

13 Tips to Write Code Like a Swiftie



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- This is about Swift, not specific to SwiftUI or UIKit



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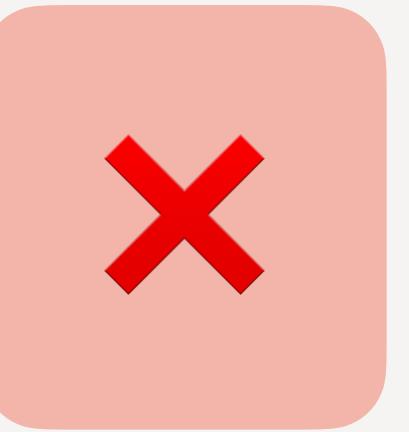
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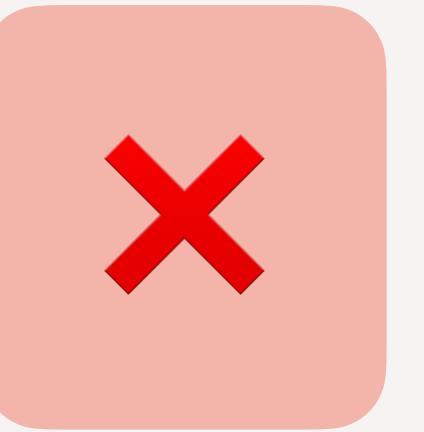


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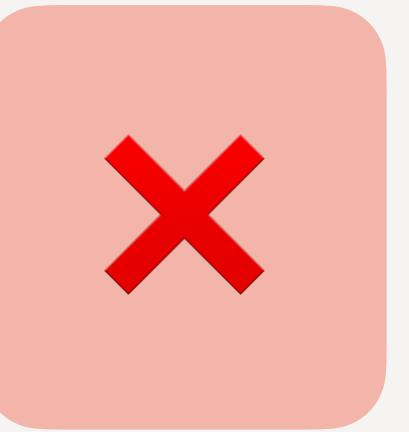


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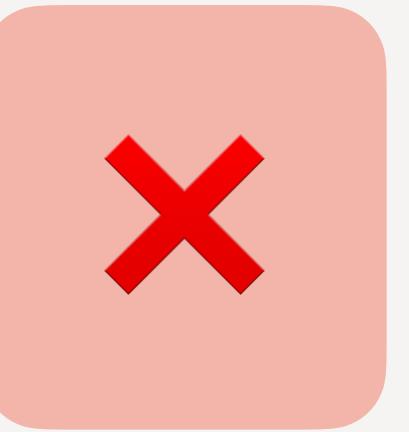


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- **Protocols** that describe capability should be named with suffixes **-able**, **ible**, or **ing**
- All else should be read as nouns

Tip #2: Naming

- Use US English



```
enum AlbumColor {  
    case red, blue, black  
}
```

```
func makeFavorite(album: String) -> String {  
    return "⭐ \(album)"  
}
```

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```
func composeSong(lyrics: String) -> String {  
    return "🎵 \(lyrics) 🎵"  
}
```



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```
let areYouReady: Bool
```

```
let areWeGettingBackTogether: Bool
```

```
func isEndGame() -> Bool
```

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```
protocol Calmable { }
```

```
protocol Lovable { }
```

```
protocol Equatable { }
```



Tip #2: Naming

- All other types, properties, variables, constants should be read as nouns

```
let artist = PopArtist(name: "Taylor Swift")
```

```
let lyric = "You belong with me"
```



Tip #3: Argument Labels

- Syntax that adds a word to make the function easier to read

Tip #3: Argument Labels

```
func isThereAnI(in word: String) -> Bool {  
    word.contains("*i*")  
}
```

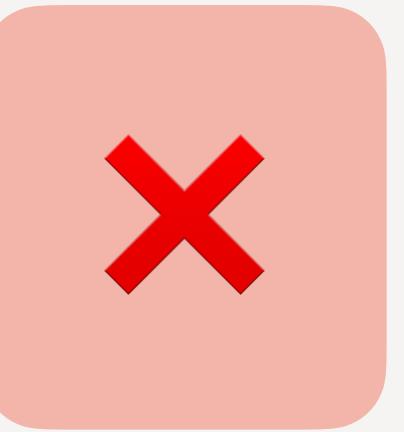
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isThereAnI(in: "team")
```



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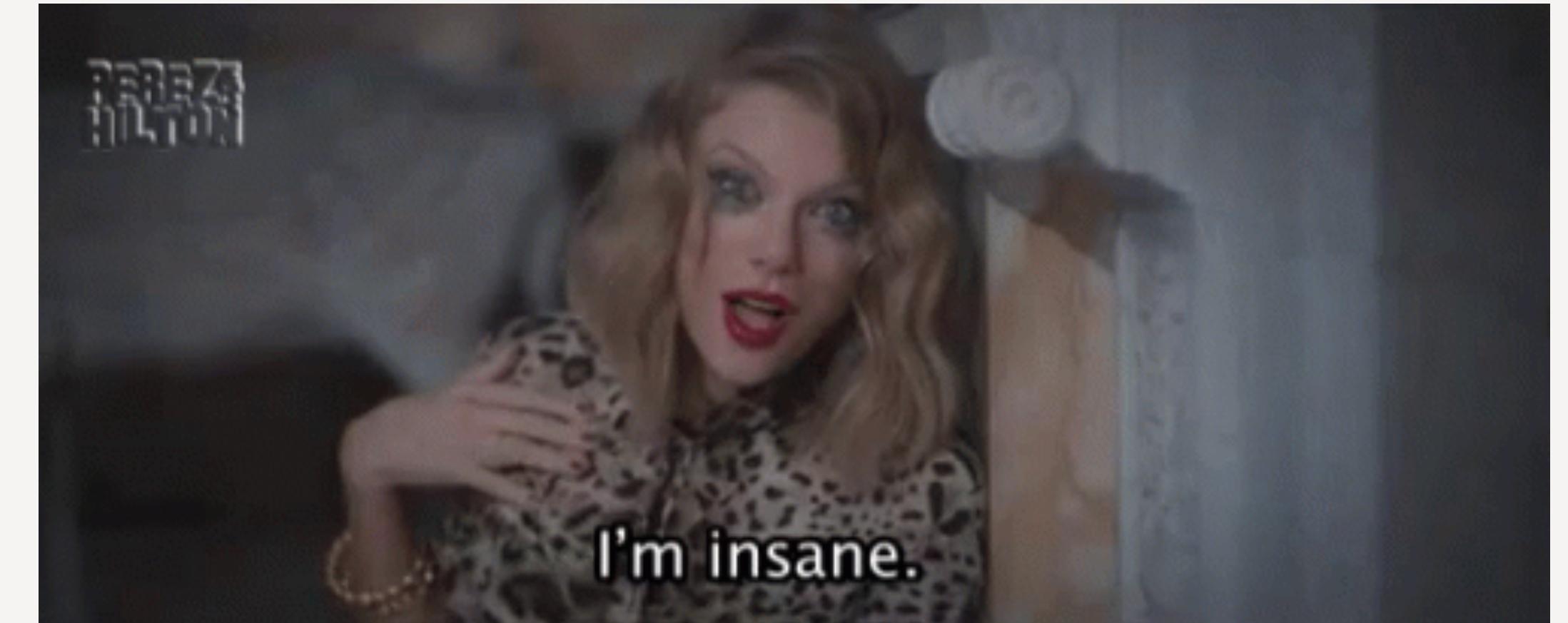
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```
typealias Discography = OrderedDictionary<String, [Song]>

func makeTaylorDiscography(_ discography: Discography) {  
}
```



Tip #5: Documentation

- Write a documentation comment for every declaration



```
/// Creates a string with surrounding music notes.  
/// - Parameter lyric: The song lyric.  
/// - Returns: The lyric with surrounding music notes.  
func makeLyric(_ lyric: String) -> String {  
    return "🎵 \(lyric) 🎵"  
}
```

Tip #5: Documentation

- Quick help

Summary

Creates a string with surrounding music notes.

Declaration

```
func makeLyric(_ lyric: String) -> String
```

Parameters

lyric The song lyric.

Returns

The lyric with surrounding music notes.

Declared In

[Examples.playground](#)

Tip #6: Access Control

- What objects can access other objects
- Default to **private**, and get-only

Tip #6: Access Control

```
class TaylorSwift {  
    private(set) var lyrics: String  
  
    init(lyrics: String) {  
        self.lyrics = lyrics  
    }  
}
```



Tip #6: Access Control

```
let taylor = TaylorSwift(lyrics: "I just wanna stay in that  
lavender haze")  
  
print(taylor.lyrics)
```



I just wanna stay in that lavender haze

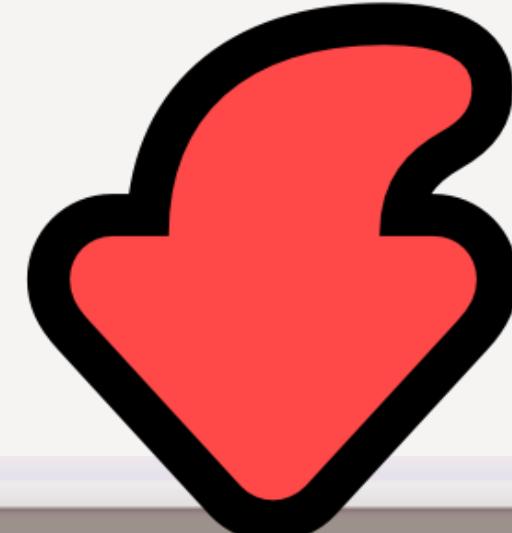
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```
taylor.lyrics = "I'm the problem, it's me"
```



Cannot assign to property: 'lyrics' setter is inaccessible





Tip #7: Code Structure

- How a file is organized

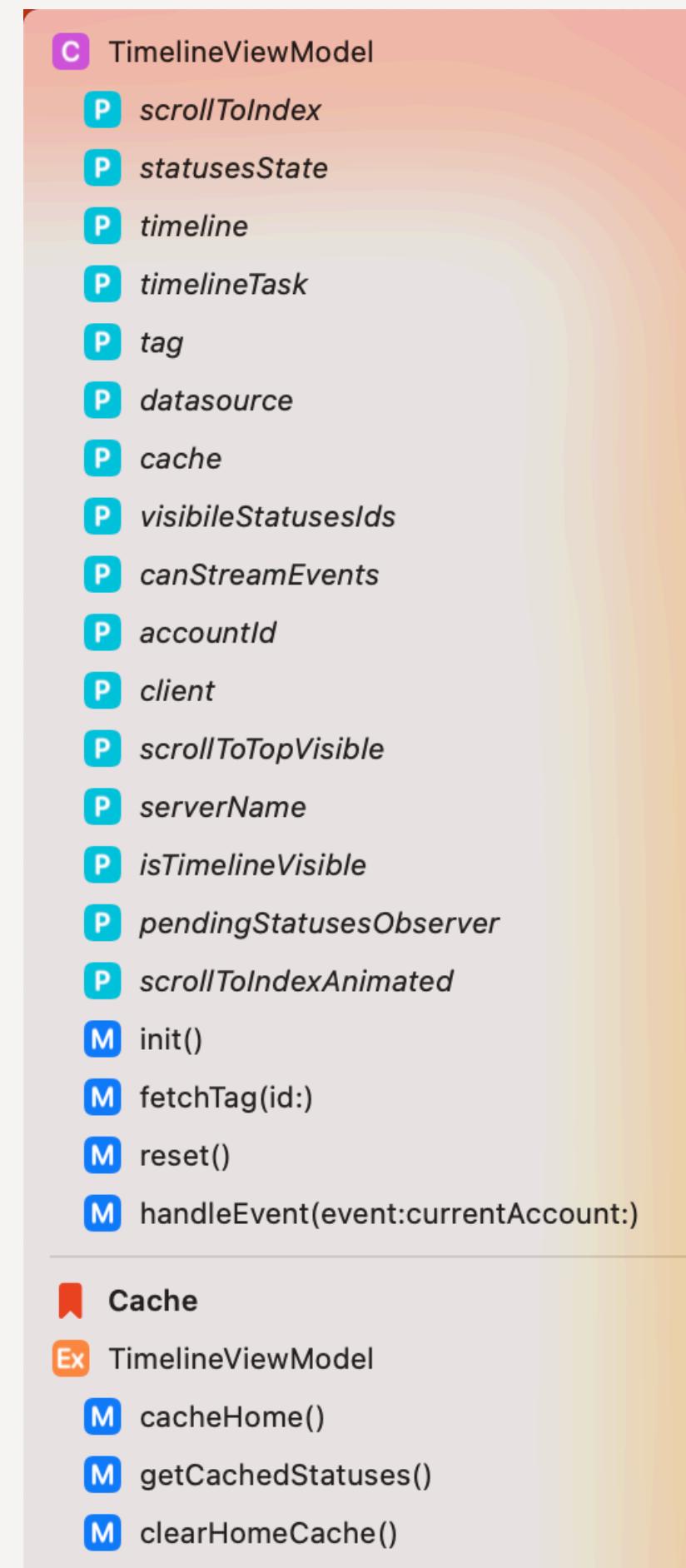
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- Import statements
- Protocols
- Main type declaration of the file
- Properties
- Methods
- Extension protocol conformances



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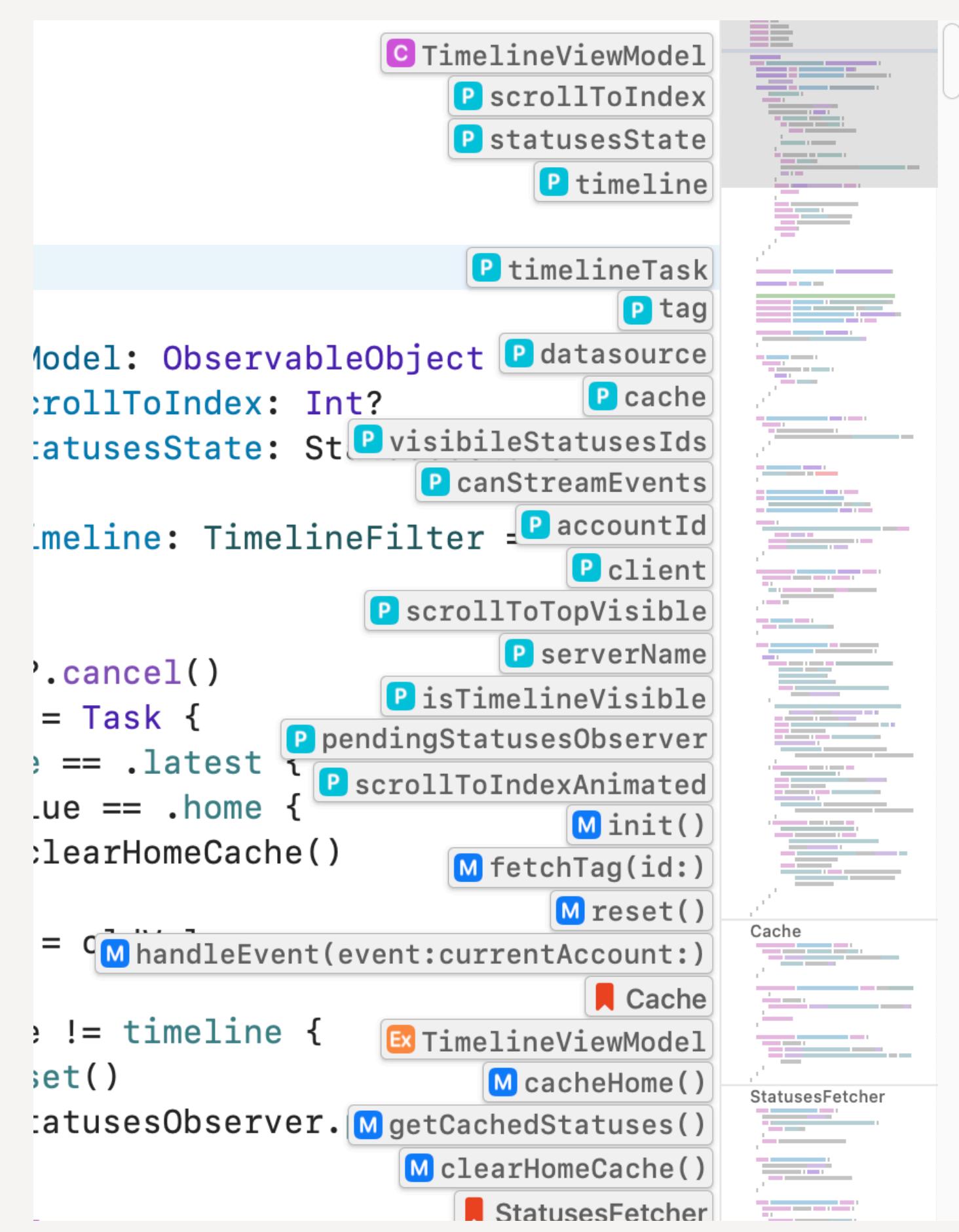
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Minimap



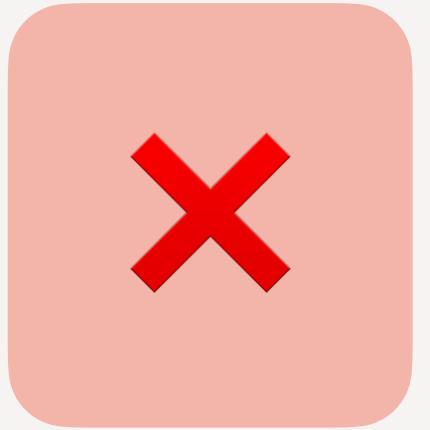
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Tip #7: Code Structure

```
Ex TimelineViewModel
    M cacheHome()
    M getCachedStatuses()
    M clearHomeCache()
    M init()

    C TimelineViewModel
    M reset()
    P timeline
    P tag
    P datasource
    P accountId
    P client
    M handleEvent(event:currentAccount:)
    P scrollToTopVisible
    P serverName
    P isTimelineVisible
    P pendingStatusesObserver
    P scrollToIndexAnimated
    P statusesState
    M fetchTag(id:)
    P timelineTask
```



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```
enum Album: Int {  
    case reputation = 2017  
    case midnights = 2022  
    case evermore = 2020  
}
```



Tip #8: Enumerations (Enums)

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```
enum Album {  
    case reputation/views: Int  
    case midnights(String)  
    case evermore  
}
```



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```
enum SongRequest {  
    case mySongs  
    case requestSong(id: String)  
  
var baseURL: URL {  
    return API.url  
}  
}
```

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```
enum SongRequest {  
    // ...  
    var path: String {  
        switch self {  
            case .mySongs:  
                return "/mysongs"  
            case let .requestSong(id: id)  
                return "/request/\\"(id)"  
        }  
    }  
}
```

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```
enum SongRequest {  
    //...  
    var httpMethod: HTTPMethod {  
        switch self {  
            case .mySongs:  
                return .get  
            case .requestSong:  
                return .post  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Tip #8: Enumerations (Enums)

```
networkController.send(request: SongRequest.requestSong(id:  
song.id))
```

Tip #9: Formatting Large Numbers

- Improve readability with underscores

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```
struct Statistics {  
    let views: Int  
}
```



```
let shakeItOffStats = Statistics(views: 3_278_311_534)
```

```
let blankSpaceStats = Statistics(views: 3_144_540_109)
```

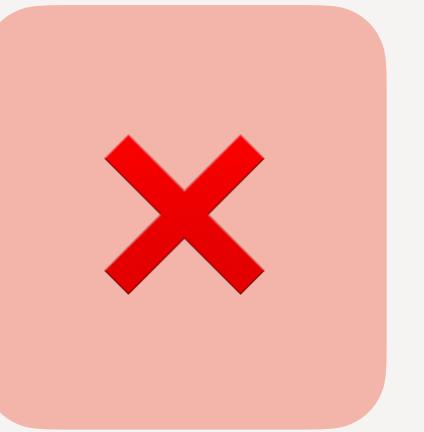
```
let badBloodStats = Statistics(views: 1_547_508_835)
```

Tip #10: Blank Space

- Vertical and horizontal spacing

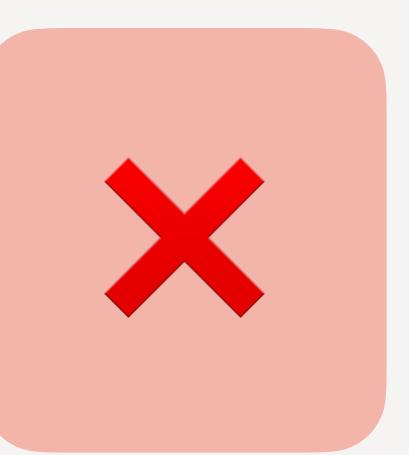
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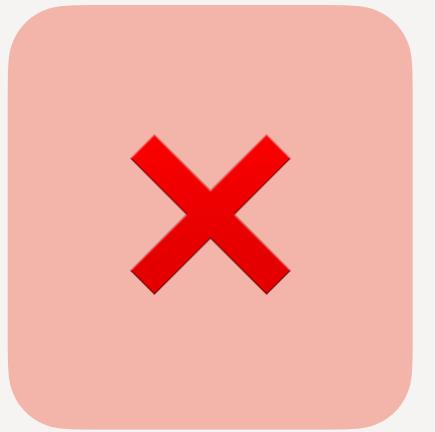
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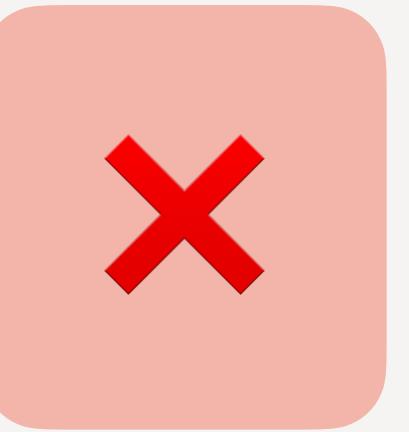


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Tip #12: Namespacing

- Group related items

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```
enum Design {  
    struct Grid {  
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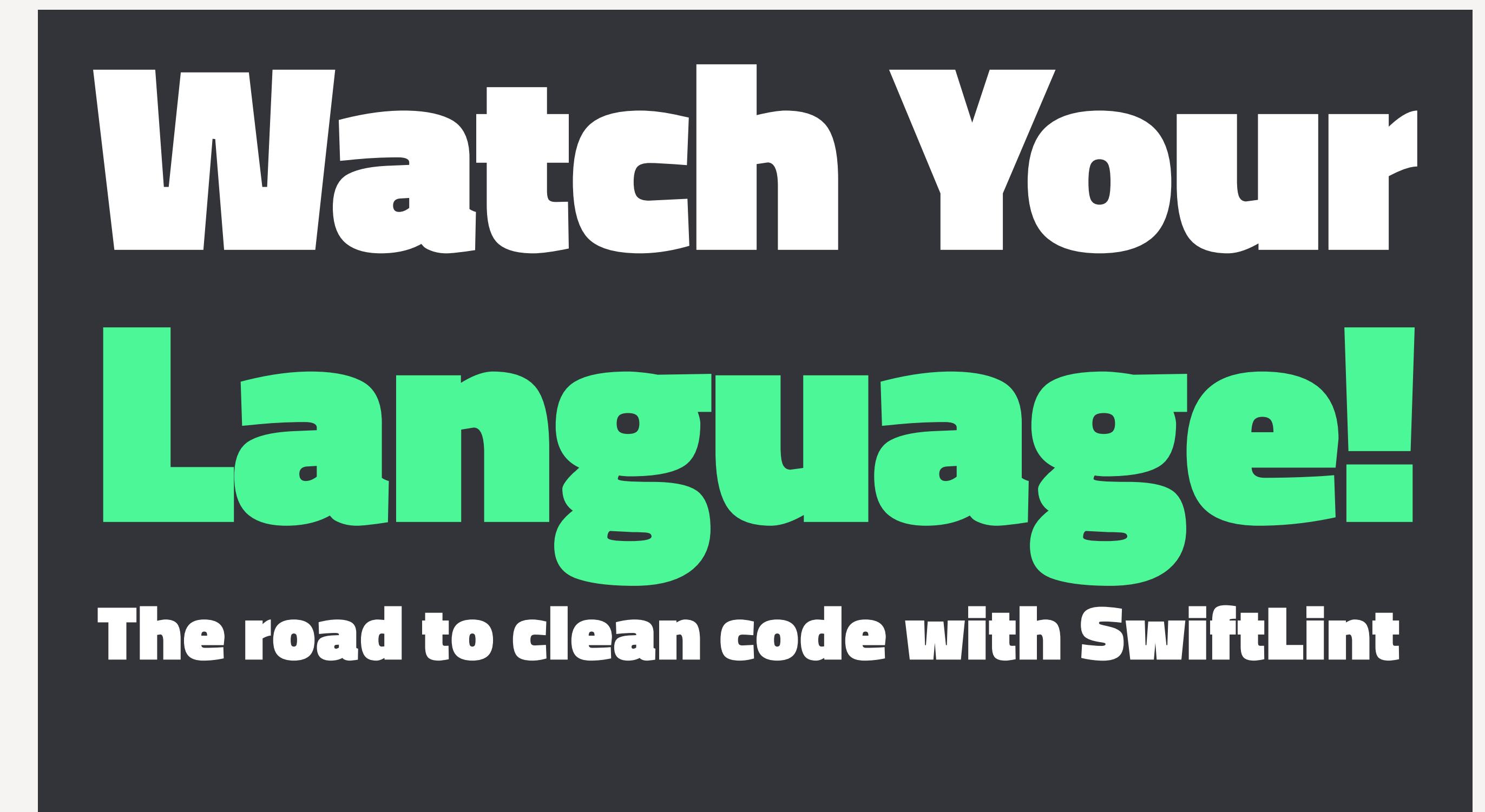
Design.Grid.medium





Tip #13: SwiftLint

- A tool to enforce Swift style and conventions
- Open-source project by Realm



Tip #13: SwiftLint

```
16 struct Sign {  
17     let startTime: Date  
18  
19  
20     -  
21     let endtime: Date  
22 }  
23
```



Vertical Whitespace Violation: Limit vertical whitespace to a single empty line; currently 3 (vertical_whitespace)





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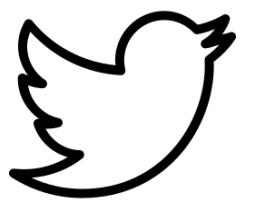
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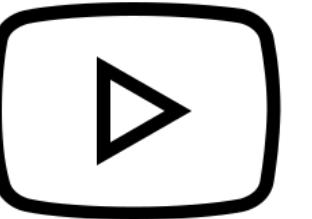




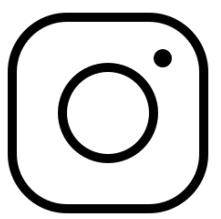
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