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Swift updates

Learn about important changes to Swift.



Overview

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- Safely access contiguous regions of memory, like a container's underlying storage, using [Span](#) and [RawSpan](#). Safely modify that memory using [MutableSpan](#) and [MutableRawSpan](#).

Many collections in the standard library now have a span property that provides access to their underlying storage. Span has a [bytes](#) property to access the raw storage when the element type supports it.

- Process Unicode strings efficiently and safely, using [UTF8Span](#) to access a contiguous region of memory.
- Create fixed-size arrays that have contiguous underlying storage using [InlineArray](#).
- To identify a task during debugging, you can set a name for a detached task using [init\(name:priority:operation:\)](#), and for a task in a task group using [addTask\(name:priority:operation:\)](#). Access the current task's name using [name](#).
- Start a task immediately using
`doc://com.apple.documentation/documentation/Swift/Task/immediate(name:priority:operation:)-9qda2`.









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- Operate on noncontiguous ranges in collections using [RangeSet](#) and [DiscontiguousSlice](#).
 - Control which executor runs a task using [TaskExecutor](#).
 - Validate that C strings contain well-formed Unicode text when converting to them to String with [init\(validatingCString:\)](#) and [init\(validating:as:\)](#).
 - Preserve more information about thrown errors from [AsyncSequence](#) and [AsyncIterator Protocol](#) using their `Failure` associated type.
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