How to combine Swift/Kotlin with C/C++

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Why C++???

Dangerous features

Exceptions

We do not use C++ exceptions.

Dangerous features

Instead of relying on operator precedence and associativity, add clarifying parentheses around each pair of operands to make expressions unambiguous.

```
a = b * c * d; // ok
a = b * c + d; // not ok

a = (b * c) + d; // ok and unambiguous what
the writer wanted
```

Dangerous features



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Why C++??????

TomTom & C++



TomTom's clients

- Android
- iOS
- Custom (usually C++)

One app - many langs

- A lot of code duplication
- Expensive maintenance

Language bindings

- C++ -> Objective-C++ -> Objective-C
- C++ + Java Native Interface -> Java

How about Kotlin/Swift

- C++ -> Objective-C++ + Bridging header -> Swift
- C++ + Java Native Interface -> Java -> Kotlin

Example

Push-ups!

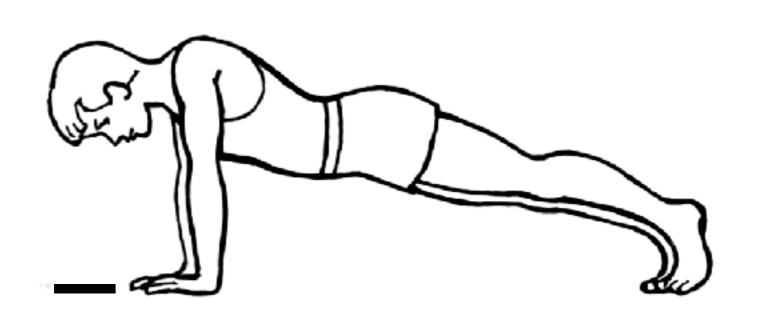
Push-ups!



Push-ups!



Push-up detection









Architecture

UI (Kotlin)

UI (Swift)

Business logic (Kotlin)

Business logic (Swift)

Code duplication

Android image processing library

iOS image processing library

Unequal UX

Android

iOS

Architecture

UI (Kotlin) UI (Swift) Business logic (native) native image processing library **Android** iOS

OpenCV

OpenCV

- written in C
- interface in C++
- wrappers for Python and Java

OpenCV without C++?

no Objective-C++ wrappers

Basic level - OpenCV's Java API only.

[...]

Pros

- Fast ramp-up, the simplest way to develop for Android with OpenCV.
- Easy development in a language with garbage collection.

Cons

- Complex CV logic (with many calls to OpenCV) will work slowly because of additional cost of JNI calls.
- Not 100% availability of OpenCV C++ API.

Advanced level - OpenCV's native interface.

[...]

Pros

- Maximum of the performance.
- 100% availability of OpenCV C++ API.
- Development of the core CV functionality on a host platform.
- You can run your code on other platforms: iOS, Windows Phone...
- You can mix Java and native code.

Cons

- You should study Android NDK.
- Development becomes a bit more complicated. But only in the beginning.

stackoverflow matrix

questions in technologies	Java	C++
Android	192 718	4 492
OpenCV	2 598	15 020

Platform specific

Android/iOS specific APIs:

- UI
- Animations
- Text to Speech
- etc.

Variant of realisation

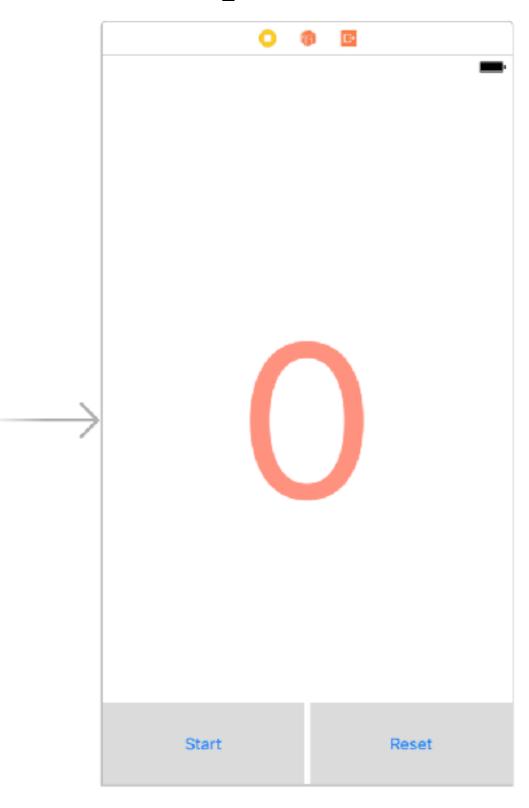
- Platform specific code in Kotlin/Swift
- OpenCV & business logic in C++
- Glue code hand-written?

Glue code generators

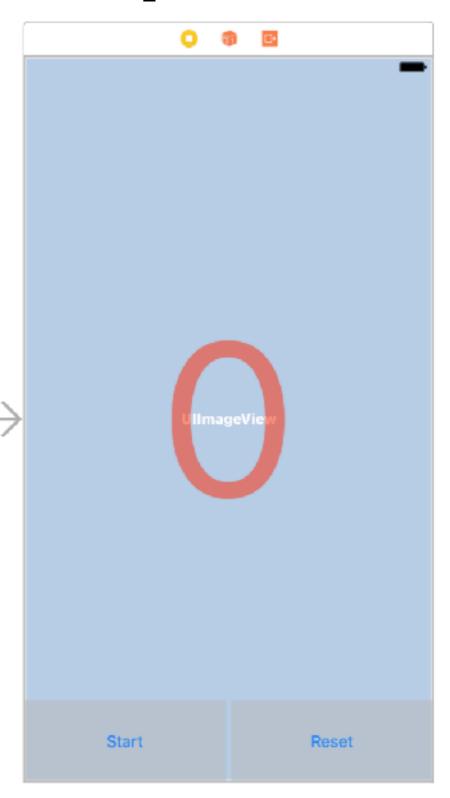
- SWIG
 - Started in 1995
 - Allegro CL, C#, CFFI, CLISP, Chicken, D, Go, Guile, Java, Javascript, Lua, Modula-3, Mzscheme, OCAML, Octave, Perl, PHP, Python, R, Ruby, Scilab, Tcl, UFFI
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 - In: configuration file (may include C++ headers)
 - Out: glue code for a given language
- djinni
 - Started in 2014
 - Objective-C, Java, Python
 - In: configuration file (IDL)
 - Out: glue code for a given language + C++ interfaces

PushUpPal - GUI



PushUpPal - GUI



Djinni's IDL

```
PushUpPalApp = interface +c {
```

```
PushUpPalApp = interface +c {
    start();
    stop();
    reset();
    isStarted(): bool;
```

```
PushUpPalApp = interface +c {
    start();
    stop();
    reset();
    isStarted(): bool;
    setListener(listener: PushUpListener);
PushUpListener = interface +j +o {
    onPushUp(rep: i32);
```

```
PushUpPalApp = interface +c {
    start();
    stop();
    reset();
    isStarted(): bool;
    setListener(listener: PushUpListener);
    static create(classifierFilePath: string): PushUpPalApp;
PushUpListener = interface +j +o {
    onPushUp(rep: i32);
```

Run Djinni

deps/djinni/src/run-assume-built \

```
deps/djinni/src/run-assume-built \
    --java-out android/app/src/main/java/pl/ekk/mkk/pushuppal/gen \
    --java-package pl.ekk.mkk.pushuppal.generated \
    --jni-out "native/PushUpPal/glue-code/jni/generated" \
```

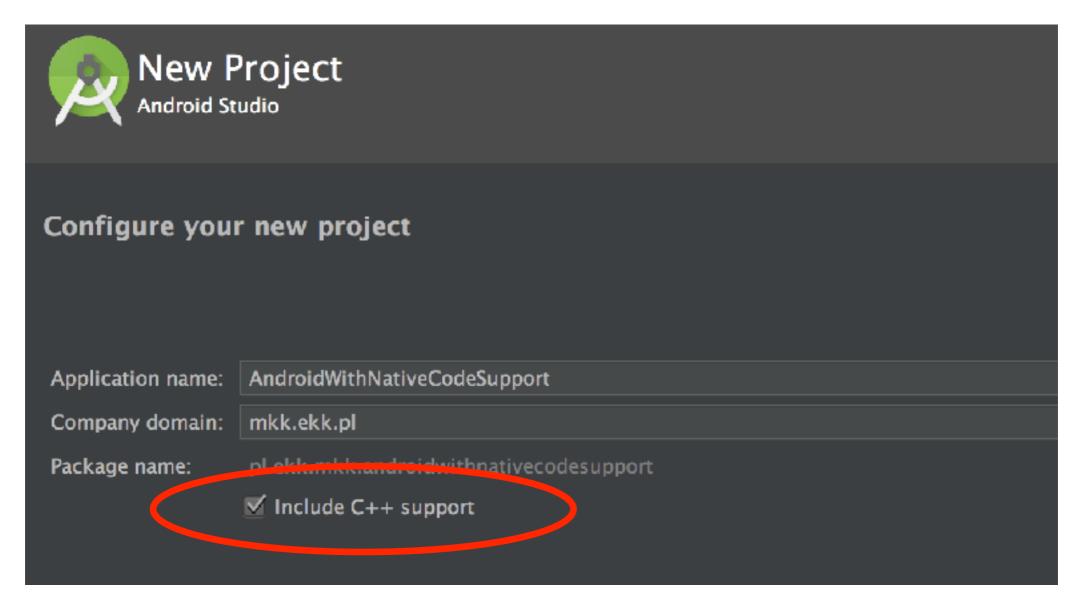
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    --java-package pl.ekk.mkk.pushuppal.generated \
    --jni-out "native/PushUpPal/glue-code/jni/generated" \
    \
    --cpp-out "native/PushUpPal/glue-code/interfaces/generated" \
    --cpp-namespace generated \
```

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deps/djinni/src/run-assume-built \
    --java-out android/app/src/main/java/pl/ekk/mkk/pushuppal/gen \
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    --jni-out "native/PushUpPal/glue-code/jni/generated" \
    --cpp-out "native/PushUpPal/glue-code/interfaces/generated" \
    --cpp-namespace generated \
    --objc-out "native/PushUpPal/glue-code/objc/generated" \
    --objc-type-prefix PUP \
    --objcpp-out "native/PushUpPal/glue-code/objc/generated" \
```

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deps/djinni/src/run-assume-built \
    --java-out android/app/src/main/java/pl/ekk/mkk/pushuppal/gen \
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    --cpp-out "native/PushUpPal/glue-code/interfaces/generated" \
    --cpp-namespace generated \
    --objc-out "native/PushUpPal/glue-code/objc/generated" \
    --objc-type-prefix PUP \
    --objcpp-out "native/PushUpPal/glue-code/objc/generated" \
    --objc-swift-bridging-header "PushUpPal-Bridging-Header" \
```

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    --objc-out "native/PushUpPal/glue-code/objc/generated" \
    --objc-type-prefix PUP \
    --objcpp-out "native/PushUpPal/glue-code/objc/generated" \
    --objc-swift-bridging-header "PushUpPal-Bridging-Header" \
    --idl PushUpPal.djinni
```

Android - project setup



NDK support in **local.properties**:

ndk.dir=/Users/kowalczm/Library/Android/sdk/ndk-bundle

sdk.dir=/Users/kowalczm/Library/Android/sdk

Android - Kotlin

```
class MainActivity : Activity() {
   public override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
```

```
class MainActivity : Activity() {
    private var mPushUpPalApp: PushUpPalApp? = null

public override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
    mPushUpPalApp = PushUpPalApp.create(
        ResourcePathAccessor.getClassifierFilePath(this@MainActivity))

mPushUpPalApp!!.setListener(object : PushUpListener() {
    override fun onPushUp(rep: Int) {
        runOnUiThread {
            repsTextView.text = Integer.valueOf(rep)!!.toString()
        }
    }
}
```

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class MainActivity : Activity() {
   private var mPushUpPalApp: PushUpPalApp? = null
   public override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
        mPushUpPalApp = PushUpPalApp.create(
            ResourcePathAccessor.getClassifierFilePath(this@MainActivity))
        mPushUpPalApp!!.setListener(object : PushUpListener() {
            override fun onPushUp(rep: Int) {
                runOnUiThread {
                    repsTextView.text = Integer.valueOf(rep)!!.toString()
        startStopButton.setOnClickListener {
            if (mPushUpPalApp!!.isStarted) {
                mPushUpPalApp!!.stop()
                startStopButton.text = "Start"
            } else {
                mPushUpPalApp!!.start()
                startStopButton.text = "Stop"
        resetButton.setOnClickListener {
            mPushUpPalApp!!.reset()
            startStopButton.text = "Start"
```

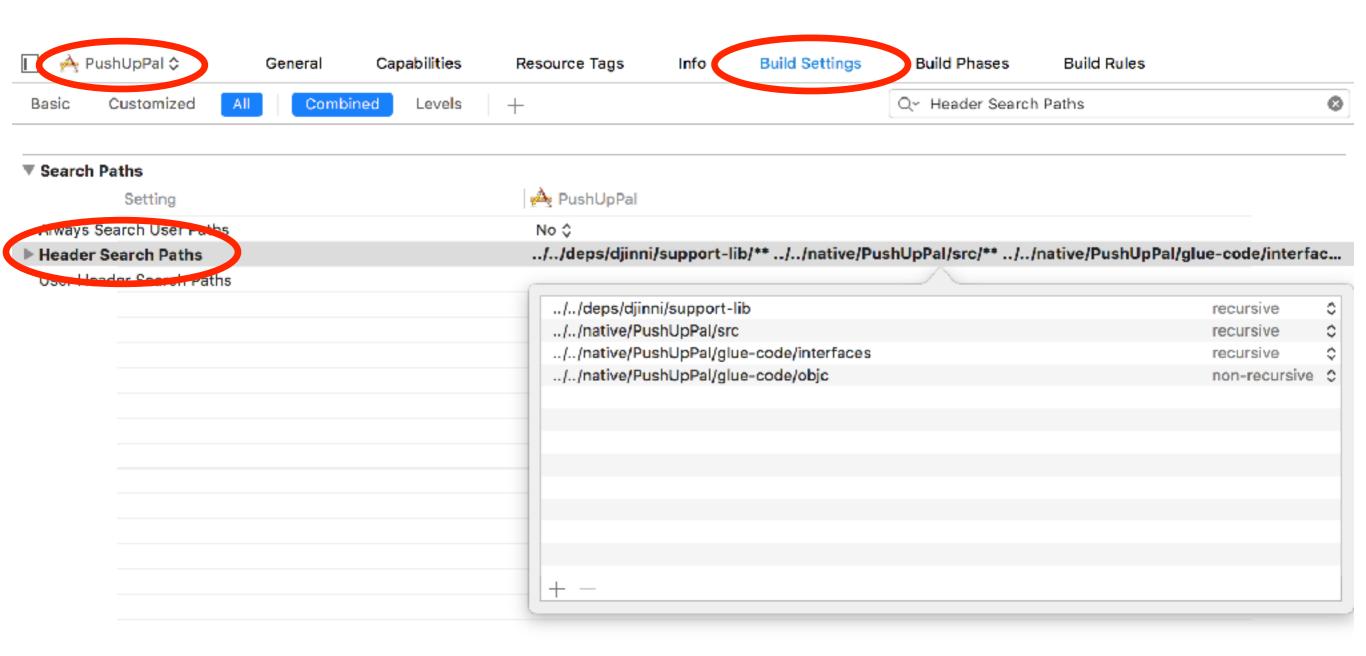
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   private var mPushUpPalApp: PushUpPalApp? = null
   public override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
        mPushUpPalApp = PushUpPalApp.create(
            ResourcePathAccessor.getClassifierFilePath(this@MainActivity))
        mPushUpPalApp!!.setListener(object : PushUpListener() {
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        startStopButton.setOnClickListener {
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            } else {
                mPushUpPalApp!!.start()
                startStopButton.text = "Stop"
        resetButton.setOnClickListener {
            mPushUpPalApp!!.reset()
            startStopButton.text = "Start"
    companion object {
        init {
            System.loadLibrary("native-pushuppal")
```

CMake

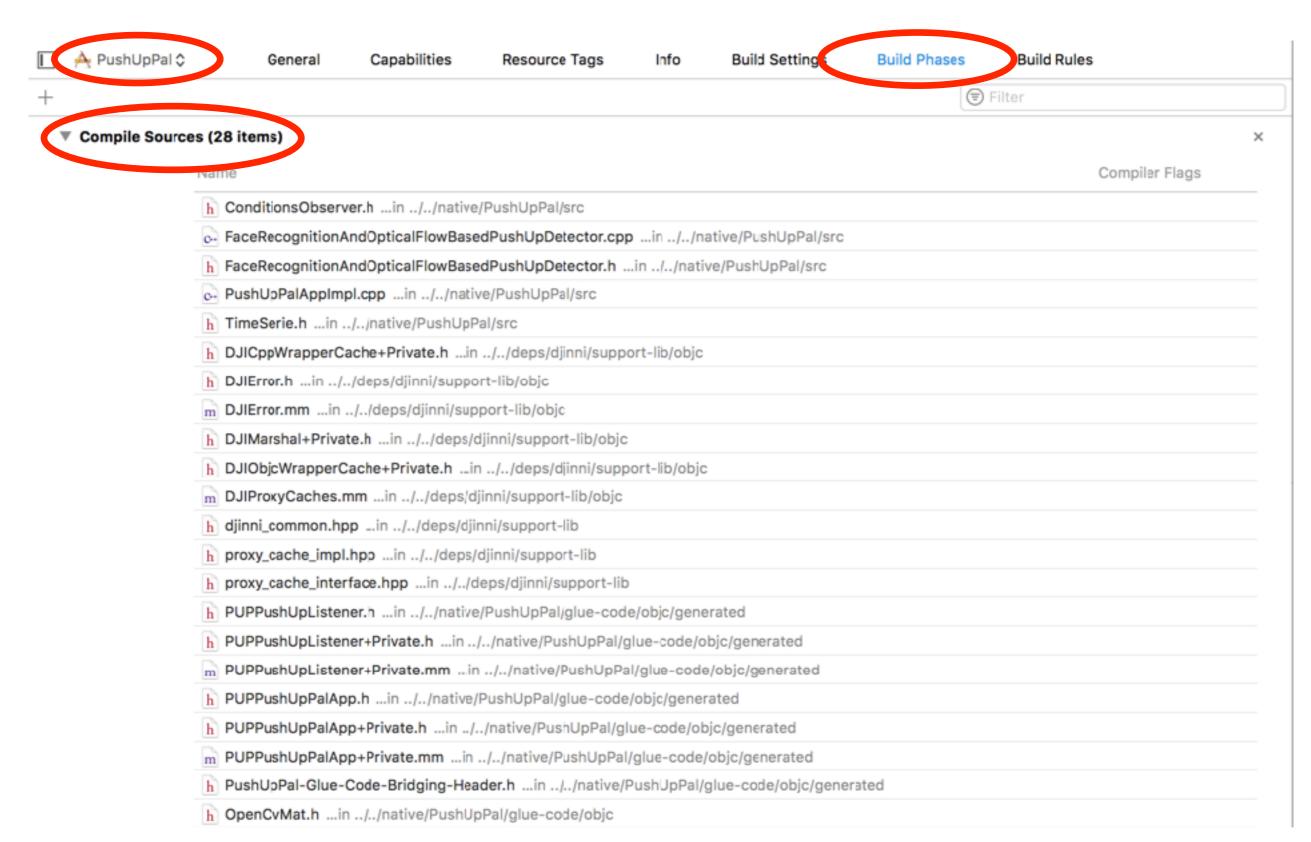
```
file (GLOB RECURSE SRC FILES FOLLOW SYMLINKS
     ../../native/PushUpPal/src/*.cpp
     ../../native/PushUpPal/glue-code/jni/*.cpp
     ../../deps/djinni/support-lib/*.cpp)
include directories (native/PushUpPal/src
                    native/PushUpPal/glue-code/interfaces/generated
                    native/PushUpPal/glue-code/jni
                    deps/djinni/support-lib
                    deps/djinni/support-lib/jni
                    deps/OpenCV-android-sdk/sdk/native/jni/include)
add library(native-pushuppal SHARED ${SRC FILES})
add library(lib-opencv SHARED IMPORTED)
set target properties (lib-opencv PROPERTIES IMPORTED LOCATION
                      ${CMAKE SOURCE DIR}/src/main/jniLibs/${ANDROID_ABI}/
                          libopencv java3.so)
```

```
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     ../../native/PushUpPal/src/*.cpp
     ../../native/PushUpPal/glue-code/jni/*.cpp
     ../../deps/djinni/support-lib/*.cpp)
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                    native/PushUpPal/glue-code/jni
                    deps/djinni/support-lib
                    deps/djinni/support-lib/jni
                    deps/OpenCV-android-sdk/sdk/native/jni/include)
add library(native-pushuppal SHARED ${SRC FILES})
add library(lib-opencv SHARED IMPORTED)
set target properties (lib-opencv PROPERTIES IMPORTED LOCATION
                      ${CMAKE SOURCE DIR}/src/main/jniLibs/${ANDROID_ABI}/
                          libopencv java3.so)
target link libraries (native-pushuppal
                      lib-opency)
```

iOS - headers

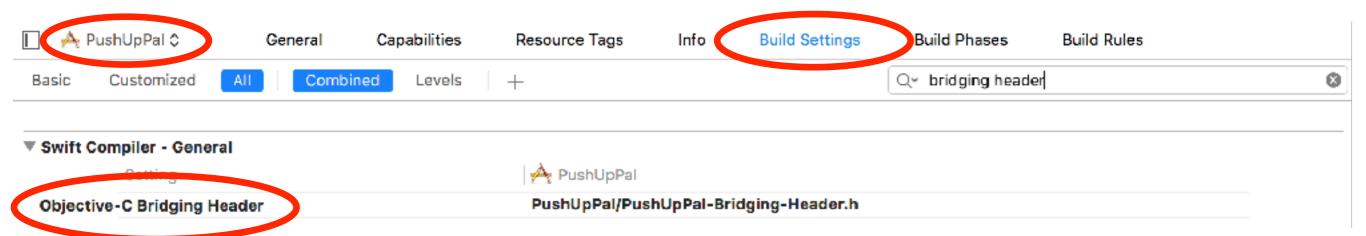


iOS - sources



iOS - bridging header

```
// AUTOGENERATED FILE - DO NOT MODIFY!
// This file generated by Djinni
#import "PUPPushUpListener.h"
#import "PUPPushUpPalApp.h"
```



iOS - Swift

```
class ViewController: UIViewController {
  @IBOutlet weak var repsLabel: UILabel!
  @IBOutlet weak var startStopButton: UIButton!
  @IBOutlet weak var resetButton: UIButton!

override func viewDidLoad() {
   super.viewDidLoad()
}
```

```
class ViewController: UIViewController, PUPPushUpListener {
 @IBOutlet weak var repsLabel: UILabel!
 @IBOutlet weak var startStopButton: UIButton!
 @IBOutlet weak var resetButton: UIButton!
 var pushUpPalApp: PUPPushUpPalApp?
 override func viewDidLoad() {
    super.viewDidLoad()
    let classifierFilePath = Bundle.main.path(forResource: "haarcascade frontalface alt2",
                                              ofType: "xml", inDirectory: "")!
   pushUpPalApp = PUPPushUpPalApp.create(classifierFilePath)!
   pushUpPalApp!.setListener(self)
 func onPushUp( rep: Int32) {
    DispatchQueue.global(qos: .userInitiated).async {
      DispatchQueue.main.async {
        self.repsLabel.text = rep.description
```

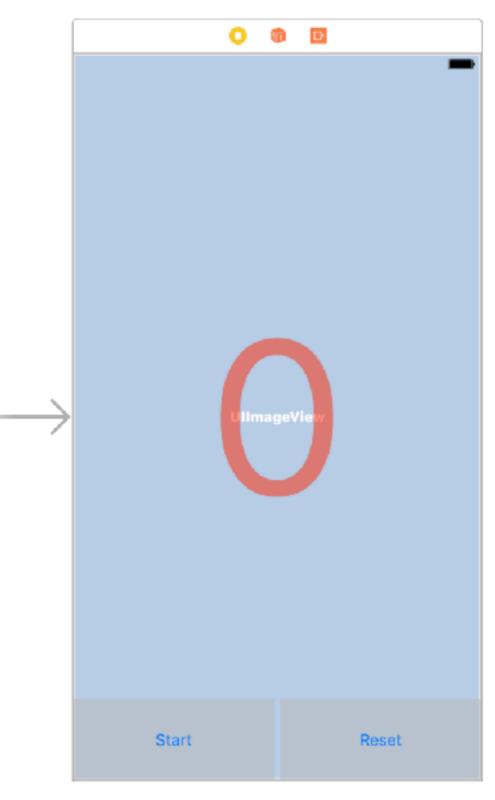
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class ViewController: UIViewController, PUPPushUpListener {
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  @IBOutlet weak var resetButton: UIButton!
 var pushUpPalApp: PUPPushUpPalApp?
 override func viewDidLoad() {
    super.viewDidLoad()
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                                              ofType: "xml", inDirectory: "")!
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   pushUpPalApp!.setListener(self)
 func onPushUp( rep: Int32) {
    DispatchQueue.global(gos: .userInitiated).async {
      DispatchQueue.main.async {
        self.repsLabel.text = rep.description
  @IBAction func startStopButtonOnTouchUpInside( sender: UIButton, forEvent event: UIEvent) {
    if pushUpPalApp!.isStarted() {
     pushUpPalApp!.stop()
      startStopButton.setTitle("Start", for: .normal)
    } else {
     pushUpPalApp!.start()
      startStopButton.setTitle("Stop", for: .normal)
 @IBAction func resetButtonOnTouchUpInside( sender: UIButton, forEvent event: UIEvent) {
   pushUpPalApp!.reset()
    startStopButton.setTitle("Start", for: .normal)
```

Native - C++

```
#include "generated/PushUpPalApp.hpp"
class PushUpPalAppImpl : public generated::PushUpPalApp {
public:
    PushUpPalAppImpl(const std::string& classifierFilePath);
    ~PushUpPalAppImpl() override;
    void start() override;
    void stop() override;
    bool isStarted() override;
    void reset() override;
    void setListener(const std::shared ptr<generated::PushUpListener>&
        listener) override;
private:
    class Impl;
    std::unique ptr<Impl> impl ;
};
```

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#include "generated/PushUpPalApp.hpp"
class PushUpPalAppImpl : public generated::PushUpPalApp {
public:
    PushUpPalAppImpl(const std::string& classifierFilePath);
    ~PushUpPalAppImpl() override;
    void start() override;
    void stop() override;
    bool isStarted() override;
    void reset() override;
    void setListener(const std::shared ptr<generated::PushUpListener>&
        listener) override;
private:
    class Impl;
    std::unique ptr<Impl> impl ;
};
std::shared ptr<generated::PushUpPalApp>
generated::PushUpPalApp::create(const std::string& classifierFilePath)
    return std::make shared<PushUpPalAppImpl>(classifierFilePath);
```

What about debugging?



Display camera image

Android:

- Create JavaSurfaceView
- Register for camera updates
- Get a frame (Mat)

iOS:

- Construct CvVideoCamera with UllmageView
- Register for camera updates
- Get a frame (Mat)

Djinni's IDL: onFrame

```
PushUpPalApp = interface +c {
    start();
    stop();
    reset();
    isStarted(): bool;
    setListener(listener: PushUpListener);
    onFrame(frame: Mat);
    static create(classifierFilePath: string): PushUpPalApp;
}
PushUpListener = interface +j +o {
    onPushUp(rep: i32);
```

Djinni: supported types

- types defined in the IDL
- boolean, integer, float, strings, blob, date, list, set, map
- no support by default for foreign types

Djinni: what is a Mat?

- Define all Djinni must know in a YAML file
- Converters for Java Native Interface / Objective-C++:
 - toCpp
 - fromCpp (not required by our IDL, just for completion)

Djinni YAML file

name: Mat

typedef: 'record'

params: []
prefix: ''

```
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cpp:
    typename: '::cv::Mat'
    header: '<opencv2/core/mat.hpp>'
    byValue: false
```

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prefix: ''
cpp:
    typename: '::cv::Mat'
    header: '<opencv2/core/mat.hpp>'
    byValue: false
objc:
    typename: 'OpenCvMat'
    header: '"OpenCvMat.h"'
    boxed: 'OpenCvMat'
    pointer: true
    hash: '%s.hash'
objcpp:
    translator: '::cv::djinni::objc::OpenCvMat'
    header: '"OpenCvMat+Private.h"'
```

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    hash: '%s.hash'
objcpp:
    translator: '::cv::djinni::objc::OpenCvMat'
    header: '"OpenCvMat+Private.h"'
java:
    typename: 'org.opencv.core.Mat'
    boxed: 'org.opencv.core.Mat'
    reference: true
    generic: true
    hash: '%s.hashCode()'
jni:
    translator: '::cv::djinni::jni::NativeMat'
    header: '"NativeMat.hpp"'
    typename: jobject
    typeSignature: 'Lorg/opency/core/Mat;'
```

Mat on Java side

```
package org.opencv.core;
public class Mat {
```

Mat on Java side

```
package org.opencv.core;

public class Mat {
    public final long nativeObj;
```

Mat on Java side

```
package org.opencv.core;
public class Mat {
    public final long nativeObj;
    public Mat(long addr) {
        if (addr == 0)
            throw new
                UnsupportedOperationException (
                "Native object address is NULL");
        nativeObj = addr;
```

Java Native Interface

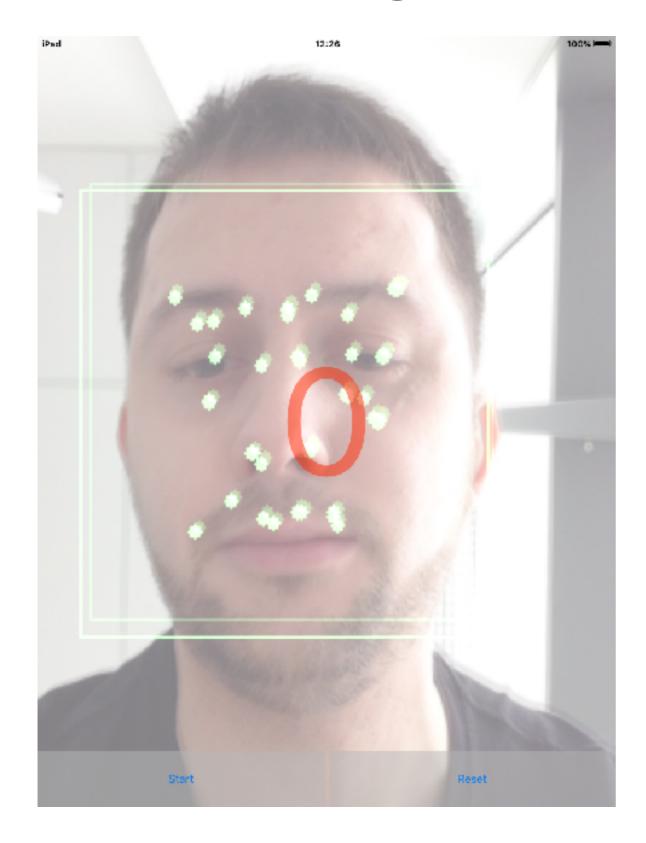
```
#include <opencv2/core/mat.hpp>
#include "djinni support.hpp"
class NativeMat final :
    ::djinni::JniInterface<::cv::Mat, NativeMat> {
public:
    using CppType = ::cv::Mat;
    using JniType = jobject;
    using Boxed = NativeMat;
    ~NativeMat();
    static CppType toCpp(JNIEnv* jniEnv, JniType matObj) {
    static ::djinni::LocalRef<JniType> fromCpp(
        JNIEnv* jniEnv, const CppType& c) {
        // ...
```

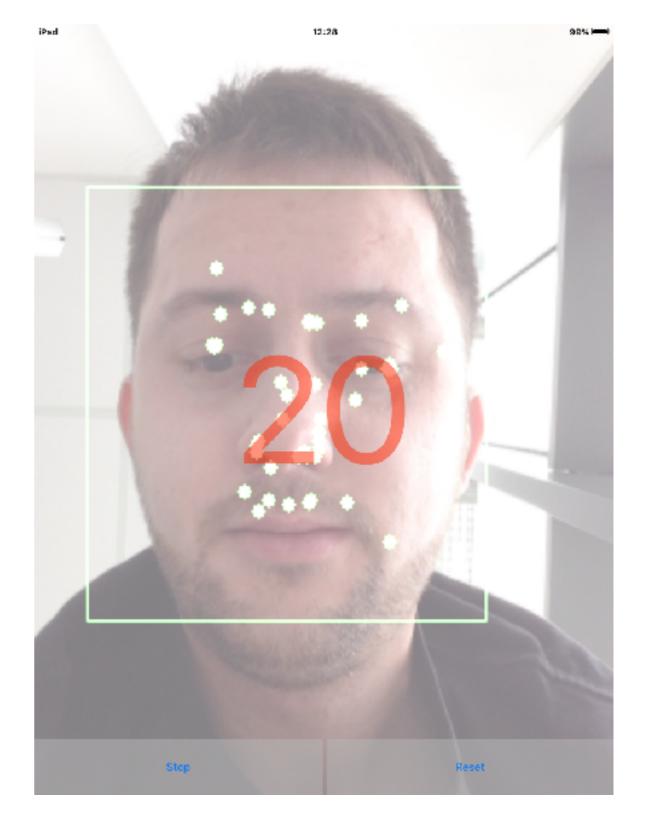
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    using CppType = ::cv::Mat;
    using JniType = jobject;
    using Boxed = NativeMat;
    ~NativeMat();
    static CppType toCpp(JNIEnv* jniEnv, JniType matObj) {
        auto matClass = jniEnv->GetObjectClass(matObj);
    static ::djinni::LocalRef<JniType> fromCpp(
        JNIEnv* jniEnv, const CppType& c) {
        // ...
```

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        auto matClass = jniEnv->GetObjectClass(matObj);
        jfieldID nativeObj = jniEnv->GetFieldID(
            matClass, "nativeObj", "J");
        long matPtr = jniEnv->GetLongField(matObj, nativeObj);
    static ::djinni::LocalRef<JniType> fromCpp(
        JNIEnv* jniEnv, const CppType& c) {
        // . . .
```

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public:
    using CppType = ::cv::Mat;
    using JniType = jobject;
    using Boxed = NativeMat;
    ~NativeMat();
    static CppType toCpp(JNIEnv* jniEnv, JniType matObj) {
        auto matClass = jniEnv->GetObjectClass(matObj);
        jfieldID nativeObj = jniEnv->GetFieldID(
            matClass, "nativeObj", "J");
        long matPtr = jniEnv->GetLongField(matObj, nativeObj);
        CppType& mat = *((::cv::Mat*)matPtr);
        return mat;
    static ::djinni::LocalRef<JniType> fromCpp(
        JNIEnv* jniEnv, const CppType& c) {
        // ...
```

How it works?





Conclusions

- Reuse of existing native code in mobile applications
- Take advantage of native libraries in Kotlin/Swift
- Reduce code duplication to minimum
- Mostly seamless multi-platform development with Djinni
- Djinni's support for third party libraries

Not covered

- Kotlin-native
- Swift C communication
- Numerous alternative approaches for generating bridging code between Swift and C++

Links

- developer.android.com/ndk
- github.com/dropbox/djinni
- mobilecpptutorials.com
- swig.org
- opencv.org
- github.com/michal-kowalczyk/pushuppal
- github.com/michal-kowalczyk/trambambule-helper

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