

# Lenses and Prisms in Swift



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Two-code playground

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```
278 creatorLens.set(  
279     nameLens.set(  
280         "Joel Hodgson",  
281         creatorLens.get(mst3k)  
282     ),  
283     mst3k  
284 )  
285  
286  
287 creatorLens  
288 nameLens  
289  
290  
291 func compose <A, B, C> (lhs: Lens<A, B>, rhs: Lens<B, C>) ->  
292     Lens<A, C> {  
293         return Lens<A, C>(  
294             get: { a in rhs.get(lhs.get(a)) },  
295             set: { (c, a) in rhs.set(lhs.set(c, rhs)  
296         )  
297     }  
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```

Lens<Project, User>  
Lens<User, String>

## Brandon Williams - Lenses in Swift



Functional Swift

Iscritto



2.087

6.332 visualizzazioni

+

Aggiungi a



Condividi

••• Altro



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# Functional getters and setters

```
let repo = PersonRepository.init() // class  
var p = Person.init(firstName: "Jane", lastName: "Doe") // struct  
repo.add(p)  
p.firstName = "John"  
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```

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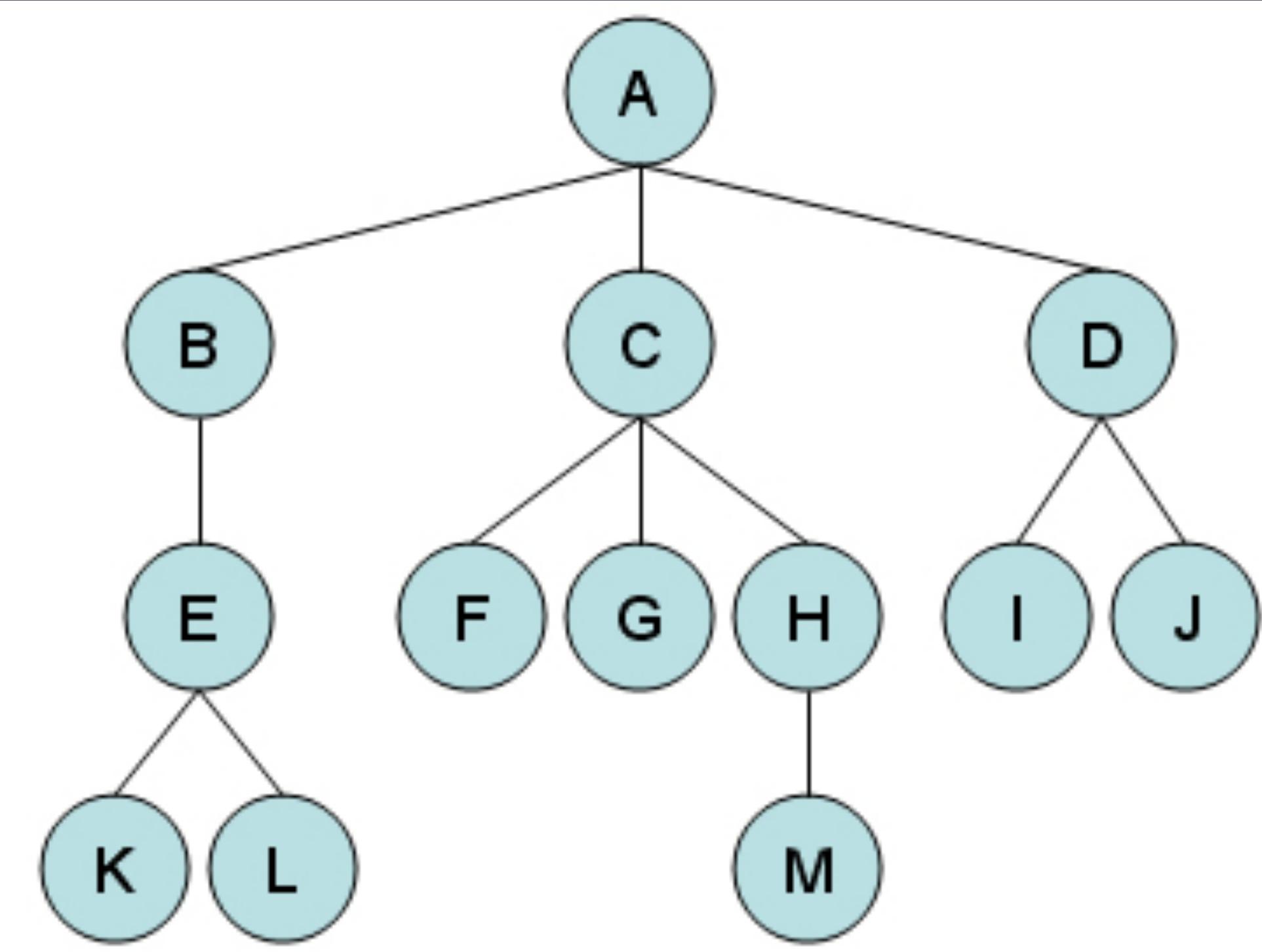
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view

viewModel

# Functional viewModel

```
struct LoginPage {  
    var title: String  
    var credentials: CredentialBox  
    var buttonState: ViewState<Button>  
}
```

```
struct CredentialBox {  
    var usernameField: TextField  
    var passwordField: TextField  
}
```

```
struct TextField {  
    var text: String  
    var placeholder: String?  
    var secureText: Bool  
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extension CredentialBox {  
    enum lens {  
        static let usernameField = Lens<CredentialBox,TextField>.init(  
            get: { $0.usernameField },  
            set: { part in  
                { whole in  
                    var m = whole  
                    m.usernameField = part  
                    return m  
                }  
            }  
        } )  
    }  
}
```

```
extension ViewState {  
    enum prism {  
        static var processing: Prism<ViewState, String> {  
            return .init(  
                tryGet: {  
                    guard case .processing(let message) = $0 else {  
                        return nil  
                    }  
                    return message  
                },  
                inject: { .processing($0) })  
        }  
    }  
}
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let initialState = (  
    title: "Welcome back!",  
    username: savedUsername,  
    buttonState: ViewState<Button>.completed(Button.init(  
        title: "Login",  
        enabled: false)))
```

```
var m_newModel = oldModel  
m_newModel.title = initialState.title  
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```
let titleLens = LoginPage.lens.title
```

```
let usernameTextLens = LoginPage.lens.credentials  
.compose(CredentialBox.lens.usernameField)  
.compose(TextField.lens.text)
```

```
let buttonStateLens = LoginPage.lens.buttonState
```

```
let newModel = titleLens.set(initialState.title)
  (usernameTextLens.set(initialState.username)
  (buttonStateLens.set(initialState.buttonState)
  (oldModel)))
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$$\text{Lens}\langle A, B_1 \rangle + \text{Lens}\langle A, B_2 \rangle = \text{Lens}\langle A, (B_1, B_2) \rangle$$

```
extension Lens {  
    static func zip<Part1, Part2>(  
        _ a: Lens<Whole, Part1>,  
        _ b: Lens<Whole, Part2>)  
        -> Lens<Whole, (Part1, Part2)>  
    where Part == (Part1, Part2)  
    {  
        /// some code  
    }  
}
```

```
let initialStateLens = Lens.zip(  
    titleLens,  
    usernameTextLens,  
    buttonStateLens)
```

```
let newModel = initialStateLens  
.set(initialState)(oldModel)
```

**what about  
prisms?**

```
func advanceProcessingMessage(_ previous: String) -> String {  
    switch previous {  
        case "Please wait":  
            return "Almost there"  
        case "Almost there":  
            return "ALMOST THERE"  
        default:  
            return previous + "!"  
    }  
}
```



Lens<LoginPage, ViewState<Button>>

+

Prism<ViewState<Button>, String>

=

?

**What if lenses and prisms  
don't compose well?**

**Who cares? Under the  
hood it's just functions.**

$$(A \rightarrow B) + (B \rightarrow C) = (A \rightarrow C)$$

```
infix operator •
```

```
func • <A,B,C> (
    _ left: @escaping (B) -> C,
    _ right: @escaping (A) -> B)
-> (A) -> C
{
    return { left(right($0)) }
}
```

```
let processingPrism = ViewState<Button>.prism.processing  
let onProcessing = buttonStateLens.over • processingPrism.tryOver  
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$(B \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow A)$

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$(C \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow B)$

=

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$(ViewState<Button> \rightarrow ViewState<Button>) \rightarrow (LoginPage \rightarrow$   
 $\quad LoginPage)$

•

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Buggy lenses?

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  - let's define them **explicitly** for Lenses and Prisms

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  - **setSet**: idempotence

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- `tryGetInject`
- `injectTryGet`

```
struct LensLaw {
    static func setGet<Whole, Part>(
        lens: Lens<Whole, Part>,
        whole: Whole,
        part: Part)
        -> Bool where Part: Equatable
    {
        return lens.get(lens.set(part)(whole)) == part
    }
}
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- particular data structures.

```
extension Dictionary {  
    static func lens(at key: Key) -> Lens<Dictionary, Value?> {  
        return Lens<Dictionary, Value?>(  
            get: { $0[key] },  
            set: { part in  
                { whole in  
                    var m_dict = whole  
                    m_dict[key] = part  
                    return m_dict  
                }  
            }  
        })  
    }  
}
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**Thanks**

# Links and Contacts

- @\_logicist
- <https://github.com/broomburgo/Lenses-and-Prisms-in-Swift>
- <https://github.com/facile-it/Optics>
- B.W.'s talk: <https://youtu.be/ofjehH9f-CU>