The SourceKit Protocol

This documents the request/response API as it is currently implemented. For specific details related to Swift, see <code>SwiftSupport.md</code> .

The protocol is documented in the following format:

```
{
     <KEY>: (type) // comments
}
```

- "{ }" indicates a dictionary
- "[]" indicates an array.
- "[opt]" indicates an optional key.
- Specific UIDs are written as <UID string> .

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Requests

Code Completion

SourceKit is capable of providing code completion suggestions. To do so, it must be given either the path to a file (key.sourcefile), or some text (key.sourcetext). key.sourcefile is ignored when key.sourcetext is also provided.

Request Name	Request Key	Description
codecomplete	codecomplete	Returns a list of completions.
open	codecomplete.open	Given a file will open a code-completion session which can be filtered using codecomplete.update. Each session must be closed using codecomplete.close.

Request

Response

```
<key.results>: (array) [completion-result*] // array of zero or more completion-result
dictionaries
completion-result ::=
 <key.description>: (string) // Text to be displayed in code-completion window.
 <key.kind>:
                      (UID) // UID for the declaration kind (function, class, etc.).
 <key.sourcetext>:
                      (string) // Text to be inserted in source.
                      (string) // Text describing the type of the result.
 <key.typename>:
 <key.doc.brief>:
                      (string) // Brief documentation comment attached to the entity.
                      (UID)
 <kev.context>:
                                 // Semantic context of the code completion result.
 <key.num bytes to erase>: (int64) // Number of bytes to the left of the cursor that should be
erased before inserting this completion result.
```

```
completion.open-result ::=
 <key.kind>:
                     (UID)
                                   // UID for the declaration kind (function, class, etc.).
                     (string)
 <key.name>:
                                   // Name of the word being completed
 <key.sourcetext>: (string)
                                   // Text to be inserted in source.
 <key.description>: (string)
                                   // Text to be displayed in code-completion window.
                                    // Text describing the type of the result.
 <key.typename>:
                      (string)
                       (UID)
 <key.context>:
                                    // Semantic context of the code completion result.
 <key.num bytes to erase>: (int64)
                                    // Number of bytes to the left of the cursor that should be
erased before inserting this completion result.
 <key.substructure>: (dictionary) // Contains an array of dictionaries representing ranges of
structural elements in the result description, such as the parameters of a function
     - <key.nameoffset> (int64) \hspace{0.4cm} // The offset location of the given parameter
     - <key.namelength> (int64) \hspace{0.2in} // The length of the given parameter
     - <key.bodyoffset> (int64)
                                    // The `nameoffset` + the indentation inside the body of the
```

Testing

```
$ sourcekitd-test -req=complete -offset=<offset> <file> [-- <compiler args>]
```

For example, to get a code completion suggestion for the 58th character in an ASCII file at /path/to/file.swift:

```
$ sourcekitd-test -req=complete -offset=58 /path/to/file.swift -- /path/to/file.swift
```

You could also issue the following request in the sourcekitd-repl:

```
$ sourcekitd-repl
Welcome to SourceKit. Type ':help' for assistance.
(SourceKit) {
   key.request: source.request.codecomplete,
   key.sourcefile: "/path/to/file.swift",
   key.offset: 57,
   key.compilerargs: ["/path/to/file.swift"]
}
```

Indexing

SourceKit is capable of "indexing" source code, responding with which ranges of text contain what kinds of source code. For example, SourceKit is capable of telling you that "the source code on line 2, column 9, is a reference to a struct".

To index source code, SourceKit must be given either the path to a file (key.sourcefile), or some text (key.sourcetext). key.sourcefile is ignored when key.sourcetext is also provided.

A hash (key.hash) may be provided in order to determine whether the source code has changed since the last time it was indexed. If the provided hash matches the one generated from the source code, the response will omit entries that have already been returned.

Request

Response

```
// the response.
entity ::=
                                 (UID)
                                                  // UID for the declaration or reference kind
   <key.kind>:
(function, class, etc.).
  <key.name>:
                                (string)
                                                 // Displayed name for the entity.
                                                  // USR string for the entity.
   <key.usr>:
                                (string)
   <key.line>:
                                (int64)
                                                  // Line of the position of the entity in source
contents.
   <key.column>:
                                 (int64)
                                                   // Column of the position of the entity in source
contents.
   [opt] <key.is_test_candidate> (bool)
                                                   // Whether the instance method matches what
XCTest considers
                                                   // to be a viable test: a class instance method
that takes no
                                                   // parameters, returns void, and begins with
"test". This key
                                                   // is only present if the value is true.
                                (array) [entity+] // One or more entities contained in the
   [opt] <key.entities>:
particular entity (sub-classes, references, etc.).
                                (array) [entity+] // One or more entities related with the
   [opt] <key.related>:
particular entity (inherited classes, protocols, etc.).
dependency ::=
   <key.kind>:
                      (UID)
                              // UID for the kind (import of a swift module, etc.).
                      (string) // Displayed name for dependency.
   <key.filepath>:
                      (string) // Path to the file.
   [opt] <key.hash>: (string) // Hash associated with this dependency.
```

Testing

```
$ sourcekitd-test -req=index <file> [-- <compiler args>]
```

For example, to index a file at /path/to/file.swift:

```
$ sourcekitd-test -req=index /path/to/file.swift -- /path/to/file.swift
```

You could also issue the following request in the sourcekitd-repl:

```
$ sourcekitd-repl
Welcome to SourceKit. Type ':help' for assistance.
(SourceKit) {
    key.request: source.request.index,
    key.sourcefile: "/path/to/file.swift",
    key.compilerargs: ["/path/to/file.swift"]
}
```

Documentation

SourceKit is capable of gathering symbols and their documentation, either from Swift source code or from a Swift module. SourceKit returns a list of symbols and, if they are documented, the documentation for those symbols.

To gather documentation, SourceKit must be given either the name of a module (key.modulename), the path to a file (key.sourcefile), or some text (key.sourcetext). key.sourcefile is ignored when key.sourcetext is also provided,

and both of those keys are ignored if key.modulename is provided.

Request

Response

<key.kind>:

<key.usr>:

<key.offset>:

<key.length>:

<key.fully_annotated_decl>: (string)

```
<key.sourcetext>:
                           (string)
                                                    // Source contents.
                            (array) [annotation*] // An array of annotations for the tokens of
   <key.annotations>:
                                                    // source text, they refer to the text via offset
+ length
                                                     // entries. This includes syntactic annotations
(e.g.
                                                     \ensuremath{//} keywords) and semantic ones. The semantic ones
include
                                                     \ensuremath{//} the name and USR of the referenced symbol.
   [opt] <key.entities>: (array) [entity*]
                                                    \ensuremath{//} A structure of the symbols, similar to what the
indexing
                                                     // request returns (a class has its methods as
sub-entities,
                                                     \ensuremath{//} etc.). This includes the function parameters
and their
                                                     // types as entities. Each entity refers to the
range of the
                                                    // original text via offset + length entries.
   [opt] <key.diagnostics>: (array) [diagnostic*] // Compiler diagnostics emitted during parsing of
a source file.
                                                    // This key is only present if a diagnostic was
emitted (and thus
                                                     // the length of the array is non-zero).
annotation ::=
   <key.kind>: (UID) // UID for the declaration kind (function, class, etc.).
   <key.offset>: (int64) // Location of the annotated token.
   <key.length>: (int64) // Length of the annotated token.
entity ::=
```

// UID for the declaration or reference kind

// XML representing the entity, its USR, etc.

// Displayed name for the entity.

// USR string for the entity.

// Location of the entity.

// Length of the entity.

(UID)

(string)

(string)

(int64)

(int64)

```
[opt] <key.doc.full as xml>: (string) // XML representing the entity and its
documentation. Only present
                                                // when the entity is documented.
   [opt] <key.entities>: (array) [entity+] // One or more entities contained in the
particular entity (sub-classes, references, etc.).
diagnostic ::=
                                      // The internal ID of the diagnostic.
   <key.id>:
                          (string)
   <key.line>:
                          (int64)
                                        // The line upon which the diagnostic was emitted.
   <key.column>:
                          (int64)
                                        // The column upon which the diagnostic was emitted.
   <key.filepath>:
                          (string)
                                        // The absolute path to the file that was being parsed
                                        // when the diagnostic was emitted.
   <key.severity>:
                          (UID)
                                        // The severity of the diagnostic. Can be one of:
                                             - source.diagnostic.severity.note
                                             - source.diagnostic.severity.warning
                                         // - source.diagnostic.severity.error
                                        // A description of the diagnostic.
   <key.description>:
                          (string)
    [opt] <key.categories>: (array) [UID*] // The categories of the diagnostic. Can be:
                                         // - source.diagnostic.category.deprecation
                                         // - source.diagnostic.category.no_usage
```

Testing

```
$ sourcekitd-test -req=doc-info <file> [-- <compiler args>]
```

For example, to gather documentation info for a file at /path/to/file.swift:

```
$ sourcekitd-test -req=doc-info /path/to/file.swift -- /path/to/file.swift
```

You could also issue the following request in the sourcekitd-repl to gather all the documentation info for Foundation (careful, it's a lot!):

```
$ sourcekitd-repl
Welcome to SourceKit. Type ':help' for assistance.
(SourceKit) {
    key.request: source.request.docinfo,
    key.modulename: "Foundation",
    key.compilerargs: ["-sdk",
    "/Applications/Xcode.app/Contents/Developer/Platforms/MacOSX.platform/Developer/SDKs/MacOSX10.11.sdk"]
}
```

Module interface generation

Request

Response

This will return the Swift interface of the specified module.

- key.sourcetext: The pretty-printed module interface in swift source code
- key.syntaxmap: An array of syntactic annotations, same as the one returned for the source.request.editor.open request.
- · key.annotations: An array of semantic annotations, same as the one returned for the source.request.editor.open request.

All SourceKit requests that don't modify the source buffer should work on the opened document, by passing the associated 'name' for the document.

If pointing at a symbol which came from a clang module or the stdlib, then the response for the cursor-info request will have an entry for the module name:

```
key.modulename: "<module-name>"
```

Also if there is already a generated-interface document for this module previously opened, there will be an entry with the "virtual name" associated with this document (from the previous 'editor.open.interface' request):

```
key.module_interface_name: "<virtual name for interface document>"
```

After 'opening' the module interface, to 'jump' to the location of a declaration with a particular USR, use the 'find_usr' request:

This returns the byte offset if the USR is found, or an empty response otherwise:

```
key.offset: <byte offset in the interface source>
```

Diagnostics

Diagnostic entries occur as part of the responses for editor requests. If there is a diagnostic, <key.diagnostics> is present and contains an array of diagnostic entries. A diagnostic entry has this format:

Where ${\tt key.severity}$ can be one of:

- source.diagnostic.severity.note
- source.diagnostic.severity.warning
- source.diagnostic.severity.error

Sub-diagnostics are only diagnostic notes currently.

Demangling

SourceKit is capable of "demangling" mangled Swift symbols. In other words, it's capable of taking the symbol

 ${\tt _TF13MyCoolPackageg6raichuVS_7Pokemon} \begin{tabular}{l} \textbf{as input, and returning the human-readable} \begin{tabular}{l} MyCoolPackage.raichu.getter: \\ \textbf{MyCoolPackage.Pokemon}. \\ \end{tabular}$

Request

```
{
     <key.request>: (UID) <source.request.demangle>,
     <key.names>: [string*] // An array of names to demangle.
}
```

Response

Testing

```
$ sourcekitd-test -req=demangle [<names>]
```

For example, to demangle the symbol _TF13MyCoolPackageg6raichuVS_7Pokemon :

```
$ sourcekitd-test -req=demangle _TF13MyCoolPackageg6raichuVS_7Pokemon
```

Note that when using $\mbox{\tt sourcekitd-test}$, the output is output in an ad hoc text format, not JSON.

You could also issue the following request in the sourcekitd-repl , which produces JSON:

```
$ sourcekitd-repl
Welcome to SourceKit. Type ':help' for assistance.
(SourceKit) {
   key.request: source.request.demangle,
   key.names: [
    "_TF13MyCoolPackageg6raichuVS_7Pokemon"
   ]
}
```

Simple Class Mangling

SourceKit is capable of "mangling" Swift class names. In other words, it's capable of taking the human-readable UIKit.ViewController as input and returning the symbol __TtC5UIKit14ViewController .

Request

```
{
     <key.request>: (UID) <source.request.mangle_simple_class>,
     <key.names>: [mangle-request*] // An array of requests to mangle.
}

mangle-request ::=
{
     <key.modulename>: (string) // The Swift module name
     <key.name>: (string) // The class name
}
```

Response

Testing

```
$ sourcekitd-test -req=mangle [<names>]
```

For example, to mangle the name <code>UIKit.ViewController</code>:

```
$ sourcekitd-test -req=mangle UIKit.ViewController
```

Note that when using <code>sourcekitd-test</code> , the output is output in an ad hoc text format, not JSON.

You could also issue the following request in the sourcekitd-repl , which produces JSON:

```
$ sourcekitd-repl
Welcome to SourceKit. Type ':help' for assistance.
(SourceKit) {
    key.request: source.request.mangle_simple_class,
    key.names: [
        {
            key.modulename: "UIKit",
            key.name: "ViewController"
        }
        ]
}
```

Protocol Version

SourceKit can provide information about the version of the protocol that is being used.

Request

```
<key.request>: (UID) <source.request.protocol_version>
```

Response

```
<key.version_major>: (int64) // The major version number in a version string
<key.version minor>: (int64) // The minor version number in a version string
```

Testing

```
$ sourcekitd-test -req=version
or
```

\$ sourcekitd-repl Welcome to SourceKit. Type ':help' for assistance. (SourceKit) {

key.request: source.request.protocol version

Compiler Version

SourceKit can provide information about the version of the compiler version that is being used.

Request

```
<key.request>: (UID) <source.request.compiler_version>
```

Response

```
<key.version_major>: (int64) // The major version number in a version string
<key.version_minor>: (int64) // The minor version number in a version string
<key.version_patch>: (int64) // The patch version number in a version string
```

Testing

```
$ sourcekitd-test -req=compiler-version
```

```
$ sourcekitd-repl
Welcome to SourceKit. Type ':help' for assistance.
(SourceKit) {
   key.request: source.request.compiler version
```

Cursor Info

SourceKit is capable of providing information about a specific symbol at a specific cursor, or offset, position in a document.

To gather documentation, SourceKit must be given either the name of a module (key.modulename), the path to a file (key.sourcefile), or some text (key.sourcetext). key.sourcefile is ignored when key.sourcetext is also provided, and both of those keys are ignored if key.modulename is provided.

Request

```
(UID)
   <key.request>:
                                     <source.request.cursorinfo>,
   [opt] <key.sourcetext>: (string) // Source contents.
   [opt] <key.sourcefile>: (string) // Absolute path to the file.
                                      // **Require**: key.sourcetext or key.sourcefile
   [opt] <key.offset>:
                            (int64) // Byte offset of code point inside the source contents.
   [opt] <key.usr>:
                            (string) // USR string for the entity.
                                      // **Require**: key.offset or key.usr
   [opt] <key.compilerargs>: [string*] // Array of zero or more strings for the compiler arguments,
                                       // e.g ["-sdk", "/path/to/sdk"]. If key.sourcefile is
provided,
                                       // these must include the path to that file.
    [opt] <key.cancel_on_subsequent_request>: (int64) // Whether this request should be canceled if a
                                       // new cursor-info request is made that uses the same AST.
                                       // This behavior is a workaround for not having first-class
                                       // cancelation. For backwards compatibility, the default is
```

Response

```
<key.kind>:
                               (UID)
                                         \ensuremath{//} UID for the declaration or reference kind (function,
class, etc.).
                            (string) // Displayed name for the token.
   <kev.name>:
   <kev.usr>:
                               (string) // USR string for the token.
   <key.filepath>:
                              (string) // Path to the file.
   <key.offset>:
                               (int64) // Byte offset of the token inside the source contents.
   <key.length>:
                               (ist64) // Length of the token.
                               (string) // Text describing the type of the result.
   <key.typename>:
   <key.annotated_decl>:
                              (string) // XML representing how the token was declared.
   <key.fully_annotated_decl>: (string) // XML representing the token.
   [opt] <key.doc.full_as_xml>: (string) // XML representing the token and its documentation.
   <key.typeusr>:
                               (string) // USR string for the type.
```

Testing

```
$ sourcekitd-test -req=cursor -offset=<offset> <file> [-- <compiler args>]
$ sourcekitd-test -req=cursor -pos=<line>:<column> <file> [-- <compiler args>]
```

For example, using a document containing:

```
struct Foo {
  let bar: String
}
```

To get the information about the type Foo you would make one of the following requests:

```
$ sourcekitd-test -req=cursor -offset=7 /path/to/file.swift -- /path/to/file.swift
$ sourcekitd-test -req=cursor -pos=1:8 /path/to/file.swift -- /path/to/file.swift
```

Note that when using sourcekitd-test, the output is output in an ad hoc text format, not JSON.

You could also issue the following request in the sourcekitd-repl , which produces JSON:

```
$ sourcekitd-repl
Welcome to SourceKit. Type ':help' for assistance.
(SourceKit) {
  key.request: source.request.cursorinfo,
  key.sourcefile: "/path/to/file.swift",
  key.offset: 7,
  key.compilerargs: ["/path/to/file.swift"]
}
```

Expression Type

This request collects the types of all expressions in a source file after type checking. To fulfill this task, the client must provide the path to the Swift source file under type checking and the necessary compiler arguments to help resolve all dependencies.

Request

Response

Testing

```
$ sourcekitd-test -req=collect-type /path/to/file.swift -- /path/to/file.swift
```

Variable Type

This request collects the types of all variable declarations in a source file after type checking. To fulfill this task, the client must provide the path to the Swift source file under type checking and the necessary compiler arguments to help resolve all dependencies.

Request

Response

Testing

```
$ sourcekitd-test -req=collect-var-type /path/to/file.swift -- /path/to/file.swift
```

UIDs

Keys

- key.column
- key.compilerargs
- key.description
- key.kind
- key.line
- key.name
- key.offset
- key.results
- key.request
- key.sourcefile
- key.sourcetext
- key.typename
- key.usr
- key.version_major
- key.version_minor
- key.annotated_decl
- key.fully_annotated_decl
- key.doc.full_as_xml
- key.typeusr