COMS W3101: Programming for iOS

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Images, ScrollViews, and Frameworks

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Ullmage

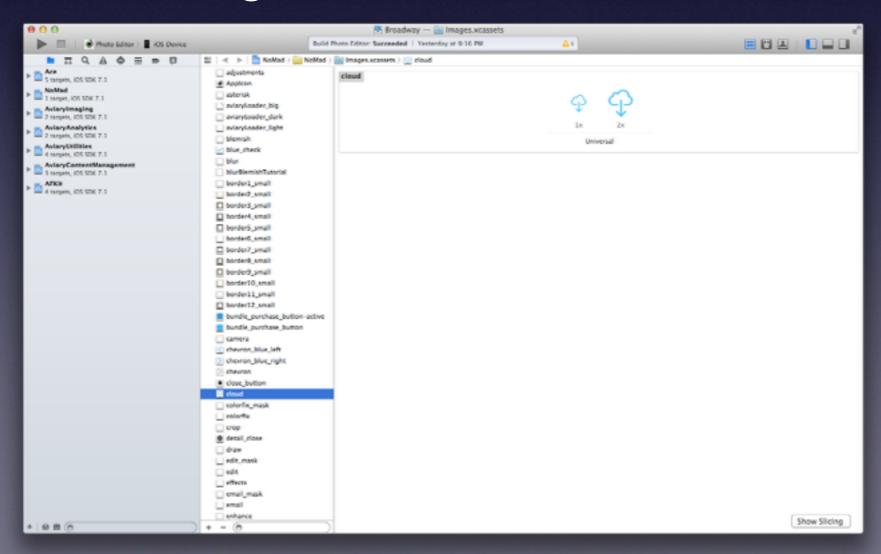
- Ullmage is UlKit's object used to represent image data
- Images can be created in a number of ways:
 - Read from a file on disk
 - Created from data downloaded off the network
 - Drawn using Core Graphics
- Ullmage instances are immutable
- Instances do not provide access to the raw data that represents the image
 - You can get NSData representations by using the UllmagePNGRepresentation and UllmageJPGRepresentation functions

Using Bundled Images

- Images are oftentimes essential for creating the UI of your app (e.g. icons, buttons)
- For each image to be used, you need two copies, one at the desired size and one at twice that resolution
 - The image with twice the resolution are used for devices with Retina screens
 - The naming convention for these images is:
 <image_name>.png and <image_name>@2x.png
- Images to be used in your app are added to the special
 Images.xcassets folder in your Xcode project

XCAssets

 Your Images.xcassets folder is a drag and drop based system for organizing your retina and non-retina images



Accessing and Displaying Images

- Accessing an app's bundled images is done through the +imageNamed: class method on Ullmage
- Creating an image from data is done through the -initWithData: initializer
- UllmageView is UlKit's builtin class for displaying image in your interface
 - A useful property is the view's contentMode, which allows customization of the stretching of the image
 - UIViewContentModeScaleToFill, UIViewContentModeScaleAspectFit, UIViewContentModeScaleAspectFill

Accessing a User's Images

- UllmagePickerController is a builtin VC for taking pictures and choosing from pictures saved to the camera
- Before presentation, changing the sourceType property adjusts the source of the images shown for the use to choose
- Adjusting the mediaTypes property allows configuration of whether to allow the user to choose photos, videos or both

UllmagePickerControllerDelegate

- UllmagePickerController instances' delegate object must conform to both the UlNavigationControllerDelegate and the UllmagePickerViewControllerDelegate properties
- The UllmagePickerViewControllerDelegate has two methods for responding to the controller actions:
 - -imagePickerController:didFinishPickingMediaWithInfo:
 - imagePickerDidCancel:

UllmagePickerControllerDelegate

- -imagePickerController:didFinishPickingMediaWithInfo:
 - This method returns a dictionary that contains all of the information regarding the media that was chosen by the user
 - In most cases, you will want the Ullmage representation of the image and can get it using the UllmagePickerControllerOriginalImage key
- imagePickerDidCancel:
- Both methods are responsible for dismissing the image picker

UIScrollView

- UIScrollView is a UIView subclass that provides support for displaying content that is larger than the view's frame
- A scroll view's **bounds** define a viewport onto the content contained in it
- Scroll Views contain gesture recognizers that handle the user's interaction with scrolling around that content

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- The scroll view's **contentSize** property represents the size of the canvas that a user can scroll within
- The scroll view's contentOffset property is the origin of the view port which is currently being displayed by the scrollview
 - This is also the origin of the scroll view's bounds property
 - Scrolling around the content is simply adjusting the contentOffset





Content Size

NSNotificationCenter

- NSNotificationCenter is used to broadcast information within your app
 - Oftentimes used by model objects to alert potential observers of changes
 - Also used by UIKit to provide notification of changes to device orientation and keyboard status
- Access the shared notification center with the +defaultCenter class method

NSNotificationCenter

- Adding an observer for a notification is done with the
 -addObserver:selector:name:object: instance method
 - The observer is the object which will have the selector called on it
 - name is a string value which uniquely identifies the notification type
 - By specifying an object, you will only receive notifications posted by that object. This is typically nil

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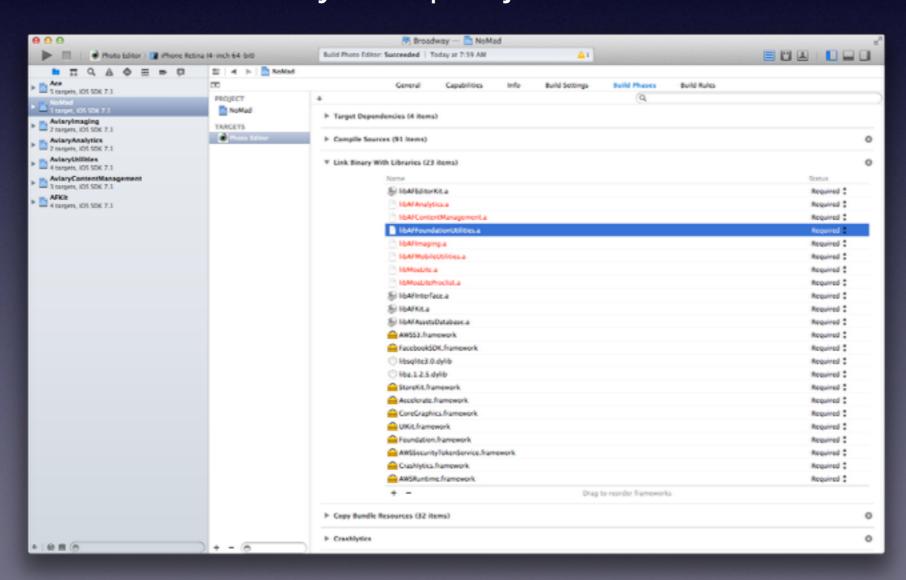
- You must deregister an observer before it is deallocated using the -removeObserver: instance method
 - This is typically done by overriding the
 -dealloc method of your observing object
- To post a custom notification, use the -postNotificationName:object: instance method

Frameworks and Libraries

- Frameworks and libraries allow you to add additional functionality to your app that are provided by Apple or Third-parties
- In the iOS 7 SDK, there are over a hundred Apple provided frameworks that allow you to do things like send SMSs, work with SQLite databases, use the deice's bluetooth hardware, etc
- Third parties like Facebook or Aviary use
 Frameworks to ship their SDKs to developers

Adding Frameworks

 Adding a Framework or library is done in the Build Phases of your project file:



Accessing a Framework

 Once you have added a framework to your project file, you can reference it in code by importing the framework header:

```
// Importing the header for the Core Data framework
#import <CoreData/CoreData.h>

// Importing the Facebook SDK
#import <FacebookSDK/FacebookSDK.h>

// Importing Aviary's SDK
#import <AviarySDK/AviarySDK.h>
```