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## Structure

# Application

Application type bringing together all the components of Hummingbird

```
struct Application<Responder> where Responder : HTTPResponder, Responder.Con
FromSource, Responder.Context.Source == ApplicationRequestContextSource
```

## Overview

`Application` is a concrete implementation of `ApplicationProtocol`. It provides the glue between your router and the HTTP server.

```
// create router
let router = Router()
router.get("hello") { _,_ in
    return "hello"
}
// create application
let app = Application(
    router: router,
    server: .http1()    // This is the default value
)
// run application
try await app.runService()
```

## Generic Type

`Application` is a generic type, if you want to pass it around it is easier to use the opaque type `some ApplicationProtocol` than work out its exact parameters types.

```
func buildApplication() -> some ApplicationProtocol {  
    let router = Router()  
    router.get("hello") { _,_ in  
        return "hello"  
    }  
    // create application  
    let app = Application(router: router)  
}
```

## Services

`Application` has its own `ServiceGroup` which is used to manage the lifecycle of all the services it creates. You can add your own services to this group to have them managed as well.

```
var app = Application(router: router)  
app.addServices(postgresClient, jobQueueHandler)
```

Check out [swift-service-lifecycle](#) for more details on service lifecycle management.

## Topics

### Initializers

```
init(responder: Responder, server: HTTPServerBuilder, configuration:  
ApplicationConfiguration, services: [Service], onServerRunning: (  
Channel) async -> Void, eventLoopGroupProvider: EventLoopGroup  
Provider, logger: Logger?)
```

Initialize new `Application`

```
init<ResponderBuilder>(router: ResponderBuilder, server: HTTPServer  
Builder, configuration: ApplicationConfiguration, services: [Service  
], onServerRunning: (Channel) async -> Void, eventLoopGroupProvider:  
EventLoopGroupProvider, logger: Logger?)
```

Initialize new Application

## Instance Properties

```
var configuration: ApplicationConfiguration  
Configuration
```

```
let eventLoopGroup: EventLoopGroup  
event loop group used by application
```

```
var logger: Logger  
Logger
```

```
var processesRunBeforeServerStart: [() async throws -> Void]  
Processes to be run before server is started
```

```
let responder: Responder  
routes requests to responders based on URI
```

```
let server: HTTPServerBuilder  
Server channel setup
```

```
var services: [any Service]  
services attached to the application.
```

## Instance Methods

```
func addServices(any Service...)  
Add service to be managed by application ServiceGroup
```

```
func beforeServerStarts(perform: () async throws -> Void)  
Add a process to run before we kick off the server service
```

```
func buildResponder() async throws -> Responder
```

```
func onServerRunning(Channel) async
```

This is called once the server is running and we have an active Channel

## Default Implementations

- ApplicationProtocol Implementations
  - CustomStringConvertible Implementations
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## Relationships

### Conforms To

ApplicationProtocol  
ServiceLifecycle.Service  
Swift.Copyable  
Swift.CustomStringConvertible  
Swift.Sendable

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## See Also

### Application

protocol ApplicationProtocol

Application protocol bringing together all the components of Hummingbird

struct ApplicationConfiguration

Application configuration

enum EventLoopGroupProvider

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## Where should the application get its EventLoopGroup from

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