

# Swift Fundamentals

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A FEW MORE REASONS TO LEARN SWIFT



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# Apple Development: **pre-Swift**

## **Client-side Development**



Language:  
**Objective-C**

## **Server-side Development**



**Node.js / JavaScript**  
**RoR / Ruby**  
**ASP.NET / C#**  
**PHP**  
(etc.)

```
let toaster = Appliance();  
toaster.model = "CrunchMaster 5000";  
toaster.voltage = 120;
```

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Semicolons aren't needed

no required *import* / *include* / *using*

no required *main*

```
print("Hello, Pluralsight")
```

no required *return*

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# A basic Swift program

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void)
{
    [ your code goes here ]
    return 0;
}
```

A Simple Program in C

```
using System;  
internal static class HelloWorld  
{  
    private static void Main()  
    {  
        [ your code goes here ]  
    }  
}
```

A Simple Program in C#

```
class HelloWorld {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        [ your code goes here ]  
    }  
}
```

A Simple Program **in Java**

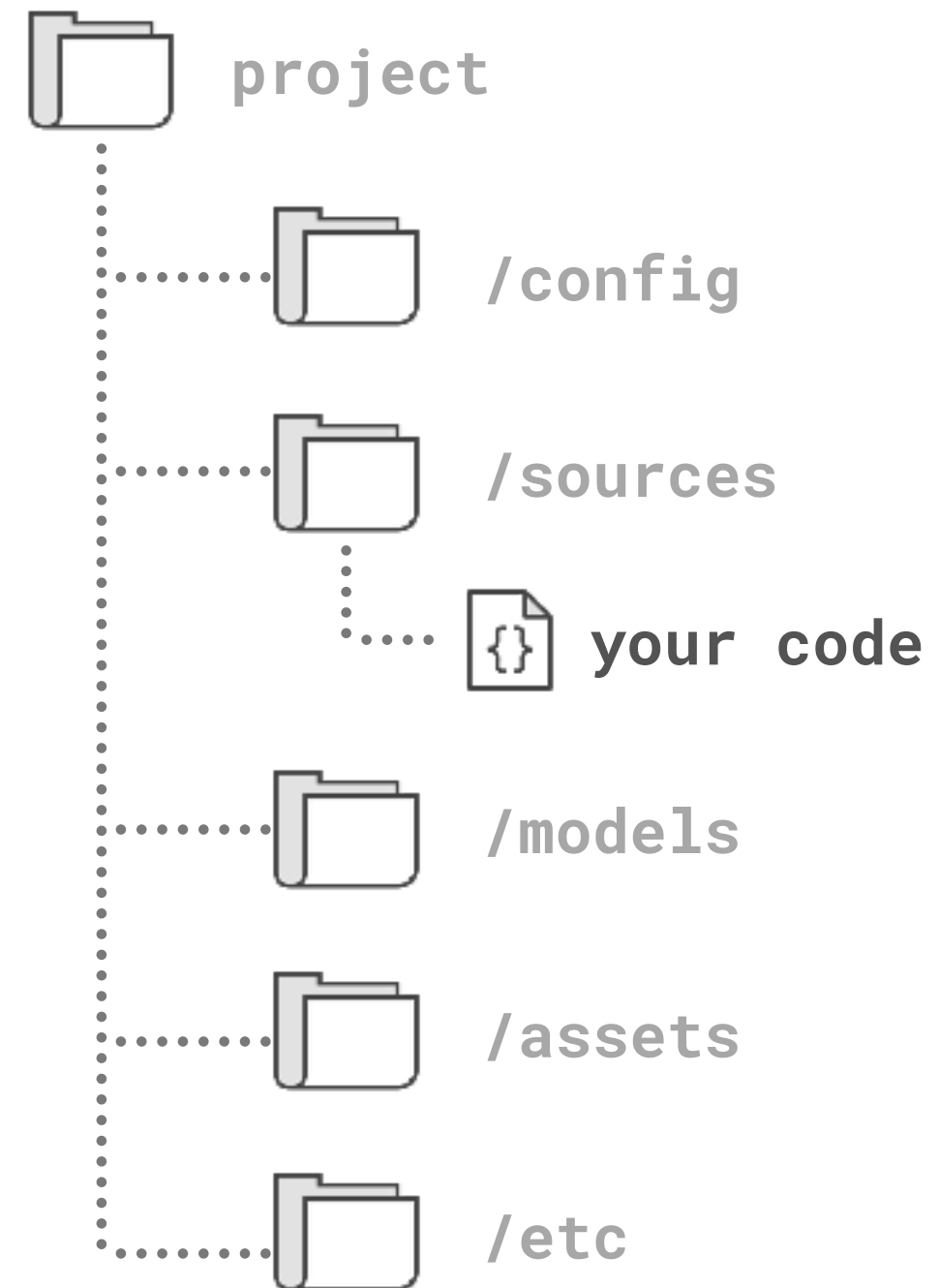
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A Simple Program **in Swift**



# Writing and Running Swift in a Playground

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name

firstName

dateOfBirth

jackOfAllTrades

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Use Lower Camel Case for Variables

```
var playerName = "Alice" // inferred as a Swift String
var age = 21 // inferred as a Swift Int
var temperature = 72.6 // inferred as a Swift Double
var activeMember = true // inferred as a Swift Bool
```

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## Type Inference

Swift *infers* the type from the initial value

```
var playerName = "Alice"  
var age = 21  
var temperature = 72.6  
var activeMember = true
```

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**var** is required

And is the *only* way to declare variables

# SIDEBAR: The Swift Compilation Process

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DEVELOPER

SWIFT IS A COMPILED LANGUAGE

SOURCE CODE > FULL COMPILATION

SHIP >

MACHINE CODE

USER

RUN

INTERMEDIATE (C#, JAVA)

SOURCE CODE > PARTIAL COMPILATION

BYTECODE

JIT COMPILE\* > RUN

\*VM / Runtime Engine required

INTERPRETED LANGUAGES

(JAVASCRIPT, RUBY)

SOURCE CODE - NO COMPILATION

SOURCE CODE

INTERPRET\* > RUN

\*Interpreter required