

Using LLDB in iOS

Custom Summaries



Type Summary

- ⚙️ Extracts information from classes, structures and arranges the data it in a user-defined format
- ⚙️ Two types of summaries: a summary string and a python function



Summary String

- ⚙ Contains plain text, variables, and formats
- ⚙ \${ } contain variable that you need to reference
- ⚙ \${var} refers to the current values being inspected
- ⚙ Formatters are added as %format_type

```
(lldb) type summary add CGRect -s "width = ${var.size.width}, height = ${var.size.height%x}"
```

```
(CGRect) $0 = width = 320, height = 0x43e60000
```

Type Summary (cont'd)

- ⚙️ Use scripting to do realtime computation inside of summaries

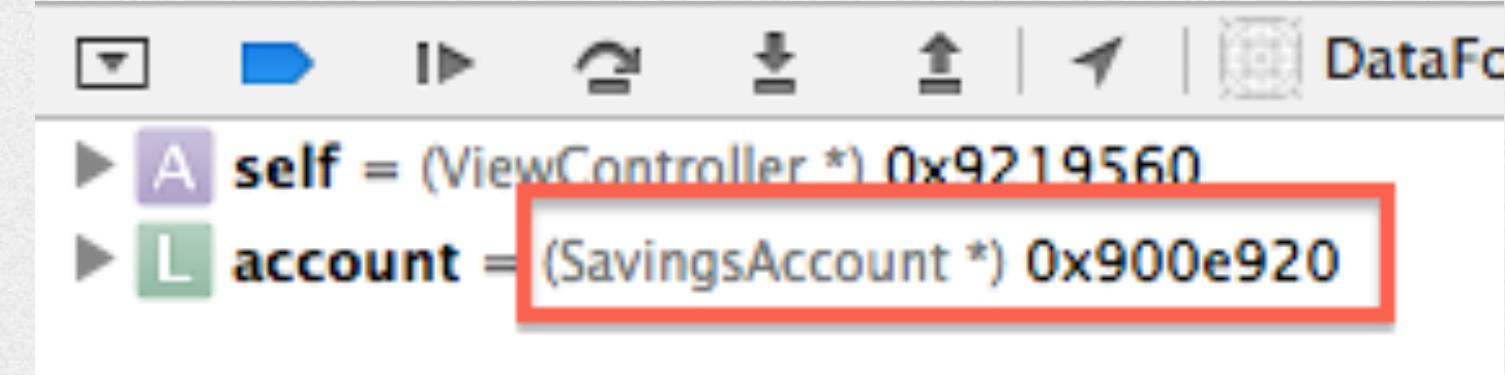
```
(lldb) type summary add -P CGRect
Enter your Python command(s). Type 'DONE' to end.
def function (valobj,internal_dict):
    (...)

    width = valobj. valobj.GetChildAtIndex(1).GetChildAtIndex(0).GetValue()
    height = valobj. valobj.GetChildAtIndex(1).GetChildAtIndex(1).GetValue()
    area = width * height;
    return "width=" + str(width) + ",height=" + str(height) + "area=" + str(area)
DONE
```

```
(CGRect) $0 = width=320,height=480,area=153600
```



Type Summary (cont'd)

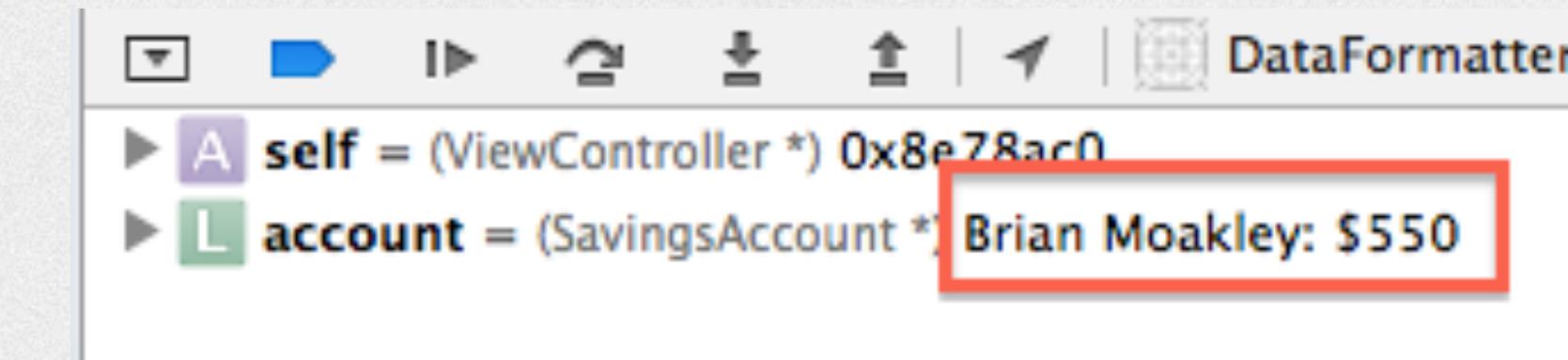


```
def account_summary (valobj,internal_dict):  
  
    firstName = valobj.GetChildMemberWithName("_firstName").GetSummary()  
    lastName = valobj.GetChildMemberWithName("_lastName").GetSummary()  
    balance = valobj.GetChildMemberWithName("_balance").GetValueAsUnsigned(0)  
  
    firstName = firstName[2:-1]  
    lastName = lastName[2:-1]  
  
    return firstName + " " + lastName + ": $" + str(balance)
```



Type Summary (cont'd)

```
(lldb) command script import ~/account.py  
(lldb) type summary add -F account.account_summary SavingsAccount
```



Type Format

- ⚙️ Enable you to quickly override the default format for displaying primitive types

```
(lldb) type format add --format b int
```

- ⚙️ To see a list formatting values, you can find them here:

<http://lldb.llvm.org/varformats.html#formatstable>



Filters

- ⚙️ Filters out member variables without having to use any scripting

```
(lldb) type filter add SavingsAccount --child _firstName
```

```
▶ A self = (ViewController *) 0x8f538b0
▼ L account = (SavingsAccount *) 0x8c5bec0
▶ _firstName = (_NSCFConstantString *) @"Brian"
```



Categories

- ⚙️ Categories are a way to group formatters
- ⚙️ LLDB searches categories in enabled order when looking for formatters.
- ⚙️ Categories are created by assigning formatters to a category that doesn't exist
- ⚙️ Categories can be enabled and disabled



Categories (cont'd)

- ⚙️ LLDB's rules for applying formatters can be a little complicated. When in doubt, check the documentation:

<http://lldb.llvm.org/varformats.html>



Demo: Create Custom Summaries

- ⚙️ Create a custom summary once using a summary string and another using python
- ⚙️ Demonstrate how to delete summaries



Challenge Time

```
▼ _videoGames = (@[  
    ▶ [0] = (RWTVideoGame *) Minecraft - Rating: 5  
    ▶ [1] = (RWTVideoGame *) Day Z - Rating: 4  
    ▶ [2] = (RWTVideoGame *) Infamous: Second Son - Rating: 3  
    ▶ [3] = (RWTVideoGame *) Dance Central - Rating: 2  
    ▶ [4] = (RWTVideoGame *) Dungeon Keeper iOS - Rating: 1
```

