

Launch Arguments & NSUserDefaults

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Obtain launch arguments in Cocoa application

- main

Main: Objective-C

```
int main(int argc, char * argv[])
{
    @autoreleasepool {
        for (int i = 0; i < argc; i++) {
            NSLog(@"%s", argv[i]);
        }
    }
    return 0;
}
```


Main: Swift

```
// C_ARGC: CInt
// C_ARGV: UnsafeMutablePointer
//          <UnsafeMutablePointer<Int8>>

for i in 0..
```


Obtain launch arguments in Cocoa application

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- NSProcessInfo

NSProcessInfo

```
NSArray* args =  
[NSProcessInfo processInfo].arguments
```

```
let args =  
NSProcessInfo.processInfo().arguments  
// args: [AnyObject]!
```


Process (Swift)

```
// Process.arguments: [String]

for arg in Process.arguments {
    println("\(arg)")
}
```


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NSUserDefaults

- Arguments: -option value

```
id value = [[NSUserDefaults standardUserDefaults]  
objectForKey:@"option"];
```

- Type conversion

```
NSString* value = [[NSUserDefaults  
standardUserDefaults] stringForKey:@"option"];
```

- Complex types

Defaults Domains

- argument domain
- application domain
- global domain
- language domain
- registration domain

Usages

- Override user default
- Application Configuration
- Language & Localization Testing
- Debugging

Application Configuration

- Production vs Staging vs Development
 - Web Service URL
 - Logging configuration
- registerDefaults: production settings

Localization

- –AppleLanguage (en)
- –AppleLocale fr_FR
- –NSDoubleLocalizedString YES
- –NSShowNonLocalizedString YES
- –AppleTextDirection YES
- –NSForceRightToLeftWritingDirection YES

Debugging : Core Data

- `-com.apple.CoreData.SQLDebug 3`
- `-com.apple.CoreData.Ubiquity.LogLevel 3`
- `-com.apple.CoreData.SyntaxColoredLogging YES`
- `-com.apple.CoreData.MigrationDebug`

Debugging : Views

- UIKit
 - –UIViewShowAlignmentRects YES
- AppKit (Yosemite)
 - –NSResponderDebugResponderLoops YES

Mining for Hidden Gems

```
@implementationNSUserDefaults (Spying)

#pragma GCC diagnostic push
#pragma GCC diagnostic ignored "-Wobjc-protocol-method-implementation"

- (NSArray*)arrayForKey:(NSString *)defaultName
{
    [self logDefault:defaultName withType:@"array"];
    return nil;
}

// ...

#pragma GCC diagnostic pop

@end
```


Results

UIDisableLegacyTextView WebKitKerningAndLigaturesEnabledByDefault
UIKitUsesCoreUIArtwork hasAccessibilityBeenMigrated
UIPreferredContentSizeCategoryName _UIConstraintBasedLayoutEngageNonLazily
UIViewShowAlignmentRects NSTypesetterBehavior
NSTypesetterCompatibilityLevel NSStringDrawingTypesetterBehavior
NSTextShowsInvisibleCharacters NSTextShowsControlCharacters
NSTextAllowsNonContiguousLayout NSTextBackgroundLayoutEnabled
NSTighteningFactorForTruncation NSForceRightToLeftWritingDirection
NSStringDrawingLongTermCacheSize NSStringDrawingLongTermThreshold
NSStringDrawingShortTermCacheSize NSPreTigerAttributedStringHash
_UIConstraintBasedLayout NSConstraintBasedLayoutShouldIntegralize
_UIConstraintBasedLayoutPlaySoundWhenEngaged
NSConstraintBasedLayoutDebug
NSConstraintBasedLayoutDebugEngineConsistency
NSConstraintBasedLayoutLogPivotCounts
NSConstraintBasedLayoutDebugIntegralization

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NSHTMLTextEncodingName NSHTMLCharacterEncoding NSUndoManagerDefaultLevelsOfUndo WebKitLocalStorageDatabasePathPreferenceKey WebDatabaseDirectory
WebKitStoreWebDataForBackup WebKitStorageTrackerEnabledPreferenceKey NSFileManagerRemoveUbiquitousItems WebKitLocalCache
WebKitDiskImageCacheSavedCacheDirectory WebSmartInsertDeleteEnabled WebKitUseSiteSpecificSpoofing WebKitCursiveFont WebKitDefaultFixedFontSize
WebKitDefaultTextEncodingName WebKitUsesEncodingDetector WebKitFantasyFont WebKitFixedFont WebKitScreenFontSubstitutionEnabled
WebKitForceFTPDDirectoryListings WebKitFTPDDirectoryTemplatePath WebKitWebSecurityEnabled WebKitAllowUniversalAccessFromFileURLs
WebKitAllowFileAccessFromFileURLs WebKitJavaScriptCanOpenWindowsAutomatically WebKitMinimumLogicalFontSize WebKitPictographFont
WebKitPrivateBrowsingEnabled WebKitSansSerifFont WebKitSerifFont WebKitDisplayImagesKey WebKitLoadSiteIconsKey WebKitShrinksStandaloneImagesToFit
WebKitEditableLinkBehavior WebKitTextDirectionSubmenuInclusionBehaviorPreferenceKey WebKitDOMPasteAllowedPreferenceKey
WebKitUsesPageCachePreferenceKey WebKitPageCacheSupportsPluginsPreferenceKey WebKitBackForwardCacheExpirationIntervalKey DisableWebKitDeveloperExtras
WebKitDeveloperExtras IncludeDebugMenu WebKitDeveloperExtrasEnabledPreferenceKey WebKitJavaScriptExperimentsEnabledPreferenceKey
WebKitAuthorAndUserStylesEnabledPreferenceKey WebKitApplicationChromeModeEnabledPreferenceKey WebKitStandalonePreferenceKey WebKitMaximumImageSize
WebKitTelephoneParsingEnabledPreferenceKey WebKitAllowMultiElementImplicitFormSubmissionPreferenceKey WebKitLayoutIntervalPreferenceKey
WebKitMaxParseDurationPreferenceKey WebKitAlwaysUseAcceleratedOverflowScroll WebKitAllowCompositingLayerVisualDegradation
WebKitWebArchiveDebugModeEnabledPreferenceKey WebKitLocalFileContentSniffingEnabledPreferenceKey WebKitJavaScriptCanAccessClipboard
WebKitXSSAuditorEnabled WebKitDNSPrefetchingEnabled WebKitAcceleratedCompositingEnabled WebKitCanvasUsesAcceleratedDrawing
WebKitAccelerated2dCanvasEnabled WebKitFrameFlatteningEnabled WebKitSpatialNavigationEnabled WebKitPaginateDuringLayoutEnabled WebKitCSSRegionsEnabled
WebKitCSSCompositingEnabled WebKitWebAudioEnabled WebKitSeamlessIFramesEnabled WebKitCSSGridLayoutEnabled WebKitAsynchronousSpellCheckingEnabled
WebKitHyperlinkAuditingEnabled WebKitUsePreHTML5ParserQuirks WebKitQtKitEnabled WebKitMediaPlayerRequiresUserGesture
WebKitMediaPlayerAllowsInline WebKitMediaPlayerAllowsAirPlay WebKitAudioSessionCategoryOverride WebKitNetworkDataUsageTrackingEnabledPreferenceKey
WebKitNetworkInterfaceNamePreferenceKey WebKitSuppressesIncrementalRendering WebKitRegionBasedColumnsEnabled WebKitBackspaceKeyNavigationEnabled
WebKitWantsBalancedSetDefersLoadingBehavior WebKitMockScrollbarsEnabled WebKitShouldDisplaySubtitles WebKitShouldDisplayCaptions
WebKitShouldDisplayTextDescriptions WebKitShouldRespectImageOrientation WebKitRequestAnimationFrameEnabled
WebKitUseLegacyTextAlignPositionedElementBehavior WebKitDiagnosticLoggingEnabled WebKitLowPowerVideoAudioBufferSizeEnabled WebKitStorageBlockingPolicy
WebKitPlugInSnapshottingEnabled WebKitHiddenPageCSSAnimationSuspensionEnabled WebKitIncrementalRenderingSuppressionTimeoutInSeconds
WebKitApplicationCacheDefaultOriginQuota WebKitZoomsTextOnly WebKitMinimumZoomFontSizePreferenceKey WebKitDiskImageCacheMinimumImageSize
WebKitDiskImageCacheMaximumCacheSize WebKitInterpolationQualityPreferenceKey WebKitEnablePasswordEchoPreferenceKey
WebKitPasswordEchoDurationPreferenceKey MapsFeatureFreedom DebugDynamicMapModesEnabledKey HideDirectionalArrowsKey UseOldLabelsKey
AltitudeTelemetryURLKey HighlightUnmatchedRouteLineKey VKReadLandmarksFromDisk VKUseStaticTrafficFeed NSConstraintBasedLayoutShouldIntegralize
_UIConstraintBasedLayoutPlaySoundWhenEngaged NSConstraintBasedLayoutDebug NSConstraintBasedLayoutDebugEngineConsistency
NSConstraintBasedLayoutLogPivotCounts NSConstraintBasedLayoutDebugIntegralization _NSRaiseWithRecursiveLayoutRequest _NSAllowsScreenFontKerning
NSGlyphGeneratorConcreteClassName NSDebugBidi NSCorrectionUnderlineBehavior NSUnderlinesBreakForDescenders PreferCFURLProtocol
com.apple.uitextWebkitCacheModelPreferenceKey WebKitCacheModelPreferenceKey WebKitOmitPDFSupport DataDetectorsUILogLevel
NSAllowContinuousSpellChecking CUIAllowDebugPrefs CUIRenditionBlockCacheCostLimit NSHTMLIndexing NSTextIndexing NSHTMLTesting NSUseLibXML2
NSRunWebKitOnAppKitThread __NSDisableSharingTextTabInstance NSRTFWriteOpenStepCompatibleEncodings NSRTFWritePreserveNaturalAlignment
AppleLanguages

Interesting Options

- `DataDetectorsUILogLevel` (integer)
- `NSConstraintBasedLayoutDebug` (boolean)
- `NSTextShowsInvisibleCharacters` (boolean)
- `NSTextShowsControlCharacters` (boolean)
- `WebKitShowDebugBorders` (boolean)
- `WebKitShowRepaintCounter` (boolean)
- `WebKitDiagnosticLoggingEnabled` (boolean)

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Conclusion

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