

MOBILE SENSING & LEARNING



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UI elements and swift

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course logistics

- reminder: university developer program!
- **after today, I am out of mac-mini's!!!**
- next Time: flipped assignment, in person or via zoom
 - use headphones if zooming in class!!
- a1 due at the **end of next week**
 - make a video of the app and submit it (YouTube, dropbox, direct upload to canvas, etc.)
 - use quicktime for video (if you don't know what to use)

agenda

- blocks and concurrency
- target action behavior
 - and constraints
- text fields
- gesture recognizers
- timers / segmented control
- **remainder of time:** demo!

blocks and closures

- not callback functions (but similar)
 - created at runtime
 - once created, can be called multiple times
 - can access data from scope when defined
 - syntax is different in swift and objective-c (also slightly different behavior)
- not exactly a lambda (*but similar*)
 - but it acts like an object that can be passed as an argument or created on the fly
- swift uses closures, objective-c uses blocks

block/closure syntax

most common usage is as input into a function

enumerate with block

```
^(Parameters) {  
    // code  
}
```

```
// here the block is created on the fly for the enumeration  
[myArray enumerateObjectsUsingBlock:^(NSNumber *obj, NSUInteger idx, BOOL *stop) {  
    // print the value of the NSNumber in a variety of ways  
    NSLog(@"Float Value = %.2f, Int Value = %d", [obj floatValue], [obj integerValue]);  
}];
```

swift syntax

```
myArray.enumerateObjects({obj, idx, ptr in  
    print("\(obj) is at index \(idx)")  
})
```

```
{ (parameters) -> return type in  
    statements  
}
```

some semantics

- variables from same scope where block is defined are **read only**

```
NSNumber * valForBlock = @5.0;
```

- Unless you use keyword:

```
__block NSNumber * valForBlock = @5.0;
```

- classes hold a **strong** pointer to blocks they use
- blocks hold a **strong** pointer to __block variables
- so using “self” would create a retain cycle

```
self.value = (some function in block)
```

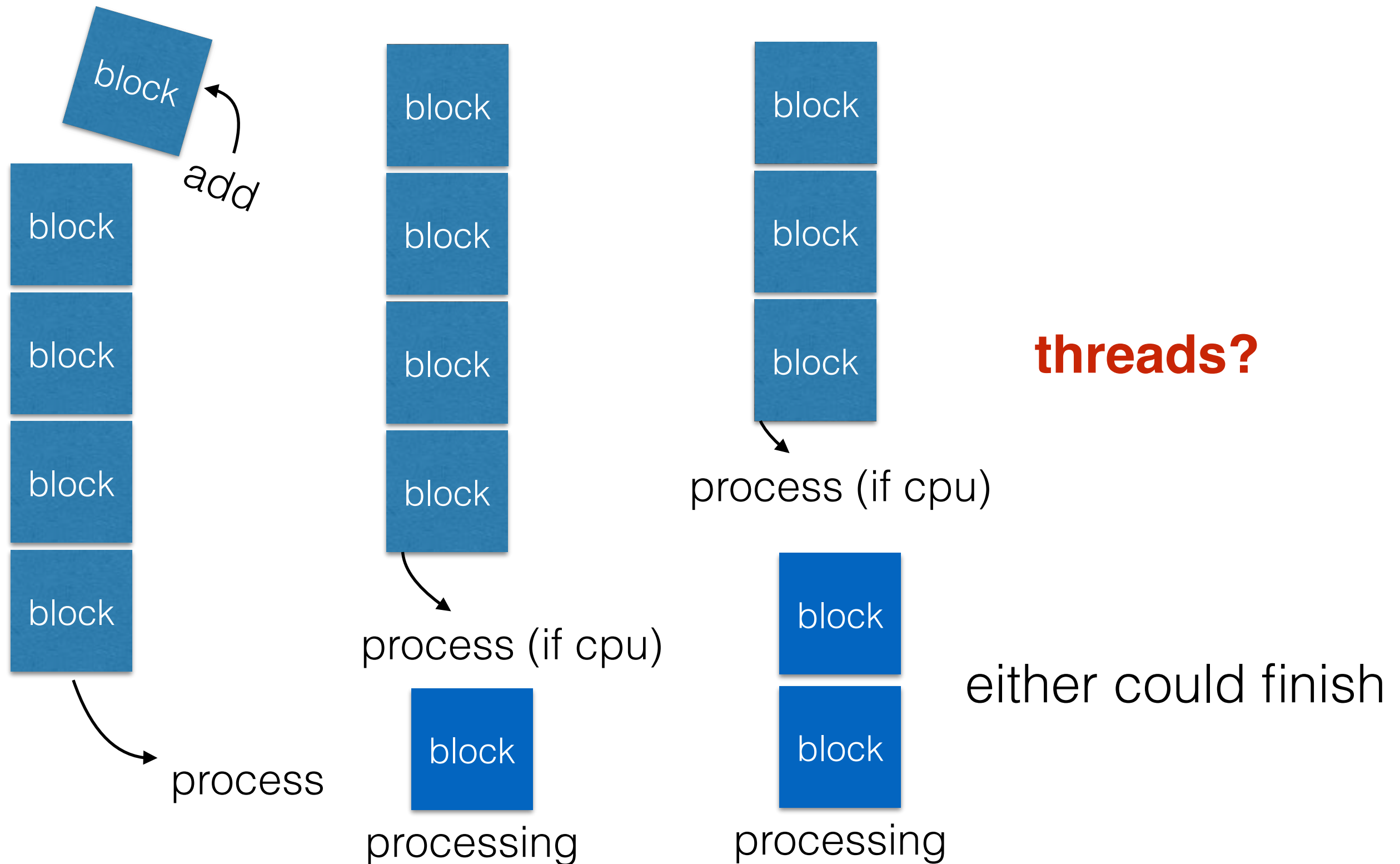
```
__block ViewController * __weak weakSelf = self;
```

```
weakSelf.value = (some function in block)
```

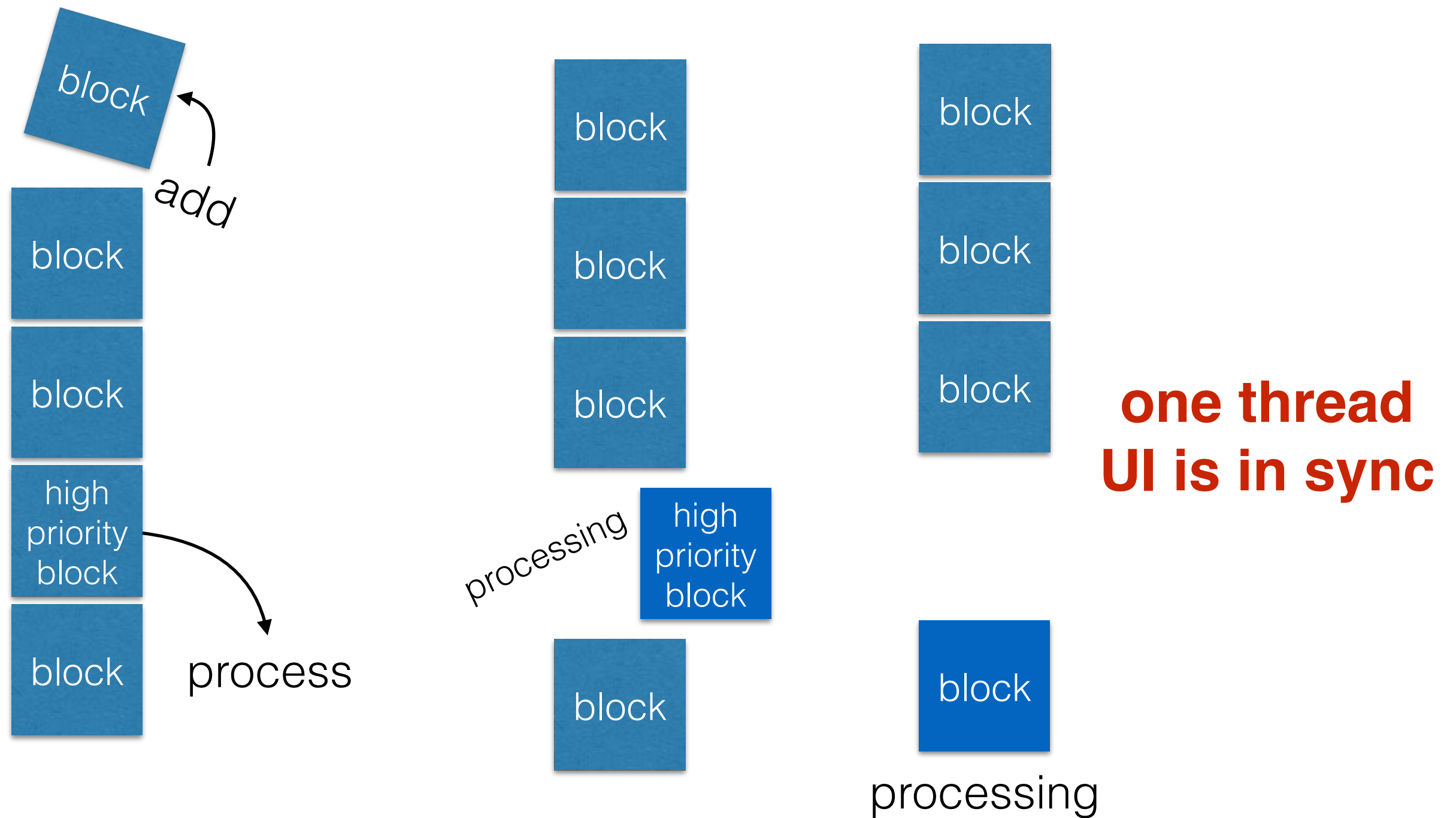
concurrency in iOS

- grand central dispatch (GCD) handles all operations
 - GCD looks at “queues” of **blocks** that need to be run
 - GCD and the Xcode compiler work deep inside the OS, actually in the kernel — they are optimized
 - for a **serial queue** each block is run sequentially
 - for **concurrent queues** the first block is dequeued
 - if CPU is available, then the next block is also dequeued, but could finish any time
- the **main queue handles all UI operations** (and no other queue should generate UI changes!!)
 - so, **no updating of** the views, labels, buttons, (image views*)
except from the main queue

concurrent queues



the main queue



queue syntax

create new queue

```
NSOperationQueue *newQueue = [[NSOperationQueue alloc] init];
newQueue.name = @"ObjCQueue";
[newQueue addOperationWithBlock:^(
    // your code to execute
    for(int i=0;i<3;i++)
        NSLog(@"I am being executed from a dispatched queue, from Objective-C");

    // now I need to set something in the UI, but I am not in the main thread!
    // call from main thread
    dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue(), ^{
        self.label.text = [NSString stringWithFormat:@"Finished running %d times, Safe",3];
    });
}];
```

define block

update UI, another block

```
var queue:DispatchQueue = DispatchQueue(label: "myQueue")
queue.async {
    //code to execute in block
    for _ in 0..<3{
        print(" I am being executed from a default queue")
    }
    // now we go to the main queue
    DispatchQueue.main.async {
        print("Running from main queue!")
    }
}
```

same functionality,
update UI, another block

queue syntax

- using global queues

access a global queue

```
// An example of using already available queues from GCD
dispatch_async(dispatch_get_global_queue(DISPATCH_QUEUE_PRIORITY_DEFAULT, 0), ^{
    // your code to execute
    for(int i=0;i<3;i++)
        NSLog(@"I am being executed from a global concurrent queue");

    // now I need to set something in the UI, but I can't do it in the main thread!

    // call from main thread
    dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue(), ^{
        self.label.text = @"Finished running from GCD global";
    });
});
```

not on main queue!!

main queue!

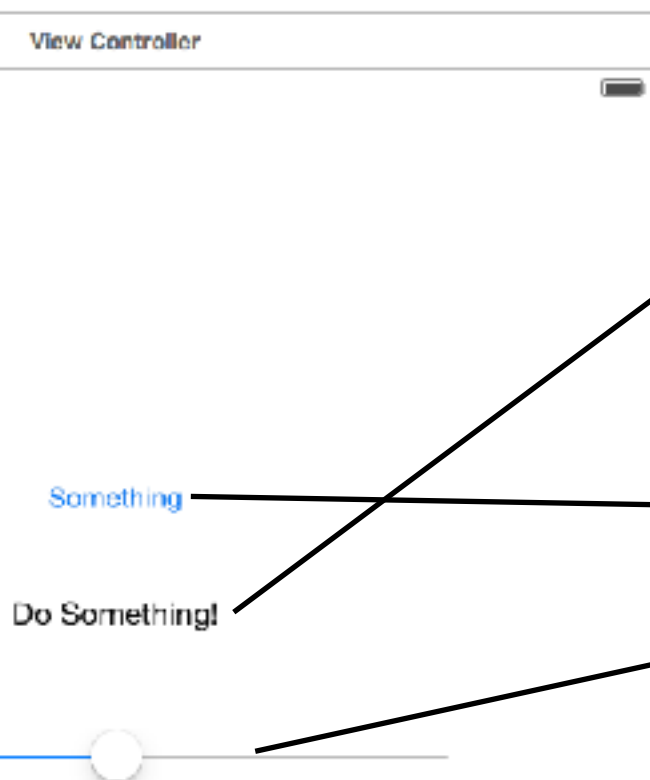
DISPATCH_QUEUE_PRIORITY_LOW
DISPATCH_QUEUE_PRIORITY_DEFAULT
DISPATCH_QUEUE_PRIORITY_HIGH
DISPATCH_QUEUE_PRIORITY_BACKGROUND

target and action

- UI elements communicate back to their controllers with **actions**, UI elements are called from the **Main Queue**

class: the controller

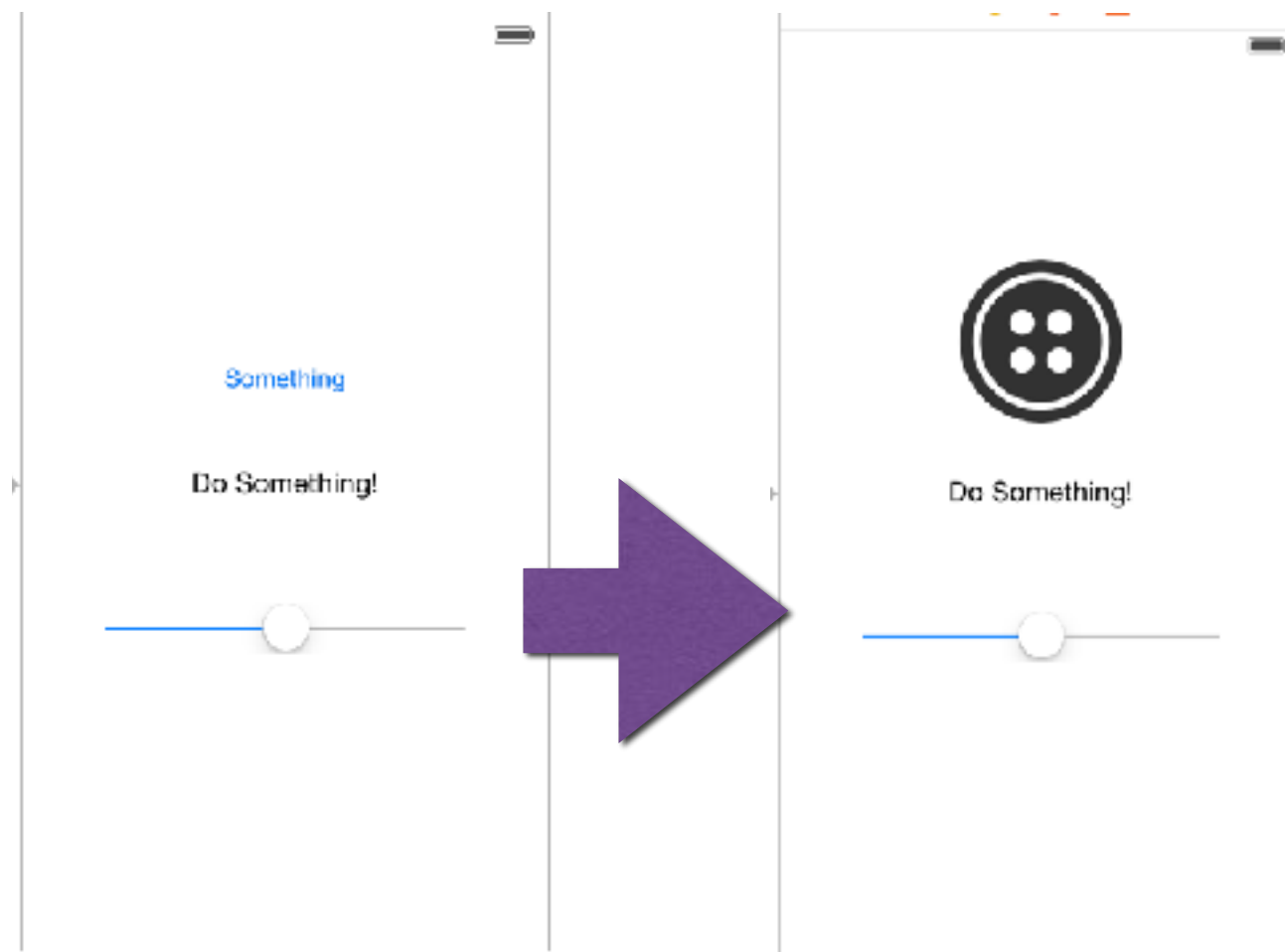
```
8 //
9 #import "ViewController.h"
10
11 @interface ViewController ()
12 @property (weak, nonatomic) IBOutlet UILabel *
    somethingLabel;
13
14 @end
15
16 @implementation ViewController
17 - (IBAction)buttonPressed:(UIButton *)sender {
18     self.somethingLabel.text = @"Thanks!";
19 }
20 - (IBAction)sliderChanged:(UISlider *)sender {
21     self.somethingLabel.text = [NSString
22         stringWithFormat:@"Value of slider is %.
23         2f",sender.value];
24 }
25
26 - (void)viewDidLoad {
27     [super viewDidLoad];
28     // Do any additional setup after loading the
29     view, typically from a nib.
30 }
```



storyboard classes: the views

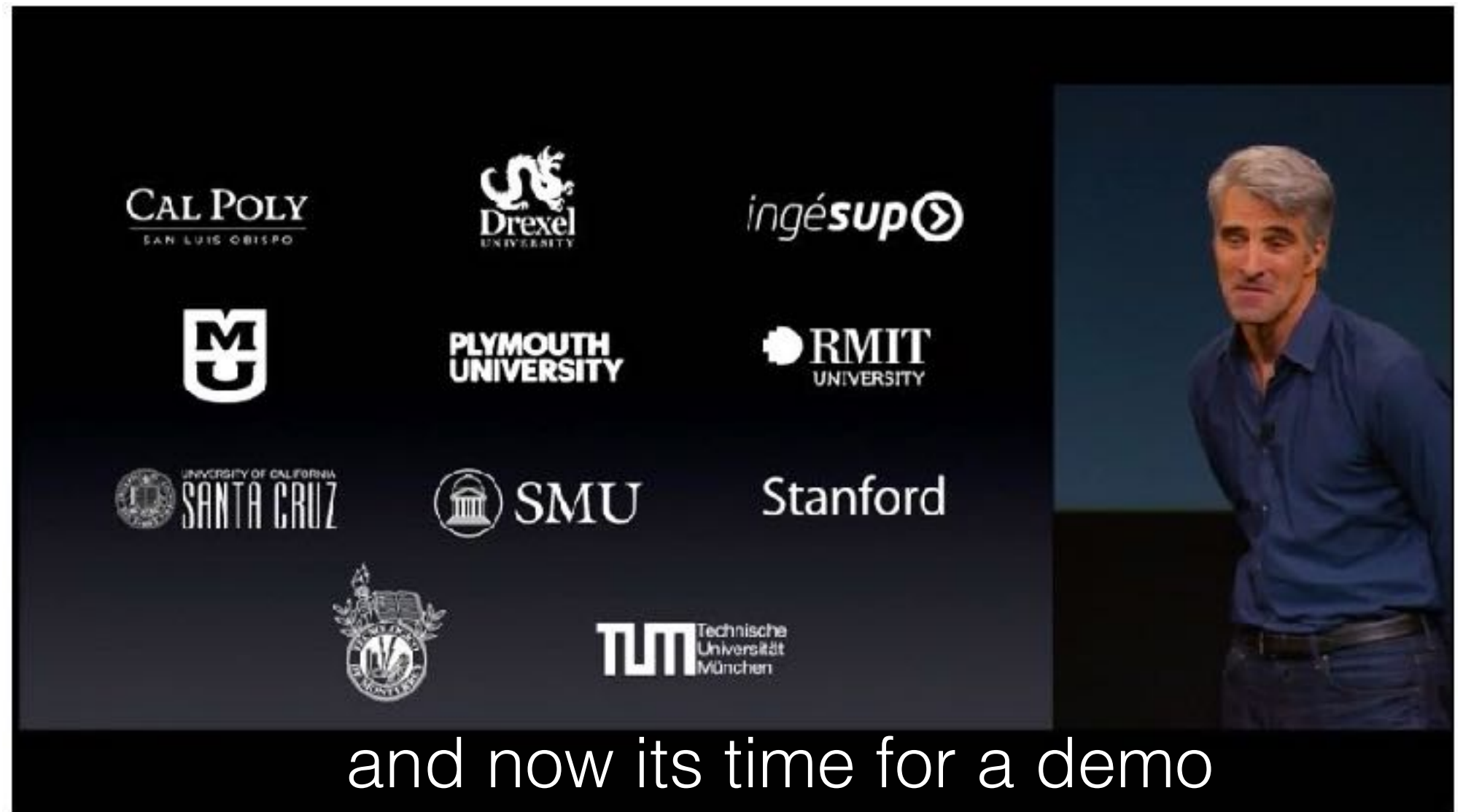
bring your buttons to life

- in many settings you are **given criteria** from a graphic designer
 - but right now, **you** are the graphic designer
- use **images** for more **descriptive** buttons and labels
- **good tip**: make them the right size from the start!



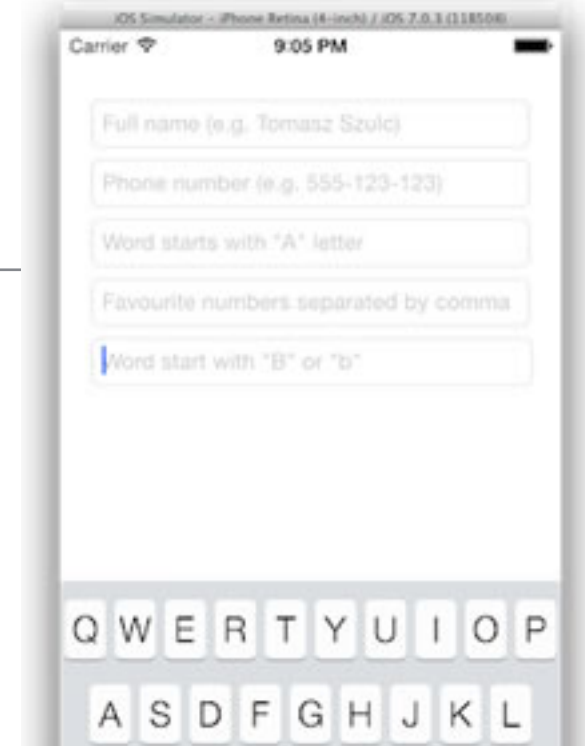
UI basics demo

Guess
the
Number...



text fields

- text fields are common
- but they require the use of the keyboard!
- so you need **delegate** when events happen
 - say when to dismiss the keyboard
 - define what happens to text that the user entered



outlet, setup from storyboard

```
@interface ViewController () <UITextFieldDelegate>
@property (weak, nonatomic) IBOutlet UITextField *nameTextField;
@end
```

```
@implementation ViewController
```

return button pressed

```
viewDidLoad {
    [self.view viewDidLoad];
    self.nameTextField.delegate = self;
}

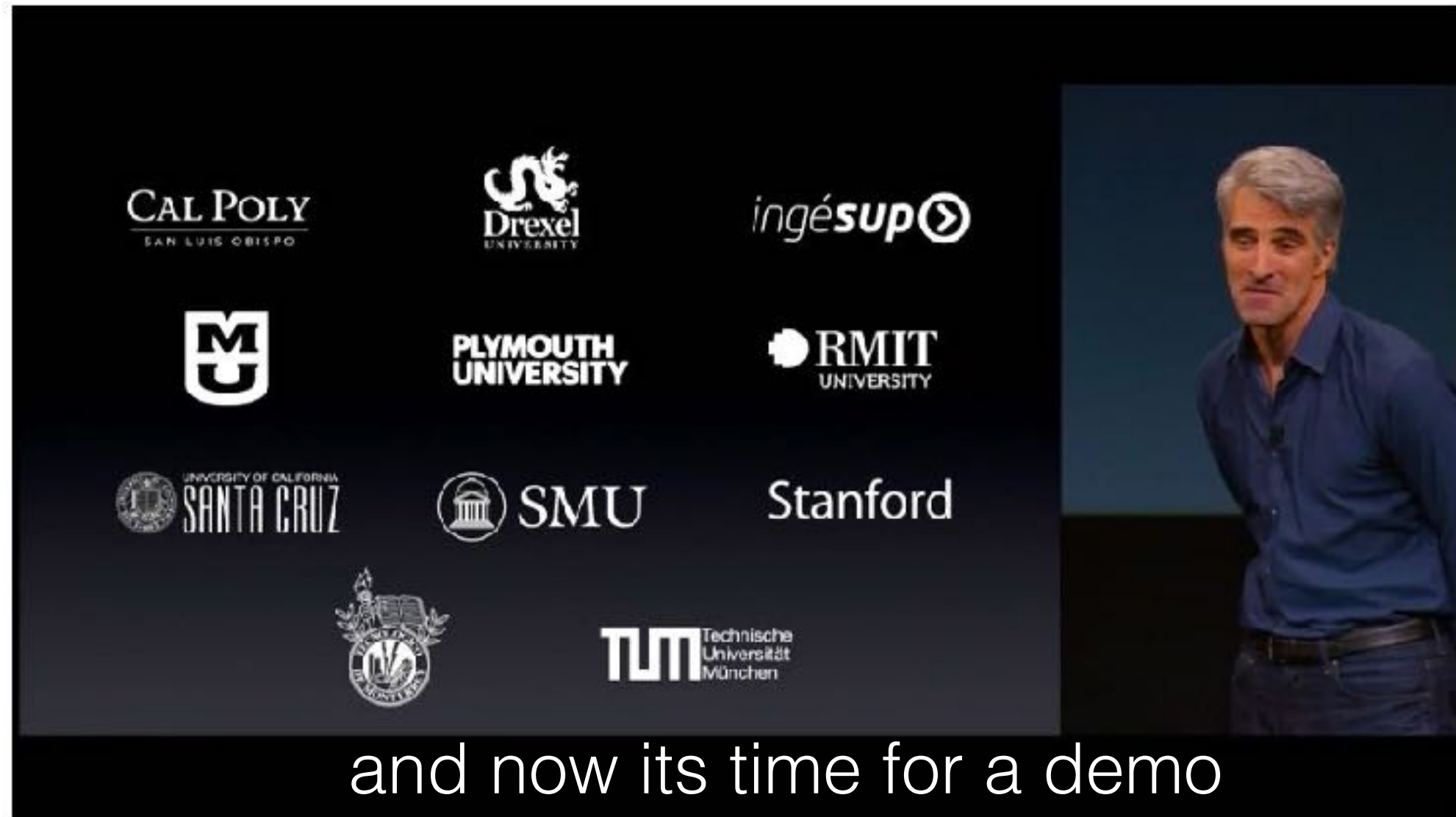
-(BOOL)textFieldShouldReturn:(UITextField *)textField{
    [textField resignFirstResponder];
    return YES;
}
```

tell compiler we are delegate

make VC delegate

give up keyboard control

UI text field demo



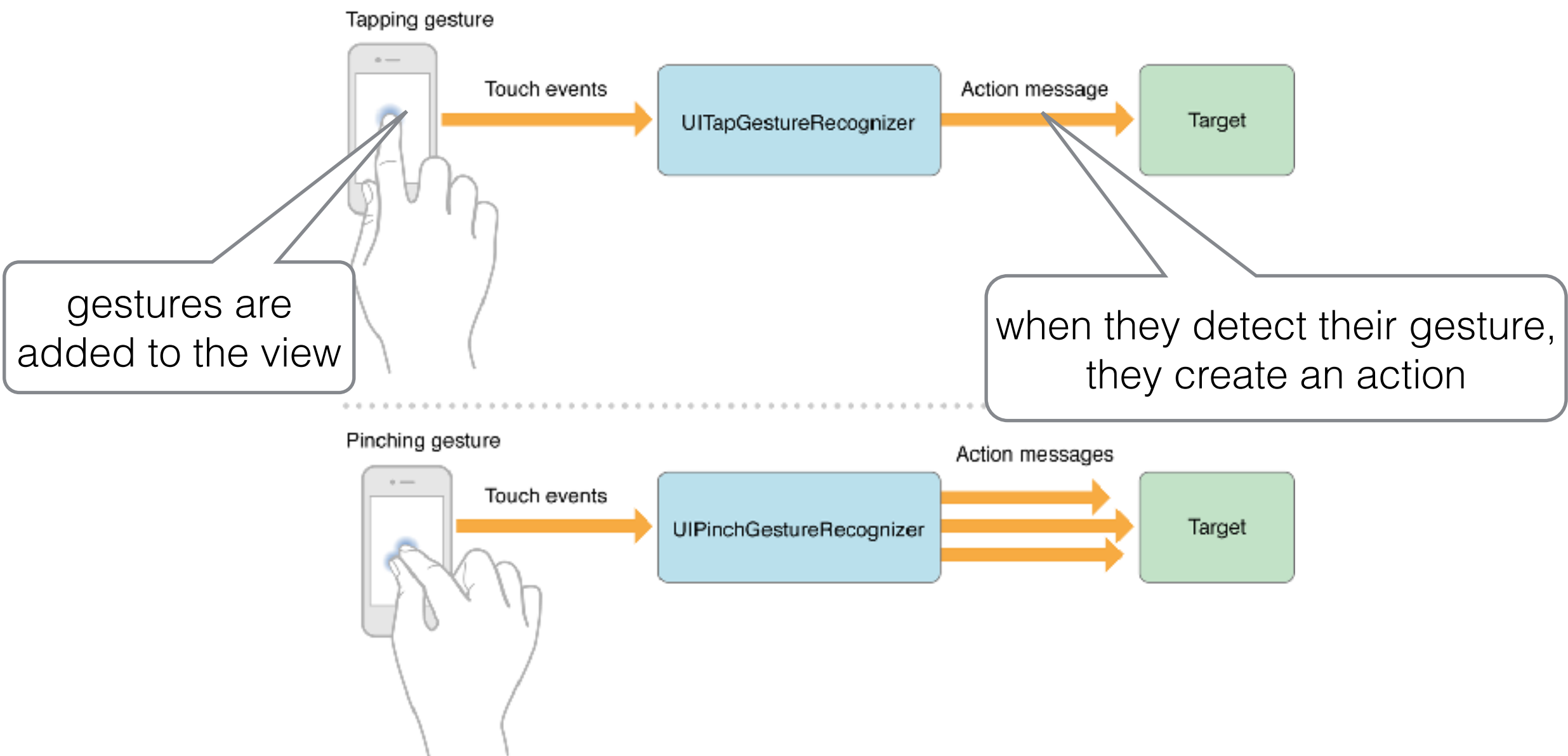
gesture recognition

- the fun part about doing things on the iPhone!
- **the point:** recognize different gestures and then make something happen
- lots of ways to do this
 - **programmatically:** quick and versatile
 - **target-action:** easy
 - **delegation:** more feature rich
- here is the complete documentation:

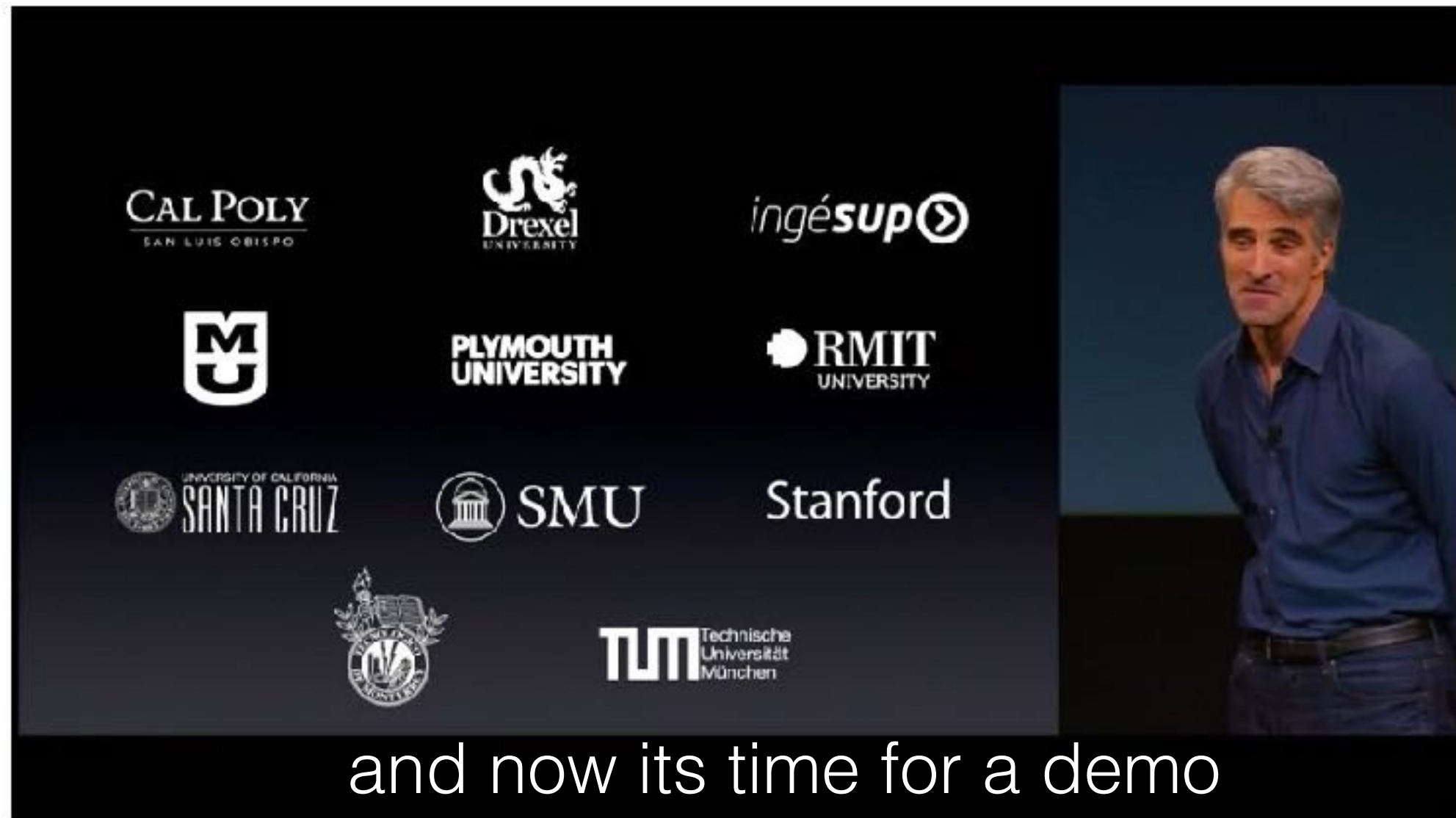
https://developer.apple.com/library/ios/documentation/EventHandling/Conceptual/EventHandlingiPhoneOS/GestureRecognizer_basics/GestureRecognizer_basics.html

gesture recognition

- need a UIGestureRecognizer
- UITapGestureRecognizer, UIPinchGestureRecognizer, ...



UI gesture demo

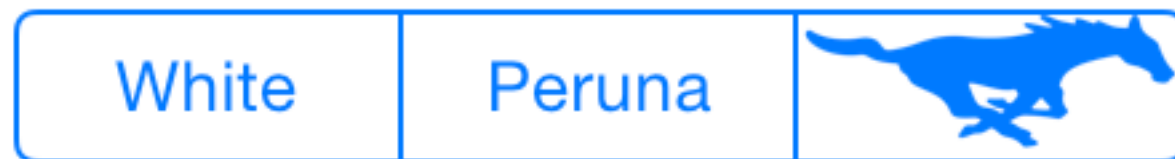


timers, segmented control

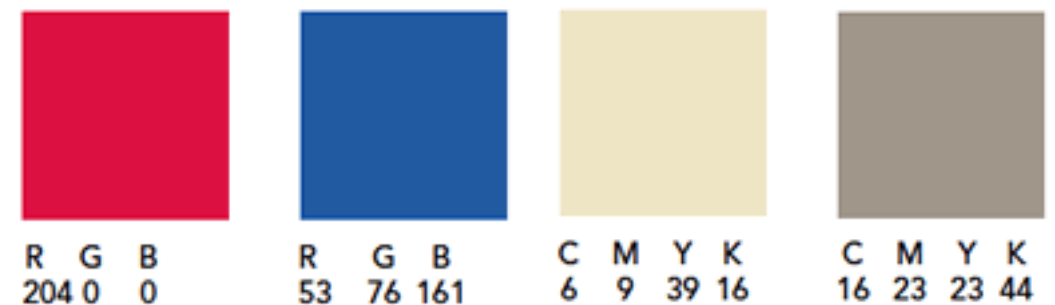
```
- (IBAction)updateFromSegmentedControl:(UISegmentedControl *)sender {  
    NSString *selectedText = [sender titleForSegmentAtIndex: [sender selectedSegmentIndex]];  
    YOUR_CODE  
}
```

get title from control

get value of control



standard SMU colors

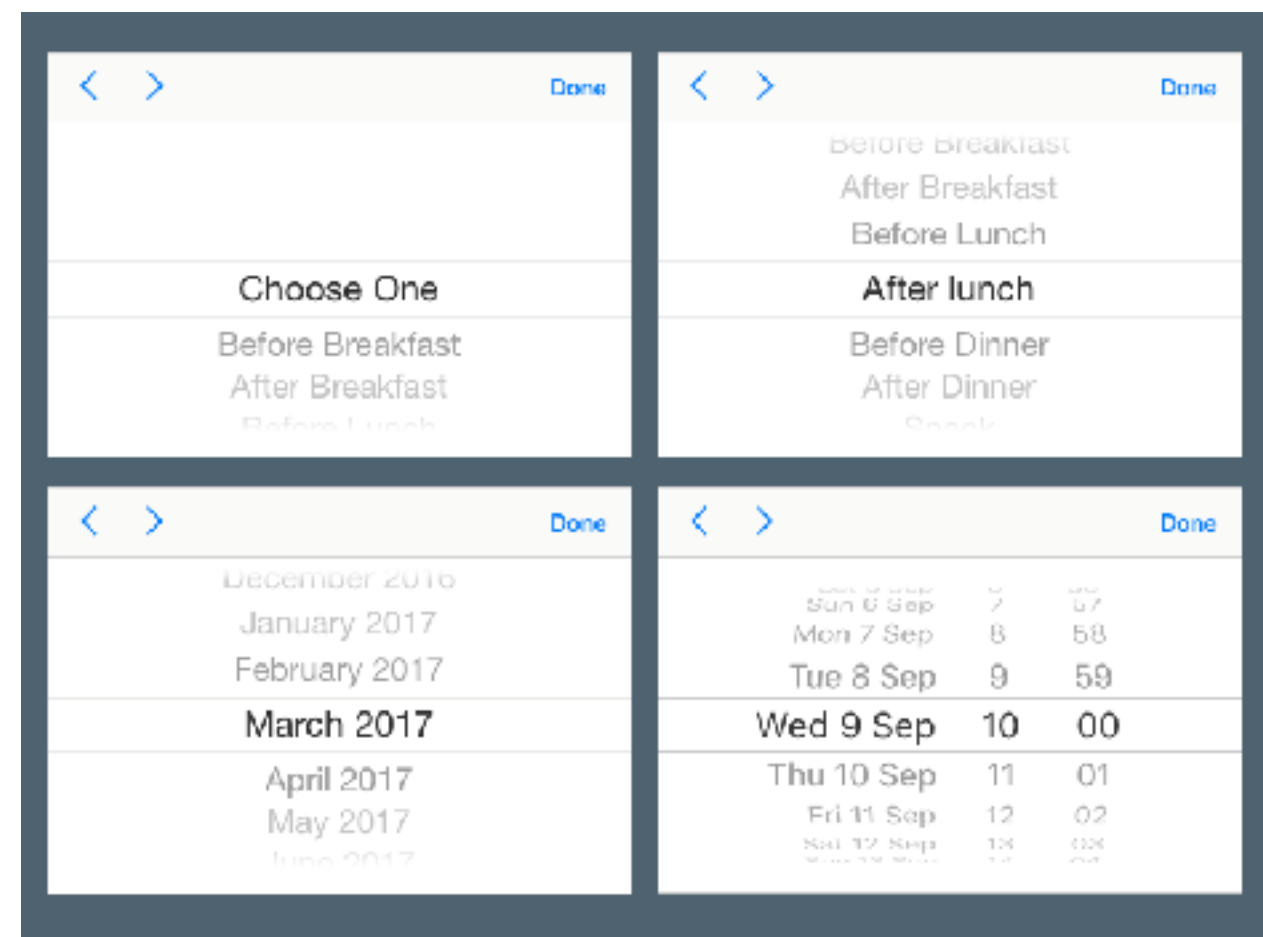


```
NSTimer *timer = [NSTimer scheduledTimerWithTimeInterval:someIntervalInSeconds  
                                                         target:self  
                                                         selector:@selector(someFunction:)  
                                                         userInfo:nil  
                                                         repeats:YES];  
  
// don't get blocked by the main thread  
[[NSRunLoop mainRunLoop] addTimer:timer forMode:NSRunLoopCommonModes];
```

when should the timer be running? what modes?

pickers

- **look at documentation:** find out how to use a picker view
- you will have all the tools to do it from working with collections and the table view controllers in flipped lecture video!
- you are the data source!



assignment one

- Posted on Canvas!



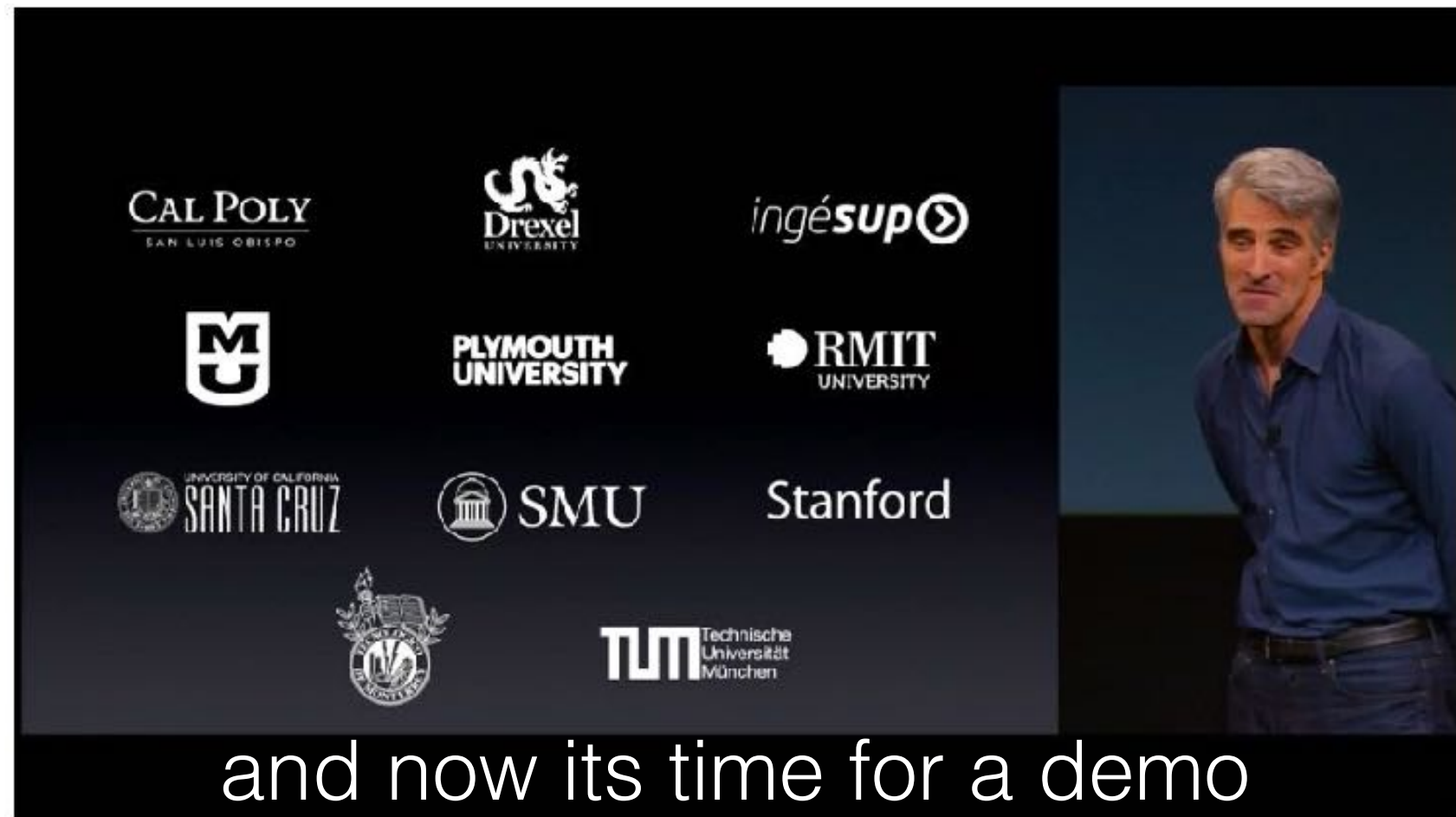
before demo... don't forget

- View Controllers in iOS via flipped assignment
 - Watch videos **before class**
 - download GitHub project and having running **before class**
 - come ready to work in teams on an in-class assignment
 - distance students: turn in within a few days of the assignment
- next lectures:
 - mobile HCI
 - audio access

adding functionality



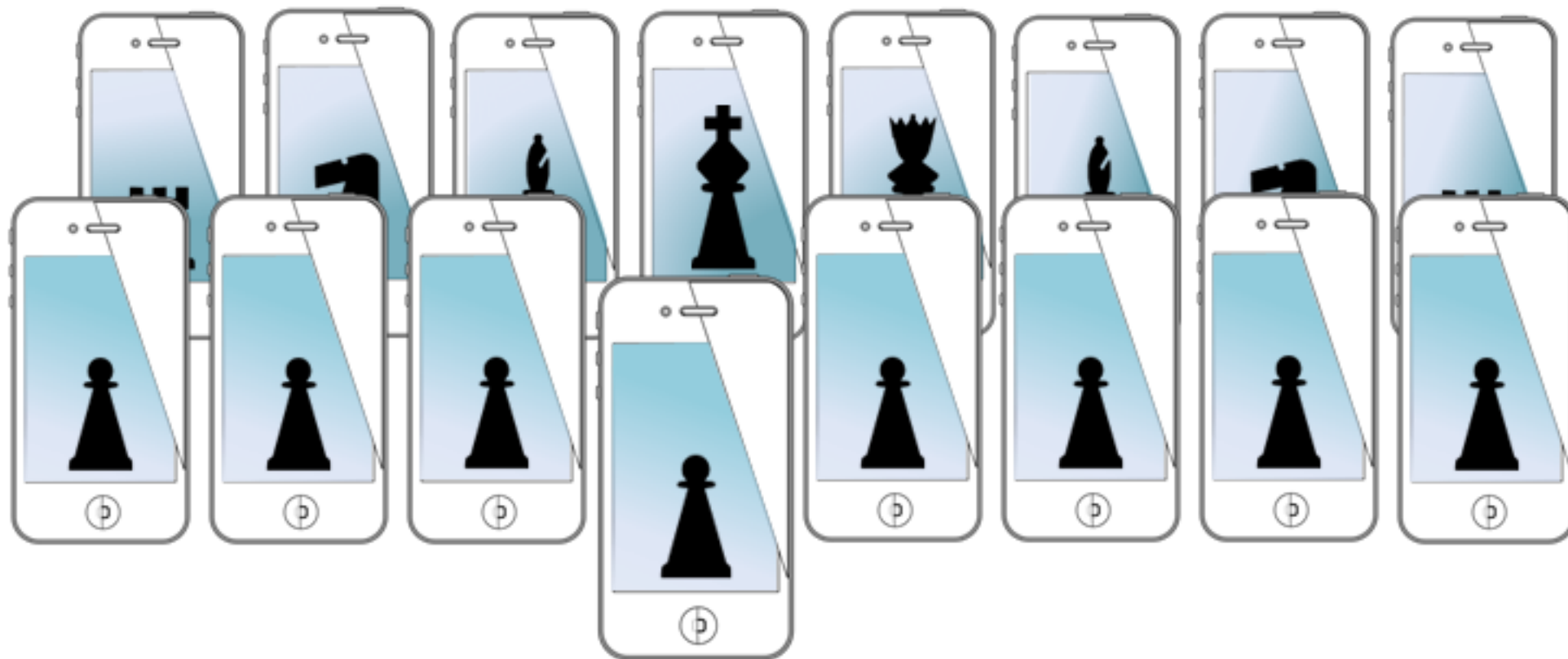
- support for landscape and portrait modes with auto layout
- using the `switch` statement in swift (very powerful)
- `if let`
- mixing objective-c
- and more!



<https://developer.apple.com/swift/>

<https://docs.swift.org/swift-book/GuidedTour/GuidedTour.html>

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