Creating a Multiview App

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Improving over Single-View Apps

The real power of iOS emerges when you switch out views based on user input







Views, Controllers and Scenes

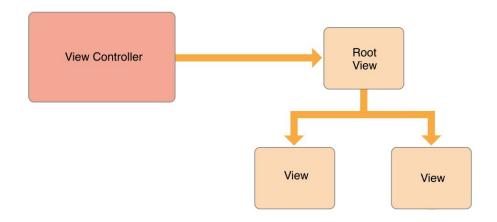
- Views are the primary container for app content and UI
- Each view has a corresponding view controller which manages it
- The pairing of a view and a view controller is called a scene





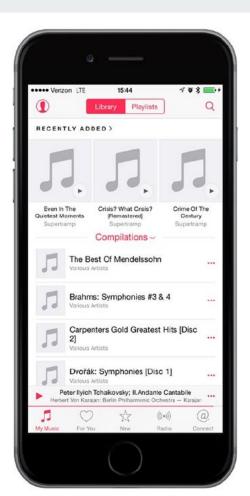
The Root Controller

- First controller the user sees, loaded when the app loads
- Takes two or more other views and presents them to the user as appropriate based on user input

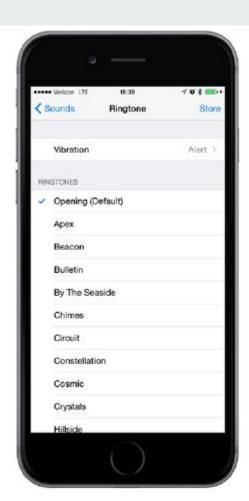


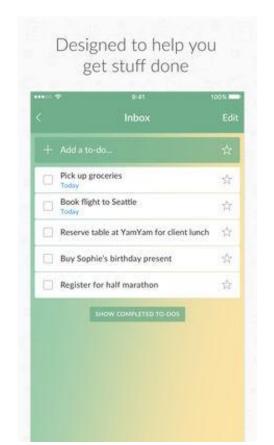
Swapping Views

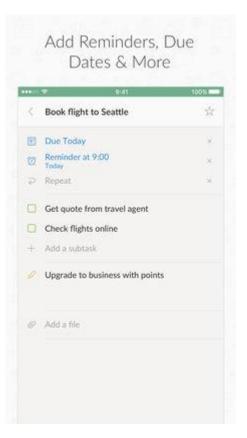
 Several controllers are available for use















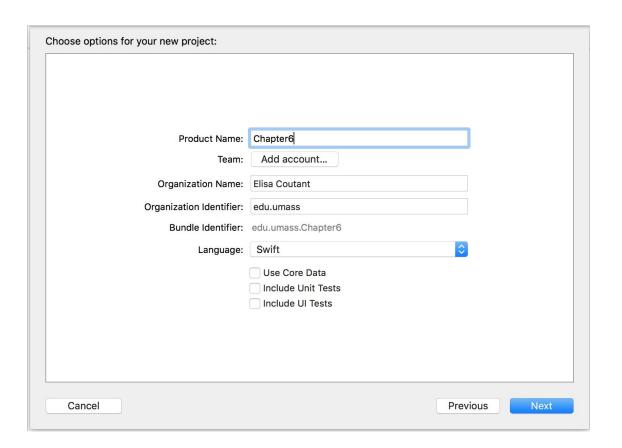


Let's make an app!

The link to the code and pictures for this project is below:

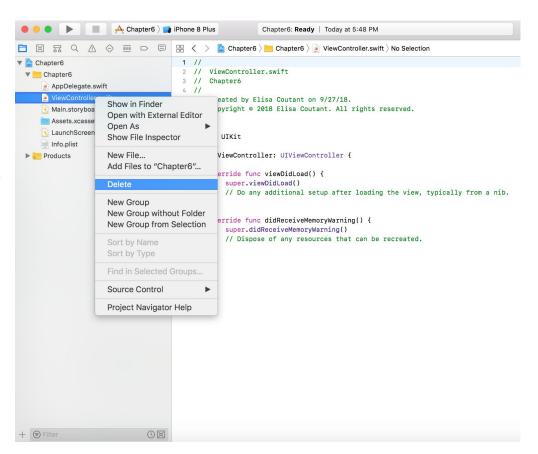
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Create a new Project in Xcode.

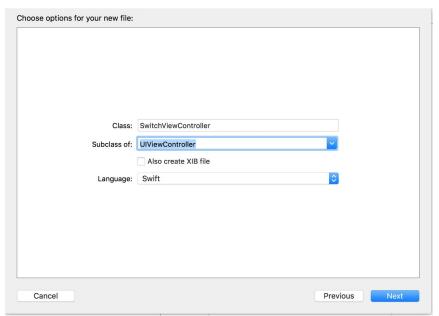


Right click and Delete the ViewController.

Note-we are deleting and creating a new view controller because 'ViewController' is referenced in multiple places in the app, and 'Refactoring' is not supported by Swift in XCode beta

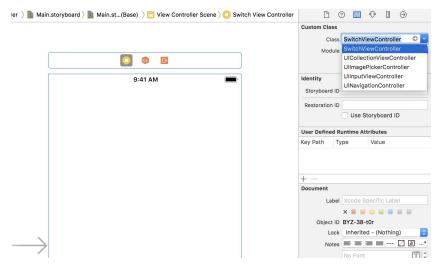


- Create a new File
- Select Cocoa Touch Class from the iOS Source section
- Name it 'SwitchViewController'
- Make it a subclass of UIViewController



Now need to link the View with the Main.storyboard

- Select Main.storyboard from outline.
- Select the view controller from outline and open the inspector.
- Change class from UIViewController to "SwitchViewController".

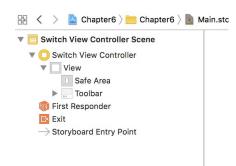


- Add two additional view controllers
 - New -> File -> CocoaTouch Class -> subclass of UIViewController
 - -> Name them : OrangeViewController and GreenViewController
- Modify SwitchViewController by adding action method to change views

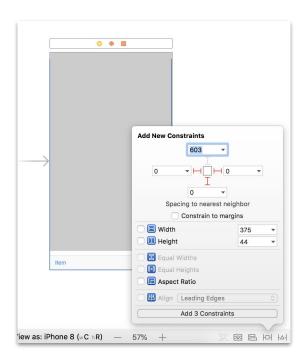
```
import UIKit
class SwitchViewController: UIViewController {
 private var greenViewController: GreenViewController!
   private var orangeViewController: OrangeViewController!
   override func viewDidLoad() {
        super.viewDidLoad()
        // Do any additional setup after loading the view.
   override func didReceiveMemoryWarning() {
        super.didReceiveMemoryWarning()
        // Dispose of any resources that can be recreated.
    @IBAction func switchViews(sender: UIBarButtonItem){
```

- Building the SwitchViewController
 - Select Main.storyboard, we'll start building our GUI here.
 - Search for "toolbar" on the bottom right, and add it at the bottom of your view.

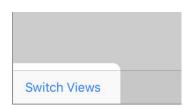


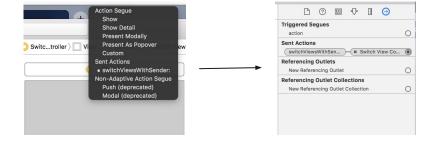


- Add constraints to keep the toolbar at the bottom and centered.
 - Make sure "Constrain to margins" is not clicked.
 - Set distances to left, right and bottom to zero.
 - Click the three dashed red lines that link the distance boxes to the center. (they should turn into solid lines)
 - Change the update frame to "Items of new constraints" and add 3 constraints.



- Link the ViewController and the Toolbar button.
 - Change the title of the button to "Switch View"
 - Link toolbar button to action method in SwitchViewController
 - Click SwitchView button and control drag it over the
 yellow switching viewController icon
 - Select the switchViewsWithSender: action.





- Write the root view controller implementation.
 - Navigate to the SwitchViewController.swift file
 - Add the following code to viewDidLoad()

*Note the compiler will give you an error because we have not yet written the helper method "switchViewController".

• Fill in the switchViews() method with the following code:

```
@IBAction func switchViews(sender: UIBarButtonItem) {
   // Create the new view controller, if required
    if orangeViewController?.view.superview == nil {
        if orangeViewController == nil {
            orangeViewController =
                storyboard?.instantiateViewController(withIdentifier: "Orange")
                as! OrangeViewController
   } else if greenViewController?.view.superview == nil {
        if greenViewController == nil {
           greenViewController =
                storyboard?.instantiateViewController(withIdentifier: "Green")
                as! GreenViewController
       } }
    // Switch view controllers
    if greenViewController != nil
        && greenViewController!.view.superview != nil {
        orangeViewController.view.frame = view.frame
        switchViewController(from: greenViewController,

    Use of unresolved ide

                             to: orangeViewController)
   } else {
        greenViewController.view.frame = view.frame
        switchViewController(from: orangeViewController,

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                             to: greenViewController)
```

 Add the following code to safely release unneeded controllers during low memory conditions

```
override func didReceiveMemoryWarning() {
    super.didReceiveMemoryWarning()
    // Dispose of any resources that can be recreated.
    if greenViewController != nil
        && greenViewController!.view.superview == nil {
        greenViewController = nil
    }
    if orangeViewController != nil
        && orangeViewController!.view.superview == nil {
            orangeViewController = nil
        }
}
```

- Add the switchViewController() helper method.
 - Add the following code to your SwitchViewController.swift file

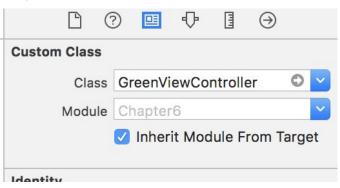
```
private func switchViewController(from fromVC:UIViewController?, to toVC:UIViewController?) {
   if fromVC != nil {
      fromVC!.willMove(toParentViewController: nil)
      fromVC!.view.removeFromSuperview()
      fromVC!.removeFromParentViewController()
}
if toVC != nil {
   self.addChildViewController(toVC!)
   self.view.insertSubview(toVC!.view, at: 0)
   toVC!.didMove(toParentViewController: self)
}
```

- We are now implementing the Content Views for the green VC and the orange VC.
 - Add the following code to GreenViewController.swift:

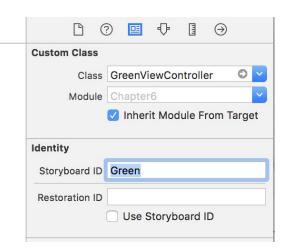
Step 13 (continuation)

Add the following code to the OrangeViewController.swift

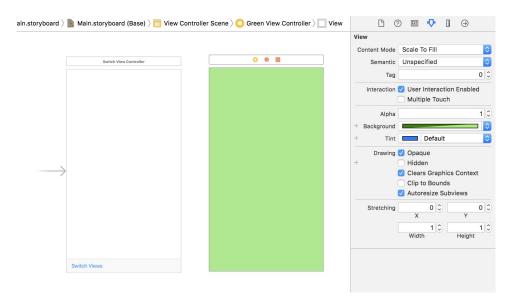
- Open Main.storyboard.
- Add new scene for GreenViewController
 - Search for "ViewController" on the bottom right
 - Drag a new view controller from the object library to the editing area.
 - Click on the new VC and pick the identity inspector icon from the top right menu.
 - In the custom class section change the class menu to GreenViewController.



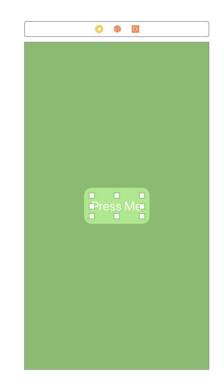
- Create identifier for new VC.
 - In the identify inspector, change the Storyboard ID to "Green" to match your code.



- Add background color to your new view
 - Click on your view and select the Attributes Inspector icon.
 - Pick green as your new background color.



- Drag a button from the library onto your view.
- Use the guidelines to center it in the view.
- Add necessary constraints to make sure it stays centered no matter what.
- Change the color of the text to white and the text to "Press me".
- Select the "Press me" button and control click on it and drag from it to icon at the top.
- Connect to the greenButtonPressedWithSender: action.



- Repeat the steps for the orange view controller
- Change the button text for the orange VC to "Press Me, Too"



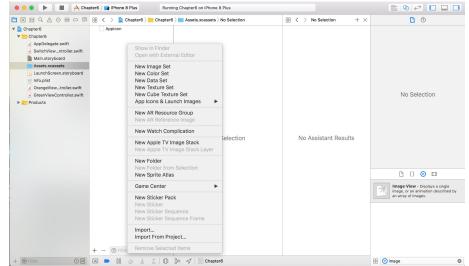
We are now going to animate the transition between views

- Open SwitchViewController.swift
- Add the following changes to switchViews() method
- Build and run

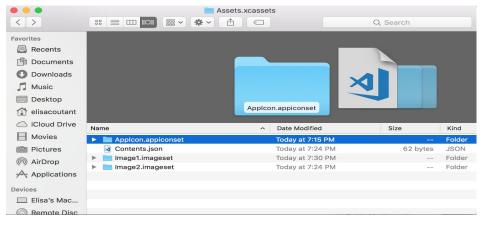
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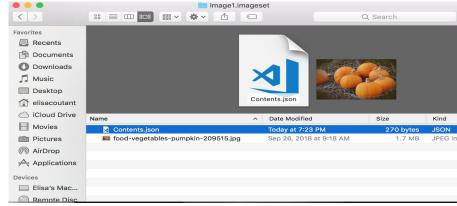
We are now going to add pictures to the background

- Select the Assets folder from the Document View.
- Right click to create an image set.
- Create two new Image sets, and name them Image1 and Image2

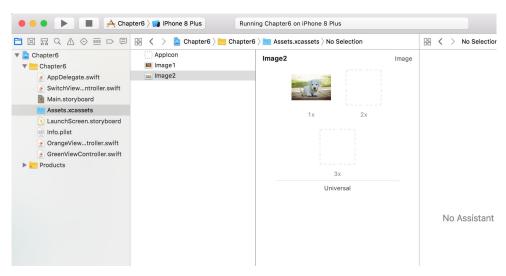


- Use any two images of your choice
- Drag and drop one image in each Image folder

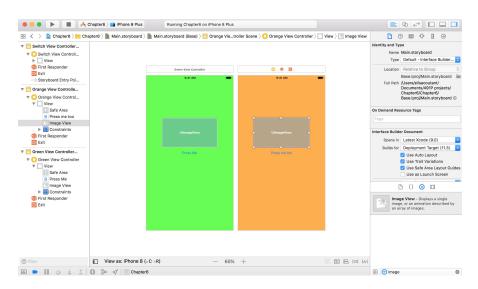




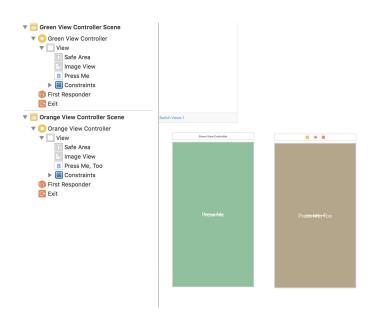
• Drag and drop the image into the icon



• Drag and drop an Image View into the green and orange views.



- Set image views to be the size of the orange and green view controllers.
- Make sure that in the order of the scene objects on the left navigator, the image views are above the Press Me and the Press Me, Too buttons.
- Set the necessary constraints on the image views so they are centered vertically and horizonatlly.



- Select each image view
 - o In the attributes inspector, select the image to be shown.





• Run the simulator to make sure that everything works correctly.









Link to these slides

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