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Chapter 3: Reading & Writing JSON

Section 3.1: JSON Serialization, Encoding, and Decoding with Apple Foundation and the Swift Standard Library

The `JSONSerialization` class is built into Apple's Foundation framework. The `JSONSerialization` class is built into Apple's Foundation framework. You can use `JSONSerialization` to read and write JSON data.

```
Version = 3.0
Read JSON

// Convert JSON from NSData to AnyObject
let jsonData = try NSData(contentsOfFile: "data.json")
let jsonObject = try JSONSerialization.jsonObject(with: jsonData, options: [])
if let stringArray = jsonObject as? [String] {
    print("Array of strings: \(stringArray.joined(separator: ", "))")
} else {
    print("Error reading JSON: \(error)")
}
```

Write JSON

Calling `data(withJSONObject:options:)` converts a JSON-compatible object (nested arrays, dictionaries, and `NSNumber`) to raw `NSData` encoded as UTF-8.

```
Version = 3.0
Write JSON

// Convert object to JSON as NSData
let jsonData = try JSONSerialization.data(withJSONObject: jsonObject, options: [])
let jsonString = String(data: jsonData, encoding: UTF8StringEncoding)
print("JSON string: \(jsonString)")
} catch {
    print("Error writing JSON: \(error)")
}
```

You can pass options: `.prettyPrinted` instead of options: `[]` for pretty printing.

Same behavior in Swift 3 but with a different syntax.

```
Version = 3.0
// Same behavior in Swift 3 but with a different syntax.
do {
    guard let jsonData = "[\"hello\", \"JSON\"]".data(using: String.Encoding.utf8) else {
        print("Error reading JSON: \(error)")
    }
}
```

Chapter 12: Strings and Characters

Section 12.1: String & Character Literals

String literals in Swift are delimited with double quotes ("").

```
let greeting = "Hello!" // greeting's type is String
```

Character can be initialized from string literals, as long as the literal contains only one grapheme cluster.

```
let chr: Character = "H" // valid
let chr2: Character = "???" // valid
let chr3: Character = "abc" // invalid - multiple grapheme clusters
```

String Interpolation

String interpolation allows injecting an expression directly into a string literal. This can be done with all types of values, including strings, integers, floating point numbers and more.

The syntax is a backslash followed by parentheses wrapping the value `\(value)`. Any valid expression may appear in the parentheses, including function calls.

```
let number = 5
let interpolatedNumber = "\(number)" // string is "5"
let fortyTwo = "(4 + 7)" // string is "42"

// It will output: "This post has 5 views" for the above example.
let example = "This post has \number views(number == 1 ? "" : "s")"
// If the variable number had the value 1, it would output "This post has 1 view" instead.
```

For custom types, the **default** behavior of string interpolation is that `\(obj)` is equivalent to `String(obj)`, the same representation used by `print(obj)`. You can customize this behavior by implementing the `CustomStringConvertible` protocol for your type.

Version = 3.0

For Swift 3, in accordance with [SE-0005](#), `StringLiteralConvertible` has been renamed to `StringLiteralConvertible` (describing the same representation used by `print(obj)`). You can customize this behavior by implementing the `CustomStringConvertible` protocol for your type.

Special Characters

Certain characters require a special **escape sequence** to use them in string literals.

Character	Meaning
<code>\0</code>	the null character
<code>\\</code>	a plain backslash, <code>\</code>
<code>\"</code>	a double quote, <code>"</code>
<code>\\t</code>	a tab character
<code>\\n</code>	a vertical tab
<code>\\r</code>	a carriage return
<code>\\f</code>	a line feed (newline)
<code>\\b</code>	a backspace
<code>\\'</code>	a single quote, <code>'</code>
<code>\\u{hex}</code>	the Unicode code point <code>hex</code> (in hexadecimal)

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Chapter 17: Numbers

Section 17.1: Number types and literals

Swift's built-in numeric types are:

- Word-sized (architecture-dependent) signed `Int` and unsigned `UInt`.
- Fixed-size signed integers `Int8`, `Int16`, `Int32`, `Int64`, and unsigned integers `UInt8`, `UInt16`, `UInt32`, `UInt64`.
- Floating-point types `Float`, `Float80`, `Double`, and `Float80x2` (x86-only).

Literals

A numeric literal's type is inferred from context.

```
let x = 42 // x is Int by default
let y = 42.8 // y is Double by default

let z: UInt = 42 // z is UInt
let w: Float = 1 // w is Float
let q = 100 as Int // q is Int
```

Underscores (`_`) may be used to separate digits in numeric literals. Leading zeros are ignored.

By using `0b` or `0x` as a prefix, you can specify the base of the literal. Leading zeros are ignored. For hexadecimal, use `0x` or `0X` as a prefix. For decimal, use `0b` or `0B` as a prefix.

Integer literal syntax

```
let decimal = 10
let decimal = -1000 // negative one thousand
let decimal = 42_42_42 // equivalent to 424242
let decimal = 8755 // equivalent to 8755
let decimal = 0123456789 // equivalent to 123456789

let hexadecimal = 0x10
let hexadecimal = 0x7FFFFFFF // equivalent to 2147483647
let hexadecimal = 0x123_456_789_010 // equivalent to 123456789010
```

Floating-point literal syntax

```
let decimal = 0.8
let decimal = -42.8123456789 // equivalent to -42.8123456789
let decimal = 1_000_234_567.89 // equivalent to 1000234567.89

let decimal = 4.567e5 // equivalent to 456700.0, or 456.700e3
let decimal = -2E-4 // equivalent to -0.0002, or -2e-4
let decimal = 1e0 // equivalent to 1, or 1e0

let hexadecimal = 0x7p0 // equivalent to 7, or 7p0
let hexadecimal = 0x7p-2 // equivalent to 0.175, or 7p-2
```

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1.2	Xcode 6.3	2015-02-09
2.0	Xcode 7	2015-06-08
2.1	Xcode 7.1	2015-09-23
open-source debut	-	2015-12-03
2.2	Xcode 7.3	2016-03-21
2.3	Xcode 8	2016-09-13
3.0	Xcode 8	2016-09-13
3.1	Xcode 8.3	2017-03-27

Section 1.1: Your first Swift program

Write your code in a file named `hello.swift`:

```
print("Hello, world!")
```

- To compile and run a script in one step, use `swift` from the terminal (in a directory where this file is located):

To launch a terminal, press `CTRL` + `ALT` + `T` on *Linux*, or find it in Launchpad on *macOS*. To change directory, enter `cd directory_name` (or `cd ..` to go back)

```
$ swift hello.swift Hello, world!
```

A **compiler** is a computer program (or a set of programs) that transforms source code written in a programming language (the source language) into another computer language (the target language), with the latter often having a binary form known as object code. ([Wikipedia](#))

- To compile and run separately, use `swiftc`:

```
$ swiftc hello.swift
```

This will compile your code into `hello` file. To run it, enter `./`, followed by a filename.

```
$ ./hello Hello, world!
```

- Or use the swift REPL (Read-Eval-Print-Loop), by typing `swift` from the command line, then entering your code in the interpreter:

Code:

```
func greet(name: String, surname: String) { print("Greetings \(name) \(surname)") } let myName = "Homer" let mySurname = "Simpson" greet(name: myName, surname: mySurname)
```

Let's break this large code into pieces:

- `func greet(name: String, surname: String) { // function body }` - create a *function* that takes a name and a surname.
- `print("Greetings \(name) \(surname)")` - This prints out to the console "Greetings ", then name, then surname. Basically `\(variable_name)` prints out that variable's value.
- `let myName = "Homer"` and `let mySurname = "Simpson"` - create *constants* (variables which value you can't change) using `let` with names: `myName`, `mySurname` and values: `"Homer"`, `"Simpson"` respectively.
- `greet(name: myName, surname: mySurname)` - calls a *function* that we created earlier supplying the values of *constants* `myName`, `mySurname`.

Running it using REPL:

```
$ swift Welcome to Apple Swift. Type :help for assistance. 1> func greet(name: String, surname: String) { 2.
print("Greetings \(name) \(surname)") 3. } 4> 5> let myName = "Homer" myName: String = "Homer" 6> let
mySurname = "Simpson" mySurname: String = "Simpson" 7> greet(name: myName, surname: mySurname)
Greetings Homer Simpson 8> ^D
```

Press `CTRL` + `D` to quit from REPL.

Section 1.2: Your first program in Swift on a Mac (using a Playground)

From your Mac, download and install Xcode from the Mac App Store following [this link](#).

After the installation is complete, open Xcode and select **Get started with a Playground**:



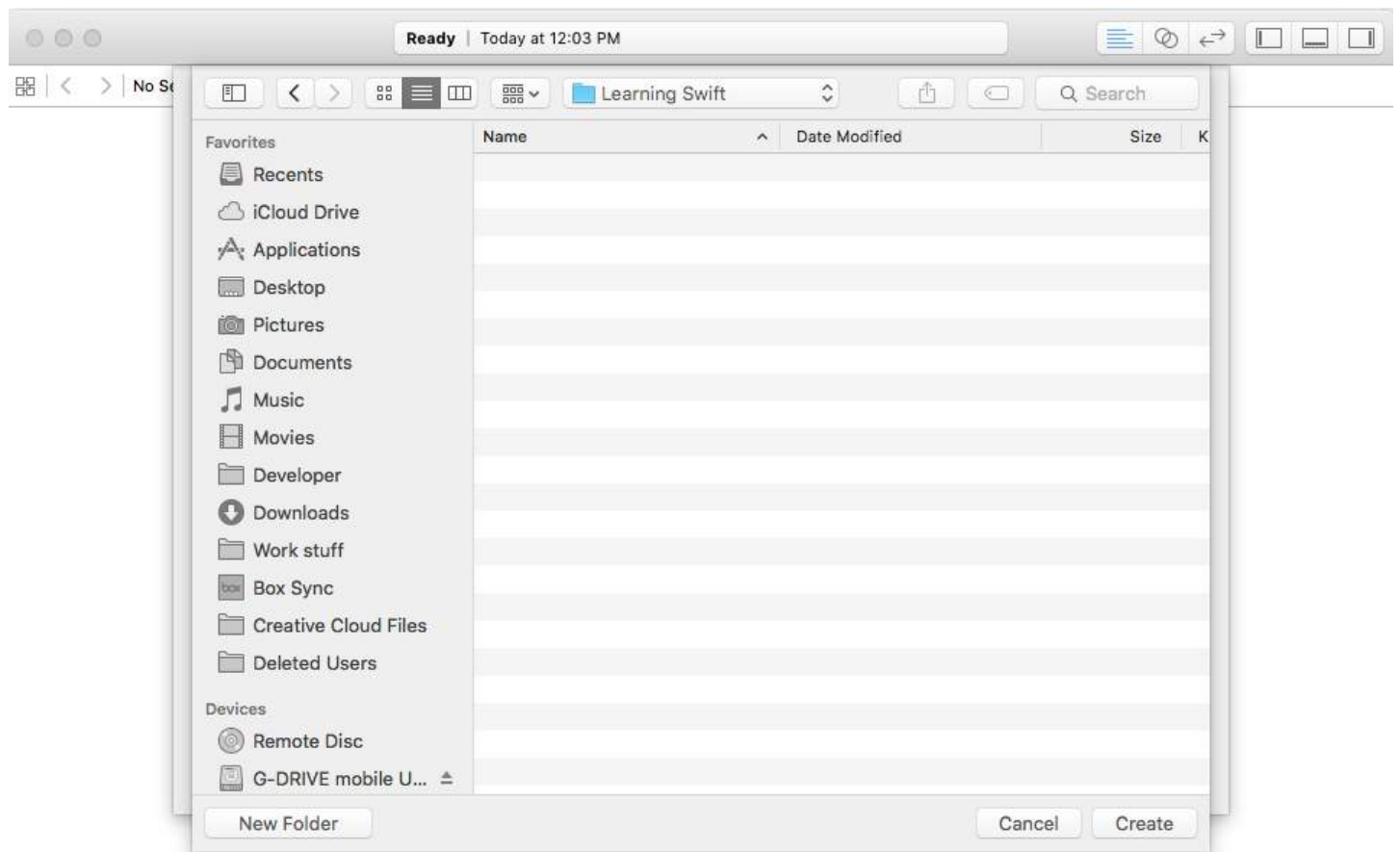
On the next panel, you can give your Playground a name or you can leave it `MyPlayground` and press **Next**:

Choose options for your new playground:

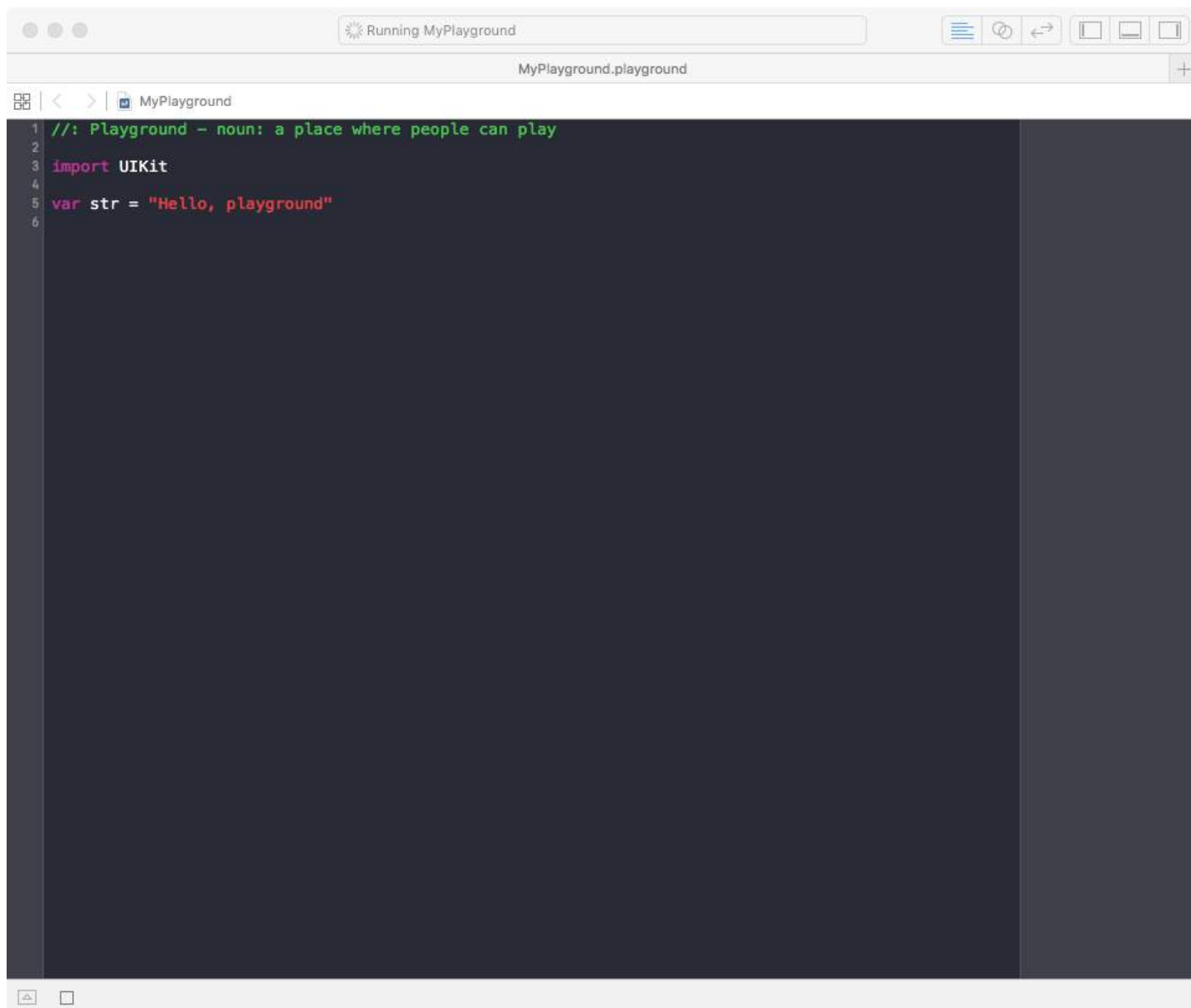
Name:

Platform:

Select a location where to save the Playground and press **Create**:



The Playground will open and your screen should look something like this:

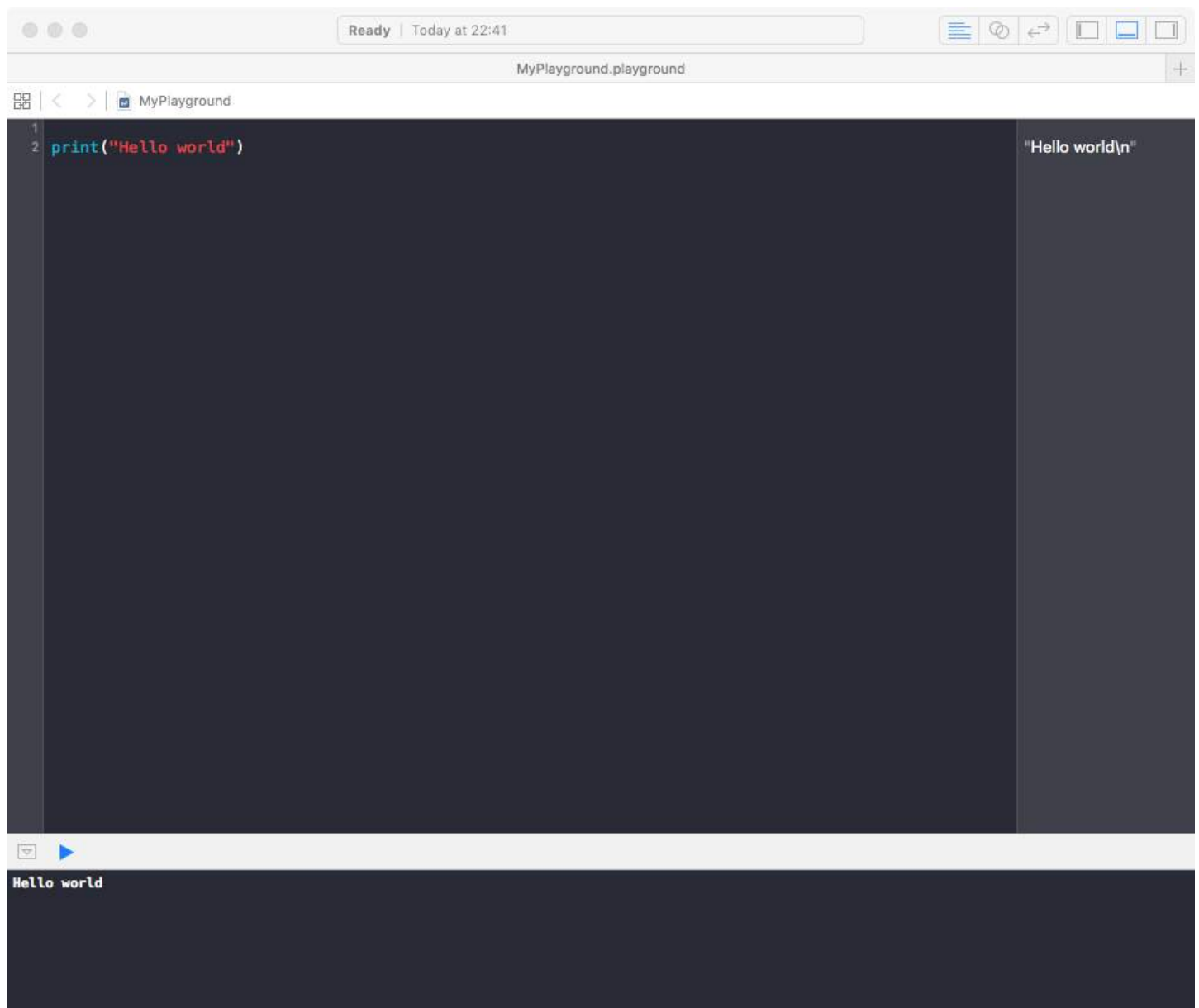


Now that the Playground is on the screen, press `?` + `cmd` + `Y` to show the **Debug Area**.

Finally delete the text inside Playground and type:

```
print("Hello world")
```

You should see 'Hello world' in the **Debug Area** and "Hello world\n" in the right **Sidebar**:

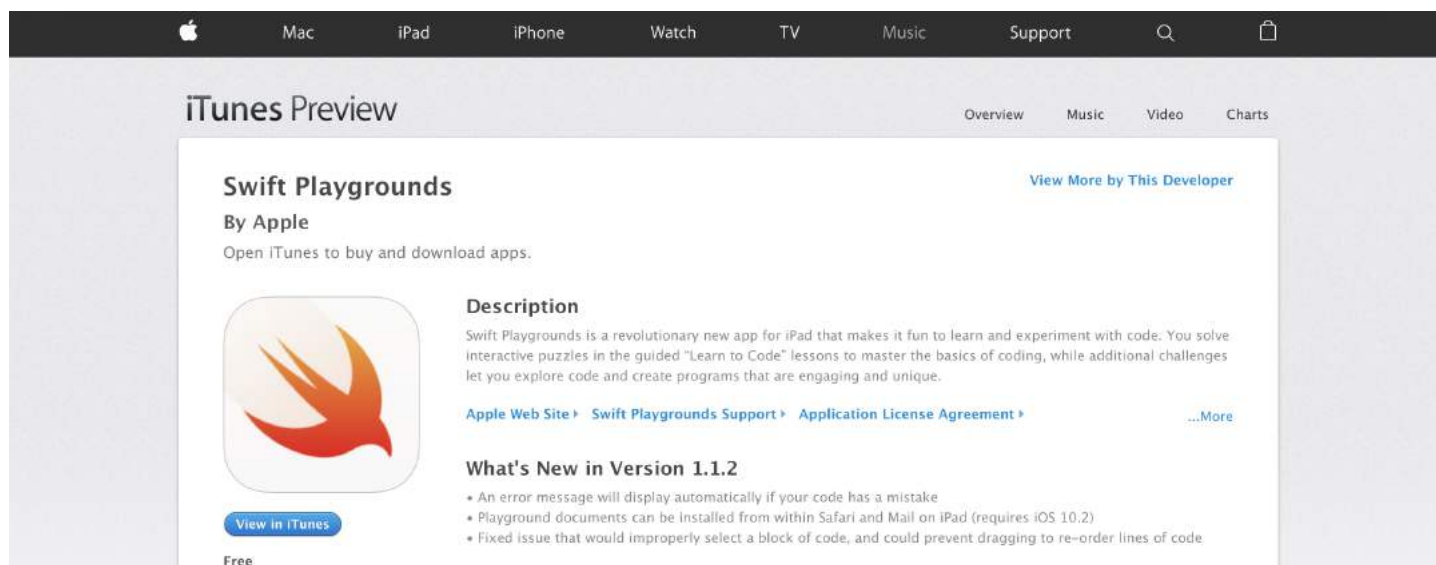


Congratulations! You've created your first program in Swift!

Section 1.3: Your first program in Swift Playgrounds app on iPad

Swift Playgrounds app is a great way to get started coding Swift on the go. To use it:

- 1- Download [Swift Playgrounds](#) for iPad from App Store.



2- Open the app.

3- In the **My Playgrounds** tab, tap + on the top left corner and then select Blank template.

4- Enter your code.

5- Tap Run My Code to run your code.

6- At the front of each line, the result will be stored in a small square. Tap it to reveal the result.

7- To step slowly through code to trace it, tap the button next to Run My Code.

Section 1.4: Installing Swift

First, [download](#) the compiler and components.

Next, add Swift to your path. On macOS, the default location for the downloadable toolchain is `/Library/Developer/Toolchains`. Run the following command in Terminal:

```
export PATH=/Library/Developer/Toolchains/swift-latest.xctoolchain/usr/bin:"${PATH}"
```

On Linux, you will need to install clang:

```
$ sudo apt-get install clang
```

If you installed the Swift toolchain to a directory other than the system root, you will need to run the following command, using the actual path of your Swift installation:

```
$ export PATH=/path/to/Swift/usr/bin:"${PATH}"
```

You can verify you have the current version of Swift by running this command:

```
$ swift --version
```

Section 1.5: Optional Value and Optional enum

Optionals type, which handles the absence of a value. Optionals say either "there is a value, and it equals x" or "there isn't a value at all".

An Optional is a type on its own, actually one of Swift's new super-powered enums. It has two possible values, `None` and `Some(T)`, where `T` is an associated value of the correct data type available in Swift.

Let's have a look at this piece of code for example:

```
let x: String? = "Hello World"

if let y = x {
    print(y)
}
```

In fact if you add a `print(x.dynamicType)` statement in the code above you'll see this in the console:

```
Optional<String>
```

`String?` is actually syntactic sugar for `Optional`, and `Optional` is a type in its own right.

Here's a simplified version of the header of `Optional`, which you can see by command-clicking on the word `Optional` in your code from Xcode:

```
enum Optional<Wrapped> {

    /// The absence of a value.
    case none

    /// The presence of a value, stored as `Wrapped`.
    case some(Wrapped)
}
```

`Optional` is actually an enum, defined in relation to a generic type `Wrapped`. It has two cases: `.none` to represent the absence of a value, and `.some` to represent the presence of a value, which is stored as its associated value of type `Wrapped`.

Let me go through it again: `String?` is not a `String` but an `Optional<String>`. The fact that `Optional` is a type means that it has its own methods, for example `map` and `flatMap`.

Chapter 2: Switch

Parameter

Details

Value to test The variable that to compare against

Section 2.1: Switch and Optionals

Some example cases when the result is an optional.

```
var result: AnyObject? = someMethod()

switch result {
case nil:
    print("result is nothing")
case is String:
    print("result is a String")
case _ as Double:
    print("result is not nil, any value that is a Double")
case let myInt as Int where myInt > 0:
    print("\(myInt) value is not nil but an int and greater than 0")
case let a?:
    print("\(a) - value is unwrapped")
}
```

Section 2.2: Basic Use

```
let number = 3
switch number {
case 1:
    print("One!")
case 2:
    print("Two!")
case 3:
    print("Three!")
default:
    print("Not One, Two or Three")
}
```

switch statements also work with data types other than integers. They work with any data type. Here's an example of switching on a string:

```
let string = "Dog"
switch string {
case "Cat", "Dog":
    print("Animal is a house pet.")
default:
    print("Animal is not a house pet.")
}
```

This will print the following:

```
Animal is a house pet.
```

Section 2.3: Matching a Range

A single case in a switch statement can match a range of values.

```
let number = 20
switch number {
case 0:
    print("Zero")
case 1..<10:
    print("Between One and Ten")
case 10..<20:
    print("Between Ten and Twenty")
case 20..<30:
    print("Between Twenty and Thirty")
default:
    print("Greater than Thirty or less than Zero")
}
```

Section 2.4: Partial matching

Switch statement make use of partial matching.

```
let coordinates: (x: Int, y: Int, z: Int) = (3, 2, 5)

switch (coordinates) {
case (0, 0, 0): // 1
    print("Origin")
case (_, 0, 0): // 2
    print("On the x-axis.")
case (0, _, 0): // 3
    print("On the y-axis.")
case (0, 0, _): // 4
    print("On the z-axis.")
default: // 5
    print("Somewhere in space")
}
```

1. Matches precisely the case where the value is (0,0,0). This is the origin of 3D space.
2. Matches y=0, z=0 and any value of x. This means the coordinate is on the x- axis.
3. Matches x=0, z=0 and any value of y. This means the coordinate is on they- axis.
4. Matches x=0, y=0 and any value of z. This means the coordinate is on the z- axis.
5. Matches the remainder of coordinates.

Note: using the underscore to mean that you don't care about the value.

If you don't want to ignore the value, then you can use it in your switch statement, like this:

```
let coordinates: (x: Int, y: Int, z: Int) = (3, 2, 5)

switch (coordinates) {
case (0, 0, 0):
    print("Origin")
case (let x, 0, 0):
    print("On the x-axis at x = \(x)")
case (0, let y, 0):
    print("On the y-axis at y = \(y)")
case (0, 0, let z):
    print("On the z-axis at z = \(z)")
case (let x, let y, let z):
    print("Somewhere in space at x = \(x), y = \(y), z = \(z)")
}
```

Here, the axis cases use the let syntax to pull out the pertinent values. The code then prints the values using string

interpolation to build the string.

Note: you don't need a default in this switch statement. This is because the final case is essentially the default—it matches anything, because there are no constraints on any part of the tuple. If the switch statement exhausts all possible values with its cases, then no default is necessary.

We can also use the let-where syntax to match more complex cases. For example:

```
let coordinates: (x: Int, y: Int, z: Int) = (3, 2, 5)

switch (coordinates) {
case (let x, let y, _) where y == x:
    print("Along the y = x line.")
case (let x, let y, _) where y == x * x:
    print("Along the y = x^2 line.")
default:
    break
}
```

Here, We match the "y equals x" and "y equals x squared" lines.

Section 2.5: Using the where statement in a switch

The where statement may be used within a switch case match to add additional criteria required for a positive match. The following example checks not only for the range, but also if the number is odd or even:

```
switch (temperature) {
    case 0...49 where temperature % 2 == 0:
        print("Cold and even")

    case 50...79 where temperature % 2 == 0:
        print("Warm and even")

    case 80...110 where temperature % 2 == 0:
        print("Hot and even")

    default:
        print("Temperature out of range or odd")
}
```

Section 2.6: Matching Multiple Values

A single case in a switch statement can match on multiple values.

```
let number = 3
switch number {
case 1, 2:
    print("One or Two!")
case 3:
    print("Three!")
case 4, 5, 6:
    print("Four, Five or Six!")
default:
    print("Not One, Two, Three, Four, Five or Six")
}
```

Section 2.7: Switch and Enums

The Switch statement works very well with Enum values

```
enum CarModel {
    case Standard, Fast, VeryFast
}

let car = CarModel.Standard

switch car {
case .Standard: print("Standard")
case .Fast: print("Fast")
case .VeryFast: print("VeryFast")
}
```

Since we provided a case for each possible value of car, we omit the `default` case.

Section 2.8: Switches and tuples

Switches can switch on tuples:

```
public typealias mdyTuple = (month: Int, day: Int, year: Int)

let fredsBirthday = (month: 4, day: 3, year: 1973)

switch theMDY
{
//You can match on a literal tuple:
case (fredsBirthday):
    message = "\(date) \(prefix) the day Fred was born"

//You can match on some of the terms, and ignore others:
case (3, 15, _):
    message = "Beware the Ides of March"

//You can match on parts of a literal tuple, and copy other elements
//into a constant that you use in the body of the case:
case (bobsBirthday.month, bobsBirthday.day, let year) where year > bobsBirthday.year:
    message = "\(date) \(prefix) Bob's \(possessiveNumber(year - bobsBirthday.year))" +
        "birthday"

//You can copy one or more elements of the tuple into a constant and then
//add a where clause that further qualifies the case:
case (susansBirthday.month, susansBirthday.day, let year)
    where year > susansBirthday.year:
    message = "\(date) \(prefix) Susan's " +
        "\(possessiveNumber(year - susansBirthday.year)) birthday"

//You can match some elements to ranges:.
case (5, 1...15, let year):
    message = "\(date) \(prefix) in the first half of May, \(year)"
}
```

Section 2.9: Satisfy one of multiple constraints using switch

You can create a tuple and use a switch like so:

```
var str: String? = "hi"
var x: Int? = 5

switch (str, x) {
case (.Some, .Some):
    print("Both have values")
case (.Some, nil):
    print("String has a value")
case (nil, .Some):
    print("Int has a value")
case (nil, nil):
    print("Neither have values")
}
```

Section 2.10: Matching based on class - great for prepareForSegue

You can also make a switch statement switch based on the **class** of the thing you're switching on.

An example where this is useful is in `prepareForSegue`. I used to switch based on the segue identifier, but that's fragile. If you change your storyboard later and rename the segue identifier, it breaks your code. Or, if you use segues to multiple instances same view controller class (but different storyboard scenes) then you can't use the segue identifier to figure out the class of the destination.

Swift switch statements to the rescue.

Use Swift `case let var as Class` syntax, like this:

Version < 3.0

```
override func prepareForSegue(segue: UIStoryboardSegue, sender: AnyObject?) {
    switch segue.destinationViewController {
        case let fooViewController as FooViewController:
            fooViewController.delegate = self

        case let barViewController as BarViewController:
            barViewController.data = data

        default:
            break
    }
}
```

Version ≥ 3.0

In Swift 3 the syntax has changed slightly:

```
override func prepare(for segue: UIStoryboardSegue, sender: AnyObject?) {
    switch segue.destinationViewController {
        case let fooViewController as FooViewController:
            fooViewController.delegate = self

        case let barViewController as BarViewController:
            barViewController.data = data

        default:
    }
```

```
        break
    }
}
```

Section 2.11: Switch fallthroughs

It is worth noting that in swift, unlike other languages people are familiar with, there is an implicit break at the end of each case statement. In order to follow through to the next case (i.e. have multiple cases execute) you need to use `fallthrough` statement.

```
switch(value) {
case 'one':
    // do operation one
    fallthrough
case 'two':
    // do this either independant, or in conjunction with first case
default:
    // default operation
}
```

this is useful for things like streams.

Chapter 3: Reading & Writing JSON

Section 3.1: JSON Serialization, Encoding, and Decoding with Apple Foundation and the Swift Standard Library

The [JSONSerialization](#) class is built into Apple's Foundation framework.

Version = 2.2

Read JSON

The `JSONObjectWithData` function takes `NSData`, and returns `AnyObject`. You can use `as?` to convert the result to your expected type.

```
do {
    guard let jsonData = "[\"Hello\", \"JSON\"]".dataUsingEncoding(NSUTF8StringEncoding) else {
        fatalError("couldn't encode string as UTF-8")
    }

    // Convert JSON from NSData to AnyObject
    let jsonObject = try NSJSONSerialization.JSONObjectWithData(jsonData, options: [])

    // Try to convert AnyObject to array of strings
    if let stringArray = jsonObject as? [String] {
        print("Got array of strings: \(stringArray.joinWithSeparator(", "))")
    }
} catch {
    print("error reading JSON: \(error)")
}
```

You can pass options: `.AllowFragments` instead of options: `[]` to allow reading JSON when the top-level object isn't an array or dictionary.

Write JSON

Calling `dataWithJSONObject` converts a JSON-compatible object (nested arrays or dictionaries with strings, numbers, and `NSNull`) to raw `NSData` encoded as UTF-8.

```
do {
    // Convert object to JSON as NSData
    let jsonData = try NSJSONSerialization.dataWithJSONObject(jsonObject, options: [])
    print("JSON data: \(jsonData)")

    // Convert NSData to String
    let jsonString = String(data: jsonData, encoding: NSUTF8StringEncoding)!
    print("JSON string: \(jsonString)")
} catch {
    print("error writing JSON: \(error)")
}
```

You can pass options: `.PrettyPrinted` instead of options: `[]` for pretty-printing.

Version = 3.0

Same behavior in Swift 3 but with a different syntax.

```
do {
    guard let jsonData = "[\"Hello\", \"JSON\"]".data(using: String.Encoding.utf8) else {
```

```

        fatalError("couldn't encode string as UTF-8")
    }

    // Convert JSON from NSData to AnyObject
    let jsonObject = try JSONSerialization.jsonObject(with: jsonData, options: [])

    // Try to convert AnyObject to array of strings
    if let stringArray = jsonObject as? [String] {
        print("Got array of strings: \(stringArray.joined(separator: ", "))")
    }
} catch {
    print("error reading JSON: \(error)")
}

do {
    // Convert object to JSON as NSData
    let jsonData = try JSONSerialization.data(withJSONObject: jsonObject, options: [])
    print("JSON data: \(jsonData)")

    // Convert NSData to String
    let jsonString = String(data: jsonData, encoding: .utf8)!
    print("JSON string: \(jsonString)")
} catch {
    print("error writing JSON: \(error)")
}

```

Note: The Following is currently available only in **Swift 4.0** and later.

As of Swift 4.0, the Swift standard library includes the protocols [Encodable](#) and [Decodable](#) to define a standardized approach to data encoding and decoding. Adopting these protocols will allow implementations of the [Encoder](#) and [Decoder](#) protocols take your data and encode or decode it to and from an external representation such as JSON. Conformance to the [Codable](#) protocol combines both the [Encodable](#) and [Decodable](#) protocols. This is now the recommended means to handle JSON in your program.

Encode and Decode Automatically

The easiest way to make a type codable is to declare its properties as types that are already [Codable](#). These types include standard library types such as [String](#), [Int](#), and [Double](#); and Foundation types such as [Date](#), [Data](#), and [URL](#). If a type's properties are codable, the type itself will automatically conform to [Codable](#) by simply declaring the conformance.

Consider the following example, in which the `Book` structure conforms to [Codable](#).

```

struct Book: Codable {
    let title: String
    let authors: [String]
    let publicationDate: Date
}

```

Note that standard collections such as [Array](#) and [Dictionary](#) conform to [Codable](#) if they contain codable types.

By adopting [Codable](#), the `Book` structure can now be encoded to and decoded from JSON using the Apple Foundation classes [JSONEncoder](#) and [JSONDecoder](#), even though `Book` itself contains no code to specifically handle

JSON. Custom encoders and decoders can be written, as well, by conforming to the Encoder and Decoder protocols, respectively.

Encode to JSON data

```
// Create an instance of Book called book
let encoder = JSONEncoder()
let data = try! encoder.encode(book) // Do not use try! in production code
print(data)
```

Set encoder.outputFormatting = .prettyPrinted for easier reading. ## Decode from JSON data

Decode from JSON data

```
// Retrieve JSON string from some source
let jsonData = jsonString.data(encoding: .utf8)!
let decoder = JSONDecoder()
let book = try! decoder.decode(Book.self, for: jsonData) // Do not use try! in production code
print(book)
```

In the above example, Book.self informs the decoder of the type to which the JSON should be decoded.

Encoding or Decoding Exclusively

Sometimes you may not need data to be both encodable and decodable, such as when you need only read JSON data from an API, or if your program only submits JSON data to an API.

If you intend only to write JSON data, conform your type to Encodable.

```
struct Book: Encodable {
    let title: String
    let authors: [String]
    let publicationDate: Date
}
```

If you intend only to read JSON data, conform your type to Decodable.

```
struct Book: Decodable {
    let title: String
    let authors: [String]
    let publicationDate: Date
}
```

Using Custom Key Names

APIs frequently use naming conventions other than the Swift-standard camel case, such as snake case. This can become an issue when it comes to decoding JSON, since by default the JSON keys must align exactly with your type's property names. To handle these scenarios you can create custom keys for your type using the CodingKey protocol.

```
struct Book: Codable {
    // ...
    enum CodingKeys: String, CodingKey {
        case title
        case authors
        case publicationDate = "publication_date"
    }
}
```

```
}  
}
```

CodingKeys are generated automatically for types which adopt the Codable protocol, but by creating our own implementation in the example above we're allow our decoder to match the local camel case `publicationDate` with the snake case `publication_date` as it's delivered by the API.

Section 3.2: SwiftyJSON

SwiftyJSON is a Swift framework built to remove the need for optional chaining in normal JSON serialization.

You can download it here: <https://github.com/SwiftyJSON/SwiftyJSON>

Without SwiftyJSON, your code would look like this to find the name of the first book in a JSON object:

```
if let jsonObject = try NSJSONSerialization.JSONObjectWithData(data, options: .AllowFragments) as?  
[[String: AnyObject]],  
let bookName = (jsonObject[0]["book"] as? [String: AnyObject])?["name"] as? String {  
    //We can now use the book name  
}
```

In SwiftyJSON, this is hugely simplified:

```
let json = JSON(data: data)  
if let bookName = json[0]["book"]["name"].string {  
    //We can now use the book name  
}
```

It removes the need to check every field, as it will return nil if any of them are invalid.

To use SwiftyJSON, download the correct version from the Git repository - there is a branch for Swift 3. Simply drag the "SwiftyJSON.swift" into your project and import into your class:

```
import SwiftyJSON
```

You can create your JSON object using the following two initializers:

```
let jsonObject = JSON(data: dataObject)
```

or

```
let jsonObject = JSON(jsonObject) //This could be a string in a JSON format for example
```

To access your data, use subscripts:

```
let firstObjectInAnArray = jsonObject[0]  
let nameOfFirstObject = jsonObject[0]["name"]
```

You can then parse your value to a certain data type, which will return an optional value:

```
let nameOfFirstObject = jsonObject[0]["name"].string //This will return the name as a string  
let nameOfFirstObject = jsonObject[0]["name"].double //This will return null
```

You can also compile your paths into a swift Array:

```
let convolutedPath = jsonObject[0]["name"][2]["lastName"]["firstLetter"].string
```

Is the same as:

```
let convolutedPath = jsonObject[0, "name", 2, "lastName", "firstLetter"].string
```

SwiftJSON also has functionality to print its own errors:

```
if let name = json[1337].string {  
    //You can use the value - it is valid  
} else {  
    print(json[1337].error) // "Array[1337] is out of bounds" - You cant use the value  
}
```

If you need to write to your JSON object, you can use subscripts again:

```
var originalJSON:JSON = ["name": "Jack", "age": 18]  
originalJSON["age"] = 25 //This changes the age to 25  
originalJSON["surname"] = "Smith" //This creates a new field called "surname" and adds the value to it
```

Should you need the original String for the JSON, for example if you need to write it to a file, you can get the raw value out:

```
if let string = json.rawValue() { //This is a String object  
    //Write the string to a file if you like  
}  
  
if let data = json.rawValue() { //This is an NSData object  
    //Send the data to your server if you like  
}
```

Section 3.3: Freddy

[Freddy](#) is a JSON parsing library maintained by [Big Nerd Ranch](#). It has three principal benefits:

1. Type Safety: Helps you work with sending and receiving JSON in a way that prevents runtime crashes.
2. Idiomatic: Takes advantage of Swift's generics, enumerations, and functional features, without complicated documentation or magical custom operators.
3. Error Handling: Provides informative error information for commonly occurring JSON errors.

Example JSON Data

Let's define some example JSON data for use with these examples.

```
{  
  "success": true,  
  "people": [  
    {  
      "name": "Matt Mathias",  
      "age": 32,  
      "spouse": true  
    },  
    {  
      "name": "Sergeant Pepper",
```

```

        "age": 25,
        "spouse": false
    }
],
"jobs": [
    "teacher",
    "judge"
],
"states": {
    "Georgia": [
        30301,
        30302,
        30303
    ],
    "Wisconsin": [
        53000,
        53001
    ]
}
}

```

```

let jsonString = "{\"success\": true, \"people\": [{\"name\": \"Matt Mathias\", \"age\": 32, \"spouse\": true}, {\"name\": \"Sergeant Pepper\", \"age\": 25, \"spouse\": false}], \"jobs\": [\"teacher\", \"judge\"], \"states\": {\"Georgia\": [30301, 30302, 30303], \"Wisconsin\": [53000, 53001]}}"
let jsonData = jsonString.dataUsingEncoding(NSUTF8StringEncoding)!

```

Deserializing Raw Data

To deserialize the data, we initialize a JSON object then access a particular key.

```

do {
    let json = try JSON(data: jsonData)
    let success = try json.bool("success")
} catch {
    // do something with the error
}

```

We try here because accessing the json for the key `"success"` could fail--it might not exist, or the value might not be a boolean.

We can also specify a path to access elements nested in the JSON structure. The path is a comma-separated list of keys and indices that describe the path to a value of interest.

```

do {
    let json = try JSON(data: jsonData)
    let georgiaZipCodes = try json.array("states", "Georgia")
    let firstPersonName = try json.string("people", 0, "name")
} catch {
    // do something with the error
}

```

Deserializing Models Directly

JSON can be directly parsed to a model class that implements the `JSONDecodable` protocol.

```

public struct Person {
    public let name: String
    public let age: Int
    public let spouse: Bool
}

```

```
extension Person: JSONDecodable {
    public init(json: JSON) throws {
        name = try json.string("name")
        age = try json.int("age")
        spouse = try json.bool("spouse")
    }
}

do {
    let json = try JSON(data: jsonData)
    let people = try json.arrayOf("people", type: Person.self)
} catch {
    // do something with the error
}
```

Serializing Raw Data

Any JSON value can be serialized directly to `NSData`.

```
let success = JSON.Bool(false)
let data: NSData = try success.serialize()
```

Serializing Models Directly

Any model class that implements the `JSONEncodable` protocol can be serialized directly to `NSData`.

```
extension Person: JSONEncodable {
    public func toJSON() -> JSON {
        return .Dictionary([
            "name": .String(name),
            "age": .Int(age),
            "spouse": .Bool(spouse)
        ])
    }
}

let newPerson = Person(name: "Glenn", age: 23, spouse: true)
let data: NSData = try newPerson.toJSON().serialize()
```

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Here is the JSON File we will be using called `animals.json`

```
{
  "Sea Animals": [
    {
      "name": "Fish",
      "question": "How many species of fish are there?"    },
      {
        "name": "Sharks",
        "question": "How long do sharks live?"
      },
      {
        "name": "Squid",
        "question": "Do squids have brains?"
      },
      {
        "name": "Octopus",
        "question": "How big do octopus get?"
      }
    ]
  }
```

```

        "name": "Star Fish",
        "question": "How long do star fish live?"
    },
    ],
    "mammals": [
        {
            "name": "Dog",
            "question": "How long do dogs live?"
        },
        {
            "name": "Elephant",
            "question": "How much do baby elephants weigh?"
        },
        {
            "name": "Cats",
            "question": "Do cats really have 9 lives?"
        },
        {
            "name": "Tigers",
            "question": "Where do tigers live?"
        },
        {
            "name": "Pandas",
            "question": "What do pandas eat?"
        }
    ]
}

```

Import your JSON File in your project

You can perform this simple function to print out your JSON file

```

func jsonParsingMethod() {
    //get the file
    let filePath = Bundle.main.path(forResource: "animals", ofType: "json")
    let content = try! String(contentsOfFile: filePath!)

    let data: Data = content.data(using: String.Encoding.utf8)!
    let json: NSDictionary = try! JSONSerialization.jsonObject(with: data as Data,
options: .mutableContainers) as! NSDictionary

    //Call which part of the file you'd like to parse
    if let results = json["mammals"] as? [[String: AnyObject]] {

        for res in results {
            //this will print out the names of the mammals from our file.
            if let rates = res["name"] as? String {
                print(rates)
            }
        }
    }
}

```

If you want to put it in a table view, I would create a dictionary first with an NSObject.

Create a new swift file called ParsingObject and create your string variables.

Make sure that the variable name is the same as the JSON File

. For example, in our project we have name and question so in our new swift file, we will use


```
var name: String?
var question: String?
```

Initialize the NSObject we made back into our ViewController.swift var array = ParsingObject Then we would perform the same method we had before with a minor modification.

```
func jsonParsingMethod() {
    //get the file
    let filePath = Bundle.main.path(forResource: "animals", ofType: "json")
    let content = try! String(contentsOfFile: filePath!)

    let data: Data = content.data(using: String.Encoding.utf8)!
    let json: NSDictionary = try! JSONSerialization.jsonObject(with: data as Data,
options: .mutableContainers) as! NSDictionary

    //This time let's get Sea Animals
    let results = json["Sea Animals"] as? [[String: AnyObject]]

    //Get all the stuff using a for-loop
    for i in 0 ..< results!.count {

    //get the value
        let dict = results?[i]
        let resultsArray = ParsingObject()

    //append the value to our NSObject file
        resultsArray.setValuesForKeys(dict!)
        array.append(resultsArray)

    }
}
```

Then we show it in our tableview by doing this,

```
func tableView(_ tableView: UITableView, numberOfRowsInSectionSection section: Int) -> Int {
    return array.count
}

func tableView(_ tableView: UITableView, cellForRowAt indexPath: IndexPath) ->
UITableViewCell {
    let cell = tableView.dequeueReusableCell(withIdentifier: "Cell", for: indexPath)
    //This is where our values are stored
    let object = array[indexPath.row]
    cell.textLabel?.text = object.name
    cell.detailTextLabel?.text = object.question
    return cell
}
```

Section 3.5: Simple JSON parsing into custom objects

Even if third-party libraries are good, a simple way to parse the JSON is provided by protocols You can imagine you have got an object Todo as

```
struct Todo {
    let comment: String
}
```

Whenever you receive the JSON, you can handle the plain `NSData` as shown in the other example using `NSJSONSerialization` object.

After that, using a simple protocol `JSONDecodable`

```
typealias JSONDictionary = [String:AnyObject]
protocol JSONDecodable {
    associatedtype Element
    static func from(json json: JSONDictionary) -> Element?
}
```

And making your `Todo` struct conforming to `JSONDecodable` does the trick

```
extension Todo: JSONDecodable {
    static func from(json json: JSONDictionary) -> Todo? {
        guard let comment = json["comment"] as? String else { return nil }
        return Todo(comment: comment)
    }
}
```

You can try it with this json code:

```
{
  "todos": [
    {
      "comment" : "The todo comment"
    }
  ]
}
```

When you got it from the API, you can serialize it as the previous examples shown in an `AnyObject` instance. After that, you can check if the instance is a `JSONDictionary` instance

```
guard let jsonDictionary = dictionary as? JSONDictionary else { return }
```

The other thing to check, specific for this case because you have an array of `Todo` in the JSON, is the `todos` dictionary

```
guard let todosDictionary = jsonDictionary["todos"] as? [JSONDictionary] else { return }
```

Now that you got the array of dictionaries, you can convert each of them in a `Todo` object by using `flatMap` (it will automatically delete the `nil` values from the array)

```
let todos: [Todo] = todosDictionary.flatMap { Todo.from(json: $0) }
```

Section 3.6: Arrow

Arrow is an elegant JSON parsing library in Swift.

It allows to parse JSON and map it to custom model classes with help of an

<--

operator:

```
identifier <-- json["id"]
name <-- json["name"]
```

```
stats <-- json["stats"]
```

Example:

Swift model

```
struct Profile {  
    var identifier = 0  
    var name = ""  
    var link: NSURL?  
    var weekday: WeekDay = .Monday  
    var stats = Stats()  
    var phoneNumbers = [PhoneNumber]()  
}
```

JSON file

```
{  
  "id": 15678,  
  "name": "John Doe",  
  "link": "https://apple.com/steve",  
  "weekdayInt" : 3,  
  "stats": {  
    "numberOfFriends": 163,  
    "numberOfFans": 10987  
  },  
  "phoneNumbers": [{  
    "label": "house",  
    "number": "9809876545"  
  }, {  
    "label": "cell",  
    "number": "0908070656"  
  }, {  
    "label": "work",  
    "number": "0916570656"  
  }  
}]  
}
```

Mapping

```
extension Profile: ArrowParsable {  
    mutating func deserialize(json: JSON) {  
        identifier <-- json["id"]  
        link <-- json["link"]  
        name <-- json["name"]  
        weekday <-- json["weekdayInt"]  
        stats <- json["stats"]  
        phoneNumbers <-- json["phoneNumbers"]  
    }  
}
```

Usage

```
let profile = Profile()  
profile.deserialize(json)
```

Installation:

Carthage

```
github "s4cha/Arrow"
```

CocoaPods

```
pod 'Arrow'  
use_frameworks!
```

Manually

Simply Copy and Paste Arrow.swift in your Xcode Project

<https://github.com/s4cha/Arrow>

As A Framework

Download Arrow from the [GitHub repository](#) and build the Framework target on the example project. Then Link against this framework.

Chapter 4: Enums

Section 4.1: Basic enumerations

An [enum](#) provides a set of related values:

```
enum Direction {
    case up
    case down
    case left
    case right
}

enum Direction { case up, down, left, right }
```

Enum values can be used by their fully-qualified name, but you can omit the type name when it can be inferred:

```
let dir = Direction.up
let dir: Direction = Direction.up
let dir: Direction = .up

// func move(dir: Direction)...
move(Direction.up)
move(.up)

obj.dir = Direction.up
obj.dir = .up
```

The most fundamental way of comparing/extracting enum values is with a [switch](#) statement:

```
switch dir {
case .up:
    // handle the up case
case .down:
    // handle the down case
case .left:
    // handle the left case
case .right:
    // handle the right case
}
```

Simple enums are automatically [Hashable](#), [Equatable](#) and have string conversions:

```
if dir == .down { ... }

let dirs: Set<Direction> = [.right, .left]

print(Direction.up) // prints "up"
debugPrint(Direction.up) // prints "Direction.up"
```

Section 4.2: Enums with associated values

Enum cases can contain one or more **payloads** (**associated values**):

```
enum Action {
    case jump
    case kick
```

```

    case move(distance: Float) // The "move" case has an associated distance
}

```

The payload must be provided when instantiating the enum value:

```

performAction(.jump)
performAction(.kick)
performAction(.move(distance: 3.3))
performAction(.move(distance: 0.5))

```

The `switch` statement can extract the associated value:

```

switch action {
case .jump:
    ...
case .kick:
    ...
case .move(let distance): // or case let .move(distance):
    print("Moving: \(distance)")
}

```

A single case extraction can be done using `if case`:

```

if case .move(let distance) = action {
    print("Moving: \(distance)")
}

```

The guard `case` syntax can be used for later use extraction:

```

guard case .move(let distance) = action else {
    print("Action is not move")
    return
}

```

Enums with associated values are not `Equatable` by default. Implementation of the `==` operator must be done manually:

```

extension Action: Equatable { }

func ==(lhs: Action, rhs: Action) -> Bool {
    switch lhs {
    case .jump: if case .jump = rhs { return true }
    case .kick: if case .kick = rhs { return true }
    case .move(let lhsDistance): if case .move(let rhsDistance) = rhs { return lhsDistance == rhsDistance }
    }
    return false
}

```

Section 4.3: Indirect payloads

Normally, enums can't be recursive (because they would require infinite storage):

```

enum Tree<T> {
    case leaf(T)
    case branch(Tree<T>, Tree<T>) // error: recursive enum 'Tree<T>' is not marked 'indirect'
}

```

The **indirect** keyword makes the enum store its payload with a layer of indirection, rather than storing it inline. You can use this keyword on a single case:

```
enum Tree<T> {
    case leaf(T)
    indirect case branch(Tree<T>, Tree<T>)
}

let tree = Tree.branch(.leaf(1), .branch(.leaf(2), .leaf(3)))
```

indirect also works on the whole enum, making any case indirect when necessary:

```
indirect enum Tree<T> {
    case leaf(T)
    case branch(Tree<T>, Tree<T>)
}
```

Section 4.4: Raw and Hash values

Enums without payloads can have *raw values* of any literal type:

```
enum Rotation: Int {
    case up = 0
    case left = 90
    case upsideDown = 180
    case right = 270
}
```

Enums without any specific type do not expose the rawValue property

```
enum Rotation {
    case up
    case right
    case down
    case left
}

let foo = Rotation.up
foo.rawValue //error
```

Integer raw values are assumed to start at 0 and increase monotonically:

```
enum MetasyntacticVariable: Int {
    case foo // rawValue is automatically 0
    case bar // rawValue is automatically 1
    case baz = 7
    case quux // rawValue is automatically 8
}
```

String raw values can be synthesized automatically:

```
enum MarsMoon: String {
    case phobos // rawValue is automatically "phobos"
    case deimos // rawValue is automatically "deimos"
}
```

A raw-valued enum automatically conforms to [RawRepresentable](#). You can get an enum value's corresponding raw

value with `.rawValue`:

```
func rotate(rotation: Rotation) {
    let degrees = rotation.rawValue
    ...
}
```

You can also create an enum *from* a raw value using `init?(rawValue:)`:

```
let rotation = Rotation(rawValue: 0) // returns Rotation.Up
let otherRotation = Rotation(rawValue: 45) // returns nil (there is no Rotation with rawValue 45)

if let moon = MarsMoon(rawValue: str) {
    print("Mars has a moon named \(str)")
} else {
    print("Mars doesn't have a moon named \(str)")
}
```

If you wish to get the hash value of a specific enum you can access its `hashValue`, The hash value will return the index of the enum starting from zero.

```
let quux = MetasyntacticVariable(rawValue: 8) // rawValue is 8
quux?.hashValue //hashValue is 3
```

Section 4.5: Initializers

Enums can have custom init methods that can be more useful than the default `init?(rawValue:)`. Enums can also store values as well. This can be useful for storing the values they were initialized with and retrieving that value later.

```
enum CompassDirection {
    case north(Int)
    case south(Int)
    case east(Int)
    case west(Int)

    init?(degrees: Int) {
        switch degrees {
            case 0...45:
                self = .north(degrees)
            case 46...135:
                self = .east(degrees)
            case 136...225:
                self = .south(degrees)
            case 226...315:
                self = .west(degrees)
            case 316...360:
                self = .north(degrees)
            default:
                return nil
        }
    }

    var value: Int = {
        switch self {
            case north(let degrees):
                return degrees
            case south(let degrees):
                return degrees
        }
    }()
}
```



```

        return degrees
    case east(let degrees):
        return degrees
    case west(let degrees):
        return degrees
    }
}
}

```

Using that initializer we can do this:

```

var direction = CompassDirection(degrees: 0) // Returns CompassDirection.north
direction = CompassDirection(degrees: 90) // Returns CompassDirection.east
print(direction.value) //prints 90
direction = CompassDirection(degrees: 500) // Returns nil

```

Section 4.6: Enumerations share many features with classes and structures

Enums in Swift are much more powerful than some of their counterparts in other languages, such as C. They share many features with classes and structs, such as defining initialisers, computed properties, instance methods, protocol conformances and extensions.

```

protocol ChangesDirection {
    mutating func changeDirection()
}

enum Direction {

    // enumeration cases
    case up, down, left, right

    // initialise the enum instance with a case
    // that's in the opposite direction to another
    init(oppositeTo otherDirection: Direction) {
        self = otherDirection.opposite
    }

    // computed property that returns the opposite direction
    var opposite: Direction {
        switch self {
        case .up:
            return .down
        case .down:
            return .up
        case .left:
            return .right
        case .right:
            return .left
        }
    }
}

// extension to Direction that adds conformance to the ChangesDirection protocol
extension Direction: ChangesDirection {
    mutating func changeDirection() {
        self = .left
    }
}

```

```
var dir = Direction(oppositeTo: .down) // Direction.up

dir.changeDirection() // Direction.left

let opposite = dir.opposite // Direction.right
```

Section 4.7: Nested Enumerations

You can nest enumerations one inside an other, this allows you to structure hierarchical enums to be more organized and clear.

```
enum Orchestra {
    enum Strings {
        case violin
        case viola
        case cello
        case doubleBasse
    }

    enum Keyboards {
        case piano
        case celesta
        case harp
    }

    enum Woodwinds {
        case flute
        case oboe
        case clarinet
        case bassoon
        case contrabassoon
    }
}
```

And you can use it like that:

```
let instrment1 = Orchestra.Strings.viola
let instrment2 = Orchestra.Keyboards.piano
```

Chapter 5: Protocols

Protocols are a way of specifying how to use an object. They describe a set of properties and methods which a class, structure, or enum should provide, although protocols pose no restrictions on the implementation.

Section 5.1: Protocol Basics

About Protocols

A Protocol specifies initialisers, properties, functions, subscripts and associated types required of a Swift object type (class, struct or enum) conforming to the protocol. In some languages similar ideas for requirement specifications of subsequent objects are known as ‘interfaces’.

A declared and defined Protocol is a Type, in and of itself, with a signature of its stated requirements, somewhat similar to the manner in which Swift Functions are a Type based on their signature of parameters and returns.

Swift Protocol specifications can be optional, explicitly required and/or given default implementations via a facility known as Protocol Extensions. A Swift Object Type (class, struct or enum) desiring to conform to a Protocol that's fleshed out with Extensions for all its specified requirements needs only state its desire to conform to be in full conformance. The default implementations facility of Protocol Extensions can suffice to fulfil all obligations of conforming to a Protocol.

Protocols can be inherited by other Protocols. This, in conjunction with Protocol Extensions, means Protocols can and should be thought of as a significant feature of Swift.

Protocols and Extensions are important to realising Swift's broader objectives and approaches to program design flexibility and development processes. The primary stated purpose of Swift's Protocol and Extension capability is facilitation of compositional design in program architecture and development. This is referred to as Protocol Oriented Programming. Crusty old timers consider this superior to a focus on OOP design.

[Protocols](#) define interfaces which can be implemented by any struct, class, or enum:

```
protocol MyProtocol {
    init(value: Int)                // required initializer
    func doSomething() -> Bool      // instance method
    var message: String { get }    // instance read-only property
    var value: Int { get set }      // read-write instance property
    subscript(index: Int) -> Int { get } // instance subscript
    static func instructions() -> String // static method
    static var max: Int { get }     // static read-only property
    static var total: Int { get set } // read-write static property
}
```

[Properties defined in protocols](#) must either be annotated as { get } or { get set }. { get } means that the property must be gettable, and therefore it can be implemented as *any* kind of property. { get set } means that the property must be settable as well as gettable.

A struct, class, or enum may **conform to** a protocol:

```
struct MyStruct : MyProtocol {
    // Implement the protocol's requirements here
}
class MyClass : MyProtocol {
    // Implement the protocol's requirements here
}
```

```
enum MyEnum : MyProtocol {
    case caseA, caseB, caseC
    // Implement the protocol's requirements here
}
```

A protocol may also define a **default implementation** for any of its requirements through an extension:

```
extension MyProtocol {

    // default implementation of doSomething() -> Bool
    // conforming types will use this implementation if they don't define their own
    func doSomething() -> Bool {
        print("do something!")
        return true
    }
}
```

A protocol can be **used as a type**, provided it doesn't have associated type requirements:

```
func doStuff(object: MyProtocol) {
    // All of MyProtocol's requirements are available on the object
    print(object.message)
    print(object.doSomething())
}

let items : [MyProtocol] = [MyStruct(), MyClass(), MyEnum.caseA]
```

You may also define an abstract type that conforms to **multiple** protocols:

Version ≥ 3.0

With Swift 3 or better, this is done by separating the list of protocols with an ampersand (&):

```
func doStuff(object: MyProtocol & AnotherProtocol) {
    // ...
}

let items : [MyProtocol & AnotherProtocol] = [MyStruct(), MyClass(), MyEnum.caseA]
```

Version < 3.0

Older versions have syntax `protocol<...>` where the protocols are a comma-separated list between the angle brackets `<>`.

```
protocol AnotherProtocol {
    func doSomethingElse()
}

func doStuff(object: protocol<MyProtocol, AnotherProtocol>) {

    // All of MyProtocol & AnotherProtocol's requirements are available on the object
    print(object.message)
    object.doSomethingElse()
}

// MyStruct, MyClass & MyEnum must now conform to both MyProtocol & AnotherProtocol
let items : [protocol<MyProtocol, AnotherProtocol>] = [MyStruct(), MyClass(), MyEnum.caseA]
```

Existing types can be **extended** to conform to a protocol:

```
extension String : MyProtocol {  
    // Implement any requirements which String doesn't already satisfy  
}
```

Section 5.2: Delegate pattern

A *delegate* is a common design pattern used in Cocoa and CocoaTouch frameworks, where one class delegates responsibility for implementing some functionality to another. This follows a principle of separation of concerns, where the framework class implements generic functionality while a separate delegate instance implements the specific use case.

Another way to look into delegate pattern is in terms of object communication. Objects often need to talk to each other and to do so an object needs to conform to a `protocol` in order to become a delegate of another Object. Once this setup has been done, the other object talks back to its delegates when interesting things happen.

For example, A view in userinterface to display a list of data should be responsible only for the logic of how data is displayed, not for deciding what data should be displayed.

Let's dive into a more concrete example. if you have two classes, a parent and a child:

```
class Parent { }  
class Child { }
```

And you want to notify the parent of a change from the child.

In Swift, delegates are implemented using a `protocol` declaration and so we will declare a `protocol` which the delegate will implement. Here delegate is the parent object.

```
protocol ChildDelegate: class {  
    func childDidSomething()  
}
```

The child needs to declare a property to store the reference to the delegate:

```
class Child {  
    weak var delegate: ChildDelegate?  
}
```

Notice the variable `delegate` is an optional and the protocol `ChildDelegate` is marked to be only implemented by class type (without this the `delegate` variable can't be declared as a `weak` reference avoiding any retain cycle. This means that if the `delegate` variable is no longer referenced anywhere else, it will be released). This is so the parent class only registers the delegate when it is needed and available.

Also in order to mark our delegate as `weak` we must constrain our `ChildDelegate` protocol to reference types by adding `class` keyword in protocol declaration.

In this example, when the child does something and needs to notify its parent, the child will call:

```
delegate?.childDidSomething()
```

If the delegate has been defined, the delegate will be notified that the child has done something.

The parent class will need to extend the `ChildDelegate` protocol to be able to respond to its actions. This can be done directly on the parent class:

```
class Parent: ChildDelegate {
    ...

    func childDidSomething() {
        print("Yay!")
    }
}
```

Or using an extension:

```
extension Parent: ChildDelegate {
    func childDidSomething() {
        print("Yay!")
    }
}
```

The parent also needs to tell the child that it is the child's delegate:

```
// In the parent
let child = Child()
child.delegate = self
```

By default a Swift **protocol** does not allow an optional function be implemented. These can only be specified if your protocol is marked with the **@objc** attribute and the **optional** modifier.

For example **UITableView** implements the generic behavior of a table view in iOS, but the user must implement two delegate classes called **UITableViewDelegate** and **UITableViewDataSource** that implement how the specific cells look like and behave.

```
@objc public protocol UITableViewDelegate : NSObjectProtocol, UIScrollViewDelegate { // Display customization
    optional public func tableView(tableView: UITableView, willDisplayCell cell: UITableViewCell, forRowAtIndexPath indexPath: NSIndexPath) optional public func tableView(tableView: UITableView, willDisplayHeaderView view: UIView, forSection section: Int) optional public func tableView(tableView: UITableView, willDisplayFooterView view: UIView, forSection section: Int) optional public func tableView(tableView: UITableView, didEndDisplayingCell cell: UITableViewCell, forRowAtIndexPath indexPath: NSIndexPath) ... }
```

You can implement this protocol by changing your class definition, for example:

```
class MyViewController : UIViewController, UITableViewDelegate
```

Any methods not marked **optional** in the protocol definition (**UITableViewDelegate** in this case) must be implemented.

Section 5.3: Associated type requirements

Protocols may define **associated type requirements** using the **associatedtype** keyword:

```
protocol Container {
```

```
    associatedtype Element
    var count: Int { get }
    subscript(index: Int) -> Element { get set } }
```

Protocols with associated type requirements **can only be used as generic constraints**:

```
// These are allowed, because Container has associated type requirements:
func displayValues(container: Container) { ... }
class MyClass { let container: Container } // > error: protocol 'Container' can only be used as a
```

generic constraint // > because it has Self or associated type requirements // These are allowed: func displayValues<**T: Container**>(container: **T**) { ... } class MyClass<**T: Container**> { let container: **T** }

A type which conforms to the protocol may satisfy an associatedtype requirement implicitly, by providing a given type where the protocol expects the associatedtype to appear:

```
struct ContainerOfOne<T>: Container {
    let count = 1           // satisfy the count requirement
    var value: T

    // satisfy the subscript associatedtype requirement implicitly,
    // by defining the subscript assignment/return type as T
    // therefore Swift will infer that T == Element
    subscript(index: Int) ->
```

```
> { get { precondition(index == 0) return value } set { precondition(index == 0) value = newValue } } } let container =
ContainerOfOne(value: "Hello")
```

(Note that to add clarity to this example, the generic placeholder type is named T – a more suitable name would be Element, which would shadow the protocol's associatedtype Element. The compiler will still infer that the generic placeholder Element is used to satisfy the associatedtype Element requirement.)

An associatedtype may also be satisfied explicitly through the use of a **typealias**:

```
struct ContainerOfOne<T>: Container {
```

```
alias Element = T subscript(index: Int) -> Element { ... } // ... }
```

The same goes for extensions:

```
// Expose an 8-bit integer as a collection of boolean values (one for each bit).
extension UInt8: Container {

    // as noted above, this typealias can be inferred
    typealias Element = Bool

    var count: Int { return 8 }
    subscript(index: Int) -> Bool {
        get {
            precondition(0 <= index && index < 8)
            return self & 1 << UInt8(index) != 0
        }
        set {
            precondition(0 <= index && index < 8)
            if newValue {
                self |= 1 << UInt8(index)
            } else {
                self &= ~(1 << UInt8(index))
            }
        }
    }
}
```

If the conforming type already satisfies the requirement, no implementation is needed:

```
extension Array: Container {} // Array satisfies all requirements, including Element
```

Section 5.4: Class-Only Protocols

A protocol may specify that only a class can implement it through using the `class` keyword in its inheritance list. This keyword must appear before any other inherited protocols in this list.

```
protocol ClassOnlyProtocol: s, SomeOtherProtocol { // Protocol requirements }
```

If a non-class type tries to implement `ClassOnlyProtocol`, a compiler error will be generated.

```
struct MyStruct: ClassOnlyProtocol {  
    // error: Non-class type 'MyStruct' cannot conform to class protocol 'ClassOnlyProtocol'  
}
```

Other protocols may inherit from the `ClassOnlyProtocol`, but they will have the same class-only requirement.

```
protocol MyProtocol: ClassOnlyProtocol {  
    // ClassOnlyProtocol Requirements  
    // MyProtocol Requirements  
}  
  
class MySecondClass: MyProtocol {  
    // ClassOnlyProtocol Requirements  
    // MyProtocol Requirements  
}
```

Reference semantics of class-only protocols

Using a class-only protocol allows for reference semantics when the conforming type is unknown.

```
protocol Foo : class {  
    var bar : String { get set }  
}  
  
func takesAFoo(foo:Foo) {  
  
    // this assignment requires reference semantics,  
    // as foo is a let constant in this scope.  
    foo.bar = "new value"  
}
```

In this example, as `Foo` is a class-only protocol, the assignment to `bar` is valid as the compiler knows that `foo` is a class type, and therefore has reference semantics.

If `Foo` was not a class-only protocol, a compiler error would be yielded – as the conforming type could be a [value type](#), which would require a `var` annotation in order to be mutable.

```
protocol Foo {  
    var bar : String { get set }  
}  
  
func takesAFoo(foo:Foo) {  
    foo.bar = "new value" // error: Cannot assign to property: 'foo' is a 'let' constant  
}
```

```
func takesAFoo(foo:Foo) {
```

```
foo = foo // mutable copy of foo  
foo.bar = "new value" // no error – satisfies both reference and value semantics }
```


Weak variables of protocol type

When applying the [weak modifier](#) to a variable of protocol type, that protocol type must be class-only, as [weak](#) can only be applied to reference types.

```
weak var weakReference : ClassOnlyProtocol?
```

Section 5.5: Protocol extension for a specific conforming class

You can write the **default protocol implementation** for a specific class.

```
protocol MyProtocol {
    func doSomething()
}

extension MyProtocol where Self: UIViewController {
    func doSomething() {
        print("UIViewController default protocol implementation")
    }
}

class MyViewController: UIViewController, MyProtocol { }

let vc = MyViewController()
vc.doSomething() // Prints "UIViewController default protocol implementation"
```

Section 5.6: Using the RawRepresentable protocol (Extensible Enum)

```
// RawRepresentable has an associatedType RawValue.
// For this struct, we will make the compiler infer the type
// by implementing the rawValue variable with a type of String
//
// Compiler infers RawValue = String without needing typealias
//
struct NotificationName: RawRepresentable {
    let rawValue: String

    static let dataFinished = NotificationNames(rawValue: "DataFinishedNotification")
}
```

This struct can be extended elsewhere to add cases

```
extension NotificationName {
    static let documentationLaunched = NotificationNames(rawValue:
    "DocumentationLaunchedNotification")
}
```

And an interface can design around any RawRepresentable type or specifically your enum struct

```
func post(notification notification: NotificationName) -> Void {
    // use notification.rawValue
}
```

At call site, you can use dot syntax shorthand for the typesafe NotificationName

```
post(notification: .dataFinished)
```

Using generic RawRepresentable function

```
// RawRepresentable has an associate type, so the
// method that wants to accept any type conforming to
// RawRepresentable needs to be generic
func observe<T: RawRepresentable>(object: T) -> Void {
    // object.rawValue
}
```

Section 5.7: Implementing Hashable protocol

Types used in Sets and Dictionaries(key) must conform to [Hashable](#) protocol which inherits from [Equatable](#) protocol.

Custom type conforming to [Hashable](#) protocol must implement

- A calculated property `hashValue`
- Define one of the equality operators i.e. `==` or `!=`.

Following example implements [Hashable](#) protocol for a custom `struct`:

```
struct Cell {
    var row: Int
    var col: Int

    init(_ row: Int, _ col: Int) {
        self.row = row
        self.col = col
    }
}

extension Cell: Hashable {

    // Satisfy Hashable requirement
    var hashValue: Int {
        get {
            return row.hashValue^col.hashValue
        }
    }

    // Satisfy Equatable requirement
    static func ==(lhs: Cell, rhs: Cell) -> Bool {
        return lhs.col == rhs.col && lhs.row == rhs.row
    }
}

// Now we can make Cell as key of dictionary
var dict = [Cell : String]()

dict[Cell(0, 0)] = "0, 0"
dict[Cell(1, 0)] = "1, 0"
dict[Cell(0, 1)] = "0, 1"

// Also we can create Set of Cells
var set = Set<Cell>()
```

```
set.insert(Cell(0, 0))  
set.insert(Cell(1, 0))
```

Note: It is not necessary that different values in custom type have different hash values, collisions are acceptable. If hash values are equal, equality operator will be used to determine real equality.

Chapter 6: Optionals

“An optional value either contains a value or contains nil to indicate that a value is missing”

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Basic optional use cases include: for a constant (let), use of an optional within a loop (if-let), safely unwrapping an optional value within a method (guard-let), and as part of switch loops (case-let), defaulting to a value if nil, using the coalesce operator (??)

Section 6.1: Types of Optionals

Optionals are a generic enum type that acts as a wrapper. This wrapper allows a variable to have one of two states: the value of the user-defined type or `nil`, which represents the absence of a value.

This ability is particularly important in Swift because one of the stated design objectives of the language is to work well with Apple's frameworks. Many (most) of Apple's frameworks utilize `nil` due to its ease of use and significance to programming patterns and API design within Objective-C.

In Swift, for a variable to have a `nil` value, it must be an optional. Optionals can be created by appending either a `!` or a `?` to the variable type. For example, to make an `Int` optional, you could use

```
var numberOne: Int! = nil
var numberTwo: Int? = nil
```

`?` optionals must be explicitly unwrapped, and should be used if you aren't certain whether or not the variable will have a value when you access it. For example, when turning a string into an `Int`, the result is an optional `Int?`, because `nil` will be returned if the string is not a valid number

```
let str1 = "42"
let num1: Int? = Int(str1) // 42

let str2 = "Hello, World!"
let num2: Int? = Int(str2) // nil
```

`!` optionals are automatically unwrapped, and should *only* be used when you are *certain* that the variable will have a value when you access it. For example, a global `UIButton!` variable that is initialized in `viewDidLoad()`

```
//myButton will not be accessed until viewDidLoad is called,
//so a ! optional can be used here
var myButton: UIButton!

override func viewDidLoad(){
    self.myButton = UIButton(frame: self.view.frame)
    self.myButton.backgroundColor = UIColor.redColor()
    self.view.addSubview(self.myButton)
}
```

Section 6.2: Unwrapping an Optional

In order to access the value of an Optional, it needs to be unwrapped.

You can *conditionally unwrap* an Optional using optional binding and *force unwrap* an Optional using the `!` operator.

Conditionally unwrapping effectively asks "Does this variable have a value?" while force unwrapping says "This

variable has a value!".

If you force unwrap a variable that is `nil`, your program will throw an *unexpectedly found nil while unwrapping an optional* exception and crash, so you need to consider carefully if using `!` is appropriate.

```
var text: String? = nil
var unwrapped: String = text! //crashes with "unexpectedly found nil while unwrapping an Optional value"
```

For safe unwrapping, you can use an `if-let` statement, which will not throw an exception or crash if the wrapped value is `nil`:

```
var number: Int?
if let unwrappedNumber = number {           // Has `number` been assigned a value?
    print("number: \(unwrappedNumber)") // Will not enter this line
} else {
    print("number was not assigned a value")
}
```

Or, a guard statement:

```
var number: Int?
guard let unwrappedNumber = number else {
    return
}
print("number: \(unwrappedNumber)")
```

Note that the scope of the `unwrappedNumber` variable is inside the `if-let` statement and outside of the guard block.

You can chain unwrapping of many optionals, this is mainly useful in cases that your code requires more than one variable to run correctly:

```
var firstName:String?
var lastName:String?

if let fn = firstName, let ln = lastName {
    print("\(fn) + \(ln)") //pay attention that the condition will be true only if both optionals are not nil.
}
```

Note that all the variables have to be unwrapped in order to pass successfully the test, otherwise you would have no way to determine which variables were unwrapped and which weren't.

You can chain conditional statements using your optionals immediately after it is unwrapped. This means no nested `if - else` statements!

```
var firstName:String? = "Bob"
var myBool:Bool? = false

if let fn = firstName, fn == "Bob", let bool = myBool, !bool {
    print("firstName is bob and myBool was false!")
}
```

Section 6.3: Nil Coalescing Operator

You can use the [*nil coalescing operator*](#) to unwrap a value if it is non-nil, otherwise provide a different value:

```
func fallbackIfNil(str: String?) -> String {
    return str ?? "Fallback String"
}
print(fallbackIfNil("Hi")) // Prints "Hi"
print(fallbackIfNil(nil)) // Prints "Fallback String"
```

This operator is able to [short-circuit](#), meaning that if the left operand is non-nil, the right operand will not be evaluated:

```
func someExpensiveComputation() -> String { ... }

var foo : String? = "a string"
let str = foo ?? someExpensiveComputation()
```

In this example, as `foo` is non-nil, `someExpensiveComputation()` will not be called.

You can also chain multiple nil coalescing statements together:

```
var foo : String?
var bar : String?

let baz = foo ?? bar ?? "fallback string"
```

In this example `baz` will be assigned the unwrapped value of `foo` if it is non-nil, otherwise it will be assigned the unwrapped value of `bar` if it is non-nil, otherwise it will be assigned the fallback value.

Section 6.4: Optional Chaining

You can use [Optional Chaining](#) in order to call a [method](#), access a [property](#) or [subscript](#) an optional. This is done by placing a `?` between the given optional variable and the given member (method, property or subscript).

```
struct Foo {
    func doSomething() {
        print("Hello World!")
    }
}

var foo : Foo? = Foo()

foo?.doSomething() // prints "Hello World!" as foo is non-nil
```

If `foo` contains a value, `doSomething()` will be called on it. If `foo` is `nil`, then nothing bad will happen – the code will simply fail silently and continue executing.

```
var foo : Foo? = nil

foo?.doSomething() // will not be called as foo is nil
```

(This is similar behaviour to sending messages to `nil` in Objective-C)

The reason that Optional Chaining is named as such is because ‘optionality’ will be propagated through the members you call/access. What this means is that the return values of any members used with optional chaining will be optional, regardless of whether they are typed as optional or not.

```
struct Foo {
    var bar : Int
```

```
func doSomething() { ... }
}

let foo : Foo? = Foo(bar: 5)
print(foo?.bar) // Optional(5)
```

Here `foo?.bar` is returning an `Int?` even though `bar` is non-optional, as `foo` itself is optional.

As optionality is propagated, methods returning `Void` will return `Void?` when called with optional chaining. This can be useful in order to determine whether the method was called or not (and therefore if the optional has a value).

```
let foo : Foo? = Foo()

if foo?.doSomething() != nil {
    print("foo is non-nil, and doSomething() was called")
} else {
    print("foo is nil, therefore doSomething() wasn't called")
}
```

Here we're comparing the `Void?` return value with `nil` in order to determine whether the method was called (and therefore whether `foo` is non-nil).

Section 6.5: Overview - Why Optionals?

Often when programming it is necessary to make some distinction between a variable that has a value and one that does not. For reference types, such as C Pointers, a special value such as `null` can be used to indicate that the variable has no value. For intrinsic types, such as an integer, it is more difficult. A nominated value, such as `-1` can be used, but this relies on interpretation of the value. It also eliminates that "special" value from normal use.

To address this, Swift allows any variable to be declared as an optional. This is indicated by the use of a `?` or `!` after the type (See Types of optionals)

For example,

```
var possiblyInt: Int?
```

declares a variable that may or may not contain an integer value.

The special value `nil` indicates that no value is currently assigned to this variable.

```
possiblyInt = 5      // PossiblyInt is now 5
possiblyInt = nil    // PossiblyInt is now unassigned
```

`nil` can also be used to test for an assigned value:

```
if possiblyInt != nil {
    print("possiblyInt has the value \(possiblyInt!)")
}
```

Note the use of `!` in the print statement to *unwrap* the optional value.

As an example of a common use of optionals, consider a function that returns an integer from a string containing digits; It is possible that the string may contain non-digit characters, or may even be empty.

How can a function that returns a simple `Int` indicate failure? It cannot do so by returning any specific value as this would preclude that value from being parsed from the string.

```
var someInt
someInt = parseInt("not an integer") // How would this function indicate failure?
```

In Swift, however, that function can simply return an *optional* Int. Then failure is indicated by return value of `nil`.

```
var someInt?
someInt = parseInt("not an integer") // This function returns nil if parsing fails
if someInt == nil {
    print("That isn't a valid integer")
}
```


Chapter 7: Structs

Section 7.1: Structs are value types

Unlike classes, which are passed by reference, structures are passed through copying:

```
first = "Hello"
second = first
first += " World!"
// first == "Hello World!"
// second == "Hello"
```

String is a structure, therefore it's copied on assignment.

Structures also cannot be compared using identity operator:

```
window0 === window1 // works because a window is a class instance
"hello" === "hello" // error: binary operator '===' cannot be applied to two 'String' operands
```

Every two structure instances are deemed identical if they compare equal.

Collectively, these traits that differentiate structures from classes are what makes structures value types.

Section 7.2: Accessing members of struct

In Swift, structures use a simple “dot syntax” to access their members.

For example:

```
struct DeliveryRange {
    var range: Double
    let center: Location
}
let storeLocation = Location(latitude: 44.9871,
                             longitude: -93.2758)
var pizzaRange = DeliveryRange(range: 200,
                                center: storeLocation)
```

You can access(print) the range like this:

```
print(pizzaRange.range) // 200
```

You can even access members of members using dot syntax:

```
print(pizzaRange.center.latitude) // 44.9871
```

Similar to how you can read values with dot syntax, you can also assign them.

```
pizzaRange.range = 250
```

Section 7.3: Basics of Structs

```
struct Repository {
    let identifier: Int
}
```

```
let name: String
var description: String?
}
```

This defines a `Repository` struct with three stored properties, an integer identifier, a string name, and an optional string description. The identifier and name are constants, as they've been declared using the `let`-keyword. Once set during initialization, they cannot be modified. The description is a variable. Modifying it updates the value of the structure.

Structure types automatically receive a memberwise initializer if they do not define any of their own custom initializers. The structure receives a memberwise initializer even if it has stored properties that do not have default values.

`Repository` contains three stored properties of which only description has a default value (`nil`). Further it defines no initializers of its own, so it receives a memberwise initializer for free:

```
let newRepository = Repository(identifier: 0, name: "New Repository", description: "Brand New Repository")
```

Section 7.4: Mutating a Struct

A method of a struct that change the value of the struct itself must be prefixed with the `mutating` keyword

```
struct Counter {
    private var value = 0

    mutating func next() {
        value += 1
    }
}
```

When you can use mutating methods

The `mutating` methods are only available on struct values inside variables.

```
var counter = Counter()
counter.next()
```

When you can NOT use mutating methods

On the other hand, `mutating` methods are NOT available on struct values inside constants

```
let counter = Counter()
counter.next()
// error: cannot use mutating member on immutable value: 'counter' is a 'let' constant
```

Section 7.5: Structs cannot inherit

Unlike classes, structures cannot inherit:

```
class MyView: UIView { } // works

struct MyInt: Int { } // error: inheritance from non-protocol type 'Int'
```

Structures, however, can adopt protocols:

```
struct Vector: Hashable { ... } // works
```

Chapter 8: Closures

Section 8.1: Closure basics

Closures (also known as **blocks** or **lambdas**) are pieces of code which can be stored and passed around within your program.

```
let sayHi = { print("Hello") }  
// The type of sayHi is "() -> ()", aka "() -> Void"  
  
sayHi() // prints "Hello"
```

Like other functions, closures can accept arguments and return results or throw errors:

```
let addInts = { (x: Int, y: Int) -> Int in  
    return x + y  
}  
// The type of addInts is "(Int, Int) -> Int"  
  
let result = addInts(1, 2) // result is 3  
  
let divideInts = { (x: Int, y: Int) throws -> Int in  
    if y == 0 {  
        throw MyErrors.DivisionByZero  
    }  
    return x / y  
}  
// The type of divideInts is "(Int, Int) throws -> Int"
```

Closures can **capture** values from their scope:

```
// This function returns another function which returns an integer  
func makeProducer(x: Int) -> (() -> Int) {  
    let closure = { x } // x is captured by the closure  
    return closure  
}  
  
// These two function calls use the exact same code,  
// but each closure has captured different values.  
let three = makeProducer(3)  
let four = makeProducer(4)  
three() // returns 3  
four() // returns 4
```

Closures can be passed directly into functions:

```
let squares = (1...10).map({ $0 * $0 }) // returns [1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100]  
let squares = (1...10).map { $0 * $0 }  
  
NSURLSession.sharedSession().dataTaskWithURL(myURL,  
    completionHandler: { (data: NSData?, response: NSURLResponse?, error: NSError?) in  
        if let data = data {  
            print("Request succeeded, data: \(data)")  
        } else {  
            print("Request failed: \(error)")  
        }  
    }).resume()
```

Section 8.2: Syntax variations

The basic closure syntax is

```
{ [capture list] (parameters) throws-ness -> return type in body }.
```

Many of these parts can be omitted, so there are several equivalent ways to write simple closures:

```
let addOne = { [] (x: Int) -> Int in return x + 1 }
let addOne = { [] (x: Int) -> Int in x + 1 }
let addOne = { (x: Int) -> Int in x + 1 }
let addOne = { x -> Int in x + 1 }
let addOne = { x in x + 1 }
let addOne = { $0 + 1 }

let addOneOrThrow = { [] (x: Int) throws -> Int in return x + 1 }
let addOneOrThrow = { [] (x: Int) throws -> Int in x + 1 }
let addOneOrThrow = { (x: Int) throws -> Int in x + 1 }
let addOneOrThrow = { x throws -> Int in x + 1 }
let addOneOrThrow = { x throws in x + 1 }
```

- The capture list can be omitted if it's empty.
- Parameters don't need type annotations if their types can be inferred.
- The return type doesn't need to be specified if it can be inferred.
- Parameters don't have to be named; instead they can be referred to with `$0`, `$1`, `$2`, etc.
- If the closure contains a single expression, whose value is to be returned, the `return` keyword can be omitted.
- If the closure is inferred to throw an error, is written in a context which expects a throwing closure, or doesn't throw an error, `throws` can be omitted.

```
// The closure's type is unknown, so we have to specify the type of x and y.
// The output type is inferred to be Int, because the + operator for Ints returns Int.
let addInts = { (x: Int, y: Int) in x + y }

// The closure's type is specified, so we can omit the parameters' type annotations.
let addInts: (Int, Int) -> Int = { x, y in x + y }
let addInts: (Int, Int) -> Int = { $0 + $1 }
```

Section 8.3: Passing closures into functions

Functions may accept closures (or other functions) as parameters:

```
func foo(value: Double, block: () -> Void) { ... }
func foo(value: Double, block: Int -> Int) { ... }
func foo(value: Double, block: (Int, Int) -> String) { ... }
```

Trailing closure syntax

If a function's last parameter is a closure, the closure braces `{/}` may be written **after** the function invocation:

```
foo(3.5, block: { print("Hello") })

foo(3.5) { print("Hello") }

dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue(), {
    print("Hello from the main queue")
})
```

```

}))

dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue()) {
    print("Hello from the main queue")
}

```

If a function's only argument is a closure, you may also omit the pair of parentheses () when calling it with the trailing closure syntax:

```
func bar(block: () -> Void) { ... }
```

```
bar() { print("Hello") }
```

```
bar { print("Hello") }
```

@noescape parameters

Closure parameters marked **@noescape** are guaranteed to execute before the function call returns, so using **self.** is not required inside the closure body:

```

func executeNow(scape block: () -> Void) { // Since `block` is @noescape, it's illegal to store it to an external
    variable. // We can only call it right here. block() } func executeLater(block: () -> Void) {
dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue()) { // Some time in the future... block() } }

class MyClass {
    var x = 0
    func showExamples() {
        // error: reference to property 'x' in closure requires explicit 'self.' to make capture
        semantics explicit
        executeLater { x = 1 }

        executeLater { self.x = 2 } // ok, the closure explicitly captures self

        // Here "self." is not required, because executeNow() takes a @noescape block.
        executeNow { x = 3 }

        // Again, self. is not required, because map() uses @noescape.
        [1, 2, 3].map { $0 + x }
    }
}

```

Swift 3 note:

Note that in Swift 3, you no longer mark blocks as @noescape. Blocks are now **not** escaping by default. In Swift 3, instead of marking a closure as non-escaping, you mark a function parameter that is an escaping closure as escaping using the "@escaping" keyword.

throws and rethrows

Closures, like other functions, may throw errors:

```
func executeNowOrIgnoreError(block: () -> Void) { do { try block() } catch { print("error: \(error)") } }
```

The function may, of course, pass the error along to its caller:

```
func executeNowOrThrow(block: () -> Void) throws { try block() }
```

However, if the block passed in *doesn't* throw, the caller is still stuck with a throwing function:

```
// It's annoying that this requires "try", because "print()" can't throw!
try executeNowOrThrow { print("Just printing, no errors here!") }
```

The solution is **rethrows**, which designates that the function can only throw **if its closure parameter throws**:

```
func executeNowOrRethrow(block: () throws -> Void) rethrows { try block() } // "try" is not required here, because the
block can't throw an error. executeNowOrRethrow { print("No errors are thrown from this closure") } // This block
can throw an error, so "try" is required. try executeNowOrRethrow { throw MyError.Example }
```

Many standard library functions use **rethrows**, including `map()`, `filter()`, and `indexOf()`.

Section 8.4: Captures, strong/weak references, and retain cycles

```
class MyClass {
    func sayHi() { print("Hello") }
    deinit { print("Goodbye") }
}
```

When a closure captures a reference type (a class instance), it holds a strong reference by default:

```
let closure: () -> Void
do {
    let obj = MyClass()
    // Captures a strong reference to `obj`: the object will be kept alive
    // as long as the closure itself is alive.
    closure = { obj.sayHi() }
    closure() // The object is still alive; prints "Hello"
} // obj goes out of scope
closure() // The object is still alive; prints "Hello"
```

The closure's **capture list** can be used to specify a weak or unowned reference:

```
let closure: () -> Void
do {
    let obj = MyClass()
    // Captures a weak reference to `obj`: the closure will not keep the object alive;
    // the object becomes optional inside the closure.
    closure = { [weak obj] in obj?.sayHi() }
    closure() // The object is still alive; prints "Hello"
} // obj goes out of scope and is deallocated; prints "Goodbye"
closure() // `obj` is nil from inside the closure; this does not print anything.

let closure: () -> Void
do {
    let obj = MyClass()
    // Captures an unowned reference to `obj`: the closure will not keep the object alive;
    // the object is always assumed to be accessible while the closure is alive.
    closure = { [unowned obj] in obj.sayHi() }
    closure() // The object is still alive; prints "Hello"
} // obj goes out of scope and is deallocated; prints "Goodbye"
closure() // crash! obj is being accessed after it's deallocated.
```

For more information, see the Memory Management topic, and the [Automatic Reference Counting](#) section of The Swift Programming Language.

Retain cycles

If an object holds onto a closure, which also holds a strong reference to the object, this is a **retain cycle**. Unless the cycle is broken, the memory storing the object and closure will be leaked (never reclaimed).

```
class Game {
    var score = 0
    let controller: GCCController
    init(controller: GCCController) {
        self.controller = controller

        // BAD: the block captures self strongly, but self holds the controller
        // (and thus the block) strongly, which is a cycle.
        self.controller.controllerPausedHandler = {
            let curScore = self.score
            print("Pause button pressed; current score: \(curScore)")
        }

        // SOLUTION: use `weak self` to break the cycle.
        self.controller.controllerPausedHandler = { [weak self] in
            guard let strongSelf = self else { return }
            let curScore = strongSelf.score
            print("Pause button pressed; current score: \(curScore)")
        }
    }
}
```

Section 8.5: Using closures for asynchronous coding

Closures are often used for asynchronous tasks, for example when fetching data from a website.

Version < 3.0

```
func getData(urlString: String, callback: (result: NSData?) -> Void) {

    // Turn the URL string into an NSURLRequest.
    guard let url = NSURL(string: urlString) else { return }
    let request = NSURLRequest(URL: url)

    // Asynchronously fetch data from the given URL.
    let task = NSURLSession.sharedSession().dataTaskWithRequest(request) {(data: NSData?, response:
    NSURLResponse?, error: NSError?) in

        // We now have the NSData response from the website.
        // We can get it "out" of the function by using the callback
        // that was passed to this function as a parameter.

        callback(result: data)
    }

    task.resume()
}
```

This function is asynchronous, so will not block the thread it is being called on (it won't freeze the interface if called on the main thread of your GUI application).

Version < 3.0

```
print("1. Going to call getData")

getData("http://www.example.com") {(result: NSData?) -> Void in

    // Called when the data from http://www.example.com has been fetched.
    print("2. Fetched data")
}
```

```
}  
  
print("3. Called getData")
```

Because the task is asynchronous, the output will usually look like this:

```
"1. Going to call getData"  
"3. Called getData"  
"2. Fetched data"
```

Because the code inside of the closure, `print("2. Fetched data")`, will not be called until the data from the URL is fetched.

Section 8.6: Closures and Type Alias

A closure can be defined with a `typealias`. This provides a convenient type placeholder if the same closure signature is used in multiple places. For example, common network request callbacks or user interface event handlers make great candidates for being "named" with a type alias.

```
public typealias ureType = (x: Int, y: Int) -> Int
```

You can then define a function using the typealias:

```
public func closureFunction(closure: ureType) { let z = closure(1, 2) }  
closureFunction() { (x: Int, y: Int) -> Int in  
    return x + y }
```


Chapter 9: Error Handling

Section 9.1: Error handling basics

Functions in Swift may return values, **throw errors**, or both:

```
func reticulateSplines()           // no return value and no error
func reticulateSplines() throws
```

`nt` // always returns a value `func reticulateSplines() throws` // no return value, but may throw an error `func reticulateSplines() throws -> Int` // may either return a value or throw an error

Any value which conforms to the [ErrorType protocol](#) (including NSError objects) can be thrown as an error. Enumerations provide a convenient way to define custom errors:

Version ≥ 2.0 Version ≤ 2.2

```
enum NetworkError: ErrorType {
    case Offline
    case ServerError(String)
}
```

Version = 3.0

```
enum NetworkError: Error {
    // Swift 3 dictates that enum cases should be `lowerCamelCase`
    case offline
    case serverError(String)
}
```

An error indicates a non-fatal failure during program execution, and is handled with the specialized control-flow constructs `do/catch`, `throw`, and `try`.

```
func fetchResource(resource: NSURL) throws -> String { if let (statusCode, responseString) = /* ...from elsewhere... */
{ if case 500..<600 = statusCode { throw NetworkError.serverError(responseString) } else { return responseString }
} else { throw NetworkError.offline } }
```

Errors can be caught with `do/catch`:

```
b> { let response = try fetchResource(resURL) // If fetchResource() didn't throw an error, execution continues here:
print("Got response: \(response)") ... } catch { // If an error is thrown, we can handle it here. print("Whoops, couldn't
fetch resource: \(error)") }
```

Any function which can throw an error **must** be called using `try`, `try?`, or `try!`:

```
// error: call can throw but is not marked with 'try'
let response = fetchResource(resURL)
```

```
// "try" works within do/catch, or within another throwing function:
```

```
b> { let response = try fetchResource(resURL) } catch { // Handle the error } func foo() throws { // If an error is
thrown, continue passing it up to the caller. let response = try fetchResource(resURL) } // "try?" wraps the function's
return value in an Optional (nil if an error was thrown). if let response = try? fetchResource(resURL) { // no error
was thrown } // "try!" crashes the program at runtime if an error occurs. let response = try! fetchResource(resURL)
```

Section 9.2: Catching different error types

Let's create our own error type for this example.

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```
enum CustomError: ErrorType {
    case SomeError
    case AnotherError
}

func throwing() throws {
    throw CustomError.SomeError
}
```

Version = 3.0

```
enum CustomError: Error {
    case someError
    case anotherError
}

func throwing() throws {
    throw CustomError.someError
}
```

The Do-Catch syntax allows to catch a thrown error, and *automatically* creates a constant named `error` available in the catch block:

```
do {
    try throwing()
} catch {
    print(error)
}
```

You can also declare a variable yourself:

```
do {
    try throwing()
} catch let oops {
    print(oops)
}
```

It's also possible to chain different catch statements. This is convenient if several types of errors can be thrown in the Do block.

Here the Do-Catch will first attempt to cast the error as a `CustomError`, then as an `NSError` if the custom type was not matched.

Version = 2.2

```
do {
    try somethingMayThrow()
} catch let custom as CustomError {
    print(custom)
} catch let error as NSError {
    print(error)
}
```

Version = 3.0

In Swift 3, no need to explicitly downcast to `NSError`.

```
do {
    try somethingMayThrow()
} catch let custom as CustomError {
    print(custom)
}
```

```
} catch {  
    print(error)  
}
```

Section 9.3: Catch and Switch Pattern for Explicit Error Handling

```
class Plane {  
  
    enum Emergency: ErrorType {  
        case NoFuel  
        case EngineFailure(reason: String)  
        case DamagedWing  
    }  
  
    var fuelInKilograms: Int  
  
    //... init and other methods not shown  
  
    func fly() throws {  
        // ...  
        if fuelInKilograms <= 0 {  
            // uh oh...  
            throw Emergency.NoFuel  
        }  
    }  
}
```

In the client class:

```
let airforceOne = Plane()  
do {  
    try airforceOne.fly()  
} catch let emergency as Plane.Emergency {  
    switch emergency {  
    case .NoFuel:  
        // call nearest airport for emergency landing  
    case .EngineFailure(let reason):  
        print(reason) // let the mechanic know the reason  
    case .DamagedWing:  
        // Assess the damage and determine if the president can make it  
    }  
}
```

Section 9.4: Disabling Error Propagation

The creators of Swift have put a lot of attention into making the language expressive and error handling is exactly that, expressive. If you try to invoke a function that can throw an error, the function call needs to be preceded by the try keyword. The try keyword isn't magical. All it does, is make the developer aware of the throwing ability of the function.

For example, the following code uses a loadImage(atPath:) function, which loads the image resource at a given path or throws an error if the image can't be loaded. In this case, because the image is shipped with the application, no error will be thrown at runtime, so it is appropriate to disable error propagation.

```
let photo = try! loadImage(atPath: "../Resources/John Appleseed.jpg")
```

Section 9.5: Create custom Error with localized description

Create `enum` of custom errors

```
enum RegistrationError: Error {  
    case invalidEmail  
    case invalidPassword  
    case invalidPhoneNumber  
}
```

Create `extension` of `RegistrationError` to handle the Localized description.

```
extension RegistrationError: LocalizedError {  
    public var errorDescription: String? {  
        switch self {  
        case .invalidEmail:  
            return NSLocalizedString("Description of invalid email address", comment: "Invalid  
Email")  
        case .invalidPassword:  
            return NSLocalizedString("Description of invalid password", comment: "Invalid  
Password")  
        case .invalidPhoneNumber:  
            return NSLocalizedString("Description of invalid phoneNumber", comment: "Invalid Phone  
Number")  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Handle error:

```
let error: Error = RegistrationError.invalidEmail  
print(error.localizedDescription)
```

Chapter 10: Arrays

Array is an ordered, random-access collection type. Arrays are one of the most commonly used data types in an app. We use the Array type to hold elements of a single type, the array's Element type. An array can store any kind of elements---from integers to strings to classes.

Section 10.1: Basics of Arrays

`Array` is an ordered collection type in the Swift standard library. It provides $O(1)$ random access and dynamic reallocation. Array is a generic type, so the type of values it contains are known at compile time.

As `Array` is a value type, its mutability is defined by whether it is annotated as a `var` (mutable) or `let` (immutable).

The type `[Int]` (meaning: an array containing `Int`s) is [syntactic sugar](#) for `Array<T>`.

Read more about arrays in [The Swift Programming Language](#).

Empty arrays

The following three declarations are equivalent:

```
// A mutable array of Strings, initially empty.

var arrayOfStrings: [String] = []      // type annotation + array literal
var arrayOfStrings = [String]()       // invoking the [String] initializer
var arrayOfStrings = Array<String>()   // without syntactic sugar
```

Array literals

An array literal is written with square brackets surrounding comma-separated elements:

```
// Create an immutable array of type [Int] containing 2, 4, and 7
let arrayOfInts = [2, 4, 7]
```

The compiler can usually infer the type of an array based on the elements in the literal, but explicit **type annotations** can override the default:

```
let arrayOfUInt8s: [UInt8] = [2, 4, 7] // type annotation on the variable
let arrayOfUInt8s = [2, 4, 7] as [UInt8] // type annotation on the initializer expression
let arrayOfUInt8s = [2 as UInt8, 4, 7] // explicit for one element, inferred for the others
```

Arrays with repeated values

```
// An immutable array of type [String], containing ["Example", "Example", "Example"]
let arrayOfStrings = Array(repeating: "Example", count: 3)
```

Creating arrays from other sequences

```
let dictionary = ["foo" : 4, "bar" : 6]

// An immutable array of type [(String, Int)], containing [("bar", 6), ("foo", 4)]
let arrayOfKeyValuePairs = Array(dictionary)
```

Multi-dimensional arrays

In Swift, a multidimensional array is created by nesting arrays: a 2-dimensional array of `Int` is `[[Int]]` (or `Array<Array<Int>>`).

```
let array2x3 = [
    [1, 2, 3],
```

```
[4, 5, 6]
]
// array2x3[0][1] is 2, and array2x3[1][2] is 6.
```

To create a multidimensional array of repeated values, use nested calls of the array initializer:

```
var array3x4x5 = Array(repeating: Array(repeating: Array(repeating: 0, count: 5), count: 4), count: 3)
```

Section 10.2: Extracting values of a given type from an Array with flatMap(_:)

The things Array contains values of `Any` type.

```
let things: [Any] = [1, "Hello", 2, true, false, "World", 3]
```

We can extract values of a given type and create a new Array of that specific type. Let's say we want to extract all the `Int`(s) and put them into an `Int` Array in a safe way.

```
let numbers = things.flatMap { $0 as? Int }
```

Now `numbers` is defined as `[Int]`. The `flatMap` function discard all `nil` elements and the result thus contains only the following values:

```
[1, 2, 3]
```

Section 10.3: Combining an Array's elements with reduce(_:combine:)

`reduce(_:combine:)` can be used in order to combine the elements of a sequence into a single value. It takes an initial value for the result, as well as a closure to apply to each element – which will return the new accumulated value.

For example, we can use it to sum an array of numbers:

```
let numbers = [2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 4]

let sum = numbers.reduce(0) {accumulator, element in
    return accumulator + element
}

print(sum) // 36
```

We're passing `0` into the initial value, as that's the logical initial value for a summation. If we passed in a value of `N`, the resulting sum would be `N + 36`. The closure passed to `reduce` has two arguments. `accumulator` is the current accumulated value, which is assigned the value that the closure returns at each iteration. `element` is the current element in the iteration.

As in this example, we're passing an `(Int, Int) -> Int` closure to `reduce`, which is simply outputting the addition of the two inputs – we can actually pass in the `+` operator directly, as operators are functions in Swift:

```
let sum = numbers.reduce(0, combine: +)
```

Section 10.4: Flattening the result of an Array transformation with flatMap(_:)

As well as being able to create an array by filtering out `nil` from the transformed elements of a sequence, there is also a version of `flatMap(_:)` that expects the transformation closure to return a sequence `S`.

```
extension SequenceType {
    public func flatMap<S : SequenceType>(transform: (Self.Generator.Element) throws -> S) rethrows
    -> [S.Generator.Element]
}
```

Each sequence from the transformation will be concatenated, resulting in an array containing the combined elements of each sequence – `[S.Generator.Element]`.

Combining the characters in an array of strings

For example, we can use it to take an array of prime strings and combine their characters into a single array:

```
let primes = ["2", "3", "5", "7", "11", "13", "17", "19"]
let allCharacters = primes.flatMap { $0.characters }
// => ["2", "3", "5", "7", "1", "1", "1", "3", "1", "7", "1", "9"]
```

Breaking the above example down:

1. `primes` is a `[String]` (As an array is a sequence, we can call `flatMap(_:)` on it).
2. The transformation closure takes in one of the elements of `primes`, a `String` (`Array<String>.Generator.Element`).
3. The closure then returns a sequence of type `String.CharacterView`.
4. The result is then an array containing the combined elements of all the sequences from each of the transformation closure calls – `[String.CharacterView.Generator.Element]`.

Flattening a multidimensional array

As `flatMap(_:)` will concatenate the sequences returned from the transformation closure calls, it can be used to flatten a multidimensional array – such as a 2D array into a 1D array, a 3D array into a 2D array etc.

This can simply be done by returning the given element `$0` (a nested array) in the closure:

```
// A 2D array of type [[Int]]
let array2D = [[1, 3], [4], [6, 8, 10], [11]]

// A 1D array of type [Int]
let flattenedArray = array2D.flatMap { $0 }

print(flattenedArray) // [1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11]
```

Section 10.5: Lazily flattening a multidimensional Array with flatten()

We can use `flatten()` in order to lazily reduce the nesting of a multi-dimensional sequence.

For example, lazy flattening a 2D array into a 1D array:

```
// A 2D array of type [[Int]]
let array2D = [[1, 3], [4], [6, 8, 10], [11]]
```

```
// A FlattenBidirectionalCollection<[[Int]]>
let lazilyFlattenedArray = array2D.flatten()

print(lazilyFlattenedArray.contains(4)) // true
```

In the above example, `flatten()` will return a [FlattenBidirectionalCollection](#), which will lazily apply the flattening of the array. Therefore `contains(_)` will only require the first two nested arrays of `array2D` to be flattened – as it will short-circuit upon finding the desired element.

Section 10.6: Filtering out nil from an Array transformation with flatMap(_)

You can use `flatMap(_)` in a similar manner to `map(_)` in order to create an array by applying a transform to a sequence's elements.

```
extension SequenceType {
    public func flatMap<T>(@noescape transform: (Self.Element) throws -> T?) rethrows ->
    [T]
}
```

The difference with this version of `flatMap(_)` is that it expects the transform closure to return an Optional value `T?` for each of the elements. It will then safely unwrap each of these optional values, filtering out `nil` – resulting in an array of `[T]`.

For example, you can this in order to transform a `[String]` into a `[Int]` using [Int's failable String initializer](#), filtering out any elements that cannot be converted:

```
let strings = ["1", "foo", "3", "4", "bar", "6"]

let numbersThatCanBeConverted = strings.flatMap { Int($0) }

print(numbersThatCanBeConverted) // [1, 3, 4, 6]
```

You can also use `flatMap(_)`'s ability to filter out `nil` in order to simply convert an array of optionals into an array of non-optionals:

```
let optionalNumbers : [Int?] = [nil, 1, nil, 2, nil, 3]

let numbers = optionalNumbers.flatMap { $0 }

print(numbers) // [1, 2, 3]
```

Section 10.7: Subscripting an Array with a Range

One can extract a series of consecutive elements from an Array using a Range.

```
let words = ["Hey", "Hello", "Bonjour", "Welcome", "Hi", "Hola"]
let range = 2...4
let slice = words[range] // ["Bonjour", "Welcome", "Hi"]
```

Subscripting an Array with a Range returns an `ArraySlice`. It's a subsequence of the Array.

In our example, we have an Array of Strings, so we get back `ArraySlice<String>`.

Although an `ArraySlice` conforms to `CollectionType` and can be used with `sort`, `filter`, etc, its purpose is not for

long-term storage but for transient computations: it should be converted back into an Array as soon as you've finished working with it.

For this, use the `Array()` initializer:

```
let result = Array(slice)
```

To sum up in a simple example without intermediary steps:

```
let words = ["Hey", "Hello", "Bonjour", "Welcome", "Hi", "Hola"]
let selectedWords = Array(words[2...4]) // ["Bonjour", "Welcome", "Hi"]
```

Section 10.8: Removing element from an array without knowing it's index

Generally, if we want to remove an element from an array, we need to know it's index so that we can remove it easily using `remove(at:)` function.

But what if we don't know the index but we know the value of element to be removed!

So here is the simple extension to an array which will allow us to remove an element from array easily without knowing it's index:

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```
extension Array where Element: Equatable {

    mutating func remove(_ element: Element) {
        _ = index(of: element).flatMap {
            self.remove(at: $0)
        }
    }
}
```

e.g.

```
var array = ["abc", "lmn", "pqr", "stu", "xyz"]
array.remove("lmn")
print("\(array)")    //[ "abc", "pqr", "stu", "xyz" ]

array.remove("nonexistent")
print("\(array)")    //[ "abc", "pqr", "stu", "xyz" ]
//if provided element value is not present, then it will do nothing!
```

Also if, by mistake, we did something like this: `array.remove(25)` i.e. we provided value with different data type, compiler will throw an error mentioning-
cannot convert value to expected argument type

Section 10.9: Sorting an Array of Strings

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The most simple way is to use `sorted()`:

```
let words = ["Hello", "Bonjour", "Salute", "Ahola"]
let sortedWords = words.sorted()
print(sortedWords) // ["Ahola", "Bonjour", "Hello", "Salute"]
```

or `sort()`

```
var mutableWords = ["Hello", "Bonjour", "Salute", "Ahola"]
mutableWords.sort()
print(mutableWords) // ["Ahola", "Bonjour", "Hello", "Salute"]
```

You can pass a closure as an argument for sorting:

```
let words = ["Hello", "Bonjour", "Salute", "Ahola"]
let sortedWords = words.sorted(isOrderedBefore: { $0 > $1 })
print(sortedWords) // ["Salute", "Hello", "Bonjour", "Ahola"]
```

Alternative syntax with a trailing closure:

```
let words = ["Hello", "Bonjour", "Salute", "Ahola"]
let sortedWords = words.sorted() { $0 > $1 }
print(sortedWords) // ["Salute", "Hello", "Bonjour", "Ahola"]
```

But there will be unexpected results if the elements in the array are not consistent:

```
let words = ["Hello", "bonjour", "Salute", "ahola"]
let unexpected = words.sorted()
print(unexpected) // ["Hello", "Salute", "ahola", "bonjour"]
```

To address this issue, either sort on a lowercase version of the elements:

```
let words = ["Hello", "bonjour", "Salute", "ahola"]
let sortedWords = words.sorted { $0.lowercased() < $1.lowercased() }
print(sortedWords) // ["ahola", "bonjour", "Hello", "Salute"]
```

Or `import Foundation` and use `NSString`'s comparison methods like `caseInsensitiveCompare`:

```
let words = ["Hello", "bonjour", "Salute", "ahola"]
let sortedWords = words.sorted { $0.caseInsensitiveCompare($1) == .orderedAscending }
print(sortedWords) // ["ahola", "bonjour", "Hello", "Salute"]
```

Alternatively, use `localizedCaseInsensitiveCompare`, which can manage diacritics.

To properly sort `Strings` by the *numeric* value they contain, use `compare` with the `.numeric` option:

```
let files = ["File-42.txt", "File-01.txt", "File-5.txt", "File-007.txt", "File-10.txt"]
let sortedFiles = files.sorted() { $0.compare($1, options: .numeric) == .orderedAscending }
print(sortedFiles) // ["File-01.txt", "File-5.txt", "File-007.txt", "File-10.txt", "File-42.txt"]
```

Section 10.10: Accessing indices safely

By adding the following extension to array indices can be accessed without knowing if the index is inside bounds.

```
extension Array {
    subscript (safe index: Int) -> Element? {
        return indices ~= index ? self[index] : nil
    }
}
```

example:

```
if let thirdValue = array[safe: 2] {
    print(thirdValue)
}
```

Section 10.11: Filtering an Array

You can use the `filter(_:)` method on `SequenceType` in order to create a new array containing the elements of the sequence that satisfy a given predicate, which can be provided as a closure.

For example, filtering even numbers from an `[Int]`:

```
let numbers = [22, 41, 23, 30]

let evenNumbers = numbers.filter { $0 % 2 == 0 }

print(evenNumbers) // [22, 30]
```

Filtering a `[Person]`, where their age is less than 30:

```
struct Person {
    var age : Int
}

let people = [Person(age: 22), Person(age: 41), Person(age: 23), Person(age: 30)]

let peopleYoungerThan30 = people.filter { $0.age < 30 }

print(peopleYoungerThan30) // [Person(age: 22), Person(age: 23)]
```

Section 10.12: Transforming the elements of an Array with `map(_:)`

As `Array` conforms to `SequenceType`, we can use `map(_:)` to transform an array of A into an array of B using a closure of type `(A) throws -> B`.

For example, we could use it to transform an array of `Ints` into an array of `Strings` like so:

```
let numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
let words = numbers.map { String($0) }
print(words) // ["1", "2", "3", "4", "5"]
```

`map(_:)` will iterate through the array, applying the given closure to each element. The result of that closure will be used to populate a new array with the transformed elements.

Since `String` has an initialiser that receives an `Int` we can also use this clearer syntax:

```
let words = numbers.map(String.init)
```

A `map(_:)` transform need not change the type of the array – for example, it could also be used to multiply an array of `Ints` by two:

```
let numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
let numbersTimes2 = numbers.map {$0 * 2}
print(numbersTimes2) // [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
```

Section 10.13: Useful Methods

Determine whether an array is empty or return its size

```
var exampleArray = [1,2,3,4,5]
exampleArray.isEmpty //false
exampleArray.count //5
```

Reverse an Array **Note: The result is not performed on the array the method is called on and must be put into its own variable.**

```
exampleArray = exampleArray.reverse()
//exampleArray = [9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 3, 2]
```

Section 10.14: Sorting an Array

```
var array = [3, 2, 1]
```

Creating a new sorted array

As [Array](#) conforms to [SequenceType](#), we can generate a new array of the sorted elements using a built in sort method.

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In Swift 2, this is done with the [sort\(\)](#) method.

```
let sorted = array.sort() // [1, 2, 3]
```

Version ≥ 3.0

As of Swift 3, it has been re-named to [sorted\(\)](#).

```
let sorted = array.sorted() // [1, 2, 3]
```

Sorting an existing array in place

As [Array](#) conforms to [MutableCollectionType](#), we can sort its elements in place.

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In Swift 2, this is done using the [sortInPlace\(\)](#) method.

```
array.sortInPlace() // [1, 2, 3]
```

Version ≥ 3.0

As of Swift 3, it has been renamed to [sort\(\)](#).

```
array.sort() // [1, 2, 3]
```

Note: In order to use the above methods, the elements must conform to the [Comparable](#) protocol.

Sorting an array with a custom ordering

You may also sort an array using a closure to define whether one element should be ordered before another – which isn't restricted to arrays where the elements must be [Comparable](#). For example, it doesn't make sense for a

Landmark to be [Comparable](#) – but you can still sort an array of landmarks by height or name.

```
struct Landmark {
    let name : String
    let metersTall : Int
}

var landmarks = [Landmark(name: "Empire State Building", metersTall: 443),
                 Landmark(name: "Eiffel Tower", metersTall: 300),
                 Landmark(name: "The Shard", metersTall: 310)]
```

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```
// sort landmarks by height (ascending)
landmarks.sortInPlace {$0.metersTall < $1.metersTall}

print(landmarks) // [Landmark(name: "Eiffel Tower", metersTall: 300), Landmark(name: "The Shard",
metersTall: 310), Landmark(name: "Empire State Building", metersTall: 443)]

// create new array of landmarks sorted by name
let alphabeticalLandmarks = landmarks.sort {$0.name < $1.name}

print(alphabeticalLandmarks) // [Landmark(name: "Eiffel Tower", metersTall: 300), Landmark(name:
"Empire State Building", metersTall: 443), Landmark(name: "The Shard", metersTall: 310)]
```

Version ≥ 3.0

```
// sort landmarks by height (ascending)
landmarks.sort {$0.metersTall < $1.metersTall}

// create new array of landmarks sorted by name
let alphabeticalLandmarks = landmarks.sorted {$0.name < $1.name}
```

Note: String comparison can yield unexpected results if the strings are inconsistent, see [Sorting an Array of Strings](#).

Section 10.15: Finding the minimum or maximum element of an Array

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You can use the [minElement\(\)](#) and [maxElement\(\)](#) methods to find the minimum or maximum element in a given sequence. For example, with an array of numbers:

```
let numbers = [2, 6, 1, 25, 13, 7, 9]

let minimumNumber = numbers.minElement() // Optional(1)
let maximumNumber = numbers.maxElement() // Optional(25)
```

Version ≥ 3.0

As of Swift 3, the methods have been renamed to [min\(\)](#) and [max\(\)](#) respectively:

```
let minimumNumber = numbers.min() // Optional(1)
let maximumNumber = numbers.max() // Optional(25)
```

The returned values from these methods are Optional to reflect the fact that the array could be empty – if it is, `nil` will be returned.

Note: The above methods require the elements to conform to the [Comparable](#) protocol.

Finding the minimum or maximum element with a custom ordering

You may also use the above methods with a custom closure, defining whether one element should be ordered before another, allowing you to find the minimum or maximum element in an array where the elements aren't necessarily [Comparable](#).

For example, with an array of vectors:

```
struct Vector2 {
    let dx : Double
    let dy : Double

    var magnitude : Double {return sqrt(dx*dx+dy*dy)}
}

let vectors = [Vector2(dx: 3, dy: 2), Vector2(dx: 1, dy: 1), Vector2(dx: 2, dy: 2)]
```

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```
// Vector2(dx: 1.0, dy: 1.0)
let lowestMagnitudeVec2 = vectors.minElement { $0.magnitude < $1.magnitude }

// Vector2(dx: 3.0, dy: 2.0)
let highestMagnitudeVec2 = vectors.maxElement { $0.magnitude < $1.magnitude }
```

Version ≥ 3.0

```
let lowestMagnitudeVec2 = vectors.min { $0.magnitude < $1.magnitude }
let highestMagnitudeVec2 = vectors.max { $0.magnitude < $1.magnitude }
```

Section 10.16: Modifying values in an array

There are multiple ways to append values onto an array

```
var exampleArray = [1,2,3,4,5]
exampleArray.append(6)
//exampleArray = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
var sixOnwards = [7,8,9,10]
exampleArray += sixOnwards
//exampleArray = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
```

and remove values from an array

```
exampleArray.removeAtIndex(3)
//exampleArray = [1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
exampleArray.removeLast()
//exampleArray = [1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
exampleArray.removeFirst()
//exampleArray = [2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

Section 10.17: Comparing 2 Arrays with zip

The [zip](#) function accepts 2 parameters of type [SequenceType](#) and returns a [Zip2Sequence](#) where each element contains a value from the first sequence and one from the second sequence.

Example

```
let nums = [1, 2, 3]
let animals = ["Dog", "Cat", "Tiger"]
let numsAndAnimals = zip(nums, animals)
```

numsAndAnimals now contains the following values

sequence1 sequence1

```
1      "Dog"
2      "Cat"
3      "Tiger"
```

This is useful when you want to perform some kind of comparison between the n-th element of each Array.

Example

Given 2 Arrays of Int(s)

```
let list0 = [0, 2, 4]
let list1 = [0, 4, 8]
```

you want to check whether each value into list1 is the double of the related value in list0.

```
let list1HasDoubleOfList0 = !zip(list0, list1).filter { $0 != (2 * $1)}.isEmpty
```

Section 10.18: Grouping Array values

If we have a struct like this

```
struct Box {
    let name: String
    let thingsInside: Int
}
```

and an array of Box(es)

```
let boxes = [
    Box(name: "Box 0", thingsInside: 1),
    Box(name: "Box 1", thingsInside: 2),
    Box(name: "Box 2", thingsInside: 3),
    Box(name: "Box 3", thingsInside: 1),
    Box(name: "Box 4", thingsInside: 2),
    Box(name: "Box 5", thingsInside: 3),
    Box(name: "Box 6", thingsInside: 1)
]
```

we can group the boxes by the thingsInside property in order to get a Dictionary where the key is the number of things and the value is an array of boxes.

```
let grouped = boxes.reduce([Int:[Box]]()) { (res, box) -> [Int:[Box]] in
    var res = res
    res[box.thingsInside] = (res[box.thingsInside] ?? []) + [box]
    return res
}
```

Now grouped is a [Int:[Box]] and has the following content

```
[
```

```

2: [Box(name: "Box 1", thingsInside: 2), Box(name: "Box 4", thingsInside: 2)],
3: [Box(name: "Box 2", thingsInside: 3), Box(name: "Box 5", thingsInside: 3)],
1: [Box(name: "Box 0", thingsInside: 1), Box(name: "Box 3", thingsInside: 1), Box(name: "Box
6", thingsInside: 1)]
]

```

Section 10.19: Value Semantics

Copying an array will copy all of the items inside the original array.

Changing the new array *will not change* the original array.

```

var originalArray = ["Swift", "is", "great!"]
var newArray = originalArray
newArray[2] = "awesome!"
//originalArray = ["Swift", "is", "great!"]
//newArray = ["Swift", "is", "awesome!"]

```

Copied arrays will share the same space in memory as the original until they are changed. As a result of this there is a performance hit when the copied array is given its own space in memory as it is changed for the first time.

Section 10.20: Accessing Array Values

The following examples will use this array to demonstrate accessing values

```

var exampleArray:[Int] = [1,2,3,4,5]
//exampleArray = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

```

To access a value at a known index use the following syntax:

```

let exampleOne = exampleArray[2]
//exampleOne = 3

```

Note: The value at *index two is the third value* in the `Array`. `Arrays` use a *zero based index* which means the first element in the `Array` is at index 0.

```

let value0 = exampleArray[0]
let value1 = exampleArray[1]
let value2 = exampleArray[2]
let value3 = exampleArray[3]
let value4 = exampleArray[4]
//value0 = 1
//value1 = 2
//value2 = 3
//value3 = 4
//value4 = 5

```

Access a subset of an `Array` using `filter`:

```

var filteredArray = exampleArray.filter({ $0 < 4 })
//filteredArray = [1, 2, 3]

```

Filters can have complex conditions like filtering only even numbers:

```

var evenArray = exampleArray.filter({ $0 % 2 == 0 })
//evenArray = [2, 4]

```


It is also possible to return the index of a given value, returning `nil` if the value wasn't found.

```
exampleArray.indexOf(3) // Optional(2)
```

There are methods for the first, last, maximum or minimum value in an `Array`. These methods will return `nil` if the `Array` is empty.

```
exampleArray.first // Optional(1)
exampleArray.last  // Optional(5)
exampleArray.maxElement() // Optional(5)
exampleArray.minElement() // Optional(1)
```

Chapter 11: Dictionaries

Section 11.1: Declaring Dictionaries

Dictionaries are an unordered collection of keys and values. Values relate to unique keys and must be of the same type.

When initializing a Dictionary the full syntax is as follows:

```
var books : Dictionary<Int, String> = Dictionary<Int, String>()
```

Although a more concise way of initializing:

```
var books = [Int: String]()  
// or  
var books: [Int: String] = [:]
```

Declare a dictionary with keys and values by specifying them in a comma separated list. The types can be inferred from the types of keys and values.

```
var books: [Int: String] = [1: "Book 1", 2: "Book 2"]  
//books = [2: "Book 2", 1: "Book 1"]  
var otherBooks = [3: "Book 3", 4: "Book 4"]  
//otherBooks = [3: "Book 3", 4: "Book 4"]
```

Section 11.2: Accessing Values

A value in a Dictionary can be accessed using its key:

```
var books: [Int: String] = [1: "Book 1", 2: "Book 2"]  
let bookName = books[1]  
//bookName = "Book 1"
```

The values of a dictionary can be iterated through using the values property:

```
for book in books.values {  
    print("Book Title: \(book)")  
}  
//output: Book Title: Book 2  
//output: Book Title: Book 1
```

Similarly, the keys of a dictionary can be iterated through using its keys property:

```
for bookNumbers in books.keys {  
    print("Book number: \(bookNumber)")  
}  
// outputs:  
// Book number: 1  
// Book number: 2
```

To get all key and value pair corresponding to each other (you will not get in proper order since it is a Dictionary)

```
for (book, bookNumbers) in books {  
    print("\(book)  \(bookNumbers)")  
}
```

```
// outputs:  
// 2 Book 2  
// 1 Book 1
```

Note that a **Dictionary**, unlike an **Array**, is inherently unordered—that is, there is no guarantee on the order during iteration.

If you want to access multiple levels of a Dictionary use a repeated subscript syntax.

```
// Create a multilevel dictionary.  
var myDictionary: [String:[Int:String]]! =  
["Toys":[1:"Car",2:"Truck"], "Interests":[1:"Science",2:"Math"]]  
  
print(myDictionary["Toys"][2]) // Outputs "Truck"  
print(myDictionary["Interests"][1]) // Outputs "Science"
```

Section 11.3: Change Value of Dictionary using Key

```
var dict = ["name": "John", "surname": "Doe"]  
// Set the element with key: 'name' to 'Jane'  
dict["name"] = "Jane"  
print(dict)
```

Section 11.4: Get all keys in Dictionary

```
let myAllKeys = ["name" : "Kirit" , "surname" : "Modi"]  
let allKeys = Array(myAllKeys.keys)  
print(allKeys)
```

Section 11.5: Modifying Dictionaries

Add a key and value to a Dictionary

```
var books = [Int: String]()  
//books = [:]  
books[5] = "Book 5"  
//books = [5: "Book 5"]  
books.updateValue("Book 6", forKey: 5)  
//[5: "Book 6"]
```

updateValue returns the original value if one exists or nil.

```
let previousValue = books.updateValue("Book 7", forKey: 5)  
//books = [5: "Book 7"]  
//previousValue = "Book 6"
```

Remove value and their keys with similar syntax

```
books[5] = nil  
//books [:]  
books[6] = "Deleting from Dictionaries"  
//books = [6: "Deleting from Dictionaries"]  
let removedBook = books.removeValue(forKey: 6)  
//books = [:]  
//removedValue = "Deleting from Dictionaries"
```

Section 11.6: Merge two dictionaries

```
extension Dictionary {  
    func merge(dict: Dictionary<Key,Value>) -> Dictionary<Key,Value> {  
        var mutableCopy = self  
        for (key, value) in dict {  
            // If both dictionaries have a value for same key, the value of the other dictionary is  
used.  
            mutableCopy[key] = value  
        }  
        return mutableCopy  
    }  
}
```

Chapter 12: Strings and Characters

Section 12.1: String & Character Literals

[String](#) literals in Swift are delimited with double quotes ("):

```
let greeting = "Hello!" // greeting's type is String
```

[Characters](#) can be initialized from string literals, as long as the literal contains only one grapheme cluster:

```
let chr: Character = "H" // valid
let chr2: Character = "?????" // valid
let chr3: Character = "abc" // invalid - multiple grapheme clusters
```

String Interpolation

[String interpolation](#) allows injecting an expression directly into a string literal. This can be done with all types of values, including strings, integers, floating point numbers and more.

The syntax is a backslash followed by parentheses wrapping the value: `\(value)`. Any valid expression may appear in the parentheses, including function calls.

```
let number = 5
let interpolatedNumber = "\(number)" // string is "5"
let fortyTwo = "\(6 * 7)" // string is "42"

let example = "This post has \(number) view\(number == 1 ? "" : "s")"
// It will output "This post has 5 views" for the above example.
// If the variable number had the value 1, it would output "This post has 1 view" instead.
```

For custom types, the [default behavior](#) of string interpolation is that `"\(myobj)"` is equivalent to `String(myobj)`, the same representation used by `print(myobj)`. You can customize this behavior by implementing the [CustomStringConvertible protocol](#) for your type.

Version ≥ 3.0

For Swift 3, in accordance with [SE-0089](#), `String.init<T>(_:)` has been renamed to `String.init<T>(describing:)`.

The string interpolation `"\(myobj)"` will prefer the new `String.init<T: LosslessStringConvertible>(_:)` initializer, but will fall back to `init<T>(describing:)` if the value is not `LosslessStringConvertible`.

Special Characters

Certain characters require a special **escape sequence** to use them in string literals:

Character	Meaning
<code>\0</code>	the null character
<code>\\</code>	a plain backslash, <code>\</code>
<code>\t</code>	a tab character
<code>\v</code>	a vertical tab
<code>\r</code>	a carriage return
<code>\n</code>	a line feed ("newline")
<code>\"</code>	a double quote, <code>"</code>
<code>\'</code>	a single quote, <code>'</code>
<code>\u{n}</code>	the Unicode code point <i>n</i> (in hexadecimal)

Example:

```
let message = "Then he said, \"I \u{1F496} you!\""
print(message) // Then he said, "I 🍌 you!"
```

Section 12.2: Concatenate strings

Concatenate strings with the `+` operator to produce a new string:

```
let name = "John"
let surname = "Appleseed"
let fullName = name + " " + surname // fullName is "John Appleseed"
```

Append to a **mutable** string using the `+=` [compound assignment operator](#), or using a method:

```
let str2 = "there"
var instruction = "look over"
instruction += " " + str2 // instruction is now "look over there"

var instruction = "look over"
instruction.append(" " + str2) // instruction is now "look over there"
```

Append a single character to a mutable String:

```
var greeting: String = "Hello"
let exclamationMark: Character = "!"
greeting.append(exclamationMark)
// produces a modified String (greeting) = "Hello!"
```

Append multiple characters to a mutable String

```
var alphabet:String = "my ABCs: "
alphabet.append(contentsOf: (0x61...0x7A).map(UnicodeScalar.init)
                        .map(Character.init) )
// produces a modified string (alphabet) = "my ABCs: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"
```

Version ≥ 3.0

`appendContentsOf(_:)` has been renamed to `append(_:)`.

Join a [sequence](#) of strings to form a new string using `joinWithSeparator(_:)`:

```
let words = ["apple", "orange", "banana"]
let str = words.joinWithSeparator(" & ")

print(str) // "apple & orange & banana"
```

Version ≥ 3.0

`joinWithSeparator(_:)` has been renamed to `joined(separator:)`.

The separator is the empty string by default, so `["a", "b", "c"].joined() == "abc"`.

Section 12.3: String Encoding and Decomposition

A Swift [String](#) is made of [Unicode](#) code points. It can be decomposed and encoded in several different ways.

```
let str = "???????!"
```

Decomposing Strings

A string's characters are Unicode [extended grapheme clusters](#):

```
Array(str.characters) // ["???", "???", "?", "!"]
```

The `unicodeScalars` are the Unicode [code points](#) that make up a string (notice that `???` is one grapheme cluster, but 3 code points — 3607, 3637, 3656 — so the length of the resulting array is not the same as with characters):

```
str.unicodeScalars.map{ $0.value } // [3607, 3637, 3656, 128076, 9312, 33]
```

You can encode and decompose strings as [UTF-8](#) (a sequence of `UInt8`s) or [UTF-16](#) (a sequence of `UInt16`s):

```
Array(str.utf8) // [224, 184, 151, 224, 184, 181, 224, 185, 136, 240, 159, 145, 140, 226, 145, 160, 33]
Array(str.utf16) // [3607, 3637, 3656, 55357, 56396, 9312, 33]
```

String Length and Iteration

A string's `characters`, `unicodeScalars`, `utf8`, and `utf16` are all [Collections](#), so you can get their `count` and iterate over them:

```
// NOTE: These operations are NOT necessarily fast/cheap!

str.characters.count // 4
str.unicodeScalars.count // 6
str.utf8.count // 17
str.utf16.count // 7

for c in str.characters { // ...
for u in str.unicodeScalars { // ...
for byte in str.utf8 { // ...
for byte in str.utf16 { // ...
```

Section 12.4: Examine and compare strings

Check whether a string is empty:

```
if str.isEmpty {
    // do something if the string is empty
}

// If the string is empty, replace it with a fallback:
let result = str.isEmpty ? "fallback string" : str
```

Check whether two strings are equal (in the sense of [Unicode canonical equivalence](#)):

```
"abc" == "def" // false
"abc" == "ABC" // false
"abc" == "abc" // true

// "LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH ACUTE" == "LATIN SMALL LETTER A" + "COMBINING ACUTE ACCENT"
"\u{e1}" == "a\u{301}" // true
```

Check whether a string starts/ends with another string:

```
"fortitude".hasPrefix("fort")    // true
"Swift Language".hasSuffix("age") // true
```

Section 12.5: Reversing Strings

Version = 2.2

```
let aString = "This is a test string."

// first, reverse the String's characters
let reversedCharacters = aString.characters.reverse()

// then convert back to a String with the String() initializer
let reversedString = String(reversedCharacters)

print(reversedString) // ".gnirts tset a si sihT"
```

Version = 3.0

```
let reversedCharacters = aString.characters.reversed()
let reversedString = String(reversedCharacters)
```

Section 12.6: Check if String contains Characters from a Defined Set

Letters

Version = 3.0

```
let letters = CharacterSet.letters

let phrase = "Test case"
let range = phrase.rangeOfCharacter(from: letters)

// range will be nil if no letters is found
if let test = range {
    print("letters found")
}
else {
    print("letters not found")
}
```

Version = 2.2

```
let letters = NSCharacterSet.letterCharacterSet()

let phrase = "Test case"
let range = phrase.rangeOfCharacterFromSet(letters)

// range will be nil if no letters is found
if let test = range {
    print("letters found")
}
else {
    print("letters not found")
}
```

The new CharacterSet struct that is also bridged to the Objective-C `NSCharacterSet` class define several predefined sets as:

- decimalDigits
- capitalizedLetters
- alphanumerics

- `controlCharacters`
- `illegalCharacters`
- and more you can find in the [NSStringCharacterSet](#) reference.

You also can define your own set of characters:

Version = 3.0

```
let phrase = "Test case"
let charset = CharacterSet(charactersIn: "t")

if let _ = phrase.rangeOfCharacter(from: charset, options: .caseInsensitive) {
    print("yes")
}
else {
    print("no")
}
```

Version = 2.2

```
let charset = NSStringCharacterSet(charactersInString: "t")

if let _ = phrase.rangeOfCharacterFromSet(charset, options: .CaseInsensitiveSearch, range: nil) {
    print("yes")
}
else {
    print("no")
}
```

You can also include range:

Version = 3.0

```
let phrase = "Test case"
let charset = CharacterSet(charactersIn: "t")

if let _ = phrase.rangeOfCharacter(from: charset, options: .caseInsensitive, range:
phrase.startIndex..

```

Section 12.7: String Iteration

Version < 3.0

```
let string = "My fantastic string"
var index = string.startIndex

while index != string.endIndex {
    print(string[index])
    index = index.successor()
}
```

Note: `endIndex` is after the end of the string (i.e. `string[string.endIndex]` is an error, but `string[string.startIndex]` is fine). Also, in an empty string (`""`), `string.startIndex == string.endIndex` is `true`. Be sure to check for empty strings, since you cannot call `startIndex.successor()` on an empty string.

Version = 3.0

In Swift 3, String indexes no longer have `successor()`, `predecessor()`, `advancedBy(_)`, `advancedBy(_:limit:)`, or

`distanceTo(_:)`.

Instead, those operations are moved to the collection, which is now responsible for incrementing and decrementing its indices.

Available methods are `.index(after:)`, `.index(before:)` and `.index(_:, offsetBy:)`.

```
let string = "My fantastic string"
var currentIndex = string.startIndex

while currentIndex != string.endIndex {
    print(string[currentIndex])
    currentIndex = string.index(after: currentIndex)
}
```

Note: we're using `currentIndex` as a variable name to avoid confusion with the `.index` method.

And, for example, if you want to go the other way:

Version < 3.0

```
var index: String.Index? = string.endIndex.predecessor()

while index != nil {
    print(string[index!])
    if index != string.startIndex {
        index = index.predecessor()
    }
    else {
        index = nil
    }
}
```

(Or you could just reverse the string first, but if you don't need to go all the way through the string you probably would prefer a method like this)

Version = 3.0

```
var currentIndex: String.Index? = string.index(before: string.endIndex)

while currentIndex != nil {
    print(string[currentIndex!])
    if currentIndex != string.startIndex {
        currentIndex = string.index(before: currentIndex!)
    }
    else {
        currentIndex = nil
    }
}
```

Note, `Index` is an object type, and not an `Int`. You cannot access a character of string as follows:

```
let string = "My string"
string[2] // can't do this
string.characters[2] // and also can't do this
```

But you can get a specific index as follows:

Version < 3.0

```
index = string.startIndex.advanceBy(2)
Version = 3.0
currentIndex = string.index(string.startIndex, offsetBy: 2)
```

And can go backwards like this:

```
Version < 3.0
index = string.endIndex.advancedBy(-2)
Version = 3.0
currentIndex = string.index(string.endIndex, offsetBy: -2)
```

If you might exceed the string's bounds, or you want to specify a limit you can use:

```
Version < 3.0
index = string.startIndex.advanceBy(20, limit: string.endIndex)
Version = 3.0
currentIndex = string.index(string.startIndex, offsetBy: 20, limitedBy: string.endIndex)
```

Alternatively one can just iterate through the characters in a string, but this might be less useful depending on the context:

```
for c in string.characters {
    print(c)
}
```

Section 12.8: Splitting a String into an Array

In Swift you can easily separate a String into an array by slicing it at a certain character:

```
Version = 3.0
let startDate = "23:51"

let startDateAsArray = startDate.components(separatedBy: ":") // ["23", "51"]`
Version = 2.2
let startDate = "23:51"

let startArray = startDate.componentsSeparatedByString(":") // ["23", "51"]`
```

Or when the separator isn't present:

```
Version = 3.0
let myText = "MyText"

let myTextArray = myText.components(separatedBy: " ") // myTextArray is ["MyText"]
Version = 2.2
let myText = "MyText"

let myTextArray = myText.componentsSeparatedByString(" ") // myTextArray is ["MyText"]
```

Section 12.9: Unicode

Setting values

Using Unicode directly

```
var str: String = "I want to visit ??, ??????, ?????, ??????, and ????. ????"
var character: Character = "???"
```

Using hexadecimal values

```
var str: String = "\u{61}\u{5927}\u{1F34E}\u{3C0}" // a?????
var character: Character = "\u{65}\u{301}" // é = "e" + accent mark
```

Note that the Swift `Character` can be composed of multiple Unicode code points, but appears to be a single character. This is called an Extended Grapheme Cluster.

Conversions

String --> Hex

```
// Accesses views of different Unicode encodings of `str`
str.utf8
str.utf16
str.unicodeScalars // UTF-32
```

Hex --> String

```
let value0: UInt8 = 0x61
let value1: UInt16 = 0x5927
let value2: UInt32 = 0x1F34E

let string0 = String(UnicodeScalar(value0)) // a
let string1 = String(UnicodeScalar(value1)) // ?
let string2 = String(UnicodeScalar(value2)) // ???

// convert hex array to String
let myHexArray = [0x43, 0x61, 0x74, 0x203C, 0x1F431] // an Int array
var myString = ""
for hexValue in myHexArray {
    myString.append(UnicodeScalar(hexValue))
}
print(myString) // Cat????
```

Note that for UTF-8 and UTF-16 the conversion is not always this easy because things like emoji cannot be encoded with a single UTF-16 value. It takes a surrogate pair.

Section 12.10: Converting Swift string to a number type

```
Int("123") // Returns 123 of Int type
Int("abcd") // Returns nil
Int("10") // Returns 10 of Int type
Int("10", radix: 2) // Returns 2 of Int type
Double("1.5") // Returns 1.5 of Double type
Double("abcd") // Returns nil
```

Note that doing this returns an `Optional` value, which should be unwrapped accordingly before being used.

Section 12.11: Convert String to and from Data / NSData

To convert String to and from Data / NSData we need to encode this string with a specific encoding. The most famous one is UTF-8 which is an 8-bit representation of Unicode characters, suitable for transmission or storage by

ASCII-based systems. Here is a list of all available [String Encodings](#)

String to NSData/NSData

Version = 3.0

```
let data = string.data(using: .utf8)
```

Version = 2.2

```
let data = string.dataUsingEncoding(NSUTF8StringEncoding)
```

Data/NSData to String

Version = 3.0

```
let string = String(data: data, encoding: .utf8)
```

Version = 2.2

```
let string = String(data: data, encoding: NSUTF8StringEncoding)
```

Section 12.12: Formatting Strings

Leading Zeros

```
let number: Int = 7
let str1 = String(format: "%03d", number) // 007
let str2 = String(format: "%05d", number) // 00007
```

Numbers after Decimal

```
let number: Float = 3.14159
let str1 = String(format: "%.2f", number) // 3.14
let str2 = String(format: "%.4f", number) // 3.1416 (rounded)
```

Decimal to Hexadecimal

```
let number: Int = 13627
let str1 = String(format: "%2X", number) // 353B
let str2 = String(format: "%2x", number) // 353b (notice the lowercase b)
```

Alternatively one could use specialized initializer that does the same:

```
let number: Int = 13627
let str1 = String(number, radix: 16, uppercase: true) //353B
let str2 = String(number, radix: 16) // 353b
```

Decimal to a number with arbitrary radix

```
let number: Int = 13627
let str1 = String(number, radix: 36) // aij
```

Radix is `Int` in `[2, 36]`.

Section 12.13: Uppercase and Lowercase Strings

To make all the characters in a `String` uppercase or lowercase:

Version = 2.2

```
let text = "AaBbCc"
let uppercase = text.uppercaseString // "AABBCC"
let lowercase = text.lowercaseString // "aabbcc"
```

Version = 3.0

```
let text = "AaBbCc"
let uppercase = text.uppercased() // "AABBCC"
```

```
let lowercase = text.lowercased() // "aabbcc"
```

Section 12.14: Remove characters from a string not defined in Set

Version = 2.2

```
func removeCharactersNotInSetFromText(text: String, set: Set<Character>) -> String {
    return String(text.characters.filter { set.contains( $0) })
}

let text = "Swift 3.0 Come Out"
var chars = Set([Character]("abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ".characters))
let newText = removeCharactersNotInSetFromText(text, set: chars) // "SwiftComeOut"
```

Version = 3.0

```
func removeCharactersNotInSetFromText(text: String, set: Set<Character>) -> String {
    return String(text.characters.filter { set.contains( $0) })
}

let text = "Swift 3.0 Come Out"
var chars = Set([Character]("abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ".characters))
let newText = removeCharactersNotInSetFromText(text: text, set: chars)
```

Section 12.15: Count occurrences of a Character into a String

Given a `String` and a `Character`

```
let text = "Hello World"
let char: Character = "o"
```

We can count the number of times the `Character` appears into the `String` using

```
let sensitiveCount = text.characters.filter { $0 == char }.count // case-sensitive
let insensitiveCount = text.lowercaseString.characters.filter { $0 ==
Character(String(char).lowercaseString) } // case-insensitive
```

Section 12.16: Remove leading and trailing WhiteSpace and NewLine

Version < 3.0

```
let someString = " Swift Language \n"
let trimmedString =
someString.stringByTrimmingCharactersInSet(NSCharacterSet.whitespaceAndNewlineCharacterSet())
// "Swift Language"
```

Method `stringByTrimmingCharactersInSet` returns a new string made by removing from both ends of the String characters contained in a given character set.

We can also just remove only whitespace or newline.

Removing only whitespace:

```
let trimmedWhiteSpace =
someString.stringByTrimmingCharactersInSet(NSCharacterSet.whitespaceCharacterSet())
// "Swift Language \n"
```

Removing only newline:

```
let trimmedNewLine =  
someString.stringByTrimmingCharactersInSet(NSCharacterSet.newlineCharacterSet())  
// " Swift Language "
```

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```
let someString = " Swift Language \n"  
  
let trimmedString = someString.trimmingCharacters(in: .whitespacesAndNewlines)  
// "Swift Language"  
  
let trimmedWhiteSpace = someString.trimmingCharacters(in: .whitespaces)  
// "Swift Language \n"  
  
let trimmedNewLine = someString.trimmingCharacters(in: .newlines)  
// " Swift Language "
```

Note: all these methods belong to Foundation. Use `import Foundation` if Foundation isn't already imported via other libraries like Cocoa or UIKit.

Chapter 13: Extensions

Section 13.1: What are Extensions?

Extensions are used to extend the functionality of existing types in Swift. Extensions can add subscripts, functions, initializers, and computed properties. They can also make types conform to protocols.

Suppose you want to be able to compute the **factorial** of an **Int**. You can add a computed property in an extension:

```
extension Int {
    var factorial: Int {
        return (1..self+1).reduce(1, combine: *)
    }
}
```

Then you can access the property just as if it had been included in original Int API.

```
let val1: Int = 10

val1.factorial // returns 3628800
```

Section 13.2: Variables and functions

Extensions can contain functions and computed/constant get variables. They are in the format

```
extension ExtensionOf {
    //new functions and get-variables
}
```

To reference the instance of the extended object, **self** can be used, just as it could be used

To create an extension of **String** that adds a **.length()** function which returns the length of the string, for example

```
extension String {
    func length() -> Int {
        return self.characters.count
    }
}
```

```
"Hello, World!".length() // 13
```

Extensions can also contain **get** variables. For example, adding a **.length** variable to the string which returns the length of the string

```
extension String {
    var length: Int {
        get {
            return self.characters.count
        }
    }
}
```

```
"Hello, World!".length // 13
```


Section 13.3: Initializers in Extensions

Extensions can contain convenience initializers. For example, a failable initializer for `Int` that accepts a `NSString`:

```
extension Int {
    init?(_ string: NSString) {
        self.init(string as String) // delegate to the existing Int.init(String) initializer
    }
}

let str1: NSString = "42"
Int(str1) // 42

let str2: NSString = "abc"
Int(str2) // nil
```

Section 13.4: Subscripts

Extensions can add new subscripts to an existing type.

This example gets the character inside a `String` using the given index:

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```
extension String {
    subscript(index: Int) -> Character {
        let newIndex = startIndex.advancedBy(index)
        return self[newIndex]
    }
}

var myString = "StackOverflow"
print(myString[2]) // a
print(myString[3]) // c
```

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```
extension String {
    subscript(offset: Int) -> Character {
        let newIndex = self.index(self.startIndex, offsetBy: offset)
        return self[newIndex]
    }
}

var myString = "StackOverflow"
print(myString[2]) // a
print(myString[3]) // c
```

Section 13.5: Protocol extensions

A very useful feature of Swift 2.2 is having the ability of extending protocols.

It works pretty much like abstract classes when regarding a functionality you want to be available in all the classes that implements some protocol (without having to inherit from a base common class).

```
protocol FooProtocol {
    func doSomething()
}

extension FooProtocol {
    func doSomething() {
```

```

        print("Hi")
    }
}

class Foo: FooProtocol {
    func myMethod() {
        doSomething() // By just implementing the protocol this method is available
    }
}

```

This is also possible using generics.

Section 13.6: Restrictions

It is possible to write a method on a generic type that is more restrictive using where sentence.

```

extension Array where Element: StringLiteralConvertible {
    func toUpperCase() -> [String] {
        var result = [String]()
        for value in self {
            result.append(String(value).uppercaseString)
        }
        return result
    }
}

```

Example of use

```

let array = ["a", "b", "c"]
let resultado = array.toUpperCase()

```

Section 13.7: What are extensions and when to use them

Extensions add new functionality to an existing class, structure, enumeration, or protocol type. This includes the ability to extend types for which you do not have access to the original source code.

Extensions in Swift can:

- Add computed properties and computed type properties
- Define instance methods and type methods
- Provide new initializers
- Define subscripts
- Define and use new nested types
- Make an existing type conform to a protocol

When to use Swift Extensions:

- Additional functionality to Swift
- Additional functionality to UIKit / Foundation
- Additional functionality without messing with other persons code
- Breakdown classes into: Data / Functionality / Delegate

When not to use:

- Extend your own classes from another file

Simple example:

```
extension Bool {  
    public mutating func toggle() -> Bool {  
        self = !self  
        return self  
    }  
}  
  
var myBool: Bool = true  
print(myBool.toggle()) // false
```

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Chapter 14: Sets

Section 14.1: Declaring Sets

Sets are unordered collections of unique values. Unique values must be of the same type.

```
var colors = Set<String>()
```

You can declare a set with values by using the array literal syntax.

```
var favoriteColors: Set<String> = ["Red", "Blue", "Green", "Blue"]  
// {"Blue", "Green", "Red"}
```

Section 14.2: Performing operations on sets

Common values from both sets:

You can use the `intersect(_ :)` method to create a new set containing all the values common to both sets.

```
let favoriteColors: Set = ["Red", "Blue", "Green"]  
let newColors: Set = ["Purple", "Orange", "Green"]  
  
let intersect = favoriteColors.intersect(newColors) // a AND b  
// intersect = {"Green"}
```

All values from each set:

You can use the `union(_ :)` method to create a new set containing all the unique values from each set.

```
let union = favoriteColors.union(newColors) // a OR b  
// union = {"Red", "Purple", "Green", "Orange", "Blue"}
```

Notice how the value "Green" only appears once in the new set.

Values that don't exist in both sets:

You can use the `exclusiveOr(_ :)` method to create a new set containing the unique values from either but not both sets.

```
let exclusiveOr = favoriteColors.exclusiveOr(newColors) // a XOR b  
// exclusiveOr = {"Red", "Purple", "Orange", "Blue"}
```

Notice how the value "Green" doesn't appear in the new set, since it was in both sets.

Values that are not in a set:

You can use the `subtract(_ :)` method to create a new set containing values that aren't in a specific set.

```
let subtract = favoriteColors.subtract(newColors) // a - (a AND b)  
// subtract = {"Blue", "Red"}
```

Notice how the value "Green" doesn't appear in the new set, since it was also in the second set.

Section 14.3: CountedSet

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Swift 3 introduces the `CountedSet` class (it's the Swift version of the `NSCountedSet` Objective-C class).

`CountedSet`, as suggested by the name, keeps track of how many times a value is present.

```
let countedSet = CountedSet()
countedSet.add(1)
countedSet.add(1)
countedSet.add(1)
countedSet.add(2)

countedSet.count(for: 1) // 3
countedSet.count(for: 2) // 1
```

Section 14.4: Modifying values in a set

```
var favoriteColors: Set = ["Red", "Blue", "Green"]
//favoriteColors = {"Blue", "Green", "Red"}
```

You can use the `insert(_:)` method to add a new item into a set.

```
favoriteColors.insert("Orange")
//favoriteColors = {"Red", "Green", "Orange", "Blue"}
```

You can use the `remove(_:)` method to remove an item from a set. It returns optional containing value that was removed or `nil` if value was not in the set.

```
let removedColor = favoriteColors.remove("Red")
//favoriteColors = {"Green", "Orange", "Blue"}
// removedColor = Optional("Red")

let anotherRemovedColor = favoriteColors.remove("Black")
// anotherRemovedColor = nil
```

Section 14.5: Checking whether a set contains a value

```
var favoriteColors: Set = ["Red", "Blue", "Green"]
//favoriteColors = {"Blue", "Green", "Red"}
```

You can use the `contains(_:)` method to check whether a set contains a value. It will return `true` if the set contains that value.

```
if favoriteColors.contains("Blue") {
    print("Who doesn't like blue!")
}
// Prints "Who doesn't like blue!"
```

Section 14.6: Adding values of my own type to a Set

In order to define a `Set` of your own type you need to conform your type to `Hashable`

```
struct Starship: Hashable {
```

```
let name: String
var hashCode: Int { return name.hashCode }
}

func ==(left:Starship, right: Starship) -> Bool {
    return left.name == right.name
}
```

Now you can create a `Set` of `Starship`(s)

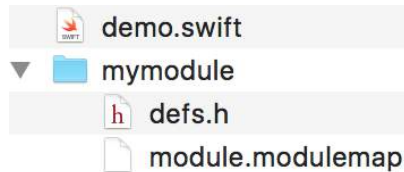
```
let ships : Set<Starship> = [Starship(name:"Enterprise D"), Starship(name:"Voyager"),
Starship(name:"Defiant") ]
```

Chapter 15: Working with C and Objective-C

Section 15.1: Use a module map to import C headers

A **module map** can simply `import` `mymodule` by configuring it to read C header files and make them appear as Swift functions.

Place a file named `module.modulemap` inside a directory named `mymodule`:



Inside the module map file:

```
// mymodule/module.modulemap
module mymodule {
    header "defs.h"
}
```

Then `import` the module:

```
// demo.swift
import mymodule
print("Empty color: \(Color())")
```

Use the `-I` flag to tell `swiftc` where to find the module:

```
swiftc -I . demo.swift # "-I ." means "search for modules in the current directory"
```

For more information about the module map syntax, see the [Clang documentation about module maps](#).

Section 15.2: Using Objective-C classes from Swift code

If `MyFramework` contains Objective-C classes in its public headers (and the umbrella header), then `import MyFramework` is all that's necessary to use them from Swift.

Bridging headers

A **bridging header** makes additional Objective-C and C declarations visible to Swift code. When adding project files, Xcode may offer to create a bridging header automatically:



Would you like to configure an Objective-C bridging header?

Adding this file to MyApp will create a mixed Swift and Objective-C target. Would you like Xcode to automatically configure a bridging header to enable classes to be accessed by both languages?

Cancel

Don't Create

Create Bridging Header

To create one manually, modify the **Objective-C Bridging Header** build setting:

▼ Swift Compiler - Code Generation

Setting	MyApp
Disable Safety Checks	No ↕
Install Objective-C Compatibility Header	Yes ↕
► Objective-C Bridging Header	MyApp/MyApp-Bridging-Header.h
Objective-C Generated Interface Header Name	MvApp-Swift.h

Inside the bridging header, import whichever files are necessary to use from code:

```
// MyApp-Bridging-Header.h
#import "MyClass.h" // allows code in this module to use MyClass
```

Generated Interface

Click the Related Items button (or press ?1), then select **Generated Interface** to see the Swift interface that will be generated from an Objective-C header.

```
1 //
2 // DemoViewController.h
3 // MyApp
4 //
5
6 #import <UIKit/UIKit.h>
7
8 @interface DemoViewController : UIViewController
9
10 - (void)displayDemo;
11
12 @end
13
```

```
1 //
2 // DemoViewController.h
3 // MyApp
4 //
5
6 import UIKit
7
8 public class DemoViewController : UIViewController {
9
10     public func displayDemo()
11 }
12
```


Section 15.3: Specify a bridging header to swiftc

The `-import-objc-header` flag specifies a header for `swiftc` to import:

```
// defs.h
struct Color {
    int red, green, blue;
};

#define MAX_VALUE 255

// demo.swift
extension Color: CustomStringConvertible { // extension on a C struct
    public var description: String {
        return "Color(red: \(red), green: \(green), blue: \(blue))"
    }
}
print("MAX_VALUE is: \(MAX_VALUE)") // C macro becomes a constant
let color = Color(red: 0xCA, green: 0xCA, blue: 0xD0) // C struct initializer
print("The color is \(color)")
```

\$ swiftc demo.swift -import-objc-header defs.h && ./demo MAX_VALUE is: 255 The color is Color(red: 202, green: 202, blue: 208)

Section 15.4: Use the C standard library

Swift's C interoperability allows you to use functions and types from the C standard library.

On Linux, the C standard library is exposed via the `Glibc` module; on Apple platforms it's called `Darwin`.

```
#if os(macOS) || os(iOS) || os(tvOS) || os(watchOS)
import Darwin
#elseif os(Linux)
import Glibc
#endif

// use open(), read(), and other libc features
```

Section 15.5: Fine-grained interoperation between Objective-C and Swift

When an API is marked with `NS_REFINED_FOR_SWIFT`, it will be prefixed with two underscores (`__`) when imported to Swift:

```
@interface MyClass : NSObject
- (NSInteger)indexOfObject:(id)obj
NS_REFINED_FOR_SWIFT; @end
```

The generated interface looks like this:

```
public class MyClass : NSObject {
    public func
    dexOfObject(obj: AnyObject) -> Int }
```

Now you can **replace the API** with a more "Swiftly" extension. In this case, we can use an optional return value, filtering out [NSNotFound](#):

```
extension MyClass {
    // Rather than returning NSNotFound if the object doesn't exist,
    // this "refined" API returns nil.
    func
```

xOfObject(obj: AnyObject) -> **Int?** { let idx = __indexOfObject(obj) if idx == NSNotFound { return nil } return idx } } //
Swift code, using "if let" as it should be: let myobj = MyClass() if let idx = myobj.indexOfObject(something) { // do
something with idx }

In most cases you might want to restrict whether or not an argument to an Objective-C function could be **nil**. This is done using **_Nonnull** keyword, which qualifies any pointer or block reference:

```
void
doStuff(const void *const _Nonnull data, void (^_Nonnull completion)())
{
    // complex asynchronous code
}
```

With that written, the compiler shall emit an error whenever we try to pass **nil** to that function from our Swift code:

```
doStuff(
    nil, // error: nil is not compatible with expected argument type 'UnsafeRawPointer'
    nil) // error: nil is not compatible with expected argument type '() -> Void'
```

The opposite of **_Nonnull** is **_Nullable**, which means that it is acceptable to pass **nil** in this argument. **_Nullable** is also the default; however, specifying it explicitly allows for more self-documented and future-proof code.

To further help the compiler with optimising your code, you also might want to specify if the block is escaping:

```
void
callNow(__attribute__((noescape))) void (^_Nonnull f)())
{
    // f is not stored anywhere
}
```

With this attribute we promise not to save the block reference and not to call the block after the function has finished execution.

Section 15.6: Using Swift classes from Objective-C code

In the same module

Inside a module named "**MyModule**", Xcode generates a header named **MyModule-Swift.h** which exposes public Swift classes to Objective-C. Import this header in order to use the Swift classes:

```
// MySwiftClass.swift in MyApp
import Foundation

// The class must be `public` to be visible, unless this target also has a bridging header
ic class MySwiftClass: NSObject { // ... }

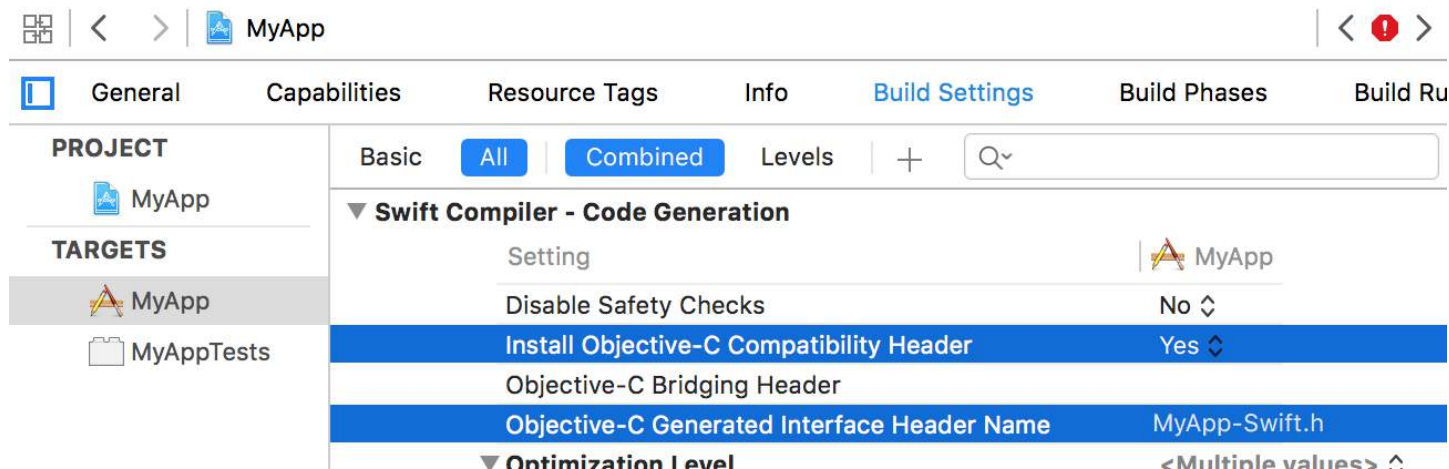
// MyViewController.m in MyApp

#import "MyViewController.h"
```

```
ort "MyApp-Swift.h" // import the generated interface #import <MyFramework/MyFramework-Swift.h> // or use
angle brackets for a framework target @implementation MyViewController - (void)demo { [[MySwiftClass alloc] init];
// use the Swift class } @end
```

Relevant build settings:

- **Objective-C Generated Interface Header Name:** controls the name of the generated Obj-C header.
- **Install Objective-C Compatibility Header:** whether the -Swift.h header should be a public header (for framework targets).



In another module

Using `@import MyFramework;` imports the whole module, including Obj-C interfaces to Swift classes (if the aforementioned build setting is enabled).

Chapter 16: Functions

Section 16.1: Basic Use

Functions can be declared without parameters or a return value. The only required information is a name (hello in this case).

```
func hello()
{
    print("Hello World")
}
```

Call a function with no parameters by writing its name followed by an empty pair of parenthesis.

```
hello()
//output: "Hello World"
```

Section 16.2: Functions with Parameters

Functions can take parameters so that their functionality can be modified. Parameters are given as a comma separated list with their types and names defined.

```
func magicNumber(number1: Int)
{
    print("\(number1) Is the magic number")
}
```

Note: The `\(number1)` syntax is basic String Interpolation and is used to insert the integer into the String.

Functions with parameters are called by specifying the function by name and supplying an input value of the type used in the function declaration.

```
magicNumber(5)
//output: "5 Is the magic number"
let example: Int = 10
magicNumber(example)
//output: "10 Is the magic number"
```

Any value of type `Int` could have been used.

```
func magicNumber(number1: Int, number2: Int)
{
    print("\(number1 + number2) Is the magic number")
}
```

When a function uses multiple parameters the name of the first parameter is not required for the first but is on subsequent parameters.

```
let ten: Int = 10
let five: Int = 5
magicNumber(ten, number2: five)
//output: "15 Is the magic number"
```

Use external parameter names to make function calls more readable.

```
func magicNumber(one number1: Int, two number2: Int)
{
    print("\(number1 + number2) Is the magic number")
}

let ten: Int = 10
let five: Int = 5
magicNumber(one: ten, two: five)
```

Setting the default value in the function declaration allows you to call the function without giving any input values.

```
func magicNumber(one number1: Int = 5, two number2: Int = 10)
{
    print("\(number1 + number2) Is the magic number")
}

magicNumber()
//output: "15 Is the magic number"
```

Section 16.3: Subscripts

Classes, structures, and enumerations can define subscripts, which are shortcuts for accessing the member elements of a collection, list, or sequence.

Example

```
struct DaysOfWeek {

    var days = ["Sun", "Mon", "Tue", "Wed", "Thu", "Fri", "Sat"]

    subscript(index: Int) -> String {
        get {
            return days[index]
        }
        set {
            days[index] = newValue
        }
    }
}
```

Subscript Usage

```
var week = DaysOfWeek()
//you access an element of an array at index by array[index].
debugPrint(week[1])
debugPrint(week[0])
week[0] = "Sunday"
debugPrint(week[0])
```

Subscripts Options:

Subscripts can take any number of input parameters, and these input parameters can be of any type. Subscripts can also return any type. Subscripts can use variable parameters and variadic parameters, but cannot use in-out parameters or provide default parameter values.

Example:

```
struct Food {
```

```
enum MealTime {
    case Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
}

var meals: [MealTime: String] = [:]

subscript (type: MealTime) -> String? {
    get {
        return meals[type]
    }
    set {
        meals[type] = newValue
    }
}
```

Usage

```
var diet = Food()
diet[.Breakfast] = "Scrambled Eggs"
diet[.Lunch] = "Rice"

debugPrint("I had \(diet[.Breakfast]) for breakfast")
```

Section 16.4: Methods

Instance methods are functions that belong to instances of a type in Swift (a class, struct, enumeration, or protocol). **Type methods** are called on a type itself.

Instance Methods

Instance methods are defined with a `func` declaration inside the definition of the type, or in an extension.

```
class Counter {
    var count = 0
    func increment() {
        count += 1
    }
}
```

The `increment()` instance method is called on an instance of the `Counter` class:

```
let counter = Counter() // create an instance of Counter class
counter.increment()     // call the instance method on this instance
```

Type Methods

Type methods are defined with the `static func` keywords. (For classes, `class func` defines a type method that can be overridden by subclasses.)

```
class SomeClass {
    class func someTypeMethod() {
        // type method implementation goes here
    }
}

SomeClass.someTypeMethod() // type method is called on the SomeClass type itself
```

Section 16.5: Variadic Parameters

Sometimes, it's not possible to list the number of parameters a function could need. Consider a `sum` function:

```
func sum(_ a: Int, _ b: Int) -> Int {  
    return a + b  
}
```

This works fine for finding the sum of two numbers, but for finding the sum of three we'd have to write another function:

```
func sum(_ a: Int, _ b: Int, _ c: Int) -> Int {  
    return a + b + c  
}
```

and one with four parameters would need another one, and so on. Swift makes it possible to define a function with a variable number of parameters using a sequence of three periods: `...`. For example,

```
func sum(_ numbers: Int...) -> Int {  
    return numbers.reduce(0, combine: +)  
}
```

Notice how the `numbers` parameter, which is variadic, is coalesced into a single `Array` of type `[Int]`. This is true in general, variadic parameters of type `T...` are accessible as a `[T]`.

This function can now be called like so:

```
let a = sum(1, 2) // a == 3  
let b = sum(3, 4, 5, 6, 7) // b == 25
```

A variadic parameter in Swift doesn't have to come at the end of the parameter list, but there can only be one in each function signature.

Sometimes, it's convenient to put a minimum size on the number of parameters. For example, it doesn't really make sense to take the sum of no values. An easy way to enforce this is by putting some non-variadic required parameters and then adding the variadic parameter after. To make sure that `sum` can only be called with at least two parameters, we can write

```
func sum(_ n1: Int, _ n2: Int, _ numbers: Int...) -> Int {  
    return numbers.reduce(n1 + n2, combine: +)  
}  
  
sum(1, 2) // ok  
sum(3, 4, 5, 6, 7) // ok  
sum(1) // not ok  
sum() // not ok
```

Section 16.6: Operators are Functions

Operators such as `+`, `-`, `??` are a kind of function named using symbols rather than letters. They are invoked differently from functions:

- Prefix: `>x`
- Infix: `x > y`
- Postfix: `xb>`

You can read more about [basic operators](#) and [advanced operators](#) in The Swift Programming Language.

Section 16.7: Passing and returning functions

The following function is returning another function as its result which can be later assigned to a variable and called:

```
func jediTrainer () -> ((String, Int) -> String) {
    func train(name: String, times: Int) -> (String) {
        return "\(name) has been trained in the Force \(times) times"
    }
    return train
}

let train = jediTrainer()
train("Obi Wan", 3)
```

Section 16.8: Function types

Every function has its own function type, made up of the parameter types and the return type of the function itself. For example the following function:

```
func sum(x: Int, y: Int) -> (result: Int) { return x + y }
```

has a function type of:

```
(Int, Int) -> (Int)
```

Function types can thus be used as parameters types or as return types for nesting functions.

Section 16.9: Inout Parameters

Functions can modify the parameters passed to them if they are marked with the `inout` keyword. When passing an `inout` parameter to a function, the caller must add a `&` to the variable being passed.

```
func updateFruit(fruit: inout Int) {
    fruit -= 1
}

var apples = 30 // Prints "There's 30 apples"
print("There's \(apples) apples")

updateFruit(fruit: &apples)

print("There's now \(apples) apples") // Prints "There's 29 apples".
```

This allows reference semantics to be applied to types which would normally have value semantics.

Section 16.10: Throwing Errors

If you want a function to be able to throw errors, you need to add the `throws` keyword after the parentheses that hold the arguments:

```
func errorThrower()throws -> String {}
```


When you want to throw an error, use the throw keyword:

```
func errorThrower()throws -> String {
    if true {
        return "True"
    } else {
        // Throwing an error
        throw Error.error
    }
}
```

If you want to call a function that can throw an error, you need to use the try keyword in a do block:

```
do {
    try errorThrower()
}
```

For more on Swift errors: Errors

Section 16.11: Returning Values

Functions can return values by specifying the type after the list of parameters.

```
func findHypotenuse(a: Double, b: Double) -> Double
{
    return sqrt((a * a) + (b * b))
}

let c = findHypotenuse(3, b: 5)
//c = 5.830951894845301
```

Functions can also return multiple values using tuples.

```
func maths(number: Int) -> (times2: Int, times3: Int)
{
    let two = number * 2
    let three = number * 3
    return (two, three)
}

let resultTuple = maths(5)
//resultTuple = (10, 15)
```

Section 16.12: Trailing Closure Syntax

When the last parameter of a function is a closure

```
func loadData(id: String, completion:(result: String) -> ()) {
    // ...
    completion(result:"This is the result data")
}
```

the function can be invoked using the Trailing Closure Syntax

```
loadData("123") { result in
    print(result)
}
```

Section 16.13: Functions With Closures

Using functions that take in and execute closures can be extremely useful for sending a block of code to be executed elsewhere. We can start by allowing our function to take in an optional closure that will (in this case) return `Void`.

```
func closedFunc(block: (() -> Void)? = nil) {  
    print("Just beginning")  
  
    if let block = block {  
        block()  
    }  
}
```

Now that our function has been defined, let's call it and pass in some code:

```
closedFunc() { Void in  
    print("Over already")  
}
```

By using a **trailing closure** with our function call, we can pass in code (in this case, `print`) to be executed at some point within our `closedFunc()` function.

The log should print:

```
Just beginning  
  
Over already
```

A more specific use case of this could include the execution of code between two classes:

```
class ViewController: UIViewController {  
  
    override func viewDidLoad() {  
        let _ = A.init(){Void in self.action(2)}  
    }  
  
    func action(i: Int) {  
        print(i)  
    }  
}  
  
class A: NSObject {  
    var closure : ()?  
  
    init(closure: (() -> Void)? = nil) {  
        // Notice how this is executed before the closure  
        print("1")  
        // Make sure closure isn't nil  
        self.closure = closure?()  
    }  
}
```

The log should print:

1

2

Chapter 17: Numbers

Section 17.1: Number types and literals

Swift's built-in numeric types are:

- Word-sized (architecture-dependent) signed [Int](#) and unsigned [UInt](#).
- Fixed-size signed integers [Int8](#), [Int16](#), [Int32](#), [Int64](#), and unsigned integers [UInt8](#), [UInt16](#), [UInt32](#), [UInt64](#).
- Floating-point types [Float32/Float](#), [Float64/Double](#), and [Float80](#) (x86-only).

Literals

A numeric literal's type is inferred from context:

```
let x = 42      // x is Int by default
let y = 42.0    // y is Double by default

let z: UInt = 42      // z is UInt
let w: Float = -1     // w is Float
let q = 100 as Int8   // q is Int8
```

Underscores (_) may be used to separate digits in numeric literals. Leading zeros are ignored.

Floating point literals may be specified using [significand](#) and exponent parts (gnificand» **e** «*exponent*» for decimal; **b**» «*significand*» **p** «*exponent*» for hexadecimal).

Integer literal syntax

```
let decimal = 10           // ten
let decimal = -1000        // negative one thousand
let decimal = -1_000       // equivalent to -1000
let decimal = 42_42_42     // equivalent to 424242
let decimal = 0755         // equivalent to 755, NOT 493 as in some other languages
let decimal = 0123456789

let hexadecimal = 0x10      // equivalent to 16
let hexadecimal = 0x7FFFFFFF
let hexadecimal = 0xBadFace
let hexadecimal = 0x0123_4567_89ab_cdef

let octal = 0o10           // equivalent to 8
let octal = 0o755         // equivalent to 493
let octal = -0o0123_4567

let binary = -0b101010     // equivalent to -42
let binary = 0b111_101_101 // equivalent to 0o755
let binary = 0b1011_1010_1101 // equivalent to 0xB_A_D
```

Floating-point literal syntax

```
let decimal = 0.0
let decimal = -42.0123456789
let decimal = 1_000.234_567_89

let decimal = 4.567e5       // equivalent to 4.567×105, or 456_700.0
let decimal = -2E-4         // equivalent to -2×10-4, or -0.0002
let decimal = 1e+0          // equivalent to 1×100, or 1.0

let hexadecimal = 0x1p0     // equivalent to 1×20, or 1.0
let hexadecimal = 0x1p-2    // equivalent to 1×2-2, or 0.25
```

```
let hexadecimal = 0xFEEDp+3 // equivalent to 65261×2³, or 522088.0
let hexadecimal = 0x1234.5P4 // equivalent to 0x12345, or 74565.0
let hexadecimal = 0x123.45P8 // equivalent to 0x12345, or 74565.0
let hexadecimal = 0x12.345P12 // equivalent to 0x12345, or 74565.0
let hexadecimal = 0x1.2345P16 // equivalent to 0x12345, or 74565.0
let hexadecimal = 0x0.12345P20 // equivalent to 0x12345, or 74565.0
```

Section 17.2: Convert numbers to/from strings

Use String initializers for converting numbers into strings:

```
String(1635999) // returns "1635999"
String(1635999, radix: 10) // returns "1635999"
String(1635999, radix: 2) // returns "110001111011010011111"
String(1635999, radix: 16) // returns "18f69f"
String(1635999, radix: 16, uppercase: true) // returns "18F69F"
String(1635999, radix: 17) // returns "129gf4"
String(1635999, radix: 36) // returns "z2cf"
```

Or use string interpolation for simple cases:

```
let x = 42, y = 9001
"Between \(\x) and \(\y)" // equivalent to "Between 42 and 9001"
```

Use initializers of numeric types to convert strings into numbers:

```
if let num = Int("42") { /* ... */ } // num is 42
if let num = Int("Z2cF") { /* ... */ } // returns nil (not a number)
if let num = Int("z2cf", radix: 36) { /* ... */ } // num is 1635999
if let num = Int("Z2cF", radix: 36) { /* ... */ } // num is 1635999
if let num = Int8("Z2cF", radix: 36) { /* ... */ } // returns nil (too large for Int8)
```

Section 17.3: Rounding

round

Rounds the value to the nearest whole number with x.5 rounding up (but note that -x.5 rounds down).

```
round(3.000) // 3
round(3.001) // 3
round(3.499) // 3
round(3.500) // 4
round(3.999) // 4

round(-3.000) // -3
round(-3.001) // -3
round(-3.499) // -3
round(-3.500) // -4 *** careful here ***
round(-3.999) // -4
```

ceil

Rounds any number with a decimal value up to the next larger whole number.

```
ceil(3.000) // 3
ceil(3.001) // 4
ceil(3.999) // 4
```

```
ceil(-3.000) // -3
ceil(-3.001) // -3
ceil(-3.999) // -3
```

floor

Rounds any number with a decimal value down to the next smaller whole number.

```
floor(3.000) // 3
floor(3.001) // 3
floor(3.999) // 3

floor(-3.000) // -3
floor(-3.001) // -4
floor(-3.999) // -4
```

Int

Converts a `Double` to an `Int`, dropping any decimal value.

```
Int(3.000) // 3
Int(3.001) // 3
Int(3.999) // 3

Int(-3.000) // -3
Int(-3.001) // -3
Int(-3.999) // -3
```

Notes

- `round`, `ceil` and `floor` handle both 64 and 32 bit architecture.

Section 17.4: Random number generation

```
arc4random_uniform(someNumber: UInt32) -> UInt32
```

This gives you random integers in the range 0 to `someNumber - 1`.

The maximum value for `UInt32` is 4,294,967,295 (that is, $2^{32} - 1$).

Examples:

- Coin flip

```
let flip = arc4random_uniform(2) // 0 or 1
```

- Dice roll

```
let roll = arc4random_uniform(6) + 1 // 1...6
```

- Random day in October

```
let day = arc4random_uniform(31) + 1 // 1...31
```

- Random year in the 1990s

```
let year = 1990 + arc4random_uniform(10)
```

General form:

```
let number = min + arc4random_uniform(max - min + 1)
```

where `number`, `max`, and `min` are `UInt32`.

Notes

- There is a slight modulo bias with `arc4random` so `arc4random_uniform` is preferred.
- You can cast a `UInt32` value to an `Int` but just beware of going out of range.

Section 17.5: Convert one numeric type to another

```
func doSomething1(value: Double) { /* ... */ }
func doSomething2(value: UInt) { /* ... */ }

let x = 42 // x is an Int
doSomething1(Double(x)) // convert x to a Double
doSomething2(UInt(x)) // convert x to a UInt
```

Integer initializers produce a **runtime error** if the value overflows or underflows:

```
Int8(-129.0) // fatal error: floating point value cannot be converted to Int8 because it is less
              than Int8.min
Int8(-129)   // crash: EXC_BAD_INSTRUCTION / SIGILL
Int8(-128)   // ok
Int8(-2)     // ok
Int8(17)     // ok
Int8(127)    // ok
Int8(128)    // crash: EXC_BAD_INSTRUCTION / SIGILL
Int8(128.0)  // fatal error: floating point value cannot be converted to Int8 because it is greater
              than Int8.max
```

Float-to-integer conversion **rounds values towards zero**:

```
Int(-2.2) // -2
Int(-1.9) // -1
Int(-0.1) // 0
Int(1.0)  // 1
Int(1.2)  // 1
Int(1.9)  // 1
Int(2.0)  // 2
```

Integer-to-float conversion may be **lossy**:

```
Int(Float(1_000_000_000_000_000_000)) // 999999984306749440
```

Section 17.6: Exponentiation

In Swift, we can **exponentiate** `Doubles` with the built-in `pow()` method:

```
pow(BASE, EXPONENT)
```

In the code below, the base (5) is set to the power of the exponent (2):

```
let number = pow(5.0, 2.0) // Equals 25
```

Chapter 18: Classes

Section 18.1: Defining a Class

You define a class like this:

```
class Dog {}
```

A class can also be a subclass of another class:

```
class Animal {}  
class Dog: Animal {}
```

In this example, `Animal` could also be a protocol that `Dog` conforms to.

Section 18.2: Properties and Methods

Classes can define properties that instances of the class can use. In this example, `Dog` has two properties: `name` and `dogYearAge`:

```
class Dog {  
    var name = ""  
    var dogYearAge = 0  
}
```

You can access the properties with dot syntax:

```
let dog = Dog()  
print(dog.name)  
print(dog.dogYearAge)
```

Classes can also define methods that can be called on the instances, they are declared similar to normal functions, just inside the class:

```
class Dog {  
    func bark() {  
        print("Ruff!")  
    }  
}
```

Calling methods also uses dot syntax:

```
dog.bark()
```

Section 18.3: Reference Semantics

Classes are **reference types**, meaning that multiple variables can refer to the same instance.

```
class Dog {  
    var name = ""  
}  
  
let firstDog = Dog()  
firstDog.name = "Fido"
```



```
let otherDog = firstDog // otherDog points to
```

same Dog instance otherDog.name = "Rover" // modifying otherDog **also modifies firstDog** print(firstDog.name) // prints "Rover"

Because classes are reference types, even if the class is a constant, its variable properties can still be modified.

```
class Dog {
    var name: String // name is a variable property.
    let age: Int // age is a constant property.
    init(name: String, age: Int) {
        self.name = name
        self.age = age
    }
}

let constantDog = Dog(name: "Rover", age: 5) // This instance is a constant.
var variableDog = Dog(name: "Spot", age: 7) // This instance is a variable.

constantDog.name = "Fido" // Not an error because name is a variable property.
constantDog.age = 6 // Error because age is a constant property.
constantDog = Dog(name: "Fido", age: 6)
/* The last one is an error because you are changing the actual reference, not
just what the reference points to. */

variableDog.name = "Ace" // Not an error because name is a variable property.
variableDog.age = 8 // Error because age is a constant property.
variableDog = Dog(name: "Ace", age: 8)
/* The last one is not an error because variableDog is a variable instance and
therefore the actual reference can be changed. */
```

Test whether two objects are *identical* (point to the exact same instance) using

===

:

```
class Dog: Equatable {
    let name: String
    init(name: String) { self.name = name }
}

// Consider two dogs equal if their names are equal.
func ==(lhs: Dog, rhs: Dog) -> Bool {
    return lhs.name == rhs.name
}

// Create two Dog instances which have the same name.
let spot1 = Dog(name: "Spot")
let spot2 = Dog(name: "Spot")

spot1 == spot2 // true, because the dogs are equal
spot1 != spot2 // false

spot1 === spot2 // false, because the dogs are different instances
spot1 !== spot2 // true
```

Section 18.4: Classes and Multiple Inheritance

Swift does not support multiple inheritance. That is, you cannot inherit from more than one class.

```
class Animal { ... }
class Pet { ... }

class Dog: Animal, Pet { ... } // This will result in a compiler error.
```

Instead you are encouraged to use composition when creating your types. This can be accomplished by using protocols.

Section 18.5: deinit

```
class ClassA {

    var timer: NSTimer!

    init() {
        // initialize timer
    }

    deinit {
        // code
        timer.invalidate()
    }

}
```

Chapter 19: Conditionals

Conditional expressions, involving keywords such as `if`, `else if`, and `else`, provide Swift programs with the ability to perform different actions depending on a Boolean condition: `True` or `False`. This section covers the use of Swift conditionals, Boolean logic, and ternary statements.

Section 19.1: Optional binding and "where" clauses

Optionals must be *unwrapped* before they can be used in most expressions. `if let` is an *optional binding*, which succeeds if the optional value was **not** `nil`:

```
let num: Int? = 10 // or: let num: Int? = nil

if let unwrappedNum = num {
    // num has type Int?; unwrappedNum has type Int
    print("num was not nil: \(unwrappedNum + 1)")
} else {
    print("num was nil")
}
```

You can reuse the **same name** for the newly bound variable, shadowing the original:

```
// num originally has type Int?
if let num = num {
    // num has type Int inside this block
}
```

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Combine multiple optional bindings with commas (,):

```
if let unwrappedNum = num, let unwrappedStr = str {
    // Do something with unwrappedNum & unwrappedStr
} else if let unwrappedNum = num {
    // Do something with unwrappedNum
} else {
    // num was nil
}
```

Apply further constraints after the optional binding using a `where` clause:

```
if let unwrappedNum = num where unwrappedNum % 2 == 0 { print("num is non-nil, and it's an even number") }
```

If you're feeling adventurous, interleave any number of optional bindings and `where` clauses:

```
if let num = num                                // num must be non-nil
   where num % 2 == 1,                          // num must be odd
   let str = str,                               // str must be non-nil
   let firstChar = str.characters.first         // str must also be non-empty
   where firstChar != "x"                      // the first character must not be "x"
{
    // all bindings & conditions succeeded!
}
```

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In Swift 3, `where` clauses have been replaced ([SE-0099](#)): simply use another `,` to separate optional bindings and boolean conditions.

```
if let unwrappedNum = numwrappedNum % 2 == 0 { print("num is non-nil, and it's an even number") } if let num = num, // num must be non-nil num % 2 == 1, // num must be odd let str = str, // str must be non-nil let firstChar = str.characters.first, // str must also be non-empty firstChar != "x" // the first character must not be "x" { // all bindings & conditions succeeded! }
```

Section 19.2: Using Guard

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Guard checks for a condition, and if it is false, it enters the branch. Guard check branches must leave its enclosing block either via `return`, `break`, or `continue` (if applicable); failing to do so results in a compiler error. This has the advantage that when a guard is written it's not possible to let the flow continue accidentally (as would be possible with an `if`).

Using guards can help [keep nesting levels low](#), which usually improves the readability of the code.

```
func printNum(num: Int) {
    guard num == 10 else {
        print("num is not 10")
        return
    }
    print("num is 10")
}
```

Guard can also check if there is a value in an optional, and then unwrap it in the outer scope:

```
func printOptionalNum(num: Int?) {
    guard let unwrappedNum = num else {
        print("num does not exist")
        return
    }
    print(unwrappedNum)
}
```

Guard can combine optional unwrapping and condition check using `where` keyword:

```
func printOptionalNum(num: Int?) {
    guard let unwrappedNum = num, unwrappedNum == 10 else {
        print("num does not exist or is not 10")
        return
    }
    print(unwrappedNum)
}
```

Section 19.3: Basic conditionals: if-statements

An **if statement** checks whether a `Bool` condition is `true`:

```
let num = 10

if num == 10 {
    // Code inside this block only executes if the condition was true.
    print("num is 10")
}

let condition = num == 10 // condition's type is Bool
if condition {
```

```
print("num is 10")
}
```

if statements accept **else if** and **else** blocks, which can test alternate conditions and provide a fallback:

```
let num = 10
if num < 10 { // Execute the following code if the first condition is true.
    print("num is less than 10")
} else if num == 10 { // Or, if not, check the next condition...
    print("num is 10")
} else { // If all else fails...
    print("all other conditions were false, so num is greater than 10")
}
```

Basic operators like **&&** and **||** can be used for multiple conditions:

The logical AND operator

```
let num = 10
let str = "Hi"
if num == 10 && str == "Hi" {
    print("num is 10, AND str is \"Hi\"")
}
```

If num == 10 was false, the second value wouldn't be evaluated. This is known as short-circuit evaluation.

The logical OR operator

```
if num == 10 || str == "Hi" {
    print("num is 10, or str is \"Hi\"")
}
```

If num == 10 is true, the second value wouldn't be evaluated.

The logical NOT operator

```
if !str.isEmpty {
    print("str is not empty")
}
```

Section 19.4: Ternary operator

Conditions may also be evaluated in a single line using the ternary operator:

If you wanted to determine the minimum and maximum of two variables, you could use if statements, like so:

```
let a = 5
let b = 10
let min: Int

if a < b {
    min = a
} else {
    min = b
}

let max: Int

if a > b {
    max = a
}
```

```

} else {
    max = b
}

```

The ternary conditional operator takes a condition and returns one of two values, depending on whether the condition was true or false. The syntax is as follows: This is equivalent of having the expression:

```

(<CONDITION>) ? <TRUE VALUE> : <FALSE VALUE>

```

The above code can be rewritten using ternary conditional operator as below:

```

let a = 5
let b = 10
let min = a < b ? a : b
let max = a > b ? a : b

```

In the first example, the condition is `a < b`. If this is true, the result assigned back to `min` will be of `a`; if it's false, the result will be the value of `b`.

Note: Because finding the greater or smaller of two numbers is such a common operation, the Swift standard library provides two functions for this purpose: `max` and `min`.

Section 19.5: Nil-Coalescing Operator

The nil-coalescing operator `<OPTIONAL> ?? <DEFAULT VALUE>` unwraps the `<OPTIONAL>` if it contains a value, or returns `<DEFAULT VALUE>` if is nil. `<OPTIONAL>` is always of an optional type. `<DEFAULT VALUE>` must match the type that is stored inside `<OPTIONAL>`.

The nil-coalescing operator is shorthand for the code below that uses a ternary operator:

```

a != nil ? a! : b

```

this can be verified by the code below:

```

(a ?? b) == (a != nil ? a! : b) // outputs true

```

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```

let defaultSpeed:String = "Slow"
var userEnteredSpeed:String? = nil

print(userEnteredSpeed ?? defaultSpeed) // outputs "Slow"

userEnteredSpeed = "Fast"
print(userEnteredSpeed ?? defaultSpeed) // outputs "Fast"

```

Chapter 20: Variables & Properties

Section 20.1: Creating a Variable

Declare a new variable with `var`, followed by a name, type, and value:

```
var num: Int = 10
```

Variables can have their values changed:

```
num = 20 // num now equals 20
```

Unless they're defined with `let`:

```
let num: Int = 10 // num cannot change
```

Swift infers the type of variable, so you don't always have to declare variable type:

```
let ten = 10 // num is an Int
let pi = 3.14 // pi is a Double
let floatPi: Float = 3.14 // floatPi is a Float
```

Variable names aren't restricted to letters and numbers - they can also contain most other unicode characters, although there are some restrictions

Constant and variable names cannot contain whitespace characters, mathematical symbols, arrows, private-use (or invalid) Unicode code points, or line- and box-drawing characters. Nor can they begin with a number

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```
var ?: Double = 3.14159
var ?????????: String = "Apples"
```

Section 20.2: Property Observers

Property observers respond to changes to a property's value.

```
var myProperty = 5 {
    willSet {
        print("Will set to \(newValue). It was previously \(myProperty)")
    }
    didSet {
        print("Did set to \(myProperty). It was previously \(oldValue)")
    }
}
myProperty = 6
// prints: Will set to 6, It was previously 5
// prints: Did set to 6. It was previously 5
```

- `willSet` is called **before** `myProperty` is set. The new value is available as `newValue`, and the old value is still available as `myProperty`.
- `didSet` is called **after** `myProperty` is set. The old value is available as `oldValue`, and the new value is now

available as `myProperty` .

Note: `didSet` and `willSet` will not be called in the following cases:

- Assigning an initial value
 - Modifying the variable within its own `didSet` or `willSet`
-
- The parameter names for `oldValue` and `newValue` of `didSet` and `willSet` can also be declared to increase readability:

```
var myFontSize = 10 {
    willSet(newFontSize) {
        print("Will set font to \(newFontSize), it was \(myFontSize)")
    }
    didSet(oldFontSize) {
        print("Did set font to \(myFontSize), it was \(oldFontSize)")
    }
}
```

Caution: While it is supported to declare setter parameter names, one should be cautious not to mix names up:

- `willSet(oldValue)` and `didSet(newValue)` are entirely legal, but will considerably confuse readers of your code.

Section 20.3: Lazy Stored Properties

Lazy stored properties have values that are not calculated until first accessed. This is useful for memory saving when the variable's calculation is computationally expensive. You declare a lazy property with `lazy`:

```
lazy var veryExpensiveVariable = expensiveMethod()
```

Often it is assigned to a return value of a closure:

```
lazy var veryExpensiveString = { () -> String in
    var str = expensiveStrFetch()
    str.expensiveManipulation(integer: arc4random_uniform(5))
    return str
}()
```

Lazy stored properties must be declared with `var`.

Section 20.4: Property Basics

Properties can be added to a class or struct (technically enums too, see "Computed Properties" example). These add values that associate with instances of classes/structs:

```
class Dog {
    var name = ""
}
```

In the above case, instances of `Dog` have a property named `name` of type `String`. The property can be accessed and modified on instances of `Dog`:


```
let myDog = Dog()
myDog.name = "Doggy" // myDog's name is now "Doggy"
```

These types of properties are considered **stored properties**, as they store something on an object and affect its memory.

Section 20.5: Computed Properties

Different from stored properties, **computed properties** are built with a getter and a setter, performing necessary code when accessed and set. Computed properties must define a type:

```
var pi = 3.14

class Circle {
    var radius = 0.0
    var circumference: Double {
        get {
            return pi * radius * 2
        }
        set {
            radius = newValue / pi / 2
        }
    }
}

let circle = Circle()
circle.radius = 1
print(circle.circumference) // Prints "6.28"
circle.circumference = 14
print(circle.radius) // Prints "2.229..."
```

A read-only computed property is still declared with a **var**:

```
var circumference: Double {
    get {
        return pi * radius * 2
    }
}
```

Read-only computed properties can be shortened to exclude **get**:

```
var circumference: Double {
    return pi * radius * 2
}
```

Section 20.6: Local and Global Variables

Local variables are defined within a function, method, or closure:

```
func printSomething() {
    let localString = "I'm local!"
    print(localString)
}

func printSomethingAgain() {
    print(localString) // error
}
```

Global variables are defined outside of a function, method, or closure, and are not defined within a type (think outside of all brackets). They can be used anywhere:

```
let globalString = "I'm global!"
print(globalString)

func useGlobalString() {
    print(globalString) // works!
}

for i in 0..<2 {
    print(globalString) // works!
}

class GlobalStringUser {
    var computeGlobalString {
        return globalString // works!
    }
}
```

Global variables are defined lazily (see "Lazy Properties" example).

Section 20.7: Type Properties

Type properties are properties on the type itself, not on the instance. They can be both stored or computed properties. You declare a type property with `static`:

```
struct Dog {
    static var noise = "Bark!"
}

print(Dog.noise) // Prints "Bark!"
```

In a class, you can use the `class` keyword instead of `static` to make it overridable. However, you can only apply this on computed properties:

```
class Animal {
    class var noise: String {
        return "Animal noise!"
    }
}

class Pig: Animal {
    override class var noise: String {
        return "Oink oink!"
    }
}
```

This is used often with the singleton pattern.

Chapter 21: Tuples

A tuple type is a comma-separated list of types, enclosed in parentheses.

This list of types also can have name of the elements and use those names to refer to the values of the individual elements.

An element name consists of an identifier followed immediately by a colon (:).

Common use -

We can use a tuple type as the return type of a function to enable the function to return a single tuple containing multiple values

Section 21.1: What are Tuples?

Tuples group multiple values into a single compound value. The values within a tuple can be of any type and do not have to be of the same type as each other.

Tuples are created by grouping any amount of values:

```
let tuple = ("one", 2, "three")

// Values are read using index numbers starting at zero
print(tuple.0) // one
print(tuple.1) // 2
print(tuple.2) // three
```

Also individual values can be named when the tuple is defined:

```
let namedTuple = (first: 1, middle: "dos", last: 3)

// Values can be read with the named property
print(namedTuple.first) // 1
print(namedTuple.middle) // dos

// And still with the index number
print(namedTuple.2) // 3
```

They can also be named when being used as a variable and even have the ability to have optional values inside:

```
var numbers: (optionalFirst: Int?, middle: String, last: Int)?

//Later On
numbers = (nil, "dos", 3)

print(numbers.optionalFirst)// nil
print(numbers.middle)//"dos"
print(numbers.last)//3
```

Section 21.2: Decomposing into individual variables

Tuples can be decomposed into individual variables with the following syntax:

```
let myTuple = (name: "Some Name", age: 26)
let (first, second) = myTuple
```

```
print(first) // "Some Name"
print(second) // 26
```

This syntax can be used regardless of if the tuple has unnamed properties:

```
let unnamedTuple = ("uno", "dos")
let (one, two) = unnamedTuple
print(one) // "uno"
print(two) // "dos"
```

Specific properties can be ignored by using underscore (_):

```
let longTuple = ("ichi", "ni", "san")
let (_, _, third) = longTuple
print(third) // "san"
```

Section 21.3: Tuples as the Return Value of Functions

Functions can return tuples:

```
func tupleReturner() -> (Int, String) {
    return (3, "Hello")
}

let myTuple = tupleReturner()
print(myTuple.0) // 3
print(myTuple.1) // "Hello"
```

If you assign parameter names, they can be used from the return value:

```
func tupleReturner() -> (anInteger: Int, aString: String) {
    return (3, "Hello")
}

let myTuple = tupleReturner()
print(myTuple.anInteger) // 3
print(myTuple.aString) // "Hello"
```

Section 21.4: Using a typealias to name your tuple type

Occasionally you may want to use the same tuple type in multiple places throughout your code. This can quickly get messy, especially if your tuple is complex:

```
// Define a circle tuple by its center point and radius
let unitCircle: (center: (x: CGFloat, y: CGFloat), radius: CGFloat) = ((0.0, 0.0), 1.0)

func doubleRadius(ofCircle circle: (center: (x: CGFloat, y: CGFloat), radius: CGFloat)) -> (center:
(x: CGFloat, y: CGFloat), radius: CGFloat) {
    return (circle.center, circle.radius * 2.0)
}
```

If you use a certain tuple type in more than one place, you can use the [typealias](#) keyword to name your tuple type.

```
// Define a circle tuple by its center point and radius
typealias Circle = (center: (x: CGFloat, y: CGFloat), radius: CGFloat)

let unitCircle: Circle = ((0.0, 0.0), 1)
```

```
func doubleRadius(ofCircle circle: Circle) -> Circle {
    // Aliased tuples also have access to value labels in the original tuple type.
    return (circle.center, circle.radius * 2.0)
}
```

If you find yourself doing this too often, however, you should consider using a `struct` instead.

Section 21.5: Swapping values

Tuples are useful to swap values between 2 (or more) variables without using temporary variables.

Example with 2 variables

Given 2 variables

```
var a = "Marty McFly"
var b = "Emmett Brown"
```

we can easily swap the values

```
(a, b) = (b, a)
```

Result:

```
print(a) // "Emmett Brown"
print(b) // "Marty McFly"
```

Example with 4 variables

```
var a = 0
var b = 1
var c = 2
var d = 3
```

```
(a, b, c, d) = (d, c, b, a)
```

```
print(a, b, c, d) // 3, 2, 1, 0
```

Section 21.6: Tuples as Case in Switch

Use tuples in a switch

```
let switchTuple = (firstCase: true, secondCase: false)

switch switchTuple {
    case (true, false):
        // do something
    case (true, true):
        // do something
    case (false, true):
        // do something
    case (false, false):
        // do something
}
```

Or in combination with an Enum For example with Size Classes:

```
let switchTuple = (UIUserInterfaceSizeClass.Compact, UIUserInterfaceSizeClass.Regular)
```

```
switch switchTuple {
case (.Regular, .Compact):
    //statement
case (.Regular, .Regular):
    //statement
case (.Compact, .Regular):
    //statement
case (.Compact, .Compact):
    //statement
}
```

Chapter 22: Booleans

Section 22.1: What is Bool?

`Bool` is a [Boolean](#) type with two possible values: `true` and `false`.

```
let aTrueBool = true
let aFalseBool = false
```

Bools are used in control-flow statements as conditions. The `if` statement uses a Boolean condition to determine which block of code to run:

```
func test(_ someBoolean: Bool) {
    if someBoolean {
        print("IT'S TRUE!")
    }
    else {
        print("IT'S FALSE!")
    }
}
test(aTrueBool) // prints "IT'S TRUE!"
```

Section 22.2: Booleans and Inline Conditionals

A clean way to handle booleans is using an inline conditional with the `a ? b : c` ternary operator, which is part of Swift's [Basic Operations](#).

The inline conditional is made up of 3 components:

```
question ? answerIfTrue : answerIfFalse
```

where `question` is a boolean that is evaluated and `answerIfTrue` is the value returned if the question is true, and `answerIfFalse` is the value returned if the question is false.

The expression above is the same as:

```
if question {
    answerIfTrue
} else {
    answerIfFalse
}
```

With inline conditionals you return a value based on a boolean:

```
func isTurtle(_ value: Bool) {
    let color = value ? "green" : "red"
    print("The animal is \(color)")
}

isTurtle(true) // outputs 'The animal is green'
isTurtle(false) // outputs 'The animal is red'
```

You can also call methods based on a boolean value:

```
func actionDark() {
```

```

    print("Welcome to the dark side")
}

func actionJedi() {
    print("Welcome to the Jedi order")
}

func welcome(_ isJedi: Bool) {
    isJedi ? actionJedi() : actionDark()
}

welcome(true) // outputs 'Welcome to the Jedi order'
welcome(false) // outputs 'Welcome to the dark side'

```

Inline conditionals allow for clean one-liner boolean evaluations

Section 22.3: Boolean Logical Operators

The OR (`||`) operator returns true if one of its two operands evaluates to true, otherwise it returns false. For example, the following code evaluates to true because at least one of the expressions either side of the OR operator is true:

```

if (10 < 20) || (20 < 10) {
    print("Expression is true")
}

```

The AND (`&&`) operator returns true only if both operands evaluate to be true. The following example will return false because only one of the two operand expressions evaluates to true:

```

if (10 < 20) && (20 < 10) {
    print("Expression is true")
}

```

The XOR (`^`) operator returns true if one and only one of the two operands evaluates to true. For example, the following code will return true since only one operator evaluates to be true:

```

if (10 < 20) ^ (20 < 10) {
    print("Expression is true")
}

```

Section 22.4: Negate a Bool with the prefix `!` operator

The [prefix `!` operator](#) returns the **logical negation** of its argument. That is, `!true` returns `false`, and `!false` returns `true`.

```

print(!true) // prints "false"
print(!false) // prints "true"

func test(_ someBoolean: Bool) {
    if !someBoolean {
        print("someBoolean is false")
    }
}

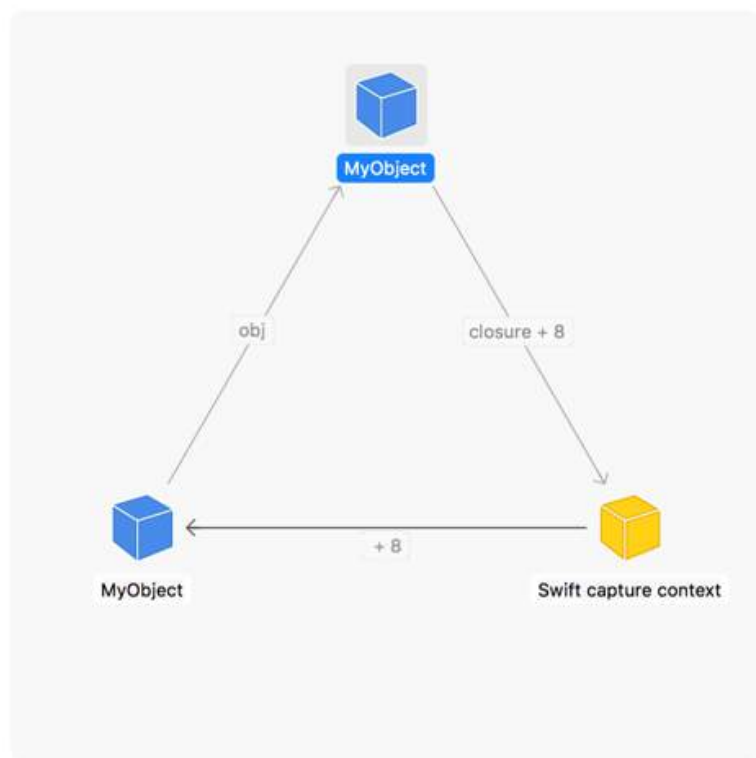
```


Chapter 23: Memory Management

This topic outlines how and when the Swift runtime shall allocate memory for application data structures, and when that memory shall be reclaimed. By default, the memory backing class instances is managed through reference counting. The structures are always passed through copying. To opt out of the built-in memory management scheme, one could use [Unmanaged][1] structure. [1]: <https://developer.apple.com/reference/swift/unmanaged>

Section 23.1: Reference Cycles and Weak References

A *reference cycle* (or *retain cycle*) is so named because it indicates a cycle in the object graph:



Each arrow indicates one object retaining another (a strong reference). Unless the cycle is broken, the memory for these objects will **never be freed**.

A retain cycle is created when two instances of classes reference each other:

```
class A { var b: B? = nil }
class B { var a: A? = nil }

let a = A()
let b = B()

a.b = b // a retains b
b.a = a // b retains a -- a reference cycle
```

Both instances they will live on until the program terminates. This is a retain cycle.

Weak References

To avoid retain cycles, use the keyword `weak` or `unowned` when creating references to break retain cycles.

```
class B { var a: A? = nil }
```

Weak or unowned references will not increase the reference count of an instance. These references don't contribute to retain cycles. The weak reference **becomes** `nil` when the object it references is deallocated.

```
a.b = b // a retains b
b.a = a // b holds a weak reference to a -- not a reference cycle
```

When working with closures, you can also use `weak` and `unowned` in capture lists.

Section 23.2: Manual Memory Management

When interfacing with C APIs, one might want to back off Swift reference counter. Doing so is achieved with unmanaged objects.

If you need to supply a type-punned pointer to a C function, use `toOpaque` method of the `Unmanaged` structure to obtain a raw pointer, and `fromOpaque` to recover the original instance:

```
setupDisplayLink() {
    let pointerToSelf: UnsafeRawPointer = Unmanaged.passUnretained(self).toOpaque()
    CVDDisplayLinkSetOutputCallback(self.displayLink, self.redraw, pointerToSelf)
}

func redraw(pointerToSelf: UnsafeRawPointer, /* args omitted */) {
    let recoveredSelf = Unmanaged<Self>.fromOpaque(pointerToSelf).takeUnretainedValue()
    recoveredSelf.doRedraw()
}
```

Note that, if using `passUnretained` and counterparts, it's necessary to take all precautions as with `unowned` references.

To interact with legacy Objective-C APIs, one might want to manually affect reference count of a certain object. For that `Unmanaged` has respective methods `retain` and `release`. Nonetheless, it is more desired to use `passRetained` and `takeRetainedValue`, which perform retaining before returning the result:

```
func preferredFilenameExtension(for uti: String) -> String! {
    let result = UTTypeCopyPreferredTagWithClass(uti, kUTTagClassFilenameExtension)
    guard result != nil else { return nil }

    return result!.takeRetainedValue() as String
}
```

These solutions should always be the last resort, and language-native APIs should always be preferred.

Chapter 24: Generics

Section 24.1: The Basics of Generics

[Generics](#) are placeholders for types, allowing you to write flexible code that can be applied across multiple types. The advantage of using generics over [Any](#) is that they still allow the compiler to enforce strong type-safety.

A generic placeholder is defined within angle brackets `<>`.

Generic Functions

For functions, this placeholder is placed after the function name:

```
/// Picks one of the inputs at random, and returns it
func pickRandom
;T>(_ a:T, _ b:T) -> T { return arc4random_uniform(2) == 0 ? a : b }
```

In this case, the generic placeholder is `T`. When you come to call the function, Swift can infer the type of `T` for you (as it simply acts as a placeholder for an actual type).

```
let randomOutput = pickRandom(5, 7) // returns an Int (that's either 5 or 7)
```

Here we're passing two integers to the function. Therefore Swift is inferring `T == Int` – thus the function signature is inferred to be `(Int, Int) -> Int`.

Because of the strong type safety that generics offer – both the arguments and return of the function must be the *same* type. Therefore the following will not compile:

```
struct Foo {}

let foo = Foo()

let randomOutput = pickRandom(foo, 5) // error: cannot convert value of type 'Int' to expected
argument type 'Foo'
```

Generic Types

In order to use generics with classes, structs or enums, you can define the generic placeholder after the type name.

```
class Bar;T> { var baz : T init(baz:T) { self.baz = baz } }
```

This generic placeholder will require a type when you come to use the class `Bar`. In this case, it can be inferred from the initialiser `init(baz:T)`.

```
let bar = Bar(baz: "a string") // bar's type is Bar<String>
```

Here the generic placeholder `T` is inferred to be of type `String`, thus creating a `Bar<String>` instance. You can also specify the type explicitly:

```
let bar = Bar;String>(baz: "a string")
```

When used with a type, the given generic placeholder will keep its type for the entire lifetime of the given instance, and cannot be changed after initialisation. Therefore when you access the property `baz`, it will always be of type `String` for this given instance.

```
let str = bar.baz // of type String
```

Passing Around Generic Types

When you come to pass around generic types, in most cases you have to be explicit about the generic placeholder type you expect. For example, as a function input:

```
func takeABarInt(bar:Bar;Int>) { ... }
```

This function will only accept a `Bar<Int>`. Attempting to pass in a `Bar` instance where the generic placeholder type is not `Int` will result in a compiler error.

Generic Placeholder Naming

Generic placeholder names are not just limited to single letters. If a given placeholder represents a meaningful concept, you should give it a descriptive name. For example, Swift's `Array` has a generic placeholder called `Element`, which defines the element type of a given `Array` instance.

```
public struct Array<Element> : RandomAccessCollection, MutableCollection { ... }
```

Section 24.2: Constraining Generic Placeholder Types

It is possible to force the type parameters of a generic class to implement a protocol, for example, `Equatable`

```
class MyGenericClass<Type: Equatable>{  
  
    var value: Type  
    init(value: Type){  
        self.value = value  
    }  
  
    func getValue() -> Type{  
        return self.value  
    }  
  
    func valueEquals(anotherValue: Type) -> Bool{  
        return self.value == anotherValue  
    }  
}
```

Whenever we create a new `MyGenericClass`, the type parameter has to implement the `Equatable` protocol (ensuring the type parameter can be compared to another variable of the same type using `==`)

```
let myFloatGeneric = MyGenericClass<Double>(value: 2.71828) // valid  
let myStringGeneric = MyGenericClass<String>(value: "My String") // valid  
  
// "Type [Int] does not conform to protocol 'Equatable'"  
let myInvalidGeneric = MyGenericClass<[Int]>(value: [2])  
  
let myIntGeneric = MyGenericClass<Int>(value: 72)  
print(myIntGeneric.valueEquals(72)) // true  
print(myIntGeneric.valueEquals(-274)) // false  
  
// "Cannot convert value of type 'String' to expected argument type 'Int'"  
print(myIntGeneric.valueEquals("My String"))
```

Section 24.3: Generic Class Examples

A generic class with the type parameter `Type`

```
class MyGenericClass<Type>{  
    var value: Type  
    init(value: Type){  
        self.value = value  
    }  
  
    func getValue() -> Type{  
        return self.value  
    }  
  
    func setValue(value: Type){  
        self.value = value  
    }  
}
```

We can now create new objects using a type parameter

```
let myStringGeneric = MyGenericClass<String>(value: "My String Value")  
let myIntGeneric = MyGenericClass<Int>(value: 42)  
  
print(myStringGeneric.getValue()) // "My String Value"  
print(myIntGeneric.getValue()) // 42  
  
myStringGeneric.setValue("Another String")  
myIntGeneric.setValue(1024)  
  
print(myStringGeneric.getValue()) // "Another String"  
print(myIntGeneric.getValue()) // 1024
```

Generics can also be created with multiple type parameters

```
class AnotherGenericClass<TypeOne, TypeTwo, TypeThree>{  
    var value1: TypeOne  
    var value2: TypeTwo  
    var value3: TypeThree  
    init(value1: TypeOne, value2: TypeTwo, value3: TypeThree){  
        self.value1 = value1  
        self.value2 = value2  
        self.value3 = value3  
    }  
  
    func getValueOne() -> TypeOne{return self.value1}  
    func getValueTwo() -> TypeTwo{return self.value2}  
    func getValueThree() -> TypeThree{return self.value3}  
}
```

And used in the same way

```
let myGeneric = AnotherGenericClass<String, Int, Double>(value1: "Value of pi", value2: 3, value3:  
3.14159)  
  
print(myGeneric.getValueOne() is String) // true  
print(myGeneric.getValueTwo() is Int) // true
```

```
print(myGeneric.getValueThree() is Double) // true
print(myGeneric.getValueTwo() is String) // false

print(myGeneric.getValueOne()) // "Value of pi"
print(myGeneric.getValueTwo()) // 3
print(myGeneric.getValueThree()) // 3.14159
```

Section 24.4: Using Generics to Simplify Array Functions

A function that extends the functionality of the array by creating an object oriented remove function.

```
// Need to restrict the extension to elements that can be compared.
// The `Element` is the generics name defined by Array for its item types.
// This restriction also gives us access to `index(of:_)` which is also
// defined in an Array extension with `where Element: Equatable`.
public extension Array where Element: Equatable {
    /// Removes the given object from the array.
    mutating func remove(_ element: Element) {
        if let index = self.index(of: element) {
            self.remove(at: index)
        } else {
            fatalError("Removal error, no such element:\\"(element)\" in array.\n")
        }
    }
}
```

Usage

```
var myArray = [1,2,3]
print(myArray)

// Prints [1,2,3]
```

Use the function to remove an element without need for an index. Just pass the object to remove.

```
myArray.remove(2)
print(myArray)

// Prints [1,3]
```

Section 24.5: Advanced Type Constraints

It's possible to specify several type constraints for generics using the `where` clause:

```
func doSomething<T where T: Comparable, T: Hashable>(first: T, second: T) {
    // Access hashable function
    guard first.hashValue == second.hashValue else {
        return
    }
    // Access comparable function
    if first == second {
        print("\(first) and \(second) are equal.")
    }
}
```

It's also valid to write the `where` clause after the argument list:

```
func doSomething<T>(first: T, second: T) where T: Comparable, T: Hashable {
```

```

// Access hashable function
guard first.hashValue == second.hashValue else {
    return
}
// Access comparable function
if first == second {
    print("\(first) and \(second) are equal.")
}
}

```

Extensions can be restricted to types that satisfy conditions. The function is only available to instances which satisfy the type conditions:

```

// "Element" is the generics type defined by "Array". For this example, we
// want to add a function that requires that "Element" can be compared, that
// is: it needs to adhere to the Equatable protocol.
public extension Array where Element: Equatable {
    /// Removes the given object from the array.
    mutating func remove(_ element: Element) {
        // We could also use "self.index(of: element)" here, as "index(of:)"
        // is also defined in an extension with "where Element: Equatable".
        // For the sake of this example, explicitly make use of the Equatable.
        if let index = self.index(where: { $0 == element }) {
            self.remove(at: index)
        } else {
            fatalError("Removal error, no such element:\"\(element)\" in array.\n")
        }
    }
}

```

Section 24.6: Generic Class Inheritance

Generic classes can be inherited:

```

// Models
class MyFirstModel {
}

class MySecondModel: MyFirstModel {
}

// Generic classes
class MyFirstGenericClass<T: MyFirstModel> {

    func doSomethingWithModel(model: T) {
        // Do something here
    }

}

class MySecondGenericClass<T: MySecondModel>: MyFirstGenericClass<T> {

    override func doSomethingWithModel(model: T) {
        super.doSomethingWithModel(model)

        // Do more things here
    }

}

```

Section 24.7: Use generics to enhance type-safety

Let's take this example without using generics

```
protocol JSONDecodable {
    static func from(_ json: [String: Any]) -> Any?
}
```

The protocol declaration seems fine unless you actually use it.

```
let myTestObject = TestObject.from(myJson) as? TestObject
```

Why do you have to cast the result to TestObject? Because of the `Any` return type in the protocol declaration.

By using generics you can avoid this problem that can cause runtime errors (and we don't want to have them!)

```
protocol JSONDecodable {
    associatedtype Element
    static func from(_ json: [String: Any]) -> Element?
}

struct TestObject: JSONDecodable {
    static func from(_ json: [String: Any]) -> TestObject? {
    }
}

let testObject = TestObject.from(myJson) // testObject is now automatically `TestObject?`
```


Chapter 25: Advanced Operators

Section 25.1: Bitwise Operators

Swift Bitwise operators allow you to perform operations on the binary form of numbers. You can specify a binary literal by prefixing the number with `0b`, so for example `0b110` is equivalent to the binary number 110 (the decimal number 6). Each 1 or 0 is a bit in the number.

Bitwise NOT `~`:

```
var number: UInt8 = 0b01101100
let newNumber = ~number
// newNumber is equal to 0b01101100
```

Here, each bit get changed to its opposite. Declaring the number as explicitly `UInt8` ensures that the number is positive (so that we don't have to deal with negatives in the example) and that it is only 8 bits. If `0b01101100` was a larger `UInt`, there would be leading 0s that would be converted to 1s and become significant upon inversion:

```
var number: UInt16 = 0b01101100
// number equals 0b0000000001101100
// the 0s are not significant
let newNumber = ~number
// newNumber equals 0b111111110010011
// the 1s are now significant
```

- 0 -> 1
- 1 -> 0

Bitwise AND `&`:

```
var number = 0b0110
let newNumber = number & 0b1010
// newNumber is equal to 0b0010
```

Here, a given bit will be 1 if and only if the binary numbers on both sides of the `&` operator contained a 1 at that bit location.

- 0 & 0 -> 0
- 0 & 1 -> 0
- 1 & 1 -> 1

Bitwise OR `|`:

```
var number = 0b0110
let newNumber = number | 0b1000
// newNumber is equal to 0b1110
```

Here, a given bit will be 1 if and only if the binary number on at least one side of the `|` operator contained a 1 at that bit location.

- 0 | 0 -> 0
- 0 | 1 -> 1
- 1 | 1 -> 1

Bitwise XOR (Exclusive OR) `^`:

```
var number = 0b0110
let newNumber = number ^ 0b1010
// newNumber is equal to 0b1100
```

Here, a given bit will be 1 if and only if the bits in that position of the two operands are different.

- $0 \wedge 0 \rightarrow 0$
- $0 \wedge 1 \rightarrow 1$
- $1 \wedge 1 \rightarrow 0$

For all binary operations, the order of the operands makes no difference on the result.

Section 25.2: Custom Operators

Swift supports the creation of custom operators. New operators are declared at a global level using the `operator` keyword.

The operator's structure is defined by three parts: operand placement, precedence, and associativity.

1. The `prefix`, `infix` and `postfix` modifiers are used to start an custom operator declaration. The `prefix` and `postfix` modifiers declare whether the operator must be before or after, respectively, the value on which it acts. Such operators are unary, like 8 and `3++ **`, since they can only act on one target. The `infix` declares a binary operator, which acts on the two values it is between, such as `2+3`.
2. Operators with higher **precedence** are calculated first. The default operator precedence is just higher than `?...:` (a value of 100 in Swift 2.x). The precedence of standard Swift operators can be found here.
3. **Associativity** defines the order of operations between operators of the same precedence. Left associative operators are calculated from left to right (reading order, like most operators), while right associative operators calculate from right to left.

Version ≥ 3.0

Starting from Swift 3.0, one would define the precedence and associativity in a **precedence group** instead of the operator itself, so that multiple operators can easily share the same precedence without referring to the cryptic numbers. The list of standard precedence groups is shown below.

Operators return values based on the calculation code. This code acts as a normal function, with parameters specifying the type of input and the `return` keyword specifying the calculated value that the operator returns.

Here is the definition of a simple exponential operator, since standard Swift does not have an exponential operator.

```
import Foundation

infix operator ** { associativity left precedence 170 }

func ** (num: Double, power: Double) -> Double{
    return pow(num, power)
}
```

The `infix` says that the `**` operator works in between two values, such as `9**2`. Because the function has left associativity, `3**3**2` is calculated as `(3**3)**2`. The precedence of `170` is higher than all standard Swift operations, meaning that `3+2**4` calculates to 19, despite the left associativity of `**`.

Version ≥ 3.0

```
import Foundation

infix operator **: BitwiseShiftPrecedence

func ** (num: Double, power: Double) -> Double {
    return pow(num, power)
}
```

Instead of specifying the precedence and associativity explicitly, on Swift 3.0 we could use the built-in precedence group `BitwiseShiftPrecedence` that gives the correct values (same as `<<`, `>>`).

`**`: The increment and decrement are deprecated and will be removed in Swift 3.

Section 25.3: Overflow Operators

Overflow refers to what happens when an operation would result in a number that is either larger or smaller than the designated amount of bits for that number may hold.

Due to the way binary arithmetic works, after a number becomes too large for its bits, the number overflows down to the smallest possible number (for the bit size) and then continues counting up from there. Similarly, when a number becomes too small, it underflows up to the largest possible number (for its bit size) and continues counting down from there.

Because this behavior is not often desired and can lead to serious security issues, the Swift arithmetic operators `+`, `-`, and `*` will throw errors when an operation would cause an overflow or underflow. To explicitly allow overflow and underflow, use `&+`, `&-`, and `&*` instead.

```
var almostTooLarge = Int.max
almostTooLarge + 1 // not allowed
almostTooLarge &+ 1 // allowed, but result will be the value of Int.min
```

Section 25.4: Commutative Operators

Let's add a custom operator to multiply a `CGSize`

```
func *(lhs: CGFloat, rhs: CGSize) -> CGSize{
    let height = lhs*rhs.height
    let width = lhs*rhs.width
    return CGSize(width: width, height: height)
}
```

Now this works

```
let sizeA = CGSize(height:100, width:200)
let sizeB = 1.1 * sizeA //=> (height: 110, width: 220)
```

But if we try to do the operation in reverse, we get an error

```
let sizeC = sizeB * 20 // ERROR
```

But it's simple enough to add:

```
func *(lhs: CGSize, rhs: CGFloat) -> CGSize{
    return rhs*lhs
}
```

```
}
```

Now the operator is commutative.

```
let sizeA = CGSize(height:100, width:200)
let sizeB = sizeA * 1.1 //=> (height: 110, width: 220)
```

Section 25.5: Overloading + for Dictionaries

As there is currently no simple way of combining dictionaries in Swift, it can be useful to [overload](#) the + and += operators in order to add this functionality using generics.

```
// Combines two dictionaries together. If both dictionaries contain
// the same key, the value of the right hand side dictionary is used.
func +<K, V>(lhs: [K : V], rhs: [K : V]) -> [K : V] {
    var combined = lhs
    for (key, value) in rhs {
        combined[key] = value
    }
    return combined
}

// The mutable variant of the + overload, allowing a dictionary
// to be appended to 'in-place'.
func +=<K, V>(inout lhs: [K : V], rhs: [K : V]) {
    for (key, value) in rhs {
        lhs[key] = value
    }
}
```

Version ≥ 3.0

As of Swift 3, `inout` should be placed before the argument type.

```
func +=<K, V>(lhs: inout [K : V], rhs: [K : V]) { ... }
```

Example usage:

```
let firstDict = ["hello" : "world"]
let secondDict = ["world" : "hello"]
var thirdDict = firstDict + secondDict // ["hello": "world", "world": "hello"]

thirdDict += ["hello":"bar", "baz":"qux"] // ["hello": "bar", "baz": "qux", "world": "hello"]
```

Section 25.6: Precedence of standard Swift operators

Operators that bound tighter (higher precedence) are listed first.

Operators	Precedence group (?3.0)	Precedence	Associativity
.		?	left
?, !, ++, --, [], (), {}	(postfix)		
!, ~, +, -, ++, --	(prefix)		
~> (swift ?2.3)		255	left
<<, >>	BitwiseShiftPrecedence	160	none
, /, %, &, &	MultiplicationPrecedence	150	left
+, -, , ^, &+, &-	AdditionPrecedence	140	left
..., ..<	RangeFormationPrecedence	135	none

is, as, as?, as!	CastingPrecedence	132	left
??	NilCoalescingPrecedence	131	right
<, <=, >, >=, ==, !=, ===	ComparisonPrecedence	130	none
, !=			
, ~=			
&&	LogicalConjunctionPrecedence	120	left
	LogicalDisjunctionPrecedence	110	left
	DefaultPrecedence*		none
?...:	TernaryPrecedence	100	right
=, +=, -=, *=, /=, %=, <<=, >>=, &=, =, ^=	AssignmentPrecedence	90	right, assignment
->	FunctionArrowPrecedence		right

Version ≥ 3.0

- The DefaultPrecedence precedence group is higher than TernaryPrecedence, but is unordered with the rest of the operators. Other than this group, the rest of the precedences are linear.
- This table can be also be found on [Apple's API reference](#)
- The actual definition of the precedence groups can be found in [the source code on GitHub](#)

Chapter 26: Access Control

Section 26.1: Basic Example using a Struct

Version ≥ 3.0

In Swift 3 there are multiple access-levels. This example uses them all except for open:

```
public struct Car {  
  
    public let make: String  
    let model: String //Optional keyword: will automatically be "internal"  
    private let fullName: String  
    fileprivate var otherName: String  
  
    public init(_ make: String, model: String) {  
        self.make = make  
        self.model = model  
        self.fullName = "\(make)\(model)"  
        self.otherName = "\(model) - \(make)"  
    }  
}
```

Assume myCar was initialized like this:

```
let myCar = Car("Apple", model: "iCar")
```

Car.make (public)

```
print(myCar.make)
```

This print will work everywhere, including targets that import Car.

Car.model (internal)

```
print(myCar.model)
```

This will compile if the code is in the same target as Car.

Car.otherName (fileprivate)

```
print(myCar.otherName)
```

This will only work if the code is *in the same file* as Car.

Car.fullName (private)

```
print(myCar.fullName)
```

This won't work in Swift 3. `private` properties can only be accessed within the same `struct/class`.

```
public struct Car {  
  
    public let make: String           //public  
    let model: String                 //internal  
    private let fullName: String!     //private  
  
    public init(_ make: String, model model: String) {  
        self.make = make  
        self.model = model  
    }  
}
```

```

        self.fullName = "\(make)\(model)"
    }
}

```

If the entity has multiple associated access levels, Swift looks for the lowest level of access. If a private variable exists in a public class, the variable will still be considered private.

Section 26.2: Subclassing Example

```

public class SuperClass {
    private func secretMethod() {}
}

internal class SubClass: SuperClass {
    override internal func secretMethod() {
        super.secretMethod()
    }
}

```

Section 26.3: Getters and Setters Example

```

struct Square {
    private(set) var area = 0

    var side: Int = 0 {
        didSet {
            area = side*side
        }
    }
}

public struct Square {
    public private(set) var area = 0
    public var side: Int = 0 {
        didSet {
            area = side*side
        }
    }
    public init() {}
}

```

Chapter 27: Associated Objects

Section 27.1: Property, in a protocol extension, achieved using associated object

In Swift, protocol extensions cannot have true properties.

However, in practice you can use the "associated object" technique. The result is almost exactly like a "real" property.

Here is the exact technique for adding an "associated object" to a protocol extension:

Fundamentally, you use the objective-c "objc_getAssociatedObject" and _set calls.

The basic calls are:

```
get {
    return objc_getAssociatedObject(self, & _Handle) as! YourType
}
set {
    objc_setAssociatedObject(self, & _Handle, newValue, .OBJC_ASSOCIATION_RETAIN)
}
```

Here's a full example. The two critical points are:

1. In the protocol, you must use ": class" to avoid the mutation problem.
2. In the extension, you must use "where Self:UIViewController" (or whatever appropriate class) to give the confirming type.

So, for an example property "p":

```
import Foundation
import UIKit
import ObjectiveC           // don't forget this

var _Handle: UInt8 = 42    // it can be any value

protocol Able: class {
    var click:UIView? { get set }
    var x:CGFloat? { get set }
    // note that you >> do not << declare p here
}

extension Able where Self:UIViewController {

    var p:YourType { // YourType might be, say, an Enum
        get {
            return objc_getAssociatedObject(self, & _Handle) as! YourType
            // HOWEVER, SEE BELOW
        }
        set {
            objc_setAssociatedObject(self, & _Handle, newValue, .OBJC_ASSOCIATION_RETAIN)
            // often, you'll want to run some sort of "setter" here...
            __setter()
        }
    }
}
```



```

func __setter() { something = p.blah() }

func someOtherExtensionFunction() { p.blah() }
// it's ok to use "p" inside other extension functions,
// and you can use p anywhere in the conforming class
}

```

In any conforming class, you have now "added" the property "p":

You can use "p" just as you would use any ordinary property in the conforming class. Example:

```

class Clock:UIViewController, Able {
    var u:Int = 0

    func blah() {
        u = ...
        ... = u
        // use "p" as you would any normal property
        p = ...
        ... = p
    }

    override func viewDidLoad() {
        super.viewDidLoad()
        pm = .none // "p" MUST be "initialized" somewhere in Clock
    }
}

```

Note. You MUST initialize the pseudo-property.

Xcode **will not enforce** you initializing "p" in the conforming class.

It is essential that you initialize "p", perhaps in viewDidLoad of the conforming class.

It is worth remembering that p is actually just a **computed property**. p is actually just two functions, with syntactic sugar. There is no p "variable" anywhere: the compiler does not "assign some memory for p" in any sense. For this reason, it is meaningless to expect Xcode to enforce "initializing p".

Indeed, to speak more accurately, you must remember to "use p for the first time, as if you were initializing it". (Again, that would very likely be in your viewDidLoad code.)

Regarding the getter as such.

Note that it **will crash** if the getter is called before a value for "p" is set.

To avoid that, consider code such as:

```

get {
    let g = objc_getAssociatedObject(self, &_Handle)
    if (g == nil) {
        objc_setAssociatedObject(self, &_Handle, _default initial value_, .OBJC_ASSOCIATION)
        return _default initial value_
    }
    return objc_getAssociatedObject(self, &_Handle) as! YourType
}

```

To repeat. Xcode **will not enforce** you initializing p in the conforming class. It is essential that you initialize p, say in

viewDidLoad of the conforming class.

Making the code simpler...

You may wish to use these two global functions:

```
func _aoGet(_ ss: Any!, _ handlePointer: UnsafeRawPointer!, _ safeValue: Any!)->Any! {
    let g = objc_getAssociatedObject(ss, handlePointer)
    if (g == nil) {
        objc_setAssociatedObject(ss, handlePointer, safeValue, .OBJC_ASSOCIATION_RETAIN)
        return safeValue
    }
    return objc_getAssociatedObject(ss, handlePointer)
}

func _aoSet(_ ss: Any!, _ handlePointer: UnsafeRawPointer!, _ val: Any!) {
    objc_setAssociatedObject(ss, handlePointer, val, .OBJC_ASSOCIATION_RETAIN)
}
```

Note that they do nothing, whatsoever, other than save typing and make the code more readable. (They are essentially macros or inline functions.)

Your code then becomes:

```
protocol PMable: class {
    var click:UILabel? { get set } // ordinary properties here
}

var _pHandle: UInt8 = 321

extension PMable where Self:UIViewController {

    var p:P {
        get {
            return _aoGet(self, &_amp;pHandle, P() ) as! P
        }
        set {
            _aoSet(self, &_amp;pHandle, newValue)
            __pmSetter()
        }
    }

    func __pmSetter() {
        click!.text = String(p)
    }

    func someFunction() {
        p.blah()
    }
}
```

(In the example at _aoGet, P is initializable: instead of P() you could use "", 0, or any default value.)

Chapter 28: Loops

Section 28.1: For-in loop

The **for-in** loop allows you to iterate over any sequence.

Iterating over a range

You can iterate over both half-open and closed ranges:

```
for i in 0..<3 {
    print(i)
}

for i in 0...2 {
    print(i)
}

// Both print:
// 0
// 1
// 2
```

Iterating over an array or set

```
let names = ["James", "Emily", "Miles"]

for name in names {
    print(name)
}

// James
// Emily
// Miles
```

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If you need the index for each element in the array, you can use the [enumerate\(\)](#) method on [SequenceType](#).

```
for (index, name) in names.enumerate() {
    print("The index of \(name) is \(index).")
}

// The index of James is 0.
// The index of Emily is 1.
// The index of Miles is 2.
```

[enumerate\(\)](#) returns a lazy sequence containing pairs of elements with consecutive [Ints](#), starting from 0. Therefore with arrays, these numbers will correspond to the given index of each element – however this may not be the case with other kinds of collections.

Version ≥ 3.0

In Swift 3, [enumerate\(\)](#) has been renamed to [enumerated\(\)](#):

```
for (index, name) in names.enumerated() {
    print("The index of \(name) is \(index).")
}
```

Iterating over a dictionary

```
let ages = ["James": 29, "Emily": 24]

for (name, age) in ages {
    print(name, "is", age, "years old.")
}

// Emily is 24 years old.
// James is 29 years old.
```

Iterating in reverse

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You can use the [reverse\(\)](#) method on [SequenceType](#) in order to iterate over any sequence in reverse:

```
for i in (0..<3).reverse() {
    print(i)
}

for i in (0...2).reverse() {
    print(i)
}

// Both print:
// 2
// 1
// 0

let names = ["James", "Emily", "Miles"]

for name in names.reverse() {
    print(name)
}

// Miles
// Emily
// James
```

Version ≥ 3.0

In Swift 3, [reverse\(\)](#) has been renamed to [reversed\(\)](#):

```
for i in (0..<3).reversed() {
    print(i)
}
```

Iterating over ranges with custom stride

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By using the [stride\(_:_:_\)](#) methods on [Strideable](#) you can iterate over a range with a custom stride:

```
for i in 4.stride(to: 0, by: -2) {
    print(i)
}

// 4
// 2

for i in 4.stride(through: 0, by: -2) {
    print(i)
}

// 4
```

```
// 2
// 0
```

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In Swift 3, the `stride(_:_:)` methods on `Stridable` have been replaced by the global `stride(_:_:_:)` functions:

```
for i in stride(from: 4, to: 0, by: -2) {
    print(i)
}

for i in stride(from: 4, through: 0, by: -2) {
    print(i)
}
```

Section 28.2: Repeat-while loop

Similar to the while loop, only the control statement is evaluated after the loop. Therefore, the loop will always execute at least once.

```
var i: Int = 0

repeat {
    print(i)
    i += 1
} while i < 3

// 0
// 1
// 2
```

Section 28.3: For-in loop with filtering

1. `where` clause

By adding a `where` clause you can restrict the iterations to ones that satisfy the given condition.

```
for i in 0..<5 where i % 2 == 0 {
    print(i)
}

// 0
// 2
// 4

let names = ["James", "Emily", "Miles"]

for name in names where name.characters.contains("s") {
    print(name)
}

// James
// Miles
```

2. `case` clause

It's useful when you need to iterate only through the values that match some pattern:

```
let points = [(5, 0), (31, 0), (5, 31)]
for case (_, 0) in points {
    print("point on x-axis")
}

//point on x-axis
//point on x-axis
```

Also you can filter optional values and unwrap them if appropriate by adding ? mark after binding constant:

```
let optionalNumbers = [31, 5, nil]
for case let number? in optionalNumbers {
    print(number)
}

//31
//5
```

Section 28.4: Sequence Type forEach block

A type that conforms to the SequenceType protocol can iterate through it's elements within a closure:

```
collection.forEach { print($0) }
```

The same could also be done with a named parameter:

```
collection.forEach { item in
    print(item)
}
```

*Note: Control flow statements (such as break or continue) may not be used in these blocks. A return can be called, and if called, will immediately return the block for the current iteration (much like a continue would). The next iteration will then execute.

```
let arr = [1,2,3,4]

arr.forEach {

    // blocks for 3 and 4 will still be called
    if $0 == 2 {
        return
    }
}
```

Section 28.5: while loop

A while loop will execute as long as the condition is true.

```
var count = 1

while count < 10 {
    print("This is the \(count) run of the loop")
    count += 1
}
```

Section 28.6: Breaking a loop

A loop will execute as long as its condition remains true, but you can stop it manually using the **break** keyword. For example:

```
var peopleArray = ["John", "Nicole", "Thomas", "Richard", "Brian", "Novak", "Vick", "Amanda",  
"Sonya"]  
var positionOfNovak = 0  
  
for person in peopleArray {  
    if person == "Novak" { break }  
    positionOfNovak += 1  
}  
  
print("Novak is the element located on position [\(positionOfNovak)] in peopleArray.")  
//prints out: Novak is the element located on position 5 in peopleArray. (which is true)
```

Chapter 29: Reflection

Section 29.1: Basic Usage for Mirror

Creating the class to be the subject of the Mirror

```
class Project {
    var title: String = ""
    var id: Int = 0
    var platform: String = ""
    var version: Int = 0
    var info: String?
}
```

Creating an instance that will actually be the subject of the mirror. Also here you can add values to the properties of the Project class.

```
let sampleProject = Project()
sampleProject.title = "MirrorMirror"
sampleProject.id = 199
sampleProject.platform = "iOS"
sampleProject.version = 2
sampleProject.info = "test app for Reflection"
```

The code below shows the creating of Mirror instance. The children property of the mirror is a `AnyForwardCollection<Child>` where `Child` is typealias tuple for subject's property and value. `Child` had a label: `String` and value: `Any`.

```
let projectMirror = Mirror(reflecting: sampleProject)
let properties = projectMirror.children

print(properties.count)           //5
print(properties.first?.label)    //Optional("title")
print(properties.first!.value)    //MirrorMirror
print()

for property in properties {
    print("\(property.label!):\(property.value)")
}
```

Output in Playground or Console in Xcode for the for loop above.

```
title:MirrorMirror
id:199
platform:iOS
version:2
info:Optional("test app for Reflection")
```

Tested in Playground on Xcode 8 beta 2

Section 29.2: Getting type and names of properties for a class without having to instantiate it

Using the Swift class `Mirror` works if you want to extract *name*, *value* and *type* (Swift 3: `type(of: value)`, Swift 2: `value.dynamicType`) of properties for an **instance** of a certain class.

If you class inherits from `NSObject`, you can use the method `class_copyPropertyList` together with `property_getAttributes` to find out the *name* and *types* of properties for a class - **without having an instance of it**. I created a project on [Github](#) for this, but here is the code:

```
func getTypesOfProperties(in clazz: NSObject.Type) -> Dictionary<String, Any>? {
    var count = UInt32()
    guard let properties = class_copyPropertyList(clazz, &count) else { return nil }
    var types: Dictionary<String, Any> = [:]
    for i in 0..
```

Where `primitiveDataTypes` is a Dictionary mapping a letter in the attribute string to a value type:

```
let primitiveDataTypes: Dictionary<String, Any> = [
    "c" : Int8.self,
    "s" : Int16.self,
    "i" : Int32.self,
    "q" : Int.self, //also: Int64, NSInteger, only true on 64 bit platforms
    "S" : UInt16.self,
    "I" : UInt32.self,
    "Q" : UInt.self, //also UInt64, only true on 64 bit platforms
    "B" : Bool.self,
    "d" : Double.self,
    "f" : Float.self,
    "{" : Decimal.self
]

func getNameOf(property: objc_property_t) -> String? {
    guard let name: NSString = NSString(utf8String: property_getName(property)) else { return
nil }
    return name as String
}
```

It can extract the `NSObject.Type` of all properties which class type inherits from `NSObject` such as `NSDate` (Swift3: `Date`), `NSString` (Swift3: `String?`) and `NSNumber`, however it is store in the type `Any` (as you can see as the type of the value of the Dictionary returned by the method). This is due to the limitations of value types such as `Int`, `Int32`,

Bool. Since those types do not inherit from NSObject, calling `.self` on e.g. an `Int` - `Int.self` does not return `NSObject.Type`, but rather the type `Any`. Thus the method returns `Dictionary<String, Any>?` and not `Dictionary<String, NSObject.Type>?`.

You can use this method like this:

```
class Book: NSObject {
    let title: String
    let author: String?
    let numberOfPages: Int
    let released: Date
    let isPocket: Bool

    init(title: String, author: String?, numberOfPages: Int, released: Date, isPocket: Bool) {
        self.title = title
        self.author = author
        self.numberOfPages = numberOfPages
        self.released = released
        self.isPocket = isPocket
    }
}

guard let types = getTypesOfProperties(in: Book.self) else { return }
for (name, type) in types {
    print("\(name)' has type \(type)")
}
// Prints:
// 'title' has type 'NSString'
// 'numberOfPages' has type 'Int'
// 'author' has type 'NSString'
// 'released' has type 'NSDate'
// 'isPocket' has type 'Bool'
```

You can also try to cast the `Any` to `NSObject.Type`, which will succeed for all properties inheriting from `NSObject`, then you can check the type using standard `==` operator:

```
func checkPropertiesOfBook() {
    guard let types = getTypesOfProperties(in: Book.self) else { return }
    for (name, type) in types {
        if let objectType = type as? NSObject.Type {
            if objectType == NSDate.self {
                print("Property named \(name)' has type 'NSDate'")
            } else if objectType == NSString.self {
                print("Property named \(name)' has type 'NSString'")
            }
        }
    }
}
```

If you declare this custom `==` operator:

```
func ==(rhs: Any, lhs: Any) -> Bool {
    let rhsType: String = "\(rhs)"
    let lhsType: String = "\(lhs)"
    let same = rhsType == lhsType
    return same
}
```

You can then even check the type of value types like this:

```
func checkPropertiesOfBook() {
    guard let types = getTypesOfProperties(in: Book.self) else { return }
    for (name, type) in types {
        if type == Int.self {
            print("Property named '\(name)' has type 'Int'")
        } else if type == Bool.self {
            print("Property named '\(name)' has type 'Bool'")
        }
    }
}
```

LIMITATIONS This solution does not work when value types are optionals. If you have declared a property in your NSObject subclass like this: `var myOptionalInt: Int?`, the code above won't find that property because the method `class_copyPropertyList` does not contain optional value types.

Chapter 30: OptionSet

Section 30.1: OptionSet Protocol

OptionSetType is a protocol designed to represent bit mask types where individual bits represent members of the set. A set of logical and/or functions enforce the proper syntax:

```
struct Features : OptionSet {
    let rawValue : Int
    static let none = Features(rawValue: 0)
    static let feature0 = Features(rawValue: 1 << 0)
    static let feature1 = Features(rawValue: 1 << 1)
    static let feature2 = Features(rawValue: 1 << 2)
    static let feature3 = Features(rawValue: 1 << 3)
    static let feature4 = Features(rawValue: 1 << 4)
    static let feature5 = Features(rawValue: 1 << 5)
    static let all: Features = [feature0, feature1, feature2, feature3, feature4, feature5]
}

Features.feature1.rawValue //2
Features.all.rawValue //63

var options: Features = [.feature1, .feature2, .feature3]

options.contains(.feature1) //true
options.contains(.feature4) //false

options.insert(.feature4)
options.contains(.feature4) //true

var otherOptions : Features = [.feature1, .feature5]

options.contains(.feature5) //false

options.formUnion(otherOptions)
options.contains(.feature5) //true

options.remove(.feature5)
options.contains(.feature5) //false
```

Chapter 31: Method Swizzling

Section 31.1: Extending UIViewController and Swizzling viewDidLoad

In Objective-C, method swizzling is the process of changing the implementation of an existing selector. This is possible due to the way Selectors are mapped on a dispatch table, or a table of pointers to functions or methods.

Pure Swift methods are not dynamically dispatched by the Objective-C runtime, but we can still take advantage of these tricks on any class that inherits from `NSObject`.

Here, we will extend `UIViewController` and swizzle `viewDidLoad` to add some custom logging:

```
extension UIViewController {

    // We cannot override load like we could in Objective-C, so override initialize instead
    public override static func initialize() {

        // Make a static struct for our dispatch token so only one exists in memory
        struct Static {
            static var token: dispatch_once_t = 0
        }

        // Wrap this in a dispatch_once block so it is only run once
        dispatch_once(&Static.token) {
            // Get the original selectors and method implementations, and swap them with our new
method
            let originalSelector = #selector(UIViewController.viewDidLoad)
            let swizzledSelector = #selector(UIViewController.myViewDidLoad)

            let originalMethod = class_getInstanceMethod(self, originalSelector)
            let swizzledMethod = class_getInstanceMethod(self, swizzledSelector)

            let didAddMethod = class_addMethod(self, originalSelector,
method_getImplementation(swizzledMethod), method_getTypeEncoding(swizzledMethod))

            // class_addMethod can fail if used incorrectly or with invalid pointers, so check to
make sure we were able to add the method to the lookup table successfully
            if didAddMethod {
                class_replaceMethod(self, swizzledSelector,
method_getImplementation(originalMethod), method_getTypeEncoding(originalMethod))
            } else {
                method_exchangeImplementations(originalMethod, swizzledMethod);
            }
        }
    }

    // Our new viewDidLoad function
    // In this example, we are just logging the name of the function, but this can be used to run
any custom code
    func myViewDidLoad() {
        // This is not recursive since we swapped the Selectors in initialize().
        // We cannot call super in an extension.
        self.myViewDidLoad()
        print(#function) // logs myViewDidLoad()
    }
}
```

Section 31.2: Basics of Swift Swizzling

Let's swap the implementation of `methodOne()` and `methodTwo()` in our `TestSwizzling` class:

```
class TestSwizzling : NSObject {
    dynamic func methodOne()->Int{
        return 1
    }
}

extension TestSwizzling {

    //In Objective-C you'd perform the swizzling in load(),
    //but this method is not permitted in Swift
    override class func initialize()
    {

        struct Inner {
            static let i: () = {

                let originalSelector = #selector(TestSwizzling.methodOne)
                let swizzledSelector = #selector(TestSwizzling.methodTwo)
                let originalMethod = class_getInstanceMethod(TestSwizzling.self, originalSelector);
                let swizzledMethod = class_getInstanceMethod(TestSwizzling.self, swizzledSelector)

                method_exchangeImplementations(originalMethod, swizzledMethod)
            }
        }
        let _ = Inner.i
    }

    func methodTwo()->Int{
        // It will not be a recursive call anymore after the swizzling
        return methodTwo()+1
    }
}

var c = TestSwizzling()
print(c.methodOne())
print(c.methodTwo())
```

Section 31.3: Basics of Swizzling - Objective-C

Objective-C example of swizzling `UIView`'s `initWithFrame:` method

```
static IMP original_initWithFrame;

+ (void)swizzleMethods {
    static BOOL swizzled = NO;
    if (!swizzled) {
        swizzled = YES;

        Method initWithFrameMethod =
            class_getInstanceMethod([UIView class], @selector(initWithFrame:));
        original_initWithFrame = method_setImplementation(
            initWithFrameMethod, (IMP)replacement_initWithFrame);
    }
}

static id replacement_initWithFrame(id self, SEL _cmd, CGRect rect) {
```

```
// This will be called instead of the original initWithFrame method on UIView
// Do here whatever you need...

// Bonus: This is how you would call the original initWithFrame method
UIView *view =
    ((id (*)(id, SEL, CGRect))original initWithFrame)(self, _cmd, rect);

return view;
}
```

Chapter 32: Concurrency

Section 32.1: Obtaining a Grand Central Dispatch (GCD) queue

Grand Central Dispatch works on the concept of "Dispatch Queues". A dispatch queue executes tasks you designate in the order which they are passed. There are three types of dispatch queues:

- **Serial Dispatch Queues** (aka private dispatch queues) execute one task at a time, in order. They are frequently used to synchronize access to a resource.
- **Concurrent Dispatch Queues** (aka global dispatch queues) execute one or more tasks concurrently.
- The **Main Dispatch Queue** executes tasks on the main thread.

To access the main queue:

Version = 3.0

```
let mainQueue = DispatchQueue.main
```

Version < 3.0

```
let mainQueue = dispatch_get_main_queue()
```

The system provides *concurrent* global dispatch queues (global to your application), with varying priorities. You can access these queues using the `DispatchQueue` class in Swift 3:

Version = 3.0

```
let globalConcurrentQueue = DispatchQueue.global(qos: .default)
```

equivalent to

```
let globalConcurrentQueue = DispatchQueue.global()
```

Version < 3.0

```
let globalConcurrentQueue = dispatch_get_global_queue(DISPATCH_QUEUE_PRIORITY_DEFAULT, 0)
```

In iOS 8 or later, the possible quality of service values which may be passed are `.userInteractive`, `.userInitiated`, `.default`, `.utility`, and `.background`. These replace the `DISPATCH_QUEUE_PRIORITY_` constants.

You can also create your own queues with varying priorities:

Version = 3.0

```
let myConcurrentQueue = DispatchQueue(label: "my-concurrent-queue", qos: .userInitiated,
attributes: [.concurrent], autoreleaseFrequency: .workItem, target: nil)
let mySerialQueue = DispatchQueue(label: "my-serial-queue", qos: .background, attributes: [],
autoreleaseFrequency: .workItem, target: nil)
```

Version < 3.0

```
let myConcurrentQueue = dispatch_queue_create("my-concurrent-queue", DISPATCH_QUEUE_CONCURRENT)
let mySerialQueue = dispatch_queue_create("my-serial-queue", DISPATCH_QUEUE_SERIAL)
```

In Swift 3, queues created with this initializer are serial by default, and passing `.workItem` for autorelease frequency ensures an autorelease pool is created and drained for each work item. There is also `.never`, which means you will be managing your own autorelease pools yourself, or `.inherit` which inherits the setting from the environment. In most cases you probably won't use `.never` except in cases of extreme customization.

Section 32.2: Concurrent Loops

GCD provides mechanism for performing a loop, whereby the loops happen concurrently with respect to each

other. This is very useful when performing a series of computationally expensive calculations.

Consider this loop:

```
for index in 0 ..< iterations {  
    // Do something computationally expensive here  
}
```

You can perform those calculations concurrently using `concurrentPerform` (in Swift 3) or `dispatch_apply` (in Swift 2):

Version = 3.0

```
DispatchQueue.concurrentPerform(iterations: iterations) { index in  
    // Do something computationally expensive here  
}
```

Version < 3.0

```
dispatch_apply(iterations, queue) { index in  
    // Do something computationally expensive here  
}
```

The loop closure will be invoked for each index from 0 to, but not including, `iterations`. These iterations will be run concurrently with respect to each other, and thus the order that they run is not guaranteed. The actual number of iterations that happen concurrently at any given time is generally dictated by the capabilities of the device in question (e.g. how many cores does the device have).

A couple of special considerations:

- The `concurrentPerform/dispatch_apply` may run the loops concurrently with respect to each other, but this all happens synchronously with respect to the thread from which you call it. So, do not call this from the main thread, as this will block that thread until the loop is done.
- Because these loops happen concurrently with respect to each other, you are responsible for ensuring the thread-safety of the results. For example, if updating some dictionary with the results of these computationally expensive calculations, make sure to synchronize those updates yourself.
- Note, there is some overhead associated in running concurrent loops. Thus, if the calculations being performed inside the loop are not sufficiently computationally intensive, you may find that any performance gained by using concurrent loops may be diminished, if not be completely offset, by the overhead associated with the synchronizing all of these concurrent threads.

So, you are responsible determining the correct amount of work to be performed in each iteration of the loop. If the calculations are too simple, you may employ "striding" to include more work per loop. For example, rather than doing a concurrent loop with 1 million trivial calculations, you may do 100 iterations in your loop, doing 10,000 calculations per loop. That way there is enough work being performed on each thread, so the overhead associated with managing these concurrent loops becomes less significant.

Section 32.3: Running tasks in a Grand Central Dispatch (GCD) queue

Version = 3.0

To run tasks on a dispatch queue, use the `sync`, `async`, and `after` methods.

To dispatch a task to a queue asynchronously:

```
let queue = DispatchQueue(label: "myQueueName")

queue.async {
    //do something

    DispatchQueue.main.async {
        //this will be called in main thread
        //any UI updates should be placed here
    }
}
// ... code here will execute immediately, before the task finished
```

To dispatch a task to a queue synchronously:

```
queue.sync {
    // Do some task
}
// ... code here will not execute until the task is finished
```

To dispatch a task to a queue after a certain number of seconds:

```
queue.asyncAfter(deadline: .now() + 3) {
    //this will be executed in a background-thread after 3 seconds
}
// ... code here will execute immediately, before the task finished
```

NOTE: Any updates of the user-interface should be called on the main thread! Make sure, that you put the code for UI updates inside `DispatchQueue.main.async { ... }`

Version = 2.0

Types of queue:

```
let mainQueue = dispatch_get_main_queue()
let highQueue = dispatch_get_global_queue(DISPATCH_QUEUE_PRIORITY_HIGH, 0)
let backgroundQueue = dispatch_get_global_queue(DISPATCH_QUEUE_PRIORITY_BACKGROUND, 0)
```

To dispatch a task to a queue asynchronously:

```
dispatch_async(queue) {
    // Your code run asynchronously. Code is queued and executed
    // at some point in the future.
}
// Code after the async block will execute immediately
```

To dispatch a task to a queue synchronously:

```
dispatch_sync(queue) {
    // Your sync code
}
// Code after the sync block will wait until the sync task finished
```

To dispatch a task to after a time interval (use `NSEC_PER_SEC` to convert seconds to nanoseconds):

```
dispatch_after(dispatch_time(DISPATCH_TIME_NOW, Int64(2.5 * Double(NSEC_PER_SEC))),
dispatch_get_main_queue()) {
```

```
// Code to be performed in 2.5 seconds here
}
```

To execute a task asynchronously and then update the UI:

```
dispatch_async(queue) {
    // Your time consuming code here
    dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue()) {
        // Update the UI code
    }
}
```

NOTE: Any updates of the user-interface should be called on the main thread! Make sure, that you put the code for UI updates inside `dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue()) { ... }`

Section 32.4: Running Tasks in an OperationQueue

You can think of an `OperationQueue` as a line of tasks waiting to be executed. Unlike dispatch queues in GCD, operation queues are not FIFO (first-in-first-out). Instead, they execute tasks as soon as they are ready to be executed, as long as there are enough system resources to allow for it.

Get the main `OperationQueue`:

Version ≥ 3.0

```
let mainQueue = OperationQueue.main
```

Create a custom `OperationQueue`:

Version ≥ 3.0

```
let queue = OperationQueue()
queue.name = "My Queue"
queue.qualityOfService = .default
```

Quality of Service specifies the importance of the work, or how much the user is likely to be counting on immediate results from the task.

Add an `Operation` to an `OperationQueue`:

Version ≥ 3.0

```
// An instance of some Operation subclass
let operation = BlockOperation {
    // perform task here
}

queue.addOperation(operation)
```

Add a block to an `OperationQueue`:

Version ≥ 3.0

```
myQueue.addOperation {
    // some task
}
```

Add multiple `Operations` to an `OperationQueue`:

Version ≥ 3.0

```
let operations = [Operation]()
// Fill array with Operations

myQueue.addOperation(operations)
```

Adjust how many Operations may be run concurrently within the queue:

```
myQueue.maxConcurrentOperationCount = 3 // 3 operations may execute at once

// Sets number of concurrent operations based on current system conditions
myQueue.maxConcurrentOperationCount = NSOperationQueueDefaultMaxConcurrentOperationCount
```

Suspending a queue will prevent it from starting the execution of any existing, unstarted operations or of any new operations added to the queue. The way to resume this queue is to set the `isSuspended` back to `false`:

Version ≥ 3.0

```
myQueue.isSuspended = true

// Re-enable execution
myQueue.isSuspended = false
```

Suspending an `OperationQueue` does not stop or cancel operations that are already executing. One should only attempt suspending a queue that you created, not global queues or the main queue.

Section 32.5: Creating High-Level Operations

The Foundation framework provides the `Operation` type, which represents a high-level object that encapsulates a portion of work that may be executed on a queue. Not only does the queue coordinate the performance of those operations, but you can also establish dependencies between operations, create cancelable operations, constrain the degree of concurrency employed by the operation queue, etc.

Operations become ready to execute when all of its dependencies are finished executing. The `isReady` property then changes to `true`.

Create a simple non-concurrent `Operation` subclass:

Version ≥ 3.0

```
class MyOperation: Operation {

    init(<parameters>) {
        // Do any setup work here
    }

    override func main() {
        // Perform the task
    }

}
```

Version ≤ 2.3

```
class MyOperation: NSOperation {

    init(<parameters>) {
        // Do any setup work here
    }

    override func main() {
```

```
        // Perform the task
    }
}
```

Add an operation to an `OperationQueue`:

Version ≥ 1.0

```
myQueue.addOperation(operation)
```

This will execute the operation concurrently on the queue.

Manage dependencies on an Operation.

Dependencies define other Operations that must execute on a queue before that Operation is considered ready to execute.

Version ≥ 1.0

```
operation2.addDependency(operation1)

operation2.removeDependency(operation1)
```

Run an Operation without a queue:

Version ≥ 1.0

```
operation.start()
```

Dependencies will be ignored. If this is a concurrent operation, the task may still be executed concurrently if its start method offloads work to background queues.

Concurrent Operations.

If the task that an Operation is to perform is, itself, asynchronous, (e.g. a `URLSession` data task), you should implement the Operation as a concurrent operation. In this case, your `isAsynchronous` implementation should return `true`, you'd generally have start method that performs some setup, then calls its main method which actually executes the task.

When implementing an asynchronous Operation begins you must implement `isExecuting`, `isFinished` methods and KVO. So, when execution starts, `isExecuting` property changes to `true`. When an Operation finishes its task, `isExecuting` is set to `false`, and `isFinished` is set to `true`. If the operation it is cancelled both `isCancelled` and `isFinished` change to `true`. All of these properties are key-value observable.

Cancel an Operation.

Calling `cancel` simply changes the `isCancelled` property to `true`. To respond to cancellation from within your own Operation subclass, you should check the value of `isCancelled` at least periodically within `main` and respond appropriately.

Version ≥ 1.0

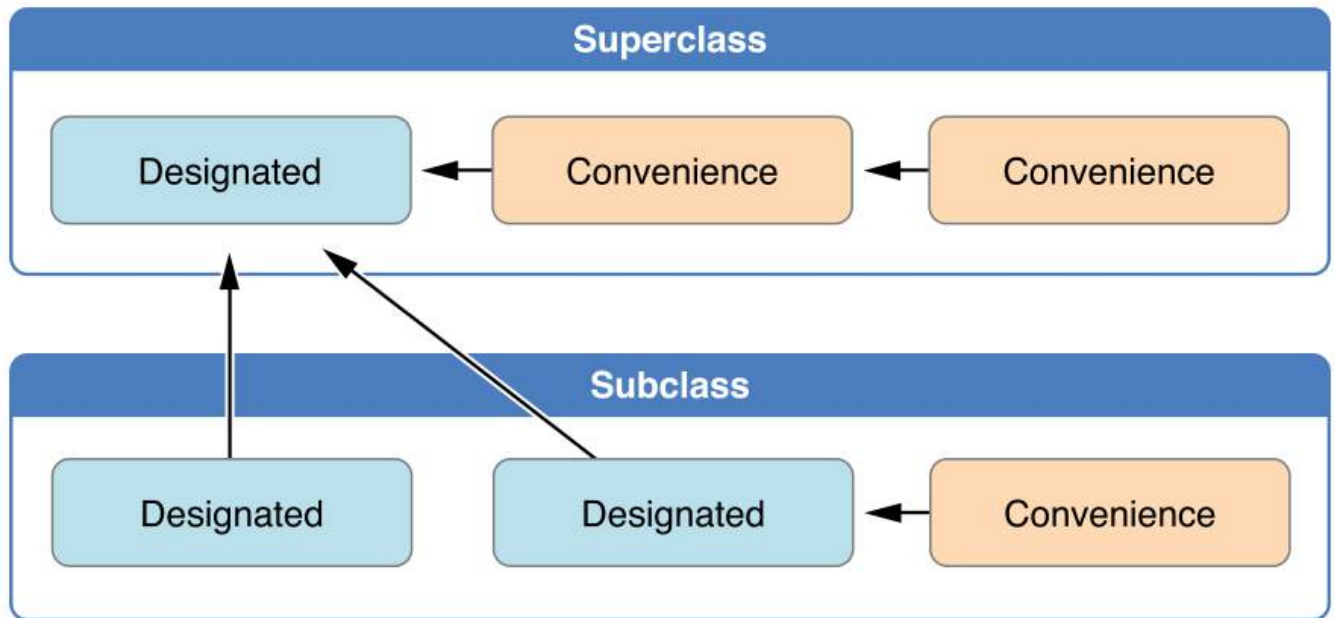
```
operation.cancel()
```

Chapter 33: Initializers

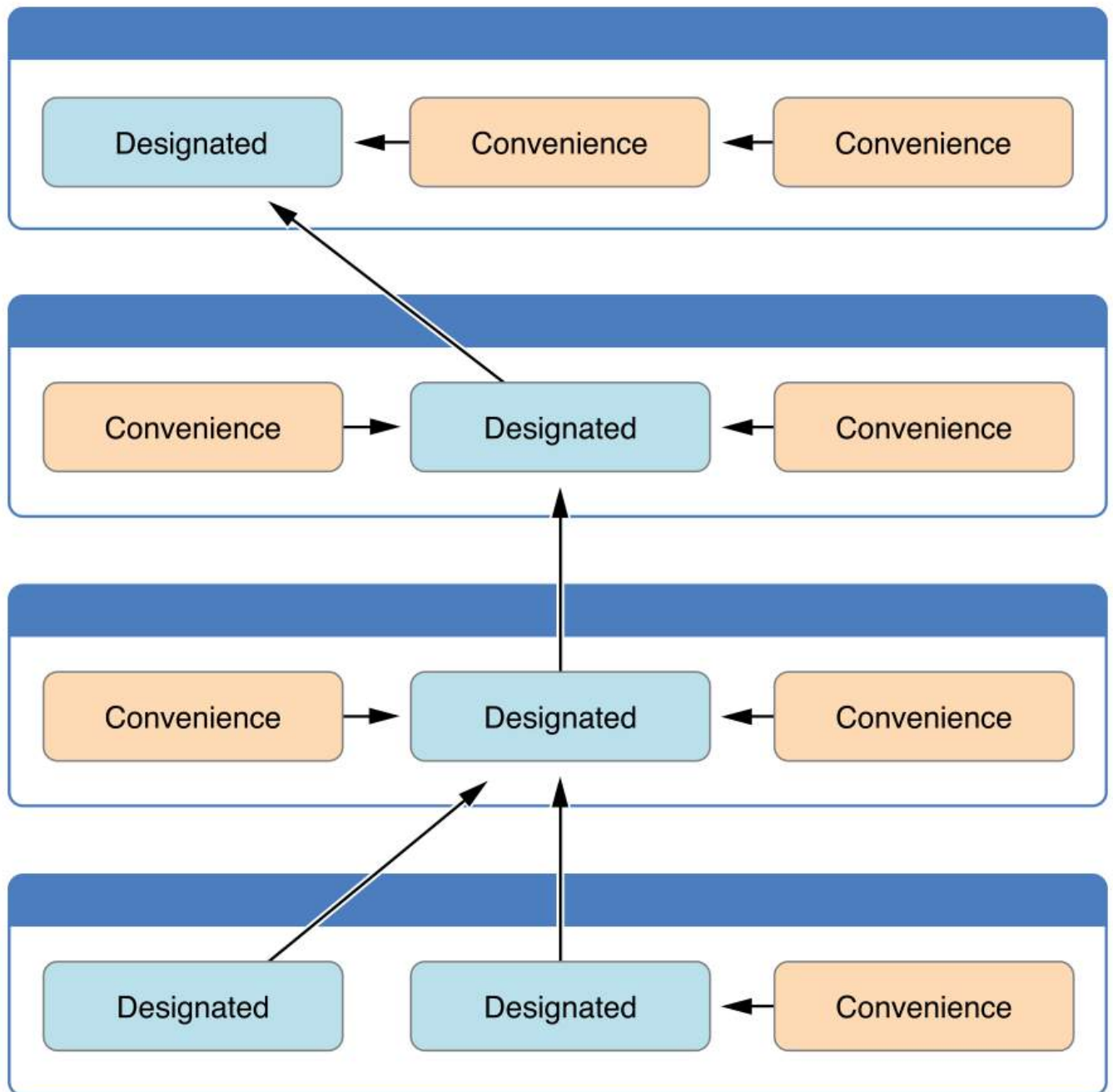
Section 33.1: Convenience init

Swift classes supports having multiple ways of being initialized. Following Apple's specs this 3 rules must be respected:

1. A designated initializer must call a designated initializer from its immediate superclass.



2. A convenience initializer must call another initializer from the same class.
3. A convenience initializer must ultimately call a designated initializer.



```
class Foo {  
  
    var someString: String  
    var someValue: Int  
    var someBool: Bool  
  
    // Designated_INITIALIZER  
    init(someString: String, someValue: Int, someBool: Bool)  
    {  
        self.someString = someString  
        self.someValue = someValue  
        self.someBool = someBool  
    }  
  
    // A convenience initializer must call another initializer from the same class.  
    convenience init()  
    {  
        self.init(otherString: "")  
    }  
}
```

```

// A convenience initializer must ultimately call a designated initializer.
convenience init(otherString: String)
{
    self.init(someString: otherString, someValue: 0, someBool: false)
}

class Baz: Foo
{
    var someFloat: Float

    // Designed initializer
    init(someFloat: Float)
    {
        self.someFloat = someFloat

        // A designated initializer must call a designated initializer from its immediate
        superclass.
        super.init(someString: "", someValue: 0, someBool: false)
    }

    // A convenience initializer must call another initializer from the same class.
    convenience init()
    {
        self.init(someFloat: 0)
    }
}

```

Designated Initializer

```
let c = Foo(someString: "Some string", someValue: 10, someBool: true)
```

Convenience init()

```
let a = Foo()
```

Convenience init(otherString: String)

```
let b = Foo(otherString: "Some string")
```

Designated Initializer (will call the superclass Designated Initializer)

```
let d = Baz(someFloat: 3)
```

Convenience init()

```
let e = Baz()
```

Image source: [The Swift Programming Language](#)

Section 33.2: Setting default property values

You can use an initializer to set default property values:

```

struct Example {
    var upvotes: Int
    init() {
        upvotes = 42
    }
}

let myExample = Example() // call the initializer
print(myExample.upvotes) // prints: 42

```

Or, specify default property values as a part of the property's declaration:


```
struct Example {
    var upvotes = 42 // the type 'Int' is inferred here
}
```

Classes and structs **must** set all stored properties to an appropriate initial value by the time an instance is created. This example will not compile, because the initializer did not give an initial value for downvotes:

```
struct Example {
    var upvotes: Int
    var downvotes: Int
    init() {
        upvotes = 0
    } // error: Return from initializer without initializing all stored properties
}
```

Section 33.3: Customizing initialization with paramaters

```
struct MetricDistance {
    var distanceInMeters: Double

    init(fromCentimeters centimeters: Double) {
        distanceInMeters = centimeters / 100
    }
    init(fromKilometers kilos: Double) {
        distanceInMeters = kilos * 1000
    }
}

let myDistance = MetricDistance(fromCentimeters: 42)
// myDistance.distanceInMeters is 0.42
let myOtherDistance = MetricDistance(fromKilometers: 42)
// myOtherDistance.distanceInMeters is 42000
```

Note that you cannot omit the parameter labels:

```
let myBadDistance = MetricDistance(42) // error: argument labels do not match any available overloads
```

In order to allow omission of parameter labels, use an underscore `_` as the label:

```
struct MetricDistance {
    var distanceInMeters: Double
    init(_ meters: Double) {
        distanceInMeters = meters
    }
}

let myDistance = MetricDistance(42) // distanceInMeters = 42
```

If your argument labels share names with one or more properties, use `self` to explicitly set the property values:

```
struct Color {
    var red, green, blue: Double
    init(red: Double, green: Double, blue: Double) {
        self.red = red
        self.green = green
        self.blue = blue
    }
}
```

```
}
```

Section 33.4: Throwable Initilizer

Using Error Handling to make Struct(or class) initializer as throwable initializer:

Example Error Handling enum:

```
enum ValidationError: Error {  
    case invalid  
}
```

You can use Error Handling enum to check the parameter for the Struct(or class) meet expected requirement

```
struct User {  
    let name: String  
  
    init(name: String?) throws {  
        guard let name = name else {  
            ValidationError.invalid  
        }  
  
        self.name = name  
    }  
}
```

Now, you can use throwable initializer by:

```
do {  
    let user = try User(name: "Sample name")  
  
    // success  
}  
catch ValidationError.invalid {  
    // handle error  
}
```

Chapter 34: Getting Started with Protocol Oriented Programming

Section 34.1: Using protocols as first class types

Protocol oriented programming can be used as a core Swift design pattern.

Different types are able to conform to the same protocol, value types can even conform to multiple protocols and even provide default method implementation.

Initially protocols are defined that can represent commonly used properties and/or methods with either specific or generic types.

```
protocol ItemData {  
  
    var title: String { get }  
    var description: String { get }  
    var thumbnailURL: NSURL { get }  
    var created: NSDate { get }  
    var updated: NSDate { get }  
  
}  
  
protocol DisplayItem {  
  
    func hasBeenUpdated() -> Bool  
    func getFormattedTitle() -> String  
    func getFormattedDescription() -> String  
  
}  
  
protocol GetAPIItemDataOperation {  
  
    static func get(url: NSURL, completed: ([ItemData]) -> Void)  
  
}
```

A default implementation for the get method can be created, though if desired conforming types may override the implementation.

```
extension GetAPIItemDataOperation {  
  
    static func get(url: NSURL, completed: ([ItemData]) -> Void) {  
  
        let date = NSDate(  
            timeIntervalSinceNow: NSDate().timeIntervalSince1970  
                + 5000)  
  
        // get data from url  
        let urlData: [String: AnyObject] = [  
            "title": "Red Camaro",  
            "desc": "A fast red car.",  
            "thumb": "http://cars.images.com/red-camaro.png",  
            "created": NSDate(), "updated": date]  
  
        // in this example forced unwrapping is used  
        // forced unwrapping should never be used in practice  
        // instead conditional unwrapping should be used (guard or if/let)
```

```

        let item = Item(
            title: urlData["title"] as! String,
            description: urlData["desc"] as! String,
            thumbnailURL: NSURL(string: urlData["thumb"] as! String)!,
            created: urlData["created"] as! NSDate,
            updated: urlData["updated"] as! NSDate)

        completed([item])
    }
}

struct ItemOperation: GetAPIItemDataOperation { }

```

A value type that conforms to the ItemData protocol, this value type is also able to conform to other protocols.

```

struct Item: ItemData {

    let title: String
    let description: String
    let thumbnailURL: NSURL
    let created: NSDate
    let updated: NSDate

}

```

Here the item struct is extended to conform to a display item.

```

extension Item: DisplayItem {

    func hasBeenUpdated() -> Bool {
        return updated.timeIntervalSince1970 >
            created.timeIntervalSince1970
    }

    func getFormattedTitle() -> String {
        return title.stringByTrimmingCharactersInSet(
            .whitespaceAndNewlineCharacterSet())
    }

    func getFormattedDescription() -> String {
        return description.stringByTrimmingCharactersInSet(
            .whitespaceAndNewlineCharacterSet())
    }

}

```

An example call site for using the static get method.

```

ItemOperation.get(NSURL()) { (itemData) in

    // perhaps inform a view of new data
    // or parse the data for user requested info, etc.
    dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue(), {

        // self.items = itemData
    })

}

```

Different use cases will require different implementations. The main idea here is to show conformance from

varying types where the protocol is the main point of the focus in the design. In this example perhaps the API data is conditionally saved to a Core Data entity.

```
// the default core data created classes + extension
class LocalItem: NSObject { }

extension LocalItem {

    @NSManaged var title: String
    @NSManaged var itemDescription: String
    @NSManaged var thumbnailURLStr: String
    @NSManaged var createdAt: NSDate
    @NSManaged var updatedAt: NSDate
}
```

Here the Core Data backed class can also conform to the DisplayItem protocol.

```
extension LocalItem: DisplayItem {

    func hasBeenUpdated() -> Bool {
        return updatedAt.timeIntervalSince1970 >
            createdAt.timeIntervalSince1970
    }

    func getFormattedTitle() -> String {
        return title.stringByTrimmingCharactersInSet(
            .whitespaceAndNewlineCharacterSet())
    }

    func getFormattedDescription() -> String {
        return itemDescription.stringByTrimmingCharactersInSet(
            .whitespaceAndNewlineCharacterSet())
    }
}

// In use, the core data results can be
// conditionally casts as a protocol
class MyController: UIViewController {

    override func viewDidLoad() {

        let fr: NSFetchRequest = NSFetchRequest(
            entityName: "Items")

        let context = NSManagedObjectContext(
            concurrencyType: .MainQueueConcurrencyType)

        do {

            let items: AnyObject = try context.executeFetchRequest(fr)
            if let displayItems = items as? [DisplayItem] {

                print(displayItems)
            }

        } catch let error as NSError {
            print(error.localizedDescription)
        }

    }
}
```

```
}
```

Section 34.2: Leveraging Protocol Oriented Programming for Unit Testing

Protocol Oriented Programming is a useful tool in order to easily write better unit tests for our code.

Let's say we want to test a UIViewController that relies on a ViewModel class.

The needed steps on the production code are:

1. Define a protocol that exposes the public interface of the class ViewModel, with all the properties and methods needed by the UIViewController.
2. Implement the real ViewModel class, conforming to that protocol.
3. Use a dependency injection technique to let the view controller use the implementation we want, passing it as the protocol and not the concrete instance.

```
protocol ViewModelType {
    var title : String {get}
    func confirm()
}

class ViewModel: ViewModelType {
    let title : String

    init(title: String) {
        self.title = title
    }
    func confirm() { ... }
}

class ViewController : UIViewController {
    // We declare the viewModel property as an object conforming to the protocol
    // so we can swap the implementations without any friction.
    var viewModel : ViewModelType!
    @IBOutlet var titleLabel : UILabel!

    override func viewDidLoad() {
        super.viewDidLoad()
        titleLabel.text = viewModel.title
    }

    @IBAction func didTapOnButton(sender: UIButton) {
        viewModel.confirm()
    }
}

// With DI we setup the view controller and assign the view model.
// The view controller doesn't know the concrete class of the view model,
// but just relies on the declared interface on the protocol.
let viewController = //... Instantiate view controller
viewController.viewModel = ViewModel(title: "MyTitle")
```

Then, on unit test:

1. Implement a mock ViewModel that conforms to the same protocol
2. Pass it to the UIViewController under test using dependency injection, instead of the real instance.
3. Test!

```

class FakeViewModel : ViewModelType {
    let title : String = "FakeTitle"

    var didConfirm = false
    func confirm() {
        didConfirm = true
    }
}

class ViewControllerTest : XCTestCase {
    var sut : ViewController!
    var viewModel : FakeViewModel!

    override func setUp() {
        super.setUp()

        viewModel = FakeViewModel()
        sut = // ... initialization for view controller
        sut.viewModel = viewModel

        XCTAssertNotNil(self.sut.view) // Needed to trigger view loading
    }

    func testTitleLabel() {
        XCTAssertEqual(self.sut.titleLabel.text, "FakeTitle")
    }

    func testTapOnButton() {
        sut.didTapOnButton(UIButton())
        XCTAssertTrue(self.viewModel.didConfirm)
    }
}

```

Chapter 35: Functional Programming in Swift

Section 35.1: Extracting a list of names from a list of Person(s)

Given a Person struct

```
struct Person {  
    let name: String  
    let birthYear: Int?  
}
```

and an Array of Person(s)

```
let persons = [  
    Person(name: "Walter White", birthYear: 1959),  
    Person(name: "Jesse Pinkman", birthYear: 1984),  
    Person(name: "Skyler White", birthYear: 1970),  
    Person(name: "Saul Goodman", birthYear: nil)  
]
```

we can retrieve an array of `String` containing the name property of each Person.

```
let names = persons.map { $0.name }  
// ["Walter White", "Jesse Pinkman", "Skyler White", "Saul Goodman"]
```

Section 35.2: Traversing

```
let numbers = [3, 1, 4, 1, 5]  
// non-functional  
for (index, element) in numbers.enumerate() {  
    print(index, element)  
}  
  
// functional  
numbers.enumerate().map { (index, element) in  
    print((index, element))  
}
```

Section 35.3: Filtering

Create a stream by selecting the elements from a stream that pass a certain condition is called **filtering**

```
var newReleases = [  
    [  
        "id": 70111470,  
        "title": "Die Hard",  
        "boxart": "http://cdn-0.nflximg.com/images/2891/DieHard.jpg",  
        "uri": "http://api.netflix.com/catalog/titles/movies/70111470",  
        "rating": 4.0,  
        "bookmark": []  
    ],  
    [  
        "id": 654356453,  
        "title": "Bad Boys",  

```



```

        "boxart": "http://cdn-0.nflximg.com/images/2891/BadBoys.jpg",
        "uri": "http://api.netflix.com/catalog/titles/movies/70111470",
        "rating": 5.0,
        "bookmark": [[ "id": 432534, "time": 65876586 ]]
    ],
    [
        "id": 65432445,
        "title": "The Chamber",
        "boxart": "http://cdn-0.nflximg.com/images/2891/TheChamber.jpg",
        "uri": "http://api.netflix.com/catalog/titles/movies/70111470",
        "rating": 4.0,
        "bookmark": []
    ],
    [
        "id": 675465,
        "title": "Fracture",
        "boxart": "http://cdn-0.nflximg.com/images/2891/Fracture.jpg",
        "uri": "http://api.netflix.com/catalog/titles/movies/70111470",
        "rating": 5.0,
        "bookmark": [[ "id": 432534, "time": 65876586 ]]
    ]
]

var videos1 = [[String: AnyObject]]()
/**
 * Filtering using map
 */
newReleases.map { e in
    if e["rating"] as! Float == 5.0 {
        videos1.append(["id": e["id"] as! Int, "title": e["title"] as! String])
    }
}

print(videos1)

var videos2 = [[String: AnyObject]]()
/**
 * Filtering using filter and chaining
 */
newReleases
    .filter { e in
        e["rating"] as! Float == 5.0
    }
    .map { e in
        videos2.append(["id": e["id"] as! Int, "title": e["title"] as! String])
    }

print(videos2)

```

Section 35.4: Using Filter with Structs

Frequently you may want to filter structures and other complex data types. Searching an array of structs for entries that contain a particular value is a very common task, and easily achieved in Swift using functional programming features. What's more, the code is extremely succinct.

```

struct Painter {
    enum Type { case Impressionist, Expressionist, Surrealist, Abstract, Pop }
    var firstName: String
    var lastName: String
    var type: Type
}

```

```

}

let painters = [
    Painter(firstName: "Claude", lastName: "Monet", type: .Impressionist),
    Painter(firstName: "Edgar", lastName: "Degas", type: .Impressionist),
    Painter(firstName: "Egon", lastName: "Schiele", type: .Expressionist),
    Painter(firstName: "George", lastName: "Grosz", type: .Expressionist),
    Painter(firstName: "Mark", lastName: "Rothko", type: .Abstract),
    Painter(firstName: "Jackson", lastName: "Pollock", type: .Abstract),
    Painter(firstName: "Pablo", lastName: "Picasso", type: .Surrealist),
    Painter(firstName: "Andy", lastName: "Warhol", type: .Pop)
]

// list the expressionists
dump(painters.filter({$0.type == .Expressionist}))

// count the expressionists
dump(painters.filter({$0.type == .Expressionist}).count)
// prints "2"

// combine filter and map for more complex operations, for example listing all
// non-impressionist and non-expressionists by surname
dump(painters.filter({$0.type != .Impressionist && $0.type != .Expressionist})
    .map({$0.lastName}).joinWithSeparator(", "))
// prints "Rothko, Pollock, Picasso, Warhol"

```

Section 35.5: Projecting

Applying a function to a collection/stream and creating a new collection/stream is called a **projection**.

```

/// Projection
var newReleases = [
    [
        "id": 70111470,
        "title": "Die Hard",
        "boxart": "http://cdn-0.nflximg.com/images/2891/DieHard.jpg",
        "uri": "http://api.netflix.com/catalog/titles/movies/70111470",
        "rating": [4.0],
        "bookmark": []
    ],
    [
        "id": 654356453,
        "title": "Bad Boys",
        "boxart": "http://cdn-0.nflximg.com/images/2891/BadBoys.jpg",
        "uri": "http://api.netflix.com/catalog/titles/movies/70111470",
        "rating": [5.0],
        "bookmark": [[ "id": 432534, "time": 65876586 ]]
    ],
    [
        "id": 65432445,
        "title": "The Chamber",
        "boxart": "http://cdn-0.nflximg.com/images/2891/TheChamber.jpg",
        "uri": "http://api.netflix.com/catalog/titles/movies/70111470",
        "rating": [4.0],
        "bookmark": []
    ],
    [
        "id": 675465,
        "title": "Fracture",
        "boxart": "http://cdn-0.nflximg.com/images/2891/Fracture.jpg",
        "uri": "http://api.netflix.com/catalog/titles/movies/70111470",

```

```

        "rating": [5.0],
        "bookmark": [[ "id": 432534, "time": 65876586 ]]
    ]
}

var videoAndTitlePairs = [[String: AnyObject]]()
newReleases.map { e in
    videoAndTitlePairs.append(["id": e["id"] as! Int, "title": e["title"] as! String])
}

print(videoAndTitlePairs)

```

Chapter 36: Style Conventions

Section 36.1: Fluent Usage

Using natural language

Functions calls should be close to natural English language.

Example:

```
list.insert(element, at: index)
```

instead of

```
list.insert(element, position: index)
```

Naming Factory Methods

Factory methods should begin with the prefix `make`.

Example:

```
factory.makeObject()
```

Naming Parameters in Initializers and Factory Methods

The name of the first argument should not be involved in naming a factory method or initializer.

Example:

```
factory.makeObject(key: value)
```

Instead of:

```
factory.makeObject(havingProperty: value)
```

Naming according to side effects

- Functions with side effects (mutating functions) should be named using verbs or nouns prefixed with form- .
- Functions without side effects (nonmutating functions) should be named using nouns or verbs with the suffix -ing or -ed.

Example: Mutating functions:

```
print(value)
array.sort()           // in place sorting
list.add(value)        // mutates list
set.formUnion(anotherSet) // set is now the union of set and anotherSet
```

Nonmutating functions:

```
let sortedArray = array.sorted() // out of place sorting
let union = set.union(anotherSet) // union is now the union of set and another set
```

Boolean functions or variables

Statements involving booleans should read as assertions.

Example:

```
set.isEmpty
line.intersects(anotherLine)
```

Naming Protocols

- Protocols describing what something is should be named using nouns.
- Protocols describing capabilities should have -able, -ible or -ing as suffix.

Example:

```
Collection           // describes that something is a collection
ProgressReporting    // describes that something has the capability of reporting progress
Equatable            // describes that something has the capability of being equal to something
```

Types and Properties

Types, variables and properties should read as nouns.

Example:

```
let factory = ...
let list = [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

Section 36.2: Clear Usage

Avoid Ambiguity

The name of classes, structures, functions and variables should avoid ambiguity.

Example:

```
extension List {
    public mutating func remove(at position: Index) -> Element {
        // implementation
    }
}
```

The function call to this function will then look like this:

```
list.remove(at: 42)
```

This way, ambiguity is avoided. If the function call would be just `list.remove(42)` it would be unclear, if an Element equal to 42 would be removed or if the Element at Index 42 would be removed.

Avoid Redundancy

The name of functions should not contain redundant information.

A bad example would be:

```
extension List {
    public mutating func removeElement(element: Element) -> Element? {
        // implementation
    }
}
```

A call to the function may look like `list.removeElement(someObject)`. The variable `someObject` already indicates, that an Element is removed. It would be better for the function signature to look like this:

```
extension List {
    public mutating func remove(_ member: Element) -> Element? {
        // implementation
    }
}
```

```
}
```

The call to this function looks like this: `list.remove(someObject)`.

Naming variables according to their role

Variables should be named by their role (e.g. supplier, greeting) instead of their type (e.g. factory, string, etc..)

High coupling between Protocol Name and Variable Names

If the name of the type describes its role in most cases (e.g. iterator), the type should be named with the suffix ``Type``. (e.g. `IteratorType`)

Provide additional details when using weakly typed parameters

If the type of an object does not indicate its usage in a function call clearly, the function should be named with a preceding noun for every weakly typed parameter, describing its usage.

Example:

```
func addObserver(_ observer: NSObject, forKeyPath path: String)
```

to which a call would look like `object.addObserver(self, forKeyPath: path)`

instead of

```
func add(_ observer: NSObject, for keyPath: String)
```

to which a call would look like `object.add(self, for: path)`

Section 36.3: Capitalization

Types & Protocols

Type and protocol names should start with an uppercase letter.

Example:

```
protocol Collection {}
struct String {}
class UIView {}
struct Int {}
enum Color {}
```

Everything else...

Variables, constants, functions and enumeration cases should start with a lowercase letter.

Example:

```
let greeting = "Hello"
let height = 42.0

enum Color {
    case red
    case green
    case blue
}

func print(_ string: String) {
    ...
}
```

Camel Case:

All naming should use the appropriate camel case. Upper camel case for type/protocol names and lower camel case for everything else.

Upper Camel Case:

```
protocol IteratorType { ... }
```

Lower Camel Case:

```
let inputView = ...
```

Abbreviations

Abbreviations should be avoided unless commonly used (e.g. URL, ID). If an abbreviation is used, all letters should have the same case.

Example:

```
let userID: UserID = ...  
let urlString: URLString = ...
```

Chapter 37: Type Casting

Section 37.1: Downcasting

A variable can be downcasted to a subtype using the *type cast operators* `as?`, and `as!`.

The `as?` operator *attempts* to cast to a subtype. It can fail, therefore it returns an optional.

```
let value: Any = "John"

let name = value as? String
print(name) // prints Optional("John")

let age = value as? Double
print(age) // prints nil
```

The `as!` operator *forces* a cast.

It does not return an optional, but crashes if the cast fails.

```
let value: Any = "Paul"

let name = value as! String
print(name) // prints "Paul"

let age = value as! Double // crash: "Could not cast value..."
```

It is common to use type cast operators with conditional unwrapping:

```
let value: Any = "George"

if let name = value as? String {
    print(name) // prints "George"
}

if let age = value as? Double {
    print(age) // Not executed
}
```

Section 37.2: Type casting in Swift Language

Type Casting

Type casting is a way to check the type of an instance, or to treat that instance as a different superclass or subclass from somewhere else in its own class hierarchy.

Type casting in Swift is implemented with the `is` and `as` operators. These two operators provide a simple and expressive way to check the type of a value or cast a value to a different type.

Downcasting

A constant or variable of a certain class type may actually refer to an instance of a subclass behind the scenes. Where you believe this is the case, you can try to downcast to the subclass type with a type cast operator (`as?` or `as!`).

Because downcasting can fail, the type cast operator comes in two different forms. The conditional form, `as?`, returns an optional value of the type you are trying to downcast to. The forced form, `as!`, attempts the downcast and force-unwraps the result as a single compound action.

Use the conditional form of the type cast operator (`as?`) when you are not sure if the downcast will succeed. This form of the operator will always return an optional value, and the value will be `nil` if the downcast was not possible. This enables you to check for a successful downcast.

Use the forced form of the type cast operator (`as!`) only when you are sure that the downcast will always succeed. This form of the operator will trigger a runtime error if you try to downcast to an incorrect class type. [Know more.](#)

String to Int & Float conversion :-

```
let numbers = "888.00"
let intValue = NSString(string: numbers).integerValue
print(intValue) // Output - 888
```

```
let numbers = "888.00"
let floatValue = NSString(string: numbers).floatValue
print(floatValue) // Output : 888.0
```

Float to String Conversion

```
let numbers = 888.00
let floatValue = String(numbers)
print(floatValue) // Output : 888.0
```

```
// Get Float value at particular decimal point
let numbers = 888.00
let floatValue = String(format: "%.2f", numbers) // Here %.2f will give 2 numbers after decimal
points we can use as per our need
print(floatValue) // Output : "888.00"
```

Integer to String value

```
let numbers = 888
let intValue = String(numbers)
print(intValue) // Output : "888"
```

Float to String value

```
let numbers = 888.00
let floatValue = String(numbers)
print(floatValue)
```

Optional Float value to String

```
let numbers: Any = 888.00
let floatValue = String(describing: numbers)
print(floatValue) // Output : 888.0
```

Optional String to Int value

```
let hitCount = "100"
let data :AnyObject = hitCount
let score = Int(data as? String ?? "") ?? 0
print(score)
```

Downcasting values from JSON

```
let json = ["name" : "john", "subjects": ["Maths", "Science", "English", "C Language"]] as
[String : Any]
let name = json["name"] as? String ?? ""
print(name) // Output : john
let subjects = json["subjects"] as? [String] ?? []
print(subjects) // Output : ["Maths", "Science", "English", "C Language"]
```

Downcasting values from Optional JSON

```
let response: Any = ["name" : "john", "subjects": ["Maths", "Science", "English", "C Language"]]
let json = response as? [String: Any] ?? [:]
let name = json["name"] as? String ?? ""
print(name) // Output : john
let subjects = json["subjects"] as? [String] ?? []
print(subjects) // Output : ["Maths", "Science", "English", "C Language"]
```

Manage JSON Response with conditions

```
let response: Any = ["name" : "john", "subjects": ["Maths", "Science", "English", "C Language"]] //Optional Response

guard let json = response as? [String: Any] else {
    // Handle here nil value
    print("Empty Dictionary")
    // Do something here
    return
}
let name = json["name"] as? String ?? ""
print(name) // Output : john
let subjects = json["subjects"] as? [String] ?? []
print(subjects) // Output : ["Maths", "Science", "English", "C Language"]
```

Manage Nil Response with condition

```
let response: Any? = nil
guard let json = response as? [String: Any] else {
    // Handle here nil value
    print("Empty Dictionary")
    // Do something here
    return
}
let name = json["name"] as? String ?? ""
print(name)
let subjects = json["subjects"] as? [String] ?? []
print(subjects)
```

Output : Empty Dictionary

Section 37.3: Upcasting

The as operator will cast to a supertype. As it cannot fail, it does not return an optional.

```
let name = "Ringo"
let value = string as Any // `value` is of type `Any` now
```

Section 37.4: Example of using a downcast on a function parameter involving subclassing

A downcast can be used to make use of a subclass's code and data inside of a function taking a parameter of its superclass.

```
class Rat {
    var color = "white"
}

class PetRat: Rat {
    var name = "Spot"
}
```

```
func nameOfRat(????: Rat) -> String {
    guard let petRat = (???? as? PetRat) else {
        return "No name"
    }

    return petRat.name
}

let noName = Rat()
let spot = PetRat()

print(nameOfRat(noName))
print(nameOfRat(spot))
```

Section 37.5: Casting with switch

The `switch` statement can also be used to attempt casting into different types:

```
func checkType(_ value: Any) -> String {
    switch value {

        // The `is` operator can be used to check a type
        case is Double:
            return "value is a Double"

        // The `as` operator will cast. You do not need to use `as?` in a `switch`.
        case let string as String:
            return "value is the string: \(string)"

        default:
            return "value is something else"
    }
}

checkType("Cadena") // "value is the string: Cadena"
checkType(6.28)     // "value is a Double"
checkType UILabel() // "value is something else"
```

Chapter 38: Logging in Swift

Section 38.1: dump

`dump` prints the contents of an object via reflection (mirroring).

Detailed view of an array:

```
let names = ["Joe", "Jane", "Jim", "Joyce"]
dump(names)
```

Prints:

```
? 4 elements
- [0]: Joe
- [1]: Jane
- [2]: Jim
- [3]: Joyce
```

For a dictionary:

```
let attributes = ["foo": 10, "bar": 33, "baz": 42]
dump(attributes)
```

Prints:

```
? 3 key/value pairs
? [0]: (2 elements)
- .0: bar
- .1: 33
? [1]: (2 elements)
- .0: baz
- .1: 42
? [2]: (2 elements)
- .0: foo
- .1: 10
```

`dump` is declared as `dump(_:name:indent:maxDepth:maxItems:)`.

The first parameter has no label.

There's other parameters available, like `name` to set a label for the object being inspected:

```
dump(attributes, name: "mirroring")
```

Prints:

```
? mirroring: 3 key/value pairs
? [0]: (2 elements)
```

```
- .0: bar
- .1: 33
? [1]: (2 elements)
- .0: baz
- .1: 42
? [2]: (2 elements)
- .0: foo
- .1: 10
```

You can also choose to print only a certain number of items with `maxItems:`, to parse the object up to a certain depth with `maxDepth:`, and to change the indentation of printed objects with `indent:`.

Section 38.2: Debug Print

Debug Print shows the instance representation that is most suitable for debugging.

```
print("Hello")
debugPrint("Hello")

let dict = ["foo": 1, "bar": 2]

print(dict)
debugPrint(dict)
```

Yields

```
>>> Hello
>>> "Hello"
>>> [foo: 1, bar: 2]
>>> ["foo": 1, "bar": 2]
```

This extra information can be very important, for example:

```
let wordArray = ["foo", "bar", "food, bars"]

print(wordArray)
debugPrint(wordArray)
```

Yields

```
>>> [foo, bar, food, bars]
>>> ["foo", "bar", "food, bars"]
```

Notice how in the first output it appears that there are 4 elements in the array as opposed to 3. For reasons like this, it is preferable when debugging to use `debugPrint`

Updating a classes debug and print values

```
struct Foo: Printable, DebugPrintable {
    var description: String {return "Clear description of the object"}
    var debugDescription: String {return "Helpful message for debugging"}
}

var foo = Foo()

print(foo)
```

```
debugPrint(foo)
```

```
>>> Clear description of the object  
>>> Helpful message for debugging
```

Section 38.3: print() vs dump()

Many of us start debugging with simple `print()`. Let's say we have such a class:

```
class ABC {  
    let a = "aa"  
    let b = "bb"  
}
```

and we have an instance of `ABC` as so:

```
let abc = ABC()
```

When we run the `print()` on the variable, the output is

```
App.ABC
```

while `dump()` outputs

```
App.ABC #0  
- a: "aa"  
- b: "bb"
```

As seen, `dump()` outputs the whole class hierarchy, while `print()` simply outputs the class name.

Therefore, `dump()` is especially useful for UI debugging

```
let view = UIView(frame: CGRect(x: 0, y: 0, width: 100, height: 100))
```

With `dump(view)` we get:

```
- <UIView: 0x108a0cde0; frame = (0 0; 100 100); layer = <CALayer: 0x159340cb0>> #0  
  - super: UIResponder  
    - NSObject
```

While `print(view)` we get:

```
<UIView: 0x108a0cde0; frame = (0 0; 100 100); layer = <CALayer: 0x159340cb0>>
```

There is more info on the class with `dump()`, and so it is more useful in debugging the class itself.

Section 38.4: print vs NSLog

In Swift we can use both `print()` and `NSLog()` functions to print something on Xcode console.

But there are a lot of differences in `print()` and `NSLog()` functions, such as:

1 Timestamp: `NSLog()` will print timestamp along with the string we passed to it, but `print()` will not print timestamp.

e.g.

```
let array = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
print(array)
NSLog(array.description)
```

Output:

```
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
2017-05-31 13:14:38.582 ProjeName[2286:7473287] [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

It'll also print **ProjectName** along with timestamp.

2 Only String: NSLog() only takes String as an input, but print() can print any type of input passed to it.
e.g.

```
let array = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
print(array) //prints [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
NSLog(array) //error: Cannot convert value of type [Int] to expected argument type 'String'
```

3 Performance: NSLog() function is very **slow** compare to print() function.

4 Synchronization: NSLog() handles simultaneous usage from multi-threading environment and prints output without overlapping it. But print() will not handle such cases and jumbles while printing output.

5 Device Console: NSLog() outputs on device console also, we can see this output by connecting our device to Xcode. print() will not print output to device's console.

Chapter 39: Performance

Section 39.1: Allocation Performance

In Swift, memory management is done for you automatically using Automatic Reference Counting. (See Memory Management) Allocation is the process of reserving a spot in memory for an object, and in Swift understanding the performance of such requires some understanding of the **heap** and the **stack**. The heap is a memory location where most objects get placed, and you may think of it as a storage shed. The stack, on the other hand, is a call stack of functions that have led to the current execution. (Hence, a stack trace is a sort of printout of the functions on the call stack.)

Allocating and deallocating from the stack is a very efficient operation, however in comparison heap allocation is costly. When designing for performance, you should keep this in mind.

Classes:

```
class MyClass {  
    let myProperty: String  
}
```

Classes in Swift are reference types and therefore several things happen. First, the actual object will be allocated onto the heap. Then, any references to that object must be added to the stack. This makes classes a more expensive object for allocation.

Structs:

```
struct MyStruct {  
    let myProperty: Int  
}
```

Because structs are value types and therefore copied when passed around, they are allocated on the stack. This makes structs more efficient than classes, however, if you do need a notion of identity and/or reference semantics, a struct cannot provide you with those things.

Warning about structs with Strings and properties that are classes

While structs are generally cheaper than classes, you should be careful about structs with properties that are classes:

```
struct MyStruct {  
    let myProperty: MyClass  
}
```

Here, due to reference counting and other factors, the performance is now more similar to a class. Further, if more than one property in the struct is a class, the performance impact may be even more negative than if the struct were a class instead.

Also, while Strings are structs, they internally store their characters on the heap, so are more expensive than most

structs.

Chapter 40: RxSwift

Section 40.1: Disposing

After the subscription was created, it is important to manage its correct deallocation.

The docs told us that

If a sequence terminates in finite time, not calling `dispose` or not using `addDisposableTo(disposeBag)` won't cause any permanent resource leaks. However, those resources will be used until the sequence completes, either by finishing production of elements or returning an error.

There are two ways of deallocate resources.

1. Using `disposeBags` and `addDisposableTo` operator.
2. Using `takeUntil` operator.

In the first case you manually pass the subscription to the `DisposeBag` object, which correctly clears all taken memory.

```
let bag = DisposeBag()
Observable.just(1).subscribeNext {
    print($0)
}.addDisposableTo(bag)
```

You don't actually need to create `DisposeBags` in every class that you create, just take a look at *RxSwift Community's* project named [NSObject+Rx](#). Using the framework the code above can be rewritten as follows:

```
Observable.just(1).subscribeNext {
    print($0)
}.addDisposableTo(rx_disposeBag)
```

In the second case, if the subscription time coincides with the `self` object lifetime, it is possible to implement disposing using `takeUntil(rx_deallocated)`:

```
let _ = sequence
    .takeUntil(rx_deallocated)
    .subscribe {
        print($0)
    }
```

Section 40.2: RxSwift basics

FRP, or Functional Reactive Programming, has some basic terms which you need to know.

Every piece of data can be represented as `Observable`, which is an asynchronous data stream. The power of FRP is in representation synchronous and asynchronous events as streams, `Observables`, and providing the same interface to work with it.

Usually `Observable` holds several (or none) events that holds the date - `.Next` events, and then it can be terminated successfully (`.Success`) or with an error (`.Error`).

Let's take a look at following marble diagram:

```
--(1)--(2)--(3)|-->
```

In this example there is a stream of `Int` values. As time moves forward, three `.Next` events occurred, and then the stream terminated successfully.

```
--X->
```

The diagram above shows a case where no data was emitted and `.Error` event terminates the Observable.

Before we move on, there are some useful resources:

1. [RxSwift](#). Look at examples, read docs and getting started.
2. [RxSwift Slack room](#) has a few channels for education problem solving.
3. Play around with [RxMarbles](#) to know what operator does, and which is the most useful in your case.
4. Take a look [on this example](#), explore the code by yourself.

Section 40.3: Creating observables

`RxSwift` offers many ways to create an Observable, let's take a look:

```
import RxSwift

let intObservable = Observable.just(123) // Observable<Int>
let stringObservable = Observable.just("RxSwift") // Observable<String>
let doubleObservable = Observable.just(3.14) // Observable<Double>
```

So, the observables are created. They holds just one value and then terminates with success. Nevertheless, nothing happening after it was created. Why?

There are two steps in working with Observables: you **observe** something to *create* a stream and then you **subscribe** to the stream or **bind** it to something to *interact* with it.

```
Observable.just(12).subscribe {
    print($0)
}
```

The console will print:

```
.Next(12)
.Completed()
```

And if I interested only in working with data, which take place in `.Next` events, I'd use `subscribeNext` operator:

```
Observable.just(12).subscribeNext {
    print($0) // prints "12" now
}
```

If I want create an observable of many values, I use different operators:

```
Observable.of(1,2,3,4,5).subscribeNext {
    print($0)
}
// 1
// 2
```

```
// 3
// 4
// 5

// I can represent existing data types as Observables also:
[1,2,3,4,5].asObservable().subscribeNext {
    print($0)
}
// result is the same as before.
```

And finally, maybe I want an Observable that does some work. For example, it is convenient to wrap a network operation into `Observable<SomeResultType>`. Let's take a look of do one can achieve this:

```
Observable.create { observer in // create an Observable ...
    MyNetworkService.doSomeWorkWithCompletion { (result, error) in
        if let e = error {
            observer.onError(e) // ..that either holds an error
        } else {
            observer.onNext(result) // ..or emits the data
            observer.onCompleted() // ..and terminates successfully.
        }
    }
    return NopDisposable.instance // here you can manually free any resources
                                   //in case if this observable is being disposed.
}
```

Section 40.4: Bindings

```
Observable.combineLatest(firstName.rx_text, lastName.rx_text) { $0 + " " + $1 }
    .map { "Greetings, \($0)" }
    .bindTo(greetingLabel.rx_text)
```

Using the `combineLatest` operator every time an item is emitted by either of two Observables, combine the latest item emitted by each Observable. So in this way we combine the result of the two `UITextField`'s creating a new message with the text `"Greetings, \($0)"` using string interpolation to later bind to the text of a `UILabel`.

We can bind data to any `UITableView` and `UICollectionView` in an very easy way:

```
viewModel
    .rows
    .bindTo(resultsTableView.rx_itemsWithCellIdentifier("WikipediaSearchCell", cellType:
WikipediaSearchCell.self)) { (_, viewModel, cell) in
        cell.title = viewModel.title
        cell.url = viewModel.url
    }
    .addDisposableTo(disposeBag)
```

That's an Rx wrapper around the `cellForRowAtIndexPath` data source method. And also Rx takes care of the implementation of the `numberOfRowsAtIndexPath`, which is a required method in a traditional sense, but you don't have to implement it here, it's taken care of.

Section 40.5: RxCocoa andControlEvents

RxSwift provides not only the ways to control your data, but to represent user actions in a reactive way also.

RxCocoa contains everything you need. It wraps most of the UI components' properties into Observables, but not really. There are some upgraded Observables called `ControlEvents` (which represent events) and

ControlProperties (which represent properties, surprise!). These things holds Observable streams under the hood, but also have some nuances:

- It never fails, so no errors.
- It will Complete sequence on control being deallocated.
- It delivers events on the main thread (`MainScheduler.instance`).

Basically, you can work with them as usual:

```
button.rx_tap.subscribeNext { _ in // control event
    print("User tapped the button!")
}.addDisposableTo(bag)

textField.rx_text.subscribeNext { text in // control property
    print("The textfield contains: \(text)")
}.addDisposableTo(bag)
// notice that ControlProperty generates .Next event on subscription
// In this case, the log will display
// "The textfield contains: "
// at the very start of the app.
```

This is very important to use: as long as you use Rx, forget about the `@IBAction` stuff, everything you need you can bind and configure at once. For example, `viewDidLoad` method of your view controller is a good candidate to describe how the UI-components work.

Ok, another example: suppose we have a textfield, a button, and a label. We want to **validate text** in the textfield when we **tap** the button, and **display** the results in the label. Yep, seems like an another validate-email task, huh?

First of all, we grab the button `.rx_tap` ControlEvent:

```
----()-----()----->
```

Here empty parenthesis show user taps. Next, we take what's written in the textfield with `withLatestFrom` operator (take a look at it [here](#), imagine that upper stream represents user taps, bottom one represents text in the text field).

```
button.rx_tap.withLatestFrom(textField.rx_text)

----("")-----("123")---->
// ^ tap    ^ i wrote 123    ^ tap
```

Nice, we have a stream of strings to validate, emitted only when we need to validate.

Any Observable has such familiar operators as `map` or `filter`, we'll take `map` to validate the text. Create `validateEmail` function yourself, use any regex you want.

```
button.rx_tap                                // ControlEvent<Void>
    .withLatestFrom(textField.rx_text)        // Observable<String>
    .map(validateEmail)                       // Observable<Bool>
    .map { (isCorrect) in
        return isCorrect ? "Email is correct" : "Input the correct one, please"
    }                                         // Observable<String>
    .bindTo(label.rx_text)
    .addDisposableTo(bag)
```

Done! If you need more custom logic (like showing error views in case of error, making a transition to another

screen on success...), just subscribe to the final `Bool` stream and write it there.

Chapter 41: The Defer Statement

Section 41.1: When to use a defer statement

A defer statement consists of a block of code, which will be executed when a function returns and should be used for cleanup.

As Swift's guard statements encourage a style of early return, many possible paths for a return may exist. A defer statement provides cleanup code, which then does not need to be repeated every time.

It can also save time during debugging and profiling, as memory leaks and unused open resources due to forgotten cleanup can be avoided.

It can be used to deallocate a buffer at the end of a function:

```
func doSomething() {
    let data = UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt8>(allocatingCapacity: 42)
    // this pointer would not be released when the function returns
    // so we add a defer-statement
    defer {
        data.deallocateCapacity(42)
    }
    // it will be executed when the function returns.

    guard condition else {
        return /* will execute defer-block */
    }
} // The defer-block will also be executed on the end of the function.
```

It can also be used to close resources at the end of a function:

```
func write(data: UnsafePointer<UInt8>, dataLength: Int) throws {
    var stream: NSOutputStream = getOutputStream()
    defer {
        stream.close()
    }

    let written = stream.write(data, maxLength: dataLength)
    guard written >= 0 else {
        throw stream.streamError! /* will execute defer-block */
    }
} // the defer-block will also be executed on the end of the function
```

Section 41.2: When NOT to use a defer statement

When using a defer-statement, make sure the code remains readable and the execution order remains clear. For example, the following use of the defer-statement makes the execution order and the function of the code hard to comprehend.

```
postfix func ++ (inout value: Int) -> Int {
    defer { value += 1 } // do NOT do this!
    return value
}
```

Chapter 42: Design Patterns - Creational

Design patterns are general solutions to problems that frequently occur in software development. The following are templates of standardized best practices in structuring and designing code, as well as examples of common contexts in which these design patterns would be appropriate.

Creational design patterns abstract the instantiation of objects to make a system more independent of the process of creation, composition, and representation.

Section 42.1: Singleton

Singletons are a frequently used design pattern which consists of a single instance of a class that is shared throughout a program.

In the following example, we create a `static` property that holds an instance of the `Foo` class. Remember that a `static` property is shared between all objects of a class and can't be overwritten by subclassing.

```
public class Foo
{
    static let shared = Foo()

    // Used for preventing the class from being instantiated directly
    private init() {}

    func doSomething()
    {
        print("Do something")
    }
}
```

Usage:

```
Foo.shared.doSomething()
```

Be sure to remember the `private` initializer:

This makes sure your singletons are truly unique and prevents outside objects from creating their own instances of your class through virtue of access control. Since all objects come with a default public initializer in Swift, you need to override your `init` and make it private. [KrakenDev](#)

Section 42.2: Builder Pattern

The builder pattern is an **object creation software design pattern**. Unlike the abstract factory pattern and the factory method pattern whose intention is to enable polymorphism, the intention of the builder pattern is to find a solution to the telescoping constructor anti-pattern. The telescoping constructor anti-pattern occurs when the increase of object constructor parameter combination leads to an exponential list of constructors. Instead of using numerous constructors, the builder pattern uses another object, a builder, that receives each initialization parameter step by step and then returns the resulting constructed object at once.

[-Wikipedia](#)

The main goal of the builder pattern is to setup a default configuration for an object from its creation. It is an intermediary between the object will be built and all other objects related to building it.

Example:

To make it more clear, let's take a look at a *Car Builder* example.

Consider that we have a *Car* class contains many options to create an object, such as:

- Color.
- Number of seats.
- Number of wheels.
- Type.
- Gear type.
- Motor.
- Airbag availability.

```
import UIKit

enum CarType {
    case
    sportage,
    saloon
}

enum GearType {
    case
    manual,
    automatic
}

struct Motor {
    var id: String
    var name: String
    var model: String
    var numberOfCylinders: UInt8
}

class Car: CustomStringConvertible {
    var color: UIColor
    var numberOfSeats: UInt8
    var numberOfWheels: UInt8
    var type: CarType
    var gearType: GearType
    var motor: Motor
    var shouldHasAirbags: Bool

    var description: String {
        return "color: \(color)\nNumber of seats: \(numberOfSeats)\nNumber of Wheels: \(numberOfWheels)\n Type: \(gearType)\nMotor: \(motor)\nAirbag Availability: \(shouldHasAirbags)"
    }

    init(color: UIColor, numberOfSeats: UInt8, numberOfWheels: UInt8, type: CarType, gearType: GearType, motor: Motor, shouldHasAirbags: Bool) {

        self.color = color
        self.numberOfSeats = numberOfSeats
        self.numberOfWheels = numberOfWheels
    }
}
```

```

        self.type = type
        self.gearType = gearType
        self.motor = motor
        self.shouldHasAirbags = shouldHasAirbags
    }
}

```

Creating a car object:

```

let aCar = Car(color: UIColor.black,
               numberOfSeats: 4,
               numberOfWheels: 4,
               type: .saloon,
               gearType: .automatic,
               motor: Motor(id: "101", name: "Super Motor",
                           model: "c4", numberOfCylinders: 6),
               shouldHasAirbags: true)

print(aCar)

/* Printing
color: UIExtendedGrayColorSpace 0 1
Number of seats: 4
Number of Wheels: 4
Type: automatic
Motor: Motor(id: "101", name: "Super Motor", model: "c4", numberOfCylinders: 6)
Airbag Availability: true
*/

```

The **problem** arises when creating a car object is that the car requires many configuration data to be created.

For applying the Builder Pattern, the initializer parameters should have default values *which are changeable if needed*.

CarBuilder class:

```

class CarBuilder {
    var color: UIColor = UIColor.black
    var numberOfSeats: UInt8 = 5
    var numberOfWheels: UInt8 = 4
    var type: CarType = .saloon
    var gearType: GearType = .automatic
    var motor: Motor = Motor(id: "111", name: "Default Motor",
                            model: "T9", numberOfCylinders: 4)
    var shouldHasAirbags: Bool = false

    func buildCar() -> Car {
        return Car(color: color, numberOfSeats: numberOfSeats, numberOfWheels: numberOfWheels,
type: type, gearType: gearType, motor: motor, shouldHasAirbags: shouldHasAirbags)
    }
}

```

The CarBuilder class defines properties that could be changed to to edit the values of the created car object.

Let's build new cars by using the CarBuilder:

```

var builder = CarBuilder()
// currently, the builder creates cars with default configuration.

```

```

let defaultCar = builder.buildCar()
//print(defaultCar.description)
/* prints
color: UIExtendedGrayColorSpace 0 1
Number of seats: 5
Number of Wheels: 4
Type: automatic
Motor: Motor(id: "111", name: "Default Motor", model: "T9", numberOfCylinders: 4)
Airbag Availability: false
*/

builder.shouldHasAirbags = true
// now, the builder creates cars with default configuration,
// but with a small edit on making the airbags available

let safeCar = builder.buildCar()
print(safeCar.description)
/* prints
color: UIExtendedGrayColorSpace 0 1
Number of seats: 5
Number of Wheels: 4
Type: automatic
Motor: Motor(id: "111", name: "Default Motor", model: "T9", numberOfCylinders: 4)
Airbag Availability: true
*/

builder.color = UIColor.purple
// now, the builder creates cars with default configuration
// with some extra features: the airbags are available and the color is purple

let femaleCar = builder.buildCar()
print(femaleCar)
/* prints
color: UIExtendedSRGBColorSpace 0.5 0 0.5 1
Number of seats: 5
Number of Wheels: 4
Type: automatic
Motor: Motor(id: "111", name: "Default Motor", model: "T9", numberOfCylinders: 4)
Airbag Availability: true
*/

```

The **benefit** of applying the Builder Pattern is the ease of creating objects that should contain much of configurations by setting default values, also, the ease of changing these default values.

Take it Further:

As a good practice, all properties that need default values should be in a *separated protocol*, which should be implemented by the class itself and its builder.

Backing to our example, let's create a new protocol called CarBlueprint:

```

import UIKit

enum CarType {
    case
    sportage,
    saloon
}

enum GearType {

```

```

        case
            manual,
            automatic
    }

    struct Motor {
        var id: String
        var name: String
        var model: String
        var numberOfCylinders: UInt8
    }

    protocol CarBlueprint {
        var color: UIColor { get set }
        var numberOfSeats: UInt8 { get set }
        var numberOfWheels: UInt8 { get set }
        var type: CarType { get set }
        var gearType: GearType { get set }
        var motor: Motor { get set }
        var shouldHasAirbags: Bool { get set }
    }

    class Car: CustomStringConvertible, CarBlueprint {
        var color: UIColor
        var numberOfSeats: UInt8
        var numberOfWheels: UInt8
        var type: CarType
        var gearType: GearType
        var motor: Motor
        var shouldHasAirbags: Bool

        var description: String {
            return "color: \(color)\nNumber of seats: \(numberOfSeats)\nNumber of Wheels:
\(\numberOfWheels)\n Type: \(gearType)\nMotor: \(motor)\nAirbag Availability: \(shouldHasAirbags)"
        }

        init(color: UIColor, numberOfSeats: UInt8, numberOfWheels: UInt8, type: CarType, gearType:
GearType, motor: Motor, shouldHasAirbags: Bool) {

            self.color = color
            self.numberOfSeats = numberOfSeats
            self.numberOfWheels = numberOfWheels
            self.type = type
            self.gearType = gearType
            self.motor = motor
            self.shouldHasAirbags = shouldHasAirbags

        }
    }

    class CarBuilder: CarBlueprint {
        var color: UIColor = UIColor.black
        var numberOfSeats: UInt8 = 5
        var numberOfWheels: UInt8 = 4
        var type: CarType = .saloon
        var gearType: GearType = .automatic
        var motor: Motor = Motor(id: "111", name: "Default Motor",
                                model: "T9", numberOfCylinders: 4)
        var shouldHasAirbags: Bool = false

        func buildCar() -> Car {

```

```

        return Car(color: color, numberOfSeats: numberOfSeats, numberOfWheels: numberOfWheels,
type: type, gearType: gearType, motor: motor, shouldHasAirbags: shouldHasAirbags)
    }
}

```

The benefit of declaring the properties that need default value into a protocol is the forcing to implement any new added property; When a class conforms to a protocol, it has to declare all its properties/methods.

Consider that there is a required new feature that should be added to the blueprint of creating a car called "battery name":

```

protocol CarBlueprint {
    var color: UIColor { get set }
    var numberOfSeats: UInt8 { get set }
    var numberOfWheels: UInt8 { get set }
    var type: CarType { get set }
    var gearType: GearType { get set }
    var motor: Motor { get set }
    var shouldHasAirbags: Bool { get set }

    // adding the new property
    var batteryName: String { get set }
}

```

After adding the new property, note that two compile-time errors will arise, notifying that conforming to CarBlueprint protocol requires to declare 'batteryName' property. That guarantees that CarBuilder will declare and set a default value for batteryName property.

After adding batteryName new property to CarBlueprint protocol, the implementation of both Car and CarBuilder classes should be:

```

class Car: CustomStringConvertible, CarBlueprint {
    var color: UIColor
    var numberOfSeats: UInt8
    var numberOfWheels: UInt8
    var type: CarType
    var gearType: GearType
    var motor: Motor
    var shouldHasAirbags: Bool
    var batteryName: String

    var description: String {
        return "color: \(color)\nNumber of seats: \(numberOfSeats)\nNumber of Wheels:
\(\numberOfWheels)\nType: \(gearType)\nMotor: \(motor)\nAirbag Availability:
\(\shouldHasAirbags)\nBattery Name: \(batteryName)"
    }

    init(color: UIColor, numberOfSeats: UInt8, numberOfWheels: UInt8, type: CarType, gearType:
GearType, motor: Motor, shouldHasAirbags: Bool, batteryName: String) {

        self.color = color
        self.numberOfSeats = numberOfSeats
        self.numberOfWheels = numberOfWheels
        self.type = type
        self.gearType = gearType
        self.motor = motor
        self.shouldHasAirbags = shouldHasAirbags
        self.batteryName = batteryName
    }
}

```

```

}

class CarBuilder: CarBlueprint {
    var color: UIColor = UIColor.red
    var numberOfSeats: UInt8 = 5
    var numberOfWheels: UInt8 = 4
    var type: CarType = .saloon
    var gearType: GearType = .automatic
    var motor: Motor = Motor(id: "111", name: "Default Motor",
                             model: "T9", numberOfCylinders: 4)
    var shouldHasAirbags: Bool = false
    var batteryName: String = "Default Battery Name"

    func buildCar() -> Car {
        return Car(color: color, numberOfSeats: numberOfSeats, numberOfWheels: numberOfWheels,
type: type, gearType: gearType, motor: motor, shouldHasAirbags: shouldHasAirbags, batteryName:
batteryName)
    }
}

```

Again, let's build new cars by using the CarBuilder:

```

var builder = CarBuilder()

let defaultCar = builder.buildCar()
print(defaultCar)
/* prints
color: UIExtendedSRGBColorSpace 1 0 0 1
Number of seats: 5
Number of Wheels: 4
Type: automatic
Motor: Motor(id: "111", name: "Default Motor", model: "T9", numberOfCylinders: 4)
Airbag Availability: false
Battery Name: Default Battery Name
*/

builder.batteryName = "New Battery Name"

let editedBatteryCar = builder.buildCar()
print(editedBatteryCar)
/*
color: UIExtendedSRGBColorSpace 1 0 0 1
Number of seats: 5
Number of Wheels: 4
Type: automatic
Motor: Motor(id: "111", name: "Default Motor", model: "T9", numberOfCylinders: 4)
Airbag Availability: false
Battery Name: New Battery Name
*/

```

Section 42.3: Factory Method

In class-based programming, the factory method pattern is a creational pattern that uses factory methods to deal with the problem of creating objects without having to specify the exact class of the object that will be created. [Wikipedia reference](#)

```

protocol SenderProtocol
{

```

```

    func send(package: AnyObject)
}

class Fedex: SenderProtocol
{
    func send(package: AnyObject)
    {
        print("Fedex deliver")
    }
}

class RegularPriorityMail: SenderProtocol
{
    func send(package: AnyObject)
    {
        print("Regular Priority Mail deliver")
    }
}

// This is our Factory
class DeliverFactory
{
    // It will be responsible for returning the proper instance that will handle the task
    static func makeSender(isLate isLate: Bool) -> SenderProtocol
    {
        return isLate ? Fedex() : RegularPriorityMail()
    }
}

// Usage:
let package = ["Item 1", "Item 2"]

// Fedex class will handle the delivery
DeliverFactory.makeSender(isLate:true).send(package)

// Regular Priority Mail class will handle the delivery
DeliverFactory.makeSender(isLate:false).send(package)

```

By doing that we don't depend on the real implementation of the class, making the `sender()` completely transparent to who is consuming it.

In this case all we need to know is that a sender will handle the deliver and exposes a method called `send()`. There are several other advantages: reduce classes coupling, easier to test, easier to add new behaviours without having to change who is consuming it.

Within object-oriented design, interfaces provide layers of abstraction that facilitate conceptual explanation of the code and create a barrier preventing dependencies.[Wikipedia reference](#)

Section 42.4: Observer

The observer pattern is where an object, called the subject, maintains a list of its dependents, called observers, and notifies them automatically of any state changes, usually by calling one of their methods. It is mainly used to implement distributed event handling systems. The Observer pattern is also a key part in the familiar model-view-controller (MVC) architectural pattern.[Wikipedia reference](#)

Basically the observer pattern is used when you have an object which can notify observers of certain behaviors or state changes.

First lets create a global reference (outside of a class) for the Notification Centre :

```
let notifCentre = NotificationCenter.default
```

Great now we can call this from anywhere. We would then want to register a class as an observer...

```
notifCentre.addObserver(self, selector: #selector(self.myFunc), name: "myNotification", object: nil)
```

This adds the class as an observer for "readForMyFunc". It also indicates that the function myFunc should be called when that notification is received. This function should be written in the same class:

```
func myFunc(){
    print("The notification has been received")
}
```

One of the advantages to this pattern is that you can add many classes as observers and thus perform many actions after one notification.

The notification can now simply be sent(or posted if you prefer) from almost anywhere in the code with the line:

```
notifCentre.post(name: "myNotification", object: nil)
```

You can also pass information with the notification as a Dictionary

```
let myInfo = "pass this on"
notifCentre.post(name: "myNotification", object: ["moreInfo":myInfo])
```

But then you need to add a notification to your function:

```
func myFunc(_ notification: Notification){
    let userInfo = (notification as! NSNotification).userInfo as! [String: AnyObject]
    let passedInfo = userInfo["moreInfo"]
    print("The notification \(moreInfo) has been received")
    //prints - The notification pass this on has been received
}
```

Section 42.5: Chain of responsibility

In object-oriented design, the chain-of-responsibility pattern is a design pattern consisting of a source of command objects and a series of processing objects. Each processing object contains logic that defines the types of command objects that it can handle; the rest are passed to the next processing object in the chain. A mechanism also exists for adding new processing objects to the end of this chain. [Wikipedia](#)

Setting up the classes that made up the chain of responsibility.

First we create an interface for all the processing objects.


```
protocol PurchasePower {
    var allowable : Float { get }
    var role : String { get }
    var successor : PurchasePower? { get set }
}

extension PurchasePower {
    func process(request : PurchaseRequest){
        if request.amount < self.allowable {
            print(self.role + " will approve $ \(request.amount) for \(request.purpose)")
        } else if successor != nil {
            successor?.process(request: request)
        }
    }
}
```

Then we create the command object.

```
struct PurchaseRequest {
    var amount : Float
    var purpose : String
}
```

Finally, creating objects that made up the chain of responsibility.

```
class ManagerPower : PurchasePower {
    var allowable: Float = 20
    var role : String = "Manager"
    var successor: PurchasePower?
}

class DirectorPower : PurchasePower {
    var allowable: Float = 100
    var role = "Director"
    var successor: PurchasePower?
}

class PresidentPower : PurchasePower {
    var allowable: Float = 5000
    var role = "President"
    var successor: PurchasePower?
}
```

Initiate and chaining it together :

```
let manager = ManagerPower()
let director = DirectorPower()
let president = PresidentPower()

manager.successor = director
director.successor = president
```

The mechanism for chaining up objects here is property access

Creating request to run it :

```
manager.process(request: PurchaseRequest(amount: 2, purpose: "buying a pen")) // Manager will
```

```

approve $ 2.0 for buying a pen
manager.process(request: PurchaseRequest(amount: 90, purpose: "buying a printer")) // Director will
approve $ 90.0 for buying a printer

manager.process(request: PurchaseRequest(amount: 2000, purpose: "invest in stock")) // President
will approve $ 2000.0 for invest in stock

```

Section 42.6: Iterator

In computer programming an iterator is an object that enables a programmer to traverse a container, particularly lists. [Wikipedia](#)

```

struct Turtle {
    let name: String
}

struct Turtles {
    let turtles: [Turtle]
}

struct TurtlesIterator: IteratorProtocol {
    private var current = 0
    private let turtles: [Turtle]

    init(turtles: [Turtle]) {
        self.turtles = turtles
    }

    mutating func next() -> Turtle? {
        defer { current += 1 }
        return turtles.count > current ? turtles[current] : nil
    }
}

extension Turtles: Sequence {
    func makeIterator() -> TurtlesIterator {
        return TurtlesIterator(turtles: turtles)
    }
}

```

And usage example would be

```

let ninjaTurtles = Turtles(turtles: [Turtle(name: "Leo"),
                                      Turtle(name: "Mickey"),
                                      Turtle(name: "Raph"),
                                      Turtle(name: "Doney")])

print("Splinter and")
for turtle in ninjaTurtles {
    print("The great: \(turtle)")
}

```

Chapter 43: Swift Package Manager

Section 43.1: Creation and usage of a simple Swift package

To create a Swift Package, open a Terminal then create an empty folder:

```
mkdir AwesomeProject cd AwesomeProject
```

And init a Git repository:

```
git init
```

Then create the package itself. One could create the package structure manually but there's a simple way using the CLI command.

If you want to make an executable:

```
swift package init --type executable
```

Several files will be generated. Among them, *main.swift* will be the entry point for your application.

If you want to make a library:

```
swift package init --type library
```

The generated *AwesomeProject.swift* file will be used as the main file for this library.

In both cases you can add other Swift files in the *Sources* folder (usual rules for access control apply).

The *Package.swift* file itself will be automatically populated with this content:

```
import PackageDescription

let package = Package(
    name: "AwesomeProject"
)
```

Versioning the package is done with Git tags:

```
git tag '1.0.0'
```

Once pushed to a remote or local Git repository, your package will be available to other projects.

Your package is now ready to be compiled:

```
swift build
```

The compiled project will be available in the *.build/debug* folder.

Your own package can also resolve dependencies to other packages. For example, if you want to include "SomeOtherPackage" in your own project, change your *Package.swift* file to include the dependency:

```
import PackageDescription

let package = Package(
    name: "AwesomeProject",
    targets: [],
```

```
dependencies: [  
    .Package(url: "https://github.com/someUser/SomeOtherPackage.git",  
              majorVersion: 1),  
]  
)
```

Then build your project again: the Swift Package Manager will automatically resolve, download and build the dependencies.

Chapter 4 4: NSRegularExpression in Swift

Section 4 4.1: Extending String to do simple pattern matching

```
extension String {
    func matchesPattern(pattern: String) -> Bool {
        do {
            let regex = try NSRegularExpression(pattern: pattern,
                                                options: NSRegularExpressionOptions(rawValue: 0))
            let range: NSRange = NSMakeRange(0, self.characters.count)
            let matches = regex.matchesInString(self, options: NSMatchingOptions(), range: range)
            return matches.count > 0
        } catch _ {
            return false
        }
    }
}

// very basic examples - check for specific strings
dump("Pinkman".matchesPattern("(White|Pinkman|Goodman|Schrader|Fring)"))

// using character groups to check for similar-sounding impressionist painters
dump("Monet".matchesPattern("(M[oa]net)"))
dump("Manet".matchesPattern("(M[oa]net)"))
dump("Money".matchesPattern("(M[oa]net)")) // false

// check surname is in list
dump("Skyler White".matchesPattern("\\w+ (White|Pinkman|Goodman|Schrader|Fring)"))

// check if string looks like a UK stock ticker
dump("VOD.L".matchesPattern("[A-Z]{2,3}\\..L"))
dump("BP.L".matchesPattern("[A-Z]{2,3}\\..L"))

// check entire string is printable ASCII characters
dump("tab\tformatted text".matchesPattern("^[\u{0020}-\u{007e}]*$"))

// Unicode example: check if string contains a playing card suit
dump("??".matchesPattern("[\u{2660}-\u{2667}]"))
dump("?".matchesPattern("[\u{2660}-\u{2667}]"))
dump("????".matchesPattern("[\u{2660}-\u{2667}]")) // false

// NOTE: regex needs Unicode-escaped characters
dump("??".matchesPattern("??")) // does NOT work
```

Below is another example which builds on the above to do something useful, which can't easily be done by any other method and lends itself well to a regex solution.

```
// Pattern validation for a UK postcode.
// This simply checks that the format looks like a valid UK postcode and should not fail on false
// positives.
private func isPostcodeValid(postcode: String) -> Bool {
    return postcode.matchesPattern("^([A-Z]{1,2}([0-9][A-Z]|[0-9]{1,2})\\s[0-9][A-Z]{2})")
}

// valid patterns (from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Postcodes_in_the_United_Kingdom#Validation)
// will return true
dump(isPostcodeValid("EC1A 1BB"))
dump(isPostcodeValid("W1A 0AX"))
dump(isPostcodeValid("M1 1AE"))
```

```

dump(isPostcodeValid("B33 8TH"))
dump(isPostcodeValid("CR2 6XH"))
dump(isPostcodeValid("DN55 1PT"))

// some invalid patterns
// will return false
dump(isPostcodeValid("EC12A 1BB"))
dump(isPostcodeValid("CRB1 6XH"))
dump(isPostcodeValid("CR 6XH"))

```

Section 4 4.2: Basic Usage

There are several considerations when implementing Regular Expressions in Swift.

```

let letters = "abcdefg"
let pattern = "[a,b,c]"
let regex = try NSRegularExpression(pattern: pattern, options: [])
let nsString = letters as NSString
let matches = regex.matches(in: letters, options: [], range: NSRange(0, nsString.length))
let output = matches.map {nsString.substring(with: $0.range)}
//output = ["a", "b", "c"]

```

In order to get an accurate range length that supports all character types the input string must be converted to a NSString.

For safety matching against a pattern should be enclosed in a do catch block to handle failure

```

let numbers = "121314"
let pattern = "1[2,3]"
do {
    let regex = try NSRegularExpression(pattern: pattern, options: [])
    let nsString = numbers as NSString
    let matches = regex.matches(in: numbers, options: [], range: NSRange(0, nsString.length))
    let output = matches.map {nsString.substring(with: $0.range)}
    output
} catch let error as NSError {
    print("Matching failed")
}
//output = ["12", "13"]

```

Regular expression functionality is often put in an extension or helper to separate concerns.

Section 4 4.3: Replacing Substrings

Patterns can be used to replace part of an input string.

The example below replaces the cent symbol with the dollar symbol.

```

var money = "¢¥€£$¥€£¢"
let pattern = "¢"
do {
    let regex = try NSRegularExpression(pattern: pattern, options: [])
    let nsString = money as NSString
    let range = NSRange(0, nsString.length)
    let correct$ = regex.stringByReplacingMatches(in: money, options: .withTransparentBounds,
    range: range, withTemplate: "$")
} catch let error as NSError {
    print("Matching failed")
}

```

```
}
//correct$ = "$¥€£$¥€£$"
```

Section 44.4: Special Characters

To match special characters Double Backslash should be used \. becomes \\.

Characters you'll have to escape include

```
(){}[]/\+*$>.|^?
```

The below example get three kinds of opening brackets

```
let specials = "(){}[]"
let pattern = "(\\(|\\{|\\[\\)"
do {
    let regex = try NSRegularExpression(pattern: pattern, options: [])
    let nsString = specials as NSString
    let matches = regex.matches(in: specials, options: [], range: NSMakeRange(0, nsString.length))
    let output = matches.map {nsString.substring(with: $0.range)}
} catch let error as NSError {
    print("Matching failed")
}
//output = ["(", "{", "["]
```

Section 44.5: Validation

Regular expressions can be used to validate inputs by counting the number of matches.

```
var validDate = false

let numbers = "35/12/2016"
let usPattern = "^([0-9]|1[012])[-/.]([0-9]|1[12])[0-9]|3[01])[-/.]([19|20])\\d\\d$"
let ukPattern = "^([0-9]|1[12])[0-9]|3[01])[-/.]([0-9]|1[012])[-/.]([19|20])\\d\\d$"
do {
    let regex = try NSRegularExpression(pattern: ukPattern, options: [])
    let nsString = numbers as NSString
    let matches = regex.matches(in: numbers, options: [], range: NSMakeRange(0, nsString.length))

    if matches.count > 0 {
        validDate = true
    }

    validDate
} catch let error as NSError {
    print("Matching failed")
}
//output = false
```

Section 44.6: NSRegularExpression for mail validation

```
func isValidEmail(email: String) -> Bool {

    let emailRegex = "[A-Z0-9a-z._%+-]+@[A-Za-z0-9.-]+\\.[A-Za-z]{2,4}"

    let emailTest = NSPredicate(format:"SELF MATCHES %@", emailRegex)
    return emailTest.evaluate(with: email)
```

```
}
```

or you could use String extension like this:

```
extension String
{
    func isValidEmail() -> Bool {

        let emailRegex = "[A-Z0-9a-z._%+-]+@[A-Za-z0-9.-]+\\.[A-Za-z]{2,4}"

        let emailTest = NSPredicate(format:"SELF MATCHES %@", emailRegex)
        return emailTest.evaluate(with: self)
    }
}
```


Chapter 45: Documentation markup

Section 45.1: Class documentation

Here is a basic class documentation example:

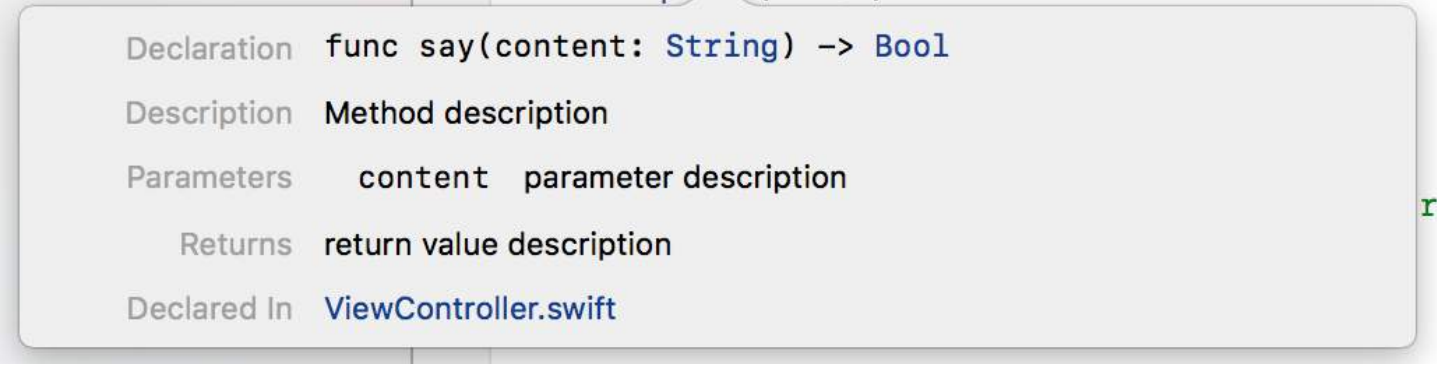
```
/// Class description
class Student {

    // Member description
    var name: String

    /// Method description
    ///
    /// - parameter content:  parameter description
    ///
    /// - returns: return value description
    func say(content: String) -> Bool {
        print("\(self.name) say \(content)")
        return true
    }
}
```

Note that with *Xcode 8*, you can generate the documentation snippet with `command` + `option` + `/`.

This will return:



The screenshot shows a documentation snippet for the `say` method. It is presented in a light gray box with rounded corners. The text is as follows:

```
Declaration  func say(content: String) -> Bool
Description  Method description
Parameters   content  parameter description
Returns      return value description
Declared In  ViewController.swift
```

On the right side of the box, there is a small green icon that looks like a document with a checkmark.

Section 45.2: Documentation styles

```
/**
 Adds user to the list of poople which are assigned the tasks.

 - Parameter name: The name to add
 - Returns: A boolean value (true/false) to tell if user is added successfully to the people list.
 */
func addMeToList(name: String) -> Bool {

    // Do something....

    return true
}
```

```

29
30 /**
31  Adds user to the list of people which are assigned the tasks.
32
33  - Parameter name: The name to add
34  - Returns: A boolean value (true/false) to tell if user is added successfully to the people list.
35  */
36 func addMeToList(name: String) -> Bool {

```

Declaration: `func addMeToList(name: String) -> Bool`
 Description: Adds user to the list of people which are assigned the tasks.
 Parameters: `name` The name to add
 Returns: A boolean value (true/false) to tell if user is added successfully to the people list.
 Declared in: `ViewController.swift`

```

/// This is a single line comment
func singleLineComment() {

}

```

```

44 /// This is a single line comment
45 func singleLineComment() {

```

Declaration: `func singleLineComment()`
 Description: This is a single line comment
 Declared in: `ViewController.swift`

```

/**
Repeats a string `times` times.

- Parameter str: The string to repeat.
- Parameter times: The number of times to repeat `str`.

- Throws: `MyError.InvalidTimes` if the `times` parameter
is less than zero.

- Returns: A new string with `str` repeated `times` times.
*/
func repeatString(str: String, times: Int) throws -> String {
    guard times >= 0 else { throw MyError.invalidTimes }
    return "Hello, world"
}

```

```

49
50 /**
51  Repeats a string `times` times.
52
53  - Parameter str: The string to repeat.
54  - Parameter times: The number of times to repeat `str`.
55
56  - Throws: `MyError.InvalidTimes` if the `times` parameter
57  is less than zero.
58
59  - Returns: A new string with `str` repeated `times` times.
60  */
61 func repeatString(str: String, times: Int) throws -> String {

```

Declaration: `func repeatString(str: String, times: Int) throws -> String`
 Description: Repeats a string times times.
 Parameters: `str` The string to repeat.
 `times` The number of times to repeat str.
 Throws: `MyError.InvalidTimes` if the times parameter is less than zero.
 Returns: A new string with str repeated times times.
 Declared in: `ViewController.swift`

```

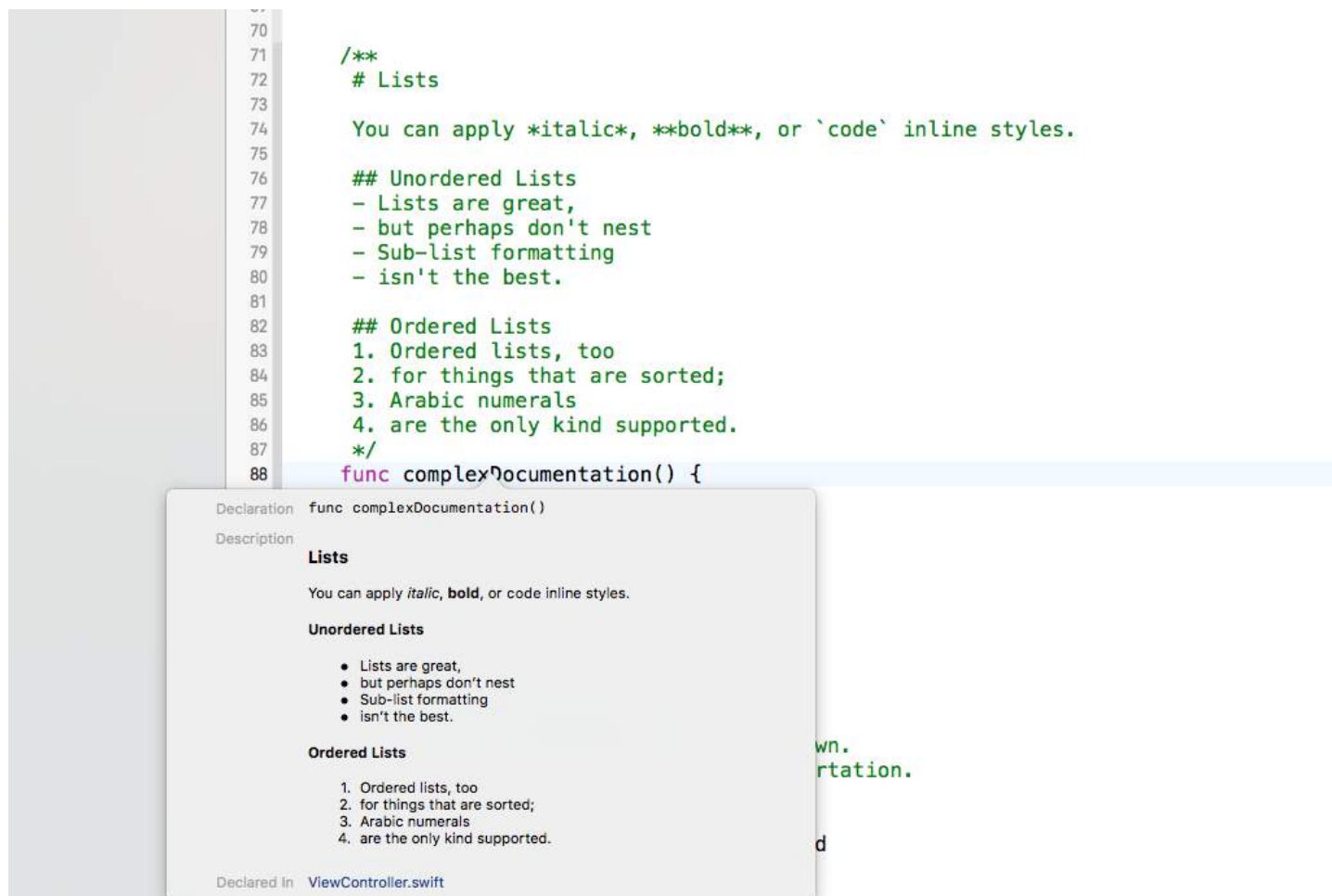
/**
# Lists

You can apply *italic*, **bold**, or `code` inline styles.

## Unordered Lists
- Lists are great,
- but perhaps don't nest
- Sub-list formatting
- isn't the best.

## Ordered Lists
1. Ordered lists, too
2. for things that are sorted;
3. Arabic numerals
4. are the only kind supported.
*/
func complexDocumentation() {
}

```



```

/**
Frame and construction style.

- Road: For streets or trails.
- Touring: For long journeys.
- Cruiser: For casual trips around town.
- Hybrid: For general-purpose transportation.
*/
enum Style {
    case Road, Touring, Cruiser, Hybrid
}

```

}

```
93
94  /**
95   Frame and construction style.
96
97   - Road: For streets or trails.
98   - Touring: For long journeys.
99   - Cruiser: For casual trips around town.
100  - Hybrid: For general-purpose transportation.
101  */
102  enum Style {
```

Declaration `enum Style`

Description `Frame and construction style.`

- Road: For streets or trails.
- Touring: For long journeys.
- Cruiser: For casual trips around town.
- Hybrid: For general-purpose transportation.

Declared In [ViewController.swift](#)

```
111
---
```

Hybrid

Chapter 46: AES encryption

Section 46.1: AES encryption in CBC mode with a random IV (Swift 3.0)

The iv is prefixed to the encrypted data

aesCBC128Encrypt will create a random IV and prefixed to the encrypted code.

aesCBC128Decrypt will use the prefixed IV during decryption.

Inputs are the data and key are Data objects. If an encoded form such as Base64 if required convert to and/or from in the calling method.

The key should be exactly 128-bits (16-bytes), 192-bits (24-bytes) or 256-bits (32-bytes) in length. If another key size is used an error will be thrown.

[PKCS#7 padding](#) is set by default.

This example requires Common Crypto

It is necessary to have a bridging header to the project:

```
#import <CommonCrypto/CommonCrypto.h>
```

Add the Security.framework to the project.

This is example, not production code.

```
enum AESError: Error {
    case KeyError((String, Int))
    case IVError((String, Int))
    case CryptorError((String, Int))
}

// The iv is prefixed to the encrypted data
func aesCBCEncrypt(data:Data, keyData:Data) throws -> Data {
    let keyLength = keyData.count
    let validKeyLengths = [kCCKeySizeAES128, kCCKeySizeAES192, kCCKeySizeAES256]
    if (validKeyLengths.contains(keyLength) == false) {
        throw AESError.KeyError(("Invalid key length", keyLength))
    }

    let ivSize = kCCBlockSizeAES128;
    let cryptLength = size_t(ivSize + data.count + kCCBlockSizeAES128)
    var cryptData = Data(count:cryptLength)

    let status = cryptData.withUnsafeMutableBytes {ivBytes in
        SecRandomCopyBytes(kSecRandomDefault, kCCBlockSizeAES128, ivBytes)
    }
    if (status != 0) {
        throw AESError.IVError(("IV generation failed", Int(status)))
    }

    var numBytesEncrypted :size_t = 0
    let options = CCOptions(kCCOptionPKCS7Padding)

    let cryptStatus = cryptData.withUnsafeMutableBytes {cryptBytes in
        data.withUnsafeBytes {dataBytes in
            keyData.withUnsafeBytes {keyBytes in
                CCCrypt(CCOperation(kCCEncrypt),
                    CCAAlgorithm(kCCAlgorithmAES),

```

```

        options,
        keyBytes, keyLength,
        cryptBytes,
        dataBytes, data.count,
        cryptBytes+kCCBlockSizeAES128, cryptLength,
        &numBytesEncrypted)
    }
}

if UInt32(cryptStatus) == UInt32(kCCSuccess) {
    cryptData.count = numBytesEncrypted + ivSize
}
else {
    throw NSError.CryptorError(("Encryption failed", Int(cryptStatus)))
}

return cryptData;
}

// The iv is prefixed to the encrypted data
func aesCBCDecrypt(data:Data, keyData:Data) throws -> Data? {
    let keyLength = keyData.count
    let validKeyLengths = [kCCKeySizeAES128, kCCKeySizeAES192, kCCKeySizeAES256]
    if (validKeyLengths.contains(keyLength) == false) {
        throw NSError.KeyError(("Invalid key length", keyLength))
    }

    let ivSize = kCCBlockSizeAES128;
    let clearLength = size_t(data.count - ivSize)
    var clearData = Data(count:clearLength)

    var numBytesDecrypted :size_t = 0
    let options = CCOptions(kCCOptionPKCS7Padding)

    let cryptStatus = clearData.withUnsafeMutableBytes {cryptBytes in
        data.withUnsafeBytes {dataBytes in
            keyData.withUnsafeBytes {keyBytes in
                CCCrypt(CCOperation(kCCDecrypt),
                    CCAAlgorithm(kCCAlgorithmAES128),
                    options,
                    keyBytes, keyLength,
                    dataBytes,
                    dataBytes+kCCBlockSizeAES128, clearLength,
                    cryptBytes, clearLength,
                    &numBytesDecrypted)
            }
        }
    }

    if UInt32(cryptStatus) == UInt32(kCCSuccess) {
        clearData.count = numBytesDecrypted
    }
    else {
        throw NSError.CryptorError(("Decryption failed", Int(cryptStatus)))
    }

    return clearData;
}

```

Example usage:

```

let clearData = "clearData0123456".data(using:String.Encoding.utf8)!
let keyData   = "keyData890123456".data(using:String.Encoding.utf8)!
print("clearData:  \ \(clearData as NSData)")
print("keyData:    \ \(keyData as NSData)")

var cryptData :Data?
do {
    cryptData = try aesCBCEncrypt(data:clearData, keyData:keyData)
    print("cryptData:  \ \(cryptData! as NSData)")
}
catch (let status) {
    print("Error aesCBCEncrypt: \ (status)")
}

let decryptData :Data?
do {
    let decryptData = try aesCBCDecrypt(data:cryptData!, keyData:keyData)
    print("decryptData: \ (decryptData! as NSData)")
}
catch (let status) {
    print("Error aesCBCDecrypt: \ (status)")
}

```

Example Output:

```

clearData:  <636c6561 72446174 61303132 33343536>
keyData:    <6b657944 61746138 39303132 33343536>
cryptData:  <92c57393 f454d959 5a4d158f 6e1cd3e7 77986ee9 b2970f49 2bafcf1a 8ee9d51a bde49c31
d7780256 71837a61 60fa4be0>
decryptData: <636c6561 72446174 61303132 33343536>

```

Notes:

One typical problem with CBC mode example code is that it leaves the creation and sharing of the random IV to the user. This example includes generation of the IV, prefixed the encrypted data and uses the prefixed IV during decryption. This frees the casual user from the details that are necessary for [CBC mode](#).

For security the encrypted data also should have authentication, this example code does not provide that in order to be small and allow better interoperability for other platforms.

Also missing is key derivation of the key from a password, it is suggested that [PBKDF2](#) be used if text passwords are used as keying material.

For robust production ready multi-platform encryption code see [RNCryptor](#).

Updated to use throw/catch and multiple key sizes based on the provided key.

Section 46.2: AES encryption in CBC mode with a random IV (Swift 2.3)

The iv is prefixed to the encrypted data

aesCBC128Encrypt will create a random IV and prefixed to the encrypted code. aesCBC128Decrypt will use the prefixed IV during decryption.

Inputs are the data and key are Data objects. If an encoded form such as Base64 if required convert to and/or from in the calling method.

The key should be exactly 128-bits (16-bytes). For other key sizes see the Swift 3.0 example.

PKCS#7 padding is set by default.

This example requires Common Crypto. It is necessary to have a bridging header to the project: `#import <CommonCrypto/CommonCrypto.h>` Add the Security.framework to the project.

See Swift 3 example for notes.

This is example, not production code.

```
func aesCBC128Encrypt(data data:[UInt8], keyData:[UInt8]) -> [UInt8]? {
    let keyLength = size_t(kCCKeySizeAES128)
    let ivLength = size_t(kCCBlockSizeAES128)
    let cryptDataLength = size_t(data.count + kCCBlockSizeAES128)
    var cryptData = [UInt8](count:ivLength + cryptDataLength, repeatedValue:0)

    let status = SecRandomCopyBytes(kSecRandomDefault, Int(ivLength),
UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt8>(cryptData));
    if (status != 0) {
        print("IV Error, errno: \(status)")
        return nil
    }

    var numBytesEncrypted :size_t = 0
    let cryptStatus = CCCrypt(CCOperation(kCCEncrypt),
                             CCAAlgorithm(kCCAlgorithmAES128),
                             CCOptions(kCCOptionPKCS7Padding),
                             keyData, keyLength,
                             cryptData,
                             data, data.count,
                             &cryptData + ivLength, cryptDataLength,
                             &numBytesEncrypted)

    if UInt32(cryptStatus) == UInt32(kCCSuccess) {
        cryptData.removeRange(numBytesEncrypted+ivLength..
```



```

if UInt32(cryptStatus) == UInt32(kCCSuccess) {
    clearData.removeRange(numBytesDecrypted..

```

Example usage:

```

let clearData = toData("clearData0123456")
let keyData   = toData("keyData890123456")

print("clearData:  \(toHex(clearData))")
print("keyData:    \(toHex(keyData))")
let cryptData = aesCBC128Encrypt(data:clearData, keyData:keyData)!
print("cryptData:  \(toHex(cryptData))")
let decryptData = aesCBC128Decrypt(data:cryptData, keyData:keyData)!
print("decryptData: \(toHex(decryptData))")

```

Example Output:

```

clearData:  <636c6561 72446174 61303132 33343536>
keyData:    <6b657944 61746138 39303132 33343536>
cryptData:  <9fce4323 830e3734 93dd93bf e464f72a a653a3a5 2c40d5ea e90c1017 958750a7 ff094c53
6a81b458 b1fbd6d4 1f583298>
decryptData: <636c6561 72446174 61303132 33343536>

```

Section 46.3: AES encryption in ECB mode with PKCS7 padding

From Apple documentation for IV,

This parameter is ignored if ECB mode is used or if a stream cipher algorithm is selected.

```

func AESEncryption(key: String) -> String? {

    let keyData: NSData! = (key as NSString).data(using: String.Encoding.utf8.rawValue) as
    NSData!

    let data: NSData! = (self as NSString).data(using: String.Encoding.utf8.rawValue) as
    NSData!

    let cryptData      = NSMutableData(length: Int(data.length) + kCCBlockSizeAES128)!

    let keyLength      = size_t(kCCKeySizeAES128)
    let operation: CCOperation = UInt32(kCCEncrypt)
    let algorithm: CCAAlgorithm = UInt32(kCCAlgorithmAES128)
    let options: CCOptions = UInt32(kCCOptionECBMode + kCCOptionPKCS7Padding)

    var numBytesEncrypted :size_t = 0

    let cryptStatus = CCCrypt(operation,
                              algorithm,
                              options,

```

```

        keyData.bytes, keyLength,
        nil,
        data.bytes, data.length,
        cryptData.mutableBytes, cryptData.length,
        &numBytesEncrypted)

    if UInt32(cryptStatus) == UInt32(kCCSuccess) {
        cryptData.length = Int(numBytesEncrypted)

        var bytes = [UInt8](repeating: 0, count: cryptData.length)
        cryptData.getBytes(&bytes, length: cryptData.length)

        var hexString = ""
        for byte in bytes {
            hexString += String(format: "%02x", UInt8(byte))
        }

        return hexString
    }

    return nil
}

```

Chapter 47: PBKDF2 Key Derivation

Section 47.1: Password Based Key Derivation 2 (Swift 3)

Password Based Key Derivation can be used both for deriving an encryption key from password text and saving a password for authentication purposes.

There are several hash algorithms that can be used including SHA1, SHA256, SHA512 which are provided by this example code.

The rounds parameter is used to make the calculation slow so that an attacker will have to spend substantial time on each attempt. Typical delay values fall in the 100ms to 500ms, shorter values can be used if there is unacceptable performance.

This example requires Common Crypto

It is necessary to have a bridging header to the project:

```
#import <CommonCrypto/CommonCrypto.h>
```

Add the Security.framework to the project.

Parameters:

password	password <code>String</code>
salt	salt <code>Data</code>
keyByteCount	number of key bytes to generate
rounds	Iteration rounds
returns	Derived key

```
func pbkdf2SHA1(password: String, salt: Data, keyByteCount: Int, rounds: Int) -> Data? {
    return pbkdf2(hash:CCPBKDFAlgorithm(kCCPRFHmacAlgSHA1), password:password, salt:salt,
keyByteCount:keyByteCount, rounds:rounds)
}
```

```
func pbkdf2SHA256(password: String, salt: Data, keyByteCount: Int, rounds: Int) -> Data? {
    return pbkdf2(hash:CCPBKDFAlgorithm(kCCPRFHmacAlgSHA256), password:password, salt:salt,
keyByteCount:keyByteCount, rounds:rounds)
}
```

```
func pbkdf2SHA512(password: String, salt: Data, keyByteCount: Int, rounds: Int) -> Data? {
    return pbkdf2(hash:CCPBKDFAlgorithm(kCCPRFHmacAlgSHA512), password:password, salt:salt,
keyByteCount:keyByteCount, rounds:rounds)
}
```

```
func pbkdf2(hash :CCPBKDFAlgorithm, password: String, salt: Data, keyByteCount: Int, rounds: Int)
-> Data? {
    let passwordData = password.data(using:String.Encoding.utf8)!
    var derivedKeyData = Data(repeating:0, count:keyByteCount)

    let derivationStatus = derivedKeyData.withUnsafeMutableBytes {derivedKeyBytes in
        salt.withUnsafeBytes { saltBytes in

            CCKeyDerivationPBKDF(
                CCPBKDFAlgorithm(kCCPBKDF2),
                password, passwordData.count,
                saltBytes, salt.count,
                hash,
                UInt32(rounds),
```

```

        derivedKeyBytes, derivedKeyData.count)
    }
}
if (derivationStatus != 0) {
    print("Error: \(derivationStatus)")
    return nil;
}

return derivedKeyData
}

```

Example usage:

```

let password      = "password"
//let salt        = "saltData".data(using: String.Encoding.utf8)!
let salt          = Data(bytes: [0x73, 0x61, 0x6c, 0x74, 0x44, 0x61, 0x74, 0x61])
let keyByteCount  = 16
let rounds        = 100000

let derivedKey = pbkdf2SHA1(password:password, salt:salt, keyByteCount:keyByteCount, rounds:rounds)
print("derivedKey (SHA1): \(derivedKey! as NSData)")

```

Example Output:

```

derivedKey (SHA1): <6b9d4fa3 0385d128 f6d196ee 3f1d6dbf>

```

Section 47.2: Password Based Key Derivation 2 (Swift 2.3)

See Swift 3 example for usage information and notes

```

func pbkdf2SHA1(password: String, salt: [UInt8], keyCount: Int, rounds: Int) -> [UInt8]? {
    return pbkdf2(CCPBKDFAlgorithm(kCCPRFHmacAlgSHA1), password:password, salt:salt,
keyCount:keyCount, rounds:UInt32(rounds))
}

func pbkdf2SHA256(password: String, salt: [UInt8], keyCount: Int, rounds: Int) -> [UInt8]? {
    return pbkdf2(CCPBKDFAlgorithm(kCCPRFHmacAlgSHA256), password:password, salt:salt,
keyCount:keyCount, rounds:UInt32(rounds))
}

func pbkdf2SHA512(password: String, salt: [UInt8], keyCount: Int, rounds: Int) -> [UInt8]? {
    return pbkdf2(CCPBKDFAlgorithm(kCCPRFHmacAlgSHA512), password:password, salt:salt,
keyCount:keyCount, rounds:UInt32(rounds))
}

func pbkdf2(hash :CCPBKDFAlgorithm, password: String, salt: [UInt8], keyCount: Int, rounds:
UInt32!) -> [UInt8]! {
    let derivedKey  = [UInt8](count:keyCount, repeatedValue:0)
    let passwordData = password.dataUsingEncoding(NSUTF8StringEncoding)!

    let derivationStatus = CCKeyDerivationPBKDF(
        CCPBKDFAlgorithm(kCCPBKDF2),
        UnsafePointer<Int8>(passwordData.bytes), passwordData.length,
        UnsafePointer<UInt8>(salt), salt.count,
        CCPseudoRandomAlgorithm(hash),
        rounds,
        UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt8>(derivedKey),
        derivedKey.count)
}

```

```

    if (derivationStatus != 0) {
        print("Error: \(derivationStatus)")
        return nil;
    }

    return derivedKey
}

```

Example usage:

```

let password = "password"
// let salt = [UInt8]("saltData".utf8)
let salt = [UInt8]([0x73, 0x61, 0x6c, 0x74, 0x44, 0x61, 0x74, 0x61])
let rounds = 100_000
let keyCount = 16

let derivedKey = pbkdf2SHA1(password, salt:salt, keyCount:keyCount, rounds:rounds)
print("derivedKey (SHA1):  \(NSData(bytes:derivedKey!, length:derivedKey!.count))")

```

Example Output:

```

derivedKey (SHA1):  <6b9d4fa3 0385d128 f6d196ee 3f1d6dbf>

```

Section 47.3: Password Based Key Derivation Calibration (Swift 2.3)

See Swift 3 example for usage information and notes

```

func pbkdf2SHA1Calibrate(password:String, salt:[UInt8], msec:Int) -> UInt32 {
    let actualRoundCount: UInt32 = CCCalibratePBKDF(
        CCPBKDFAlgorithm(kCCPBKDF2),
        password.utf8.count,
        salt.count,
        CCPseudoRandomAlgorithm(kCCPRFHmacAlgSHA1),
        kCCKeySizeAES256,
        UInt32(msec));
    return actualRoundCount
}

```

Example usage:

```

let saltData = [UInt8]([0x73, 0x61, 0x6c, 0x74, 0x44, 0x61, 0x74, 0x61])
let passwordString = "password"
let delayMsec = 100

let rounds = pbkdf2SHA1Calibrate(passwordString, salt:saltData, msec:delayMsec)
print("For \(delayMsec) msec delay, rounds: \(rounds)")

```

Example Output:

```

For 100 msec delay, rounds: 94339

```

Section 47.4: Password Based Key Derivation Calibration

(Swift 3)

Determine the number of PRF rounds to use for a specific delay on the current platform.

Several parameters are defaulted to representative values that should not materially affect the round count.

```
password Sample password.
salt      Sample salt.
msec      Targeted duration we want to achieve for a key derivation.

returns   The number of iterations to use for the desired processing time.

func pbkdf2SHA1Calibrate(password: String, salt: Data, msec: Int) -> UInt32 {
    let actualRoundCount: UInt32 = CCCalibratePBKDF(
        CCPBKDFAlgorithm(kCCPBKDF2),
        password.utf8.count,
        salt.count,
        CCPseudoRandomAlgorithm(kCCPRFHmacAlgSHA1),
        kCCKeySizeAES256,
        UInt32(msec));
    return actualRoundCount
}
```

Example usage:

```
let saltData      = Data(bytes: [0x73, 0x61, 0x6c, 0x74, 0x44, 0x61, 0x74, 0x61])
let passwordString = "password"
let delayMsec      = 100

let rounds = pbkdf2SHA1Calibrate(password:passwordString, salt:saltData, msec:delayMsec)
print("For \(delayMsec) msec delay, rounds: \(rounds)")
```

Example Output:

```
For 100 msec delay, rounds: 93457
```

Chapter 48: Typealiases

Section 48.1: typealias for closures with parameters

```
typealias SuccessHandler = (NSURLSessionDataTask, AnyObject?) -> Void
```

This code block creates a type alias named `SuccessHandler`, just in the same way `var string = ""` creates a variable with the name `string`.

Now whenever you use `SuccessHandler`, for example:

```
func example(_ handler: SuccessHandler) {}
```

You are essentially writing:

```
func example(_ handler: (NSURLSessionDataTask, AnyObject?) -> Void) {}
```

Section 48.2: typealias for empty closures

```
typealias Handler = () -> Void
typealias Handler = () -> ()
```

This block creates a type alias that works as a Void to Void function (takes in no parameters and returns nothing).

Here is a usage example:

```
var func: Handler?

func = {}
```

Section 48.3: typealias for other types

```
typealias Number = NSNumber
```

You can also use a type alias to give a type another name to make it easier to remember, or make your code more elegant.

typealias for Tuples

```
typealias PersonTuple = (name: String, age: Int, address: String)
```

And this can be used as:

```
func getPerson(for name: String) -> PersonTuple {
    //fetch from db, etc
    return ("name", 45, "address")
}
```

Chapter 49: Cryptographic Hashing

Section 49.1: HMAC with MD5, SHA1, SHA224, SHA256, SHA384, SHA512 (Swift 3)

These functions will hash either String or Data input with one of eight cryptographic hash algorithms.

The name parameter specifies the hash function name as a String Supported functions are MD5, SHA1, SHA224, SHA256, SHA384 and SHA512

This example requires Common Crypto

It is necessary to have a bridging header to the project:

```
#import <CommonCrypto/CommonCrypto.h>
```

Add the Security.framework to the project.

These functions takes a hash name, message to be hashed, a key and return a digest:

hashName: name of a hash function as String message: message as Data key: key as Data returns: digest as Data

```
func hmac(hashName:String, message:Data, key:Data) -> Data? {
    let algos = [ "SHA1": (kCCHmacAlgSHA1, CC_SHA1_DIGEST_LENGTH),
                  "MD5": (kCCHmacAlgMD5, CC_MD5_DIGEST_LENGTH),
                  "SHA224": (kCCHmacAlgSHA224, CC_SHA224_DIGEST_LENGTH),
                  "SHA256": (kCCHmacAlgSHA256, CC_SHA256_DIGEST_LENGTH),
                  "SHA384": (kCCHmacAlgSHA384, CC_SHA384_DIGEST_LENGTH),
                  "SHA512": (kCCHmacAlgSHA512, CC_SHA512_DIGEST_LENGTH)]
    guard let (hashAlgorithm, length) = algos[hashName] else { return nil }
    var macData = Data(count: Int(length))

    macData.withUnsafeMutableBytes {macBytes in
        message.withUnsafeBytes {messageBytes in
            key.withUnsafeBytes {keyBytes in
                CCHmac(CCHmacAlgorithm(hashAlgorithm),
                       keyBytes, key.count,
                       messageBytes, message.count,
                       macBytes)
            }
        }
    }
    return macData
}
```

hashName: name of a hash function as String message: message as String key: key as String returns: digest as Data

```
func hmac(hashName:String, message:String, key:String) -> Data? {
    let messageData = message.data(using:.utf8)!
    let keyData = key.data(using:.utf8)!
    return hmac(hashName:hashName, message:messageData, key:keyData)
}
```

hashName: name of a hash function as String message: message as String key: key as Data returns: digest as Data

```
func hmac(hashName:String, message:String, key:Data) -> Data? {
    let messageData = message.data(using:.utf8)!
    return hmac(hashName:hashName, message:messageData, key:key)
}
```

// Examples


```

let clearString = "clearData0123456"
let keyString   = "keyData8901234562"
let clearData   = clearString.data(using:.utf8)!
let keyData     = keyString.data(using:.utf8)!
print("clearString: \(clearString)")
print("keyString:   \(keyString)")
print("clearData:   \(clearData as NSData)")
print("keyData:     \(keyData as NSData)")

let hmacData1 = hmac(hashName:"SHA1", message:clearData, key:keyData)
print("hmacData1:   \(hmacData1! as NSData)")

let hmacData2 = hmac(hashName:"SHA1", message:clearString, key:keyString)
print("hmacData2:   \(hmacData2! as NSData)")

let hmacData3 = hmac(hashName:"SHA1", message:clearString, key:keyData)
print("hmacData3:   \(hmacData3! as NSData)")

```

Output:

```

clearString: clearData0123456
keyString:   keyData8901234562
clearData:   <636c6561 72446174 61303132 33343536>
keyData:     <6b657944 61746138 39303132 33343536 32>

hmacData1:   <bb358f41 79b68c08 8e93191a da7dabbc 138f2ae6>
hmacData2:   <bb358f41 79b68c08 8e93191a da7dabbc 138f2ae6>
hmacData3:   <bb358f41 79b68c08 8e93191a da7dabbc 138f2ae6>

```

Section 49.2: MD2, MD4, MD5, SHA1, SHA224, SHA256, SHA384, SHA512 (Swift 3)

These functions will hash either String or Data input with one of eight cryptographic hash algorithms.

The name parameter specifies the hash function name as a String

Supported functions are MD2, MD4, MD5, SHA1, SHA224, SHA256, SHA384 and SHA512

This example requires Common Crypto

It is necessary to have a bridging header to the project:

```
#import <CommonCrypto/CommonCrypto.h>
```

Add the Security.framework to the project.

This function takes a hash name and Data to be hashed and returns a Data:

name: A name of a hash function as a String data: The Data to be hashed returns: the hashed result as Data

```

func hash(name:String, data:Data) -> Data? {
    let algos = ["MD2": (CC_MD2, CC_MD2_DIGEST_LENGTH),
                 "MD4": (CC_MD4, CC_MD4_DIGEST_LENGTH),
                 "MD5": (CC_MD5, CC_MD5_DIGEST_LENGTH),
                 "SHA1": (CC_SHA1, CC_SHA1_DIGEST_LENGTH),
                 "SHA224": (CC_SHA224, CC_SHA224_DIGEST_LENGTH),
                 "SHA256": (CC_SHA256, CC_SHA256_DIGEST_LENGTH),
                 "SHA384": (CC_SHA384, CC_SHA384_DIGEST_LENGTH),
                 "SHA512": (CC_SHA512, CC_SHA512_DIGEST_LENGTH)]
    guard let (hashAlgorithm, length) = algos[name] else { return nil }
    var hashData = Data(count: Int(length))

```

```

        _ = hashData.withUnsafeMutableBytes {digestBytes in
            data.withUnsafeBytes {messageBytes in
                hashAlgorithm(messageBytes, CC_LONG(data.count), digestBytes)
            }
        }
        return hashData
    }
}

```

This function takes a hash name and String to be hashed and returns a Data:

name: A name of a hash function as a String string: The String to be hashed returns: the hashed result as Data

```

func hash(name:String, string:String) -> Data? {
    let data = string.data(using:.utf8)!
    return hash(name:name, data:data)
}

```

Examples:

```

let clearString = "clearData0123456"
let clearData   = clearString.data(using:.utf8)!
print("clearString: \(clearString)")
print("clearData: \(clearData as NSData)")

let hashSHA256 = hash(name:"SHA256", string:clearString)
print("hashSHA256: \(hashSHA256! as NSData)")

let hashMD5 = hash(name:"MD5", data:clearData)
print("hashMD5: \(hashMD5! as NSData)")

```

Output:

```

clearString: clearData0123456
clearData: <636c6561 72446174 61303132 33343536>

hashSHA256: <aabc766b 6b357564 e41f4f91 2d494bcc bfa16924 b574abbd ba9e3e9d a0c8920a>
hashMD5: <4df665f7 b94aea69 695b0e7b baf9e9d6>

```

Chapter 50: Dependency Injection

Section 50.1: Dependency Injection with View Controllers

Dependency Injection Intro

An application is composed of many objects that collaborate with each other. Objects usually depend on other objects to perform some task. When an object is responsible for referencing its own dependencies it leads to a highly coupled, hard-to-test and hard-to-change code.

Dependency injection is a software design pattern that implements inversion of control for resolving dependencies. An injection is passing of dependency to a dependent object that would use it. This allows a separation of client's dependencies from the client's behaviour, which allows the application to be loosely coupled.

Not to be confused with the above definition - a dependency injection simply means giving an object its instance variables.

It's that simple, but it provides a lot of benefits:

- easier to test your code (using automated tests like unit and UI tests)
- when used in tandem with protocol-oriented programming it makes it easy to change the implementation of a certain class - easier to refactor
- it makes the code more modular and reusable

There are three most commonly used ways Dependency Injection (DI) can be implemented in an application:

1. Initializer injection
2. Property injection
3. Using third party DI frameworks (like Swinject, Cleanse, Dip or Typhoon)

[There is an interesting article](#) with links to more articles about Dependency Injection so check it out if you want to dig deeper into DI and Inversion of Control principle.

Let's show how to use DI with View Controllers - an every day task for an average iOS developer.

Example Without DI

We'll have two View Controllers: **LoginViewController** and **TimelineViewController**. LoginViewController is used to login and upon successful login, it will switch to the TimelineViewController. Both view controllers are dependent on the **FirestoreNetworkService**.

LoginViewController

```
class LoginViewController: UIViewController {  
  
    var networkService = FirestoreNetworkService()  
  
    override func viewDidLoad() {  
        super.viewDidLoad()  
    }  
}
```

TimelineViewController

```
class TimelineViewController: UIViewController {
```

```

var networkService = FirebaseNetworkService()

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

@IBAction func logoutButtonPressed(_ sender: UIButton) {
    networkService.logoutCurrentUser()
}
}

```

FirebaseNetworkService

```

class FirebaseNetworkService {

    func loginUser(username: String, passwordHash: String) {
        // Implementation not important for this example
    }

    func logoutCurrentUser() {
        // Implementation not important for this example
    }
}

```

This example is very simple, but let's assume you have 10 or 15 different view controller and some of them are also dependent on the `FirebaseNetworkService`. At some moment you want to change Firebase as your backend service with your company's in-house backend service. To do that you'll have to go through every view controller and change `FirebaseNetworkService` with `CompanyNetworkService`. And if some of the methods in the `CompanyNetworkService` have changed, you'll have a lot of work to do.

Unit and UI testing is not the scope of this example, but if you wanted to unit test view controllers with tightly coupled dependencies, you would have a really hard time doing so.

Let's rewrite this example and inject Network Service to our view controllers.

Example with Dependency Injection

To make the best out of the Dependency Injection, let's define the functionality of the Network Service in a protocol. This way, view controllers dependent on a network service won't even have to know about the real implementation of it.

```

protocol NetworkService {
    func loginUser(username: String, passwordHash: String)
    func logoutCurrentUser()
}

```

Add an implementation of the `NetworkService` protocol:

```

class FirebaseNetworkServiceImpl: NetworkService {
    func loginUser(username: String, passwordHash: String) {
        // Firebase implementation
    }

    func logoutCurrentUser() {
        // Firebase implementation
    }
}

```

Let's change LoginViewController and TimelineViewController to use new NetworkService protocol instead of FirebaseNetworkService.

LoginViewController

```
class LoginViewController: UIViewController {

    // No need to initialize it here since an implementation
    // of the NetworkService protocol will be injected
    var networkService: NetworkService?

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

TimelineViewController

```
class TimelineViewController: UIViewController {

    var networkService: NetworkService?

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

    @IBAction func logoutButtonPressed(_ sender: UIButton) {
        networkService?.logoutCurrentUser()
    }
}
```

Now, the question is: How do we inject the correct NetworkService implementation in the LoginViewController and TimelineViewController?

Since LoginViewController is the starting view controller and will show every time the application starts, we can inject all dependencies in the **AppDelegate**.

```
func application(_ application: UIApplication, didFinishLaunchingWithOptions launchOptions:
[UIApplicationLaunchOptionsKey: Any]?) -> Bool {
    // This logic will be different based on your project's structure or whether
    // you have a navigation controller or tab bar controller for your starting view controller
    if let loginVC = window?.rootViewController as? LoginViewController {
        loginVC.networkService = FirebaseNetworkServiceImpl()
    }
    return true
}
```

In the AppDelegate we are simply taking the reference to the first view controller (LoginViewController) and injecting the NetworkService implementation using the property injection method.

Now, the next task is to inject the NetworkService implementation in the TimelineViewController. The easiest way is to do that when LoginViewController is transitioning to the TimelineViewController.

We'll add the injection code in the prepareForSegue method in the LoginViewController (if you are using a different approach to navigate through view controllers, place the injection code there).

Our LoginViewController class looks like this now:

```

class LoginViewController: UIViewController {
    // No need to initialize it here since an implementation
    // of the NetworkService protocol will be injected
    var networkService: NetworkService?

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

    override func prepare(for segue: UIStoryboardSegue, sender: Any?) {
        if segue.identifier == "TimelineViewController" {
            if let timelineVC = segue.destination as? TimelineViewController {
                // Injecting the NetworkService implementation
                timelineVC.networkService = networkService
            }
        }
    }
}

```

We are done and it's that easy.

Now imagine we want to switch our NetworkService implementation from Firebase to our custom company's backend implementation. All we would have to do is:

Add new NetworkService implementation class:

```

class CompanyNetworkServiceImpl: NetworkService {
    func loginUser(username: String, passwordHash: String) {
        // Company API implementation
    }

    func logoutCurrentUser() {
        // Company API implementation
    }
}

```

Switch the FirebaseNetworkServiceImpl with the new implementation in the AppDelegate:

```

func application(_ application: UIApplication, didFinishLaunchingWithOptions launchOptions:
[UIApplicationLaunchOptionsKey: Any]?) -> Bool {
    // This logic will be different based on your project's structure or whether
    // you have a navigation controller or tab bar controller for your starting view controller
    if let loginVC = window?.rootViewController as? LoginViewController {
        loginVC.networkService = CompanyNetworkServiceImpl()
    }
    return true
}

```

That's it, we have switched the whole underlying implementation of the NetworkService protocol without even touching LoginViewController or TimelineViewController.

As this is a simple example, you might not see all the benefits right now, but if you try to use DI in your projects, you'll see the benefits and will always use Dependency Injection.

Section 50.2: Dependency Injection Types

This example will demonstrate how to use Dependency Injection (**DI**) design pattern in Swift using these methods:

1. **Initializer Injection** (the proper term is Constructor Injection, but since Swift has initializers it's called initializer injection)
2. **Property Injection**
3. **Method Injection**

Example Setup without DI

```
protocol Engine {
    func startEngine()
    func stopEngine()
}

class TrainEngine: Engine {
    func startEngine() {
        print("Engine started")
    }

    func stopEngine() {
        print("Engine stopped")
    }
}

protocol TrainCar {
    var numberOfSeats: Int { get }
    func attachCar(attach: Bool)
}

class RestaurantCar: TrainCar {
    var numberOfSeats: Int {
        get {
            return 30
        }
    }
    func attachCar(attach: Bool) {
        print("Attach car")
    }
}

class PassengerCar: TrainCar {
    var numberOfSeats: Int {
        get {
            return 50
        }
    }
    func attachCar(attach: Bool) {
        print("Attach car")
    }
}

class Train {
    let engine: Engine?
    var mainCar: TrainCar?
```

Initializer Dependency Injection

As the name says, all dependencies are injected through the class initializer. To inject dependencies through the initializer, we'll add the initializer to the Train class.

Train class now looks like this:

```
class Train {
```

```

let engine: Engine?
var mainCar: TrainCar?

init(engine: Engine) {
    self.engine = engine
}
}

```

When we want to create an instance of the Train class we'll use initializer to inject a specific Engine implementation:

```

let train = Train(engine: TrainEngine())

```

NOTE: The main advantage of the initializer injection versus the property injection is that we can set the variable as private variable or even make it a constant with the `let` keyword (as we did in our example). This way we can make sure that no one can access it or change it.

Properties Dependency Injection

DI using properties is even simpler than using an initializer. Let's inject a PassengerCar dependency to the train object we already created using the properties DI:

```

train.mainCar = PassengerCar()

```

That's it. Our train's mainCar is now a PassengerCar instance.

Method Dependency Injection

This type of dependency injection is a little different than the previous two because it won't affect the whole object, but it will only inject a dependency to be used in the scope of one specific method. When a dependency is only used in a single method, it's usually not good to make the whole object dependent on it. Let's add a new method to the Train class:

```

func reparkCar(trainCar: TrainCar) {
    trainCar.attachCar(attach: true)
    engine?.startEngine()
    engine?.stopEngine()
    trainCar.attachCar(attach: false)
}

```

Now, if we call the new Train's class method, we'll inject the TrainCar using the method dependency injection.

```

train.reparkCar(trainCar: RestaurantCar())

```


Chapter 51: Function as first class citizens in Swift

Functions as First-class members means, it can enjoy privileges just like Objects does. It can be assigned to a variable, passed on to a function as parameter or can be used as return type.

Section 51.1: Assigning function to a variable

```
struct Mathematics
{
    internal func performOperation(inputArray: [Int], operation: (Int)-> Int)-> [Int]
    {
        var processedArray = [Int]()

        for item in inputArray
        {
            processedArray.append(operation(item))
        }

        return processedArray
    }

    internal func performComplexOperation(valueOne: Int)-> ((Int)-> Int)
    {
        return
        ({
            return valueOne + $0
        })
    }
}

let arrayToBeProcessed = [1,3,5,7,9,11,8,6,4,2,100]

let math = Mathematics()

func add2(item: Int)-> Int
{
    return (item + 2)
}

// assigning the function to a variable and then passing it to a function as param
let add2ToMe = add2
print(math.performOperation(inputArray: arrayToBeProcessed, operation: add2ToMe))
```

Output:

```
[3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 10, 8, 6, 4, 102]
```

Similarly the above could be achieved using a closure

```
// assigning the closure to a variable and then passing it to a function as param
let add2 = {(item: Int)-> Int in return item + 2}
print(math.performOperation(inputArray: arrayToBeProcessed, operation: add2))
```

Section 51.2: Passing function as an argument to another function, thus creating a Higher-Order Function

```
func multiply2(item: Int)-> Int
{
    return (item + 2)
}

let multiply2ToMe = multiply2

// passing the function directly to the function as param
print(math.performOperation(inputArray: arrayToBeProcessed, operation: multiply2ToMe))
```

Output:

```
[3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 10, 8, 6, 4, 102]
```

Similarly the above could be achieved using a closure

```
// passing the closure directly to the function as param
print(math.performOperation(inputArray: arrayToBeProcessed, operation: { $0 * 2 })))
```

Section 51.3: Function as return type from another function

```
// function as return type
print(math.performComplexOperation(valueOne: 4)(5))
```

Output:

```
9
```

Chapter 52: Blocks

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A closure is said to escape a function when the closure is passed as an argument to the function, but is called after the function returns. When you declare a function that takes a closure as one of its parameters, you can write `@escaping` before the parameter's type to indicate that the closure is allowed to escape.

Section 52.1: Non-escaping closure

In Swift 1 and 2, closure parameters were escaping by default. If you knew your closure wouldn't escape the function body, you could mark the parameter with the `@noescape` attribute.

In Swift 3, it's the other way around: closure parameters are non-escaping by default. If you intend for it to escape the function, you have to mark it with the `@escaping` attribute.

```
class ClassOne {
    // @noescape is applied here as default
    func methodOne(completion: () -> Void) {
        //
    }
}

class ClassTwo {
    let obj = ClassOne()
    var greeting = "Hello, World!"

    func methodTwo() {
        obj.methodOne() {
            // self.greeting is required
            print(greeting)
        }
    }
}
```

Section 52.2: Escaping closure

From Swift Documentarion

`@escaping`

Apply this attribute to a parameter's type in a method or function declaration to indicate that the parameter's value can be stored for later execution. This means that the value is allowed to outlive the lifetime of the call. Function type parameters with the escaping type attribute require explicit use of `self` for properties or methods.

```
class ClassThree {

    var closure: (() -> ())?

    func doSomething(completion: @escaping () -> ()) {
        closure = finishBlock
    }
}
```

```
}
```

In the above example the completion block is saved to closure and will literally live beyond the function call. So compiler will force to mark completion block as @escaping.

Chapter 53: Caching on disk space

Caching videos, images and audios using URLSession and FileManager

Section 53.1: Reading

```
let url = "https://path-to-media"
guard let documentsUrl = FileManager.default.urls(for: .documentDirectory, in:
.userDomainMask).first,
    let searchQuery = url.absoluteString.components(separatedBy: "/").last else {
    return nil
}

do {
    let directoryContents = try FileManager.default.contentsOfDirectory(at: documentsUrl,
includingPropertiesForKeys: nil, options: [])
    let cachedFiles = directoryContents.filter { $0.absoluteString.contains(searchQuery) }

    // do something with the files found by the url
} catch {
    // Could not find any files
}
```

Section 53.2: Saving

```
let url = "https://path-to-media"
let request = URLRequest(url: url)
let downloadTask = URLSession.shared.downloadTask(with: request) { (location, response, error) in
    guard let location = location,
        let response = response,
        let documentsPath = NSSearchPathForDirectoriesInDomains(.documentDirectory,
.userDomainMask, true).first else {
        return
    }
    let documentsDirectoryUrl = URL(fileURLWithPath: documentsPath)
    let documentUrl = documentsDirectoryUrl.appendingPathComponent(response.suggestedFilename)
    let _ = try? FileManager.default.moveItem(at: location, to: documentUrl)

    // documentUrl is the local URL which we just downloaded and saved to the FileManager
}.resume()
```

Chapter 54: Algorithms with Swift

Algorithms are a backbone to computing. Making a choice of which algorithm to use in which situation distinguishes an average from good programmer. With that in mind, here are definitions and code examples of some of the basic algorithms out there.

Section 54.1: Sorting

Bubble Sort

This is a simple sorting algorithm that repeatedly steps through the list to be sorted, compares each pair of adjacent items and swaps them if they are in the wrong order. The pass through the list is repeated until no swaps are needed. Although the algorithm is simple, it is too slow and impractical for most problems. It has complexity of $O(n^2)$ but it is considered slower than insertion sort.

```
extension Array where Element: Comparable {

    func bubbleSort() -> Array<Element> {

        //check for trivial case
        guard self.count > 1 else {
            return self
        }

        //mutated copy
        var output: Array<Element> = self

        for primaryIndex in 0..
```

Insertion sort

Insertion sort is one of the more basic algorithms in computer science. The insertion sort ranks elements by iterating through a collection and positions elements based on their value. The set is divided into sorted and unsorted halves and repeats until all elements are sorted. Insertion sort has complexity of $O(n^2)$. You can put it in an extension, like in an example below, or you can create a method for it.

```
extension Array where Element: Comparable {

    func insertionSort() -> Array<Element> {
```

```

//check for trivial case
guard self.count > 1 else {
    return self
}

//mutated copy
var output: Array<Element> = self

for primaryindex in 0..

```

Selection sort

Selection sort is noted for its simplicity. It starts with the first element in the array, saving its value as a minimum value (or maximum, depending on sorting order). It then iterates through the array, and replaces the min value with any other value lesser than min it finds on the way. That min value is then placed at the leftmost part of the array and the process is repeated, from the next index, until the end of the array. Selection sort has complexity of $O(n^2)$ but it is considered slower than its counterpart - Selection sort.

```
func selectionSort() -> Array { //check for trivial case guard self.count > 1 else { return self }
```

```

//mutated copy
var output: Array<Element> = self

for primaryindex in 0..

```

```
}
```

Quick Sort - $O(n \log n)$ complexity time

Quicksort is one of the advanced algorithms. It features a time complexity of $O(n \log n)$ and applies a divide & conquer strategy. This combination results in advanced algorithmic performance. Quicksort first divides a large array into two smaller sub-arrays: the low elements and the high elements. Quicksort can then recursively sort the sub-arrays.

The steps are:

Pick an element, called a pivot, from the array.

Reorder the array so that all elements with values less than the pivot come before the pivot, while all elements with values greater than the pivot come after it (equal values can go either way). After this partitioning, the pivot is in its final position. This is called the partition operation.

Recursively apply the above steps to the sub-array of elements with smaller values and separately to the sub-array of elements with greater values.

mutating func quickSort() -> Array {

```
func qSort(start startIndex: Int, _ pivot: Int) {
    if (startIndex < pivot) {
        let iPivot = qPartition(start: startIndex, pivot)
        qSort(start: startIndex, iPivot - 1)
        qSort(start: iPivot + 1, pivot)
    }
}
qSort(start: 0, self.endIndex - 1)
return self
}

mutating func qPartition(start startIndex: Int, _ pivot: Int) -> Int {
    var wallIndex: Int = startIndex

    //compare range with pivot
    for currentIndex in wallIndex..
```


Section 54.2: Insertion Sort

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```

Section 54.3: Selection sort

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```
func selectionSort() -> Array<Element> {
    //check for trivial case
    guard self.count > 1 else {
        return self
    }

    //mutated copy
    var output: Array<Element> = self

    for primaryindex in 0..
```

```

    var secondaryindex = primaryindex + 1

    while secondaryindex < output.count {
        //store lowest value as minimum
        if output[minimum] > output[secondaryindex] {
            minimum = secondaryindex
        }
        secondaryindex += 1
    }

    //swap minimum value with array iteration
    if primaryindex != minimum {
        swap(&output[primaryindex], &output[minimum])
    }
}

return output
}

```

Section 54.4: Asymptotic analysis

Since we have many different algorithms to choose from, when we want to sort an array, we need to know which one will do it's job. So we need some method of measuring algorithm's speed and reliability. That's where Asymptotic analysis kicks in. Asymptotic analysis is the process of describing the efficiency of algorithms as their input size (n) grows. In computer science, asymptotics are usually expressed in a common format known as Big O Notation.

- **Linear time $O(n)$:** When each item in the array has to be evaluated in order for a function to achieve it's goal, that means that the function becomes less efficient as number of elements is increasing. *A function like this is said to run in linear time because its speed is dependent on its input size.*
- **Polynomial time $O(n^2)$:** If complexity of a function grows exponentially (meaning that for n elements of an array complexity of a function is n squared) that function operates in polynomial time. These are usually functions with nested loops. Two nested loops result in $O(n^2)$ complexity, three nested loops result in $O(n^3)$ complexity, and so on...
- **Logarithmic time $O(\log n)$:** Logarithmic time functions's complexity is minimized when the size of its inputs (n) grows. These are the type of functions every programmer strives for.

Section 54.5: Quick Sort - $O(n \log n)$ complexity time

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The steps are:

1. Pick an element, called a pivot, from the array.
2. Reorder the array so that all elements with values less than the pivot come before the pivot, while all elements with values greater than the pivot come after it (equal values can go either way). After this partitioning, the pivot is in its final position. This is called the partition operation.
3. Recursively apply the above steps to the sub-array of elements with smaller values and separately to the sub-array of elements with greater values.

```

mutating func quickSort() -> Array<Element> {

```

```

func qSort(start startIndex: Int, _ pivot: Int) {

    if (startIndex < pivot) {
        let iPivot = qPartition(start: startIndex, pivot)
        qSort(start: startIndex, iPivot - 1)
        qSort(start: iPivot + 1, pivot)
    }
}

qSort(start: 0, self.endIndex - 1)
return self
}

```

mutating func qPartition(start startIndex: Int, _ pivot: Int) -> Int {

```

var wallIndex: Int = startIndex

//compare range with pivot
for currentIndex in wallIndex..

```

```

//move pivot to final position
if wallIndex != pivot {
    swap(&self[wallIndex], &self[pivot])
}
return wallIndex
}

```

Section 54.6: Graph, Trie, Stack

Graph

In computer science, a graph is an abstract data type that is meant to implement the undirected graph and directed graph concepts from mathematics. A graph data structure consists of a finite (and possibly mutable) set of vertices or nodes or points, together with a set of unordered pairs of these vertices for an undirected graph or a set of ordered pairs for a directed graph. These pairs are known as edges, arcs, or lines for an undirected graph and as arrows, directed edges, directed arcs, or directed lines for a directed graph. The vertices may be part of the graph structure, or may be external entities represented by integer indices or references. A graph data structure may also associate to each edge some edge value, such as a symbolic label or a numeric attribute (cost, capacity, length, etc.). (Wikipedia, [source](#))

```

//
//  GraphFactory.swift
//  SwiftStructures
//
//  Created by Wayne Bishop on 6/7/14.
//  Copyright (c) 2014 Arbutus Software Inc. All rights reserved.
//

```

```

import Foundation

public class SwiftGraph {

    //declare a default directed graph canvas
    private var canvas: Array<Vertex>
    public var isDirected: Bool

    init() {
        canvas = Array<Vertex>()
        isDirected = true
    }

    //create a new vertex
    func addVertex(key: String) -> Vertex {

        //set the key
        let childVertex: Vertex = Vertex()
        childVertex.key = key

        //add the vertex to the graph canvas
        canvas.append(childVertex)

        return childVertex
    }

    //add edge to source vertex
    func addEdge(source: Vertex, neighbor: Vertex, weight: Int) {

        //create a new edge
        let newEdge = Edge()

        //establish the default properties
        newEdge.neighbor = neighbor
        newEdge.weight = weight
        source.neighbors.append(newEdge)

        print("The neighbor of vertex: \(source.key as String!) is \(neighbor.key as String!)..")

        //check condition for an undirected graph
        if isDirected == false {

            //create a new reversed edge
            let reverseEdge = Edge()

            //establish the reversed properties
            reverseEdge.neighbor = source
        }
    }
}

```

```

        reverseEdge.weight = weight
        neighbor.neighbors.append(reverseEdge)

        print("The neighbor of vertex: \(neighbor.key as String!) is \(source.key as
String!)..")
    }

}

/* reverse the sequence of paths given the shortest path.
   process analogous to reversing a linked list. */

func reversePath(_ head: Path!, source: Vertex) -> Path! {

    guard head != nil else {
        return head
    }

    //mutated copy
    var output = head

    var current: Path! = output
    var prev: Path!
    var next: Path!

    while(current != nil) {
        next = current.previous
        current.previous = prev
        prev = current
        current = next
    }

    //append the source path to the sequence
    let sourcePath: Path = Path()

    sourcePath.destination = source
    sourcePath.previous = prev
    sourcePath.total = nil

    output = sourcePath

    return output
}

//process Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm
func processDijkstra(_ source: Vertex, destination: Vertex) -> Path? {

```

```

var frontier: Array<Path> = Array<Path>()
var finalPaths: Array<Path> = Array<Path>()

//use source edges to create the frontier
for e in source.neighbors {

    let newPath: Path = Path()

    newPath.destination = e.neighbor
    newPath.previous = nil
    newPath.total = e.weight

    //add the new path to the frontier
    frontier.append(newPath)
}

//construct the best path
var bestPath: Path = Path()

while frontier.count != 0 {

    //support path changes using the greedy approach
    bestPath = Path()
    var pathIndex: Int = 0

    for x in 0..

```

```

        //preserve the bestPath
        finalPaths.append(bestPath)

        //remove the bestPath from the frontier
        //frontier.removeAtIndex(pathIndex) - Swift2
        frontier.remove(at: pathIndex)

    } //end while

    //establish the shortest path as an optional
    var shortestPath: Path! = Path()

    for itemPath in finalPaths {

        if (itemPath.destination.key == destination.key) {

            if (shortestPath.total == nil) || (itemPath.total < shortestPath.total) {
                shortestPath = itemPath
            }

        }

    }

    return shortestPath
}

//an optimized version of Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm
func processDijkstraWithHeap(_ source: Vertex, destination: Vertex) -> Path! {

    let frontier: PathHeap = PathHeap()
    let finalPaths: PathHeap = PathHeap()

    //use source edges to create the frontier
    for e in source.neighbors {

        let newPath: Path = Path()

        newPath.destination = e.neighbor
        newPath.previous = nil
        newPath.total = e.weight

        //add the new path to the frontier
        frontier.enqueue(newPath)

    }

```

```

//construct the best path
var bestPath: Path = Path()

while frontier.count != 0 {

    //use the greedy approach to obtain the best path
    bestPath = Path()
    bestPath = frontier.peek()

    //enumerate the bestPath edges
    for e in bestPath.destination.neighbors {

        let newPath: Path = Path()

        newPath.destination = e.neighbor
        newPath.previous = bestPath
        newPath.total = bestPath.total + e.weight

        //add the new path to the frontier
        frontier.enqueue(newPath)

    }

    //preserve the bestPaths that match destination
    if (bestPath.destination.key == destination.key) {
        finalPaths.enqueue(bestPath)
    }

    //remove the bestPath from the frontier
    frontier.dequeue()

} //end while

//obtain the shortest path from the heap
var shortestPath: Path! = Path()
shortestPath = finalPaths.peek()

return shortestPath
}

//MARK: traversal algorithms

//bfs traversal with inout closure function
func traverse(_ startingv: Vertex, formula: (_ node: inout Vertex) -> ()) {

    //establish a new queue
    let graphQueue: Queue<Vertex> = Queue<Vertex>()

```



```

//queue a starting vertex
graphQueue.enqueue(startingv)

while !graphQueue.isEmpty() {

    //traverse the next queued vertex
    var vitem: Vertex = graphQueue.dequeue() as Vertex!

    //add unvisited vertices to the queue
    for e in vitem.neighbors {
        if e.neighbor.visited == false {
            print("adding vertex: \(e.neighbor.key!) to queue..")
            graphQueue.enqueue(e.neighbor)
        }
    }

    /*
    notes: this demonstrates how to invoke a closure with an inout parameter.
    By passing by reference no return value is required.
    */

    //invoke formula
    formula(&vitem)

} //end while

print("graph traversal complete..")

}

//breadth first search
func traverse(_ startingv: Vertex) {

    //establish a new queue
    let graphQueue: Queue<Vertex> = Queue<Vertex>()

    //queue a starting vertex
    graphQueue.enqueue(startingv)

    while !graphQueue.isEmpty() {

        //traverse the next queued vertex
        let vitem = graphQueue.dequeue() as Vertex!

        guard vitem != nil else {
            return
        }

        //add unvisited vertices to the queue
        for e in vitem!.neighbors {

```

```

        if e.neighbor.visited == false {
            print("adding vertex: \(e.neighbor.key!) to queue..")
            graphQueue.enqueue(e.neighbor)
        }
    }

    vitem!.visited = true
    print("traversed vertex: \(vitem!.key!)..")

} //end while

print("graph traversal complete..")

} //end function

//use bfs with trailing closure to update all values
func update(startingv: Vertex, formula:((Vertex) -> Bool)) {

    //establish a new queue
    let graphQueue: Queue<Vertex> = Queue<Vertex>()

    //queue a starting vertex
    graphQueue.enqueue(startingv)

    while !graphQueue.isEmpty() {

        //traverse the next queued vertex
        let vitem = graphQueue.dequeue() as Vertex!

        guard vitem != nil else {
            return
        }

        //add unvisited vertices to the queue
        for e in vitem!.neighbors {
            if e.neighbor.visited == false {
                print("adding vertex: \(e.neighbor.key!) to queue..")
                graphQueue.enqueue(e.neighbor)
            }
        }

        //apply formula..
        if formula(vitem!) == false {
            print("formula unable to update: \(vitem!.key)")
        }
        else {
            print("traversed vertex: \(vitem!.key!)..")
        }

        vitem!.visited = true
    }
}

```

```

    } //end while

    print("graph traversal complete..")

}

}

```

Trie

In computer science, a trie, also called digital tree and sometimes radix tree or prefix tree (as they can be searched by prefixes), is a kind of search tree—an ordered tree data structure that is used to store a dynamic set or associative array where the keys are usually strings. (Wikipedia, [source](#))

```

//
// Trie.swift
// SwiftStructures
//
// Created by Wayne Bishop on 10/14/14.
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//
import Foundation

public class Trie {

    private var root: TrieNode!

    init(){
        root = TrieNode()
    }

    //builds a tree hierarchy of dictionary content
    func append(word keyword: String) {

        //trivial case
        guard keyword.length > 0 else {
            return
        }

        var current: TrieNode = root

        while keyword.length != current.level {

            var childToUse: TrieNode!
            let searchKey = keyword.substring(to: current.level + 1)

            //print("current has \(current.children.count) children..")

```

```

        //iterate through child nodes
        for child in current.children {

            if (child.key == searchKey) {
                childToUse = child
                break
            }

        }

        //new node
        if childToUse == nil {

            childToUse = TrieNode()
            childToUse.key = searchKey
            childToUse.level = current.level + 1
            current.children.append(childToUse)
        }

        current = childToUse

    } //end while

    //final end of word check
    if (keyword.length == current.level) {
        current.isFinal = true
        print("end of word reached!")
        return
    }

} //end function

//find words based on the prefix
func search(forWord keyword: String) -> Array<String>! {

    //trivial case
    guard keyword.length > 0 else {
        return nil
    }

    var current: TrieNode = root
    var wordList = Array<String>()

    while keyword.length != current.level {

        var childToUse: TrieNode!
        let searchKey = keyword.substring(to: current.level + 1)

```

```

        //print("looking for prefix: \(searchKey)..")

        //iterate through any child nodes
        for child in current.children {

            if (child.key == searchKey) {
                childToUse = child
                current = childToUse
                break
            }

        }

        if childToUse == nil {
            return nil
        }

    } //end while

    //retrieve the keyword and any descendants
    if ((current.key == keyword) && (current.isFinal)) {
        wordList.append(current.key)
    }

    //include only children that are words
    for child in current.children {

        if (child.isFinal == true) {
            wordList.append(child.key)
        }

    }

    return wordList

} //end function

}

```

(GitHub, [source](#))

Stack

In computer science, a stack is an abstract data type that serves as a collection of elements, with two principal operations: push, which adds an element to the collection, and pop, which removes the most recently added element that was not yet removed. The order in which elements come off a stack gives rise to its alternative name, LIFO (for last in, first out). Additionally, a peek operation may give access to the top without modifying the stack. (Wikipedia, [source](#))

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```

//
// Stack.swift
// SwiftStructures
//
// Created by Wayne Bishop on 8/1/14.
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//
import Foundation

class Stack<T> {

    private var top: Node<T>

    init() {
        top = Node<T>()
    }

    //the number of items - O(n)
    var count: Int {

        //return trivial case
        guard top.key != nil else {
            return 0
        }

        var current = top
        var x: Int = 1

        //cycle through list
        while current.next != nil {
            current = current.next!
            x += 1
        }

        return x
    }

    //add item to the stack
    func push(withKey key: T) {

        //return trivial case
        guard top.key != nil else {
            top.key = key
            return
        }

        //create new item
        let childToUse = Node<T>()
        childToUse.key = key

        //set new created item at top
        childToUse.next = top
    }
}

```

```

        top = childToUse
    }

    //remove item from the stack
    func pop() {

        if self.count > 1 {
            top = top.next
        }
        else {
            top.key = nil
        }
    }

    //retrieve the top most item
    func peek() -> T! {

        //determine instance
        if let topitem = top.key {
            return topitem
        }

        else {
            return nil
        }
    }

    //check for value
    func isEmpty() -> Bool {

        if self.count == 0 {
            return true
        }

        else {
            return false
        }
    }
}

```

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Chapter 55: (Unsafe) Buffer Pointers

“A buffer pointer is used for low-level access to a region of memory. For example, you can use a buffer pointer for efficient processing and communication of data between apps and services.”

Excerpt From: Apple Inc. “Using Swift with Cocoa and Objective-C (Swift 3.1 Edition).” iBooks.

<https://itun.es/us/utTW7.l>

You are responsible for handling the life cycle of any memory you work with through buffer pointers, to avoid leaks or undefined behavior.

Section 55.1: UnsafeMutablePointer

```
struct UnsafeMutablePointer<Pointee>
```

A pointer for accessing and manipulating data of a specific type.

You use instances of the `UnsafeMutablePointer` type to access data of a specific type in memory. The type of data that a pointer can access is the pointer's `Pointee` type. `UnsafeMutablePointer` provides no automated memory management or alignment guarantees. You are responsible for handling the life cycle of any memory you work with through unsafe pointers to avoid leaks or undefined behavior.

Memory that you manually manage can be either untyped or bound to a specific type. You use the `UnsafeMutablePointer` type to access and manage memory that has been bound to a specific type. ([Source](#))

```
import Foundation

let arr = [1,5,7,8]

let pointer = UnsafeMutablePointer<Int>.allocate(capacity: 4)
pointer.initialize(to: arr)

let x = pointer.pointee[3]

print(x)

pointer.deinitialize()
pointer.deallocate(capacity: 4)

class A {
    var x: String?

    convenience init (_ x: String) {
        self.init()
        self.x = x
    }

    func description() -> String {
        return x ?? ""
    }
}

let arr2 = [A("OK"), A("OK 2")]
let pointer2 = UnsafeMutablePointer<A>.allocate(capacity: 2)
```

```

pointer2.initialize(to: arr2)

pointer2.pointee
let y = pointer2.pointee[1]

print(y)

pointer2.deinitialize()
pointer2.deallocate(capacity: 2)

```

Converted to Swift 3.0 from original [source](#)

Section 55.2: Practical Use-Case for Buffer Pointers

Deconstructing the use of an unsafe pointer in the Swift library method;

```
public init?(validatingUTF8 cString: UnsafePointer<CChar>)
```

Purpose:

Creates a new string by copying and validating the null-terminated UTF-8 data referenced by the given pointer.

This initializer does not try to repair ill-formed UTF-8 code unit sequences. If any are found, the result of the initializer is `nil`. The following example calls this initializer with pointers to the contents of two different `CChar` arrays---the first with well-formed UTF-8 code unit sequences and the second with an ill-formed sequence at the end.

Source, Apple Inc., Swift 3 header file (For header access: In Playground, Cmd+Click on the word Swift) in the line of code:

```
import Swift
```

```

let validUTF8: [CChar] = [67, 97, 102, -61, -87, 0]
validUTF8.withUnsafeBufferPointer { ptr in
    let s = String(validatingUTF8: ptr.baseAddress!)
    print(s as Any)
}
// Prints "Optional(Caf )"

let invalidUTF8: [CChar] = [67, 97, 102, -61, 0]
invalidUTF8.withUnsafeBufferPointer { ptr in
    let s = String(validatingUTF8: ptr.baseAddress!)
    print(s as Any)
}
// Prints "nil"

```

(Source, Apple Inc., Swift Header File Example)

Chapter 56: Swift Advance functions

Advance functions like `map`, `flatMap`, `filter`, and `reduce` are used to operate on various collection types like Array and Dictionary. Advance functions typically require little code and can be chained together in order to build up complex logic in a concise way.

Section 56.1: Flatten multidimensional array

To flatten multidimensional array into single dimension, `flatMap` advance functions is used. Other use case is to neglect nil value from array & mapping values. Let's check with example:

Suppose We have an multidimensional array of cities & we want to sorted city name list in ascending order. In that case we can use `flatMap` function like:

```
let arrStateName = [
    ["Alaska", "Iowa", "Missouri", "New Mexico"],
    ["New York", "Texas", "Washington", "Maryland"],
    ["New Jersey", "Virginia", "Florida", "Colorado"]
]
```

Preparing a single dimensional list from multidimensional array,

```
let arrFlatStateList = arrStateName.flatMap({ $0 }) // ["Alaska", "Iowa", "Missouri", "New Mexico",
    "New York", "Texas", "Washington", "Maryland", "New Jersey", "Virginia", "Florida", "Colorado"]
```

For sorting array values, we can use chaining operation or sort flatten array. Here below example showing chaining operation,

```
// Swift 2.3 syntax
let arrSortedStateList = arrStateName.flatMap({ $0 }).sort(<) // ["Alaska", "Colorado",
    "Florida", "Iowa", "Maryland", "Missouri", "New Jersey", "New Mexico", "New York", "Texas",
    "Virginia", "Washington"]

// Swift 3 syntax
let arrSortedStateList = arrStateName.flatMap({ $0 }).sorted(by: <) // ["Alaska", "Colorado",
    "Florida", "Iowa", "Maryland", "Missouri", "New Jersey", "New Mexico", "New York", "Texas",
    "Virginia", "Washington"]
```

Section 56.2: Introduction with advance functions

Let's take an scenario to understand advance function in better way,

```
struct User {
    var name: String
    var age: Int
    var country: String?
}

//User's information
let user1 = User(name: "John", age: 24, country: "USA")
let user2 = User(name: "Chan", age: 20, country: nil)
let user3 = User(name: "Morgan", age: 30, country: nil)
let user4 = User(name: "Rachel", age: 20, country: "UK")
let user5 = User(name: "Katie", age: 23, country: "USA")
let user6 = User(name: "David", age: 35, country: "USA")
let user7 = User(name: "Bob", age: 22, country: nil)

//User's array list
```

```
let arrUser = [user1, user2, user3, user4, user5, user6, user7]
```

Map Function:

Use map to loop over a collection and apply the same operation to each element in the collection. The map function returns an array containing the results of applying a mapping or transform function to each item.

```
//Fetch all the user's name from array
let arrUserName = arrUser.map({ $0.name }) // ["John", "Chan", "Morgan", "Rachel", "Katie",
"David", "Bob"]
```

Flat-Map Function:

The simplest use is as the name suggests to flatten a collection of collections.

```
// Fetch all user country name & ignore nil value.
let arrCountry = arrUser.flatMap({ $0.country }) // ["USA", "UK", "USA", "USA"]
```

Filter Function:

Use filter to loop over a collection and return an Array containing only those elements that match an include condition.

```
// Filtering USA user from the array user list.
let arrUSAUsers = arrUser.filter({ $0.country == "USA" }) // [user1, user5, user6]

// User chaining methods to fetch user's name who live in USA
let arrUserList = arrUser.filter({ $0.country == "USA" }).map({ $0.name }) // ["John", "Katie",
"David"]
```

Reduce:

Use reduce to combine all items in a collection to create a single new value.

Swift 2.3:

```
//Fetch user's total age.
let arrUserAge = arrUser.map({ $0.age }).reduce(0, combine: { $0 + $1 }) //174

//Prepare all user name string with seperated by comma
let strUserName = arrUserName.reduce("", combine: { $0 == "" ? $1 : $0 + ", " + $1 }) // John,
Chan, Morgan, Rachel, Katie, David, Bob
```

Swift 3:

```
//Fetch user's total age.
let arrUserAge = arrUser.map({ $0.age }).reduce(0, { $0 + $1 }) //174

//Prepare all user name string with seperated by comma
let strUserName = arrUserName.reduce("", { $0 == "" ? $1 : $0 + ", " + $1 }) // John, Chan, Morgan,
Rachel, Katie, David, Bob
```

Chapter 57: Completion Handler

Virtually all apps are using asynchronous functions to keep the code from blocking the main thread.

Section 57.1: Completion handler with no input argument

```
func sampleWithCompletion(completion:@escaping (()-> ())) {
    let delayInSeconds = 1.0
    DispatchQueue.main.asyncAfter(deadline: DispatchTime.now() + delayInSeconds) {

        completion()

    }
}

//Call the function
sampleWithCompletion {
    print("after one second")
}
```

Section 57.2: Completion handler with input argument

```
enum ReadResult {
    case Successful
    case Failed
    case Pending
}

struct OutputData {
    var data = Data()
    var result: ReadResult
    var error: Error?
}

func readData(from url: String, completion: @escaping (OutputData) -> Void) {
    var _data = OutputData(data: Data(), result: .Pending, error: nil)
    DispatchQueue.global().async {
        let url=URL(string: url)
        do {
            let rawData = try Data(contentsOf: url!)
            _data.result = .Successful
            _data.data = rawData
            completion(_data)
        }
        catch let error {
            _data.result = .Failed
            _data.error = error
            completion(_data)
        }
    }
}

readData(from: "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/trev/bearcal/master/sample-data-large.json") {
(output) in
    switch output.result {
    case .Successful:
        break
    case .Failed:
```

```
        break
    case .Pending:
        break
    }
}
```

Chapter 58: Design Patterns - Structural

Design patterns are general solutions to problems that frequently occur in software development. The following are templates of standardized best practices in structuring and designing code, as well as examples of common contexts in which these design patterns would be appropriate.

Structural design patterns focus on the composition of classes and objects to create interfaces and achieve greater functionality.

Section 58.1: Adapter

Adapters are used to convert the interface of a given class, known as an **Adaptee**, into another interface, called the **Target**. Operations on the Target are called by a **Client**, and those operations are *adapted* by the Adapter and passed on to the Adaptee.

In Swift, Adapters can often be formed through the use of protocols. In the following example, a Client able to communicate with the Target is provided with the ability to perform functions of the Adaptee class through the use of an adapter.

```
// The functionality to which a Client has no direct access
class Adaptee {
    func foo() {
        // ...
    }
}

// Target's functionality, to which a Client does have direct access
protocol TargetFunctionality {
    func fooBar() {}
}

// Adapter used to pass the request on the Target to a request on the Adaptee
extension Adaptee: TargetFunctionality {
    func fooBar() {
        foo()
    }
}
```

Example flow of a one-way adapter: Client -> Target -> Adapter -> Adaptee

Adapters can also be bi-directional, and these are known as **two-way adapters**. A two-way adapter may be useful when two different clients need to view an object differently.

Section 58.2: Facade

A **Facade** provides a unified, high-level interface to subsystem interfaces. This allows for simpler, safer access to the more general facilities of a subsystem.

The following is an example of a Facade used to set and retrieve objects in UserDefaults.

```
enum Defaults {

    static func set(_ object: Any, forKey defaultName: String) {
        let defaults: UserDefaults = UserDefaults.standard
        defaults.set(object, forKey: defaultName)
        defaults.synchronize()
    }
}
```

```
}

static func object(forKey key: String) -> AnyObject! {
    let defaults: UserDefaults = UserDefaults.standard
    return defaults.object(forKey: key) as AnyObject!
}

}
```

Usage might look like the following.

```
Defaults.set("Beyond all recognition.", forKey:"fooBar")
Defaults.object(forKey: "fooBar")
```

The complexities of accessing the shared instance and synchronizing UserDefaults are hidden from the client, and this interface can be accessed from anywhere in the program.

Chapter 59: Swift HTTP server by Kitura

Swift server with Kitura

Kitura is a web framework written in swift that is created for web services. It's very easy to set up for HTTP requests. For environment, it needs either OS X with XCode installed, or Linux running swift 3.0.

Section 59.1: Hello world application

Configuration

First, create a file called Package.swift. This is the file that tells swift compiler where the libraries are located. In this hello world example, we are using GitHub repos. We need Kitura and HeliumLogger. Put the following code inside Package.swift. It specified the name of the project as *kitura-helloworld* and also the dependency urls.

```
import PackageDescription
let package = Package(
    name: "kitura-helloworld",
    dependencies: [
        .Package(url: "https://github.com/IBM-Swift/HeliumLogger.git", majorVersion: 1, minor:
6),
        .Package(url: "https://github.com/IBM-Swift/Kitura.git", majorVersion: 1, minor: 6) ] )
```

Next, create a folder called Sources. Inside, create a file called main.swift. This is the file that we implement all the logic for this application. Enter the following code into this main file.

Import libraries and enable logging

```
import Kitura
import Foundation
import HeliumLogger

HeliumLogger.use()
```

Adding a router. Router specifies a path, type, etc of the HTTP request. Here we are adding a GET request handler which prints *Hello world*, and then a post request that reads plain text from the request and then send it back.

```
let router = Router()

router.get("/get") {
    request, response, next in
    response.send("Hello, World!")
    next()
}

router.post("/post") {
    request, response, next in
    var string: String?
    do{
        string = try request.readString()

    } catch let error {
        string = error.localizedDescription
    }
    response.send("Value \(string!) received.")
    next()
}
```

```
}
```

Specify a port to run the service

```
let port = 8080
```

Bind the router and port together and add them as HTTP service

```
Kitura.addHTTPServer(onPort: port, with: router)  
Kitura.run()
```

Execute

Navigate to the root folder with Package.swift file and Resources folder. Run the following command. Swift compiler will automatically download the mentioned resources in Package.swift into Packages folder, and then compile these resources with main.swift

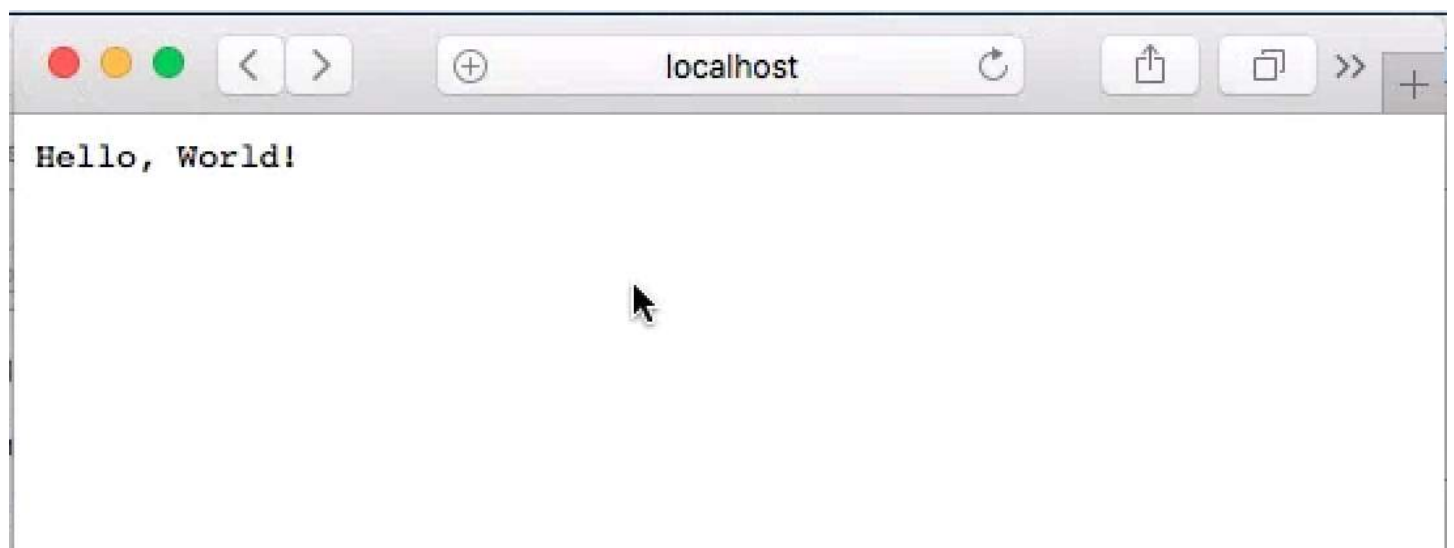
```
swift build
```

When the build is finished, executable will be placed at this location. Double click this executable to start the server.

```
.build/debug/kitura-helloworld
```

Validate

Open a browser, type in localhost:8080/get as url and hit enter. The hello world page should come out.



Open a HTTP request app, post plain text to localhost:8080/post. The respond string will show the entered text correctly.

localhost:8080/post X +

POST localhost:8080/post

Authorization Headers (1) Body Pre-request Script Tests

☐ form-data ☐ x-www-form-urlencoded ☒ raw ☐ binary Text

1 Some text

Body Cookies Headers (4) Tests

Pretty Raw Preview Text

1 Value Some text received.

Chapter 60: Generate UIImage of Initials from String

This is a class that will generate a UIImage of a person's initials. Harry Potter would generate an image of HP.

Section 60.1: InitialsImageFactory

```
class InitialsImageFactory: NSObject {

class func imageWith(name: String?) -> UIImage? {

let frame = CGRect(x: 0, y: 0, width: 50, height: 50)
let nameLabel = UILabel(frame: frame)
nameLabel.textAlignment = .center
nameLabel.backgroundColor = .lightGray
nameLabel.textColor = .white
nameLabel.font = UIFont.boldSystemFont(ofSize: 20)
var initials = ""

if let initialsArray = name?.components(separatedBy: " ") {

    if let firstWord = initialsArray.first {
        if let firstLetter = firstWord.characters.first {
            initials += String(firstLetter).capitalized
        }
    }

    if initialsArray.count > 1, let lastWord = initialsArray.last {
        if let lastLetter = lastWord.characters.first {
            initials += String(lastLetter).capitalized
        }
    }

} else {
    return nil
}

nameLabel.text = initials
 UIGraphicsBeginImageContext(frame.size)
 if let currentContext = UIGraphicsGetCurrentContext() {
     nameLabel.layer.render(in: currentContext)
     let nameImage = UIGraphicsGetImageFromCurrentImageContext()
     return nameImage
 }
return nil
}
```

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