

Codify the Pattern

How Swift lets us eschew convention

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Conventions get embedded in team culture and the app

Possibly documented:

- * readme
- * wiki
- * Confluence

Swift makes it easy to codify conventions

Swift is opinionated

Objective-C Conventions vs Swift

Objective-C Convention

Swift

Initialization

convenience & designated

Mutable / Immutable types

var / let

nil, null, NSNull, -1

Optional

Properties -title, -setTitle:

var title { get {} set {} }

Maybe our code should be
opinionated

— Me, just now

Rectangle Type

```
struct Rectangle {  
    let identifier: String  
  
    var x: Double  
    var y: Double  
    var width: Double  
    var height: Double  
  
    var red: Double  
    var green: Double  
    var blue: Double  
    var alpha: Double  
}
```


Atomic Types

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Separation of properties that are unlikely to change as one

Group properties that change together

Creating Atomic Types

```
struct Position {  
    let x: Double  
    let y: Double  
}
```

```
struct Size {  
    let width: Double  
    let height: Double  
}
```

```
struct Color {  
    let red: Double  
    let green: Double  
    let blue: Double  
    let alpha: Double  
}
```

Creating Atomic Types

```
struct Rectangle {  
    let identifier: String  
    var position: Position  
    var size: Size  
    var color: Color  
}
```

Changes to each property are atomic

Separation of concerns

Easier to reason about

These new types can be extended

Type Specialization

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```
struct Rectangle {  
    let identifier: String  
    var frame: Frame  
    var color: Color  
}
```

Identifier is a string so it can be used like a string

```
var identifier = rectangle.identifier  
let start = identifier.index(after: identifier.startIndex)  
let end = identifier.index(before: identifier.endIndex)  
identifier.replaceSubrange(start..  
end, with: "")
```

Type Specialization

```
struct Identifier {  
    private let value: String  
  
    init(_ value: String) {  
        self.value = value  
    }  
}
```

Type Specialization

```
struct Identifier: Equatable {  
    private let value: String  
  
    init(_ value: String) {  
        self.value = value  
    }  
}
```

Provide Equatable conformance to allow external use to determine equality rather than allow access to the value inside.

Type Specialization

```
struct Identifier: Equatable {  
    private let value: String  
  
    init(_ value: String = NSUUID().uuidString) {  
        self.value = value  
    }  
}
```

Provide a standard way to generate new identifiers.

Type Specialization

```
struct Rectangle {  
    let identifier = Identifier()  
  
    var frame: Frame  
    var color: Color  
}
```


Constricting types

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Developer is confused.

Developer attempts to create color.

```
rectangle.color = Color(red: 100, green: 50, blue: 0, alpha: 100)
```

A fundamental misunderstanding has occurred.

Validate with Fatal Error

```
struct Color {  
    init(red: Double, green: Double, blue: Double, alpha: Double) {  
        guard  
            0 <= red, red <= 1,  
            0 <= green, green <= 1,  
            0 <= blue, blue <= 1,  
            0 <= alpha, alpha <= 1  
        else {  
            fatalError()  
        }  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Validate Using Minimum and Maximum Values

```
struct Color {  
    init(red: Double, green: Double, blue: Double, alpha: Double) {  
  
        switch red {  
            case ...0 : self.red = 0  
            case 1...  : self.red = 1  
            default    : self.red = red  
        }  
  
        switch green {  
            case ...0 : self.green = 0  
            case 1...  : self.green = 1  
            default    : self.green = green  
        }  
  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Validate Using Specialized Type

```
struct Percentage {  
    fileprivate let value: Double  
    init(_ value: Double) {  
        switch value {  
            case ...0 : self.value = 0  
            case 1...  : self.value = 1  
            default    : self.value = value  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Validate Using Specialized Type

```
struct Color {  
    let red: Percentage  
    let green: Percentage  
    let blue: Percentage  
    let alpha: Percentage  
}
```

Each color component now *must* be between zero and one.

Parameters define themselves as percentages.

Unfamiliar developers can look up the Percentage logic.

Validate Using Specialized Type

```
rectangle.color = Color(red: Percentage(2),  
                        green: Percentage(0.5),  
                        blue: Percentage(-1),  
                        alpha: Percentage(100))
```

Components are validated before Color is created.

Expressible By Float/Integer Literal

```
extension Percentage: ExpressibleByFloatLiteral {  
    init(floatLiteral value: Double) {  
        self.init(value)  
    }  
}
```

```
extension Percentage: ExpressibleByIntegerLiteral {  
    init(integerLiteral value: Int) {  
        self.init(Double(value))  
    }  
}
```


Expressible By Float/Integer Literal

```
rectangle.color = Color(red: 2, green: 0.5, blue: -1, alpha: 100)
```

```
// Creates Color(red: 1, green: 0.5, blue: 0, alpha: 1)
```

Using integer and float *literal* values

Values from elsewhere still need to call Percentage initialiser

Makes for easier to read tests

Improving Size

```
struct Size {  
    let width: Positive  
    let height: Positive  
}
```

This definition makes it clear what values are accepted

User of this type can inspect to verify their assumptions of the logic of Positive

Improving Size

```
struct Positive {  
    fileprivate let value: Double  
    init(_ value: Double) {  
        switch value {  
            case ...0 : self.value = 0  
            default   : self.value = value  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Preventing Invalid States

Adding Gradient

```
struct Gradient {  
    let start: Color  
    let end: Color  
}
```

We've made sure Gradient is:

- Atomic
- A specialized type
- Can't represent an illegal state

Add Gradient to Rectangle

```
struct Rectangle {  
    let identifier = Identifier()  
    var position: Position  
    var size: Size  
    var fill: Color?  
    var gradient: Gradient?  
}
```

What happens if fill and gradient are both set?

What happens if they are both nil?

Preventing Invalid States

```
enum Style {  
    case fill(color: Color)  
    case linear(gradient: Gradient)  
    case radial(gradient: Gradient)  
}
```

```
struct Rectangle {  
    let identifier = Identifier()  
    var position: Position  
    var size: Size  
    var style: Style  
}
```

Drawing a rectangle

```
switch rectangle.style {  
case .fill(let color): // Fill with color  
case .linear(let gradient): // Fill linear gradient  
case .radial(let gradient): // Fill radial gradient  
}
```

When we come to draw the rectangle, our logic for drawing is pre-defined.

Validating User Input

```
extension Percentage {  
    init?(_ string: String) {  
        guard let double = Double(string) else {  
            return nil  
        }  
        self.init(double)  
    }  
}
```

Optional initialiser prevents an invalid Percentage being created

But what was the issue?

```
extension Percentage {  
    enum Error: Swift.Error {  
        case invalidCharacter, unknown  
    }  
  
    init(_ string: String) throws {  
        let validSet = CharacterSet(charactersIn: "-.0123456789")  
        let set = CharacterSet(charactersIn: string)  
        guard set.isSubset(of: validSet) else {  
            throw Error.invalidCharacter  
        }  
  
        guard let double = Double(string) else {  
            throw Error.unknown  
        }  
  
        self.init(double)  
    }  
}
```

The following gives a valid Percentage

```
do {  
    let percentage = try Percentage("4")  
} catch {  
    print(error)  
}
```

The following throws an invalid character error

```
do {  
    let percentage = try Percentage("A")  
} catch {  
    print(error) // "invalidCharacter"  
}
```

The following throws an unknown error

```
do {  
    let percentage = try Percentage("0.0.0")  
} catch {  
    print(error) // "unknown"  
}
```


Restricting APIs

Incorrect Initializers

Types can be extended and custom initializers added:

```
extension Percentage {  
    init(badValue: Double) {  
        self.value = badValue  
    }  
}
```


Use modules to prevent misuse

If an initializer is declared in a different module from a struct, it must use `self.init(...)` or `self = ..` before returning or accessing `self`

— SE-0189, Restrict Cross-module Struct Initializers

This prevents custom initializers in another module creating invalid instances.

Final Thoughts

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Raises questions about **edge cases** upfront

Most business logic happens in the model

Actually simpler to change incorrect assumptions

Can split out JSON -> model types conversion to another module

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