Introduction to iOS Software Development

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Some questions

Veteran NeXT or Mac OS X developers in the room?

iOS devices in the room?

Program

History

The App Store

Objective-C & Cocoa

Design

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Books

Web vs. Native Apps

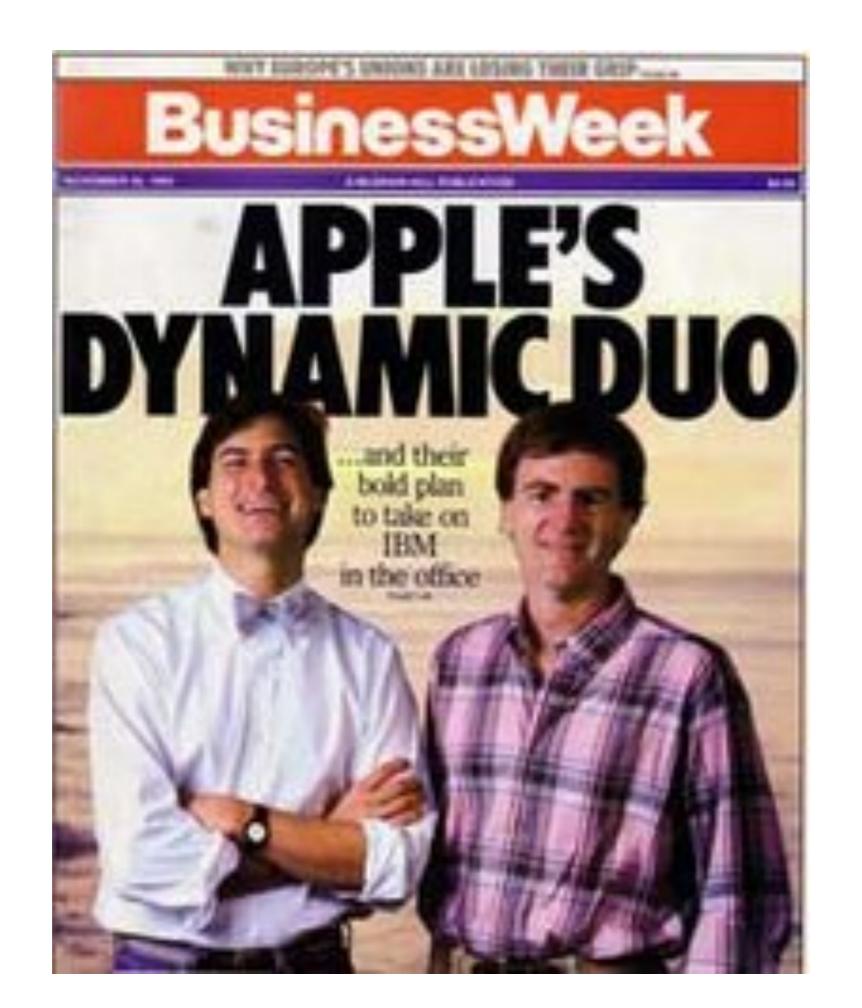
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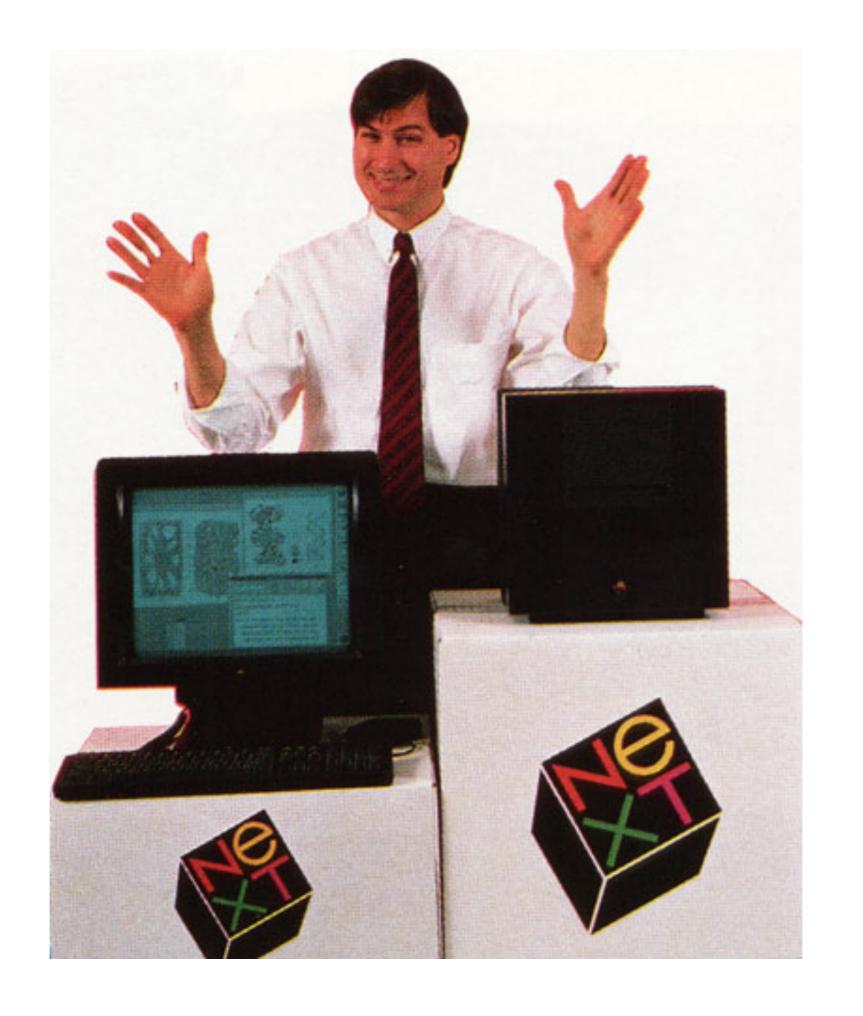
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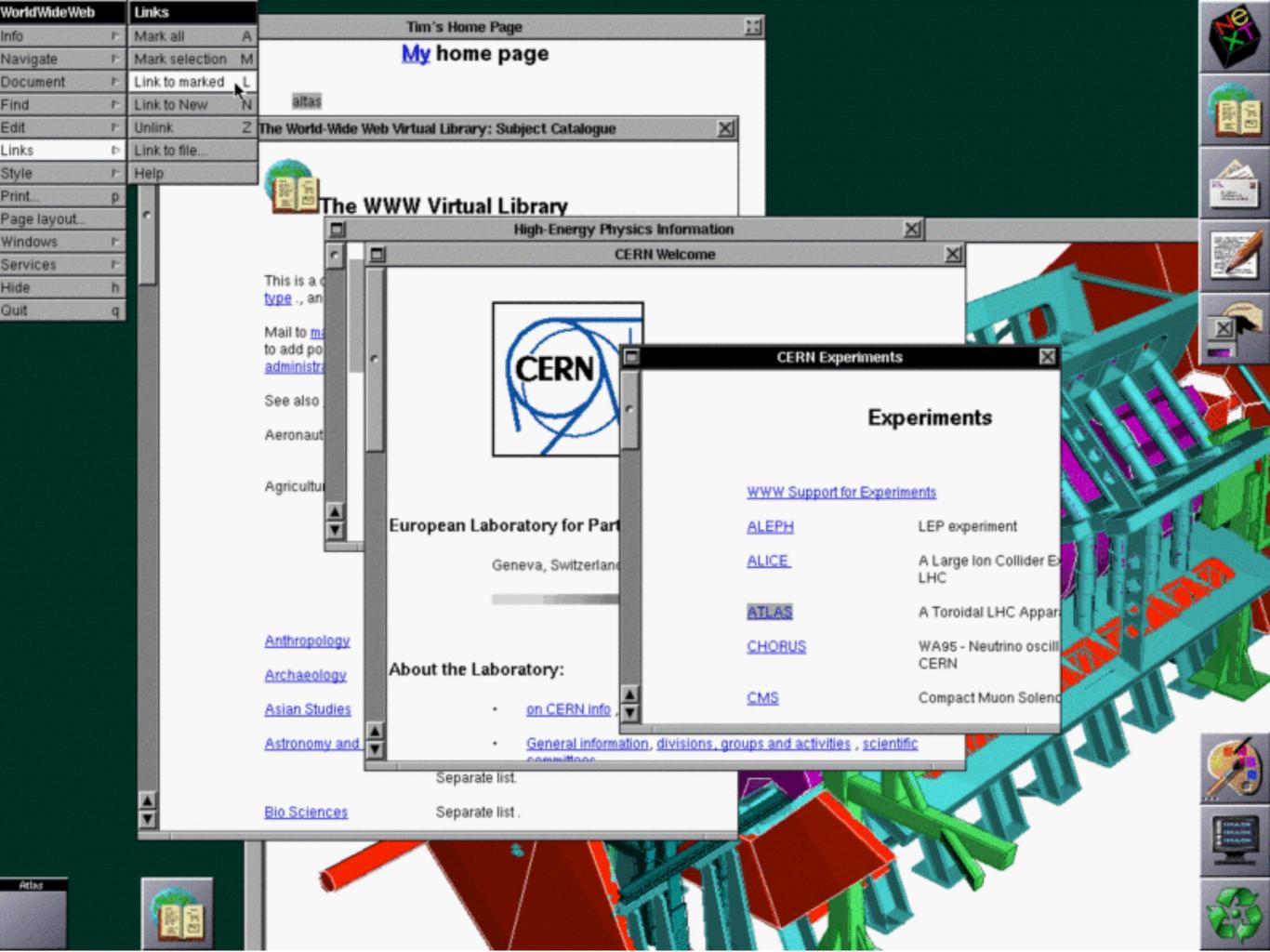
"Good design survives"

Erich Gamma
OOP 2011 Keynote

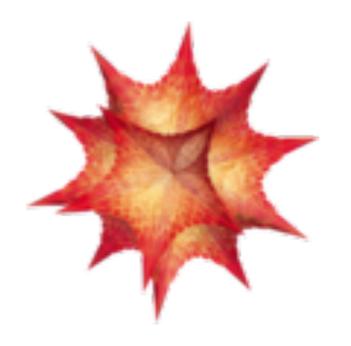
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Objective-C

The "real" inspiration for Java:

http://cs.gmu.edu/~sean/stuff/java-objc.html

"Thin layer around C"

Message-dispatch runtime built in C:

obj_msgSend()

Static and dynamic (a piacere)

Single inheritance + interfaces ("@protocols")

Fields protected by default

All methods are public, virtual and overridable

Methods can be added to existing classes

"categories"

Full introspection / reflection

Messages can be intercepted and forwarded

"à la AOP"

Objective-C

Java / C#

@interface (.h) & @implementation (.m)

class (1 file)

@protocol

interface

#import // files!

import // classes!

categories

n/a (C#, "class extensions")

io

n/a (generics?)
"void*"

Objective-C

Java / C#

@selector

n/a (C# delegates)

NSObject / NSProxy / ...

Object

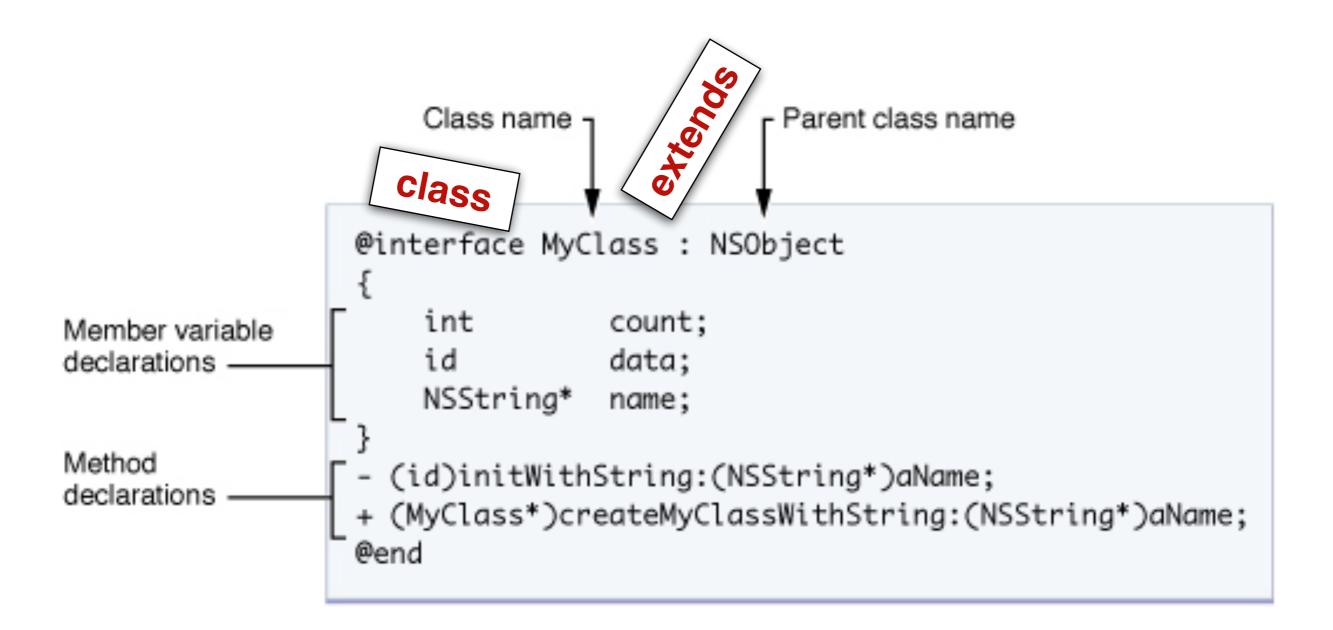
public / protected / private

try / catch / finally Exception

n/a

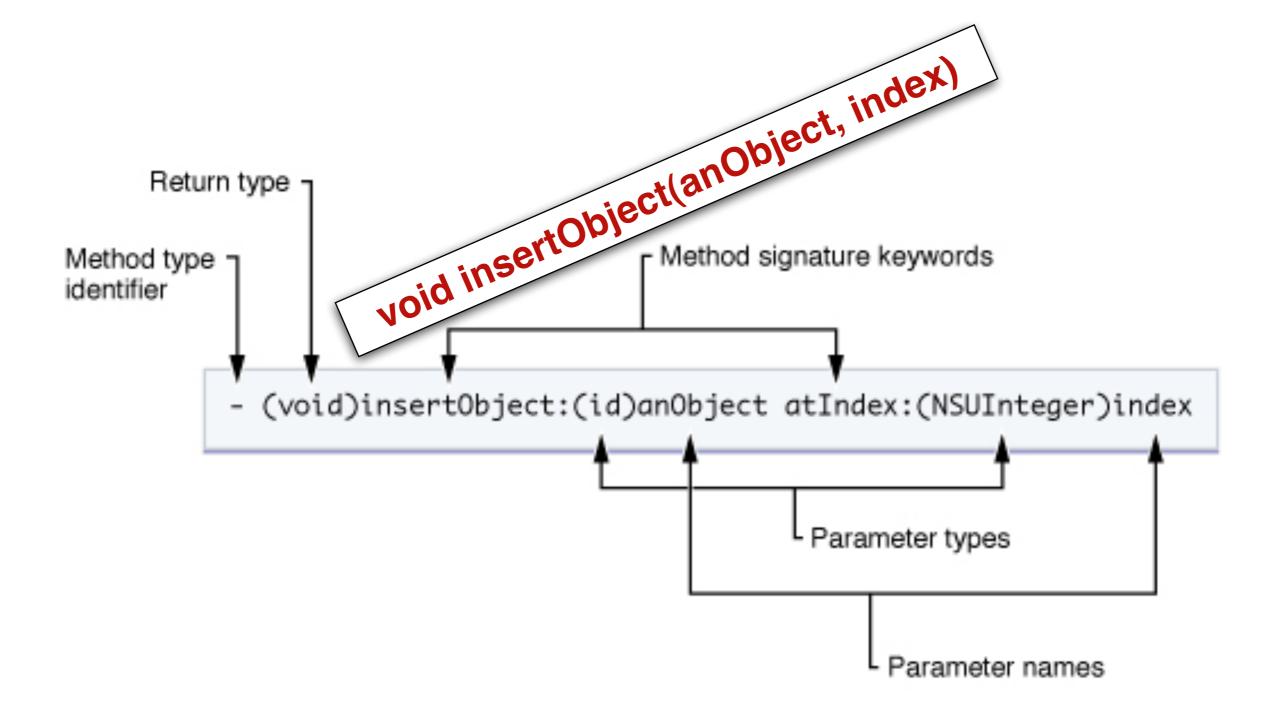
package / namespace

Classes



Methods

Syntax inspired from Smalltalk



```
@implementation MyClass
```

```
    (id)initWithString:(NSString *)aName

    if (self = [super init]) {
        name = [aName copy]; aName.copy()
    return self;
+ (MyClass *)createMyClassWithString: (NSString *)aName
    return [[[self alloc] initWithString:aName] autorelease];
           this.alloc().initWithString(aName).autorelease()
@end
```

Memory Management

iPhone 3G: 128 MB RAM

iPhone 3GS, iPad: 256 MB RAM

iPhone 4: 512 MB RAM

iPad 2: ???

±70 MB for the OS!

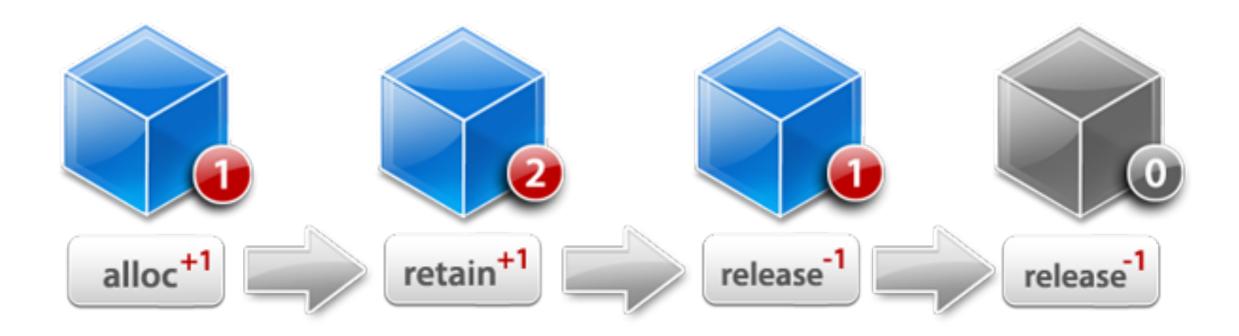
no swap file

no virtual memory



no "classic" garbage collection

objects have a "retain count"



basic rule:

```
for every [alloc], [retain], [copy]
```

there must be a [release]

beware:

Objective-C only allows objects on the heap



No automatic objects on the stack (C++)

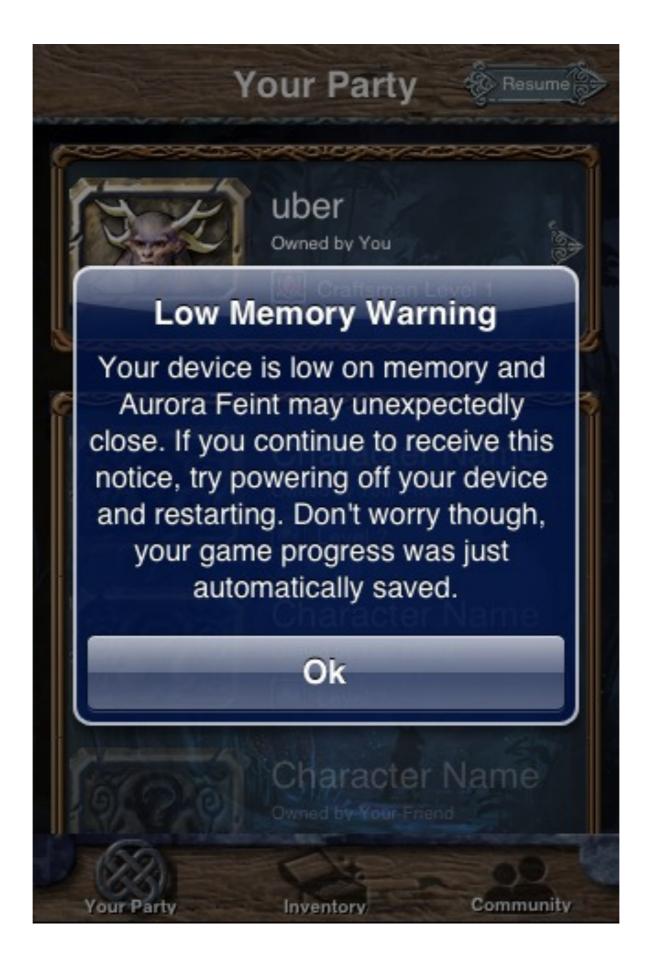


```
// C++
// Memory freed when out of scope
std::string name("Adrian");

std::string *name = NULL;
name = new std::string("Adrian");
delete name;
```

iOS memory warnings

```
(void) didReceiveMemoryWarning
     [super didReceiveMemoryWarning];
 (void) applicationDidReceiveMemoryWarning: (UIApplication *) application
   [[ImageCache sharedImageCache] removeAllImagesInMemory];
NSNotificationCenter *center = [NSNotificationCenter defaultCenter];
[center addObserver:self
          selector:@selector(whatever:)
              name:UIApplicationDidReceiveMemoryWarningNotification
            object:nil];
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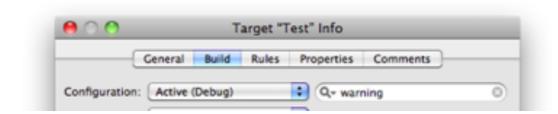
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A recent comment by Joe D'Andrea in a previous post reminded me about the importance of removing compiler warnings in Xcode projects. Most importantly, it reminded me of a conversation with a fellow developer a couple of weeks ago, in which he told me that he was surprised to see that my projects compiled all the time without warnings. Not a single one. Nada. And that I took the time to remove them before checking code into source control.

He actually didn't know you could remove all compiler warnings; he thought Objective-C was the land of compiler warnings. This situation, I think, is far from exceptional, and due mostly to cultural and technical reasons.

It is my opinion, that removing compiler warnings is **basic project hygiene**, like writing unit tests, or using the Clang Static Analyzer. I will explain in this post some techniques I use to remove warnings in my Objective-C code.



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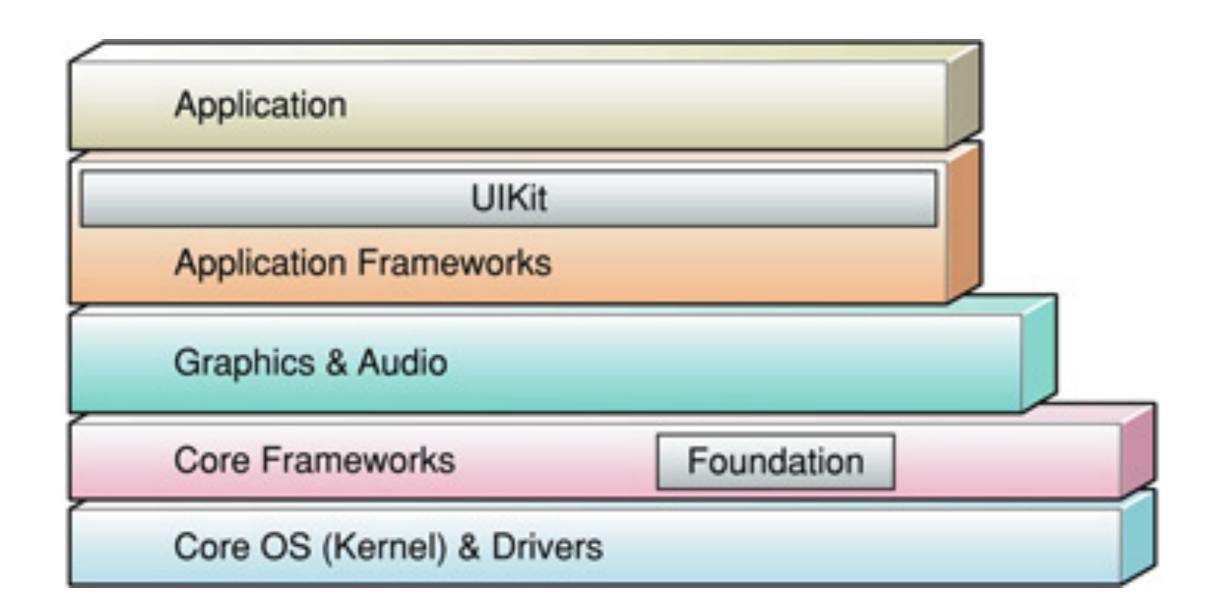
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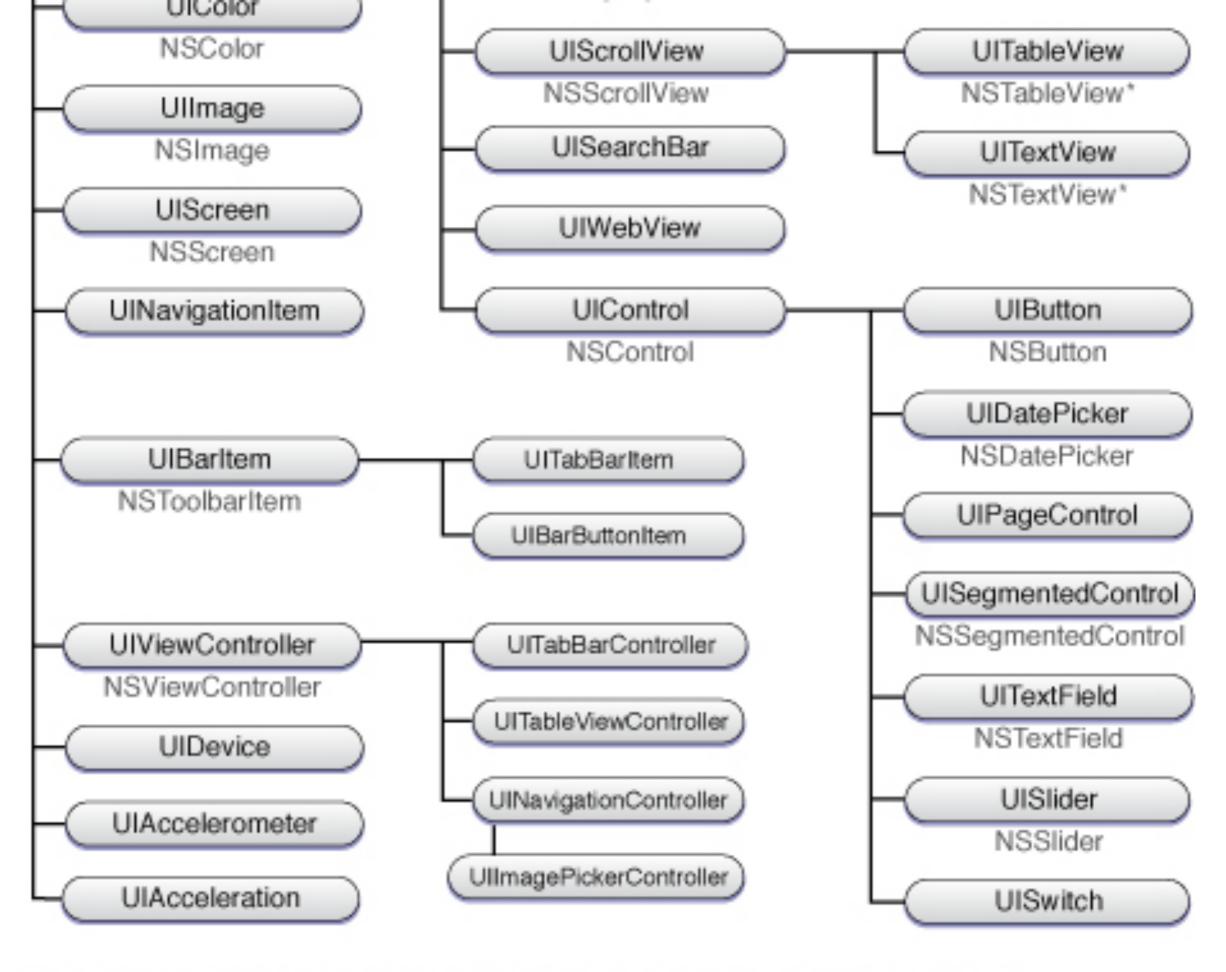
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^{*} Corresponding Application Kit class has a different place in the hierarchy.

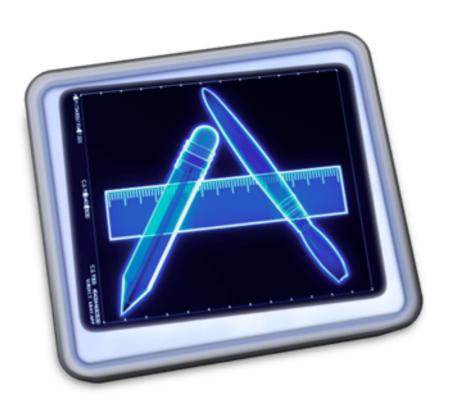
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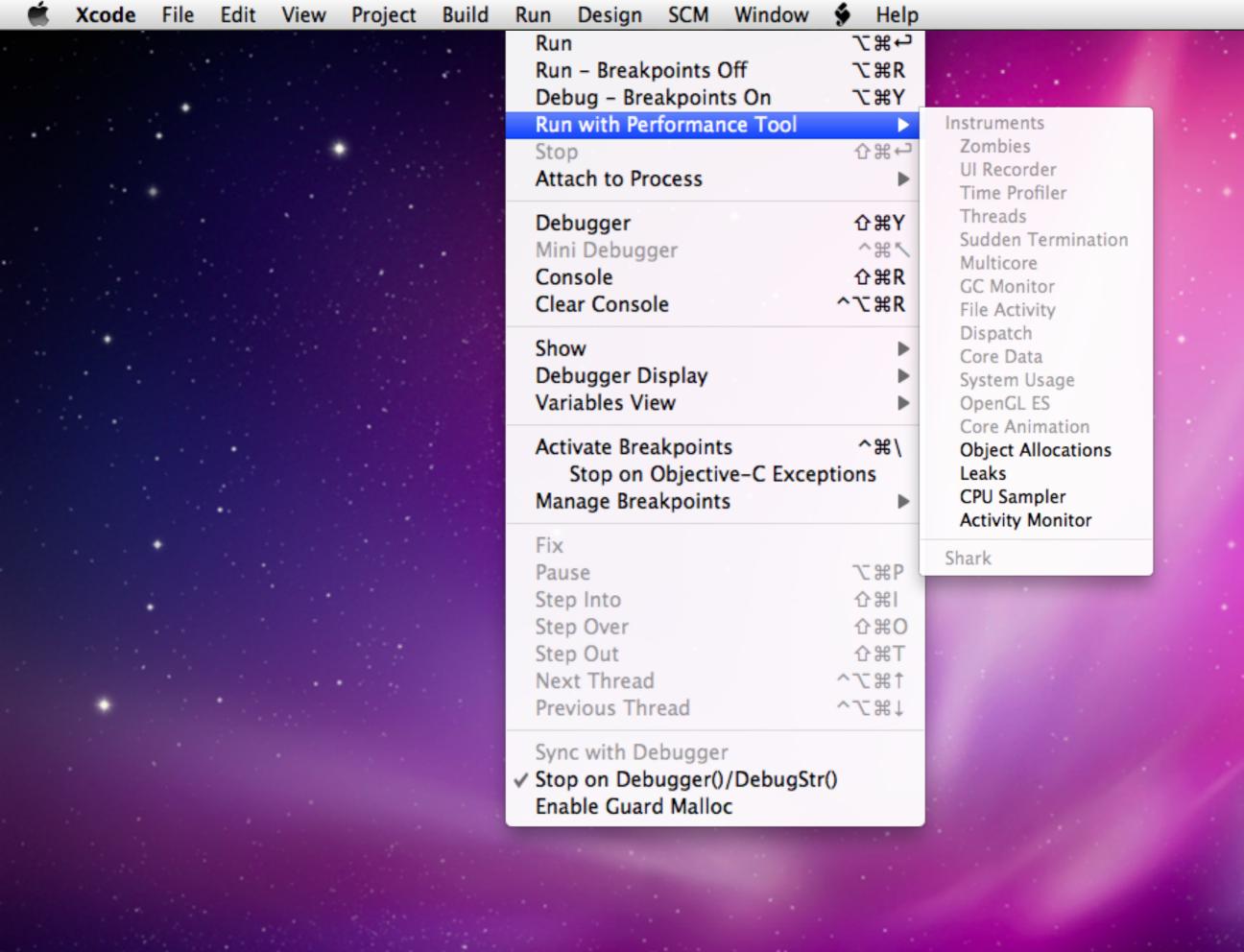
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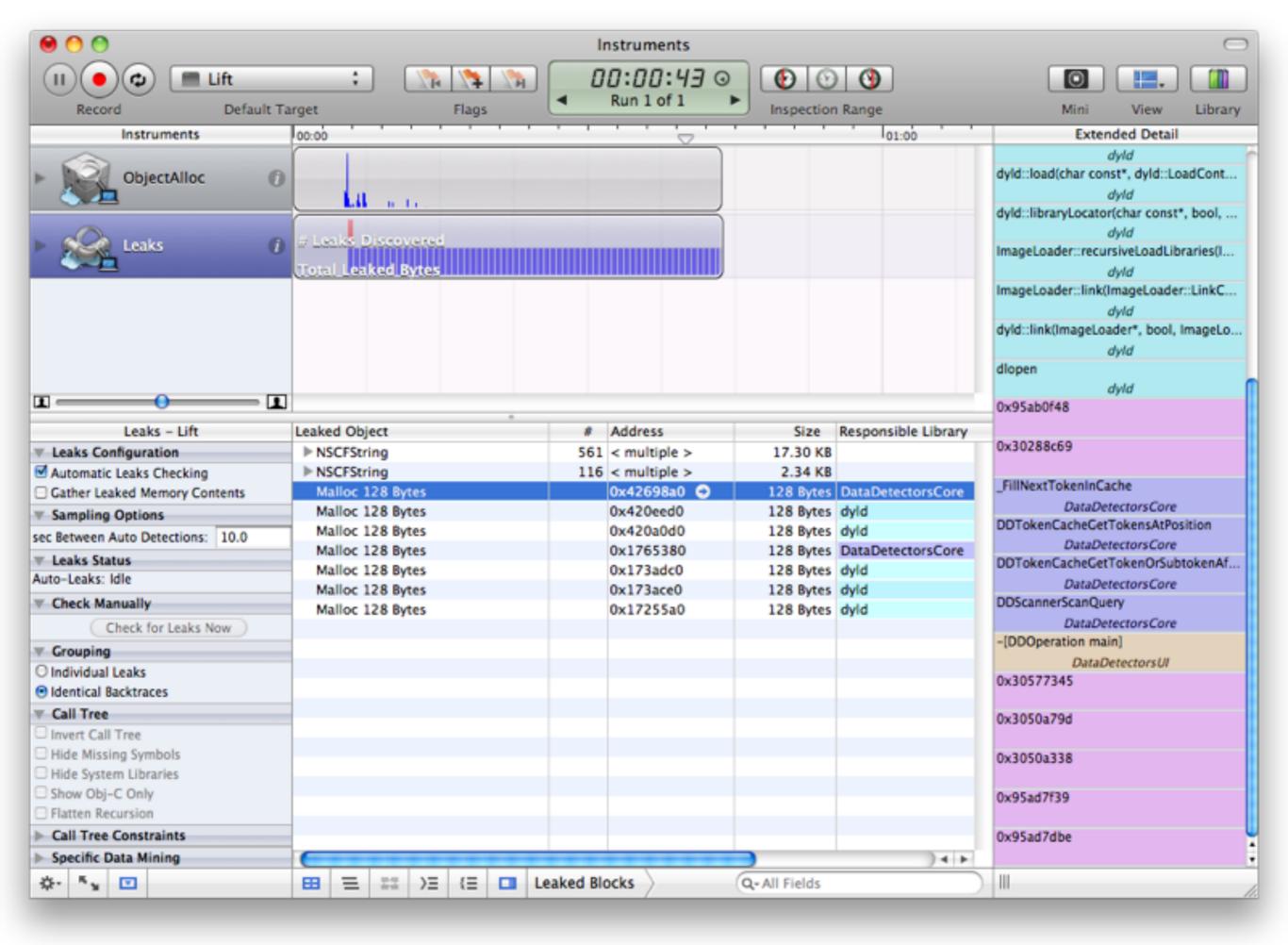




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Clang Static Analyzer

The Clang Static Analyzer consists of both a source code analysis framework and a standalone tool that finds bugs in C and Objective-C programs. The standalone tool is invoked from the command-line, and is intended to run in tandem with a build of a project or code base.

Both are 100% open source and are part of the Clang project.

Download

Mac OS X

- Latest build (Universal binary, 10.5+): <u>checker-0.223.tar.bz2</u> (built September 29, 2009)
- Installation and usage

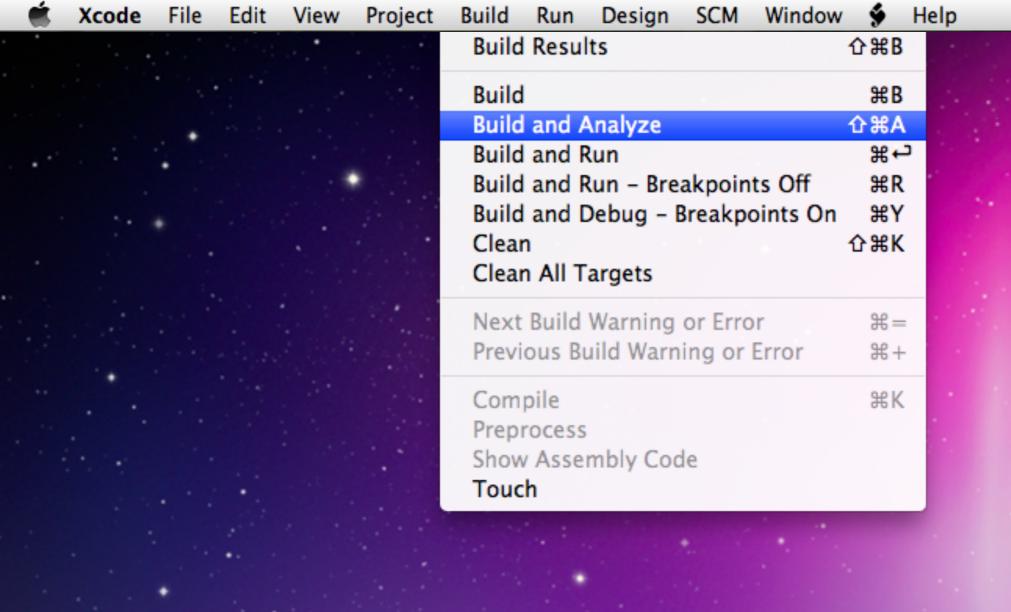
Other Platforms

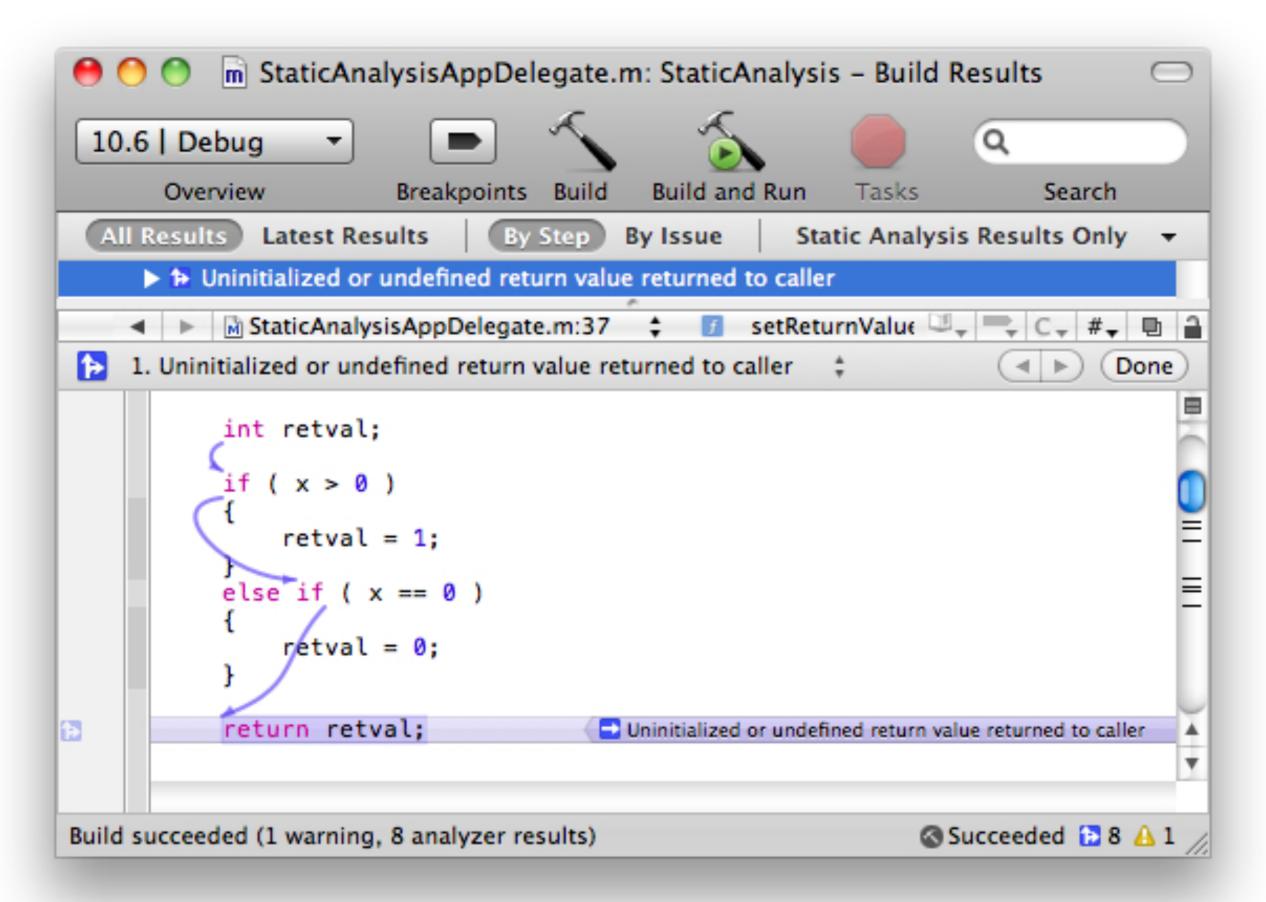
For other platforms, please follow the instructions for building the analyzer from source code.

What is Static Analysis?

The term "static analysis" is conflated, but here we use it to mean a collection of algorithms and techniques used to analyze source code in order to automatically find bugs. The idea is similar in spirit to compiler warnings (which can be useful for finding coding errors) but to take that idea a step further and find bugs that are traditionally found using run-time debugging techniques such as testing.

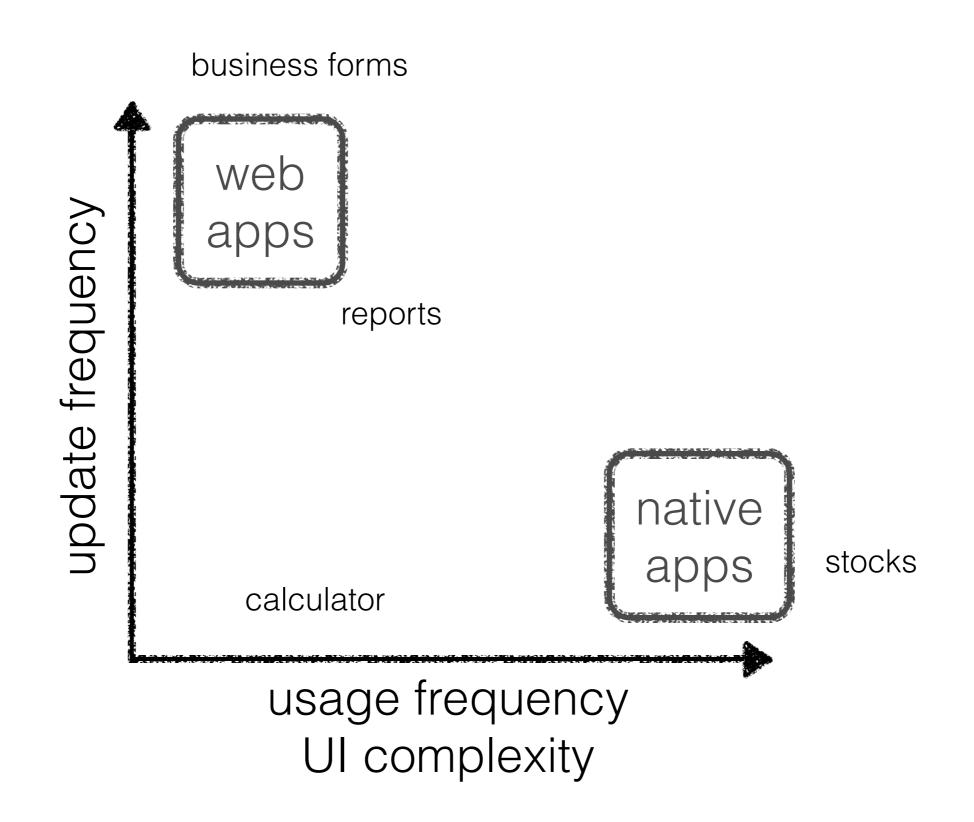
Static analysis bug-finding tools have evolved over the last several decades from basic syntactic checkers to those that find deep bugs by reasoning about the semantics of code. The goal of the





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Web or native apps?



Web Application

Native Application

Pros

Simpler deployment and updates; known technologies, cheaper to maintain; access to GPS information; basic offline support; cross-platform

Faster execution;
access to address book,
accelerometer, audio and
camera; App Store;
3D games and animations;
push notifications;
Bonjour networking support.

Cons

Slower to execute; more difficult to debug on the client side; limited access to hardware; no official app store; harder to monetize

App Store review process;
longer update times;
relative complexity and higher
cost of dev process

HTML + CSS + JavaScript XUI

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WebKit Compatibility Table

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location services up!

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4 audio & 3D

5 accelerometer & gyroscope catching up!

6 notifications



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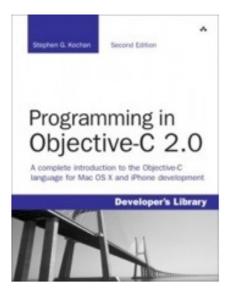
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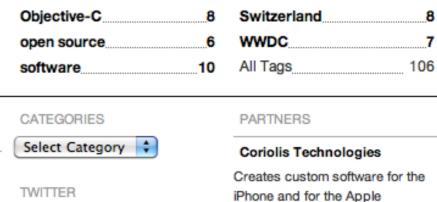
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Yes, it's possible. Even if Objective-C is one of my preferred programming languages, in any case I think it's worth mentioning that, 2 years after the official iPhone SDK has been announced, the iPhone development landscape has really grown up, and many, many different options are available today. This article provides a very high-level enumeration of some options I've found on the web, but I'm sure there are even more alternatives around.

mentioning that you can avoid the App Store and its quirks altogether; it's up to you Difference the possibility of using your preferred serverwill help you create a killer web app: Joe Hewitt's excellent iUI (yes, he's the same guy behind the Three20 project), the Tank Engine Rails plugin Rails iUI plugin (Tank Engine does not work very well unfortunately), iPhoney or Eclipse are just some of the alternatives.



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The App Store in 5 steps

1. Register

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1. Develop

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3. Distribute

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2. Develop

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→ BluewokiAppDelegate.h:25 
→ BluewokiAppDelegate.h:2
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                   // Created by Adrian on 6/29/09.
     5
                   // Copyright akosma software 2009. All rights reserved.
     6
     7
                   //
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                   #import <UIKit/UIKit.h>
                   #import <GameKit/GameKit.h>
    10
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    14
                                                                                                                                                                                    GKVoiceChatClient>
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    17
    18
                                  IBOutlet UILabel *statusLabel;
                                  IBOutlet UIButton *connectButton;
    19
                                  GKPeerPickerController *pickerController;
    20
                                  GKSession *chatSession;
    21
    22
    23
                    @property (nonatomic, retain) GKSession *chatSession;
    24
    25
                    (IBAction)showPeers:(id)sender;
    26
    27

    (IBAction)openWebsite:(id)sender;

    28
    29
                   @end
    30
    31
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3. Publish

iTunes Connect

Add New Application				
Overview				
	The following infor	mation will appear with your application in Required fields are in bold .	the App Store.	
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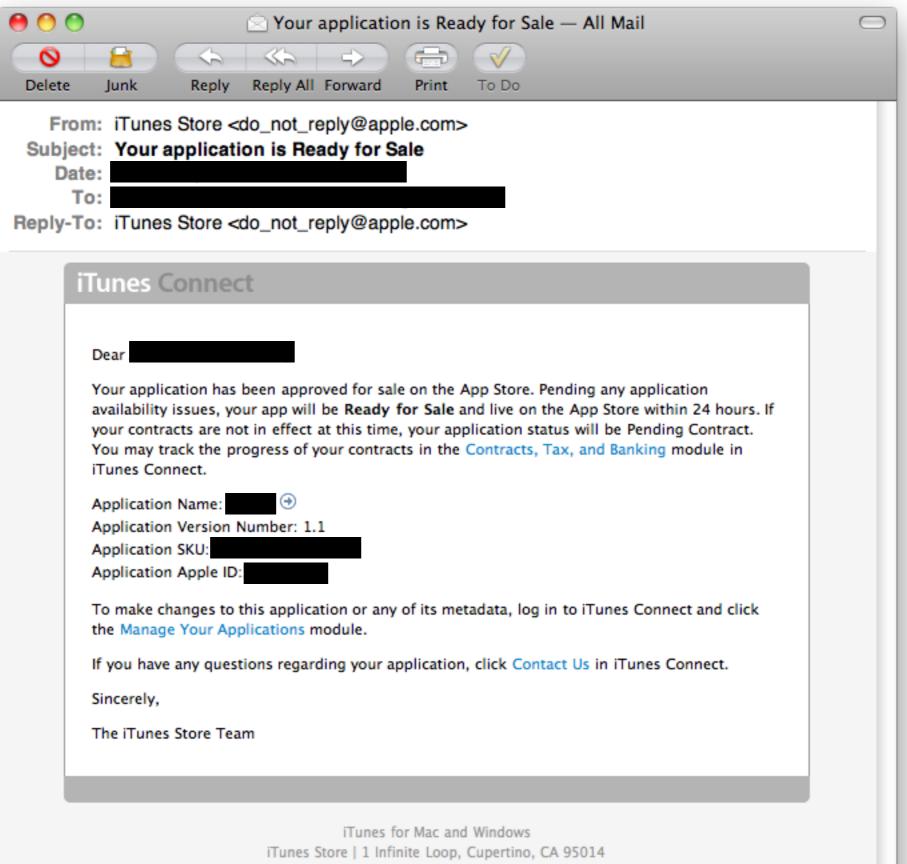
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4. Approval



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4.1 Rejection

"Your application cannot be posted to the App Store at this time because it does not adhere to the iPhone Human Interface Guidelines as outlined in iPhone SDK Agreement section x.x.x.

When the device is in this or that condition, the application does not do this or that. This behavior might lead to user confusion. It would be appropriate to display either a notification or an alert stating that such or such condition is required.

In order for your application to be reconsidered for the App Store, please resolve this issue and upload your new binary to iTunes Connect."

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- The iPhone OS Platform: Rich with Possibilities
- Human Interface Principles: Creating a Great User Interface
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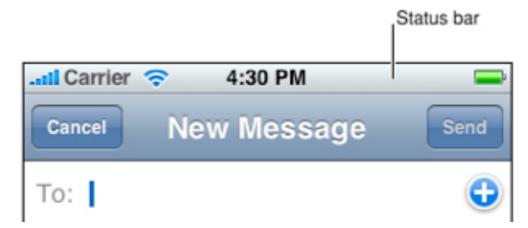
Navigation Bars, Tab Bars, Toolbars, and the Status Bar

The status bar, navigation bar, tab bar, and toolbar are views that have specifically defined appearances and behaviors in an iPhone application. These bars are not required to be present in every application (immersive applications often don't display any of them), but if they are present, it's important to use them correctly. The reason is that these bars provide familiar anchors to users of iPhone OS-based devices, who are accustomed to the information they display and the types of functions they perform.

The Status Bar

The status bar shows users important information about their device, including cell signal strength, the current network connection, and battery charge. Figure 6-1 shows an example of a status bar.

Figure 6-1 A status bar contains important information for users



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I can't find one redeeming quality about this app. It's slow to start [on a 3GS], doesn't respond to taps while it's trying to load other things, and crashes if you try to change modes a lot. It's limited to only timeline, replies, and messages. It has no other functionality. Oh wait... I forgot its killer feature, you can have custom backgrounds and choose the color of your tweets. That totally makes up for its lack of useful features and **sluggish performance**. I'm not sure why someone would bother building such an inferior app other than that they wanted to find some suckers and score a quick buck. It seems even more insane to me that they'd be actively seeking out reviewers to cover this. I was given a promo code for ChillTwit, and even for free I didn't want it on my phone. I was sad just from looking at screenshots. Actually seeing it running confirmed all of my fears. If it was a free app, I might forgive the developer, but the fact that he's trying to get \$0.99 out of people pisses me off to no end. Go buy Tweetie.

If you somehow weren't scared away by all my bitching and whinning, you can see ChillTwit on the app store here. But seriously, **if you buy this, we're not friends anymore**.

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Programming in Objective-C 2.0

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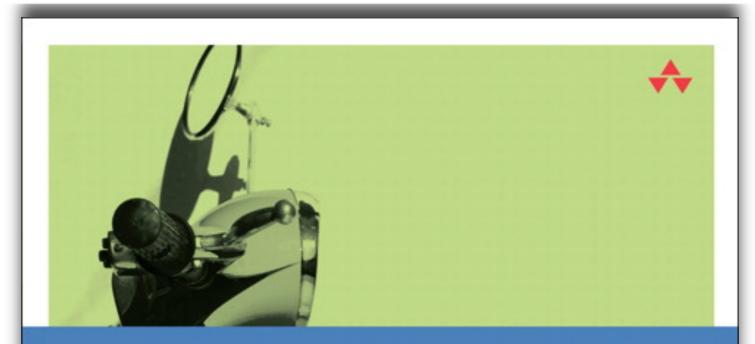
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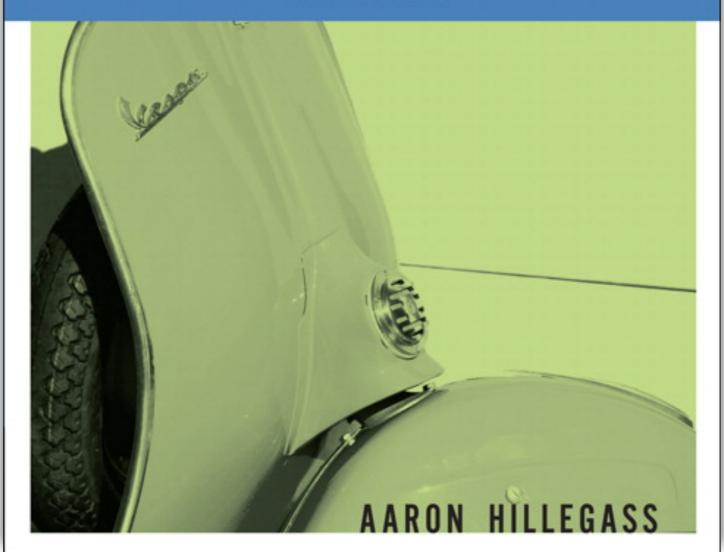
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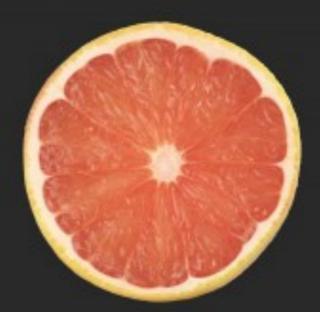
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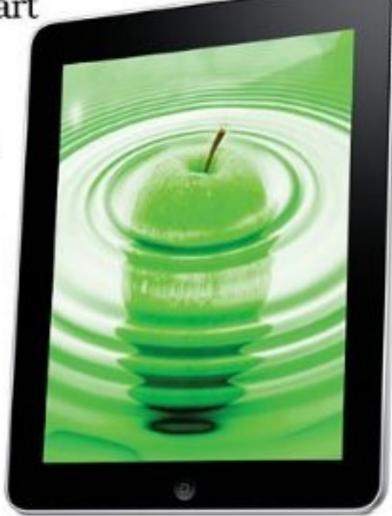
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