

SwiftUI



What is it?

***Why* is it?**

4 Core Principles

Declarative

- describe the result

Automatic functionality

- Sane defaults
- Built in accessibility, dark mode, localizability, spacing/insets

Compositional

- Small components make up bigger UI

Simple state management

What I like

- Less code
- Easier state management
- Realtime preview
- Code is the single source of truth
- Apple controls the whole stack:
 - chips -> device -> language -> OS -> SDK
- Works with UIKit

What I don't like

- More View types: collectionView, etc
- Errors are complex
- Data flow is not truly one-way
- Not OSS/Poor documentation
- iOS 13 and up only
- I feel old 🧓

Demo

- Tutorial

Data flow

@State

- locally owned by view and requires initial default value
- Value type
- Use should be limited because State data is owned by view, while putting it in model is preferable
- Something that controls what is currently visible (on off switch) seems like ideal use

```
struct PlayerView : View {
    let episode: Episode
    @State private var isPlaying: Bool = false

    var body: some View {
        VStack {
            Text(episode.title)
            Text(episode.showTitle).font(.caption).foregroundColor(.gray)
            Button(action: {
                self.isPlaying.toggle()
            }) {
                Image(systemName: isPlaying ? "pause.circle" : "play.circle")
            }
        }
    }
}
```

@Binding

- not owned and does not require initial default
- Set by **\$propertyName** and passed to child view that owns it as a @State
- Read and write

```
struct PlayButton : View {  
    @Binding var isPlaying: Bool  
  
    var body: some View {  
        Button(action: {  
            self.isPlaying.toggle()  
        }) {  
            Image(systemName: isPlaying ? "pause.circle" : "play.circle")  
        }  
    }  
}
```


BindableObject

- data external to the View (stuff other than touch events, etc)
- Good for existing model integration
 - use RepresentableContext for sharing w/ UIView/VCS
- Conform store for example to BindableObject protocol **didChange**
- Use **@ObjectBinding** property wrapper
- Reference
- Add Combine Publisher to use

```
struct MyView : View {  
    @ObjectBinding var model: MyModelObject  
    ...  
}  
MyView(model: modelInstance)
```

@EnvironmentObject

- Widely shared data like theme etc

```
struct PlayerView : View {
    @EnvironmentObject var player: PodcastPlayerStore

    var body: some View {
        VStack {
            Text(player.currentEpisode.title)
                .foregroundColor(isPlaying ? .white : .gray)
            Text(player.currentEpisode.showTitle)
                .font(.caption).foregroundColor(.gray)

            PlayButton(isPlaying: $player.isPlaying)
            Text("\(player.currentTime, formatter: playheadTimeFormatter)")
        }
    }
}
```