



# **iOS Reverse Engineering**

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# Deailing With Swift

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Developers may think that swift is more secured compared to objective C as there are limited tools used to reverse engineer application coded in swift. Explore how it is possible to modify swift applications.

DIFFICULTY



ESTIMATED TIME

**20 Minutes**

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## Exercise Summary

- Execute class dump for swift apps
- Modify application behavior through runtime tampering tools
- Execute basic jailbreak bypass on Swift

## Background

In this example, we are showing an open-sourced iOS application [DVIA](#) that is built using Swift. We will attempt to dump swift symbols and understand how are swift symbols structured and their difference from Objective-C.

### Swift Symbols

Unlike Objective-C, we are not able to dump out the class headers for application hooking. Instead for Swift apps, we dump the symbol table which are then used to do application hooking.

#### Output for Symbol Table Dump using nm/dsdump

```
1 crazys-MacBook-Pro:DVIA-v2.app crazy
2 0x00100173d40 _$s7DVIA_v232Jailbreak
3 0x0010037b138 _$s7DVIA_v232Jailbreak
4 0x0010017496c _$s7DVIA_v232Jailbreak
5 0x0010037b140 _$s7DVIA_v232Jailbreak
6 0x001001721e4 _$s7DVIA_v232Jailbreak
7 0x0010037b118 _$s7DVIA_v232Jailbreak
8 0x00100172328 _$s7DVIA_v232Jailbreak
```

## Understanding Swift Symbols

The following is what will be seen when we dump the swift symbol table. It is very different from dumping Objective-C headers. We will dissect the following dump to better understand swift symbols:

```
__$s7DVIA_v232JailbreakDetectionViewControllerC12isJailbrokenSbyF
```

### Application Name

```
__$s7DVIA_v232JailbreakDetectionViewControllerC12isJailbrokenSbyF
```

- **s7DVIA\_v2** - can be broken into 3 parts,
  - **s** - Indicate Swift Stable Mangling
  - **7** - App Name Length
  - **DVIA\_v2** - App Name

### Module Name

```
__$s7DVIA_v232JailbreakDetectionViewControllerC12isJailbrokenSbyF
```

- **32JailbreakDetectionViewController** - can be broken into 2 parts,
  - **32** - Module Name Length
  - **JailbreakDetectionViewController** - Module Name

### Module Name

```
__$s7DVIA_v232JailbreakDetectionViewControllerC12isJailbrokenSbyF
```

- **C12isJailbroken** - can be broken into 3 parts,

## Creating Theos Tweak

Now that we have a better understanding towards Swift symbols, we will attempt to create a theos tweak to modify application that is written using Swift.

## Theos Jailbreak Evasion Script for Jailbreak Test 1

```

1 %hook ViewController
2     static Boolean (*orig_
3
4     Boolean hook_ViewCont
5         NSLog(@"We have l
6         return false;
7     }
8 %end
9
10 %ctor {
11     %init(ViewController
12     MSHookFunction(MSFin
13         (void*)hook_View
14         (void**)&orig_Vi
15 }

```

We have included the application on the iPhone provided. To view the difference in application before and after the tweak, please run the application first (DVIA-v2) before clicking the tweak me button!

Tweak Me!

## Jailbreak Implementation for Jailbreak Test 1 in DVIA-v2

```

1 func isJailbroken() -> Bo
2     if FileManager.defau
3         return true
4     }
5     else if FileManager.
6         return true
7     }
8     else if FileManager.
9         return true
10    }
11    else if FileManager.
12        return true
13    }
14    else if FileManager.
15        return true
16    }
17    //All checks have fa
18        return false
19 }

```