



What's to come with swift generics ●

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Generics

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struct Optional<Wrapped> {  
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2 ○ **Type-level VS Value-level abstraction**

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protocol Shape {
    func draw(to: Surface)
    func collides<Other: Shape>(with: Other) -> Bool
}

struct Rectangle: Shape { /* Implementation */ }
struct Circle: Shape { /* Implementation */ }

struct Union<A: Shape, B: Shape>: Shape {
    var a: A, b: B
    /* Implementation */
}

struct Intersect<A: Shape, B: Shape>: Shape {
    var a: A, b: B
    /* Implementation */
}

struct Transformed<S: Shape>: Shape {
    var shape: S
    var transform: Matrix3x3
    /* Implementation */
}
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4 ○ What is to come?

Clarifying existential types

```
// Any value which has a conforming type to Protocol  
// can be stored in the variable  
var variable: any Protocol
```

Improving the notation for generics

```
func foo<T: Collection, U: Collection>(x: T, y: U) -> some Collection  
func foo(x: Collection, y: Collection) -> some Collection
```

Generalizing some syntax to arguments and returns

```
func concatenate<T>(  
    a: some Collection<.Element == T>,  
    b: some Collection<.Element == T>  
) -> some Collection<.Element == T>
```



Thank you

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