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WHAT NOBODY WILL TELL YOU ABOUT JSON

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I think it's time for me to write a JSON parsing library in Swift.

Everyone else seems to be doing it...

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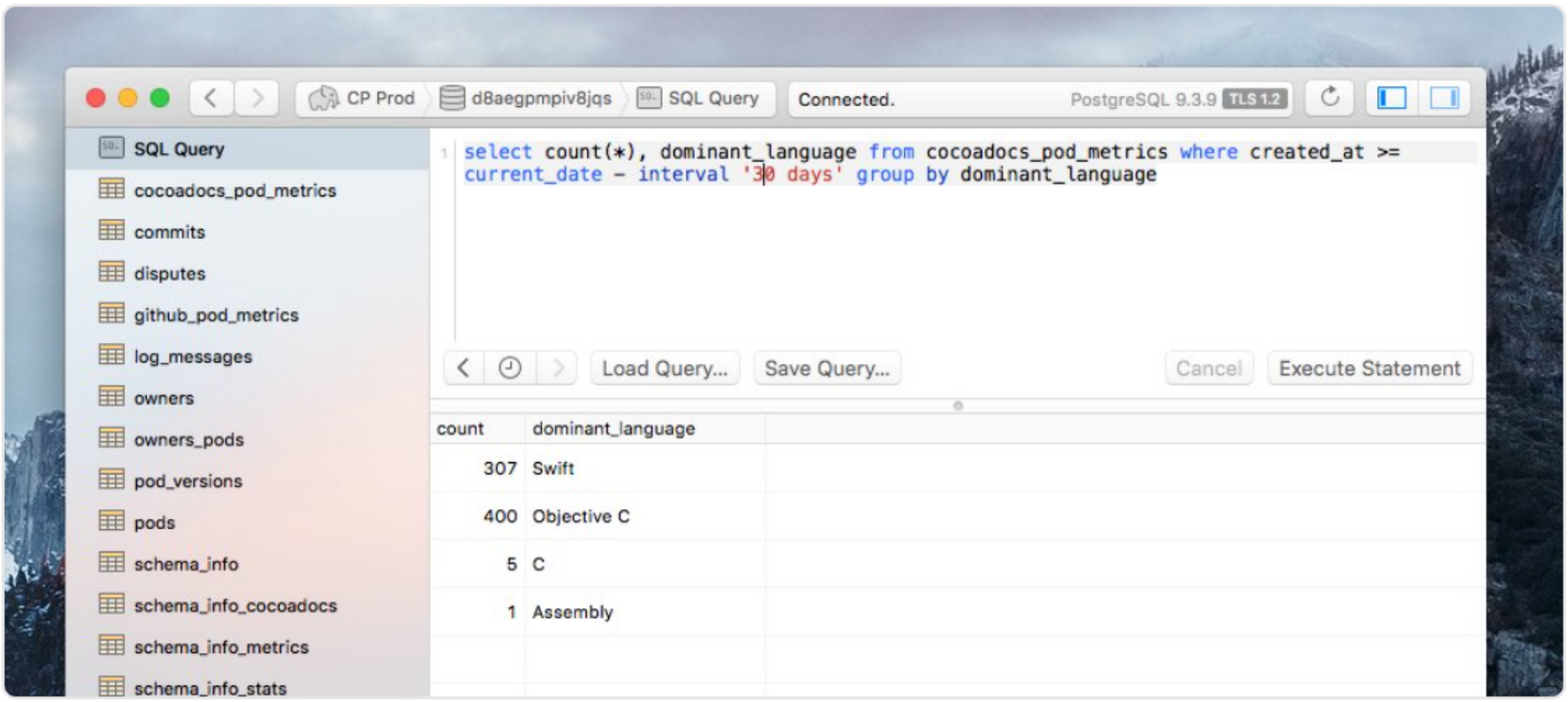
Looks like in the last month for every 4 Obj-C libraries, there are 3 Swift libraries.



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JSON

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

&

THIRD-PARTY LIBRARIES

A SHORT SUMMARY

JSON DEMYSTIFIED

2001

DOUGLAS CROCKFORD

Based on ECMA-262

Replacement for XML

Language-independent

Simple specification

JSON.ORG

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No version number

“If JSON doesn’t fit a task, we will not extend JSON. We will replace JSON.”

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LOOKING FOR

ALTERNATIVES?

XML

YAML

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SUPPORT IN APPLE PLATFORMS

NSJSONSERIALIZATION

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PARSING JSON

SO WHAT?

#1

Limited support in Swift

#2

NSJSONSerialization is not fully compliant

#3

Learning experience

#4

Bragging!

PARSING JSON

A PERSONAL JOURNEY

SWIFT

SEARCH ENGINE

DIRECTORY OF ORGANISATIONS

PLAYER PROFILES

OBJECTIVE-C

HTTP CLIENT

STYLE GUIDE

HELPERS

FREDDY – BIG NERD RANCH

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import Freddy

struct Person {

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    let age: Int

}

extension Person: JSONDecodable {
    init(json value: JSON) throws {
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    }

}

func parse() {
    let data: NSData = getSomeData()
    do {
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    var name: String
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}

extension Person: Mappable {

    init?(_ map: Map) {
        guard let name = map.JSONDictionary["name"] as? String else {
            return nil
        }
        self.name = name
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CHOOSING A THIRD-PARTY LIBRARY

WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

REASONS TO AVOID A THIRD-PARTY LIBRARY

#1

Make sure your problem is not somewhere else

#2

Strive for simple solutions to simple problems

#3

Stay as close as possible to an evolving platform

Swift / SR-1427

Segmentation fault: 11 when compiling PromiseKit while emitting SIL function

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Details

Type:	Bug	Status:	OPEN (View Workflow)
Priority:	↑ Medium	Resolution:	Unresolved
Component/s:	Compiler		
Labels:	CompilerCrash OptimizedOnly		
Environment:	Xcode 7.3.1 (7D1014)		

Description

Compiler crashes when archiving a project that uses PromiseKit. Debug schemes compiles with no errors.
Failing module: NSNotificationCenter+Promise.swift

```
CompileSwift normal arm64
/Users/travis/build/Company/iOS/Project/Pods/PromiseKit/Categories/Foundation/NSNotificationCenter+Promise.swift
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Stay as close as possible to an evolving platform

"When faced with two or more alternatives that deliver roughly the same value, take the path that makes future change easier."

–DAVE THOMAS

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

REASONS TO USE A THIRD-PARTY LIBRARY

#1

Serious resource constraints or prototyping

#2

Sometimes Apple doesn’t just work

#3

Objective-C

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

LET'S DO IT!