

**iOS**  
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# **lecture 3**

## **AutoLayout**

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# today's lecture

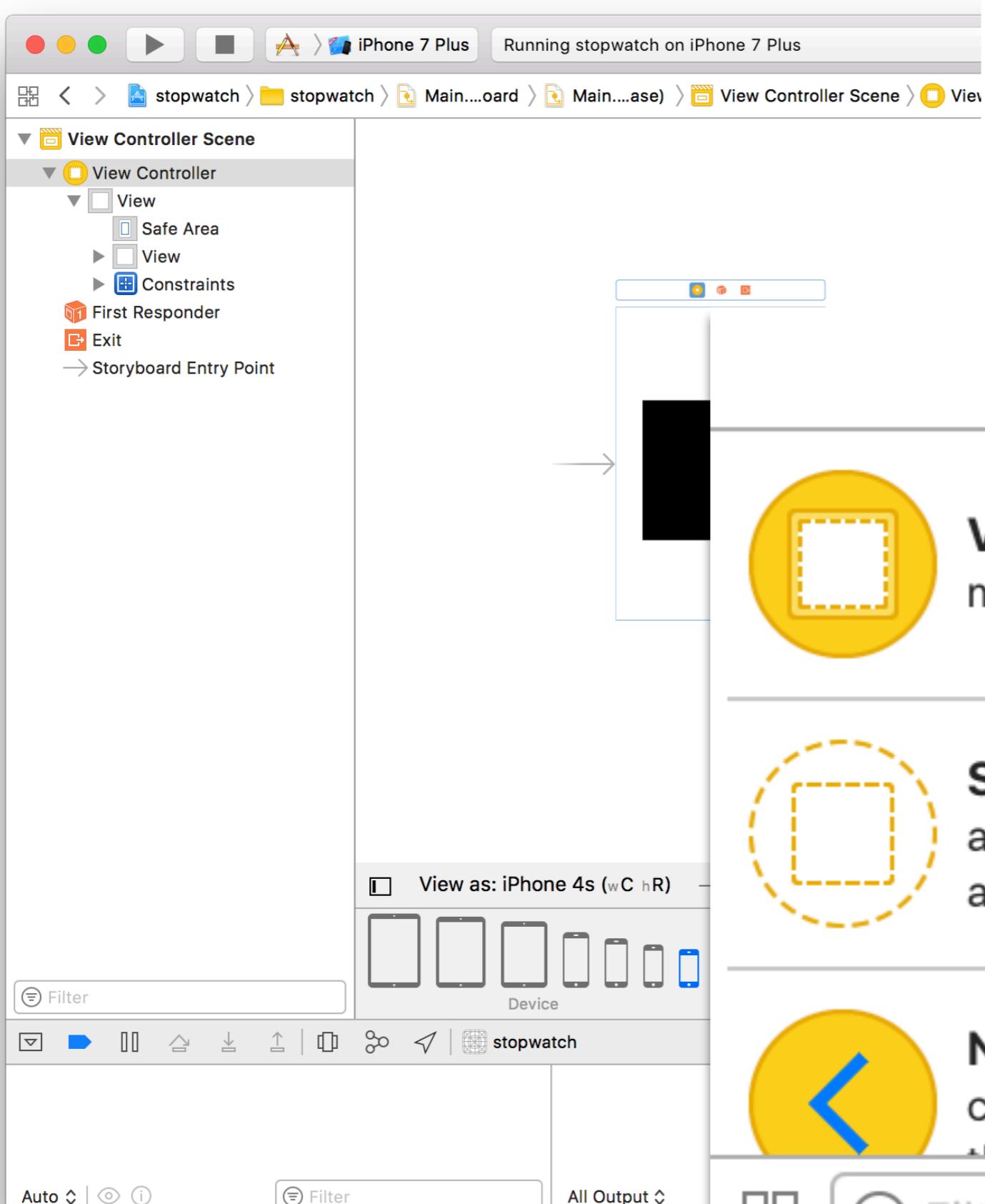
- announcements
- UI toolkit / Object library
- laying out views using Auto layout + Storyboard
- check in

# announcements

- hw2 (hangman) released??? tonight.
- due next Monday at 11:59pm
- if you didn't check off for lab last week, you can check off at the beginning of next lab

# iOS storyboard objects

# object library



**View Controller** - A controller that manages a view.

**Storyboard Reference** - Provides a placeholder for a view controller in an external storyboard.

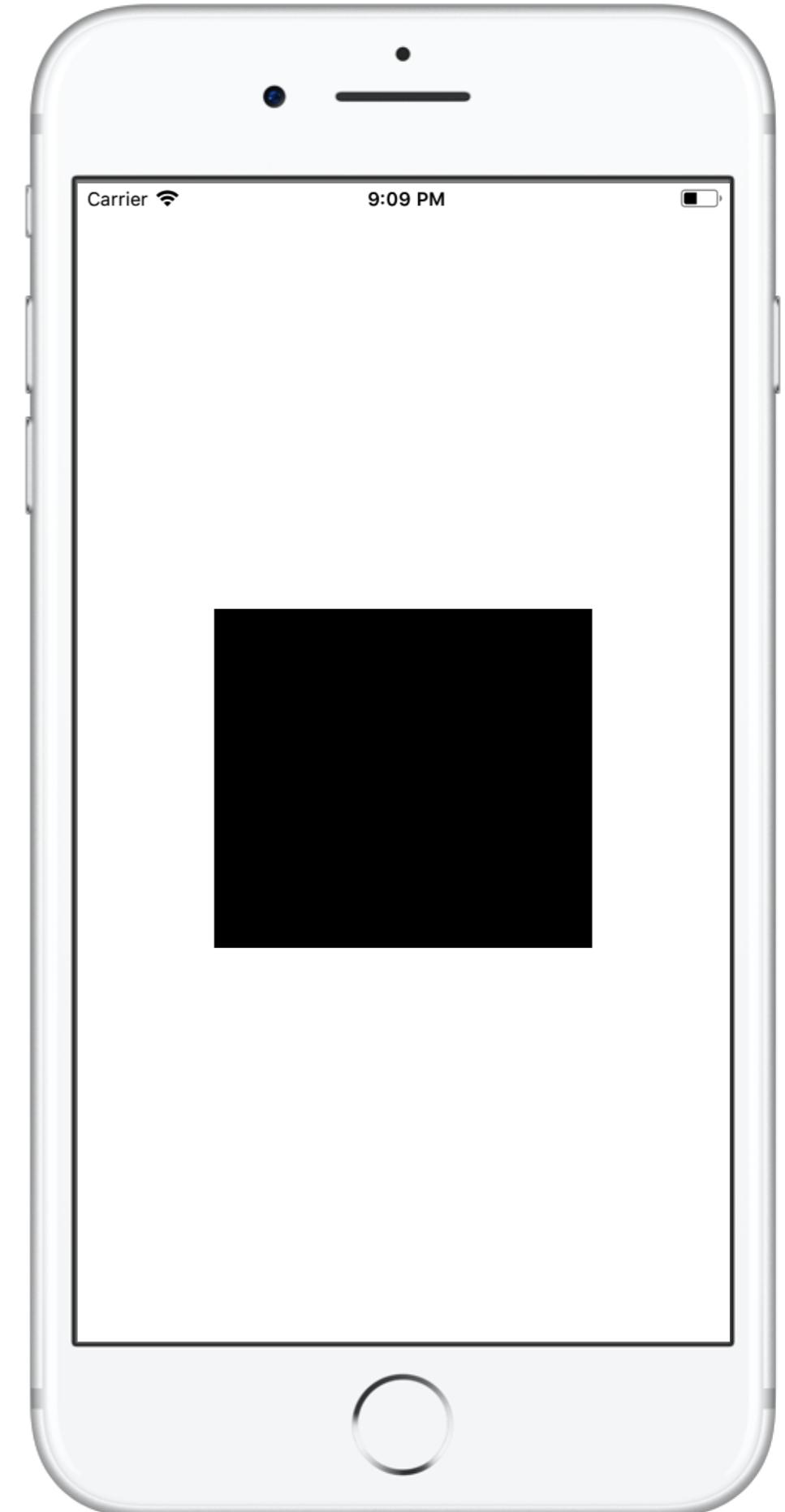
**Navigation Controller** - A controller that manages navigation

# views



**View** - Represents a rectangular region in which it draws and receives events.

- just a box
- all UI elements subclass **UIView**
- can respond to touches / other gestures

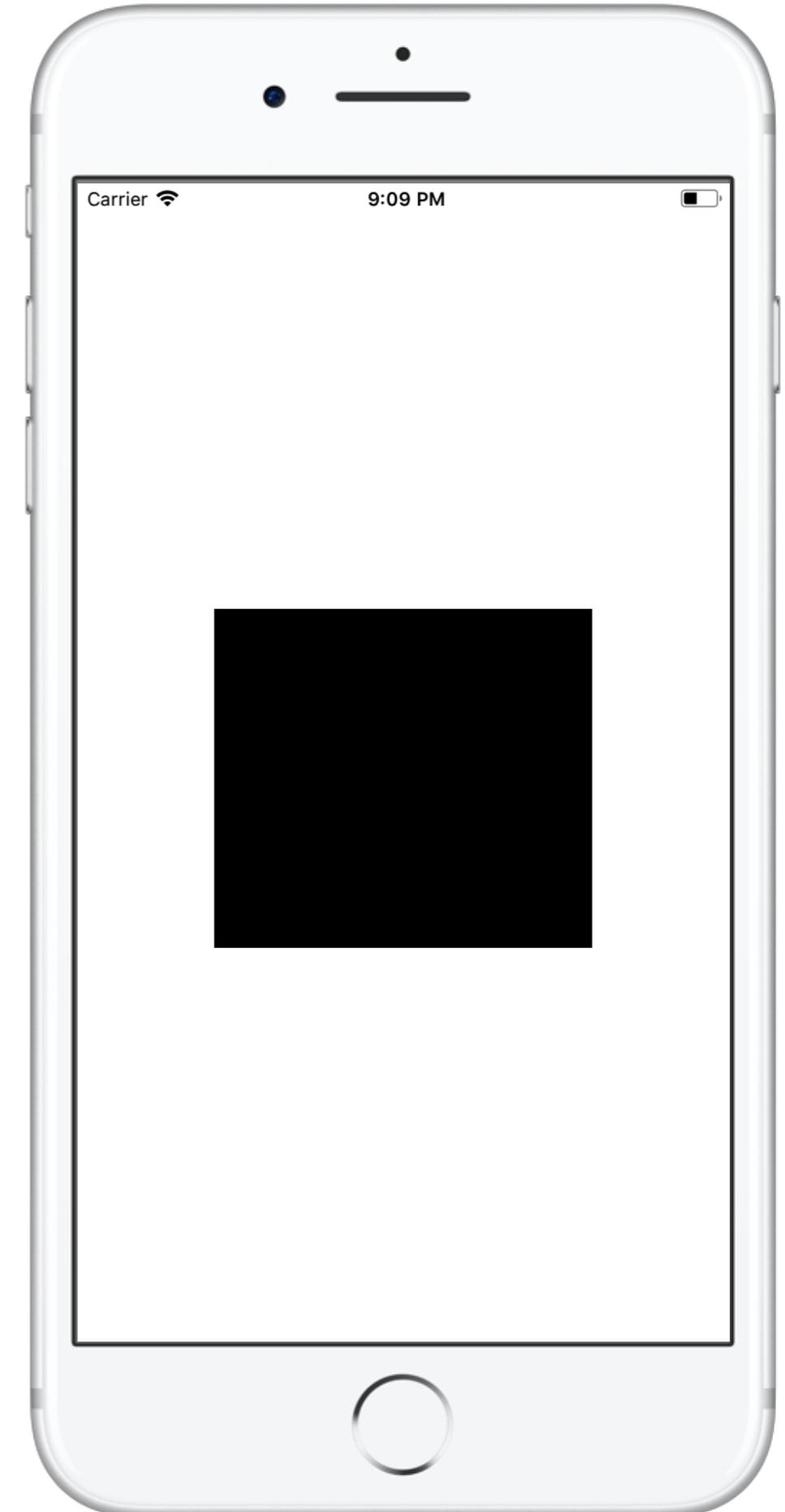


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- *how many views are in this image?*

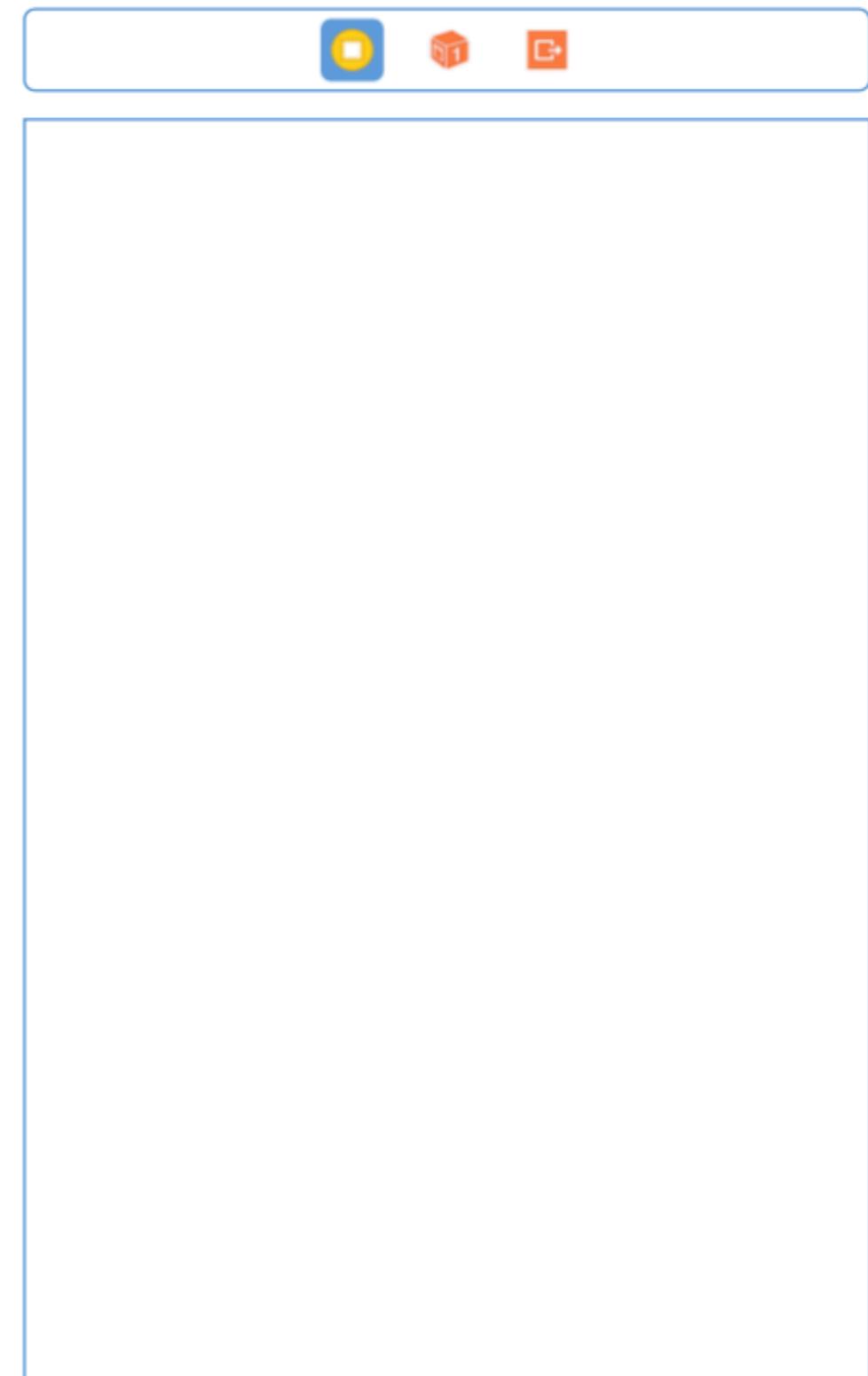


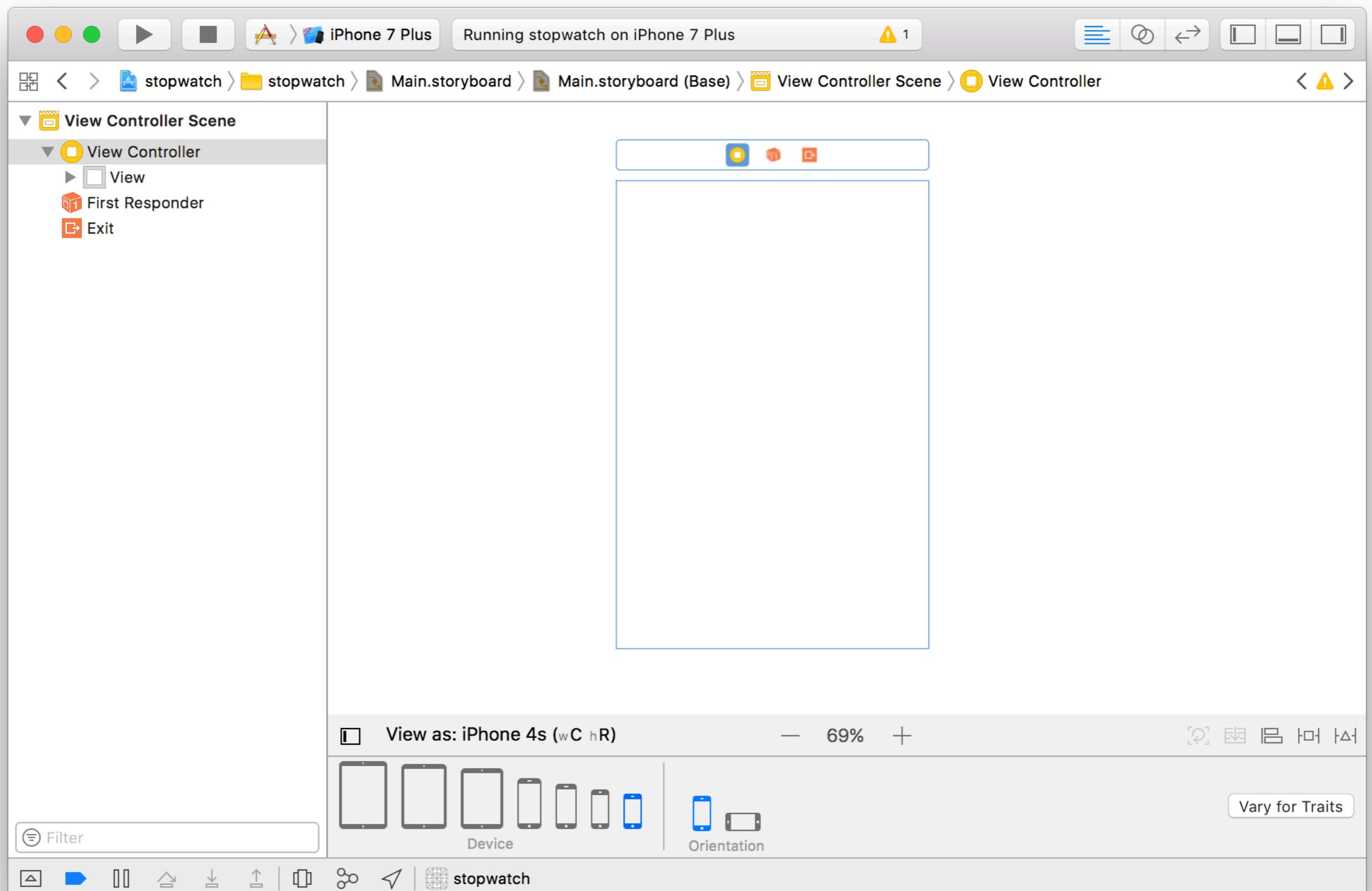
# view controllers



**View Controller** - A controller that manages a view.

- not really a UI object
- adds a new “screen” to your storyboard
- comes with a blank view
- view controller ≠ view





# view controller vs. view

# labels

**Label** **Label** - A variably sized amount of static text.

- used to display text
- not editable by user



# text fields

Text

**Text Field** - Displays editable text and sends an action message to a target object when Return is tapped.

- **editable text**
- **limited to one line**
- **use to get user input**



# text views



**Text View** - Displays multiple lines of editable text and sends an action message to a target object when Ret...

- **editable text**
- **multi-line**
- **use to get lengthy user text input**
- **scrollable**



# scroll views

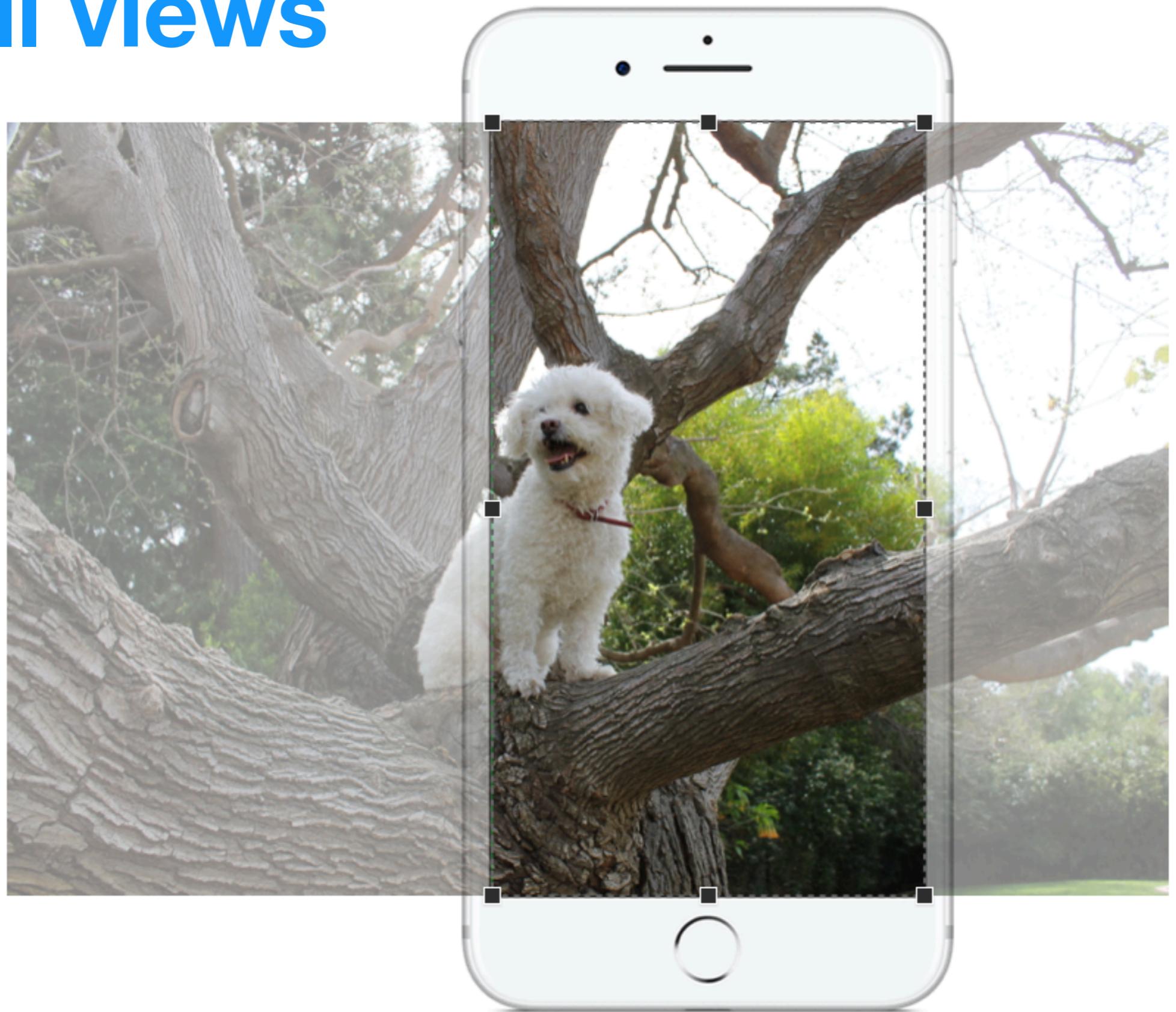


**ScrollView** - Provides a mechanism to display content that is larger than the size of the application's window.

- accepts user swipes to scroll embedded content
- typically, you'll use a subclass of UIScrollView
- examples: UITextView, UICollectionView, UITableView



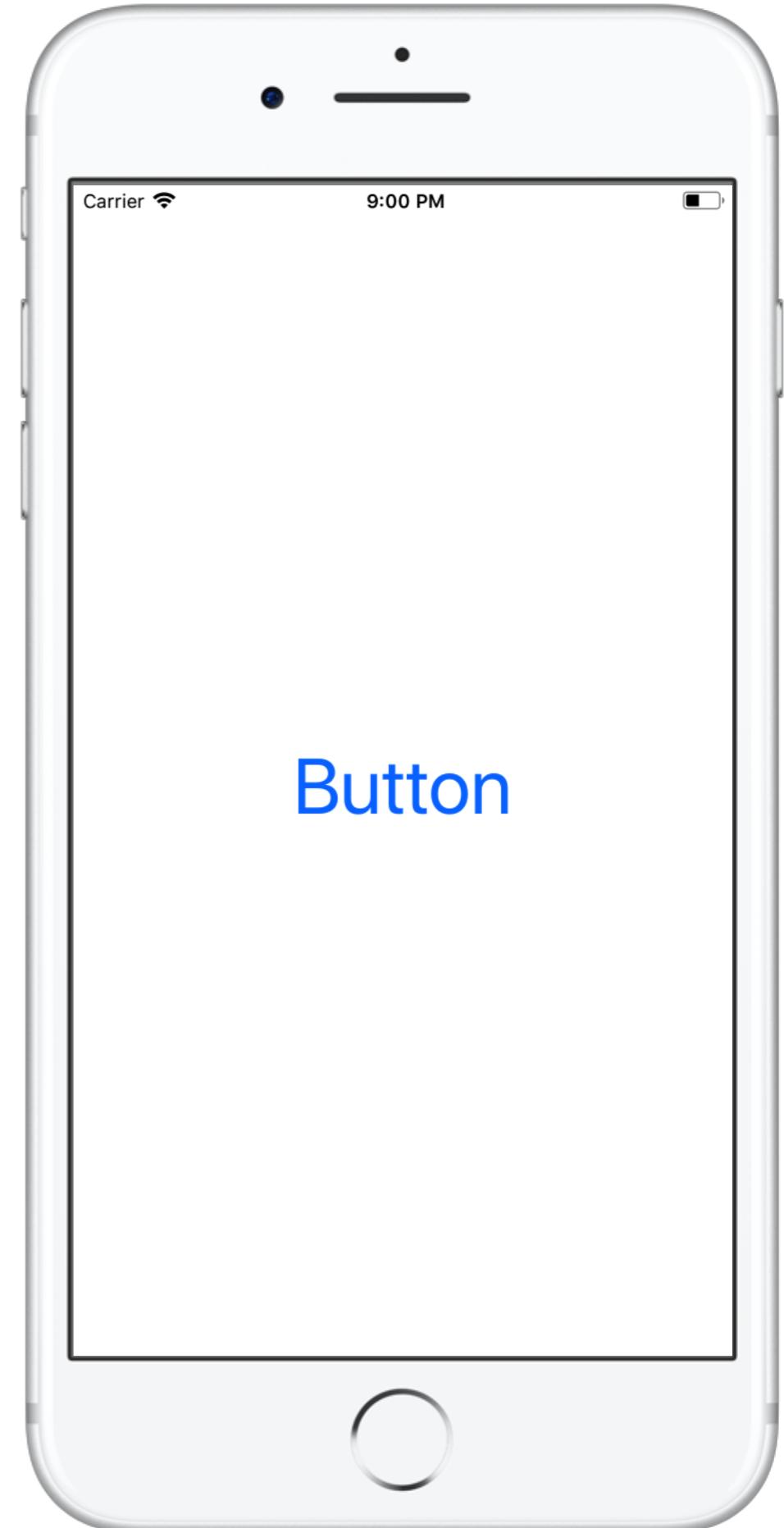
# scroll views



# buttons

**Button** - Intercepts touch events and sends an action message to a target object when it's tapped.

- use to detect touch events
- useless unless you connect to an IBAction or register a selector

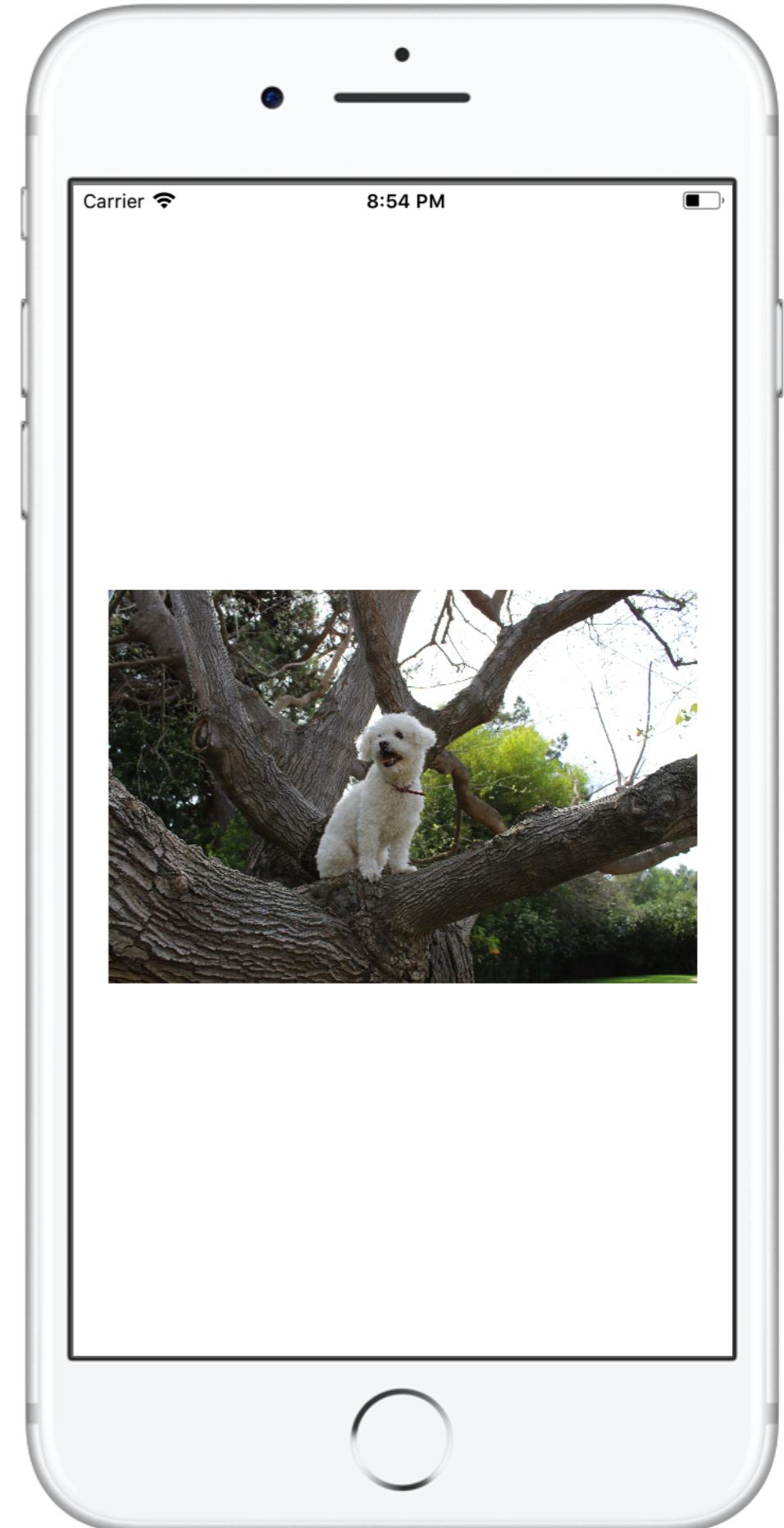


# image views



**Image View** - Displays a single image, or an animation described by an array of images.

- used to display images
- image view ≠ image
- think of it like a picture frame



# Storyboard references



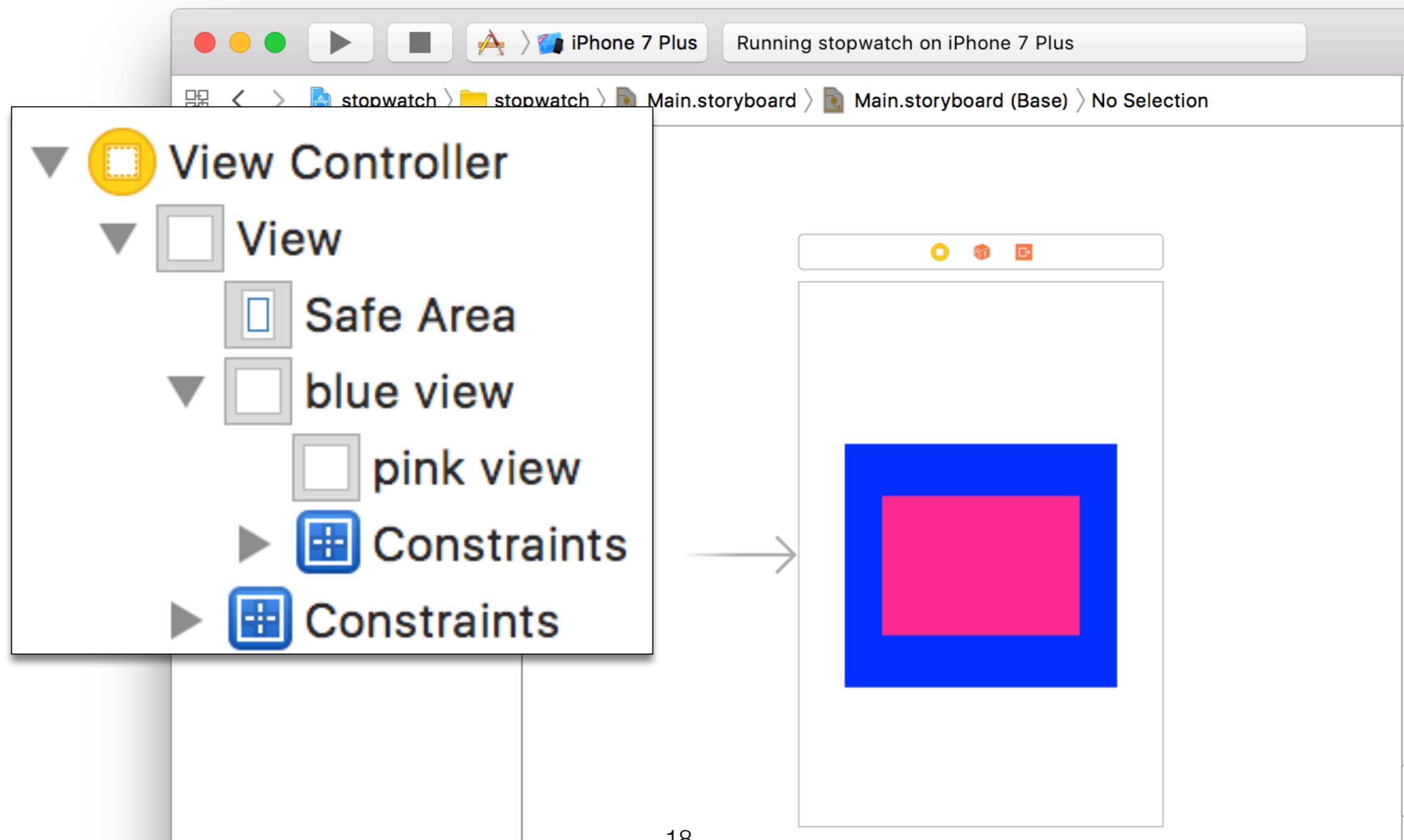
**Storyboard Reference** - Provides a placeholder for a view controller in an external storyboard.

- more than one storyboard file? no problem!
- *these will make more sense when we cover segues (next lecture)*



**Storyboard Reference**

# superview / subview



# stack views

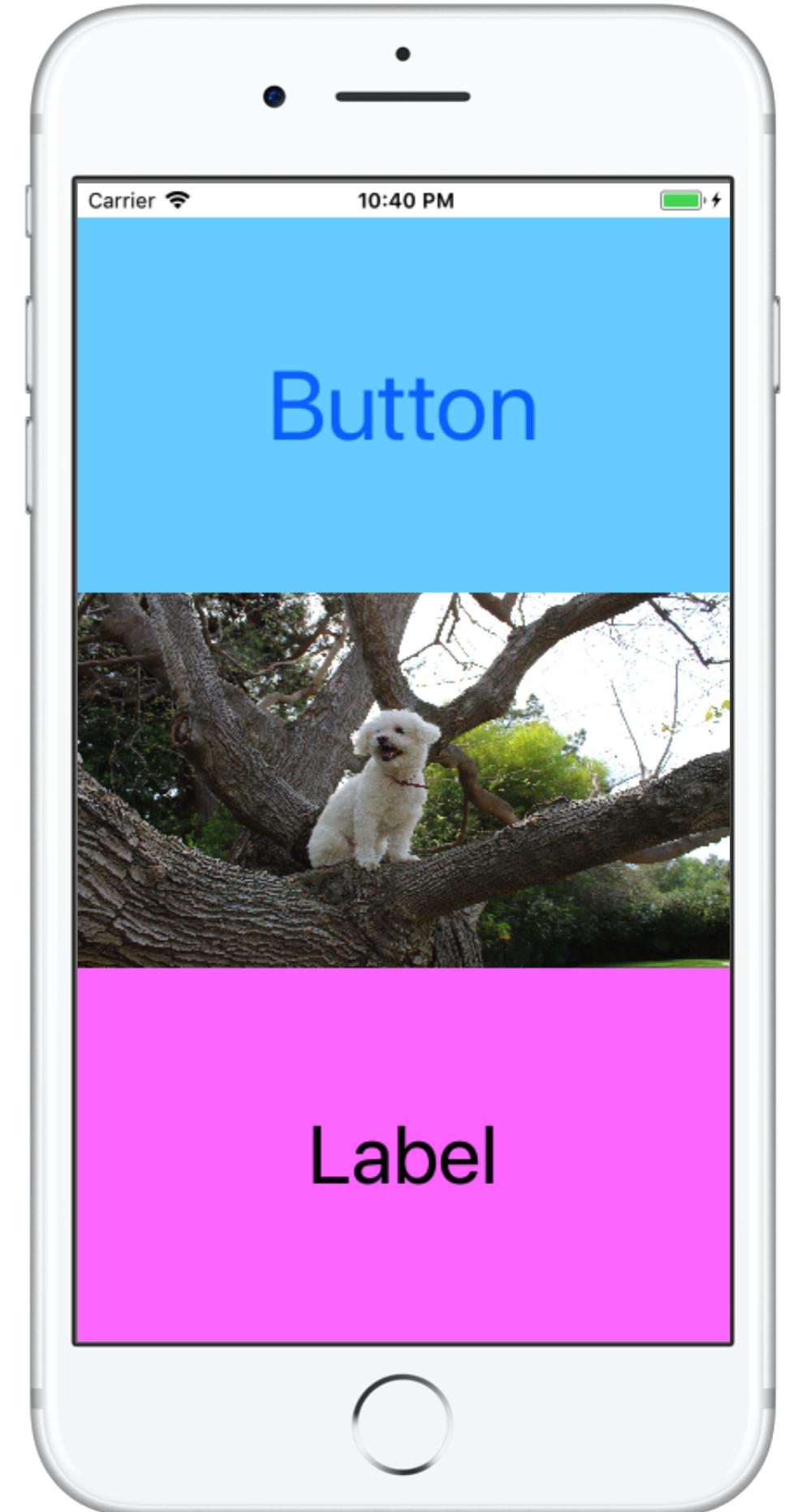


**Horizontal Stack View** - Arranges views linearly.



**Vertical Stack View** - Arranges views linearly.

- used to arrange other subviews (static)
- AutoLayout's best friend



# stack views



**Horizontal Stack View** - Arranges views linearly.



**Vertical Stack View** - Arranges views linearly.

- used to arrange other subviews (static)
- AutoLayout's best friend
- nested stackviews



# table views

## (future lecture)



**Table View Controller** - A controller that manages a table view.

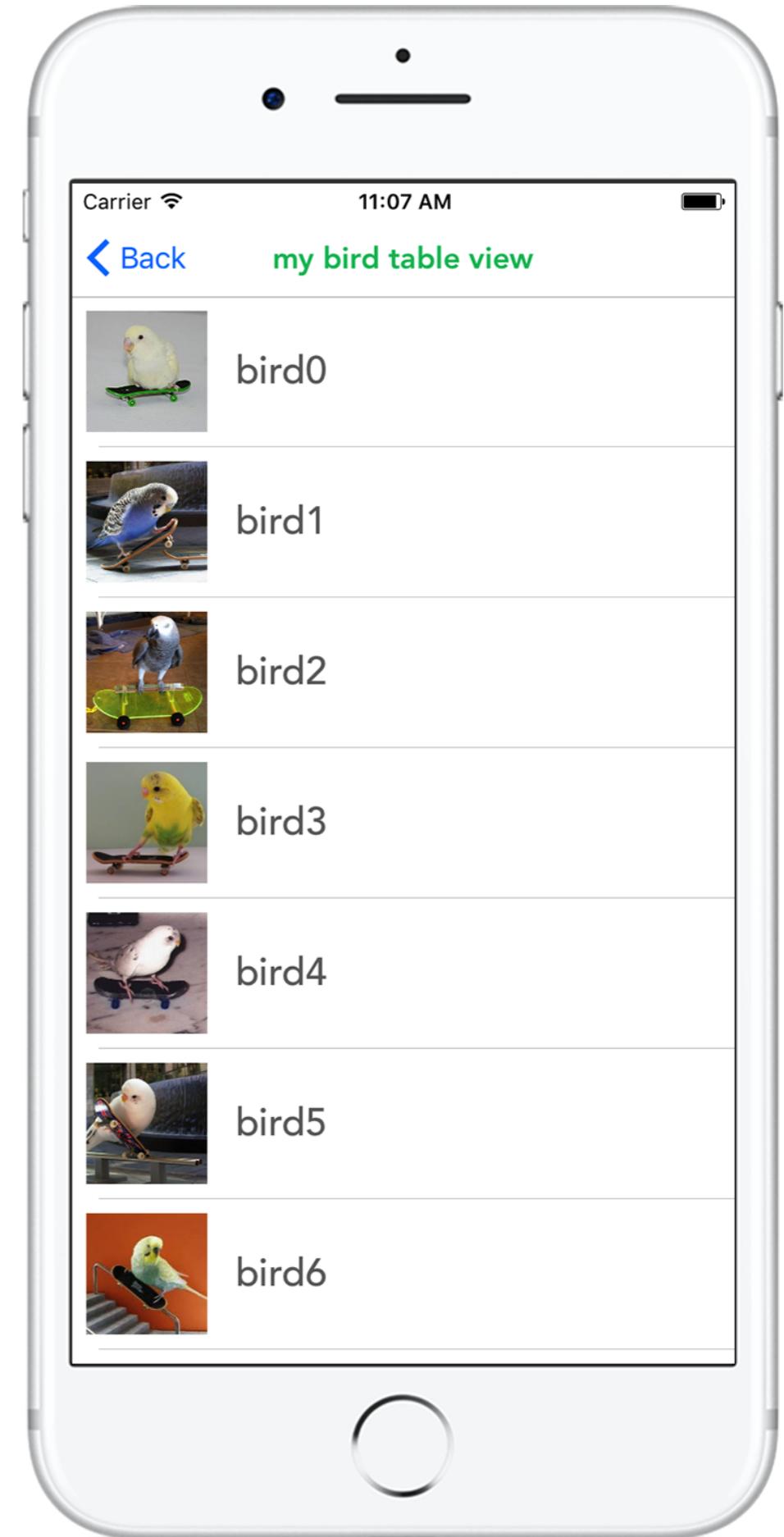


**Table View** - Displays data in a list of plain, sectioned, or grouped rows.



**Table View Cell** - Defines the attributes and behavior of cells (rows) in a table view.

- displays cells of data
- scrollable, static or dynamic, view reuse



# collection views (future lecture)



**Collection View Controller** - A controller that manages a collection view.

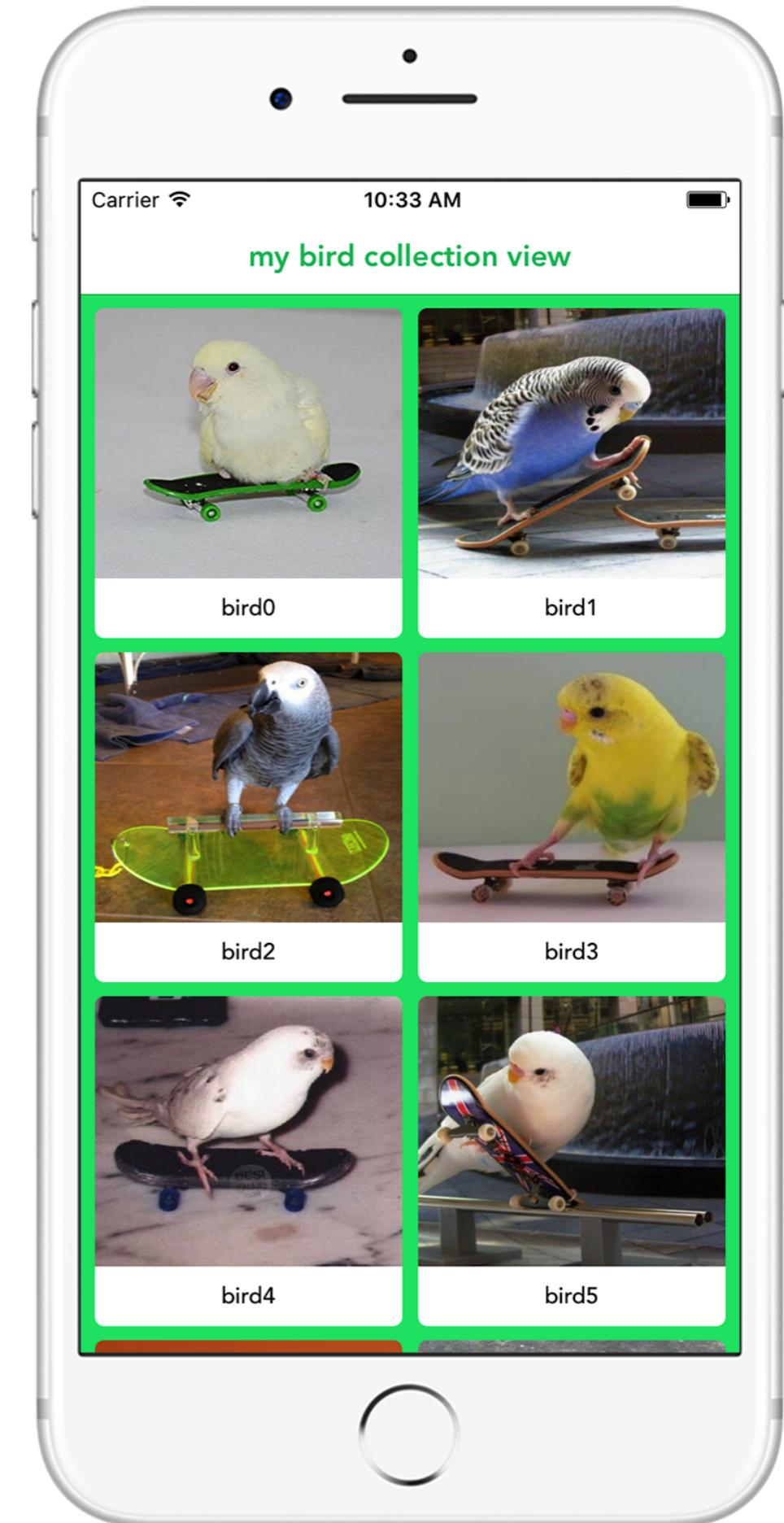


**Collection View** - Displays data in a collection of cells.



**Collection View Cell** - Defines the attributes and behavior of cells in a collection view.

- like table views, but displays data in a grid



**laying out your user  
interface**

# creating your user interface

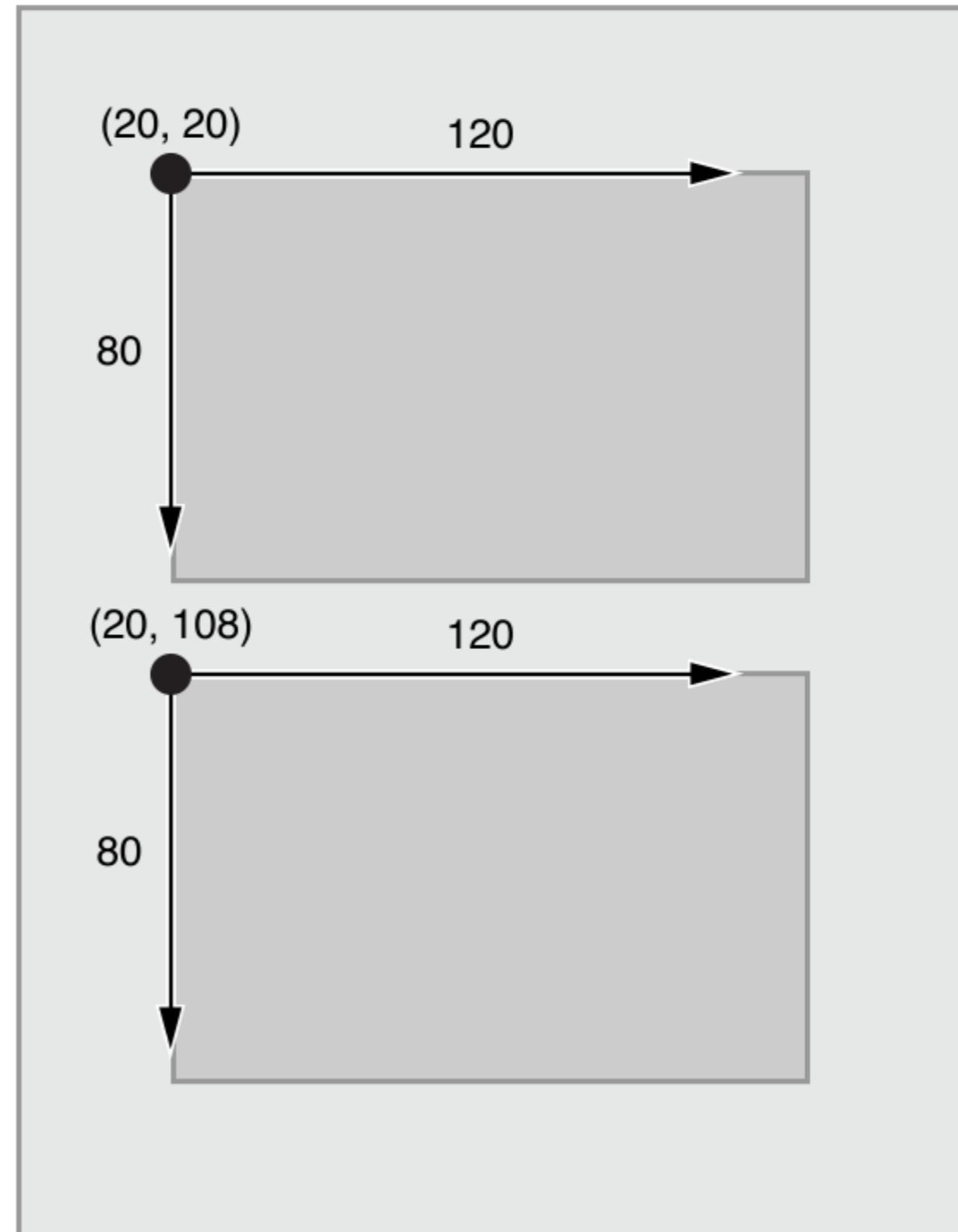
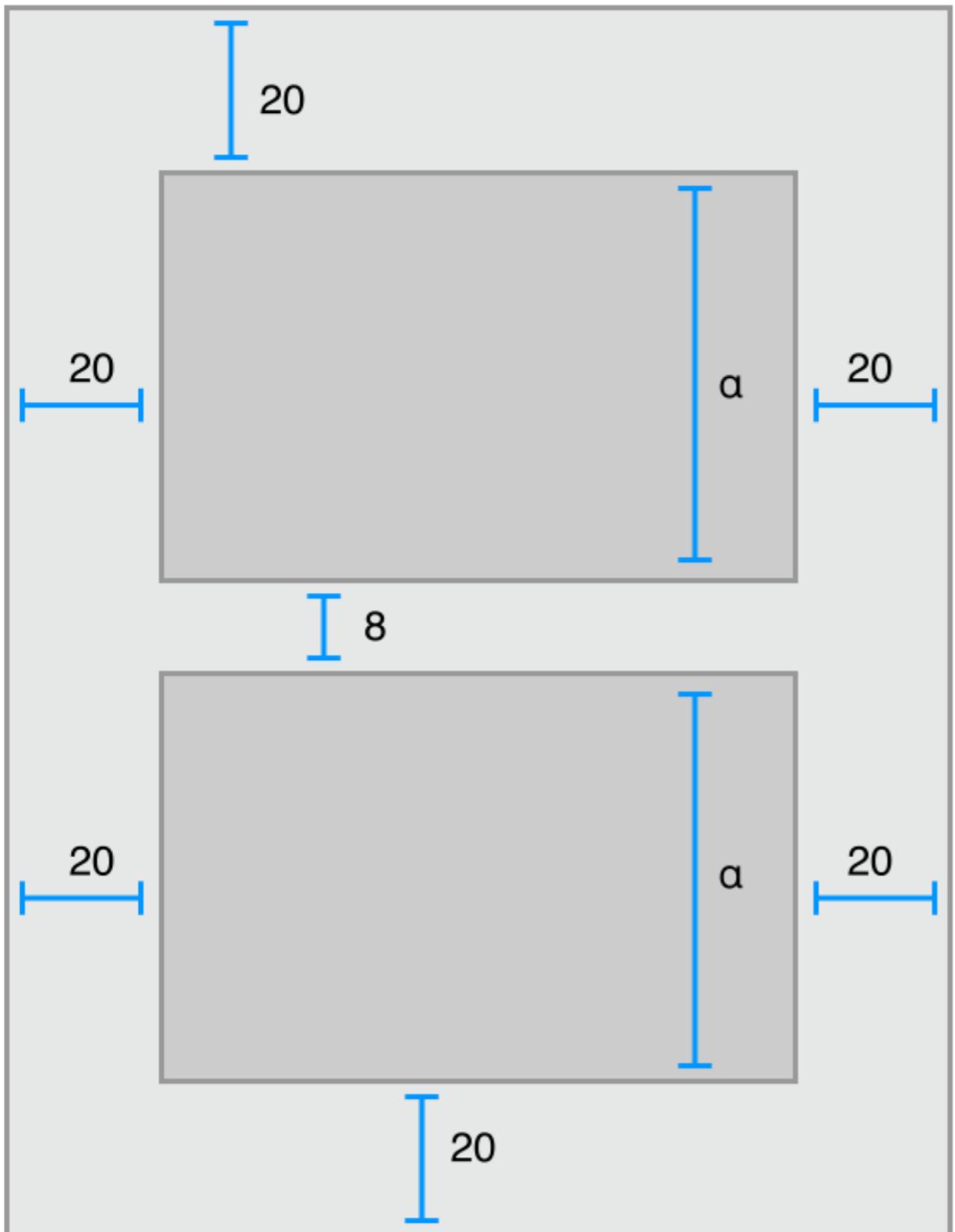
*what are our options?*

## frame-based layout

- define the origin / width / height (frame) for each view
- recalculate frame on layout changes
- implement programmatically

## AutoLayout

- define sizing / layout through relational constraints
- implement either in Storyboard or programmatically
- what we'll go over in this class



# why autolayout (with storyboard)

- visual (readability pro)
- positioning / frame code is lengthy
- less steep learning curve
- recommended + constantly being updated with new Xcode releases

# Auto Layout

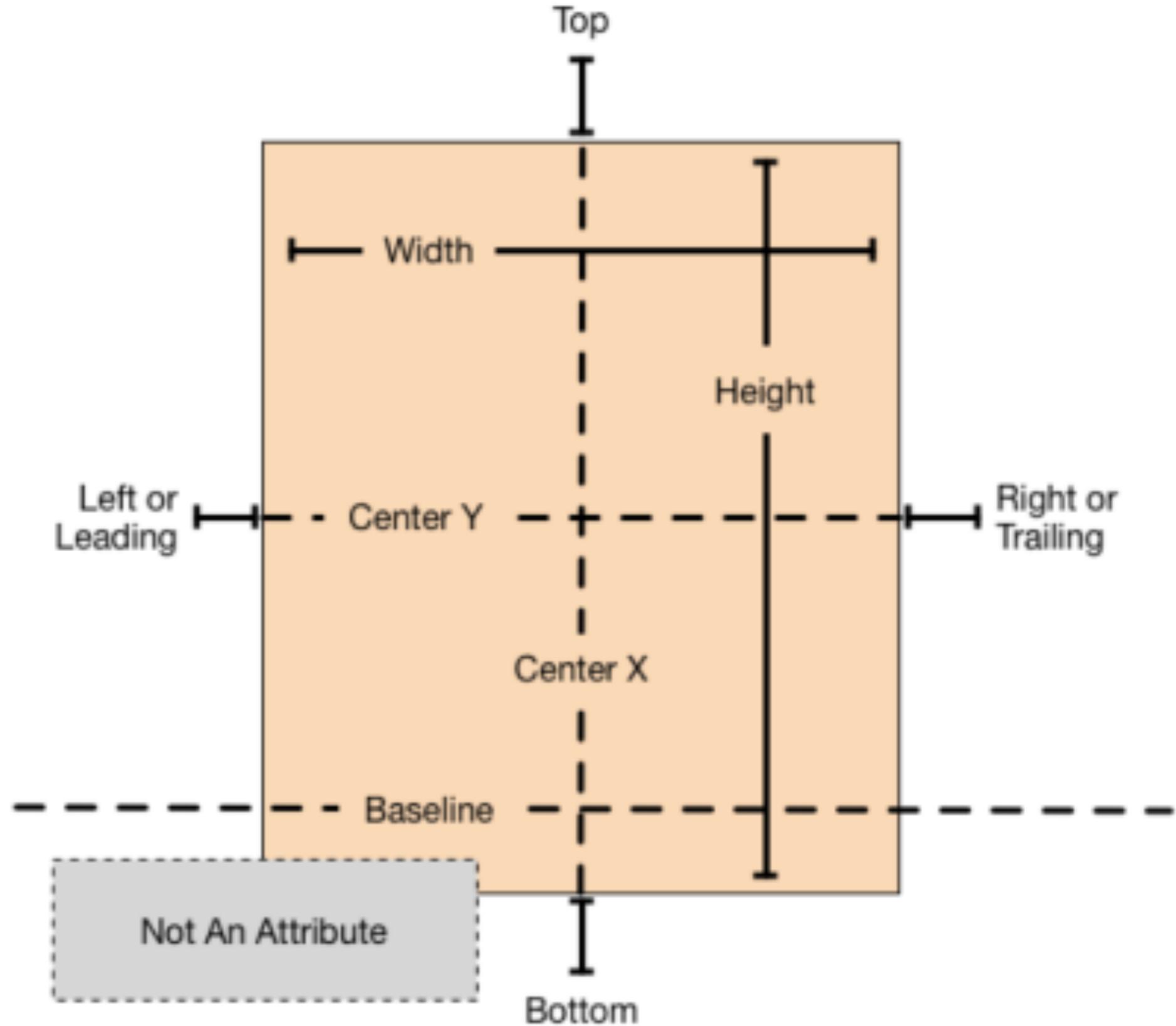
# what is Auto Layout?

- constraint based, descriptive layout system
- create adaptive interfaces that responds to changes in screen size and device orientation



# layout anchors

Use these properties to create relationships between views



# **list of constraint types**

- **height** - height of view
- **width** - width of view
- **top** - vertical spacing to top view
- **bottom** - vertical spacing to bottom view
- **baseline** - align baseline
- **leading** - spacing to left view
- **trailing** - spacing to right view
- **center x** - center align horizontally
- **center y** - center align vertically

# a clarification

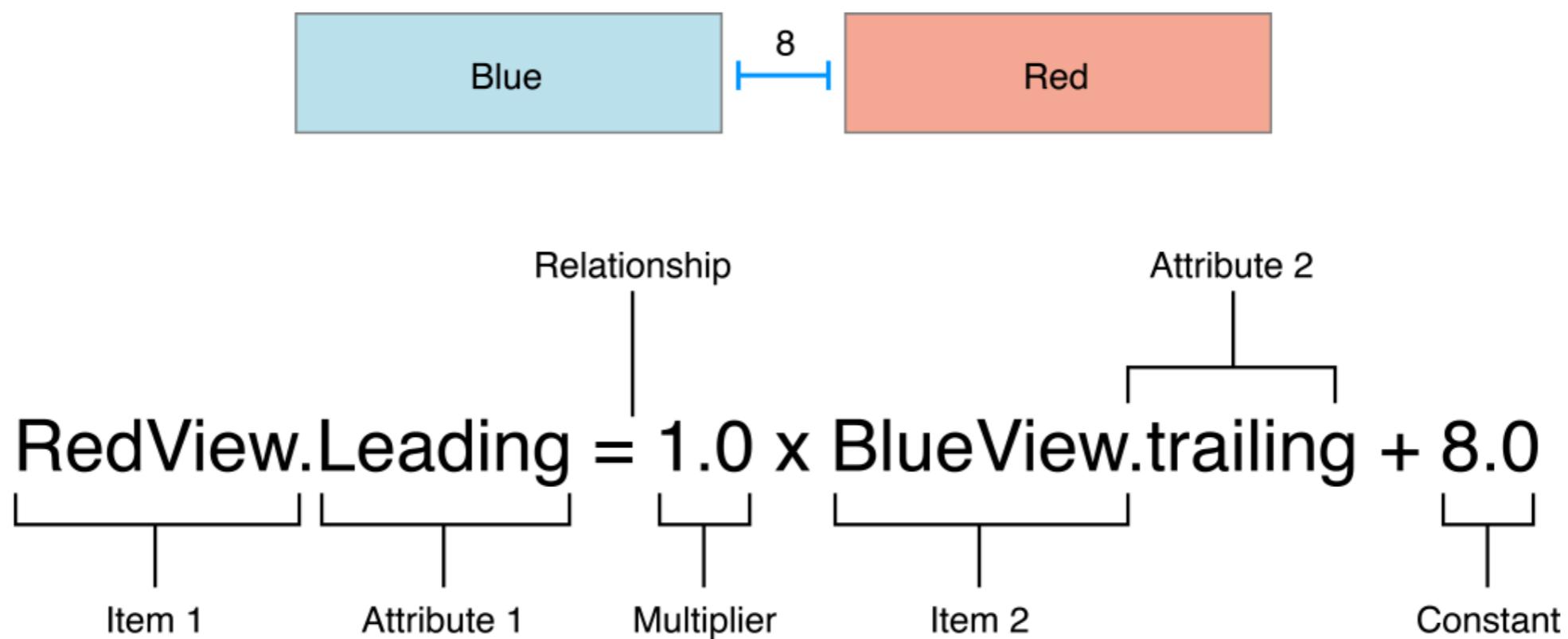
**bottom**



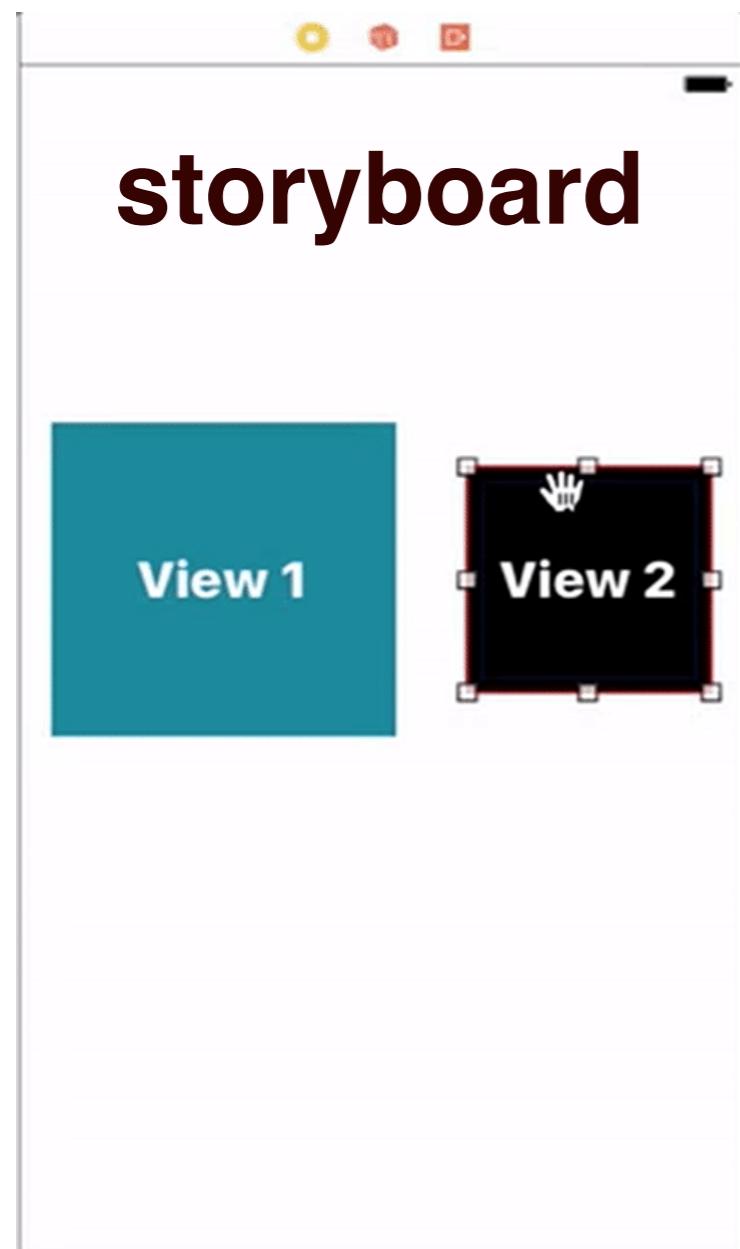
**baseline**



# constraints (high level)



# implementing AutoLayout

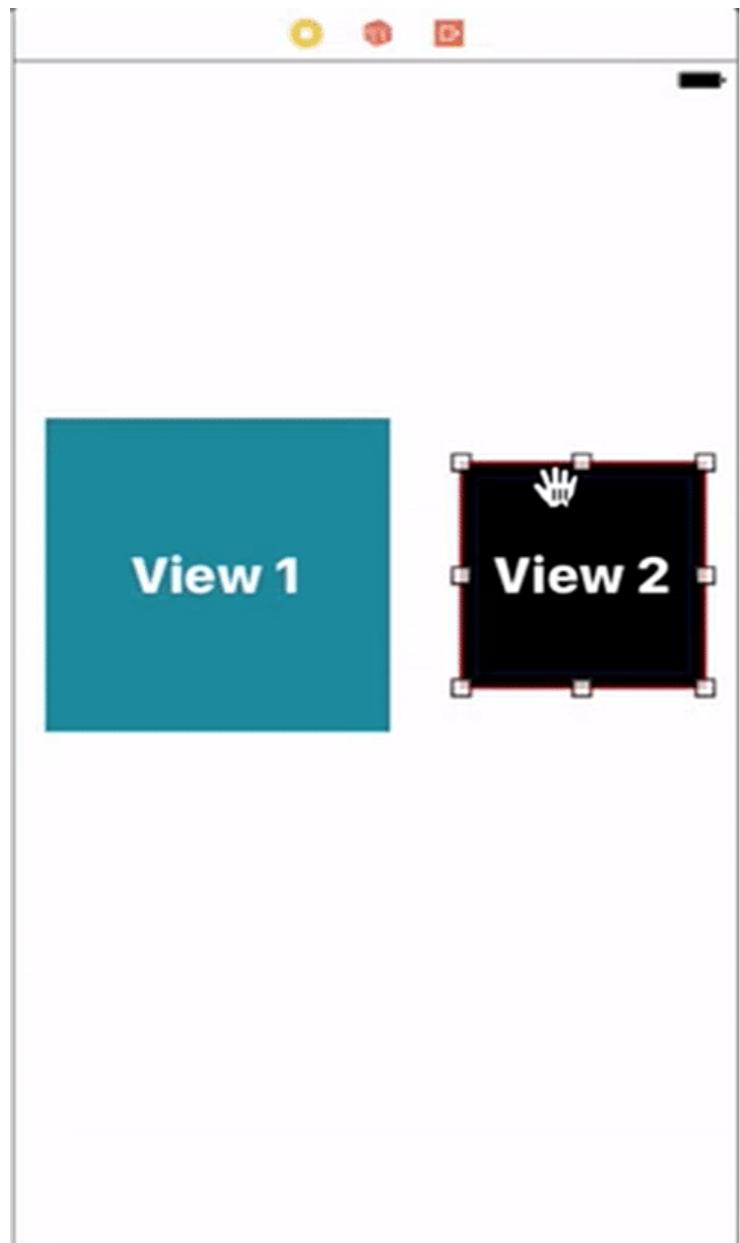


programmatically

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let constraint =  
    view2.leadingAnchor.constraint(  
        equalTo: view1.trailingAnchor,  
        constant: 8)  
  
constraint.isActive = true
```

in both of these examples, the spacing between view's is set to 8 points

# implementing AutoLayout (storyboard)



to create a constraint between two views in Storyboard, you can either...

- **control + drag** between the two views
- **control + drag** between view names in the document outline
- use align + add new constraints menu's

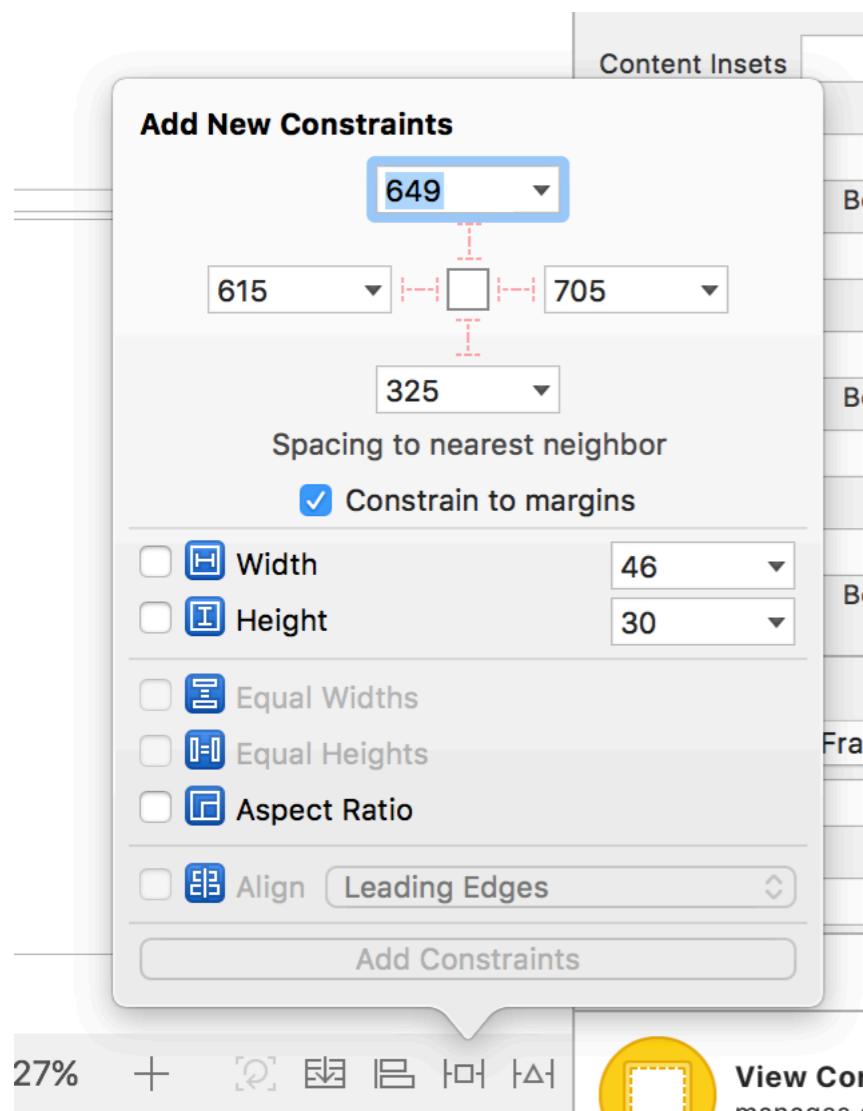
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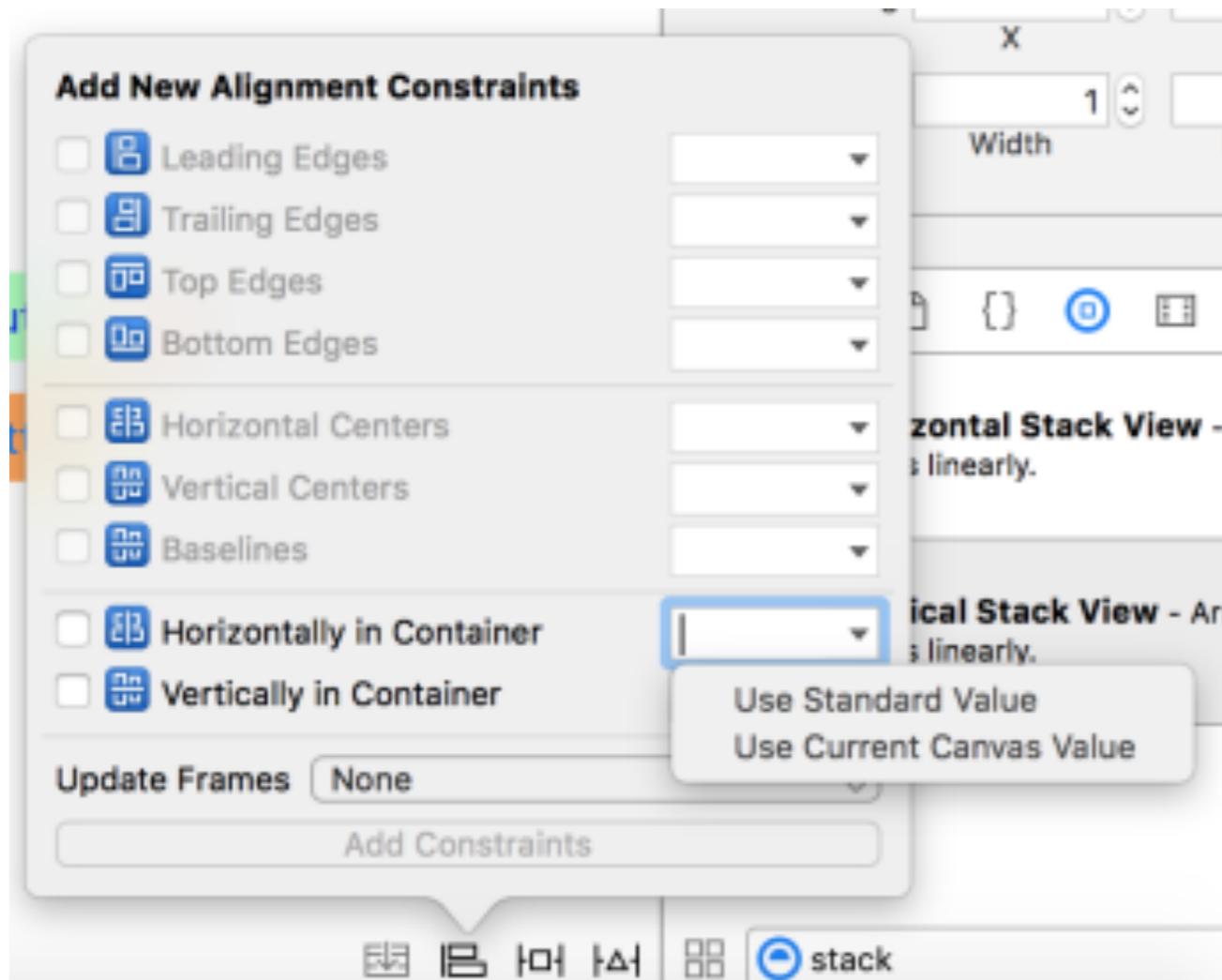
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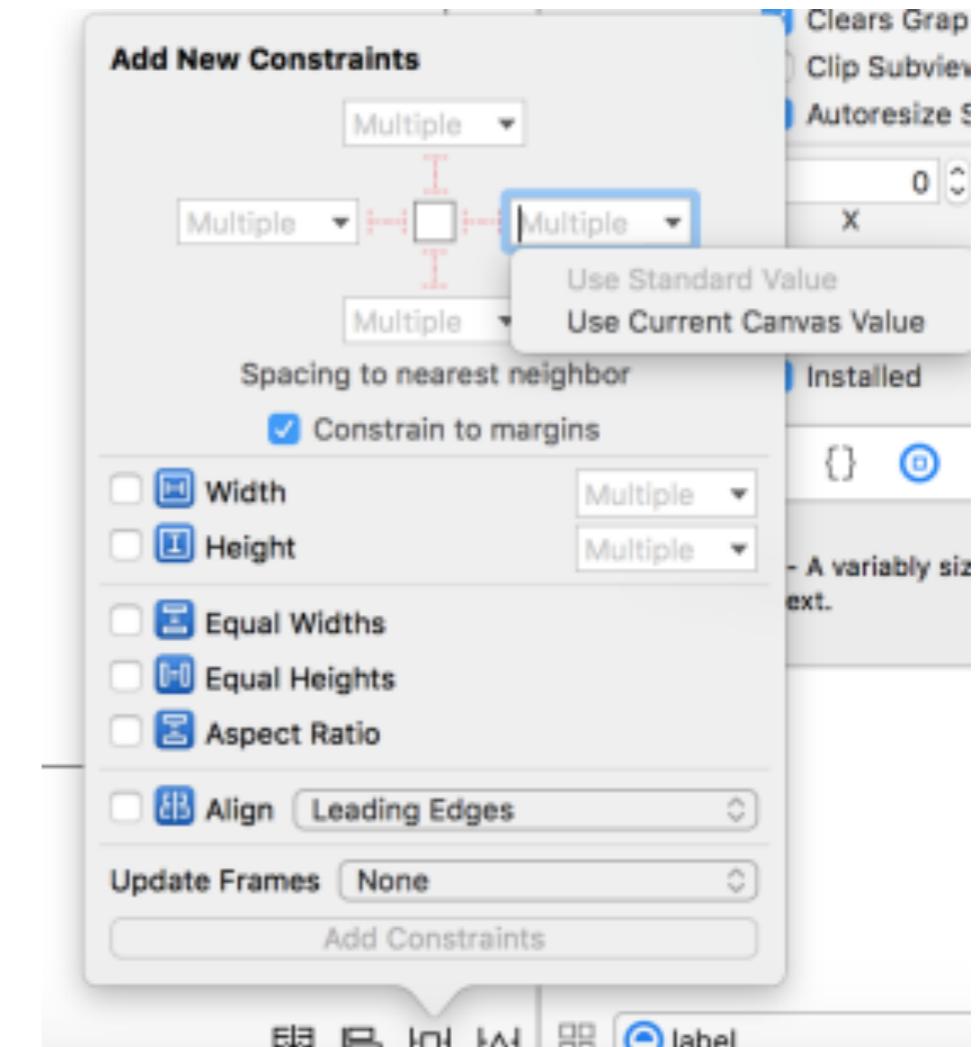
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# types of constraints

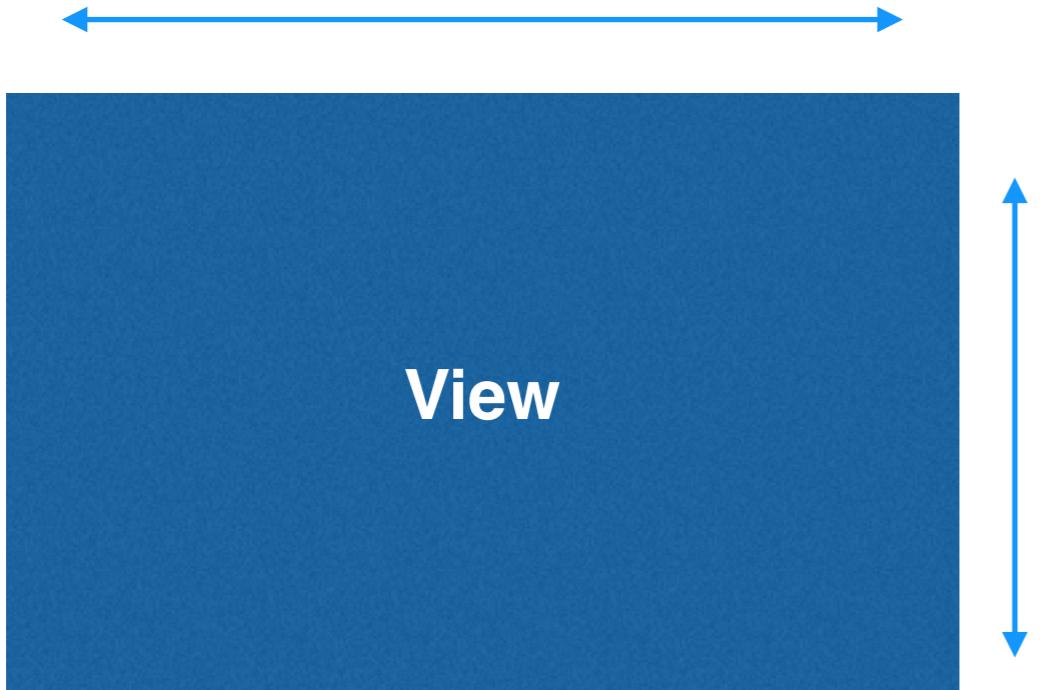


**alignment:** align objects with each other

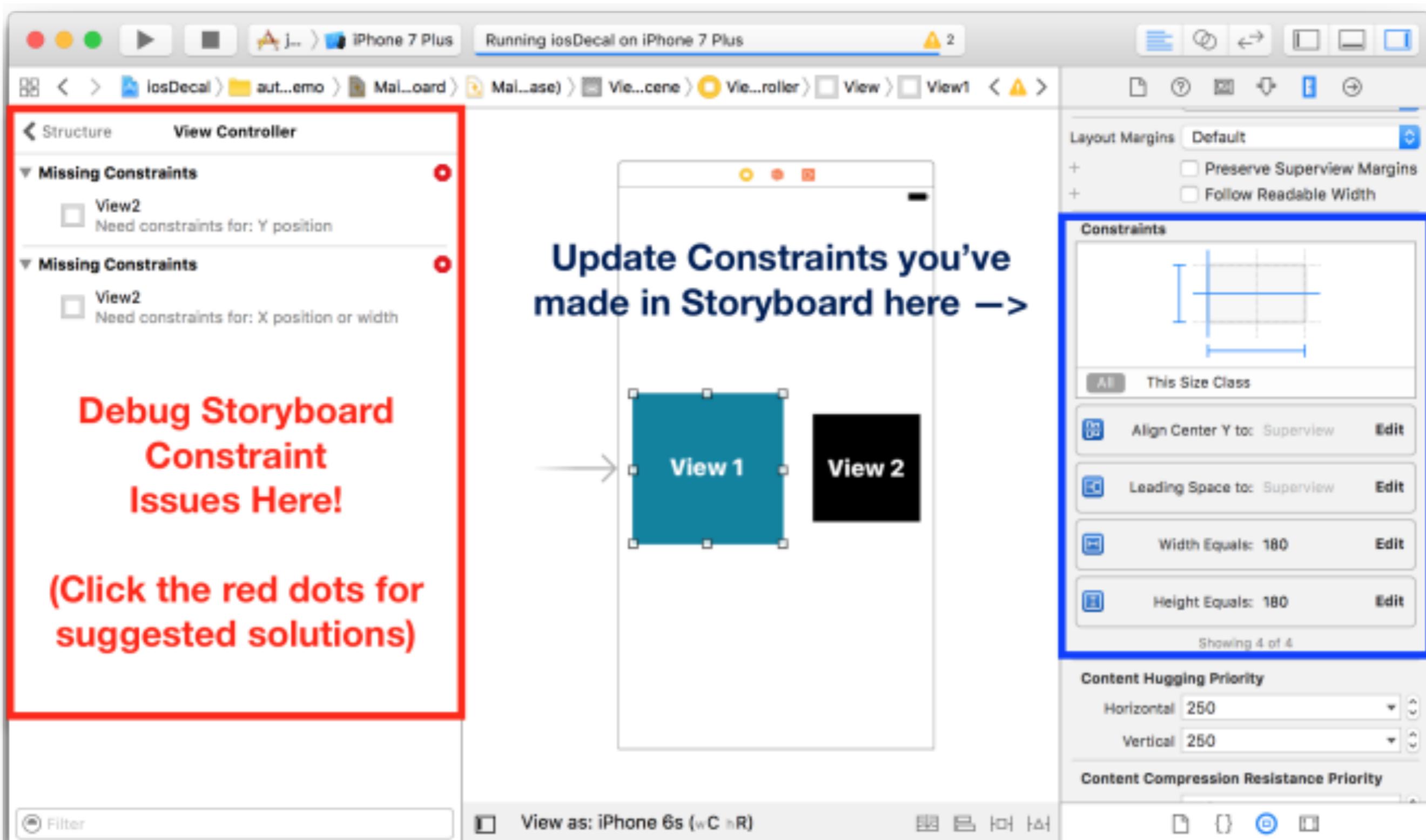


**pin:** adds space to nearest neighbor (can be a superview or itself)

# creating constraints - the philosophy



1. x position
2. y position
3. height
4. width

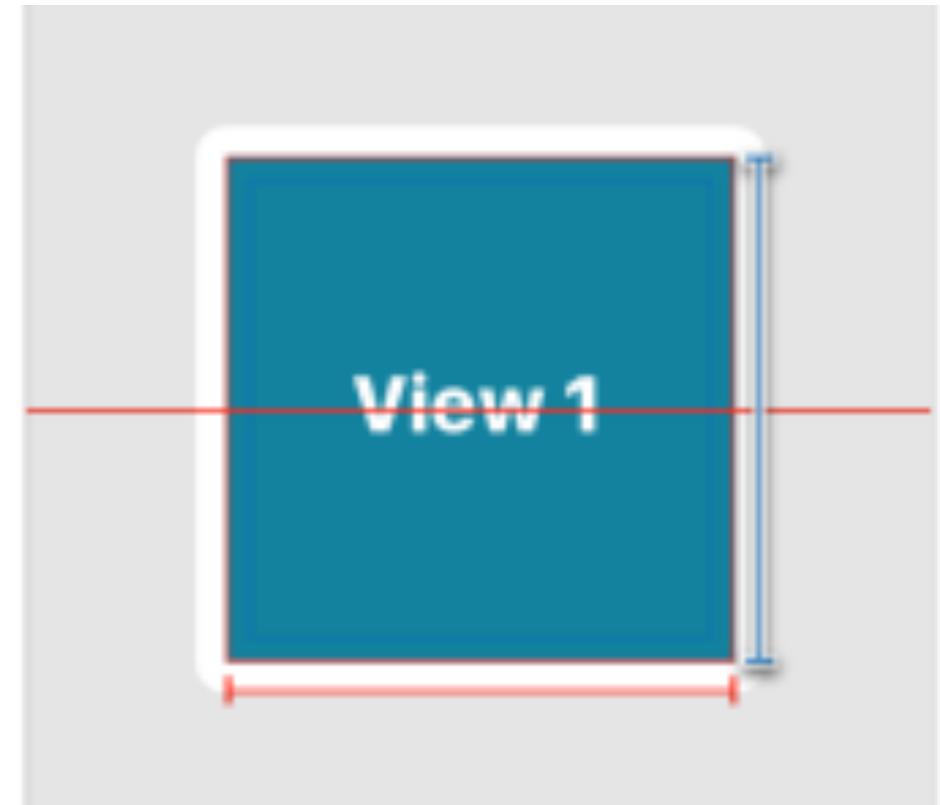


# Auto Layout debugging

# red lines - Interface Builder

If you see red lines in interface builder, that means you either have:

- too few constraints  
**(ambiguous)**
- too many constraints  
**(conflicting)**

A screenshot of the Xcode Problems list. The title bar says "View Controller". There are two entries under "Missing Constraints":

- "Image View Need constraints for: X position, width" (with a red circle icon)
- "Image View Need constraints for: height" (with a red circle icon)

# conflicts

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Structure

**View Controller**

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▼ **Conflicting Constraints**



aspect = 23:15

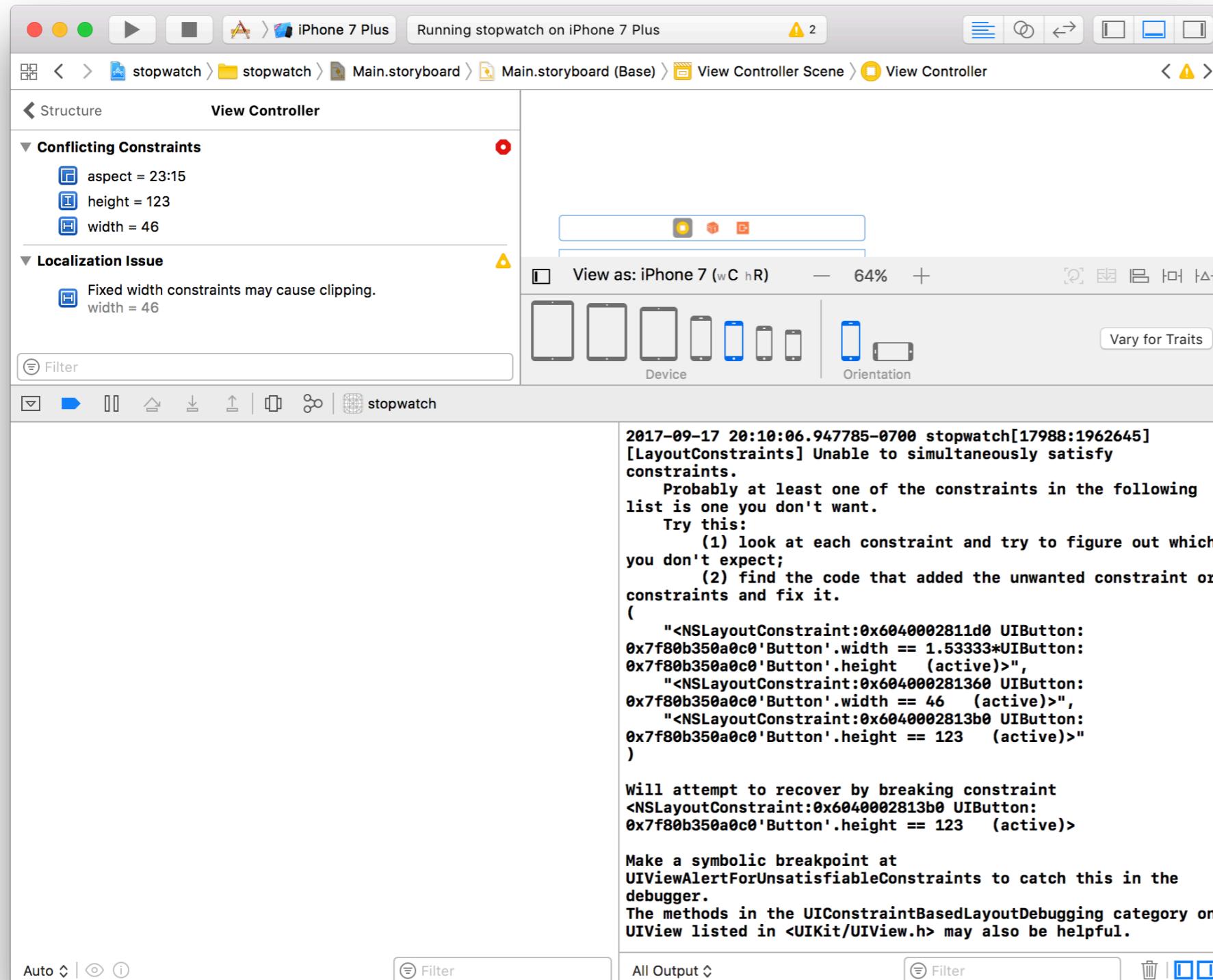
height = 400

width = 46

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Xcode will warn you when create multiple conflicting constraints

# conflicts



# conflicts

The screenshot shows the Xcode interface with a storyboard file open. The top bar indicates "Running stopwatch on iPhone 7 Plus". The storyboard navigation path is: stopwatch > stopwatch > Main.storyboard > Main.storyboard (Base) > View Controller Scene > View Controller. The left sidebar shows "View Controller" selected. Under "Conflicting Constraints", there are three entries: aspect = 23:15, height = 123, and width = 46. Under "Localization Issue", it says "Fixed width constraints may cause clipping." with "width = 46". A warning icon is visible in the top right of the storyboard area.

2017-09-17 20:10:06.947785-0700 stopwatch[17988:1962645] [LayoutConstraints] 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;
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Will attempt to recover by breaking constraint<NSLayoutConstraint:0x6040002813b0 UIButton:0x7f80b350a0c0'Button'.height == 123 (active)>

Make a symbolic breakpoint at  
UIAlertViewForUnsatisfiableConstraints to catch this in the debugger.  
The methods in the UIConstraintBasedLayoutDebugging category on  
UIView listed in <UIKit/UIKit.h> may also be helpful.

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# localization issues

## ▼ Localization Issue

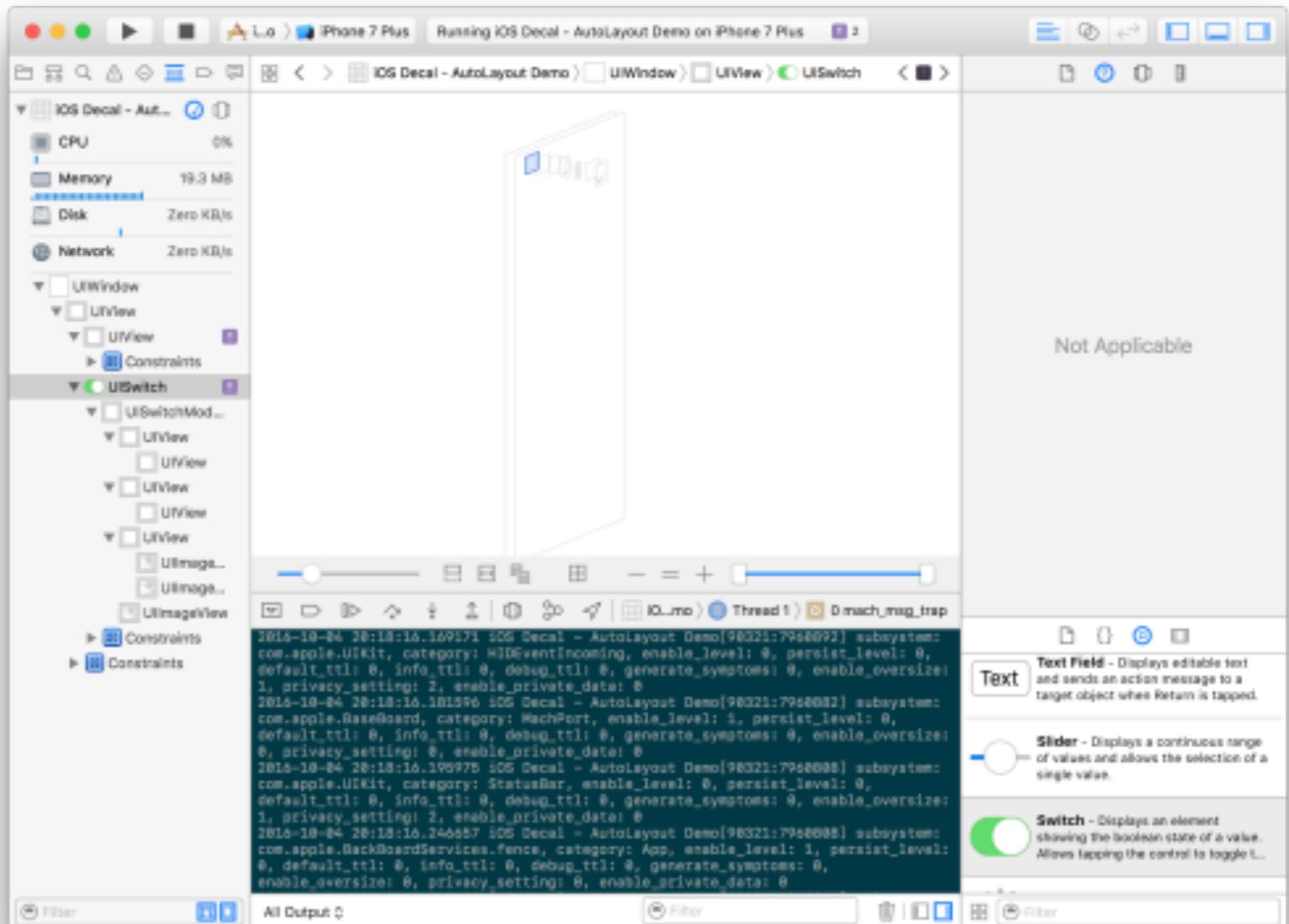
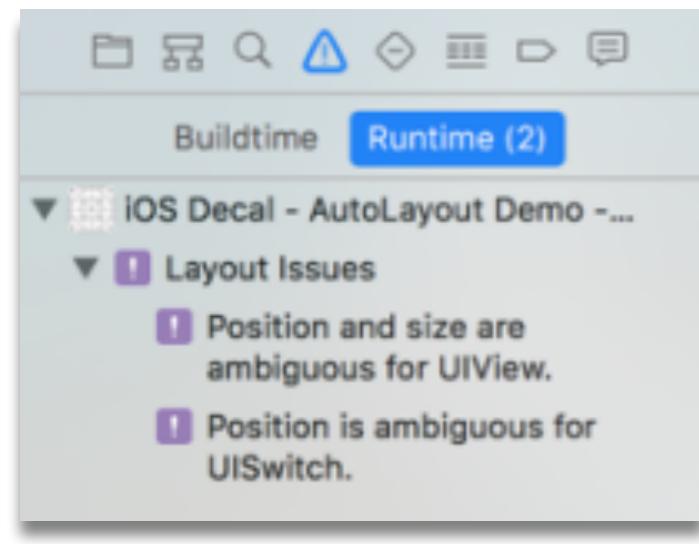


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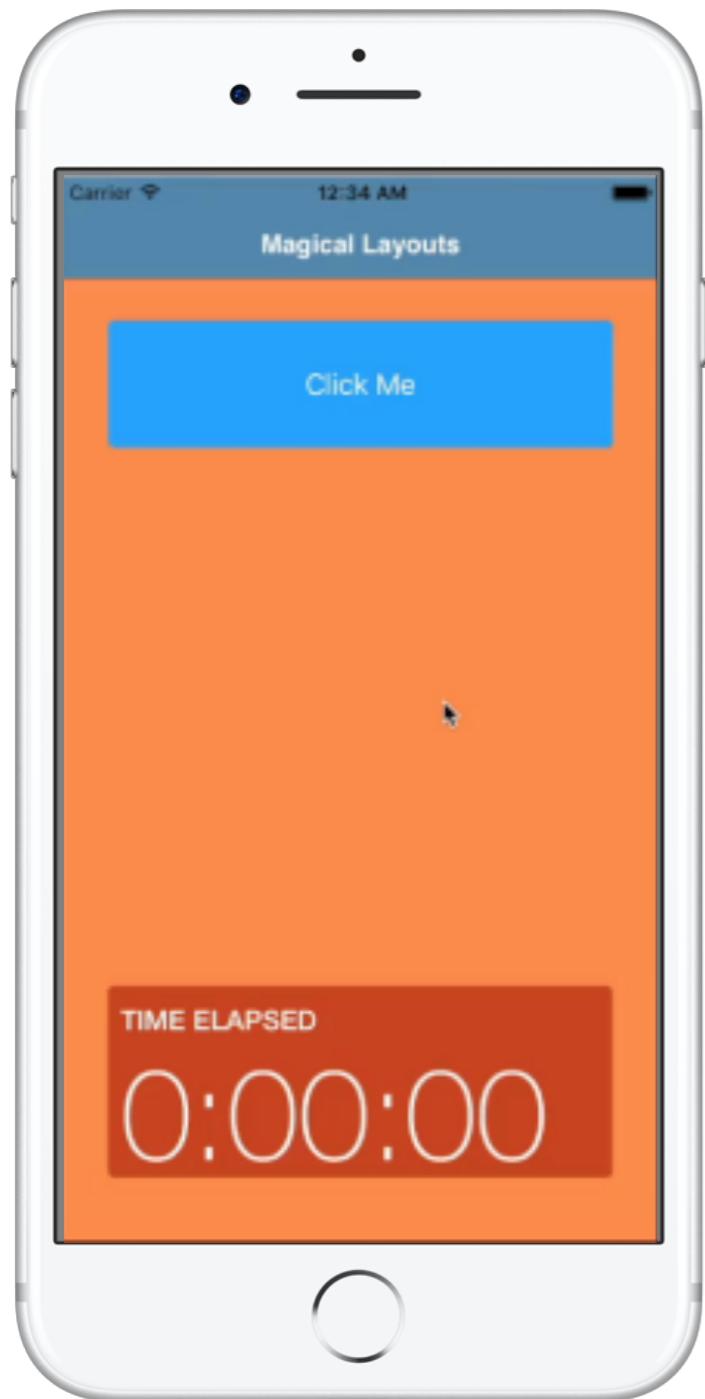
width = 46

fixed width constraints for text elements generate localization warnings

# Debug View Hierarchy



# Auto Layout with stack views



**use stack views to cut down  
on the amount of layout work  
you need to do**

side note: setting a stack  
subview's hidden property to  
true animates beautifully

# stack view properties

**arrangedSubviews** - the views inside the stack

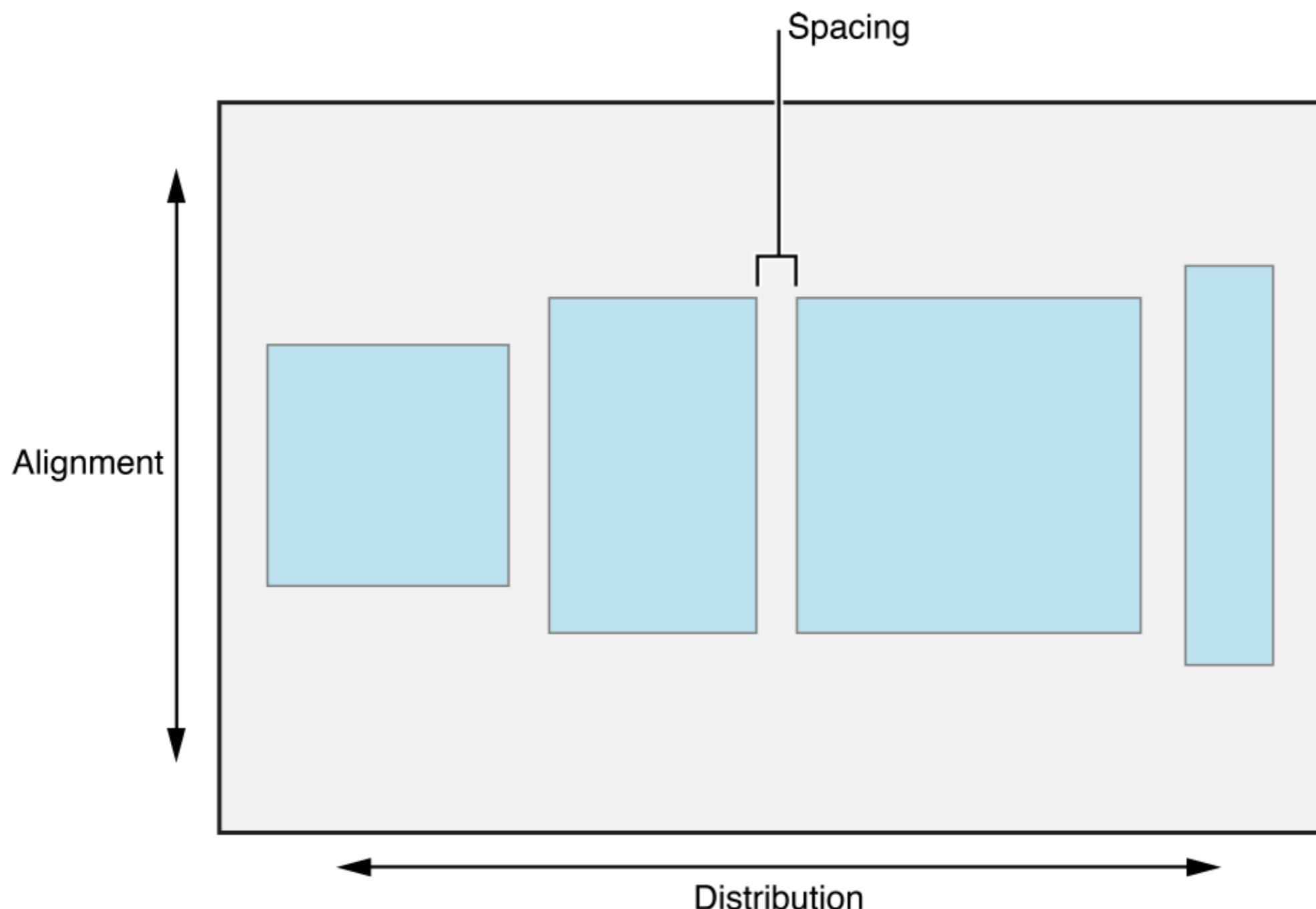
**distribution** - the distribution of the arranged views **along the stack view's axis**

**alignment** - The alignment of the arranged subviews  
**perpendicular to the stack view's axis**

**axis** - horizontal or vertical

**spacing** - space between subviews

# stack view properties

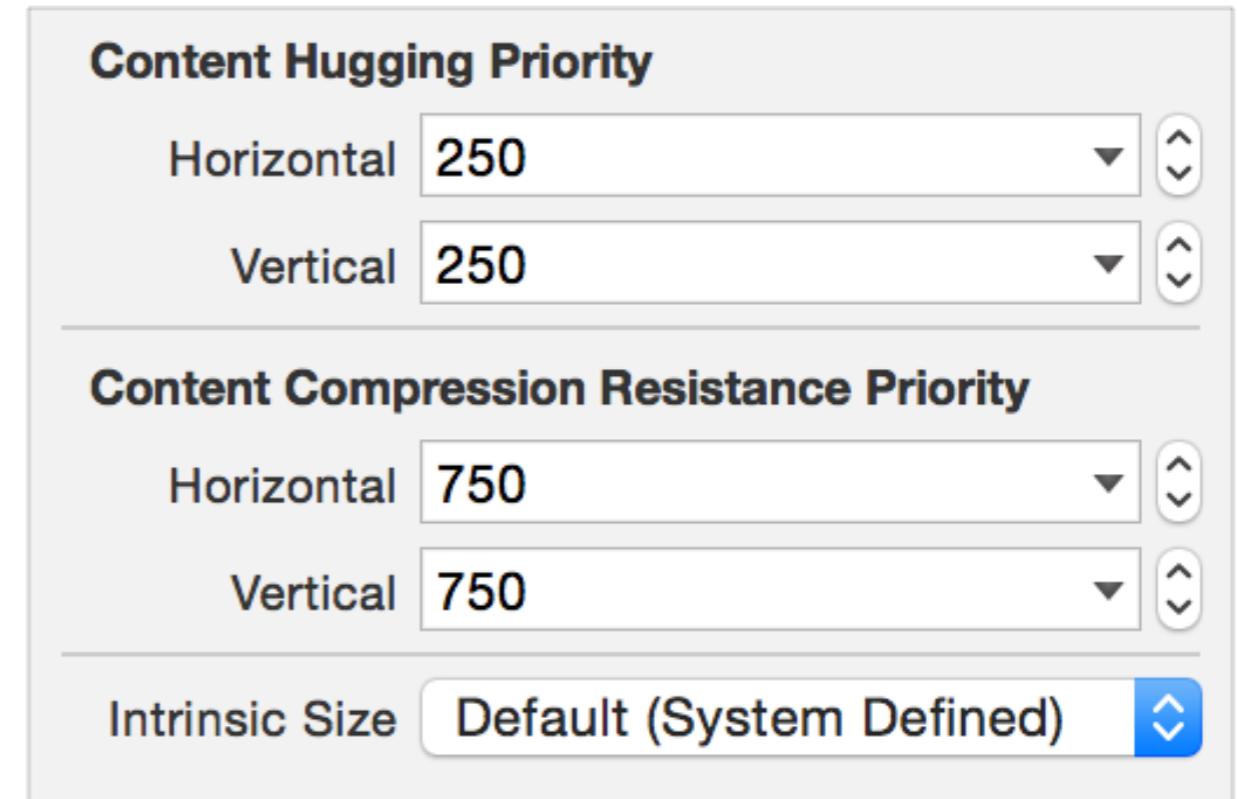


# hugging / compression

most of the time - you can avoid setting this

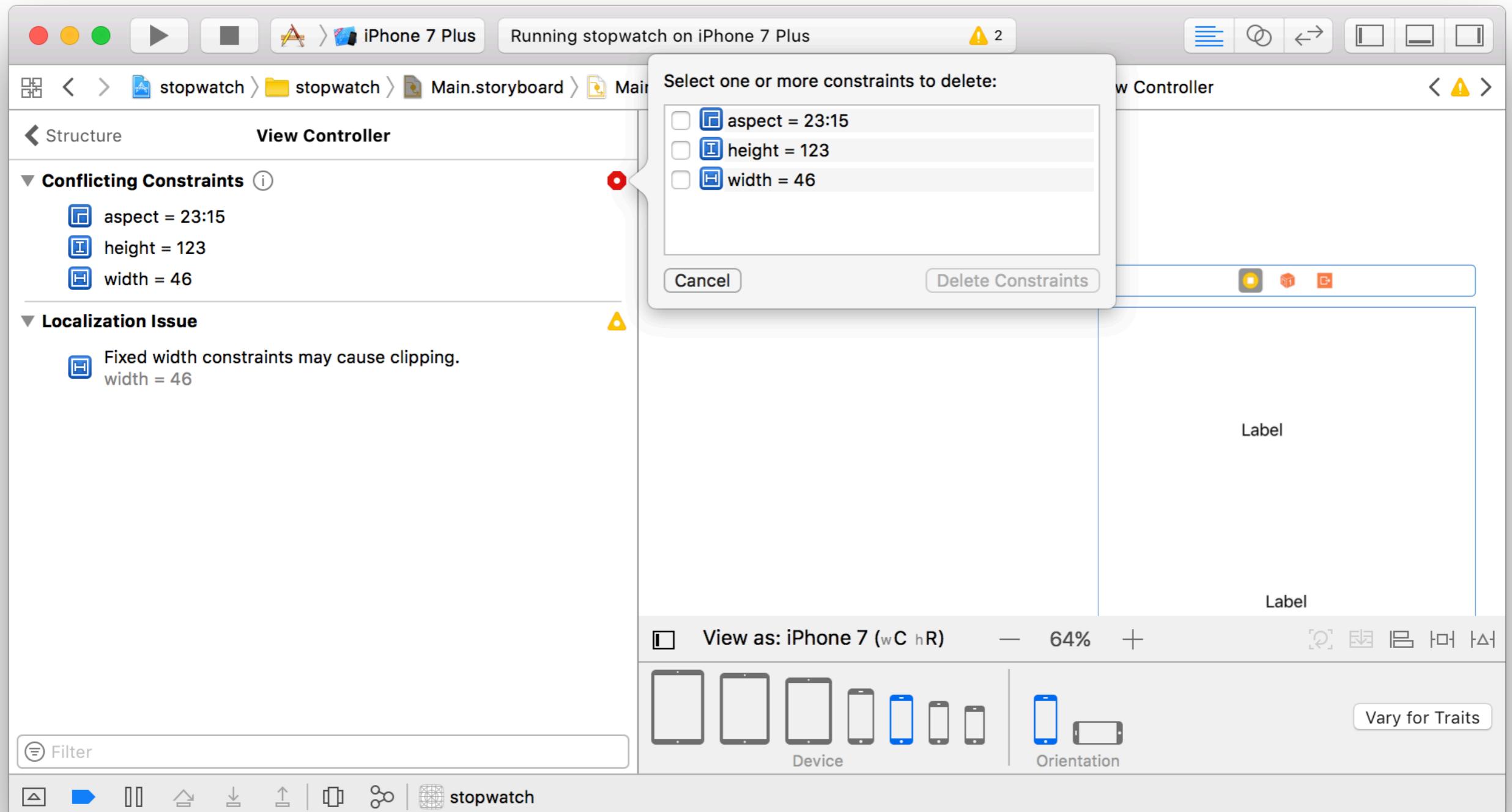
**hugging** - how much view *does not* want to grow

**compression** - how much view *does not* want to shrink



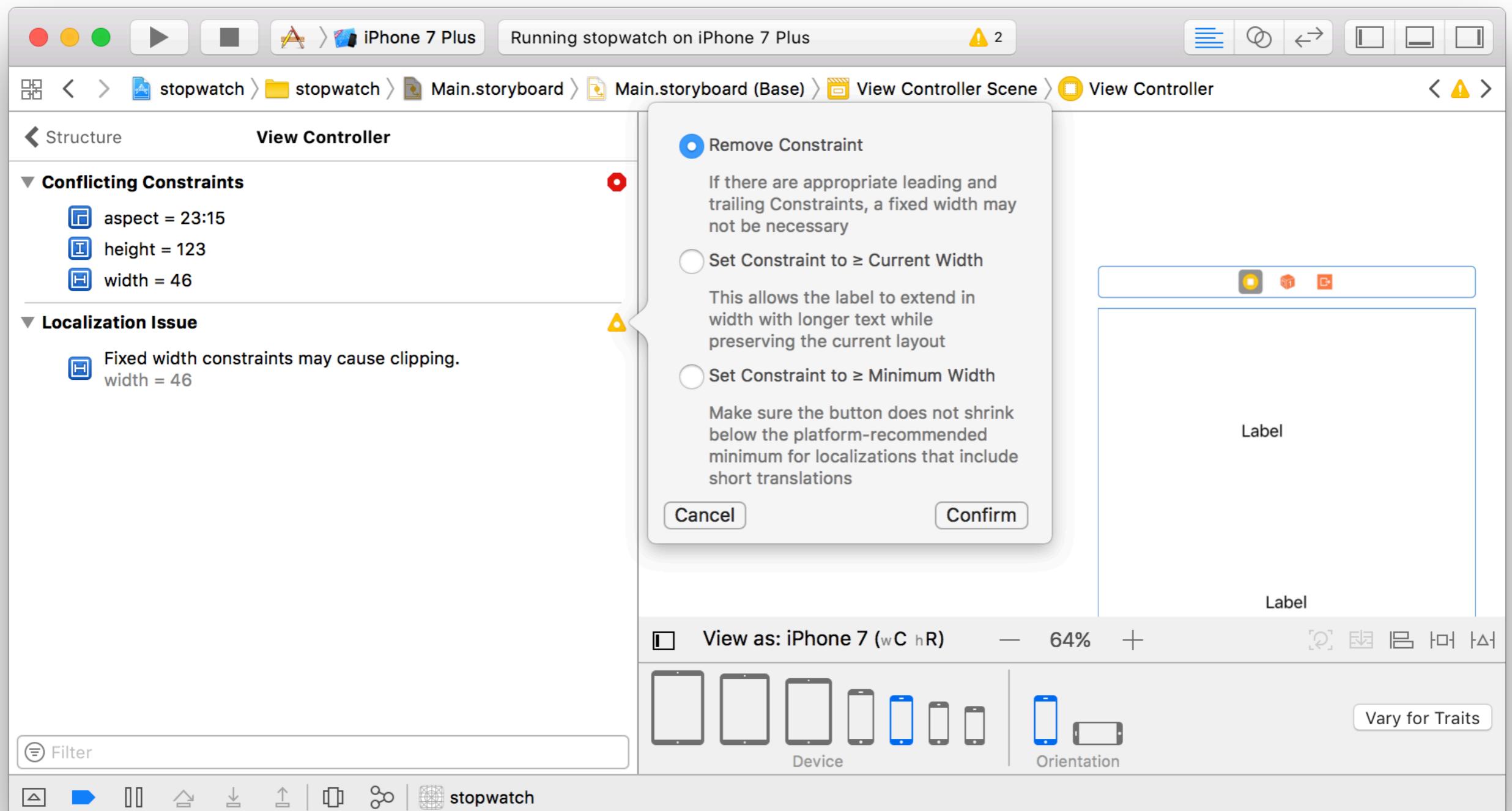
**some AutoLayout  
tricks**

# resolving conflicts



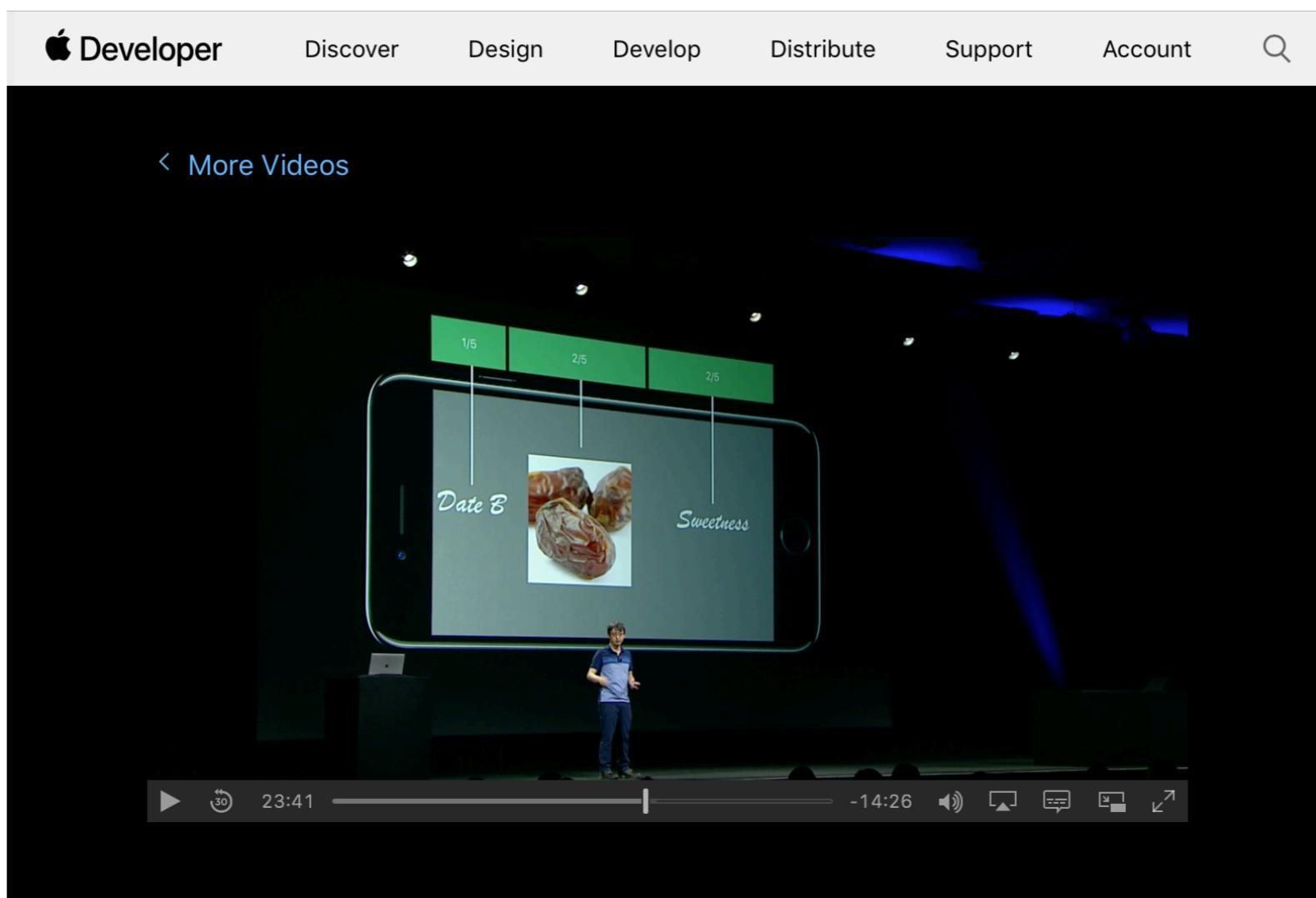
tap on warning icon to reveal tips to resolve your issue

# resolving localization issues



# spacer views

**spacer views - hidden UIViews to enforce proportions**



check piazza for a  
auto-layout tutorial  
video

**check-in**

**hw 2 : hangman**  
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**Next Lab : Auto Layout**