## Piece by Piece: What Our Data Means



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**String** Character

Double

Float

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Core Swift Data Types

var myVariable: Int

String

Double

**Float** 

**Bool** 

UInt

Character

**Collection Types** 

Array

Dictionary

Set

Core Swift Data Types

var myVariable: \_\_\_\_\_ // what else?

What about a Date type? Or a Time type?

Complex Data Types

```
var myVariable: _____ // what else?

What about a Date type? Or a Time type?

URL / File / Button / Document / Image (etc.)
```

Complex Data Types

```
// We'll import other frameworks for additional types
import

var myVariable: _____ // what else?

What about a Date type? Or a Time type?

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```

Complex Data Types

## Constants: Why They're Important

#### var to make a variable

```
var myVariableMessage = "Hello"
// later, try to change it
myVariableMessage = "Bye"
```

#### let to make a constant

```
let myConstantMessage = "Hello"
// later, try to change it
myConstantMessage = "Bye"
```

#### var to make a variable

```
var myVariableMessage = "Hello"
// later, try to change it
myVariableMessage = "Bye" // OK
```

#### let to make a constant

```
let myConstantMessage = "Hello"
// later, try to change it
myConstantMessage = "Bye" // ERROR!
```

Cannot assign to value: 'myConstantMessage' is a 'let' constant

const int minutesInAWeek = 10080;

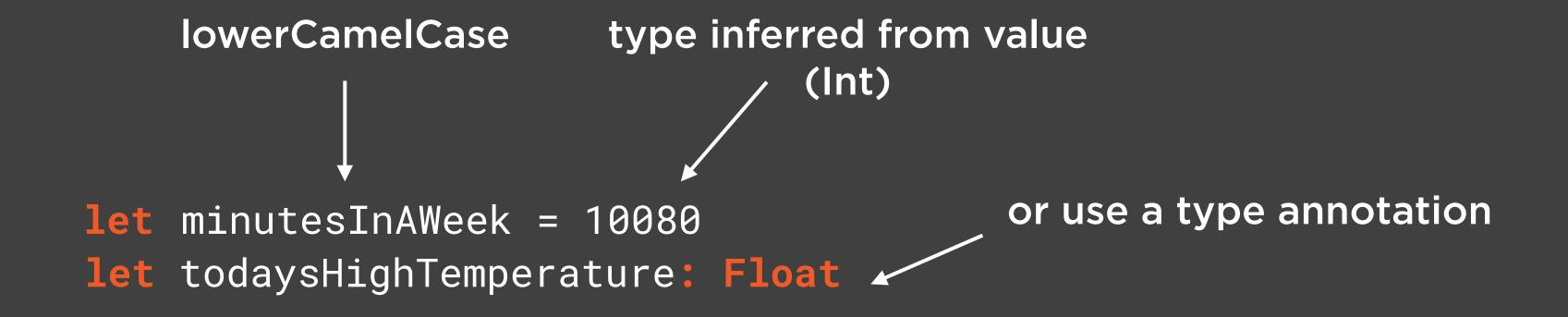
#### Creating Constants in Other Languages

final int minutesInAWeek = 10080;

#### Creating Constants in Other Languages

readonly int minutesInAWeek = 10080;

#### Creating Constants in Other Languages



Creating Constants in Swift

```
// constants with fixed compile-time values
const float PI = 3.1415927;
const int MAX_WIDTH = 3840;
const int MAX_HEIGHT = 2160;
```

#### Constants aren't just

# "But does this actually make a difference?"

**Skeptical Programmer** 

```
// make an integer variable
int myInteger = 40;
// make a floating-point variable
double myDouble = 2.5;

// now add them together
Console.WriteLine(myInteger + myDouble);
> 42.5
```

### Some Implicit Conversion (Coercion) is Common

Many languages perform some automatic "behind the scenes" conversion

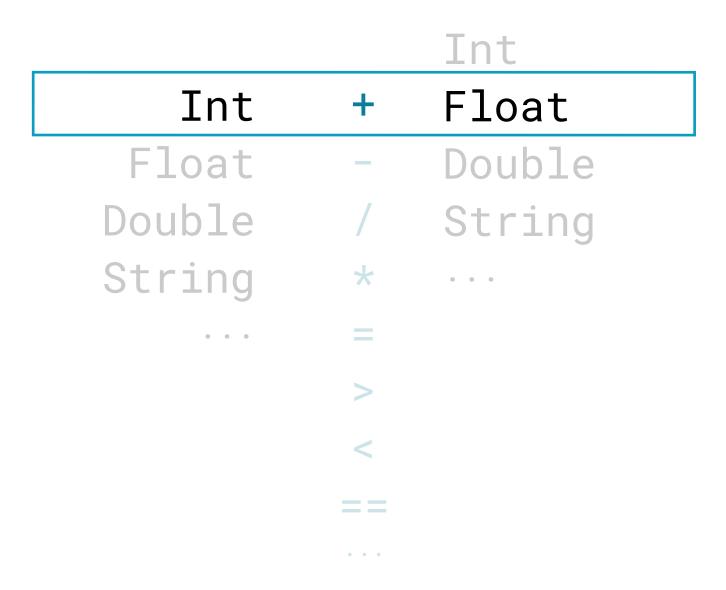
#### Converting Data

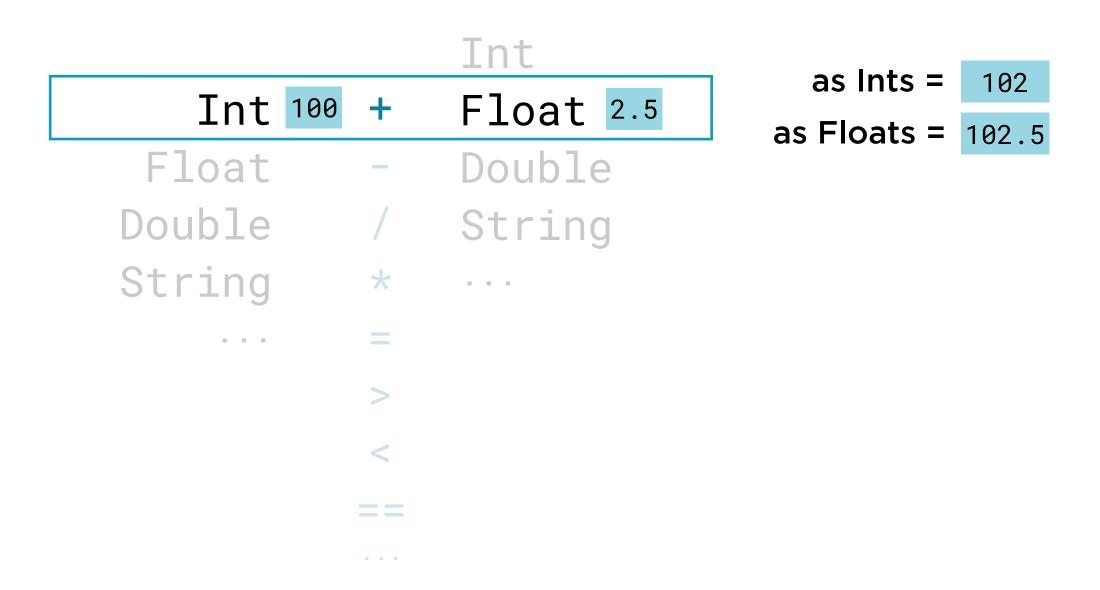
When it works, when it doesn't... and when "we won't know until we try"

```
Int
 Float
Double
               Int
String
               Float
              Double
              String
           *
           >
```

```
Int
 Float
              Int
Double
              Float
          *
String
              Double
              String
          = =
```

```
+
   Int
 Float
Double
           *
              Int
String
              Float
              Double
              String
```





```
// make a Float from an Int
let myFloat = Float(someInteger)
// make a String from a Float
let myString = String(myFloat)
// make a Double from a String
let myDouble = Double(myString)
// make an Int from a Float
let myInt = Int(myFloat)
```

Basic Conversion Syntax

```
// make a Bool
var hasLoggedIn = false

// attempt to convert to a Double?
let myDouble = Double(hasLoggedIn)
```

1/3: Not All Conversion Makes Sense

```
let myFloat: Float = 3.5

// convert to Int
let myInt = Int(myFloat)
print(myInt)
```

2/3: Conversions Can Still Lose Information

let myInt = 123456789123456789

3/3: Not All Conversions Succeed

Some conversions will always work...

```
let myInt = 123456789123456789

// an Int will always convert to a String
let myString = String(myInt)
print(myString)
```

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// an Int will always convert to a String
let myString = String(myInt)
print(myString)
```

Some conversions will always work...

> 123456789123456789

let myString = "21"

### 3/3: Not All Conversions Succeed

```
// this String will convert to an Int value
let myString = "21"

// ...
let myResult = Int(myString)
```

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// this String will convert to an Int value
let myString = "21"

// ...
let myResult = Int(myString)
```

```
// ...but this String will not convert to an Int
let myString =

// ...
let myResult = Int(myString)
```

```
// ...but this String will not convert to an Int
let myString = "lkjhg"

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```

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```

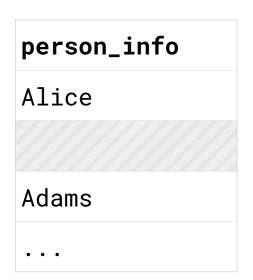
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```
// ...
let firstName: String
let middleName: String
let lastName: String
let age: Int
let avatar: Image
// ...
```



```
person_info

Alice

// ...

let firstName: String

let middleName: String

let lastName: String

let age: Int

let avatar: Image

// ...
```

```
person_info
Alice

// ...
let firstName: String
let middleName: String
let age: Int
let avatar: Image
// ...
avatar = fetchUserAvatar()
```

```
person_info
                                      Alice
let firstName: String
                                      Adams
let middleName: String
let lastName: String
let age: Int
let avatar: Image
// ...
avatar = fetchUserAvatar()
```

```
// ...but this String will not convert to an Int
let myString = "lkjhg"

// ...
let myResult = Int(myString)
```

### 3/3: Not All Conversions Succeed

Other conversions may or may not work depending on the value

```
string myString;
int myInteger;
bool myBoolean;
float myfloat;
// etc.
```

Default Values Are Common in Other Languages

```
string myString; // set to ""
int myInteger; // set to 0
bool myBoolean; // set to false
float myfloat; // set to 0.0
// etc.
```

Default Values Are Common in Other Languages

```
// Traveler information
var firstName: String
var middleName: String
var lastName: String
var email: String
var secondaryEmail: String
var daysUntilNextTrip: Int
// ...
```

```
// Traveler information
var middleName: String
var lastName: String
var email: String
var secondaryEmail: String
var daysUntilNextTrip: Int
// . . .
```

```
// Traveler information
var firstName: String
                      "Grace"
var middleName: String
                      ·····" "Murray"
var lastName: String
var email: String
var secondaryEmail: String
var daysUntilNextTrip: Int
// . . .
```

```
// Traveler information
var firstName: String
                     "Grace"
var middleName: String .....
                       "Murray"
var lastName: String
var email: String
var secondaryEmail: String
var daysUntilNextTrip: Int
// . . .
```

```
// Traveler information
var firstName: String
                        ....." "Grace"
var middleName: String .....
var lastName: String
                                 "Murray"
var email: String
var secondaryEmail: String
var daysUntilNextTrip: Int
// . . .
```

```
// Traveler information
var firstName: String
                       "Grace"
var middleName: String
var lastName: String
                                "Murray"
var email: String
var secondaryEmail: String
var daysUntilNextTrip: Int
// . . .
```

```
// Traveler information
var firstName: String
                       "Grace"
var middleName: String
var lastName: String
                                "Murray"
var email: String
var secondaryEmail: String
var daysUntilNextTrip: Int
// . . .
```

```
// Traveler information
var firstName: String
                                  "Grace"
var middleName: String
var lastName: String
                                  "Murray"
var email: String
var secondaryEmail: String
                                          so the next trip is today?
var daysUntilNextTrip: Int
                                      0
// . . .
```

```
// Traveler information
var firstName: String
                                   "Grace"
var middleName: String
var lastName: String
                                   "Murray"
var email: String
var secondaryEmail: String
                                           so the next trip is today?
var daysUntilNextTrip: Int
                                      0
                                           or... we haven't calculated it yet?
// . . .
```

```
// Traveler information
var firstName: String
                                    "Grace"
var middleName: String
var lastName: String
                                    "Murray"
var email: String
var secondaryEmail: String
                                            so the next trip is today?
var daysUntilNextTrip: Int
                                       0
                                            or... we haven't calculated it yet?
                                            or... there is no next trip?
// . . .
```

# Swift Optionals

How to define type-safe values when there might be no value at all

## Optional Values Are Type-Safe

var daysUntilNextTrip: Int // an Int

### Optional Values Are Type-Safe

var daysUntilNextTrip: Int? // an Optional Int

### Optional Values Are Type-Safe

```
var daysUntilNextTrip: Int? // an Optional Int
var secondaryEmail: String // a String
```

### Optional Values Are Type-Safe

```
var daysUntilNextTrip: Int? // an Optional Int
var secondaryEmail: String? // an Optional String
```

### Optional Values Are Type-Safe

nil

# Using Optionals

Int

100



myOptional



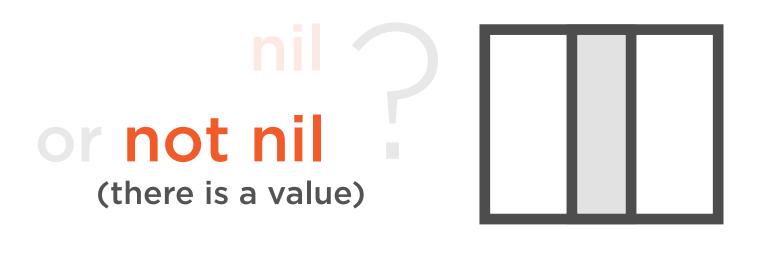








myOptional



unwrapping an optional





myOptional

Int 100

unwrapping an optional

### Optionals



100

unwrapping an optional

Creating and Using Swift Arrays

```
let firstMode = "Ionian"
let secondMode = "Dorian"
let thirdMode = "Phrygian"
// etc.
```

Creating and Using Swift Arrays

#### musicalModes

"Ionian"	"Dorian"	"Phrygian"	(etc.)	• • •
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Creating and Using Swift Arrays

Array Dictionary

Set

0	"Ionian"
1	"Dorian"
2	"Phrygian"

Array

an ordered collection of items

Dictionary

Set

0	"Ionian"
1	"Dorian"
2	"Phrygian"

"UPS" "United Parcel Service"

"FedEx" "Federal Express"

"USPS" "United States Postal Service"

Array

an ordered collection of items

Dictionary

a collection of key/value pairs

Set

0	"Ionian"
1	"Dorian"
2	"Phrygian"

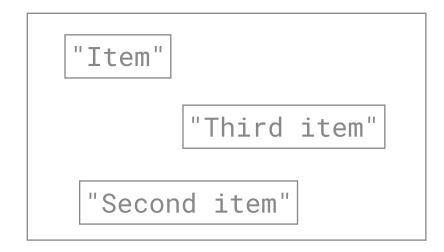
**Array** 

an ordered collection of items

"UPS"	"United Parcel Service"
"FedEx"	"Federal Express"
"USPS"	"United States Postal Service"

**Dictionary** 

a collection of key/value pairs



Set

an unordered collection of items

0	"Ionian"
1	"Dorian"
2	"Phrygian"
3	(etc.)

0	ı	Ionian"
1	1	Dorian"
2	ı	Phrygian"
3	(	etc.)

Zero-based

0	"Ionian"
1	"Dorian"
2	"Phrygian"
3	(etc.)

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Zero-based Type-safe

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**Zero-based** 

Type-safe

Mutable or Immutable (using var) (using let)