

Swift Code Patterns From the Ranch

<https://github.com/bignerdranch/RanchWeather>

* Built Using Swift 3, Xcode 8



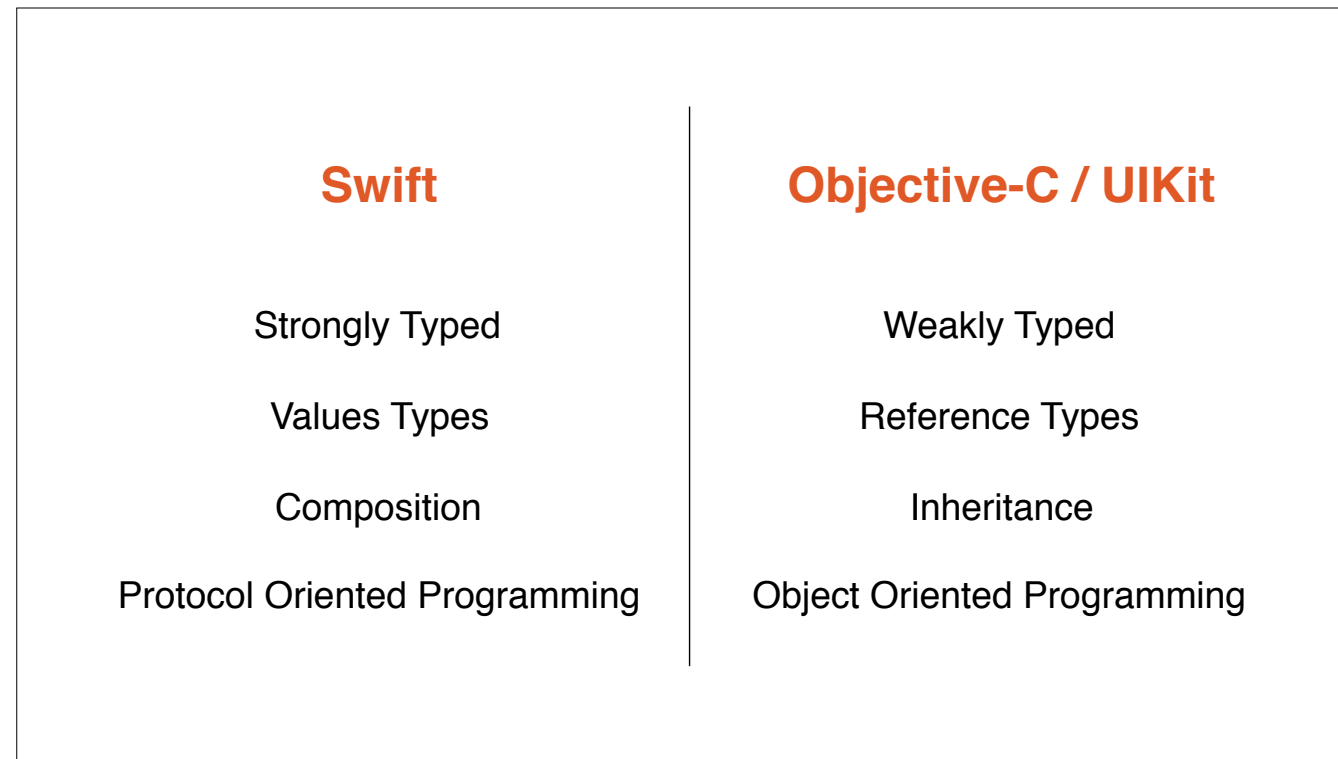
This talk has lots of code. If you prefer you can download the sample project and slide PDFs now and reference them as we get going.

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Do you remember where you were?

Despite being a long time, comfortable Objective-C developer, I was looking forward to the upcoming experimentation.



Clear these were two very different languages.
Apple Credit: Obj-C Inter-op is very good.
But to use Swift as an OOP language feels wrong.

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Last 2 Year Challenge
How do we execute UIKit using Swift and honoring Swift Design Goals.

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<https://swift.org/about/>

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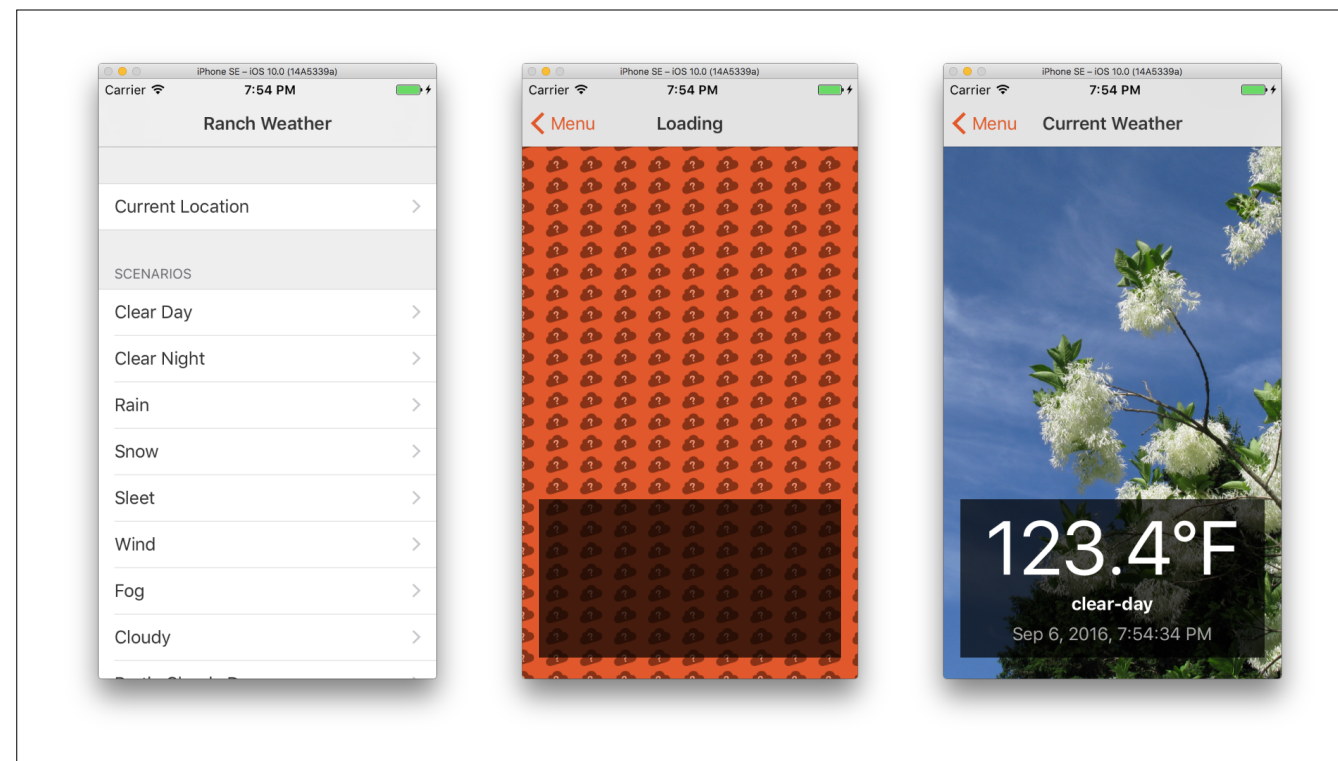
Not going to talk about Fast.

Will talk about making your code safer and more expressive.

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RanchWeather

Can't show you many of our client projects so I'd try to transplant many of our better ideas into this new demo app.

It's deceptively-simple looking. There is a lot of architecture under the hood. A lot of examples of how to use UIKit with Swift, honoring our goals.

Initialization

Great example of Swift asking us to express our intent.

```
class Car {  
    let driver: Driver  
    init() {  
    }  
}
```

Q: What's the problem here?

```
class Car {  
    let driver: Driver  
  
    init() {  
    }  
    // Return from initializer without  
    // initializing all stored properties.  
}
```

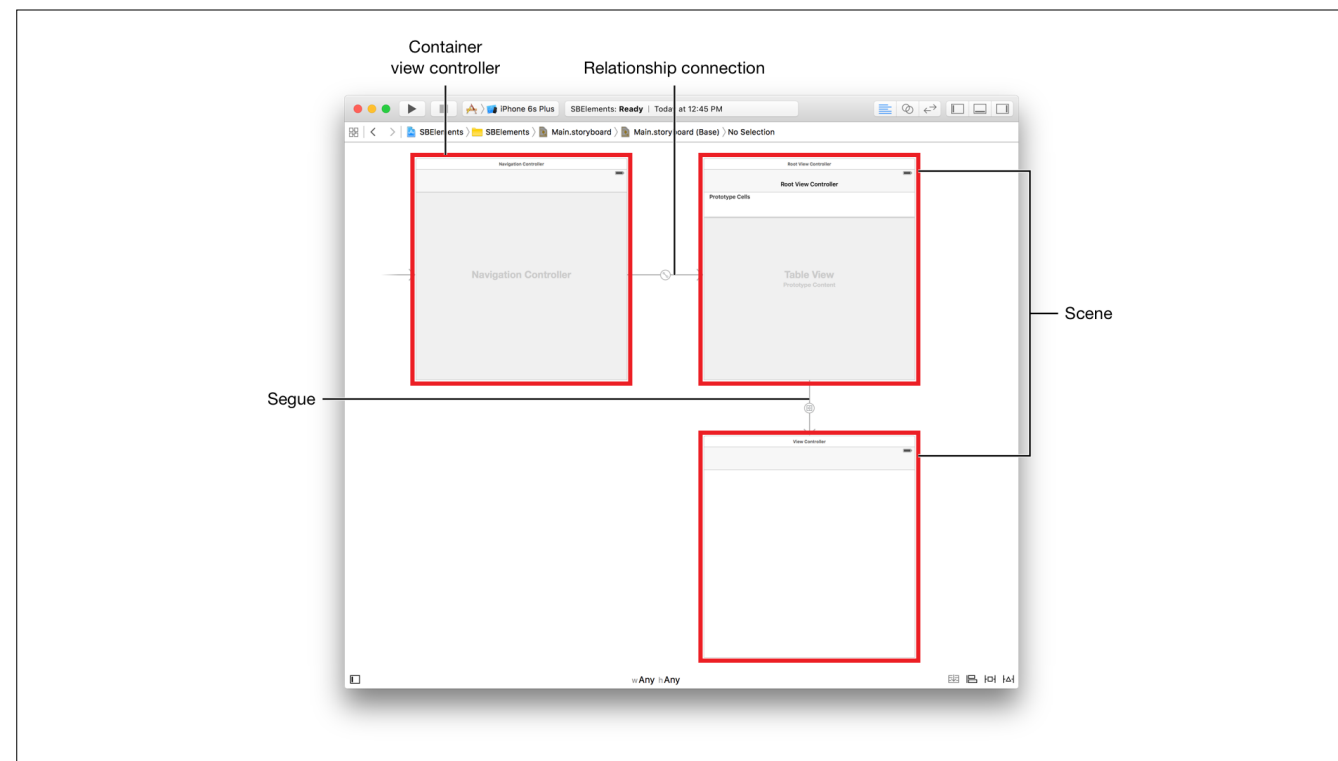
```
class Car {  
    let driver: Driver  
  
    init(driver: Driver) {  
        self.driver = driver  
    }  
}
```

View Controllers

```
class DisplayViewController: UIViewController {  
    let weatherService: WeatherService  
}
```

```
init(nibName nibNameOrNil: String?,  
      bundle nibBundleOrNil: Bundle?)
```

```
init?(coder aDecoder: NSCoder)
```



If we ask Apple how are we to organize our view controllers, the answer will be Storyboards.

Many benefits. Some problems.


```
class DisplayViewController: UIViewController {  
    let weatherService: WeatherService  
}
```

So what do we do?

```
class DisplayViewController: UIViewController {  
    var weatherService: WeatherService?  
}
```

We make it an optional. But this has negative side effects.

If Swift is about intentions, this is causing us to misrepresent our own.

I do not want to make it seem like this LocationViewController has optional Weather Service. This is a required service.

```
class DisplayViewController: UIViewController {  
    var weatherService: WeatherService!  
}
```

Let's improve expressing out intentions.

This is required, so we'll make it an implicitly unwrapped optional — but not it's unsafe.

Let's make it safer.

Dependency Injection

Every object should be self-contained. It should never reach out into the global space. You could configure or inject it with every object, service or store it will need.

By following DI your code can be more modular and more easily testable.

```
// Injectable is a simple protocol to help enforce Dependency Injection.
// It is typically used on View Controllers where you don't have early
// life-cycle access and need to inject or configure required properties
// after the object has been initialized.
protocol Injectable {

    // When honoring this protocol we expect you to make a method called
    // inject() that has the needed properties for this object.

    // assertDependencies is a method intended to verify that our
    // implicitly unwrapped optionals have been populated.
    // It should be called in an early life-cycle method where the
    // required dependencies should have already been set.
    // For View Controllers, viewDidLoad() is a common choice.
    func assertDependencies()
}
```

```
class WeatherDisplayViewController: UIViewController {

    var weatherService: WeatherService!
    var locationService: LocationService!

    override func viewDidLoad() {
        super.viewDidLoad()
        assertDependencies()
    }

}

//MARK: - Injectable
extension WeatherDisplayViewController: Injectable {
    func inject(weatherService: WeatherService, locationService: LocationService) {
        self.weatherService = weatherService
        self.locationService = locationService
    }

    func assertDependencies() {
        assert(weatherService != nil)
        assert(locationService != nil)
    }
}
```

Dependency Injection

Big topic.
Helps keep view controllers less brittle, easier to test.
Very important for some things we'll explore later.

DRY Strings

Q: Know what DRY stands for?

Moving to a lighter topic, DRY Strings.

Using Swift types like structs and enums to help symbolize terms that would normally be strings.

Avoid typos. Get code completion. Get complier help.


```
extension UserDefaults {  
    struct Key {  
        static let themeIdentifier = "com.ranchweather.userdefaults.theme"  
    }  
  
    struct Notifications {  
        static let themeDidChange =  
            Notification.Name("com.ranchweather.notification.themeDidChange")  
    }  
}  
  
string(forKey: Key.themeIdentifier)  
  
NotificationCenter.default.post(name: Notifications.themeDidChange, object: self)
```

We'll talk more about UserDefaults later but here is an example of isolating strings for the keys.

Another example is notification names. New in Swift 3 this is actually a type.

```
extension UIImage {
    enum Asset: String {
        case clearDay          = "clear-day"
        case clearNight        = "clear-night"
        case rain               = "rain"
        case snow               = "snow"
        case sleet              = "sleet"
        case wind               = "wind"
        case fog                = "fog"
        case cloudy             = "cloudy"
        case partlyCloudyDay    = "partly-cloudy-day"
        case partlyCloudyNight = "partly-cloudy-night"
    }

    convenience init!(asset: Asset) {
        self.init(named: asset.rawValue)
    }
}

UIImage(asset: .snow)
```

```
extension UIStoryboard {  
    private enum Identifier: String {  
        case Main  
        case WeatherDisplay  
        case Feedback  
        case DebugMenu  
    }  
}
```

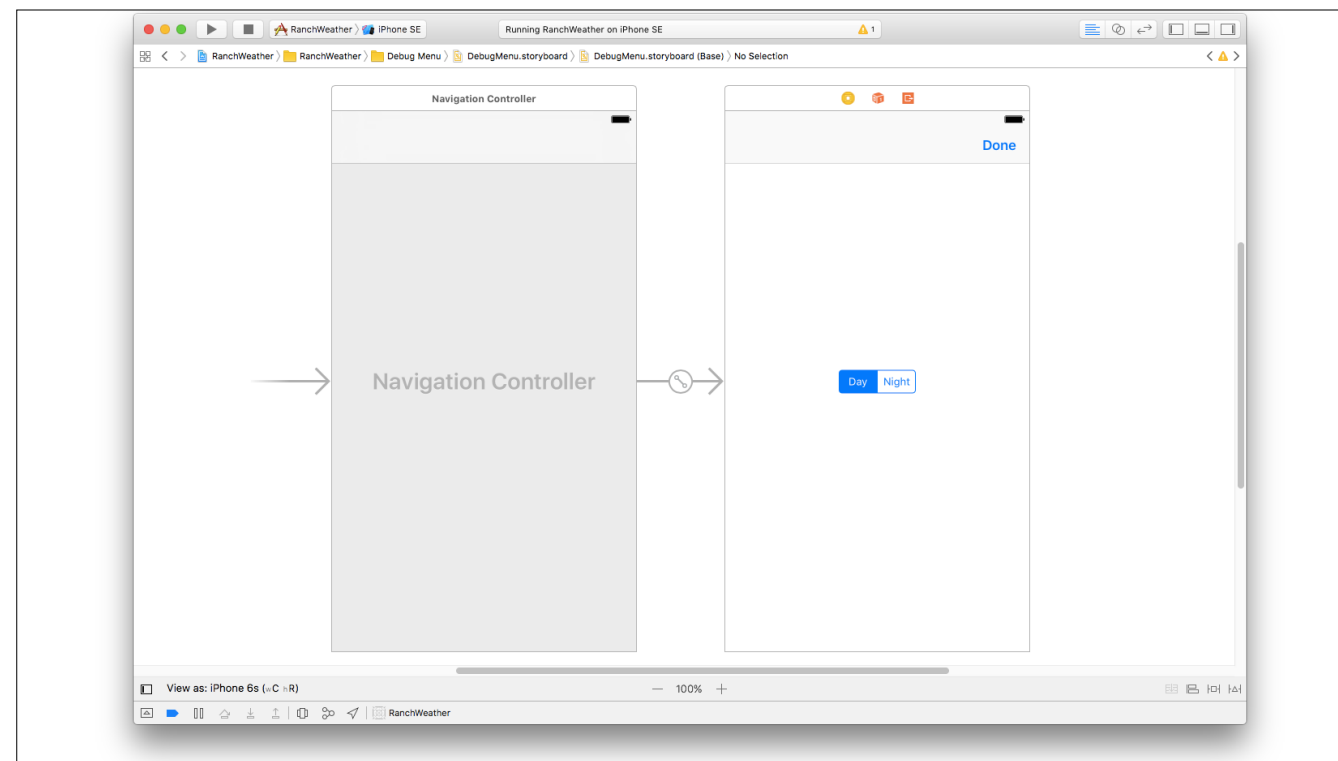
Storyboard names.

Storyboard Management

```
extension UIStoryboard {  
    private enum Identifier: String {  
        ...  
    }  
  
    private convenience init(_ identifier: Identifier) {  
        self.init(name: identifier.rawValue, bundle: nil)  
    }  
}  
  
let storyboard = UIStoryboard(.WeatherDisplay)
```

In theory you could get a storyboard with this convenience initializer, but we actually keep it private.

```
extension UIStoryboard {  
    static func weatherDisplayViewController() -> WeatherDisplayViewController {  
        return UIStoryboard(.WeatherDisplay).instantiateInitialViewController() as!  
        WeatherDisplayViewController  
    }  
}  
  
let vc = UIStoryboard.weatherDisplayViewController()
```



```
extension UIStoryboard {  
    static func debugViewControllerStack(configure: (DebugMenuViewController) -> Void) ->  
        UINavigationController  
    {  
        let navigationController = UIStoryboard(.DebugMenu).  
            instantiateInitialViewController() as! UINavigationController  
        let debugMenu = navigationController.viewControllers[0]  
            as! DebugMenuViewController  
        configure(debugMenu)  
        return navigationController  
    }  
}  
  
let debugNavigationController = UIStoryboard.debugViewControllerStack { (debugVC) in  
    debugVC.inject(userDefaults: UserDefaults.standard, delegate: self)  
}  
present(debugNavigationController, animated: true, completion: nil)
```


Async, Result, Error Enums

```
struct WeatherService {  
    enum Result {  
        case success(WeatherReport)  
        case failure(WeatherService.Error)  
    }  
}  
  
// NEED EXAMPLE
```

Error Handling with Enums

Theming

UIColor

Localization

User Defaults

UIAlertController Helper

Dequeuing TableView Cells

```
let cell = tableView.dequeueReusableCellWithIdentifier("CustomCell",  
                                                    forIndexPath: indexPath) as! CustomCell
```

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```
extension UITableView {  
    func dequeue<V: UITableViewCell>(cellOf type: V.Type,  
        indexPath: NSIndexPath, reuseIdentifier: String? = nil) -> V {  
        let identifier = reuseIdentifier ?? String(type)  
        return dequeueReusableCellWithIdentifier(identifier,  
            forIndexPath: indexPath) as! V  
    }  
}  
  
String(type) // old way NSStringFromClass(type)
```

Optional argument, generic of type.
Problem: Should enforce usage.

Problem

Pain Threshold

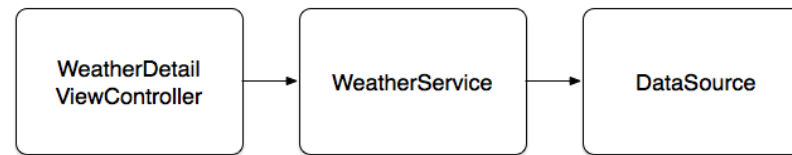
Launch / Debug Menus

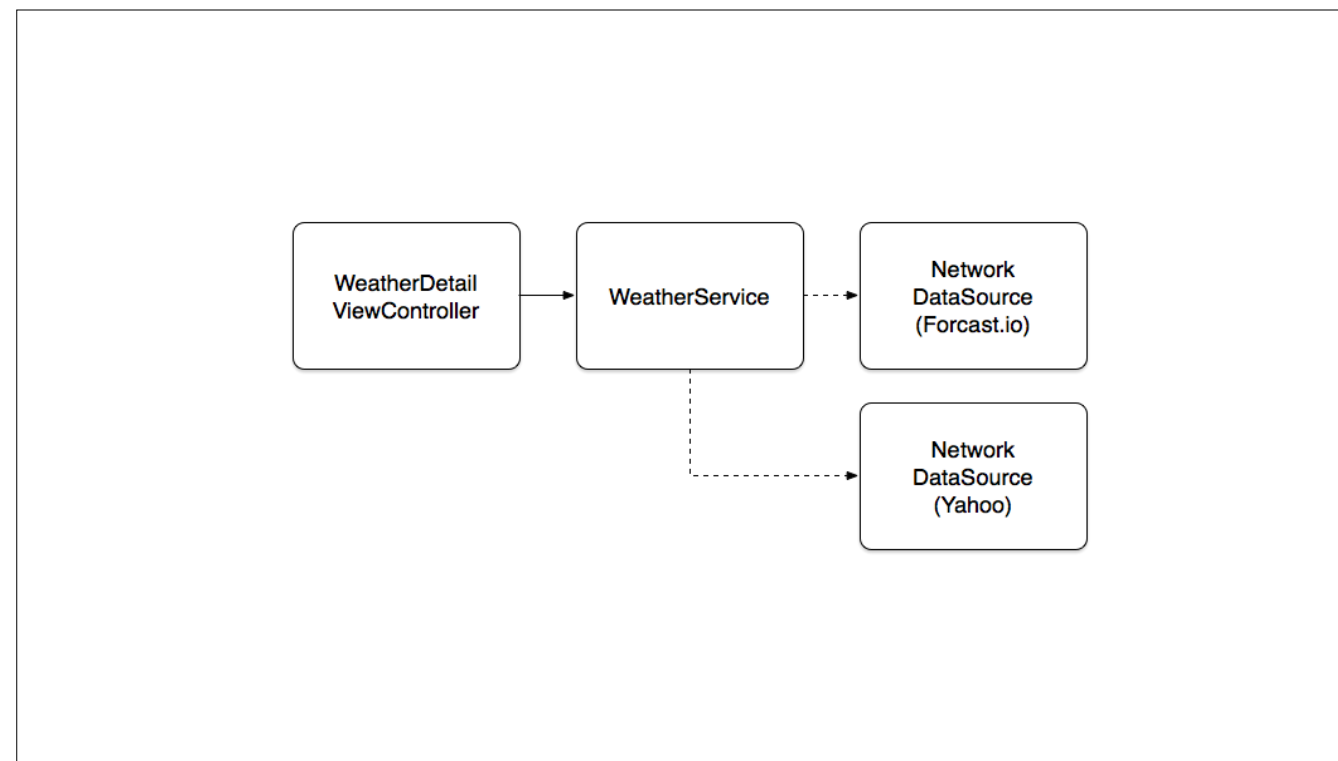
Many DataSources Pattern

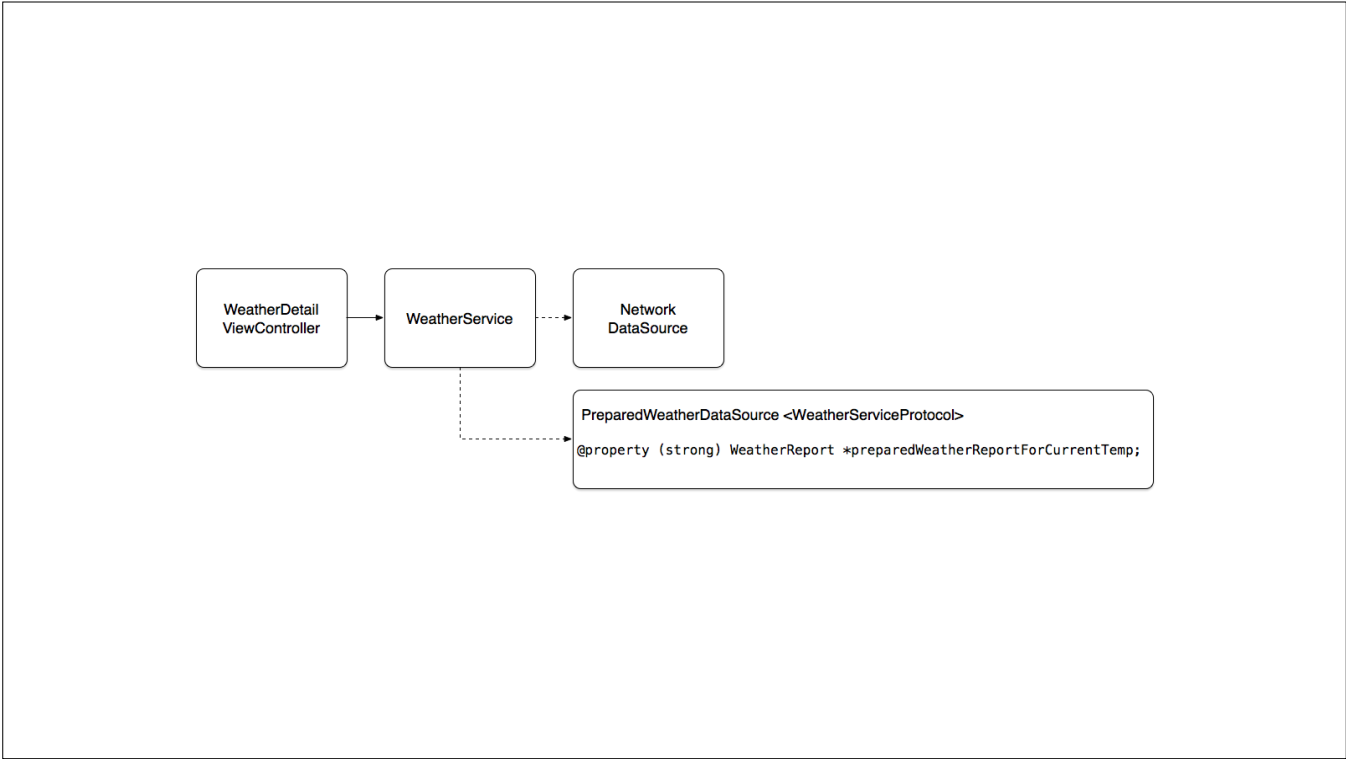
WeatherDetail
ViewController

WeatherService
- (WeatherReport *)currentTempForLocation:(Location *)location

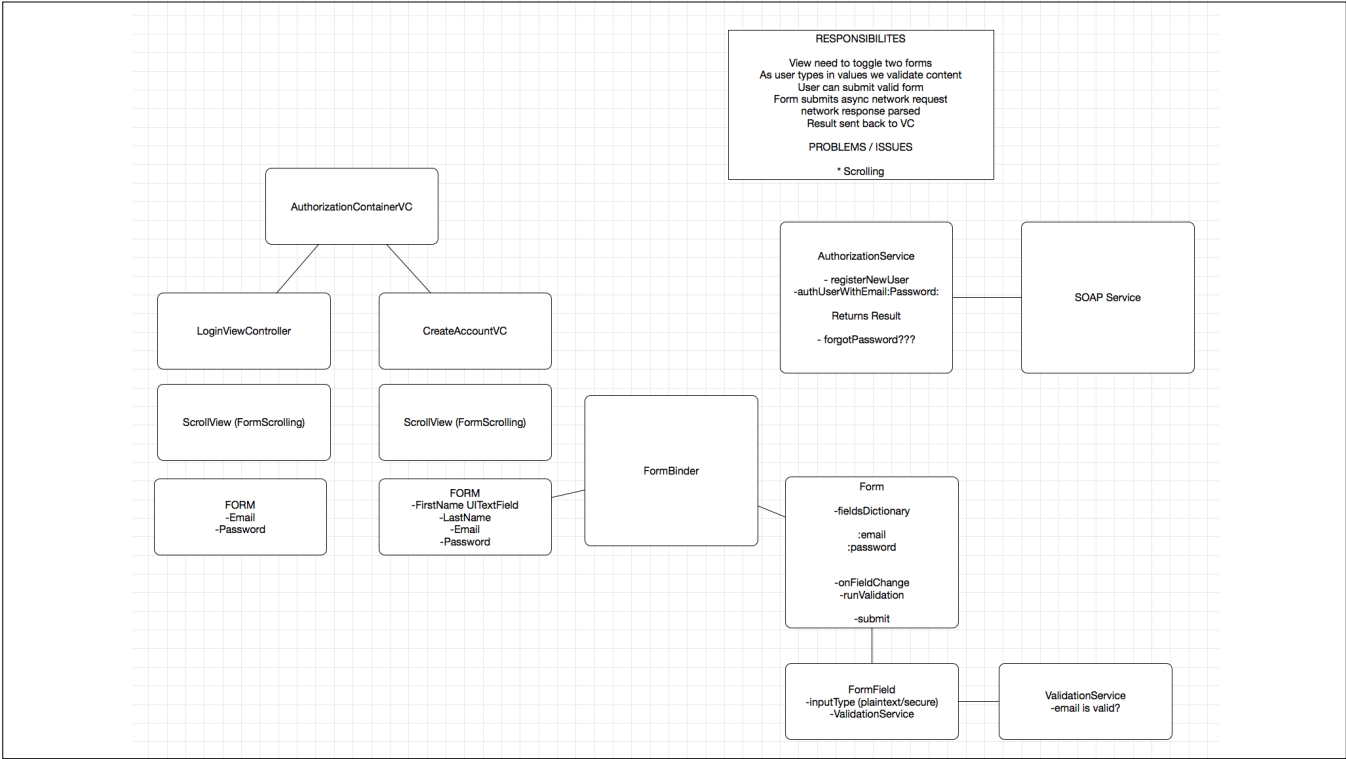








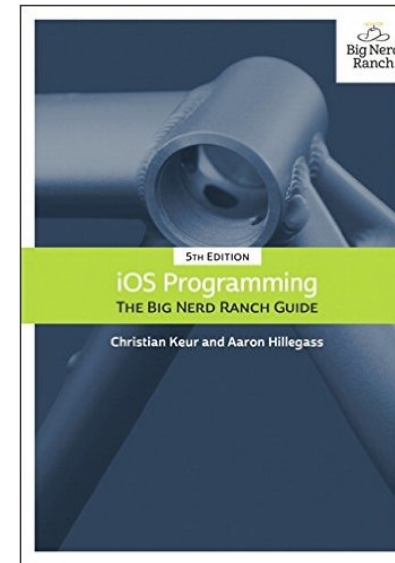
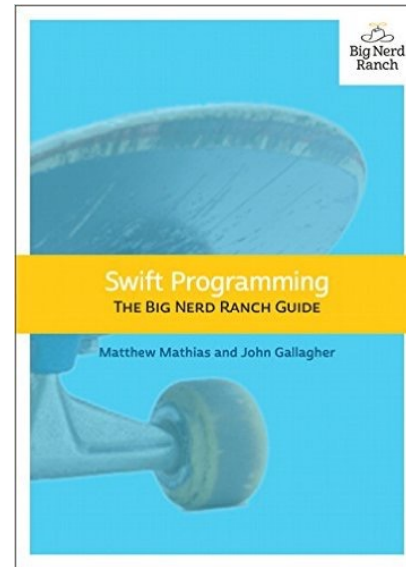
Forms



Thank you.

Submit your own patterns!

Resources



Big Nerd Ranch Open Source

Big Nerd Ranch loves open source. We love it so much, that sometimes we even open up some of our own source. And then we put a link to it here:

Android

Simple Item Decoration

A library for adding dividers and offsets to Android's RecyclerView using RecyclerView.ItemDecoration.

[More info](#) | [View on Github](#)

RecyclerView MultiSelect

RecyclerView MultiSelect is a tool to help implement single or multichoice selection on RecyclerView items.

[More info](#) | [View on Github](#)

Expandable RecyclerView

A custom RecyclerView which allows for an expandable view to be attached to each ViewHolder

[More info](#) | [View on Github](#)

iOS

Core Data Stack

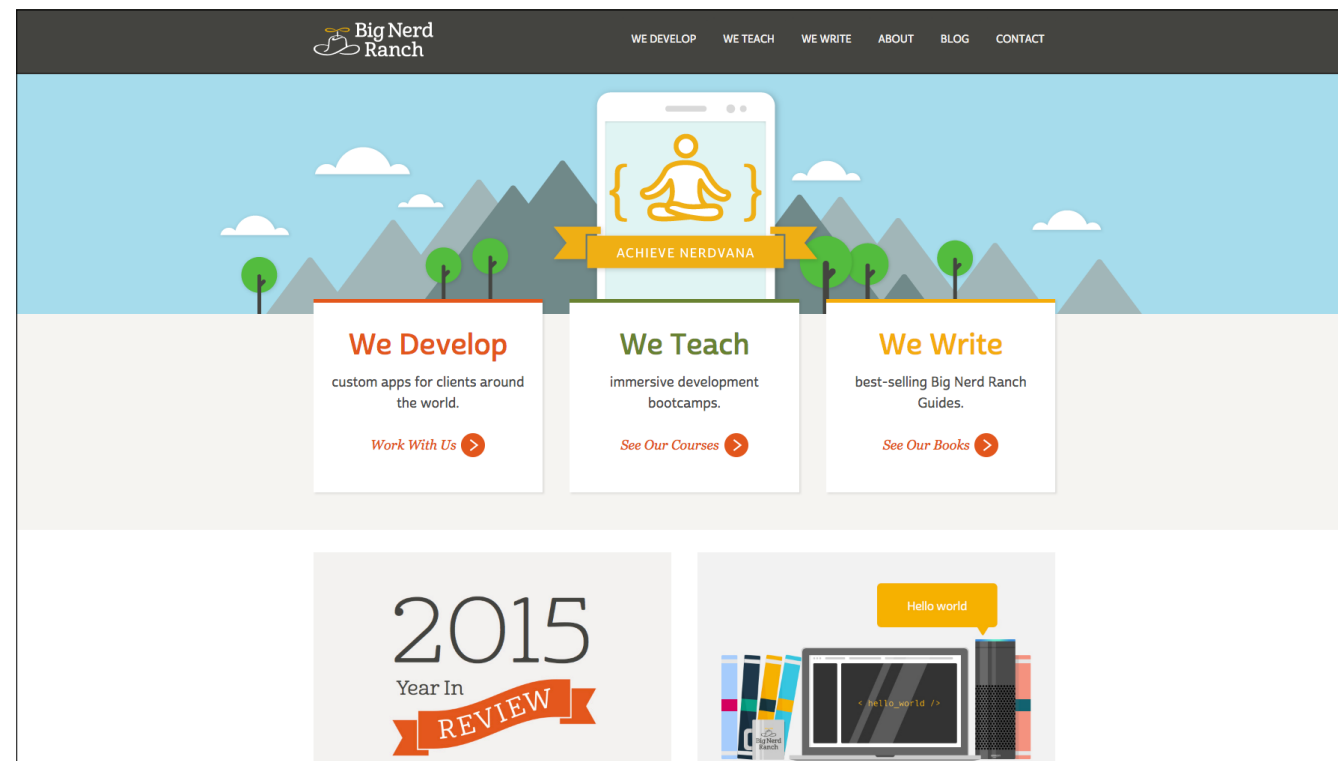
The BNR Core Data Stack is a small framework, written in Swift, that makes it easy to

Freddy

Parsing JSON elegantly and safely can be hard, but Freddy is here to help. Freddy is a

Deferred

Lets you work with values that haven't been determined yet. Like an array that's



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