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# 《BUCK在大规模iOS开发中的应用实践》

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# Airbnb iOS Stats

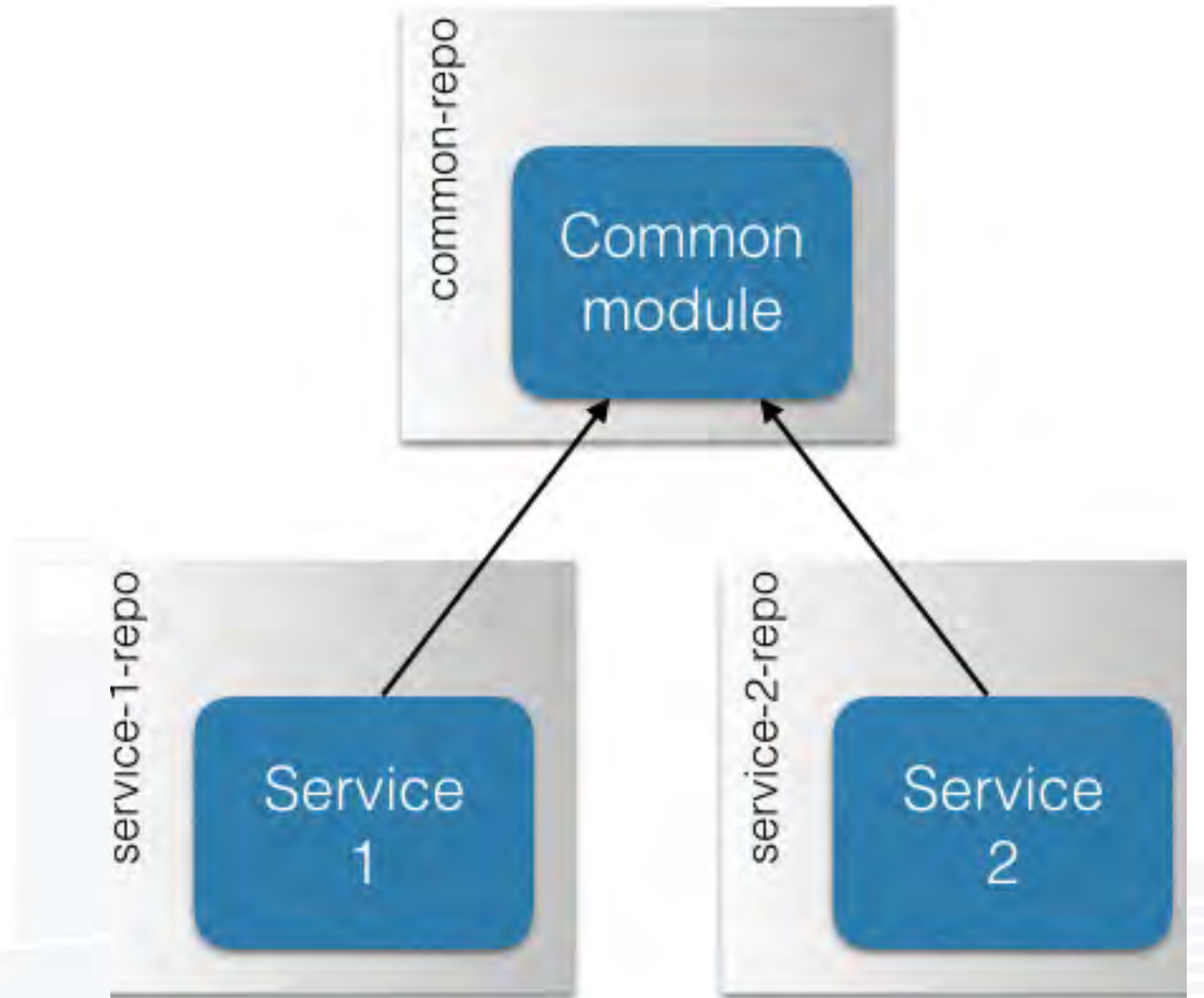
- 80 commits/day to master (PRs are squashed)
- 500+ builds/week
- 71 iOS contributors last month

# Airbnb iOS Stats

- Multi apps
- Monorepo
- 900k lines of code
  - 67% Swift
  - 25% Javascript
  - 8% Objective-C
- 80 internal frameworks + 25 Cocoapods + 2 Carthage

# Main Challenges

- Multi-Repos
  - Hard to refactor
  - Non-atomic changes, complex versioning
  - Cocopods encourages multi repos.

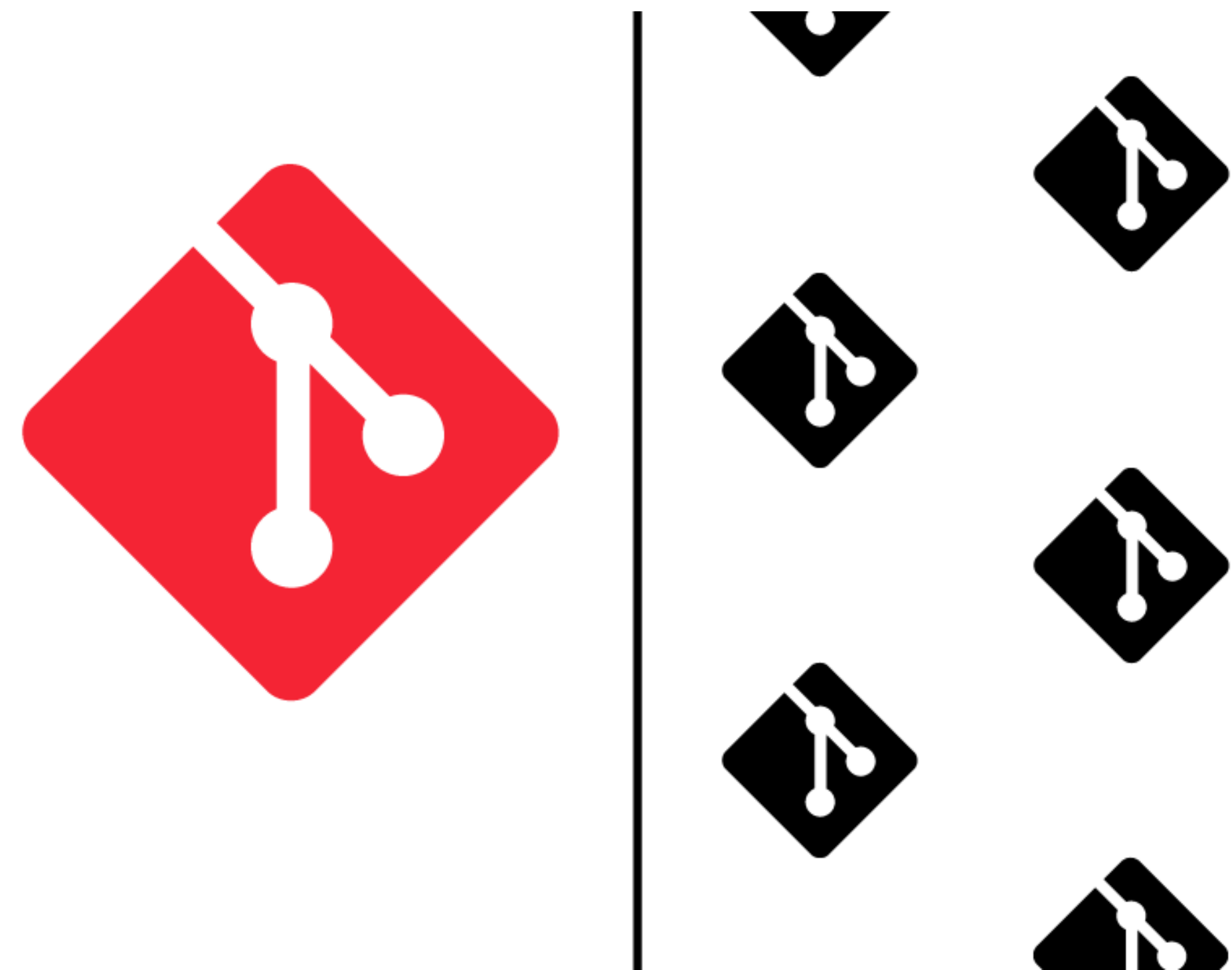


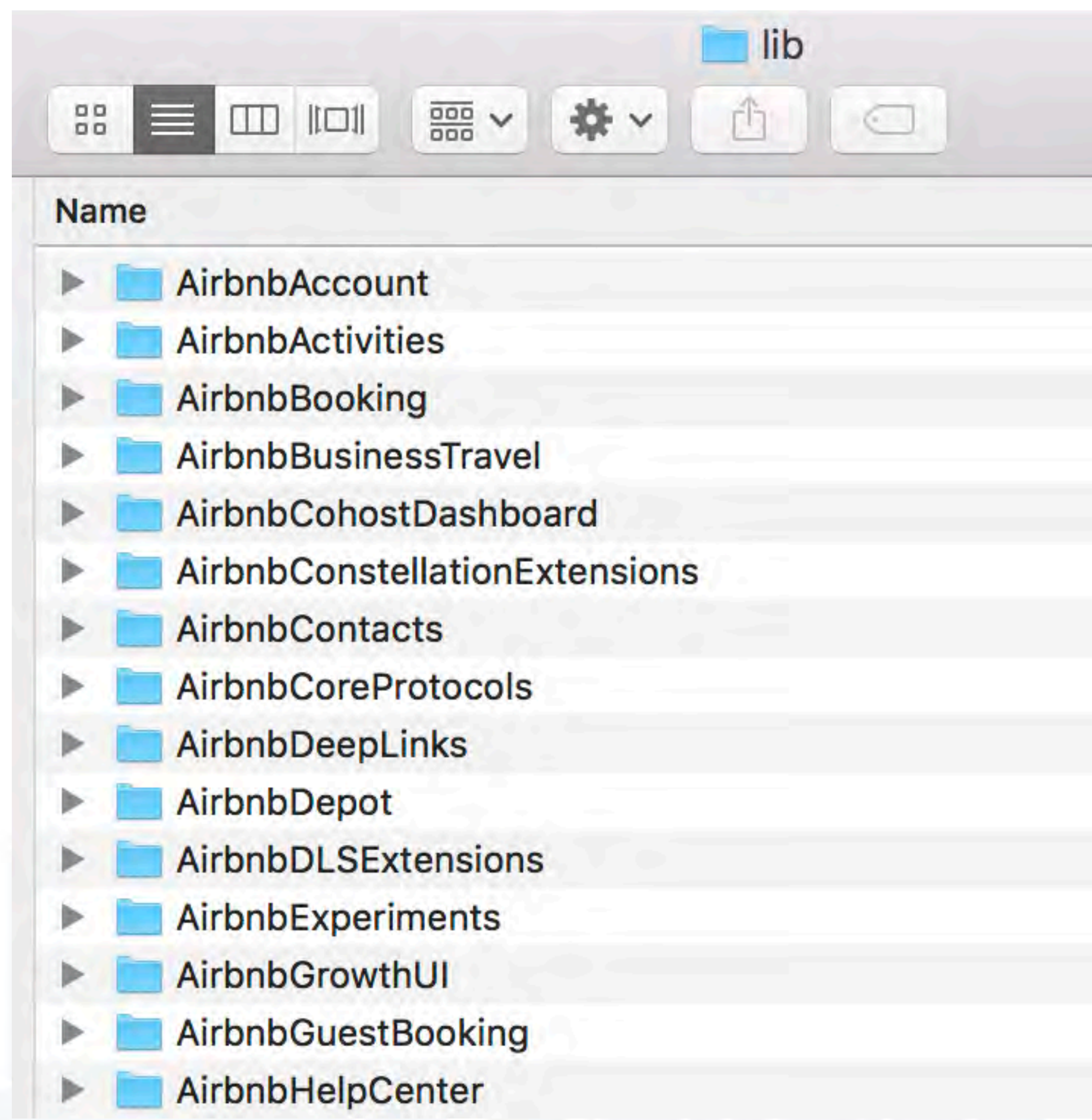
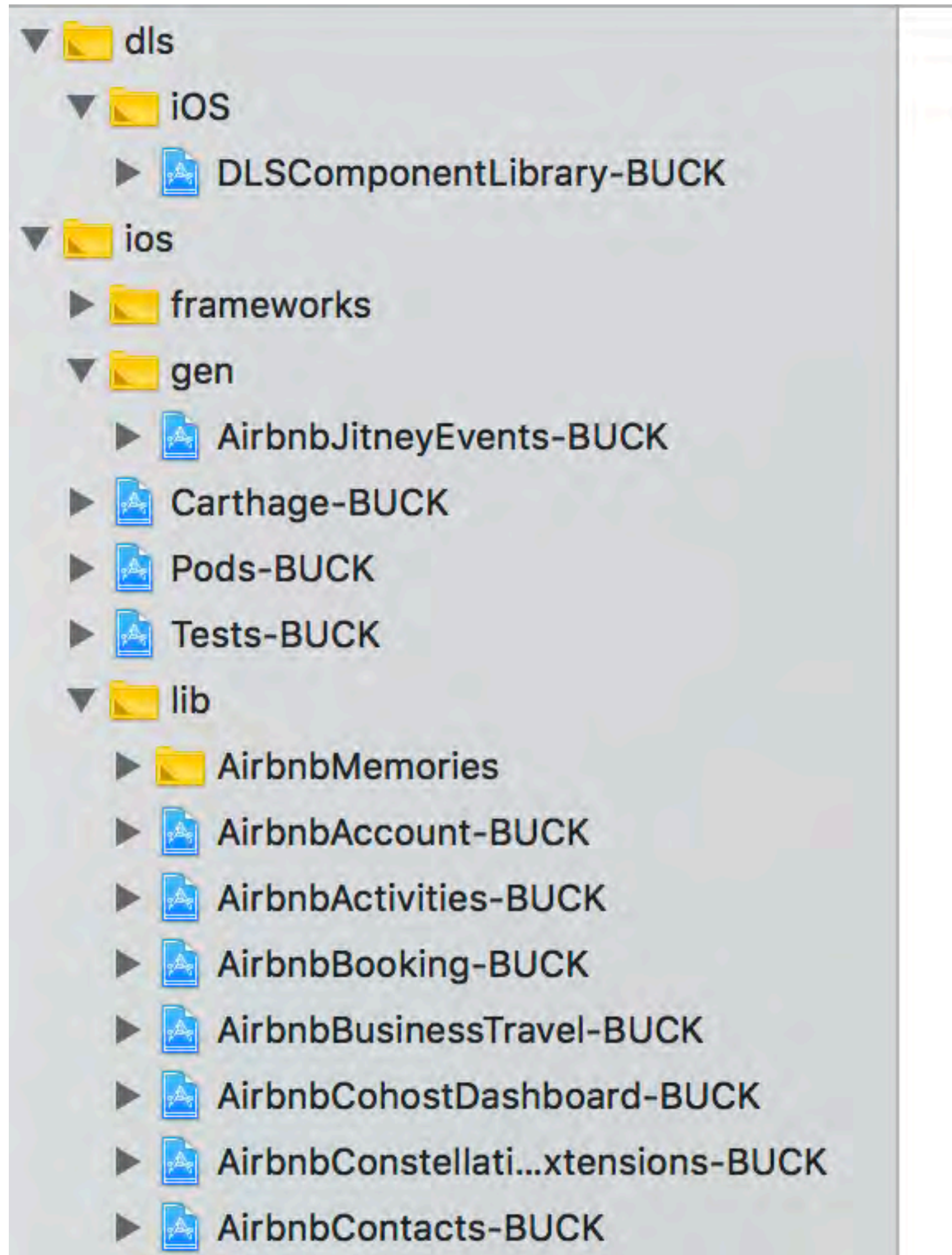
# Main Challenges

- Xcode project management
  - Resolving .xcproj conflicts.
  - Hard to maintain dependencies.
  - Hard for modernization.
  - Hard to change build settings.
- CI build/test performance

# Airbnb change to use Monorepo

- Unified versioning, one source of truth.
- Atomic changes.
- Flexible team boundaries and code ownership.
- Large scale refactoring, codebase modernization.
- **Works for BUCK.**





# Use Buck as the build system



# Build Tool Landscape

- Cocoapods
- Carthage
- BUCK
- xctool
- xcodebuild
- Swift Package Manager
- ...

# Cocoapods

- Airbnb now only uses Cocoapods for 3rd party libraries.
  - We used it for internal UI frameworks.
- Why it doesn't work us:
  - Slow to resolve, complex interdependencies.
  - Not designed for monorepo.

# BUCK helps

- Designed for monorepo.
- Easy and clean dependency management.
- Encouraging modernization.
- Generate project for Xcode.
- More important: Faster build/test.

# Why using BUCK

- Build Time
  - Building with multi-threading
  - Cache aggressively
- App Size
  - Merging modules into single binary
  - Saving spaces in keep multiple copies of same resource
- Dev Efficiency
  - Reducing effort in maintaining Cocoapods
  - Creating new module easier by adding BUCK file
  - Running tests with one line command
  - Review diffs in Xcode project changes



# BUCK File

- Every framework/app has a BUCK file.
  - Buck tool is written in Java, but BUCK file is **python script**.
- Define build rules and build targets.
- Build targets
  - What and how to compile.
  - Specify dependencies (transitive)

# Example of BUCK file

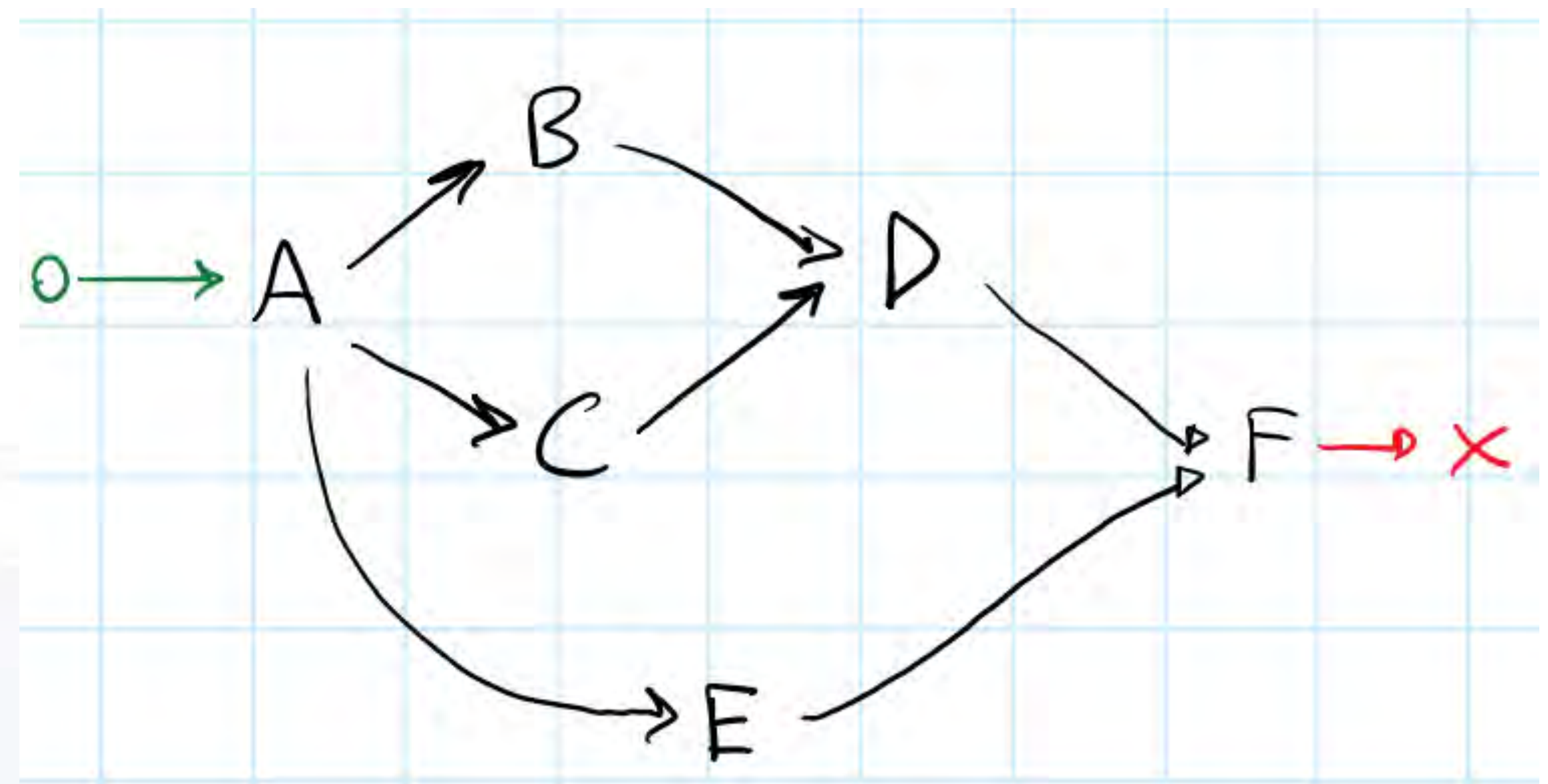
```
≡ BUCK ×  
1  apple_library(  
2      name = 'AirbnbStories',  
3      swift_version = "4",  
4      visibility = ['PUBLIC'],  
5      exported_headers = glob(  
6          'AirbnbStories/**/*.*h',  
7      ),  
8      srcs = glob(  
9          'AirbnbStories/**/*.*m',  
10         'AirbnbStories/**/*.*swift',  
11     ),  
12     deps = [  
13         '//ios/lib/AirbnbAccount:AirbnbAccount',  
14         '//ios/lib/AirbnbDLSExtensions:AirbnbDLSExtensions',  
15         '//ios/lib/AirbnbExperiments:AirbnbExperiments',  
16         '//ios/lib/AirbnbModelExtensions:AirbnbModelExtensions',  
17         '//ios/lib/AirbnbModels:AirbnbModels',  
18         '//ios/lib/AirbnbNavigation:AirbnbNavigation',  
19         '//ios/lib/AirbnbObjectStore:AirbnbObjectStore',
```

# Power of python script

```
def AirbnbApp_rule(build):  
    non_empty_build_type = build or 'Debug'  
    apple_binary_name = get_name_with_build_type('AirbnbBinary', build)  
    apple_bundle_name = get_name_with_build_type('AirbnbApp', build)  
    apple_package_name = get_name_with_build_type('AirbnbPackage', build)  
  
    apple_binary(  
        name = apple_binary_name,  
        visibility = ['PUBLIC'],  
        configs = airbnb_binary_config,  
        entitlements_file = build_configs[non_empty_build_type]['AIRBNB_ENTITLEMENTS'],  
        srcs = glob([  
            'BuckSupportFiles/main.m',  
        ]),  
    ),
```

# BUCK DAG

- Explicit dependency, no hidden state.
- Dependencies are transitive.
- DAG powers the build speed and cache.





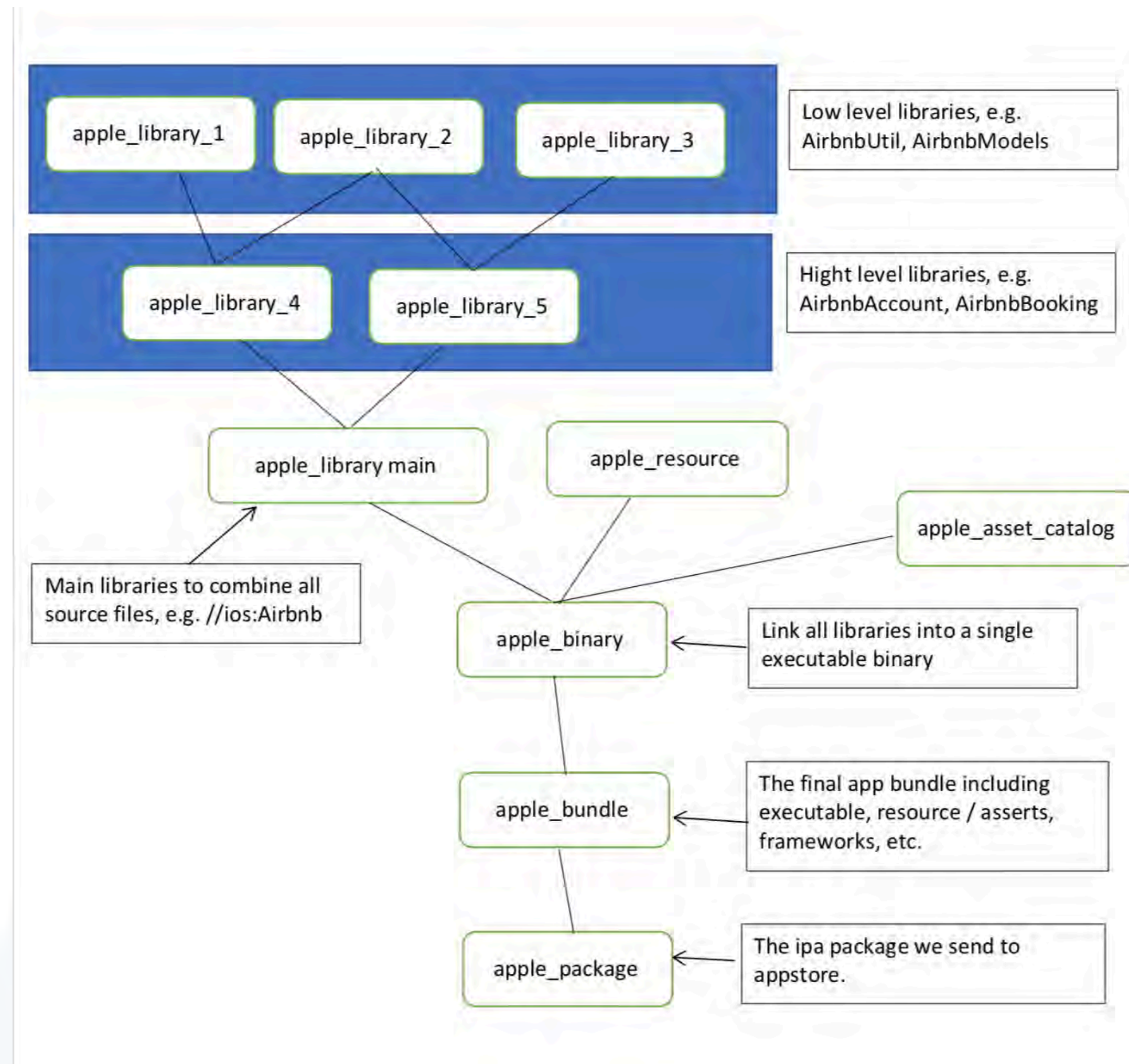
# Faster Build

- BUCK is deterministic, output only determined by declared input.
- Cache
  - Disk cache.
  - Http cache.
    - <https://github.com/uber/buck-http-cache>
- Parallelize build/test.

# Buck Build Demo

```
Running Buck build.  
/Users/kun_chen/.cache/buck/binary/a25f5bab92ccef97482e3109075c7c7353b40763/bin/buck build //ios:Airbnb --config cxx.cflags='-fmodules -fobjc-arc -D BU  
--config cxx.cxxflags='-fobjc-arc -std=c++14 -D DEBUG -g' --config swift.compiler_flags='-DBUCK -whole-module-optimization -DDEBUG -enable-testing -g  
.default_debug_info_format_for_binaries=DWARF  
Building... 03:06.7 min (82%) 522/631 jobs, 522 updated, 8.2% cache miss  
- //ios/lib/Walle:Walle#apple-swift-compile,iphonesimulator-x86_64... 6.3 sec (running swift compile[6.3 sec])  
- //ios/lib/FeatureGarden:FeatureGarden#apple-swift-compile,iphonesimulator-x86_64... 1.6 sec (running bash[0.0 sec])  
- IDLE  
- //ios/lib/AirbnbDeepLinks:AirbnbDeepLinks#apple-swift-compile,iphonesimulator-x86_64... 0.2 sec (running swift compile[0.1 sec])  
- //ios/lib/ConstellationHomesGuestTeam:ConstellationHomesGuestTeam#apple-swift-compile,iphonesimulator-x86_64... 6.8 sec (running swift compile[6.8 s  
- //ios/lib/AirbnbSunset:AirbnbSunset#apple-swift-compile,iphonesimulator-x86_64... 6.8 sec (running artifact_compress[0.1 sec])  
- IDLE  
- //ios/lib/ConstellationMagicalTripsTeam:ConstellationMagicalTripsTeam#apple-swift-compile,iphonesimulator-x86_64... 7.5 sec (running swift compile[7
```

# How Buck builds iOS app



# How apple\_library works

1. Input: \*.h. Output: Module.hmap.
2. Input: \*.swift, Module.hmap. Output: Module.o, Module.swiftmodule, Module-Swift.h
3. Input: \*.m, Module.hmap, Module-Swift.h. Output: \*.o for each \*.m.
4. Input: \*.o, Module.o. Output: libModule.a.

# BUCK Commands

- build
  - *buck build //ios:AirbnbPackage\_Alpha*
  - *buck build AirbnbAlpha*
- Generate project
  - *buck project //ios:Airbnb*
- Query
  - *buck query "deps(//ios:Airbnb)"*

# Airbnb Dependency Graph

TODO... Attach an image here

# Challenges in Airbnb



# Mix Languages 1

- Auto import objective-c to Swift
  - `-import-underlying-module` doesn't work
  - Explicitly pass bridging headers.



# Mix Languages 2

- @import doesn't work in objective-C due to no *module.modulemap*.
- Use #import in our own codebase.
- For generated *\*-Swift.h*, use customize script to do transform.
- <https://github.com/airbnb/buck/commit/93453a5730445c0dd799872b6e8bba49233430d7>

# Mix Languages 3

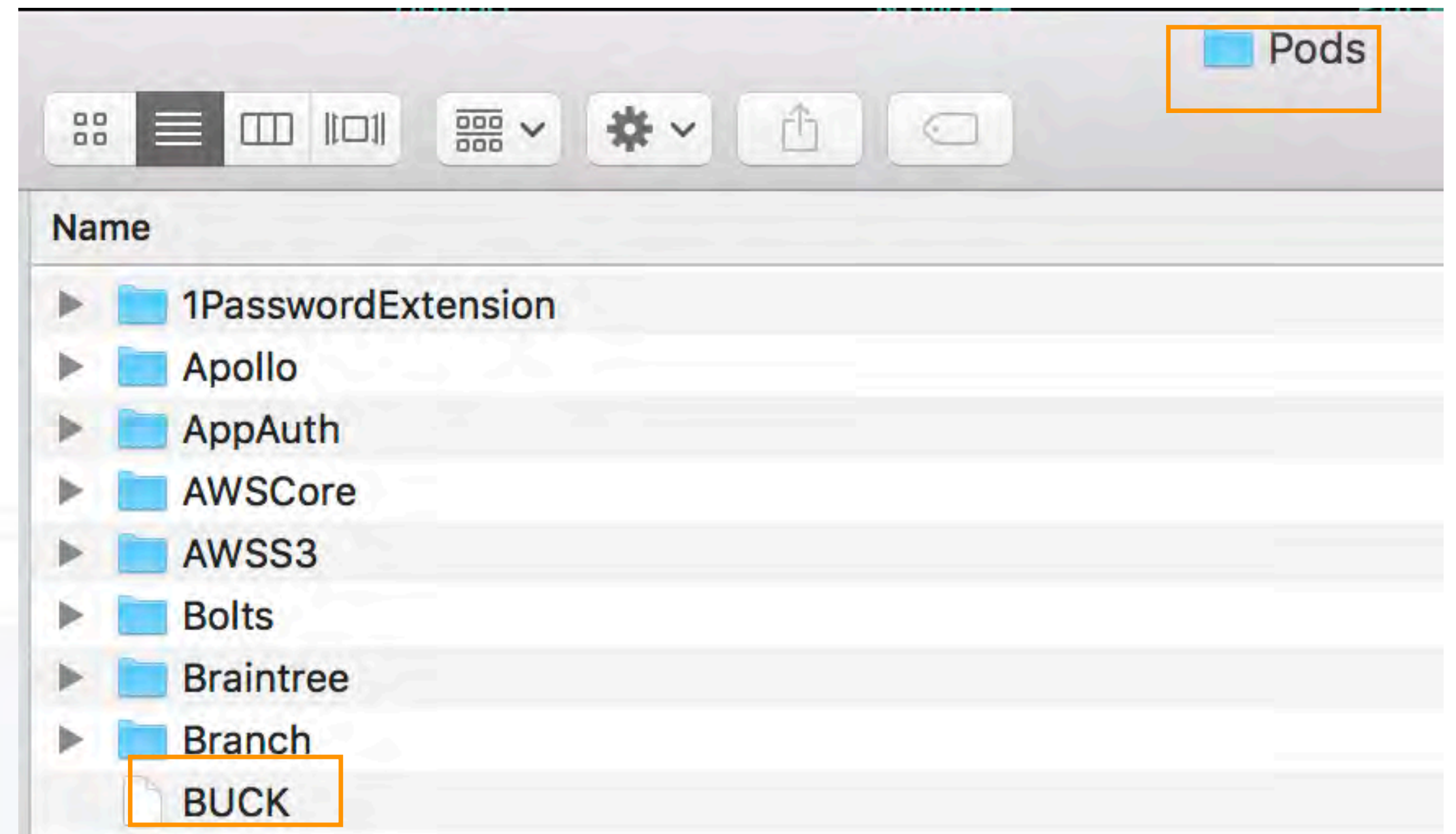
- Bridging header can't import headers under current module.
- Update BUCK to include the generated header map for current library.
- <https://github.com/facebook/buck/pull/1164>

```
apple_library(  
  name = 'Greeter',  
  bridging_header = 'bridging-header.h',  
  headers = glob([  
    '*.h',  
  ]),  
  srcs = glob([  
    '*.m',  
    '*.swift',  
  ]),  
  frameworks = [  
    '$SDKROOT/System/Library/Frameworks/Foundation.framework'  
  ],  
)
```

Can't #import <Greeter/Greeter.h>  
in the bridging header

# Work with Cocopods

- Still use Cocopods to install packages.
- Manually create and maintain a BUCK file.
- We can do better:
  - Hook into Podfile to generate BUCK file automatically.
  - But we are moving off from Cocoapods.



# Work with Cocopods

```
BUCK x Untitled-1
177 |   |),
178 |   |)
179 |
180 | apple_library(
181 |     name = 'libPhoneNumber_iOS',
182 |     visibility = ['PUBLIC'],
183 |     exported_headers = glob([
184 |         'libPhoneNumber-iOS/**/*.h',
185 |     ]),
186 |     srcs = glob([
187 |         'libPhoneNumber-iOS/**/*.m',
188 |     ]),
189 | )
```

```
21 | srcs = glob([
22 |     'AirbnbUtil/**/*.m',
23 |     'AirbnbUtil/**/*.swift',
24 | ]),
25 | deps = [
26 |     '//ios/lib/AirbnbNetworking:AirbnbNetworking',
27 |     '//ios/lib/AirbnbPhrases:AirbnbPhrases',
28 |     '//ios/lib/AirbnbSwiftExtensions:AirbnbSwiftExtensions',
29 |     '//ios/Pods:libPhoneNumber_iOS',
30 |     '//ios/Pods:PromiseKit',
31 |     '//ios/Pods:SDWebImage',
32 | ],
33 | tests = [
34 |     ':AirbnbUtilTests',
35 | ],
```

# Others

- Support *prebuilt\_cxx\_library* in BUCK project generation
- Support umbrella headers
  - Cocoapod generate umbrella headers named as *Module-umbrella.h*
  - Buck assuming all module header named as *Module.h*
  - *swiftc* compliant if a public header file is not included in module header

# Resource

- <https://github.com/airbnb/buck/tree/airbnb-modular-external-use>
- Sample: <https://github.com/airbnb/BuckSample>

# Migration Process

- Make Cocoapods support BUCK
- Create BUCK file for each library/module one by one.
- Dual build system in CI
  - Use both xcodebuild and BUCK in branch build (including tests) and Alpha build.
- Dual local development workflow
  - Xcode workflow work as normal
  - Use *buck project* to generate Xcode projects.
  - In appropriate timing, remove Xcode projects and stick to Buck workflow

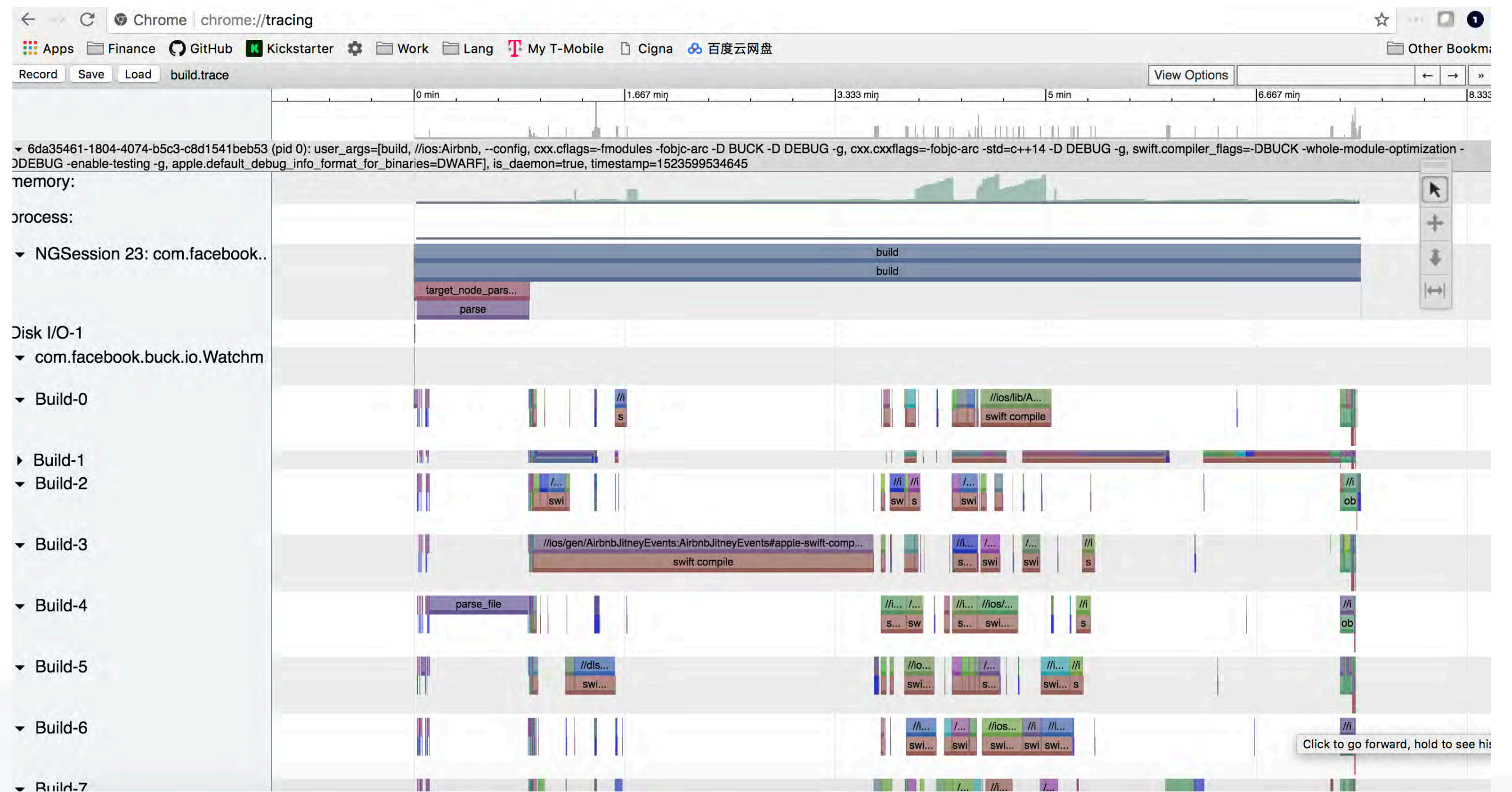
# Results

- The whole app can be built using Buck.
- Buck generated Xcode workspace checked into codebase and can work.
- Use BUCK in Alpha build for employee testing.
- **50%** faster CI builds, **30%** smaller app size.

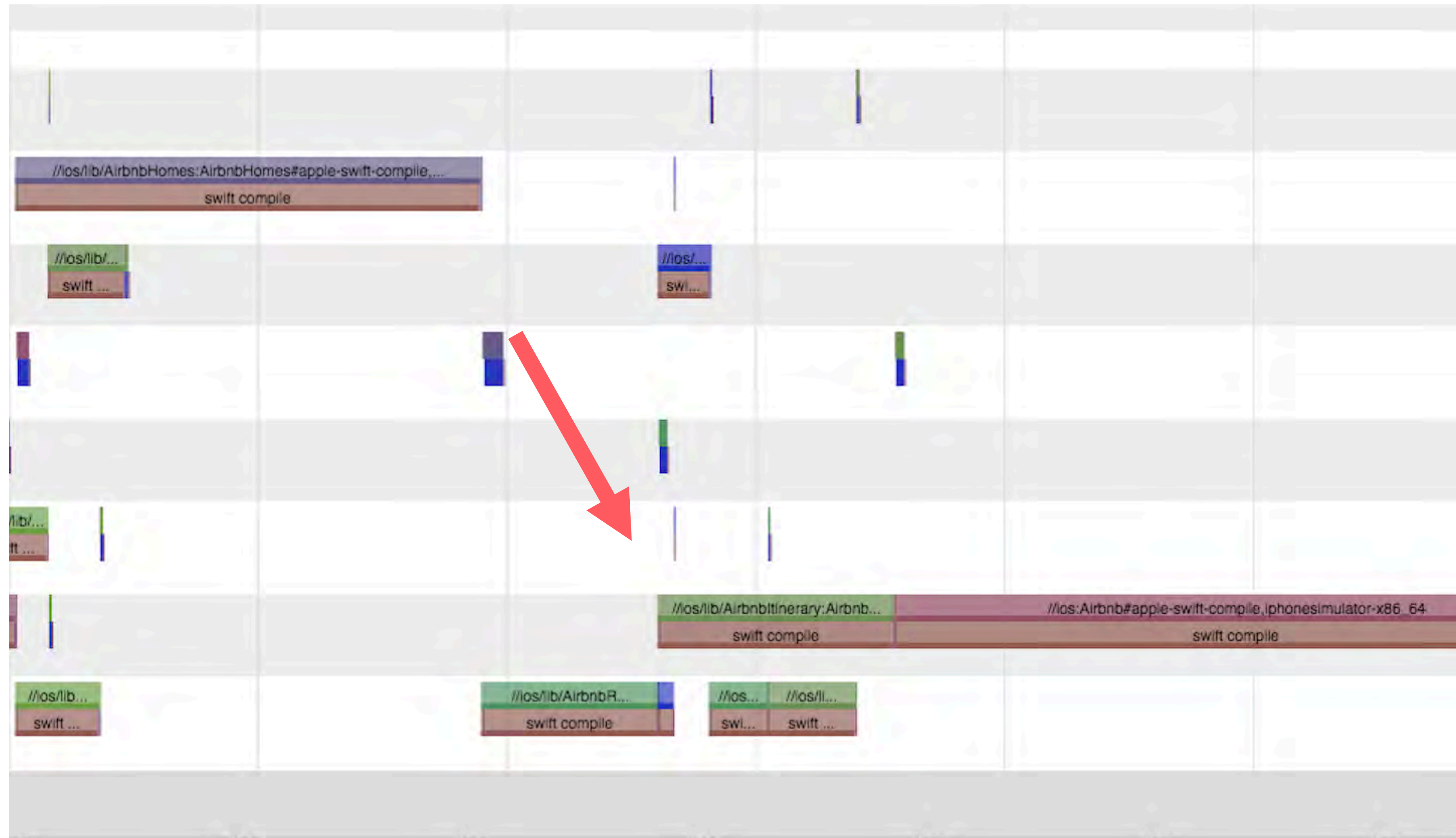


# Visualize Build Process

- After buck build, tracking logs are in *buck-out/log/traces/*
- Chrome tracing tool: *chrome://tracing*

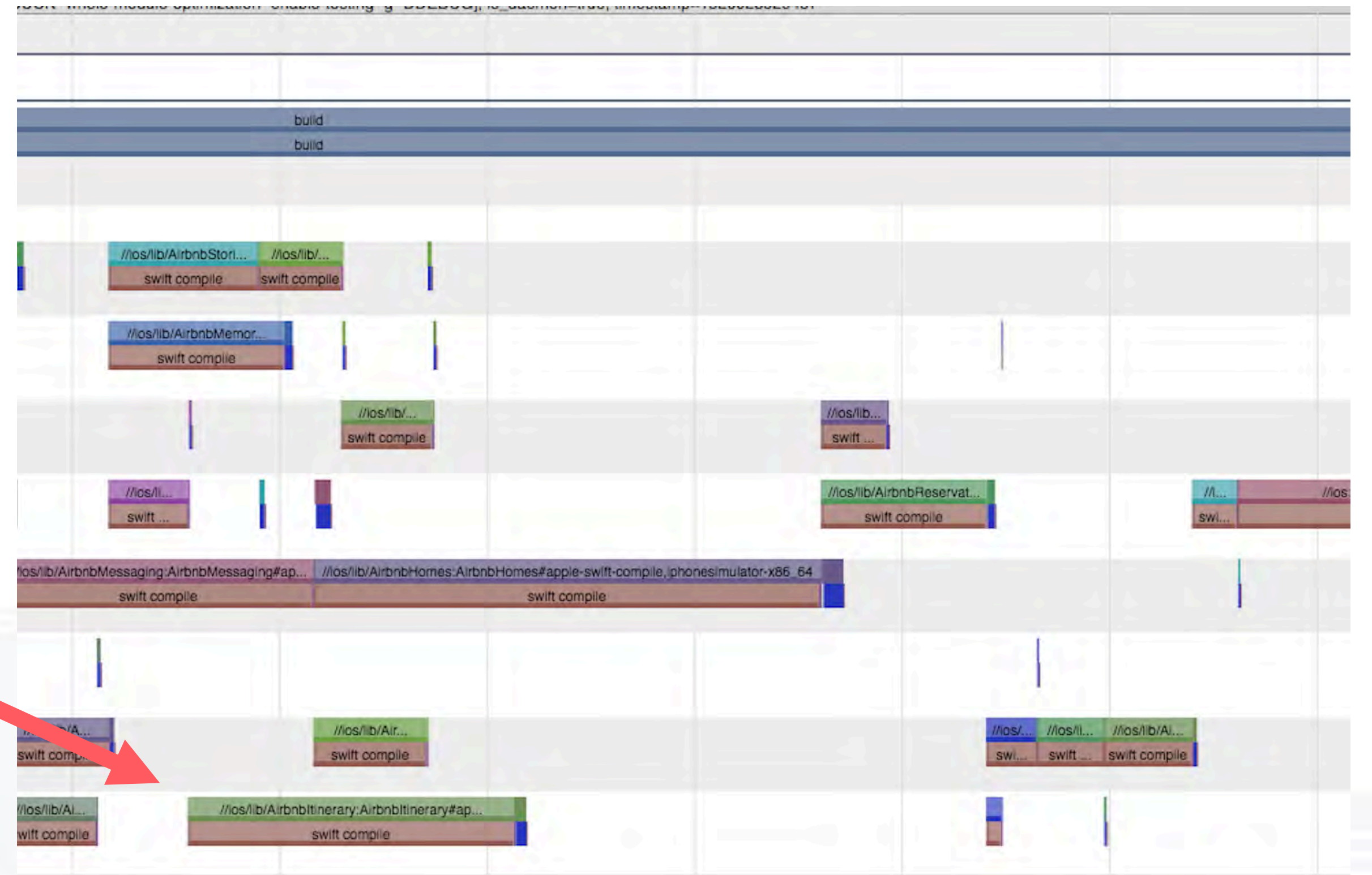


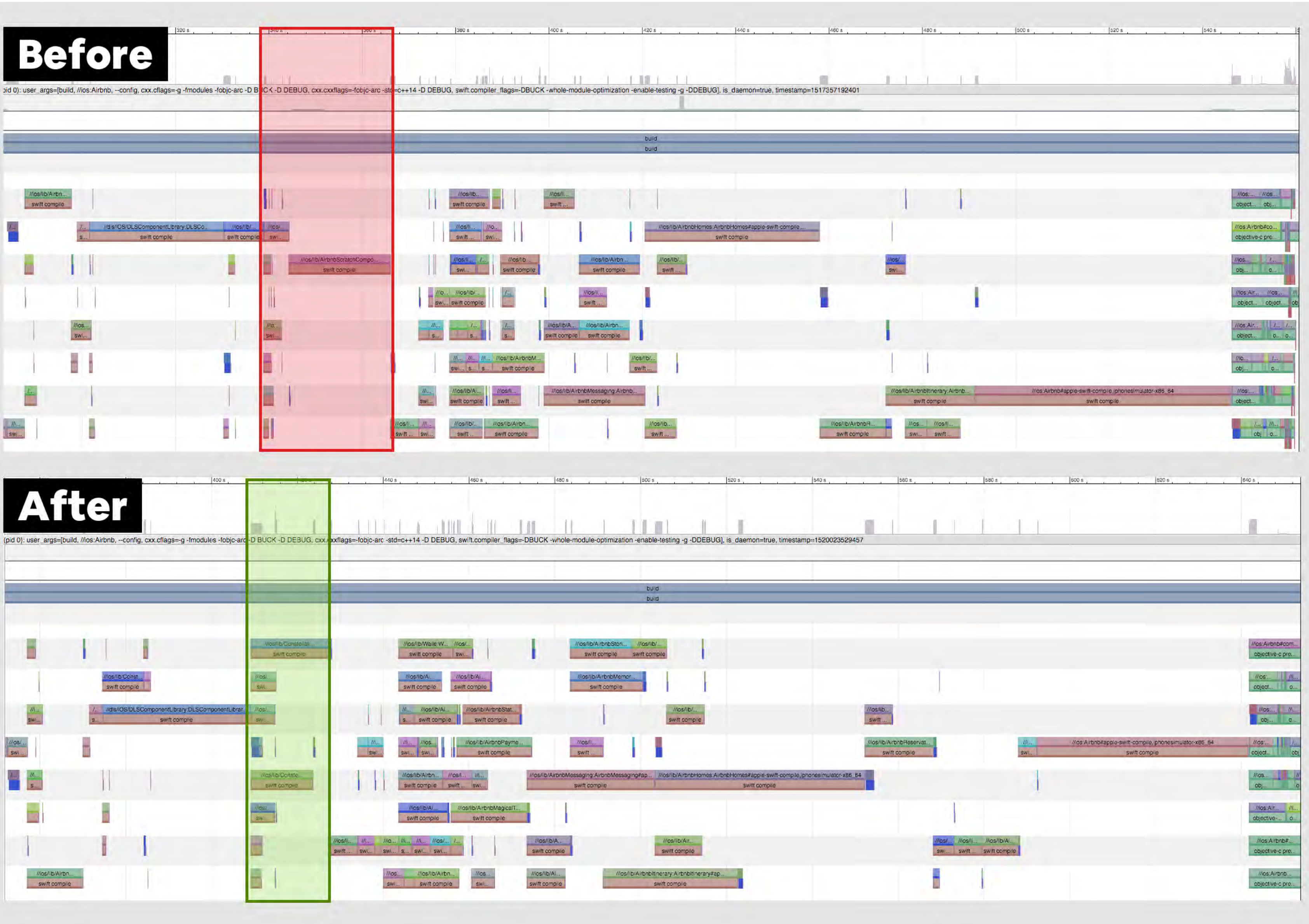
# Improve build time show case



# Solution

- Issue: AirbnbItinerary is depended by a lot of other modules.
- Solution: Use dependency injection to break up the dependency.







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