Application State Restoration

Saving and Restoring Application State on iOS

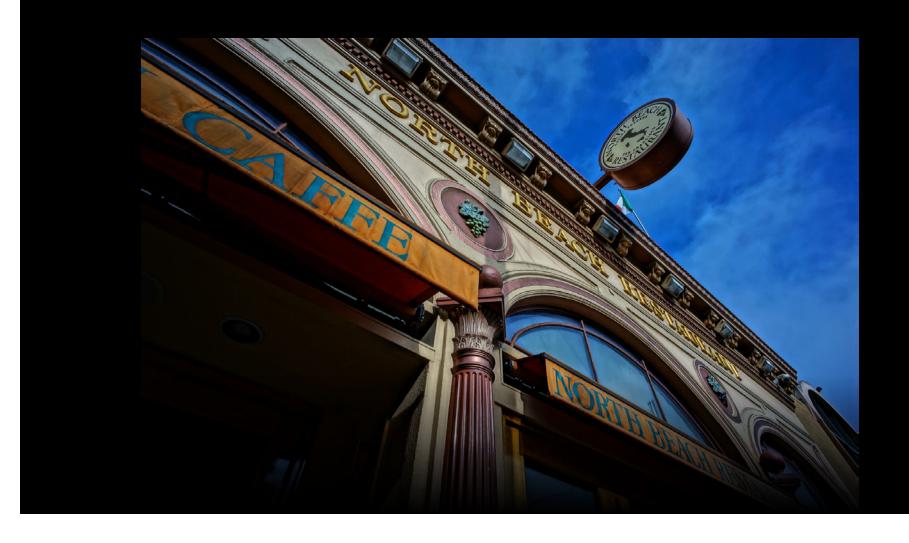
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Welcome







What is it



- What is it
- Conceptual approach



- What is it
- Conceptual approach
- How to incorporate it



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- How to incorporate it
- Tips and tricks

New for iOS 6 in UlKit







• Preserve app state



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 - Appearance



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 - Behavior



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- Restart is like waking from the background





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- Phase it into your app

- User experience
 - What the user is doing

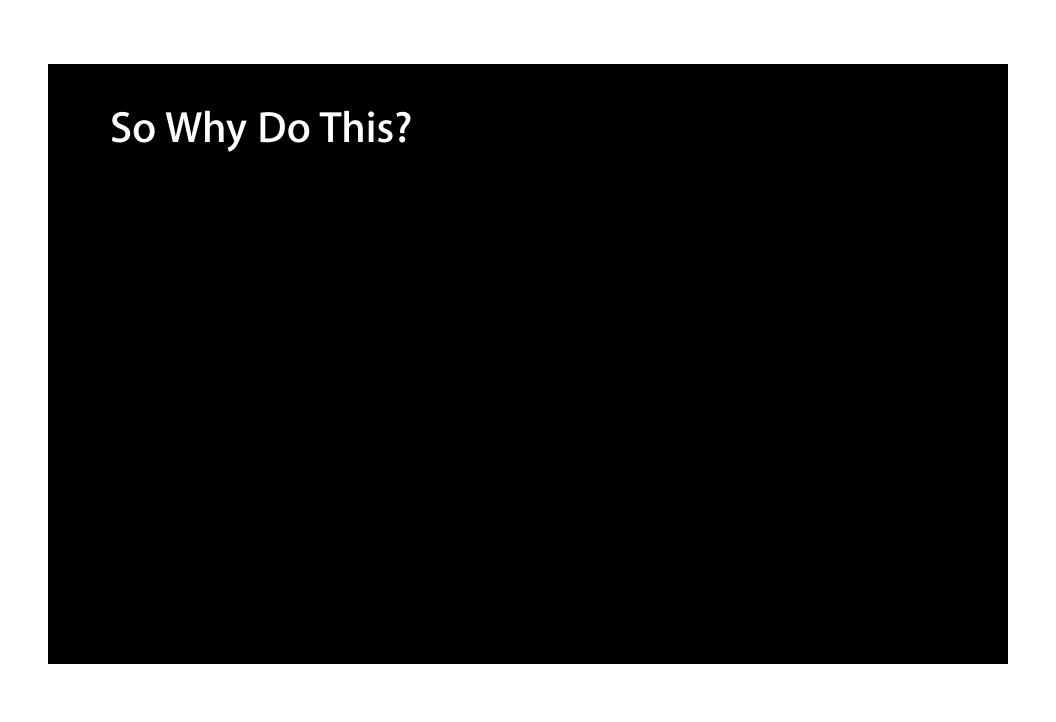
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 - What the user is doing
- Running state that isn't visible
 - Computation (i.e., image filter)
 - Specific server connection

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- Guides you to save the right thing

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Don't save model/view



Demo WWDC App

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 - Or at least a free appetizer



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- Add restoration identifiers to:
 - Views
 - View controllers

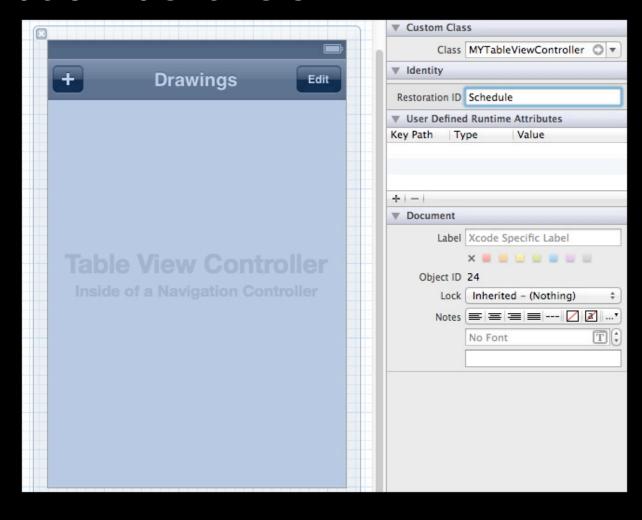


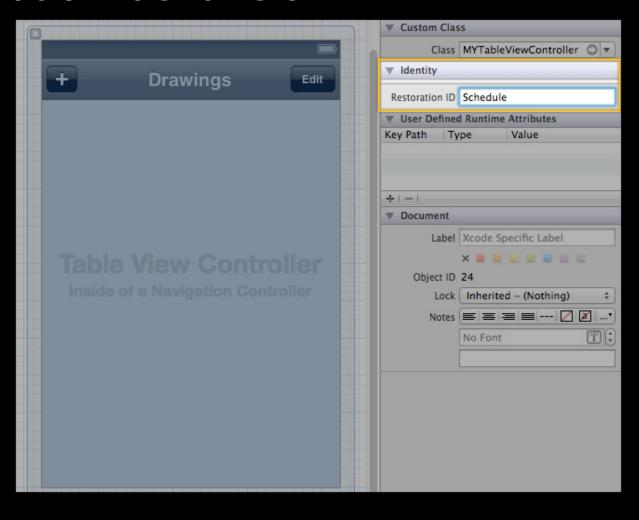
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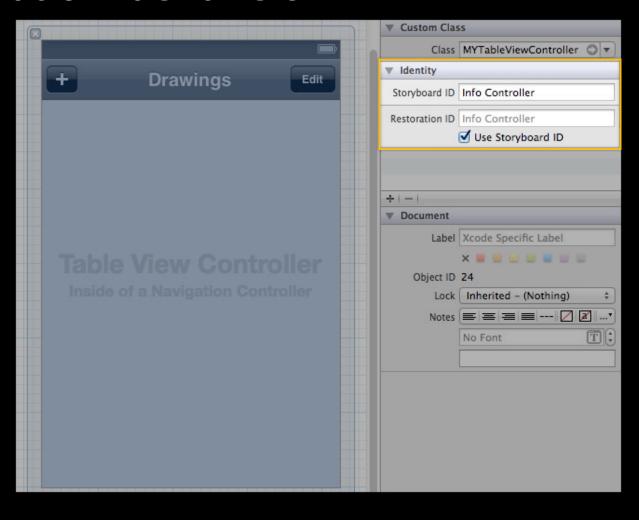
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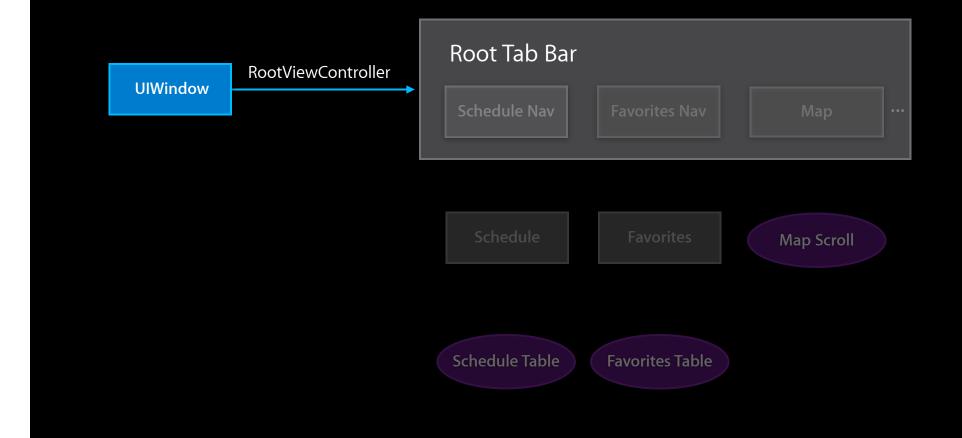
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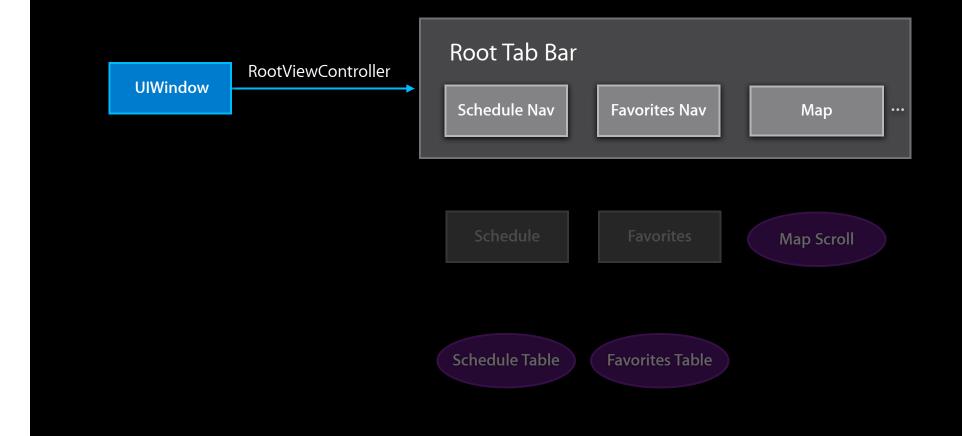
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- Used to map and find objects

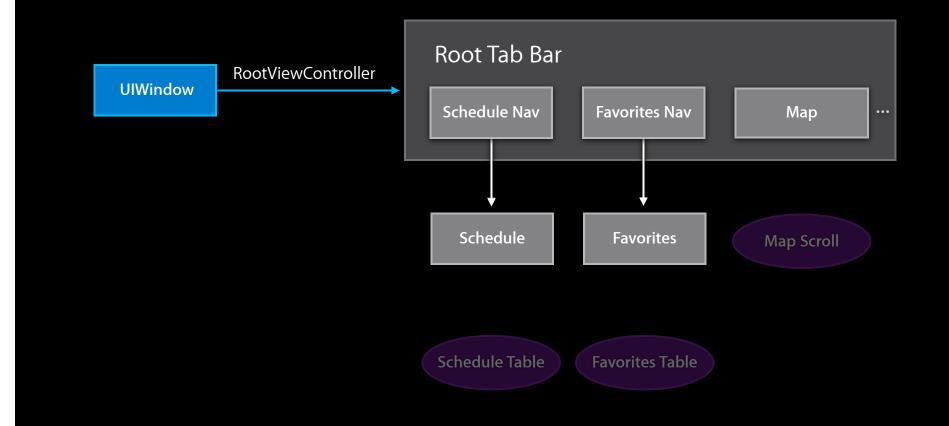


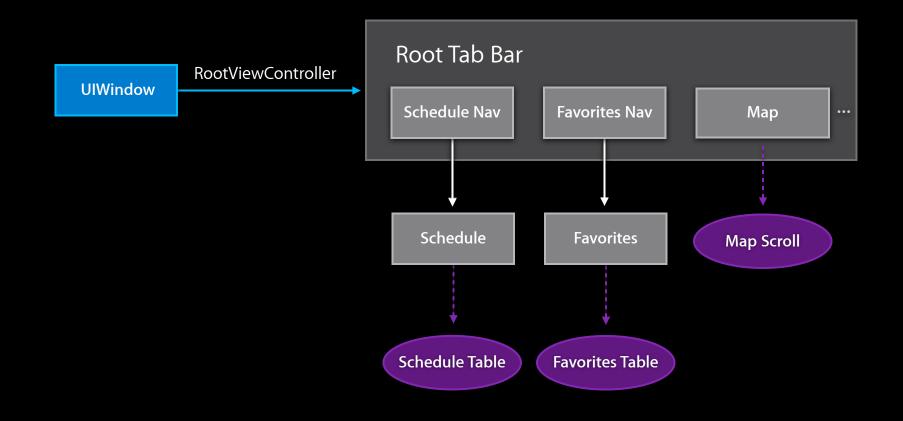




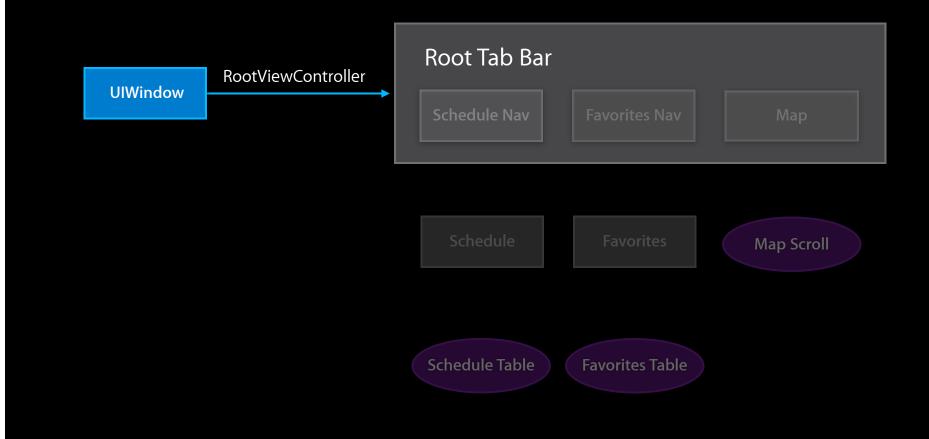




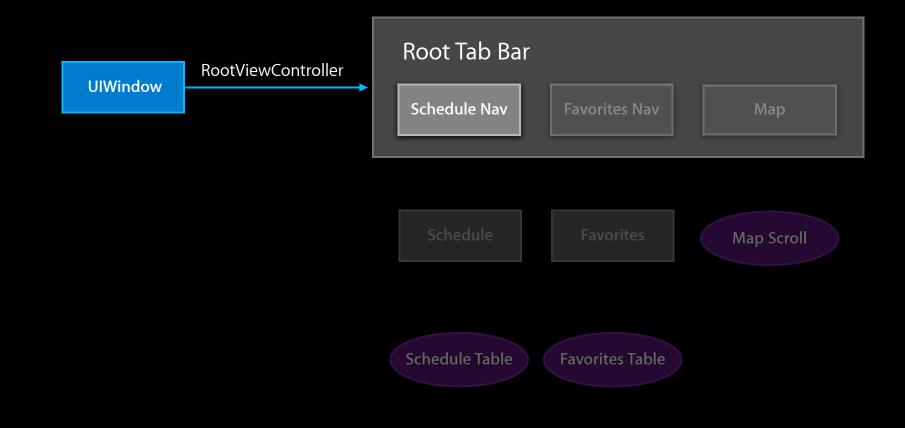




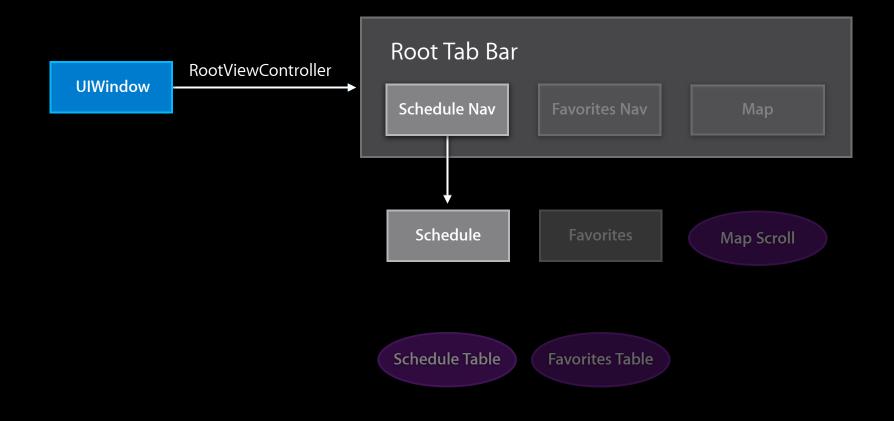
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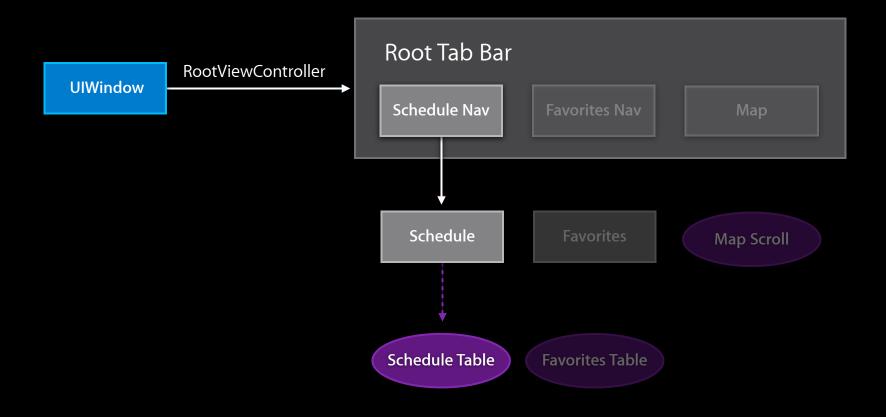
Root Tab Bar/Schedule Nav



Restoration Identifier Path Root Tab Bar/Schedule Nav/Schedule



Root Tab Bar/Schedule Nav/Schedule/Schedule Table



Using the Same Identifier





Contact List





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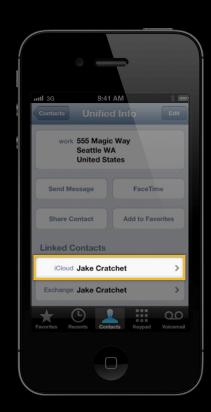
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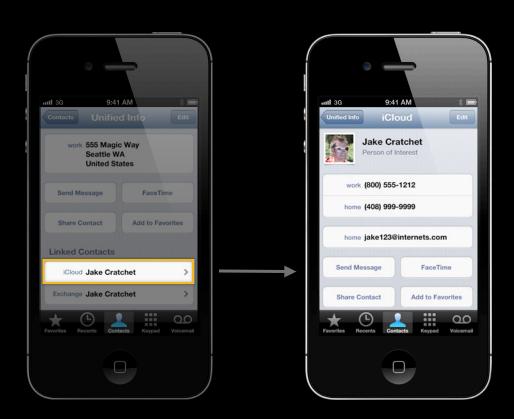
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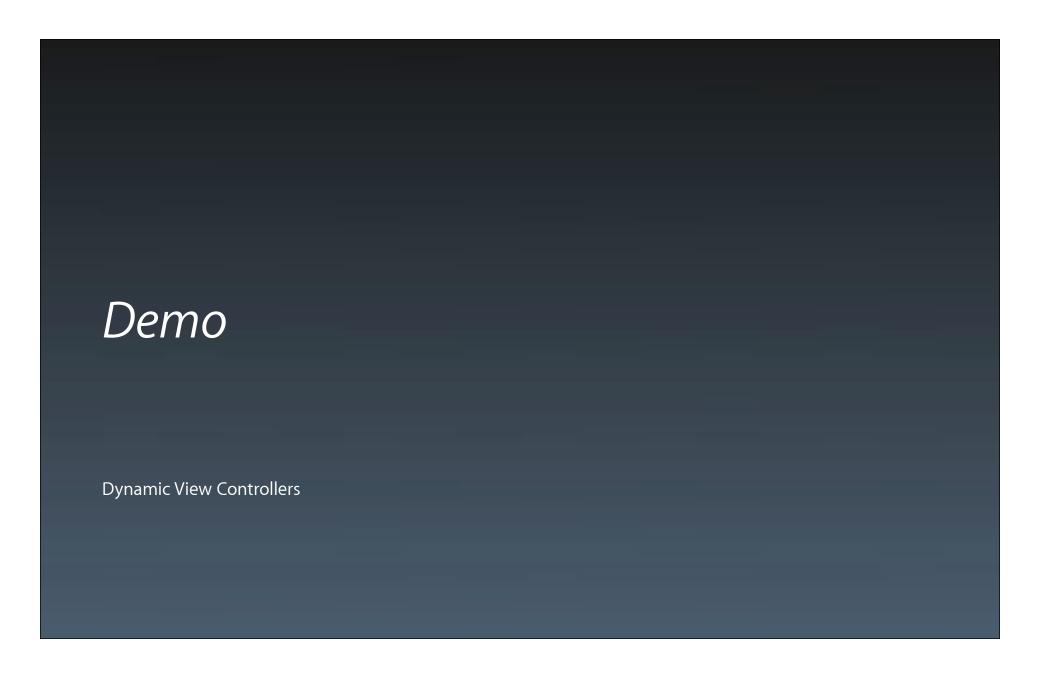


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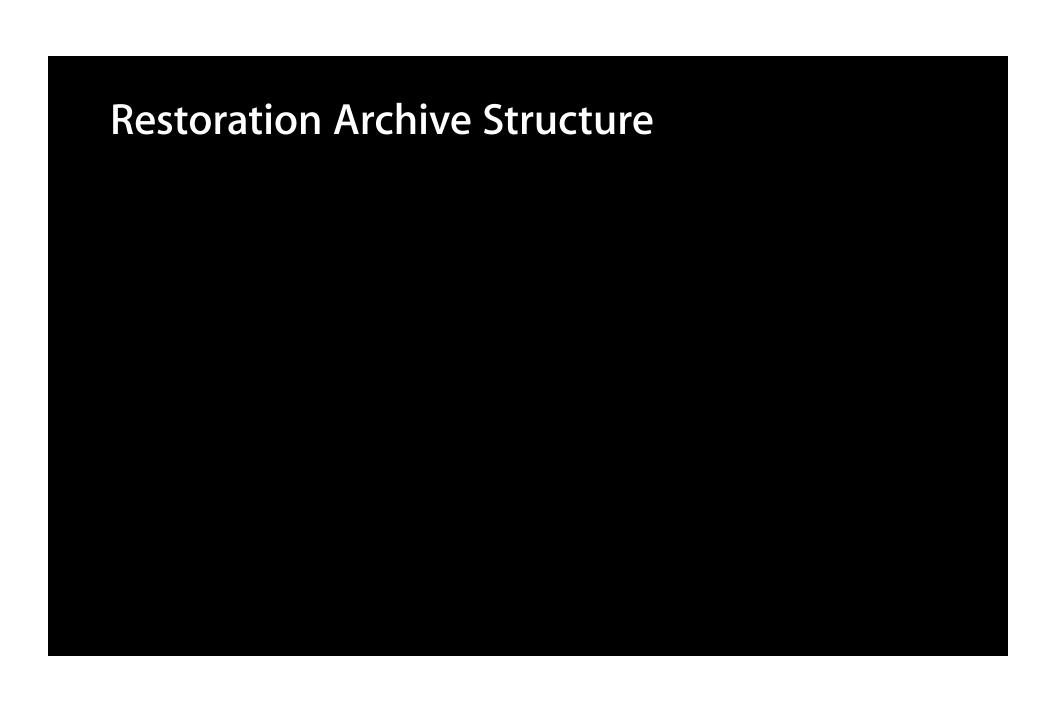
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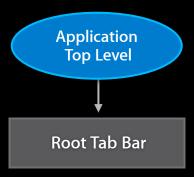
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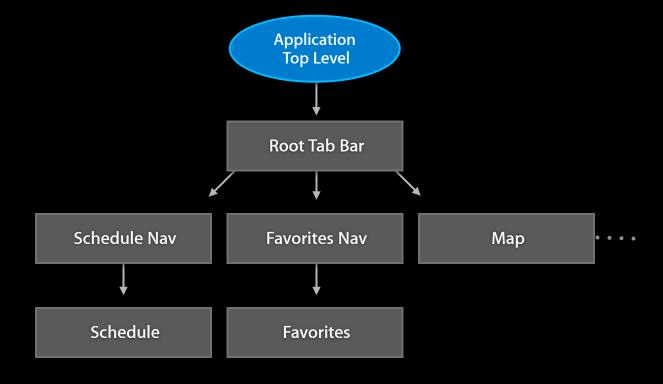
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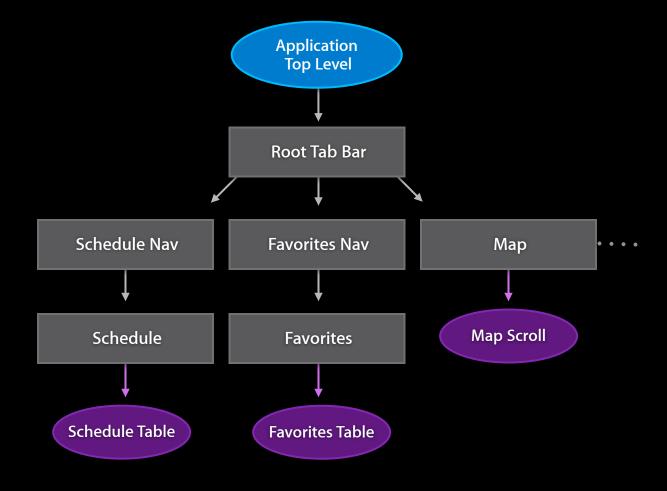
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Application Top Level







Saving Day, Session, Filter

Schedule Day



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Schedule View Controller

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Schedule Day Schedule View Controller

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Session Details



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      [coder encodeObject:self.session.sessionID forKey:kSessionIDKey];
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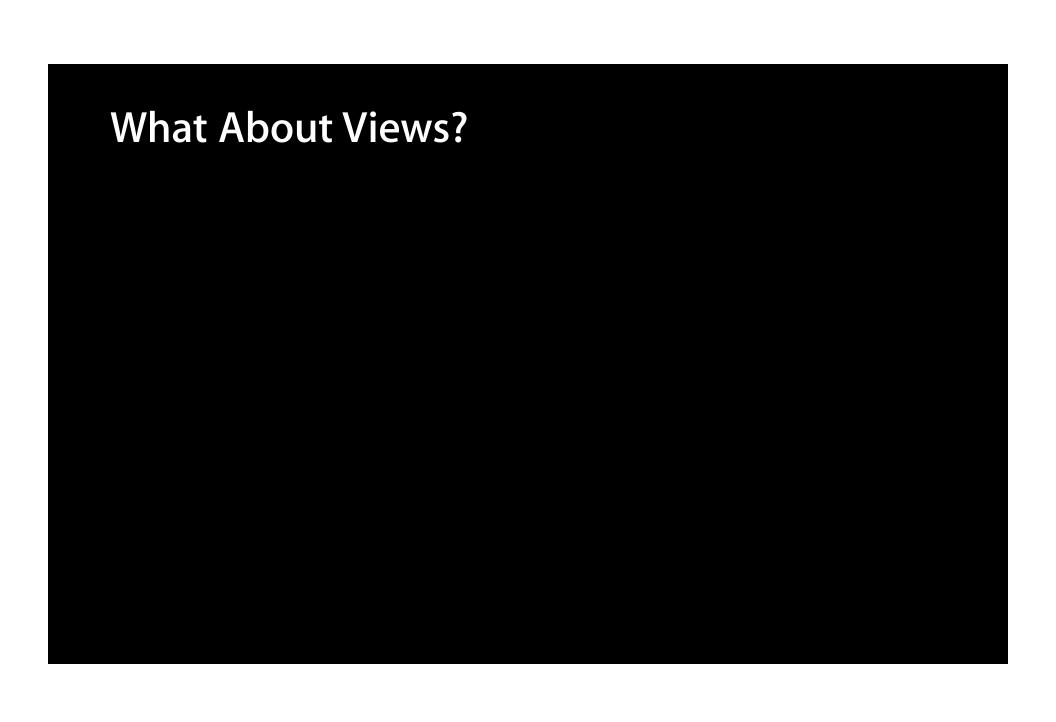


Saving Filter View Controller State

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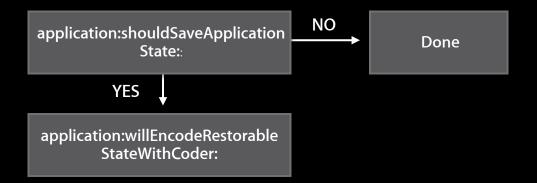
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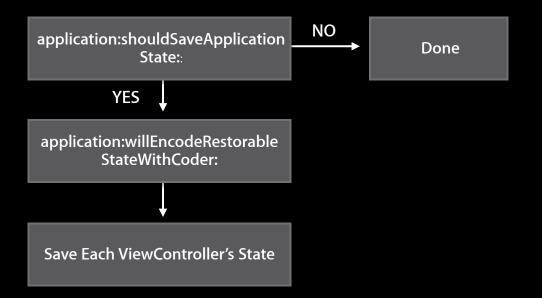
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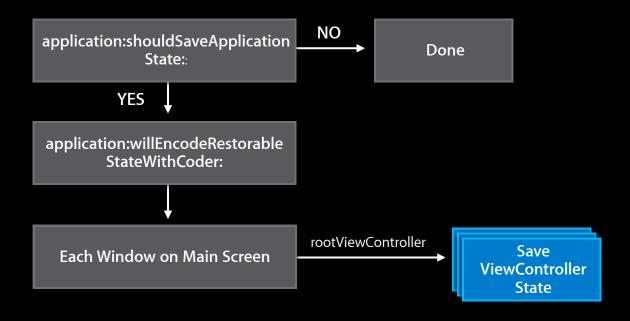
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- App took care of the rest naturally

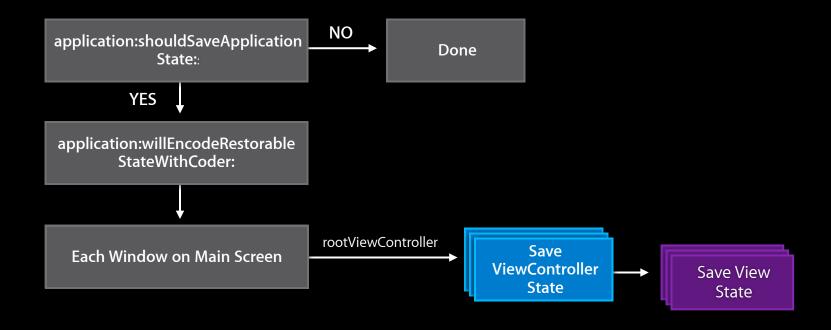
Saving State: Control Flow

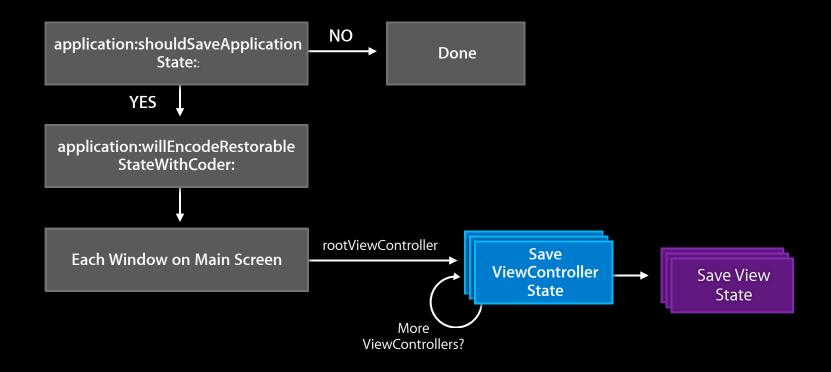
application:shouldSaveApplication State:











Digression: Managing View Controllers

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Returning nil is fine

Shared initialization

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Initializing session details

```
- (id) initWithSession:(WWDCSession*)session {
  self = [super init];
  if ( self != nil ) {
    self.session = session;
  }
  if ([self respondsToSelector:@selector(restorationIdentifier)]) {
    self.restorationIdentifier = @"SessionDetails";
    self.restorationClass = [self class];
  }
  return self;
}
```

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Loading View Controller from nib/storyboard

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```
- (void) setupSession:(WWDCSession*)session {
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Restoration

Same starting point

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- Restore view controller state



View Controller Restoration Protocol

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@interface MyController: UIViewController < UIViewControllerRestoration>;

Find/Create Session Details

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```
+ (UIViewController*)viewControllerWithRestorationIdentifierPath:
          (NSArray*)identifierComponents
          coder:(NSCoder*)coder {
          UIViewController *viewController = nil;
```

Filter View Controller



Find/Create Filter View Controller

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Restoring State

Schedule View Controller



```
- (void) decodeRestorableStateWithCoder:(NSCoder *)coder {
```

```
- (void) decodeRestorableStateWithCoder:(NSCoder *)coder {
    self.selectedDateIndex = [coder
         decodeIntForKey:kScheduleViewSelectedDateIndexKey];
    [self update];
```

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    self.selectedDateIndex = [coder
          decodeIntForKey:kScheduleViewSelectedDateIndexKey];
    [self update];
    [super decodeRestorableStateWithCoder:coder];
}
```

Session Details View Controller



Restore Session State

```
- (void) decodeRestorableStateWithCoder:(NSCoder *)coder {
    self.launchedFromTheScheduleView =
        [coder decodeBoolForKey:kLaunchedFromScheduleViewKey];
    [super decodeRestorableStateWithCoder:coder];
}
```

Filter View Controller



Restoring Filter

Nothing needs to be done!

```
- (void) decodeRestorableStateWithCoder:(NSCoder *)coder {
        [super decodeRestorableStateWithCoder:coder];
}
```

App Startup

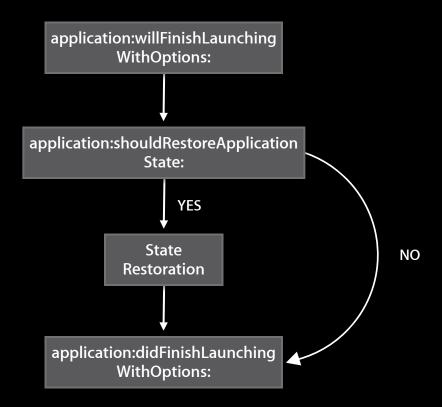
application: will Finish Launching With Options:

App Startup

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application:shouldRestoreApplication State:

App Startup





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- Deploy for iOS 6 and prior versions

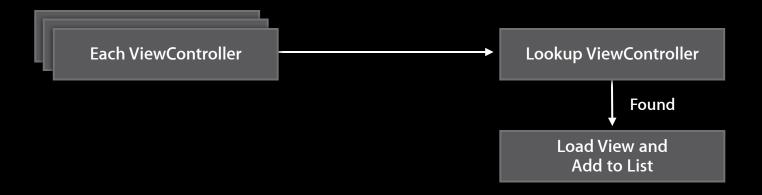
```
- (B00L)application:(UIApplication *)application
willFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)launchOptions
{
    [self commonLaunchInitialization:launchOptions];
    return YES;
}
```

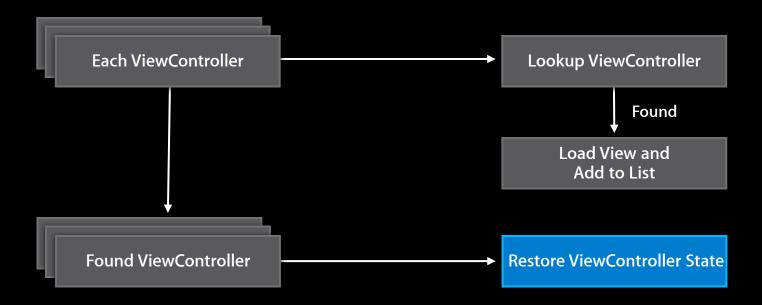
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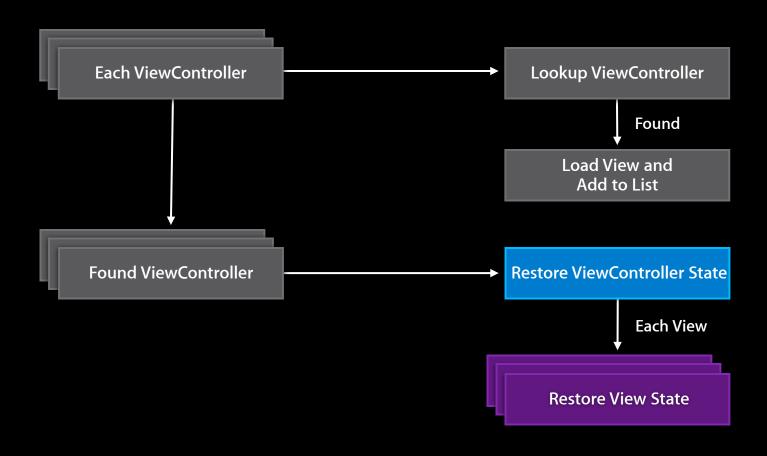
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{
     [self commonLaunchInitialization:launchOptions];
    // Other stuff
    return YES;
```

Each ViewController Lookup ViewController

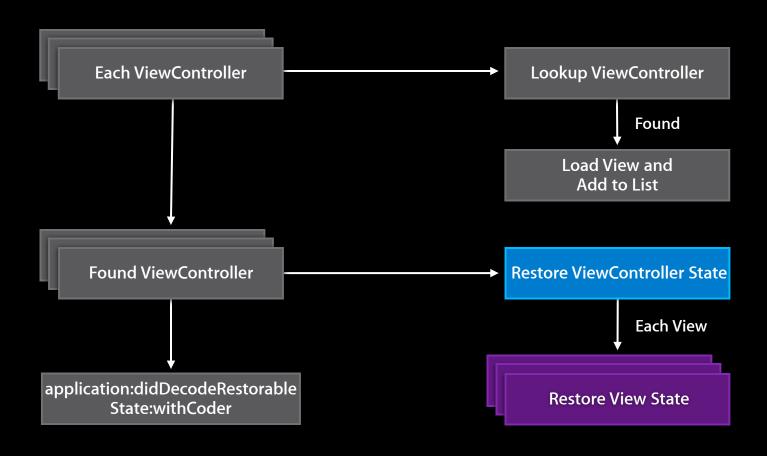








Restoration



Demo Text, Search, Mapping Cells



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Save search and feedback state

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- Save search and feedback state
- Find/create feedback controller
- Restore search and feedback state

Feedback View Controller



```
- (void) encodeRestorableStateWithCoder:(NSCoder *)coder {
```

Schedule—Search



```
- (void) encodeRestorableStateWithCoder:(NSCoder *)coder {
```

```
- (void) encodeRestorableStateWithCoder:(NSCoder *)coder {
   // Save search bar active/editing state
```

```
- (void) encodeRestorableStateWithCoder:(NSCoder *)coder {
   // Save search bar active/editing state
   // Save search bar text
```

```
- (void) encodeRestorableStateWithCoder:(NSCoder *)coder {
   // Save search bar active/editing state
   // Save search bar text
   // Save current day, call super
}
```

Restoration

Feedback View Controller



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   (NSArray *)identifierComponents coder:(NSCoder *)coder {
     UIViewController *viewController = nil;
     NSString *sessionID =
        [coder decodeObjectForKey:kFeedbackControllerSessionIDKey];
   if (sessionID) {
```

Restoring Feedback State

```
- (void) decodeRestorableStateWithCoder:(NSCoder *)coder {
```

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```
- (void) decodeRestorableStateWithCoder:(NSCoder *)coder {
    NSString *comment =
        [coder decodeObjectForKey:kFeedbackControllerTextKey];
    if (comment) {
        self.commentTextView.text = comment;
    }
    [super decodeRestorableStateWithCoder:coder];
}
```

Schedule—Search



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Applying Search State

Search Behind Details/Feedback



Search Behind Details/Feedback



Search Behind Details/Feedback



Restoring Search State

```
- (void) decodeRestorableStateWithCoder:(NSCoder *)coder {
   // Decode search state into instance variables
   // ...
}
```

```
- (void)viewWillAppear:(B00L)animated {
```

```
- (void)viewWillAppear:(B00L)animated {
    [super viewWillAppear:animated];
```

```
- (void)viewWillAppear:(B00L)animated {
    [super viewWillAppear:animated];
    if (self.restoredSearchState) {
        // Set search bar active
        // Set editing state
        self.restoredSearchState = NO;
    }
}
```

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- (void)viewWillAppear:(B00L)animated {
    [super viewWillAppear:animated];
    if (self.restoredSearchState) {
        // Set search bar active
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    if (self.restoredSearchState) {
        // Set search bar active
        // Set editing state
        self.restoredSearchState = NO;
    }
}
```

One More Small Twist

Saving Search State

- (void) encodeRestorableStateWithCoder:(NSCoder *)coder {

Saving Search State

```
- (void) encodeRestorableStateWithCoder:(NSCoder *)coder {
    if (self.savedSearchTerm) {
        // We have unapplied restored state
    }
```

Saving Search State

```
- (void) encodeRestorableStateWithCoder:(NSCoder *)coder {
    if (self.savedSearchTerm) {
        // We have unapplied restored state
    }
    else {
        // Use current state
    }
    [super encodeRestorableStateWithCoder:coder];
}
```

Table View Cells



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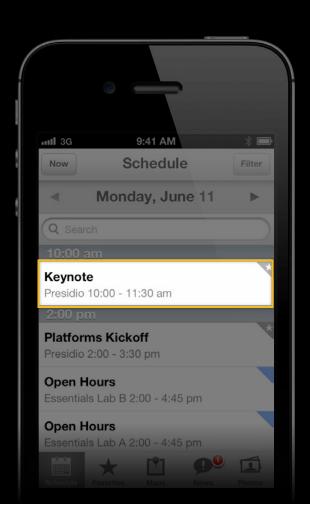
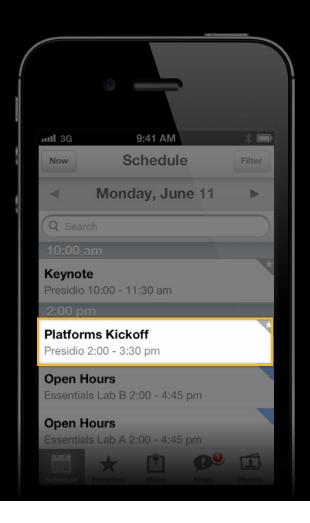


Table View Cells



```
@interface MyDataSource : NSObject
     <UITableViewDataSource,
     NSFetchedResultsControllerDelegate,
     UIDataSourceModelAssociation>;
```

Called when saving TableView state

```
- (NSString *) modelIdentifierForElementAtIndexPath:
  (NSIndexPath *)path inView:(UIView *)view {
```

```
- (NSString *) modelIdentifierForElementAtIndexPath:
  (NSIndexPath *)path inView:(UIView *)view {
    if (path && view) {
        WWDCSession *session = [self sessionAtIndexPath:path];
```

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  (NSIndexPath *)path inView:(UIView *)view {
    if (path && view) {
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        if (session) {
            return session.sessionID;
        }
}
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   (NSIndexPath *)path inView:(UIView *)view {
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          WWDCSession *session = [self sessionAtIndexPath:path];
      if (session) {
          return session.sessionID;
      }
    }
    return nil;
}
```

Restoring Cell Mapping Called when restoring TableView state

```
- (NSIndexPath *) indexPathForElementWithModelIdentifier:
(NSString *)identifier inView:(UIView *)view {
```

Restoring Cell Mapping

```
- (NSIndexPath *) indexPathForElementWithModelIdentifier:
(NSString *)identifier inView:(UIView *)view {
    if (identifier && view) {
        id session =
            [WWDCSession sessionForSessionID:identifier context:self.managedObjectContext error:nil];
```

Restoring Cell Mapping

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Additional Insights

Default View Controller Behaviors

- Selected tab
- Navigation stack
- Presented view controller

Scroll position

- Scroll position
- Selected table view cell

- Scroll position
- Selected table view cell
- Image transform

- Scroll position
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- Image transform
- Web history

Preventing Default Behaviors

How to override

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No restoration identifier

Preventing Default Behaviors

How to override

- No restoration identifier
- Don't call super



Available in all coders

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UIApplicationStateRestorationBundleVersionKey

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UIApplicationStateRestorationUserInterfaceIdiomKey

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Available for view controller coders

 ${\tt UIStateRestorationViewControllerStoryboardKey}$

You are not alone

Logging/debugging

- Logging/debugging
- Restrospector

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- Methods to extend/complete

Summary

- Provides a better user experience
- Spend your time wisely
- Structure your code for state restoration
- Phase in support

More Information

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Documentation

iOS App Programming Guide http://developer.apple.com/

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