

## Lecture 7

# Data Storage

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# Data Storage

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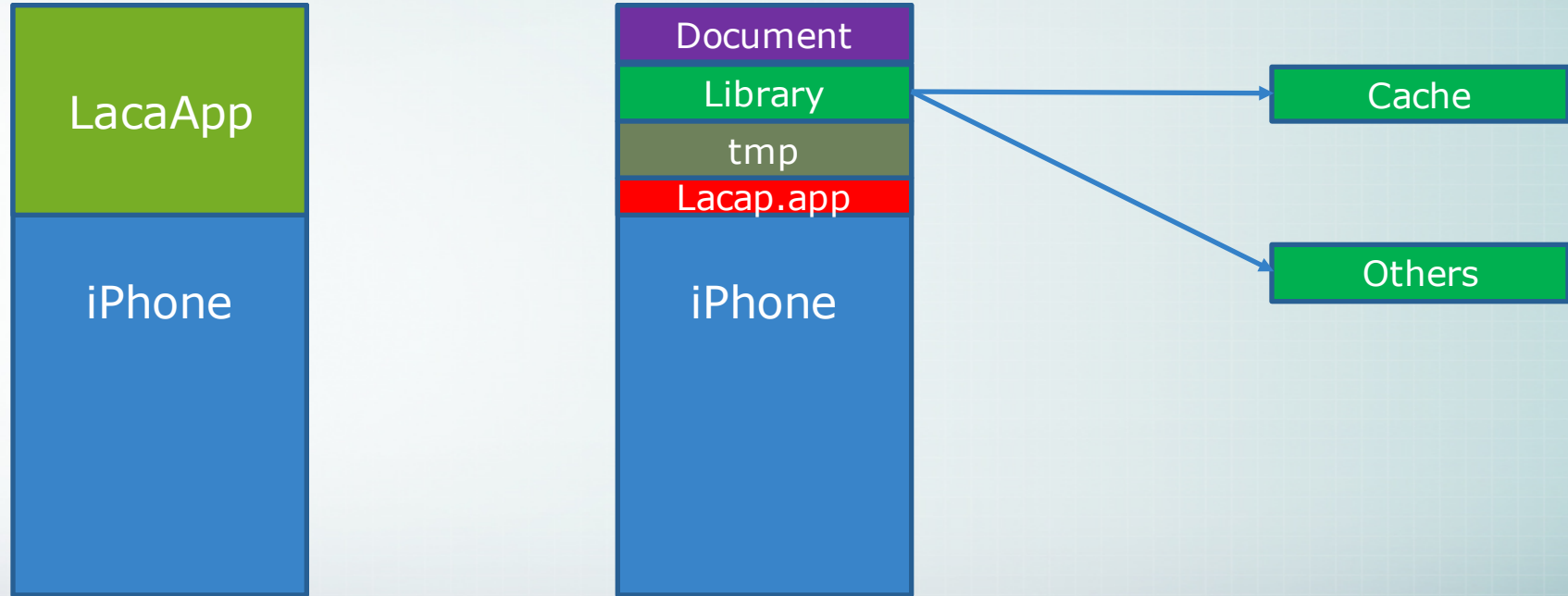
## Overview

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- ❖ **Document:** will be synced with iCloud
- ❖ **Library:** will not be synced
- ❖ **Lacap.app:** read only



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## Working with Files

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- ❖ The Foundation Framework provides three classes that are indispensable when it comes to working with files and directories:
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- ❖ The Foundation Framework provides three classes that are indispensable when it comes to working with files and directories:
  - **NSFileHandle**: The NSFileHandle class is provided for performing lower level operations on files, such as seeking to a specific position in a file and reading and writing a file's contents by a specified number of byte chunks and appending data to an existing file.
  - **NSData**: The NSData class provides a useful storage buffer into which the contents of a file may be read, or from which data may be written to a file.

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## ❖ Playing with Directory

```
// Document
[[NSFileManager defaultManager]
URLsForDirectory:NSDocumentDirectory
inDomains:NSUserDomainMask] lastObject];

// Library
[[NSFileManager defaultManager]
URLsForDirectory:NSLibraryDirectory
inDomains:NSUserDomainMask] lastObject];

// Cache
[[NSFileManager defaultManager]
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```

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```
// Create path
NSURL *cacheURL = [[NSFileManager defaultManager]
URLsForDirectory:NSDocumentDirectory
inDomains:NSUserDomainMask] lastObject];
// file
NSURL *fileURL = [cacheURL URLByAppendingPathComponent:
[NSString stringWithFormat:@"%s", @"test.png"]];

// check file is exist
BOOL isDirectory = FALSE;
BOOL isExist = [fileManager fileExistsAtPath:fileURL.path
isDirectory:&isDirectory];
```

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```
// Create a directory
[fileManager createDirectoryAtURL:fileURL withIntermediateDirectories:YES
attributes:nil error:&error];
if(!error)
{
    NSLog(@"Created cache directory");
} else {
    NSLog(@"%@",error.debugDescription);
}

// remove
[fileManager removeItemAtPath:fileURL.path error:&error];
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// get All files
NSArray *directoryContents = [fileManager contentsOfDirectoryAtPath:
literatureURL.path error:&error];
```



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**Store User's Settings**

## Store User's Settings

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- ❖ Saving and retrieving different types of data using the **NSUserDefaults** object. Saving this way is great for when you want to save small amounts of data such as High Scores, Login Information, and program state.
- ❖ Saving to the NSUserDefaults is great because it does not require any special database knowledge.

## Store User's Settings

```
NSUserDefaults *prefs = [NSUserDefaults standardUserDefaults];  
// saving an NSString  
[prefs setObject:@"TextToSave" forKey:@"keyToLookupString"];  
// saving an NSInteger  
[prefs setInteger:42 forKey:@"integerKey"];  
// saving a Double  
[prefs setDouble:3.1415 forKey:@"doubleKey"];  
// saving a Float  
[prefs setFloat:1.2345678 forKey:@"floatKey"];  
// sync  
[prefs synchronize];
```

## Store User's Settings

```
NSUserDefaults *prefs = [NSUserDefaults standardUserDefaults];  
  
// getting an NSString  
NSString *myString = [prefs objectForKey:@"keyToLookupString"];  
  
// getting an NSInteger  
NSInteger myInt = [prefs integerForKey:@"integerKey"];  
  
// getting an Float  
float myFloat = [prefs floatForKey:@"floatKey"];
```

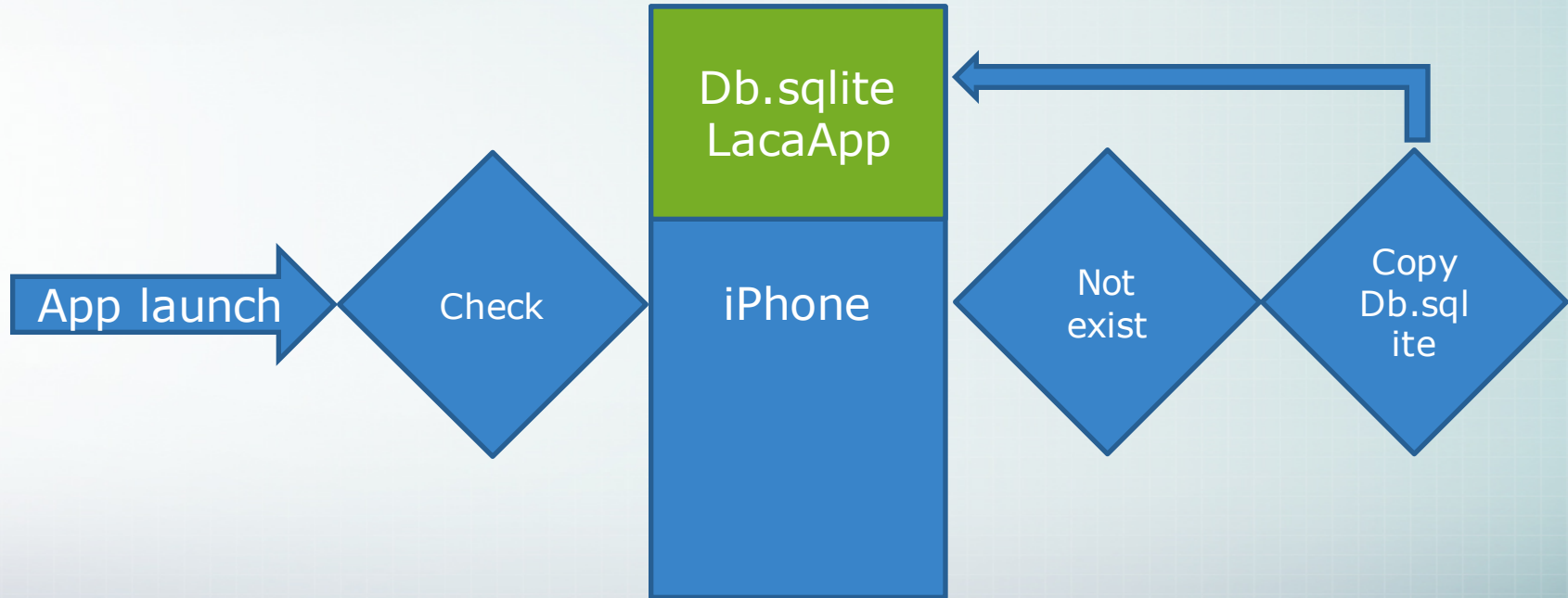
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**Core Data**

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## ❖ SQLite





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## ❖ Why Should You Use Core Data?

- One of the simplest metrics is that, with Core Data, the amount of code you write to support the model layer of your application is typically 50% to 70% smaller as measured by lines of code.
- Core Data has a mature code base whose quality is maintained through unit tests, and is used daily by millions of customers in a wide variety of applications. The framework has been highly optimized over several releases.

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## ❖ Why Should You Use Core Data?

- You don't have to implement yourself
- You don't have to test yourself
- You don't have to optimize yourself.

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## ❖ What Core Data Is Not

- Core Data is not a relational database or a relational database management system (RDBMS).
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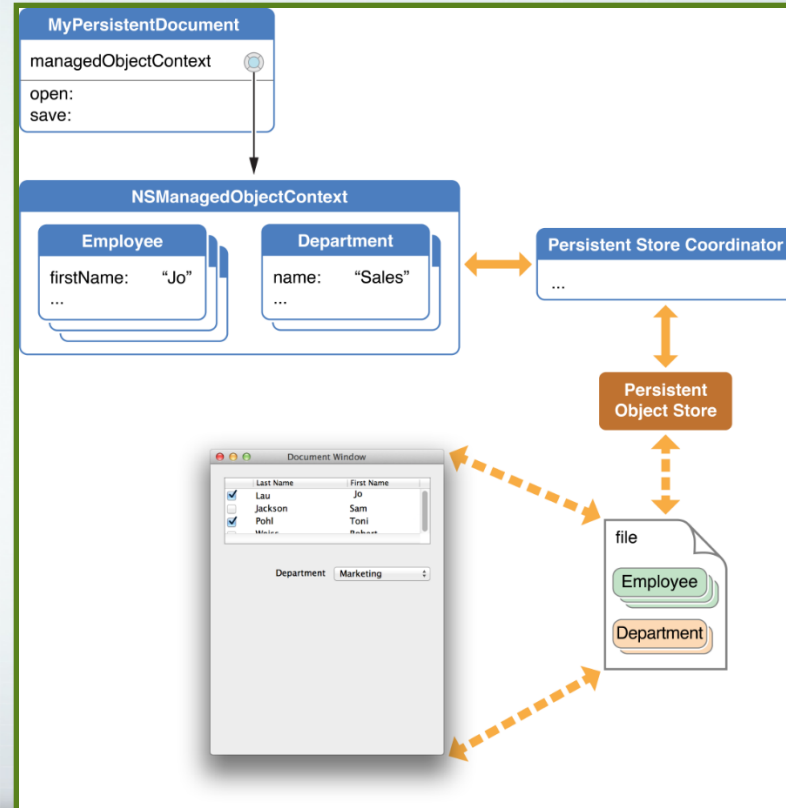
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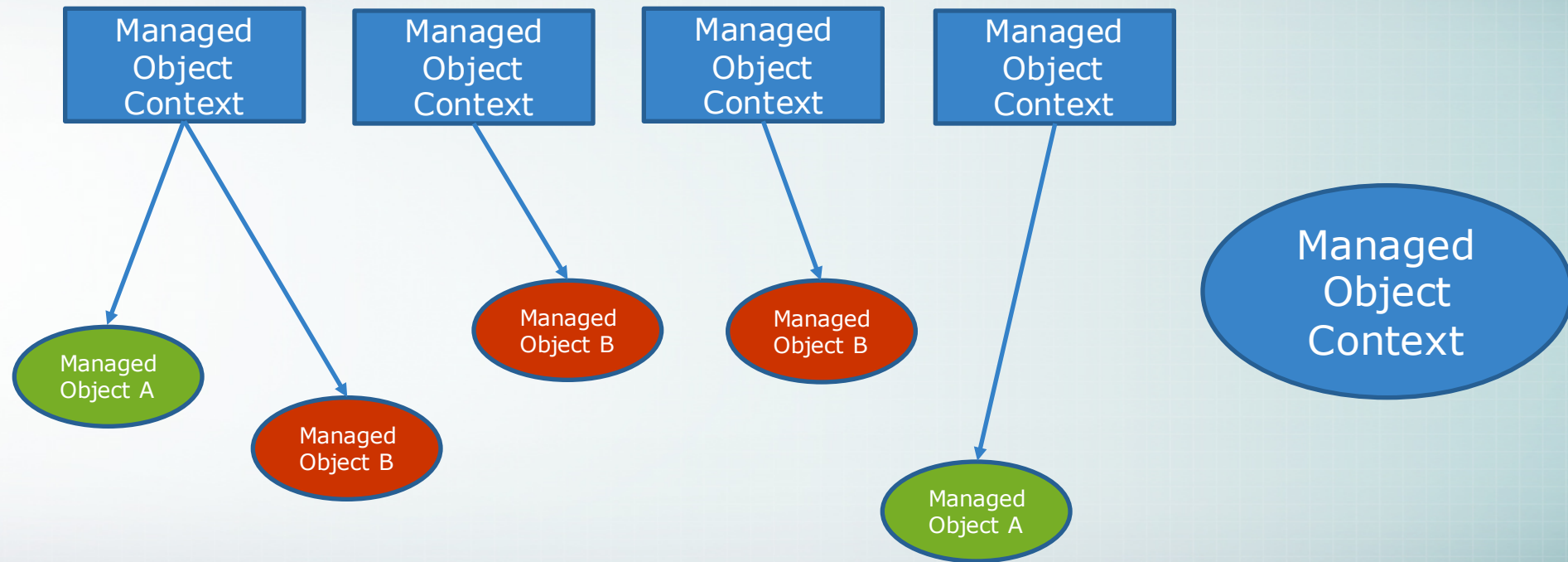
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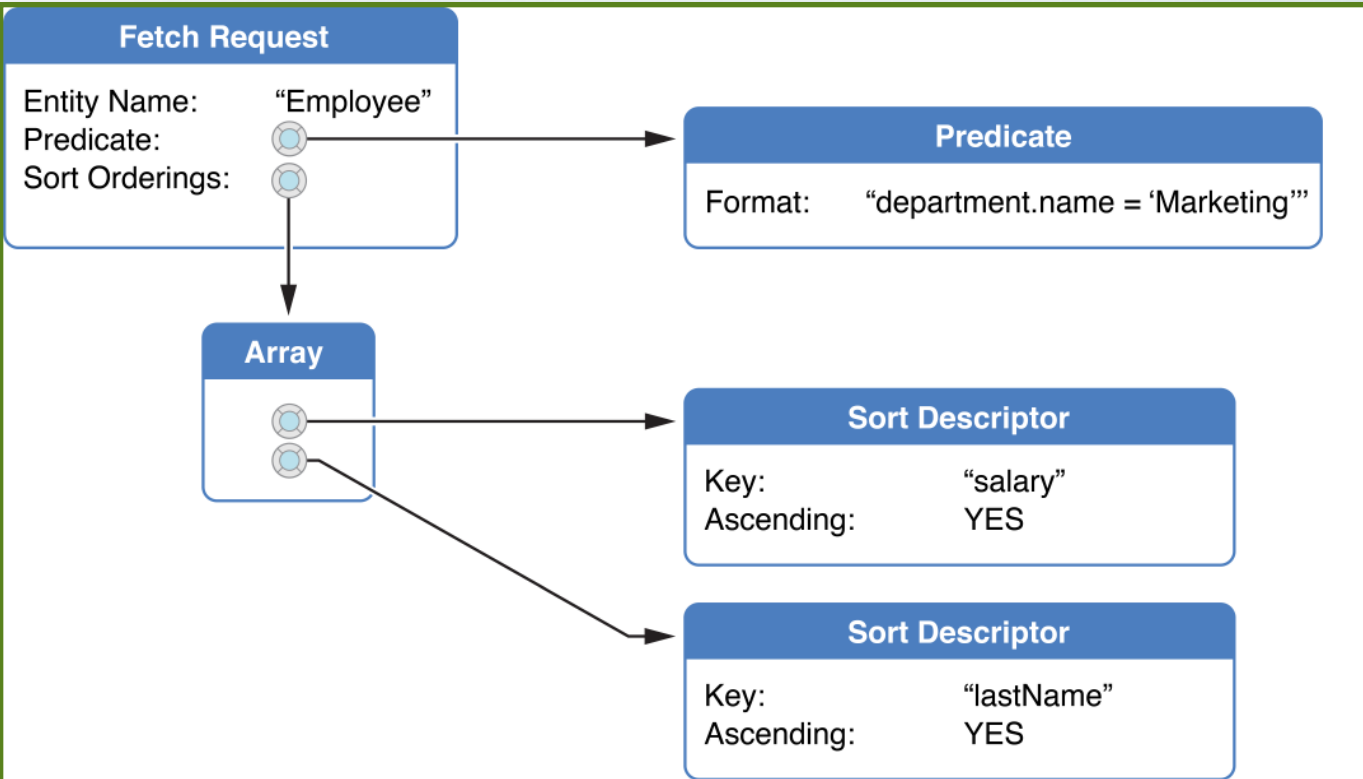
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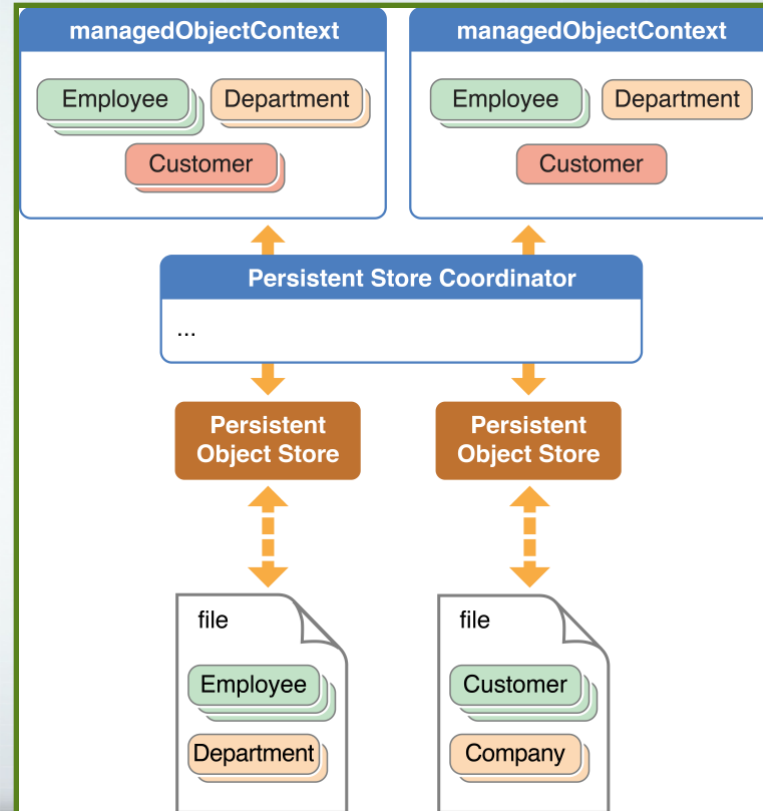


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Fetch Request

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Persistent  
Store  
Coordinator

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## ❖ Managed Object Models

- Much of Core Data's functionality depends on the schema you create to describe your application's entities, their properties, and the relationships between them. The schema is represented by a managed object model—an instance of `NSManagedObjectContext`
- Features of a Managed Object Model

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## ❖ Managed Object Models

- Features of a Managed Object Model
  - Entities
  - Entity Inheritance
  - Abstract Entities
  - Properties
  - An entity's properties are its attributes and relationships, including its fetched properties (if it has any). Amongst other features, each property has a name and a type. Attributes may also have a default value.

The screenshot shows the 'Entity' configuration window in Xcode. The 'Name' field is 'EntityA' and the 'Class' field is 'EntityA'. The 'Abstract Entity' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Parent Entity' dropdown menu is highlighted with a red rectangle and shows 'EntityB' selected. Below this is an 'Indexes' section with a table for defining indexes. At the bottom, there are expandable sections for 'User Info' and 'Versioning'.

Entity	Name	Class	Abstract Entity	Parent Entity
EntityA	EntityA	EntityA	<input type="checkbox"/>	EntityB

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## ❖ Managed Object Models

### ■ Features of a Managed Object Model

- **Attributes:** Core Data natively supports a variety of attribute types, such as string, date, and integer (represented as instances of NSString, NSDate, and NSNumber respectively). If you want to use an attribute type that is not natively supported, you can use one of the techniques described in “Non-Standard Persistent Attributes.”
- You can specify that an attribute is optional—that is, it is not required to have a value. In general, however, you are discouraged from doing so—especially for numeric values (typically you can get better results using a mandatory attribute with a default value—in the model—of 0).



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## ❖ Managed Object Models

- Features of a Managed Object Model
  - **Relationships:** Core Data supports to-one and to-many relationships, and **fetchd properties**.
  - **Inverse Relationships**
  - **Relationship Delete Rules**



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## ❖ Deny

- If there is at least one object at the relationship destination, then the source object cannot be deleted.
- For example, if you want to remove a department, you must ensure that all the employees in that department are first transferred elsewhere (or fired!) otherwise the department cannot be deleted.

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## ❖ Nullify

- Set the inverse relationship for objects at the destination to null.
- For example, if you delete a department, set the department for all the current members to null. This only makes sense if the department relationship for an employee is optional, or if you ensure that you set a new department for each of the employees before the next save operation.

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## ❖ Cascade

- Delete the objects at the destination of the relationship.
- For example, if you delete a department, fire all the employees in that department at the same time.

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## ❖ No Action

- Do nothing to the object at the destination of the relationship.
- For example, if you delete a department, leave all the employees as they are, even if they still believe they belong to that department.

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## ❖ Many-to-Many Relationships

- You define a many-to-many relationship using two to-many relationships. The first to-many relationship goes from the first entity to the second entity. The second to-many relationship goes from the second entity to the first entity. You then set each to be the inverse of the other.
- A relationship can also be the inverse of itself. For example, a Person entity may have a cousins relationship that is the inverse of itself.



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## ❖ Many-to-Many Relationships

Attributes

Attribute	Type
S firstName	String
S lastName	String
N salary	Float

Relationships

Relationship	Destination	Inverse
M directReports	Employee	managers
M managers	Employee	directReports

Fetchd Properties

Fetchd Property	Predicate
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Add Attribute

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Editor Style

Employee

Attributes

Relationships

directReports

managers

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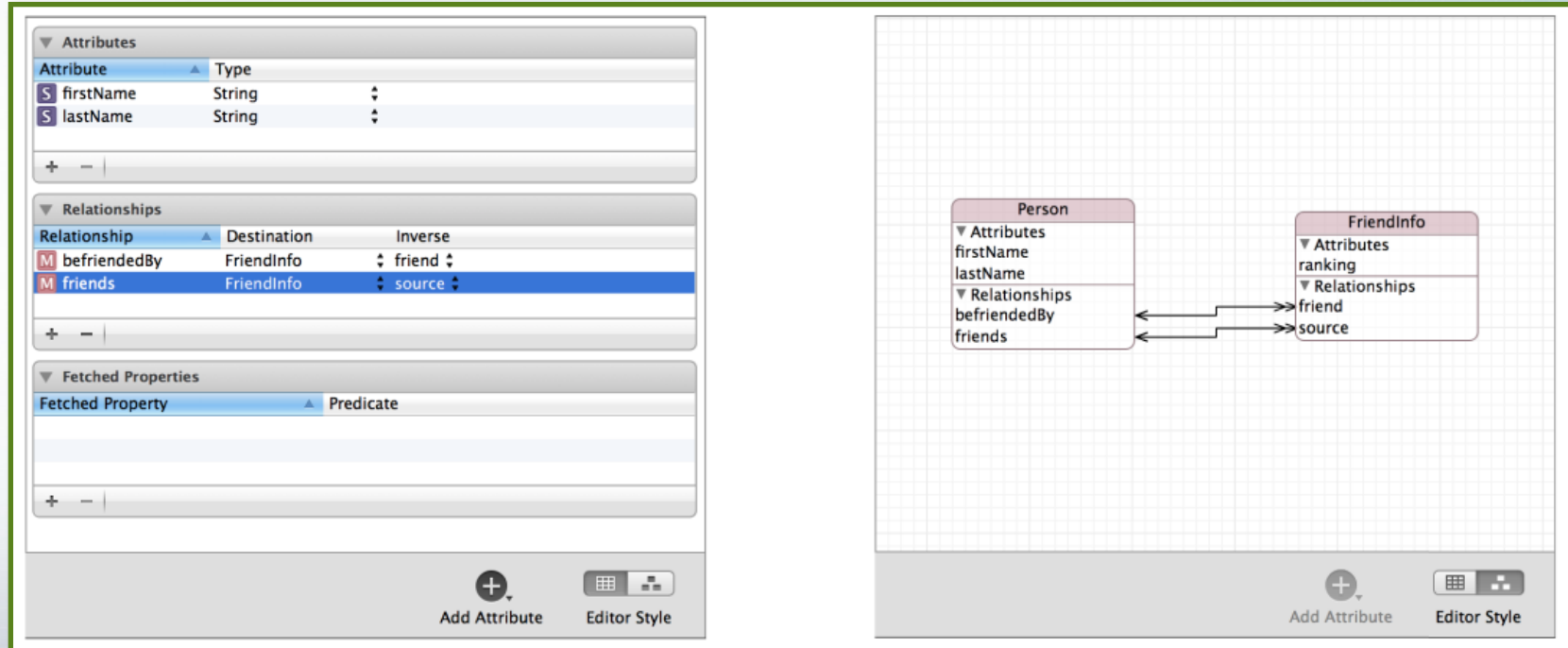
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## ❖ Many-to-Many Relationships



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## ❖ Cross-Store Relationships

- You must be careful not to create relationships from instances in one persistent store to instances in another persistent store, as this is not supported by Core Data. If you need to create a relationship between entities in different stores, you typically use fetched properties

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## ❖ Using Persistent Stores

- Access to stores is mediated by an instance of **NSPersistentStoreCoordinator**. You should not need to directly access a file containing a store. From a persistent store coordinator, you can retrieve an object that represents a particular store on disk. Core Data provides an **NSPersistentStore** class to represent persistent stores.

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## ❖ Using Persistent Stores

- To create a store, you use a persistent store coordinator. You must specify the type of the store to be created, optionally a configuration of managed object model associated with the coordinator, and its location if it is not an in-memory store.

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## ❖ Using Persistent Stores

```
NSManagedObjectContext *moc = <#Get a context#>;
NSPersistentStoreCoordinator *psc = [moc persistentStoreCoordinator];
NSError *error = nil;
NSDictionary *options =
    [NSDictionary dictionaryWithObject:[NSNumber numberWithBool:1]
                                forKey:NSReadOnlyPersistentStoreOption];
NSPersistentStore *roStore =
    [psc addPersistentStoreWithType:NSXMLStoreType
                        configuration:nil URL:url
                        options:options error:&error];
```



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## ❖ Using Persistent Stores

```
//To retrieve a store object from a coordinator,  
//you use the method persistentStoreForURL:
```

```
NSPersistentStoreCoordinator *psc = <#Get a coordinator#>;  
NSURL *myURL = <#A URL identifying a store#>;  
NSPersistentStore *myStore = [psc persistentStoreForURL:myURL];  
NSFetchRequest *request = [[NSFetchRequest alloc] init];  
[request setAffectedStores:[NSArray arrayWithObject:myStore]];
```

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## ❖ Using Fetched Request

```
// create the fetch request to get all Employees matching the IDs
NSFetchRequest *fetchRequest = [[NSFetchRequest alloc] init];
[fetchRequest setEntity:
    [NSEntityDescription entityForName:@"Employee"
    inManagedObjectContext:context]];
[fetchRequest setPredicate: [NSPredicate predicateWithFormat:
@"(employeeID IN %@)", employeeIDs]];
// Make sure the results are sorted as well.
[fetchRequest setSortDescriptors:
    @[ [NSSortDescriptor alloc] initWithKey: @"employeeID"
    ascending:YES] ];
// Execute the fetch.
NSError *error;
NSArray *employeesMatchingNames = [aMOC executeFetchRequest:
fetchRequest error:&error];
```

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## ❖ New/Delete a NSManagedObject

```
// insert object
[NSEntityDescription insertNewObjectForEntityForName:
@"Employee" inManagedObjectContext:self];

// save context
[context save:&error];

// delete object
[context deleteObject:employee];
```

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## ❖ Example 7.1

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## ❖ NSFetchedResultsController

```
NSFetchRequest *fetchRequest = [[NSFetchRequest alloc] init];
NSEntityDescription *entity = [NSEntityDescription
    entityForName:@"Employee" inManagedObjectContext:managedObjectContext];
[fetchRequest setEntity:entity];
NSSortDescriptor *sort = [[NSSortDescriptor alloc]
    initWithKey:@"employeeID" ascending:YES];
[fetchRequest setSortDescriptors:[NSArray arrayWithObject:sort]];
[fetchRequest setFetchBatchSize:20];
NSFetchedResultsController *theFetchedResultsController =
    [[NSFetchedResultsController alloc] initWithFetchRequest:fetchRequest
        managedObjectContext:managedObjectContext sectionNameKeyPath:nil
        cacheName:@"Root"];
self.fetchedResultsController = theFetchedResultsController;
_fetchedResultsController.delegate = self;
```

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## ❖ NSFetchResultsController

```
- (void)controllerWillChangeContent:
(NSFetchResultsController *)controller {
    // The fetch controller is about to
    //start sending change notifications,
    //so prepare the table view for updates.
    [self.tableView beginUpdates];
}

- (void)controllerDidChangeContent:
(NSFetchResultsController *)controller {
    [self.tableView endUpdates];
}
```



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## ❖ NSFetchedResultsController

```
- (void)controller:(NSFetchedResultsController *)controller
didChangeObject:(id)anObject atIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)indexPath
forChangeType:(NSFetchedResultsControllerChangeType)type newIndexPath:
(NSIndexPath *)newIndexPath {
    switch(type) {
        case NSFetchedResultsControllerChangeInsert:
            break;
        case NSFetchedResultsControllerChangeDelete:
            break;
        case NSFetchedResultsControllerChangeUpdate:
            break;
        case NSFetchedResultsControllerChangeMove:
            break;
    }
}
```

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## ❖ NSFetchedResultsController

```
- (void)controller:(NSFetchedResultsController *)  
controller didChangeSection:(id )sectionInfo  
atIndex:(NSUInteger)sectionIndex  
forChangeType:(NSFetchedResultsControllerChangeType)type {  
  
    switch(type) {  
        case NSFetchedResultsControllerChangeInsert:  
            break;  
        case NSFetchedResultsControllerChangeDelete:  
            break;  
    }  
}
```

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## ❖ Example 7.2



# Thank You !