

# AutoLayout

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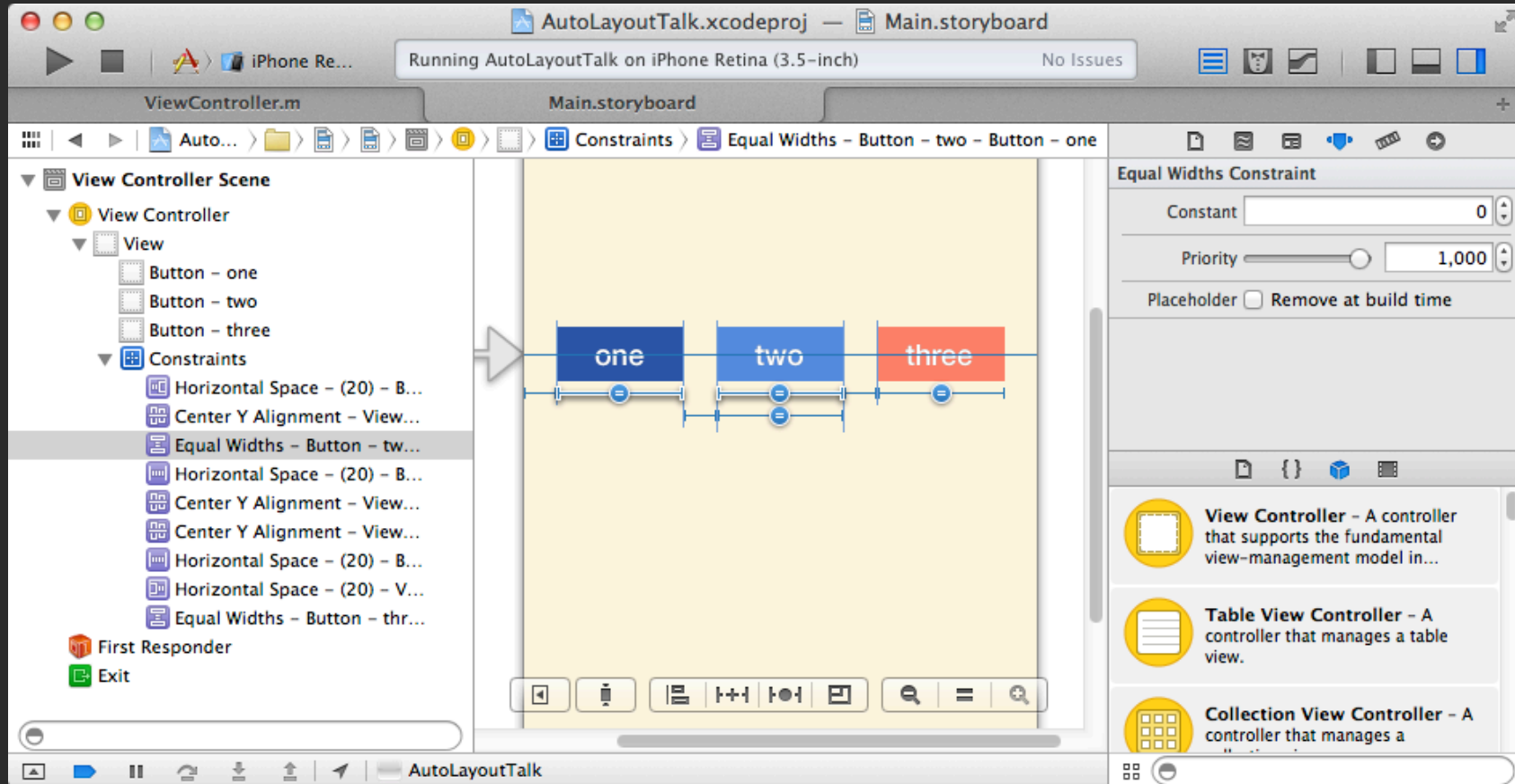
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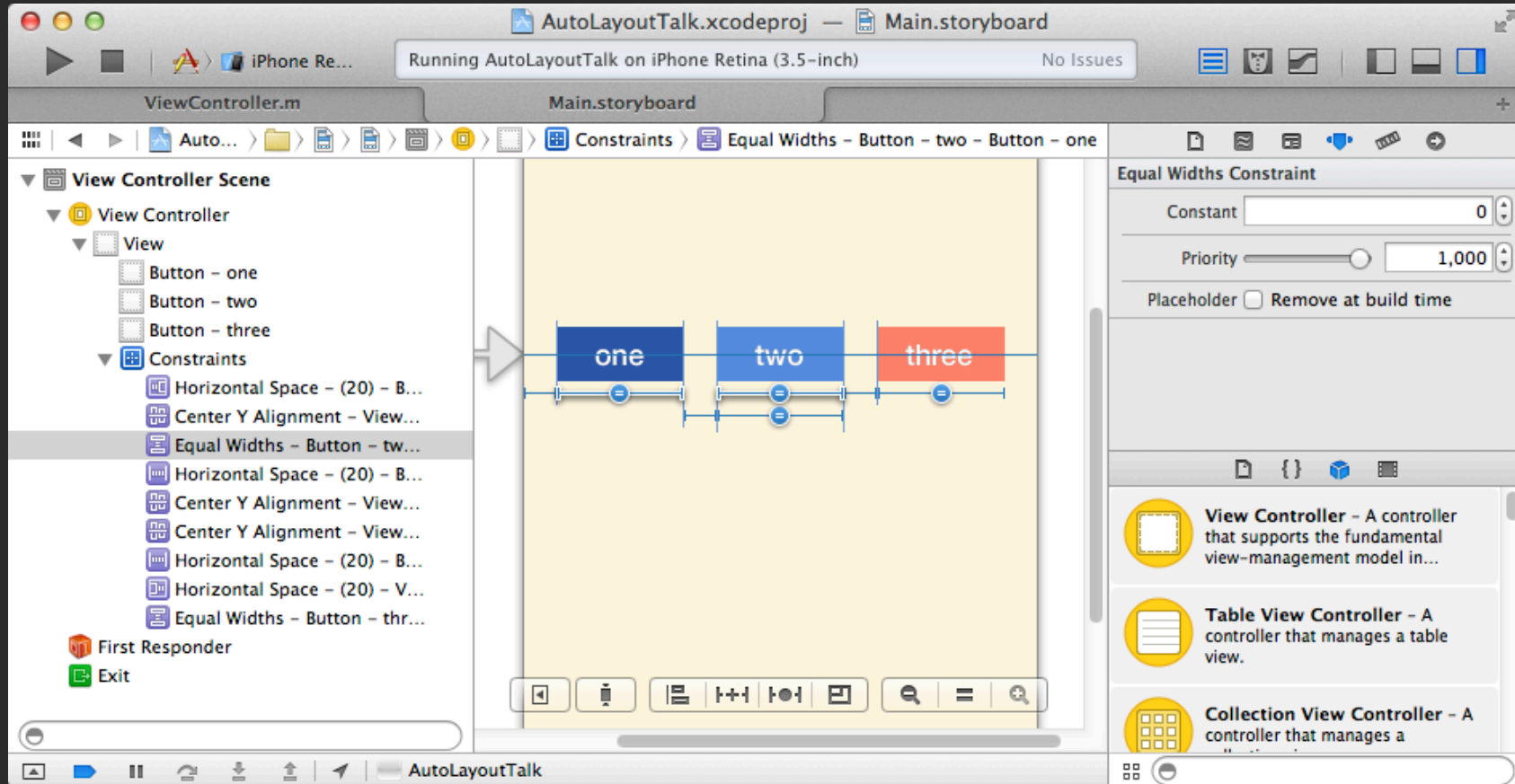
bounds } frame  
center }  
transform  
autoresizingMask

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**What do I need to know?**



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## UIView properties

`alignmentRectInsets`

`constraints`

`contentSize`

`compression`

`hugging`

`translatesAutoresizingMaskIntoConstraints`

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**UIViewController lifecycle**

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**Animation**

# UIView Properties

# constraints

Layout	<code>NSLayoutConstraint</code>
Content	<code>ContentSizeLayoutConstraint</code>
Autosizing	<code>NSAutoresizingMaskLayoutConstraint</code>

# constraints

`view1.attribute1 RELATION multiplier * view2.attribute2 + constant`

`NSLayoutAttributeLeft`

`NSLayoutAttributeRight`

`NSLayoutAttributeTop`

`NSLayoutAttributeBottom`

`NSLayoutAttributeLeading`

`NSLayoutAttributeTrailing`

`NSLayoutAttributeWidth`

`NSLayoutAttributeHeight`

`NSLayoutAttributeCenterX`

`NSLayoutAttributeCenterY`

`NSLayoutAttributeBaseline`

`NSLayoutAttributeNotAnAttribute`

`NSLayoutRelationEqual`

`NSLayoutRelationGreaterThanOrEqual`

`NSLayoutRelationLessThanOrEqual`

# constraints

## NSLayoutConstraint

### Tasks

#### Creating Constraints

```
+ constraintsWithVisualFormat:options:metrics:views:  
+ constraintWithItem:attribute:relatedBy toItem:attribute:multipplier:constant:
```

#### Accessing Constraint Data

```
priority property  
firstItem property  
firstAttribute property  
relation property  
secondItem property  
secondAttribute property  
multiplier property  
constant property
```

```
[NSLayoutConstraint  
  constraintWithItem: button  
  attribute: NSLayoutConstraintAttributeCenterX  
  relatedBy: NSLayoutConstraintRelationEqual  
  toItem: superview  
  attribute: NSLayoutConstraintAttributeCenterX  
  multiplier: 1.0  
  constant: 0.0]
```

#### Controlling Constraint Archiving

```
shouldBeArchived property
```



# constraints

`view1.attribute1 RELATION multiplier * view2.attribute2 + constant`

```
constraint = [NSLayoutConstraint
    constraintWithItem: view
    attribute: NSLayoutConstraintWidth
    relatedBy: NSLayoutConstraintEqual
    toItem: nil
    attribute: NSLayoutConstraintNotAnAttribute
    multiplier: 1.0
    constant: 100.0];
[view addConstraint: constraint];

constraint = [NSLayoutConstraint
    constraintWithItem: view
    attribute: NSLayoutConstraintWidth
    relatedBy: NSLayoutConstraintEqual
    toItem: nil
    attribute: NSLayoutConstraintNotAnAttribute
    multiplier: 1.0
    constant: 80.0];
[view addConstraint: constraint];
```

**size=100x80**

# constraints

`view1.attribute1 RELATION multiplier * view2.attribute2 + constant`

**linear equations**

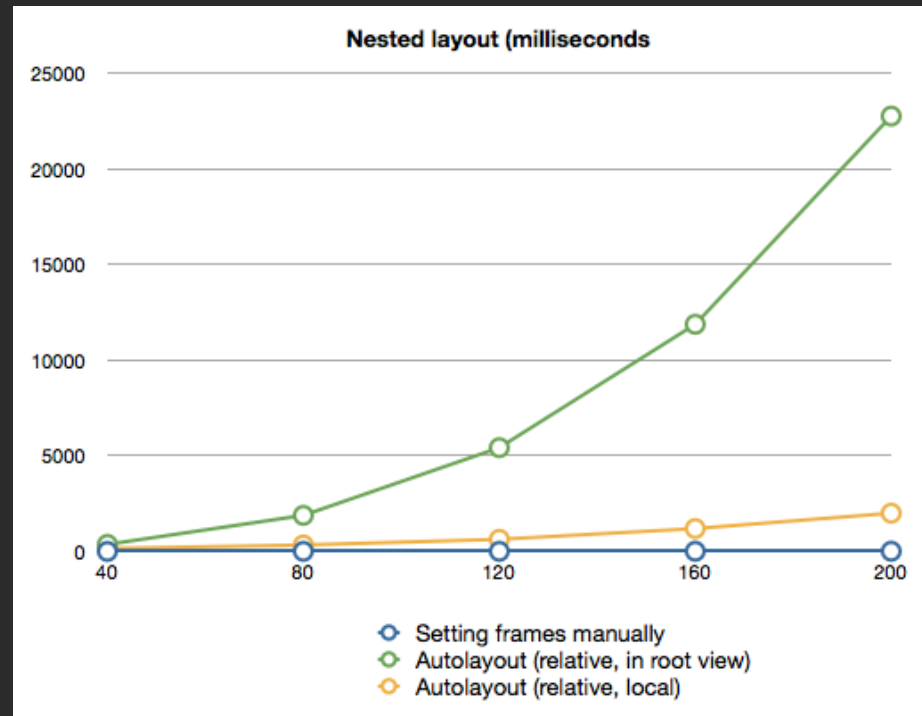
**Cassowary Linear Arithmetic**

**Constraint Solving Algorithm**

**Pro tip: Use local flat hierarchies.**

# constraints

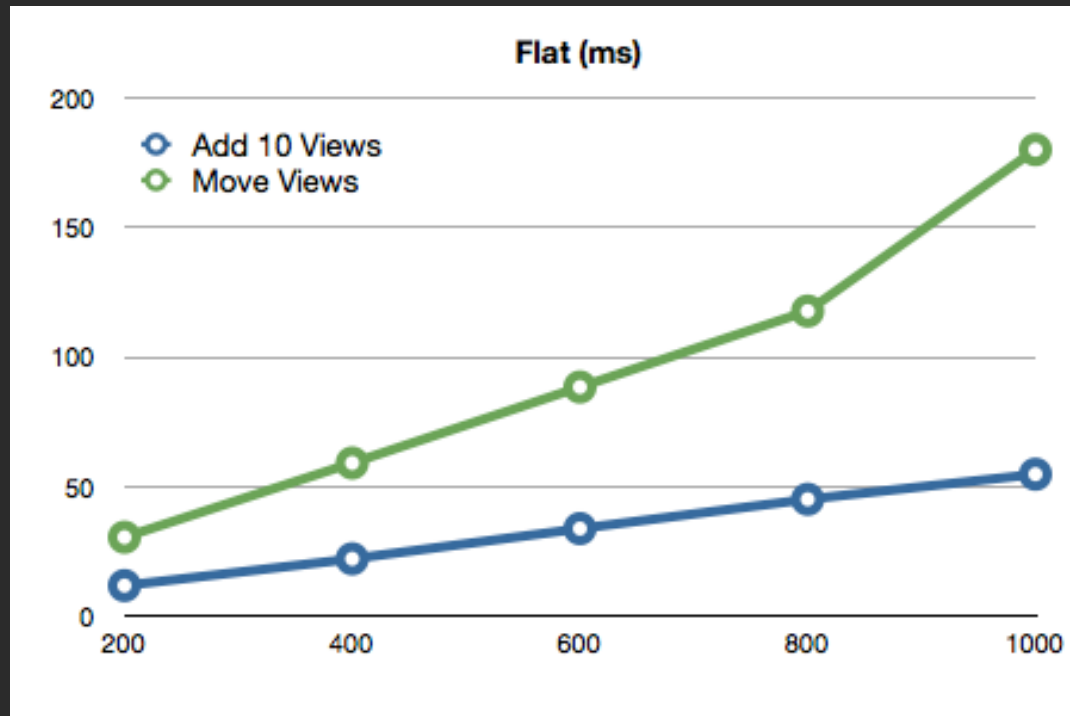
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# constraints

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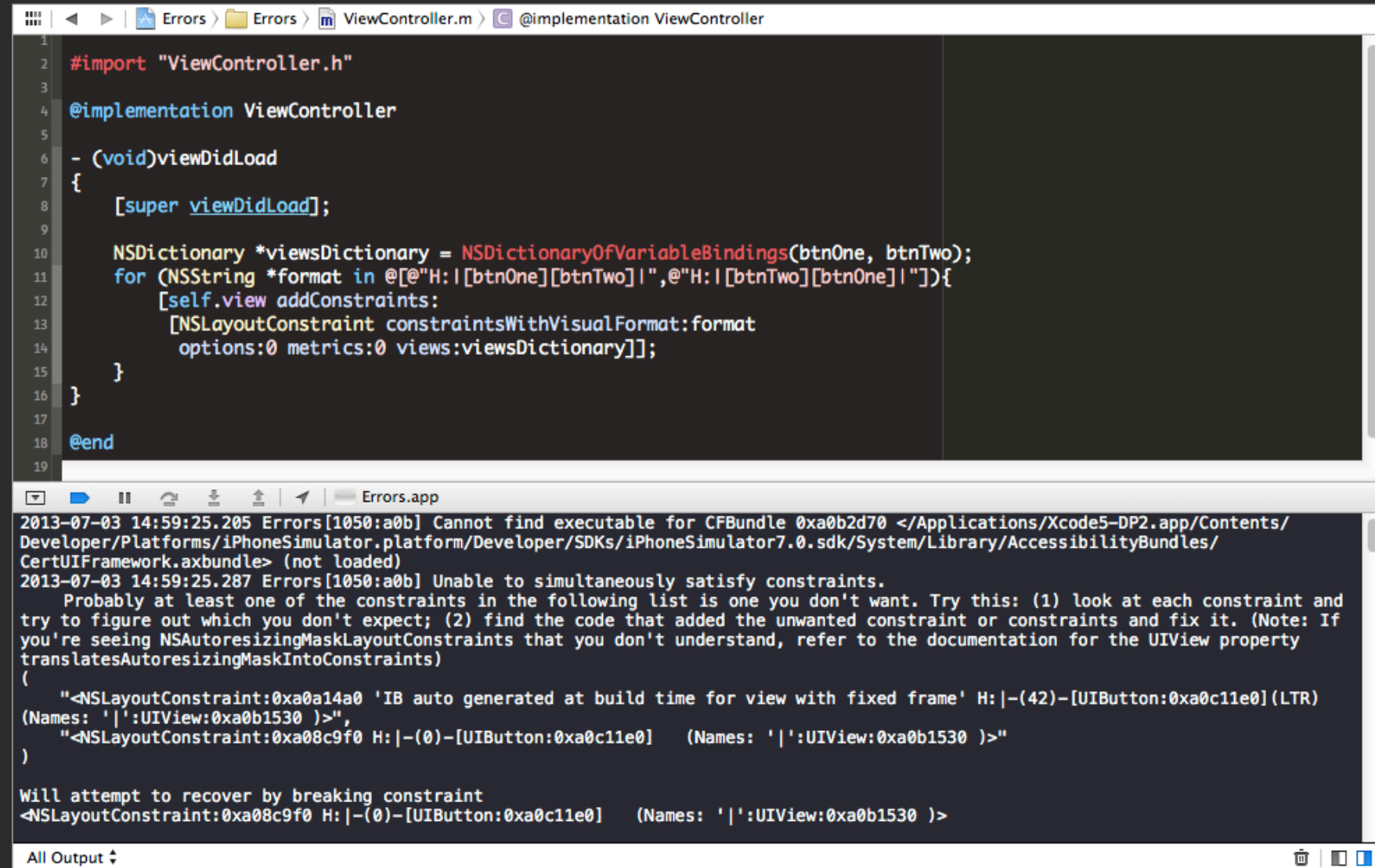
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**constraints**

**Screw-ups**

# Unsatisfiable



The screenshot shows the Xcode IDE with a project named 'Errors.app'. The top toolbar includes icons for running, pausing, stepping through code, and other development tools. The main editor displays the implementation of `ViewController` in `ViewController.m`. The code defines a `viewDidLoad` method that creates a dictionary of variable bindings for two buttons, `btnOne` and `btnTwo`, and adds constraints based on these bindings. The error console at the bottom shows a message from the system indicating that the constraints cannot be simultaneously satisfied. The message includes details about the bundle, the specific constraints, and a suggestion to review the constraints and the code that added them. The error console also shows the system's attempt to recover by breaking the constraint.

```
1 #import "ViewController.h"
2
3
4 @implementation ViewController
5
6 - (void)viewDidLoad
7 {
8     [super viewDidLoad];
9
10    NSDictionary *viewsDictionary = NSDictionaryOfVariableBindings(btnOne, btnTwo);
11    for (NSString *format in @[@"H:|[btnOne][btnTwo]|", @"H:|[btnTwo][btnOne]|"]){
12        [self.view addConstraints:
13            [NSLayoutConstraint constraintsWithVisualFormat:format
14                options:0 metrics:0 views:viewsDictionary]];
15    }
16 }
17
18 @end
```

2013-07-03 14:59:25.205 Errors[1050:a0b] Cannot find executable for CFBundle 0xa0b2d70 </Applications/Xcode5-DP2.app/Contents/Developer/Platforms/iPhoneSimulator.platform/Developer/SDKs/iPhoneSimulator7.0.sdk/System/Library/AccessibilityBundles/CertUIFramework.axbundle> (not loaded)

2013-07-03 14:59:25.287 Errors[1050:a0b] Unable to simultaneously satisfy constraints.

Probably at least one of the constraints in the following list is one you don't want. Try this: (1) look at each constraint and try to figure out which you don't expect; (2) find the code that added the unwanted constraint or constraints and fix it. (Note: If you're seeing `NSAutoresizingMaskLayoutConstraint` that you don't understand, refer to the documentation for the `UIView` property `translatesAutoresizingMaskIntoConstraints`)

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"<NSLayoutConstraint:0xa0a14a0 'IB auto generated at build time for view with fixed frame' H:|-(42)-[UIButton:0xa0c11e0](LTR) (Names: '|':UIView:0xa0b1530 )>",

"<NSLayoutConstraint:0xa08c9f0 H:|-(0)-[UIButton:0xa0c11e0] (Names: '|':UIView:0xa0b1530 )>"

)

Will attempt to recover by breaking constraint

<NSLayoutConstraint:0xa08c9f0 H:|-(0)-[UIButton:0xa0c11e0] (Names: '|':UIView:0xa0b1530 )>

All Output

# Invalid

The screenshot shows the Xcode IDE with a Swift file named `ViewController.m` open. The file contains the following code:

```
1 #import "ViewController.h"
2
3
4 @implementation ViewController
5
6 - (void)viewDidLoad
7 {
8     [super viewDidLoad];
9
10    NSDictionary *viewsDictionary = NSDictionaryOfVariableBindings(btnOne, btnTwo);
11    for (NSString *format in @[@"$#*(&$*(#$&(*$&(*$#^$&#($^&*#$^$*#&^$*#^$*($")){
12        [self.view addConstraints:
13            [NSLayoutConstraint constraintsWithVisualFormat:format
14             options:0 metrics:0 views:viewsDictionary]];
15    }
16 }
17
18 @end
```

The error message in the console is:

```
2013-07-03 15:02:48.923 Errors[1128:a0b] Cannot find executable for CFBundle 0x99ad060 </Applications/Xcode5-DP2.app/Contents/Developer/Platforms/iPhoneSimulator.platform/Developer/SDKs/iPhoneSimulator7.0.sdk/System/Library/AccessibilityBundles/CertUIFramework.axbundle> (not loaded)
2013-07-03 15:02:48.988 Errors[1128:a0b] *** Terminating app due to uncaught exception 'NSInvalidArgumentException', reason: 'Unable to parse constraint format:
Expected a view
$#*(&$*(#$&(*$&(*$#^$&#($^&*#$^$*#&^$*#^$*($')){
^'

*** First throw call stack:
(0x16ad9b8 0x142e8b6 0x11e717b 0x1094e0b 0x109409e 0x1093c5c 0x1093bee 0x6b32 0x3339fc 0x333c98 0x268f99 0x269334 0x26959e 0xf94211b 0x273697 0x229824 0x22ab5e 0x240a6c 0x240fd9 0x22c7d5 0x35a4906 0x35a4411 0x16293e5 0x162911b 0x1653b30 0x165310d 0x1652f3b 0x22a2b1 0x22c4eb 0x706d 0x1d0d725)
libc++abi.dylib: terminating with uncaught exception of type NSException
(lldb) |
```

The console also shows the standard Xcode output at the bottom: "All Output".

# Ambiguous

**view.hasAmbiguousLayout**  
**view.exerciseAmbiguityInLayout**

```
for (UIView *view in self.subviews) {  
    if ([view hasAmbiguousLayout]){  
        NSLog(@"<%@:0x%0x>", view.description, (int)self);  
    }  
}
```



# intrinsicContentSize

Suggested size for the view.

```
- (CGSize) intrinsicContentSize {  
    return mySize;  
}
```

```
[self invalidateIntrinsicContentSize];
```

```
UIImage *img = UIImage imageNamed:@"Icon.png"];  
UIImageView *iv = [[UIImageView alloc] initWithImage:img];  
NSLog(@"%@", NSStringFromCGSize(iv.intrinsicContentSize));
```

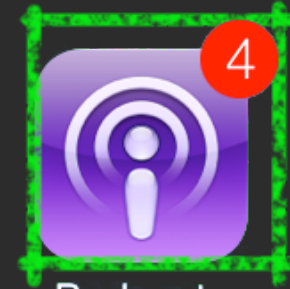
# Alignment rectangle



Podcasts



Podcasts

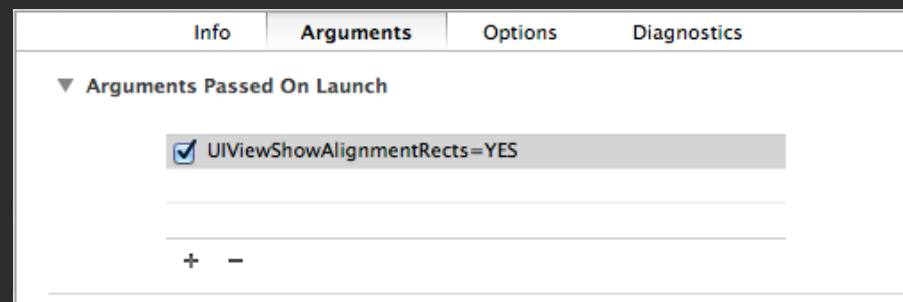


Podcasts

## UIView

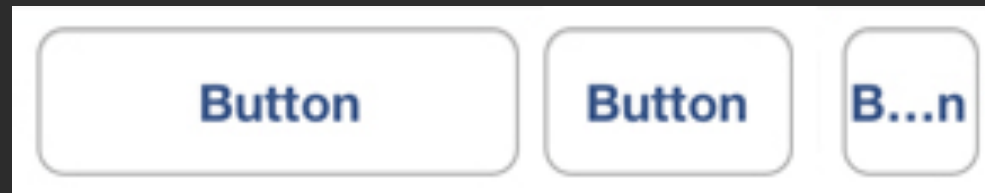
- `(UIEdgeInsets)alignmentRectInsets`
- `(CGRect)frameForAlignmentRect:(CGRect)alignmentRect`
- `(CGRect)alignmentRectForFrame:(CGRect)frame`

Show rect lines:



# Hug & compress

Hugging resists stretching  
Compression resists shrinking



```
UILayoutConstraintAxis axis = UILayoutConstraintAxisHorizontal;  
UILayoutPriority p = UILayoutPriorityDefaultHigh;  
[button setContentCompressionResistancePriority:p forAxis:axis];  
[button setContentHuggingPriority:p forAxis:axis];
```

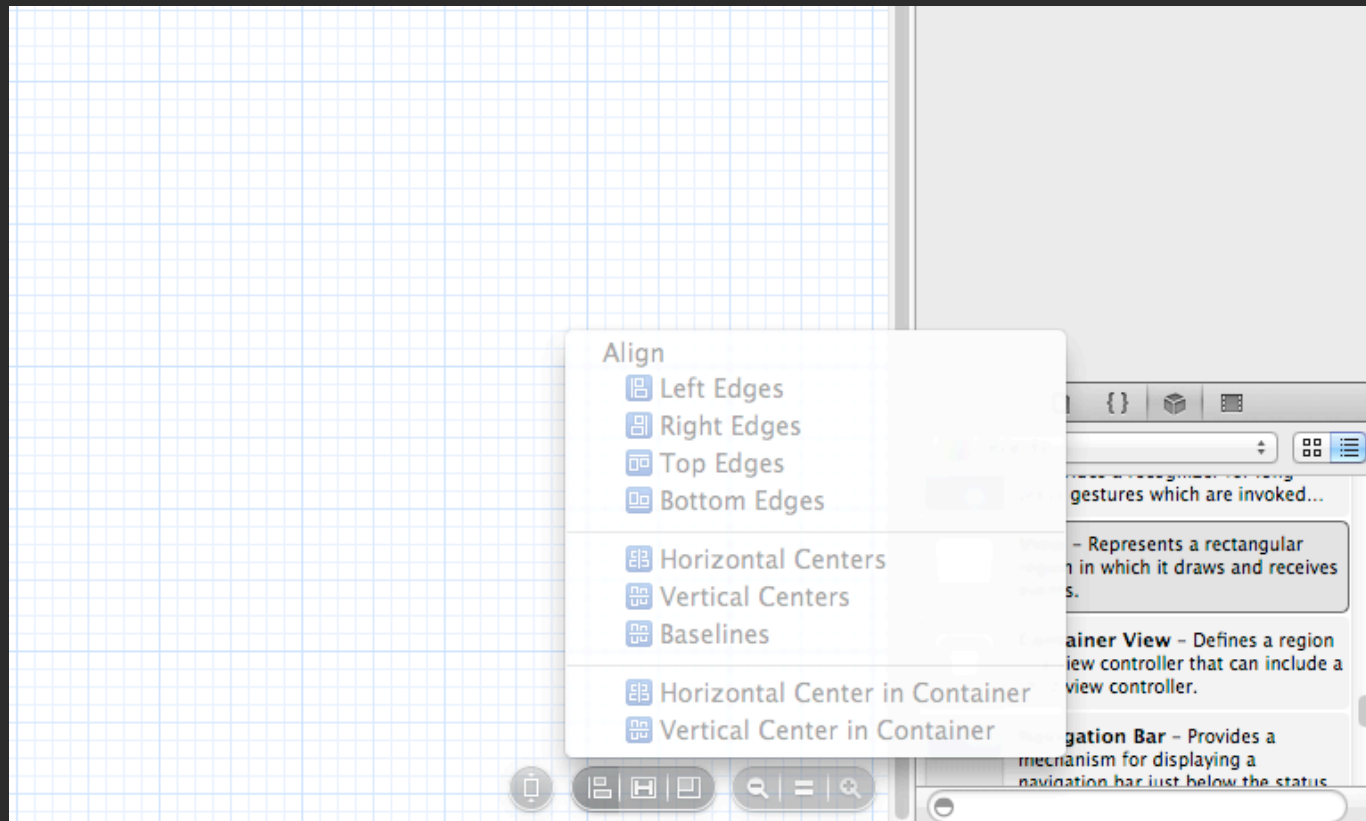
UIView properties

**Interface Builder** > VFL > API

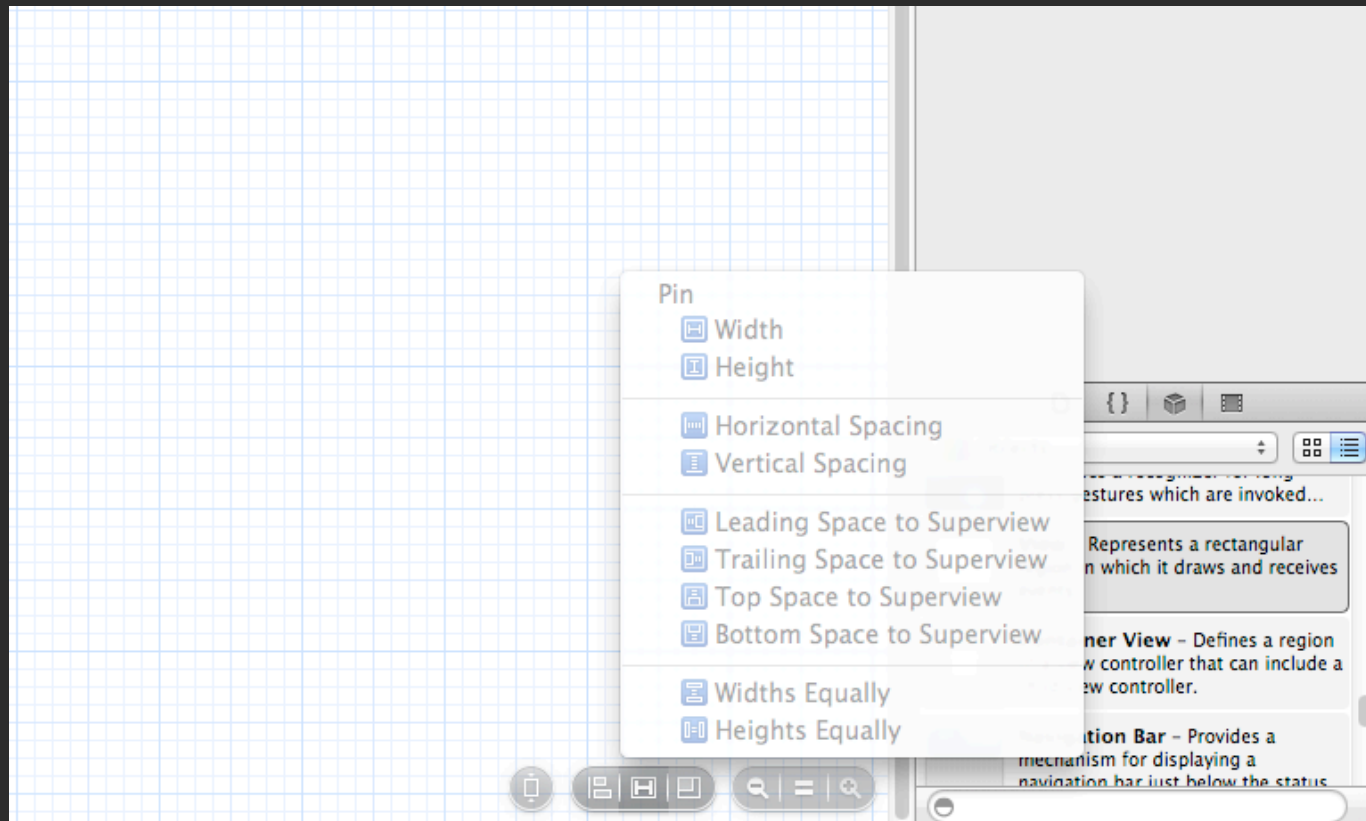
Animation

# Interface Builder

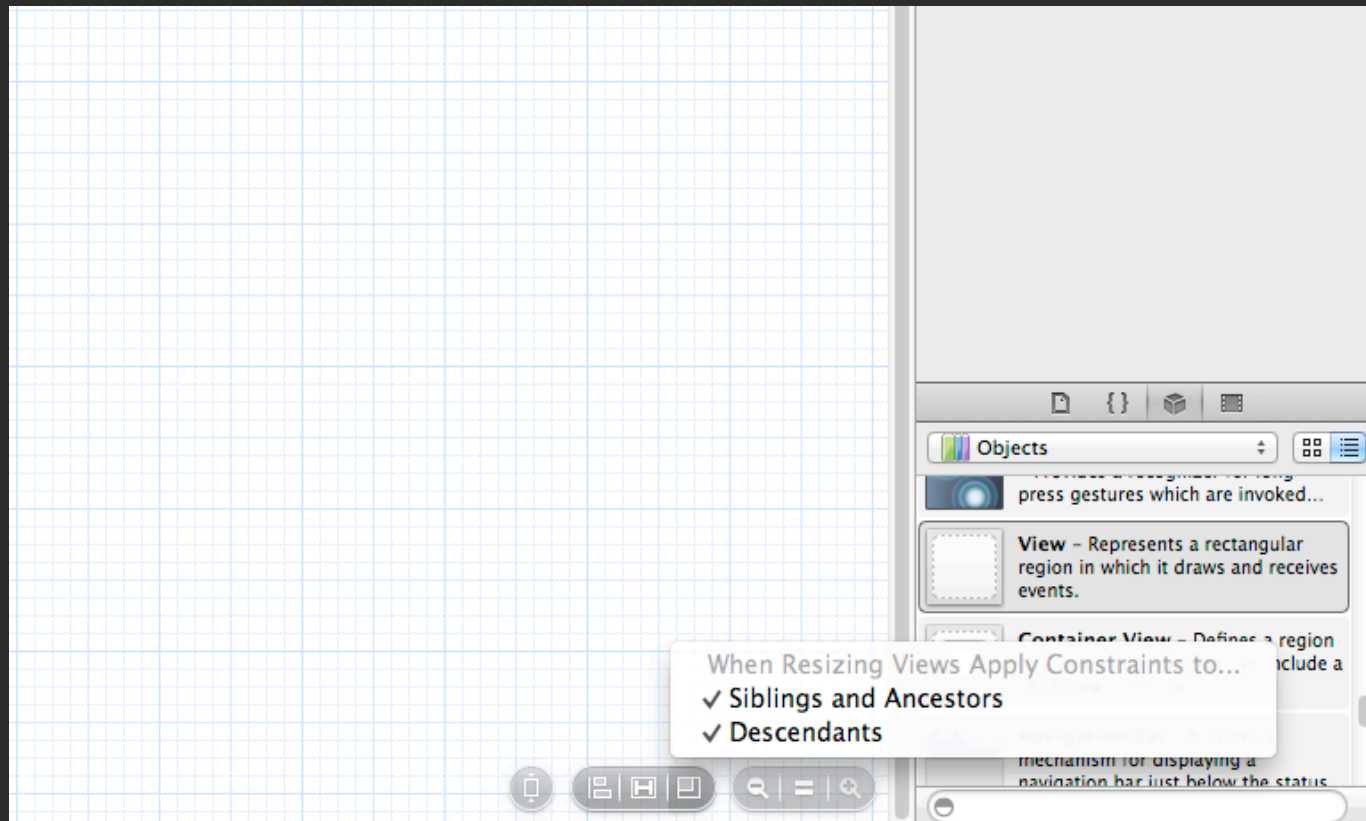
# Interface Builder



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**IB > VFL > API**

**Constraints colors**

**IB can't create ambiguous layouts**

**Add a constraint before deleting another**

**Preserve intrinsic size**

**Don't optimize until everything is in place**

UIView properties

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Animation

# Visual Format Language

# VFL

```
[NSLayoutConstraint  
    constraintsWithVisualFormat:@"H: |[buttonA]-| "  
    options:0  
    metrics:nil  
    views:@{ @"buttonA" : buttonA }];
```

# VFL

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    metrics:nil  
    views:@{ @"buttonA" : buttonA }];
```

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    options:0  
    metrics:nil  
    views:@{ @"buttonA" : buttonA }];
```

# VFL

```
[NSLayoutConstraint  
    constraintsWithVisualFormat:@"H: |-[buttonA]-distance-| "  
    options:0  
    metrics: @{ @"distance": @50 }  
    views:@{ @"buttonA" : buttonA }];
```



# VFL

```
[NSLayoutConstraint  
    constraintsWithVisualFormat:@"H: |-[buttonA]-distance-| "  
    options:0  
    metrics: @{ @"distance": @50 }  
    views:@{ @"buttonA" : buttonA }];
```

# VFL

```
[NSLayoutConstraint  
    constraintsWithVisualFormat:@"H: |[buttonA]-distance-| "  
    options:0  
    metrics: @{ @"distance": @50 }  
    views:NSDictionaryOfVariableBindings(buttonA)];
```

# VFL

H v [view] | - @ ( )

H:|[view]  
V:|[view]

H:[view]  
V:|[view]

H:[view]|  
V:|[view]

H:|[view]  
V:[view]

H:[view]  
V:[view]

H:[view]|  
V:[view]

H:|[view]  
V:[view]|

H:[view]  
V:[view]|

H:[view]|  
V:[view]|

A diagram consisting of a 3x3 grid of light yellow squares. The central column (the middle square of each row) is highlighted in light blue. In the center of the grid, the text "H:[view]" is written in black. Below it, the text "v:|[view]|" is written, where the vertical bar "|" is red. The entire grid is set against a dark gray background.

H:[view]  
v:|[view]|



A 3x3 grid with a light yellow background and thin orange grid lines. The middle row is highlighted in light blue. In the center cell of this row, the text 'H:[view]' and 'v:[view]' is displayed. The 'H:' and 'v:' are in black, while the '[view]' parts are in red.

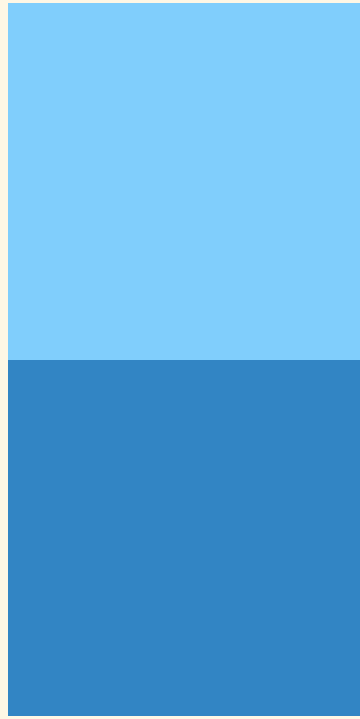
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v:[view]



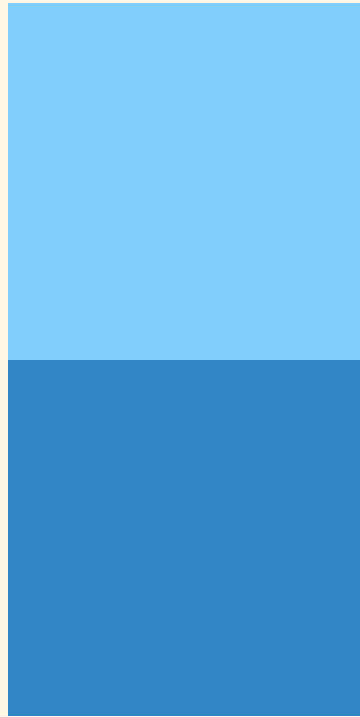
H:[view]  
v:[view]



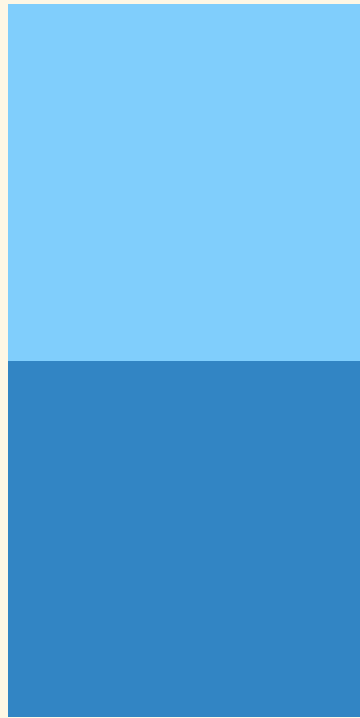




H:[view1][view2]

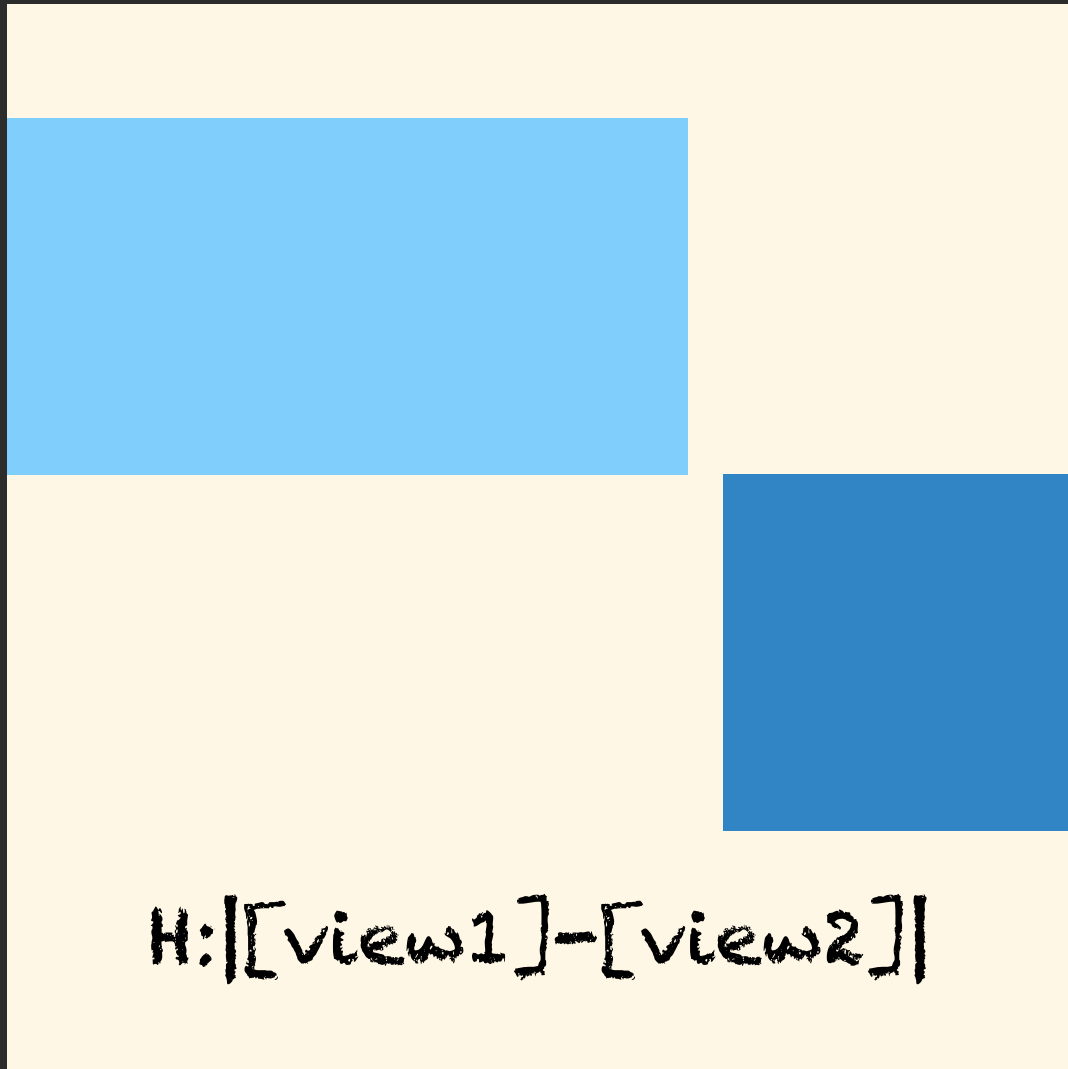


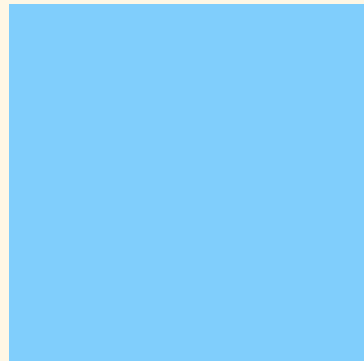
H:[view1]-[view2]



H:[view1]-30-[view2]

H:[view1]-(==30)-[view2]

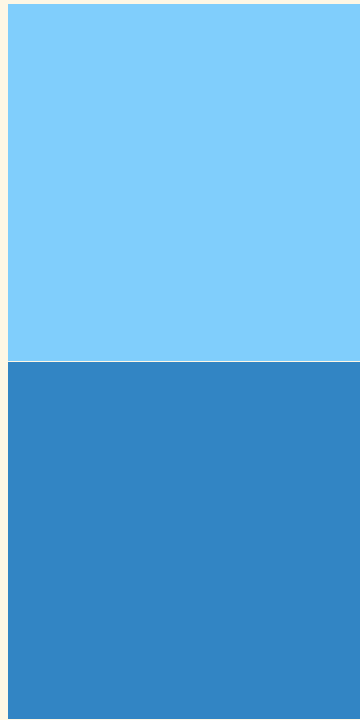




H:|-[view1]-(>=0)-[view2]-|



H:|-[view1(>=125,<=250)]-(>=0)-[view2]-|



$H:[view1(\geq view2)][view2]$

H:[button(100@20)]

H:| [view1]-(>=50@30)-[view2]|

H:|-[view1(==view2)]-[view2]-|

H:[view1(view2)]

...



# 100x100 Square

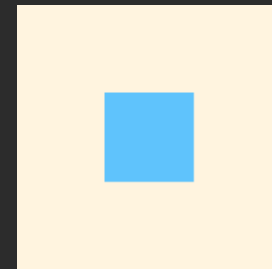
```
- (void)viewDidLoad
{
    [super viewDidLoad];

    self.blueView.translatesAutoresizingMaskIntoConstraints = NO;

    [self.blueView setContentHuggingPriority:UILayoutPriorityDefaultHigh
    forAxis:UILayoutConstraintAxisHorizontal];
    [self.blueView setContentCompressionResistancePriority:UILayoutPriorityDefaultHigh
    forAxis:UILayoutConstraintAxisVertical];

    [self.blueView removeConstraints:self.blueView.constraints];
    [self.blueView.superview removeConstraints:self.blueView.superview.constraints];

    NSArray *constraints = @[ @"H:[blueView(100)]", @"V:[blueView(100)]"];
    NSDictionary *views = @{@"blueView":self.blueView};
    for (NSString *format in constraints)
    {
        [self.view addConstraints:
        [NSLayoutConstraint
        constraintsWithVisualFormat: format
                                options: 0
                                metrics: nil
                                views: views]];
    }
}
```



UIView properties

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# UIView API

# UIView API

## Opting in to Constraint-Based Layout

- + `requiresConstraintBasedLayout`
- `translateAutoresizingMaskIntoConstraints`
- `setTranslatesAutoresizingMaskIntoConstraints:`

## Managing Constraints

- `constraints`
- `addConstraint:`
- `addConstraints:`
- `removeConstraint:`
- `removeConstraints:`

## Measuring in Constraint-Based Layout

- `systemLayoutSizeFittingSize`
- `intrinsicContentSize`
- `invalidateIntrinsicContentSize`
- `contentCompressionResistancePriorityForAxis:`
- `setContentCompressionResistancePriority:forAxis:`
- `contentHuggingPriorityForAxis:`
- `setContentHuggingPriority:forAxis:`

# UIView API

## Aligning Views with Constraint-Based Layout

- `alignmentRectForFrame:`
- `frameForAlignmentRect:`
- `alignmentRectInsets`
- `viewForBaselineLayout`

## Triggering Constraint-Based Layout

- `needsUpdateConstraints`
- `setNeedsUpdateConstraints`
- `updateConstraints`
- `updateConstraintsIfNeeded`

## Debugging Constraint-Based Layout

- `constraintsAffectingLayoutForAxis:`
- `hasAmbiguousLayout`
- `exerciseAmbiguityInLayout`

# CALayer API

## CALayer

– `layoutIfNeeded`

# UIViewController

**viewDidLoad**

- **autolayout-**

**viewDidLayoutSubviews**

**viewDidAppear**

**[self.view layoutIfNeeded]**

UIView properties

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# Animation

# Animation

**#238: Animate the constant**

## constant

```
self.someConstraint.constant = 10.0;  
[UIView animateWithDuration:0.25 animations:^(  
    [self.view layoutIfNeeded];  
)];
```

# Animation

**#238: Animate the constant.**

**#238: Call `layoutIfNeeded` in a block.**

# layoutIfNeeded

```
- (BOOL)continueTrackingWithTouch:(UITouch *)touch
withEvent:(UIEvent *)event
{
    CGPoint touchPoint = [touch locationInView:self];
    [UIView animateWithDuration:0.1f animations:^(
        NSLayoutConstraint *constraint =
            [trackView constraintNamed:THUMB_POSITION_TAG];
        constraint.constant = touchPoint.x;
        [trackView layoutIfNeeded];
    )];
    return YES;
}
```

# Animation

**#238: Animate the constant.**

**#238: Call `layoutIfNeeded` in a block.**

**Animate layers instead of views.**

# Layer animation

```
// jumpy
[UIView animateWithDuration:0.3 delay:0
options:UIViewAnimationOptionAutoreverse
animations:^(
    v.transform = CGAffineTransformMakeScale(1.1, 1.1);
} completion:^(BOOL finished) {
    v.transform = CGAffineTransformIdentity;
}];

// smooth
CABasicAnimation* ba = [CABasicAnimation
animationWithKeyPath:@"transform"];
ba.autoreverses = YES;
ba.duration = 0.3;
ba.toValue = [NSValue
valueWithCATransform3D:CATransform3DMakeScale(1.1, 1.1, 1)];
[v.layer addAnimation:ba forKey:nil];
```

# Animation

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**#238: Call `layoutIfNeeded` in a block.**

**Animate layers instead of views.**

**Drop constraints, use autosizing masks.**



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**Set frame in `viewDidLayoutSubviews`.**

# Animating Rotations

## Fading in/out during rotation

```
- (void)willRotateToInterfaceOrientation:(UIInterfaceOrientation)to
duration:(NSTimeInterval)duration
{
    // fade away old layout
    [UIView animateWithDuration:duration animations:^(
        for (UIView *view in @[settingsView, creditsView])
            view.alpha = 0.0f;
    )];
}

- (void) didRotateFromInterfaceOrientation:(UIInterfaceOrientation)from
{
    // update the layout for the new orientation
    [self updateViewConstraints];
    [self.view layoutIfNeeded];

    // fade in the new layout
    [UIView animateWithDuration:0.3f animations:^(
        for (UIView *view in @[settingsView, creditsView])
            view.alpha = 1.0f;
    )];
}
```

## Update and animate changes

```
- (void) willAnimateRotationToInterfaceOrientation:
(UIInterfaceOrientation)to
duration:(NSTimeInterval)duration
{
    [UIView animateWithDuration:duration animations:^(
        [self updateViewConstraints];
        [self.view layoutIfNeeded];
    )];
}
```

# Calling updates

```
UIInterfaceOrientation newOrientation;
```

```
- (void) updateViewConstraints
```

```
{
```

```
    [super updateViewConstraints];
```

```
    [self.view removeConstraints:self.view.constraints];
```

```
    if (newOrientation==UIInterfaceOrientationPortrait){
```

```
        // ...
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
- (void) willRotateToInterfaceOrientation:
```

```
    (UIInterfaceOrientation)toInterfaceOrientation
```

```
duration:(NSTimeInterval)duration
```

```
{
```

```
    newOrientation = toInterfaceOrientation;
```

```
    [self updateViewConstraints];
```

```
}
```

# References

**#202 WWDC 2012: Introduction to Auto Layout for iOS and OS X**

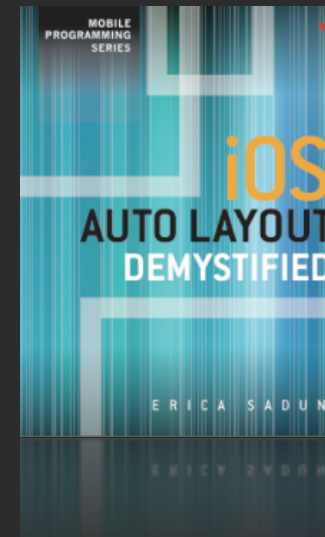
**#228 WWDC 2012: Best Practices for Mastering Auto Layout**

**#232 WWDC 2012: Auto Layout by Example**

**#406 WWDC '13 Taking Control of Auto Layout in Xcode 5**

**Cocoa Auto Layout Guide**

**iOS Auto Layout Demystified**



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