The setup

```
class Lib {
    let path: String
    var handle: UnsafeMutableRawPointer?
    var lastReadTime: Int?
}
```

```
extension Lib {
    var lastWriteTime: Int? {
        var fileStats = stat()
        guard stat(path, &fileStats) == 0 else { return nil }
        return fileStats.st_mtimespec.tv_sec
    }

    func load() {
        handle = dlopen(path, RTLD_LAZY)
        assert(handle != nil, dlError)
        lastReadTime = lastWriteTime
    }

    func unload() {
        guard dlclose(handle) == 0 else { fatalError(dlError) }
        self.handle = nil
    }
}
```

```
extension Lib {
    var shouldReload: Bool {
        return lastWriteTime != lastReadTime
    }

    func reload() {
        guard shouldReload else { return }
        unload()
        usleep(10)
        load()
        print("\(path.basename) reloaded successfully at \(getTime())")
    }
}
```

Loading Symbols

```
extension Lib {
    func symbol(named name: String) -> UnsafeMutableRawPointer? {
        guard handle != nil else { return nil }
        let symbol = dlsym(handle, name)
        return symbol
    }

    func symbol<T>(named name: String, withType: T.Type) -> T? {
        guard let symbol = symbol(named: name) else { return nil }
        return unsafeBitCast(symbol, to: T.self)
    }
}
```

The Loop

```
let lib = DynamicLib(path: "@executable_path/Asteroids")
lib.load()

typealias LoadFunction   = @convention(c) () -> UnsafeMutableRawPointer?
typealias UpdateFunction = @convention(c) (UnsafeMutableRawPointer) -> Void

let setup = lib.symbol(named: "setup", withType: LoadFunction.self)
var memory = setup!()

// The start of the persisted memory must be the an Int representing the size
//   of the currently persisted memory. If the size is 0 then it's the lib indicating it is done.
while memory.assumingMemoryBound(to: Int.self).pointee != 0 {
    if lib.shouldReload {
        lib.reload()
    }
    let loop = lib.symbol(named: "update", withType: UpdateFunction.self)
    loop?(memory)
}
```

The Altering

```
// ...
    if lib.shouldReaload {
        let pre = lib.symbol(named: "preReload", withType: PreFunction.self)
        pre?(memory)

        lib.reload()

        let post = lib.symbol(named: "postReload", withType: PostFunction.self)
        post?(memory)
    }
// ...
```

The Game

```
@_silgen_name("setup")
func setup() -> UnsafeMutablePointer<GameState> {
    InitWindow(640, 480, "Asteroids")
    var gameState = GameState()
    // ...
    let memory = UnsafeMutablePointer<GameState>.allocate(capacity: 1)
    memory.initialize(to: gameState)
    return memory
}

@_silgen_name("update")
func update(_ memory: UnsafeMutablePointer<GameState>) {
    var gameState = memory.pointee; defer { memory.pointee = gameState }
    if WindowShouldClose() {
        gameState.currStateSize = 0
        CloseWindow()
        return
    }
    gameState.update()
    BeginFrame()
    ClearBackground(.black)
    gameState.render()
    EndFrame()
}
```

Caveat A

This hasn't worked since Swift snapshot 06-20 last year.

Or so I thought.

To StackOverflow!

unload dynamic library needs two dlclose() calls?

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I have a dynamic library which I load using `dlopen()` and then unload using `dlclose()`;

If I dont include any objective c code `dlopen()` needs one `dlclose()` call which is expected behavior. But when I include any objective c code to target, I have problem that I need to do two `dlclose()` calls to the loaded library in order to unload.

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Is this something expected behavior? How can I fix it?

objective-c c osx cocoa dylib

... there is no way to unload Cocoa bundles once loaded due to a runtime limitation.

```
// dylibs are not allowed to unload
// ...except those with image_info and nothing else (5359412)
if (hi->mhdr->filetype == MH_DYLIB  &&  _hasObjcContents(hi)) {
    dlopen(hi->fname, RTLD_NOLOAD);
}
```

Dear `_hasObjcContents`

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macOS 10.12.3 Source

Project	Downloads
AppleFileSystemDriver-21	
AppleRAID-8.30.1	
AppleUSBIrDA-145.2.4	
AvailabilityVersions-26.30.3	
BerkeleyDB-21	
BootCache-118	
CF-1348.28 (*coming soon!*)	–
CPAN-58	
CPANInternal-162	
Chess-319	
CommonCrypto-60092.30.2	
CrackLib-37765	
Csu-85	
DiskArbitration-288.1.1	
Heimdal-498.30.1	
ICU-57149.0.1	
IOATAFamily-253.0.1	
IOATAPIProtocolTransport-350.0.3	
IOA[illegible].12	
IO[illegible]Family-118	
IO[illegible]Family-56	
IODVDStorageFamily-41.1	
IOFWDVComponents-208	
IOFireWireAVC-424	
IOFireWireFamily-465	
IOFireWireIP-227	
IOFireWireSBP2-427	
IOFireWireSerialBusProtocolTransport-252	
IOGraphics-513.1	
IOHIDFamily-870.31.1	
IOKitTools-105	
IOKitUser-1324.30.13	
IONetworkingFamily-116.1.1	
IOPCIFamily-284.31.2	
IOSCSIParallelFamily-300.0.2	
IOSerialFamily-91	
IOStorageFamily-210.30.1	
IOUSBMassStorageClass-404.0.1	
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Libc-1158.30.7	
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Libnotify-165.20.1	

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```
// Look for an __objc* section other than __objc_imageinfo
static bool segmentHasObjcContents(const segmentType *seg)
{
    if (seg) {
        for (uint32_t i = 0; i < seg->nsects; i++) {
            const sectionType *sect = ((const sectionType *)(seg+1))+i;
            if (sectnameStartsWith(sect->sectname, "__objc_")  &&
                !sectnameEquals(sect->sectname, "__objc_imageinfo"))
            {
                return true;
            }
        }
    }

    return false;
}

// Look for an __objc* section other than __objc_imageinfo
bool
_hasObjcContents(const header_info *hi)
{
    const segmentType *data =
        getsegbynamefromheader(hi->mhdr, "__DATA");
    const segmentType *data_const =
        getsegbynamefromheader(hi->mhdr, "__DATA_CONST");
    const segmentType *data_dirty =
        getsegbynamefromheader(hi->mhdr, "__DATA_CONST");

    return segmentHasObjcContents(data)
        || segmentHasObjcContents(data_const)
        || segmentHasObjcContents(data_dirty);
}
```

otool is awesome

List dependencies (-L)

```
otool -L bin/Asteroids
bin/Asteroids:
    /System/Library/Frameworks/CoreFoundation.framework/Versions/A/CoreFoundation (compatibility version 150.0.0, current version 1349.64.0)
    /usr/local/opt/glfw/lib/libglfw.3.dylib (compatibility version 3.0.0, current version 3.2.0)
    @executable_path/libmuse.dylib (compatibility version 0.0.0, current version 0.0.0)
    /usr/lib/libobjc.A.dylib (compatibility version 1.0.0, current version 228.0.0)
    /usr/lib/libSystem.B.dylib (compatibility version 1.0.0, current version 1238.50.2)
    @rpath/libswiftCore.dylib (compatibility version 1.0.0, current version 802.0.53)
    @rpath/libswiftDarwin.dylib (compatibility version 1.0.0, current version 802.0.53)
    @rpath/libswiftSwiftOnoneSupport.dylib (compatibility version 1.0.0, current version 802.0.53)
```

Display load commands (-l)

```
otool -l bin/Asteroids | grep sectname
  sectname __text
  sectname __stubs
  sectname __stub_helper
  sectname __cstring
  sectname __swift3_typeref
  sectname __swift3_capture
  sectname __const
  sectname __swift3_reflstr
  sectname __swift3_fieldmd
  sectname __swift2_proto
  sectname __swift3_assocty
  sectname __ustring
  sectname __swift2_types
  sectname __swift3_builtin
  sectname __objc_classname
  sectname __objc_methname
  sectname __objc_methtype
  sectname __unwind_info
  sectname __eh_frame
  sectname __nl_symbol_ptr
  sectname __got
  sectname __la_symbol_ptr
  sectname __const
  sectname __objc_nlclslist
  sectname __objc_protolist
  sectname __objc_imageinfo
  sectname __objc_const
  sectname __objc_selrefs
  sectname __objc_protorefs
  sectname __objc_data
  sectname __data
  sectname __bss
  sectname __common
```

```
sectname __objc_nlclslist
sectname __objc_protolist
sectname __objc_imageinfo
sectname __objc_const
sectname __objc_selrefs
sectname __objc_protorefs
sectname __objc_data
```

```
swiftc --help | grep objc
  -emit-objc-header-path <path>
  -emit-objc-header         Emit an Objective-C header file
```

Nothing to help us here …

```
swiftc --help-hidden | grep objc
  -emit-objc-header-path <path>
  -emit-objc-header        Emit an Objective-C header file
  -import-objc-header <value>
  -no-link-objc-runtime    Don't link in additions to the Objective-C runtime
```

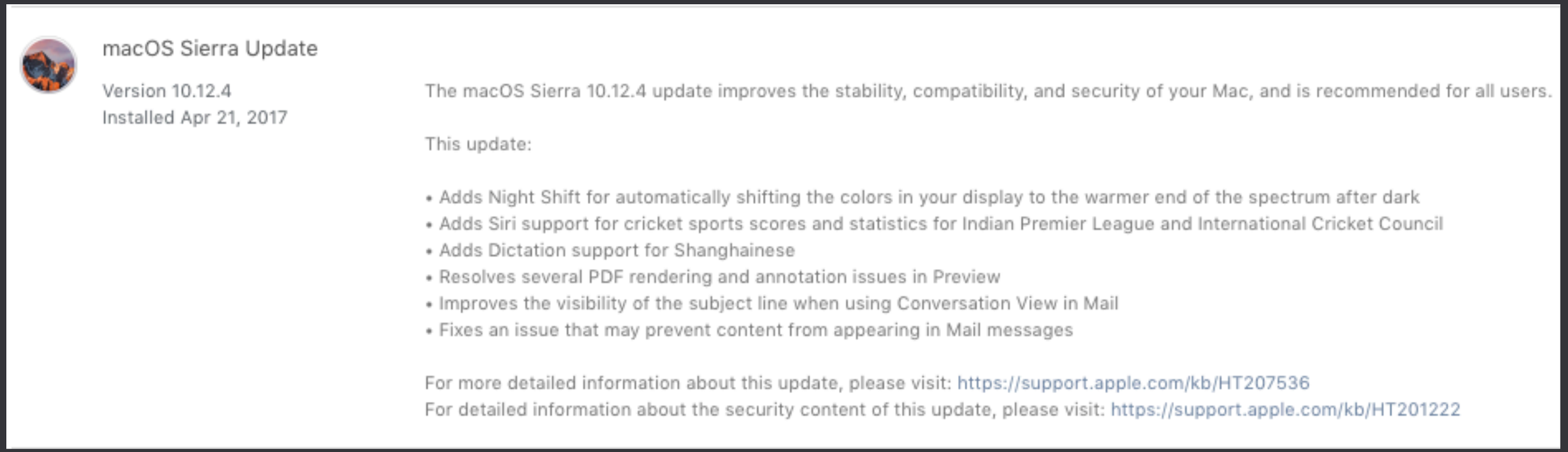
Hidden no longer.

```
set -e

c_flags="-Xcc -I/usr/local/include"
swiftc_flags="-Xswiftc -no-link-objc-runtime"
linker_flags="-Xlinker -L/usr/local/lib -Xlinker -lglfw"

swift build $c_flags $swiftc_flags $linker_flags

target_dir="$(pwd)/bin"
mkdir -p ${target_dir}
cp -f .build/debug/libmuse.dylib      ${target_dir}
cp -f .build/debug/Asteroids          ${target_dir}
cp -f .build/debug/LoopDynamic        ${target_dir}
```

```
otool -l bin/Asteroids | grep sectname
  sectname __text
  sectname __stubs
  sectname __stub_helper
  sectname __cstring
  sectname __swift3_typeref
  sectname __swift3_capture
  sectname __const
  sectname __swift3_reflstr
  sectname __swift3_fieldmd
  sectname __swift2_proto
  sectname __swift3_assocty
  sectname __ustring
  sectname __swift2_types
  sectname __swift3_builtin
  sectname __unwind_info
  sectname __eh_frame
  sectname __nl_symbol_ptr
  sectname __got
  sectname __la_symbol_ptr
  sectname __const
  sectname __objc_imageinfo
  sectname __data
  sectname __bss
  sectname __common
```

Solved.

Until this Sunday night …



They forgot to mention it will break dlclose.

Problem Report for LoopDynamic

LoopDynamic quit unexpectedly.

Click Reopen to open the application again. This report will be sent to Apple automatically.

▶ Comments

Problem Details and System Configuration

```
Responsible:            LoopDynamic [50295]
User ID:                501

Date/Time:              2017-05-07 15:09:10.471 +1000
OS Version:             Mac OS X 10.12.4 (16E195)
Report Version:         12
Anonymous UUID:         70B9929C-A4EA-57F3-F80B-FB8394E683BD


Time Awake Since Boot: 13000 seconds

System Integrity Protection: enabled

Crashed Thread:         0

Exception Type:         EXC_BAD_INSTRUCTION (SIGILL)
Exception Codes:        0x0000000000000001, 0x0000000000000000
Exception Note:         EXC_CORPSE_NOTIFY

Termination Signal:     Illegal instruction: 4
Termination Reason:     Namespace SIGNAL, Code 0x4
Terminating Process:    exc handler [0]

Application Specific Information:
BUG IN LIBTRACE: MH not found

Thread 0 Crashed:
0   libsystem_trace.dylib             0x00007fff979a1e97 _os_trace_image_was_unloaded + 271
1   dyld                              0x0000000110197cb2 dyld::removeImage(ImageLoader*) + 343
2   dyld                              0x000000011019b6c7 dyld::garbageCollectImages() + 870
3   dyld                              0x00000001101a3653 dlclose + 134
4   libdyld.dylib                     0x00007fff9776c7e3 dlclose + 61
5   LoopDynamic                       0x0000000105d88800 _TFC11LoopDynamic10DynamicLib6unloadfT_T_ + 64 (DynamicLib.swift:78)
6   LoopDynamic                       0x0000000105d8939a _TFC11LoopDynamic10DynamicLib6reloadfT_T_ + 1514 (DynamicLib.swift:99)
7   LoopDynamic                       0x0000000105d8a07b main + 555 (main.swift:37)
8   libdyld.dylib                     0x00007fff9776f235 start + 1

Thread 1:
0   libsystem_pthread.dylib           0x00007fff979880e4 start_wqthread + 0

Thread 2:
0   libsystem_pthread.dylib           0x00007fff979880e4 start_wqthread + 0
1   ???                               0x00007ff91ee3eb40 0 + 140707941837632

Thread 3:
```

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