Developing for the iOS Platform

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Smartphones Shipments vs PCs



World-Wide Smartphone market share outlook (%)



What is iOS?



Apple's mobile operating system that runs on iPhone, iPad and iPod touch devices.

Built for multi-touch interactions: responds to gestures (e.g., swiping, pinching, and tapping).



What is iOS?

Sensors enable building "intelligent" apps (e.g., location-aware apps)











Accelerometer

Camera

Comes with a Number of Built-in Apps



Photos, Calendar, Mail, SMS, Music, Maps, ...

Software Development Tools for the iOS



The iOS Software Development Kit (SDK) contains the tools needed to develop native apps.



Xcode is the development environment.

Freely available for download from Apple's developer portal developer.apple.com

iOS Technologies are Packaged as Frameworks



Development Process Overview



Native iOS apps



Web apps



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Web apps



- Run inside a web browser
- Are built using HTML, CSS, HTML5, and JavaScript.
- Limited access to the device's hardware capabilities (e.g., GPS).
- Run slower than native apps.

Web apps

"Write once, run anywhere (WORA)"

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Native apps + Web apps



 Possible to embed web content in a native app.

Objective-C Programming Language



- Object-oriented programming language.
- Easy to learn if you have experience with other O-O languages such as Java or C++.
- Objective-C is a superset of C.
- Simple, small, powerful.

Objective-C Programming Language (1 of 4)

Class specification: the interface + the implementation



Objective-C Programming Language (2 of 4)

Method Declaration



Objective-C Programming Language (3 of 4)

Class specification: the interface + the implementation

```
#import "MyClass.h"
@implementation MyClass
- (id)initWithString:(NSString *)aName
{
    // method implementation code goes here.
}
+ (MyClass *)myClassWithString:(NSString *)aName
{
    // method implementation code goes here.
}
@end
```

Objective-C Programming Language (4 of 4)

Object creation: allocation and initialisation.















Design Patterns Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software Frich Gamma Rahp Johnson John Vlosides

A design pattern is a template for a design that solves a general, recurring problem.



Common iOS design patterns:

Model-View-Controller (MVC), Delegation, and Target-action

MVC pattern

The overall structure of iOS apps is based on the MVC pattern.



Creating the \mathbf{V} in MVC



Creating the C & M in MVC



Delegation pattern

Used for interaction with iOS frameworks (instead of subclassing).



Delegation pattern



Delegation pattern



Target-Action pattern



- Used for handling user interactions with the UI.
- The view sends an action when things happen in the UI.

Target-Action pattern (1 of 2)



Target-Action pattern (2 of 2)

Implementing our gesture handler

- (IBAction)handleMyPinchGesture:(UIGestureRecognizer *)sender {

CGFloat factor = [(UIPinchGestureRecognizer *)sender scale]; self.view.transform = CGAffineTransformMakeScale(factor, factor);

> We transform the view according to the pinching scale

}

Target-Action pattern



Development Process Overview



Distributing Apps on the App Store

Develop & Test



Xcode comes with an iOS simulator for testing applications.





Testing on real devices and distribution on the App store requires subscription to iOS Developer Program.

iOS Developer Program



iOS Developer Program (\$99/year) App store distribution (an individual, or company).



iOS Developer Enterprise Program (\$299/year) Internal distribution within your company.



iOS Developer University Program (Free) Higher education institutions that need to introduce iOS development into their curriculum.

Signing Your App

- Each app must be code-signed to run on a device.
- Requires a developer certificate and a provisioning profile
 - **1.** Create a certificate request.
 - 2. Submit it to Apple via *developer.apple.com*
 - **3.** Download/install the certificate.
 - **4.** Obtain/install a provisioning profile.
 - **5.** Generate a binary for distribution.

Distributing Apps on the App Store



- App review usually takes at least 3 weeks.
- You set the price.
- In-app purchases also possible.
- You get 70% of sales revenue.

Sales Reports (Daily, Weekly, Monthly)



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Where to Start



Learn Objective-C

http://developer.apple.com/library/mac/navigation/





+ Sample Code

http://developer.apple.com/library/ios/

Note: Xcode requires a Mac.