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Why you should use OPTIONAL BINDING. Let's find out, other ways to
                                                                                    //Option 1 : checking if it is nil (without using 'optional binding') ... use of 'force-
use Optional ...
                                                                                    unwrap is mandatory
                                                                                    if publicationYear != nil {
                                                                                       print("Option 2: Publication year is " + String(publicationYear!)) //forces to use !
Option 1: Check nil
                                                                                    force-unwrap operator.
Option 2: Optional Binding
print("**** Optional")
                                                                                      //Option 2 : using 'optional binding'
var publicationYear: Int? //Variable is not assigned any value
                                                                                      if let py = publicationYear {
    print("Option 1: Publication year is " + String(py))
                                                                                     Conclusion:
                                                                                     Option 2 is better .
                                                                                      - code is clean since you don't have to use '!' everytime that you use Optional variable
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