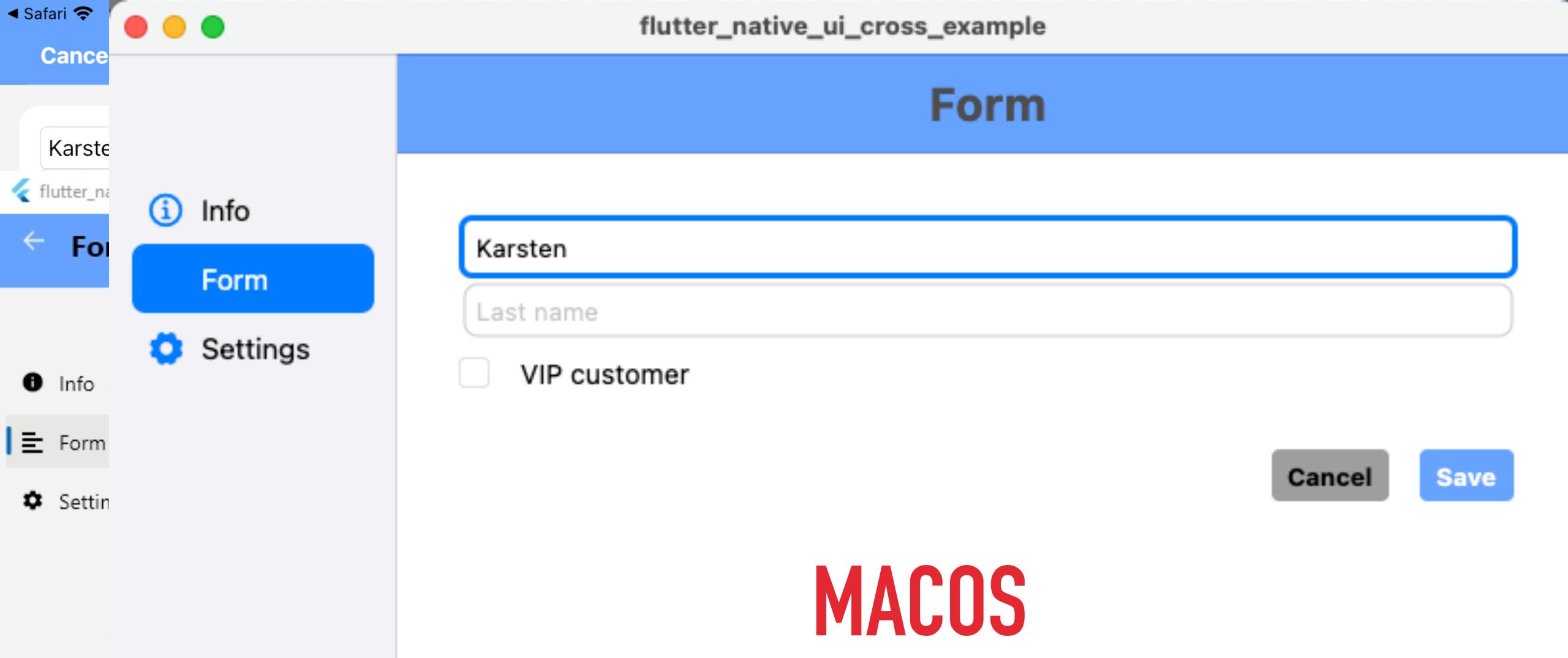
FIREBASE 4

BACK TO BASICS

# BACKTO THE BIG QUESTION

# BUILD MOBILE, WEB & DESKTOP FRONTENDS WITH FLUTTER & 1 CODEBASE?

# YES, WE CAN



# BUT WE GENERALLY SHOULDN'T

WEB: ONLY MATERIAL UI, NO NATIVE LIBRARIES, FEW PLUGINS

DESKTOP: WHY NOT WEB, ONLY WINDOWS STABLE, WIDGET SETS MAINTAINED

# FLUTTER VS. WORLD

## FLUTTER ON MOBILE:



"2 APPS FOR THE PRICE OF 1.2"

ALL NATIVE CAPABILITIES

FAST BUILD & DEPLOY

## FLUTTER ON MOBILE



# MY TALK DOESN'T STOP WHEN I STOP TALKING! TM



SLIDES & VIDEOS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NATIVE UI SAMPLE APP GET STARTED WITH FLUTTER FEEDBACK & NEWSLETTER

BPF.LI/QCN