# Always ask yourself these four questions before getting started

- 1. Does my screen show a status bar?
- 2. Does my screen show a navigation bar?

3. Does my screen show a tab bar and a navigation bar?

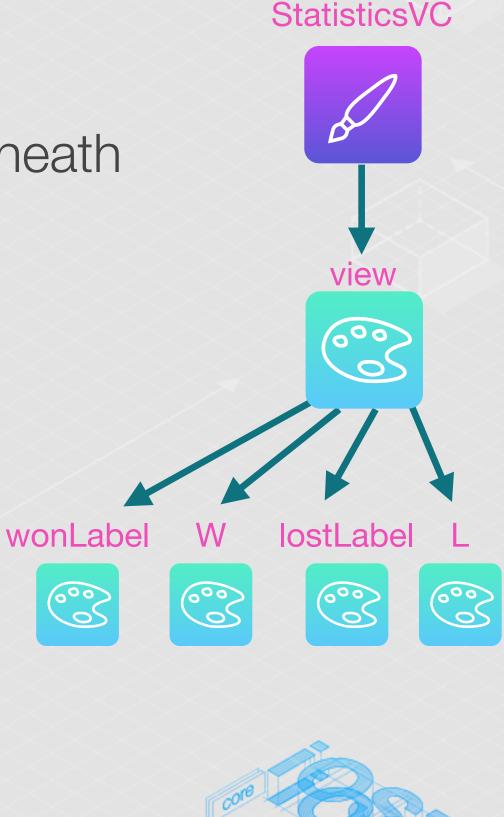
4. Is my main view a scroll view (or a subclass like a table/collection view)?



## Laying out content to avoid the status bar

If you have content that used to sit directly underneath the status bar in iOS 6, it might interfere with the status bar content in iOS 7





## What happened in iOS 6





self.view

#### ViewController.m

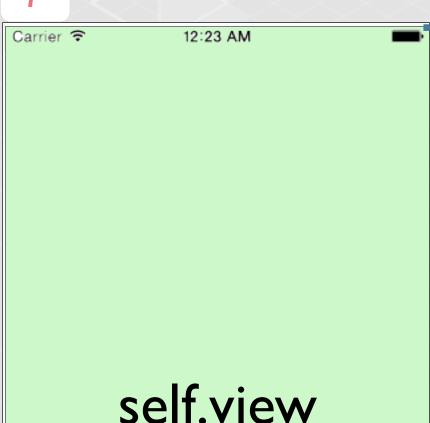
```
- (void)loadView
{
    UIView *view = [[UIView alloc] init];
    view.backgroundColor = [UIColor greenColor];
    self.view = view;
}
```

**self.view** height = **screen** height - **status bar** height

548pts high

automatically set to the full available width and height





#### ViewController.m

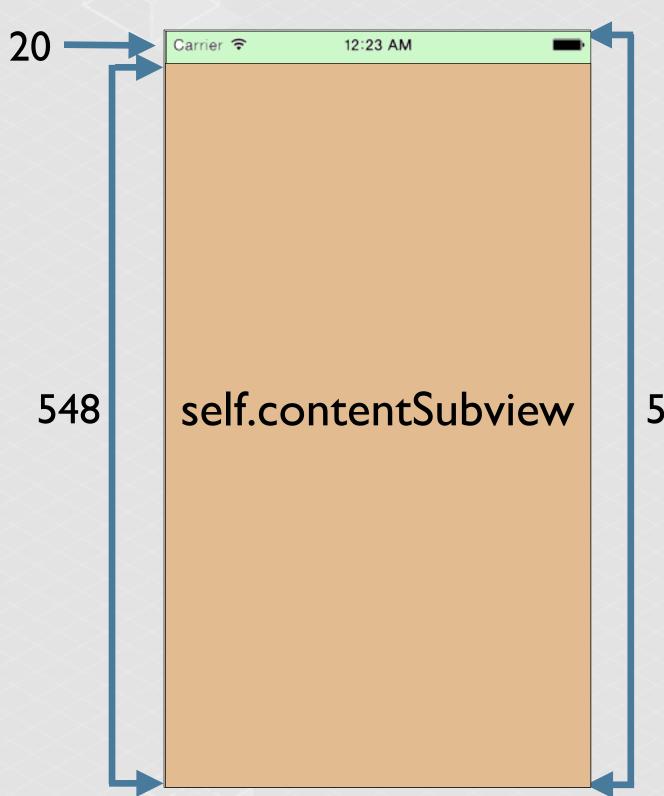
```
- (void)loadView
{
    UIView *view = [[UIView alloc] init];
    view.backgroundColor = [UIColor greenColor];
    self.view = view;
}
```

568pts high

What if you want self.view to sit below the status bar?



### Putting content in a subview container



#### Create a contentSubview

Add all subviews to the contentSubview

Set the contentSubview frame to start below the status bar frame

568 (self.view)



### Creating a subview container to hold content

#### ViewController.h

```
@property (strong, nonatomic) UIView *contentSubview;
```

#### ViewController.m

```
- (void)loadView
   UIView *view = [[UIView alloc] init];
   view.backgroundColor = [UIColor greenColor];
   self.contentSubview = [[UIView alloc] init];
    self.contentSubview.backgroundColor = [UIColor orangeColor];
    [view addSubview:self.contentSubview];
   self.view = view;
                 where do we set the dimensions of contentSubview?
```

### Moving contentSubview below the status bar area

#### ViewController.m

#### set them here instead of viewDidLoad

```
(void)viewWillLayoutSubviews
{
    [super viewWillLayoutSubviews];
    self.contentSubview.frame = CGRectMake()
        0,
        CGRectGetWidth(self.view.frame),
        CGRectGetHeight(self.view.frame) - 20
```

You can't be sure the status bar area will always be 20 pts high

## Sometimes the status bar area will be bigger than 20 pts



We need a way to detect this height



# Use the new topLayoutGuide property

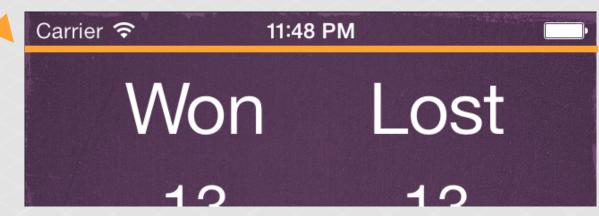
topLayoutGuide is a new UlViewController property that allows you to get the size of the status bar area to account for it in your view layout.



Won Lost

topLayoutGuide

#### if status bar



if no status bar

self.topLayoutGuide.length == 0

if status bar

self.topLayoutGuide.length == 20

### Using topLayoutGuide to put the contentSubview underneath the status bar

#### ViewController.m



```
self.topLayoutGuide isn't set until
  (void)viewWillLayoutSubviews
                                         right before this method is called
{
    [super viewWillLayoutSubviews];
    self.contentSubview.frame = CGRectMake()
        0,
        self.topLayoutGuide.length,
        CGRectGetWidth(self.view.frame),
        CGRectGetHeight(self.view.frame) - self.topLayoutGuide.length
```

### Dimensions of contentSubview without a status bar in portrait mode

if no status bar

```
origin.x
           0,
                                                 Won
                                                             Lost
origin.y
           self.topLayoutGuide.length
width
           CGRectGetWidth(self.view.frame).
            320
height
           CGRectGetHeight(self.view.frame) - self.topLayoutGuide.length
            568 - 0 = 568 (full screen)
```

# Dimensions of contentSubview with a status bar in portrait mode

if status bar

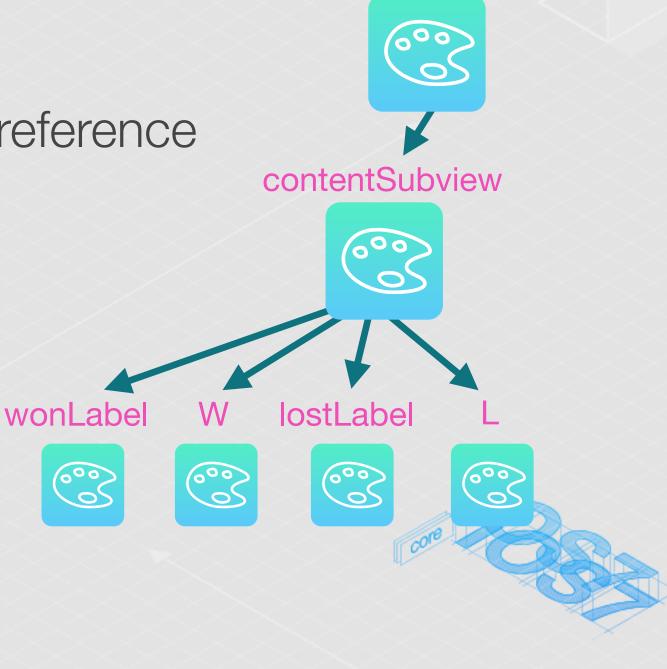
```
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                                                           11:48 PM
origin.x
            0,
                                                    Won
                                                                Lost
origin.y
            self.topLayoutGuide.length
             20
width
            CGRectGetWidth(self.view.frame),
             320
height
            CGRectGetHeight(self.view.frame) - self.topLayoutGuide.length
             568 - 20 = 548 (almost full screen, just under bar)
```

### Layout the rest of the subviews

The rest of the labels can now be added as subviews of contentSubview without fear of interfering with the status bar area

Use the **contentSubview frame** as a top reference for subviews instead of topLayoutGuide





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view

### Adding the rest of the subviews to contentSubview

#### ViewController.m

add subviews to the contentSubview, not self.view



#### The subview frames are relative to the contentSubview

#### ViewController.m

```
(void)viewWillLayoutSubviews
                                           contentSubview
{
                                                            wonLabel
    [super viewWillLayoutSubviews];
    self.wonLabel.frame = CGRectMake()
        0,
                                relative to the superview (contentSubview)
        30,
        120,
                               means "start 30 pts away from
        30
                               the superview edge"
```