Programming and Development Concepts

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Intro to Programming

- Introduce more advanced functionality; interactivity, data presentation, device specific
- Many programming languages, each with different purposes
- Machine/assembly languages are coded directly to the processor
- Interpreted languages are more easily written and read by humans. Interpreter converts it to machine language – ex. JavaScript
- Compiled languages send code to compiler that creates an executable native to the hardware – ex. C
- Object-oriented – program contains objects which are reused throughout – ex. Java
- Server-side languages which execute on the server while the user is interacting – Java, PHP, Ruby, Python
- Client-side languages that execute on the user's computer – JavaScript
- Mobile development languages – Swift, Java

Intro to Programming

- While languages are different, many concepts are shared
- May use slightly different syntax

Variables

Allows you to store a value so it can be used throughout the program

```
var name = “Cindy”

var num = 2

var score:Int = 0
```

Some programs require that you use the prefix when assigning a variable, some don’t. Some require you to define the type (Int, text, etc).

Data Types

- Text values are known as strings and are usually encased in quotation marks
- Numeric values can be integers or with decimals – either float or double
- Each programming language has unique ways to deal with data types
- Boolean is also a data type, set as true or false

Concatenation

- Use concatenation to join strings, values and variables
- Some languages use the “+” sign for concatenation

```
first = “Cindy”;
last = “Royal”;
message = “Hello “ + first + “ “ + last
```

- With Swift, you can use slash notation to concatenate a variable to text:

```
myScore.text = "Score: \(score)"
```

Properties and Methods

- Most languages have properties or methods that help you add functionality
- For example, the length property finds out how many characters are in a string.

  password.length
- If you assign a word to the password variable, for example, “myterriblepassword”, the length would be 18.
- Length includes special characters and spaces
- Swift uses the ”count” property

  password.characters.count

If Statements

if statements introduce logic by providing a decision point or condition and what to do depending on the response to the condition

```
if(counter == 0) {
        timerLabel.text  =  "Time's  Up!"
        timer.invalidate()
    }
```

Notice the use of two equal signs for the condition. This indicates comparison. Use one equal sign when you are assigning a value to a variable, as in the timerLabel text.

Loops

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```

Functions

- Functions allow you to store lines of code that can be accessed and used again and again throughout a program.
- Here's an example of a Swift function we'll be using in the next lesson

```
func didScore(points:Int) {
    score = score + points
    myScore.text = "Score: \(score)"
}
```

- Functions can take arguments that get passed into the function so it uses different assumptions each time it is run.
- When a function is called, the argument is passed in the place of the parameter

```
didScore(points:5)
```

Arrays or Lists

- An array or list is a way to store multiple items

```
var shoppingList: [String] = ["Eggs", "Milk"]
```

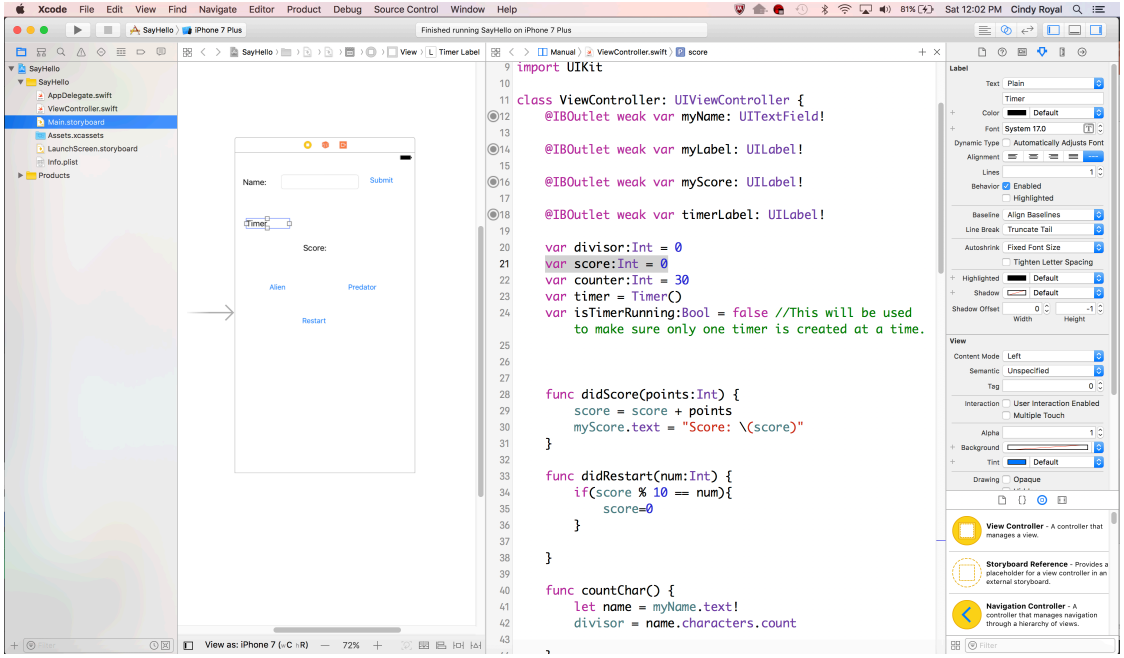
- You can can access elements of an array by using the index number in bracket notation. Arrays start with index 0.

```
print(shoppingList[0])
```

- This command would return “Eggs”, the first item in the list

Where do you code?

- Text editor
- Interactive Development Environment
- In a development console
- Xcode – combo of visual tools and coding



Final Thoughts on Programming

- Programming is problem solving
- Programs usually don't work the first time
- Your job is to figure out and troubleshoot the problem and fix it to get your desired functionality
- There are many resources online. Google your problem, find examples.
- Don't let the code beat you! Have fun.

More information on programming

- You have access to Lynda.com as a TXST student. Login on the TXST Lynda page.
- The Computer Science Principles: Programming course can provide more info about general programming concepts. Check it out. Sections 1-3 will give you more details about what I covered.