

Invoking Objective-C code from Swift code

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As an introduction

Presentation by means of an example

- Creation of objects written in Objective-C
- Inside a Swift project

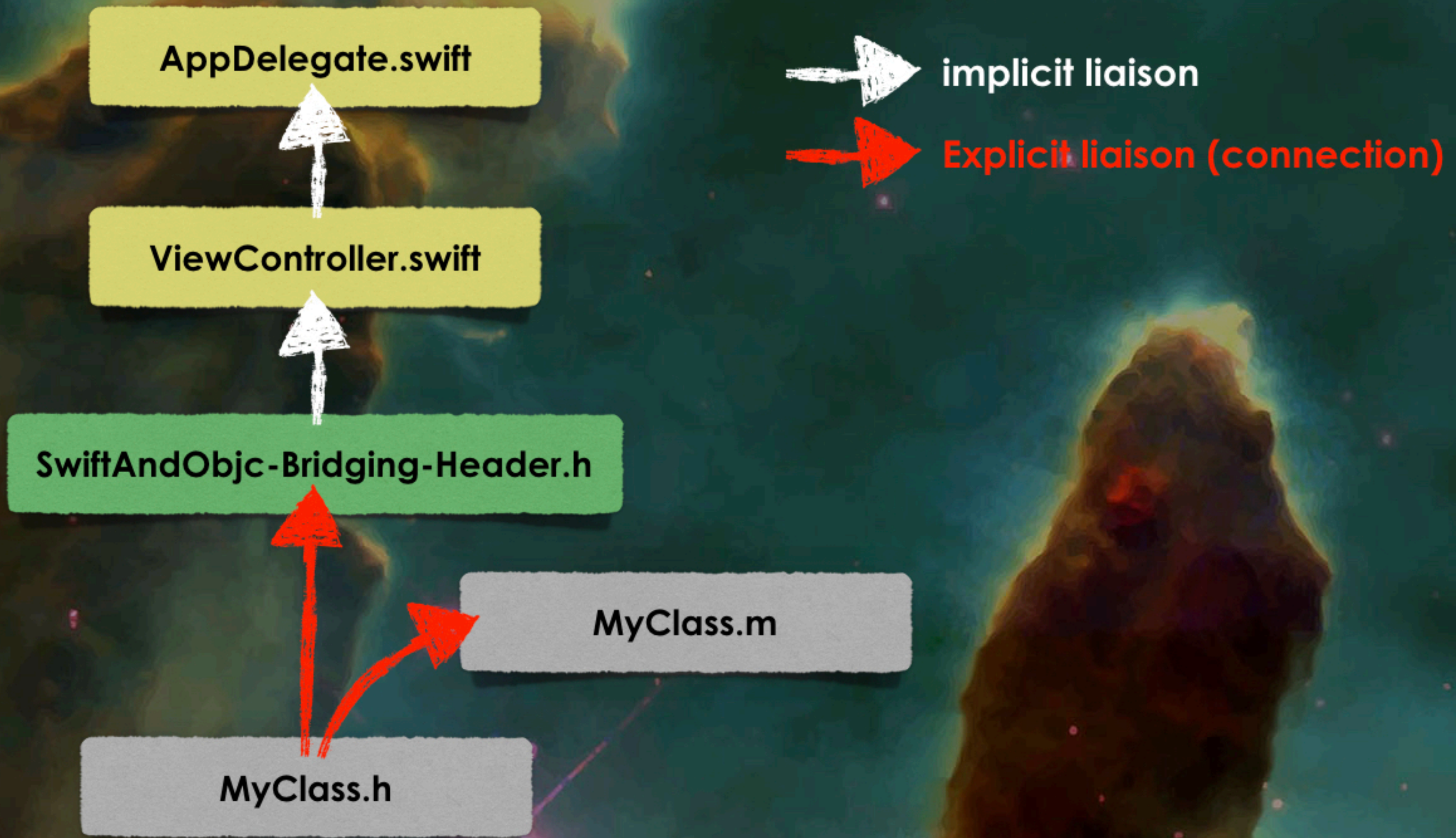
Operations to complete

- Init this class
- Show various access to attributes
- Show method invocation

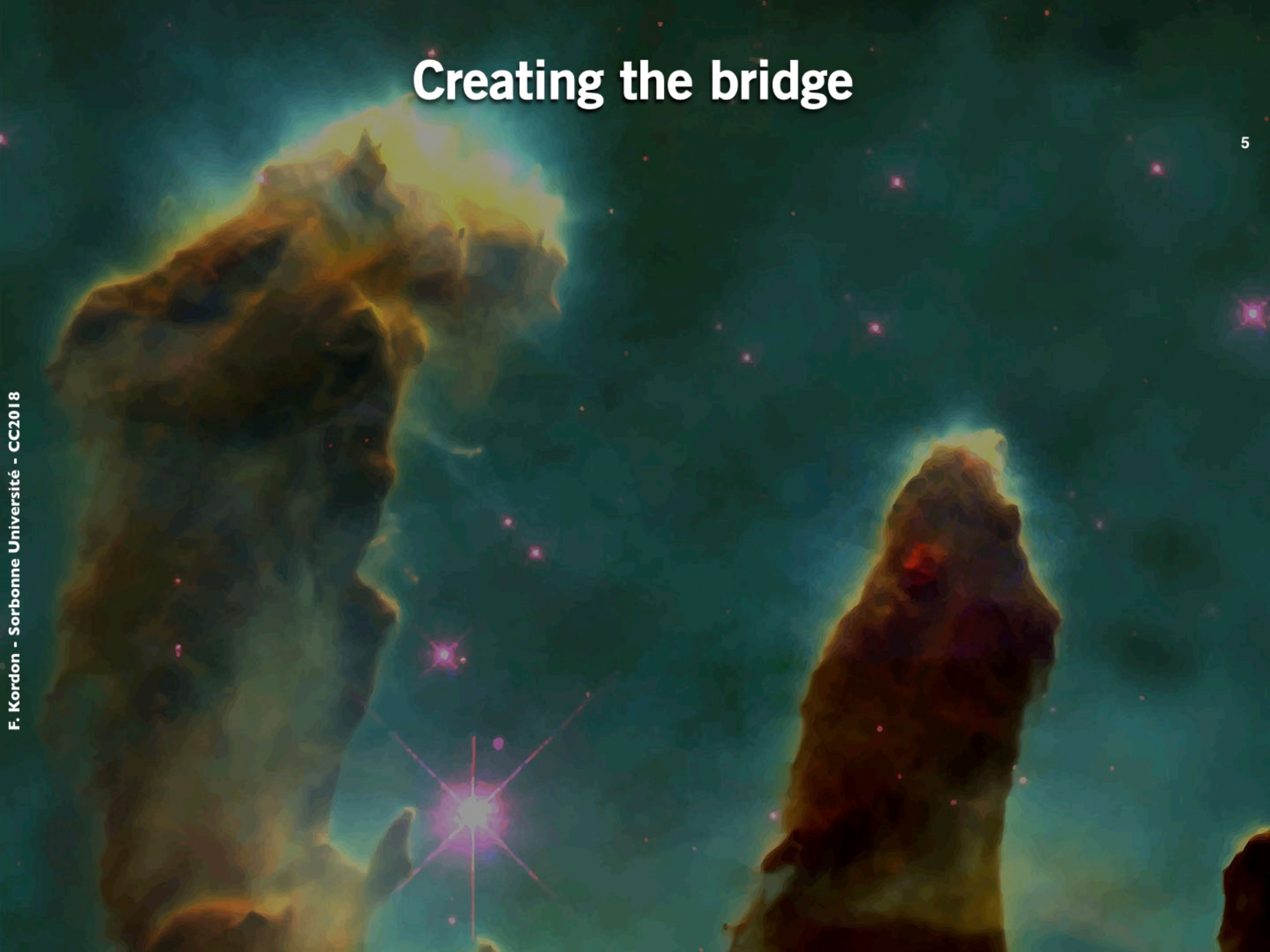
Demo



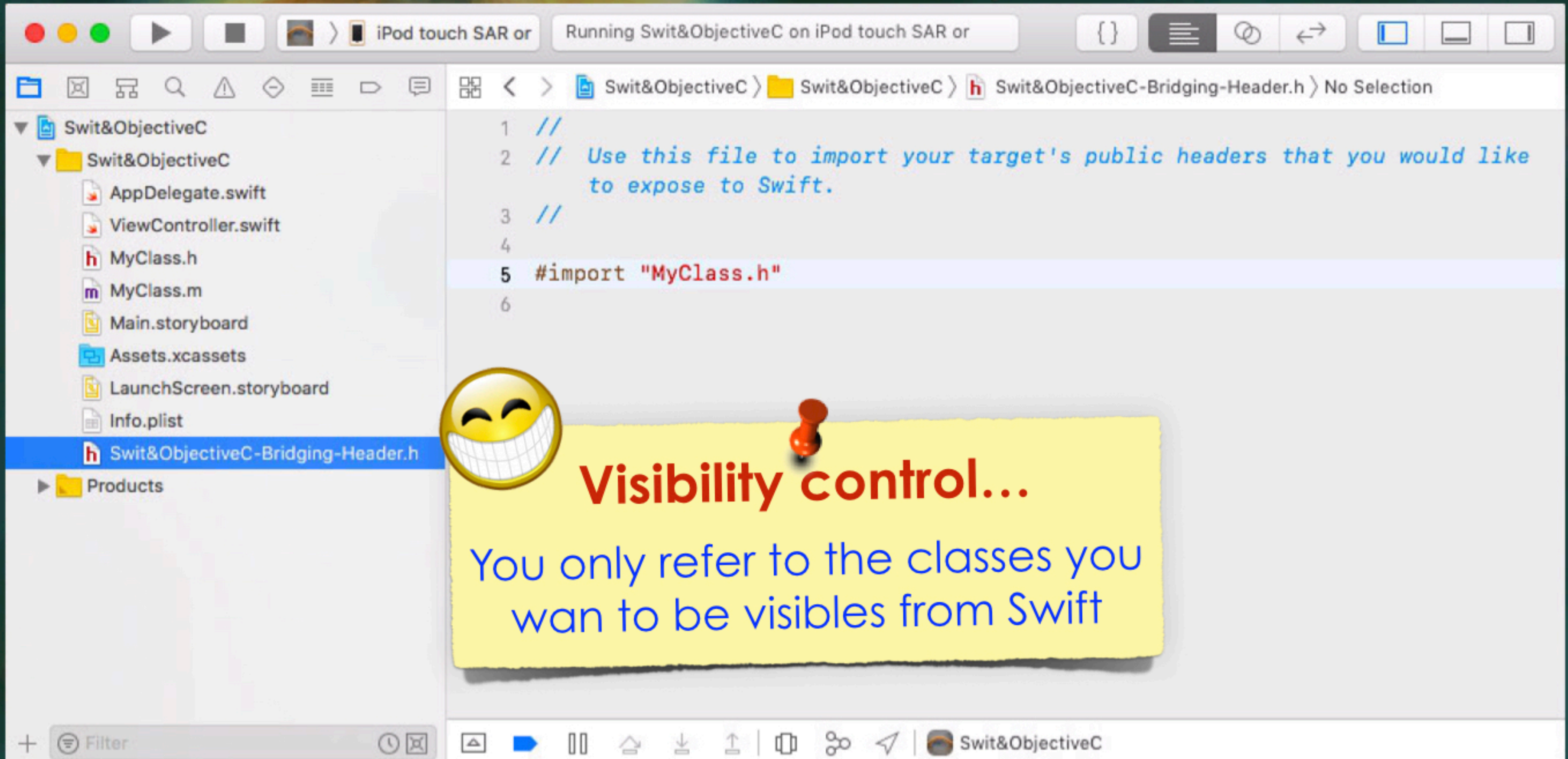
Architecture



Creating the bridge



The bridge file



The screenshot shows the Xcode IDE with a project named "Swit&ObjectiveC" open. The left sidebar displays the project's file structure, including Swift files, Objective-C headers, and storyboards. The main editor window shows the content of "Swit&ObjectiveC-Bridging-Header.h", which contains the following code:

```
1 //  
2 // Use this file to import your target's public headers that you would like  
   // to expose to Swift.  
3 //  
4  
5 #import "MyClass.h"  
6
```

A yellow callout box with a grinning face emoji and a red pushpin is overlaid on the code. It contains the text:

Visibility control...
You only refer to the classes you want to be visible from Swift

MyClass

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```
#import <Foundation/Foundation.h>
#import <UIKit/UIKit.h> // Added for UIColor

NS_ASSUME_NONNULL_BEGIN

@interface MyClass : NSObject

    @property (readwrite, strong, nonatomic) NSString *myValue;
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#import "MyClass.h"

@implementation MyClass

- (id) initWithValue:(NSString *)initValue andColor:(UIColor *)col {
    if ([super init]) {
        _myValue = [initValue copy];
        _myColor = [col copy];
    }
    return self;
}

- (NSString*) compute {
    return [NSString stringWithFormat:@"Computed : %@", _myValue];
}

@end
```


ViewController

```
import UIKit

class ViewController: UIViewController {
    override func viewDidLoad() {
        super.viewDidLoad()
        self.view = UIView()
        self.view.backgroundColor = UIColor.white
        let lab1 = UILabel(frame: CGRect(x: 0.0, y: 40.0,
                                         width: UIScreen.main.bounds.width,
                                         height: 30.0))

        lab1.textAlignment = .center
        lab1.textColor = UIColor.blue
        lab1.font = UIFont.boldSystemFont(ofSize: 14.0)

        let lab2 = UILabel(frame: CGRect(x: 0.0, y: 80.0,
                                         width: UIScreen.main.bounds.width,
                                         height: 30.0))

        lab2.textAlignment = .center
        lab2.textColor = UIColor.red
        lab2.font = UIFont.boldSystemFont(ofSize: 14.0)

        let obj1 = MyClass(value: "I am in the Objective-C part",
                           andColor: .red)
        lab1.textColor = obj1.myColor
        lab1.text = obj1.compute() // using the getter

        let obj2 = MyClass()
        obj2.myValue = "Hello from Objective-C"
        lab2.textColor = .blue // myColor attribute is not set
        lab2.text = obj2.myValue // accessing the property

        self.view.addSubview(lab1)
        self.view.addSubview(lab2)
    }
}
```


As a conclusion...



Easy is'n't it?

- Important for reusing Existing Objective-C code
 - ▶ Until it is being ported?



SWIFT



OBJ-C



One more thing...

📱 What about the reverse operation? similar principles

- 👤 Less interesting a priori
- 👤 Main difference, the bridge is automatic
 - ▶ ARC can be deactivated (for the Objective-C part)
- 👤 There is too a bridge to expose Objective-C class to Swift
 - ▶ Only for your own Objective-C classes
 - ▶ Those the Swift code is using
- 👤 In the Swift code
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@objc class MyClass: NSObject { // Do not forget @objc

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        return "Computed : " + myValue
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From Objective-C?
It works as usual (this is the idea)

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