

# UIKonf App Architecture & Data Oriented Design

**HOW DOES ONE SIMPLY  
IMPLEMENT**

**CONFERENCE APP**

Objects
Talk
Speaker
Organizer
Volunteer
Venue
Break
Workshop
...

Data
Title
Description
StartTime
EndTime
Name
TwitterHandle
PhotoURL
...



**WHAT IF I TOLD YOU**

**I DID IT DATA ORIENTED**

# Time slot

```
[
  {
    "t_id": "startDay1",
    "startTime": "18-09-00",
    "endTime": "18-10-00",
    "description": "Check in first day",
    "locations": [
      "Heimathafen Neukölln"
    ]
  },
  ...
]
```

# Organizer

```
...  
{  
  "name": "Maxim Zaks",  
  "twitter": "@iceX33",  
  "bio": "Software developer with a history in IDE development,  
    Web development and even Enterprise Java development  
    (He was young and under bad influence).  
    Nowadays working as a game developer (preferably iOS).  
    Regular visitor and occasional speaker at conferences.",  
  "photo": "http://www.uikonf.com/static/images/maxim-zaks.png",  
  "organizer": true  
},  
...
```

# Speaker

```
...  
{  
  "name": "Graham Lee",  
  "twitter": "@iwasleeg",  
  "bio": "Graham Lee works at Facebook, where he helps people make better tests  
         so they can help people make better software.  
         In the past he worked with some other people,  
         and has written books and blogs so he can work  
         with people he hasn't met too. His blog is at sicpers.info.",  
  "photo": "http://www.uikonf.com/static/images/Graham-Lee.png"  
},  
...
```

# Talk

```
...  
{  
  "title": "World Modeling",  
  "speaker_name": "Mike Lee",  
  "t_id": "session1Day1",  
  "t_index": 1  
},  
...
```



# Location

```
...  
{  
  "name": "Heimathafen Neukölln",  
  "address": "Karl-Marx-Str. 141, 12043 Berlin",  
  "description": "Conference venue"  
},  
...
```

# Import Data from JSON Array

```
for item in jsonArray {  
    let entity = context.createEntity()  
  
    for pair in (item as! NSDictionary) {  
        let (key,value) = (pair.key as! String,  
                           pair.value as! JsonValue)  
  
        let component = converters[key]!(value)  
        entity.set(component)  
    }  
}
```

# What is a context?

**It's a managing data structure**

```
public class Context {  
    public func createEntity() -> Entity  
    public func destroyEntity(entity : Entity)  
    public func entityGroup(matcher : Matcher) -> Group  
}
```

# What's an entity?

**Bag of components**



# Entity

```
public class Entity {  
    public func set(c:Component, overwrite:Bool = false)  
    public func get<C:Component>(ct:C.Type) -> C?  
    public func has<C:Component>(ct:C.Type) -> Bool  
    public func remove<C:Component>(ct:C.Type)  
}
```

# What's a component

**It's just data (value object)**

# Components

```
struct NameComponent : Component, DebugPrintable {  
    let name : String  
    var debugDescription: String{  
        return "[\\(name)]"  
    }  
}
```

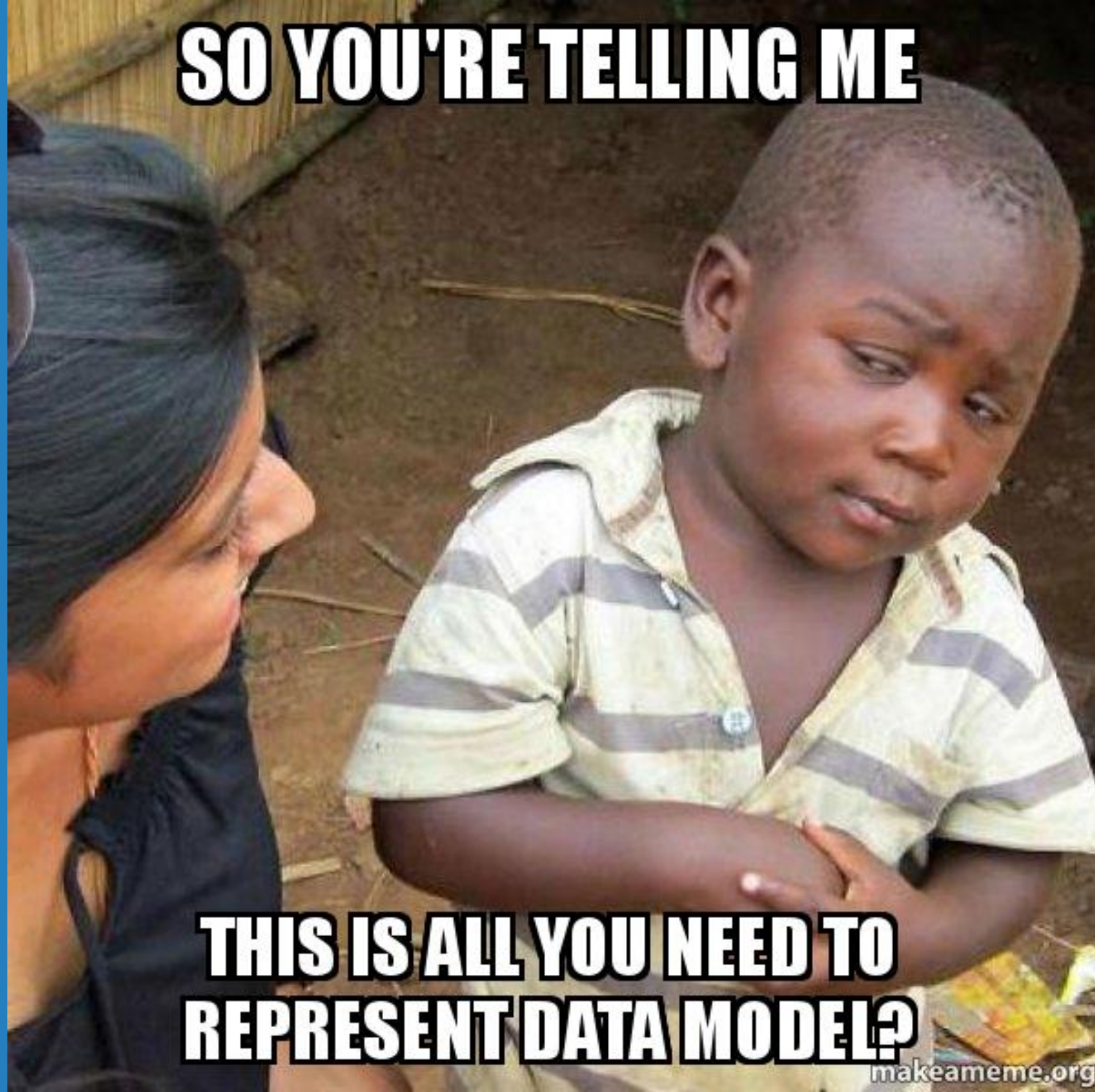
# What's a component

**It also can be just a flag**

```
struct OrganizerComponent : Component {}
```



**SO YOU'RE TELLING ME**



**THIS IS ALL YOU NEED TO  
REPRESENT DATA MODEL?**

# Import Data from JSON Array

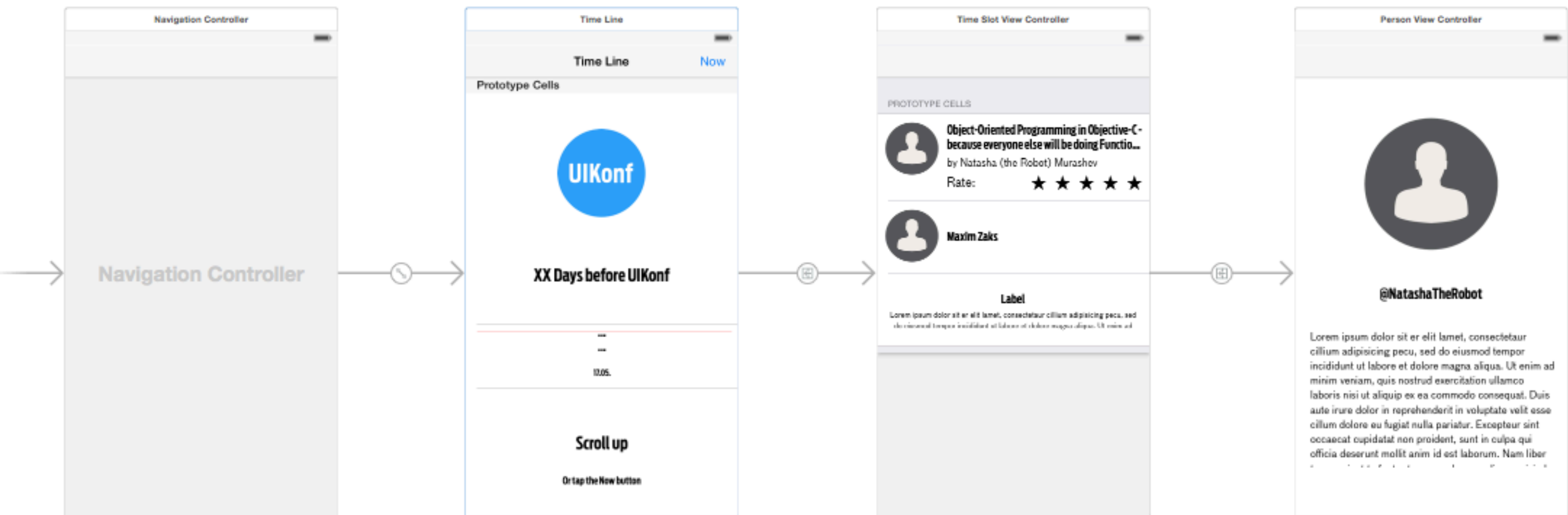
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    for pair in (item as! NSDictionary) {  
        let (key,value) = (pair.key as! String,  
                           pair.value as! JsonValue)  
  
        let component = converters[key]!(value)  
        entity.set(component)  
    }  
}
```

# Converters dictionary

```
typealias Converter = (JsonValue) -> Component
```

```
let converters : [String : Converter] = [  
    "t_id" : {  
        TimeSlotIdComponent(id: $0 as! String)  
    },  
    "t_index" : {  
        TimeSlotIndexComponent(index: $0 as! Int)  
    },  
    ...  
]
```

# How does it work with UIKit





```
override fun viewDidLoad() {  
    super.viewDidLoad()  
  
    groupOfEvents = context.entityGroup(  
        Matcher.Any(StartTimeComponent, EndTimeComponent))  
  
    setNavigationTitleFont()  
  
    groupOfEvents.addObserver(self)  
  
    context.entityGroup(  
        Matcher.All(RatingComponent)).addObserver(self)  
  
    readDataIntoContext(context)  
  
    syncData(context)  
  
}
```

# What's a group?

**Subset of Entites**

# Entity

```
public class Group : SequenceType {  
    public var count : Int  
    public var sortedEntities: [Entity]  
    public func addObserver(observer : GroupObserver)  
    public func removeObserver(observer : GroupObserver)  
}
```

**YOU USE A GROUP**



**TO BACK YOUR DATASOURCE**

```
override fun viewDidLoad() {  
    super.viewDidLoad()  
  
    groupOfEvents = context.entityGroup(  
        Matcher.Any(StartTimeComponent, EndTimeComponent))  
  
    setNavigationTitleFont()  
  
    groupOfEvents.addObserver(self)  
  
    context.entityGroup(  
        Matcher.All(RatingComponent)).addObserver(self)  
  
    readDataIntoContext(context)  
  
    syncData(context)  
  
}
```



**THIS IS LIKE KVO**



**IN OBJC ... BUT IN SWIFT**

```
extension TimeLineViewController : GroupObserver {  
  
    func entityAdded(entity : Entity) {  
        if entity.has(RatingComponent){  
            updateSendButton()  
        } else {  
            reload()  
        }  
    }  
  
    func entityRemoved(entity : Entity,  
        withRemovedComponent removedComponent : Component) {  
        if removedComponent is RatingComponent {  
            return  
        }  
        reload()  
    }  
}
```

```
private lazy var reload :  
    dispatch_block_t = dispatch_debounce_block(0.1) {  
    ...  
}
```



**MAY I COME IN?**

**NOPE!**



**COOL STUFF**

**CONTINUE WITH UIKIT  
INTEGRATION**

```
override func tableView(tableView: UITableView,  
    cellForRowAtIndexPath indexPath: NSIndexPath) -> UITableViewCell {  
  
    let sectionName = sectionNameTable[indexPath.section]!  
    let cellIdentifier = cellIdTable[sectionName]!  
  
    let cell = tableView.dequeueReusableCellWithIdentifier(  
        cellIdentifier, forIndexPath: indexPath) as! EntityCell  
  
    let cellEntity = cellEntityTable[sectionName]!(indexPath.row)  
  
    cell.updateWithEntity(cellEntity, context: context)  
  
    return cell as! UITableViewCell  
}
```

```
protocol EntityCell {
    func updateWithEntity(entity : Entity, context : Context)
}

class LocationCell: UITableViewCell, EntityCell {

    @IBOutlet weak var nameLabel: UILabel!
    @IBOutlet weak var descriptionLabel: UITextView!

    func updateWithEntity(entity : Entity, context : Context){

        nameLabel.text = entity.get(NameComponent)!.name
        let descriptionText = entity.get(DescriptionComponent)?.description
        let address = entity.get(AddressComponent)!.address

        descriptionLabel.text = descriptionText != nil ?
                                descriptionText! + "\n" + address : address
    }
}
```



**HOW ABOUT ...**

**MULTITHREADING**



```
struct PhotoComponent : Component, DebugPrintable {  
    let url : NSURL  
    let image : UIImage  
    let loaded : Bool  
    var debugDescription: String{  
        return "[\(url), loaded: \loaded]"  
    }  
}
```

## Data:

```
{  
    ...  
    "photo": "http://www.uikonf.com/static/images/maxim-zaks.png",  
    ...  
}
```

## Converter:

```
"photo" : {  
    PhotoComponent(url: NSURL(string:$0 as! String)!,  
                    image : UIImage(named:"person-icon")!, loaded: false)  
},
```

```
func setPhoto() {  
    let photoComponent = entity!.get(PhotoComponent)!  
    imageView.image = photoComponent.image  
    if !photoComponent.loaded {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

```
var detachedPerson = entity!.detach
cancelLoadingPhoto =
    dispatch_after_cancellable(
        0.5, dispatch_get_global_queue(QOS_CLASS_DEFAULT, 0))
    {
        if let data = NSData(contentsOfURL: photoComponent.url),
            let image = UIImage(data: data)
        {

            let photoComponent = detachedPerson.get(PhotoComponent)!
            detachedPerson.set(
                PhotoComponent(url: photoComponent.url,
                               image:image, loaded:true),
                overwrite: true
            )
            detachedPerson.sync()
        }
    }
}
```

# What's a detached Entity?

**It's an Entity implemented as a struct**

**with a *sync* method**

```
var detachedPerson = entity!.detach
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    dispatch_after_cancellable(
        0.5, dispatch_get_global_queue(QOS_CLASS_DEFAULT, 0))
    {
        if let data = NSData(contentsOfURL: photoComponent.url),
            let image = UIImage(data: data)
        {

            let photoComponent = detachedPerson.get(PhotoComponent)!
            detachedPerson.set(
                PhotoComponent(url: photoComponent.url,
                               image:image, loaded:true),
                overwrite: true
            )
            detachedPerson.sync()
        }
    }
}
```

# Recap

- Context is a managing Data Structure
- Entity is a bag of components
- Components are just value types
- Groups are subsets on the components
- You can observe groups -> KVO like behavior
- Use detached entity if you want to go on another queue

# Tanks you

**Maxim - @iceX33**



# Links

- **UIKonf App on Github**
- **Blog: Think different about Data Model**
- **Blog: What is an entity framework**
- **Book: Data oriented Design (C++ heavy)**
- **Talk: Data-Oriented Design and C++ (hardcore)**