

# Introduction to Objective-C for iOS Development

This course teaches the fundamentals of programming in Objective-C, the language used to develop iPhone and iPad applications. This course covers Xcode, the integrated development environment used to build Objective-C applications. Primitive and reference variables are covered as well as arithmetic operators, conditional processing, looping, and functions. The object-oriented nature of the language is presented as well as the Foundation framework. An introduction to the Cocoa framework and a discussion of a basic user interface for mobile devices are included. You will use Xcode built-in iPhone and iPad simulators for the exercises and demonstrations in this course.

## **Course Objectives:**

- Learn how to use Xcode for developing Objective-C programs
- Learn how to define primitive and reference variables.
- Understand the use of arithmetic operators.
- Know how to write conditional and looping statements.
- Learn how to write and call a function.
- Understand the object-oriented features of Objective-C.
- Learn how to create objects and methods.
- Understand important classes in the Foundation framework.
- Learn how to build a basic user interface using the Cocoa framework.

Audience: Experienced programmers.

**Prerequisites:** Minimal programming experience; including some object-oriented and C++ or C# experience.

**Number of Days:** 4 days

## 1 Objective-C Overview

The Xcode IDE

Projects

Objective-C

History

Role in Mobile Device Applications

#### 2 Variables

Numeric Variables

**Numeric Representations** 

Integers

**Unsigned Integers** 

Floating Point

Constants

Nonnumeric Variables

Char

Boolean

Variable Scope

#### 3 Arithmetic

**Arithmetic Operators** 

Addition and Subtraction

Multiplication, Division, and Modulus

**Shorthand Notation** 

**Typecasting** 

**Math Library Functions** 

pow

arc4random

## 4 Conditional Logic and Looping

**Conditional Statements** 

Basic if Statement

if else Statement

if else if Statement

switch Statement

The Ternary Operator

**Looping Statements** 



while Statement

do...while Statement

for Statement

5 Functions

Purpose

Declaration

Header

Body

Calling a Function

Passing Parameters by Value

Passing Parameters by Reference

Functions vs. Methods

**6** Object-oriented Programming

**According to Objective-C** 

Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)

How Objective-C Implements OOP

Encapsulation of Member Variables

Class Definition: Interface

Class interface and @property

Method vs. Function Syntax

Static Variables and Class Methods

The Class Implementation and

@synthesize

Creating an Object from a Class

Sending Messages to Objects

The Role of Methods

Visibility of Variables

The Constants nil and NULL

Reference Variables

The \* and & Operators

7 Inheritance

Purpose

Implementing Inheritance

The Root Class

Creating and Processing The Subclass

**NSObject Class** 

Memory Acquisition

alloc

init

Method Override

Where's Abstraction?

8 Polymorphism

Purpose

Polymorphism in Objective-C

Placing Objects in Collections

Using NSMutableArray

Runtime Identification of Objects

9 Arrays

The "Classic" C Array

Defining the array

Processing the array

Foundation Framework Arrays

**NSArray** 

**NSMutableArray** 

10 Foundation Framework

Strings

Date/Time

Numbers

Collections

**NSString** 

Replacing char\*

Initialization

**NSString Methods** 

NSNumber and NSNumberFormatter

Replacing int, float, and more

Initialization

NSUInterger and NSInterger

NSDate and NSDateFormatter

11 Collections

**Arrays** 

Sets

**NSSet** 

NSMutableSet

How Duplicate Elements are Detected:

isEqual and hash

Dictionaries

12 Memory Considerations

Memory Management in Objective-C

Manual Retain-Release

**Automatic Reference Counting** 

**Garbage Collection** 

Strong and Weak

Release and Retain

Atomic and Nonatomic

**Automatic Reference Counting** 

13 Cocoa Framework

Purpose of Cocoa

User Interface

Using Interface Builder to Create User

Interfaces

The XIB File

**IBAction and IBOutlet** 



Drag and Drop with the Connections
Inspector
Creating a Simple Mobile Application
Creating the Project
Adding Properties and Synthesized
Methods
Building the User Interface
Testing the Application