TP 3 - Unit Converter

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Part 1

- Create a new project, of the kind **Single View Application**.
- Using Interface Builder and the Object Library (+ # + L), add a text label for the converted temperature.
- Adjust the auto layout constraints of the label. It should be at a fixed distance of the top, and horizontally centered.
- Using Interface Builder and the Object Library, add a Picker View to the bottom of the interface and adjust its constraints.
- Run the app (\mathbb{H}+\mathbb{R}) and attempt to use the picker.

Part 2

- The picker view allow the user to pick a text or a date within defined choices. It uses the data source and delegate patterns.
- Using Interface Builder, set the main View Controller as the picker view datasource by Control-clicking on the picker view, and dragging a connection from the dataSource connection well to the View Controller in the Document Outline ().
- Run the app, observe the crash, and inspect the console output.
- The picker view's data source is the view controller, but the ViewController class does not yet implement the methods that conform to the UIPickerViewDataSource protocol.
- Using the Xcode Documentation and API Reference (①+\mathbb{H}+0), explore the UIPickerViewDataSource Protocol Reference and the methods numberOfComponentsInPickerView: and pickerView:numberOfRowsInComponent:.
- Add the UIPickerViewDataSource protocol declaration to the controller class.

```
1 class ViewController: UIViewController, \leftarrow UIPickerViewDataSource {
```

• Open the Issue Navigator (\mathbb{H}+\bar{4}), and notice the warnings indicating the methods necessary for conforming to the UIPickerViewDataSource protocol.

• Implement numberOfComponentsInPickerView: and pickerView:numberOfRowsInComponent:..

• Run the app, and observe that the picker has one scrollable element that contains ten rows.

Part 3

- Observe how the picker view displays the ? character. Without a delegate to determine what to display, the picker view renders a ? by default.
- Using Interface Builder, set the main View Controller as the picker view delegate by Control-clicking the picker view, and dragging a connection from the delegate connection well to the View Controller in the Document Outline.
- Add the UIPickerViewDelegate protocol declaration to the controller class.

```
1 class ViewController: UIViewController, \hookleftarrow UIPickerViewDataSource, UIPickerViewDelegate {
```

- Using the Xcode Documentation and API Reference, explore the UIPickerViewDelegate Protocol Reference and the methods pickerView:titleForRow:forComponent: and pickerView:didSelectRow:inComponent:.
- In the ViewController class, implement pickerView:titleForRow:forComponent:.

• In the ViewController class, implement pickerView:didSelectRow:inComponent:.

• Add a custom breakpoint to pickerView:didSelectRow:inComponent: that generates a Log message containing selected: @row@.



• Run the app, observe the values displayed in the picker view, flick the picker to select a row, and observe the console message when the row is selected.

Part 4

- We want a "list" of negative and positive Celsius temperatures for the picker view to display, considering the total number of values (how many possible temperatures?), and the range (what minimum and maximum temperatures?).
- In the controller, add a private property for an Array of temperature values that the controller will provide to the picker view for display.

```
1 private var temperatureValues = [Int]()
```

• Implement a naive, temporary assignment of the temperatureValues property during viewDidLoad.

```
1 override func viewDidLoad() {
2    super.viewDidLoad()
3    temperatureValues = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
4 }
```

• Update the implementation of pickerView:titleForRow:forComponent:.

- Run the app, observe the values displayed in the picker, and flick the picker one row at a time until the app crashes. Observe the console error.
- Update pickerView:titleForRow:forComponent: to use the size of the temperatureValues array to inform the picker of how many rows to display.
- Run the app, observe the temperature values, and interact with the picker.
- Instead of an explicit array initialization([-100, -99, ..., 99, 100]), a programmatic initialization using a loop will be used. Modify viewDidLoad to naively populate the temperatureValues array with a loop.

```
1 override func viewDidLoad() {
2    super.viewDidLoad()
3    let lowerBound = -100
4    let upperBound = 100
5    for index in lowerBound...upperBound {
6        temperatureValues.append(index)
7    }
8 }
```

- map might be used to transform a range into an array of Int values.
- Using the documentation of map, update the temperatureValues property declaration and remove the procedural temperature value generation from viewDidLoad.
- Run the app, and observe the temperature values in the picker.

- We now want to convert and display the temperature when selected in the picker view.
- Using Interface Builder and the Assistant Editor (+ + + -), create an outlet connection for the label as a controller property.

```
OIBOutlet weak var temperatureLabel: UILabel!
```

- Update the ViewController pickerView:didSelectRow:inComponent: method. It will perform the conversion $farenheit = 1.8 \times celsius + 32$ and update temperatureLabel with the value.
- Run the app, select a temperature with the picker, and observe the displayed temperature.
- We need to convert the converted temperature to an Int before updating the UILabel text property.

- The design pattern MVC (Model View Controller) is widely used in iOS development. It helps separating code logic from display. In this project, we will try to create a model taking care of the temperature conversion, to extract this logic from the view controller.
- Add a new Swift class to the project for a UnitConverter model.

```
1 import Foundation
2
3 class UnitConverter {
4
5 }
```

- The temperature conversion code in the controller pickerView:didSelectRow:inComponent: method belongs in the model. Add a degreesFahrenheit: method to the UnitConverter class. It should take Celsius degrees in arguments (integers) and return Fahrenheit degrees (integers).
- In the ViewController class, declare a new private property for a UnitConverter object and affect UnitConverter().
- Update the pickerView:didSelectRow:inComponent: method to use the UnitConverter degreesFahrenheit: method.

Part 7

- The range of temperature values has nothing to do with unit conversion, and therefore the UnitConverter model should not be responsible of generating a range of temperatures. We will create a "view model": a model object whose sole purpose is to serve the view.
- Add a new Swift class to the project for a TemperatureRange model.
- We will now establish a TemperatureRange object as the picker view's dataSource. TemperatureRange
 will have to adopt the UIPickerViewDataSource protocol, and the picker view's dataSource
 connection will have to change to a new TemperatureRange object.

• Using Interface Builder and the Object Library, drag an Object to the View Controller Scene in the Document Outline (). Rename the Object to TemperatureRange.



• With the TemperatureRange object selected, use the Identity Inspector (+ # + 3) to set the Class to TemperatureRange.



- Using Interface Builder, select the picker view and use the Connections Inspector (++6) to delete the dataSource connection between the picker view and the controller.

 Drag a new connection from the picker view's dataSource to the TemperatureRange object in the Document Outline.
- Run the app, observe the crash, and inspect the error displayed in the console. TemperatureRange should implement UIPickerViewDataSource.

Part 8

- Change the TemperatureRange class import statement to provide access to the UIPickerViewDataSource type.
- 1 import UIKit
- Update the TemperatureRange class to inherit from NSObject and to adopt the UIPickerViewDataSource protocol. Remove the UIPickerViewDataSource protocol adoption from the ViewController class definition.

```
1 class TemperatureRange: NSObject, UIPickerViewDataSource
2 class ViewController: UIViewController, UIPickerViewDelegate
```

• Move the temperatureValues property out of the controller and into the TemperatureRange class. Remove the private access control modifier, and shorten its name to values.

```
1 let values = (-100...100).map { $0 }
```

 Move the controller methods numberOfComponentsInPickerView: and pickerView:numberOfRowsInComponent: into the TemperatureRange class, and replace the reference to temperatureValues with values.

```
func numberOfComponentsInPickerView(pickerView: UIPickerView) 
-> Int {
    return 1
}

func pickerView(pickerView: UIPickerView,
    numberOfRowsInComponent component: Int) -> Int {
    return values.count
}
```

- Open the ViewController class, and observe the red error indicators.
- Using Interface Builder and the Assistant Editor, Control-drag an outlet connection from the TemperatureRange object to the controller class, to create a new property.

```
1 @IBOutlet var temperatureRange: TemperatureRange!
```

- Update the controller methods pickerView:titleForRow:forComponent: and pickerView:didSelectRow:inComponent: to use the new temperatureRange property, replacing references to temperatureValues with temperatureRange.values.
- Run the app, select a temperature, and observe the converted value.
- The remaining controller code only manages communication between the view and the models, and updates the view.

Part 9

- We want to improve the user experience when first starting the app. Notice the default starting temperature in the picker view, and consider how it affects the user experience. We might implement the behavior of specifying a default starting temperature.
- Using Interface Builder and the Assistant Editor, add the picker view as an outlet property within the ViewController class.

```
1 @IBOutlet weak var celsiusPicker: UIPickerView!
```

• Set the default selected temperature in viewDidLoad with the method selectRow:inComponent:animated:.

- Run the app and notice that, while the selected Celsius temperature has changed, the converted temperature label has not updated. Make sure the label is updated in viewDidLoad.
- Run the app, observe the default selected temperature in the picker, and observe the converted temperature label.

- Run the app, select a temperature, background the app, then foreground the app. Notice how the last selected temperature is still displayed.
- Using the multitasking bar (fr + # + H twice quickly), quit the app, then start the app. The app "forgets" the last selected temperature, and displays the default temperature in the picker view. We want the app to "remember" the last selected temperature, and to use that temperature when it starts, if a last-selected temperature is known.
- NSUserDefaults allow developers to save data in the filesystem as property list (.plist) files.
- Enhance pickerView:didSelectRow:inComponent: to save the picker view's selected row index.

```
1 let defaults = NSUserDefaults.standardUserDefaults()
2 defaults.setInteger(row, forKey: "defaultCelsiusPickerRow")
3 defaults.synchronize()
```

• The controller method pickerView:didSelectRow:inComponent: now has two responsibilities: updating the temperature label and saving the last-selected row. Extract the code for each respective task into two separate, well-named controller methods.

```
1 func displayConvertedTemperatureForRow(row: Int)
2 func saveSelectedRow(row: Int)
```

- Update pickerView:didSelectRow:inComponent: to call the two new methods.
- Extract the buried string into a constant placed near the top of the ViewController class. Use this constant in saveSelectedRow:.

```
1 let userDefaultsLastRowKey = "defaultCelsiusPickerRow"
```

• Run the app, select a temperature. Using the multitasking bar, quit the app, start the app again, and observe that, despite saving the last selected picker row, the default row is selected.

• Refactor viewDidLoad to use an initialPickerRow method, instead of a local variable, to determine the initial selected row index of the picker view.

```
override func viewDidLoad() {
2
       super.viewDidLoad()
       let row = initialPickerRow()
3
       celsiusPicker.selectRow(row, inComponent: 0, animated: \leftarrow
4
       pickerView(celsiusPicker, didSelectRow: row, inComponent:←
5
  }
6
   func initialPickerRow() -> Int {
       // load from user defaults
9
       // if we obtained a last-known row index, return it
10
       // otherwise, return the default.
11
       return celsiusPicker.numberOfRowsInComponent(0) / 2
12
13 }
```

- Using the Xcode documentation and API Reference, explore the NSUserDefaults integerForKey: method, and observe how it returns 0 when a value for the provided key is not found.
- Implement a functional version of the initialPickerRow method, that fetch the corresponding data from NSUserDefaults and fallback to the default value if needed.
- Run the app, select a temperature, force quit the app via the multitasking bar, restart the app, and witness the last selected temperature is correctly displayed.