

# Protocols and Extensions

Use `protocol` to declare a protocol.

```
1 protocol ExampleProtocol {  
2     var simpleDescription: String { get }  
3     mutating func adjust()  
4 }
```

Classes, enumerations, and structs can all adopt protocols.

```
1 class SimpleClass: ExampleProtocol {  
2     var simpleDescription: String = "A very simple class."  
3     var anotherProperty: Int = 69105  
4     func adjust() {  
5         simpleDescription += " Now 100% adjusted."  
6     }  
7 }  
8 var a = SimpleClass()  
9 a.adjust()  
10 let aDescription = a.simpleDescription  
11  
12 struct SimpleStructure: ExampleProtocol {  
13     var simpleDescription: String = "A simple structure"  
14     mutating func adjust() {  
15         simpleDescription += " (adjusted)"  
16     }  
17 }  
18 var b = SimpleStructure()  
19 b.adjust()  
20 let bDescription = b.simpleDescription
```

## EXPERIMENT

Add another requirement to `ExampleProtocol`. What changes do you need to make to `SimpleClass` and `SimpleStructure` so that they still conform to the protocol?

Notice the use of the `mutating` keyword in the declaration of `SimpleStructure` to mark a method that modifies the structure. The declaration of `SimpleClass` doesn't need any of its methods marked as mutating because methods on a class can always modify the class.

Use `extension` to add <sup>기능</sup>functionality to an existing type, such as new methods and computed properties. You can use an extension to add protocol <sup>적합성</sup>conformance to a type that's declared <sup>다른 곳</sup>elsewhere, or even to a type that you imported from a library or framework.

```
1 extension Int: ExampleProtocol {
2     var simpleDescription: String {
3         return "The number \ \(self)"
4     }
5     mutating func adjust() {
6         self += 42
7     }
8 }
9 print(7.simpleDescription)
10 // Prints "The number 7"
```

#### EXPERIMENT

Write an extension for the `Double` type that adds an `absoluteValue` property.

You can use a protocol name just like any other named type, for example, to create a collection of objects that have different types but that all conform to a single protocol. When you work with values whose type is a protocol type, methods outside the protocol definition aren't available.

```
1 let protocolValue: ExampleProtocol = a
2 print(protocolValue.simpleDescription)
3 // Prints "A very simple class. Now 100% adjusted."
4 // print(protocolValue.anotherProperty) // Uncomment to see the error
```

<sup>임시라도</sup>Even though the variable `protocolValue` has a runtime type of `SimpleClass`, the compiler treats it as the given type of `ExampleProtocol`. This means that you can't accidentally <sup>구현하다</sup>access methods or properties that the class implements in addition to its protocol conformance.