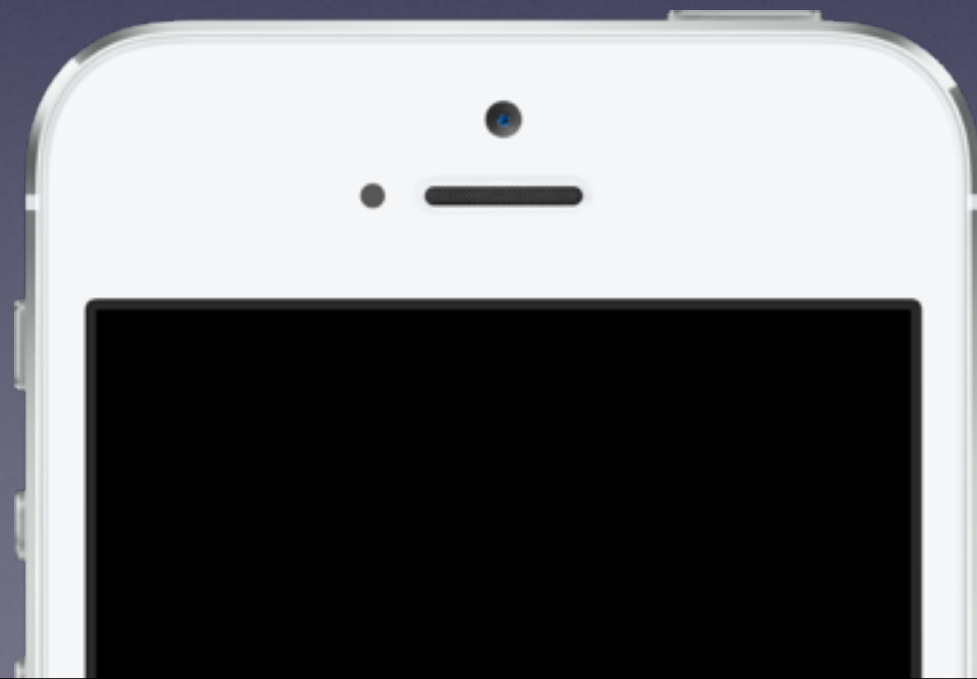


# COMS W3101: Programming for iOS

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# Course Goals

- Walk away with the toolset to build real world apps
- Focus on a foundation in Objective-C and core iOS concepts and frameworks
- Exposure to real-world problem domains and app categories
- A resource for transitioning from academic coding to professional coding

# Course Prerequisites

- Fluency in at least one programming language
- Strong understanding of Object-Oriented programming
- Familiarity with Model-View-Controller architecture

# Course Structure

- Each class is going to be a mixture of lecture and demo
  - Will be posted to the course Github page
    - <http://columbia-w3103-ios.github.io/>
  - Will focus on the building blocks of an iOS app
- One course long project
  - We're going to build a note taking app
  - There will be a set of features that your app must have
  - Over the course of the semester you'll gain the skills you need



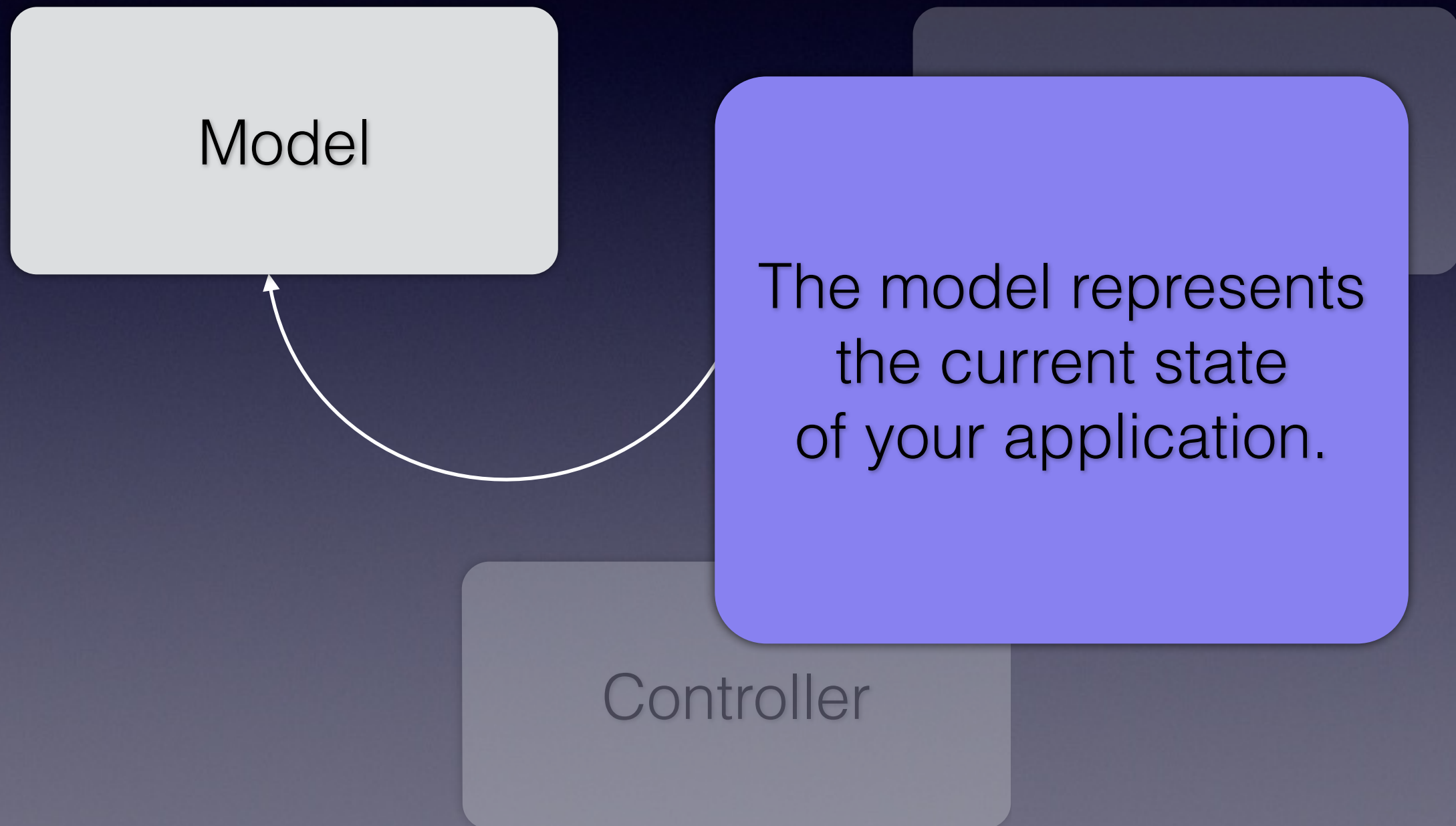
# Model-View-Controller

Model

View

Controller

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The view is how  
your application  
displays its state to  
the user.

View

Controller



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Model

The controller mediates the communication between the model and the view.

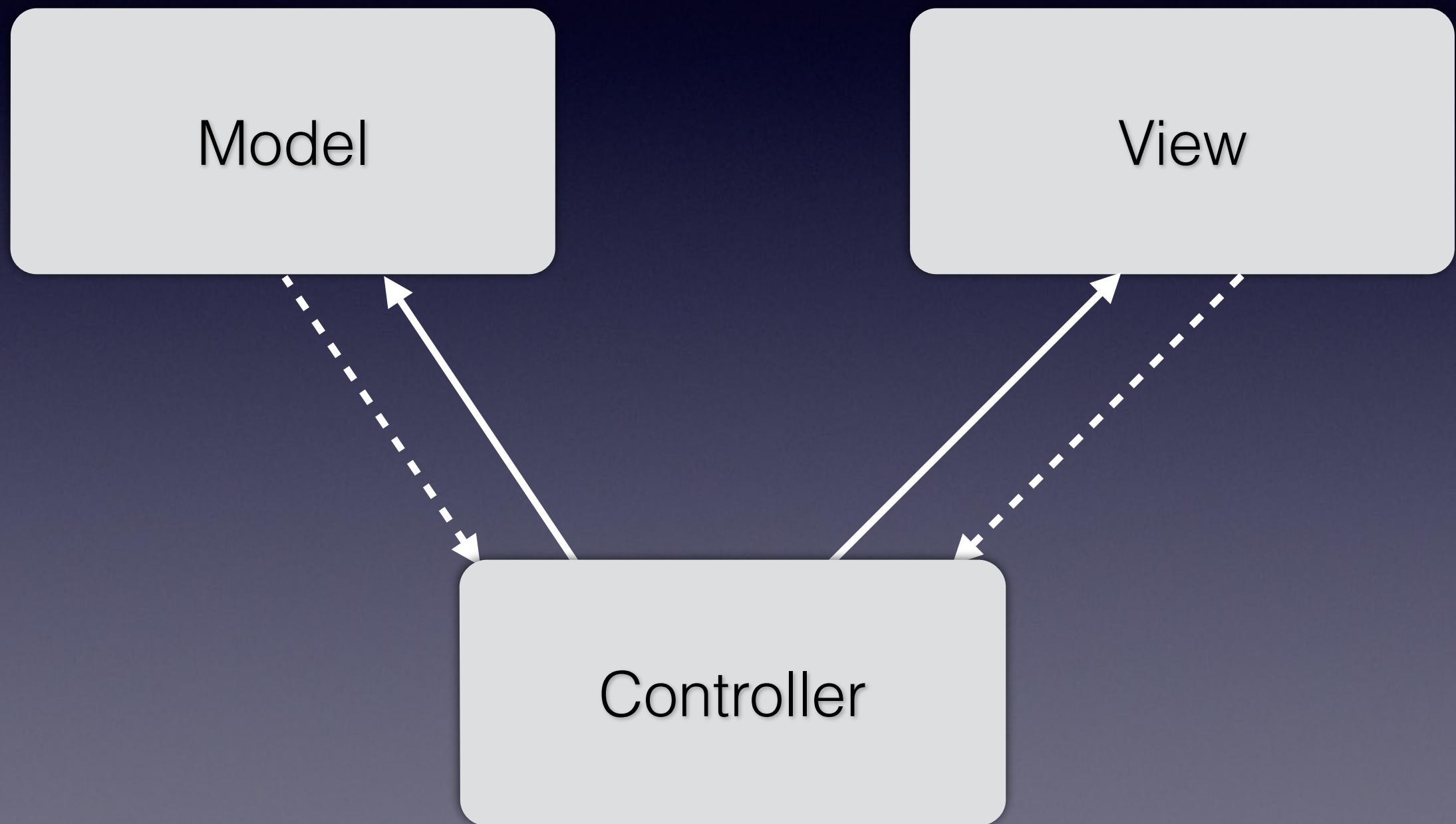
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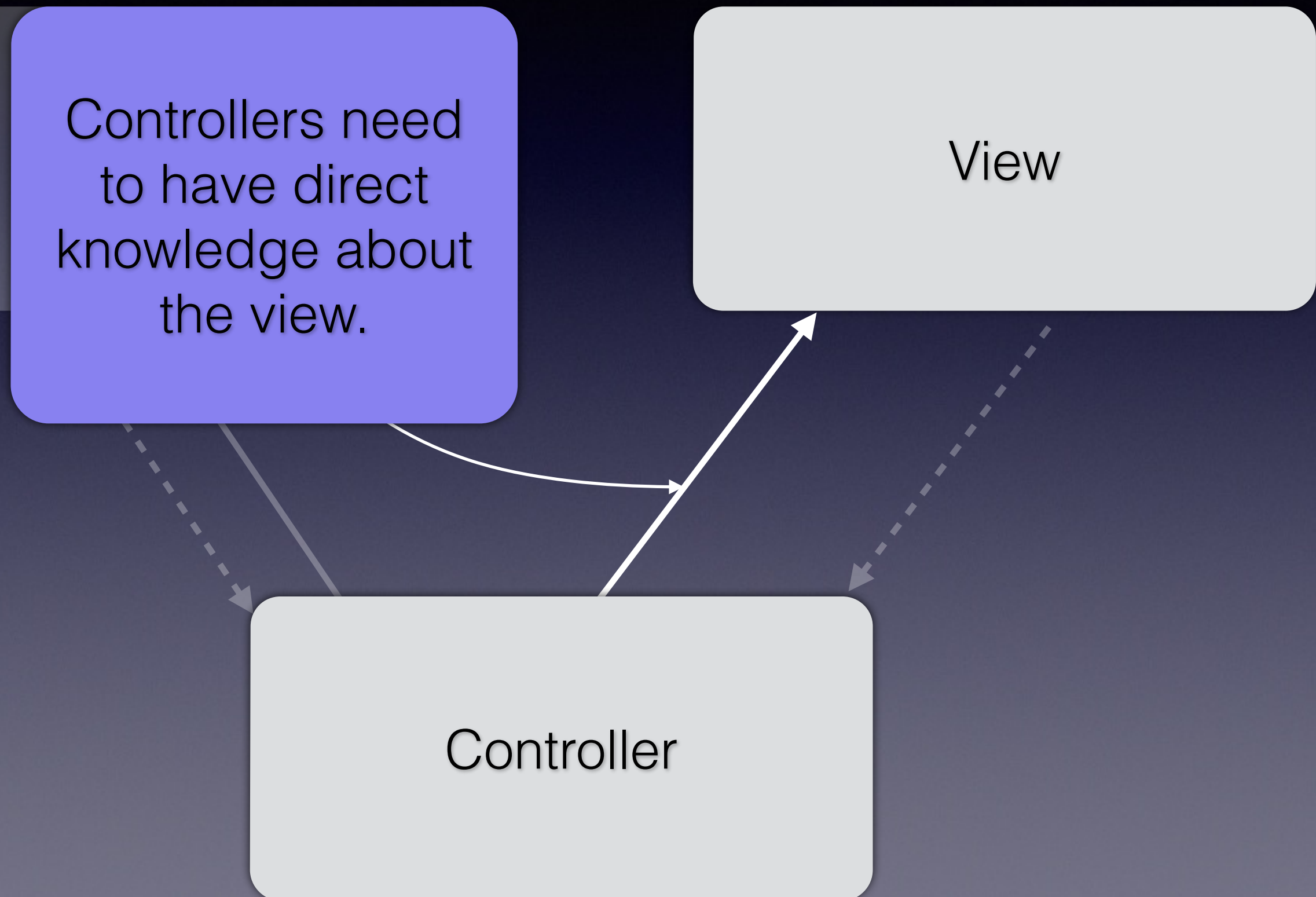
The diagram illustrates the MVC pattern. It features three main components: a dark gray rounded rectangle labeled 'Model' on the left, a light gray rounded rectangle labeled 'Controller' at the bottom center, and a large blue rounded rectangle on the right containing descriptive text. A curved white arrow points from the bottom of the blue box to the right side of the 'Controller' box, indicating that the controller mediates communication between the model and the view.



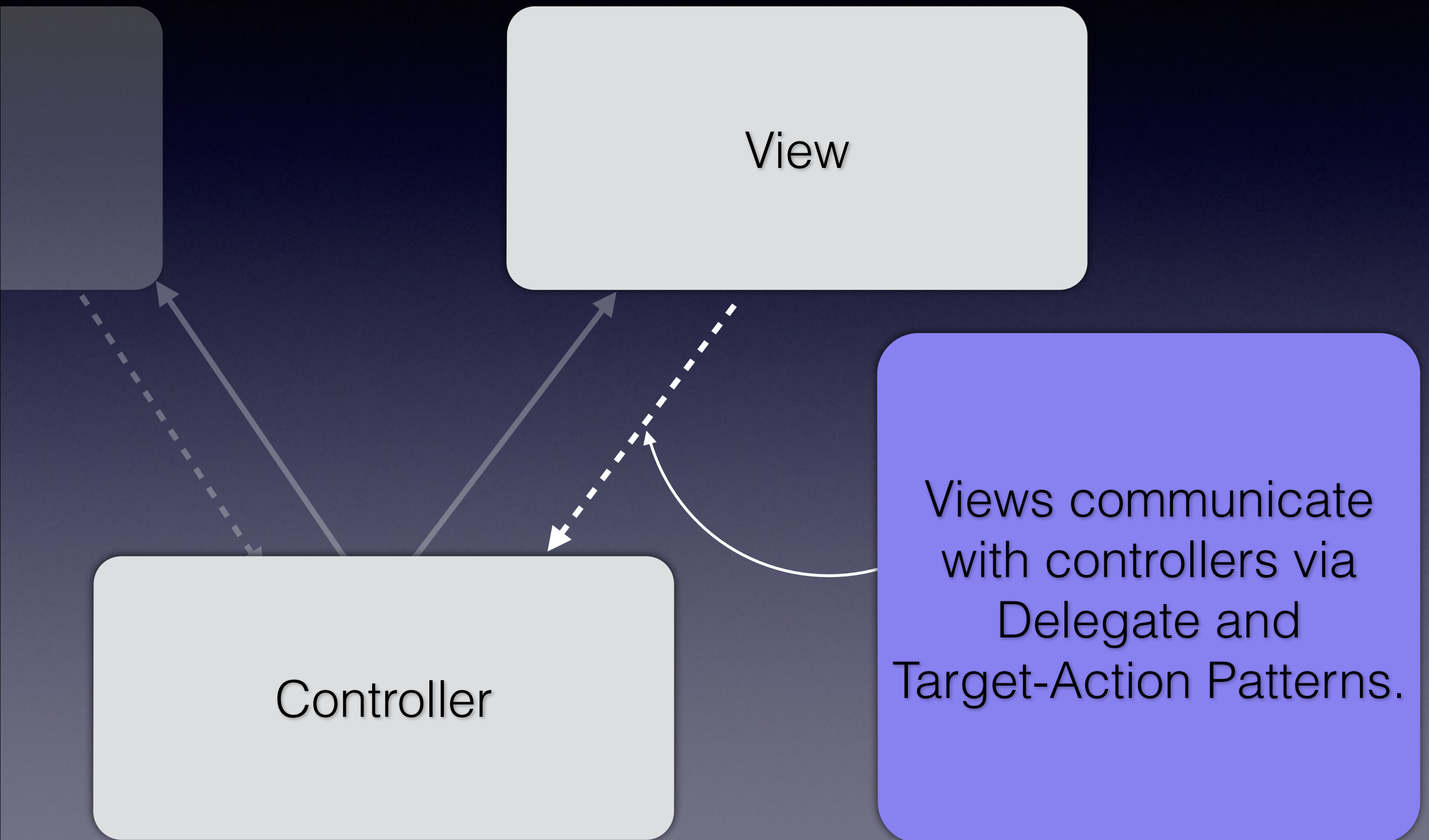
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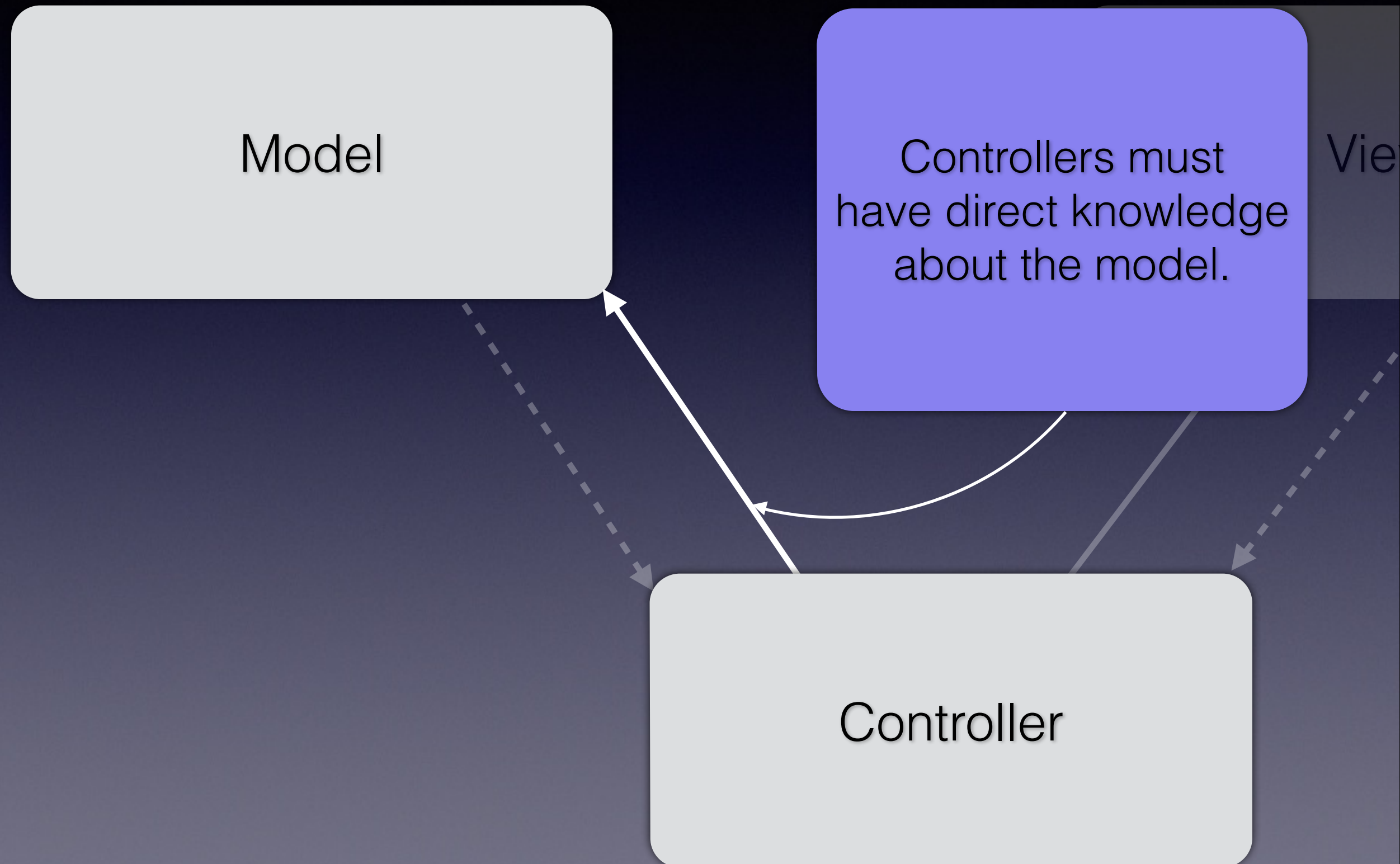
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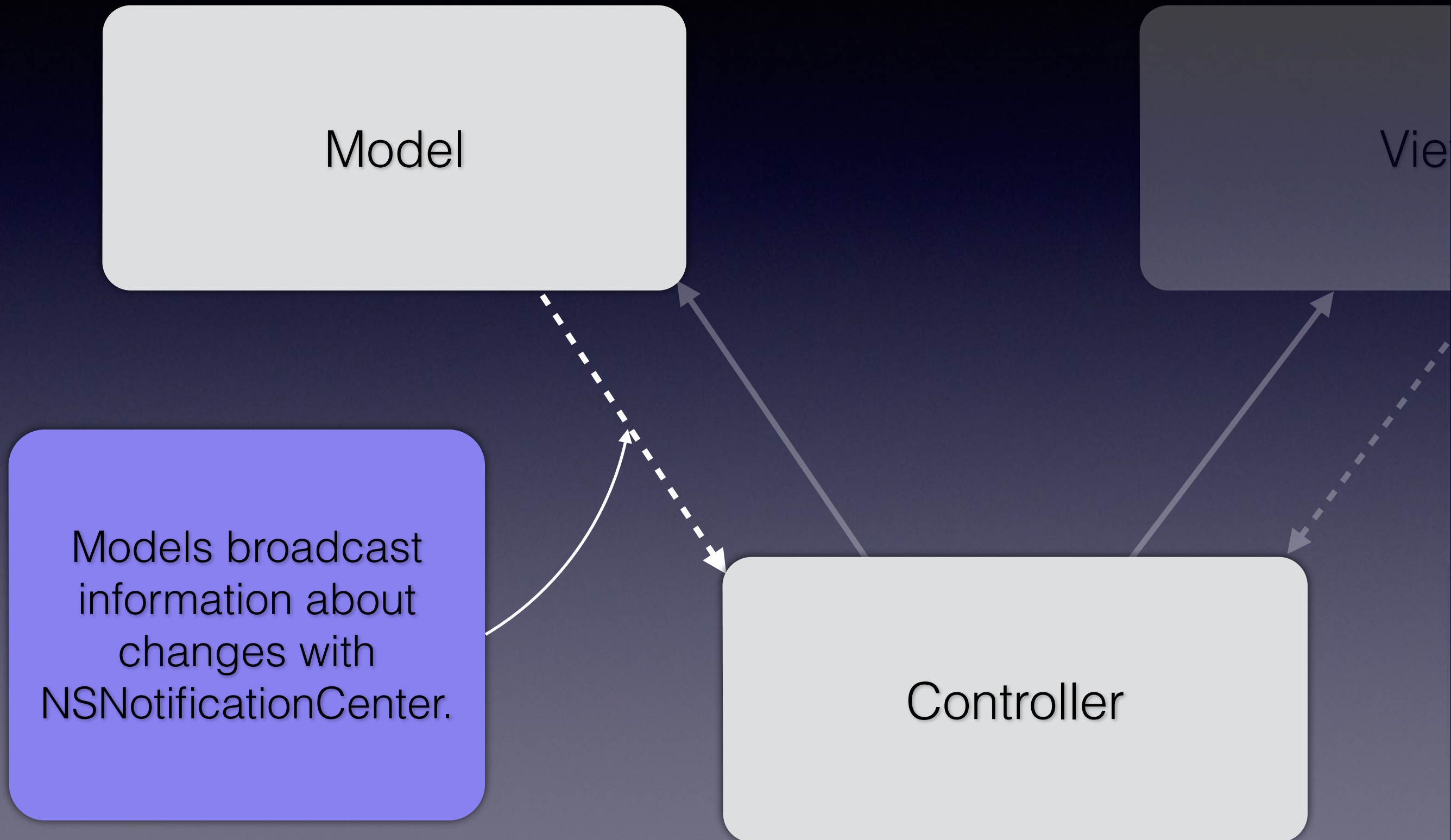
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Model

View

Models broadcast  
information about  
changes with  
NSNotificationCenter.

Controller



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MSVPowerPlant.h - [interface MSVPowerPlant]
1
2 #import <Foundation/Foundation.h>
3
4 @interface MSVPowerPlant : NSObject
5
6 // This is the basic declaration of a class called MSVPowerPlant
7 // it inherits from NSObject. Objects are defined in header files (.h)
8
9 @end
10

MSVPowerPlant.m - [implementation MSVPowerPlant]
1
2 #import "MSVPowerPlant.h"
3
4 @implementation MSVPowerPlant
5
6 // For every class defined, there is also an implementation
7 // which lives in the implementation file (.m)
8
9 @end
10
```



```
MSVPowerPlant.h
1 #import <Foundation/Foundation.h>
2
3 // We need to let the compiler know that there exists
4 // a class called MSVCity that we are going to use in our
5 // sendPowerToCity:amount: method. We do that with the @class
6 // directive
7 @class MSVCity;
8
9 @interface MSVPowerPlant : NSObject
10
11 // We define a method like this:
12 - (void)sendPowerToCity:(MSVCity *)city
13     amount:(double)powerInWatts;
14
15 // This method takes a city object and an amount of power
16 // to send it. It returns void.
17
18 @end
19
20 MSVPowerPlant.m
21 #import "MSVPowerPlant.h"
22
23 // We need to import the MSVCity header so that
24 // we can know the a MSVCity object's interface
25 #import "MSVCity.h"
26
27 @interface MSVPowerPlant ()
28
29 @end
30
31 @implementation MSVPowerPlant
32
33 // We implement methods like this:
34 - (void)sendPowerToCity:(MSVCity *)city amount:(double)powerInWatts
35 {
36     // We call methods like this:
37     [city addPower:powerInWatts];
38 }
39
40 @end
```



```
MSVPowerPlant.h
@interface MSVPowerPlant

#import <Foundation/Foundation.h>

@class MSVCity;

@interface MSVPowerPlant : NSObject

// Properties are how we define storage for an object to
// keep state in. When declaring a property, the compiler automatically
// generates a accessor and setter for us as well as an instance variable
// to store that information in.

@property (nonatomic) double currentPower;

- (void)sendPowerToCity:(MSVCity *)city
    amount:(double)powerInWatts;

@end

MSVPowerPlant.m
#import "MSVPowerPlant.h"
#import "MSVCity.h"

@interface MSVPowerPlant ()

@end

@implementation MSVPowerPlant

- (void)sendPowerToCity:(MSVCity *)city amount:(double)powerInWatts
{
    // The accessor method is just the name of the property. In ObjC
    // we do not prepend 'get' to the beginning of our accessors
    double currentPower = [self currentPower];

    if (currentPower >= powerInWatts) {

        // The setter method is the name of the property prepended by
        // 'set'

        [self setCurrentPower:(currentPower - powerInWatts)];

        [city addPower:powerInWatts];
    }
}

@end
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5
6 @interface MSVPowerPlant : NSObject
7
8 // Some properties should not be writable to outsiders.
9 // We restrict the writability of a property using 'readonly'.
10 // This means that only the accessor method is available outside of the class.
11
12 @property (nonatomic, readonly) double currentPower;
13
14 - (void)sendPowerToCity:(MSVCity *)city
15     amount:(double)powerInWatts;
16
17 @end
18
```

```
MSVPowerPlant.m
1
2 #import "MSVPowerPlant.h"
3 #import "MSVCity.h"
4
5 @interface MSVPowerPlant ()
6
7 // Since we still need to set the current power when sending power
8 // to a city, we need to have a writable property internal to the class.
9 // We do this by re-defining the property as writable inside the class extension
10
11 @property (nonatomic) double currentPower;
12
13 @end
14
15 @implementation MSVPowerPlant
16
17 - (void)sendPowerToCity:(MSVCity *)city amount:(double)powerInWatts
18 {
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23     if (currentPower >= powerInWatts) {
24
25         // The setter method is the name of the property prepended by
26         // 'set'
27
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13 {
14     // Properties are so important to the language that there is special syntax for accessing
15     // and setting them.
16
17     // Use dot-notation to access a property. This is equivalent to calling the accessor
18     // with the bracket notation.
19     double currentPower = self.currentPower;
20
21     if (currentPower >= powerInWatts) {
22
23         // You can also use dot-notation to write to a property. This is equivalent to calling
24         // the setter with bracket notation
25         self.currentPower = currentPower - powerInWatts;
26
27         [city addPower:powerInWatts];
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9
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11
12 // You can override the generated accessors and setters by providing
13 // your own method implementation
14
15 - (void)setCurrentPower:(double)currentPower
16 {
17     // _currentPower is the automatically generated instance variable for the currentPower
18     // property. All automatically generated instance variables will be of the form _(Property Name)
19
20     currentPower = MAX(currentPower, 0);
21     _currentPower = currentPower;
22 }
23
24 - (void)sendPowerToCity:(MSVCity *)city amount:(double)powerInWatts
25 {
26     double currentPower = self.currentPower;
27
28     if (currentPower >= powerInWatts) {
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