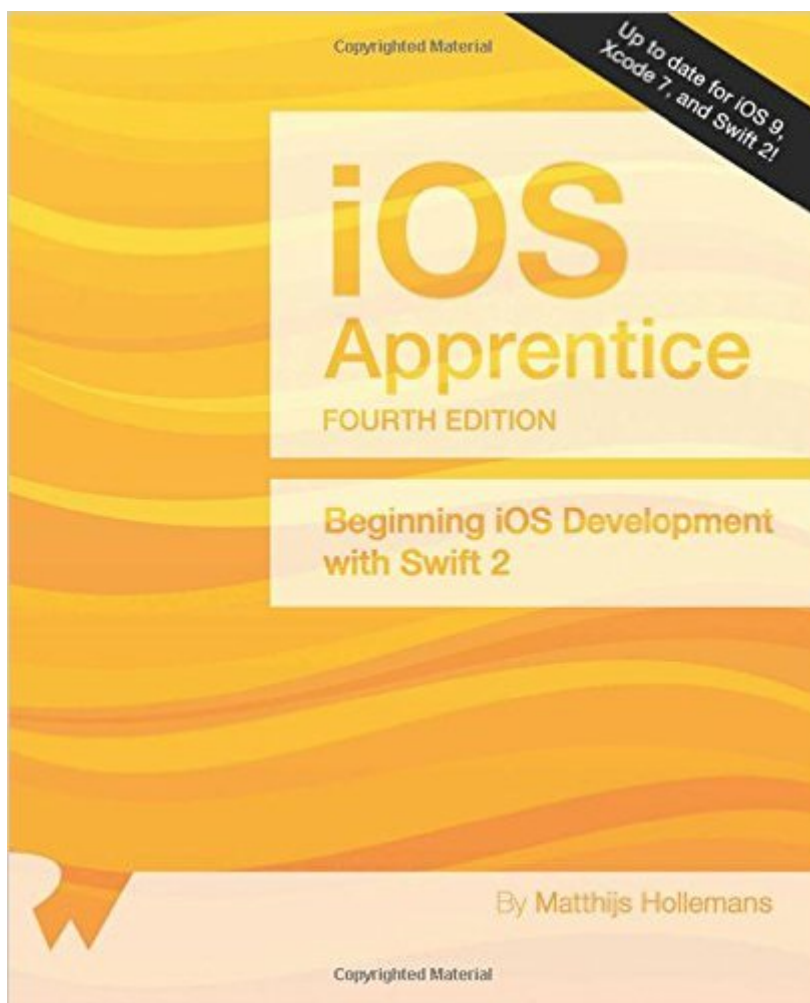


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The iOS Apprentice (Fourth Edition): Beginning iOS Development With Swift 2



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This is an excellent book for any iOS developer or enthusiast wanting to learn how to code an app from soup to nuts for iOS 9 using Swift. Matthijs shows great attention to detail. Everything is well explained and illustrated. Lots of detailed examples, lots of exercise (and all explained and answered) make this book very entertaining and educational. I enjoyed the way concepts were introduced. In particular, I loved his explanation of using enums to represent state in an app. Overall, very satisfied. I highly recommend this title.

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