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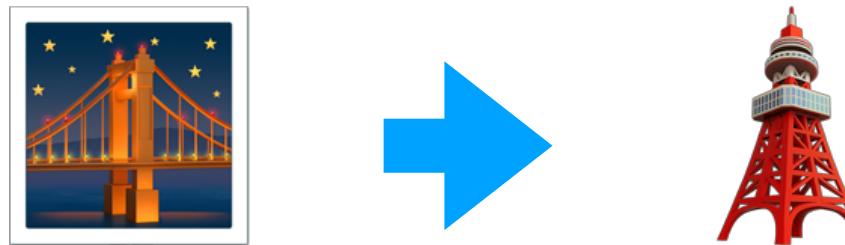
Intro

Current Life

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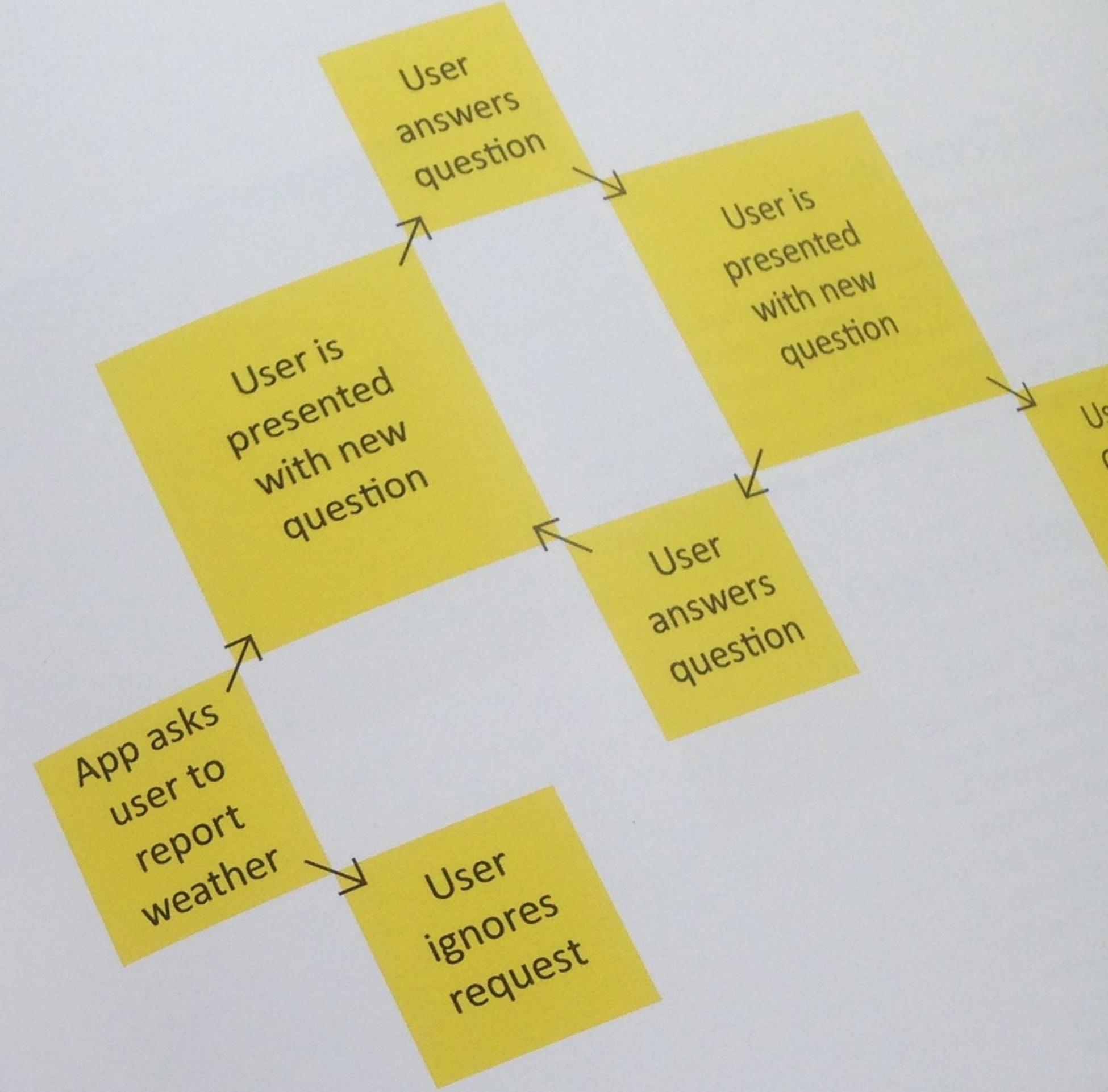
Function Diagram

Reporting the Weather

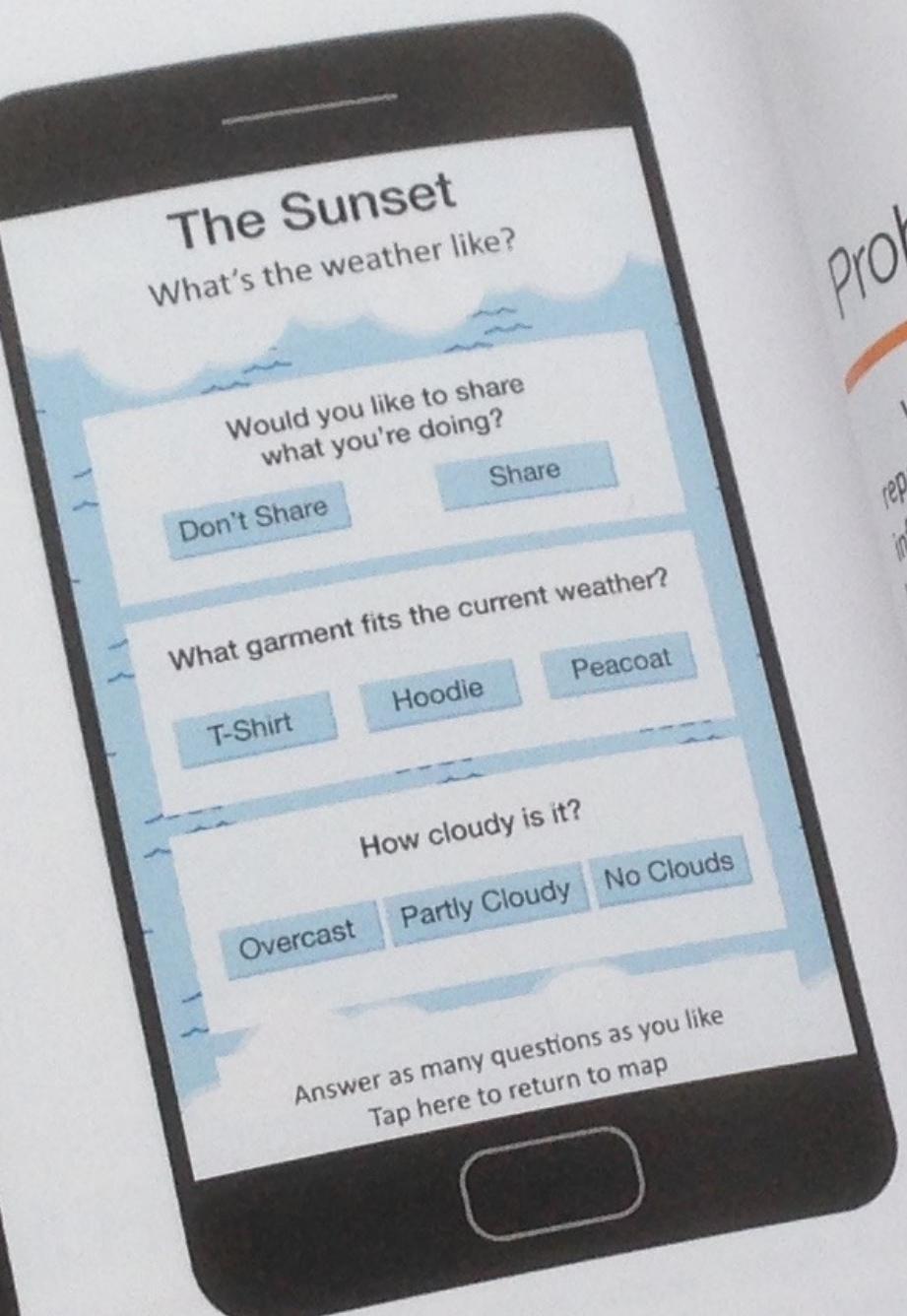
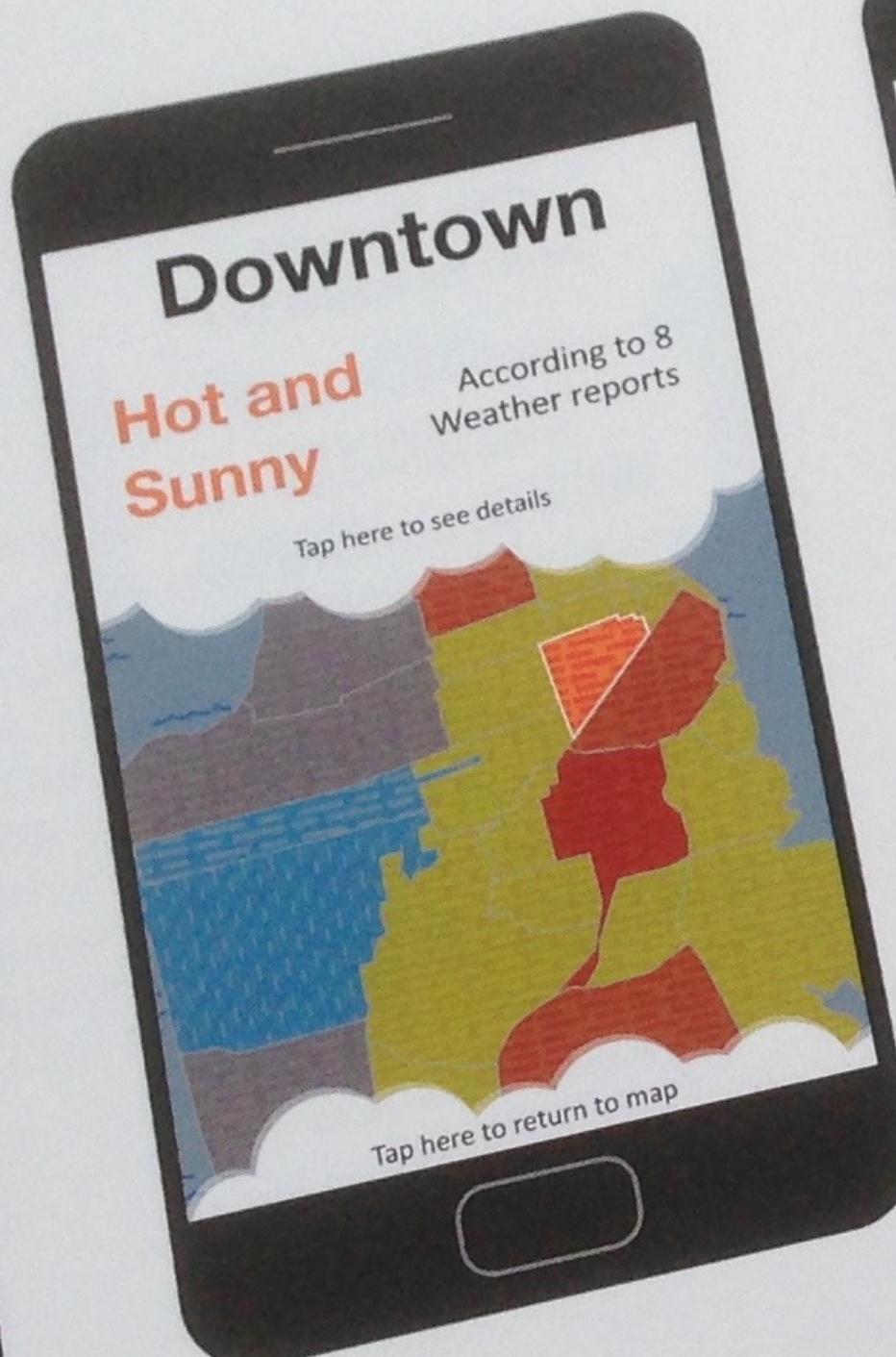
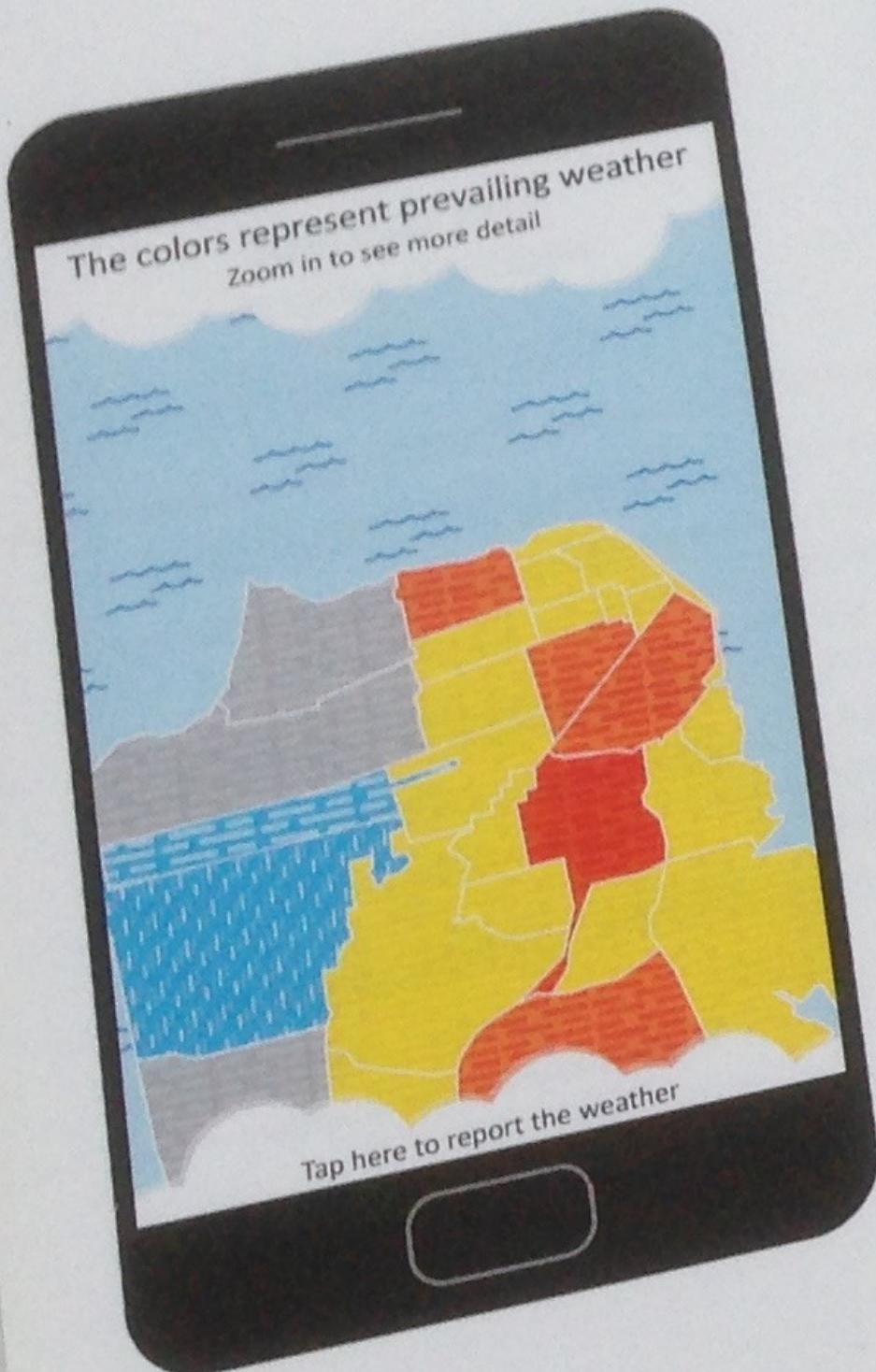
The simplest way to have the user report the weather would be to add a button around the map that allows the user to do so. However, I thought that if the application were smarter than that and could "ask" the user to report the weather then they would be more likely to do so. So my idea was to have the application discover when the user has moved from one district to another whilst it was closed and ask the user if they would like to report the weather in their new location.

Continuous Questions

Some users have more time to spend on social networks than others. I thought that a great way to take advantage of this was to have a continuous stream of questions ready when the user decided they wanted to report the weather. That way, users with no time would answer only one question and then quit. Whereas users with lots of time could continue to answer questions for as long as they wanted. This encouraged the most usage while still getting lots of data.



Execution Summary



Problem Solved

Well, mostly. The current solution requires that users actively report weather information. Only then can other users read the weather information presented by the application. The best case scenario would have made the weather information automatic. Specifically, Twitter would have been great for this. Twitter users would post weather information and then this application would secretly analyze the information and show it on the map. Alas, not enough Twitter users use the geolocation feature. So while this social network adds a dynamics feature to the application, it is truly a means to an end.

Pros

The pros of the solution involve an innovative way to plot weather on a map. The weather bar is better than pins on a map. Weather is more spread out than a specific address, which is what the pins were designed for. The weather bar also allows easier combining of similar information into one graphical asset to then present to the user. This simplifies the display for the user. The color system used is easy to understand because it's used by the standard of standards in weather, the National Weather Service. The solution also allows users to get deep into the application to report as much information as they want or to read as much information as they want. It also allows users to get information quickly and to report information quickly.

Cons

The social networking aspect of the solution said before is a means to an end. Finding and collecting weather information within the social network aspect may not be ideal. The social network aspect presents such as the chicken and egg problem. It is not clear if users are interested enough in the regular basis to report the weather often.





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Persistence is Important

- Our apps can be paused or killed at any time
- Network connections are often poor
- Users assume their data is always saved
- The architecture of the app is strongly tied to the persistence layer
- The UX of the app is strongly tied to the quality of persistence

Desired Features

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No Solution

- UserDefaults
 - No queries, not good for complex models
- NSSecureCoding / Codable
 - No queries, no change API, not good for large arrays, or complex models
- Core Data
 - No syncing
- Cloud Kit
 - No persistence



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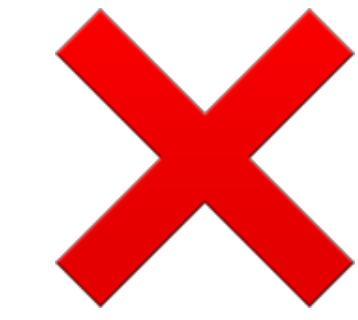
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Proposed Persistence Idea

- Use 100% Foundation API
- Support all features mentioned before

Whats the name of the pod?



- I **don't** want to push a library
- I **don't** want to pretend that my solution is the only solution
- I **hope** this talk encourages you to think a little bit about persistence
- I **hope** that you also consider using the Filesystem
 - Its powerful and flexible.

- But to help explain everything, I have a repo on Github
 - Its the code I'll be showing in these slides
 - Its MIT licensed, so do as you wish
- <https://www.github.com/jeffreybergier/JSBFilesystem>

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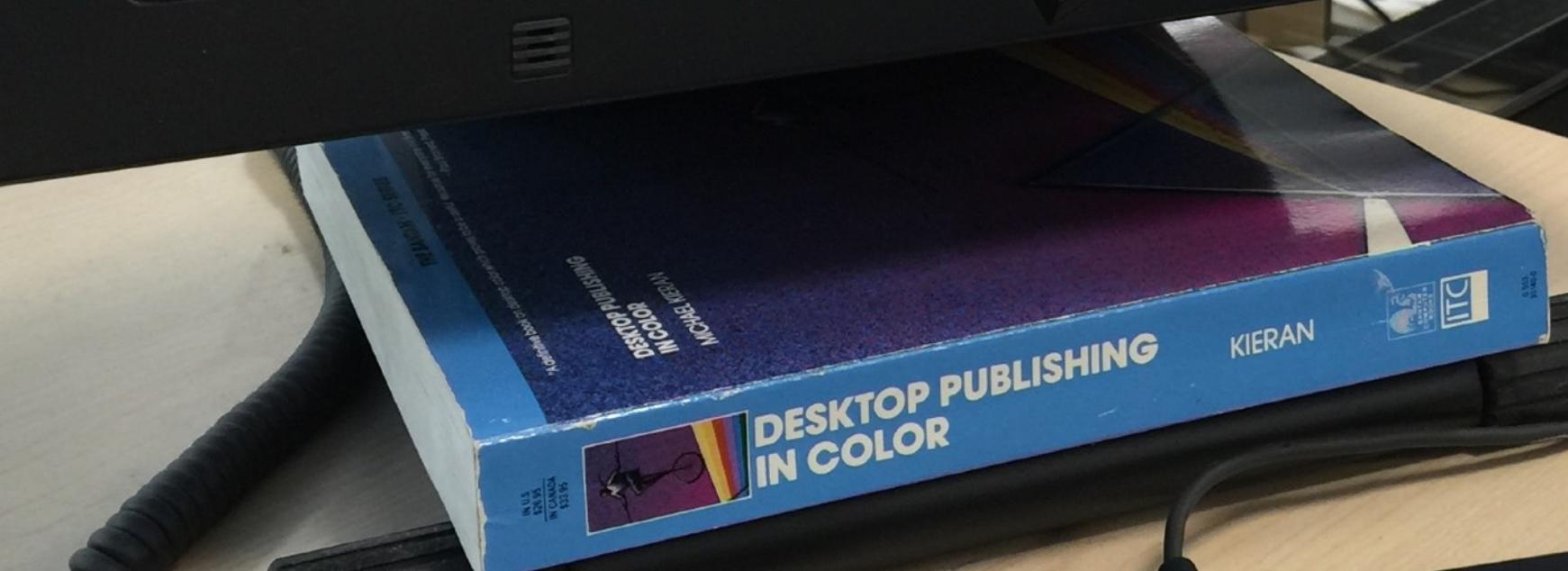
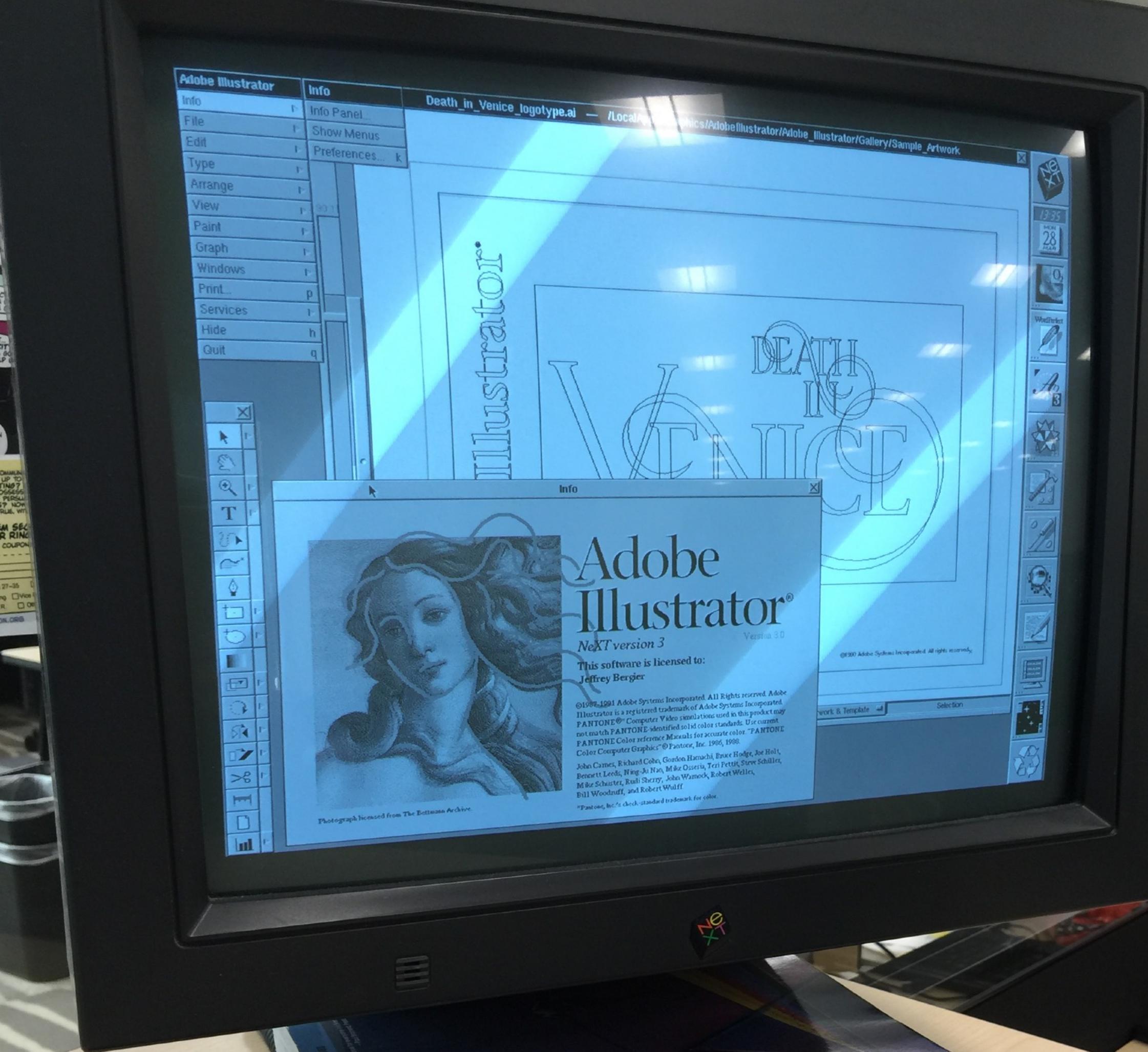
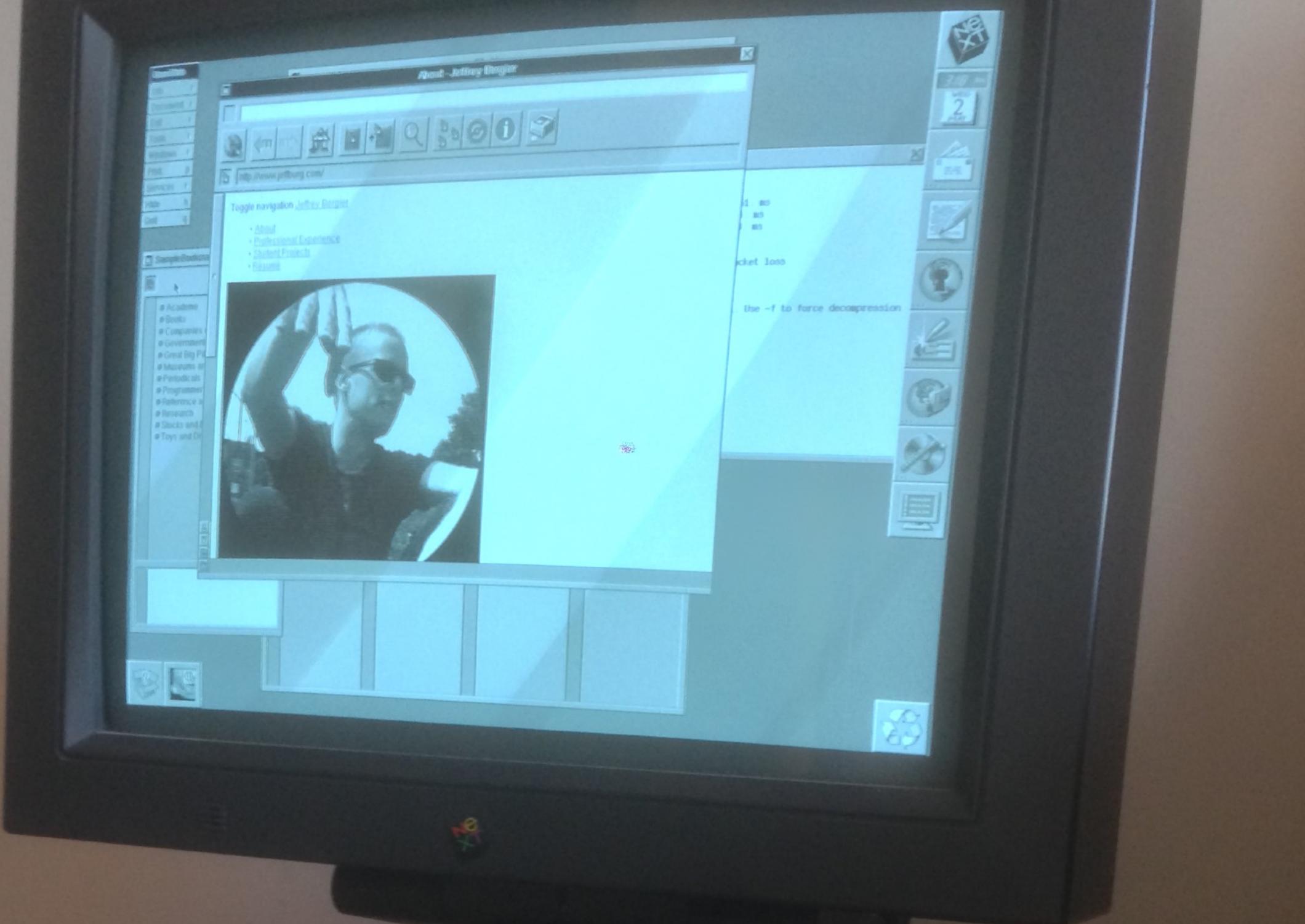
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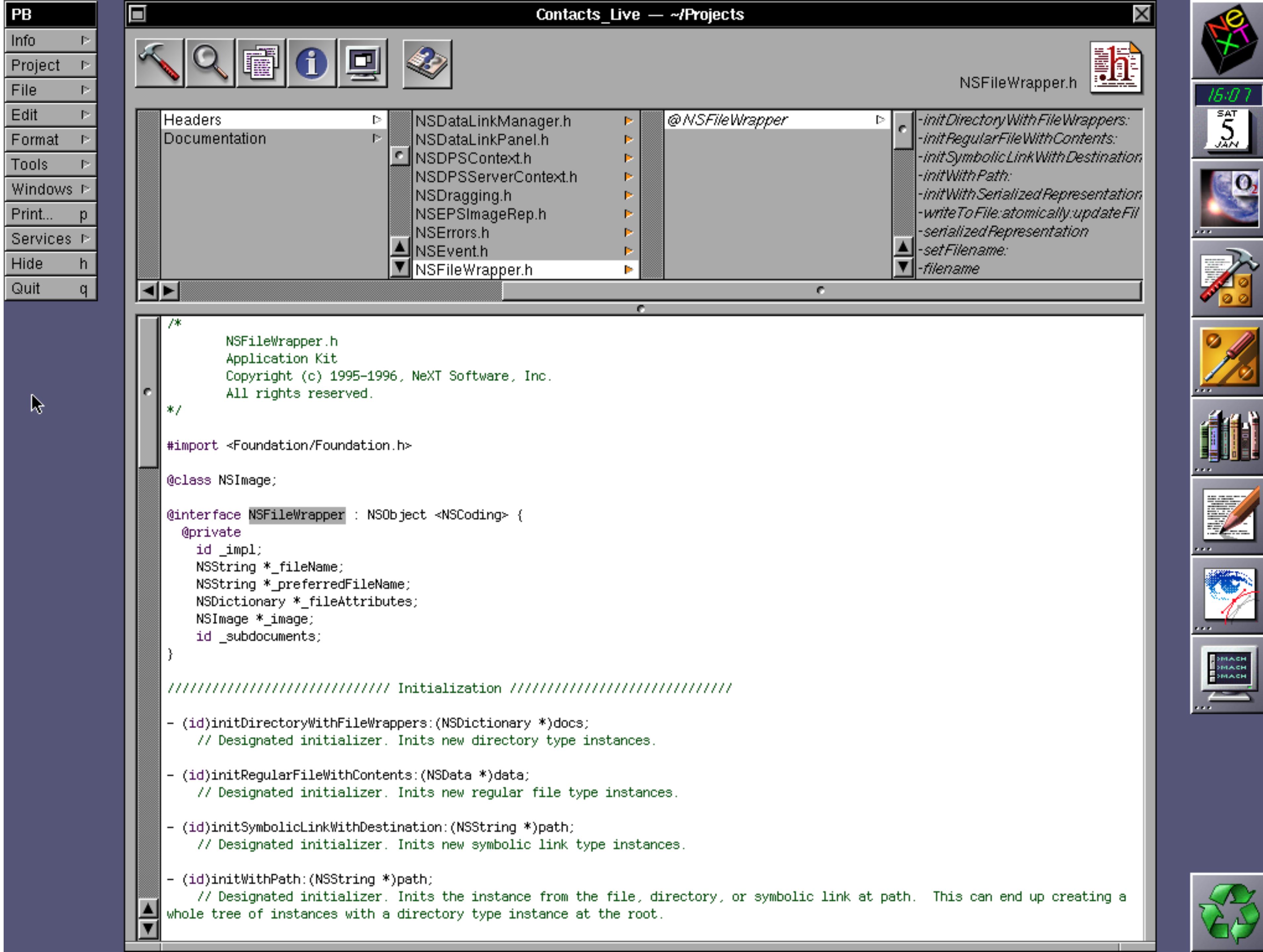
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Complex Models

- NSSecureCoding and Codable
- NSFileWrapper
 - Old API that allows complex models to be stored in packages
- Using these two together we can represent our complex models





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Queries

- Fast Sorting with NSFileManager, NSURL, and NSArray
 - File Name, Creation Date, Modification Date
- Filtering with an array of closures with signature (URL) -> Bool
 - First failure causes the file to be ignored

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Sync

Because all of our data is a folder full of packages we have many options

- iCloud Drive
- Dropbox
- Git (with LibGit2 / Objective-Git)
- Heck, use RSYNC

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Data Changes

- NSFilePresenter
 - Notifications from the system when our files change
 - Basic [(URL, Date)] diffing
 - Roll your own diffing
 - IGListKit ➡➡
 - Proposed Swift 5 Differing Solution
 - A ChangesObserved closure Provides the needed information to our UI

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Extension Support

- Shared Document Containers
- NSFileCoordinator
 - API that automatically manages file access
 - Both within a single process and between processes
 - NSFileCoordinator and NSFilePresenter work hand in hand.

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Speed

- `NSFileManager` only loads `NSArray<NSURL>` into memory
- Sorting uses resources built into `NSURL`
- We don't load our complex models until we need them
 - Usually in `-tableView:cellForRowAtIndexPath:`

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Demo

```
46.2 MB 36     class func newVC(completion: ((UIViewController) -> Void)?) -> UIViewController {
Zero KB/s 37         let vc = ListTableViewController(style: .plain)
Zero KB/s 38         let navVC = UINavigationController(rootViewController: vc)
Zero KB/s 39         return navVC
}
n.a...-thread (serial)
controller.viewDidLoad...
Main
50.0 MB 40     }
41
42     private let directory: JSBFSObserveDirectory =
43         try! JSBFSObserveDirectory(base: .documentDirectory,
44                                     appendingPathComponent: "MyFiles_Deleted",
45                                     createIfNeeded: true,
46                                     sortedBy: .modificationNewestFirst,
47                                     filteredBy: nil,
48                                     changeKind: .modificationsAsInsertionsDeletions)
49
50     override func viewDidLoad() {
51         super.viewDidLoad()
52         |
53         // configure the change closure
54         self.directory.changesObserved = { [unowned self] changes in
55             // update the tableview
56             self.tableView.beginUpdates()
57             self.tableView.insertRows(at: changes.insertions.map({ IndexPath(item: $0, section: 0) }), with: .right)
58             changes.moves.forEach() { move in
59                 self.tableView.moveRow(at: IndexPath(item: move.from, section: 0), to: IndexPath(item: move.to, section: 0))
60             }
61             self.tableView.deleteRows(at: changes.deletions.map({ IndexPath(item: $0, section: 0) }), with: .left)
62             self.tableView.endUpdates()
63             // update the title
64             let fileCount = (try? self.directory.contentsCount()) ?? 0
65             self.title = "Showing \(fileCount) Items"
66             NSLog(@"%@", changes)
67         }
68         self.tableView.reloadData()
69         // set up a timer to modify the underlying data for display
```

Thread 1:

A standard lldb command bar with various control buttons like step, break, and run.

NIB Init: <JSBFilesystem_sample_app.ListTableViewController: 0x7fe5af50c380>

NIB Init: <UINavigationController: 0x7fe5af835400>

(lldb) po self.directory.url

file:///Users/ieffrevberaier/Library/Developer/CoreSimulator/Devices/A61F01FC-5FBA-4BB3-B6D8-DA78728D448A/data/Containers/Data/Application/C5E51B81-26AD

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```
do {
    let payloadData = try self.model.plistData() ←
    let payloadWrapper = FileWrapper(regularFileWithContents: payloadData)
    payloadWrapper.preferredFilename = "payload.plist"
    let imageData = try self.model.image.pngData()
    let imageWrapper = FileWrapper(regularFileWithContents: imageData)
    imageWrapper.preferredFilename = "image.png"
    let parentWrapper = FileWrapper(directoryWithFileWrappers: [
        "payload.plist": payloadWrapper,
        "image.png": imageWrapper
    ])
    let fileURL = self.directory.appendingPathComponent(self.fileName)
    try NSFileCoordinator.JSBFS_write(parentWrapper, to: fileURL, filePresenter: nil)
} catch {
    let e = String(describing: error)
    NSLog(e)
}
```

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NSFilePresenter

Create an Object That Conforms to the Protocol

```
public protocol NSFilePresenter : NSObjectProtocol {  
    public var presentedItemURL: URL? { get } ←  
    optional public func presentedItemDidChange()  
    public var presentedItemOperationQueue: OperationQueue { get }  
}  
  
NSFileCoordinator.addFilePresenter(myPresenter)
```

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NSFileCoordinator

- Protects us from writing to a file while its being written to
- Protects us from reading a file when its being written to

NSFileCoordinator

- Apple's First Block Based API
- The block is called synchronously, its not asynchronous
- Horrible Swift Interface

NSFileCoordinator

```
@interface NSFileCoordinator;

- (void)coordinateReadingItemAtURL:(NSURL *)url
    options:(NSFileCoordinatorReadingOptions)options
    error:(NSError **)outError
    byAccessor:(void (NS_NORETURN ^)(NSURL *newURL))reader;

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@end
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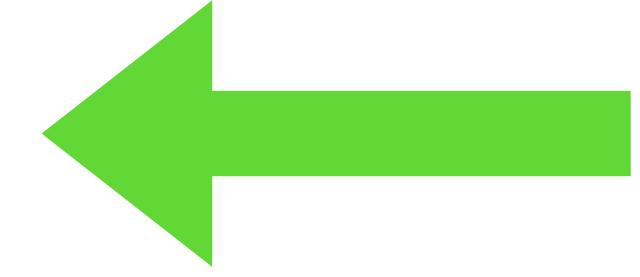
    open func coordinate(readingItemAt url: URL,
                         options: NSFileCoordinator.ReadingOptions = [],
                         error outError: NSErrorPointer,
                         byAccessor reader: (URL) -> Void)

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```
__block NSData* data = nil;
NSFileCoordinator* c = [[NSFileCoordinator alloc] initWithFilePresenter:nil];
[c coordinateReadingItemAtURL:url
                           options:NSFileCoordinatorReadingResolvesSymbolicLink
                           error:nil
byAccessor:^(NSURL*_Nonnull newURL)
{
    data = [NSData dataWithContentsOfURL:newURL options:0 error:nil];
}];
return data;
```



NSFileCoordinator

Bonus: Did you know that foundation can zip up files for you?

```
/* Whether reading of an item is being done for the purpose of uploading. When using this
option, NSFileCoordinator will create a temporary snapshot of the item being read and will
relinquish its claim on the file once that snapshot is made to avoid blocking other coordinated
writes during a potentially long upload. If the item at the URL being read is a directory (such
as a document package), then the snapshot will be a new file that contains the zipped contents
of that directory, and the URL passed to the accessor block will locate that file.
```

```
When using this option, you may upload the document outside of the accessor block. However,
you should open a file descriptor to the file or relocate the file within the accessor block
before you do so, because NSFileCoordinator will unlink the file after the block returns,
rendering it inaccessible via the URL.
```

```
*/
```

```
NSFileCoordinatorReadingForUploading
```

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JSBFSDirectory

Gives a TableView Friendly API to a Directory

```
open class JSBFSDirectory : NSObject {  
    open var url: URL { get } ←  
    open var filteredBy: [@convention(block) (URL) -> Bool]?  
    open var sortedBy: JSBFSDirectorySort  
  
    open func contentsCount() throws -> Int  
    open func url(at index: Int) throws -> URL  
}
```

Sorting with [URL]

```
NSFileManager *fileManager = [NSFileManager defaultManager];
NSMutableArray *files = [[fileManager contentsOfDirectoryAtURL:
                           includingPropertiesForKeys:@[NSURLCreationDateKey]
                           options:0
                           error:nil] mutableCopy];
[files sortUsingComparator:^(NSURL *lURL, NSURL *rURL) {
    NSDate *lDate, *rDate;
    [lURL getResourceValue:&lDate forKey:NSURLCreationDateKey error:nil];
    [rURL getResourceValue:&rDate forKey:NSURLCreationDateKey error:nil];
    return [lDate compare:rDate];
}];
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JSBFSObservedDirectory

Uses NSFilePresenter to Observe and Notify of Changes to Its Directory

```
open class JSBFSObservedDirectory : JSBFSDirectory, NSFilePresenter {  
    open var changesObserved: ((JSBFSDirectoryChanges) -> Void)?  
    open func forceUpdate()  
}
```

JSBFSDirectoryChanges

```
open class JSBFSDirectoryChanges : NSObject {

    open var insertions: IndexSet { get }
    open var deletions: IndexSet { get }
    open var moves: [JSBFSDirectoryChangesMove] { get }

}

open class JSBFSDirectoryChangesMove : NSObject {

    open var from: Int { get }
    open var to: Int { get }

}
```

JSBFSObservedDirectory

Diffing with IGListKit

```
- (void)presentedItemDidChange; ←  
{  
    NSError* error = nil;  
    JSBFSObservedDirectoryChangeBlock block = [self changesObserved];  
    JSBFSObservedDirectoryChangeKind changeKind = [self changeKind];  
    NSArray<JSBFSFileComparison*>*> lhs = [self internalState];  
    NSArray<JSBFSFileComparison*>*> rhs =  
        [NSFileCoordinator JSBFS_comparableContentsOfDirectoryAtURL:[self url]  
                                 sortedBy:[self sortedBy]  
                                 filteredBy:[self filteredBy]  
                                 filePresenter:nil  
                                 error:&error];  
  
    if (error) {  
        NSLog(@"%@", error);  
        rhs = [[NSArray alloc] init];  
    }  
    IGListIndexSetResult* result = IGListDiff(lhs, rhs, IGListDiffEquality);  
    JSBFSDirectoryChanges* changes = [result changeObjectForChangeKind:changeKind];  
    [self setInternalState:rhs];  
    if (changes && block) {  
        dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue(), ^{  
            block(changes);  
        });  
    }  
}
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NSFileCoordinator

Swift Friendly Wrapper

```
extension NSFileCoordinator {

    open class func JSBFS_write(_ data: Data, to url: URL) throws
    open class func JSBFS_write(_ fileWrapper: FileWrapper, to url: URL) throws
    open class func JSBFS_readData(from url: URL) throws -> Data
    open class func JSBFS_readFileWrapper(from url: URL) throws -> FileWrapper

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Create a Data Source

```
class ListTableViewController: UITableViewController {  
  
    private let directory: JSBFSObserveDirectory =  
        try! JSBFSObserveDirectory(base: .documentDirectory,  
            appendingPathComponent: "MyFiles",  
            createIfNeeded: true,  
            sortedBy: .modificationNewestFirst,  
            filteredBy: nil,  
            changeKind: .modificationsAsInsertionsDeletions)  
  
}
```

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Implement UITableViewDataSource

```
class ListTableViewController: UITableViewController {

    override func tableView(_ tableView: UITableView, numberOfRowsInSection section: Int) {
        do {
            return try self.directory.contentsCount()
        } catch {
            NSLog(String(describing: error))
            return 0
        }
    }

    override func tableView(_ tableView: UITableView, cellForRowAt indexPath: IndexPath) -> UITableViewCell {
        let id = "MyCell"
        let cell = tableView.dequeueReusableCell(withIdentifier: id) ??
            UITableViewCell(style: UITableViewCell.CellStyle.subtitle, reuseIdentifier: id)
        cell.textLabel?.text = ""
        cell.detailTextLabel?.text = ""
        do {
            let url = try self.directory.url(at: indexPath.row)
            let data = try NSFileCoordinator.JSBFS_readData(from: url, filePresenter: nil)
            let fileContents = String(data: data, encoding: .utf8) ?? "Invalid Data"
            cell.textLabel?.text = fileContents
            cell.detailTextLabel?.text = url.lastPathComponent
        } catch {
            NSLog(String(describing: error))
        }
        return cell
    }
}
```



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✨ Do the Magic ✨

```
class ListTableViewController: UITableViewController {

    override func viewDidLoad() {
        super.viewDidLoad()
        self.directory.changesObserved | self] changes in
            self.tableView.beginUpdates()
            let ins = changes.insertions.map({ IndexPath(item: $0, section: 0) })
            self.tableView.insertRows(at: ins, with: .right)
            changes.moves.forEach() { move in
                let from = IndexPath(item: move.from, section: 0)
                let to = IndexPath(item: move.to, section: 0)
                self.tableView.moveRow(at: from, to: to)
            }
            let dels = changes.deletions.map({ IndexPath(item: $0, section: 0) })
            self.tableView.deleteRows(at: dels, with: .left)
            self.tableView.endUpdates()
    }
}
```

More Complex Demo

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