

# Swift

- **New language features**
  - type inference (strongly typed language, no need to specify variable type in most cases)
  - super **switch** statement
  - **closures** (functional programming support for lambda expression)
  - **tuples** (collection of values of different types)
  - **optionals** (new type for variables that might not have a value)
  - **Array, String** and **Dictionary** types (value types, not referenced, support for bounds checking)
  - Enhanced struct and enum type (can have many class-like features)
  - functions can return multiple values (tuples)
  - operator overloading (including definition of new operators)
  - generics (write code with placeholders for data type translation at compile time)
  - integer overflow checking (arithmetic overflow result in runtime error)
  - String interpolation (build strings by inserting expression in literals into placeholders)
  - Nested types and functions!

# Safer Language

- **{ }** required around body of every control statement
  - ensure you do not accidentally omit braces around multi-statement bodies
- **No pointers** unlike Objective-C, C and C++
- **The assignment operator (=) does not return a value**
  - compilation error occurs if assignment used in a condition rather ==
- **Semicolons are optional** except for multiple statements on the same line
- **Parentheses around conditions in control statements are optional**
- **Variables and constants must be initialised** before they are used
  - in their definitions, or
  - via initializer methods in type definitions
- **Integer calculations are checked for overflow**
  - runtime error occurs if a calculation results in overflow

# Safer Language

- **Strongly typed language**
  - No implicit conversions between numeric types
  - Variable and constant types can be inferred in most cases
- **Array indices are bounds checked** at execution time
  - runtime error if you try to access an element outside an Array's bounds
- **Automatic memory management**
  - eliminates most memory leaks
  - use automatic reference counting (no garbage collection, way better!)
  - possibility to keep references to objects that are no longer used
  - weak references to avoid circular references between objects preventing memory from being reclaimed

# Swift 4

- **Open Source** with initial port for MacOS, iOS, Linux
- **Source code for compiler and standard library**
- **Contribution from community encouraged**
- **New Language features:**
  - **error handling** model (try, throw, catch, ErrorType)
  - improved and **simplified optional binding** patterns
  - clean-up actions
  - protocol extensions

# Variables

```
var languageName: String = "Swift"
var version: Double = 4.2
var released: Int = 2018
var introduced: Int = 2014
var isAwesome: Bool = true
```

# Variables and Constants

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# Type Inference

```
let languageName = "Swift" // inferred as String
var version = 4.2           // inferred as Double
var released = 2018         // inferred as Int
let introduced = 2014        // inferred as Int
let isAwesome = true        // inferred as Bool
```

# Type Inference and Unicode Names

```
let languageName = "Swift"
var version = 4.2
var released = 2018
let introduced = 2014
let isAwesome = true
let π = 3.1415927
let 🐶 = "dogcow"
```

## Swift – Optional Type

- Swift introduces a new type called **Optional**
- An **Optional** is conceptually just an **generic enum type**

```
enum Optional<Wrapped_Type> {  
    case none  
    case some(Wrapped_Type)  
}
```

- Examples:

```
let x: String? = nil  
// is equivalent to  
let x = Optional<String>.none  
  
let x: String? = "Hello UCD"  
// is equivalent to  
let x = Optional<String>.some("Hello UCD")  
  
var y = x!  
// is equivalent to  
switch x {  
    case some(let value): y = value  
    case none: // raise an exception  
}
```

## Swift – Array

- Array:

```
var a = Array<String>()  
// is equivalent  
var a = [String]()
```

```
let cars = ["VW", "Renault", "Ford", "Audi"]
```

```
cars.append("Seat") // won't compile, cars is immutable (because of let)
```

```
let car = cars[5] // crash (array index out of bounds)
```

```
// enumerating an Array  
for car in cars {  
    print("\(car)")  
}
```

## Swift – Dictionary

- Dictionary

```
var vehicles = Dictionary<String, Int>()  
// is equivalent to ...  
var vehicles = [String: Int]()
```

```
vehicles = ["Car": 4, "Tricycle": 3, "Bike": 2]  
let wheels = vehicles["Truck"] // wheels is an Int? (would be nil)
```

```
// use a tuple with for-in to enumerate a Dictionary  
for (key, value) in vehicles {  
    print("\(key) = \(value)")  
}
```

## Swift – Range

- A **Range** in Swift is just two end points of a sensible type
- Range is generic i.e **Range<T>**, pseudo-representation :

```
struct Range<T> {  
    var startIndex: T  
    var endIndex: T  
}
```

- An Array's range would be a **Range<Int>** (since Arrays are indexed by **Int**)
- **Warning:** A String subrange is not **Range<Int>** (it is **Range<Index>** ... cf docs)

- There is special syntax for specifying a Range:

- either ... (inclusive)
- or ..< (open-ended)

```
let array = ["a", "b", "c", "d"]
```

```
let subArray1 = array[2...3] // subArray1 will be ["c", "d"]
```

```
let subArray2 = array[2..3] // subArray2 will be ["c"]
```

```
for i in 27...104 { } // Range can be enumerated, like Array, String, Dictionary
```

## Swift – Other Classes

- **NSObject**
  - Base class for all Objective-C classes
  - Some advanced features will require you to subclass from NSObject (and it can't hurt to do so)
- **NSNumber**
  - Generic number-holding class

```
let n = NSNumber(3.1416)

let intValue = n.intValue // also doubleValue, boolValue, etc...
```
- **NSDate**
  - Used to find out the date and time right now or to store past or future dates.
  - See also NSCalendar, NSDateFormatter, NSDateComponents
  - If you are displaying a date in your UI, there are localization ramifications, so check docs
- **NSData**
  - A “bag o’ bits”.
  - Used to save/restore/transmit raw data throughout the iOS SDK

## Swift – Classes, Struct & Enum

- These are the 3 fundamental building blocks of data structures in Swift:
  - Classes
  - Structures
  - Enumerations
- Similarities between data structures in Swift:
  - Declaration syntax

```
class CalcModel {
}

struct Polygon {
}

enum Operation {
}
```

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```
func aFunction(argument: Type) -> ReturnValue {
    // ...
}

var storedProperty = <initial value> // (not enum)

var computedProperty: Type {
    get {}
    set {}
}
```

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```
init(argument1: Type, argument2: Type, ...) {
    // ...
}
```

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  - Properties and functions
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- Differences:
  - Inheritance (class only)
  - Introspection and casting (class only)
  - Value type (struct, enum) versus Reference type (class)

## Swift – Value versus Reference

- Value (**struct** and **enum**)
  - Copied when passed as an argument to a function
  - Copied when assigned to a different variable
  - **Immutable** if assigned to a variable with **let**
  - Remember that function parameters are, by default, constants
  - You can put the keyword **var** on a parameter, and it will be mutable, but it's still a copy
  - You must note any **func** that can mutate a struct/enum with the keyword **mutating**
- Reference (**class**)
  - Stored in the heap and reference counted (automatically)
  - Constant pointers to a class (**let**) still can mutate by calling methods and changing properties
  - When passed as an argument, does not make a copy (just passing a pointer to same instance)
- Choosing which to use?
  - Usually you will choose **class** over **struct**.
  - **struct** tends to be more for fundamental types
  - Use of **enum** is situational (any time you have a type of data with discrete values)

## Swift – Methods

- Obviously you can override methods/properties in your superclass
    - Precede your **func** or **var** with the keyword **override**
    - A method can be marked **final** which will prevent subclasses from being able to override
    - Classes can also be marked **final**
  - Both types and instances can have methods/properties
    - For this example, let's consider the **struct Double**
- ```
var d: Double = -3.1416
if d.isSignMinus {
    d = Double.abs(d)
}
```
- **isSignMinus** is an instance property of a Double (you send it to a particular Double)
  - **abs** is a type method of Double (you send it to the type itself, not to a particular Double)
  - You declare a type method or property with a **static** prefix (or **class** in a class) ...
- ```
static func abs(d: Double) -> Double
```

## Swift – Methods

- Parameters Names
  - All parameters to all functions have an internal name and an external name
  - The internal name is the name of the local variable you use inside the method

```
func foo(external internal: Int) {
    let local = internal
}

func boo() {
    let result = foo(external: 123)
}
```

# Swift – Methods

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func foo(_ internal: Int) {  
    let local = internal  
}  
  
func boo() {  
    let result = foo(123)  
}
```

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```
func foo(first: Int, second: Double) {  
    let local = first  
}  
  
func boo() {  
    let result = foo(first: 2018, second: 3.1416)  
}
```

# Swift – Methods

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- The internal name is the name of the local variable you use inside the method
- The external name is what callers will use to call the method
- You can put `_` if you don't want callers to use an external name at all for a given parameter
- The internal name is, by default, the external name
- Any parameter's external name can be changed

```
func foo(_ first: Int, externalSecond second: Double) {  
    let local = first  
}  
  
func boo() {  
    let result = foo(2018, externalSecond: 3.1416)  
}
```

# Swift – Properties

- **Property Observers**

- You can observe changes to any property with **willSet** and **didSet**

```
var someStoredProperty: Int = 2018 {
    willSet {
        newValue // is the new value
    }
    didSet {
        oldValue // is the old value
    }
}

override var inheritedProperty {
    willSet {
        newValue // is the new value
    }
    didSet {
        oldValue // is the old value
    }
}
```

# Swift – Properties

- **Property Observers**

- You can observe changes to any property with **willSet** and **didSet**
- One very common thing to do in an observer in a Controller is to update the user-interface

- **Lazy Initialization**

- A lazy property does not get initialized until someone accesses it
- You can allocate an object, execute a closure, or call a method if you want

```
lazy var calcModel = CalcModel() // nice if CalcModel used lots of resources

lazy var someProperty: Type = {
    // construct the value of someProperty here
    return <the constructed value>
}()

lazy var myProperty = self.initializeMyProperty()
```

- This still satisfies the "you must initialize all of your properties" rule
- Unfortunately, things initialized this way can't be constants (i.e. **var** ok, **let** not okay)
- This can be used to get around some initialization dependency

# Swift – Class Init

- **When is an **init** method needed?**

- **init** methods are not so common because properties can have their defaults set using **=**
- Or properties might be Optionals, in which case they start out **nil**
- You can also initialize a property by executing a closure
- Or use **lazy** instantiation
- So you only need **init** when a value can't be set in any of these ways

- **You also get some "free" **init** methods**

- If all properties in a base **class** (no superclass) have defaults, you get **init()** for free
- If a **struct** has no initializers, it will get a default one with all properties as arguments

```
struct MyStruct {
    var year: Int = 2019
    var label: String = "🐷"
    init(year: Int, label: String) // comes for free
}
```

# Swift – Class Init

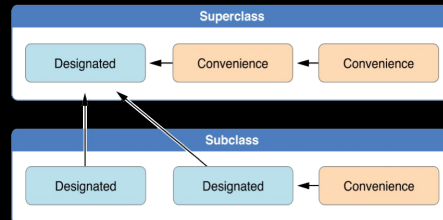
- **What can you do inside an **init**?**

- You can set any property's value, even those with default values
- Constant properties (i.e. properties declared with **let**) can be set
- You can call other **init** methods in your own class using **self.init(<args>)**
- In a class, you can of course also call **super.init(<args>)**
- But there are some rules for calling **inits** from **inits** in a **class** ...

# Swift – Class Init

- What are you **required** to do inside **init**?

- By the time any init is done, all properties must have values (optionals can have the value nil)
- There are two types of inits in a class, **convenience** and **designated** (i.e. not **convenience**)
- A **designated** init must (and can only) call a designated **init** that is in its immediate **superclass**
- You must initialize all properties introduced by your class before calling a superclass's **init**
- You must call a superclass's **init** before you assign a value to an inherited property
- A **convenience** init must (and can only) call a designated init in its own class
- A **convenience** init may call a designated init indirectly (through another **convenience** init)
- A **convenience** init must call a designated init before it can set any property values
- The calling of other inits must be complete before you can access properties or invoke methods



# Swift – Class Init

- Inheriting **init**

- If you do not implement any designated inits, you'll inherit all of your superclass's designated
- If you override all of your superclass's designated inits, you'll inherit all its convenience inits
- If you implement no inits, you'll inherit all of your superclass's inits
- Any init inherited by these rules qualifies to satisfy any of the rules on the previous slide

- Required **init**

- A class can mark one or more of its init methods as **required**
- Any subclass must implement said init methods (though they can be inherited per above rules)

# Swift – Class Init

- Failable **init**

- If an init is declared with a ? after the word init, it returns an Optional

```
init?(arg1: Type1, ...) {
    // might return nil in here
}
```

- These are rare.
- Note: The documentation does not seem to properly show these inits!
- But you'll be able to tell because the compiler will warn you about the type when you access it

```
let image = UIImage(named: "UCD_logo") // image is an Optional UIImage (i.e. UIImage?)
```

- Usually we would use if-let for these cases...

```
if let image = UIImage(named: "UCD_logo") {
    // image was successfully created
} else {
    // couldn't create the image
}
```

# Swift – Class Init

- Creating Objects

- Usually you create an object by calling its initializer via the type name ...

```
let x = CalcdModel()
let y = ComplexObject(arg1: 2017, arg2: "🐦", ...)
let z = [String]()
```

- But sometimes you create objects by calling type methods in classes ...

```
let button = UIButton(type: .System)
```

- Or obviously sometimes other objects will create objects for you ...

```
var myArray = ["1", "2", "3"]
let commaSeparatedArrayElements: String = myArray.joined(separator: ",")
```



# Swift – AnyObject

- **Special “Type” (actually it’s a Protocol)**
  - Used primarily for compatibility with existing Objective-C-based APIs
- **Where will you see it?**
  - As properties (either singularly or as an array of them), e.g. ...

```
var destinationViewController: AnyObject
var toolbarItems: [AnyObject]
```

- ... or as arguments to functions ...
- ```
func prepare(for segue: UIStoryboardSegue, sender: AnyObject)
func addConstraints(constraints: [AnyObject])
func digitPressed(sender: AnyObject)
```
- ... or even as return types from functions ...

```
class func buttonWithType(buttonType: UIButtonType) -> AnyObject
```

# Swift – AnyObject

- **How do we use AnyObject?**
  - We don’t usually use it directly
  - Instead, we convert it to another, known type
- **How do we convert it?**
  - We need to create a new variable which is of a known object type (i.e. not AnyObject)
  - Then we assign this new variable to hold the thing that is AnyObject
  - Of course, that new variable has to be of a compatible type
  - If we try to force the AnyObject into something incompatible, crash!
  - But there are ways to check compatibility (either before forcing or while forcing)...

# Swift – AnyObject

- **Casting AnyObject**
    - We “force” an AnyObject to be something else by “casting” it using the **as** keyword ...
    - Let’s use **var destinationVC: AnyObject** as an example ...
- ```
let calcVC = destinationVC as CalcViewController
```
- ... this would crash if dvc was not, in fact, a CalculatorViewController (or subclass thereof)

- To protect against a crash, we can use **if let** with **as?** ...
- ```
if let calcVC = destinationViewController as? CalcViewController { ... }
```
- ... **as?** returns an Optional (calcVC = nil if dvc was not a CalculatorViewController)

- Or we can check before we even try to do **as** with the **is** keyword ...
- ```
if destinationVC is CalcViewController { ... }
```

# Swift – AnyObject

- **Casting Arrays of AnyObject**
    - If you’re dealing with an **[AnyObject]**, you can cast the elements or the entire array ...
    - Let’s use **var toolbarItems: [AnyObject]** as an example ...
- ```
for item in toolbarItems { // item's type is AnyObject
    if let toolbarItem = item as? UIBarButtonItem {
        // do something with the toolbarItem (which will be a UIBarButtonItem here)
    }
}
```
- ... or ...
- ```
for toolbarItem in toolbarItems as [UIBarButtonItems] { // better be so, else crash!
    // do something with the toolbarItem (which will be a UIBarButtonItem)
}
```
- Can’t do **as?** here because then it might be “for toolbarItem in **nil**” (makes no sense)

## Swift – AnyObject

- Another example ...

- Remember when we wired up our Actions in our storyboard?
- The default in the dialog that popped up was AnyObject.
- We changed it to UIButton.
- But what if we hadn't changed it to UIButton?
- How would we have implemented appendDigit?

```
@IBAction func appendDigit(sender: AnyObject) {  
    if let sendingButton = sender as? UIButton {  
        let digit = sendingButton.currentTitle!  
        // ...  
    }  
}
```

## Swift – AnyObject

- Yet another example ...

- It is possible to create a button in code using a UIButton type method ...

```
let button: AnyObject = UIButton.buttonWithType(UIButtonType.System)
```

- The type of this button is AnyObject (for historical reasons only)
- To use it, we'd have to cast button to UIButton

- We can do this on the fly if we want ...

```
let title = (button as UIButton).currentTitle
```

```
// this would crash if button was not, in fact, a UIButton
```

- Swift3 also define type Any. Does not have to be an object. It is a little more general than AnyObject

## Swift – Casting

- Casting is not just for AnyObject

- You can cast with **as** (or check with **is**) any object pointer that makes sense
- For example ...

```
let vc: UIViewController = CalcViewController()
```

- The type of vc is UIViewController (because we explicitly typed it to be)
- And the assignment is legal because a CalcViewController is a UIViewController
- But we can't say, for example, **vc.pushOperand()**

```
if let calcVC = vc as? CalcViewController {  
    // in here we could say vc.pushOperand() if we wanted to  
}
```

## Swift – Protocol Functions & Array

- Some Array<T> Protocol Methods

```
var array: Array<Type>  
// e.g. var array = [1, 3, 6]
```

```
array += [Type] // not += Type  
array.first    // -> Type? note this is an optional  
array.last     // -> Type? note this is an optional
```

```
array.append(Type)  
array.insert(Type, at: Int)  
// array.insert(2, at: 1) -> [1, 2, 3, 6]  
array.insert(contentsOf: Array<Type>, at: Int)  
// array.insert(contentsOf: [4, 5], at: 2) -> [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

```
array.remove(at: Int)  
// array.remove(at: 3) -> [1, 2, 3, 5, 6]  
array.removeSubrange(bounds: Range)  
// array.removeSubrange(bounds: 0..  
array.replaceSubrange(bounds: Range, with: [Type])  
// array.replaceSubrange(bounds 0..  
array.sort((Type, Type) -> Bool) // array.sort { $0 < $1 }
```

# Swift – Protocol Functions & Array

- Some Array<T> Protocol Methods

- This one creates a new array with any "undesirables" filtered out
- The function passed as the argument returns false if an element is undesirable

```
array.filter(includeElement: (Type) throws -> Bool)
// e.g. array.filter { $0 % 2 == 0 }
```

- Create a new array by transforming each element to something different
- The thing it is transformed to can be of a different type than what is in the Array

```
array.map(transform: (Type) throws -> T)
// e.g. array.map { "\( $0 )" }
```

- Reduce an entire array to a single value

```
array.reduce(initial: T, combine: (T, Type) throws -> T)
// e.g.
let sum: Int = [1, 2, 3].reduce(0) { $0 + $1 } // sums up numbers in array
```

# Strings & Characters

- String: Series of Characters (as opposed to collection), unicode compliant

```
let someString = "I appear to be a string"
// inferred to be of type String
```

```
let components = "~/COMP41550/Assignments".pathComponents
// ["~", "COMP41550", "Assignments"]
```

- Different Than the Sum of Its Parts

```
var letters: [Character] = ["c", "a", "f", "e"]
var string: String = String(letters)
```

```
print(letters.count) // 4
print(string) // cafe
print(string.characters.count) // 4
```

```
let acuteAccent: Character = "\u{0301}" // ' COMBINING ACUTE ACCENT' (U+0301)
```

```
string.append(acuteAccent)
print(string.characters.count) // 4
print(string.characters.last!) // é
```

```
string.characters.contains("e") // false
string.characters.contains("é") // false
string.characters.contains("e\u{0301}") // true
```

# Strings & Characters

- Strings are not collections

- Strings provide views that conform to CollectionType

- **characters** is a collection of Character values, or extended grapheme clusters.
- **unicodeScalars** is a collection of Unicode scalar values.
- **utf8** is a collection of UTF-8 code units.
- **utf16** is a collection of UTF-16 code units.

```
var letters: [Character] = ["c", "a", "f", "e"]
var string: String = String(letters)
let acuteAccent: Character = "\u{0301}" // ' COMBINING ACUTE ACCENT' (U+0301)
string.append(acuteAccent)
```

```
string.characters
```

```
string.unicodeScalars
```

```
string.utf8
```

```
string.utf16
```

Character	c	a	f	é		
Unicode Scalar Value	c	a	f	e	.	
UTF-8 Code Unit	99	97	102	101	204	129
UTF-16 Code Unit	99	97	102	101	769	

# Strings & Characters

- String.Index

- In Unicode, a given glyph might be represented by multiple Unicode characters e.g. accents
- Therefore you can't index a String by Int (because it's a collection of characters, not glyphs)
- So a lot of native Swift String functions take a String.Index to specify which glyph you want
- You can get a String.Index by asking the string for its startIndex then advancing forward
- You advance forward with the function (not method) advance(String.Index, Int)

```
var greetings = "Heo UCD!"
```

```
let index = greetings.startIndex.advancedBy(2) // index is a String.Index to 3rd glyph "o"
greetings.insertContentsOf("ll".characters, at: index) // greetings = "Hello UCD!"
```

```
let startIndex = greetings.startIndex.advancedBy(5)
```

```
let endIndex = greetings.endIndex.advancedBy(-1)
```

```
let subString = greetings[startIndex..
```

# Strings

## • Other useful string functions

```
greetings.hasPrefix(String) -> Bool
greetings.hasSuffix(String) -> Bool
greetings.endsWith -> Bool
Int(greetings) -> Int?
greetings.capitalizeString -> String
greetings.lowercaseString -> String
greetings.uppercaseString -> String
[String].joinWithSeparator(String) -> String
// ["U", "C", "D"].joinWithSeparator(",") = "U,C,D"
String.componentsSeparatedByString(String) -> [String]
// "U,C,D".componentsSeparatedByString(",") -> ["U", "C", "D"]
```

# Character

```
for character in "mouse".characters {
    print(character)
}

print("character count:", "mouse".characters.count)

print("scalar count:", "mouse".utf8.count)
```

```
m
o
u
s
e
character count: 5
scalar count: 5
```

# Character

```
for character in "🐶🐶🐶🐶".characters {
    print(character)
}

print("character count:", "🐶🐶🐶🐶".characters.count)

print("scalar count:", "🐶🐶🐶🐶".utf8.count)
```

```
🐶
🐶
🐶
🐶
🐶
character count: 5
scalar count: 20
```

# Combining Strings and Characters

```
let dog: Character = "🐶"
let cow: Character = "🐮"

let dogCow = String(dog) + String(cow) // dogCow is "🐶🐮"

let instruction = "Beware of the " + String(dog)
// instruction is "Beware of the 🐶"
```

## String Interpolation

```
let a = 3, b = 5
// "3 times 5 is 15"
let mathResult = "\(a) times \(b) is \(a * b)"
// "3 times 5 is 15"
```

## String Interpolation

```
let a = 7, b = 4
// "7 times 4 is 28"
let mathResult = "\(a) times \(b) is \(a * b)"
// "7 times 4 is 28"
```

## String Mutability

```
var variableString = "Horse"
variableString += " and carriage"
// variableString is now "Horse and carriage"

let constantString = "Highlander"
constantString += " and another Highlander"
// error - constantString cannot be changed
```

## Type Conversion

- Conversion between types with `init()`
  - A sort of "hidden" way to convert between types is to create a new object by converting

```
let d: Double = 3.14
let f: Float = 3.14
let x = Int(d) // x = 3
let xd = Double(x)
let cgf = CGFloat(d)

let a = [Character]("UCD".characters) // a = ["U","C","D"] ie Array of Character
let s = String(a) // s = "UCD" // note a is an Array of Character
let si = String(x) // si = "3", no floats
let sf = "\(f)" // sf = "3.14", but you can use string interpolation instead
```

## Swift – Extensions

- **Extensions:**
  - You can add methods and properties to a class
  - Possible even if you don't have the source
  - Not possible to re-implement already existing methods or properties (only add new ones)
  - Added properties can not have storage associated with them.
- **This feature is easily abused**
  - Should be used to add clarity to readability not obfuscation!
  - Don't use it as a substitute for good object-oriented design technique.
  - Best used (at least for beginners) for very small, well-contained helper functions.
  - Can actually be used well to organize code but requires architectural commitment.
  - When in doubt (for now), don't do it.

## Swift 2 – Error Handling

- **Errors are represented by values whose type conform to the Error protocol**

```
enum EngineErrors: Error {  
    case LowPetrol  
    case LowOil  
    case LowBattery  
}
```

- **Function can throw an error**

```
let reserve = 5, discharged = 5.0  
var petrol = 20, oilStatus = true, battery = 12.0  
  
// Function throwing error  
func engineCheck() throws {  
    guard petrol > reserve else {  
        throw EngineErrors.LowPetrol  
    }  
  
    guard oilStatus else {  
        throw EngineErrors.LowOil  
    }  
  
    guard battery > discharged else {  
        throw EngineErrors.LowBattery  
    }  
}
```

## Swift 2 – Error Handling

- **Handling errors**

```
func startEngine() {  
    do {  
        try engineCheck()  
        print("Engine started")  
    } catch EngineErrors.LowPetrol {  
        print("Refuel!")  
    } catch EngineErrors.LowOil {  
        print("Check Oil!")  
    } catch EngineErrors.LowBattery {  
        print("Low Battery!")  
    } catch {  
        // Default  
        print("Unknown reason!")  
    }  
}
```

- **Side effect to new support for error handling: do-while replaced by repeat-while**

## Swift 2 – Optional Binding

- **Improved handling of optional binding**
- **Possibility to test multiple binding at once**

```
func filterByAge(name: String?, age: Int?) {  
    guard let name = name, age = age where name.characters.count > 0 && age >= 18 else {  
        print("not allowed")  
        return  
    }  
    print("\(name) is allowed to vote")  
}  
  
filterByAge(nil, age: 21) // Output?  
filterByAge("AppleSeed", age: 7) // Output?  
filterByAge("", age: 21) // Output?  
filterByAge("AppleSeed", age: 21) // Output?
```

## Swift 2 – Cleanup Actions

- **defer** statement defers execution until the current scope is exited

```
func processFile(filename: String?) throws {
    if exists(filename) {
        let file = open(filename)
        defer {
            close(file)
        }
        while let line = try file.readline() {
            print("\(line)")
            // Work with the file
        }
        // close(file) is called here, at the end of the scope.
    }
}
```

## Swift 2 – Protocol Extensions

- Class, enum, struct and now protocols can be extended without the need to subclass

```
extension CustomStringConvertible {
    var loudDescription: String {
        return "\(self.description.uppercaseString)"
    }
}
```

```
let greetings = ["Hello", "UCD"]

print("\(greetings.description)")
print("\(greetings.loudDescription)")
```

- **Powerful feature**

```
let numbers = [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34]
// Swift 1
let list = find(filter(map(numbers, { $0 * 2 }), { $0 % 3 == 0 }), 42))

// Swift 2
let list = numbers.map { $0 * 2 }.filter { $0 % 3 == 0 }.indexOf(42)
print("\(list)") // Output?
```

## Swift – Debugging, Assertions

- **Intentionally crash your program if some condition is not true (and give a message)**

```
assert(condition: @autoclosure () -> Bool, message: String)
```

- The function argument is an "autoclosure" however, so you don't need the {}

```
assert(validation() != nil, "validation returned nil")
```

- Will crash if validation() returns nil (because we are asserting that validation() does not)
- The validation() != nil part could be any code you want

- **When building for release (to the AppStore or whatever), asserts are ignored completely**

Xcode



# Xcode Key Features

- **Playground**

- Xcode window for inputting Swift code
- executes as you type, allow rapid debug cycle, see results immediately (text outputs, graphics, animations etc...)
- no need to build and run the code to debug
- provides timeline feature, useful to inspect how algorithm executes over time

- **Read-Eval-Print-Loop (REPL)**

- debugging tool for interacting with a running app e.g. playground
- useful for writing statements that execute immediately
- can be used directly in Xcode or in Terminal app

- **Interface builder (storyboard editing, view layout and more)**

- drag-and-drop GUI design of MVCs including transitions between screens
- use autolayout capabilities to create responsive UI (adaptation to various screen sizes and device orientations)
- support for many UI design patterns allowing to reduce coding to a minimum
- live rendering of custom views

# Xcode Key Features

- **iOS simulator**

- **not an emulator**

- test your iOS apps on your Mac
- provides support for various iPhone and iPad devices including resizable device

- **LLVM compiler**

- Low Level Virtual Machine, fast open source compile for Swift, Objective-C, C and C++
- Very well integrated with Xcode
- LLDB debugger for efficient multicore debugging

- **Assistant editor**

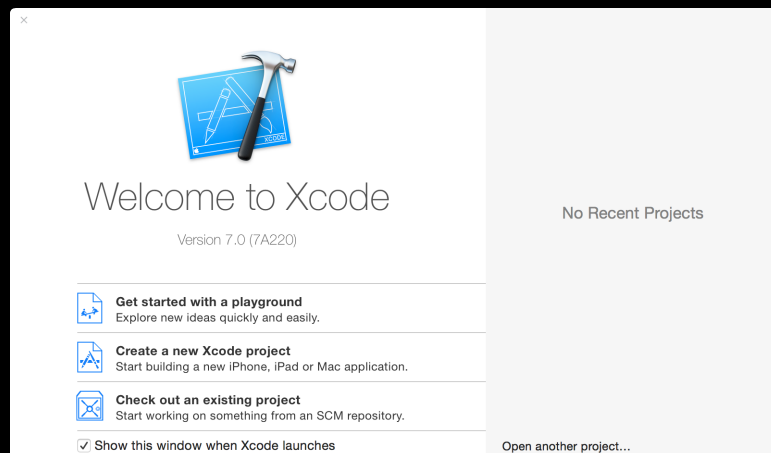
- **Location Simulation**

- **View debugger**

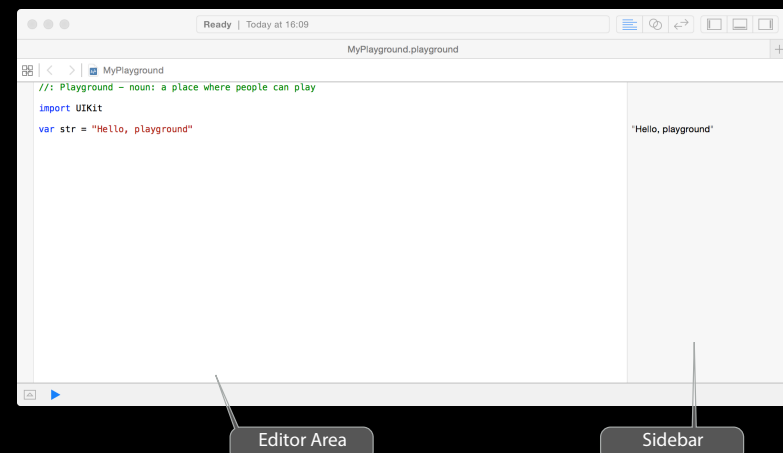
- **Version Control (git support)**

- **Instruments for optimising code**

# Xcode UI

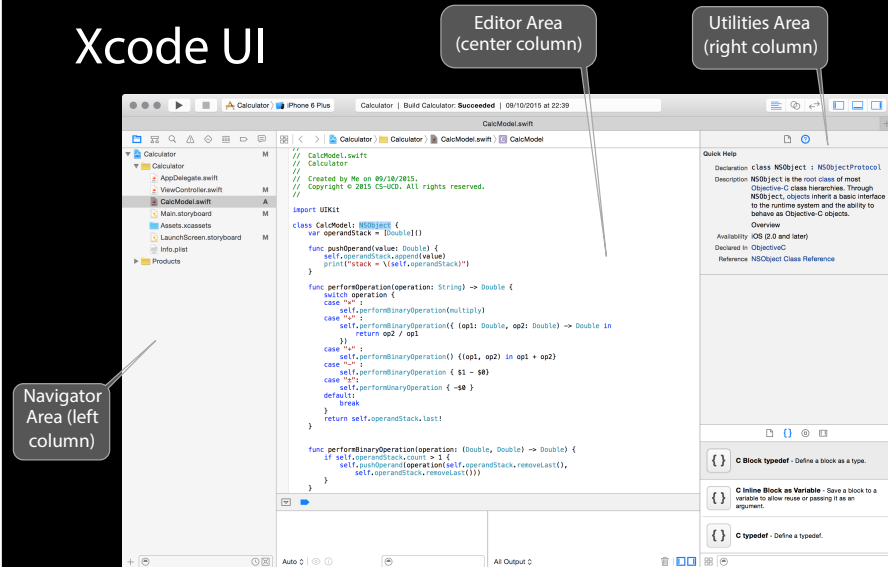


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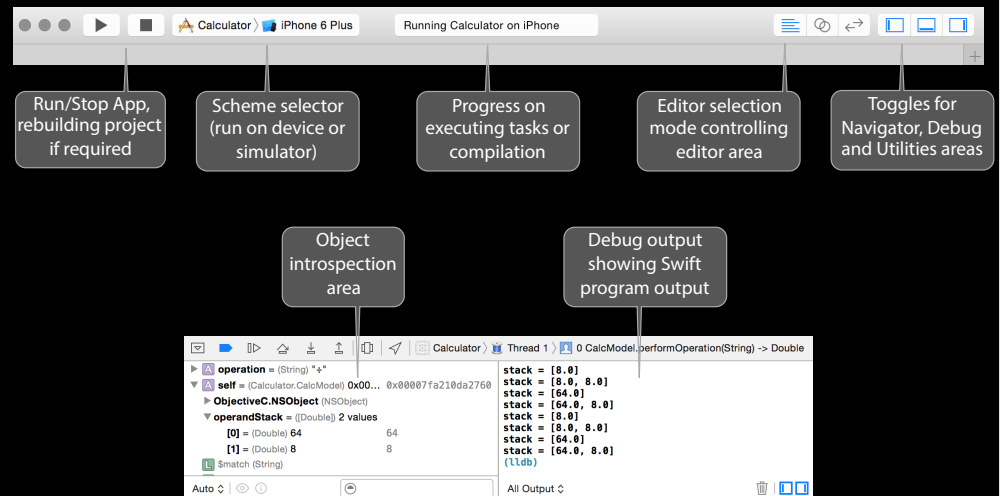




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Time for practice