# Introducing Protocols



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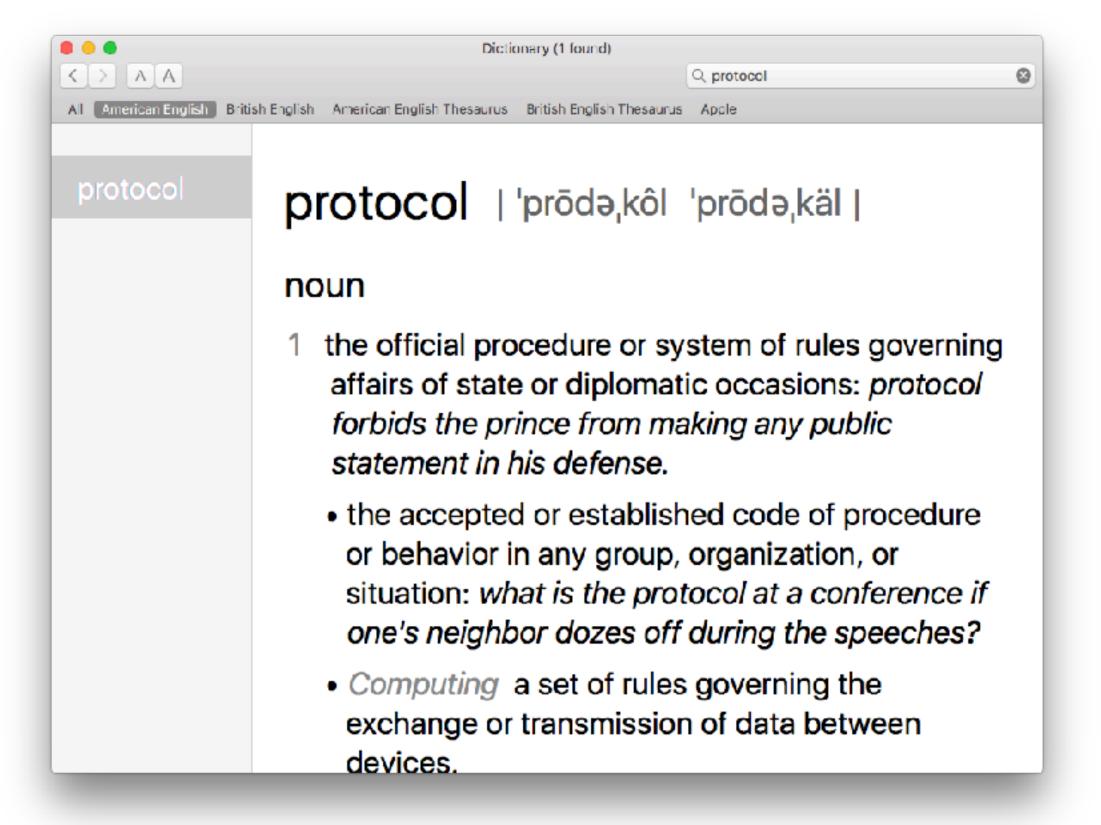
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```
protocol MyProtocol {
    // what methods?
    // what properties?
```

- Each protocol has a name

◆ A list of properties
 (name, type, get/set)

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#### App-specific

Loading Data, Saving Data, Spellchecking, Resizing Uls

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class MyNewClass

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class MyNewClass:

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class MyNewClass: SomeSuperClass

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class MyNewClass: SomeSuperClass, SomeProtocol

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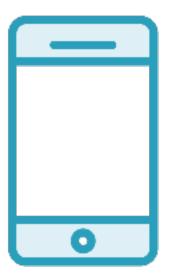
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    ...
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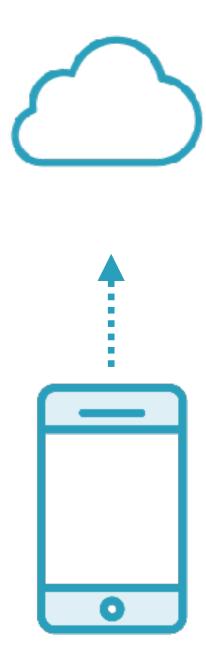
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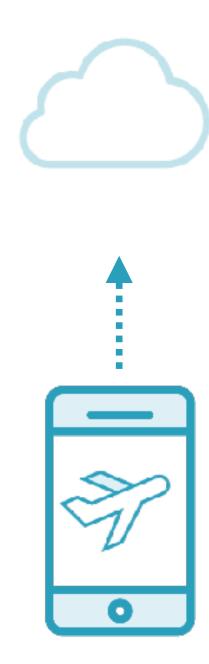
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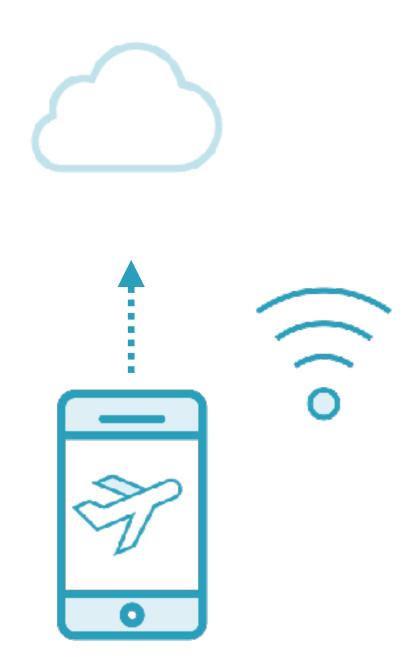
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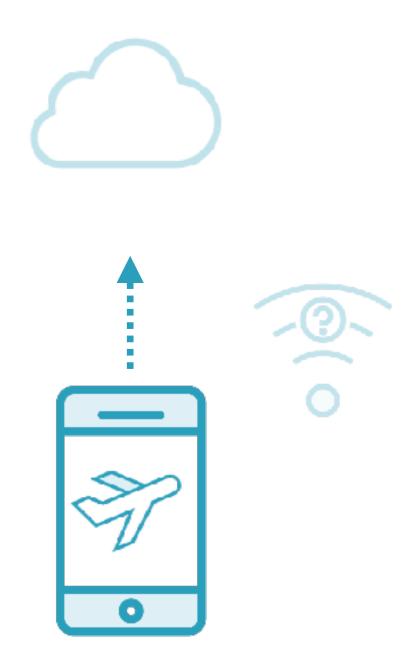
Dealing with recoverable errors



























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What are you going to do about it?

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## Creating Errors

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Some languages have predefined error types. Swift does not.

```
struct SomeKindOfError {
    // whatever you need...
}
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class SomeKindOfError {
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}
```

```
enum SomeKindOfError {
   // whatever you need...
}
```

# Using Guard and Defer



```
guard itemsRequested < itemsInStock else
  print("Cannot fulfil request.")
  return
}</pre>
```



```
guard some-condition-i-need-to-be-true else {
   what-we-do-if-it-isn't
}
```

```
guard customerBalance > requiredAmount else {
   what-we-do-if-it-isn't
}
```

```
guard let unwrappedVal = optionalVal else {
   what-we-do-if-it-isn't
}
```

```
guard let unwrappedVal = optionalVal else
  return / throw / break / continue
}
```

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   import UIKit
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   class SearchResultsViewController: SearchControllerBaseViewController, UISearchResultsUpdating {
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       func updateSearchResults(for searchController: UISearchController) {
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           guard searchController.isActive else { return }
15
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print(unwrappedName) // error - no longer available
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print(unwrappedName) // yes - still available
```

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// if we get to this line, they're all unwrapped
print("\(unwrappedAlbum)\(unwrappedArtist)\(unwrappedAlbum)")
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    guard firstItem.isActive else {
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        myCart.close()
        return
    // process items
    for item in myCollection {
        let validatedItem = validate(item)
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