COMS W3101: Programming for iOS

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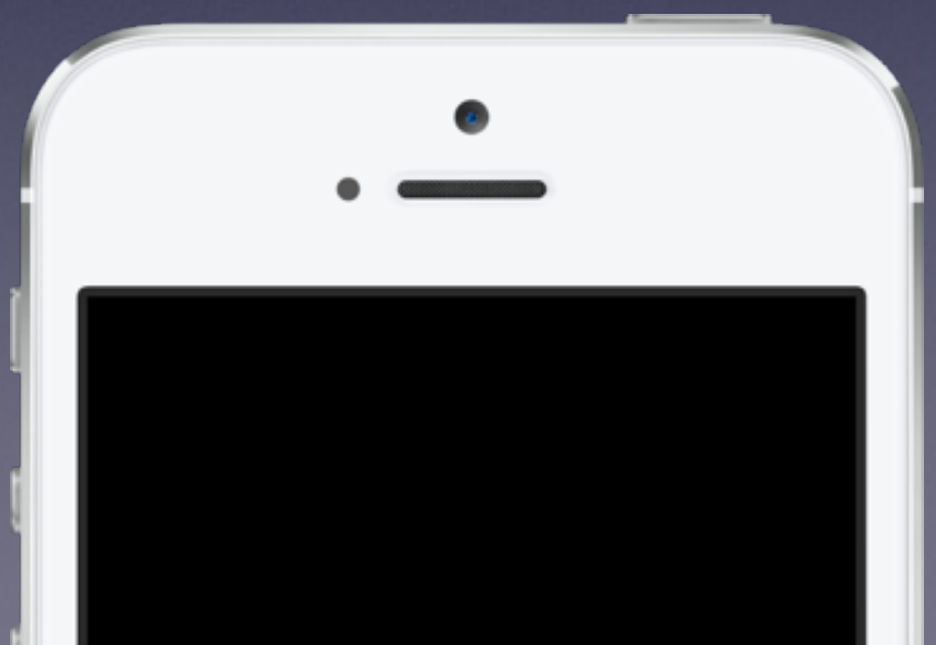


Images, ScrollViews, and Frameworks

- UIImage
- UIImagePickerController
- UIScrollView
- NSNotification Center
- Frameworks
- Demo - Integrating Aviary's SDK

UIImage

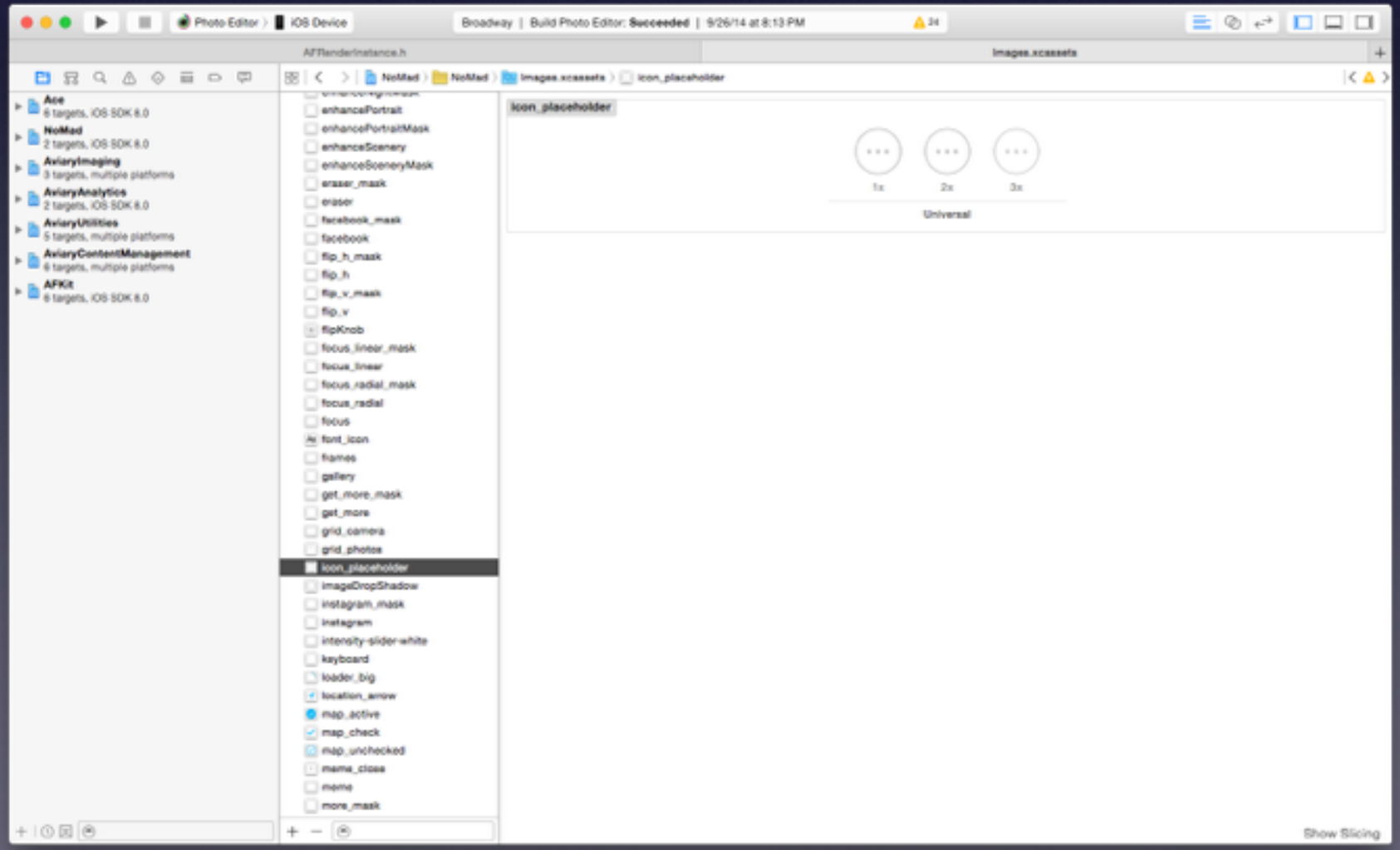
- **UIImage** is UIKit's object used to represent image data
- Images can be created in a number of ways:
  - Read from a file on disk
  - Created from data downloaded off the network
  - Drawn using Core Graphics
- UIImage instances are immutable
- Instances do not provide access to the raw data that represents the image
  - You can get NSData representations by using the **UIImagePNGRepresentation** and **UIImageJPGRepresentation** 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 three copies, one at the desired size, one at twice that resolution and another at three times the resolution
  - The image with twice and three times the resolution are used for devices with Retina and Retina HD screens respectively
  - The naming convention for these images is: <image_name>.png,<image_name>@2x.png, <image_name>@3x.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 assets



Accessing and Displaying Images

- Accessing an app's bundled images is done through the **+imageNamed:** class method on UIImage
- Creating an image from data is done through the **-initWithData:** initializer
- **UIImageView** is UIKit'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

- **UIImagePickerController** is a built-in 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

UIImagePickerControllerDelegate

- UIImagePickerController instances' delegate object must conform to both the **UINavigationControllerDelegate** and the **UIImagePickerViewControllerDelegate** protocols
- The **UIImagePickerViewControllerDelegate** has two methods for responding to the controller actions:
  - **imagePickerController:didFinishPickingMediaWithInfo:**
  - **imagePickerDidCancel:**

UIImagePickerControllerDelegate

- **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 UIImage representation of the image and can get it using the **UIImagePickerControllerOriginalImage** 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

UIScrollView

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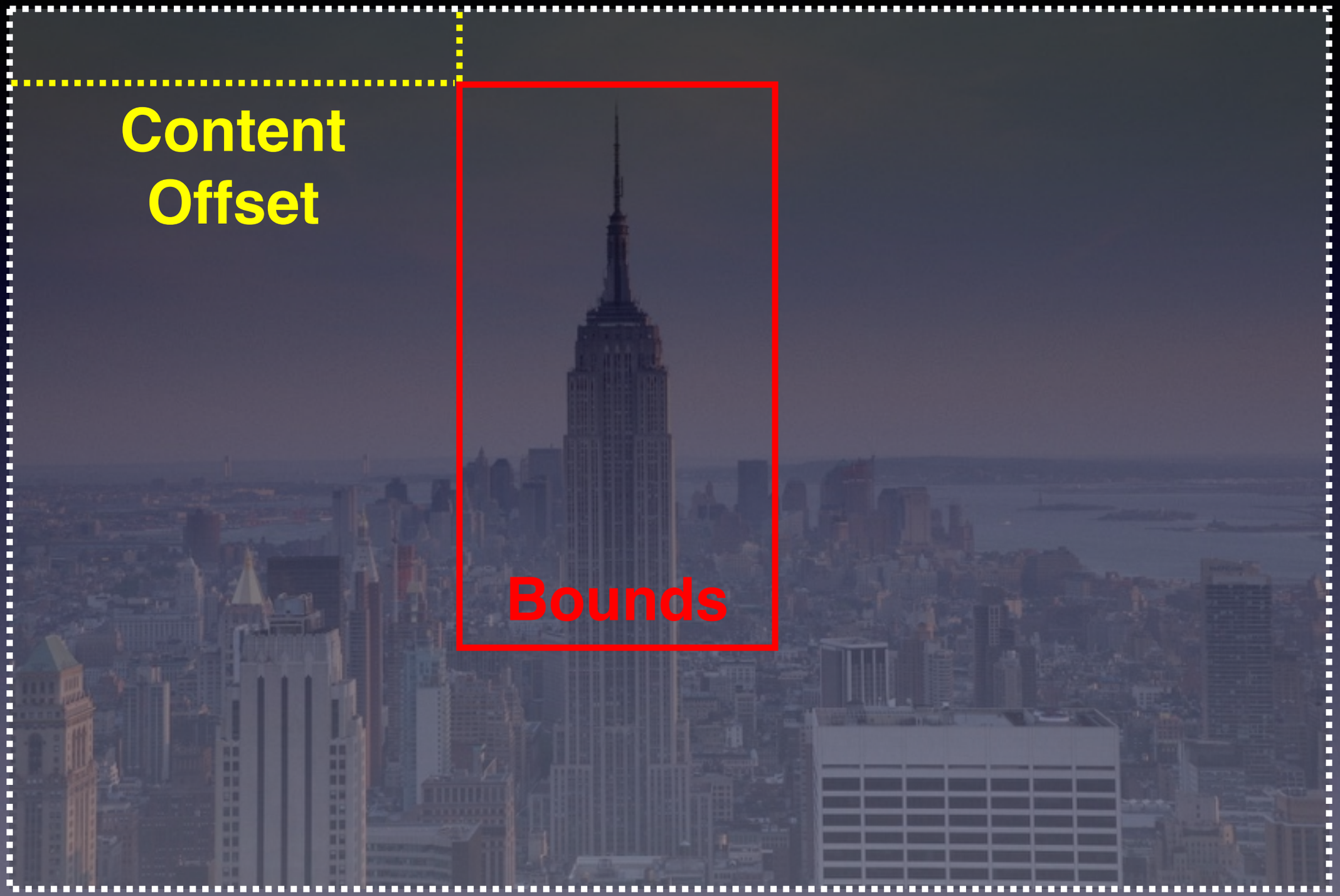
- The scroll view's **contentSize** property represents the size of the canvas that a user can scroll within
- The scroll view's **contentOffset** property is the origin of the viewport which is currently being displayed by the scroll view
- This is also the origin of the scroll view's **bounds** property
- Scrolling around the content simply adjusts the **contentOffset**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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
  - By specifying an **object**, you will only receive notifications posted by that object. This is oftentimes **nil**

NSNotificationCenter

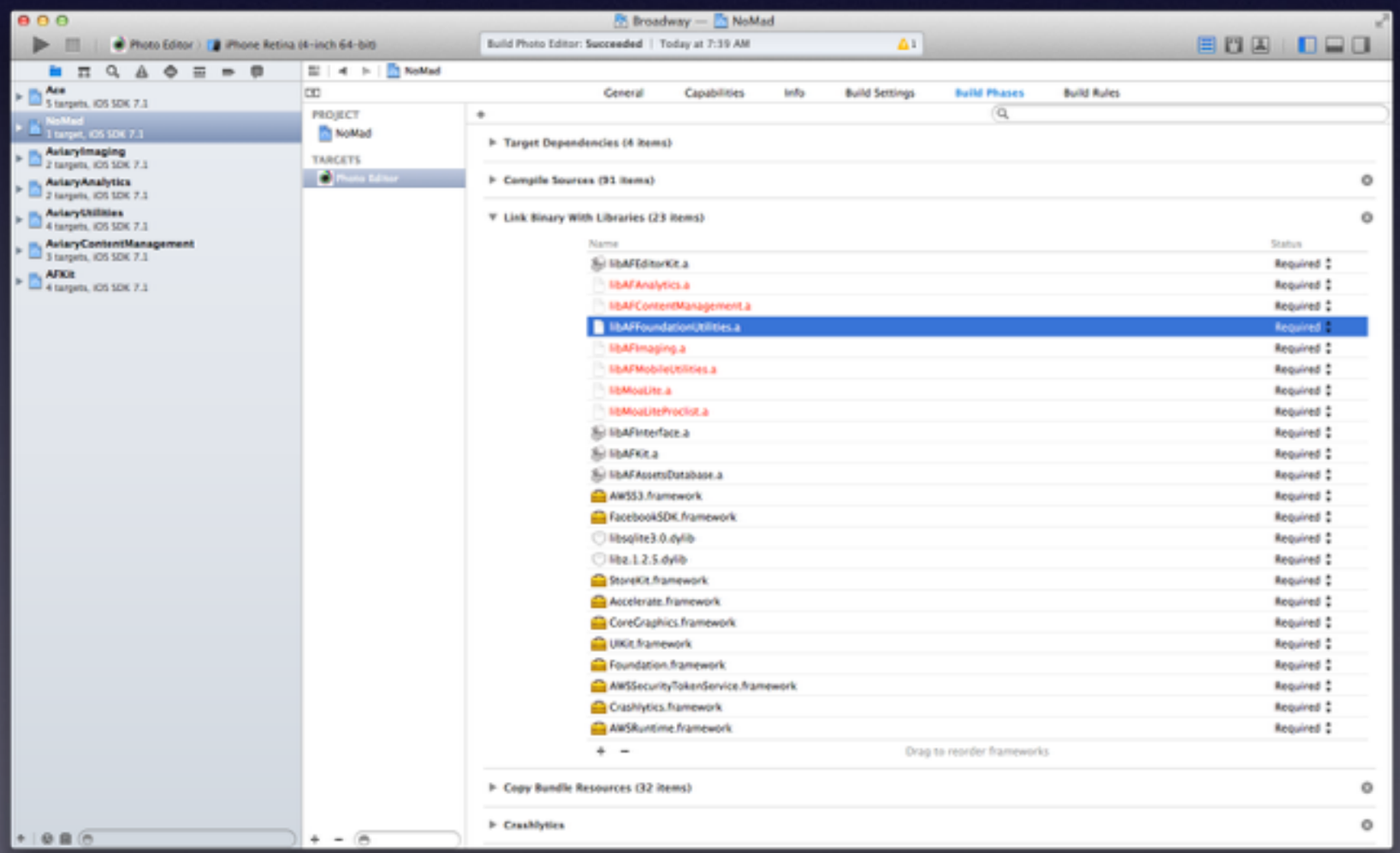
- You must deregister an observer before it is deallocated using the **-removeObserver:** instance method
  - This is typically done by overriding the **-dealloc** method of your observing object
- To post a custom notification, use the **-postNotificationName:object:** instance method

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 8 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>
```