iOS

Some first elements

Model View Controller



App structure



ApplicationDelegate

- A single window, where all of our app content is drawn
- "Skeletons" of important methods that allow the application object to talk to the app delegate
 - During runtime events (e.g., app launch, low-memory warnings, and app termination) the application object calls the corresponding method in the app delegate, giving it an opportunity to respond appropriately
- Delegate design pattern

import UIKit

}

AppDelegate.swift

@UIApplicationMain

class AppDelegate: UIResponder, UIApplicationDelegate {

```
var window: UIWindow?
```

func applicationWillResignActive(application: UIApplication) {
 // Sent when the application is about to move from active
 // to inactive state}

func applicationDidEnterBackground(application: UIApplication) {
 // Use this method to release shared resources, save user data,
 // invalidate timers, and store application state}

func applicationWillEnterForeground(application: UIApplication) {
 // Called as part of the transition from the background to the inactive
 // state}

func applicationDidBecomeActive(application: UIApplication) {
 // Restart any tasks that were paused while the application was inactive}

func applicationWillTerminate(application: UIApplication) {
// Called when the application is about to terminate}

Views

- Represent user interface elements that display contents or respond to user events
 - Can be nested in a view hierarchy
 - Can animate their property values
- Views do not know the role they play
 - For example, clicking a button is always the same, it does not know what it controls



View Controllers

- Provide the infrastructure for managing content and for coordinating the showing and hiding of it
 - Manage the views used to display content
 - Communicate and coordinate with other view controllers when transitions occur
- Different view controllers can control separate portions of your user interface
- May also communicate with other controllers, such as data controllers or document objects

View Controllers

- You use custom subclasses of UIViewController to present your app's content
 - Content view controllers
 - UIViewController, UITableViewController, UICollectionViewController
 - Container view controllers
 - UINavigationController, UITabBarController, UISplitViewController

Views and View Controllers

- Every view is controlled by only one view controller
 - When a view is assigned to the view controller's view property, the view controller owns it
- If the view is a subview, it might be controlled by the same view controller or a different view controller

Graphical elements (I)



View Controller Hierarchy (II)



Content View Controllers

- Present content on the screen using a view or a group of views organized into a view hierarchy
 - Each controller is responsible for managing all the views in a single view hierarchy
 - A single controller should never manage multiple screens



UITableViewController

- A built-in controller designed for managing tabular data
 - Manages a table view and adds support for many standard table-related behaviors
 - A table view presents data in a single-column list of multiple rows and is a means for displaying and editing hierarchical lists of information
 - Has a pointer to the root view of the interface, but it also has a separate pointer to the table view

UICollectionViewController

- Represents a view controller whose content consists of a collection view
 - Displays an ordered collection of data
- Similar to a table view displays data using a combination of cell, layout, and supplementary views
 - can display items in a grid or in a custom layout that you design
 - Each cell must be an instance of UICollectionViewCell

UINavigationController

- Presents data organized hierarchically
- Provides methods for managing a stack-based collection of content view controllers



UITabBarController

- Used to divide your app into distinct modes of operation
- The tab bar has multiple tabs, each represented by a child view controller



UITabBarController

- What if we had more than 4 View Controllers?
 - A More button appears
- Everything happens automatically

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UISplitViewController

- It presents a master-detail interface
 - Changes in the primary view controller (the master) drive changes in a secondary view controller (the detail)

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Overall organization (storyboard)



Unified Storyboards for Universal Apps

- Create a single interface for your app that works well on both iPad and iPhone, adjusting to orientation changes and different screen sizes as needed
- Design apps with a common interface and then customize them for different size classes

Size Classes

- Size classes are traits that are automatically assigned to content areas based on their size
- A view may possess any combination of size classes
 - Regular width, regular height
 - Compact width, compact height
 - Regular width, compact height
 - Compact width, regular height



How to start

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iOS Simulator

- Easy to start and try apps
- Known problems
 - Different devices
 - Different orientations
- Better positioning of elements



Views (I)

Delete Note		
Cancel		

Action sheet



Activity indicator

Title This is a message.		
OK	Cancel	

Alert view



Collection view



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Picker view

Image view

The volume of the ringer and alerts can be adjusted using the volume buttons.



Settings Sounds

Navigation bar and items

Label

Views (II)



Tool bar

Web view

Settings

RINGER AND ALERTS

Change with Buttons

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UITextView

- Implements the behavior of a scrollable, multiline text region
- Supports the display of text using custom style information and also supports text editing
- The appearance of the keyboard itself can be customized using its properties

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Autolayout

- Determines where objects should go and how big they should be based on constraints we set on them
 - This allows interfaces to adapt to being rotated between portrait and landscape, and to handle differing screen sizes
- Constraints allow us to express what matters to us and to let other factors vary as needed
 - We can specify the size of components, their alignment with or distance from other components, etc.



Auto Layout Attributes	Value	Notes
Height	The size of the view.	These attributes can be assigned constant values or combined with other Height and Width attributes. These values cannot be negative.
TopBottomBaseline	The values increase as you move down the screen.	These attributes can be combined only with Center Y, Top, Bottom, and Baseline attributes.
LeadingTrailing	The values increase as you move towards the trailing edge. For a left-to-right layout directions, the values increase as you move to the right. For a right-to-left layout direction, the values increase as you move left.	These attributes can be combined only with Leading, Trailing, or Center X attributes.
☑ Left☑ Right	The values increase as you move to the right.	These attributes can be combined only with Left, Right, and Center X attributes. Avoid using Left and Right attributes. Use Leading and Trailing instead. This allows the layout to adapt to the view's reading direction. By default the reading direction is determined based on the current language set by the user. However, you can override this where necessary. In iOS, set the <u>semanticContentAttribute</u> property on the view holding the constraint (the nearest common ancestor of all views affected by the constraint) to specify whether the content's layout should be flipped when switching between left-to-right and right-to-left languages.
B Center XCenter Y	The interpretation is based on the other attribute in the equation.	Center X can be combined with Center X, Leading, Trailing, Right, and Left attributes. Center Y can be combined with Center Y, Top, Bottom, and Baseline attributes.

Example



Different devices



App content

- Xcode provides a library of objects
 - Some of these are user interface elements that belong to a view, such as buttons and text fields
 - Others define the behavior of our app, such as view controllers and gesture recognizers
- A view controller manages a corresponding view and its sub-views

Interface Builder and code

- An IBOutlet connects a variable or property in code to an object in a storyboard
 - This lets us read and write objects' properties, like reading the value of a slider or setting the initial contents of a text field
- An IBAction connects an event generated by a storyboard object to a method in the code
 - This lets us respond to a button being tapped or a slider's value changing
Generated code

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... and the result is

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Logging

- On iOS, we can use function print() to write a string out to the system's log file
 - For example, we can implement our action to just log a message every time the button is tapped

```
@IBAction func sendMessage(_ sender: UIButton) {
    print ("Button pressed")
}
```



Outlets

• Preceding a property with the @IBOutlet modifier tells Interface Builder that a property can serve as an outlet

- A stored property implies a variable to store the value
- A computed property does not imply a backing variable

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Weak attribute

- Automatic Reference Counting (ARC) solves almost all memory problems, but it cannot solve retain cycles
- Our ViewController knows about the UILabel, so ARC cannot free the label from memory as long as the view controller exists
- But if the UILabel also requires the ViewController, then neither can ever be freed from memory (cycle)
- The way to break this is to declare one side of the arrangement as weak
- The rule of thumb is that
 - Only "top-level" objects in a storyboard scene (like the view) need strong references, and everything else can be weak
 - Xcode defaults to this behavior when we made the connection

More scenes



Segue types

Name	Interface Builder Symbol	Description
Show	E	Present the content in the detail or master area depending on the content of the screen. If the app is displaying a master and detail view, the content is pushed onto the detail area. If the app is only displaying the master or the detail, the content is pushed on top of the current view controller stack.
Show Detail	E	Present the content in the detail area. If the app is displaying a master and detail view, the new content replaces the current detail. If the app is only displaying the master or the detail, the content replaces the top of the current view controller stack.
Present Modally		Present the content modally. There are options to choose a presentation style (UIModalPresentationStyle) and a transition style (UIModalTransitionStyle).
Present as Popover		Present the content as a popover anchored to an existing view. There is an option to specify the possible directions of the arrow shown on one edge of the popover view (UIPopoverArrowDirection). There is also an option to specify the anchor view.
Custom		A custom segue enabling you to write your own behaviors.
Push (Deprecated)	E	Present the content by pushing it onto the current stack of view controllers.
Modal (Deprecated)		Present the content modally on top of the existing screen. The options are the same as Present Modally.
Popover (Deprecated)		Present the content as a popover. The options are the same as Present as Popover.
Replace (Deprecated)		Replace the top view controller on the screen with the new content.





Unwind Segue

- Can be used to "unwind" the navigation stack and specify a destination to go back to
- Unwind segues always segue from the source or current view controller to an existing view controller, a view controller that is already present in the navigation hierarchy



UlGestureRecognizer

- We can get notified of the raw touch events or we can react to certain, predefined "gestures"
- Gestures are recognized by class UIGestureRecognizer (abstract)
 - TapGestureRecognizer, UIPinchGestureRecognizer, UIRotationGestureRecognizer, UISwipeGestureRecognizer, UIPanGestureRecognizer, UIScreenEdgePanGestureRecognizer, UILongPressGestureRecognizer
- There are two sides to using a gesture recognizer
 - Adding a gesture recognizer to a UIView to ask it to recognize that gesture
 - Providing the implementation of a method to "handle" that gesture when it happens

Internationalization

- The ability of code to adapt to local conventions in different parts of the world
 - This includes things like language, time and date formatting, and currency symbols and separators
- We must create a localization for each locale we want to support
 - A localization is a collection of strings, currency formats, graphics, sounds, and other resources that are specific to one locale
 - We declare supported localizations at the project level

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Data Management

Three options

- File System
 - Based on the UNIX file system
- SQLite
 - Embedded DBMS (like in Android)
- Core Data
 - Object-oriented database
 - Powerful framework in iOS

File system

- Interactions with the file system are limited to the directories inside the app's sandbox
 - Exception: when an app uses public system interfaces to access things such as the user's contacts or music
- During installation of a new app, the installer creates a number of containers for the app
 - Each container has a specific role



Directory	Description
AppName.app	This is the app's bundle. This directory contains the app and all of its resources. You cannot write to this directory. To prevent tampering, the bundle directory is signed at installation time. Writing to this directory changes the signature and prevents your app from launching. You can, however, gain read-only access to any resources stored in the apps bundle. For more information, see the <i>Resource Programming Guide</i> The contents of this directory are not backed up by iTunes. However, iTunes does perform an initial sync of any apps purchased from the App Store.
Documents/	Use this directory to store user-generated content. The contents of this directory can be made available to the user through file sharing; therefore, his directory should only contain files that you may wish to expose to the user. The contents of this directory are backed up by iTunes.
Documents/Inbox	Use this directory to access files that your app was asked to open by outside entities. Specifically, the Mail program places email attachments associated with your app in this directory. Document interaction controllers may also place files in it. Your app can read and delete files in this directory but cannot create new files or write to existing files. If the user tries to edit a file in this directory, your app must silently move it out of the directory before making any changes. The contents of this directory are backed up by iTunes.
Library/	This is the top-level directory for any files that are not user data files. You typically put files in one of several standard subdirectories. iOS apps commonly use the Application Support and Caches subdirectories; however, you can create custom subdirectories. Use the Library subdirectories for any files you don't want exposed to the user. Your app should not use these directories for user data files. The contents of the Library directory (with the exception of the Caches subdirectory) are backed up by iTunes. For additional information about the Library directory and its commonly used subdirectories, see The Library Directory Stores App-Specific Files.
tmp/	Use this directory to write temporary files that do not need to persist between launches of your app. Your app should remove files from this directory when they are no longer needed; however, the system may purge this directory when your app is not running. The contents of this directory are not backed up by iTunes.

Files and directories

- Directories
 - You must use the methods of FileManager
 - A process can create directories anywhere it has permission to do so
- Files
 - When specifying the location of files, you can use either NSURL or NSString objects
 - The use of the URL class is generally preferred
 - Two parts: creation of a record for the file in the file system and filling the file with content
- To copy items around the file system, you use class FileManager
 - The file manager asks its delegate whether the operation should begin at all and whether it should proceed when an error occurs

iCloud Storage API

• Manage files and key-value data that are automatically synchronized among a user's iCloud devices



How it works

- A document is not moved to iCloud immediately
 - First, it is moved from its current location in the file system to a local system-managed directory where it can be monitored by the iCloud service
 - After that transfer, the file is transferred to iCloud and to the user's other devices as soon as possible
- Apps are expected to use file coordinator objects to perform all changes
 - File coordinators mediate changes between your app and the daemon that facilitates the transfer of the document to and from iCloud
 - The file coordinator acts like a locking mechanism for the document
- Class Document helps manage documents in iCloud

File Coordinators and File Presenters

- NSFileCoordinator coordinates the reads and writes performed by our app and the sync daemon on the same document
 - We use presenters in conjunction with a file coordinator to coordinate access to a file or directory among the objects of our application and between our application and other processes
 - Instances of NSFileCoordinator are meant to be used on a per-fileoperation basis
- The FilePresenter protocol should be implemented by objects that allow the user to view or edit the content of files or directories
 - The job of a file presenter is to protect the integrity of its own data structures
 - Class Document is an example of a file presenter that tracks changes to its underlying file or file package

What apps should do to work with iCloud?

- Manage each document in iCloud using a file presenter
 - After creating a file presenter, register it
 - Before deleting a file presenter, unregister it
- All file-related operations must be performed through a file coordinator object
 - Create an instance of class NSFileCoordinator and initialize it with the file presenter object that is about to perform the file operation
 - Use the methods of the NSFileCoordinator object to read/write the file
 - When we are done with the operations, release the file coordinator object

SQLite

Different wrappers available (on GitHub)

SQLite.swift

- Swift interface to SQLLite
- Class Connection helps establish Database connections
 - We can create a writable database in our app's Documents directory
 - If we omit the path, SQLite.swift will provision an in-memory database
 - SQLite will attempt to create the database file if it does not already exist
 - We can also bundle a database with our app, and then we can establish a read-only connection to it

Core Data

Core Data

- Is a framework that we use to manage the objects in the model layer of our applications
- Provides generalized and automated solutions to common tasks associated with lifecycle and graph management of objects, including persistence
- Core Data can only do its magic because it keeps the object graph it manages in memory

Key characteristics

- Change tracking and built-in management of undo and redo beyond basic text editing
- Maintenance of change propagation, including maintaining the consistency of relationships among objects
- Lazy loading of objects, partially materialized futures (faulting), and copy-on-write data sharing to reduce overhead
- Automatic validation of property values. Managed objects extend the standard key-value coding validation methods to ensure that individual values lie within acceptable ranges, so that combinations of values make sense
- Schema migration tools that simplify schema changes and allow you to perform efficient in-place schema migration
- Optional integration with the application's controller layer to support user interface synchronization
- Grouping, filtering, and organizing of data in memory and in the user interface
- Automatic support for storing objects in external data repositories
- Sophisticated query compilation. Instead of writing SQL, you can create complex queries by associating an NSPredicate object with a fetch request
- Version tracking and optimistic locking to support automatic multiwriter conflict resolution

Let's start

- AppDelegate.swift file
 - quite a significant amount of new code (Core Data stack)
 - Most of these methods are setting up the Core Data stack and the defaults are fine for now

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lazy var persistentContainer: NSPersistentContainer = {
 /*
 The persistent container for the application. This implementation
 creates and returns a container, having loaded the store for the
 application to it. This property is optional since there are legitimate
 error conditions that could cause the creation of the store to fail.
 */

```
import UIKit
import CoreData
class ViewController: UIViewController {
    func getContext () -> NSManagedObjectContext {
        let appDelegate = UIApplication.shared.delegate as! AppDelegate
        return appDelegate.persistentContainer.viewContext
    }
    override func viewDidLoad() {
        super.viewDidLoad()
        // Do any additional setup after loading the view
        // Print it to the console
        print(getContext())
    }
}
```

Entities

• An Entity in the code becomes an NSManagedObject

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CONFIGURATIONS	S password String
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Entities

- All attributes are objects
- Attributes can be accessed easily
 - NSManagedObject offers valueForKey and setValue

func createData(){

}

//As we know that container is set up in the AppDelegates so we need to refer that container.

guard let appDelegate = UIApplication.shared.delegate as? AppDelegate else { return }

```
//We need to create a context from this container
let managedContext = appDelegate.persistentContainer.viewContext
```

```
//Now let's create an entity and new user records.
let userEntity = NSEntityDescription.entity(forEntityName: "User", in: managedContext)!
```

```
//final, we need to add some data to our newly created record for each keys using
//here adding 5 data with loop
```

```
for i in 1...5 {
    let user = NSManagedObject(entity: userEntity, insertInto: managedContext)
        user.setValue("luciano\(i)", forKeyPath: "username")
        user.setValue("luciano\(i)@test.com", forKey: "email")
        user.setValue("milano\(i)", forKey: "password")
}
```

//Now we have set all the values. The next step is to save them inside the Core Data

```
do {
   try managedContext.save()
} catch let error as NSError {
    print("Could not save. \(error), \(error.userInfo)")
   }
```
func retrieveData() {

//As we know that container is set up in the AppDelegates so we need to refer that container.
guard let appDelegate = UIApplication.shared.delegate as? AppDelegate else { return }

```
//We need to create a context from this container
let managedContext = appDelegate.persistentContainer.viewContext
```

```
//Prepare the request of type NSFetchRequest for the entity
let fetchRequest = NSFetchRequest<NSFetchRequestResult>(entityName: "User")
```

```
do {
   let result = try managedContext.fetch(fetchRequest)
   for data in result as! [NSManagedObject] {
     print(data.value(forKey: "username") as! String)
   }
} catch {
   print("Failed")
   }
}
```

func updateData(){

}

//As we know that container is set up in the AppDelegates so we need to refer that container.
guard let appDelegate = UIApplication.shared.delegate as? AppDelegate else { return }

```
//We need to create a context from this container
let managedContext = appDelegate.persistentContainer.viewContext
```

```
let fetchRequest:NSFetchRequest<NSFetchRequestResult> = NSFetchRequest.init(entityName: "User")
fetchRequest.predicate = NSPredicate(format: "username = %@", "luciano1")
```

```
do {
 let test = try managedContext.fetch(fetchReguest)
 let objectUpdate = test[0] as! NSManagedObject
 objectUpdate.setValue("newName", forKey: "username")
 objectUpdate.setValue("newmail", forKey: "email")
 objectUpdate.setValue("newpassword", forKey: "password")
 do {
   try managedContext.save()
  }
  catch {
    print(error)
  }
}
catch {
  print(error)
}
```

func deleteData(){

//As we know that container is set up in the AppDelegates so we need to refer that container.
guard let appDelegate = UIApplication.shared.delegate as? AppDelegate else { return }

```
//We need to create a context from this container
let managedContext = appDelegate.persistentContainer.viewContext
```

```
let fetchRequest = NSFetchRequest<NSFetchRequestResult>(entityName: "User")
fetchRequest.predicate = NSPredicate(format: "username = %@", "luciano3")
```

```
do {
   let test = try managedContext.fetch(fetchRequest)
```

```
let objectToDelete = test[0] as! NSManagedObject
managedContext.delete(objectToDelete)
```

```
do {
    try managedContext.save()
    }
    catch {
        print(error)
    }
    catch {
        print(error)
    }
}
```

Relationships

• The type of relationships can be either toOne or to Many



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