

ATLS 4120/5120: Mobile Application Development

Week 4: Swift Intermediate

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A playground is a new type of file that allows you to test out Swift code, and see the results of each line in the sidebar.

Name: swift2

Platform: iOS

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Delete what's there so you start with an empty file

Classes

- A class provides a template, or blueprint for its objects.
- A class defines the characteristics (data properties) and behavior (methods) of its objects.
 - Properties associate values with a class
 - Methods are functions that are associated with a class
- Classes should have UpperCamelCase names to match the capitalization of standard Swift types.
- Classes are reference types so they are passed by reference, not copied when they are assigned to a variable/constant, or passed to a function.
- Structs and enumerations are value types, so they are copied when assigned or passed.

```
class Vehicle {
    var wheelNum = 4
    var speed = 25
    var mpg = 20
    let tankCapacity = 20
    var name : String?
    func changeSpeed(amount: Int){
        speed = speed + amount
    }
    func changeEfficiency(speed newSpeed: Int, mpg newmpg: Int){
        speed = newSpeed
        mpg = newmpg
    }
}
```

Objects

- An object is an instance, or occurrence, of a given class.
 - An object of a given class has the structure and behavior defined by the class
 - Many different objects can be defined for a given class
 - All objects of the same class have the same structure
- An instance of a class is traditionally known as an object. However, Swift classes and structures are much closer in functionality than in other languages, and a lot of the functionality can apply to instances of either a class or a structure type. Because of this, the more general term instance is used.
- Create an instance of a class by calling an initializer method.
- The simplest initializer syntax is () which calls the default init()
- Initializers make sure that every stored property has a value when the initialization completes
- Properties are accessed using dot notation

```
let myJeep = Vehicle()  
myJeep.mpg  
myJeep.speed
```

Methods

- Instance methods are functions that belong to a class
 - Same syntax as functions
 - Call methods with the same dot notation as properties
- Like functions, method parameters can have both a local name and external name.
- In methods by default the first parameter name is local and subsequent parameter names are automatically both local and external
 - The goal is to make method calls clear
- Method headers in the documentation will show the first parameter as `_`: since it doesn't have an external name.

```
myJeep.changeSpeed(10)  
myJeep.speed  
myJeep.changeEfficiency(speed: 35, mpg: 25)  
myJeep.speed  
myJeep.mpg
```

Swift also has type methods

- functions that are called on the class itself
- Use the keyword 'static' before the function

Initialization

- Initialization is the process of preparing an instance of a class for use
- A class includes methods used to create and initialize a new instance of a class called initializers.
 - They ensure that the new instance is correctly initialized before they are used the first time
- During initialization an initial value must be set for each stored property on that instance
 - Default value
 - Initial value
- Swift provides a default initializer called `init()` for a class that has default values for all its properties
- You can also create your own **`init()`** methods to provide initial values that don't have defaults
- Because initializers don't have descriptive names(`init`), Swift provides an automatic external name for every parameter in an initializer if you don't provide an external name yourself.
- Because initializers don't have descriptive names(`init`), if you don't provide external parameter names Swift will use your local parameter names as external parameter names as well.
- If you call an initializer method without a parameter name you will get a compile error
- If you don't want an external parameter name use an underscore `_`

[Update Vehicle class]

```
init(vehicleName vname: String){  
    name = vname  
}
```

But now you get errors where you defined myJeep because there's no empty init() method. So you must add one to the class.

```
init(){  
}
```

```
let myHybrid = Vehicle(vehicleName: "Prius")  
myHybrid.name
```

It says {Some "Prius"} because name is an optional.

You need to check that it's not nil and then force unwrap it

```
if myHybrid.name != nil {  
    println(myHybrid.name!)  
}
```

Inheritance

- Inheritance enables classes to form a class hierarchy like a family tree.
- Allows subclasses to share the structure and behavior of its superclass.
 - Superclass is the parent class
 - A subclass extends a class
 - Inherits from the superclass
 - Can add properties and methods
 - Can modify inherited properties
- A subclass can provide its own custom implementation of methods or properties through overriding
 - Prefix your overriding definition with the keyword 'override'
 - Overriding says that you intend to provide an override, not that you're providing a matching definition by accident
- When creating an initializer in a subclass, set your own properties and then you must call the superclass's initializer **super.init()**

```
class Bicycle : Vehicle {  
    var reflectors = true  
}
```

```
var bike=Bicycle()  
bike.wheelNum  
bike.wheelNum = 2  
bike.wheelNum
```

bike.reflectors is true

myJeep.reflectors error – class Vehicle doesn't have a reflectors property

change Bicycle

```
var reflectors : Bool
```

Get errors because reflectors doesn't have a value.

```
init(_ ref : Bool){  
    reflectors=ref  
    super.init()  
}
```

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`Super.init()` calls `Vehicle's init()`

```
var bike=Bicycle(false)
```

Collection Types

- Swift has three types of collections
 - Arrays
 - ordered collections of values
 - Sets
 - unordered collections of distinct values
 - Dictionaries
 - unordered collections of key/value pairs
- The collection will be mutable if it's assigned to a variable, immutable if it's assigned to a constant
- Properties
 - `.count` returns the number of items in an array
 - `.isEmpty` is a boolean to see if count is 0

Arrays

Arrays store an ordered collection of values

Arrays start with an index of 0 just as in other languages

- `removeAtIndex` and `removeLast` return the removed item
- `insert(_:atIndex:)` inserts an item into the array at a specified index

```
var shoppingList=["cereal", "milk"]
print(shoppingList[0])
shoppingList.append("bread")

if shoppingList.isEmpty{
    print("there's nothing you need")
} else {
    print("You need \(shoppingList.count)" + " items")
}

let item = shoppingList.removeLast()

for item in shoppingList{
    print(item)
}
```

Dictionaries

Dictionaries store unordered key/value data pairs

.keys returns all the keys

.values returns all the values

`updateValue()` returns the old value for that key

`removeValueForKey()` returns the removed value or nil if no value existed

```
var newList=[String:String]()
```

```
var classes:[String: String]=["4120":"MAD", "3000":"Code"]
```

As with arrays, you don't have to write the type of the dictionary if you're initializing it with a dictionary literal whose keys and values have consistent types.

```
classes["3000"]  
classes["2000"]="MIT"  
classes.count
```

```
classes.updateValue("Mobile App Dev", forKey: "4120")  
classes.removeValueForKey("3000")
```

```
for (num, name) in classes{  
    print("\(num): \(name)")  
}
```

Memory Management

- Swift uses Automatic Reference Counting (ARC) to manage memory usage
- ARC automatically frees up the memory used by class instances when those instances are no longer needed
- Automatic Reference Counting (ARC) was introduced in iOS5 so you don't have to worry about it. Yeah!