

# Working with Binary Data in Swift

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# Options

→ NSData

→ [UInt8]

→ withUnsafePointer()

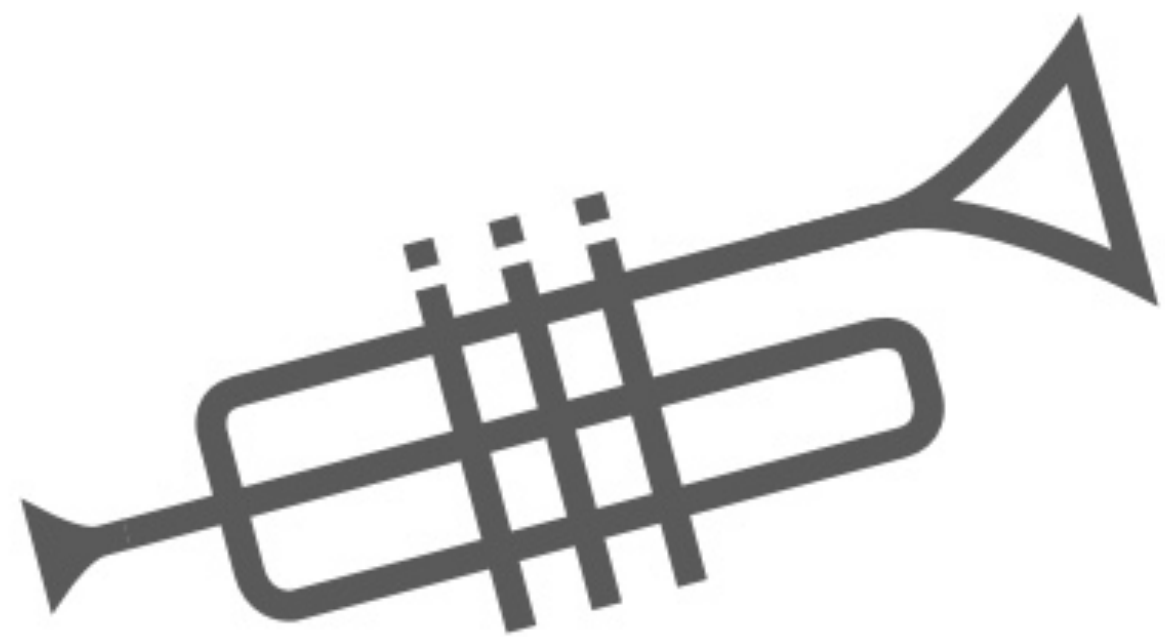
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# Layout-Aligned Structs

```
func encode<T>(var value: T) -> NSData {  
    return withUnsafePointer(&value) { p in  
        NSData(bytes: p, length: sizeofValue(value))  
    }  
}  
  
func decode<T>(data: NSData) -> T {  
    let pointer = UnsafeMutablePointer<T>.alloc(sizeof(T))  
    data.getBytes(pointer, length: sizeof(T))  
    return pointer.move()  
}
```

```
enum Either<T> {  
    case Left(T)  
    case Right(T)  
}
```

```
let value = Either.Left("Swift Summit")  
let data = encode(value)  
data // => <NSData>  
let decoded: Either<String> = decode(data)  
decoded // => Either.Left("Swift Summit")
```



# \$ jazzy

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```
ilViewController = segue!.destinationViewControl
```

```
    as String  
    as String
```

# SourceKitService Terminated

Editor functionality  
temporarily limited.

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# Get SourceKit syntax map

```
struct A {  
    subscript(index: Int) -> () {  
        return ()  
    }  
}
```

# Result

00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 30 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

40 4c 81 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0c 00 00 00

```
78 4c 81 01 01 00 00 00 07 00 00 00 14 00 00 00
```

```
b0 4c 81 01 01 00 00 00 12 00 00 00 1e 00 00 00
```

00

# Result

00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

-----16 bytes-----

40 4c 81 01 01 00 00 00

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78 4c 81 01 01 00 00 00

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b0 4c 81 01 01 00 00 00

-----16 bytes-----

00

30 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

-----16 bytes-----

00 00 00 00 0c 00 00 00

-----16 bytes-----

07 00 00 00 14 00 00 00

-----16 bytes-----

12 00 00 00 1e 00 00 00

-----16 bytes-----



```
struct SyntaxToken {  
    let type: String  
    let offset: Int  
    let length: Int  
}
```

**Strideable**

```
tokens = 16.stride(through: numberOfTokens * 16, by: 16).map { parserOffset in .
```

```
}
```



```
tokens = 16.stride(through: numberOfTokens * 16, by: 16).map { parserOffset in
    var uid = UInt64(0), offset = 0, length = 0
    data.getBytes(&uid, range: NSRange(location: parserOffset, length: 8))
    data.getBytes(&offset, range: NSRange(location: 8 + parserOffset, length: 4))
    data.getBytes(&length, range: NSRange(location: 12 + parserOffset, length: 4))

}
```

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    data.getBytes(&length, range: NSRange(location: 12 + parserOffset, length: 4))

    return SyntaxToken(
        type: stringForSourceKitUID(uid) ?? "unknown",
        offset: offset,
        length: length >> 1
    )
}
```

# Collection of Bytes

- Making our own
- Conforming to `ExtensibleCollectionType`
  - What `Index` type should we use? `Int`?

**Just end up  
with [UInt8]**

# Links

- [SourceKittenFramework SyntaxMap](#)
- [Convert structs and enums to NSData](#)
  - [robnapier.net/nsdata](http://robnapier.net/nsdata)
- [Simon Lewis on parsing OLE/COM](#)
  - [github.com/realm/jazzy](https://github.com/realm/jazzy)
    - [realm.io](http://realm.io)

# try! ask(...)

```
struct Question {  
    let value: String  
    let canJPAnswer: Bool  
}  
func ask<S: SequenceType where S.Generator.Element == Question>(questions: S) throws {  
    // exercise for attendees  
}
```