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Developing Applications for iPhone 4, iPod Touch, & iPad
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Today

- ⦿ Some Miscellany

- Subtleties about `IBOutlet` Memory Management

- Initialization code options

- Memory Management Tips

- ⦿ Another “Controller of Controllers”

- `UITabBarController`

- ⦿ iPad

- `UISplitViewController`

- `UIPopoverController`

- ⦿ Universal Application

- One binary runs on multiple (iPhone/iPod Touch and iPad) platforms

IBOOutlet Memory Management

- There are two “subtleties” to consider regarding IBOOutlets

Do you want your outlets to be public?

Do you really want to call your outlet’s “setter” from `dealloc`?

```
@interface MyVC : UIViewController {  
    UILabel *outlet; ——————  
}  
@property (retain) IBOutlet UILabel *outlet;  
@end  
—————
```

```
@implementation MyVC
```

```
@synthesize outlet;
```

```
- (void)releaseOutlets {  
    self.outlet = nil;  
}  
- (void)viewDidUnload {  
    [self releaseOutlets];  
}  
- (void)dealloc {  
    [self releaseOutlets];  
    [super dealloc];  
}
```

```
@end
```

```
@interface MyVC : UIViewController {  
    IBOutlet UILabel *outlet; ——————  
}  
@end
```

```
@interface MyVC()  
@property (retain) IBOutlet UILabel *outlet;  
@end
```

```
@implementation MyVC
```

```
@synthesize outlet;
```

```
- (void)viewDidUnload {  
    self.outlet = nil;  
}  
- (void)dealloc {  
    [outlet release];  
    [super dealloc];  
}
```

```
@end
```

View Controller Initialization

• Four places to initialize things in View Controller subclasses

- `(id)initWithNibName:(NSString *)NibName bundle:(NSBundle *)bundle;` (i.e. override it)
- `(void)awakeFromNib`
- `(void)viewDidLoad`
- `(void)viewWillAppear:(BOOL)animated;`

• Designated Initializer

Usually only for things that have to be initialized for your view controller to even “make sense”.

Often thought of as the place to initialize things having to do with your Model.

Definitely not for initializing things in your View (some “UI-related” things ok like `self.title`).

• awakeFromNib

Same purpose (generally) as your designated initializer.

This is called on every object that comes out of a .xib file (instead of its designated initializer!).

Sometimes `UIViewControllers` come out of a .xib file (e.g. `MainWindow.xib`), but sometimes not.

Usually you want your VC to work when it is `alloc/init` or if it comes from a .xib.

So create a method (e.g. `setup`) and call it from `initWithNibName:bundle:` and `awakeFromNib`.

View Controller Initialization

⌚ `viewDidLoad`

This is the best place to put non-geometry-related initialization code which pertains to your View. You might even add some more views to your hierarchy in this method (stuff you couldn't do in IB). Wouldn't be out of the question to put some Model initialization code here, but theoretically this method could be called multiple times, so don't re-initialize something already initialized. It's not totally unheard of to have Views which are loaded, but then never appear on screen. So consider `viewWillAppear`: for some things, but maybe check to avoid multiple initialization.

⌚ `viewWillAppear:`

If you have initialization that depends on your View's bounds being set, you must do it here (and not in `viewDidLoad`).

Memory Management

- ⦿ Alarm should go off in your head when you type `alloc/copy/new`
 - You should immediately drop everything and go figure out where this object will be `released`
 - If it's an instance variable, probably you're looking at `dealloc`
 - If it's a local variable, `release` it as soon as you're done using it (at least just before `return`)
 - If it's a local variable that you are `returning`, `autorelease` it
- ⦿ Watch out when you set a variable multiple times in your code
 - Common mistake: Assigning a new value to an instance variable without `releasing` old value
 - Fix: Use an `@property (retain)` and dot notation to set that instance variable in your code
- ⦿ Go immutable!
 - It's simpler and less error-prone than `allocating` a mutable object, modifying it, then `releasing` it
- ⦿ Try to use methods other than `alloc/copy/new`
 - The `autorelease` mechanism is mostly for objects that are being returned from methods
 - Use that to your advantage by calling methods that return `autoreleased` objects
- ⦿ But don't abuse autorelease by creating a huge pool

Memory Management

Fine:

```
- (NSDictionary *)testVariableValues
{
    NSMutableDictionary *returnValue = [[NSMutableDictionary alloc] init];
    [returnValue setObject:[NSNumber numberWithFloat:3.5] forKey:@"x"];
    [returnValue setObject:[NSNumber numberWithFloat:23.8] forKey:@"y"];
    return [returnValue autorelease];
}
```

Better:

```
- (NSDictionary *)testVariableValues
{
    NSMutableDictionary *returnValue = [NSMutableDictionary dictionary];
    [returnValue setObject:[NSNumber numberWithFloat:3.5] forKey:@"x"];
    [returnValue setObject:[NSNumber numberWithFloat:23.8] forKey:@"y"];
    return returnValue;
}
```

Best:

```
- (NSDictionary *)testVariableValues
{
    return [NSDictionary dictionaryWithObjectsAndKeys:[NSNumber numberWithFloat:3.5], @"x",
           [NSNumber numberWithFloat:23.8], @"y", nil];
```

Memory Management

Bad:

```
- (NSString *)tenThousandGs
{
    NSString *s = "";
    for (int i = 0; i < 10000; i++) s = [s stringByAppendingString:@"G"];
    return s;
}
```

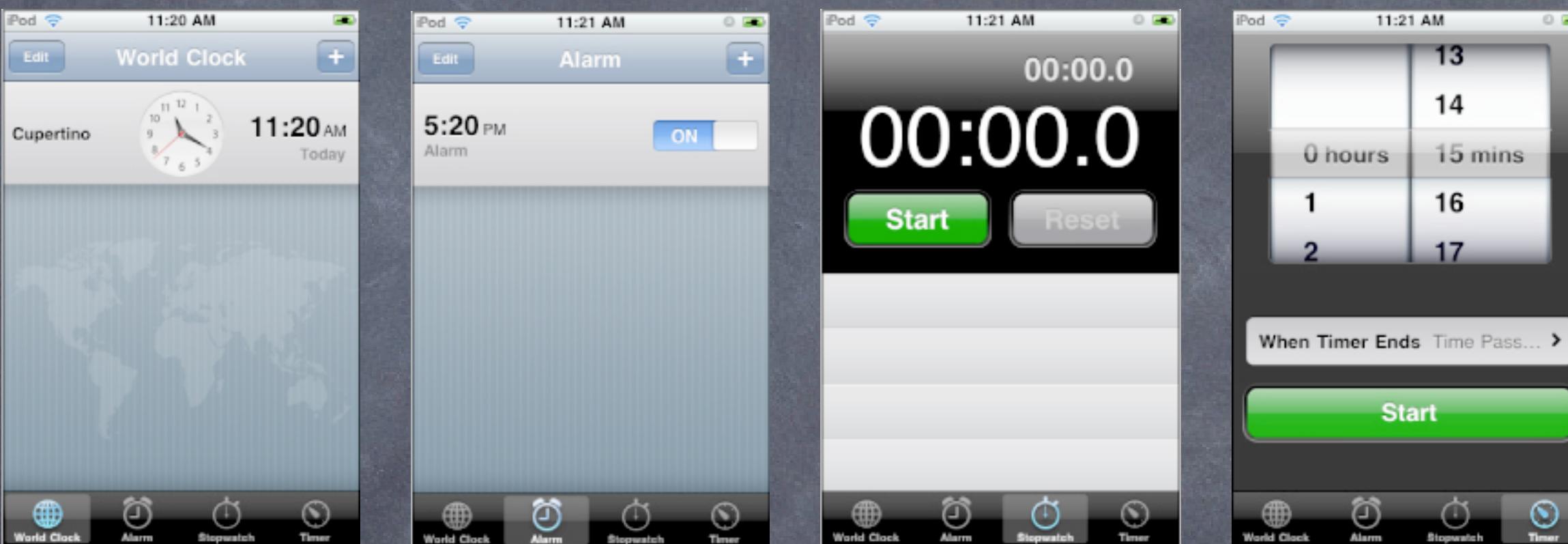
Good:

```
- (NSString *)tenThousandGs
{
    NSMutableString *s = [[NSMutableString alloc] init];
    for (int i = 0; i < 10000; i++) [s appendString:@"G"];
    return [s autorelease];
}
```

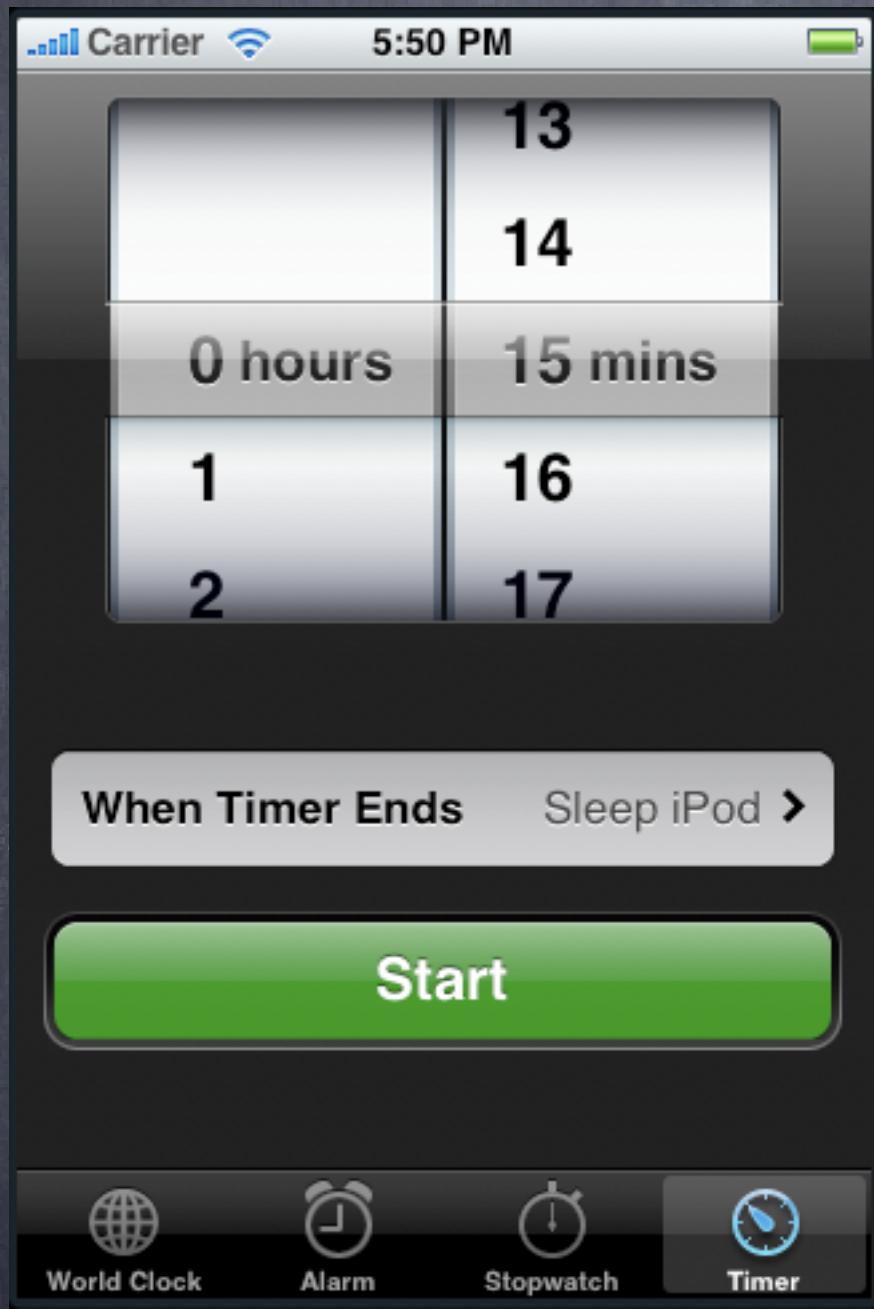
Best:

```
- (NSString *)tenThousandGs
{
    NSMutableString *s = [NSMutableString string];
    for (int i = 0; i < 10000; i++) [s appendString:@"G"];
    return s;
}
```

UITabBarController



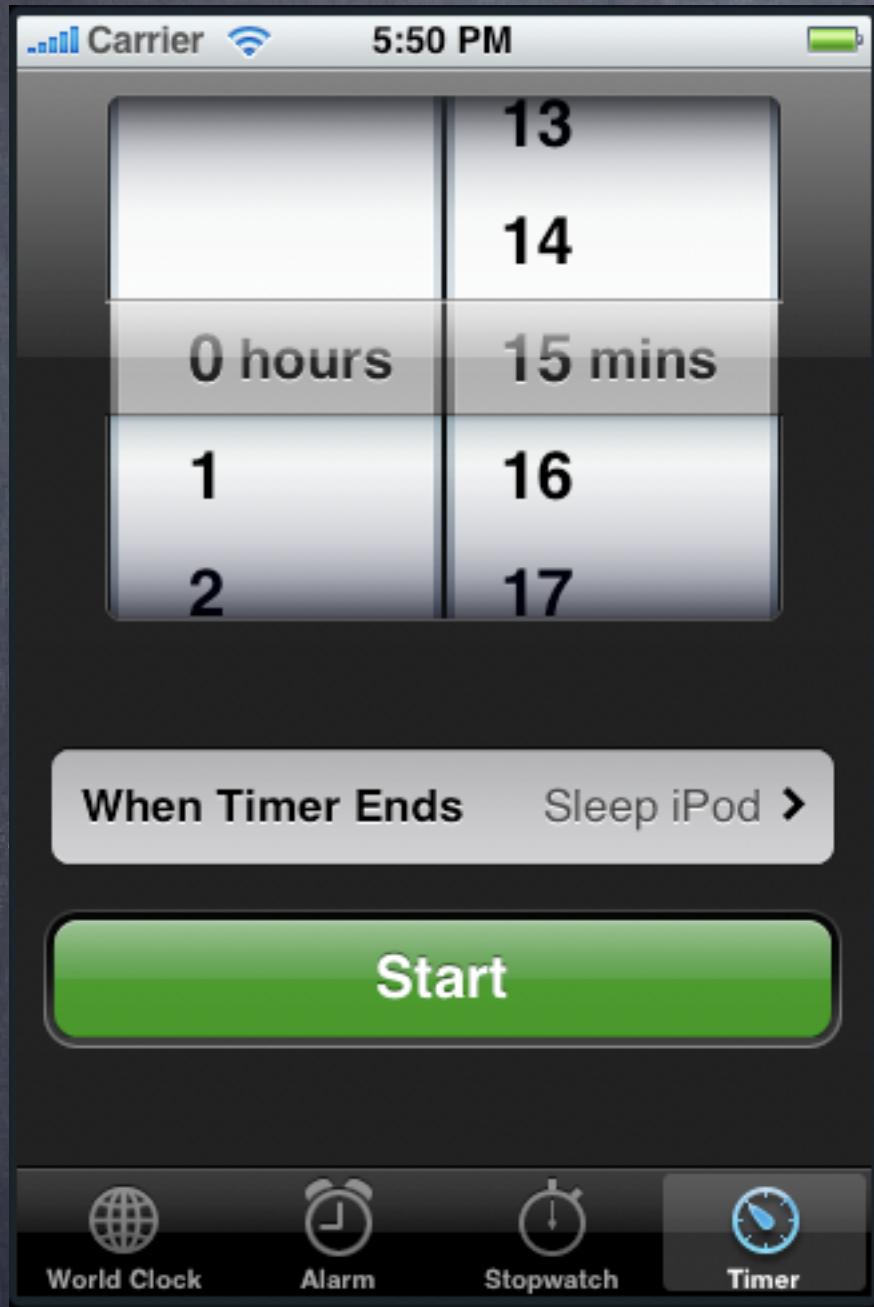
UITabBarController



Tab Bar
Controller

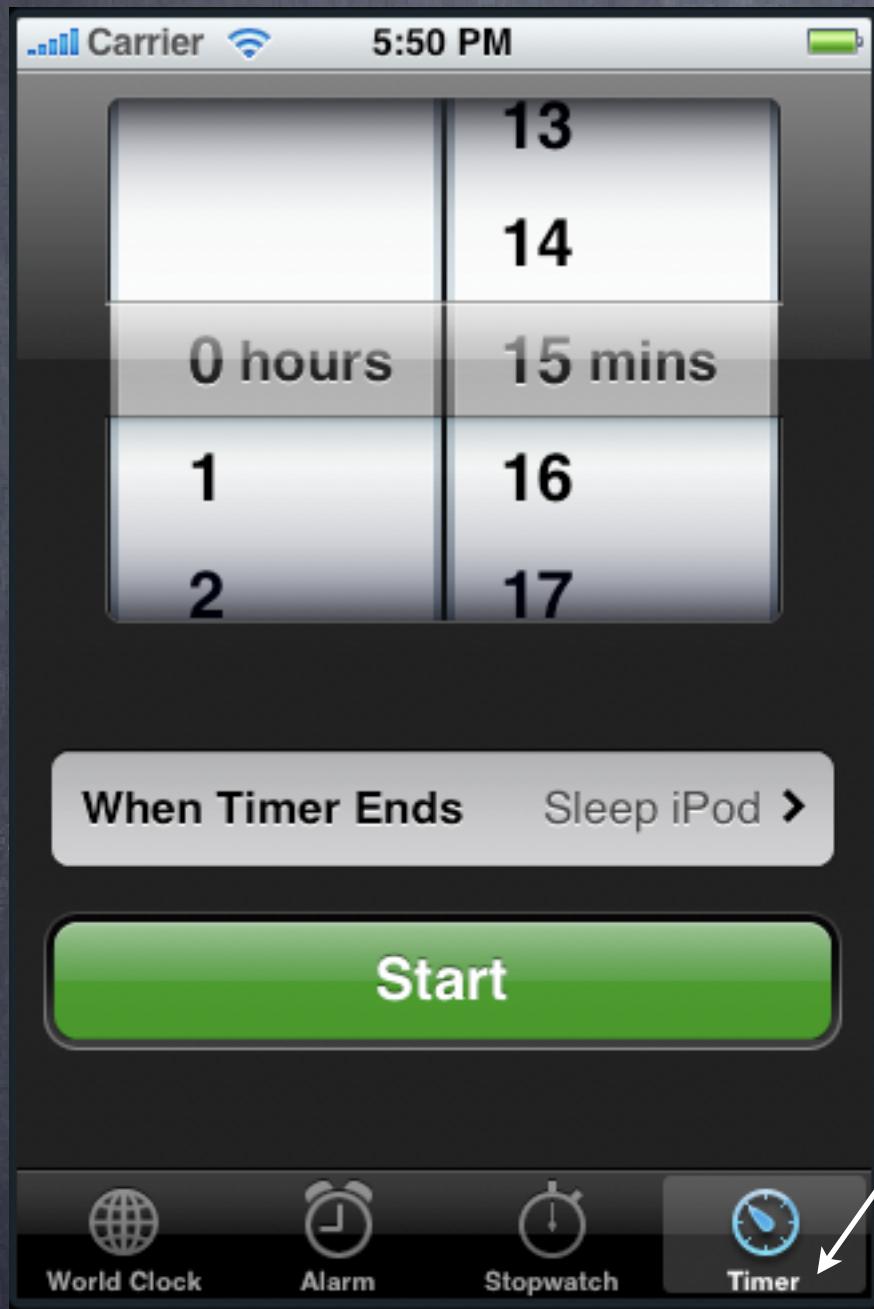


UITabBarController



```
- (BOOL)application:(UIApplication *)  
    didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)  
{  
    UIViewController *vc1 = ...;  
    UIViewController *vc2 = ...;  
  
    UITabBarController *tbc = [[UITabBarController alloc] init];  
    tbc.viewControllers = [NSArray arrayWithObjects: vc1, vc2, ..., nil];  
    [vc1 release]; [vc2 release];  
  
    [window addSubview:tbc.view];  
    [window makeKeyAndVisible];  
    return YES;  
}
```

UITabBarController



Tab Bar
Controller

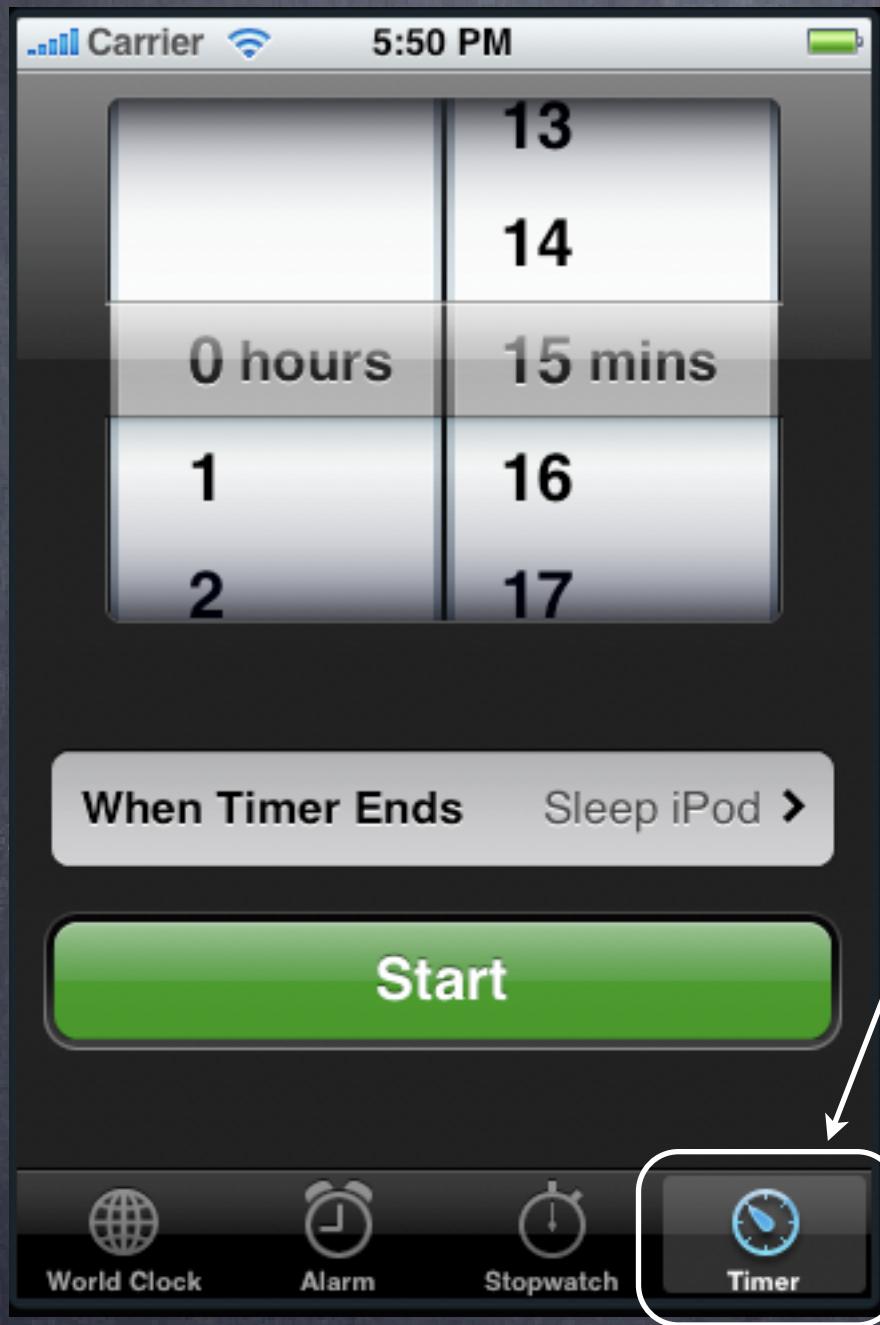
View Controller

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View Controller

By default this is
the **UIViewController's**
title property
(and no image)

UITabBarController



Tab Bar
Controller

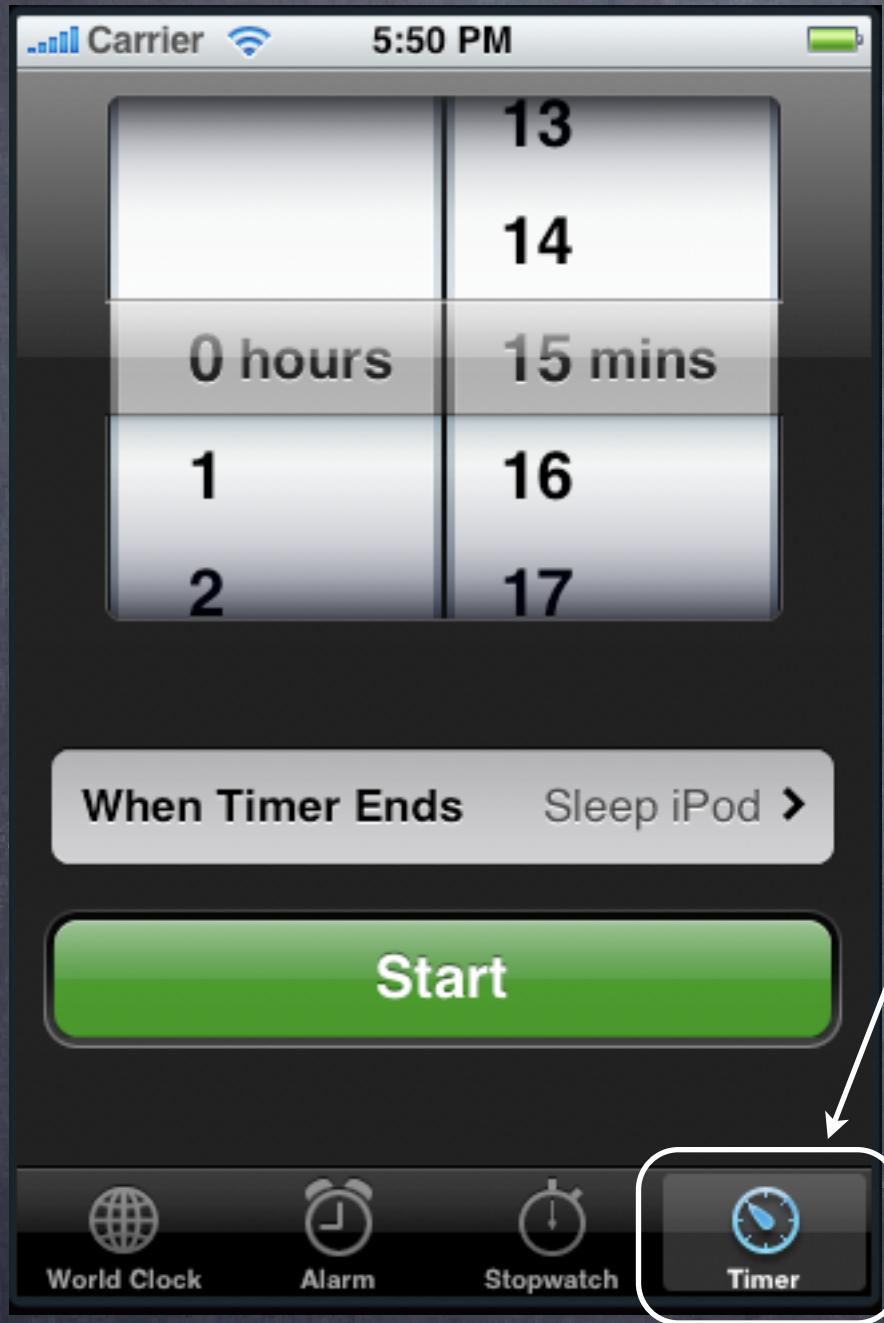
View Controller

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... or it can be **UIViewController's**
@property UITabBarItem *tabBarItem;

UITabBarController



Tab Bar
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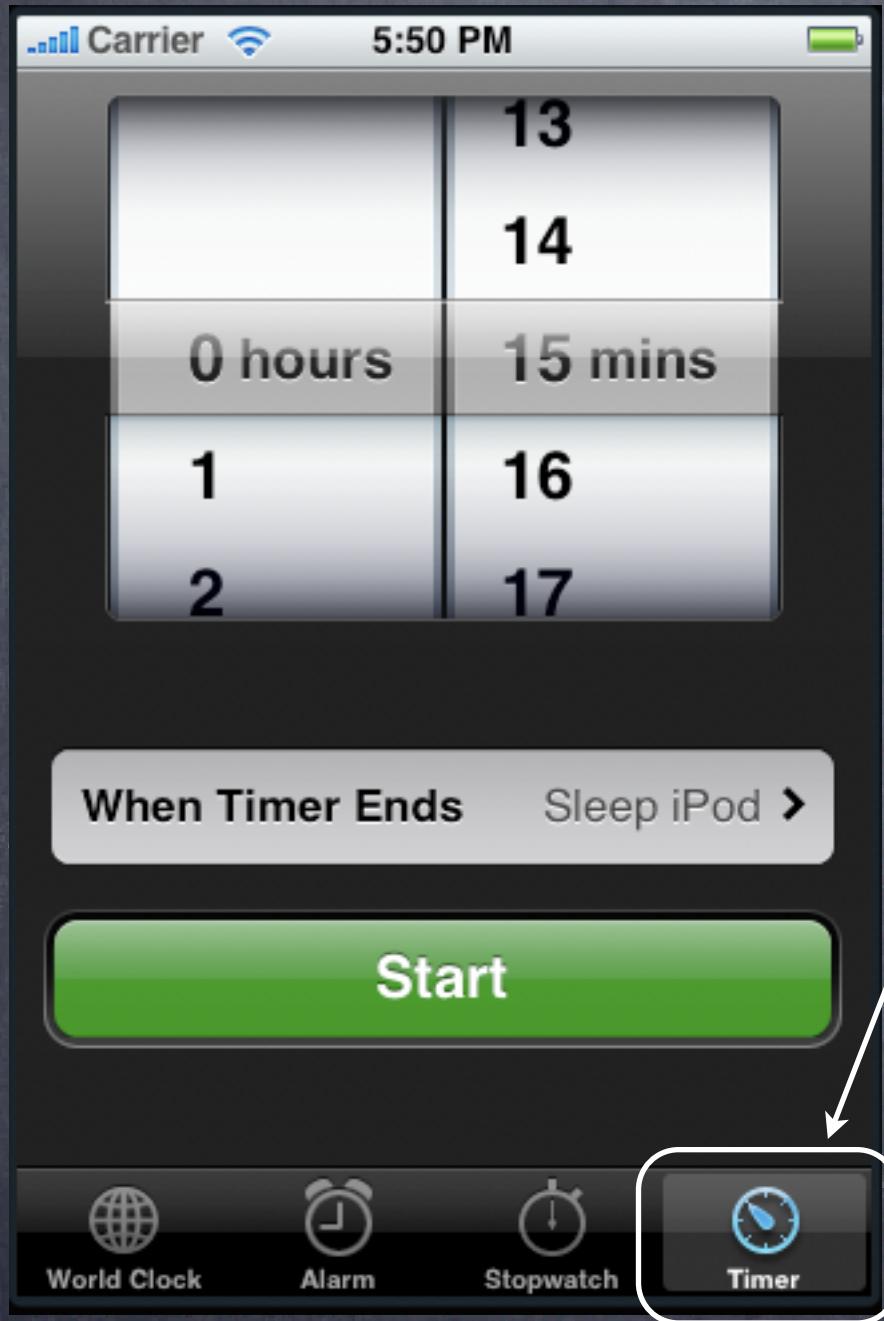
View Controller

... or it can be UIViewController's
@property UITabBarItem *tabBarItem;

```
- (void)setup // call from initWithNibName:bundle: and awakeFromNib
{
    UITabBarItem *item = [[UITabBarItem alloc]
        initWithTitle:@"Timer"
        image:[UIImage imageNamed:@"timer.png"] // from Resources
        tag:0];
    self.tabBarItem = item;
    [item release];
}
```

Can't do this in viewDidLoad
because the tab is shown
before view is loaded.
In fact, clicking on the tab is
what loads the view.

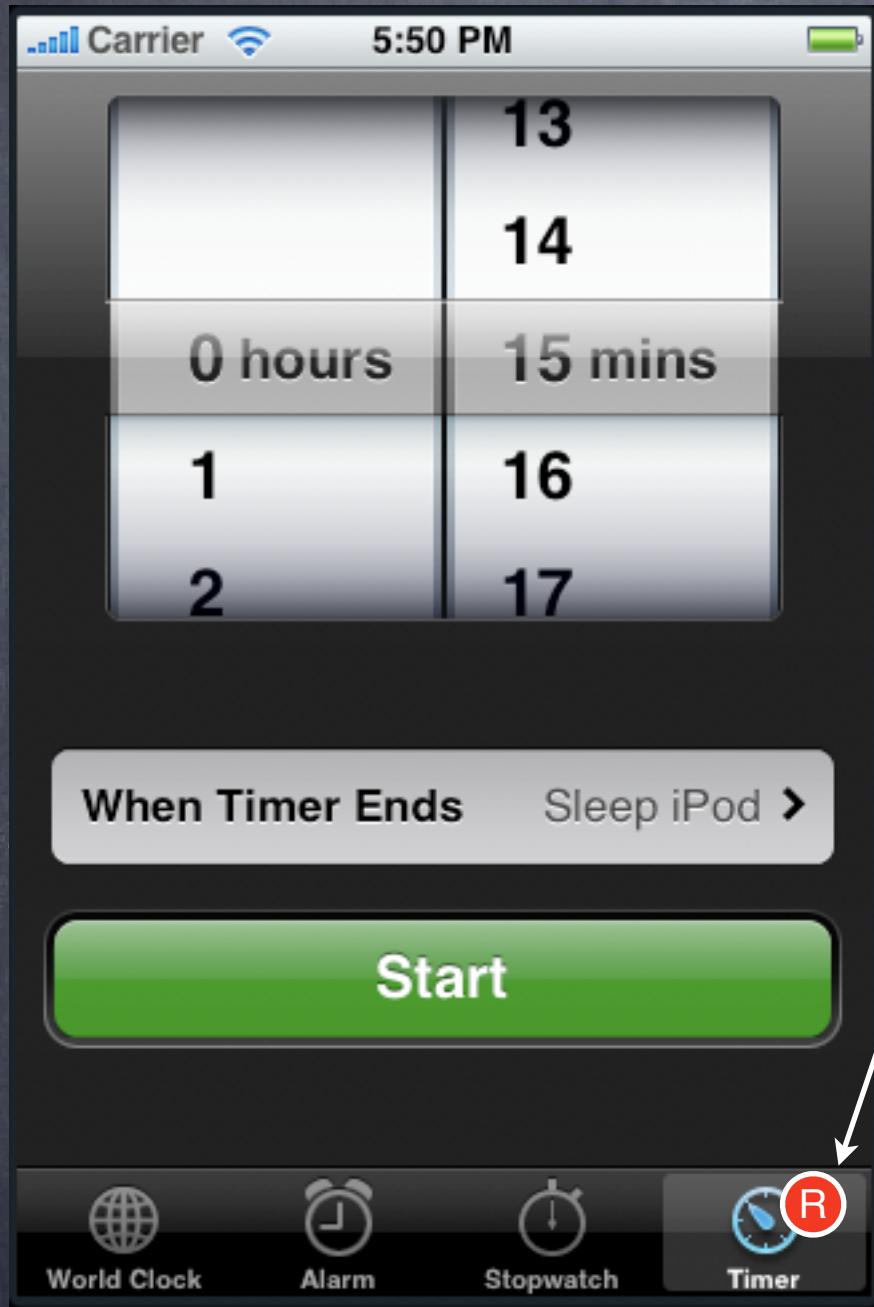
UITabBarController



... or it can be UIViewController's
@property UITabBarItem *tabBarItem;

```
- (void)setup // call from initWithNibName:bundle: and awakeFromNib
{
    UITabBarItem *item = [[UITabBarItem alloc]
        initWithSystemItem:UITabBarSystemItemSearch
                    tag:0];
    self.tabBarItem = item;
    [item release];
}
```

UITabBarController



Tab Bar
Controller

View Controller

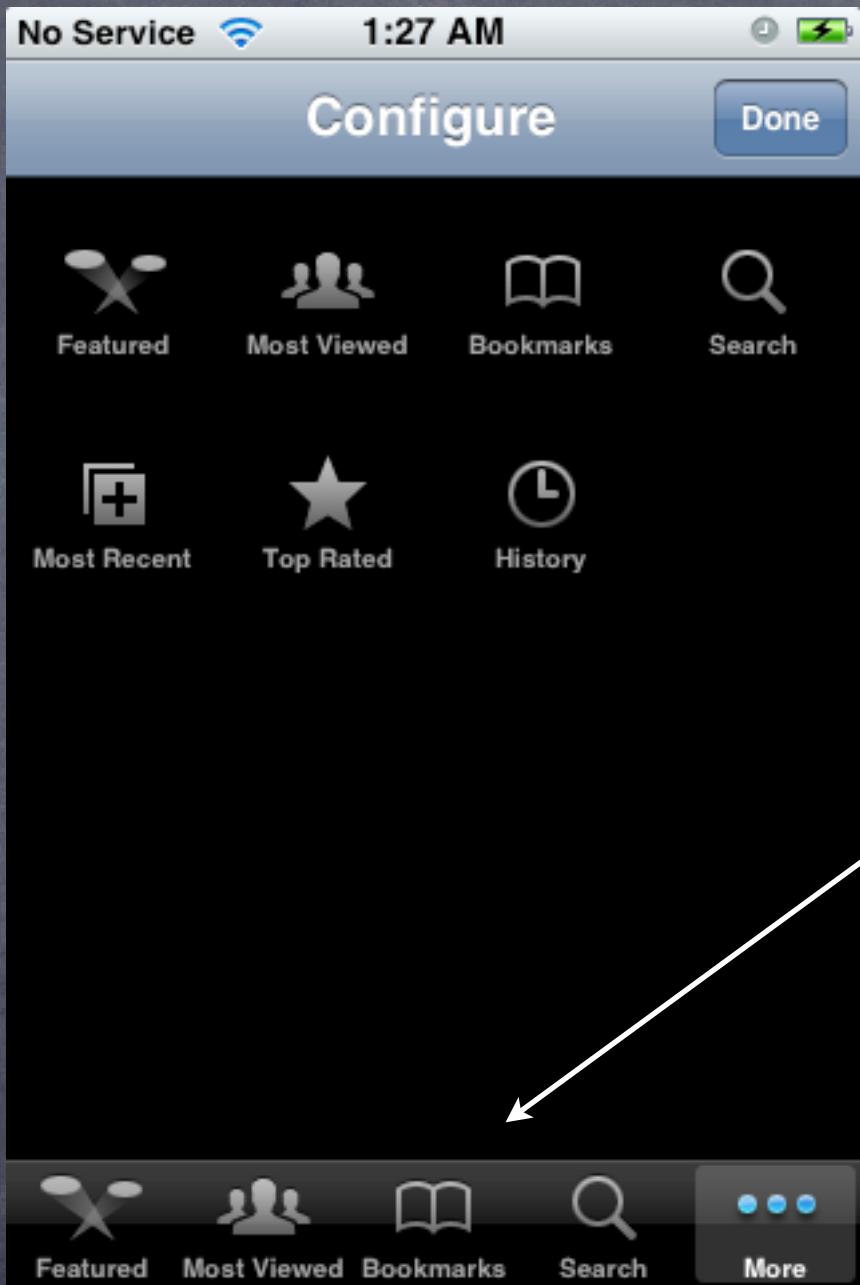
View Controller

View Controller

The tabBarItem can also be used
to set a badge value on the tab.

```
- (void)somethingHappenedToCauseUsToNeedToShowABadgeValue
{
    self.tabBarItem.badgeValue = @“R”;
}
```

UITabBarController

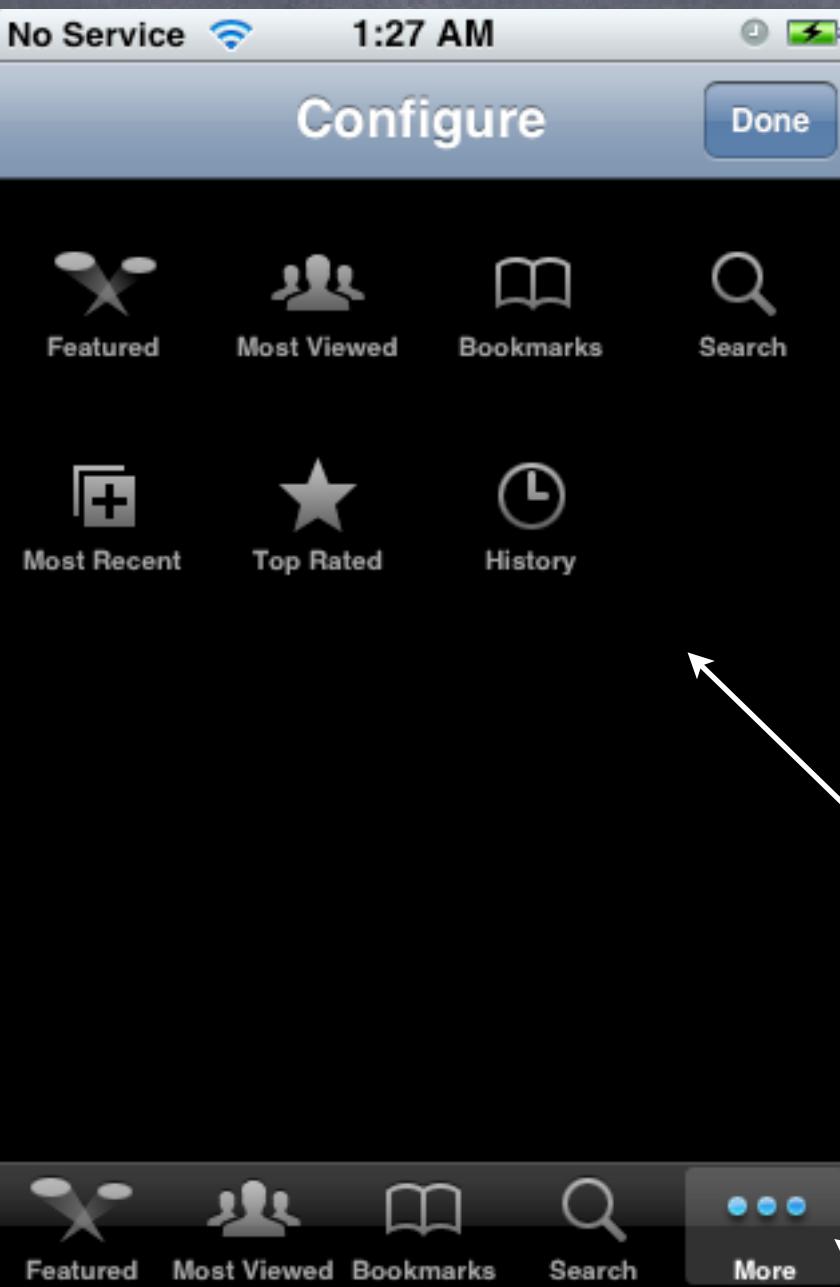


Tab Bar
Controller

What if there are
more than 4 View
Controllers?

View Controller

UITabBarController



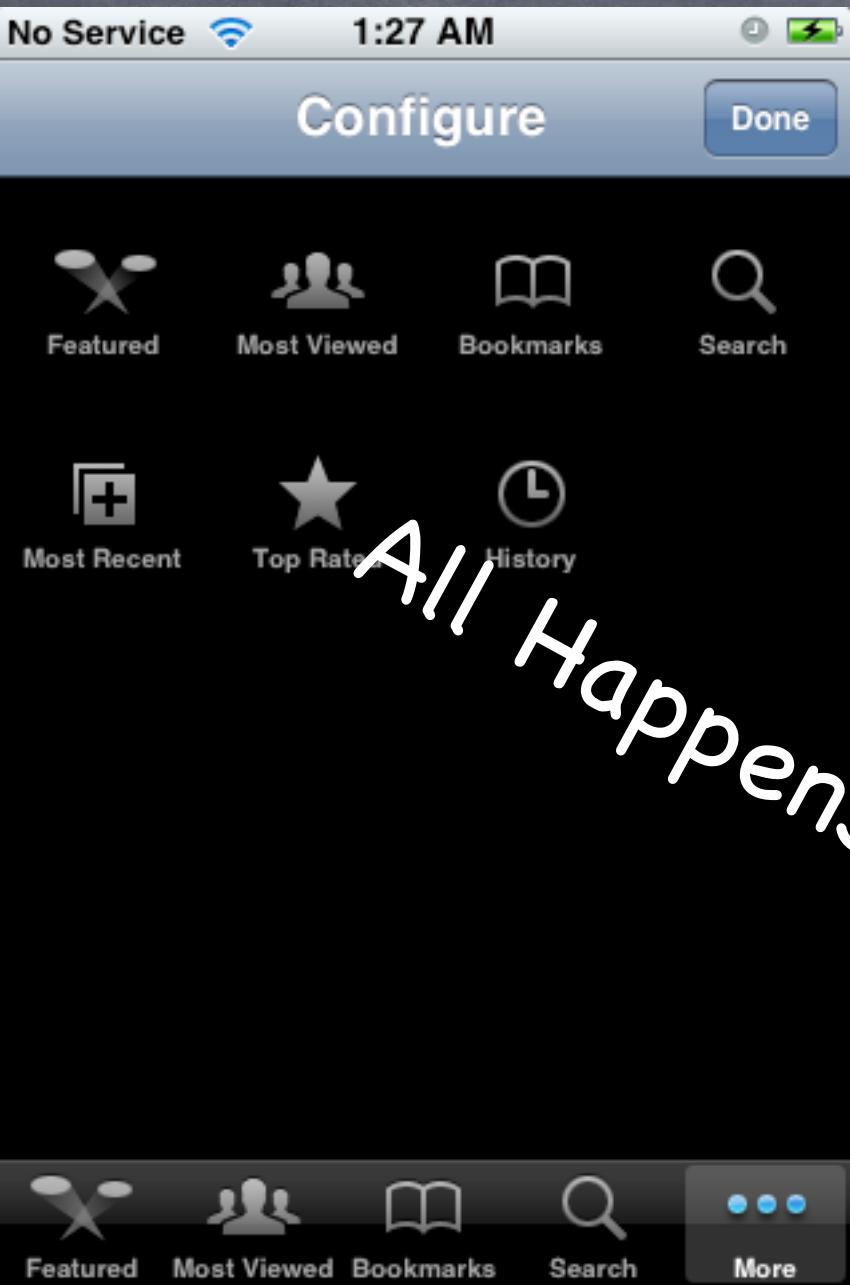
Tab Bar
Controller

View Controller

More button brings up a
UI to let the user edit
which buttons appear
on bottom row

A More button appears.

UITabBarController



Tab Bar
Controller

View Controller

Combine?

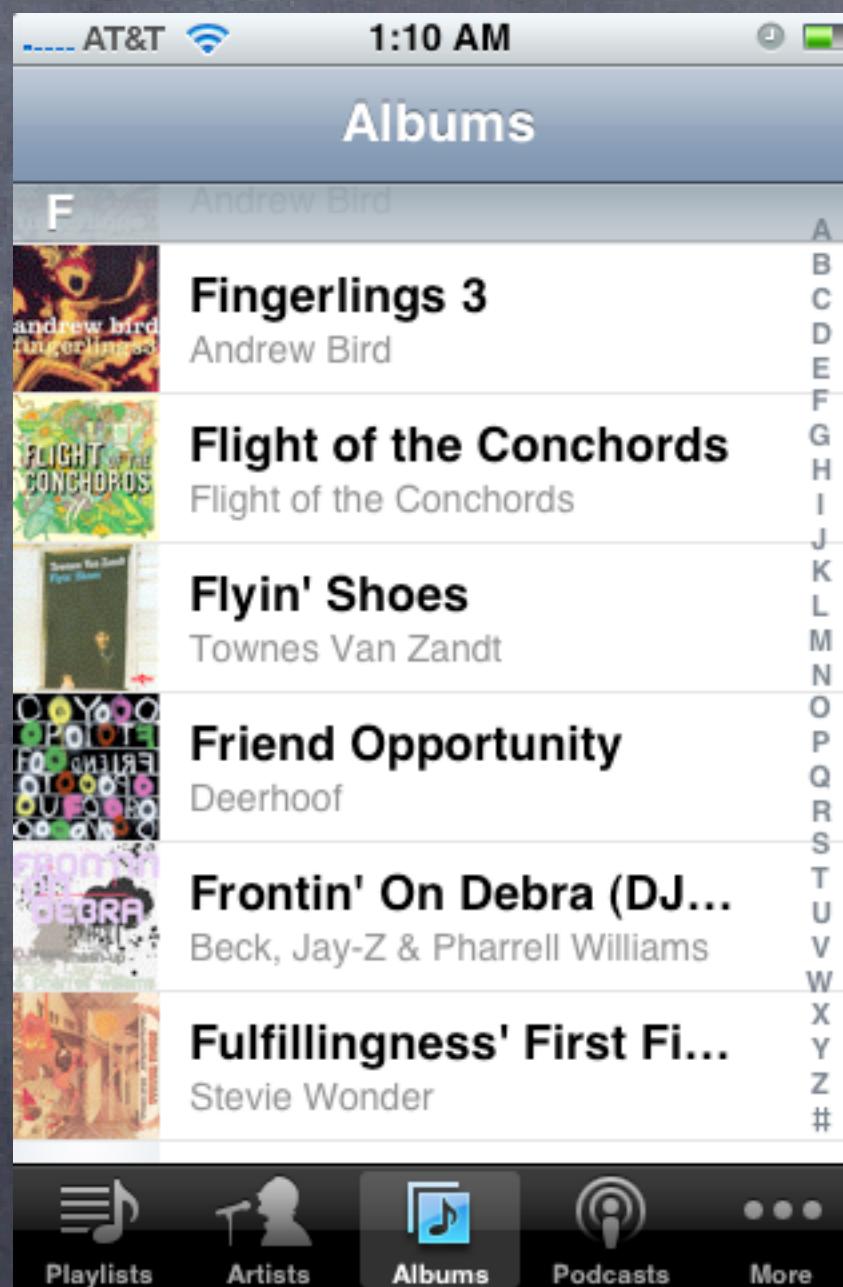
- Can you combine UINavigationController & UITabBarController?
Certainly. Quite common.
- UINavigationController goes “inside” the UITabBarController
Never the other way around.

```
- (BOOL)application:(UIApplication *)app didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)options
{
    UINavigationController *nav1 = [[UINavigationController alloc] init];
    UINavigationController *nav2 = [[UINavigationController alloc] init];
    [nav1 pushViewController:....];
    [nav2 pushViewController:....];
    // here we would likely want to release the view controllers pushed onto the navigation controllers

    UITabBarController *tbc = [[UITabBarController alloc] init]; // should be ivar released in dealloc
    tbc.viewControllers = [NSArray arrayWithObjects:nav1, nav2, nil];
    [nav1 release]; [nav2 release];

    [window addSubview:tbc.view];
    [window makeKeyAndVisible];
    return YES;
}
```

Combine



UISplitViewController

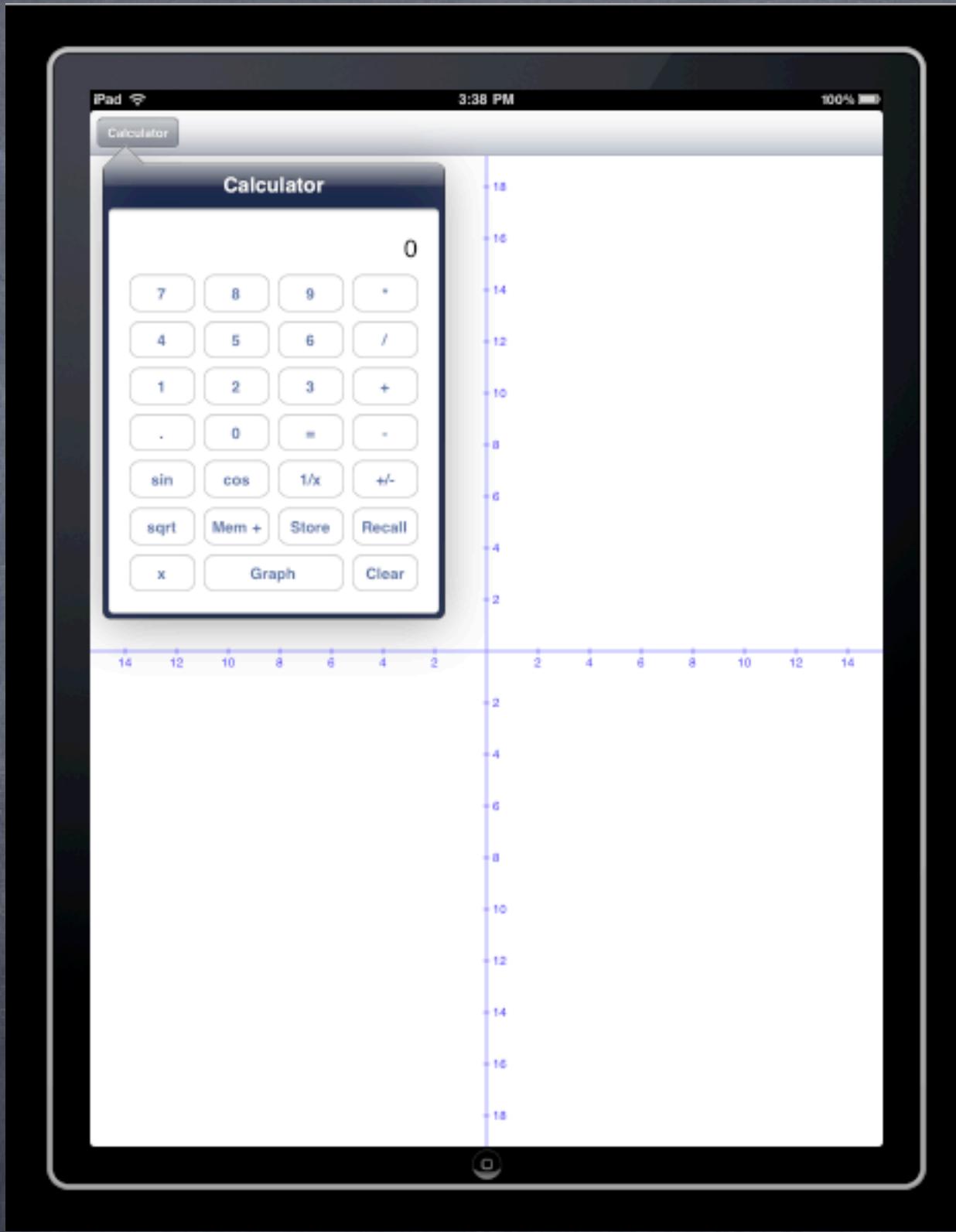
- Only makes sense on large screens
- Side-by-side views in Landscape orientation
- Popover from a bar button in Portrait orientation
- API almost identical to Tab Bar, but only two VC's allowed

```
- (BOOL)application:(UIApplication *)app didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)options
{
    UIViewController *vc1 = [[CalculatorViewController alloc] init];
    UIViewController *vc2 = [[GraphViewController alloc] init];

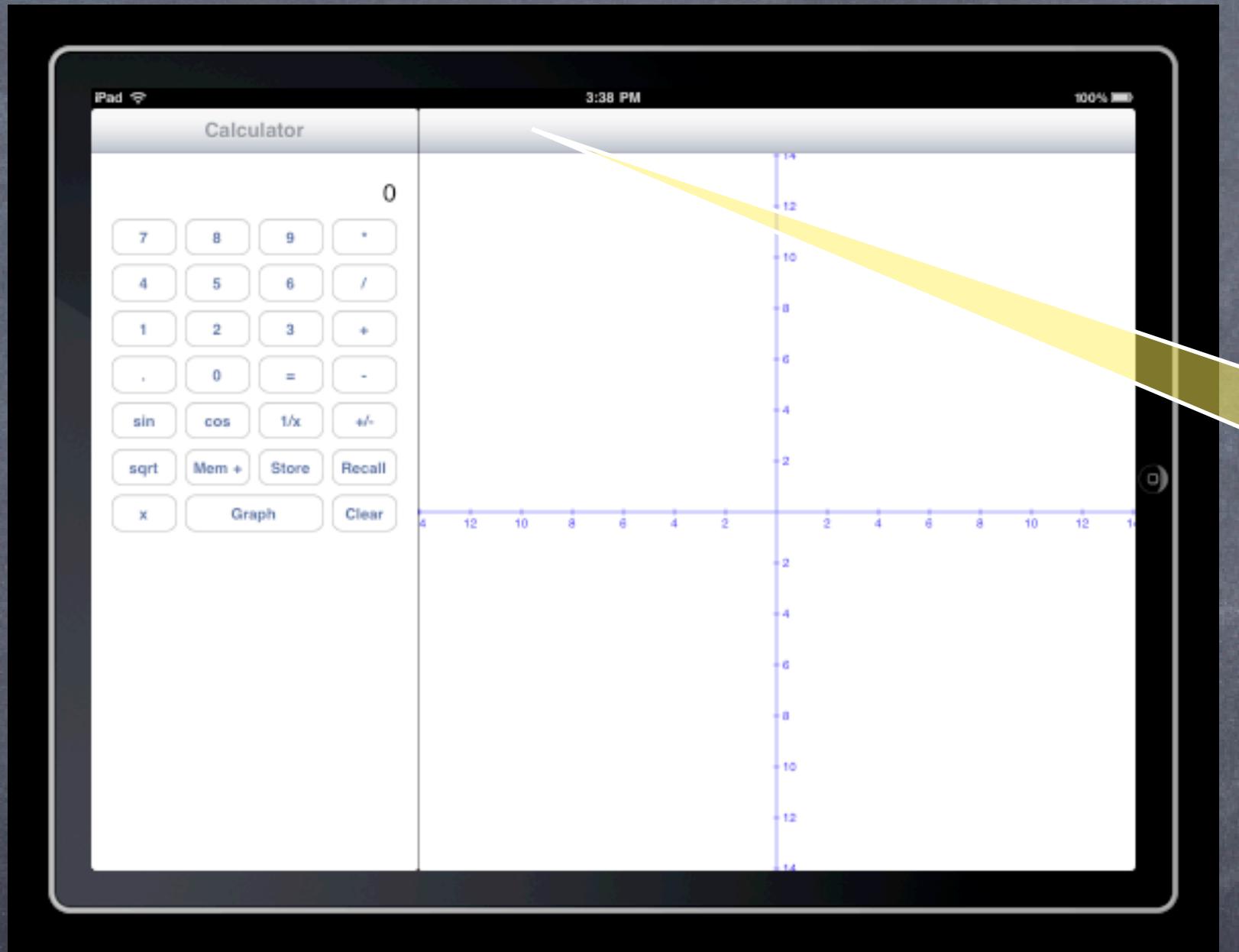
    UISplitViewController *svc = [[UISplitViewController alloc] init]; // should be ivar released in dealloc
    svc.viewControllers = [NSArray arrayWithObjects:vc1, vc2, nil];
    [vc1 release]; [vc2 release];

    [window addSubview:svc.view];
    [window makeKeyAndVisible];
    return YES;
}
```

UISplitViewController



UISplitViewController



UISplitViewController

- Common to put both view controllers inside navigation controllers

Makes it easy to add titles, bar buttons, etc.

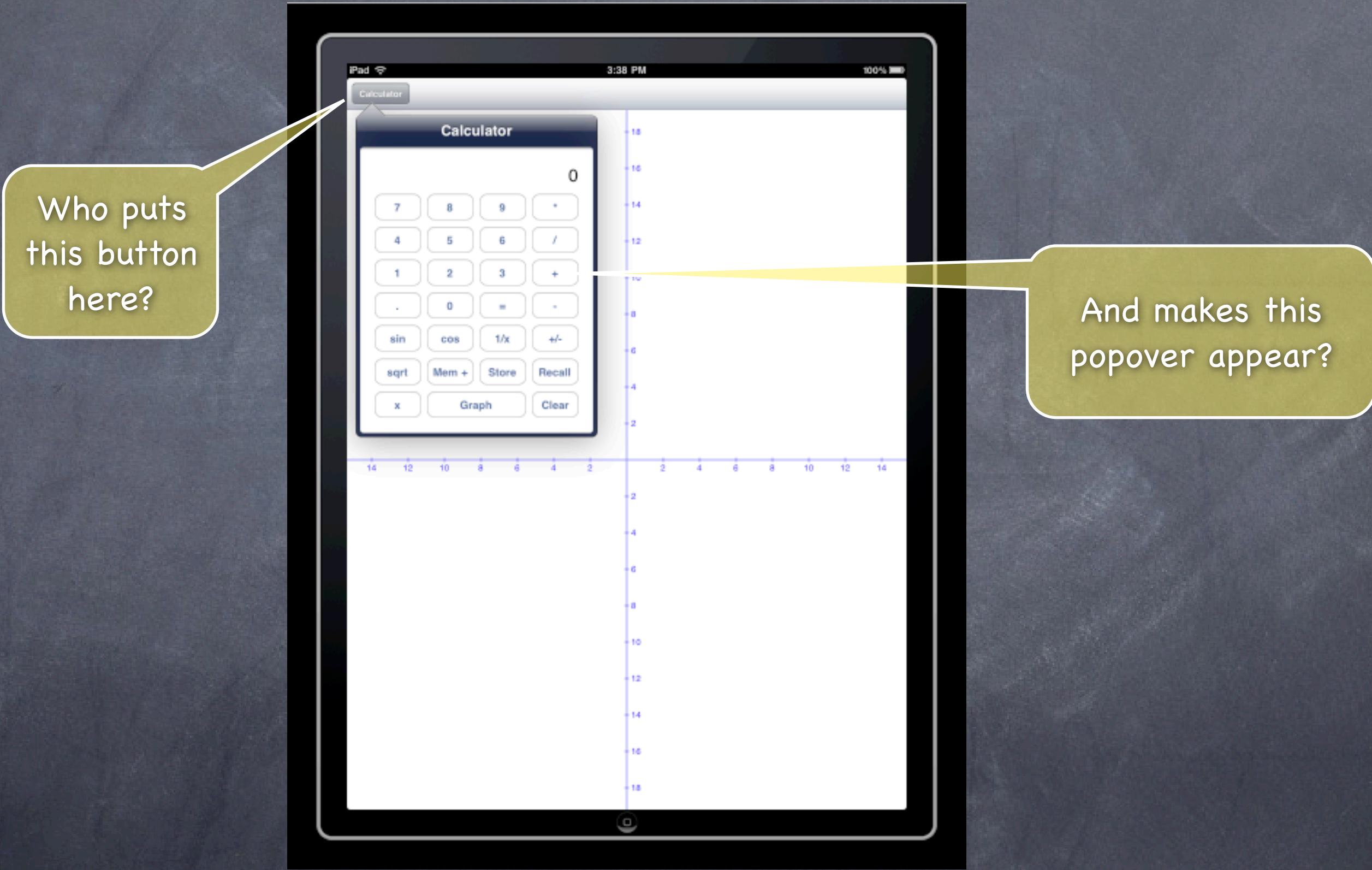
```
- (BOOL)application:(UIApplication *)app didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)options
{
    UIViewController *left = ....;
    UIViewController *right = ....;

    UINavigationController *leftNav = [[UINavigationController alloc] init];
    UINavigationController *rightNav = [[UINavigationController alloc] init];
    [leftNav pushViewController:left animated:NO];
    [rightNav pushViewController:right animated:NO];
    [left release]; [right release]; // if they were alloc'ed above, that is

    UISplitViewController *svc = [[UISplitViewController alloc] init];           // "leak"
    svc.viewControllers = [NSArray arrayWithObjects:leftNav, rightNav, nil];
    [leftNav release]; [rightNav release];

    [window addSubview:svc.view];
    [window makeKeyAndVisible];
    return YES;
}
```

UISplitViewController



UISplitViewController

- ⦿ You are responsible for putting up a bar button
- ⦿ You do it in an implementation of a split view delegate method
 - It gets called when device rotation causes the left-hand view to be hidden
 - `(void)splitViewController:(UISplitViewController*)sv
willHideViewController:(UIViewController *)aViewController
withBarButtonItem:(UIBarButtonItem*)barButtonItem
forPopoverController:(UIPopoverController*)pc;`
- ⦿ Notice that the delegate method gives a bar button to use
 - So you don't have to create it, nor release it (`retain` it if you want to keep a pointer to it though).
 - Just add it to the UI (easy if you're in a navigation controller).
- ⦿ It's cool to have any "potential" right-hand view implement this
 - It's so easy to implement, you might as well.
 - Even if you're not thinking of using it in a split view in your current UI.

UISplitViewController

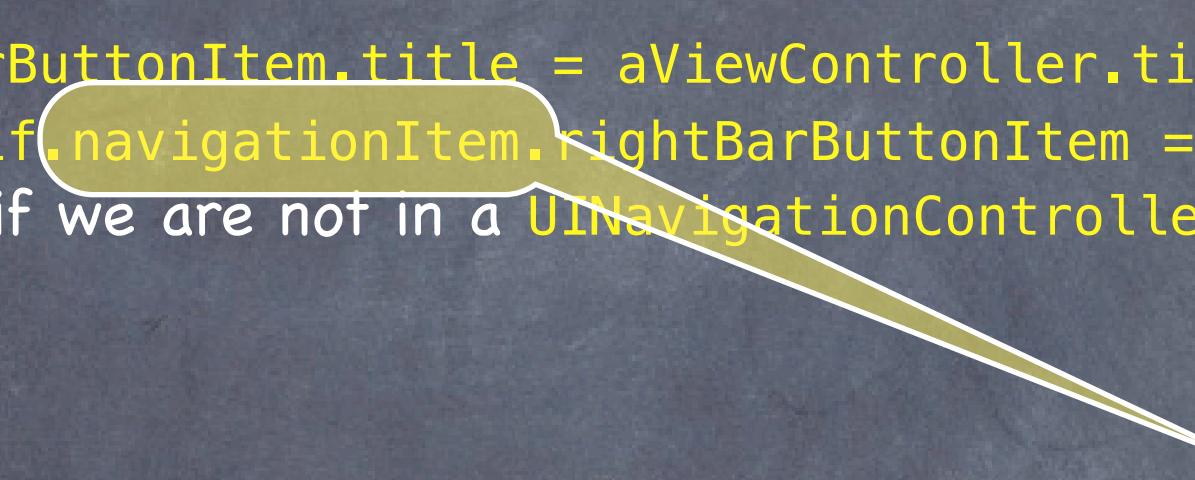
```
- (void)splitViewController:(UISplitViewController*)sv  
    willHideViewController:(UIViewController *)aViewController  
    withBarButtonItem:(UIBarButtonItem*)barButtonItem  
    forPopoverController:(UIPopoverController*)popover  
{  
    barButtonItem.title = aViewController.title; // this is the title of the left-hand vc  
    self.navigationItem.rightBarButtonItem = barButtonItem;  
    // if we are not in a UINavigationController this method (appropriately) does nothing  
}
```

UISplitViewController

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- (void)splitViewController:(UISplitViewController*)sv  
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UISplitViewController

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- (void)splitViewController:(UISplitViewController*)sv  
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    withBarButtonItem:(UIBarButtonItem*)barButtonItem  
    forPopoverController:(UIPopoverController*)popover  
{  
    barButtonItem.title = aViewController.title; // this is the title of the left-hand vc  
    self.navigationItem.rightBarButtonItem = barButtonItem;  
    // if we are not in a UINavigationController this method (appropriately) does nothing  
}
```



This `@property` on `UIViewController` sets attributes of the `UINavigationController` UI that will appear when our `UIViewController` is the top “card on the stack.”

In this case, we’re setting the button that is on the right on the navigation controller’s bar.

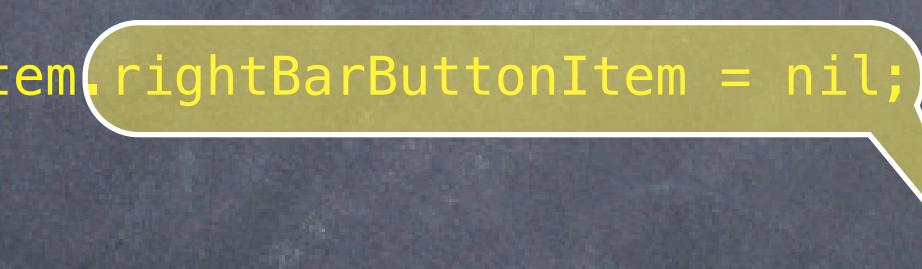
UISplitViewController

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    willHideViewController:(UIViewController *)aViewController  
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    self.navigationItem.rightBarButtonItem = barButtonItem;  
    // if we are not in a UINavigationController this method (appropriately) does nothing  
}
```

Usually we don't want to futz with this because the left view is in it and we don't know anything about that view.

UISplitViewController

```
- (void)splitViewController:(UISplitViewController*)sv  
    willHideViewController:(UIViewController *)aViewController  
    withBarButtonItem:(UIBarButtonItem*)barButtonItem  
    forPopoverController:(UIPopoverController*)popover  
{  
    barButtonItem.title = aViewController.title; // this is the title of the left-hand vc  
    self.navigationItem.rightBarButtonItem = barButtonItem;  
    // if we are not in a UINavigationController this method (appropriately) does nothing  
}  
- (void)splitViewController:(UISplitViewController*)sv  
    willShowViewController:(UIViewController *)aViewController  
    invalidatingBarButtonItem:(UIBarButtonItem*)barButtonItem  
{  
    self.navigationItem.rightBarButtonItem = nil;  
}
```



Here we are going back to landscape.
So we don't want that bar button anymore.

UISplitViewController

```
- (void)splitViewController:(UISplitViewController*)sv
    willHideViewController:(UIViewController *)aViewController
    withBarButtonItem:(UIBarButtonItem*)barButtonItem
    forPopoverController:(UIPopoverController*)popover
{
    barButtonItem.title = aViewController.title; // this is the title of the left-hand vc
    self.navigationItem.rightBarButtonItem = barButtonItem;
    // if we are not in a UINavigationController this method (appropriately) does nothing
}
- (void)splitViewController:(UISplitViewController*)sv
    willShowViewController:(UIViewController *)aViewController
    invalidatingBarButtonItem:(UIBarButtonItem*)barButtonItem
{
    self.navigationItem.rightBarButtonItem = nil;
}
- (void)splitViewController:(UISplitViewController*)sv
    popoverController:(UIPopoverController *)popover
    willPresentViewController:(UIViewController *)leftViewController
{
    // do nothing here because we don't "know about" the left view controller
}
```

UIPopoverController

- UIPopoverController is NOT a UIViewController subclass
Don't be confused by its name.
- Pops up on screen from "active areas"
Buttons in tool bars (like the UISplitViewController case we just went through).
Text selections (like cut/copy/paste or other text-related operations).
Other buttons or active areas on screen.
- Sometimes you might want the popover in portrait & landscape
In this case, you would NOT use a UISplitViewController, just a UIPopoverController

UIPopoverController



UIPopoverController



This is the
popover's "arrow."

This popover is popping
with an arrow direction
`UIPopoverArrowDirectionUp`

UIPopoverController

- Designated initializer takes the **UIViewController** to display in it

```
UIViewController *vc = ...;  
UIPopoverController *popover = [[UIPopoverController] alloc] initWithContentViewController:vc];
```

The argument (vc) cannot be nil.

You must specify a **UIViewController** for the popover to contain at initialization time.

You can change it with this property later (we rarely do that).

```
@property (retain) UIViewController *contentViewController;
```

- Then just send this message to get the popover to appear

Specify the rectangle where the popover's little "arrow" should point to.

Also restrict which ways that little "arrow" can point (and thus where the popover can appear).

```
[popover presentPopoverFromRect:(CGRect)aRect           // e.g. the rectangle containing selected text  
                           inView:(UIView *)aView      // e.g. the text view the selected text is in  
                           permittedArrowDirections:(UIPopoverArrowDirection)direction  
                           animated:(BOOL)animated];
```

The direction can be **UIPopoverArrowDirectionUp/Down/Left/Right/Any**.

UIPopoverController

- Or, if it's a bar button that's popping it up, use this method ...

```
[popover presentPopoverFromBarButtonItem:(UIBarButtonItem *)barButtonItem  
permittedArrowDirections:(UIPopoverArrowDirection)direction  
animated:(BOOL)animated];
```

UIPopoverController

⌚ How to set the size of the popover

Either send a message to the popover setting the size (will animate if on screen) ...

```
[popover setPopoverContentSize:(CGSize)aSize animated:(BOOL)animated];
```

Or implement this method in the popover view's UIViewController to return the size ...

```
- (CGSize)contentSizeForViewInPopover;
```

The latter is recommended (more object-oriented).

UIPopoverController

• How to dismiss the popover from the screen

User clicks anywhere outside the popover.

Or you can dismiss it programmatically by sending the popover this method ...

```
[popover dismissPopoverAnimated:(BOOL)animated];
```

• How to tell if the popover is currently on the screen

```
if ([popover.isPopoverVisible]) ...
```

• Popover has a delegate to prevent (and get notified of) dismissal

- (BOOL)popoverControllerShouldDismissPopover:(UIPopoverController *)popover;
- (void)popoverControllerDidDismissPopover:(UIPopoverController *)popover;

These are only sent to the delegate if the user initiates the dismissal (i.e. not programmatically).

Universal Applications

- ⦿ A “Universal” application will run on iPhone or iPad
Single binary image built using the iOS 4 SDK.
Even though iPad is running iOS 3.2, this can work if you take care.
- ⦿ Requires the Build setting “iOS Deployment Target”
Find your Application executable in the Targets folder of the Groups & Files section of Xcode.
Right click on it and choose Get Info.
In the Build tab, scroll down to the iOS Deployment Target property and set it to iOS 3.2.
Setting it to iOS 3.2 means “this application is allowed to run on iOS 3.2 or later.”
- ⦿ How to create one
In an existing iOS 4 project, select your Application (in the Targets folder described above).
Choose “Upgrade Current Target for iPad ...” from the Project menu.
The name is misleading ... choose “One Universal application” from the dialog that comes up.

Universal Applications

- There is still work to do to make an application “Universal”
- If you call API that is new in iOS 4, it has to be conditional

For example, you might access the property `contentScaleFactor` (new for retina display in iOS4). You would want to use introspection to be sure `UIView` responds to that first.

```
- (void)drawRect:(CGRect)aRect
{
    CGFloat scaleFactor = 1.0;
    if ([self respondsToSelector:@selector(contentScaleFactor)]) {
        scaleFactor = self.contentScaleFactor;
    }
    // use scaleFactor here
}
```

- Can make conditional choices depending on what CofC you're in
(CofC means “Controller of Controllers”)

```
if (self.splitViewController != nil) ...
```

Universal Applications

• Or whether you are on screen

There is room for more view controllers to be on screen at the same time on the iPad.

E.g. left and right split view versus views that appear one at a time via navigation controller.

So the setup in `application:didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:` will be different.

Then later on, you can make decisions based on whether a view is on screen.

A simple way to do that is to check a `UIView`'s `window` property. If `nil`, then it's off screen.

For example, this code snippet might appear in a `UIViewController` somewhere ...

```
if (self.view.window) ...
```

• How big is the current screen?

```
CGRect screenBounds = [[UIScreen mainScreen] bounds]; // in points
```

Probably wouldn't want to check an exact size here, but maybe a threshold?

Universal Applications

- If the above don't work, it is possible to ask "am I on an iPad?"

Here's how ...

```
BOOL iPad = (UI_USER_INTERFACE_IDIOM() == UIUserInterfaceIdiomPad);
```

This is not a first-resort. Use the "right" conditional before using this.

- Conditionally loading a .xib

Remember that `UIViewController`'s designated initializer lets you specify the name of its .xib.

So you could pick a different .xib depending on which device you are on.

```
NSString *xibName = iPad ? @"MyNib-iPad" : @"MyNib";
```

```
UIViewController *vc = [[UIViewController alloc] initWithNibName:xibName bundle:nil];
```

... instead of ...

```
UIViewController *vc = [[UIViewController alloc] init];
```

- `application:didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:`

You will very likely be building a different base user-interface here.

Universal Applications

```
- (void)application:(UIApplication *)application  
    didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)options  
{  
    UIViewController *master = ...;  
    UIViewController *detail = ...;  
    master.subservientController = detail; // master pushes detail on iPhone only
```

We've made **master** have a property to hold an instance of the view controller it pushes (**detail**).

Universal Applications

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    didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)options  
{  
    UIViewController *master = ...;  
    UIViewController *detail = ...;  
    master.subservientController = detail; // master pushes detail on iPhone only  
    UINavigationController *masterNav = [[UINavigationController alloc] init];  
    [masterNav pushViewController:master animated:NO];  
  
    if (iPad) {  
        UINavigationController *detailNav = [[UINavigationController alloc] init];  
        [detailNav pushViewController:detail animated:NO];  
        UISplitViewController *splitVC = [[UISplitViewController alloc] init];  
        splitVC.delegate = detail; // note: detail implements UISplitViewControllerDelegate  
        splitVC.viewControllers = [NSArray arrayWithObjects:masterNav, detailNav, nil];  
        [masterNav release]; [detailNav release];
```

On the iPad, the detail view controller will already be on screen in the right hand side of the split view so we'll have to make sure not to push it in our master code by checking whether detail is on screen at push time.

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        splitVC.delegate = detail; // note: detail implements UISplitViewControllerDelegate
        splitVC.viewControllers = [NSArray arrayWithObjects:masterNav, detailNav, nil];
        [masterNav release]; [detailNav release];
        rootVC = splitVC; // rootVC is an instance variable
    } else {
        rootVC = masterNav; // master will push detail on iPhone when appropriate
    }

    [window addSubview:rootVC.view];
}
```

Universal Applications

• How to run a Universal Application in the iPad Simulator 3.2

There is a pull-down in the upper left corner of Xcode's main window.

From there you can switch to iPad Simulator 3.2 (from iPhone Simulator 4.0).

If that option is not there, you probably forgot to set iOS Deployment Target to iOS 3.2.

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