

I've got a brand new
Combine Publisher

(I'll give you the key)

What is Combine?



*The Combine framework provides a
declarative Swift API for
processing values over **time**.*

— Apple Documentation

synchronous functions
in
asynchronous situations

What is this all for? 🤔

LinkPresentation

```
open class LPMetadataProvider : NSObject {  
    func startFetchingMetadata(  
        for URL: URL,  
        completionHandler: @escaping (LPLinkMetadata?, Error?) -> Void  
    )  
}
```

Traditional fetching 🙄

Traditional fetching

```
struct MetadataView: View {  
  
    @State var title: String?  
    var body: some View { Text(title ?? "") }  
  
    func traditionalFetchMatadata(for url: URL) {  
  
        LPMetadataProvider().startFetchingMetadata(for: url) {  
            (metadata: LPLinkMetadata?, error: Error?) in  
  
            guard let metadata = metadata else {  
                print(error!.localizedDescription)  
                return  
            }  
  
            DispatchQueue.main.async {  
                self.title = metadata.title  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```


Combine Fetching 😎

Combine Fetching

```
struct CombineMetadataView: View {  
  
    @State var title: String?  
    var body: some View { Text(title ?? "") }  
  
    @State var cancellable: AnyCancellable?  
  
    func combineFetchMatadata(for url: URL) {  
  
        cancellable = LPMetadataProvider()  
            .metadata(for: url)  
            .catch { _ in Empty<LPLinkMetadata, Never>() }  
            .map(\.title)  
            .receive(on: DispatchQueue.main)  
            .assign(to: \.title, on: self)  
    }  
}
```

How do we implement
a publisher? 🤔

Add an extension to provide the publisher

```
extension LPMetadataProvider {  
    func metadata(for url: URL) -> LinkMetadataPublisher {  
        LinkMetadataPublisher(provider: self, url: url)  
    }  
}
```

Create the publisher

```
struct LinkMetadataPublisher {  
    typealias Output = LPLinkMetadata  
    typealias Failure = Error  
    private let provider: LPMetadataProvider  
    private let url: URL  
  
    public init(provider: LPMetadataProvider, url: URL) {  
        self.provider = provider  
        self.url = url  
    }  
}
```

Conform to the Publisher protocol

```
extension LinkMetadataPublisher: Publisher {  
    func receive<Subscriber>(subscriber: Subscriber)  
        where  
            Subscriber: Combine.Subscriber,  
            Subscriber.Failure == Failure,  
            Subscriber.Input == Output  
    {  
        let subscription = Subscription(subscriber: subscriber,  
                                         provider: provider,  
                                         url: url)  
        subscriber.receive(subscription: subscription)  
    }  
}
```

Implement a subscription

```
extension LinkMetadataPublisher {  
  
    fileprivate final class Subscription<Subscriber>  
        where  
        Subscriber: Combine.Subscriber,  
        Subscriber.Failure == Failure,  
        Subscriber.Input == Output {  
  
        private let provider: LPMetadataProvider  
        private let url: URL  
        private let subscriber: Subscriber  
  
        fileprivate init(subscriber: Subscriber,  
                        provider: LPMetadataProvider,  
                        url: URL) {  
            self.subscriber = subscriber  
            self.provider = provider  
            self.url = url  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Conform to the Subscription protocol

```
extension LinkMetadataPublisher.Subscription: Combine.Subscription {  
  
    func request(_ demand: Subscribers.Demand) {  
        let subscriber = self.subscriber  
        provider.startFetchingMetadata(for: url) { metadata, error in  
  
            guard let metadata = metadata else {  
                subscriber.receive(completion: .failure(error!))  
                return  
            }  
  
            subscriber.receive(metadata)  
            subscriber.receive(completion: .finished)  
        }  
    }  
  
    func cancel() {}  
}
```


But wait!



What about all those other
completion closure APIs??

WebKit

```
open class WKWebView : NSView {  
  
    func evaluateJavaScript(  
        _ javaScriptString: String,  
        completionHandler: ((Any?, Error?) -> Void)? = nil  
    )  
}
```

CoreLocation

```
open class CLGeocoder : NSObject {  
    func reverseGeocodeLocation(  
        _ location: CLLocation,  
        completionHandler: @escaping CLGeocodeCompletionHandler  
    )  
}  
  
 typealias CLGeocodeCompletionHandler = ([CLPlacemark]?, Error?) -> Void
```

MapKit

```
open class MKLocalSearch : NSObject {  
    func start(completionHandler: @escaping CompletionHandler)  
    typealias CompletionHandler = (MKLocalSearch.Response?, Error?) -> Void  
}
```

The completion closures

```
( LPLinkMetadata?,          Error?    ) -> Void
```

```
( ( Any?,                  Error?    ) -> Void)? = nil
```

```
( [CLPlacemark]?,          Error?    ) -> Void
```

```
( MKLocalSearch.Response?, Error?    ) -> Void
```

The completion closures

(LPLinkMetadata?, Error?) -> Void

((Any?, Error?) -> Void)? = nil

([CLPlacemark]?, Error?) -> Void

(MKLocalSearch.Response?, Error?) -> Void



(Output?, Failure?) -> Void

Let's make the publisher
generic!



Specific

```
extension LinkMetadataPublisher.Subscription: Combine.Subscription {  
  
    func request(_ demand: Subscribers.Demand) {  
        let subscriber = self.subscriber  
        provider.startFetchingMetadata(for: url) { metadata, error in  
  
            guard let metadata = metadata else {  
                subscriber.receive(completion: .failure(error!))  
                return  
            }  
  
            subscriber.receive(metadata)  
            subscriber.receive(completion: .finished)  
        }  
    }  
  
    func cancel() {}  
}
```


Generic

```
extension CompletionPublisher.Subscription: Combine.Subscription {  
  
    func request(_ demand: Subscribers.Demand) {  
        let subscriber = self.subscriber  
        perform { output, failure in  
  
            guard let output = output else {  
                subscriber.receive(completion: .failure(failure!))  
                return  
            }  
  
            subscriber.receive(output)  
            subscriber.receive(completion: .finished)  
        }  
    }  
  
    func cancel() {}  
}
```

Specific

```
struct LinkMetadataPublisher {  
    typealias Output = LPLinkMetadata  
    typealias Failure = Error  
  
    private let provider: LPMetadataProvider  
    private let url: URL  
  
    public init(provider: LPMetadataProvider, url: URL) {  
        self.provider = provider  
        self.url = url  
    }  
}
```

Generic

```
struct CompletionPublisher<Output, Failure: Error> {  
  
    typealias Completion = (Output?, Failure?) -> Void  
    private let perform: (@escaping Completion) -> Void  
  
    public init(perform: @escaping (@escaping Completion) -> Void) {  
        self.perform = perform  
    }  
}
```

Specific

```
extension LinkMetadataPublisher: Publisher {  
    func receive<Subscriber>(subscriber: Subscriber)  
        where  
            Subscriber: Combine.Subscriber,  
            Subscriber.Failure == Failure,  
            Subscriber.Input == Output  
    {  
        let subscription = Subscription(subscriber: subscriber,  
                                         provider: provider,  
                                         url: url)  
        subscriber.receive(subscription: subscription)  
    }  
}
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Generic

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extension CompletionPublisher: Publisher {  
    func receive<Subscriber>(subscriber: Subscriber)  
        where  
            Subscriber: Combine.Subscriber,  
            Subscriber.Failure == Failure,  
            Subscriber.Input == Output  
    {  
        let subscription = Subscription(subscriber: subscriber,  
                                         perform: perform)  
  
        subscriber.receive(subscription: subscription)  
    }  
}
```

Specific

```
extension LinkMetadataPublisher {  
  
    fileprivate final class Subscription<Subscriber>  
        where  
        Subscriber: Combine.Subscriber,  
        Subscriber.Failure == Failure,  
        Subscriber.Input == Output {  
  
        private let provider: LPMetadataProvider  
        private let url: URL  
        private let subscriber: Subscriber  
  
        fileprivate init(subscriber: Subscriber,  
                        provider: LPMetadataProvider,  
                        url: URL) {  
            self.subscriber = subscriber  
            self.provider = provider  
            self.url = url  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Generic

```
extension CompletionPublisher {  
    fileprivate final class Subscription<Subscriber>  
        where  
        Subscriber: Combine.Subscriber,  
        Subscriber.Failure == Failure,  
        Subscriber.Input == Output {  
  
        private let perform: (@escaping Completion) -> Void  
  
        private let subscriber: Subscriber  
  
        fileprivate init(subscriber: Subscriber,  
                        perform: @escaping (@escaping Completion) -> Void) {  
  
            self.subscriber = subscriber  
            self.perform = perform  
  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Specific

```
extension LPMetadataProvider {  
    func metadata(for url: URL) -> LinkMetadataPublisher {  
        LinkMetadataPublisher(provider: self, url: url)  
    }  
}
```


Generic

```
extension LPMetadataProvider {  
    func metadata(for url: URL) -> CompletionPublisher<LPLinkMetadata, Error> {  
        CompletionPublisher(perform: { completion in  
            self.startFetchingMetadata(for: url, completionHandler: completion)  
        })  
    }  
}
```

WebKit

```
extension WKWebView {  
    func evaluateJavascript(_ javaScript: String) -> CompletionPublisher<Any, Error> {  
        CompletionPublisher(perform: { completion in  
            self.evaluateJavaScript(javaScript, completionHandler: completion)  
        })  
    }  
}
```

CoreLocation

```
extension CLGeocoder {  
    func reverseGeocodeLocation(_ location: CLLocation) -> CompletionPublisher<[CLPlacemark], Error> {  
        CompletionPublisher(perform: { completion in  
            self.reverseGeocodeLocation(location, completionHandler: completion)  
        })  
    }  
}
```

MapKit

```
extension MKLocalSearch {  
    static func publisher(for request: MKLocalSearch.Request) -> CompletionPublisher<MKLocalSearch.Response, Error> {  
        let request = MKLocalSearch(request: request)  
        return CompletionPublisher(perform: request.start)  
    }  
}
```

Thank you

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