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# Who am I ?

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- 张靖元 Jingyuan "Knight" Zhang
- Full Sail University - Mobile Development
- Fudan University Shanghai Institute of Visual Art - Visual Communication Design
- Apple Retail - Creative trainer
- Upwork Platform-approved Freelance Mobile Developer



“Simple techniques that make  
Xcode Storyboard more intuitive.”

# What to share tonight ?

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- one expectation for intuitive Storyboard
- Strategies for intuitive Storyboard
- How to get started
- Inspiration for the future

# Thanks for your support !

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“What do we expect for an  
intuitive Storyboard ?”

## What do we expect for an intuitive Storyboard ?

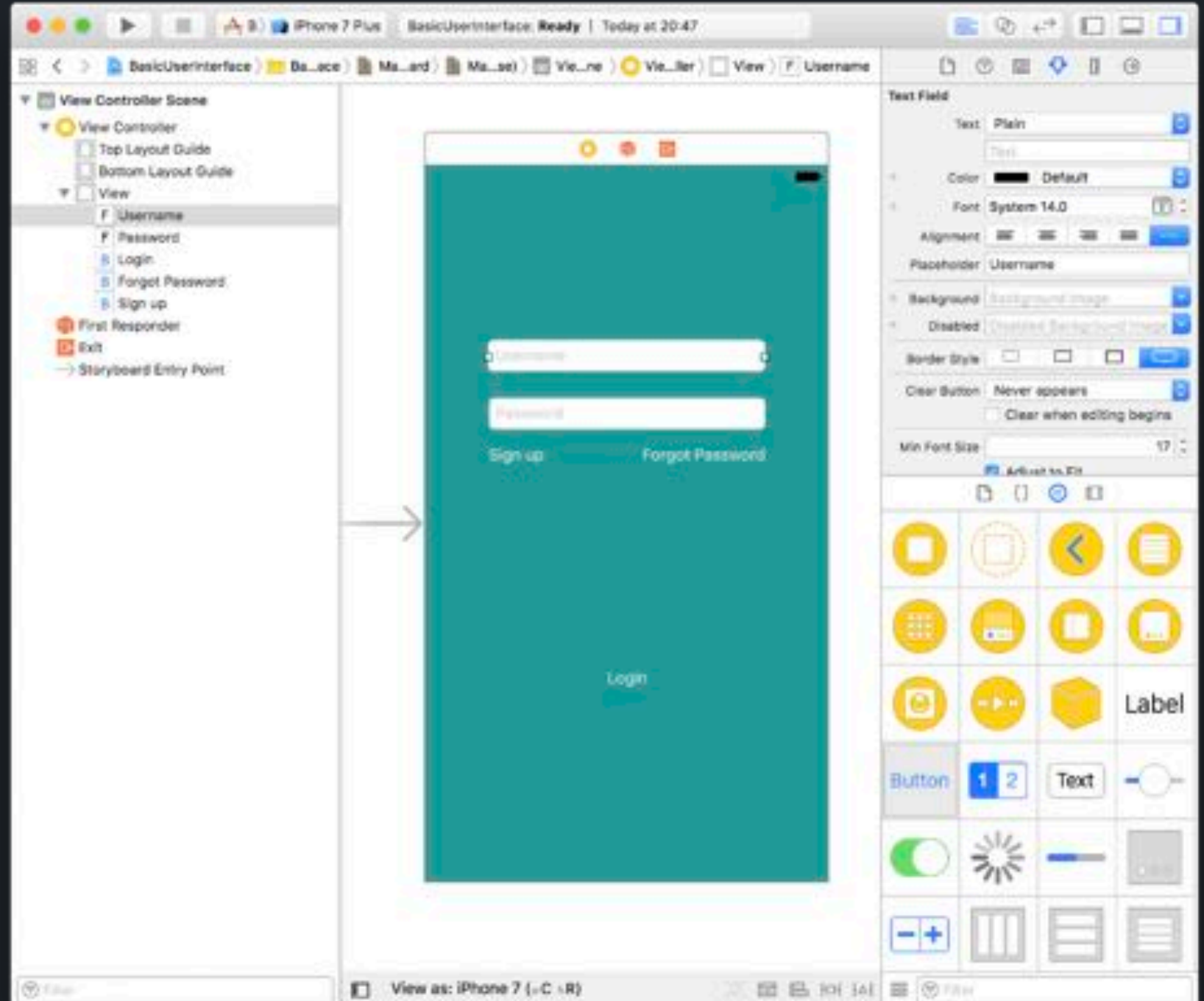
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- “WYSIWYG”
  - “What You See Is What You Get”



# What do we expect for an intuitive Storyboard ?

- Apple iOS built-in UIKit Framework



# What do we expect for an intuitive Storyboard ?

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- Your own custom user interface elements



<http://ui-cloud.com/guacamole-ui-kit/>

Extend Xcode project behaviors  
like image creation tools

# Extend Xcode behaviors

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- Use built-in Apple Swift and Xcode features
- Scale limitlessly
- How to get started

# What do we use ?

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**@IBDesignable**

**@IBInspectable**

**Swift Extensions**

“you can use two different attributes, @IBDesignable and @IBInspectable, to enable live, interactive custom view design in Interface Builder.” – Apple

“Extensions add new functionality to an existing class, structure, enumeration, or protocol type...Extensions are similar to categories in Objective-C.” – Apple

# A simple challenge

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- Generic login view
- 2 text fields
- 1 login button
- rounded corners
- border stroke



## A simple challenge of Generic Login View

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- "User-Defined Runtime Attributes"
- "Key-Value Coding"
- @IBInspectable - Adjust properties in Xcode Inspector
- @IBDesignable - Live render in Xcode Storyboard

# @IBDesignable, @IBInspectable

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- Custom object types - @IBDesignable
- Custom properties - @IBInspectable

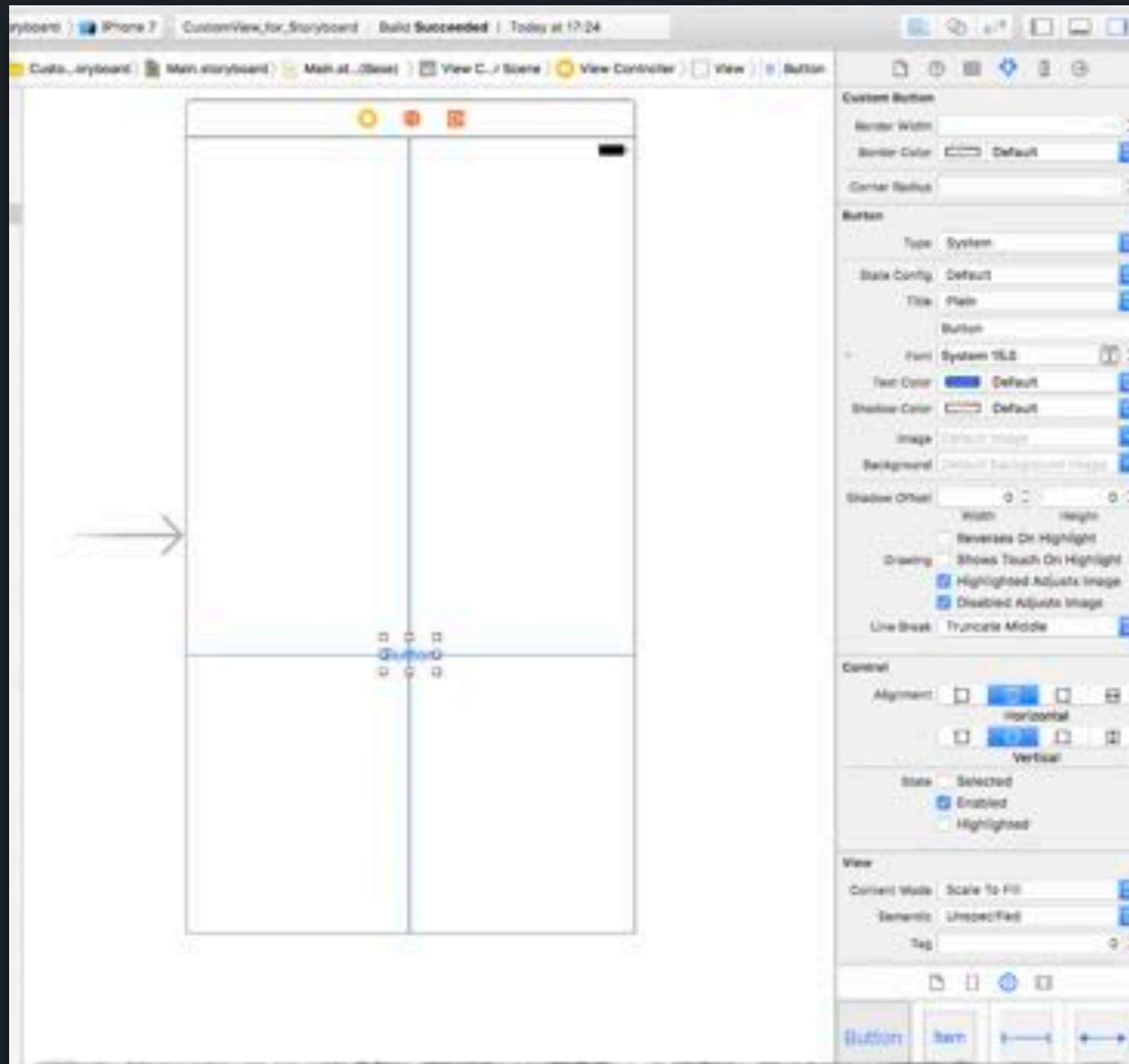


# Start with the custom button

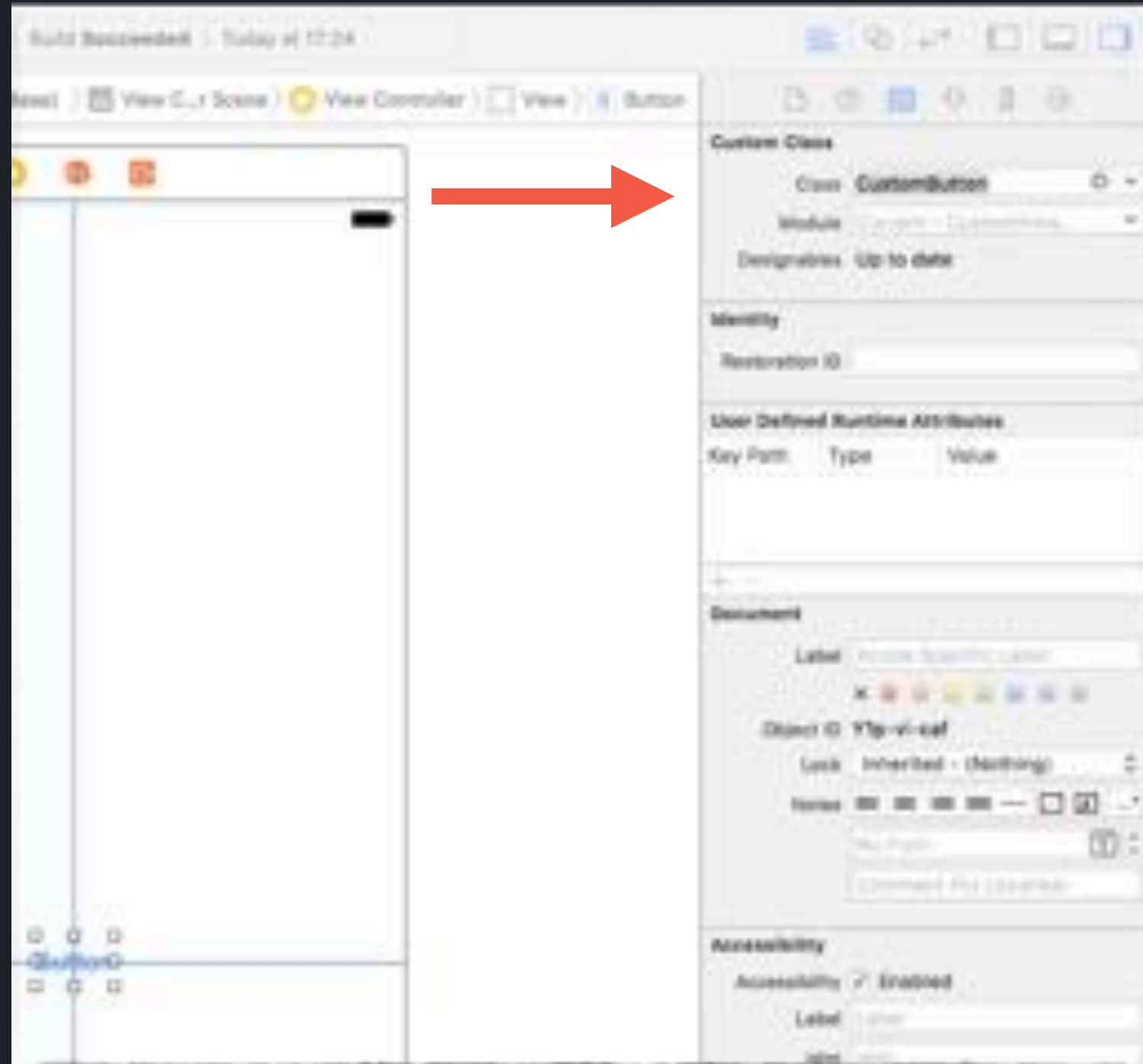
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```
1 import UIKit
2
3 @IBDesignable
4 class CustomButton: UIButton {
5
6     @IBInspectable
7     var borderWidth: CGFloat = 0 {
8         didSet {
9             layer.borderWidth = borderWidth
10        }
11    }
12
13     @IBInspectable
14     var borderColor: UIColor? = nil {
15         didSet {
16             layer.borderColor = borderColor?.cgColor
17        }
18    }
19
20     @IBInspectable
21     var cornerRadius: CGFloat = 0 {
22         didSet {
23             layer.cornerRadius = cornerRadius
24             layer.masksToBounds = cornerRadius > 0
25        }
26    }
27 }
```

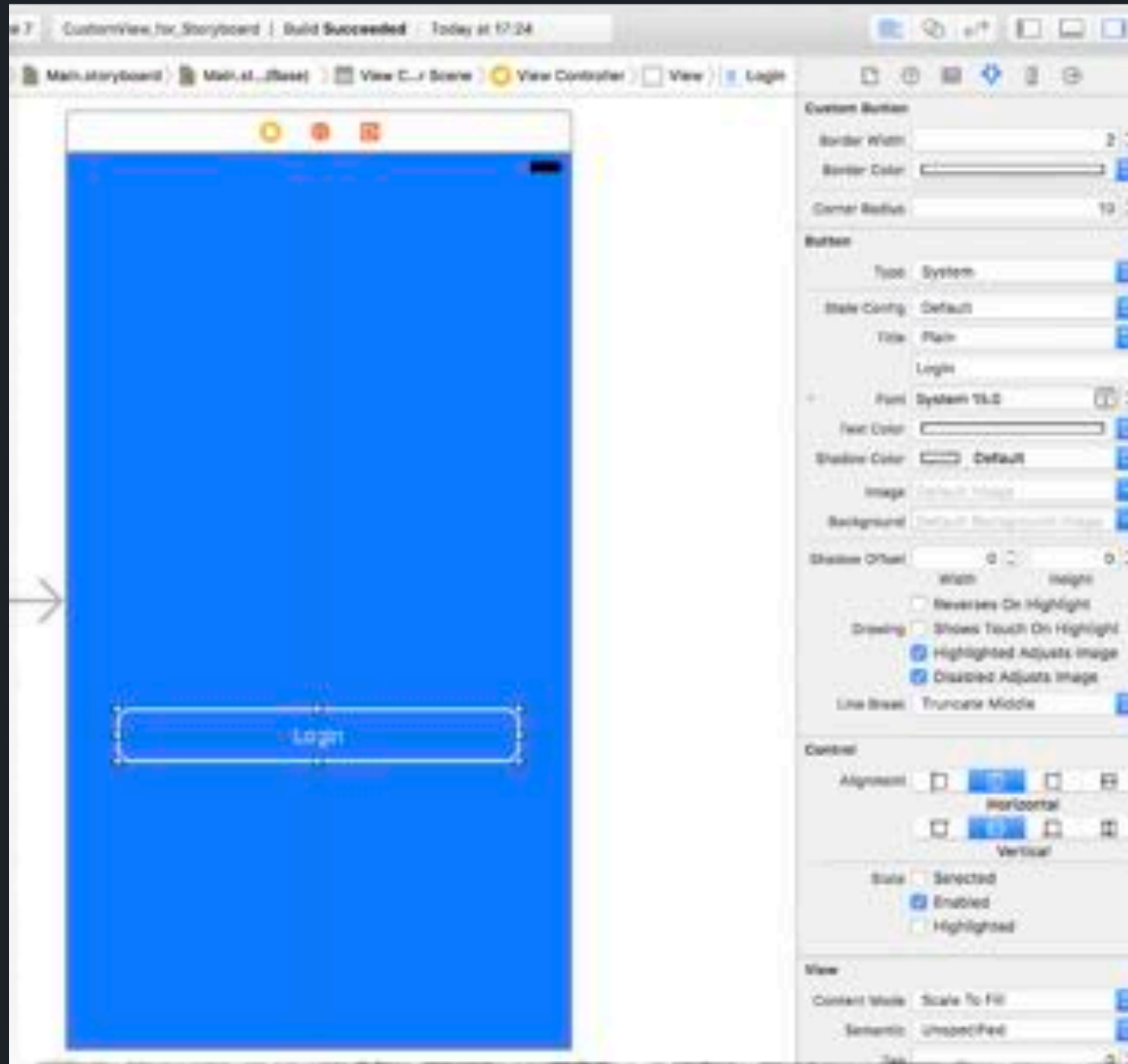
# Place a UIButton to Storyboard



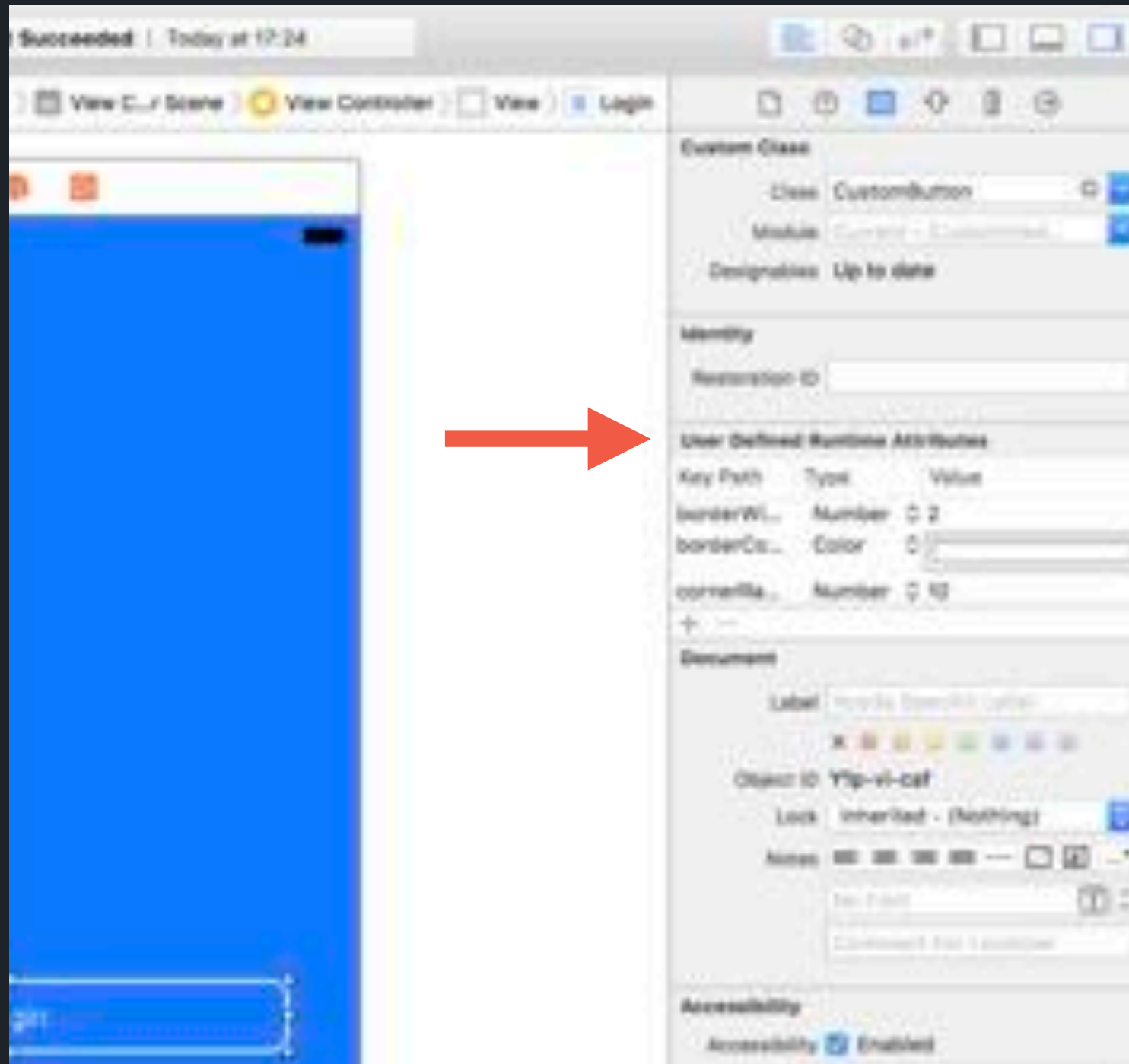
# Set the Custom Class



# Play in “Attribute” Inspector



# “User-Defined Runtime Attributes”



# What about the text fields ?

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- Swift Extensions
- UIView
- Generic approach

# The generic approach

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- Extend UIView via Swift Extensions
- Custom properties - @IBInspectable
- Inherit custom object types from built-in counterparts
- Custom object types - @IBDesignable

# Extend UIView

```
1 import UIKit
2
3 extension UIView {
4
5     @IBInspectable
6     var borderWidth: CGFloat {
7         get {
8             return layer.borderWidth
9         }
10        set {
11            layer.borderWidth = newValue
12        }
13    }
14
15     @IBInspectable
16     var borderColor: UIColor? {
17         get {
18             if layer.borderColor != nil {
19                 return UIColor(cgColor: layer.borderColor!)
20             } else {
21                 return nil
22             }
23         }
24         set {
25             layer.borderColor = newValue?.cgColor
26         }
27     }
28
29     @IBInspectable
30     var cornerRadius: CGFloat {
31         get {
32             return layer.cornerRadius
33         }
34         set {
35             layer.cornerRadius = newValue
36             layer.masksToBounds = newValue > 0
37         }
38     }
39 }
```

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22         didSet {
23             layer.cornerRadius = cornerRadius
24             layer.masksToBounds = cornerRadius > 0
25        }
26    }
27 }
```

Compare to  
what we had done previously  
for CustomButton Class



# Inherit from built-in counterparts

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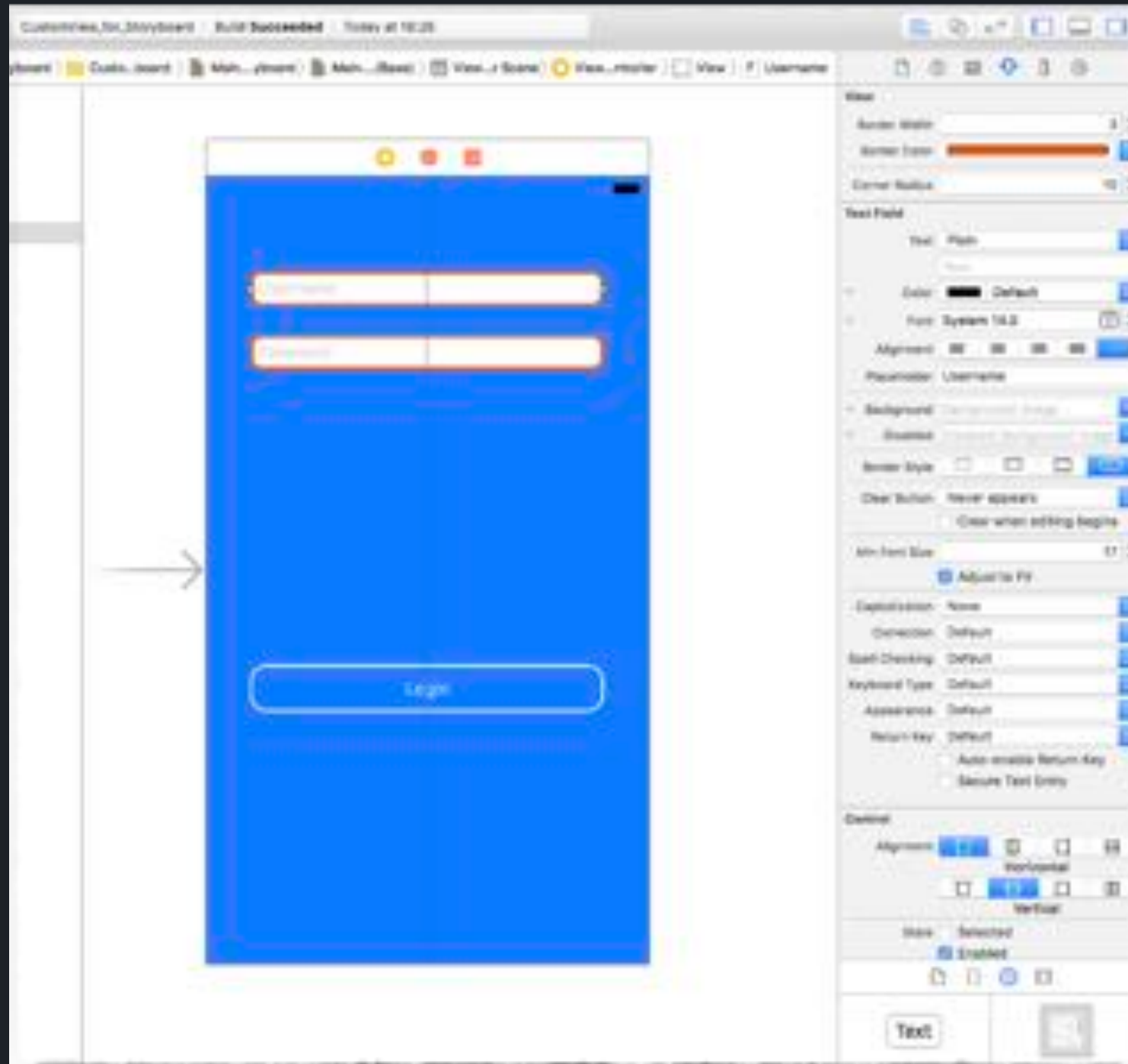
```
1
2
3 import UIKit
4
5 @IBDesignable
6 class CustomTextField: UITextField {
7
8 }
9
```

# Clean CustomButton

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```
1
2
3 import UIKit
4
5 @IBDesignable
6 class CustomButton: UIButton {}
7
8 }
```

# Play with CustomTextFiled as before



# Summary

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- @IBInspectable – Expose Custom Properties to Inspector
- @IBDesignable – Live render Custom Objects in Storyboard
- Swift Extensions – Enhance efficiency creatively

“Simple techniques that make  
Xcode Storyboard more intuitive.”

# Important notes !

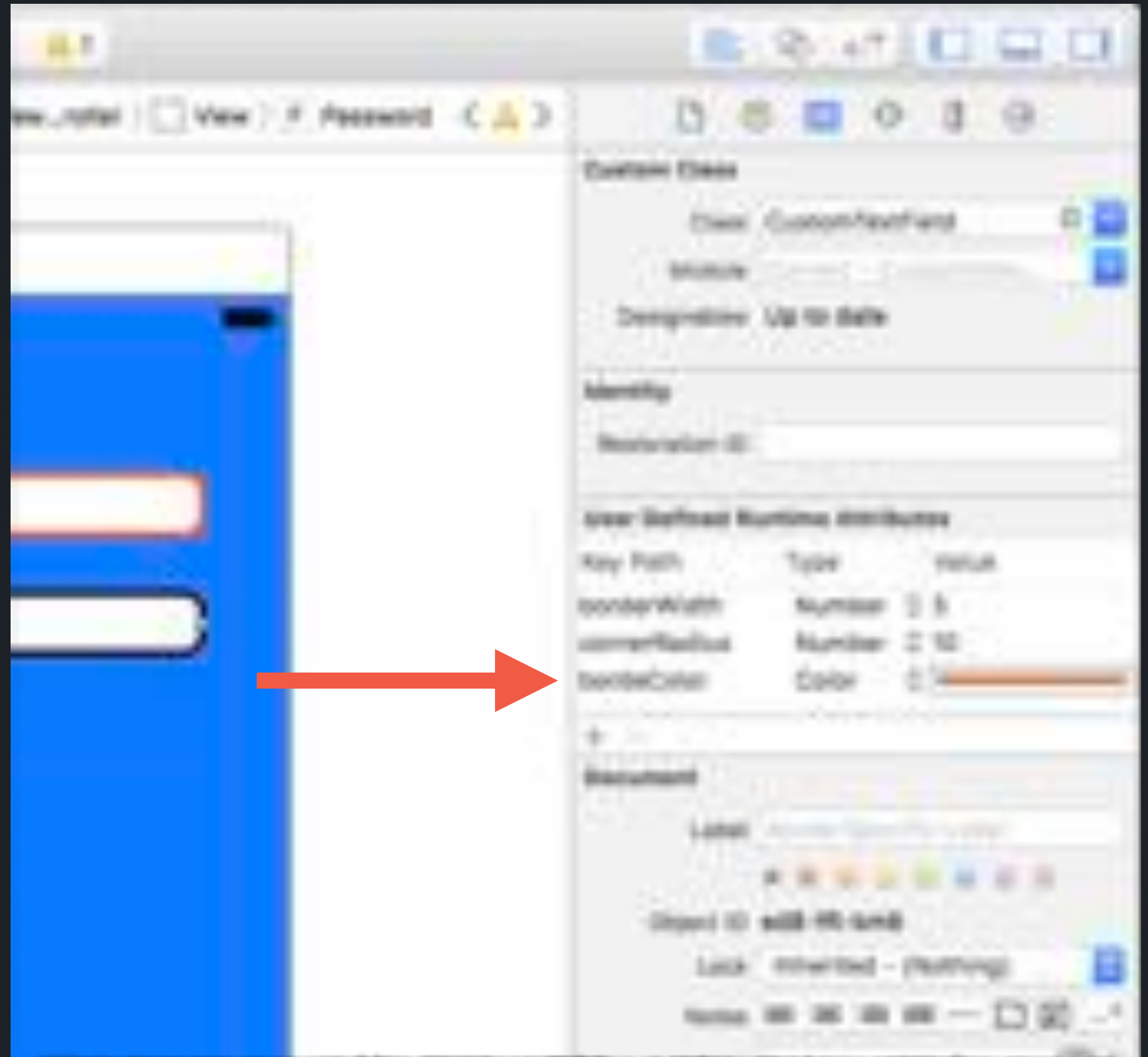
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- Crashes
- Unexpected exceptions
- Possible issues
- Quick fix tips

# Check “User-Defined Runtime Attributes”

```
2017-02-20 21:29:48.639
CustomView_for_Storyboard[41063:2306462]
Failed to set (borderColor) user defined
inspected property on
(CustomView_for_Storyboard.CustomTextField):
[<CustomView_for_Storyboard.CustomTextField
0x7fbe3ec147a0> setValue:forUndefinedKey:]:
this class is not key value coding-compliant
for the key borderColor.
Message from debugger: Terminated due to
signal 15
```

Error message  
that contains “Key-Value Coding”  
in the console



# Check types of properties

```
import UIKit

@IBDesignable
class CustomButton: UIButton {

    @IBInspectable
    var borderWidth: CGFloat = 0 {
        didSet {
            layer.borderWidth = borderWidth
        }
    }

    @IBInspectable
    var borderColor: UIColor? = nil {
        didSet {
            layer.borderColor = borderColor?.cgColor
        }
    }

    @IBInspectable
    var cornerRadius: CGFloat = 0 {
        didSet {
            layer.cornerRadius = cornerRadius
            layer.masksToBounds = cornerRadius > 0
        }
    }
}
```

- Custom Class
- Stored property
- Set default value
- Observer “didSet”

```
import UIKit

extension UIView {

    @IBInspectable
    var borderWidth: CGFloat {
        get {
            return layer.borderWidth
        }
        set {
            layer.borderWidth = newValue
        }
    }

    @IBInspectable
    var borderColor: UIColor? {
        get {
            if layer.borderColor != nil {
                return UIColor(cgColor: layer.borderColor!)
            } else {
                return nil
            }
        }
        set {
            layer.borderColor = newValue?.cgColor
        }
    }
}
```

- Swift Extensions
- Computed property
- Default value not needed
- Setter and Getter



Customize Your Intuitive  
Storyboard with Creativity

# *Thank You*

## Useful Resources



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