# Swift Interoperability in Depth

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### Introduction

Swift is a new language for Cocoa

Seamless interoperability with Objective-C

Focus on language-level interoperability

## Roadmap

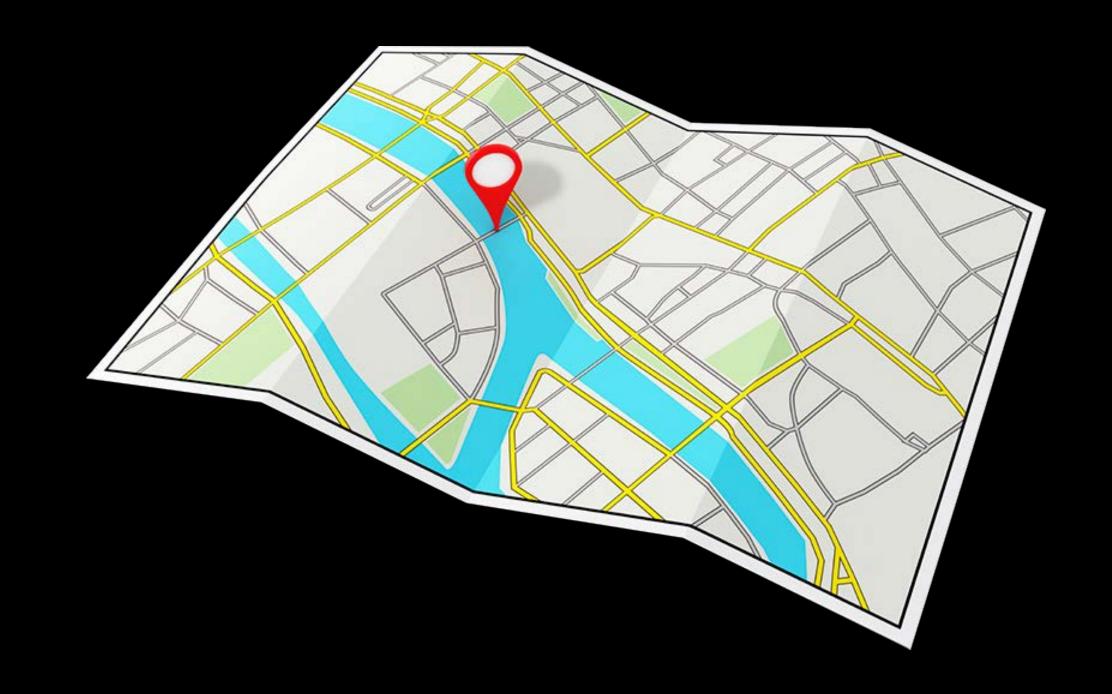
#### Working with Cocoa

- How Objective-C APIs look and feel in Swift
- id and AnyObject

Bridging Core Cocoa Types

Subclassing Objective-C Classes

CF Interoperability



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Same Cocoa conventions and idioms

## Our Example: UIDocument

```
typedef NS_ENUM(NSInteger, UIDocumentSaveOperation) {
    UIDocumentSaveForCreating,
    UIDocumentSaveForOverwriting
};
@interface UIDocument : NSObject
@property NSDate *fileModificationDate;
  (instancetype)initWithFileURL:(NSURL *)url;
  (NSString *)fileNameExtensionForType:(NSString *)typeName
              saveOperation:(UIDocumentSaveOperation)saveOperation;
@end
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'!' is an implicitly unwrapped optional

- Can be tested explicitly for nil
- Can directly access properties/methods of the underlying value
- Can be implicitly converted to its underlying value (e.g., NSDate)

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Swift
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# Objective-C Types in Swift

Objective-C Type	Swift Equivalent
BOOL	Bool
NSInteger	Int
SEL	Selector
id	AnyObject!
Class	AnyClass!
NSString *	String!
NSArray *	AnyObject[]!

#### Objective-C

#### Argument labels

#### Argument labels in calls

```
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  (NSString *)fileNameExtensionForType:(NSString *)typeName
              saveOperation:(UIDocumentSaveOperation)saveOperation;
Swift
func fileNameExtensionForType(typeName: String!,
         saveOperation: UIDocumentSaveOperation) -> String!
Usage
let ext = document.fileNameExtensionForType("public.presentation",
                       saveOperation: UIDocumentSaveOperation.ForCreating)
```

#### Objective-C

```
- (void)saveToURL:(NSURL *)url
forSaveOperation:(UIDocumentSaveOperation)saveOperation
completionHandler:(void (^)(BOOL success))completionHandler;
```

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## Creating Objects

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- (instancetype)initWithFileURL:(NSURL *)url;

UIDocument *document = [[UIDocument alloc] initWithFileURL:documentURL];
```

#### Creating Objects

let color = UIColor.colorWithRed(1, green: 0.67, blue: 0.04, alpha: 0)

#### Factory Methods as Initializers

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init(red: CGFloat, green: CGFloat, blue: CGFloat, alpha: CGFloat)
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Usage
var error: NSError?
if let contents = document.contentsForType("public.presentation",
                                            error: &error) {
    // use the contents
} else if let actualError = error {
    // handle error
```

```
35 class UIDocument: NSObject, NSFilePresenter, NSObjectProtocol {
 36
       // The designated initializer. Passing an empty URL will cause this method to t
 37
 38
       init(fileURL url: NSURL!)
 39
 40
       // UIKit may call these methods on background threads, so subclasses that overr
       // These values will be set by UIKit before the completion handlers to the open
 41
       // Clients that wish to access these properties outside of an open, save, or re
 42
 43
       var fileURL: NSURL! { get }
 44
       var localizedName: String! { get } // The default implementation derives the na
 45
       var fileType: String! { get } // The file's UTI. Derived from the fileURL by de
 46
       var fileModificationDate: NSDate! // The last known modification date of the do
 47
 48
       var documentState: UIDocumentState { get }
 49
 50
       // Subclassing this method without calling super should be avoided. Subclassers
 51
       // Open the document located by the fileURL. This will call readFromURL:error:
 52
       func openWithCompletionHandler(completionHandler: ((Bool) -> Void)!)
 53
 54
 55
       // Close the document. The default implementation calls [self autosaveWithCompl
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respondsToSelector idiom to test the presence of a method
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     [object removeFromSuperview];
}
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Chaining? folds the respondsToSelector check into the call

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"as?" operator performs a conditional downcast

if let view = object as? UIView {

// view is a UIView
```

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@optional
  (NSInteger)numberOfSectionsInTableView:(UITableView *)tableView;
@required
  (NSInteger)tableView:(UITableView *)tableView
             numberOfRowsInSection:(NSInteger)section;
@end
Swift
@objc protocol UITableViewDataSource : NSObjectProtocol {
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Swift var dataSource: UITableViewDataSource!

### Testing Protocol Conformance

### Protocol Types

#### Objective-C

#### Swift

#### Number of Rows in the Last Section

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Optionals used throughout the language to represent dynamic checks

- · as? for safe downcasting, protocol conformance checking
- Optionals when referring to methods that may not be available
- if let and chaining? make optionals easy to use

# Bridging Core Cocoa Types

### Native Strings, Arrays, Dictionaries

One set of general-purpose native value types

- Safe by default
- Predictable performance
- Typed collections support items of any type

Bridged to Cocoa NSString, NSArray, NSDictionary

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var s1 = "Hello"
var s2 = s1
s1 += " Swift"
println(s1)
Hello Swift
println(s2)
Hello
```

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```
let dog = "Dog!@"
println("There are \(countElements(dog)) characters in `\(dog)'")
// There are 5 characters in `Dog!@'
```

#### Code Points

```
UTF-16 is available via a property
for codePoint in dog.utf16 { // codePoint is inferred as UInt16
    // ...
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Extend String with your method

extension String {
 func myStringMethod() -> String { ... }
}
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var toolbarItems: AnyObject[]!
```

# Upcasting Arrays

```
An array T[] can be assigned to an AnyObject[] let myToolbarItems: UIBarButtonItem[] = [item1, item2, item3] controller.toolbarItems = myToolbarItems
```

#### Downcasting Arrays

```
Iteration over an AnyObject[] produces AnyObject values
for object: AnyObject in viewController.toolbarItems {
    let item = object as UIBarButtonItem
    // ...
}
```

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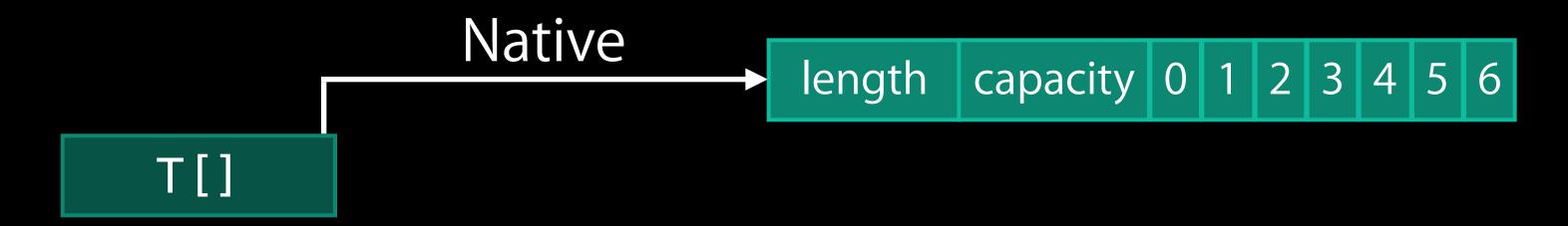
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    // ...
}
```

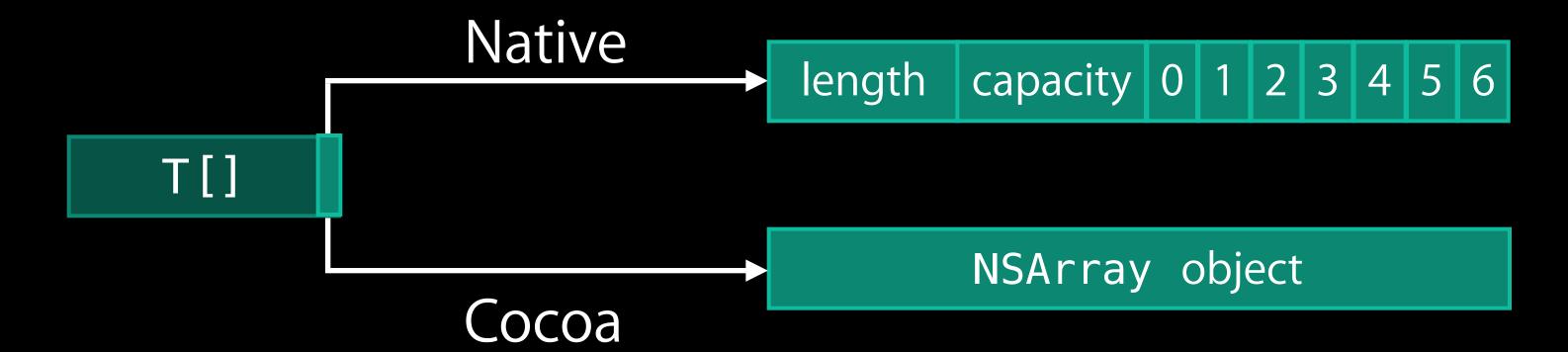
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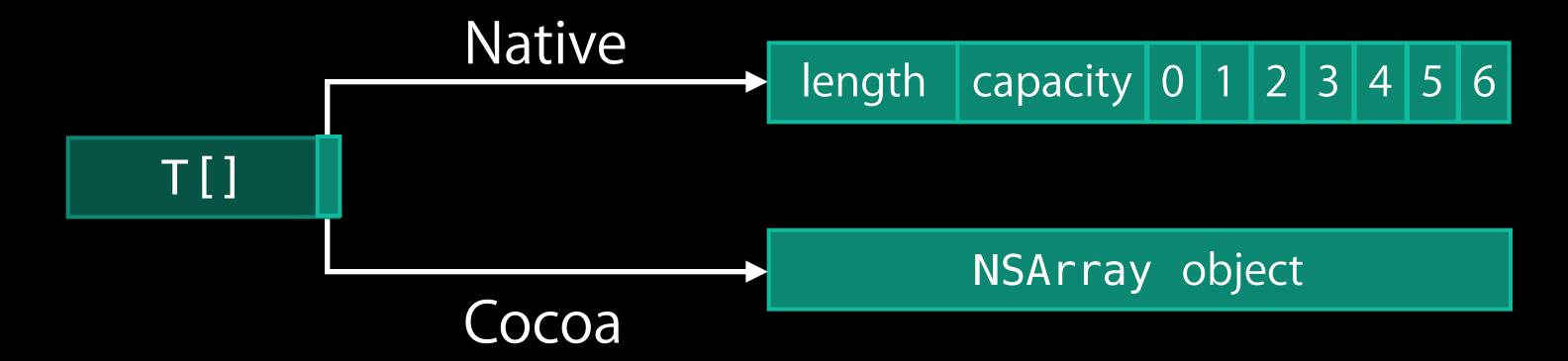
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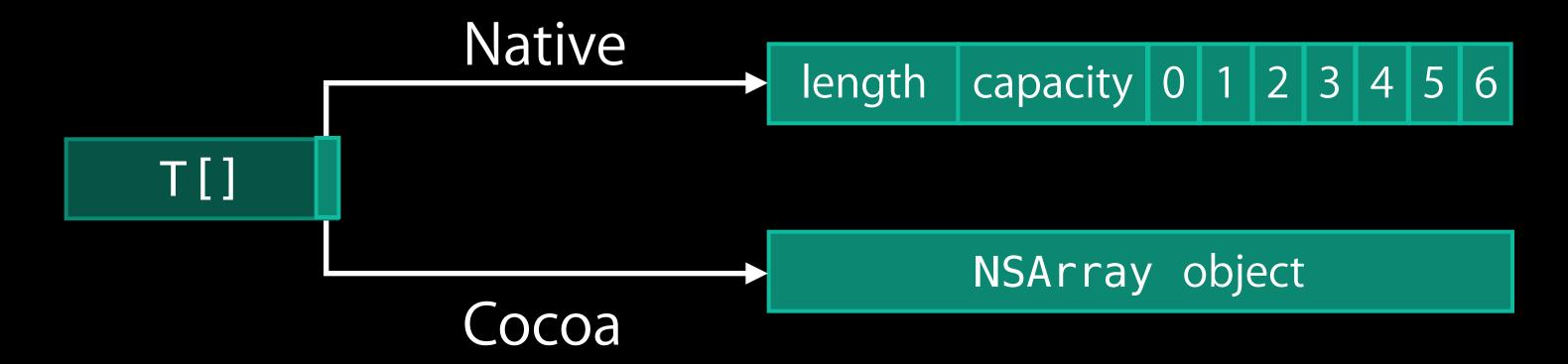


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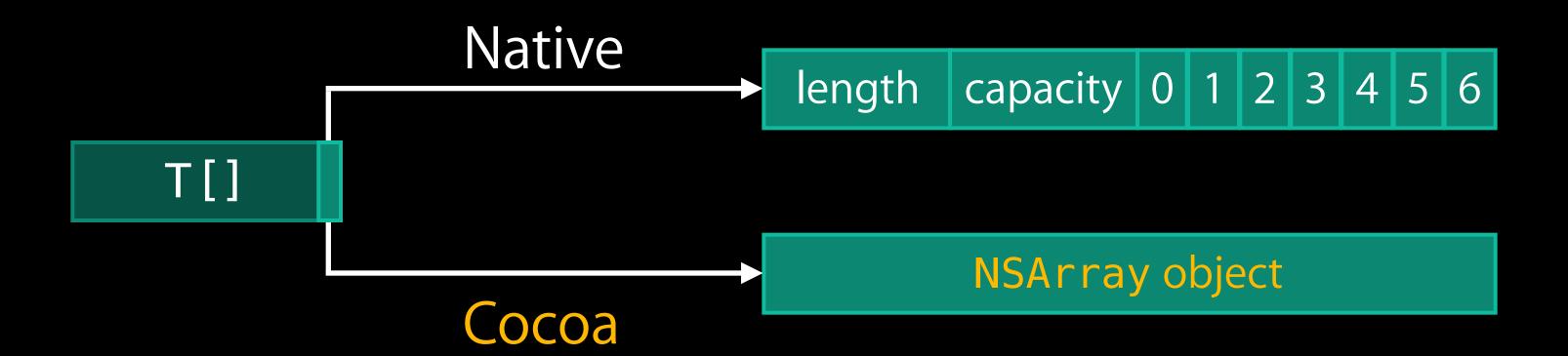


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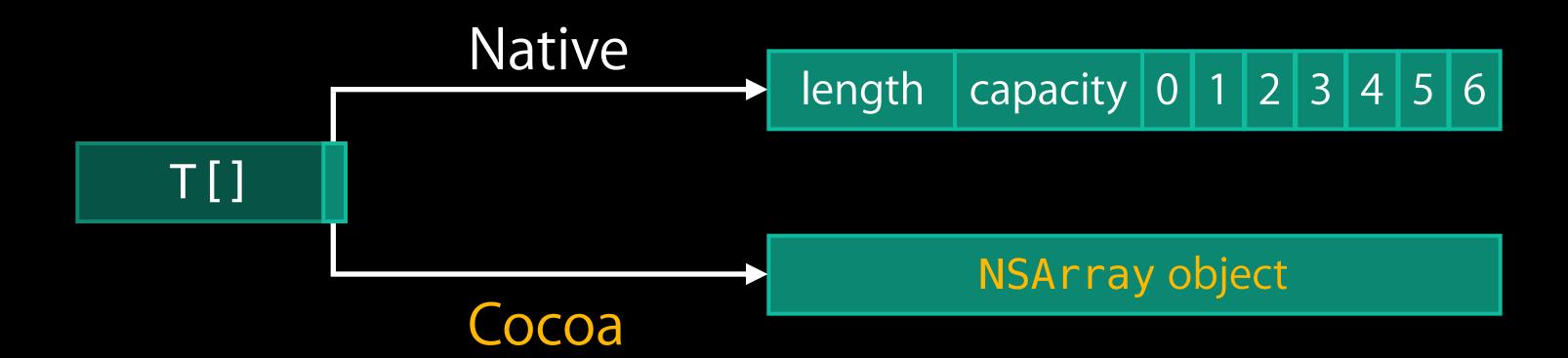
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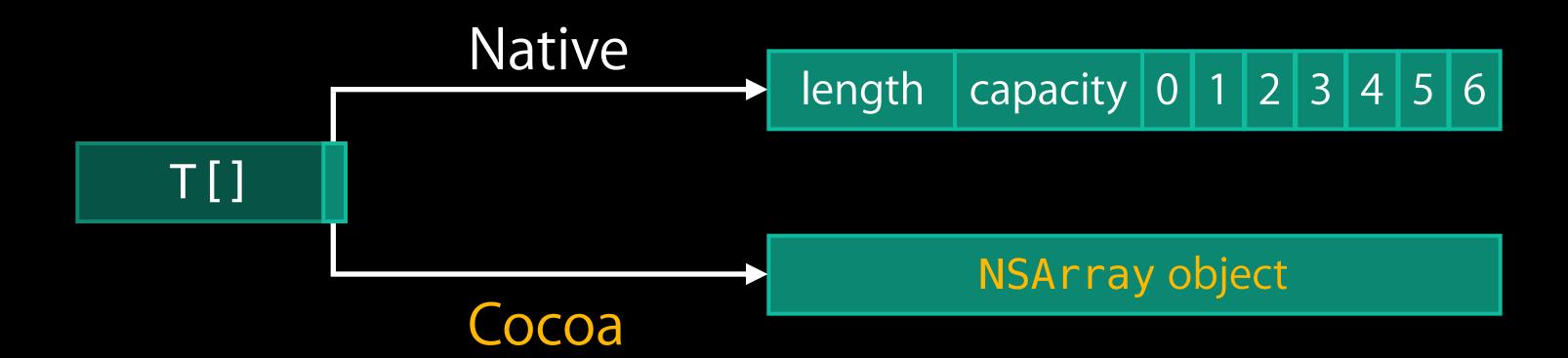


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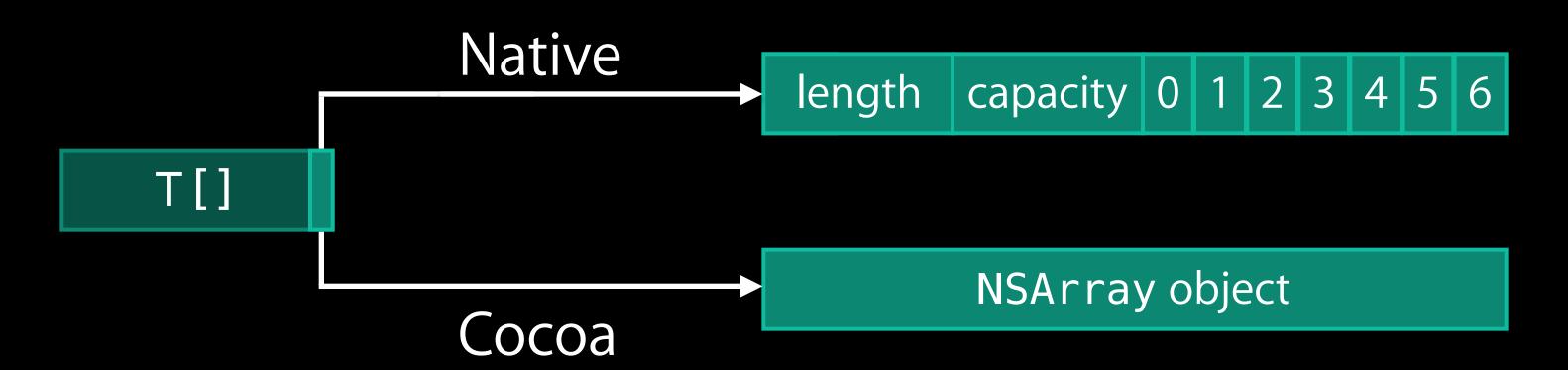
• For immutable NSArrays, this operation is trivial

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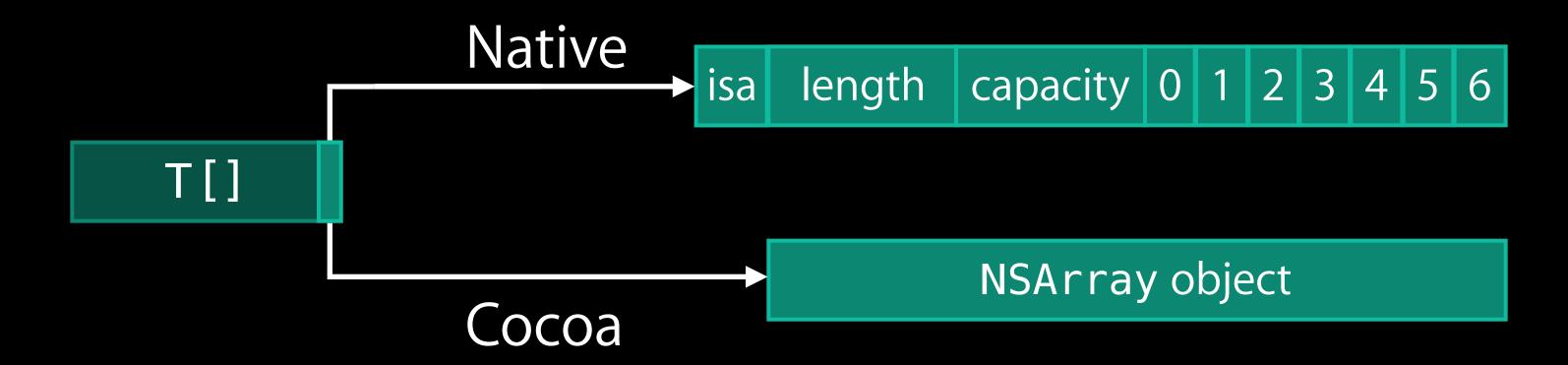
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Native array representation "isa" NSArray, optimized

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```
Inherit from an Objective-C class to make your class directly visible in Objective-C
class MyDocument : UIDocument {
   var items: String[] = []
}
```

#### Overriding Methods

# Overriding Properties

```
Override the property itself, not the getter or setter override var description: String {
    return "MyDocument containing \(items)"
}
```

#### Overriding and NSError\*\*

#### Your Swift Class...

### Limitations of Objective-C

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    // error: not expressible in Objective-C
```

"objc" attribute verifies that the declaration can be used in Objective-C

"objc" attribute can be used to change the name of an Objective-C method

```
var enabled: Bool {
   get { ... }
   set { ... }
}
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Or the name of a class
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@objc(ABCMyDocument) class MyDocument : UIDocument {
    // ...
}
```

## CF Interoperability

```
void drawGradientRect(CGContextRef context, CGColorRef startColor,
                      CGColorRef endColor, CGFloat width, CGFloat height) {
```

# CF in Objective-C Bridge casts

#### Three kinds of arrays

#### Manual memory management

```
void drawGradientRect(CGContextRef context, CGColorRef startColor,
                      CGColorRef endColor, CGFloat width, CGFloat height) {
    CGColorSpaceRef colorSpace = CGColorSpaceCreateDeviceRGB();
    NSArray *colors = @[(__bridge id)startColor, (__bridge id)endColor];
    CGFloat locations[2] = \{0.0, 1.0\};
    CGGradientRef gradient = CGGradientCreateWithColors(colorSpace,
                               (CFArrayRef)colors, locations);
    CGPoint startPoint = CGPointMake(width / 2, 0);
    CGPoint endPoint = CGPointMake(width / 2, height);
    CGContextDrawLinearGradient(context, gradient, startPoint, endPoint, 0);
    CGColorSpaceRelease(colorSpace);
    CGGradientRelease(gradient);
```

#### CF in Swift

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#### Toll-Free Bridging Conversions

#### CInteroperability

#### Construction of C Structs

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```
Use it to work with unaudited CF APIs
let color = CGColorGetRandomColor().takeUnretainedValue()
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CF_IMPLICIT_BRIDGING_DISABLED
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CF TMPLICIT BRIDGING ENABLED

```
CF_IMPLICIT_BRIDGING_ENABLED
CGColorRef CGColorGetRandomColor(void);
CF_IMPLICIT_BRIDGING_DISABLED
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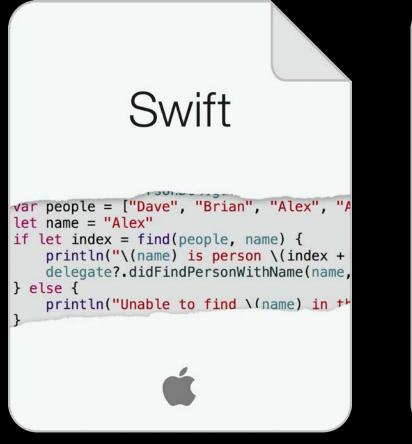
Implicit bridging eliminates Unmanaged<T>
func CGColorGetRandomColor() -> CGColor

#### Summary

Seamless interoperability between Swift and Objective-C

- Let the tools help you understand the relationship
   Bridging of Core Cocoa types
- Prefer native strings, arrays, dictionaries

Automated CF memory management





#### More Information

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Documentation
Using Swift with Cocoa and Objective-C
http://apple.com

Apple Developer Forums http://devforums.apple.com

#### Related Sessions

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