

A new programming language called [Swift](#) was announced at WWDC'14. Here's a source-to-source comparison of Swift and [C#](#) using the [examples](#) given in "The Swift Programming Language" book published by Apple in the iTunes Store.

[Jacob Leverich](#) provides another excellent [point-by-point comparison with Scala](#).

# B A S I C S

## Hello World

### SWIFT

```
println("Hello, world!")
```

### CSHARP

```
Console.WriteLine("Hello, world!");
```

## Variables And Constants

## SWIFT

```
var myVariable = 42
myVariable = 50
let myConstant = 42
```

## CSHARP

```
var myVariable = 42;
myVariable = 50;
const int myConstant = 42;
```

# Explicit Types

## SWIFT

```
let explicitDouble: Double = 70
```

## CSHARP

```
const double explicitDouble = 70;
```

# Type Coercion

## SWIFT

```
let label = "The width is "
let width = 94
```

```
let widthLabel = label + String(width)
```

## CSHARP

```
var label = "The width is ";  
var width = 94;  
var widthLabel = label + width;
```

# String Interpolation

## SWIFT

```
let apples = 3  
let oranges = 5  
let fruitSummary = "I have \(apples + oranges) " +  
                    "pieces of fruit."
```

## CSHARP

```
var apples = 3;  
var oranges = 5;  
var fruitSummary = String.Format("I have {0} " +  
                                "pieces of fruit.", apples + oranges);
```

# Range Operator

## SWIFT

```
let names = ["Anna", "Alex", "Brian", "Jack"]  
let count = names.count
```

```
for i in 0..count {  
    println("Person \((i + 1) is called \((names[i]))")  
}  
// Person 1 is called Anna  
// Person 2 is called Alex  
// Person 3 is called Brian  
// Person 4 is called Jack
```

## C#

```
var names = new[] {"Anna", "Alex", "Brian", "Jack"};  
var count = names.Length;  
foreach (var i in Enumerable.Range(0, count)) {  
    Console.WriteLine("Person {0} is called {1}", i + 1, names[i]);  
}  
// Person 1 is called Anna  
// Person 2 is called Alex  
// Person 3 is called Brian  
// Person 4 is called Jack
```

# Inclusive Range Operator

## SWIFT

```
for index in 1...5 {  
    println("\(index) times 5 is \(index * 5)")  
}  
// 1 times 5 is 5  
// 2 times 5 is 10  
// 3 times 5 is 15  
// 4 times 5 is 20  
// 5 times 5 is 25
```

## C#

```
foreach (var index in Enumerable.Range(1, 5)) {
```

```
        Console.WriteLine("{0} times 5 is {1}", index, index * 5);  
    }  
    // 1 times 5 is 5  
    // 2 times 5 is 10  
    // 3 times 5 is 15  
    // 4 times 5 is 20  
    // 5 times 5 is 25
```

# COLLECTIONS

## Arrays

### SWIFT

```
var shoppingList = ["catfish", "water",  
    "tulips", "blue paint"]  
shoppingList[1] = "bottle of water"
```

### CSHARP

```
var shoppingList = new[]{"catfish", "water", "tulips", "blue paint"};  
shoppingList[1] = "bottle of water";
```

## Maps

## SWIFT

```
var occupations = [  
    "Malcolm": "Captain",  
    "Kaylee": "Mechanic",  
]  
occupations["Jayne"] = "Public Relations"
```

## CSHARP

```
var occupations = new Dictionary<string, string>  
    {  
        {"Malcolm", "Captain"},  
        {"Kaylee", "Mechanic"}  
    };  
occupations["Jayne"] = "Public Relations";
```

# Empty Collections

## SWIFT

```
let emptyArray = String[]()  
let emptyDictionary = Dictionary<String, Float>()  
let emptyArrayNoType = []
```

## CSHARP

```
var emptyArray = new String[] {};  
var emptyDictionary = new Dictionary<String, float>();  
var emptyArrayNoType = new ArrayList();
```

# FUNCTIONS

## Functions

### SWIFT

```
func greet(name: String, day: String) -> String {  
    return "Hello \(name), today is \(day)."  
}  
greet("Bob", "Tuesday")
```

### CSHARP

```
public string greet(string name, string day) {  
    return string.Format("Hello {0}, today is {1}.", name, day);  
}  
greet("Bob", "Tuesday");
```

## Tuple Return

### SWIFT

```
func getGasPrices() -> (Double, Double, Double) {  
    return (3.59, 3.69, 3.79)  
}
```

## C#

```
public Tuple<double, double, double> getGasPrices() {  
    return Tuple.Create(3.59, 3.69, 3.79);  
}
```

# Variable Number Of Arguments

## SWIFT

```
func sumOf(numbers: Int...) -> Int {  
    var sum = 0  
    for number in numbers {  
        sum += number  
    }  
    return sum  
}  
sumOf(42, 597, 12)
```

## C#

```
public int sumOf(params int[] numbers) {  
    return numbers.Sum();  
}  
sumOf(42, 597, 12)
```

# Function Type

## SWIFT



```
func makeIncrementer() -> (Int -> Int) {  
    func addOne(number: Int) -> Int {  
        return 1 + number  
    }  
    return addOne  
}  
var increment = makeIncrementer()  
increment(7)
```

## CSHARP

```
public Func<int, int> makeIncrementer() {  
    Func<int, int> addOne = number => 1 + number;  
    return addOne;  
}  
var increment = makeIncrementer();  
increment(7)
```

# Map

## SWIFT

```
var numbers = [20, 19, 7, 12]  
numbers.map({ number in 3 * number })
```

## CSHARP

```
var numbers = new[] {20, 19, 7, 12};  
numbers.Select(number => 3 * number);
```

# Sort

## SWIFT

```
sort([1, 5, 3, 12, 2]) { $0 > $1 }
```

## CSHARP

```
var list = new List<int> {1, 5, 3, 12, 2};  
list.Sort((x, y) => Convert.ToInt32((x > y)));
```

# Named Arguments

## SWIFT

```
def area(width: Int, height: Int) -> Int {  
    return width * height  
}  
  
area(width: 10, height: 10)
```

## CSHARP

```
public int area(int width, int height) {  
    return width * height;  
}  
  
area(width:10, height:10);
```

# CLASSES

## Declaration

### SWIFT

```
class Shape {  
    var numberOfSides = 0  
    func simpleDescription() -> String {  
        return "A shape with \(numberOfSides) sides."  
    }  
}
```

### CSHARP

```
class Shape {  
    public int numberOfSides { get; set; }  
    public string simpleDescription() {  
        return string.Format("A shape with {0} sides.", numberOfSides);  
    }  
}
```

## Usage

### SWIFT

```
var shape = Shape()  
shape.numberOfSides = 7  
var shapeDescription = shape.simpleDescription()
```

# C#

```
var shape = new Shape();
shape.numberOfSides = 7;
var shapeDescription = shape.simpleDescription();
```

## Subclass

# SWIFT

```
class NamedShape {
    var numberOfSides: Int = 0
    var name: String

    init(name: String) {
        self.name = name
    }

    func simpleDescription() -> String {
        return "A shape with \(numberOfSides) sides."
    }
}

class Square: NamedShape {
    var sideLength: Double

    init(sideLength: Double, name: String) {
        self.sideLength = sideLength
        super.init(name: name)
        numberOfSides = 4
    }

    func area() -> Double {
        return sideLength * sideLength
    }

    override func simpleDescription() -> String {
        return "A square with sides of length
```

```

        \((sideLength)."
```

```

    }
}

let test = Square(sideLength: 5.2)
test.area()
test.simpleDescription()
```

## C#

```

class NamedShape {
    public int numberOfSides { get; set; }
    public string name { get; set; }

    public NamedShape(string name) {
        this.name = name;
    }

    public virtual string simpleDescription() {
        return string.Format("A shape with {0} sides.",
                               numberOfSides);
    }
}

class Square : NamedShape {
    public double sideLength { get; set; }
    public Square(double sideLength, string name) : base(name) {
        this.sideLength = sideLength;
        this.numberOfSides = 4;
    }

    public double area() {
        return sideLength * sideLength;
    }

    public override string simpleDescription() {
        return string.Format("A square with sides of length {0}.",
                               sideLength);
    }
}

val test = new Square(5.2, "my test square");
test.area();
test.simpleDescription();
```

# Checking Type

## SWIFT

```
var movieCount = 0
var songCount = 0

for item in library {
    if item is Movie {
        ++movieCount
    } else if item is Song {
        ++songCount
    }
}
```

## CSHARP

```
var movieCount = 0;
var songCount = 0;

foreach (var item in library) {
    if (item is Movie) {
        ++movieCount;
    } else if (item is Song) {
        ++songCount;
    }
}
```

# Downcasting

## SWIFT

```
for object in someObjects {  
    let movie = object as Movie  
    println("Movie: '\(movie.name)', dir. \(movie.director)")  
}
```

## C#

```
foreach (var obj in someObjects) {  
    var movie = obj as Movie;  
    if (movie != null) {  
        Console.WriteLine(string.Format("Movie: '{0}', dir. {1}",  
                                         movie.name, movie.director));  
    }  
}
```

# Protocol

## SWIFT

```
protocol Nameable {  
    func name() -> String  
}  
  
func f<T: Nameable>(x: T) {  
    println("Name is " + x.name())  
}
```

## C#

```
interface Nameable {  
    string name();  
}  
  
public void f<T>(T x) where T : Nameable {  
    Console.WriteLine("Name is " + x.name());  
}
```

# Extensions

## SWIFT

```
extension Double {
    var km: Double { return self * 1_000.0 }
    var m: Double { return self }
    var cm: Double { return self / 100.0 }
    var mm: Double { return self / 1_000.0 }
    var ft: Double { return self / 3.28084 }
}
let oneInch = 25.4.mm
println("One inch is \(oneInch) meters")
// prints "One inch is 0.0254 meters"
let threeFeet = 3.ft
println("Three feet is \(threeFeet) meters")
// prints "Three feet is 0.914399970739201 meters"
```

## CSHARP

```
public static class DoubleExtension {
    public static double km(this double number) {
        return number * 1000.0;
    }

    public static double m(this double number) {
        return number;
    }

    public static double cm(this double number) {
        return number / 100.0;
    }

    public static double mm(this double number) {
        return number / 1000.0;
    }
}
```



```
public static double ft(this double number) {  
    return number / 3.28084;  
}  
  
}  
  
val oneInch = (25.4).mm();  
Console.WriteLine("One inch is {0} meters", oneInch);  
// prints "One inch is 0.0254 meters"  
var threeFeet = (3.0).ft();  
Console.WriteLine("Three feet is {0} meters", threeFeet);  
// prints "Three feet is 0.914399970739201 meters"
```

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