sensd Browser - iOS app to read sensd log records

Open source: https://github.com/perlind/sensd-Browser

...but my main points was about my iOS development experiences!

If you don't like being "controlled" by Apple, don't even start ☺

Register as an iOS developer with Apple, that gives you access to some necessary tools and documentation. A must if you want to publish an app in the app store.

Apples Xcode IDE is good, but I have limited experience with other (contemporary) tools so I can't make a comparison.

Main language is an object oriented superset of C, Object-C. Not statically typed.

Lots of powerful code libraries, takes time to learn. Its origin is the NextStep OS (in the 90's), hence a lot of classes still starts with "NSxxxx".

Lots of books and other online resources about iOS development, so Apple is not your only source for such material. I can also recommend the iOS programming course from Stanford with Paul Hegarty.