

# Senior iOS Developer Swift Interview Questions (2025 Edition)

## 1. Differences between **class**, **struct**, and **actor** in Swift

### **class** (Reference Type)

- **Stored in Heap:** Objects live in memory until there are no references left.
- **Pass-by-Reference:** When assigned to a new variable, only the reference (pointer) is copied, not the data.
- **Supports Inheritance:** Classes can inherit properties and methods from another class.
- **Mutable Even If Declared with **let**:** Unlike structs, properties of a class can be modified even if the instance is assigned to a constant.

**Example:**

```
class Person {  
    var name: String  
    init(name: String) {  
        self.name = name  
    }  
}  
  
let person1 = Person(name: "Alice")  
let person2 = person1 // Both person1 and person2 refer to the same  
memory address  
person2.name = "Bob"  
  
print(person1.name) // "Bob" (Changes reflect in both instances)
```

### **struct** (Value Type)

- **Stored in Stack:** Structs are destroyed when they go out of scope, making them more memory efficient.
- **Pass-by-Value:** Assigning a struct to a new variable copies the data.
- **No Inheritance:** Structs do not support inheritance.

- **Mutability Control:** Requires `mutating` keyword for modifying properties in methods.

**Example:**

```
struct Person {  
    var name: String  
}  
  
var person1 = Person(name: "Alice")  
var person2 = person1 // Creates a separate copy  
  
person2.name = "Bob"  
print(person1.name) // "Alice" (No change in the original instance)
```

### **actor** (Reference Type with Concurrency)

- **Ensures Thread Safety:** Protects data from race conditions.
- **Sequential Access:** Allows only one task to access properties at a time.

**Example:**

```
actor BankAccount {  
    private var balance: Int = 0  
  
    func deposit(amount: Int) {  
        balance += amount  
    }  
  
    func getBalance() -> Int {  
        return balance  
    }  
}  
  
let account = BankAccount()  
Task {  
    await account.deposit(amount: 100)  
    print(await account.getBalance()) // Ensures safe access
```

```
}
```

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## 2. Property Wrappers in Swift

Property wrappers allow reusable logic for properties.

### Creating a Custom Property Wrapper

```
@propertyWrapper
struct Capitalized {
    private var value: String = ""

    var wrappedValue: String {
        get { value }
        set { value = newValue.capitalized }
    }
}

struct User {
    @Capitalized var name: String
}

var user = User(name: "john doe")
print(user.name) // "John Doe"
```

- ♦ **Use Case:** Automatically capitalize user input.
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## 3. @autoclosure and Its Use

@autoclosure allows expressions to be automatically converted into closures.

### Without @autoclosure

```
func logIfTrue(_ condition: () -> Bool) {
    if condition() {
        print("Condition met")
    }
}
```

```
logIfTrue({ 5 > 3 }) // Explicit closure
```

### With @autoclosure

```
func logIfTrue(_ condition: @autoclosure () -> Bool) {
    if condition() {
        print("Condition met")
    }
}
```

```
logIfTrue(5 > 3) // No need to wrap in `{ }`
```

- ◆ **Use Case:** Avoid unnecessary computation (e.g., assertions, logging).

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## 4. Swift Memory Management & ARC

- **Automatic Reference Counting (ARC)** tracks references to class instances.
- Objects are automatically **deallocated** when **reference count = 0**.

### Example:

```
class Car {
    var model: String
    init(model: String) {
        self.model = model
        print("\(model) initialized")
    }
}
```

```
    deinit {  
        print("\(model) deallocated")  
    }  
}
```

```
var car1: Car? = Car(model: "Tesla")  
car1 = nil // "Tesla deallocated"
```

- ◆ **Use Case:** Efficient memory handling in Swift.
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## 5. Retain Cycles & Prevention

A **retain cycle** happens when two objects strongly reference each other.

### Retain Cycle Example

```
class Person {  
    var name: String  
    var pet: Pet? // Strong reference  
    init(name: String) { self.name = name }  
}  
  
class Pet {  
    var name: String  
    var owner: Person? // Strong reference  
    init(name: String) { self.name = name }  
}
```

### Solution: Use **weak** or **unowned**

```
class Person {  
    var name: String  
    weak var pet: Pet? // Weak reference prevents retain cycle  
}
```

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## 6. inout Parameters in Swift

- Allows modification of function parameters directly.

```
func doubleValue(_ number: inout Int) {  
    number *= 2  
}
```

```
var value = 10  
doubleValue(&value)  
print(value) // 20
```

- ♦ **Use Case:** Modifying variables without returning a new value.

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## 7. Codable & Decodable with Custom JSON Handling

Swift can encode and decode JSON using `Codable`.

### Basic Example

```
struct User: Codable {  
    var name: String  
    var age: Int  
}
```

### Custom Decoding Example

```
struct User: Codable {  
    var name: String  
    var age: Int
```

```
enum CodingKeys: String, CodingKey {
    case name
    case age = "user_age" // Maps JSON key to a different property
name
}
}
```

- ◆ **Use Case:** Handling different JSON formats.
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## 8. Escaping vs Non-Escaping Closures

### Non-Escaping (Default)

```
func performTask(task: () -> Void) {
    task() // Executed immediately
}
```

### Escaping (@escaping)

```
func performAsyncTask(completion: @escaping () -> Void) {
    DispatchQueue.global().async {
        sleep(2)
        completion()
    }
}
```

- ◆ **Use Case:** Asynchronous operations.
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## 9. Function Builders in Swift

Used in SwiftUI to build complex structures.

```

@resultBuilder
struct StringBuilder {
    static func buildBlock(_ components: String...) -> String {
        components.joined(separator: " ")
    }
}

func makeSentence(@StringBuilder _ content: () -> String) -> String {
    content()
}

let sentence = makeSentence {
    "Swift"
    "is"
    "awesome!"
}

print(sentence) // "Swift is awesome!"

```

- ◆ **Use Case:** DSLs like SwiftUI.
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## 10. Any vs AnyObject vs AnyHashable

- **Any:** Any type (class, struct, enum, etc.).
- **AnyObject:** Only class types.
- **AnyHashable:** Any type that conforms to **Hashable**.

```

let anything: Any = 42
let anyObject: AnyObject = NSString("Hello")
let hashable: AnyHashable = "Swift"

```

- ◆ **Use Case:** Flexible APIs that accept multiple types.
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# 11. Difference Between **protocol** and **class** Inheritance

## Class Inheritance

- **Single Inheritance:** A class can inherit from only one superclass.
- **State Management:** Can have stored properties.
- **Reference Type:** Modifying an instance affects all references.
- **Dynamic Dispatch:** Methods can be overridden using **override** and dynamically dispatched at runtime.

### Example:

```
class Animal {
    var name: String
    init(name: String) { self.name = name }

    func makeSound() {
        print("Some generic animal sound")
    }
}

class Dog: Animal {
    override func makeSound() {
        print("Woof!")
    }
}

let dog = Dog(name: "Buddy")
dog.makeSound() // "Woof!"
```

## Protocol Inheritance

- **Multiple Inheritance:** A type can conform to multiple protocols.
- **No Stored Properties:** Only defines behavior.
- **Static Dispatch:** Methods from protocols are usually resolved at compile time.

### Example:

```

protocol Flyable {
    func fly()
}

protocol Swimmable {
    func swim()
}

class Duck: Flyable, Swimmable {
    func fly() { print("Duck is flying") }
    func swim() { print("Duck is swimming") }
}

```

◆ **Key Takeaway:**

- Use **class inheritance** for **shared state**.
- Use **protocols** for **behavior composition**.

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## 12. Associated Types in Swift Protocols

- **associatedtype** allows a protocol to **define a placeholder type**.
- The actual type is **determined by the conforming type**.

### Example

```

protocol Container {
    associatedtype Item
    func add(_ item: Item)
    func getAll() -> [Item]
}

class IntContainer: Container {
    private var items: [Int] = []

    func add(_ item: Int) { items.append(item) }
    func getAll() -> [Int] { items }
}

```

```
}
```

#### ♦ Why?

- Increases flexibility.
  - Allows defining **generic-like** behavior inside protocols.
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## 13. Protocol-Oriented Programming (POP) vs Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)

### OOP Approach

- Uses **inheritance** to share behavior.
- Often results in **deep class hierarchies**.

#### Example

```
class Animal {  
    func makeSound() { print("Some animal sound") }  
}  
  
class Dog: Animal {  
    override func makeSound() { print("Bark!") }  
}
```

### POP Approach

- Uses **protocol extensions** to share behavior.
- Encourages **composition over inheritance**.

#### Example

```
protocol SoundMaking {  
    func makeSound()  
}
```

```
extension SoundMaking {
    func makeSound() { print("Default sound") }
}

struct Dog: SoundMaking {
    func makeSound() { print("Bark!") }
}
```

- ♦ POP avoids deep hierarchies, making code more modular and flexible.
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## 14. Purpose of **Self** in Protocols

- **Self** refers to the **conforming type** inside a protocol.

### Example: Returning **Self**

```
protocol Cloneable {
    func clone() -> Self
}

class Car: Cloneable {
    func clone() -> Self { return self }
}
```

- ♦ **Why?** Ensures that **clone()** always returns the correct type.
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## 15. Generic Constraints in Swift

- Constrain a generic type to a **specific requirement**.

### Example: Generic with a Constraint

```
func findLargest<T: Comparable>(in array: [T]) -> T? {  
    return array.max()  
}  
  
print(findLargest(in: [1, 2, 3, 4])) // 4
```

### Using **where** Clause

```
func findElement<T>(in array: [T]) where T: Equatable {  
    // Function body  
}
```

- ◆ **Why?** Ensures type safety while allowing flexibility.
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## 16. Extending a Protocol

- Protocol extensions allow adding **default implementations**.

### Example

```
protocol Greetable {  
    func greet()  
}  
  
extension Greetable {  
    func greet() {  
        print("Hello, World!")  
    }  
}  
  
struct Person: Greetable {}  
  
let person = Person()  
person.greet() // "Hello, World!"
```

- ◆ **Reduces boilerplate code** by providing default implementations.
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## 17. Opaque Return Types (**some**) in Swift

- **Hides concrete return types** while ensuring type safety.

### Example

```
protocol Shape {
    func area() -> Double
}

struct Circle: Shape {
    var radius: Double
    func area() -> Double { return .pi * radius * radius }
}

func getShape() -> some Shape {
    return Circle(radius: 5)
}
```

- ◆ **Why?**
    - Prevents exposing implementation details.
    - Makes return types more flexible.
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## 18. Covariance and Contravariance in Swift Generics

### Covariance (Subtype Allowed)

- **Allows a subtype** where a supertype is expected.

```
class Animal {}
class Dog: Animal {}
```

```
let animals: [Animal] = [Dog()] // ✅ Allowed (Array is covariant)
```

## Contravariance (Supertype Allowed)

- **Allows a supertype** where a subtype is expected.

```
func printAnimalInfo(_ animal: Animal) { print("Animal info") }  
let dogPrinter: (Dog) -> Void = printAnimalInfo // ✅ Allowed  
(Contravariant)
```

- ♦ **Why?** Helps maintain **type safety**.
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## 19. Handling Multiple Protocol Conformances with Conflicting Methods

When two protocols define the **same method**, Swift requires **explicit disambiguation**.

### Example

```
protocol A {  
    func greet()  
}  
  
protocol B {  
    func greet()  
}  
  
struct MyStruct: A, B {  
    func greet() { print("Hello from MyStruct") }  
}
```

### Solution: Use Extensions

```
extension MyStruct: A {
```

```

    func greet() { print("Hello from A") }
}

extension MyStruct: B {
    func greet() { print("Hello from B") }
}

```

- ♦ **Why?** Ensures correct method resolution.

## 20. @objc and Why It's Needed

- Used to expose Swift methods to **Objective-C runtime**.
- Required for **Selector-based APIs** (e.g., `#selector()`).

### Example

```

import Foundation

class MyClass: NSObject {
    @objc func sayHello() {
        print("Hello, Objective-C!")
    }
}

let selector = #selector(MyClass.sayHello)

```

- ♦ **Why?**
  - Enables compatibility with **Objective-C frameworks**.
  - Allows method calls using `#selector()`.

## 21. Explain the difference between Grand Central Dispatch (GCD) and Operation Queues.

**Grand Central Dispatch (GCD)** and **Operation Queues (NSOperationQueue)** are both concurrency mechanisms in iOS, but they have key differences in flexibility and complexity:



Feature	GCD ( <b>DispatchQueue</b> )	Operation Queue ( <b>NSOperationQueue</b> )
<b>Abstraction Level</b>	Low-level API (C-based)	High-level API (Objective-C-based)
<b>Task Representation</b>	Uses closures ( <b>DispatchWorkItem</b> )	Uses <b>NSOperation</b> subclasses
<b>Dependency Handling</b>	No built-in dependency management	Supports dependencies between operations
<b>Task Cancellation</b>	No direct cancellation (must handle manually)	Supports <b>cancel()</b> method for <b>NSOperation</b>
<b>Priority Control</b>	Uses <b>QoS</b> (Quality of Service)	More advanced priority control with dependencies
<b>Observability</b>	No direct KVO support	Supports KVO (Key-Value Observing)
<b>Thread Safety</b>	Basic synchronization tools	More robust with dependencies and execution states

👉 Use **GCD** when you need simple, lightweight, and low-overhead concurrency.

👉 Use **Operation Queues** when you need dependency management, cancellation, and observability.

## 22. What are the differences between **async/await**, **DispatchQueue**, and **NSOperationQueue**?

Feature	<b>async/await</b>	<b>DispatchQueue (GCD)</b>	<b>NSOperationQueue</b>
<b>Abstraction Level</b>	High-level (Swift concurrency)	Mid-level (GCD API)	High-level (Foundation API)
<b>Concurrency Model</b>	Structured concurrency	Task-based, dispatch queues	Object-oriented, operation queues

<b>Syntax</b>	<code>async let, await</code>	<code>DispatchQueue.async {}</code>	<code>OperationQueue.addOperation {}</code>
<b>Cancellation</b>	Supports cooperative cancellation ( <code>Task.cancel()</code> )	No built-in cancellation	Supports <code>cancel()</code> on <code>NSOperation</code>
<b>Dependency Management</b>	Not directly supported (managed by <code>TaskGroup</code> )	No dependencies	Supports dependencies via <code>addDependency()</code>
<b>Performance</b>	Optimized for Swift's structured concurrency	Lightweight, efficient for simple tasks	More overhead due to object-oriented design

👉 Use **async/await** for structured, safe concurrency with cooperative cancellation.

👉 Use **GCD (DispatchQueue)** for simple concurrency without dependencies.

👉 Use **NSOperationQueue** for complex dependencies and task management.

## 23. What is an actor in Swift? How does it help in thread safety?

**Actors** in Swift are a concurrency-safe type that serializes access to its mutable state, preventing race conditions.

```
actor BankAccount {
    private var balance: Int = 0

    func deposit(amount: Int) {
        balance += amount
    }

    func getBalance() -> Int {
        return balance
    }
}
```

## How Actors Ensure Thread Safety

1. **Encapsulation of State** – All properties inside an actor are protected from data races.

**Asynchronous Access** – Methods inside an actor must be accessed using `await`:

```
let account = BankAccount()
await account.deposit(amount: 100)
```

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3. **Automatic Serialization** – Multiple tasks calling an actor will be serialized, preventing simultaneous writes.

👉 Use actors when you need **safe concurrent access** to shared mutable state.

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## 24. Explain **Task**, **TaskGroup**, and **DetachedTask** in Swift concurrency.

1. **Task (Structured Concurrency)**
  - Runs an asynchronous operation within the structured concurrency model.
  - Can inherit task priorities.

Example:

```
Task {
    await fetchData()
}
```

2. **TaskGroup (Parallel Execution)**
  - Enables concurrent child tasks within a single parent scope.

Example:

```
await withTaskGroup(of: Int.self) { group in
    for i in 1...5 {
        group.addTask { return i * i }
    }
}
```

```
}
```

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### 3. **DetachedTask** (Unstructured Concurrency)

- Runs independently without inheriting priority or task context.

Example:

```
let handle = Task.detached {  
    return await fetchData()  
}  
let result = await handle.value
```

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👉 Use **Task** for structured concurrency, **TaskGroup** for parallel execution, and **DetachedTask** when detachment from the parent context is required.

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## 25. How does **MainActor** work? When should you use it?

**@MainActor** ensures that code runs on the main thread.

Example

```
@MainActor  
class ViewModel {  
    var title: String = "Hello"  
  
    fun updateTitle() {  
        title = "Updated"  
    }  
}
```

Or for a function:

```
@MainActor
```

```
func updateUI() {
    label.text = "Updated"
}
```

👉 Use **MainActor** for UI updates and main-thread-bound tasks.

## 26. What are structured and unstructured concurrency in Swift?

Type	Definition	Example
<b>Structured Concurrency</b>	Tasks are managed within a scope, ensuring they complete before the function exits.	<code>Task { await fetchData() }</code>
<b>Unstructured Concurrency</b>	Tasks run independently without direct supervision.	<code>Task.detached { await fetchData() }</code>

👉 Use **structured concurrency** (**Task**, **TaskGroup**) for safety, and **unstructured concurrency** (**DetachedTask**) when needed.

## 27. Explain the differences between **Task.sleep()** and **Thread.sleep()**.

Feature	<b>Task.sleep()</b>	<b>Thread.sleep()</b>
<b>Concurrency Model</b>	Works with Swift concurrency	Blocks the entire thread
<b>Performance</b>	Non-blocking, suspends only the task	Blocking, inefficient for concurrency
<b>Usage</b>	<code>await Task.sleep(1_000_000_000)</code>	<code>Thread.sleep(forTimeInterval: 1.0)</code>

👉 Use **Task.sleep()** in Swift concurrency to avoid blocking threads.

## 28. How does Swift handle race conditions?

Swift prevents race conditions using:

1. **Actors** (`@MainActor, actor`).
  2. **Isolation Mechanisms** (`Task, TaskGroup`).
  3. **Serial Dispatch Queues** (`DispatchQueue.serial`).
  4. **Locks & Semaphores** (if needed in legacy code).
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## 29. What is deadlock, and how can you prevent it?

A **deadlock** happens when two threads wait indefinitely for each other to release resources.

### Example of Deadlock

```
let queue = DispatchQueue(label: "com.deadlock")
queue.sync {
    queue.sync { print("Deadlock") } // This will cause a deadlock
}
```

### How to Prevent Deadlocks

1. **Avoid nested `sync` calls.**
  2. **Use `async` instead of `sync` when dispatching tasks.**
  3. **Use timeout mechanisms in locks.**
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## 30. How would you handle a network request that requires multiple dependent API calls asynchronously?

Use **`async/await`** with structured concurrency:

```
func fetchUserProfile() async throws -> UserProfile {
    let user = try await fetchUser()
    let posts = try await fetchPosts(user.id)
    let friends = try await fetchFriends(user.id)

    return UserProfile(user: user, posts: posts, friends: friends)
```

}

👉 Use **async/await** for dependencies and **TaskGroup** for parallel execution.

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## 31. Differences Between MVC, MVVM, and VIPER

These are architectural patterns used to organize iOS applications:

### Model-View-Controller (MVC)

- **Structure:**
  - Model: Manages data and business logic.
  - View: Handles UI representation.
  - Controller: Acts as a mediator between Model and View.
- **Pros:** Simple and widely used.
- **Cons:** Leads to "Massive View Controller" due to bloated logic.
- **Use Case:** Best for small apps or when quick development is needed.

### Model-View-ViewModel (MVVM)

- **Structure:**
  - Model: Data and logic.
  - View: UI representation.
  - ViewModel: Transforms data for the View and handles presentation logic.
- **Pros:** Better separation of concerns, improved testability.
- **Cons:** Requires more setup than MVC.
- **Use Case:** Best for medium to large apps, especially when using SwiftUI (because of bindings).

### View-Interactor-Presenter-Entity-Router (VIPER)

- **Structure:**
  - View: UI Layer.
  - Interactor: Handles business logic.
  - Presenter: Prepares data for View.
  - Entity: Model layer.
  - Router: Handles navigation.
- **Pros:** High modularity, excellent testability.
- **Cons:** Complex and requires more code.
- **Use Case:** Large-scale applications with multiple layers of logic.

### Choosing Between Them

- **MVC** → Small projects, fast prototyping.
  - **MVVM** → Medium/large apps, better maintainability.
  - **VIPER** → Large enterprise apps where modularity and scalability are key.
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## 32. Using **Combine** for Reactive Programming

**Combine** is Apple's reactive framework that allows declarative and functional programming.

### Example: Observing API Response

```
import Combine

struct APIClient {
    func fetchData() -> AnyPublisher<String, Error> {
        let url = URL(string: "https://api.example.com/data")!
        return URLSession.shared.dataTaskPublisher(for: url)
            .map { String(decoding: $0.data, as: UTF8.self) }
            .mapError { $0 as Error }
            .eraseToAnyPublisher()
    }
}
```

### Using Combine with SwiftUI

```
class ViewModel: ObservableObject {
    @Published var data: String = ""
    var cancellables = Set<AnyCancellable>()

    func loadData() {
        APIClient().fetchData()
            .receive(on: DispatchQueue.main)
            .sink(receiveCompletion: { _ in }, receiveValue: {
self.data = $0 })
            .store(in: &cancellables)
    }
}
```



## Use Cases

- Handling API responses.
  - Real-time UI updates (binding ViewModel to UI).
  - Chaining multiple asynchronous operations.
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### 33. **ObservableObject**, **@Published**, and **@State** in SwiftUI

These are used to handle state management.

#### **ObservableObject**

A class that conforms to **ObservableObject** can notify SwiftUI views about state changes.

```
class ViewModel: ObservableObject {  
    @Published var count = 0  
}
```

#### **@Published**

Used within **ObservableObject** to notify when a property changes.

```
class ViewModel: ObservableObject {  
    @Published var username: String = ""  
}
```

#### **@State**

Used for local state within a SwiftUI View.

```
struct CounterView: View {  
    @State private var count = 0  
}
```

## Differences

Property	Used in	Scope
@State	View	Local
@Published	ViewModel	Used with ObservableObject
ObservableObject	ViewModel	Global state

## 34. Dependency Injection in Swift

Dependency Injection (DI) allows passing dependencies instead of hardcoding them.

### 1. Constructor Injection

```
class NetworkService {  
    func fetchData() { }  
}  
  
class ViewModel {  
    let service: NetworkService  
    init(service: NetworkService) {  
        self.service = service  
    }  
}
```

### 2. Property Injection

```
class ViewModel {  
    var service: NetworkService?  
}
```

### 3. Factory Pattern

```
class DependencyFactory {  
    static func createService() -> NetworkService {
```

```

        return NetworkService()
    }
}

```

#### 4. Using Swinject (DI Framework)

```

let container = Container()
container.register(NetworkService.self) { _ in NetworkService() }

```

#### Choosing the Right Approach

- **Constructor Injection:** Preferred for immutability.
  - **Property Injection:** Used when dependency can change.
  - **Factory Pattern:** Best for centralized dependency management.
  - **DI Frameworks:** Suitable for large applications.
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### 35. Implementing Deep Linking in iOS

Deep linking allows opening specific app screens via URLs.

#### Using URL Schemes

1. Add a URL Scheme in `Info.plist`.
2. Handle in `AppDelegate`:

```

func application(_ app: UIApplication, open url: URL, options:
[UIApplication.OpenURLOptionsKey: Any] = [:]) -> Bool {
    print("Opened with URL: \(url)")
    return true
}

```

#### Using Universal Links

1. Configure Associated Domains in `Entitlements.plist`.
  2. Add an `apple-app-site-association` (AASA) file on the server.
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## 36. Core Data vs Realm

Feature	Core Data	Realm
Apple-native	✓	✗
Performance	Good	Faster
Schema Migration	Complex	Easier
Multi-threading	Difficult	Easier
Relationship Handling	Complex	Simple

### When to Choose?

- **Core Data:** When integrating with Apple's ecosystem.
  - **Realm:** When performance and ease of use are priorities.
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## 37. Diffable Data Sources

`DiffableDataSource` simplifies handling updates in `UITableView/UICollectionView`.

### Traditional `UITableViewDataSource`

```
func tableView(_ tableView: UITableView, cellForRowAt indexPath:
IndexPath) -> UITableViewCell {
    // Standard cell creation
}
```

### Diffable Data Source

```
let dataSource = UITableViewDiffableDataSource<Section,
Item>(tableView: tableView) { tableView, indexPath, item in
    let cell = tableView.dequeueReusableCell(withIdentifier: "cell",
for: indexPath)
    cell.textLabel?.text = item.title
    return cell
}
```

## Advantages

- Automatic animations.
  - No need to manually call `reloadData()`.
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## 38. Optimizing Scrolling Performance

- Use `cellForRowAt` efficiently.
  - Implement cell reuse (`dequeueReusableCell`).
  - Use lightweight views (`drawRect` sparingly).
  - Enable prefetching (`UITableViewDataSourcePrefetching`).
  - Use background threads for data processing.
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## 39. Integrating SwiftUI with UIKit

### Embedding SwiftUI in UIKit

```
let swiftUIView = UIHostingController(rootView: MySwiftUIView())
```

### Embedding UIKit in SwiftUI

```
struct MyUIKitView: UIViewControllerRepresentable {  
    func makeUIViewController(context: Context) -> UIViewController {  
        return MyViewController()  
    }  
}
```

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## 40. What are App Clips, and how do you implement them?

App Clips are lightweight, fast, and focused mini versions of an iOS app that allow users to access specific app functionalities **without installing the full app**. They are designed for quick interactions (under 10MB) and can be launched via:

- **QR codes**
- **NFC tags**
- **Safari smart banners**
- **Messages and Maps links**
- **App Clip Codes (Apple-designed visual codes)**

♦ **Example Use Cases:**

- Ordering food without downloading a restaurant's app
  - Paying for parking
  - Renting bikes or scooters
  - Checking into a hotel
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## How to Implement App Clips?

### 1. Create an App Clip Target in Xcode

1. Open your main Xcode project.
2. Go to **File > New > Target**.
3. Select **App Clip** and add it to your existing app.

This creates a lightweight version of your app with a separate bundle identifier.

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### 2. Design a Lightweight UI & Functionality

- Keep it under **10MB**.
  - Load essential assets only.
  - Use **on-demand resources** for extra assets if needed.
  - Limit the app clip's purpose to a single task.
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### 3. Implement App Clip Invocation Using NSUserActivity

In the App Clip's `SceneDelegate.swift`, handle the incoming URL:

```
func scene(_ scene: UIScene, continue userActivity:
NSUserActivity) {
```

```
        guard let incomingURL = userActivity.webpageURL else { return  
    }  
  
    handleIncomingURL(incomingURL)  
}
```

This allows App Clips to recognize when launched via a URL or NFC tag.

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#### 4. Set Up Associated Domains

1. In **Signing & Capabilities**, add **Associated Domains** capability.
2. Include your website domain with `applinks:` and `appclip:` prefixes:

```
applinks:yourdomain.com
```

```
appclip:yourdomain.com
```

- 3.

Deploy an **Apple App Site Association (AASA)** file at <https://yourdomain.com/.well-known/apple-app-site-association> with App Clip details.

Example AASA file:

```
{  
  "applinks": {  
    "apps": [],  
    "details": [{  
      "appID": "TEAM_ID.com.example.yourApp",  
      "paths": ["/order/*"]  
    }]  
  },  
}
```

```
"appclips": {  
    "apps": ["TEAM_ID.com.example.yourAppClip"]  
}  
}
```

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## 5. Add App Clip Experience in App Store Connect

1. Go to **App Store Connect > Your App**.
  2. Navigate to **App Clip Experiences**.
  3. Configure **Invocation Methods** (QR, NFC, URLs).
  4. Associate it with a relevant **App Clip Card** (appears in Safari, Messages, etc.).
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## 6. Test Your App Clip

- Use **Xcode's App Clip Invocation** feature.
  - Scan the App Clip QR code in the developer menu.
  - Test in Safari using [apple-app-site-association](#).
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## 41. What tools do you use for profiling and optimizing an iOS application?

Profiling and optimization in iOS are crucial to maintaining performance. The primary tools used are:

- **Xcode Instruments**: Helps analyze memory leaks, CPU usage, disk writes, network performance, etc.
  - **Time Profiler**: Detects bottlenecks in CPU usage and function execution time.
  - **Leaks Instrument**: Identifies memory leaks caused by retained objects.
  - **Zombies Instrument**: Helps debug memory access issues by detecting messages sent to deallocated objects.
  - **Energy Log**: Monitors energy impact, ensuring app efficiency.
  - **Network Profiler**: Monitors API call response times and network usage.
  - **Malloc and VM Tracker**: Analyzes memory allocation and deallocation patterns.
  - **Static Analyzer**: Detects issues in the code before runtime.
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## 42. How do you reduce an iOS app's memory footprint?

Reducing memory footprint ensures better performance and stability. Some best practices include:

- **Use ARC (Automatic Reference Counting)** to manage memory automatically.
  - **Avoid retain cycles** by using weak/unowned references in closures and delegate patterns.
  - **Efficient image handling:** Use `UIImage(named:)` instead of `UIImage(contentsOfFile:)` and prefer `ImageAssets`.
  - **Use memory-efficient data structures** like `Set` and `Dictionary` instead of arrays where applicable.
  - **Dispose of unused objects** by setting variables to `nil` when they are no longer needed.
  - **Avoid overuse of singletons**, as they persist in memory throughout the app lifecycle.
  - **Compress images** and use **WebP format** for better efficiency.
  - **Release unused objects and caches** during memory warnings.
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## 43. How does Instruments help in detecting memory leaks?

**Instruments** provides detailed memory analysis with these key features:

- **Leaks Instrument:** Detects memory leaks by tracking unreferenced objects that still exist in memory.
- **Allocations Instrument:** Monitors memory usage and highlights excessive allocation.
- **Zombies Instrument:** Detects messages sent to deallocated objects, preventing crashes.
- **Heapshot Analysis:** Captures memory states at different execution points, identifying objects that persist unexpectedly.
- **Retain Cycles Detection:** Finds objects that hold strong references to each other, preventing deallocation.

Using these tools, developers can identify and fix memory leaks, preventing performance degradation.

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## 44. Explain lazy loading and its benefits in an iOS app.

**Lazy loading** is a technique where data or resources are loaded **only when needed** instead of during app startup.

### Benefits:

- **Reduces initial memory consumption**, improving app launch speed.
- **Optimizes resource utilization**, loading heavy assets only when required.
- **Enhances scrolling performance** in lists (e.g., `UITableView` and `UICollectionView`) by loading images asynchronously.
- **Improves battery life** by reducing unnecessary processing.

**Example:** Lazy loading an image in `UITableViewCell`:

```
class CustomCell: UITableViewCell {
    var imageURL: URL? {
        didSet {
            loadImage()
        }
    }

    private func loadImage() {
        guard let url = imageURL else { return }
        DispatchQueue.global().async {
            if let data = try? Data(contentsOf: url),
                let image = UIImage(data: data) {
                DispatchQueue.main.async {
                    self.imageView?.image = image
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

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### 45. What are the best practices for handling large images in an iOS app?

- **Use ImageAssets & Vector Graphics:** Prefer `SF Symbols` or `PDFs` over high-resolution raster images.
- **Use WebP Format:** Provides better compression than PNG or JPEG.
- **Resize Images Before Displaying:** Avoid storing oversized images in memory.
- **Load Images Lazily:** Use libraries like `SDWebImage` or `Kingfisher` for asynchronous loading and caching.

- **Use Core Animation & Metal:** Efficiently render images without blocking the main thread.
  - **Avoid Using UIImage(contentsOfFile:):** Use `UIImage(named:)` for caching benefits.
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#### 46. How do you optimize Core Data performance for large-scale applications?

- **Use Background Contexts:** Perform heavy operations in background threads.
  - **Batch Inserts and Updates:** Minimize write operations using `NSBatchInsertRequest`.
  - **Indexing:** Index frequently queried attributes to speed up fetch requests.
  - **Faulting & Lazy Loading:** Avoid preloading all objects into memory.
  - **Compact the SQLite Database:** Run `NSPersistentStoreCoordinator.execute(_:)` periodically.
  - **Use Fetch Limits & Predicates:** Avoid fetching large datasets unnecessarily.
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#### 47. What are some strategies for improving app launch time?

- **Reduce App Bundle Size:** Remove unnecessary assets and use App Thinning.
  - **Defer Non-Essential Work:** Load only critical components at startup.
  - **Optimize Storyboards:** Avoid using a single massive storyboard.
  - **Lazy Load Heavy Objects:** Defer database loading and networking calls.
  - **Preload Data Efficiently:** Use background fetching and caching mechanisms.
  - **Optimize Static Initializers:** Avoid expensive computations in `AppDelegate`.
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#### 48. Explain how to handle background execution and app lifecycle management.

iOS provides background execution modes:

- **Background Fetch:** Fetches new data periodically (`setMinimumBackgroundFetchInterval`).
- **Silent Push Notifications:** Updates app content without user interaction.
- **Background Tasks (BGTaskScheduler):** Executes long-running tasks in the background.
- **Audio, Location, and VoIP Services:** Special cases where apps continue running.

**Lifecycle Management:**

- `applicationDidEnterBackground`: Save data and release resources.
  - `applicationWillEnterForeground`: Restore the state and refresh UI.
  - `applicationDidBecomeActive`: Restart paused tasks.
  - `applicationWillTerminate`: Perform final cleanup.
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## 49. What are some security best practices for storing sensitive data in an iOS app?

- **Use Keychain Services**: Store sensitive user credentials securely.
  - **Encrypt Local Data**: Use **AES-256** for local file encryption.
  - **Avoid Hardcoded Secrets**: Never store API keys or credentials in the app bundle.
  - **Use Secure Enclaves**: Store biometric authentication data safely.
  - **Enable App Transport Security (ATS)**: Force HTTPS connections.
  - **Use Secure Storage**: Prefer `UserDefaults` only for non-sensitive data.
  - **Implement Two-Factor Authentication (2FA)**: For better security.
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## 50. How would you implement end-to-end encryption in an iOS app?

End-to-end encryption (E2EE) ensures that data remains encrypted from sender to receiver.

### Steps to Implement:

1. **Generate Encryption Keys**: Use RSA (asymmetric) or AES (symmetric) encryption.

#### Encrypt Data Before Sending:

```
let key = SymmetricKey(size: .bits256)
let sealedBox = try AES.GCM.seal(data, using: key)
let encryptedData = sealedBox.combined
```

2. **Transmit Securely**: Use **HTTPS + TLS** with **Certificate Pinning**.

#### Decrypt on the Receiver's End:

```
let sealedBox = try AES.GCM.SealedBox(combined: encryptedData)
let decryptedData = try AES.GCM.open(sealedBox, using: key)
```

3. **Use Secure Key Exchange**: Implement **Diffie-Hellman** or **Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC)**.
4. **Use Apple's Secure Enclave for Key Management**: Securely store private keys.