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Level 2 Outlets and Actions

Section 1 - Storyboard Outlets

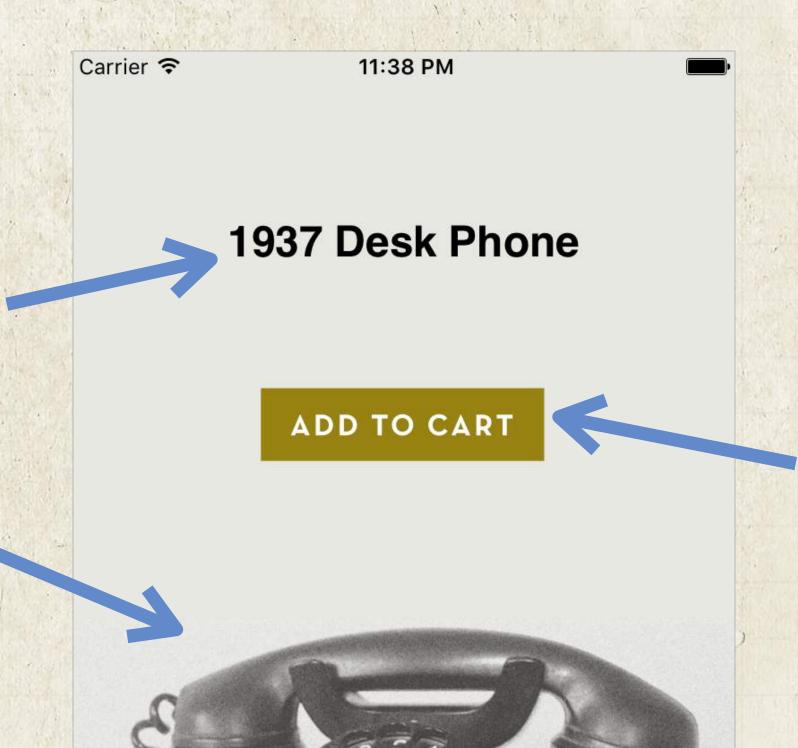


Problem: We Want to Set Content Programmatically

Here's what we have right now, but we want to change a few

things.

Set the text and image programmatically



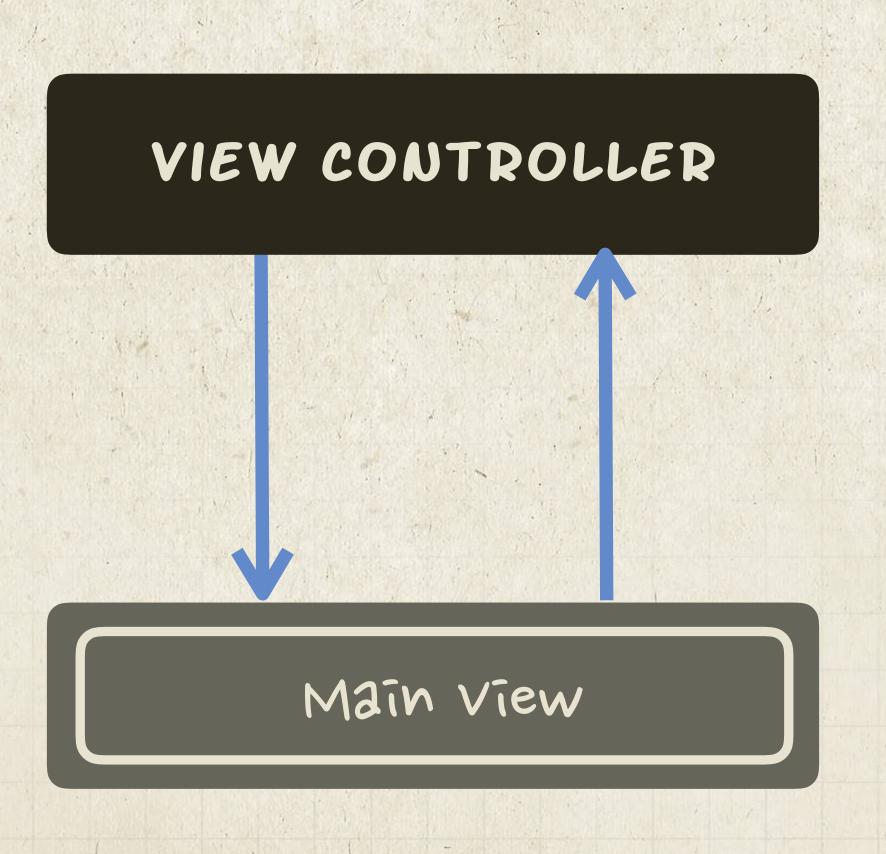
Make this button do something when it is tapped



Why View Controllers?

Separating the program logic from the display code makes the code you write easier to understand than 1 giant file.

controller can tell view what to display



can tell controller when user is interacting

Screencast: Creating a Swift File



How Outlets Work

Outlets create a connection between a storyboard object and a variable in Swift.

Storyboard

The controller in the storyboard is already linked to the controller Swift file

PRODUCT VIEW CONTROLLER

Main View outlet in the Storyboard

create an

ProductViewController.Swift

productNameLabel

create a variable in the Swift file and link it to the outlet in the Storyboard

Screencast: Using the Assistant Editor



The Controller After Connecting an Outlet

ProductViewController.swift

```
import UIKit
class ProductViewController: UIViewController {
   @IBOutlet weak var productNameLabel: UILabel!
    override func viewDidLoad() {
                                                Now we can access
        super.viewDidLoad()
                                                our Storyboard label
                                                in this file and
```

But where should we write code to change that text?

What Happens When an App Runs

App runs The AppDelegate.swift file runs UIApplicationMain()

which starts the app

App loads the storyboard

The Storyboard is set in the Info.plist configuration file

Storyboard loads the view controller

The view controller set as "initial" is the one that is loaded

View controller loads the view

Loading the view automatically runs the viewDidLoad function

Setting the Label Text in Code

ProductViewController.swift

```
import UIKit
class ProductViewController: UIViewController {
   @IBOutlet weak var productNameLabel: UILabel!
    override func viewDidLoad() {
        super.viewDidLoad()
                                           This object is a ullabel
        productNameLabel.text = "1937 Desk Phone"
```

UILabels have a text property that you can set equal to a string

Finding Properties in Apple's Documentation

ProductViewController.swift

. . .

productNameLabel.text = "1937 Desk Phone"

. . .

Swift documentation for UlLabel

text Property

The text displayed by the label.

Declaration

SWIFT

var text: String?

we can find the names of properties in Apple's documentation

Docs show properties and functions for each class

This means this property is expecting us to assign a string to it

Check out the full UIKit docs here: http://go.codeschool.com/uikit-docs

Demo: Label Text Being Set with Code





Screencast: Connecting the Image View to Code



Setting the Image for an Image View With Code

ProductViewController.swift

```
import UIKit
class ProductViewController: UIViewController {
   @IBOutlet weak var productNameLabel: UILabel!
   @IBOutlet weak var productImageView: UIImageView!
    override func viewDidLoad() {
        super.viewDidLoad()
        productNameLabel.text = "1937 Desk Phone"
        productImageView.image = UIImage(named: "phone-fullscreen3")
            Image views have an image property that you can
            set equal to a UIImage object
```

Creating a Ullmage Object

UIImage(named: "phone-fullscreen3")

writing the name of a class with parentheses after it runs an initializer function

Swift documentation for Ullmage

init(named:)

Returns the image object associated with the specified filename.

Declaration

SWIFT

init?(named name: String)

This init function is expecting you to put a String with the named parameter in the parentheses

Using the Ullmage Object to Display an Image

ProductViewController.swift

```
productImageView.image = UIImage(named: "phone-fullscreen3")
```

The UIImage initializer returns a UIImage object that the image view wants

Demo: Image View Being Set With Code



