

# Candy Analyzer






Core Data

Made with Xcode 7.1 and iOS 9

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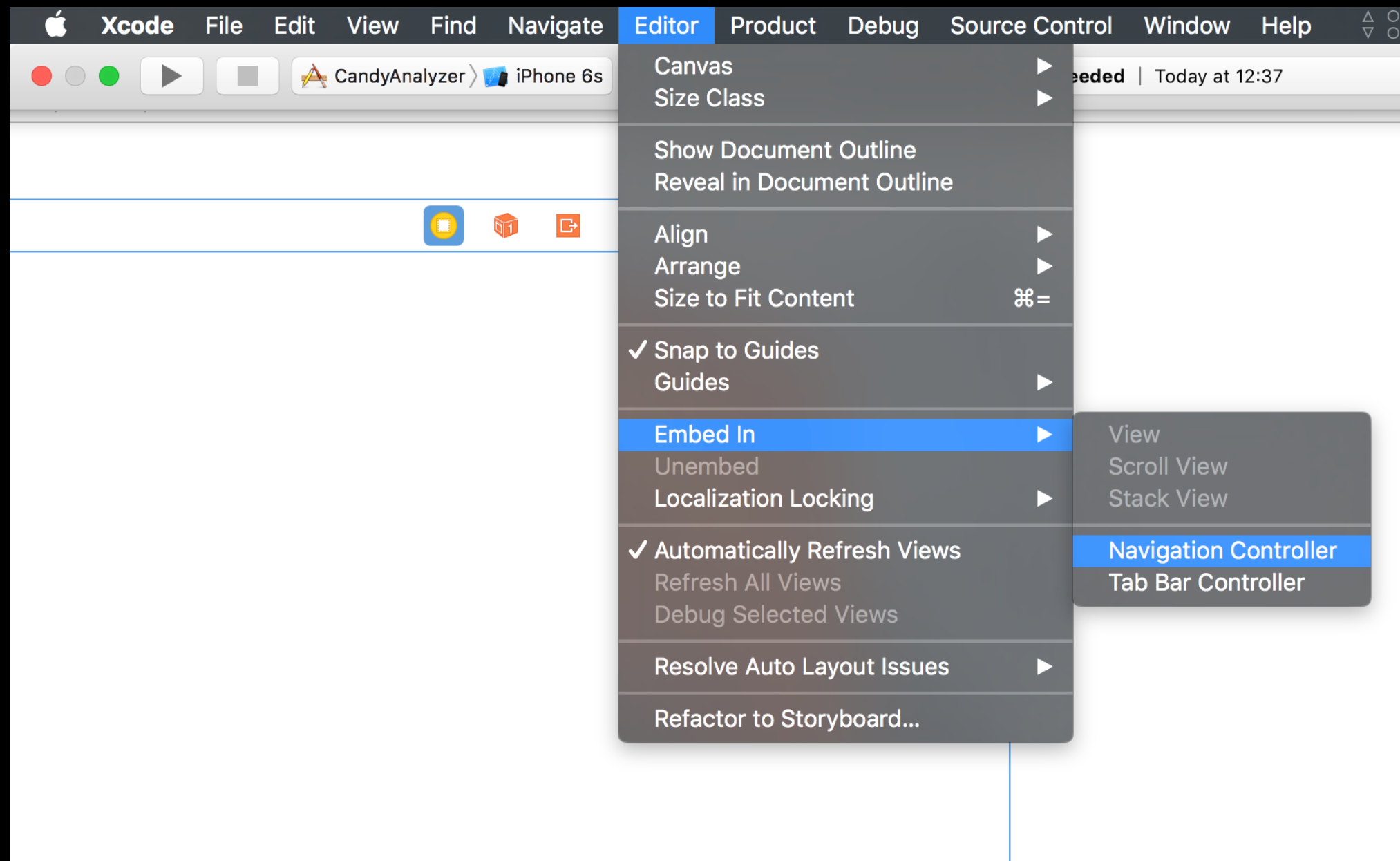
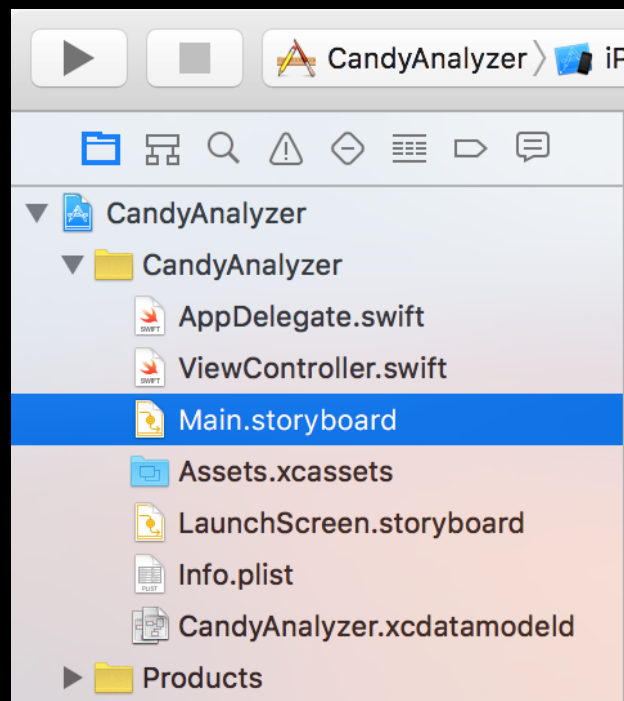
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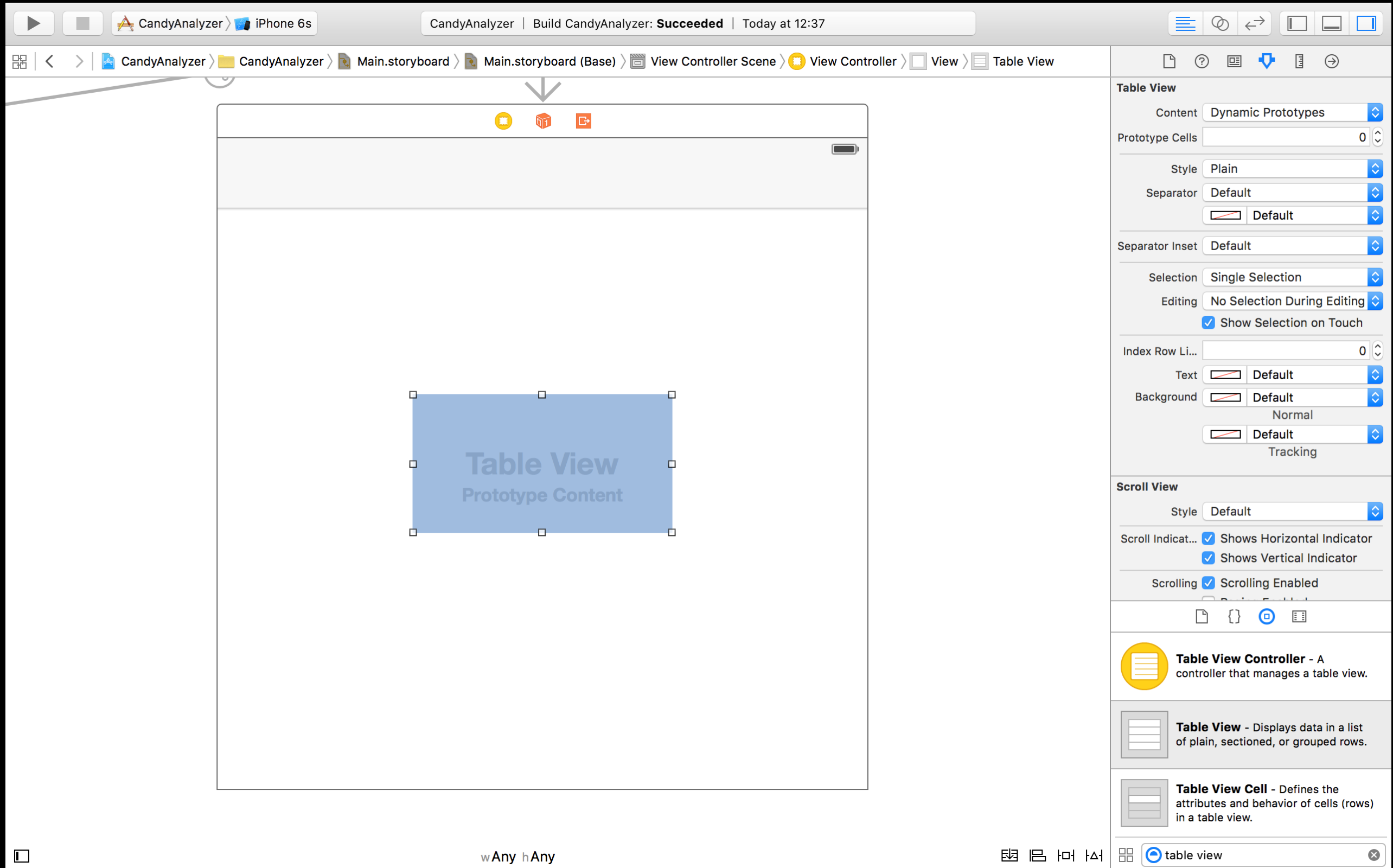
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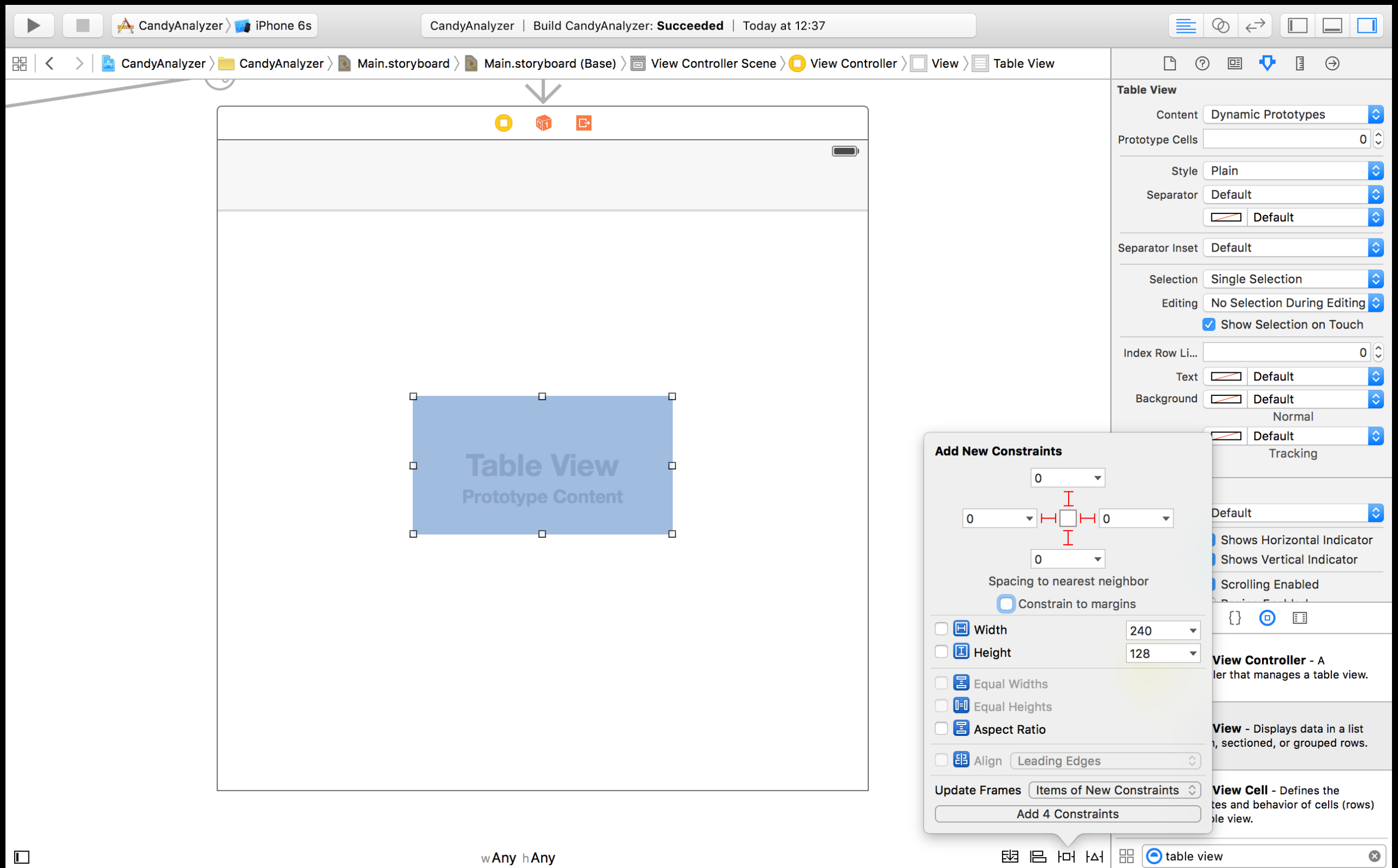
Create a new Xcode project. Single View Application, called CandyAnalyzer. Make sure Use Core Data is checked.



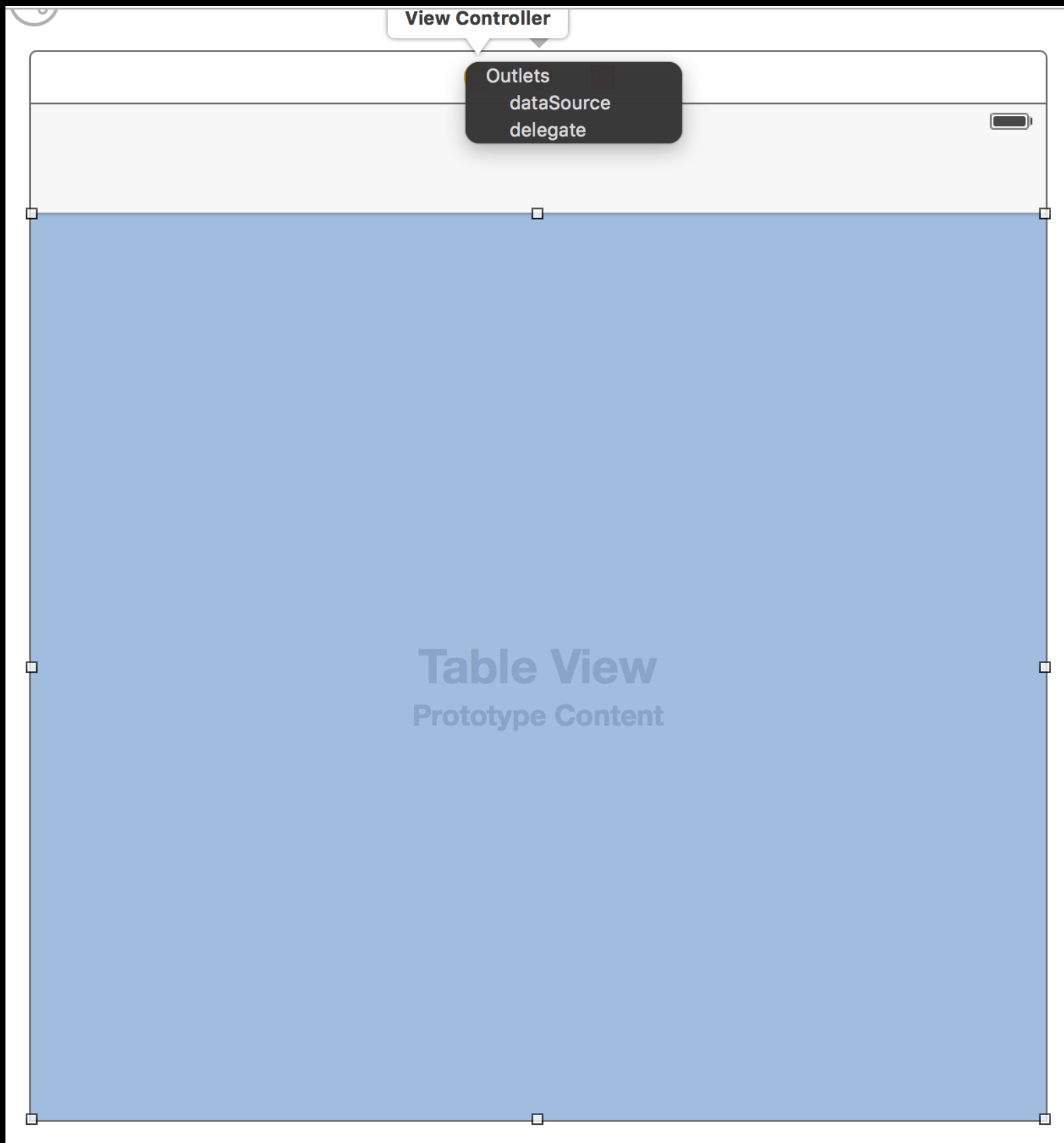
Open up `Main.storyboard`. Select the view controller by its yellow dot, and click **Editor > Embed In > Navigation Controller**.



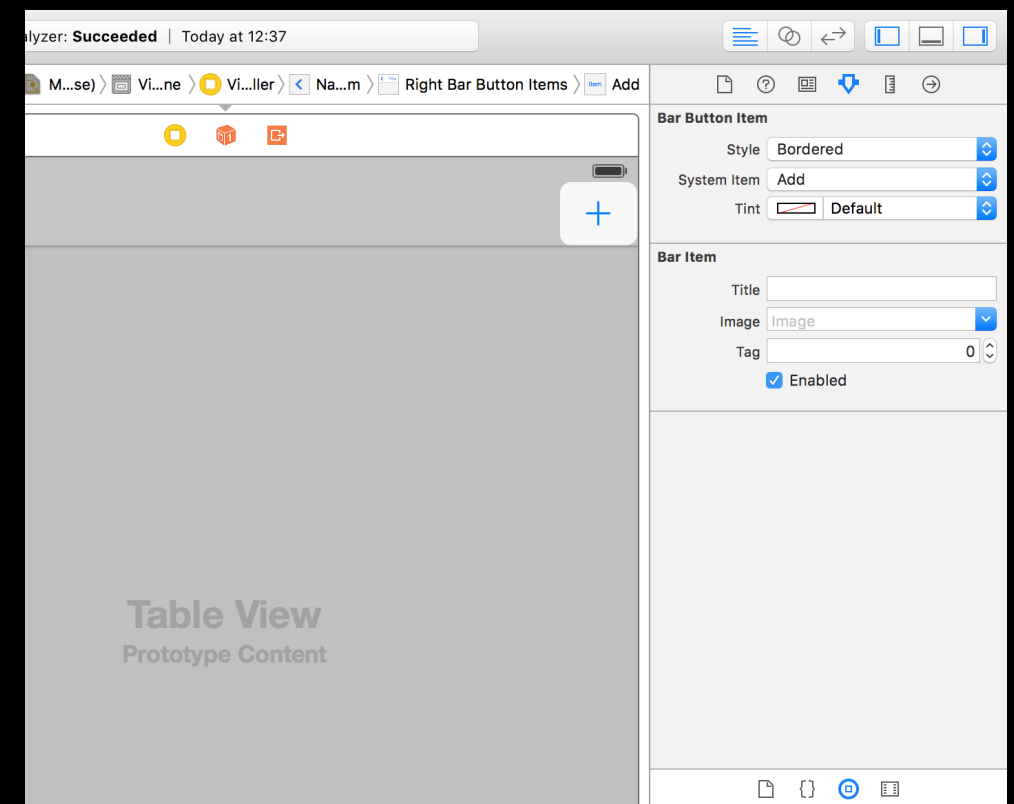
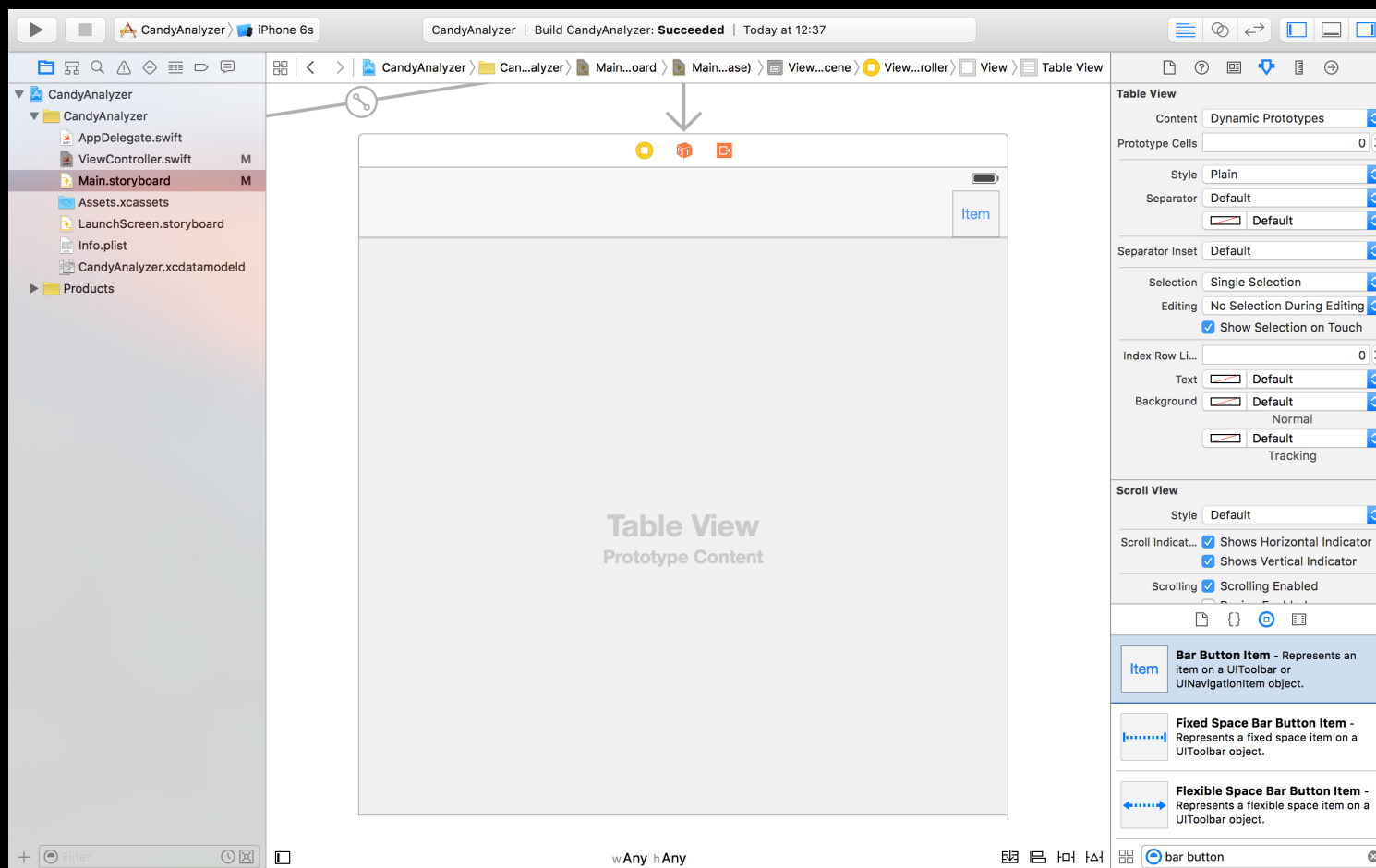
From the Objects pane in the bottom right, drag a table view into our view controller.



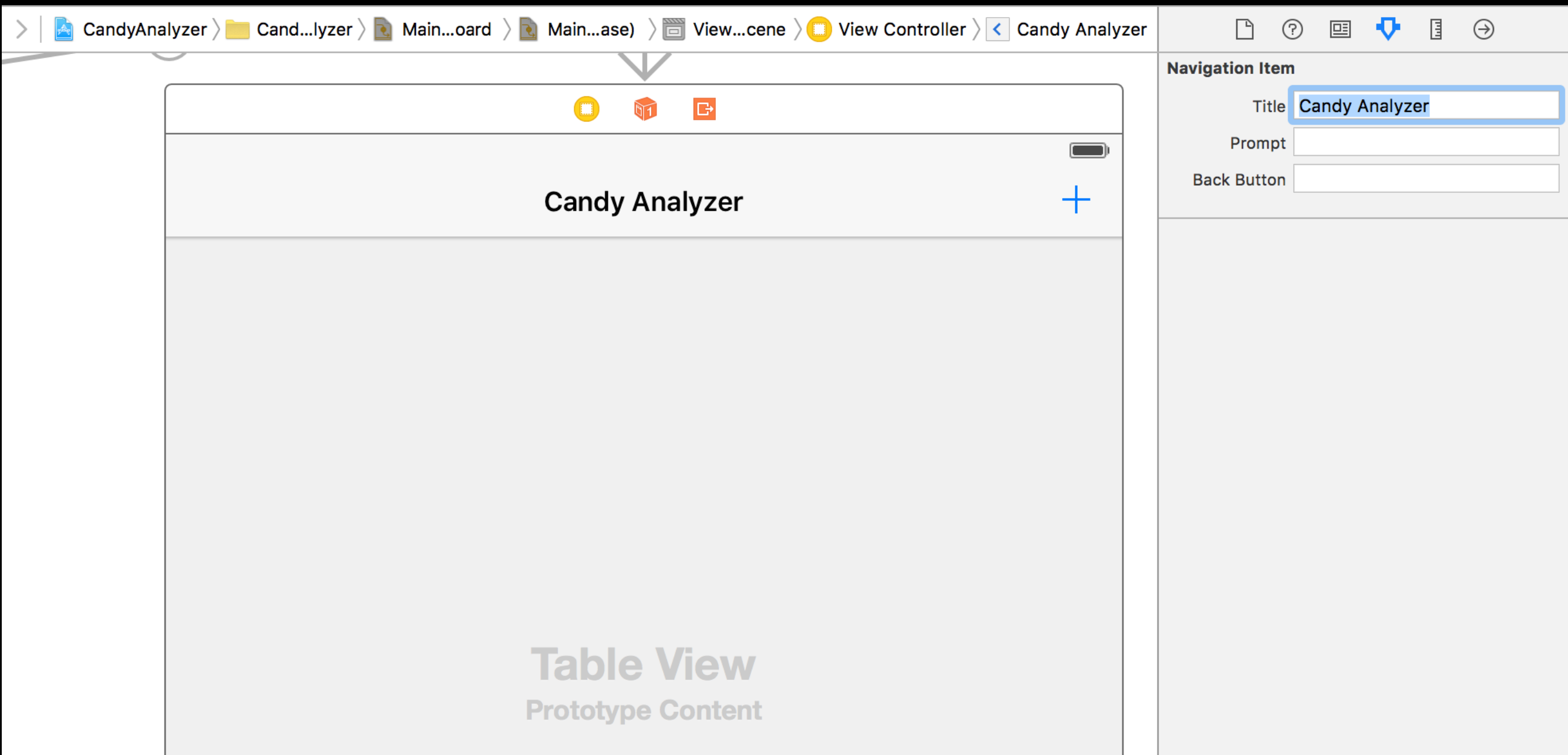
Let's make the table view fill the screen. With the table view selected, click the square button in the bottom right and add the constraints shown here.



It should now fill the screen. Control-drag from the table view to the yellow view controller circle, and select both **dataSource** and **delegate**.

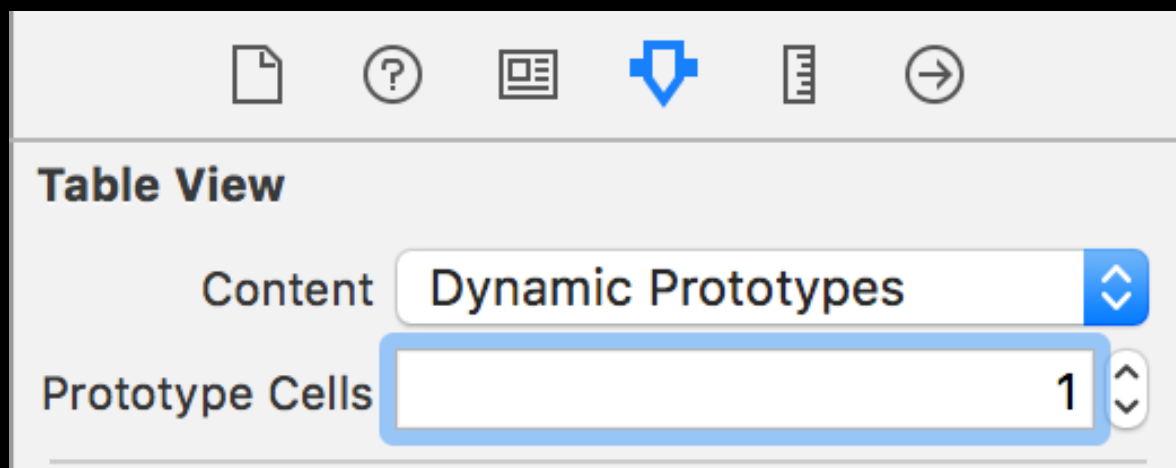


Now, drag a **Bar Button Item** out onto the navigation bar.  
In the attributes inspector (the 4th tab in the right panel),  
change its **System Item** to **Add**.



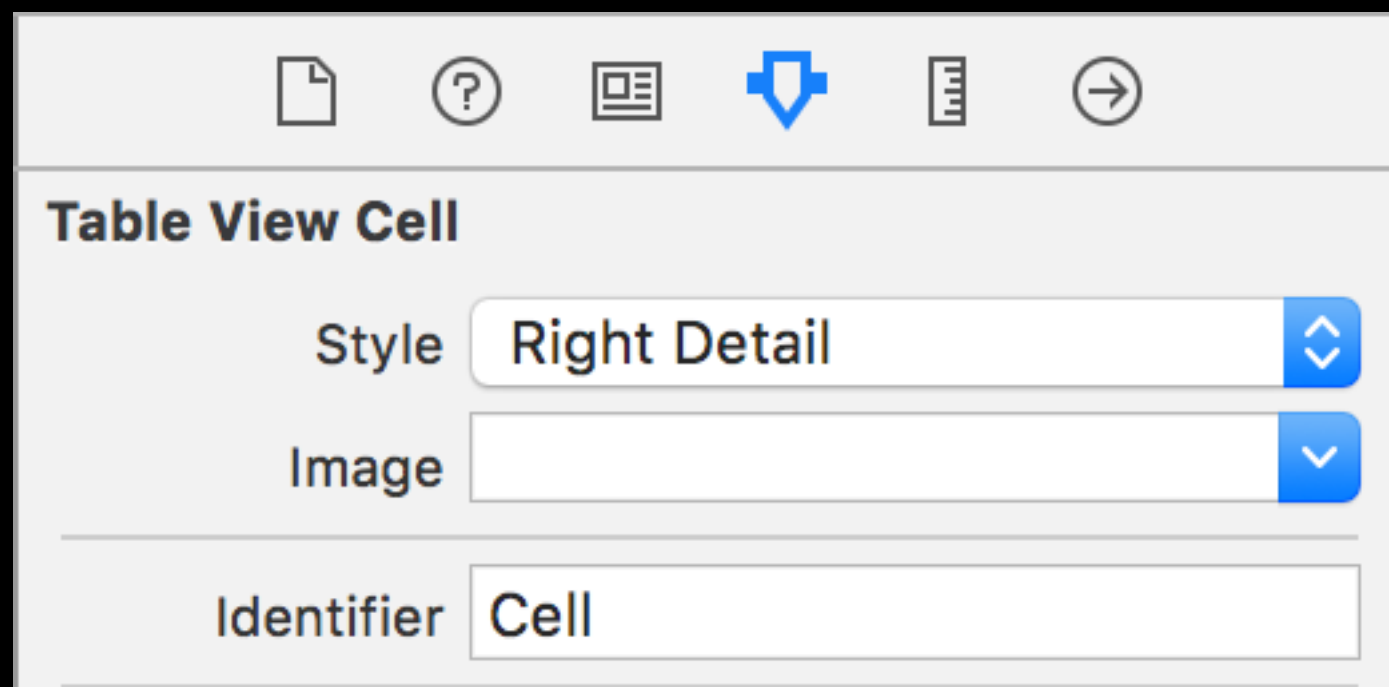
Select the top navigation bar itself, and change its **Title** to **Candy Analyzer**.

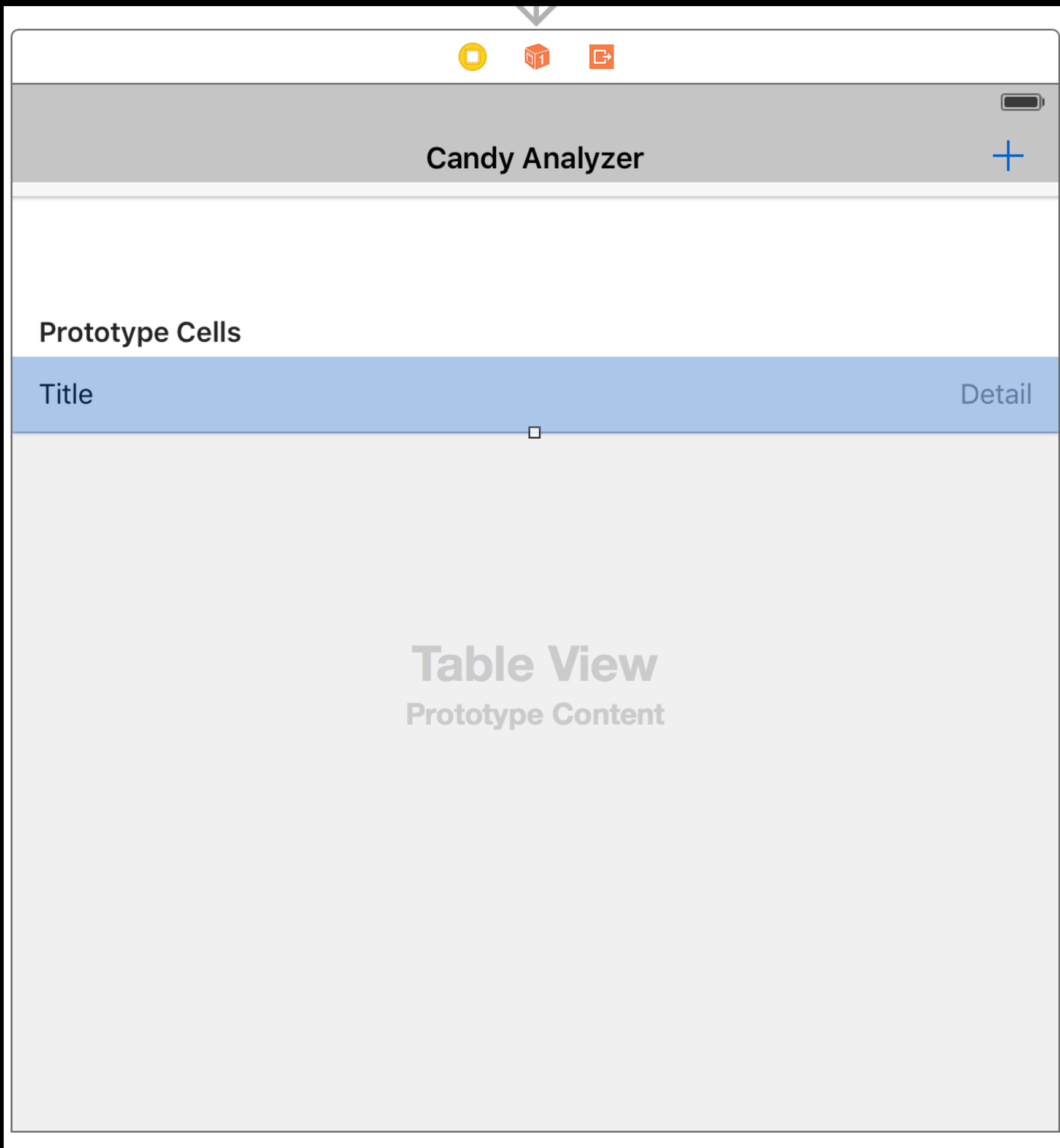




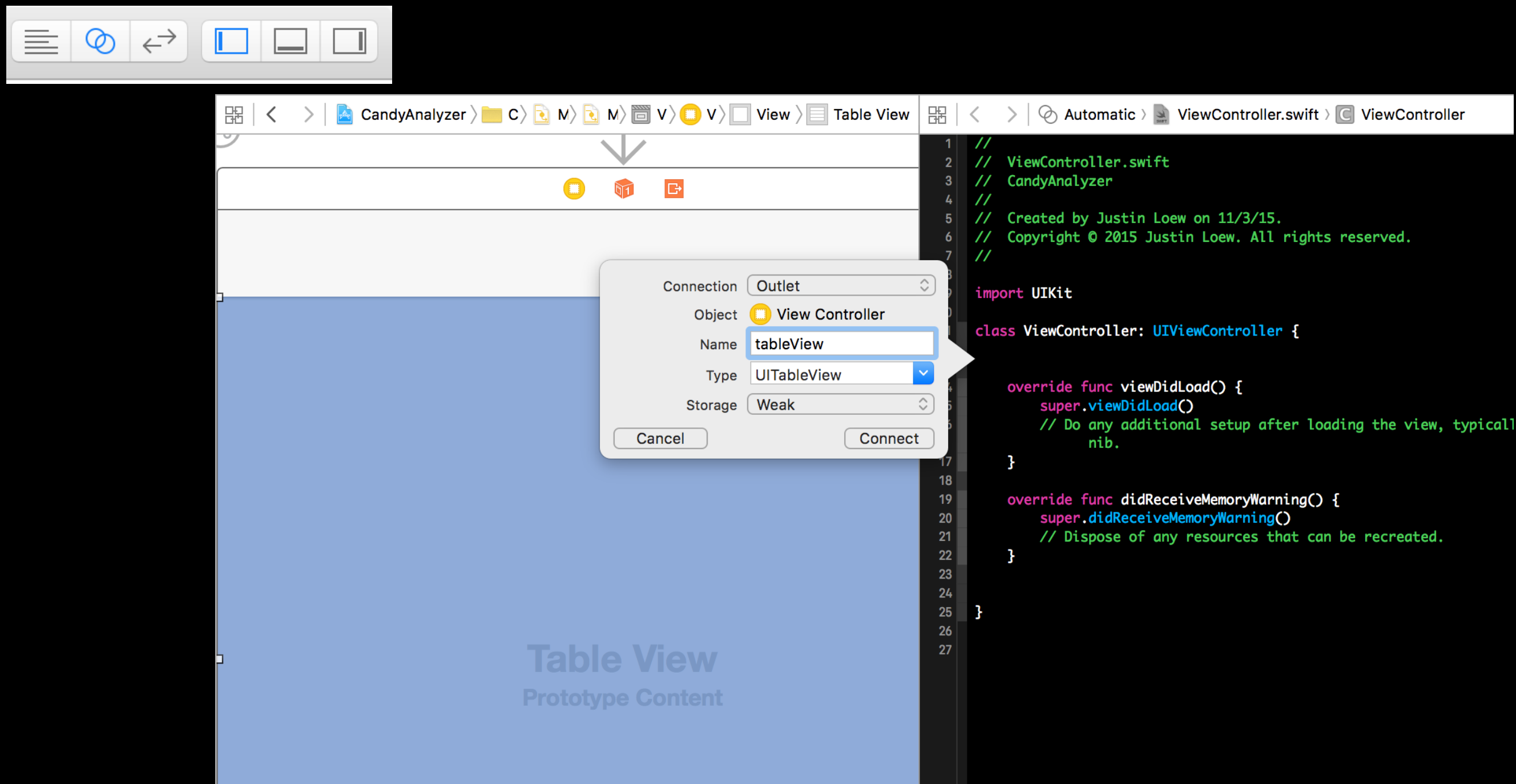
Select the table view again. In the attributes inspector, change its **Prototype Cells** from 0 to 1.

Select the cell that just appeared, and change its **Style** to **Right Detail**. Change its **Identifier** to **Cell**.

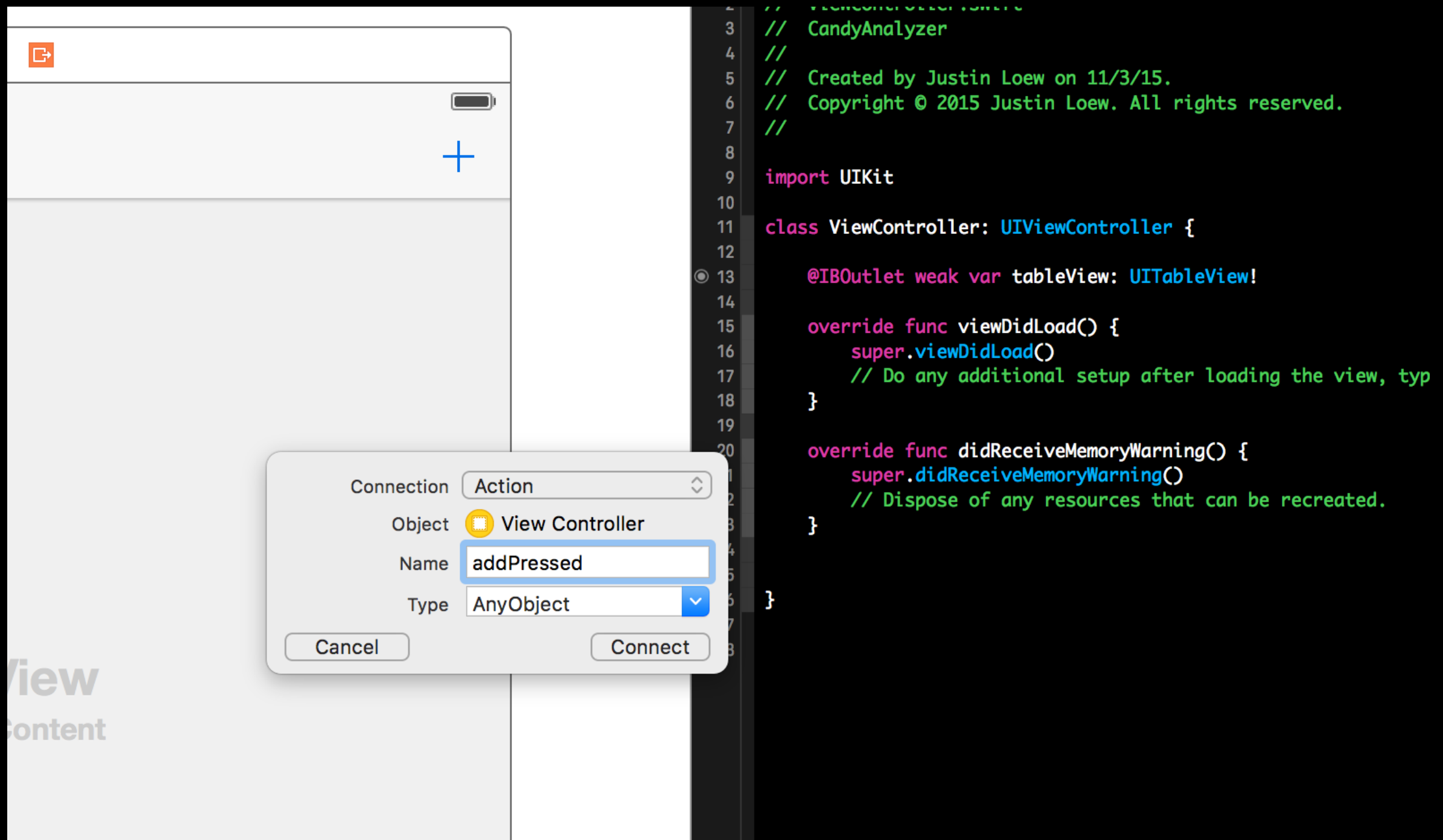




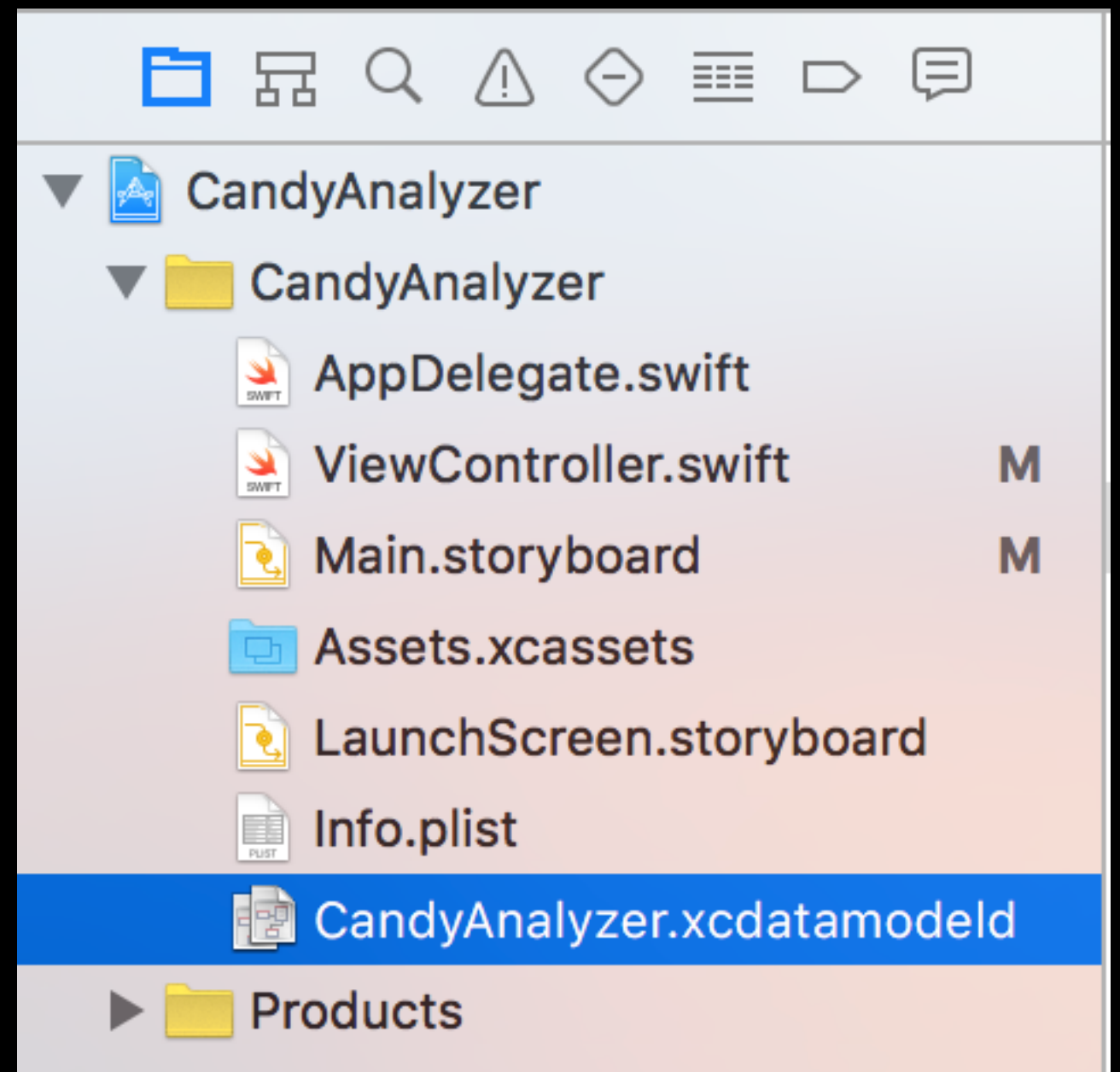
Your storyboard should now look like this.



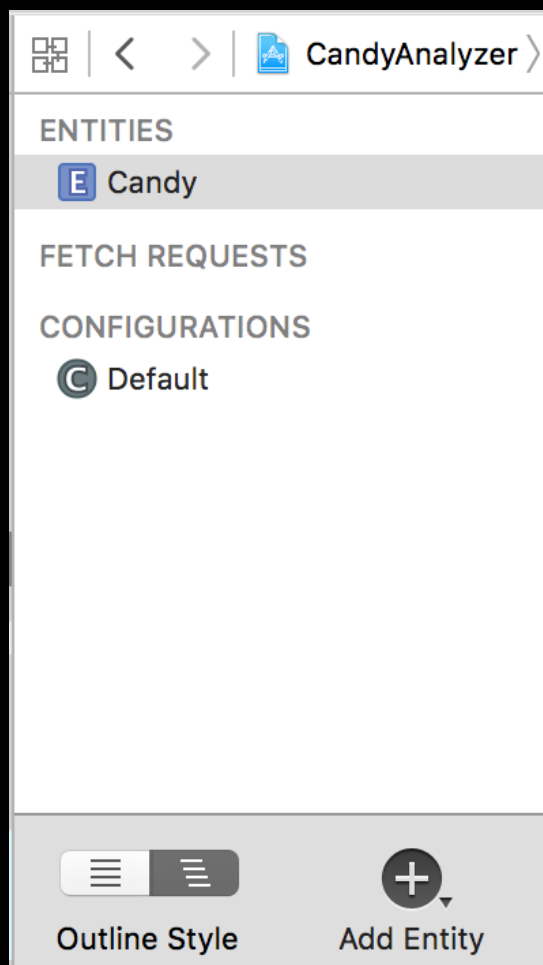
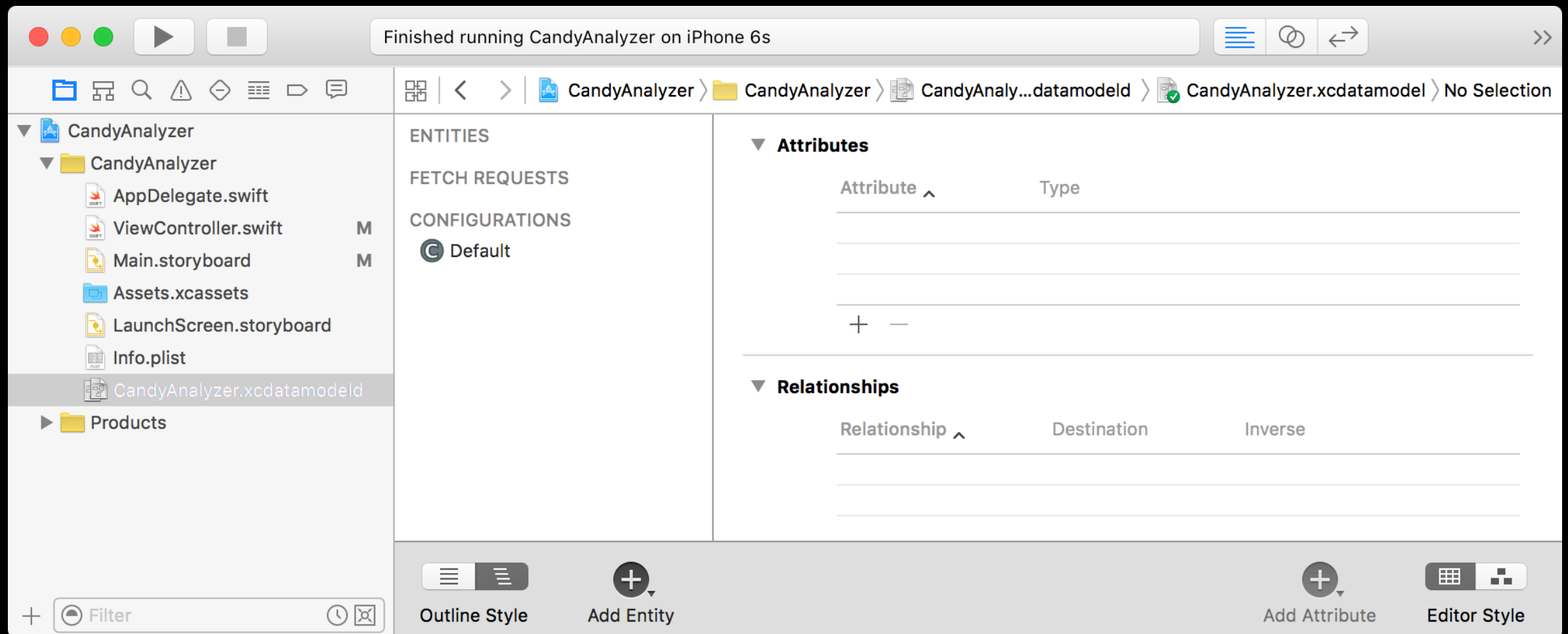
Open the assistant editor (the linked rings in the top right). Control-drag from the table view into the **ViewController** class, just above `viewDidLoad`. Create an `Outlet` of type `UITableView` called `tableView`.



Control-drag from the + button to below `didReceiveMemoryWarning` to create an Action whose Name is `addPressed`.



Switch back to the normal editor, and open `CandyAnalyzer.xcdatamodeld`. We're going to set up our Core Data model.



Choose the nested outline style in the bottom left and the grid editor style in the bottom right. Click **Add Entity** and rename it to **Candy**.

An entity is kind of like a class. It's got different attributes (properties) that describe it.

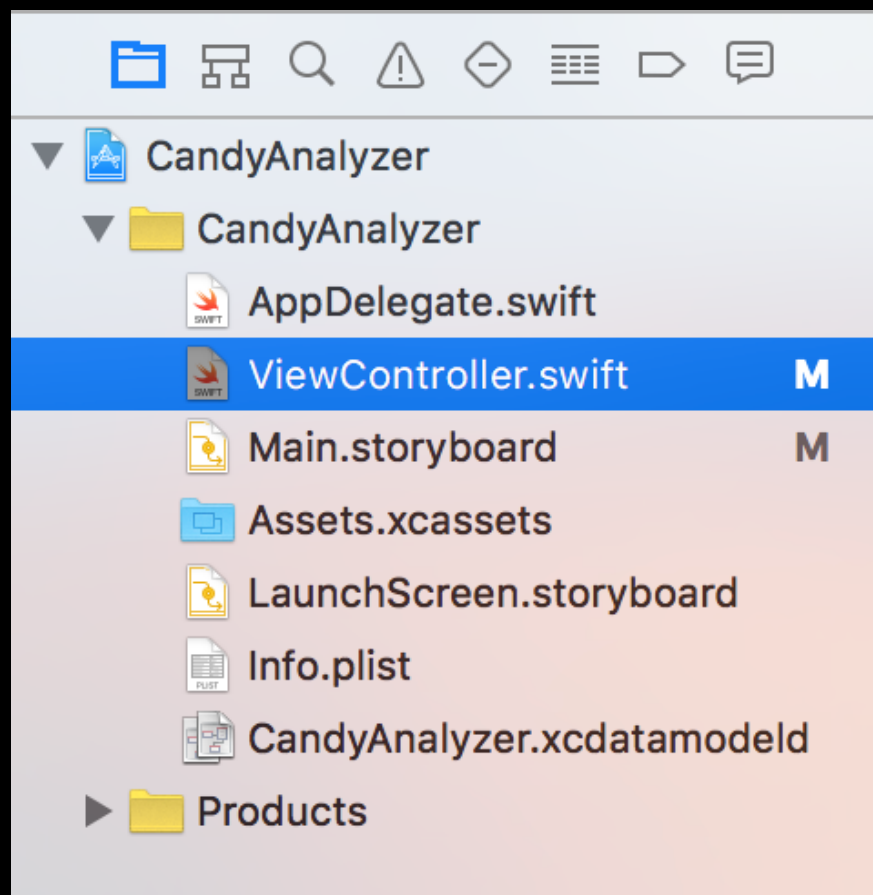
We just have to tell Core Data what we want our entity to have in it, and Core Data will take care of figuring out how to save our entities into its database.

ENTITIES	▼ Attributes		
<b>E</b> Candy	Attribute ^	Type	
FETCH REQUESTS	<b>S</b> name	String	↕
CONFIGURATIONS	<b>N</b> numberEaten	Integer 32	↕
<b>C</b> Default	+ -		

Our Candy entity will have two attributes:

- A name, to describing what kind of candy it is, and
- A number, to describe how many of this type of candy we've eaten





```
12 class ViewController: UIViewController {  
13  
14     @IBOutlet weak var tableView: UITableView!  
15     var candyData = [NSManagedObject]()  
16 }
```

Now that we've defined our model, we can start work on putting it on-screen. Switch to your `ViewController.swift`. Below the `tableView`, add an array of `NSManagedObjects` called `candyData`. This will hold all the types of candy Core Data saves.

`NSManagedObject` is a class that Core Data uses to save things. Pretty much any time you see `managed`, it's something to do with Core Data.

```
12 class ViewController: UIViewController, UITableViewDataSource, UITableViewDelegate {
```

At the top of your ViewController, make it into a table view data source, so the table view can ask us what to put for each row, and make it a table view delegate, so the table view can ask us what to do when the user taps a row. Don't worry about the error, we'll take care of that right now.

```

85
86 // MARK - Table View Data Source
87
88 func tableView(tableView: UITableView, numberOfRowsInSection section: Int) -> Int {
89     return candyData.count
90 }
91
92 func tableView(tableView: UITableView, cellForRowAtIndexPath indexPath: NSIndexPath) -> UITableViewCell {
93     let cell = tableView.dequeueReusableCellWithIdentifier("Cell")!
94
95     let candy = candyData[indexPath.row]
96     cell.textLabel?.text = candy.valueForKey("name") as? String
97     let numberEaten = candy.valueForKey("numberEaten") as? Int
98     cell.detailTextLabel?.text = "\ (numberEaten!)"
99
100     return cell
101 }

```

Below the empty **addPressed** function we created earlier, add this code to give the table view data to display.

Notice how we have to call **valueForKey** and cast to get the name of the candy from an **NSManagedObject**. This is because **NSManagedObject** has to work for everybody's Core Data apps, not just ours.

```
// MARK - Table View Delegate
```

```
func tableView(tableView: UITableView, didSelectRowAtIndexPath indexPath: NSIndexPath) {  
    let candy = candyData[indexPath.row]  
    // add one piece of candy  
    let numberEaten = candy.valueForKey("numberEaten") as? Int  
    candy.setValue(numberEaten! + 1, forKey: "numberEaten")  
    // without this, the candy the user tapped would stay gray  
    tableView.deselectRowAtIndexPath(indexPath, animated: true)  
    // show the new number on-screen  
    tableView.reloadData()  
}
```

Below that, add this function, which is called whenever the user taps on a row of the table view. We'll increment the number of pieces of candy the user tapped.

```

27 @IBAction func addPressed(sender: AnyObject) {
28     let alert = UIAlertController(title: "Add New Candy", message: "Add a new type of candy", preferredStyle: .Alert)
29
30     let addNewCandyAction = UIAlertAction(title: "Add", style: .Default) { (action) -> Void in
31         let textField = alert.textFields!.first!
32
33         // 0 because we don't know if we have any of this candy yet.
34         self.saveCandy(named: textField.text!, number: 0)
35
36         self.tableView.reloadData() // make sure the new candy shows up on-screen
37     }
38
39     let cancelAction = UIAlertAction(title: "Cancel", style: .Cancel, handler: nil)
40
41     alert.addAction(addNewCandyAction)
42     alert.addAction(cancelAction)
43
44     // add a text field to the alert so we can type out a name for the new candy
45     alert.addTextFieldWithConfigurationHandler(nil)
46
47     presentViewController(alert, animated: true, completion: nil)
48 }

```

Let's fill out the `addPressed` function we created earlier. Whenever the user taps the add button, we'll pop up an alert for the user to type in the name of the new candy.

```

68 func saveCandy(named name: String, number: Int) {
69     let appDelegate = UIApplication.sharedApplication().delegate as! AppDelegate
70     let managedContext = appDelegate.managedObjectContext
71
72     let entity = NSEntityDescription.entityForName("Candy", inManagedObjectContext: managedContext)!
73     let candy = NSManagedObject(entity: entity, insertIntoManagedObjectContext: managedContext)
74
75     candy.setValue(name, forKey: "name")
76     candy.setValue(number, forKey: "numberEaten")
77
78     // save the new candy
79     do {
80         try managedContext.save()
81         candyData.append(candy)
82     } catch let error as NSError {
83         print("Could not save: \(error)")
84     }
85 }

```

Below `addPressed`, create a new function called `saveCandy`. This creates a new kind of candy and tells Core Data to start keeping track of it. This is a bit more advanced, so if you don't really understand what it's doing here or how it works, that's fine. Just know that it works.

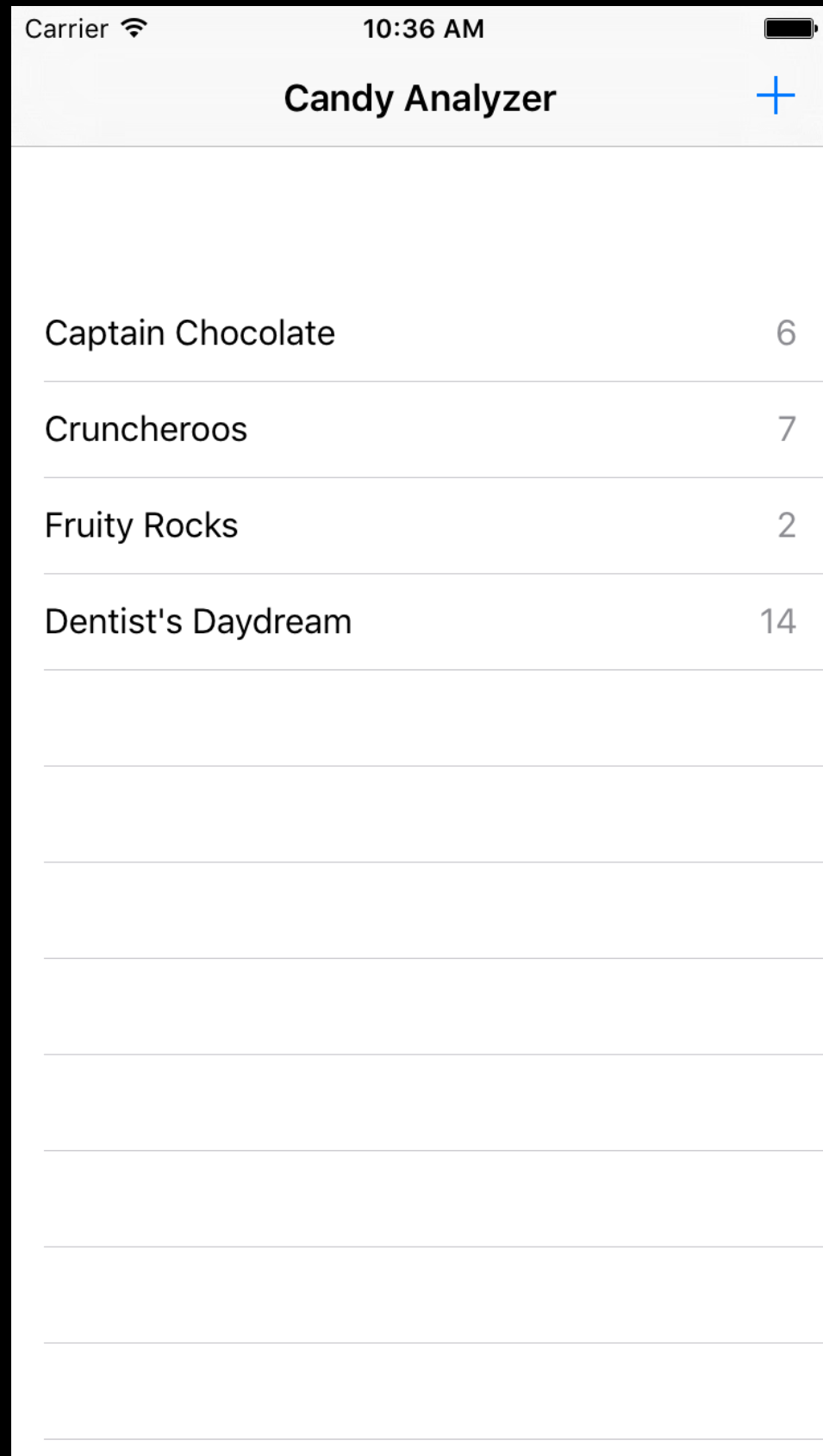


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17  override func viewDidLoad() {
18      super.viewDidLoad()
19      // Do any additional setup after loading the view, typically from a nib.
20  }
21
22  override func viewWillAppear(animated: Bool) {
23      super.viewWillAppear(animated)
24
25      let appDelegate = UIApplication.sharedApplication().delegate as! AppDelegate
26      let managedContext = appDelegate.managedObjectContext
27
28      let fetchRequest = NSFetchRequest(entityName: "Candy")
29
30      do {
31          let results = try managedContext.executeFetchRequest(fetchRequest)
32          candyData = results as! [NSManagedObject]
33      } catch let error as NSError {
34          print("Unable to fetch: \(error)")
35      }
36  }
37
38  override func didReceiveMemoryWarning() {
39      super.didReceiveMemoryWarning()
40      // Dispose of any resources that can be recreated.
41  }

```

Almost done, but we still need to load up our saved data when we first run. Between `viewDidLoad` and `didReceiveMemoryWarning`, add this `viewWillAppear` function.



That's it! Give it a whirl. Tap the add button to create a new kind of candy, and tap the name of the candy to increment the number of pieces of that candy you have.

Troubleshooting tip: if it crashes as soon as you run it, try deleting the app from the phone and running it again. This deletes anything that Core Data may have saved.