

Intro to Cocoa: Part Two

A crash course in programming
Macs, iPhones, and iPod Touches

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In Our Last Episode...

- ▶ A bit of history and perspective on OS X
- ▶ Intro to the Apple development tools (Xcode, Interface Builder)
- ▶ Intro to the Objective-C programming language
- ▶ Intro to the Cocoa frameworks
- ▶ Putting it all together: A simple UI app from start to finish

This Week

- ▶ Tidy up loose ends from last week (questions, corrections)
- ▶ Moving to the iPod: Using the developer tools and working with provisioning profiles
- ▶ Intro to the UIKit framework, including widgets, views, and event handling
- ▶ Other goodies: multi-touch, animation, OpenGL
- ▶ Four example programs demonstrating different aspects of the APIs and interaction techniques

Last Week's Example (Fixed!)

- ▶ The header file...

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#import <Foundation/Foundation.h>

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    NSMutableString *personName;
    int firstNumber;
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}
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- (void)setPersonName:(NSString *)name;
- (NSString *)personName;
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@end
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@implementation LuckyNumbers

// Override the default initializer, providing default values
- (id)init {
    return [self initWithName:@"Jane Doe"];
}

// Provide a "designated initializer" to do all the work
- (id)initWithName:(NSString *)name {
    self = [super init];
    if (self) {
        personName = [name retain];           // need to retain it!
        firstNumber = random() % 100 + 1;
        secondNumber = random() % 100 + 1;
    }
    return self;
}

- (void)dealloc {
    [personName release];           // Deallocate what we retained
    [super dealloc];               // Before dealloc'ing ourselves
}
```

▶ And the implementation... (part 2 of 3)

```
- (void)prepareRandomNumbers {
    firstNumber = random() % 100 + 1;
    secondNumber = random() % 100 + 1;
}

- (void)setPersonName:(NSString *)name {
    [name retain]; // "Retain-then-release" prevents
    [personName release]; // inadvertent deallocation
    personName = name; // if someone sends a ref for the
                       // active personName to the setter
}

- (NSString *)personName {
    return personName;
}

- (int)firstNumber {
    return firstNumber;
}

- (int)secondNumber {
    return secondNumber;
}
```

▶ And the implementation... (part 3 of 3)

```
- (NSString *)description {
    NSString *result;
    result = [[NSString alloc] initWithFormat:@"%@"'s lucky numbers
            are %d and %d", personName, firstNumber, secondNumber];
    [result autorelease];          // decrements retain count but
    return result;                 // doesn't deallocate right away
}

@end
```

Properties (A Recent Addition!)

- ▶ “getters” and “setters” comprise quite a lot of object-oriented code, and they’re methods where most of the memory management headaches tend to arise
- ▶ Instead of defining the getters and setters, use a special syntax
 - ▶ In the header: `@property (attributes) type varName;`
Example: `@property (retain) NSDictionary* myHashtable;`
 - ▶ In the implementation file: `@synthesize varName;`
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Property attributes

- ▶ `readwrite` generates both getter and setter (default)
- ▶ `readonly` generates only the getter
- ▶ `assign` stores the variable by simple assignment (default)
- ▶ `retain` stores the variable and increases its retain count (the right thing to do for most object types)
- ▶ `copy` stores a copy of the new value, ensuring that the new item is retained (good for `NSStrings`)
- ▶ `nonatomic` doesn't bother with using a lock in the setter method

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        self.secondNumber = random() % 100 + 1;
    }
    return self;
}

- (void)dealloc {
    self.personName = nil;
    [super dealloc];
}
```

Properties: Pros and Cons

▶ PROS

- ▶ Less code to write/manage/maintain
- ▶ Reduces memory-related programming overhead
- ▶ Introduces new syntax (.) that more closely mirrors C++, Java

▶ CONS

- ▶ Creates potential for overlooking memory management details
- ▶ Removes explicit method declarations from header file
- ▶ Adds another new syntax to the language (.)

Protocols

- ▶ Objective-C objects exhibit single-inheritance; protocols are like Java interfaces and help to lend a flavor of multiple inheritance
- ▶ A protocol is a list of methods that a class promises to implement

- ▶ Example:

```
@protocol widgetDelegate
```

```
- (void) widgetDidChangePowerSettings:(float)newPowerLevel;
```

```
@required
```

```
- (void) widgetDidGetTurnedOn:(id)widget;
```

```
@end
```

Using Protocols

- ▶ Specifying that a class will conform to a protocol:

```
@interface widgetManager : NSObject <widgetDelegate>
```

- ▶ Testing to see if an object implements a protocol:

```
if ([anObject conformsToProtocol:@protocol(widgetDelegate)])  
{  
    ...  
}
```

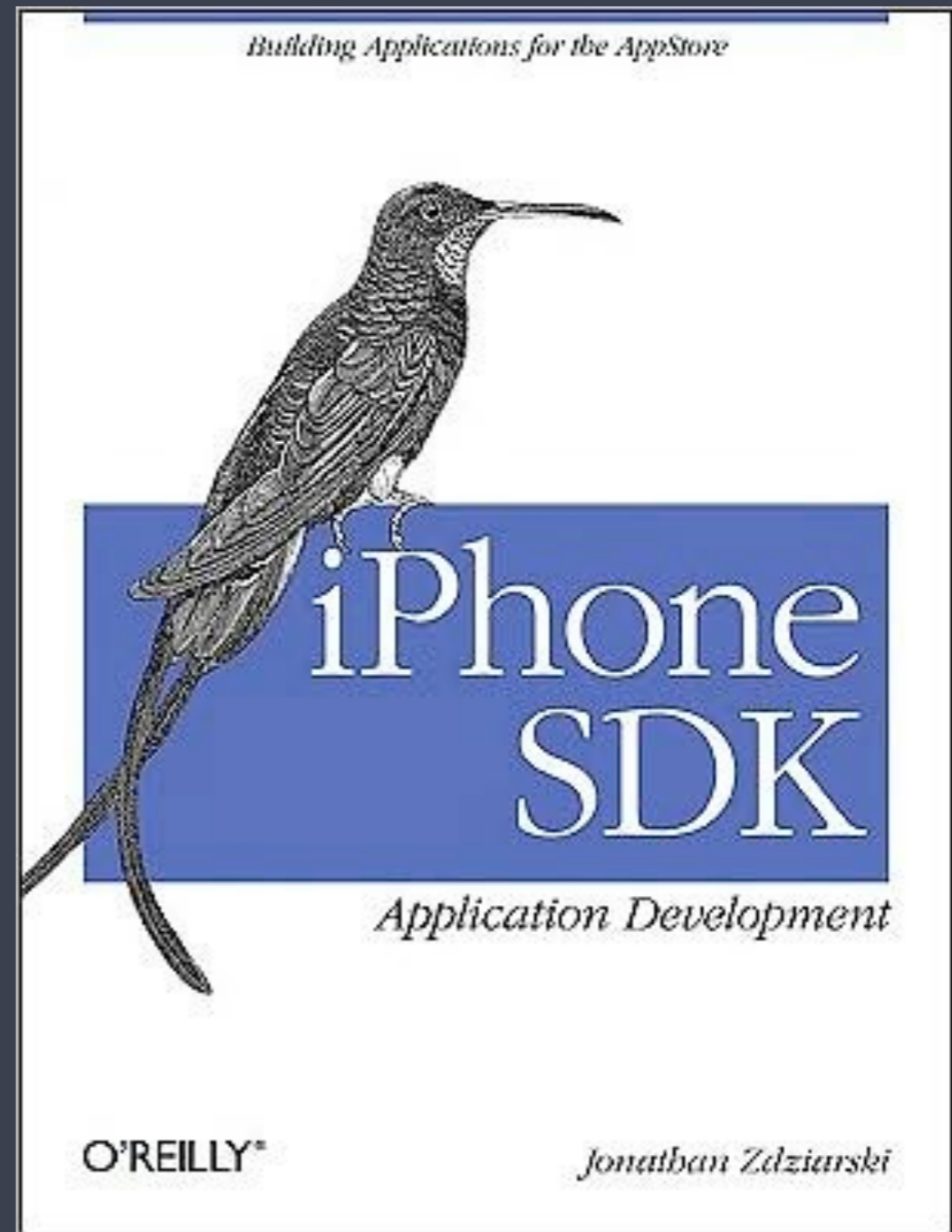
- ▶ Referring to classes as “instances” of a protocol:

```
id<widgetDelegate> anObject;  
[anObject widgetDidGetTurnedOn:self];
```

Questions at this point?

(Disclaimer)

Borrowing heavily here from Apple's example code and Zdziarski, J. *iPhone SDK Application Development*. O'Reilly, Sebastopol, CA, 2009.



Example 1: “Hello World” for the iPhone

- ▶ Creating an iPhone UI using Interface Builder
- ▶ Differences in the UI framework and app classes
- ▶ Basic MVC: Targets
- ▶ Compiling for the iPhone Simulator
- ▶ Running and debugging iPhone code
- ▶ Bonus: Handling different device orientations

Receiving Orientation Changes

- ▶ Override the following default method in your `UIViewController`-derived object:

```
- (BOOL)shouldAutorotateToInterfaceOrientation:  
    (UIInterfaceOrientation)interfaceOrientation  
{  
    return (interfaceOrientation == UIDeviceOrientationPortrait);  
}
```

- ▶ Possible enumeration values include:
`UIDeviceOrientationPortrait`, ...`PortraitUpsideDown`,
...`LandscapeLeft`, ...`LandscapeRight`, ...`FaceUp`, ...`FaceDown`

Receiving Orientation Changes

- ▶ Optionally, implement the following handler to receive notifications when the device has been re-oriented:

```
- (void)didRotateFromInterfaceOrientation:  
    (UIInterfaceOrientation)interfaceOrientation  
{  
    // code here to deal with orientation changes  
}
```

Example 2:

A Table-based iPhone App

- ▶ Extreme MVC: Delegates, and data sources
- ▶ Compiling for the iPhone Device
- ▶ Certificates and Provisioning Profiles (ugh)
- ▶ Running code on the device and debugging remotely

Example 3: Zdziarski's CALayer Demo

- ▶ Lifted directly from Chapter 5 of the *iPhone SDK* book
- ▶ Using CALayers to render complex images and animations
- ▶ Requesting data from the Internet
- ▶ Using a timer

Example 4: Touches

- ▶ Displaying static images embedded in the application bundle
- ▶ Drawing to a UIView with Quartz
- ▶ Handling multi-touch input

Receiving Multi-Touch Events

- ▶ Override any or all of the following event-handling methods in a `UIView`-derived object:
 - `(void)touchesBegan:(NSSet *)touches withEvent:(UIEvent *)event;`
 - `(void)touchesMoved:(NSSet *)touches withEvent:(UIEvent *)event;`
 - `(void)touchesEnded:(NSSet *)touches withEvent:(UIEvent *)event;`
 - `(void)touchesCancelled:(NSSet *)touches withEvent:(UIEvent *)e;`
- ▶ `touches` is an unordered list of `UITouch` objects, each corresponding to a touch on the screen; `event` is higher-level info

What does UITouch provide?

- ▶ `timestamp` timestamp relative to the previous event in seconds (type is `NSTimeInterval = double`)
- ▶ `phase` an enumerated value describing whether this touch just began, moved, ended, was stationary, or a cancel invoked the event
- ▶ `tapCount` the number of taps represented by this touch
- ▶ `locationInView` a `CGPoint` structure representing the floating point position of the touch

OpenGL ES

- ▶ Version 1.1 (which is supported by all iPhones/iPods) is a subset of desktop OpenGL 1.5 using a **fixed-function pipeline**
- ▶ Includes support for vertex arrays, [multi-]textures, renderbuffers, auto mipmap generation, clip planes, point sprites (for particles)
- ▶ Does **not** support `glBegin–glEnd` semantics, display lists, quad or polygon primitives, texgen, accumulation buffers, copy pixels, selection, or push and pop state attributes
- ▶ Utilizes standard OpenGL function calls: `glRotate`, `glOrtho`, `glLineWidth`, `glMaterial`, `glTexImage2D`, `glBindTexture`

Incorporating OpenGL into the app

- ▶ Special kind of CALayer that can receive OpenGL commands:
CAEAGLLayer

Summing Up...

Workshop Objectives

- ▶ High-level understanding of how the OS X platform is organized and how Cocoa applications are implemented
- ▶ Introduction to the OS X and iPhone SDKs and development tools
- ▶ Quick-and-dirty overview of Objective-C
- ▶ Brief tour of the Cocoa and UIKit frameworks, focusing on rapid application development and UI software prototyping
- ▶ Illustration of how all the pieces come together with code samples

Good Places to Find Help

- ▶ Hillegass and Zdziarski books
- ▶ Apple Developer Documentation
 - ▶ Inside of Xcode
 - ▶ <http://developer.apple.com>
- ▶ Apple Code Samples — great place from which to borrow ideas
- ▶ CocoaDev (<http://www.cocoadev.com>)
- ▶ Me! (svoida@gmail.com, even after I'm gone)