

MOBILE DEVELOPMENT ARRAYS AND DICTIONARIES

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- › Recognize the need for arrays and create/update arrays
- › Identify array methods and properties
- › Discover dictionaries
- › Identify dictionary methods and properties
- › Compare and contrast arrays and dictionaries
- › Define closures, use them with maps and filters

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ASSIGNMENT AND CODE

REVIEW

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WHAT IS AN ARRAY?

- An array is a type (specifically, a struct) in Swift
 - Since arrays are structs, they are passed by ***value***
- It contains a one-dimensional list of things (instances of classes or structs)
- It can be added to and removed from (if not a constant)
- Just like everything else in Swift, it is typed
 - e.g. `var strings: [String] = []`

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ARRAYS

- Arrays have a few interesting properties
 - They contain things (we'll call them ***elements***)
 - Arrays can also be empty
 - Each element has an ***index***
 - Indexes start at 0
 - The array has a ***count*** of elements
- Arrays have order, and can be iterated over in order
- Looking up an element by index is ***fast***

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ARRAY SYNTAX

- Creating an array
 - `var array = [1, 2, 3]` // Type is inferred if the array is populated
 - `var array: [Int] = []` // Must declare type if array is empty
 - `let array = [1, 2, 3]` // Array constants cannot be modified
- Accessing an array
 - `for i in [1, 2, 3] { /* This loops three times. i is first 1, then 2, then 3. */ }`
 - `for (index, element) in enumerate(["hi", "there", "class!"]) /* Loops three times, index is 0, 1 then 2. Element is "hi", "there" then "class!" */`
 - `let firstElement = array[1]` // We can access elements by index using this syntax

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CLOSURES

- We've been passing variables and constants into our functions, and getting those things back out of those functions
- Those variables and constants were generally values of some type
- But what if they were functions themselves?
 - These are called closures, which are a kind of inline, possibly unnamed function definition
- Just like everything else in Swift, they have a type
 - What does this function return, and what params does it take?
- Syntax: `{ (params) -> ReturnType in /* code */ }`
- Swift is pretty smart about figuring out syntax here, and in many cases you can leave out large chunks of closure param/return information. We won't cover this in class.

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USING CLOSURES WITH ARRAYS

- Arrays have a few interesting functions that can be used to work with them
 - Map: Return a new array, of the same length, where each new element was created from the corresponding old element
 - e.g. You have an array of People, each of which have an Int age. Use map to get an array of ints representing people's age.
 - Filter: Return a new array with a subset of the original contents, based on some criteria
 - e.g. You have an array of integers, use filter to get the even ones
 - Reduce: Return one value that was created using each of the array's values
 - e.g. You have an array of integers, use reduce to get the sum of them

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ARRAY DEMO & EXERCISE

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ARRAY EXERCISE

- Create a new app with a navigation controller and a table view controller
- The table view contains a list of strings, which is initially set to a few test values
- The cells in the table view display the list of strings in the array, in order
- Then, add an “add” button as a navigation item. When clicked, it should display a modal dialog
- That modal dialog should ask the user for a new string. When the user clicks a confirmation button, add that string to the array and display it in the table view
- Bonus: Add a button called ‘sort’, which should sort the array alphabetically
- Bonus: Add another button to the navigation controller on the main page, when clicked, it should make the table view only display strings that start with capital letters. Use ***filter***
- Bonus: Implement deleting an item from the table view

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WHAT IS A DICTIONARY?

- A dictionary has a unique set of **keys**. Each of those keys is unique in the dictionary
- Each key has a **value**, which can be quickly referenced if you have the **key**
 - Values do not have to be unique in the dictionary
- Storage: `ages["rudd"] = 29`
- Retrieval: `let ruddAge = ages["rudd"]` {/* if ages["rudd"] exists, this is run */}
- Also referred to as **maps**

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WHAT IS A DICTIONARY?

- We use dictionaries when there is an association between one thing and another
- You ***really really should*** query a dictionary for a value when you already have the key
- Looking up values for keys in dictionaries is ***fast***

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DICTIONARY SYNTAX

- Creating a dictionary with values: `var ages = ["rudd": 29] // Type is [String: Int]`
- Creating an empty dictionary: `var ages: [String: Int] = [:]`
- Creating a constant: `let ages = ["rudd": 29]`
- Accessing: `let ruddAge = ages["rudd"] // ruddAge is an Int? with value 29`
 - Hint: This is a great chance to use 'if let'!
- Setting: `ages["kevin"] = 21`

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DICTIONARY EXERCISE

- › Change your app to store an array of Dictionary<String, String>
 - › E.g. [[“name”: “rudd”, “dueDate”: “Thurs”, “status”: “done”], [“name”: “travis”]]
- › Change your ‘add’ screen to add two more text boxes, one for due date and one for status. Both accept strings
- › When a new item is added, a new dictionary should be added to the array
- › Change your table view to display name, due date and status
- › Bonus: Add a ‘sort’ button which sorts the table view by name
- › Bonus: Add a ‘names’ button which prints, to the console, an array of the names in the table view. Use map()