



# Summary of the Grammar

## Lexical Structure

### GRAMMAR OF WHITESPACE

*whitespace* → whitespace-item whitespace<sub>opt</sub>

*whitespace-item* → line-break

*whitespace-item* → comment

*whitespace-item* → multiline-comment

*whitespace-item* → U+0000, U+0009, U+000B, U+000C, or U+0020

*line-break* → U+000A

*line-break* → U+000D

*line-break* → U+000D followed by U+000A

*comment* → // comment-text line-break

*multiline-comment* → /\* multiline-comment-text \*/

*comment-text* → comment-text-item comment-text<sub>opt</sub>

*comment-text-item* → Any Unicode scalar value except U+000A or U+000D

*multiline-comment-text* → multiline-comment-text-item multiline-comment-text<sub>opt</sub>

*multiline-comment-text-item* → multiline-comment

*multiline-comment-text-item* → comment-text-item

*multiline-comment-text-item* → Any Unicode scalar value except /\* or \*/

### GRAMMAR OF AN IDENTIFIER

*identifier* → identifier-head identifier-characters<sub>opt</sub>

*identifier* → ` identifier-head identifier-characters<sub>opt</sub> `

*identifier* → implicit-parameter-name

*identifier-list* → identifier | identifier , identifier-list

*identifier-head* → Upper- or lowercase letter A through Z

*identifier-head* →   

*identifier-head* → U+00A8, U+00AA, U+00AD, U+00AF, U+00B2–U+00B5, or U+00B7–U+00BA

*identifier-head* → U+00BC–U+00BE, U+00C0–U+00D6, U+00D8–U+00F6, or U+00F8–U+00FF

*identifier-head* → U+0100–U+02FF, U+0370–U+167F, U+1681–U+180D, or U+180F–U+1DBF

*identifier-head* → U+1E00–U+1FFF

*identifier-head* → U+200B–U+200D, U+202A–U+202E, U+203F–U+2040, U+2054, or U+2060–U+206F

*identifier-head* → U+2070–U+20CF, U+2100–U+218F, U+2460–U+24FF, or U+2776–U+2793

*identifier-head* → U+2C00–U+2DFF or U+2E80–U+2FFF

*identifier-head* → U+3004–U+3007, U+3021–U+302F, U+3031–U+303F, or U+3040–U+D7FF

*identifier-head* → U+F900–U+FD3D, U+FD40–U+FDCE, U+FDFO–U+FE1F, or U+FE30–U+FE44

*identifier-head* → U+FE47–U+FFFD

*identifier-head* → U+10000–U+1FFFFD, U+20000–U+2FFFFD, U+30000–U+3FFFFD, or U+40000–U+4FFFFD

*identifier-head* → U+50000–U+5FFFFD, U+60000–U+6FFFFD, U+70000–U+7FFFFD, or U+80000–U+8FFFFD

*identifier-head* → U+90000–U+9FFFFD, U+A0000–U+AFFFFD, U+B0000–U+BFFFFD, or U+C0000–U+CFFFFD

*identifier-head* → U+D0000–U+DFFFFD or U+E0000–U+EFFFFD

*identifier-character* → Digit 0 through 9

*identifier-character* → U+0300–U+036F, U+1DC0–U+1DFF, U+20D0–U+20FF, or U+FE20–U+FE2F

*identifier-character* → identifier-head

*identifier-characters* → identifier-character identifier-characters<sub>opt</sub>

*implicit-parameter-name* → \$ decimal-digits

#### GRAMMAR OF A LITERAL

*literal* → numeric-literal | string-literal | boolean-literal | nil-literal

*numeric-literal* →   <sub>opt</sub> integer-literal |   <sub>opt</sub> floating-point-literal

*boolean-literal* → **true** | **false**

*nil-literal* → **nil**

#### GRAMMAR OF AN INTEGER LITERAL

*integer-literal* → binary-literal  
*integer-literal* → octal-literal  
*integer-literal* → decimal-literal  
*integer-literal* → hexadecimal-literal  
  
*binary-literal* → **0b** binary-digit binary-literal-characters<sub>opt</sub>  
*binary-digit* → Digit 0 or 1  
*binary-literal-character* → binary-digit | \_  
*binary-literal-characters* → binary-literal-character binary-literal-characters<sub>opt</sub>  
  
*octal-literal* → **0o** octal-digit octal-literal-characters<sub>opt</sub>  
*octal-digit* → Digit 0 through 7  
*octal-literal-character* → octal-digit | \_  
*octal-literal-characters* → octal-literal-character octal-literal-characters<sub>opt</sub>  
  
*decimal-literal* → decimal-digit decimal-literal-characters<sub>opt</sub>  
*decimal-digit* → Digit 0 through 9  
*decimal-digits* → decimal-digit decimal-digits<sub>opt</sub>  
*decimal-literal-character* → decimal-digit | \_  
*decimal-literal-characters* → decimal-literal-character decimal-literal-characters<sub>opt</sub>  
  
*hexadecimal-literal* → **0x** hexadecimal-digit hexadecimal-literal-characters<sub>opt</sub>  
*hexadecimal-digit* → Digit 0 through 9, a through f, or A through F  
*hexadecimal-literal-character* → hexadecimal-digit | \_  
*hexadecimal-literal-characters* → hexadecimal-literal-character hexadecimal-literal-characters<sub>opt</sub>

#### GRAMMAR OF A FLOATING-POINT LITERAL

*floating-point-literal* → decimal-literal decimal-fraction<sub>opt</sub> decimal-exponent<sub>opt</sub>  
*floating-point-literal* → hexadecimal-literal hexadecimal-fraction<sub>opt</sub> hexadecimal-exponent<sub>opt</sub>  
  
*decimal-fraction* → . decimal-literal  
*decimal-exponent* → floating-point-e sign<sub>opt</sub> decimal-literal  
  
*hexadecimal-fraction* → . hexadecimal-digit hexadecimal-literal-characters<sub>opt</sub>  
*hexadecimal-exponent* → floating-point-p sign<sub>opt</sub> decimal-literal  
  
*floating-point-e* → **e** | **E**  
*floating-point-p* → **p** | **P**  
*sign* → **+** | **-**

#### GRAMMAR OF A STRING LITERAL

*string-literal* → static-string-literal | interpolated-string-literal

*string-literal-opening-delimiter* → extended-string-literal-delimiter<sub>opt</sub> "  
*string-literal-closing-delimiter* → " extended-string-literal-delimiter<sub>opt</sub>  
*static-string-literal* → string-literal-opening-delimiter quoted-text<sub>opt</sub> string-literal-closing-delimiter  
*static-string-literal* → multiline-string-literal-opening-delimiter multiline-quoted-text<sub>opt</sub> multiline-string-literal-closing-delimiter  
*multiline-string-literal-opening-delimiter* → extended-string-literal-delimiter ""  
*multiline-string-literal-closing-delimiter* → "" extended-string-literal-delimiter  
*extended-string-literal-delimiter* → # extended-string-literal-delimiter<sub>opt</sub>  
*quoted-text* → quoted-text-item quoted-text<sub>opt</sub>  
*quoted-text-item* → escaped-character  
*quoted-text-item* → Any Unicode scalar value except ", \, U+000A, or U+000D  
*multiline-quoted-text* → multiline-quoted-text-item multiline-quoted-text<sub>opt</sub>  
*multiline-quoted-text-item* → escaped-character  
*multiline-quoted-text-item* → Any Unicode scalar value except \  
*multiline-quoted-text-item* → escaped-newline  
*interpolated-string-literal* → string-literal-opening-delimiter interpolated-text<sub>opt</sub> string-literal-closing-delimiter  
*interpolated-string-literal* → multiline-string-literal-opening-delimiter interpolated-text<sub>opt</sub> multiline-string-literal-closing-delimiter  
*interpolated-text* → interpolated-text-item interpolated-text<sub>opt</sub>  
*interpolated-text-item* → \( expression ) | quoted-text-item  
*multiline-interpolated-text* → multiline-interpolated-text-item multiline-interpolated-text<sub>opt</sub>  
*multiline-interpolated-text-item* → \( expression ) | multiline-quoted-text-item  
*escape-sequence* → \ extended-string-literal-delimiter  
*escaped-character* → escape-sequence 0 | escape-sequence \ | escape-sequence t | escape-sequence n | escape-sequence r | escape-sequence " | escape-sequence '  
*escaped-character* → escape-sequence u { unicode-scalar-digits }  
*unicode-scalar-digits* → Between one and eight hexadecimal digits  
*escaped-newline* → escape-sequence whitespace<sub>opt</sub> line-break

## GRAMMAR OF OPERATORS

*operator* → operator-head operator-characters<sub>opt</sub>  
*operator* → dot-operator-head dot-operator-characters  
*operator-head* → / | = | - | + | ! | \* | % | < | > | & | | | ^ | ~ | ?  
*operator-head* → U+00A1–U+00A7

*operator-head* → U+00A9 or U+00AB  
*operator-head* → U+00AC or U+00AE  
*operator-head* → U+00B0–U+00B1  
*operator-head* → U+00B6, U+00BB, U+00BF, U+00D7, or U+00F7  
*operator-head* → U+2016–U+2017  
*operator-head* → U+2020–U+2027  
*operator-head* → U+2030–U+203E  
*operator-head* → U+2041–U+2053  
*operator-head* → U+2055–U+205E  
*operator-head* → U+2190–U+23FF  
*operator-head* → U+2500–U+2775  
*operator-head* → U+2794–U+2BFF  
*operator-head* → U+2E00–U+2E7F  
*operator-head* → U+3001–U+3003  
*operator-head* → U+3008–U+3020  
*operator-head* → U+3030  
  
*operator-character* → *operator-head*  
*operator-character* → U+0300–U+036F  
*operator-character* → U+1DC0–U+1DFF  
*operator-character* → U+20D0–U+20FF  
*operator-character* → U+FE00–U+FE0F  
*operator-character* → U+FE20–U+FE2F  
*operator-character* → U+E0100–U+E01EF  
*operator-characters* → *operator-character* *operator-characters*<sub>opt</sub>  
  
*dot-operator-head* → `.`  
*dot-operator-character* → `.` | *operator-character*  
*dot-operator-characters* → *dot-operator-character* *dot-operator-characters*<sub>opt</sub>  
  
*binary-operator* → *operator*  
*prefix-operator* → *operator*  
*postfix-operator* → *operator*

## Types

### GRAMMAR OF A TYPE

*type* → *function-type*  
*type* → *array-type*  
*type* → *dictionary-type*

*type* → type-identifier  
*type* → tuple-type  
*type* → optional-type  
*type* → implicitly-unwrapped-optional-type  
*type* → protocol-composition-type  
*type* → opaque-type  
*type* → metatype-type  
*type* → self-type  
*type* → **Any**  
*type* → ( type )

## GRAMMAR OF A TYPE ANNOTATION

*type-annotation* → : attributes<sub>opt</sub> **inout**<sub>opt</sub> type

## GRAMMAR OF A TYPE IDENTIFIER

*type-identifier* → type-name generic-argument-clause<sub>opt</sub> | type-name generic-argument-clause<sub>opt</sub> . type-identifier  
*type-name* → identifier

## GRAMMAR OF A TUPLE TYPE

*tuple-type* → ( ) | ( tuple-type-element , tuple-type-element-list )  
*tuple-type-element-list* → tuple-type-element | tuple-type-element , tuple-type-element-list  
*tuple-type-element* → element-name type-annotation | type  
*element-name* → identifier

## GRAMMAR OF A FUNCTION TYPE

*function-type* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> function-type-argument-clause **throws**<sub>opt</sub> -> type  
*function-type* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> function-type-argument-clause **rethrows** -> type  
*function-type-argument-clause* → ( )  
*function-type-argument-clause* → ( function-type-argument-list ...<sub>opt</sub> )  
*function-type-argument-list* → function-type-argument | function-type-argument , function-type-argument-list  
*function-type-argument* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> **inout**<sub>opt</sub> type | argument-label type-annotation  
*argument-label* → identifier

## GRAMMAR OF AN ARRAY TYPE

*array-type* → [ type ]

## GRAMMAR OF A DICTIONARY TYPE

*dictionary-type* → [ type : type ]

## GRAMMAR OF AN OPTIONAL TYPE

*optional-type* → type ?

## GRAMMAR OF AN IMPLICITLY UNWRAPPED OPTIONAL TYPE

*implicitly-unwrapped-optional-type* → type !

## GRAMMAR OF A PROTOCOL COMPOSITION TYPE

*protocol-composition-type* → type-identifier & protocol-composition-continuation

*protocol-composition-continuation* → type-identifier | protocol-composition-type

## GRAMMAR OF AN OPAQUE TYPE

*opaque-type* → **some** type

## GRAMMAR OF A METATYPE TYPE

*metatype-type* → type . **Type** | type . **Protocol**

## GRAMMAR OF A SELF TYPE

*self-type* → **Self**

## GRAMMAR OF A TYPE INHERITANCE CLAUSE

*type-inheritance-clause* → : type-inheritance-list

*type-inheritance-list* → type-identifier | type-identifier , type-inheritance-list

## Expressions

## GRAMMAR OF AN EXPRESSION

*expression* → try-operator<sub>opt</sub> prefix-expression binary-expressions<sub>opt</sub>  
*expression-list* → expression | expression , expression-list

## GRAMMAR OF A PREFIX EXPRESSION

*prefix-expression* → prefix-operator<sub>opt</sub> postfix-expression  
*prefix-expression* → in-out-expression  
*in-out-expression* → & identifier

## GRAMMAR OF A TRY EXPRESSION

*try-operator* → **try** | **try ?** | **try !**

## GRAMMAR OF A BINARY EXPRESSION

*binary-expression* → binary-operator prefix-expression  
*binary-expression* → assignment-operator try-operator<sub>opt</sub> prefix-expression  
*binary-expression* → conditional-operator try-operator<sub>opt</sub> prefix-expression  
*binary-expression* → type-casting-operator  
*binary-expressions* → binary-expression binary-expressions<sub>opt</sub>

## GRAMMAR OF AN ASSIGNMENT OPERATOR

*assignment-operator* → =

## GRAMMAR OF A CONDITIONAL OPERATOR

*conditional-operator* → ? expression :

## GRAMMAR OF A TYPE-CASTING OPERATOR

*type-casting-operator* → **is** type  
*type-casting-operator* → **as** type  
*type-casting-operator* → **as ?** type  
*type-casting-operator* → **as !** type

## GRAMMAR OF A PRIMARY EXPRESSION

*primary-expression* → identifier generic-argument-clause<sub>opt</sub>  
*primary-expression* → literal-expression  
*primary-expression* → self-expression



*primary-expression* → superclass-expression  
*primary-expression* → closure-expression  
*primary-expression* → parenthesized-expression  
*primary-expression* → tuple-expression  
*primary-expression* → implicit-member-expression  
*primary-expression* → wildcard-expression  
*primary-expression* → key-path-expression  
*primary-expression* → selector-expression  
*primary-expression* → key-path-string-expression

#### GRAMMAR OF A LITERAL EXPRESSION

*literal-expression* → literal  
*literal-expression* → array-literal | dictionary-literal | playground-literal  
*literal-expression* → **#file** | **#line** | **#column** | **#function** | **#dsohandle**  
  
*array-literal* → [ array-literal-items<sub>opt</sub> ]  
*array-literal-items* → array-literal-item ,<sub>opt</sub> | array-literal-item , array-literal-items  
*array-literal-item* → expression  
  
*dictionary-literal* → [ dictionary-literal-items ] | [ : ]  
*dictionary-literal-items* → dictionary-literal-item ,<sub>opt</sub> | dictionary-literal-item , dictionary-literal-items  
*dictionary-literal-item* → expression : expression  
  
*playground-literal* → **#colorLiteral** ( **red** : expression , **green** : expression ,  
**blue** : expression , **alpha** : expression )  
*playground-literal* → **#fileLiteral** ( **resourceName** : expression )  
*playground-literal* → **#imageLiteral** ( **resourceName** : expression )

#### GRAMMAR OF A SELF EXPRESSION

*self-expression* → **self** | self-method-expression | self-subscript-expression | self-initializer-expression  
  
*self-method-expression* → **self** . identifier  
*self-subscript-expression* → **self** [ function-call-argument-list ]  
*self-initializer-expression* → **self** . **init**

#### GRAMMAR OF A SUPERCLASS EXPRESSION

*superclass-expression* → superclass-method-expression | superclass-subscript-expression | superclass-initializer-expression

*superclass-method-expression* → **super** . identifier

*superclass-subscript-expression* → **super** [ function-call-argument-list ]

*superclass-initializer-expression* → **super** . **init**

#### GRAMMAR OF A CLOSURE EXPRESSION

*closure-expression* → { closure-signature<sub>opt</sub> statements<sub>opt</sub> }

*closure-signature* → capture-list<sub>opt</sub> closure-parameter-clause **throws**<sub>opt</sub> function-result  
<sub>opt</sub> **in**

*closure-signature* → capture-list **in**

*closure-parameter-clause* → ( ) | ( closure-parameter-list ) | identifier-list

*closure-parameter-list* → closure-parameter | closure-parameter , closure-parameter-list

*closure-parameter* → closure-parameter-name type-annotation<sub>opt</sub>

*closure-parameter* → closure-parameter-name type-annotation ...

*closure-parameter-name* → identifier

*capture-list* → [ capture-list-items ]

*capture-list-items* → capture-list-item | capture-list-item , capture-list-items

*capture-list-item* → capture-specifier<sub>opt</sub> expression

*capture-specifier* → **weak** | **unowned** | **unowned(safe)** | **unowned(unsafe)**

#### GRAMMAR OF A IMPLICIT MEMBER EXPRESSION

*implicit-member-expression* → . identifier

#### GRAMMAR OF A PARENTHESIZED EXPRESSION

*parenthesized-expression* → ( expression )

#### GRAMMAR OF A TUPLE EXPRESSION

*tuple-expression* → ( ) | ( tuple-element , tuple-element-list )

*tuple-element-list* → tuple-element | tuple-element , tuple-element-list

*tuple-element* → expression | identifier : expression

#### GRAMMAR OF A WILDCARD EXPRESSION

*wildcard-expression* → \_

#### GRAMMAR OF A KEY-PATH EXPRESSION

*key-path-expression* → \ type<sub>opt</sub> . key-path-components  
*key-path-components* → key-path-component | key-path-component . key-path-components  
*key-path-component* → identifier key-path-postfixes<sub>opt</sub> | key-path-postfixes  
*key-path-postfixes* → key-path-postfix key-path-postfixes<sub>opt</sub>  
*key-path-postfix* → ? | ! | **self** | [ function-call-argument-list ]

## GRAMMAR OF A SELECTOR EXPRESSION

*selector-expression* → **#selector** ( expression )  
*selector-expression* → **#selector** ( **getter:** expression )  
*selector-expression* → **#selector** ( **setter:** expression )

## GRAMMAR OF A KEY-PATH STRING EXPRESSION

*key-path-string-expression* → **#keyPath** ( expression )

## GRAMMAR OF A POSTFIX EXPRESSION

*postfix-expression* → primary-expression  
*postfix-expression* → postfix-expression postfix-operator  
*postfix-expression* → function-call-expression  
*postfix-expression* → initializer-expression  
*postfix-expression* → explicit-member-expression  
*postfix-expression* → postfix-self-expression  
*postfix-expression* → subscript-expression  
*postfix-expression* → forced-value-expression  
*postfix-expression* → optional-chaining-expression

## GRAMMAR OF A FUNCTION CALL EXPRESSION

*function-call-expression* → postfix-expression function-call-argument-clause  
*function-call-expression* → postfix-expression function-call-argument-clause<sub>opt</sub> trailing-closure  
*function-call-argument-clause* → ( ) | ( function-call-argument-list )  
*function-call-argument-list* → function-call-argument | function-call-argument , function-call-argument-list  
*function-call-argument* → expression | identifier : expression  
*function-call-argument* → operator | identifier : operator  
*trailing-closure* → closure-expression

## GRAMMAR OF AN INITIALIZER EXPRESSION

*initializer-expression* → postfix-expression . **init**

*initializer-expression* → postfix-expression . **init** ( argument-names )

## GRAMMAR OF AN EXPLICIT MEMBER EXPRESSION

*explicit-member-expression* → postfix-expression . decimal-digits

*explicit-member-expression* → postfix-expression . identifier generic-argument-clause<sub>opt</sub>

*explicit-member-expression* → postfix-expression . identifier ( argument-names )

*argument-names* → argument-name argument-names<sub>opt</sub>

*argument-name* → identifier :

## GRAMMAR OF A POSTFIX SELF EXPRESSION

*postfix-self-expression* → postfix-expression . **self**

## GRAMMAR OF A SUBSCRIPT EXPRESSION

*subscript-expression* → postfix-expression [ function-call-argument-list ]

## GRAMMAR OF A FORCED-VALUE EXPRESSION

*forced-value-expression* → postfix-expression !

## GRAMMAR OF AN OPTIONAL-CHAINING EXPRESSION

*optional-chaining-expression* → postfix-expression ?

## Statements

## GRAMMAR OF A STATEMENT

*statement* → expression ;<sub>opt</sub>

*statement* → declaration ;<sub>opt</sub>

*statement* → loop-statement ;<sub>opt</sub>

*statement* → branch-statement ;<sub>opt</sub>

*statement* → labeled-statement ;<sub>opt</sub>

*statement* → control-transfer-statement ;<sub>opt</sub>

*statement* → defer-statement ;<sub>opt</sub>

*statement* → do-statement ;<sub>opt</sub>  
*statement* → compiler-control-statement  
*statements* → statement statements<sub>opt</sub>

## GRAMMAR OF A LOOP STATEMENT

*loop-statement* → for-in-statement  
*loop-statement* → while-statement  
*loop-statement* → repeat-while-statement

## GRAMMAR OF A FOR-IN STATEMENT

*for-in-statement* → **for case**<sub>opt</sub> pattern **in** expression where-clause<sub>opt</sub> code-block

## GRAMMAR OF A WHILE STATEMENT

*while-statement* → **while** condition-list code-block  
*condition-list* → condition | condition , condition-list  
*condition* → expression | availability-condition | case-condition | optional-binding-condition  
*case-condition* → **case** pattern initializer  
*optional-binding-condition* → **let** pattern initializer | **var** pattern initializer

## GRAMMAR OF A REPEAT-WHILE STATEMENT

*repeat-while-statement* → **repeat** code-block **while** expression

## GRAMMAR OF A BRANCH STATEMENT

*branch-statement* → if-statement  
*branch-statement* → guard-statement  
*branch-statement* → switch-statement

## GRAMMAR OF AN IF STATEMENT

*if-statement* → **if** condition-list code-block else-clause<sub>opt</sub>  
*else-clause* → **else** code-block | **else** if-statement

## GRAMMAR OF A GUARD STATEMENT

*guard-statement* → **guard** condition-list **else** code-block

## GRAMMAR OF A SWITCH STATEMENT

*switch-statement* → **switch** expression { switch-cases<sub>opt</sub> }

*switch-cases* → switch-case switch-cases<sub>opt</sub>

*switch-case* → case-label statements

*switch-case* → default-label statements

*switch-case* → conditional-switch-case

*case-label* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> **case** case-item-list :

*case-item-list* → pattern where-clause<sub>opt</sub> | pattern where-clause<sub>opt</sub> , case-item-list

*default-label* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> **default** :

*where-clause* → **where** where-expression

*where-expression* → expression

*conditional-switch-case* → switch-if-directive-clause switch-elseif-directive-clauses<sub>opt</sub>  
switch-else-directive-clause<sub>opt</sub> endif-directive

*switch-if-directive-clause* → if-directive compilation-condition switch-cases<sub>opt</sub>

*switch-elseif-directive-clauses* → elseif-directive-clause switch-elseif-directive-clauses<sub>opt</sub>

*switch-elseif-directive-clause* → elseif-directive compilation-condition switch-cases<sub>opt</sub>

*switch-else-directive-clause* → else-directive switch-cases<sub>opt</sub>

## GRAMMAR OF A LABELED STATEMENT

*labeled-statement* → statement-label loop-statement

*labeled-statement* → statement-label if-statement

*labeled-statement* → statement-label switch-statement

*labeled-statement* → statement-label do-statement

*statement-label* → label-name :

*label-name* → identifier

## GRAMMAR OF A CONTROL TRANSFER STATEMENT

*control-transfer-statement* → break-statement

*control-transfer-statement* → continue-statement

*control-transfer-statement* → fallthrough-statement

*control-transfer-statement* → return-statement

*control-transfer-statement* → throw-statement

## GRAMMAR OF A BREAK STATEMENT

*break-statement* → **break** label-name<sub>opt</sub>

## GRAMMAR OF A CONTINUE STATEMENT

*continue-statement* → **continue** label-name<sub>opt</sub>

## GRAMMAR OF A FALLTHROUGH STATEMENT

*fallthrough-statement* → **fallthrough**

## GRAMMAR OF A RETURN STATEMENT

*return-statement* → **return** expression<sub>opt</sub>

## GRAMMAR OF A THROW STATEMENT

*throw-statement* → **throw** expression

## GRAMMAR OF A DEFER STATEMENT

*defer-statement* → **defer** code-block

## GRAMMAR OF A DO STATEMENT

*do-statement* → **do** code-block catch-clauses<sub>opt</sub>

*catch-clauses* → catch-clause catch-clauses<sub>opt</sub>

*catch-clause* → **catch** pattern<sub>opt</sub> where-clause<sub>opt</sub> code-block

## GRAMMAR OF A COMPILER CONTROL STATEMENT

*compiler-control-statement* → conditional-compilation-block

*compiler-control-statement* → line-control-statement

*compiler-control-statement* → diagnostic-statement

## GRAMMAR OF A CONDITIONAL COMPILATION BLOCK

*conditional-compilation-block* → if-directive-clause elseif-directive-clauses<sub>opt</sub> else-directive-clause<sub>opt</sub> endif-directive

*if-directive-clause* → if-directive compilation-condition statements<sub>opt</sub>

*elseif-directive-clauses* → elseif-directive-clause elseif-directive-clauses<sub>opt</sub>

*elseif-directive-clause* → elseif-directive compilation-condition statements<sub>opt</sub>

*else-directive-clause* → else-directive statements<sub>opt</sub>

*if-directive* → **#if**

*elseif-directive* → **#elseif**

*else-directive* → **#else**

*endif-directive* → **#endif**

*compilation-condition* → platform-condition

*compilation-condition* → identifier

*compilation-condition* → boolean-literal

*compilation-condition* → ( compilation-condition )

*compilation-condition* → ! compilation-condition

*compilation-condition* → compilation-condition && compilation-condition

*compilation-condition* → compilation-condition || compilation-condition

*platform-condition* → **os** ( operating-system )

*platform-condition* → **arch** ( architecture )

*platform-condition* → **swift** ( >= swift-version ) | **swift** ( < swift-version )

*platform-condition* → **compiler** ( >= swift-version ) | **compiler** ( < swift-version )

*platform-condition* → **canImport** ( module-name )

*platform-condition* → **targetEnvironment** ( environment )

*operating-system* → **macOS** | **iOS** | **watchOS** | **tvOS**

*architecture* → **i386** | **x86\_64** | **arm** | **arm64**

*swift-version* → decimal-digits swift-version-continuation<sub>opt</sub>

*swift-version-continuation* → . decimal-digits swift-version-continuation<sub>opt</sub>

*module-name* → identifier

*environment* → **simulator**

#### GRAMMAR OF A LINE CONTROL STATEMENT

*line-control-statement* → **#sourceLocation** ( **file:** file-name , **line:** line-number )

*line-control-statement* → **#sourceLocation** ( )

*line-number* → A decimal integer greater than zero

*file-name* → static-string-literal

#### GRAMMAR OF A COMPILE-TIME DIAGNOSTIC STATEMENT

*diagnostic-statement* → **#error** ( diagnostic-message )

*diagnostic-statement* → **#warning** ( diagnostic-message )

*diagnostic-message* → static-string-literal

#### GRAMMAR OF AN AVAILABILITY CONDITION



*availability-condition* → **#available** ( *availability-arguments* )  
*availability-arguments* → *availability-argument* | *availability-argument* , *availability-arguments*  
*availability-argument* → *platform-name* *platform-version*  
*availability-argument* → \*  
  
*platform-name* → **iOS** | **iOSApplicationExtension**  
*platform-name* → **macOS** | **macOSApplicationExtension**  
*platform-name* → **watchOS**  
*platform-name* → **tvOS**  
*platform-version* → *decimal-digits*  
*platform-version* → *decimal-digits* . *decimal-digits*  
*platform-version* → *decimal-digits* . *decimal-digits* . *decimal-digits*

## Declarations

### GRAMMAR OF A DECLARATION

*declaration* → *import-declaration*  
*declaration* → *constant-declaration*  
*declaration* → *variable-declaration*  
*declaration* → *typealias-declaration*  
*declaration* → *function-declaration*  
*declaration* → *enum-declaration*  
*declaration* → *struct-declaration*  
*declaration* → *class-declaration*  
*declaration* → *protocol-declaration*  
*declaration* → *initializer-declaration*  
*declaration* → *deinitializer-declaration*  
*declaration* → *extension-declaration*  
*declaration* → *subscript-declaration*  
*declaration* → *operator-declaration*  
*declaration* → *precedence-group-declaration*  
*declarations* → *declaration* *declarations*<sub>opt</sub>

### GRAMMAR OF A TOP-LEVEL DECLARATION

*top-level-declaration* → *statements*<sub>opt</sub>

## GRAMMAR OF A CODE BLOCK

*code-block* → { statements<sub>opt</sub> }

## GRAMMAR OF AN IMPORT DECLARATION

*import-declaration* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> **import** import-kind<sub>opt</sub> import-path

*import-kind* → **typealias** | **struct** | **class** | **enum** | **protocol** | **let** | **var** | **func**

*import-path* → import-path-identifier | import-path-identifier . import-path

*import-path-identifier* → identifier | operator

## GRAMMAR OF A CONSTANT DECLARATION

*constant-declaration* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> declaration-modifiers<sub>opt</sub> **let** pattern-initializer-list

*pattern-initializer-list* → pattern-initializer | pattern-initializer , pattern-initializer-list

*pattern-initializer* → pattern initializer<sub>opt</sub>

*initializer* → = expression

## GRAMMAR OF A VARIABLE DECLARATION

*variable-declaration* → variable-declaration-head pattern-initializer-list

*variable-declaration* → variable-declaration-head variable-name type-annotation code-block

*variable-declaration* → variable-declaration-head variable-name type-annotation getter-setter-block

*variable-declaration* → variable-declaration-head variable-name type-annotation getter-setter-keyword-block

*variable-declaration* → variable-declaration-head variable-name initializer willSet-didSet-block

*variable-declaration* → variable-declaration-head variable-name type-annotation initializer<sub>opt</sub> willSet-didSet-block

*variable-declaration-head* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> declaration-modifiers<sub>opt</sub> **var**

*variable-name* → identifier

*getter-setter-block* → code-block

*getter-setter-block* → { getter-clause setter-clause<sub>opt</sub> }

*getter-setter-block* → { setter-clause getter-clause }

*getter-clause* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> mutation-modifier<sub>opt</sub> **get** code-block

*setter-clause* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> mutation-modifier<sub>opt</sub> **set** setter-name<sub>opt</sub> code-block

*setter-name* → ( identifier )

*getter-setter-keyword-block* → { getter-keyword-clause setter-keyword-clause<sub>opt</sub> }

*getter-setter-keyword-block* → { *setter-keyword-clause* *getter-keyword-clause* }  
*getter-keyword-clause* → *attributes*<sub>opt</sub> *mutation-modifier*<sub>opt</sub> **get**  
*setter-keyword-clause* → *attributes*<sub>opt</sub> *mutation-modifier*<sub>opt</sub> **set**  
*willSet-didSet-block* → { *willSet-clause* *didSet-clause*<sub>opt</sub> }  
*willSet-didSet-block* → { *didSet-clause* *willSet-clause*<sub>opt</sub> }  
*willSet-clause* → *attributes*<sub>opt</sub> **willSet** *setter-name*<sub>opt</sub> *code-block*  
*didSet-clause* → *attributes*<sub>opt</sub> **didSet** *setter-name*<sub>opt</sub> *code-block*

## GRAMMAR OF A TYPE ALIAS DECLARATION

*typealias-declaration* → *attributes*<sub>opt</sub> *access-level-modifier*<sub>opt</sub>  **typealias**  *typealias-name* *generic-parameter-clause*<sub>opt</sub>  *typealias-assignment*  
 *typealias-name* →  *identifier*  
 *typealias-assignment* → =  *type*

## GRAMMAR OF A FUNCTION DECLARATION

*function-declaration* → *function-head* *function-name* *generic-parameter-clause*<sub>opt</sub> *function-signature* *generic-where-clause*<sub>opt</sub> *function-body*<sub>opt</sub>  
*function-head* → *attributes*<sub>opt</sub> *declaration-modifiers*<sub>opt</sub> **func**  
*function-name* →  *identifier* |  *operator*  
*function-signature* → *parameter-clause* **throws**<sub>opt</sub> *function-result*<sub>opt</sub>  
*function-signature* → *parameter-clause* **rethrows** *function-result*<sub>opt</sub>  
*function-result* → -> *attributes*<sub>opt</sub> *type*  
*function-body* → *code-block*  
*parameter-clause* → ( ) | ( *parameter-list* )  
*parameter-list* → *parameter* | *parameter* , *parameter-list*  
*parameter* → *external-parameter-name*<sub>opt</sub> *local-parameter-name* *type-annotation* *default-argument-clause*<sub>opt</sub>  
*parameter* → *external-parameter-name*<sub>opt</sub> *local-parameter-name* *type-annotation*  
*parameter* → *external-parameter-name*<sub>opt</sub> *local-parameter-name* *type-annotation* ...  
*external-parameter-name* → *identifier*  
*local-parameter-name* → *identifier*  
*default-argument-clause* → = *expression*

## GRAMMAR OF AN ENUMERATION DECLARATION

*enum-declaration* → *attributes*<sub>opt</sub> *access-level-modifier*<sub>opt</sub> *union-style-enum*  
*enum-declaration* → *attributes*<sub>opt</sub> *access-level-modifier*<sub>opt</sub> *raw-value-style-enum*

*union-style-enum* → **indirect**<sub>opt</sub> **enum** enum-name generic-parameter-clause<sub>opt</sub> type-inheritance-clause<sub>opt</sub> generic-where-clause<sub>opt</sub> { union-style-enum-members<sub>opt</sub> }

*union-style-enum-members* → union-style-enum-member union-style-enum-members<sub>opt</sub>

*union-style-enum-member* → declaration | union-style-enum-case-clause | compiler-control-statement

*union-style-enum-case-clause* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> **indirect**<sub>opt</sub> **case** union-style-enum-case-list

*union-style-enum-case-list* → union-style-enum-case | union-style-enum-case , union-style-enum-case-list

*union-style-enum-case* → enum-case-name tuple-type<sub>opt</sub>

*enum-name* → identifier

*enum-case-name* → identifier

*raw-value-style-enum* → **enum** enum-name generic-parameter-clause<sub>opt</sub> type-inheritance-clause generic-where-clause<sub>opt</sub> { raw-value-style-enum-members }

*raw-value-style-enum-members* → raw-value-style-enum-member raw-value-style-enum-members<sub>opt</sub>

*raw-value-style-enum-member* → declaration | raw-value-style-enum-case-clause | compiler-control-statement

*raw-value-style-enum-case-clause* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> **case** raw-value-style-enum-case-list

*raw-value-style-enum-case-list* → raw-value-style-enum-case | raw-value-style-enum-case , raw-value-style-enum-case-list

*raw-value-style-enum-case* → enum-case-name raw-value-assignment<sub>opt</sub>

*raw-value-assignment* → = raw-value-literal

*raw-value-literal* → numeric-literal | static-string-literal | boolean-literal

#### GRAMMAR OF A STRUCTURE DECLARATION

*struct-declaration* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> access-level-modifier<sub>opt</sub> **struct** struct-name generic-parameter-clause<sub>opt</sub> type-inheritance-clause<sub>opt</sub> generic-where-clause<sub>opt</sub> struct-body

*struct-name* → identifier

*struct-body* → { struct-members<sub>opt</sub> }

*struct-members* → struct-member struct-members<sub>opt</sub>

*struct-member* → declaration | compiler-control-statement

#### GRAMMAR OF A CLASS DECLARATION

*class-declaration* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> access-level-modifier<sub>opt</sub> **final**<sub>opt</sub> **class** class-name generic-parameter-clause<sub>opt</sub> type-inheritance-clause<sub>opt</sub> generic-where-clause<sub>opt</sub> class-body

*class-declaration* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> **final** access-level-modifier<sub>opt</sub> **class** class-name  
generic-parameter-clause<sub>opt</sub> type-inheritance-clause<sub>opt</sub> generic-where-clause<sub>opt</sub>  
class-body

*class-name* → identifier

*class-body* → { class-members<sub>opt</sub> }

*class-members* → class-member class-members<sub>opt</sub>

*class-member* → declaration | compiler-control-statement

## GRAMMAR OF A PROTOCOL DECLARATION

*protocol-declaration* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> access-level-modifier<sub>opt</sub> **protocol** protocol-name  
type-inheritance-clause<sub>opt</sub> generic-where-clause<sub>opt</sub> protocol-body

*protocol-name* → identifier

*protocol-body* → { protocol-members<sub>opt</sub> }

*protocol-members* → protocol-member protocol-members<sub>opt</sub>

*protocol-member* → protocol-member-declaration | compiler-control-statement

*protocol-member-declaration* → protocol-property-declaration

*protocol-member-declaration* → protocol-method-declaration

*protocol-member-declaration* → protocol-initializer-declaration

*protocol-member-declaration* → protocol-subscript-declaration

*protocol-member-declaration* → protocol-associated-type-declaration

*protocol-member-declaration* → typealias-declaration

## GRAMMAR OF A PROTOCOL PROPERTY DECLARATION

*protocol-property-declaration* → variable-declaration-head variable-name type-annotation  
getter-setter-keyword-block

## GRAMMAR OF A PROTOCOL METHOD DECLARATION

*protocol-method-declaration* → function-head function-name generic-parameter-clause  
<sub>opt</sub> function-signature generic-where-clause<sub>opt</sub>

## GRAMMAR OF A PROTOCOL INITIALIZER DECLARATION

*protocol-initializer-declaration* → initializer-head generic-parameter-clause<sub>opt</sub>  
parameter-clause **throws**<sub>opt</sub> generic-where-clause<sub>opt</sub>

*protocol-initializer-declaration* → initializer-head generic-parameter-clause<sub>opt</sub>  
parameter-clause **rethrows** generic-where-clause<sub>opt</sub>

## GRAMMAR OF A PROTOCOL SUBSCRIPT DECLARATION

*protocol-subscript-declaration* → subscript-head subscript-result generic-where-clause  
*opt* getter-setter-keyword-block

#### GRAMMAR OF A PROTOCOL ASSOCIATED TYPE DECLARATION

*protocol-associated-type-declaration* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> access-level-modifier<sub>opt</sub>  
**associatedtype** typealias-name type-inheritance-clause<sub>opt</sub> typealias-assignment<sub>opt</sub>  
generic-where-clause<sub>opt</sub>

#### GRAMMAR OF AN INITIALIZER DECLARATION

*initializer-declaration* → initializer-head generic-parameter-clause<sub>opt</sub> parameter-clause  
**throws**<sub>opt</sub> generic-where-clause<sub>opt</sub> initializer-body

*initializer-declaration* → initializer-head generic-parameter-clause<sub>opt</sub> parameter-clause  
**rethrows** generic-where-clause<sub>opt</sub> initializer-body

*initializer-head* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> declaration-modifiers<sub>opt</sub> **init**

*initializer-head* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> declaration-modifiers<sub>opt</sub> **init** ?

*initializer-head* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> declaration-modifiers<sub>opt</sub> **init** !

*initializer-body* → code-block

#### GRAMMAR OF A DEINITIALIZER DECLARATION

*deinitializer-declaration* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> **deinit** code-block

#### GRAMMAR OF AN EXTENSION DECLARATION

*extension-declaration* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> access-level-modifier<sub>opt</sub> **extension** type-identifier type-inheritance-clause<sub>opt</sub> generic-where-clause<sub>opt</sub> extension-body

*extension-body* → { extension-members<sub>opt</sub> }

*extension-members* → extension-member extension-members<sub>opt</sub>

*extension-member* → declaration | compiler-control-statement

#### GRAMMAR OF A SUBSCRIPT DECLARATION

*subscript-declaration* → subscript-head subscript-result generic-where-clause<sub>opt</sub> code-block

*subscript-declaration* → subscript-head subscript-result generic-where-clause<sub>opt</sub> getter-setter-block

*subscript-declaration* → subscript-head subscript-result generic-where-clause<sub>opt</sub> getter-setter-keyword-block

*subscript-head* → attributes<sub>opt</sub> declaration-modifiers<sub>opt</sub> **subscript** generic-parameter-clause<sub>opt</sub> parameter-clause

*subscript-result* → -> attributes<sub>opt</sub> type

#### GRAMMAR OF AN OPERATOR DECLARATION

*operator-declaration* → prefix-operator-declaration | postfix-operator-declaration | infix-operator-declaration

*prefix-operator-declaration* → **prefix operator** operator

*postfix-operator-declaration* → **postfix operator** operator

*infix-operator-declaration* → **infix operator** operator infix-operator-group<sub>opt</sub>

*infix-operator-group* → : precedence-group-name

#### GRAMMAR OF A PRECEDENCE GROUP DECLARATION

*precedence-group-declaration* → **precedencegroup** precedence-group-name { precedence-group-attributes<sub>opt</sub> }

*precedence-group-attributes* → precedence-group-attribute precedence-group-attributes<sub>opt</sub>

*precedence-group-attribute* → precedence-group-relation

*precedence-group-attribute* → precedence-group-assignment

*precedence-group-attribute* → precedence-group-associativity

*precedence-group-relation* → **higherThan** : precedence-group-names

*precedence-group-relation* → **lowerThan** : precedence-group-names

*precedence-group-assignment* → **assignment** : boolean-literal

*precedence-group-associativity* → **associativity** : **left**

*precedence-group-associativity* → **associativity** : **right**

*precedence-group-associativity* → **associativity** : **none**

*precedence-group-names* → precedence-group-name | precedence-group-name , precedence-group-names

*precedence-group-name* → identifier

#### GRAMMAR OF A DECLARATION MODIFIER

*declaration-modifier* → **class** | **convenience** | **dynamic** | **final** | **infix** | **lazy** | **optional** | **override** | **postfix** | **prefix** | **required** | **static** | **unowned** | **unowned ( safe )** | **unowned ( unsafe )** | **weak**

*declaration-modifier* → access-level-modifier

*declaration-modifier* → mutation-modifier

*declaration-modifiers* → declaration-modifier declaration-modifiers<sub>opt</sub>

*access-level-modifier* → **private** | **private ( set )**  
*access-level-modifier* → **fileprivate** | **fileprivate ( set )**  
*access-level-modifier* → **internal** | **internal ( set )**  
*access-level-modifier* → **public** | **public ( set )**  
*access-level-modifier* → **open** | **open ( set )**  
*mutation-modifier* → **mutating** | **nonmutating**

## Attributes

### GRAMMAR OF AN ATTRIBUTE

*attribute* → **@** attribute-name attribute-argument-clause<sub>opt</sub>  
*attribute-name* → identifier  
*attribute-argument-clause* → ( balanced-tokens<sub>opt</sub> )  
*attributes* → attribute attributes<sub>opt</sub>  
*balanced-tokens* → balanced-token balanced-tokens<sub>opt</sub>  
*balanced-token* → ( balanced-tokens<sub>opt</sub> )  
*balanced-token* → [ balanced-tokens<sub>opt</sub> ]  
*balanced-token* → { balanced-tokens<sub>opt</sub> }  
*balanced-token* → Any identifier, keyword, literal, or operator  
*balanced-token* → Any punctuation except ( , ) , [ , ] , { , or }

## Patterns

### GRAMMAR OF A PATTERN

*pattern* → wildcard-pattern type-annotation<sub>opt</sub>  
*pattern* → identifier-pattern type-annotation<sub>opt</sub>  
*pattern* → value-binding-pattern  
*pattern* → tuple-pattern type-annotation<sub>opt</sub>  
*pattern* → enum-case-pattern  
*pattern* → optional-pattern  
*pattern* → type-casting-pattern  
*pattern* → expression-pattern

### GRAMMAR OF A WILDCARD PATTERN



*wildcard-pattern* → \_

GRAMMAR OF AN IDENTIFIER PATTERN

*identifier-pattern* → identifier

GRAMMAR OF A VALUE-BINDING PATTERN

*value-binding-pattern* → **var** pattern | **let** pattern

GRAMMAR OF A TUPLE PATTERN

*tuple-pattern* → ( tuple-pattern-element-list<sub>opt</sub> )

*tuple-pattern-element-list* → tuple-pattern-element | tuple-pattern-element , tuple-pattern-element-list

*tuple-pattern-element* → pattern | identifier : pattern

GRAMMAR OF AN ENUMERATION CASE PATTERN

*enum-case-pattern* → type-identifier<sub>opt</sub> . enum-case-name tuple-pattern<sub>opt</sub>

GRAMMAR OF AN OPTIONAL PATTERN

*optional-pattern* → identifier-pattern ?

GRAMMAR OF A TYPE CASTING PATTERN

*type-casting-pattern* → is-pattern | as-pattern

*is-pattern* → **is** type

*as-pattern* → pattern **as** type

GRAMMAR OF AN EXPRESSION PATTERN

*expression-pattern* → expression

## Generic Parameters and Arguments

GRAMMAR OF A GENERIC PARAMETER CLAUSE

*generic-parameter-clause* → < generic-parameter-list >

*generic-parameter-list* → generic-parameter | generic-parameter , generic-parameter-list  
*generic-parameter* → type-name  
*generic-parameter* → type-name : type-identifier  
*generic-parameter* → type-name : protocol-composition-type  
*generic-where-clause* → **where** requirement-list  
*requirement-list* → requirement | requirement , requirement-list  
*requirement* → conformance-requirement | same-type-requirement  
*conformance-requirement* → type-identifier : type-identifier  
*conformance-requirement* → type-identifier : protocol-composition-type  
*same-type-requirement* → type-identifier == type

#### GRAMMAR OF A GENERIC ARGUMENT CLAUSE

*generic-argument-clause* → < generic-argument-list >  
*generic-argument-list* → generic-argument | generic-argument , generic-argument-list  
*generic-argument* → type

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