### CS193P - Lecture 2

iPhone Application Development

**Objective-C Foundation Framework** 

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- Please drop the class in Axess if you are not enrolled.

#### **Office Hours**

- David Jacobs
  - Mondays 4-6pm: Gates 360
- Paul Salzman
  - Some time. Best to try all possible times until you hit it
  - Some place, probably in Gates. Just come by and yell real loud

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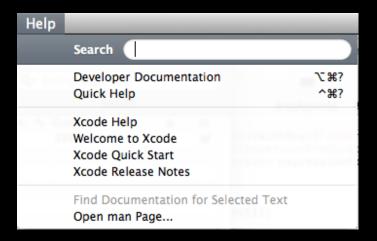
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- Auditors will need to sign up for Developer Program independently
  - Free for Simulator development
  - \$99 for on-device development

### **Getting Help**

- The assignment walks you through it
- Key spots to look
  - API & Conceptual Docs in Xcode
  - Class header files
  - Docs, sample code, tech notes on Apple Developer Connection (ADC) site
    - http://developer.apple.com
    - Dev site uses Google search



### **Today's Topics**

- Questions from Tuesday or Assignments?
- Object Oriented Programming Overview
- Objective-C Language
- Common Foundation Classes

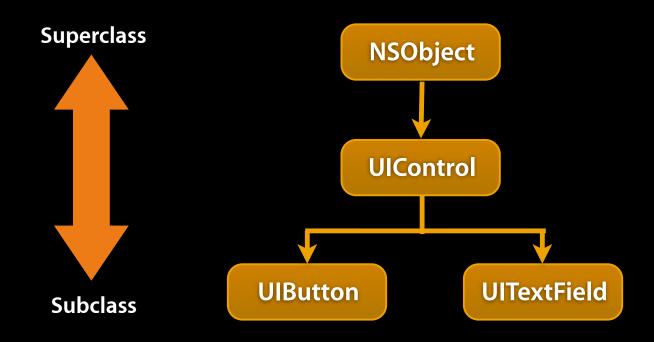
## **Object Basics**

### **OOP Vocabulary**

- Class: defines the grouping of data and code, the "type" of an object
- **Instance**: a specific allocation of a class
- Method: a "function" that an object knows how to perform
- Instance Variable (or "ivar"): a specific piece of data belonging to an object

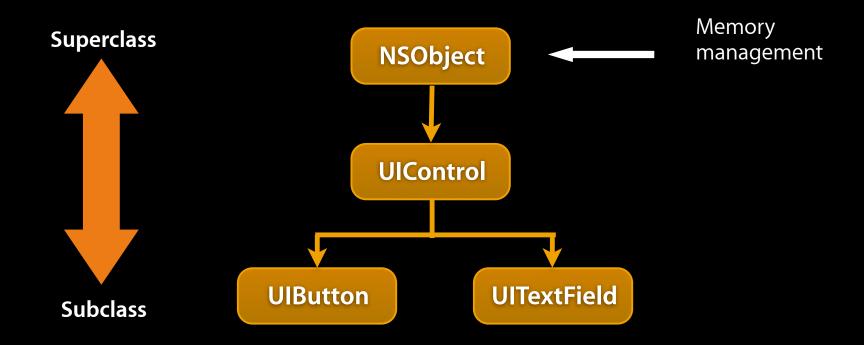
### OOP Vocabulary

- Encapsulation
  - keep implementation private and separate from interface
- Polymorphism
  - different objects, same interface
- Inheritance
  - hierarchical organization, share code, customize or extend behaviors

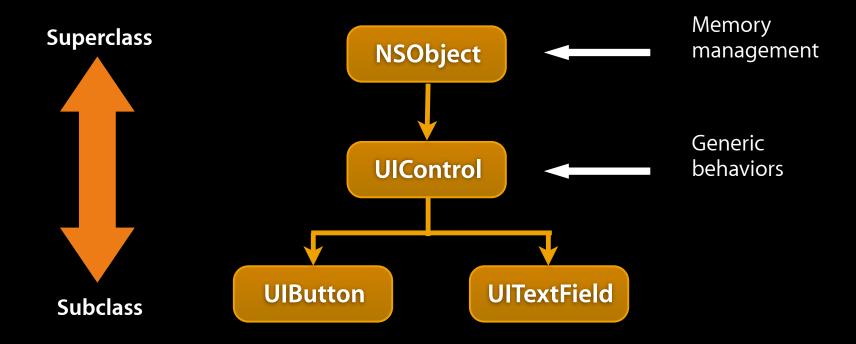


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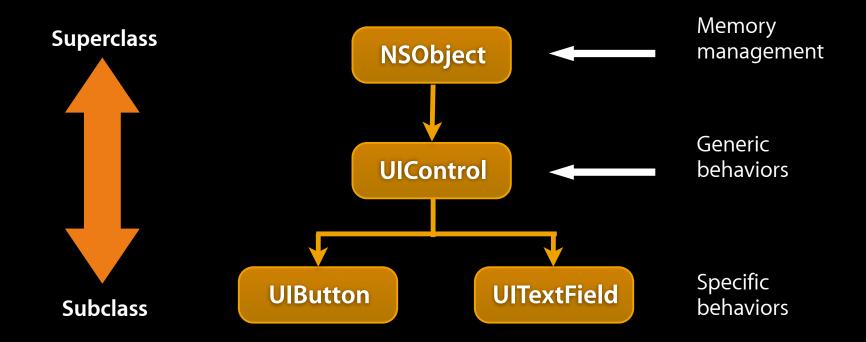
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#### More OOP Info?

- Drop by office hours to talk about basics of OOP
- Tons of books and articles on OOP
- Most Java or C++ book have OOP introductions
- Objective-C 2.0 Programming Language
  - http://developer.apple.com/documentation/Cocoa/Conceptual/ ObjectiveC

# Objective-C

### Objective-C

- Strict superset of C
  - Mix C with ObjC
  - Or even C++ with ObjC (usually referred to as ObjC++)
- A very simple language, but some new syntax
- Single inheritance, classes inherit from one and only one superclass
- Protocols define behavior that cross classes
- Dynamic runtime
- Loosely typed, if you'd like

### Syntax Additions

- Small number of additions
- Some new types
  - Anonymous object
  - Class
  - Selectors
- Syntax for defining classes
- Syntax for message expressions

### **Dynamic Runtime**

- Object creation
  - All objects allocated out of the heap
  - No stack based objects
- Message dispatch
- Introspection

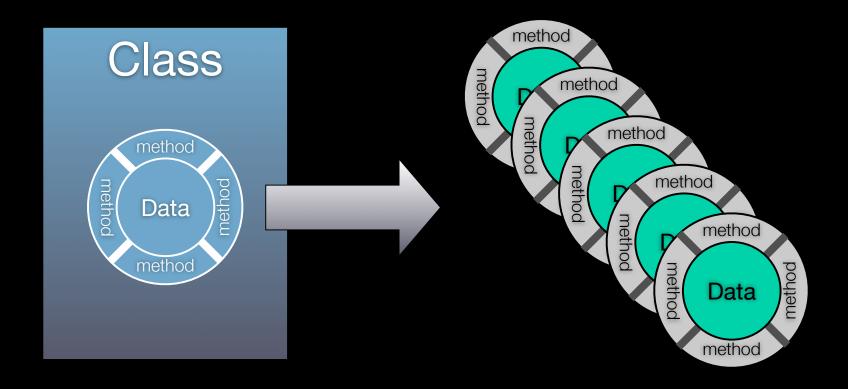
## OOP with ObjC

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### Classes and Objects

- Classes declare state and behavior
- State (data) is maintained using instance variables
- Behavior is implemented using methods
- Instance variables typically hidden
  - Accessible only using getter/setter methods

### OOP From ObjC Perspective

- Everybody has their own spin on OOP
  - Apple is no different
- For the spin on OOP from an ObjC perspective:
  - Read the "Object-Oriented Programming with Objective-C" document
  - http://developer.apple.com/iphone/library/documentation/ Cocoa/Conceptual/OOP\_ObjC

## Messaging syntax

#### Class and Instance Methods

- Instances respond to instance methods
  - (id)init;
  - (float)height;
  - (void)walk;
- Classes respond to class methods
  - + (id)alloc;
  - + (id)person;
  - + (Person \*)sharedPerson;

## Message syntax

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```
[receiver message]
[receiver message:argument]
```

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#### Message syntax

```
[receiver message]
[receiver message:argument]
[receiver message:arg1 andArg:arg2]
```

#### Message examples

```
Person *voter; //assume this exists
[voter castBallot];
int theAge = [voter age];
[voter setAge:21];
if ([voter canLegallyVote]) {
  // do something voter-y
}
[voter registerForState:@"CA" party:@"Independant"];
NSString *name = [[voter spouse] name];
```

#### Method definition examples

```
Person *voter; //assume this exists
- (void)castBallot;
[voter castBallot];
- (int)age;
int theAge = [voter age];
- (void)setAge:(int)age;
[voter setAge:21];
- (BOOL)canLegallyVote;
if ([voter canLegallyVote]) {
  // do something voter-y
 (void)registerForState:(NSString*)state
                   party:(NSString*)party;
[voter registerForState:@"CA" party:@"Independant"];
- (Person*)spouse;
- (NSString*)name;
NSString *name = [[voter spouse] name];
```

## Terminology

Message expression

[receiver method: argument]

Message

[receiver method: argument]

Selector

[receiver method: argument]

Method

The code selected by a message

#### **Dot Syntax**

Objective-C 2.0 introduced dot syntax

person.height = newHeight;

- Convenient shorthand for invoking accessor methods float height = [person height]; float height = person.height;
   [person setHeight:newHeight];
- Follows the dots...
   [[person child] setHeight:newHeight];
   // exactly the same as
   person.child.height = newHeight;

# **Objective-C Types**

## Dynamic and static typing

Dynamically-typed object

```
id anObject
```

- Just id
- Not id \* (unless you really, really mean it...)
- Statically-typed object

```
Person *anObject
```

- Objective-C provides compile-time, not runtime, type checking
- Objective-C always uses dynamic binding

#### The null object pointer

Test for nil explicitly

```
if (person == nil) return;
```

Or implicitly

```
if (!person) return;
```

Can use in assignments and as arguments if expected

```
person = nil;
[button setTarget: nil];
```

Sending a message to nil?

```
person = nil;
[person castBallot];
```

### **BOOL** typedef

- When ObjC was developed, C had no boolean type (C99 introduced one)
- ObjC uses a typedef to define BOOL as a type

```
BOOL flag = NO;
```

Macros included for initialization and comparison: YES and NO

```
if (flag == YES)
if (flag)
if (!flag)
if (flag != YES)

flag = YES;
flag = 1;
```

### Selectors identify methods by name

A selector has type SEL

```
SEL action = [button action];
[button setAction:@selector(start:)];
```

- Conceptually similar to function pointer
- Selectors include the name and all colons, for example:

```
-(void)setName:(NSString *)name age:(int)age;
would have a selector:
```

```
SEL sel = @selector(setName:age:);
```

#### Working with selectors

• You can determine if an object responds to a given selector

```
id obj;
SEL sel = @selector(start:);
if ([obj respondsToSelector:sel]) {
    [obj performSelector:sel withObject:self]
}
```

 This sort of introspection and dynamic messaging underlies many Cocoa design patterns

```
-(void)setTarget:(id)target;
-(void)setAction:(SEL)action;
```

# Working with Classes

#### Class Introspection

You can ask an object about its class

```
Class myClass = [myObject class];
  NSLog(@"My class is %@", [myObject className]);
• Testing for general class membership (subclasses included):
  if ([myObject isKindOfClass:[UIControl class]]) {
     // something
• Testing for specific class membership (subclasses excluded):
  if ([myObject isMemberOfClass:[NSString class]]) {
     // something string specific
```

# Working with Objects

#### Identity versus Equality

Identity—testing equality of the pointer values
 if (object1 == object2) {
 NSLog(@"Same exact object instance");
 }
 Equality—testing object attributes
 if ([object1 isEqual: object2]) {
 NSLog(@"Logically equivalent, but may be different object instances");
 }
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### -description

- NSObject implements -description
  - (NSString \*)description;
- Objects represented in format strings using %@
- When an object appears in a format string, it is asked for its description

```
[NSString stringWithFormat: @"The answer is: %@", myObject];
```

You can log an object's description with:

```
NSLog([anObject description]);
```

 Your custom subclasses can override description to return more specific information

# **Foundation Classes**

#### **Foundation Framework**

- Value and collection classes
- User defaults
- Archiving
- Notifications
- Undo manager
- Tasks, timers, threads
- File system, pipes, I/O, bundles

# NSObject

- Root class
- Implements many basics
  - Memory management
  - Introspection
  - Object equality

### **NSString**

- General-purpose Unicode string support
  - Unicode is a coding system which represents all of the world's languages
- Consistently used throughout Cocoa Touch instead of "char \*"
- Without doubt the most commonly used class
- Easy to support any language in the world with Cocoa

## **String Constants**

• In C constant strings are

```
"simple"
```

• In ObjC, constant strings are

```
@"just as simple"
```

Constant strings are NSString instances

```
NSString *aString = @"Hello World!";
```

#### **Format Strings**

• Similar to printf, but with %@ added for objects

```
NSString *aString = @"Johnny";
NSString *log = [NSString stringWithFormat: @"It's '\mathscr{w}'", aString];
log would be set to It's 'Johnny'
```

Also used for logging

```
NSLog(@"I am a %@, I have %d items", [array className], [array count]);
```

#### would log something like:

```
I am a NSArray, I have 5 items
```

#### **NSString**

• Often ask an existing string for a new string with modifications

```
    - (NSString *)stringByAppendingString:(NSString *)string;
    - (NSString *)stringByAppendingFormat:(NSString *)string;
    - (NSString *)stringByDeletingPathComponent;
```

#### • Example:

```
NSString *myString = @"Hello";
NSString *fullString;
fullString = [myString stringByAppendingString:@" world!"];
fullString would be set to Hello world!
```

#### **NSString**

Common NSString methods

```
- (BOOL)isEqualToString:(NSString *)string;
- (BOOL)hasPrefix:(NSString *)string;
- (int)intValue;
- (double)doubleValue;
```

• Example:

#### NSMutableString

- NSMutableString subclasses NSString
- Allows a string to be modified
- Common NSMutableString methods

#### Collections

- Array ordered collection of objects
- Dictionary collection of key-value pairs
- Set unordered collection of unique objects
- Common enumeration mechanism
- Immutable and mutable versions
  - Immutable collections can be shared without side effect
  - Prevents unexpected changes
  - Mutable objects typically carry a performance overhead

#### **NSArray**

Common NSArray methods

```
+ arrayWithObjects:(id)firstObj, ...; // nil terminated!!!
- (unsigned)count;
- (id)objectAtIndex:(unsigned)index;
- (unsigned)indexOfObject:(id)object;
```

NSNotFound returned for index if not found

```
NSArray *array = [NSArray arrayWithObjects:@"Red", @"Blue",
@"Green", nil];
if ([array indexOfObject:@"Purple"] == NSNotFound) {
         NSLog (@"No color purple");
}
```

• Be careful of the nil termination!!!

#### **NSMutableArray**

- NSMutableArray subclasses NSArray
- So, everything in NSArray
- Common NSMutableArray Methods

```
(NSMutableArray *)array;
  (void)addObject:(id)object;
  (void)removeObject:(id)object;
  (void)removeAllObjects;
  (void)insertObject:(id)object atIndex:(unsigned)index;
NSMutableArray *array = [NSMutableArray array];
[array addObject:@"Red"];
[array addObject:@"Green"];
[array addObject:@"Blue"];
[array removeObjectAtIndex:1];
```

#### **NSDictionary**

Common NSDictionary methods

```
+ dictionaryWithObjectsAndKeys: (id)firstObject, ...;
- (unsigned)count;
- (id)objectForKey:(id)key;
```

nil returned if no object found for given key

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#### NSMutableDictionary

- NSMutableDictionary subclasses NSDictionary
- Common NSMutableDictionary methods

```
+ (NSMutableDictionary *)dictionary;
- (void)setObject:(id)object forKey:(id)key;
- (void)removeObjectForKey:(id)key;
- (void)removeAllObjects;

NSMutableDictionary *colors = [NSMutableDictionary dictionary];
[colors setObject:@"Orange" forKey:@"HighlightColor"];
```

#### **NSSet**

- Unordered collection of objects
- Common NSSet methods

```
+ setWithObjects:(id)firstObj, ...; // nil terminated
- (unsigned)count;
- (BOOL)containsObject:(id)object;
```

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#### **NSMutableSet**

- NSMutableSet subclasses NSSet
- Common NSMutableSet methods

```
+ (NSMutableSet *)set;
- (void)addObject:(id)object;
- (void)removeObject:(id)object;
- (void)removeAllObjects;
- (void)intersectSet:(NSSet *)otherSet;
- (void)minusSet:(NSSet *)otherSet;
```

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#### **Enumeration**

- Consistent way of enumerating over objects in collections
- Use with NSArray, NSDictionary, NSSet, etc.

```
NSArray *array = ...; // assume an array of People objects
// old school
Person *person;
int count = [array count];
for (i = 0; i < count; i++) {
    person = [array objectAtIndex:i];
    NSLog([person description]);
// new school
for (Person *person in array) {
   NSLog([person description]);
```

#### NSNumber

- In Objective-C, you typically use standard C number types
- NSNumber is used to wrap C number types as objects
- Subclass of NSValue
- No mutable equivalent!
- Common NSNumber methods

```
+ (NSNumber *)numberWithInt:(int)value;
+ (NSNumber *)numberWithDouble:(double)value;
- (int)intValue;
- (double)doubleValue;
```

#### **Other Classes**

- NSData / NSMutableData
  - Arbitrary sets of bytes
- NSDate / NSCalendarDate
  - Times and dates

#### Getting some objects

- Until we talk about memory management:
  - Use class factory methods
    - NSString's +stringWithFormat:
    - NSArray's +array
    - NSDictionary's +dictionary
  - Or any method that returns an object except alloc/init or copy.

### More ObjC Info?

- http://developer.apple.com/documentation/Cocoa/ Conceptual/ObjectiveC
- Concepts in Objective C are applicable to any other OOP language

# Questions?