

Overview

flutter-agenda provides a wrapper for the [Agenda scheduler](#). This allows jobs to be defined and scheduled programmatically, and persistently. It uses the same MongoDB database as the rest of the Flutter application.

For the most part, using flutter-agenda is identical to using vanilla Agenda. The only main difference is that jobs should be defined in individual files in a given directory (by default, `app/jobs`). Each of these files should export a class that extends `flutter-agenda/Job`. The name of a job is parsed from its file name, recursively. flutter-agenda uses the Flutter convention for sub-directory naming, meaning that sub-directories are delineated with a `:` character. For example, the job named `auth:CleanUsers` would be located in the file `app/jobs/auth/CleanUsers.job.js`.

Installation

flutter-agenda doesn't ship with Flutter by default, but it's pretty easy to add. First, install the package:

```
yarn add flutter-agenda
```

Now, modify the `Units.flutter.js` file. Add the add the following line to the "Custom Flutter Units" section to tell Flutter to load flutter-agenda:

```
'Agenda'[]: new (require('flutter-agenda/AgendaUnit'))(),
```

Et voilà! You should now have access to flutter-agenda.

Creating a Sample Job

As an example, we'll create a sample job that prints a some text to the console.

First, create a new job definition file. We can do this using the built in template with the `./flutter` command:

```
./flutter new job Log
```

This will create the file `app/jobs/Log.job.js`. Open it up, and define the actual logic for the job:

```
const Job = require('flutter-agenda/Job')
class LogJob extends Job {
  exec(job, done){

    const {msg} = job.attrs.data
    log(msg)

    done()
  }
}
module.exports = exports = LogJob
```

Here, we take the job argument `msg` and pass it to Flutter's `log()` function.

We can test out our job by running it from the Flutter shell. Here's a sample output:

```
sh-4.4$ ./flutter shell
powered by Flutter, © 2019 Garrett Mills(flutter)> _flit.sched.scheduler.schedule('in 3
seconds', 'Log', {msg: "This is a message!"})
Promise { <pending> }(flutter)> This is a message!
```

`_flit.sched.scheduler` is the running instance of Agenda, so you can call any function on it like you normally would such as `schedule()`, `every()`, even `define()`. ([See the Agenda docs.](#)) Here, we scheduled the `Log` job we created to run 3 seconds after the `schedule()` function is called, and passed it a message.

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