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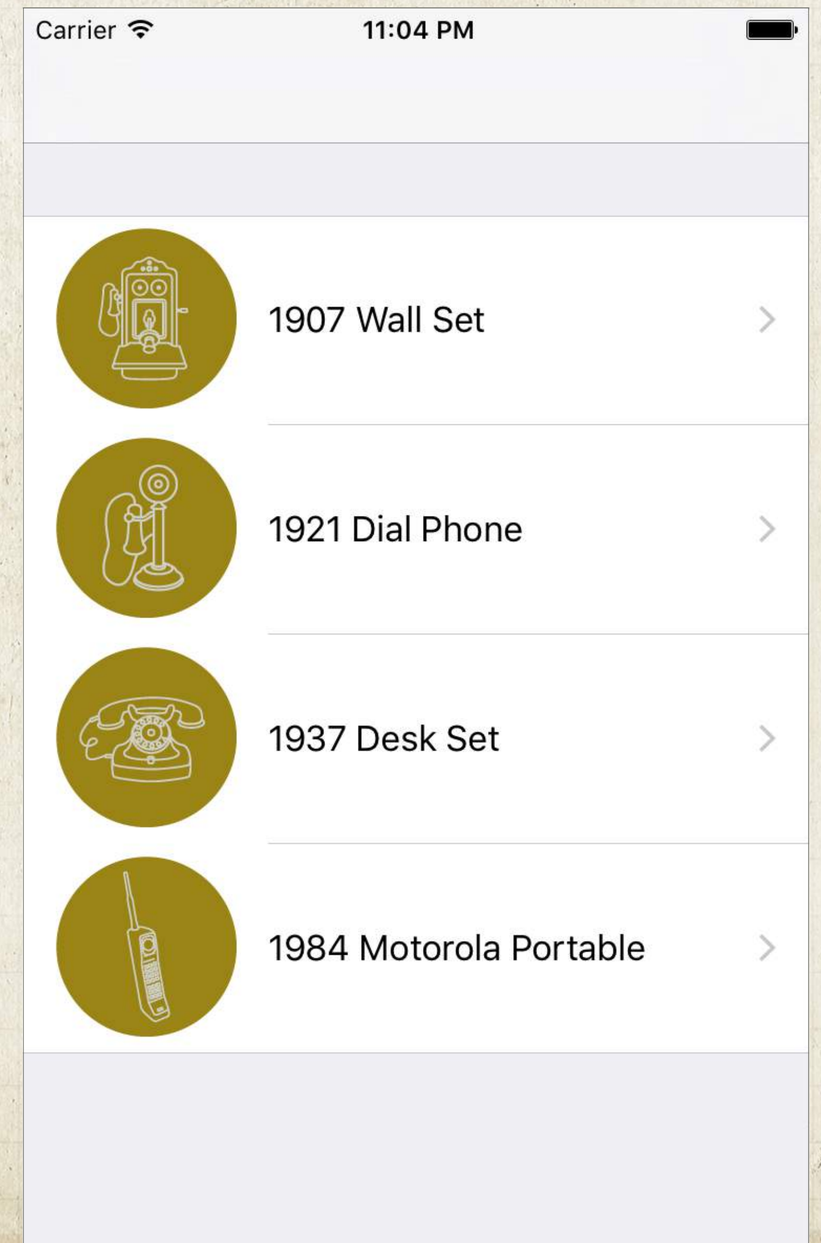
Level 4

Table Views

Section 1 - Creating a Table View

Demo: Using a Table View to Display a List of Things



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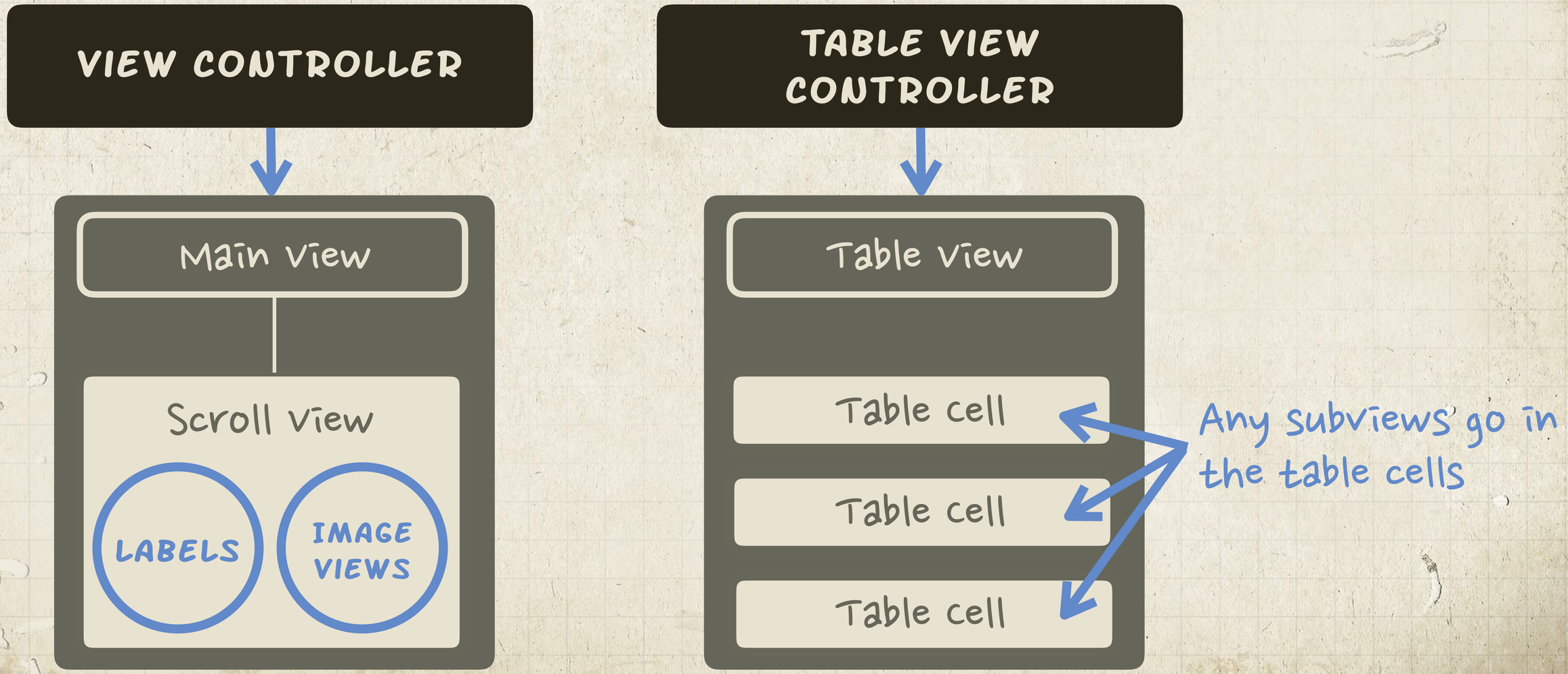
A Table View Controller's Hierarchy

A Table View Controller is just a special View Controller that has support for working with Table Views built-in



Screencast: Creating a Table View Controller

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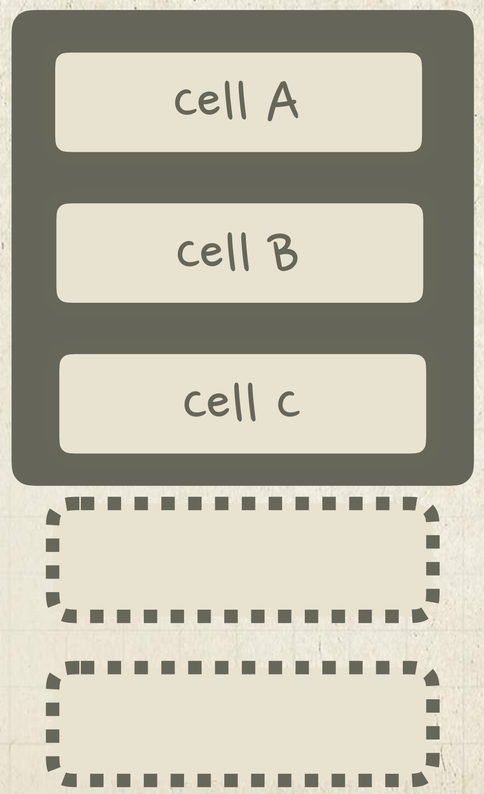
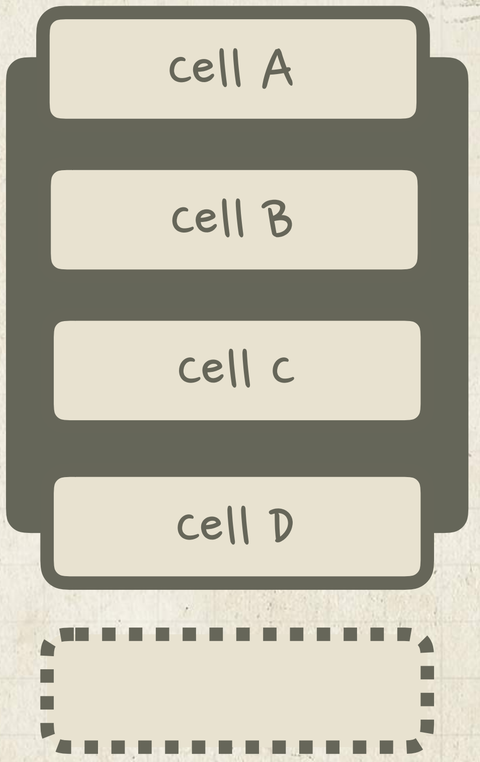
How Table View Cell Recycling Works

Table cells are recycled as they scroll offscreen, and any new cells are just recycled cells filled in with new data.

Any visible cells are created on the initial load of the table view



As the table view scrolls, now four unique cells are visible



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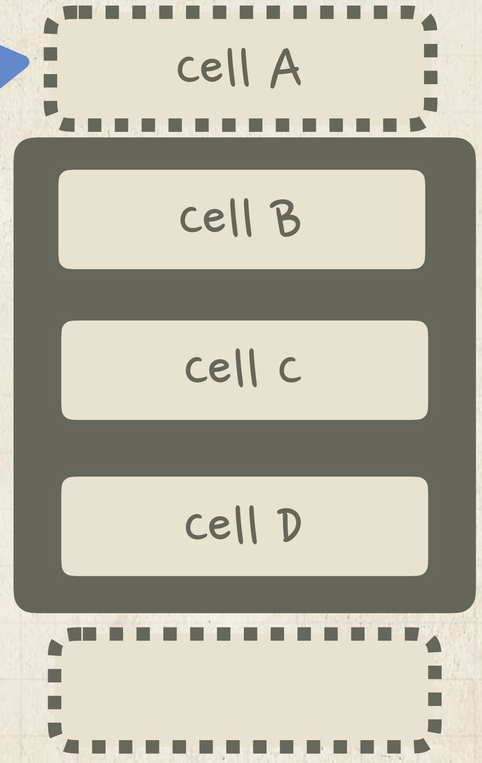
After scrolling some more, cell A is no longer visible and marked as recyclable



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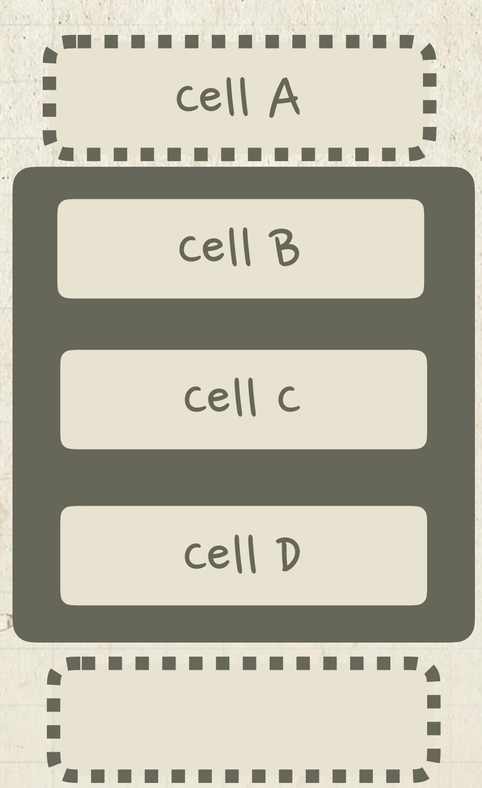
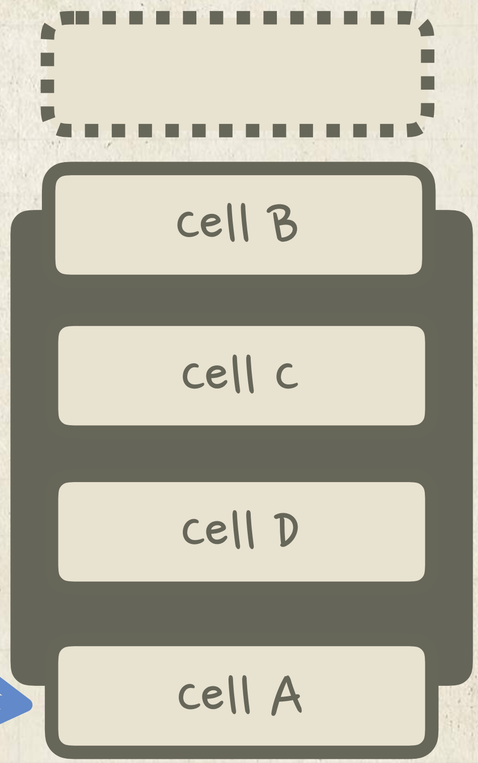


After even more scrolling, a new cell is ready to be displayed



There's no need for a brand new cell because cell A would be recycled when it went offscreen

Exploring the Table View Controller Swift File

ProductsTableViewController.swift

```
import UIKit

class ProductsTableViewController: UITableViewController {

}
```

This is a view controller that has access to table-specific functions

The controller runs some of those functions automatically:

```
func tableView(tableView: UITableView,
    numberOfRowsInSection section: Int) -> Int
```

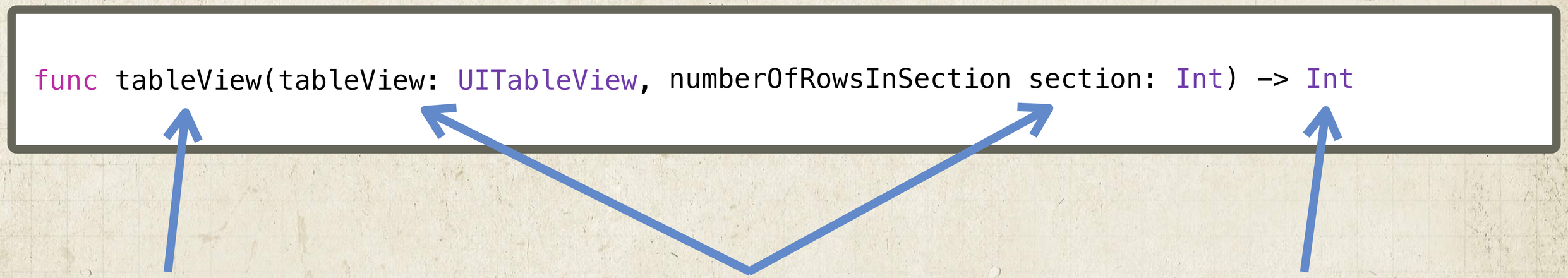
Set the number of rows

create one cell for each row

```
func tableView(tableView: UITableView,
    cellForRowAtIndexPath indexPath: NSIndexPath) -> UITableViewCell
```

How to Read Function Declarations

```
func tableView(tableView: UITableView, numberOfRowsInSection section: Int) -> Int
```



The name of the function

These variables are available inside the body of the function

This function should return a number

Using the Same Function Name Two Different Ways

Though the functions have the same name, since they have different parameters they are two different functions.

```
func tableView(tableView: UITableView, numberOfRowsInSection section: Int) -> Int
```

Different parameters

```
func tableView(tableView: UITableView, cellForRowAtIndexPath indexPath: NSIndexPath) ->
UITableViewCell
```

Setting the Number of Rows in the Table

ProductsTableViewController.swift

```
import UIKit

class ProductsTableViewController: UITableViewController {

  override func tableView(tableView: UITableView, numberOfRowsInSection section: Int) -> Int
  {
    return 5
  }



}
```

This function should return a number

This table view will have this many rows

Adding the Function That Will Create Cells

The cellForRowAtIndexPath method is used to set up the cell that appears in each row

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```
import UIKit

class ProductsTableViewController: UITableViewController {

  override func tableView(tableView: UITableView, numberOfRowsInSection section: Int) -> Int
  { ... }

  override func tableView(tableView: UITableView,
    cellForRowAtIndexPath indexPath: NSIndexPath) -> UITableViewCell
  {

  }
}
```

Runs one time for each row (5 times in our case)

This function should return a cell

Creating a Cell for Each Row

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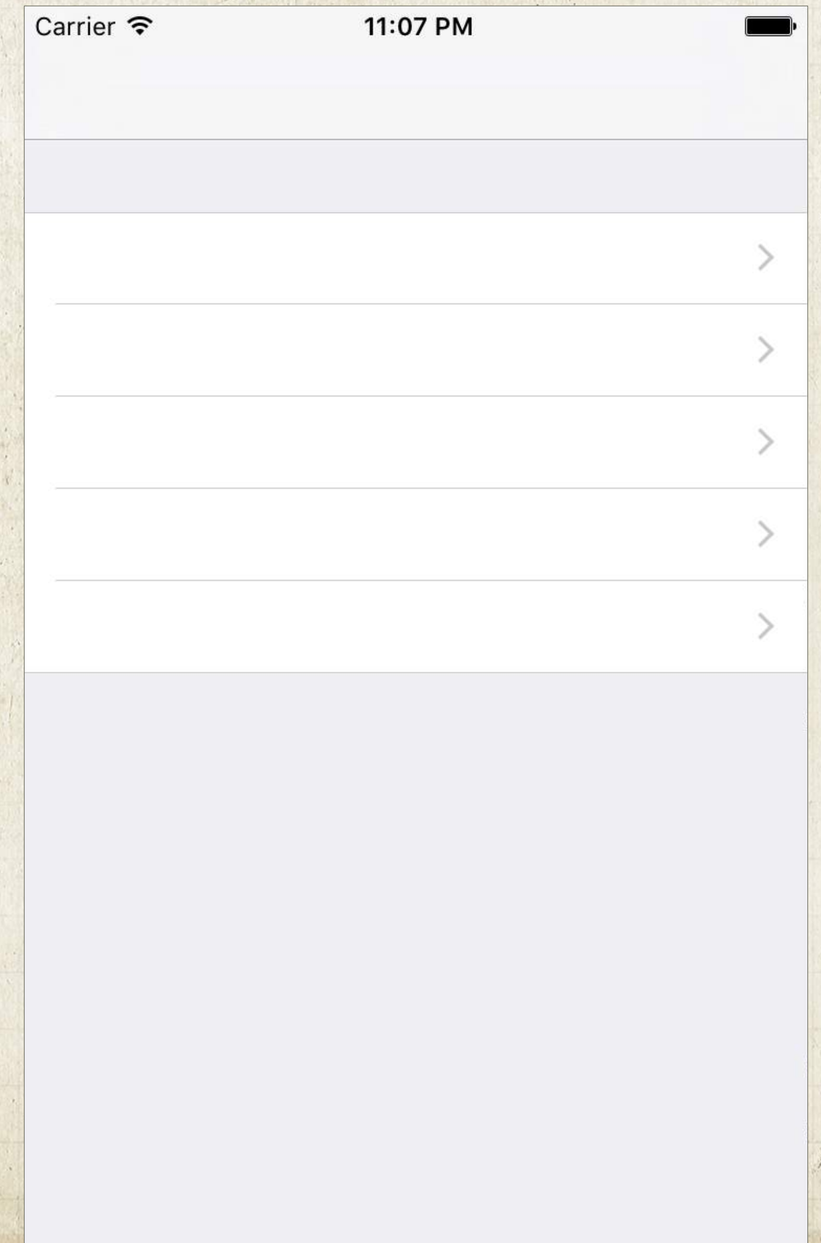
```
import UIKit

class ProductsTableViewController: UITableViewController {

  override func tableView(tableView: UITableView, numberOfRowsInSection section: Int) -> Int
  { ... }

  override func tableView(tableView: UITableView,
    cellForRowAtIndexPath indexPath: NSIndexPath) -> UITableViewCell
  {
    let cell = tableView.dequeueReusableCellWithIdentifier("ProductCell",
                                                           forIndexPath: indexPath)

    return cell
  }
}
```

Return the created cell

This matches the identifier we added in the Storyboard

Demo: Table View With Cells



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