

Data Persistence in IOS - User Defaults

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Data Persistence Options in IOS

In IOS, we can persist data to:

- User Defaults
- Core Data
- Cloud based storage (example: Firebase)

1/ User Defaults

- This is key-value storage
- Offline storage (saved data is local to the device and cannot be accessed outside the device)
- Data is stored as key-value pairs
- Best for saving simple data, like numbers, strings, simple arrays, etc
- Similar to localStorage in web programming

2/ Core Data

- Interface for saving data to an relational database (SQLite)
- Offline storage (saved data is local to the device and cannot be accessed outside the device)
- Used for modelling data as tables; and, describing relationships between data

3/ Cloud based service (Firebase)

- Advantages: Data is saved to the cloud, so it can be accessed anywhere and on any device.
- There are many service providers of cloud based data, including Parse, Realm, CloudKit, and Firebase
- Firebase is a no-sql database that is accessible cross platform (mobile and web)

What is User Defaults?

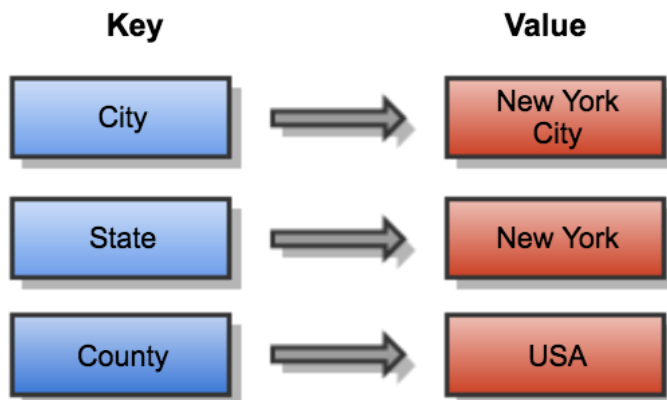
- User Defaults is a key-value storage provided by the IOS framework.
- Used to persist *simple* data to the app: strings, numbers, the **Date** object.
- “Persisting data” means that the data is remembered even after the app closes.
- Can store dictionaries and arrays, but only if the dictionary/array contains “simple data”
- Structs can be stored if they conform to the **Codable** protocol and converted to JSON format

If you come from a web-programming background, UserDefaults is similar to **localStorage**.

What is key-value storage?

In a key-value data store, information is stored as *key-value* pairs.

- The “key” is a unique identifier
- The “value” is the data you want to store



- Data is retrieved using the *key*

Initializing User Defaults, Saving and Retrieving Items

Creating an instance of UserDefaults:

```
var defaults:UserDefaults!
self.defaults = UserDefaults.standard
```

Adding an item to UserDefaults:

Sets the value of the specified default key to the specified URL.

```
M Void set(url: URL?, forKey: String)
M Void set(value: Any?, forKey: String)
M Void set(value: Bool, forKey: String)
M Void set(value: Double, forKey: String)
M Void set(value: Float, forKey: String)
M Void set(value: Int, forKey: String)
```

```
self.defaults.set("Peter", forKey: "name") // string
self.defaults.set(77, forKey: "age") // integer
self.defaults.set(true, forKey: "hasPet") // boolean
```

Retrieving an item from User Defaults

```
let x = self.defaults.string(forKey: "name") // gets a string out of the userdefaults
let y = self.defaults.integer(forKey: "age") // get a int out of user defaults
let z = self.defaults.bool(forKey: "hasPet") // get a boolean out of user defaults
```

Code Example: Saving and Retrieving Data from User Defaults

Test:

- Save data
- Retrieve data
- Close the app & reopen it, and press the RETRIEVE button, your app remembers the data it saved.

```
import UIKit
```

```
class ViewController: UIViewController {
```

```
    // OUTLETS:
```

```
    @IBOutlet weak var txtName: UITextField!
```

```
    @IBOutlet weak var lblCurrTemp: UILabel!
```

```
    @IBOutlet weak var sliderTemp: UISlider!
```

```
    @IBOutlet weak var switchIsRaining: UISwitch!
```

```
    // MARK: USER DEFAULTS
```

```
    var defaults:UserDefaults = UserDefaults.standard
```

```
    override func viewDidLoad() {
```

```
        super.viewDidLoad()
```

```
    }
```

```
    @IBAction func saveButtonPressed(_ sender: Any) {
```

```
        // 1. get person person name
```

```
        let name:String = txtName.text!
```

```
        print("Saving \(name) to user defaults")
```

```
        self.defaults.set(name, forKey:"KEY_NAME") // string
```

```
        print(" Save finished.")
```

```
        // 2. Clear the UI and prepare for new input
```

```
        txtName.text = ""
```

```
    }
```

```
    @IBAction func retrieveButtonPressed(_ sender: Any) {
```

```
    //     let result = self.defaults.string(forKey: "KEY_ABC") // nil
```

```
    //     let result2 = self.defaults.string(forKey: "KEY_NAME") // whatever the person typed in the  
    //     textbox
```

```
    //
```

```
        // nil coealscing to deal with the possible nil case
```

```
        let nameFromUserDefaults:String = self.defaults.string(forKey: "KEY_NAME") ?? "N/A"
```

```
        print("Data retrieved.")
```

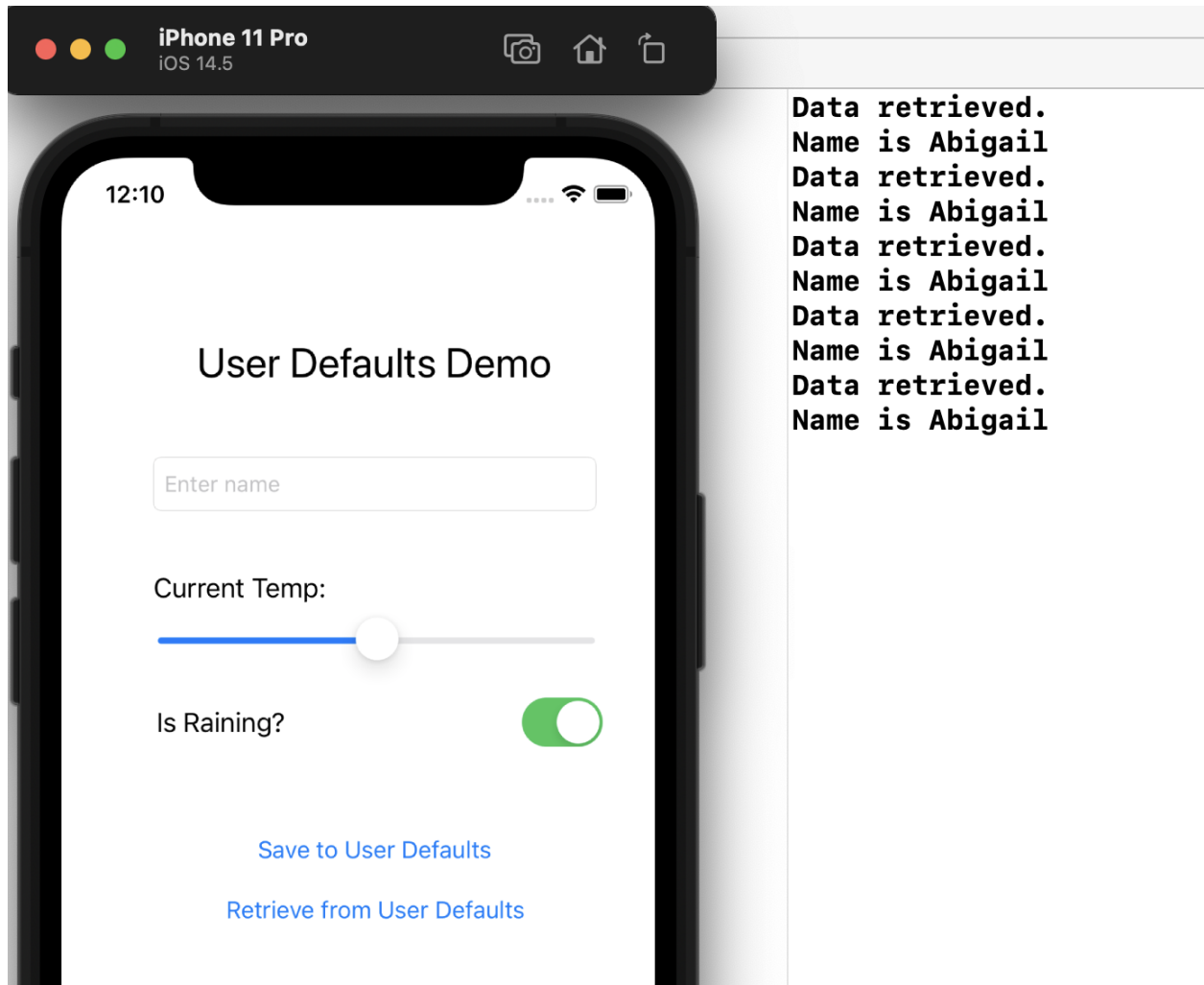
```
        print("Name is \(nameFromUserDefaults)")
```

```
    }
```

}

Expected result:

- Enter a name and press save to user defaults
- Restart application and press Retrieve from User defaults
- Result will be output to console



Full Example #2 -

- Demonstrates how to save and retrieve and integer & boolean

```
import UIKit

class ViewController: UIViewController {

    // OUTLETS:
    @IBOutlet weak var txtName: UITextField!
    @IBOutlet weak var lblCurrTemp: UILabel!
    @IBOutlet weak var sliderTemp: UISlider!
    @IBOutlet weak var switchIsRaining: UISwitch!
    @IBOutlet weak var tvResults: UITextView!

    // MARK: USER DEFAULTS
    var defaults:UserDefaults = UserDefaults.standard

    override func viewDidLoad() {
        super.viewDidLoad()

        // initialize user defaults
        //self.defaults = UserDefaults.standard
    }

    @IBAction func saveButtonPressed(_ sender: Any) {
        // 1. get person name
        let name:String = txtName.text!
        print("Saving \(name) to user defaults")

        // 2. Save the data
        self.defaults.set(name, forKey:"KEY_NAME") // string
        self.defaults.set(45, forKey:"KEY_AGE") // integer
        self.defaults.set(false, forKey:"KEY_HAS_PET") //boolean

        print(" Save finished.")

        // 2. Clear the UI and prepare for new input
        txtName.text = ""
    }

    @IBAction func retrieveButtonPressed(_ sender: Any) {
        // let result = self.defaults.string(forKey: "KEY_ABC") // nil
        // let result2 = self.defaults.string(forKey: "KEY_NAME") // whatever the person typed in the
        // textbox
        //
        // nil coealscing to deal with the possible nil case
        let nameFromUserDefaults:String = self.defaults.string(forKey: "KEY_NAME") ?? "N/A"
        let ageFromUserDefaults = self.defaults.integer(forKey: "KEY_AGE") // default to 0
        let hasPetFromUserDefaults = self.defaults.bool(forKey: "KEY_HAS_PET")
    }
}
```



```
print("Data retrieved.")
print("Name is \(nameFromUserDefaults)")
print("Age is \(ageFromUserDefaults)")
print("Has Pet? \(hasPetFromUserDefaults)")

tvResults.text = "Name is \(nameFromUserDefaults) \n Age is \(ageFromUserDefaults) \n
Has Pet? \(hasPetFromUserDefaults)"
}
```

Repopulate the UI based on the values saved in User Defaults

```
import UIKit

class ViewController: UIViewController {

    // OUTLETS:
    @IBOutlet weak var txtName: UITextField!
    @IBOutlet weak var lblCurrTemp: UILabel!
    @IBOutlet weak var sliderTemp: UISlider!
    @IBOutlet weak var switchIsRaining: UISwitch!
    @IBOutlet weak var tvResults: UITextView!

    // MARK: USER DEFAULTS
    var defaults:UserDefaults = UserDefaults.standard

    override func viewDidLoad() {
        super.viewDidLoad()
    }

    @IBAction func saveButtonPressed(_ sender: Any) {
        // 1. get person person name
        let name:String = txtName.text!
        print("Saving \(name) to user defaults")

        // 2. retrieve the value in the slider
        let temp:Float = sliderTemp.value * 100.0

        // 3. retrieve the switch value
        let isRaining:Bool = switchIsRaining.isOn

        // 4. Save the data
        self.defaults.set(name, forKey:"KEY_NAME") // string
        self.defaults.set(45, forKey:"KEY_AGE") // integer
        self.defaults.set(false, forKey:"KEY_HAS_PET") //boolean

        self.defaults.set(temp, forKey: "KEY_TEMP") //double (float)
        self.defaults.set(isRaining, forKey:"KEY_IS_RAINING")

        print(" Save finished.")

        // 5. Clear the UI and prepare for new input
        txtName.text = ""
    }
}
```

```

        sliderTemp.value = 0.5
        switchIsRaining.isOn = true
        lblCurrTemp.text = "Curr Temp: "
    }

    @IBAction func retrieveButtonPressed(_ sender: Any) {
//        let result = self.defaults.string(forKey: "KEY_ABC") // nil
//        let result2 = self.defaults.string(forKey: "KEY_NAME") // whatever the person typed in the
//        textbox
//
//        nil coealcing to deal with the possible nil case
        let nameFromUserDefaults:String = self.defaults.string(forKey: "KEY_NAME") ?? "N/A"
        let ageFromUserDefaults = self.defaults.integer(forKey: "KEY_AGE") // default to 0
        let hasPetFromUserDefaults = self.defaults.bool(forKey: "KEY_HAS_PET")

        print("Data retrieved.")
        print("Name is \(nameFromUserDefaults)")
        print("Age is \(ageFromUserDefaults)")
        print("Has Pet? \(hasPetFromUserDefaults)")

        // repopulate the UI with the values from user defaults
        txtName.text = nameFromUserDefaults
        switchIsRaining.isOn = self.defaults.bool(forKey: "KEY_IS_RAINING")
        sliderTemp.value = self.defaults.float(forKey: "KEY_TEMP")
        lblCurrTemp.text = "Curr Temp: \(self.defaults.float(forKey: "KEY_TEMP"))"

        tvResults.text = "Name is \(nameFromUserDefaults) \n Age is \(ageFromUserDefaults) \n
Has Pet? \(hasPetFromUserDefaults)"
    }

    @IBAction func sliderChanged(_ sender: Any) {
        lblCurrTemp.text = "Curr Temp: \(sliderTemp.value * 100)"
    }
}

```

Expected Result

Saved data:

User Defaults Demo

Curr Temp: 86.65339

Is Raining?

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Retrieved Data

User Defaults Demo

Curr Temp: 86.65339

Is Raining?

[Save to User Defaults](#)

[Retrieve from User Defaults](#)

Name is Emily
Age is 45
Has Pet? false

Save An Array

- You save an array of strings, array of numbers, array of booleans

Save:

```
// save an array
let friendsList = ["Emily", "Abigail", "Alex"]
defaults.set(friendsList, forKey:"KEY_FRIENDS_LIST")
```

```
// save an array of numbers
let testScores = [100, 50, 75, 90]
defaults.set(testScores, forKey:"KEY_TEST_SCORES_LIST")
```

Retrieval:

```
// cast this generic "Any" object to the specific data type of the array
// - friends = Array of Strings ---> [String]
```

```
let friendsFromUserDefaults:[String] =
    defaults.object(forKey: "KEY_FRIENDS_LIST") as? [String] ?? []
```

```
let testScoresFromUserDefaults:[Int] =
    defaults.object(forKey: "KEY_TEST_SCORES_LIST") as? [Int] ?? []
```

Full Example:

```
import UIKit

class ViewController: UIViewController {

    // OUTLETS:
    @IBOutlet weak var txtName: UITextField!
    @IBOutlet weak var lblCurrTemp: UILabel!
    @IBOutlet weak var sliderTemp: UISlider!
    @IBOutlet weak var switchIsRaining: UISwitch!
    @IBOutlet weak var tvResults: UITextView!

    // MARK: USER DEFAULTS
    var defaults:UserDefaults = UserDefaults.standard

    override func viewDidLoad() {
        super.viewDidLoad()

        // initialize user defaults
        //self.defaults = UserDefaults.standard
    }

    @IBAction func saveButtonPressed(_ sender: Any) {
        // 1. get person name
        let name:String = txtName.text!
        print("Saving \(name) to user defaults")

        // 2. retrieve the value in the slider
        let temp:Float = sliderTemp.value * 100.0

        // 3. retrieve the switch value
        let isRaining:Bool = switchIsRaining.isOn

        // 4. Save the data
        self.defaults.set(name, forKey:"KEY_NAME") // string
        self.defaults.set(45, forKey:"KEY_AGE") // integer
        self.defaults.set(false, forKey:"KEY_HAS_PET") //boolean

        self.defaults.set(temp, forKey: "KEY_TEMP") //double (float)
        self.defaults.set(isRaining, forKey:"KEY_IS_RAINING")

        // 4b. save an array of data
        let friendsList = ["Emily", "Abigail", "Alex"]
        defaults.set(friendsList, forKey:"KEY_FRIENDS_LIST")

        let testScores = [100, 50, 75, 90]
        defaults.set(testScores, forKey:"KEY_TEST_SCORES_LIST")

        print(" Save finished.")

        // 5. Clear the UI and prepare for new input
    }
}
```

```

txtName.text = ""
sliderTemp.value = 0.5
switchIsRaining.isOn = true
lblCurrTemp.text = "Curr Temp: "
}

@IBAction func retrieveButtonPressed(_ sender: Any) {
//    let result = self.defaults.string(forKey: "KEY_ABC") // nil
//    let result2 = self.defaults.string(forKey: "KEY_NAME") // whatever the person typed in the textbox
//
// nil coealscing to deal with the possible nil case
let nameFromUserDefaults:String = self.defaults.string(forKey: "KEY_NAME") ?? "N/A"
let ageFromUserDefaults = self.defaults.integer(forKey: "KEY_AGE") // default to 0
let hasPetFromUserDefaults = self.defaults.bool(forKey: "KEY_HAS_PET")

print("Data retrieved.")
print("Name is \(nameFromUserDefaults)")
print("Age is \(ageFromUserDefaults)")
print("Has Pet? \(hasPetFromUserDefaults)")

// repopulate the UI with the values from user defaults
txtName.text = nameFromUserDefaults
switchIsRaining.isOn = self.defaults.bool(forKey: "KEY_IS_RAINING")
sliderTemp.value = self.defaults.float(forKey: "KEY_TEMP")
lblCurrTemp.text = "Curr Temp: \(self.defaults.float(forKey: "KEY_TEMP"))"

// retrieve the array value
let friendsFromUserDefaults:[String] =
    defaults.object(forKey: "KEY_FRIENDS_LIST") as? [String] ?? []
let testScoresFromUserDefaults:[Int] =
    defaults.object(forKey: "KEY_TEST_SCORES_LIST") as? [Int] ?? []

    tvResults.text = "Name is \(nameFromUserDefaults) \n Age is \(ageFromUserDefaults) \n Has Pet?
\n(hasPetFromUserDefaults)\n"
    tvResults.text = tvResults.text + "Friends: \(friendsFromUserDefaults)\nTest
Scores:\(testScoresFromUserDefaults)"

    print(friendsFromUserDefaults)
    print(friendsFromUserDefaults[0]) // Emily
    print(testScoresFromUserDefaults)
    print(testScoresFromUserDefaults[0] + 20) // 120
}

@IBAction func sliderChanged(_ sender: Any) {
    lblCurrTemp.text = "Curr Temp: \(sliderTemp.value * 100)"
}
}

```


Expected Result:

- Arrays are retrieved
- Individual data from the array can be accessed and manipulated

```
Data retrieved.  
Name is  
Age is 45  
Has Pet? false  
["Emily", "Abigail", "Alex"]  
Emily  
[100, 50, 75, 90]  
120
```

Save A Dictionary

Save:

```
// save a dictionary -> airports
let airports:[String:String]
    = ["YYZ":"Toronto International Airport", "ORD": "Chicago O'Hare",
    "LHR":"London Heathrow"]

defaults.set(airports, forKey: "KEY_AIRPORTS_DICT")
```

Retrieve:

```
// get the dictionary

// option 1
let airportsFromUserDefaults:[String:String] = defaults.dictionary(forKey:
"KEY_AIRPORTS_DICT")
    as? [String:String] ?? [:]

// option 2
let airportsFromUserDefaults2:[String:String] = defaults.object(forKey:
"KEY_AIRPORTS_DICT")
    as? [String:String] ?? [:]
```

Save a Struct to the UserDefaults

UserDefaults can save a struct, provided that the struct conforms to the Codable protocol.

0/ Define the struct

1/ Make the struct conform to the Codable protocol

2/ Using JSONEncoder, convert the struct to a JSON object

3/ Retrieve the struct using .object(forKey:), then convert it to a struct using JSONDecoder

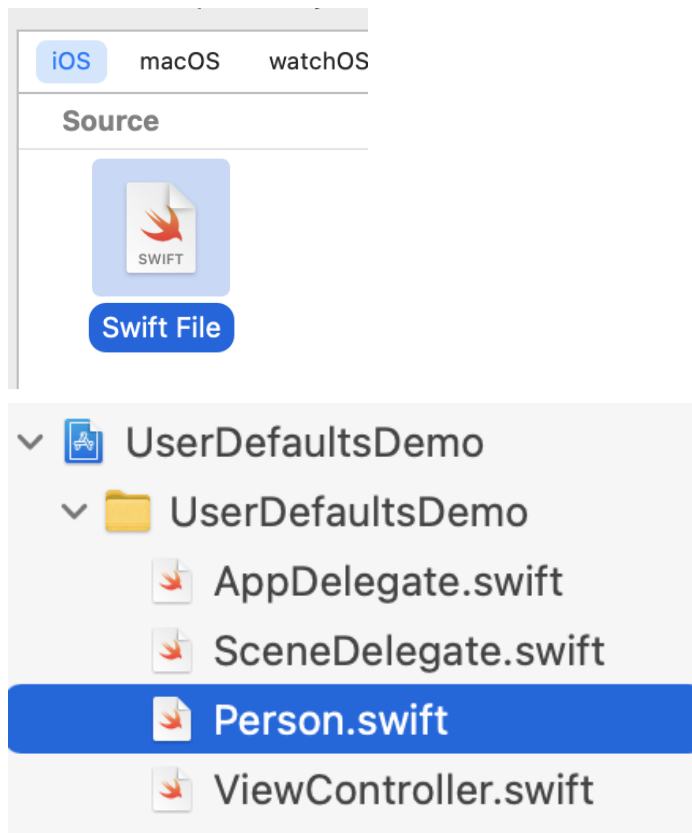
Examples:

<https://www.hackingwithswift.com/example-code/system/how-to-load-and-save-a-struct-in-userdefaults-using-codable>

Code Along - Structs and User Defaults

0/ Define the struct

Create a file called *Person.struct*



Define the properties of the struct

```
struct Person {
    var name:String
    var age:Int
    var hasPet:Bool

    // struct provides a implicit initializer for all the properties
    // so therefore, we dont need to define an explicit initializer
}
```

1/ Make the struct conform to the **Codable** protocol

```
// Ensure struct conforms with Codable protocol
struct Person:Codable {
    var name:String
    var age:Int
    var hasPet:Bool

    // struct provides a implicit initializer for all the properties
    // so therefore, we dont need to define an explicit initializer
}
```

2/ Using **JSONEncoder**, convert the struct to a JSON object

- To save, convert the struct to a JSON object

```
// 4d. save a Person struct
let personToSave = Person(name: "Zayne", age: 55, hasPet: true)

// convert the struct to a JSON object
let encoder = JSONEncoder()
if let personAsJSONObj = try? encoder.encode(personToSave) {
    // save the JSON object to user defaults
    defaults.set(personAsJSONObj, forKey:"KEY_PERSON")
}
else {
    print("Could not encode the person as a JSON object")
}
```

3/ Retrieve the struct using .object(forKey:), then convert it to a struct using JSONDecoder

- To retrieve: get the JSON object out of the user defaults
- Convert (cast) that json object BACK to the struct

// retrieve the person object

```

    if let personFromUserDefaults = self.defaults.object(forKey: "KEY_PERSON") as?
Data {
    // convert the data to a Person struct
    let decoder = JSONDecoder()
    if let person = try? decoder.decode(Person.self, from: personFromUserDefaults)
{
        print("Person conversion success")
        print("Person properties are: ")
        print(person.name)
        print(person.age)
        print(person.hasPet)

        person.sayHello()
    }
    else {
        print("Could not convert the data back to a Person struct")
    }
}
else {
    print("Retrieval failed or casting to type Data failed")
}

```

```
Data retrieved.  
Name is  
Age is 45  
Has Pet?  false  
Person conversion success  
Person properties are:  
Zayne  
55  
true  
Zayne is 55 years old and says HELLO to you!  
-----
```

Code: Completed functions for saving structs

Person.swift:

```
// Ensure struct conforms with Codable protocol
struct Person: Codable {
    var name:String
    var age:Int
    var hasPet:Bool

    // struct provides a implicit initializer for all the properties
    // so therefore, we dont need to define an explicit initializer

    func sayHello() {
        print("\(name) is \(age) years old and says HELLO to you!")
    }
}
```

ViewController.swift:

```
import UIKit

class ViewController: UIViewController {

    // OUTLETS:
    @IBOutlet weak var txtName: UITextField!
    @IBOutlet weak var lblCurrTemp: UILabel!
    @IBOutlet weak var sliderTemp: UISlider!
    @IBOutlet weak var switchIsRaining: UISwitch!
    @IBOutlet weak var tvResults: UITextView!

    // MARK: USER DEFAULTS
    var defaults:UserDefaults = UserDefaults.standard

    override func viewDidLoad() {
        super.viewDidLoad()

        // initialize user defaults
        //self.defaults = UserDefaults.standard
    }

    @IBAction func saveButtonPressed(_ sender: Any) {
        // 1. get person person name
        let name:String = txtName.text!
        print("Saving \(name) to user defaults")

        // 2. retrieve the value in the slider
        let temp:Float = sliderTemp.value * 100.0

        // 3. retrieve the switch value
        let isRaining:Bool = switchIsRaining.isOn

        // 4. Save the data
        self.defaults.set(name, forKey:"KEY_NAME") // string
        self.defaults.set(45, forKey:"KEY_AGE") // integer
        self.defaults.set(false, forKey:"KEY_HAS_PET") //boolean

        self.defaults.set(temp, forKey: "KEY_TEMP") //double (float)
        self.defaults.set(isRaining, forKey:"KEY_IS_RAINING")

        // 4b. save an array of data
        let friendsList = ["Emily", "Abigail", "Alex"]
        defaults.set(friendsList, forKey:"KEY_FRIENDS_LIST")

        let testScores = [100, 50, 75, 90]
        defaults.set(testScores, forKey:"KEY_TEST_SCORES_LIST")

        // 4c. save a dictionary
        let airports:[String:String] = ["YYZ": "Toronto International Airport", "ORD": "Chicago O'Hare",
        "LHR": "London Heathrow"]
    }
}
```



```

defaults.set(airports, forKey: "KEY_AIRPORTS_DICT")

// 4d. save a Person struct
let personToSave = Person(name: "Zayne", age: 55, hasPet: true)

// convert the struct to a JSON object
let encoder = JSONEncoder()
if let personAsJSONObj = try? encoder.encode(personToSave) {
    // save the JSON object to user defaults
    defaults.set(personAsJSONObj, forKey: "KEY_PERSON")
}
else {
    print("Could not encode the person as a JSON object")
}

print(" Save finished.")

// 5. Clear the UI and prepare for new input
txtName.text = ""
sliderTemp.value = 0.5
switchIsRaining.isOn = true
lblCurrTemp.text = "Curr Temp: "
}

@IBAction func retrieveButtonPressed(_ sender: Any) {
//    let result = self.defaults.string(forKey: "KEY_ABC") // nil
//    let result2 = self.defaults.string(forKey: "KEY_NAME") // whatever the person typed in the textbox
//
//    // nil coalescing to deal with the possible nil case
    let nameFromUserDefaults: String = self.defaults.string(forKey: "KEY_NAME") ?? "N/A"
    let ageFromUserDefaults = self.defaults.integer(forKey: "KEY_AGE") // default to 0
    let hasPetFromUserDefaults = self.defaults.bool(forKey: "KEY_HAS_PET")

    print("Data retrieved.")
    print("Name is \(nameFromUserDefaults)")
    print("Age is \(ageFromUserDefaults)")
    print("Has Pet? \(hasPetFromUserDefaults)")

    // repopulate the UI with the values from user defaults
    txtName.text = nameFromUserDefaults
    switchIsRaining.isOn = self.defaults.bool(forKey: "KEY_IS_RAINING")
    sliderTemp.value = self.defaults.float(forKey: "KEY_TEMP")
    lblCurrTemp.text = "Curr Temp: \(self.defaults.float(forKey: "KEY_TEMP"))"

    // retrieve the array value
    let friendsFromUserDefaults: [String] =
        defaults.object(forKey: "KEY_FRIENDS_LIST") as? [String] ?? []
    let testScoresFromUserDefaults: [Int] =
        defaults.object(forKey: "KEY_TEST_SCORES_LIST") as? [Int] ?? []

    // retrieve the dictionary value
    // option 1
    let airportsFromUserDefaults: [String:String] = defaults.dictionary(forKey: "KEY_AIRPORTS_DICT")

```

```

    as? [String:String] ?? [:]

// option 2
let airportsFromUserDefaults2:[String:String] = defaults.object(forKey: "KEY_AIRPORTS_DICT")
    as? [String:String] ?? [:]

tvResults.text = "Name is \(nameFromUserDefaults) \n Age is \(ageFromUserDefaults) \n Has Pet?
\ \(hasPetFromUserDefaults)\n"
tvResults.text = tvResults.text + "Friends: \(friendsFromUserDefaults)\nTest
Scores:\(testScoresFromUserDefaults)"

print(friendsFromUserDefaults)
print(friendsFromUserDefaults[0]) // Emily
print(testScoresFromUserDefaults)
print(testScoresFromUserDefaults[0] + 20) // 120

// demoing option 1 & option 2
print(airportsFromUserDefaults["LHR"])
print(airportsFromUserDefaults2["LHR"])

// retrieve the person object
if let personFromUserDefaults = self.defaults.object(forKey: "KEY_PERSON") as? Data {
    // convert the data to a Person struct
    let decoder = JSONDecoder()
    if let person = try? decoder.decode(Person.self, from: personFromUserDefaults) {
        print("Person conversion success")
        print("Person properties are: ")
        print(person.name)
        print(person.age)
        print(person.hasPet)

        person.sayHello()
    }
    else {
        print("Could not convert the data back to a Person struct")
    }
}
else {
    print("Retrieval failed or casting to type Data failed")
}
}

@IBAction func sliderChanged(_ sender: Any) {
    lblCurrTemp.text = "Curr Temp: \(sliderTemp.value * 100)"
}
}

```


User Defaults are Shared Between Screens

- 1/ Each screen creates its own instance of UserDefaults
- 2/ Use the screen's UserDefaults variable to store or retrieve values
- 3/ All screens store and retrieve from the **same** UserDefaults

Code Example: Sharing Data between Screens using UserDefaults

Screen2ViewController.swift

Screen1ViewController.swift

Return values for non-existent keys

From HackingWithSwift.com:

- **integer(forKey:)** returns an integer if the key existed, or 0 if not.
- **bool(forKey:)** returns a boolean if the key existed, or false if not.
- **float(forKey:)** returns a float if the key existed, or 0.0 if not.
- **double(forKey:)** returns a double if the key existed, or 0.0 if not.
- **object(forKey:)** returns **Any?** so you need to conditionally typecast it to your data type.

Examples:

Strings return nil

```
let a = self.defaults.string(forKey: "licensePlate")
```

Numbers return 0

```
let b = self.defaults.integer(forKey: "salary") // get a int out of user defaults
```

Booleans return false

```
let c = self.defaults.bool(forKey: "likesCoconut")
```

