

# MVVM and Coordinators

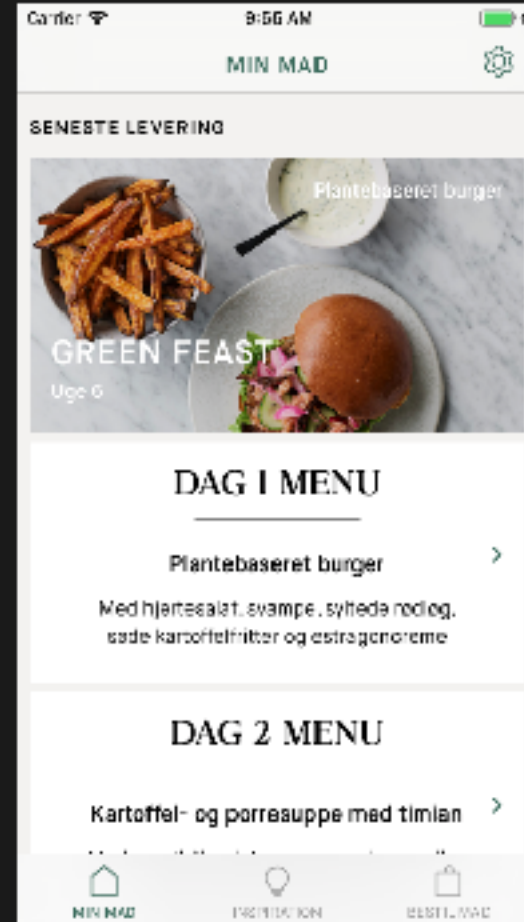
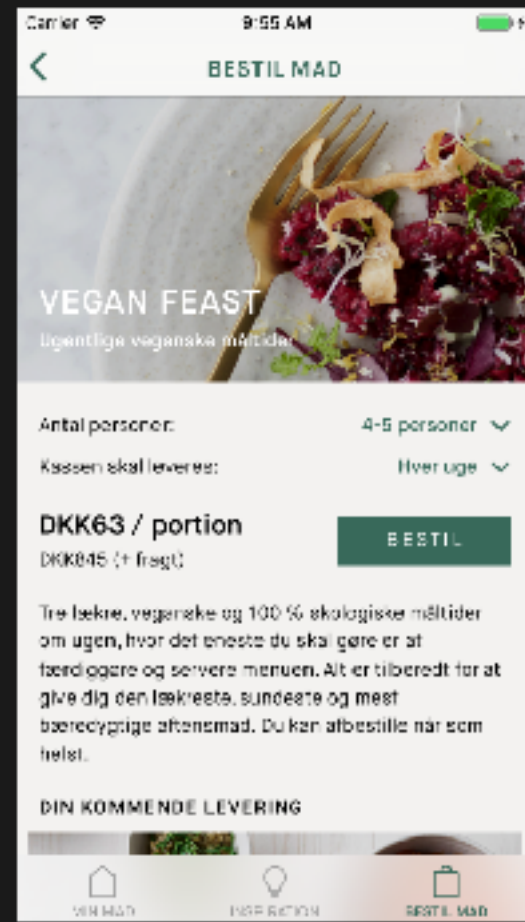
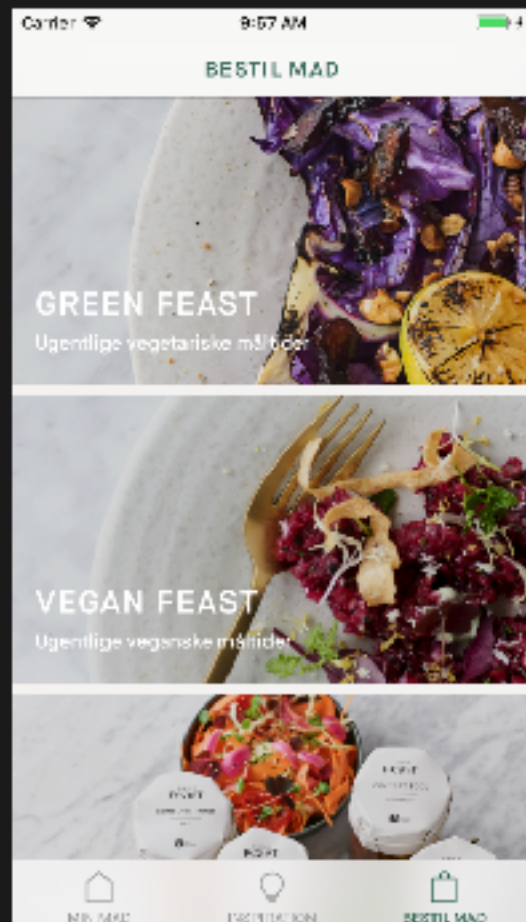
# SIMPLE Feast

THE GOOD FOOD COMPANY

- Food-tech company
- Digital cookbook and meal kit service
- Vegetarian / Vegan meals
- Cooks in 10 mins
- 100% Organic
- Sustainable packaging







# Requirements

- Some structure / organising principle
- Separation of concern
- Flexible
- Testable
- Keeping it simple

# Some patterns

## MVVM

- Some separation of concern
- Testable
- Where does navigation go?
- Massive View Model

## VIPER

- Clear separation of concern
- Clearly defined structure, strict, not very flexible
- Complex, cognitive overload

# Idea: A Story

- Defines a "story" or use case
- Knows how to navigate within that story
- Centralised knowledge of flow
- Isolate navigation from other entities

# Back in 2015/16

**Soroush Khanlou - Coordinators**

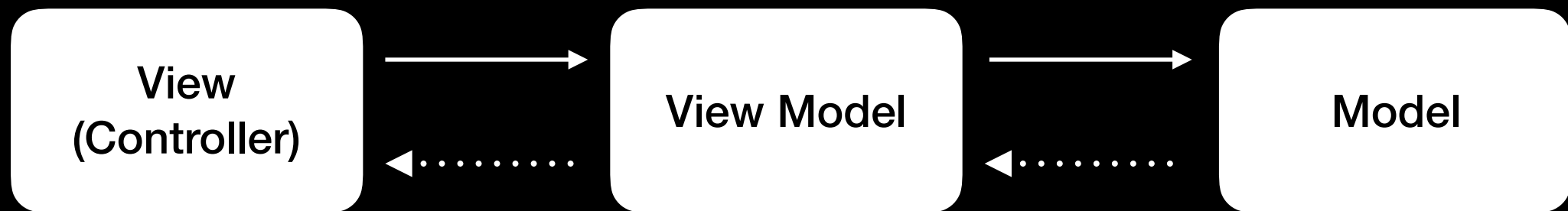
<http://khanlou.com/2015/10/coordinators-redux>

**Krzysztof Zabłocki - Flow Controllers**

<http://merowing.info/2016/01/improve-your-ios-architecture-with-flowcontrollers>



# MVVM



# Model

- Raw data, no logic
- May update dynamically, i.e. core data, realm etc.
- Isolated, may know of other models, i.e. relationships)

# View Model

- Presentation logic, i.e. when should stuff change?
- Transforms raw data into something a user can read
- Binds to model, updates based on changes
- Does not know about UIKit

# View (Controller)

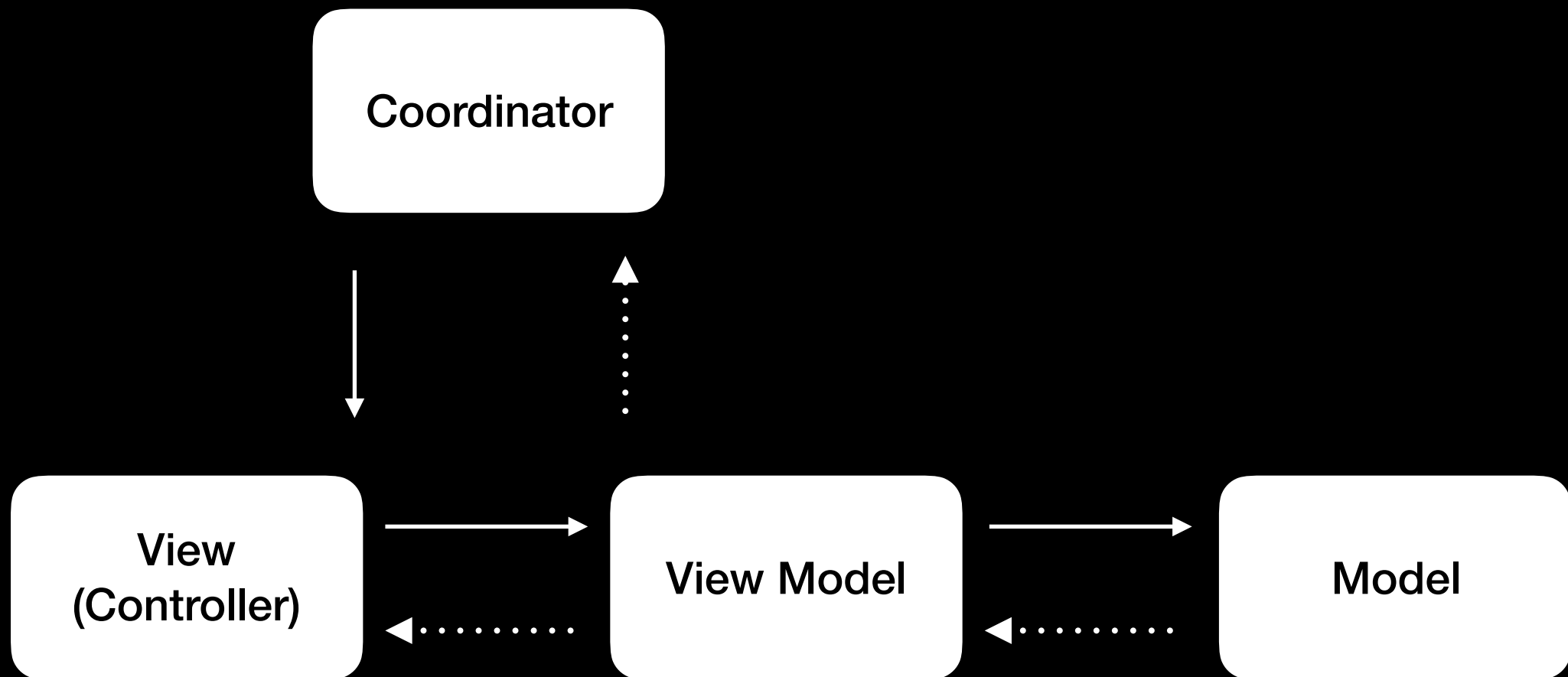
- Layout logic, i.e. how do things look?, where are they placed?
- Binds to view model, updates based on view model changes
- Forwards user input to view model

# The coordinator

- Navigation logic, defines a story or use case
- How are views stringed together within a "story"?
- Performs UIKit methods like push / present / dismiss
- Initialise and configure UIViewControllers
- Binds to view models, reacts to events, directs the flow
- Can present other coordinators



# MVVMC



# Example

## **An app with two use cases**

- Browse beer use case
- Purchase beer use case

```
import UIKit

/// A protocol defining an interface for coordinators.
protocol Coordinating: class {

    /// The root view controller of the coordinator.
    var rootViewController: UINavigationController { get }

    /// The list of child coordinators of the coordinator.
    var childCoordinators: [Coordinating] { get set }

    /// Start the coordinator.
    func start()
}

extension Coordinating {

    /// Add the given coordinator to the list of child coordinators.
    func addChildCoordinator(childCoordinator: Coordinating) {
        childCoordinators.append(childCoordinator)
    }

    /// Remove the given coordinator from the list of child coordinators.
    func removeChildCoordinator(childCoordinator: Coordinating) {
        childCoordinators = childCoordinators.filter { $0 !== childCoordinator }
    }
}
```

```
import UIKit

/// A coordinator defining the "story" of browsing beers.
class BrowseBeerCoordinator: Coordinating {

    var rootViewController: UINavigationController
    var childCoordinators: [Coordinating]

    init() {
        self.rootViewController = UINavigationController()
        self.childCoordinators = []
    }

    func start() {

        // Show the beer list as the first view of the coordinator.
        showBeerList()
    }
}

private func showBeerList() {

    // Setup and configure the view controller.
    let viewController = BeerListViewController.storyboardInstance()
    configure(viewController: viewController)

    // Push the view controller on the navigation stack of the coordinator.
    rootViewController.pushViewController(viewController, animated: true)
}
```

```
protocol BeerListViewModelProtocol {

    /// The title of the view.
    var title: String { get }

    /// Select the beer at the given index path.
    func selectBeer(at indexPath: IndexPath)
}

protocol BeerListViewModelEvents {

    /// Invoked when the given beer was selected.
    var beerSelected: (Beer) -> Void { get set }
}

private func configure(viewController: BeerListViewController) {

    // Configure the view controller with its view model.
    let viewModel = BeerListViewModel()
    viewController.viewModel = viewModel

    // Inject the next step in the flow into the view model as a closure.
    viewModel.beerSelected = { [unowned self] beer in
        self.showBeerDetails(for: beer)
    }
}
```



```
private func presentBuyBeerCoordinator(beer: Beer, count: Int) {  
  
    // Setup coordinator and inject flow control as a closure.  
    let coordinator = BuyBeerCoordinator(beer: beer, count: count)  
    coordinator.purchaseCompleted = { [unowned self] buyBeerCoordinator in  
  
        // On purchase complete, remove the coordinator and dismiss its rootViewController.  
        self.removeChildCoordinator(childCoordinator: buyBeerCoordinator)  
        buyBeerCoordinator.rootViewController.dismiss(animated: true)  
    }  
  
    // Add the coordinator as a child and present its root view controller  
    addChildCoordinator(childCoordinator: coordinator)  
    coordinator.start()  
  
    rootViewController.present(coordinator.rootViewController, animated: true)  
}
```

# MVVMC

- Isolates and centralises navigation
- ViewControllers and ViewModels are isolated, reuse
- Focus on one thing at a time, i.e. layout, presentation, navigation
- Good balance between structure and flexibility
- Healthy separation of concern
- While not overdoing architecture

**Questions?**