

MOBILE DEVELOPMENT DRAWING IN CODE: PART 1

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- › Create views programmatically through springs/struts
- › Recognize view hierarchy and how views are constructed in our applications
- › Distinguish very clearly the differences between frame and bounds
- › Implement scroll views and understand the properties needed to construct them
- › Use CGGeometry framework to place and size our views

springs/struts, versus interface view controller, versus straight through code. Try to stick with 1 for remainder of class.

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REVIEWING VIEWS

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WHY DRAW IN CODE?

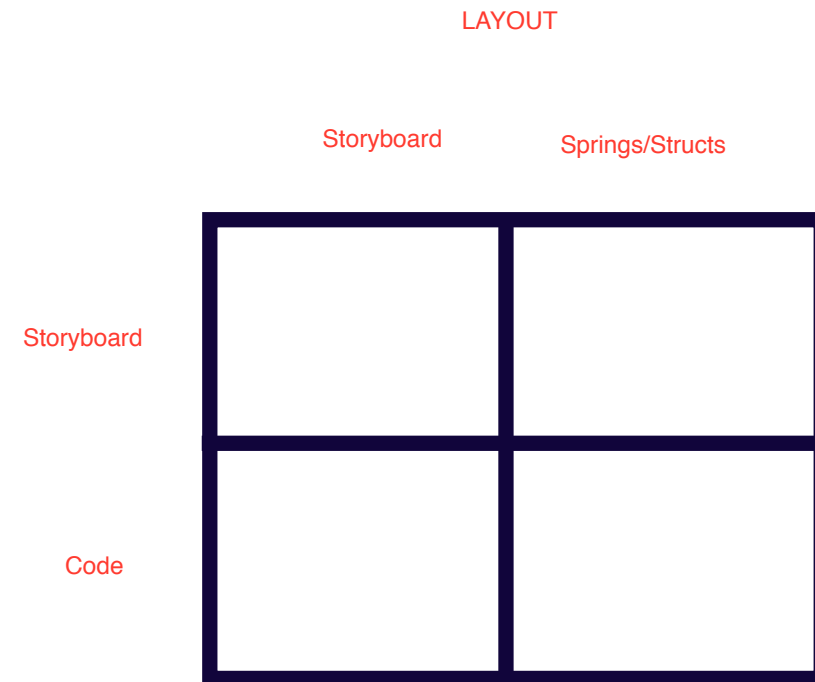
- Adding many subviews in interface builder can be unwieldy
- Managing storyboards and nibs when collaborating with others is hard
- Sometimes we want to create or destroy views when an action happens
- Some people prefer laying out in code to keep all view logic in one place

Example, we want certain view to appear upon Login (Arrival Layer) for only 5 seconds, then disappear.

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LOTS OF OPTIONS

- Two ways to manage view hierarchies
 - Storyboard
 - Code
- Two ways to lay out views
 - Springs & struts (the older way, today)
 - Autolayout (the newer way, next class)
- These can be mixed and matched, to a point



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SOME NEW TYPES

- CGFloat: Just a float (a possibly non-whole number)
- CGPoint: A struct that contains an x and y coordinate (both CGFloats)
- CGSize: A struct that contains width and height (both CGFloats)
- CGRect: A rectangle that contains size and an origin
 - A suite of CGRectGet... functions help us do math on these rectangles



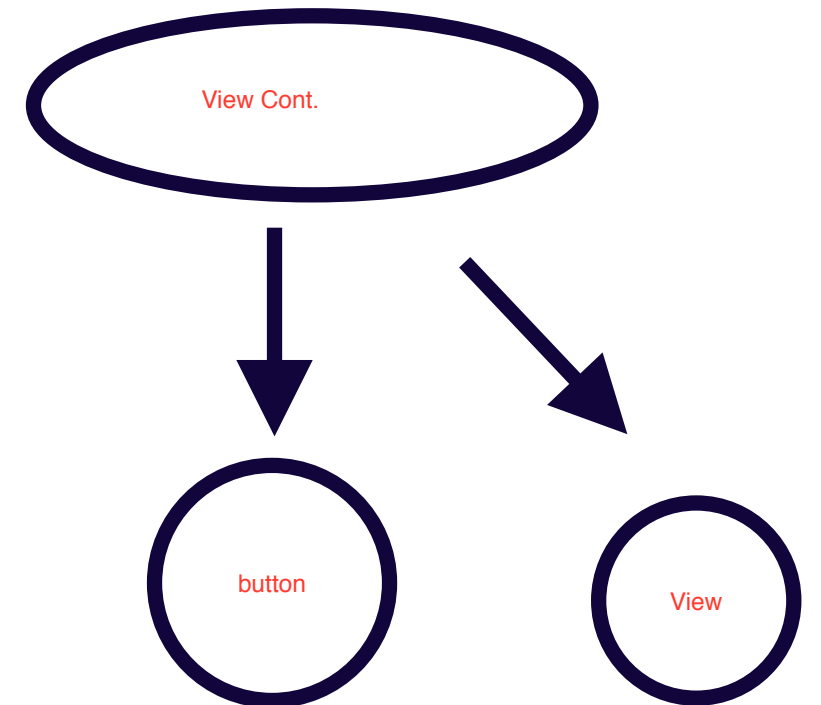
Origin: 0,0
Size: 300 x 44

CGPoint
x = 0
y = 0

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THE PROPERTIES OF A VIEW

- superview: A UIView that contains it. Only one of these
- subviews: The UIViews it contains. Many of these are possible
- frame: The position and size of the view within its superview (the *external* coordinate system)
 - Has origin x, y coordinate
 - Has size (width/height)
 - Usually what we deal with
- bounds: The view's *internal* coordinates system
 - Usually, just the frame but with (0, 0) as the origin
- center: The center point



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THE PROPERTIES OF A VIEW (CON'T)

- alpha: A float representing transparency (0 is hidden, 1 is visible)
- backgroundColor: The background color of your view
- Things like corner radius and shadow are hidden in a view's ***layer***
 - e.g. `view.layer.cornerRadius = 5`
- Fun fact: All of these things can be animated using *UIView.animateWithDuration*

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POINTS, NOT PIXELS

- Everything we do in iOS is using *points, not pixels*
 - Virtual pixel which may actually be rendered by multiple physical pixels
 - <http://www.paintcodeapp.com/news/ultimate-guide-to-iphone-resolutions>

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SPRINGS AND STRUTS

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SPRINGS AND STRUTS

- The old way of laying things out on screen
 - Still around
 - Much simpler, conceptually
- Things are displayed using a combination of origin, width, height **frame** and what happens when superview size changes ***autoresizing masks***
 - Frame: Where the view is in its superview
 - Autoresizing masks: What the view does when its superview changes size
 - Default: Nothing
 - Can fix top, left, bottom, right margins
 - Can adjust width/height according to superview

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SPRINGS AND STRUTS

```
let frame = CGRect(x: 0, y: 0, width: 10, height: 10)
var view = UIView(frame: frame) // Create the view
someOtherView.addSubview(view) // Adds to another view
view.removeFromSuperview() // Removes the view from its
Superview
```

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SPRINGS AND STRUTS

CODEALONG

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GROUP ASSIGNMENT

- Create a new project ***without storyboards or nibs***
- Create a login window programmatically
- Programmatically create elements needed for login (username, password, login button, and label for the title at the top.
- When login button is pressed, print a message with println.
- Bonus 1: Create a view that will be the container of the above elements
- Bonus 2: Make the container the size of its superview
- Bonus 3: When user taps 'log in', add another UIView with a success message and a dismiss button, which removes the login container

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SCROLL VIEWS

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- Phones are small
- What if we have more content than can appear on the screen?
- UIScrollView is what helps us in this situation

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SCROLL VIEWS

- UIScrollView are just UIViews that contain other
- They have content which extends beyond their frame
 - `contentSize` CGSize - size of the content itself, that you're scrolling through. Maps, Websites, pieces of large content.
 - This ***must*** be set

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SCROLL VIEW CODE-ALONG

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VIEW CONTROLLERS IN CODE

```
let vc = MyCoolViewController()  
// Configure your VC here  
self.navigationController.pushViewController(vc, animated:  
true) // Push  
self.presentViewController(vc, animated: true) // Modal
```

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GROUP ASSIGNMENT

- › Continue from your previous project
- › Once the user is logged in, present a confirmation modal view controller
- › This view controller should display three images, of your choosing, that are stacked vertically
- › The user should be able to scroll through the images