# **Objective-C style guide**

# 1. Visual Style

# 1.1. Whitespace

#### **Indent with Spaces**

Use groups of 4 spaces (instead of tabs) to denote different indentation levels.

*Xcode* does this by default. Double-check your settings in: Preferences -> Text Editing -> Indentation.

# **Spaces in Declarations**

In @interface declarations, there should be one space between: the subclass name; the colon symbol; the superclass name; the adopted protocols section; any adopted protocols.

```
// DO
@interface PXProtocolAdoptingClass : NSObject <PXProtocolA, PXProtocolB>
// DON'T
@interface PXProtocolAdoptingClass:NSObject <PXProtocolA, PXProtocolB>
@interface PXProtocolAdoptingClass : NSObject <PXProtocolA, PXProtocolB>
@interface PXProtocolAdoptingClass : NSObject <PXProtocolA, PXProtocolB>
```

In @property declarations, there should be one space between: the @property keyword; the property attributes section; any property attributes; the property type; and the pointer asterisk.

```
// DO
@property (nonatomic, weak) UIView<DelegateProtocol> *delegate;
// DON'T
@property (nonatomic, weak) UIView <DelegateProtocol> *delegate;
@property(nonatomic, weak) UIView <DelegateProtocol> *delegate;
@property (nonatomic, weak) UIView<DelegateProtocol> *delegate;
```

In *method* declarations, there should be one space between: the – or + character and the (returnType); an argument type and its pointer asterisk.

```
// DO
   - (void) doSomethingWithString: (NSString *) string number: (NSNumber
*) number

// DON'T
   - (void) doSomethingWithString: (NSString*) string number: (NSNumber *) number
   - (void) doSomethingWithString: (NSString *) string number: (NSNumber *) number
   - (void) doSomethingWithString: (NSString *) string number: (NSNumber *) number
*) number
```

```
- (void) doSomethingWithString:(NSString *) string number:(NSNumber *) number
```

In *generic class* declaration, there should be no spaces before bracket:

```
// DO
  @interface PXStoreObjectModel<__covariant ObjectType:PXStoreObject *> :
NSObject <PXStoreModel, PXStoreObservableObject>

// DON'T
  @interface PXStoreObjectModel <__covariant ObjectType:PXStoreObject *> :
NSObject <PXStoreModel, PXStoreObservableObject>
```

### 1.2. Brackets

Opening brackets should be on the same line as the statement they refer to. Closing brackets should be on their own line, except when followed by else.

```
- (void) doSomethingWithString: (NSString *) string {
    if (condition) {
        . . .
    } else {
       . . .
}
// DON'T
- (void) doSomethingWithString: (NSString *) string
    if (condition)
    {
    }
    else
    {
        . . .
    }
}
```

Always use brackets even when the conditional code is only one statement.

```
// DO
if (condition) {
    return;
}

// DON'T
if (condition)
    return;
```

# 1.3. Line Wrapping

Hard wrap lines that exceed 140 characters. You can configure the column guide on *Xcode*: Preferences -> Text Editing -> Page guide at column: 140.

When hard wrapping method calls, give each parameter its own line. Align each parameter using the colon before the parameter (*Xcode* does this for you by default).

Method invocations should be formatted much like method declarations. Invocations should have all arguments on one line or have one argument per line, with colons aligned.

#### 1.4. Newlines

Use exactly one empty line to separate:

- The copyright header and the #import section
- The #import section and NS ASSUME\_NONNULL\_BEGIN macro
- NS\_ASSUME\_NONNULL\_BEGIN and the class @interface or @implementation (or associated forward declarations)
- @interface or @implementation and @end
- Different @interface or @implementation sections within the same file.
- Groups of related #import statements
- Groups of related statements in a single method implementation

Do not use one or more empty lines in any other cases.

Header and implementation files must have one, and only one, trailing empty line.

# **Header File Example**

```
//
// Created by Makarov Yury on 24/04/16.
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//
#import "ClassA.h"
#import "ProtocolA.h"
#import <Foundation/Foundation.h>

NS_ASSUME_NONNULL_BEGIN
@protocol ProtocolB;
@class ClassB;
@interface MyClass : ClassA <ProtocolA>
- (instancetype)initWithParameter1:(ClassB *)parameter1
parameter2:(id<ProtocolB>)parameter2 NS_DESIGNATED_INITIALIZER;
- (instancetype)init NS_UNAVAILABLE;
@end
NS_ASSUME_NONNULL_END
```

# 1.5. ReactiveCocoa operators

All operators should have 4 spaces indent:

```
// DO
       RACSignal *versionChecked = [[[[[[RACObserve(self.deviceModel,
configuration)
       ignore:nil]
       map:^id(PXDeviceConfiguration *config) {
           return @(config.updateStatus);
       distinctUntilChanged]
       doNext:^(NSNumber *status) {
           DDLogInfo(@"Update status: %@",
NSStringFromVersionUpdateStatus(status.integerValue));
       } ]
       filter:^BOOL(NSNumber *value) {
          return value.integerValue != PXUpdateStatusUpToDate &&
value.integerValue != PXUpdateStatusUnknown;
       deliverOnMainThread]
       replayLazily];
    [[[[RACSignal
        empty]
        deliverOn:self.scheduler]
```

```
concat:waitForRequiredData]
        concat:[self.eventProcessor beginProcessing]]
        takeUntil:halt]
        subscribel;
       // DON'T
       RACSignal *versionChecked = [[[[[[RACObserve(self.deviceModel,
configuration)
       ignore:nil]
       map:^id(PXDeviceConfiguration *config) {
           return @(config.updateStatus);
       }] distinctUntilChanged]
       doNext:^(NSNumber *status) {
           DDLogInfo(@"Update status: %@",
NSStringFromVersionUpdateStatus(status.integerValue));
       }] filter:^BOOL(NSNumber *value) {
           return value.integerValue != PXUpdateStatusUpToDate &&
value.integerValue != PXUpdateStatusUnknown;
       }] deliverOnMainThread]
       replayLazily];
       [[[[[RACSignal empty]
        deliverOn:self.scheduler]
        concat:waitForRequiredData]
        concat:[self.eventProcessor beginProcessing]]
        takeUntil:halt]
        subscribe];
```

In case there's only one operator used, indent is optional:

```
RACSignal *userSignal = [RACObserve(userModel, user) ignore:nil];
```

Put a single subscribe on the same line with the source signal:

# 2. Code Style

# 2.1. Variable Declarations

Declare one variable per line even if they have the same type.

When declaring pointers, there should be a space between the asterisk and the variable type, but none between the asterisk and the variable:

```
// DON'T
int* variablePointer2;
int* variablePointer, variable;
```

Always declare properties instead of ivars:

```
// DO
@interface MyClass ()
@property (nonatomic, strong, readonly, nullable) NSObject *object;
@end
// DON'T
@implementation MyClass {
         NSObject *_object;
}
@end
```

When declaring pointers, there should be a space between the asterisk and the variable type, but none between the asterisk and the variable.

```
// DON'T
int* variablePointer2;
int* variablePointer, variable;
```

#### 2.2. Forward Declarations

Use one line for each forward declarations:

```
// DO
@protocol forwardProtocol;
@class aClass;
@class anotherClass;
@class yetAnotherClass;

// DON'T
@protocol forwardProtocol, anotherProtocol;
@class aClass, anotherClass, yetAnotherClass;
```

### 2.3. Dot Notation

Always use dot notation when accessing properties:

```
// DO
  [self someMethod:self.someValue];
// DON'T
  [self someMethod:_someValue];
```

Dot notation should be used when accessing properties, but should not be used to invoke regular methods.

# 2.4. Property declaration

Property declarations should always precede method declarations.

Property attributes should be mentioned in the same order throughout the project.

Never omit storage attribute (strong/weak/etc). Never omit readonly and always omit readwrite specifier.

Always use nullable/null resettable attributes for the corresponding properties.

Use the following options to declare a property:

```
// DO
@property (nonatomic, strong) NSObject *object;
@property (nonatomic, strong, readonly) NSObject *object;
@property (nonatomic, strong, readonly, nullable) NSObject *object;
@property (nonatomic, assign, getter=isEnabled, readonly) BOOL enabled;

// DON'T
@property NSObject *object;
@property (strong, readonly) NSObject *object;
@property (strong, readonly, nullable, nonatomic) NSObject *object;
@property (readonly, strong) NSObject *object;
@property (nonatomic, assign, getter = isEnabled, readonly) BOOL enabled;
```

# 2.5. Imports

Includes in " " should be listed first.

```
#import "ClassA.h"
#import "ProtocolA.h"
#import <BlocksKit/BlocksKit.h>
#import <Foundation/Foundation.h>
```

# 2.6. NS\_ASSUME\_NONNULL\_BEGIN/END

Each interface declaration containing pointers should include NS ASSUME NONNULL BEGIN/END macro.

# 2.7. Designated initializers

Each designated initializer should be marked with NS\_DESIGNATED\_INITIALIZER. Initializers inherited from superclass, which are not either designated or convenience initializers, should be marked as unvavailable with NS\_UNAVAILABLE.

#### 2.8 Constants

```
// local constant
static const CGFloat kToolbarHeight = 44.0;
// global constant declaration
```

# 2.9 Static functions

# 2.10 Allocation/initialization

Be consistent in object allocation - always use alloc/init:

```
// DO
UIView *view = [[UIView alloc] init];
// DON'T
UIView *view = [UIView new];
```

# 2.11 Delegates

Declare delegate protocol below the class interface.

Each delegate method should contain a caller as the first argument:

```
// DO
@class PXObject : NSObject
@property (nonatomic, weak, nullable) id<PXDelegate> delegate;
@end
@protocol PXDelegate <NSObject>
- (void)object:(PXObject *)object didFinishTaskWithError:(NSError *)error;
@end
// DON'T
@protocol PXDelegate <NSObject>
- (void)didFinishTaskWithError:(NSError *)error;
@end
```

@class PXObject : NSObject

@property (nonatomic, weak, nullable) id<PXDelegate> delegate;

@end