

iOS Seminar



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Questions for you

- What is your role in your organization?
 - Developer? Manager? HR?
- What are you looking to get out of this?
- Are you looking to build apps yourself?

Agenda

- Developer tools
- GUI-building
- Objective-C
- iOS SDK overview
- UIKit + design patterns

I'll try to answer...

- What is developing for iOS like?
- What are the features of the toolchain?
- What does “iOS code” look like?
- What are the building blocks of an app?
- How do they fit together?

I won't...

- Try to sell you on the platform
- Cover many small or esoteric details
 - But may provide references if relevant
- Consider testing, backwards compatibility, or third-party solutions

Approach

- Alternate slides with hands-on sessions
- Ideally, 50% of time using iOS dev tools
 - But, impossible to learn language & libraries and be productive so rapidly
 - More *exploration* than live coding

Code repository

- All sample code at
<http://j.mp/ios1871>

Hands-on

- Downloading the sample code

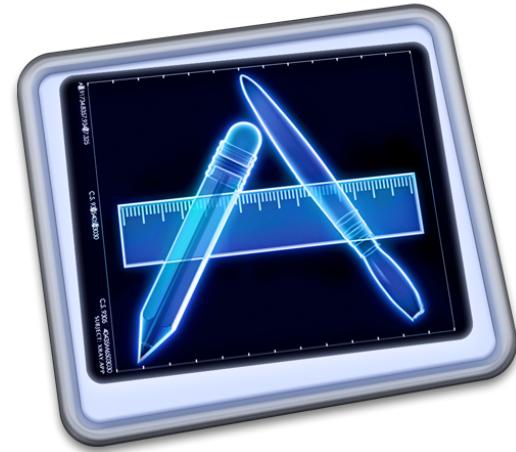
§Developer Tools



Xcode



iOS Simulator



Instruments



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Xcode (v4.5)

- Apple's IDE for Mac OS X *and* iOS
- Editor, debugger, GUI-builder, data modeler (and more!)

The screenshot shows the Xcode interface with the following details:

- Title Bar:** Demo.xcodeproj — AppDelegate.m
- Toolbar:** Run, Stop, Scheme, Breakpoints.
- Project Navigator:** Shows the project structure for "Demo".
- Code Editor:** Displays the `AppDelegate.m` file content. The code handles application lifecycle methods like `application:didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:`, `applicationWillResignActive:`, `applicationDidEnterBackground:`, `applicationWillEnterForeground:`, and `applicationDidBecomeActive:`. It also includes imports for `AppDelegate.h` and `MasterViewController.h`.
- Quick Help:** A panel on the right provides information about the `UIApplication` class, including its availability (iOS 2.0 and later), declared file (`UIApplication.h`), reference (`UIApplication Class Reference`), and samples (e.g., `Audio Mixer (MixerHost)`, `Regions, RosyWriter, Sampler`, `Unit Presets (LoadPreset Demo)`, `UICatalog`).
- File Template Library:** A panel at the bottom right showing various file types: Obj-C (.m), Proto (.pb), Test (.h), C++ (.C), C (.c), and others.

```
#import "AppDelegate.h"
#import "MasterViewController.h"

@implementation AppDelegate

@synthesize managedObjectContext = _managedObjectContext;
@synthesize managedObjectModel = _managedObjectModel;
@synthesize persistentStoreCoordinator = _persistentStoreCoordinator;

- (BOOL)application:(UIApplication *)application didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)launchOptions
{
    // Override point for customization after application launch.
    UINavigationController *navigationController = (UINavigationController *)self.window.rootViewController;
    MasterViewController *controller = [MasterViewController alloc] initWithNibName:@"MasterViewController" bundle:nil];
    controller.managedObjectContext = self.managedObjectContext;
    return YES;
}

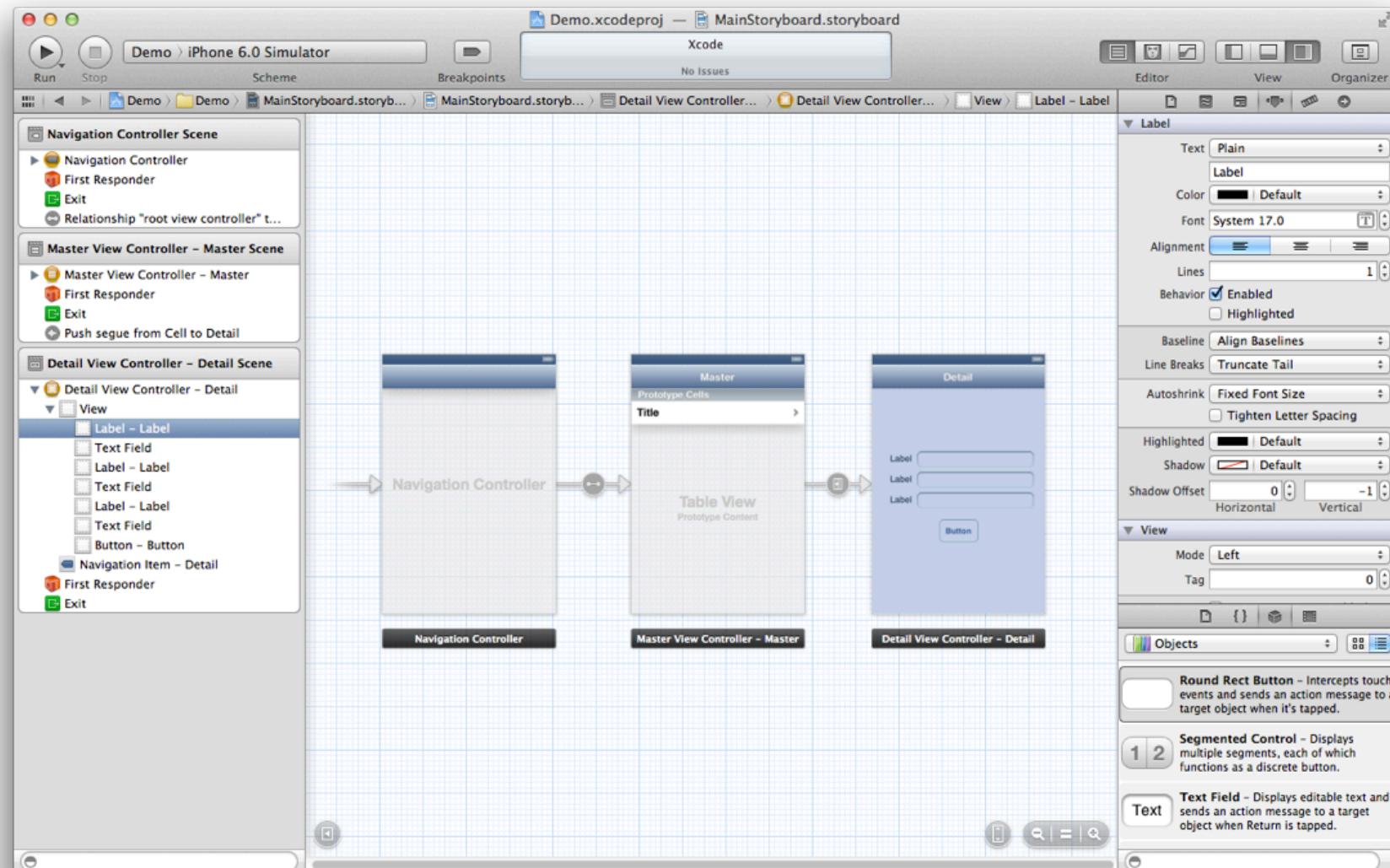
- (void)applicationWillResignActive:(UIApplication *)application
{
    // Sent when the application is about to move from active to inactive state. This can occur for certain
    // types of temporary interruptions (such as an incoming phone call or SMS message) or when the user
    // quits the application and it begins the transition to the background state.
    // Use this method to pause ongoing tasks, disable timers, and throttle down OpenGL ES frame rates. Games
    // should use this method to pause the game.
}

- (void)applicationDidEnterBackground:(UIApplication *)application
{
    // Use this method to release shared resources, save user data, invalidate timers, and store enough
    // application state information to restore your application to its current state in case it is
    // terminated later.
    // If your application supports background execution, this method is called instead of
    // applicationWillTerminate: when the user quits.
}

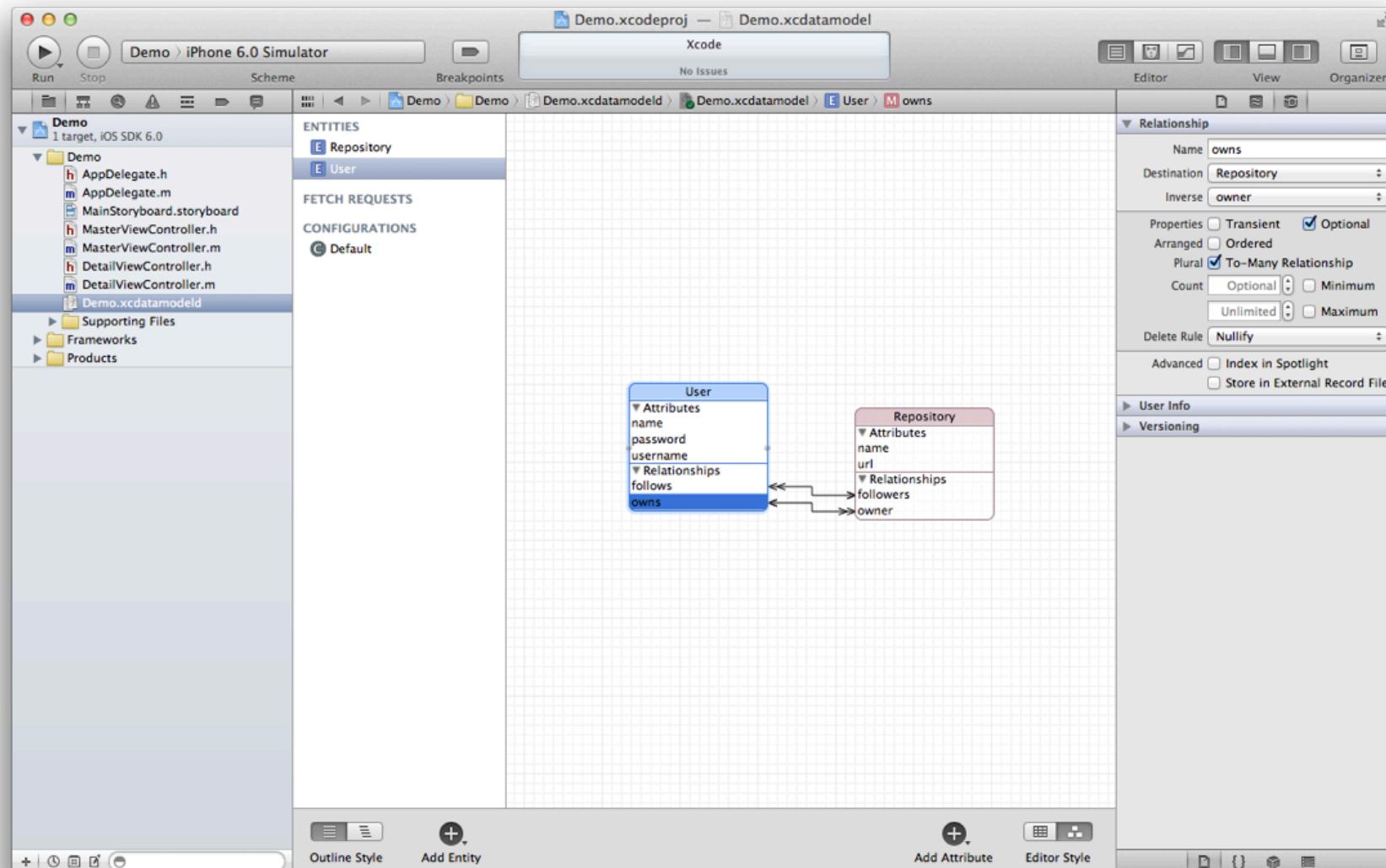
- (void)applicationWillEnterForeground:(UIApplication *)application
{
    // Called as part of the transition from the background to the inactive state; here you can undo many of
    // the changes made on entering the background.
}

- (void)applicationDidBecomeActive:(UIApplication *)application
{
    // Restart any tasks that were paused (or not yet started) while the application was inactive. If the
    // application was previously in the background, optionally refresh the user interface.
}
```

code editor



interface builder (IB)



data (ER) modeler

Organizer – Documentation

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IOS 6.0 Documentation Set > User Experience > Windows & Views > UIViewController Class Reference

Next

Search term: **uiviewController**

Hits must contain search term

Languages All Languages

Find in 2 of 6 Doc Sets

Reference 4 Results

- UIViewController
- UIViewController(MPMoviePlayerViewController)
- UIViewControllerHierarchyInconsistencyException
- UIViewControllerRestoration

System Guides 11 Results

- Appendix A: Deprecated UIViewController Methods
- Why won't my UIViewController rotate with the device?
- UIViewController Class Reference
- Why won't my UIViewController rotate with the device?
- UIViewController MediaPlayer Additions Reference
- UIViewControllerRestoration Protocol Reference
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- ABPersonViewController Class Reference

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- Adding a Scene to a Storyboard
- New Features in Xcode 4.2
- Edit User Interfaces

Sample Code 2 Results

- UICatalog
- Tabster

UIViewController Class Reference

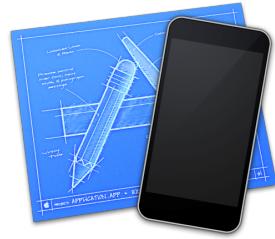
Inherits from	UIResponder : NSObject
Conforms to	NSCoding UIAppearanceContainer NSObject (NSObject)
Framework	/System/Library/Frameworks/UIKit.framework
Availability	Available in iOS 2.0 and later.
Declared in	UINavigationController.h UIPopoverController.h UISplitViewController.h UITabBarController.h UIViewController.h
Companion guides	View Controller Programming Guide for iOS View Controller Catalog for iOS
Related sample code	AdvancedURLConnections iAdSuite NavBar Tabster UICatalog

Overview

The `UIViewController` class provides the fundamental view-management model for all iOS apps. You rarely instantiate `UIViewController` objects directly. Instead, you instantiate subclasses of the `UIViewController` class based on the specific task each subclass performs. A view controller manages a set of views that make up a portion of your app's user interface. As part of the controller layer of your app, a view controller coordinates its efforts with

documentation

- Prone to typical Apple “radical overhaul” strategy — user base be damned
- Xcode is constantly mutating and evolving
 - ... and sprouting new “features”
 - ... and irritating a lot of (vocal) devs

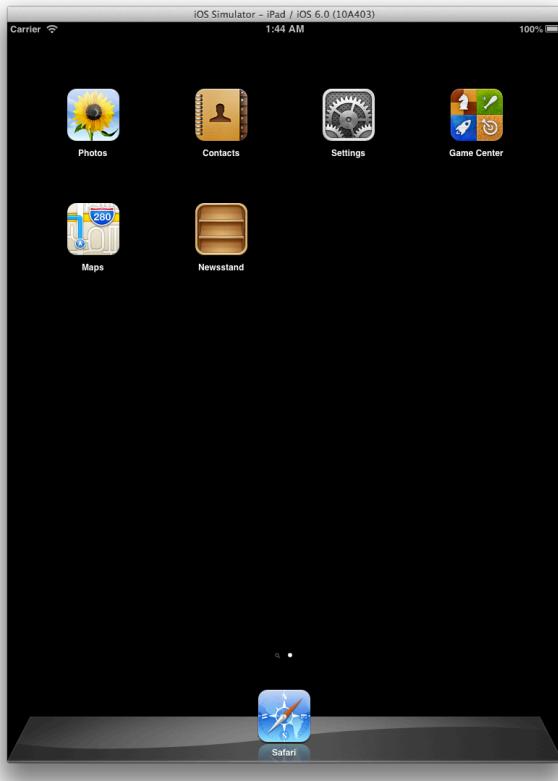


iOS Simulator

- Simulators for all iOS versions and devices
- Near complete software parity, but hardware features missing (e.g., camera, multi-touch > 2, accelerometer)



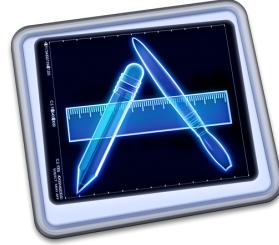
- Note: *simulator, not emulator!*
- An emulator very accurately mimics target platform
 - Executes same binary
 - At possible expense of speed (e.g., see Android emulator)



- iOS simulator actually runs Intel-native code (vs. ARM)
 - Fast! (Nice for dev & test)
 - But not indicative of actual speeds
 - Need to build for and test on device separately

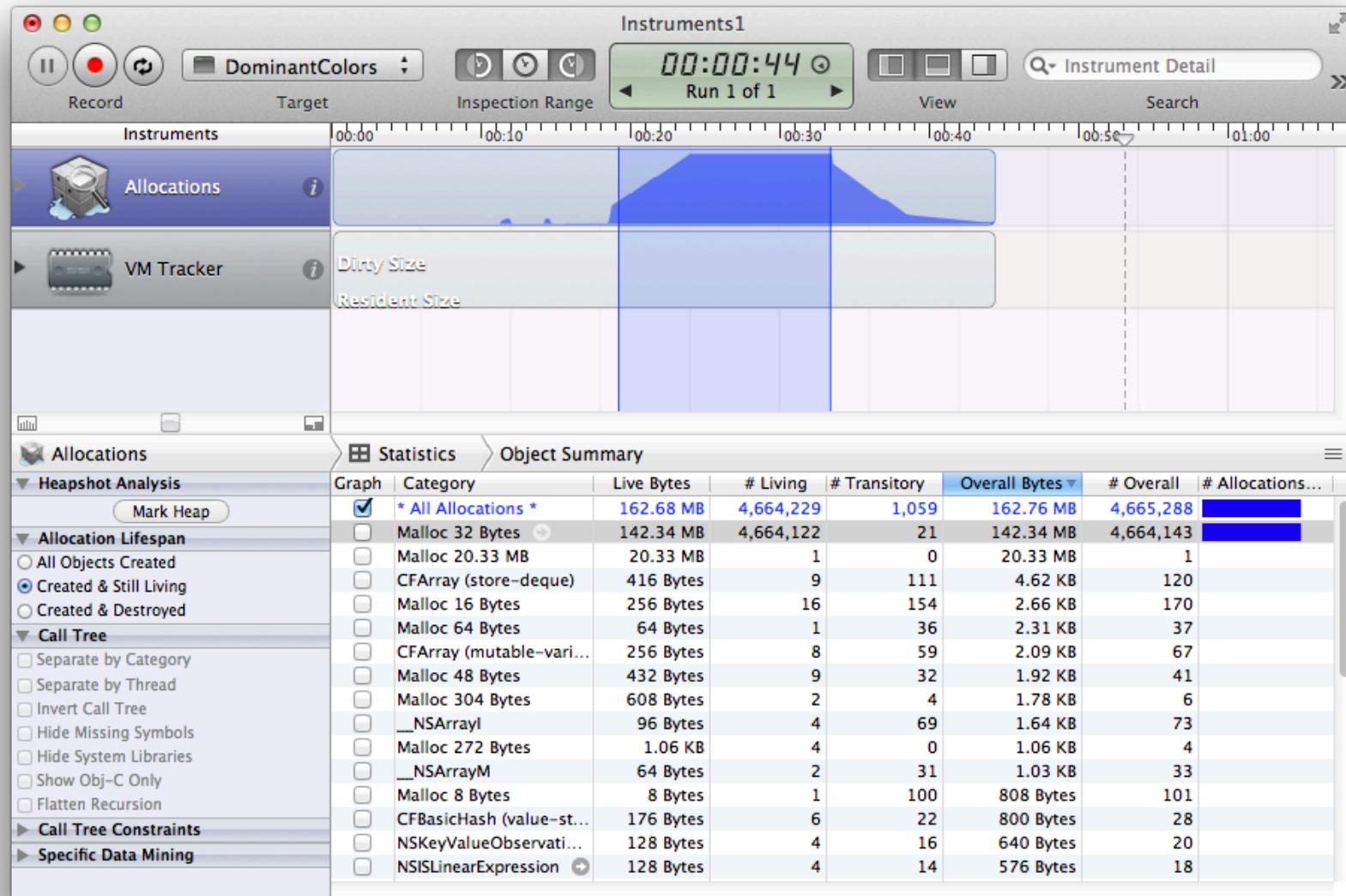


- On-device deployment requires iOS dev account
 - = \$99
 - <http://developer.apple.com>

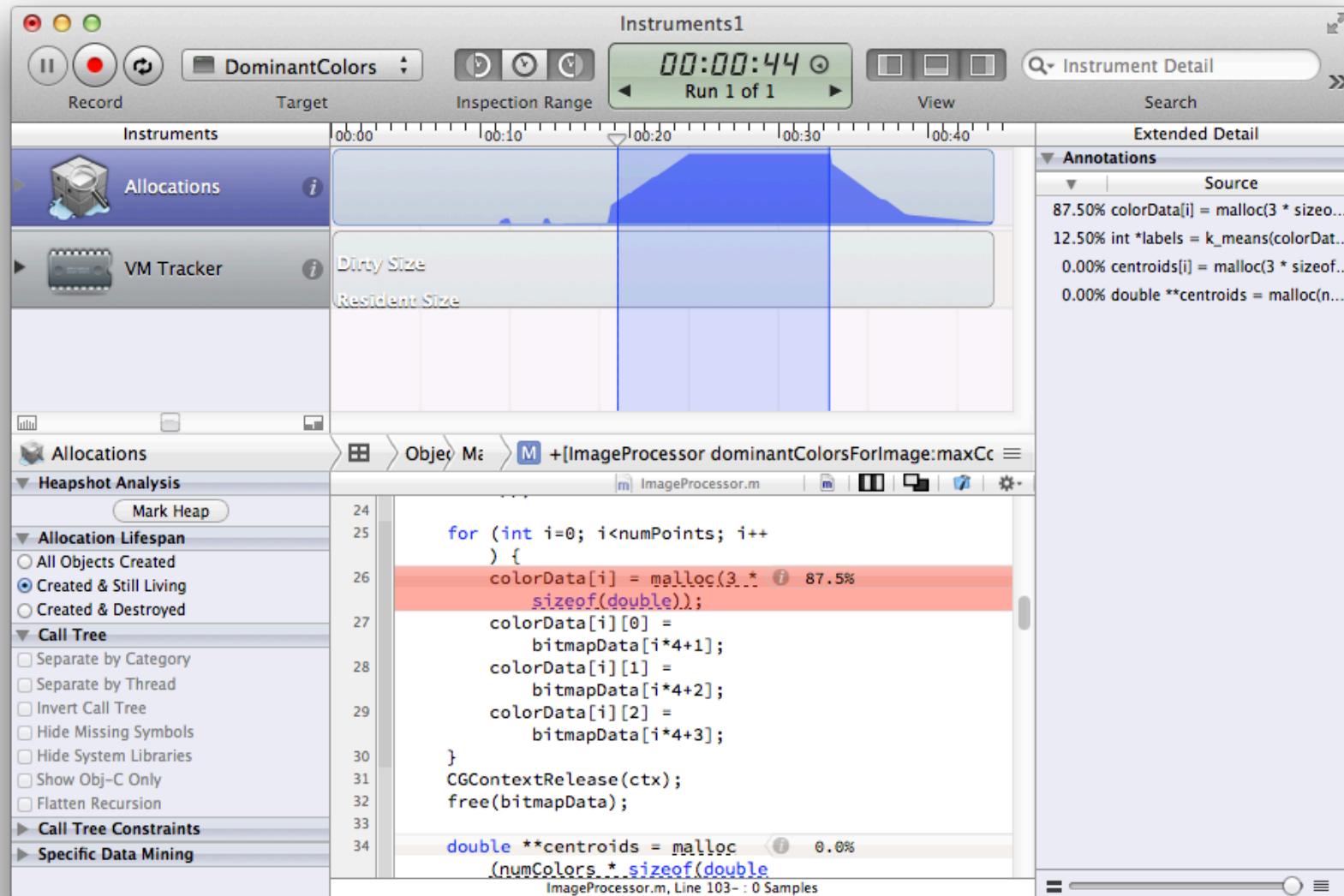


Instruments

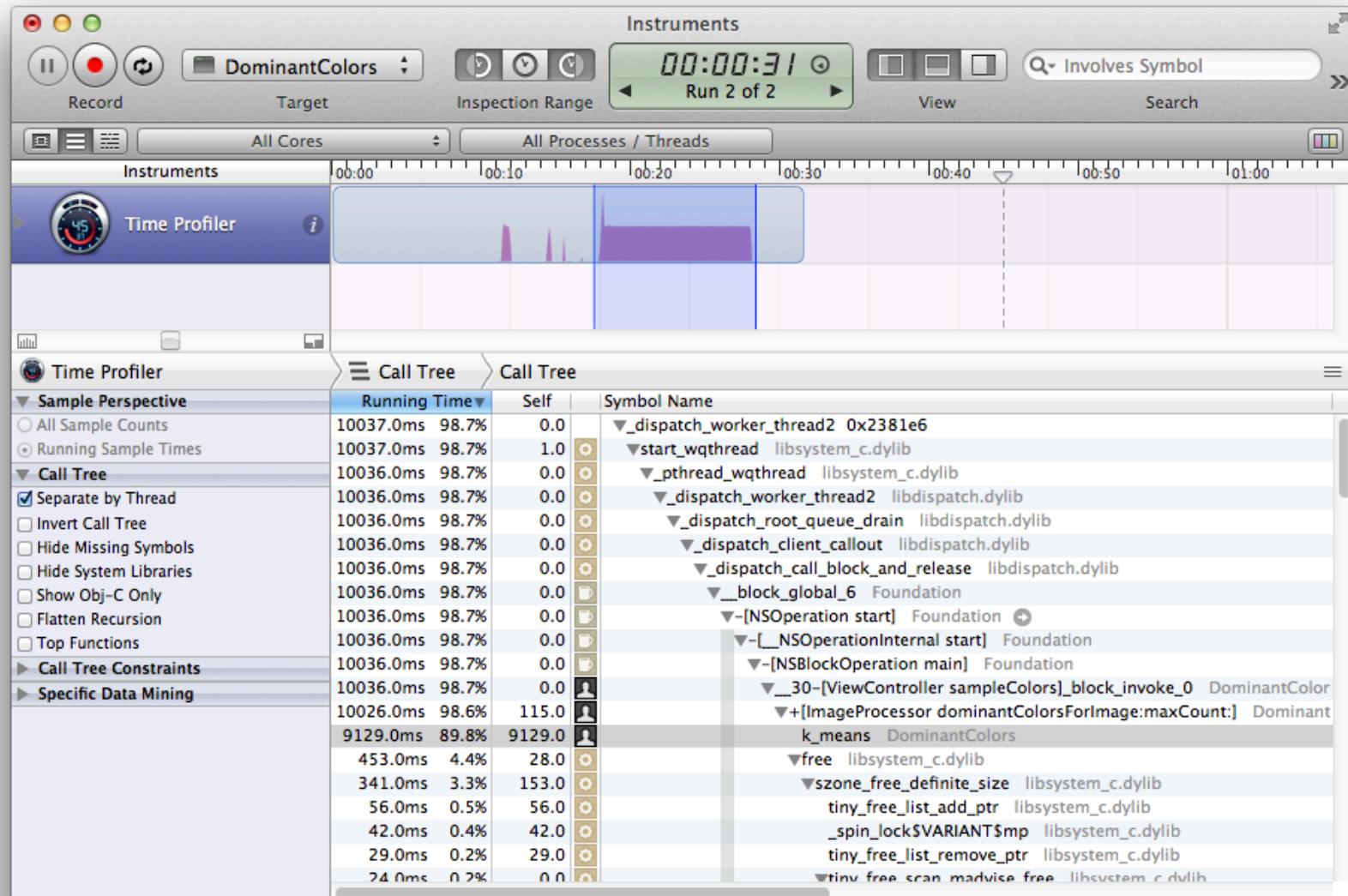
- Performance profiling & optimization tools
- Usage of memory, CPU, energy, network, I/O, graphics, etc.
- Really worth figuring out!



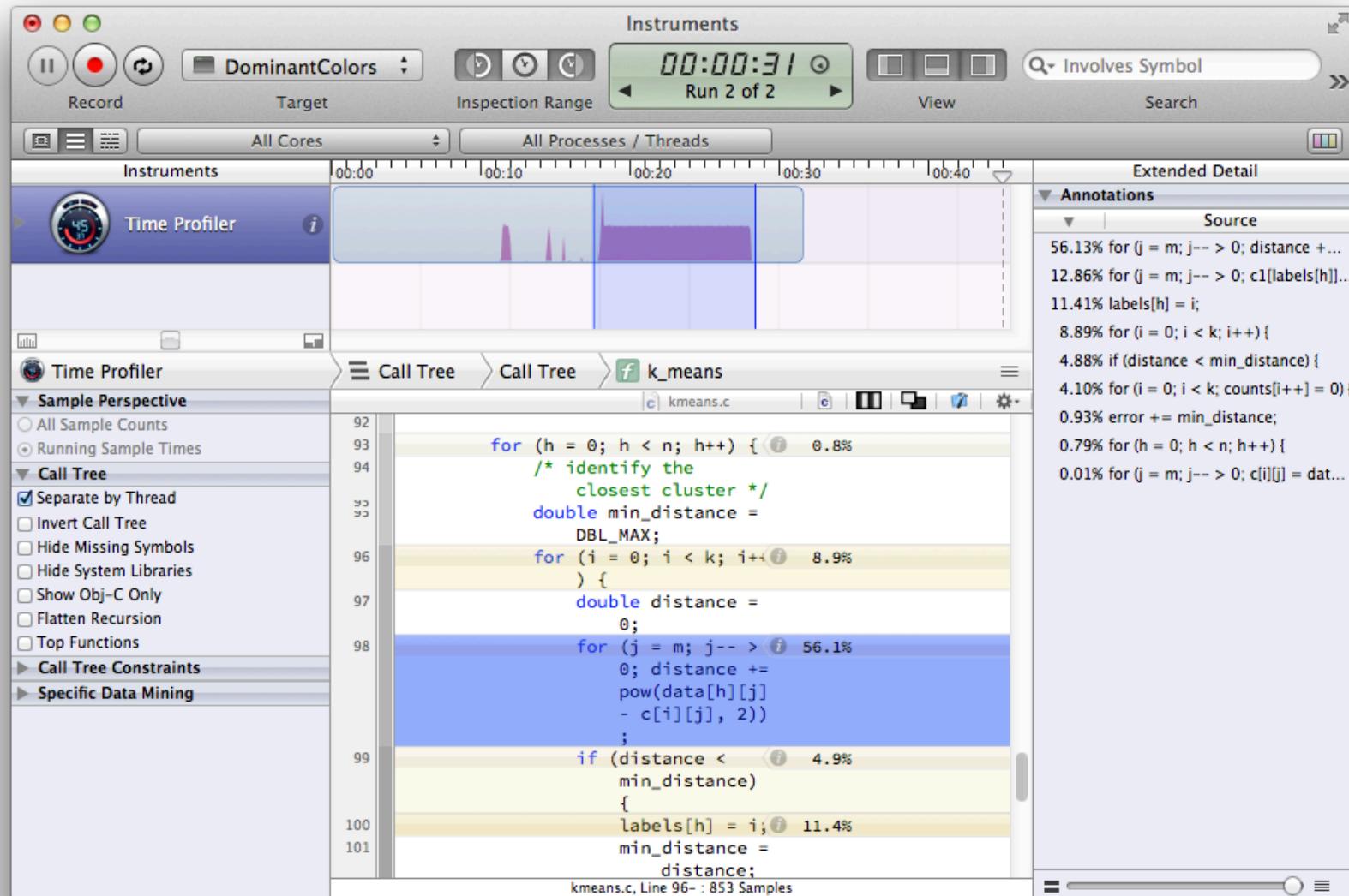
memory profiler



memory profiler (code annotations)



CPU time profiler

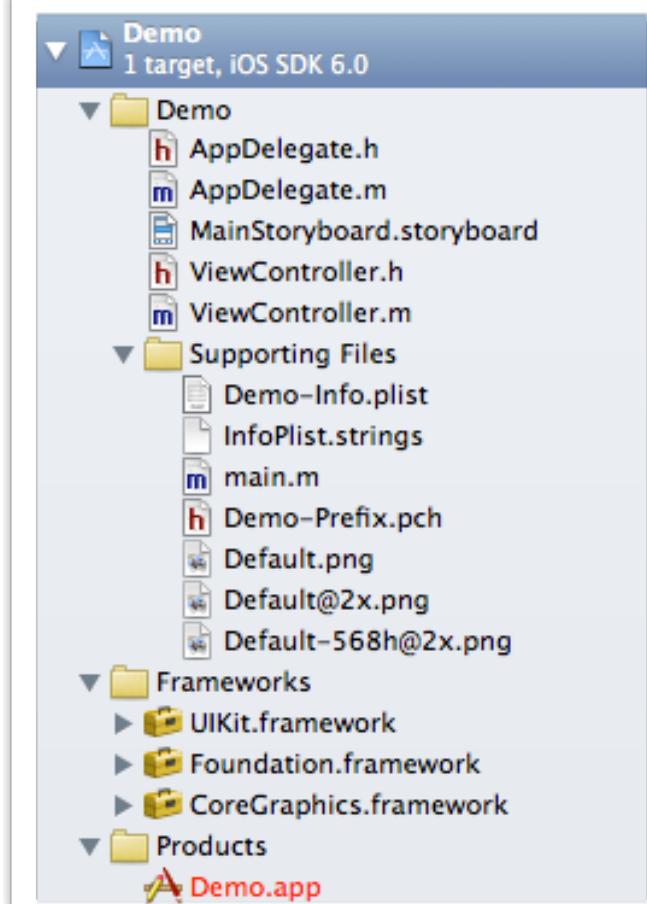


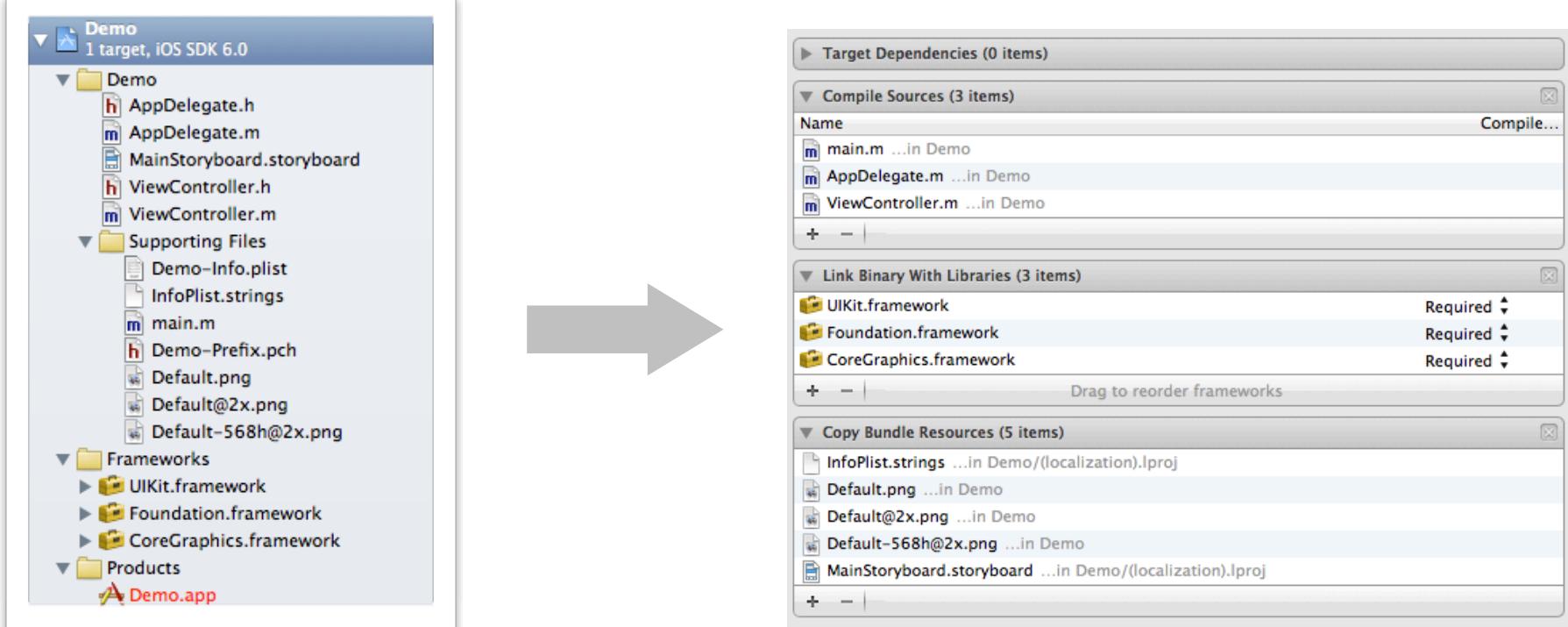
CPU time profiler (code annotations)

Hands-on

- Tour of developer tools
 - Xcode: prefs & workflow
 - Organizer & Documentation
 - iOS simulators
 - Instruments

§What's in an App?



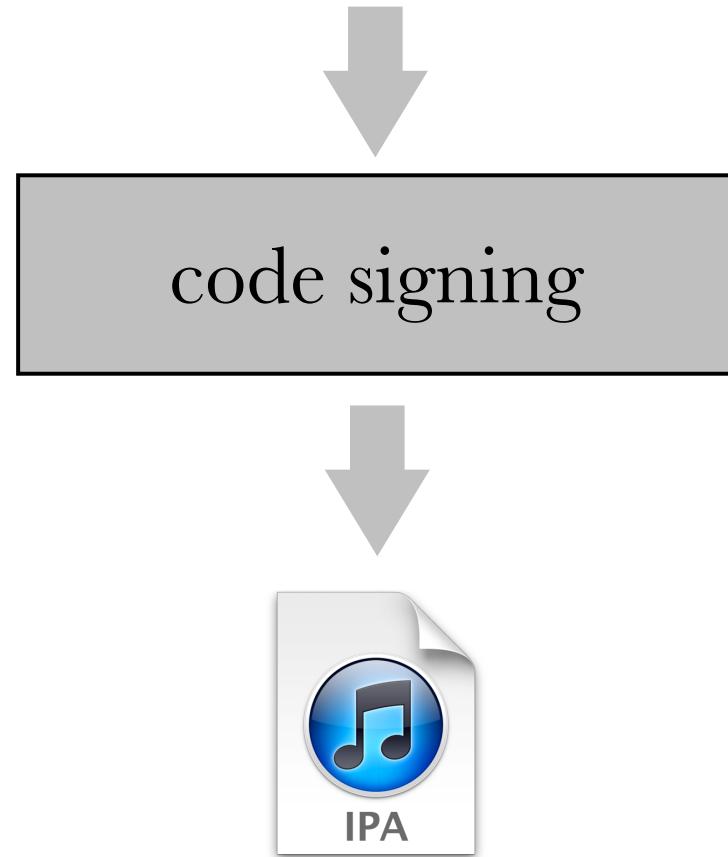


Xcode build settings

“Application Bundle”

{ executable,
property lists / settings,
icons + launch images,
localized strings,
storyboard,
other resources. }

“Application Bundle”





after deployment: Application “sandbox”

{ memory, keychain, file system }



Note: IPA can't be deployed on the simulator!
(IPA contain ARM binary)

- but can use for on-device testing/
distribution
- e.g., via TestFlight (testflightapp.com)

§ GUI Building

Look ma, no code!

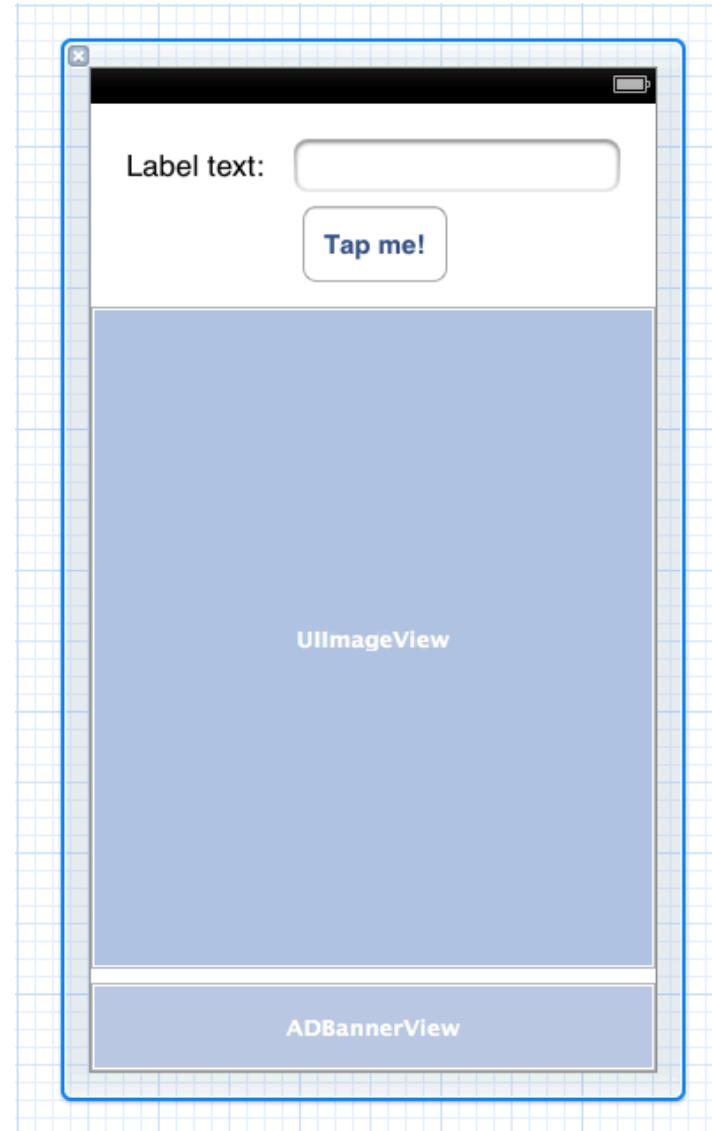
- Interface builder has gotten to where we can do a lot of GUI-creation with no code!
 - Not bad for rapid prototyping
 - But non-trivial stuff still requires a lot of “manual” intervention; i.e., code

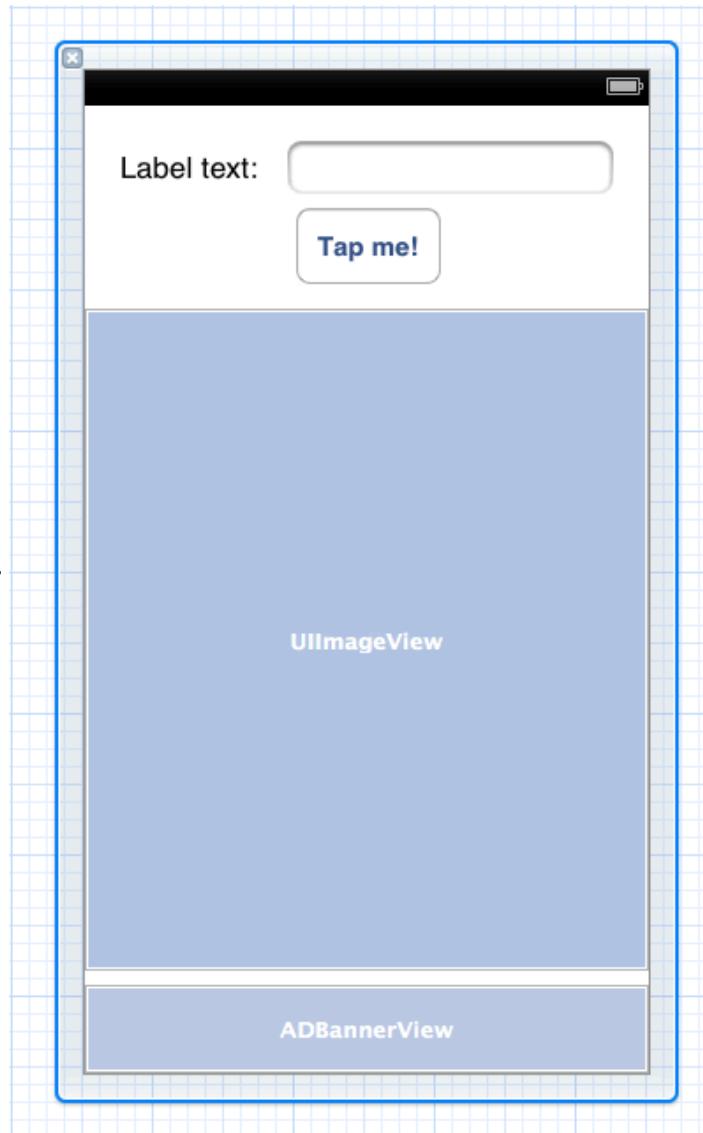
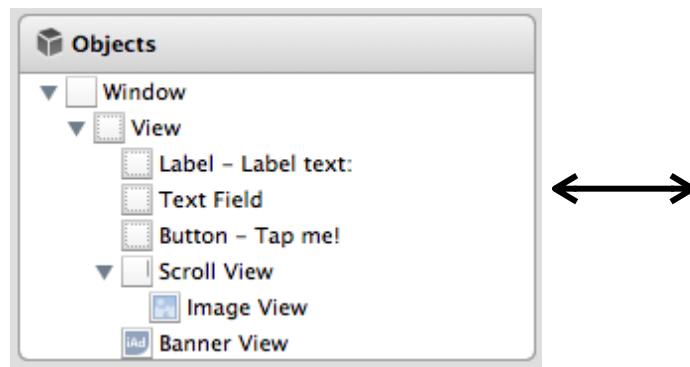
In iOS, a *visible interface element* is termed a *view*

Label	Label – A variably sized amount of static text.		Table View – Displays data in a list of plain, sectioned, or grouped rows.		View – Represents a rectangular region in which it draws and receives events.	
	Round Rect Button – Intercepts touch events and sends an action message to a target object when it's tapped.		Table View Cell – Defines the attributes and behavior of cells (rows) in a table view.		Navigation Bar – Provides a mechanism for displaying a navigation bar just below the status bar.	
Text	Segmented Control – Displays multiple segments, each of which functions as a discrete button.		Collection View – Displays data in a collection of cells.		Navigation Item – Represents a state of the navigation bar, including a title.	
	Text Field – Displays editable text and sends an action message to a target object when Return is tapped.		Collection View Cell – Defines the attributes and behavior of cells in a collection view.		Search Bar – Displays an editable search bar, containing the search icon, that sends an action message to a target object when Return is tapped.	
	Slider – Displays a continuous range of values and allows the selection of a single value.		Collection Reusable View – Defines the attributes and behavior of reusable views in a collection view, such as a section header or footer.		Search Bar and Search Display Controller – Displays an editable search bar connected to a search display controller for managing searching.	
	Switch – Displays an element showing the boolean state of a value. Allows tapping the control to toggle the value.		Image View – Displays a single image, or an animation described by an array of images.		Toolbar – Provides a mechanism for displaying a toolbar at the bottom of the screen.	
	Activity Indicator View – Provides feedback on the progress of a task or process of unknown duration.		Text View – Displays multiple lines of editable text and sends an action message to a target object when Return is tapped.		Bar Button Item – Represents an item on a UIToolbar or UINavigationItem object.	
	Progress View – Depicts the progress of a task over time.		Web View – Displays embedded web content and enables content navigation.		Fixed Space Bar Button Item – Represents a fixed space item on a UIToolbar object.	
	Page Control – Displays a dot for each open page in an application and supports sequential navigation through the pages.		Map View – Displays maps and provides an embeddable interface to navigate map content.		Flexible Space Bar Button Item – Represents a flexible space item on a UIToolbar object.	
	Stepper – Provides a user interface for incrementing or decrementing a value.		ScrollView – Provides a mechanism to display content that is larger than the size of the application's window.		Tab Bar – Provides a mechanism for displaying tabs at the bottom of the screen.	
	Picker View – Displays a spinning-wheel or slot-machine motif of values.		Date Picker – Displays multiple rotating wheels to allow users to select dates and times.		Tab Bar Item – Represents an item on a UITabBar object.	

View types (partial)

Often, a ***scene*** in an app will consist of a single ***root view*** and a ***hierarchy of subviews***





Two ways of defining scenes (without code):

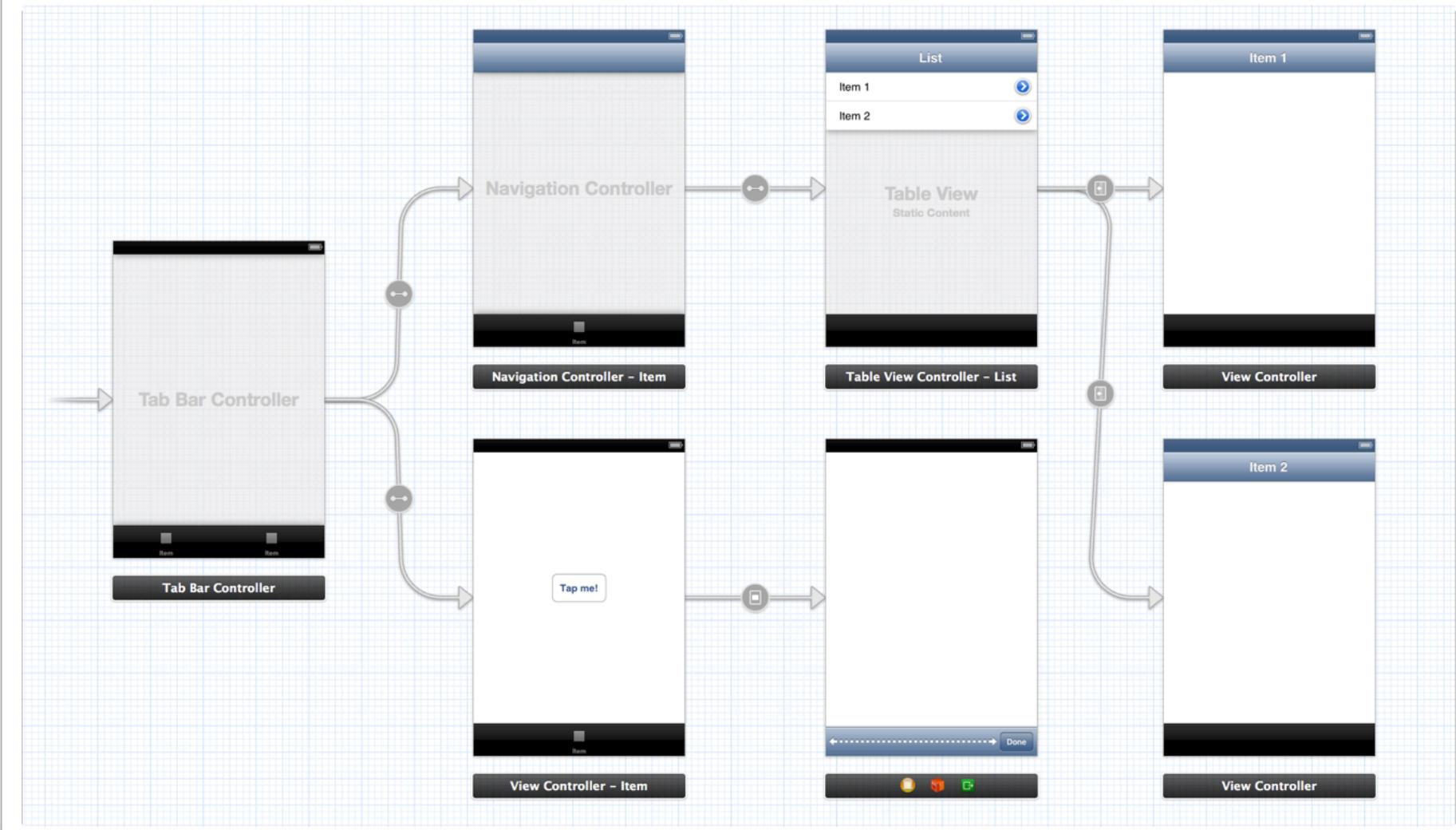
1. NIB files (the old way)
2. Storyboards

The old way: NIB files

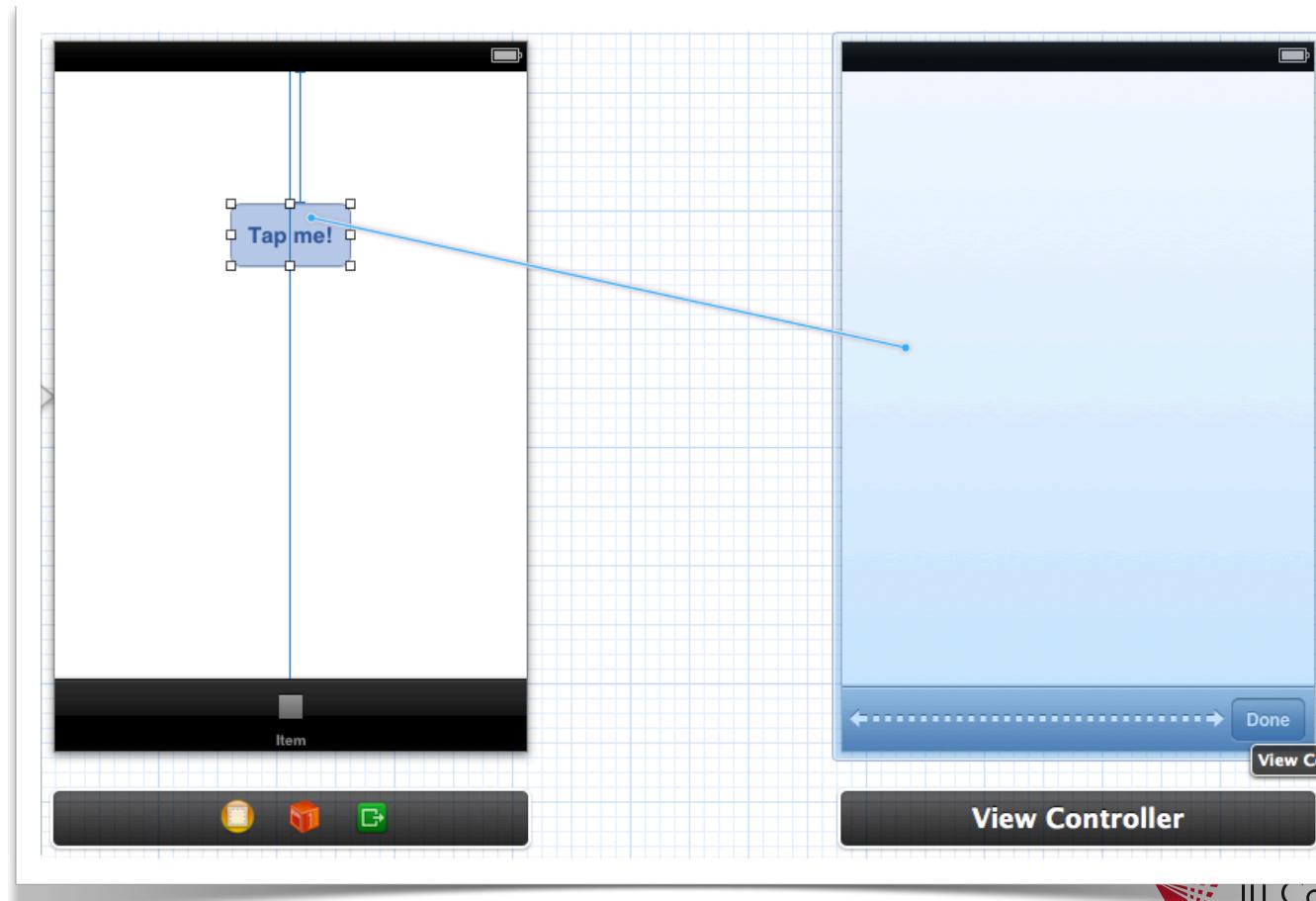
- *Next Interface Builder* files — freeze dried info for a single “scene” in the app
 - Loaded on demand when scene is needed
- Problem: what goes into separate NIB files is determined manually (non-trivial)
 - Also hard to get overview of app

The new: Storyboards

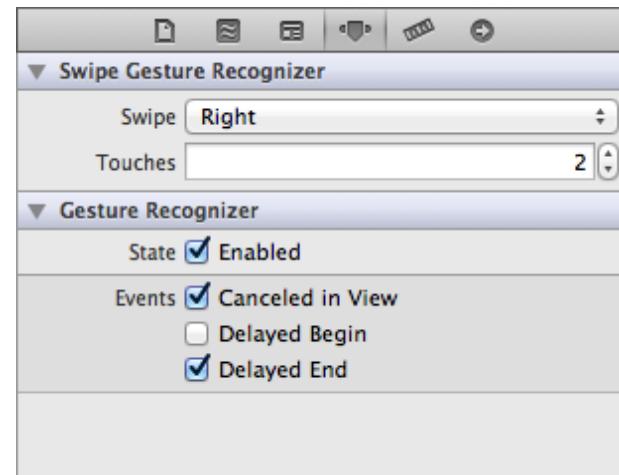
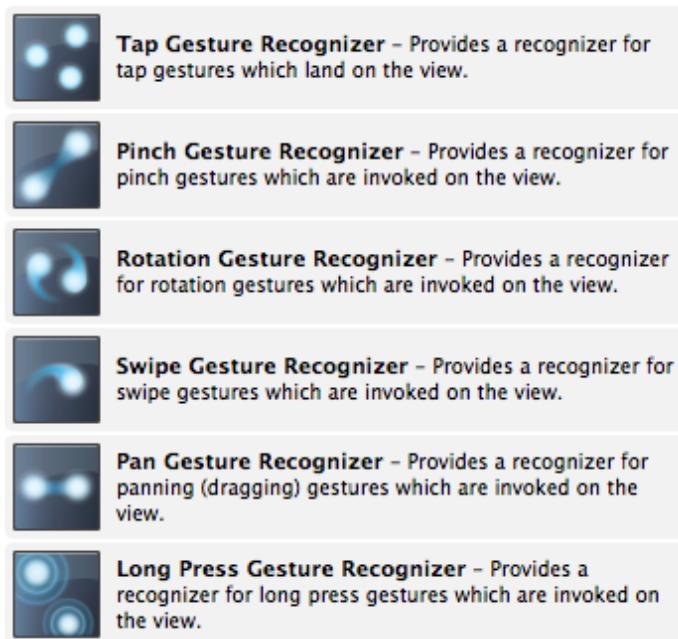
- Contains all scenes (potentially) for an app, and transitions – *segues* – between them
- Individual scene objects are automatically loaded/managed



- Segues can be associated with events in “control” type views (e.g., buttons)



- Segues can also be associated with gestures, directly within IB



- Of course, scenes (and discrete objects) created in IB can be accessed from code
 - Note: segues are objects, too!

Hands-on

- Storyboard-ing
 - Individual scenes
 - Navigation, Tabbed, and List scenes
 - Modal / Push / Relationship segues
 - Gestures

Limitations (of solo IB)

- Not possible to customize event-handling
- Cannot dynamically create/load content
- Cannot define return/exit segues

Another important issue when designing and building GUIs: *layout flexibility/elasticity*

Some display disparities:

1. iPhone ≠ iPad: aspect ratio + size
2. Retina ≠ Non-Retina: pixel density
3. iPhone<5 ≠ iPhone 5: aspect ratio
4. Profile ≠ Landscape: width/height

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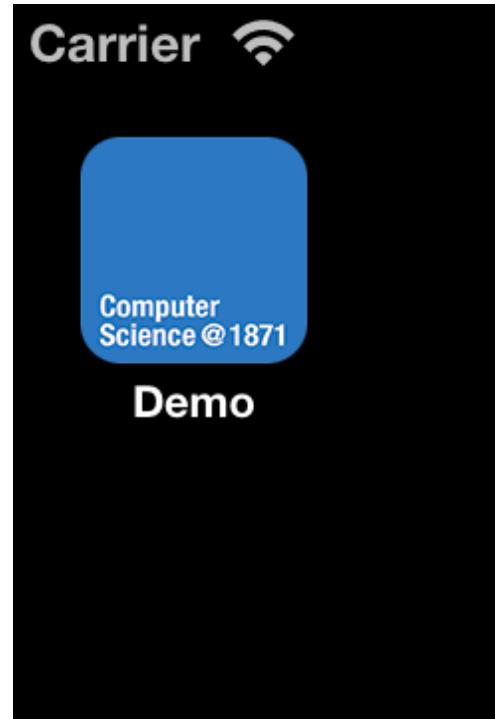
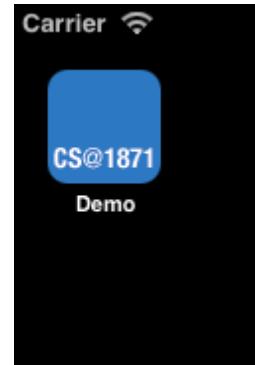
- Usually require entirely different layouts
- Accommodate different UI conventions



2. Retina ≠ Non-Retina: pixel density

- IB layouts are resolution agnostic
- Placement/size is in *points*
 - ‘Retina point’ = 2×2 pixels
- Just need to be careful with bitmaps

Image functions will automatically choose
“@2x” suffixed image resources, if supplied



3. iPhone<5 ≠ iPhone 5: aspect ratio

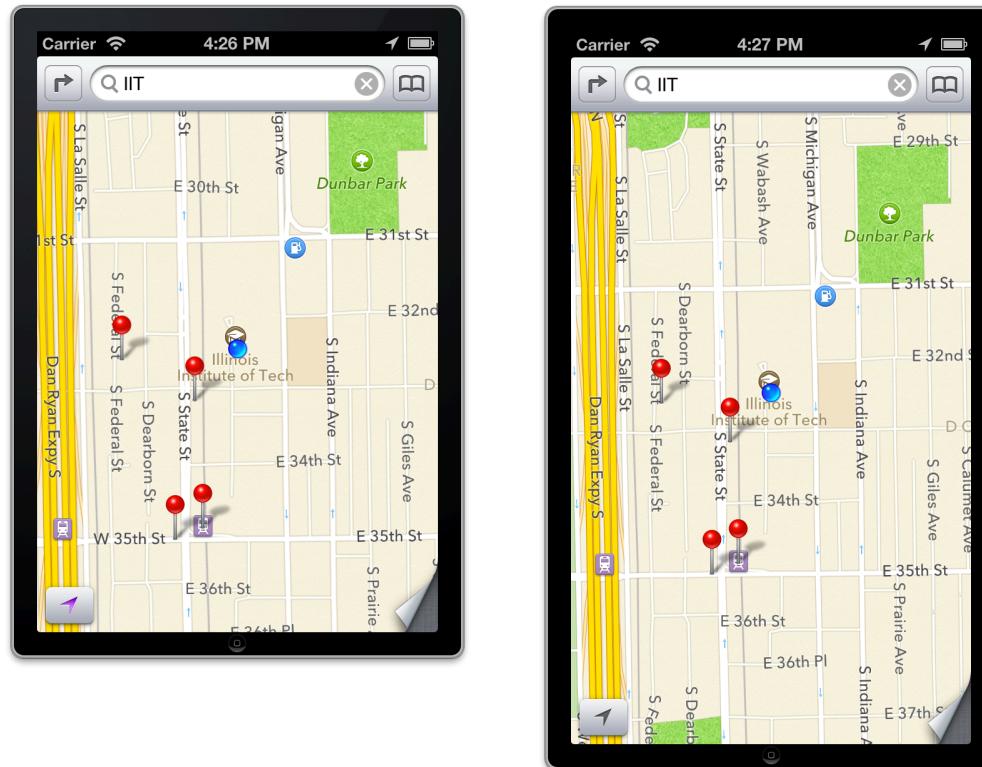


would really prefer *not* to develop separate custom layouts (i.e., separate storyboards) for such similar form factors...

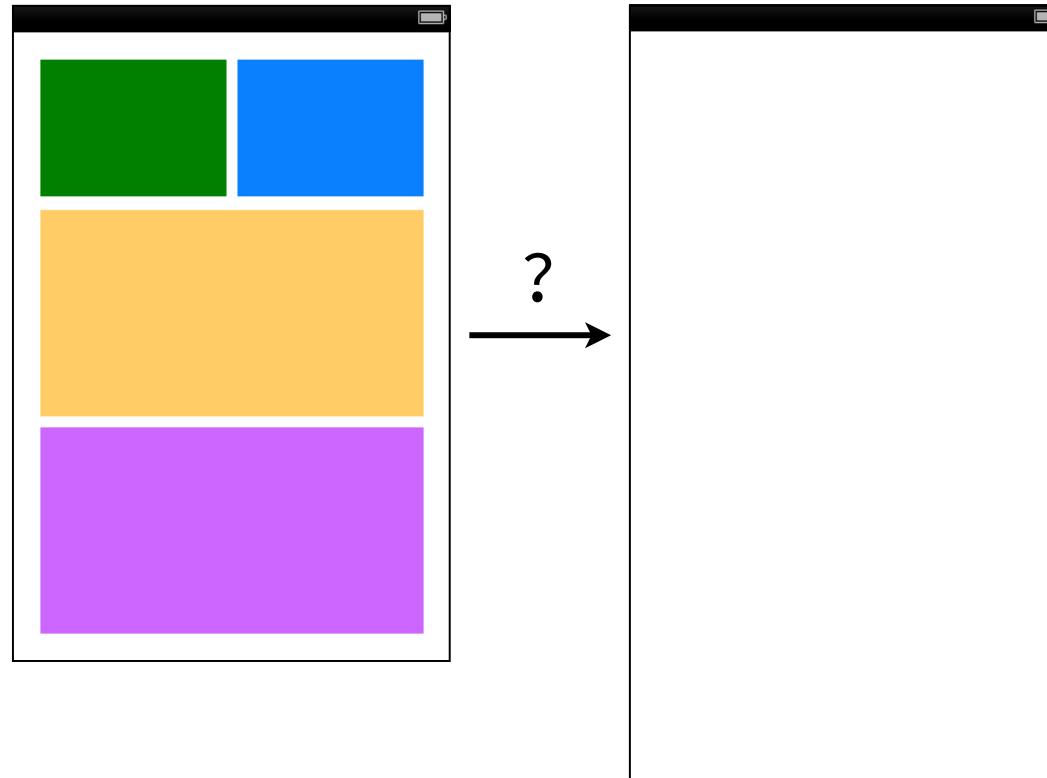
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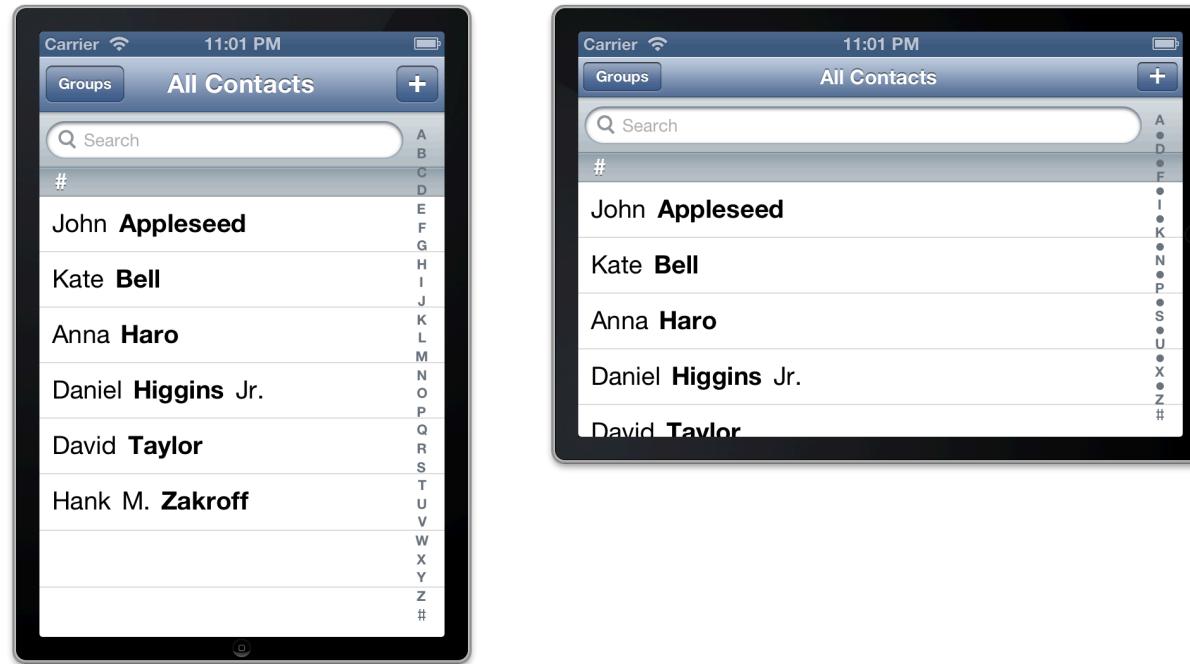
But custom views (e.g., comprised of multiple subviews) require stretching “hints”



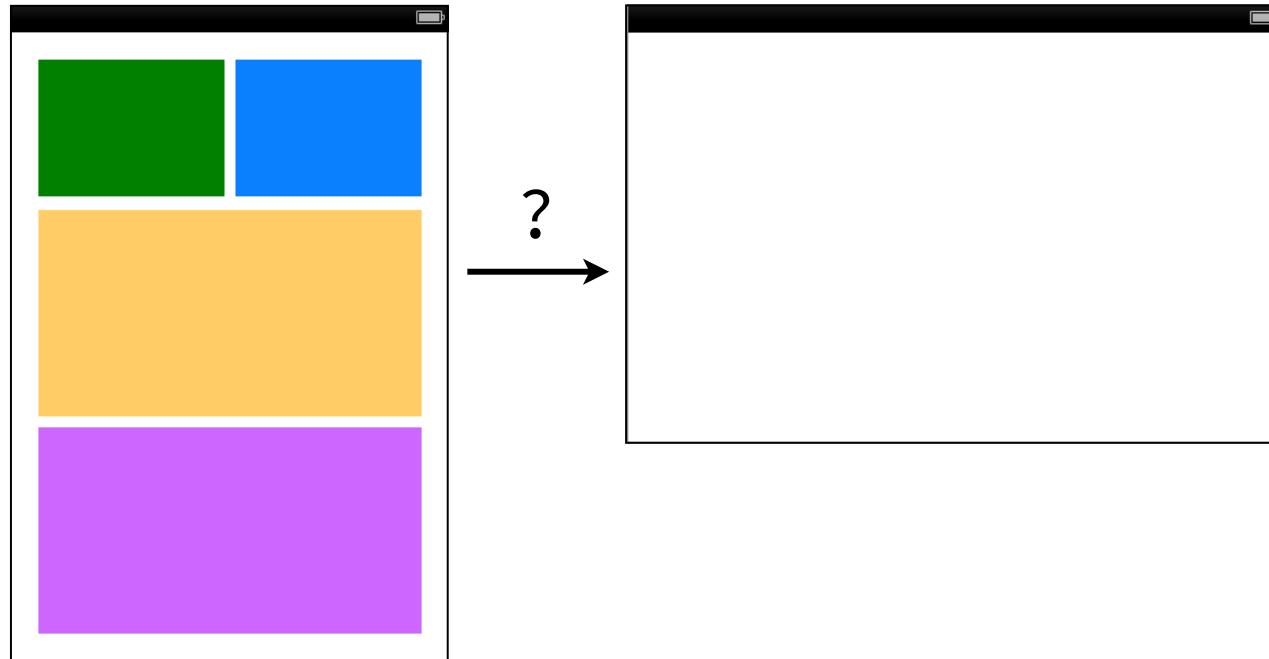
4. Profile \neq Landscape: width/height

- different perspective, but same screen
- depending on app, may require entirely separate layouts or could *possibly* take advantage of elastic layouts

Again, many built-in views automatically stretch



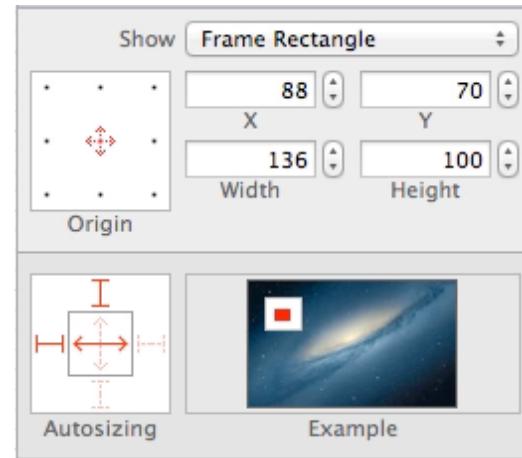
But, custom views?



Flexible layouts (old way): “springs & struts”

- a view can stretch horizontally, vertically, or both (*springs*)
- a view can be anchored (via *struts*) to the edge on any side

e.g., springs & struts

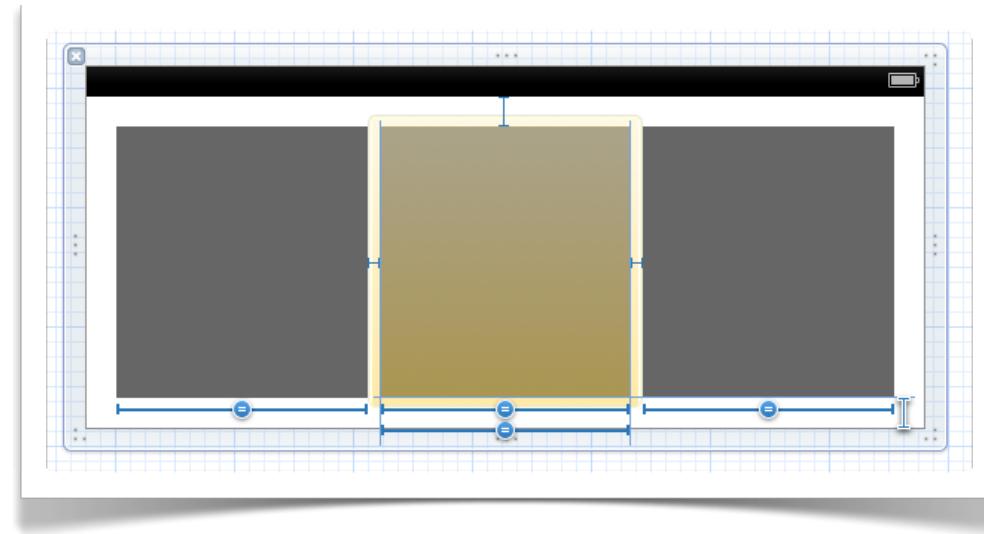


- requires that the view be given an explicit initial size and position (aka “frame”)
- fine-grained control is hard to achieve

Flexible layouts (new way): Autolayout

- a view can have one or more *constraints* defined on it
 - for *properties* like size/position
 - or for *relationships* between views
 - e.g., equal widths, right-aligned, etc.

e.g., autolayout



- permits “declarative” layouts; i.e., minimal *hardcoding* of explicit sizes/positions

Hands-on

- Project: *Layout Testing*
- Springs & Struts
- Autolayout

§ Objective-C

The Language

- Superset of ANSI C

```
/* I'm valid Objective-C, too! */

void say_hi()
{
    printf("hello world\n");
}

int main(int argc, const char *argv[])
{
    say_hi();
    return 0;
}
```

The Language

- Object-oriented (à la Smalltalk)

```
// Create and initialize an instance of the "Widget" class
Widget *wdgt = [[Widget alloc] init];

// Set a widget property
wdgt.name = @"thingamajig";

// Ask the widget to do something; i.e., send it a message
[wdgt turnSprocket:@"sprock-xyz" rotations:3.5 speed:10.0];
```

- Separate header (.h) & implementation (.m)

```
@interface Widget : NSObject
@property (strong, nonatomic) NSString *name;

- (NSString *)description;
- (void)turnSprocket:(NSString *)name
               rotations:(CGFloat)deg
                  speed:(CGFloat)rpm;
@end
```

```
@implementation Widget
- (NSString *)description
{
    return [NSString stringWithFormat:@"Widget: %@", self.name];
}

- (void)turnSprocket:(NSString *)name
               rotations:(CGFloat)deg
                  speed:(CGFloat)rpm
{ /* ... */ }
@end
```

The Language

- Single-inheritance; multi-protocol adoption

```
// this widget conforms to the drilling & welding protocols
Widget<Drilling,Welding> *wdgt = ...;

// so in addition to doing what widgets do ...
[wdgt turnSprocket:@"sprock-abc" rotations:5.0 speed:8.0];

// we can drill with it
[wdgt drillWithBit:2.5 atSpeed:2500];

// and weld with it
[wdgt weldAtTemp:2500];
```

- Protocols declare APIs, not implementation

```
@protocol Drilling
```

```
- (void)drillWithBit:(CGFloat)size atSpeed:(CGFloat)rpm;
```

```
@end
```

```
@protocol Welding
```

```
- (void)weldAtTemp:(CGFloat)celsius;
```

```
@optional
```

```
- (void)coolAtTemp:(CGFloat)celsius;
```

```
@end
```

```
@interface Widget : NSObject <Welding, Drilling>
```

```
@end
```

```
@implementation Widget
```

```
- (void)drillWithBit:(CGFloat)size atSpeed:(CGFloat)rpm
```

```
{ /* ... */ }
```

```
- (void)weldAtTemp:(CGFloat)celsius
```

```
{ /* ... */ }
```

```
@end
```



The Language

- Syntactic sugar for standard library objects

```
// string objects
NSString *str = @"hello!";

// array objects
NSArray *widgets = @[
    [[Widget alloc] initWithName:@"alligator"],
    [[Widget alloc] initWithName:@"allen"],
    [[Widget alloc] initWithName:@"monkey"] ];

// dictionary (a.k.a. map) objects
NSDictionary *aliasMap = @{
    @"gator" : widgets[0],
    @"al"     : widgets[1],
    @"curly"  : widgets[2]
};
```

The Language

- Anonymous functions (closures/lambdas)

```
NSDictionary *aliasMap = @{@"gator" : widgets[0],  
                           @"al"      : widgets[1],  
                           @"curly"   : widgets[2] };  
  
// print key/object pairs using a for loop  
for (NSString *key in aliasMap) {  
    Widget *val = [aliasMap objectForKey:key];  
    NSLog(@"%@", key, val);  
}  
  
// print key/object pairs using a block  
[aliasMap enumerateKeysAndObjectsUsingBlock:^(id key, id val, BOOL *stop){  
    NSLog(@"%@", key, val);  
}];
```

Typical ObjC Code

```
- (void)imagePickerController:(UIImagePickerController *)picker
    didFinishPickingMediaWithInfo:(NSDictionary *)info
{
    UIImage *image = [info objectForKey:UIImagePickerControllerOriginalImage];
    if (image) {
        [_imageView removeFromSuperview];
        _imageView = [[UIImageView alloc] initWithImage:image];
        _scrollView.contentSize = image.size;
        [_scrollView addSubview:_imageView];
        [_queue addOperationWithBlock:^{
            [self processImage:_imageView.image];
        }];
    }
    [self dismissViewControllerAnimated:YES completion:nil];
}
```



The Runtime

- ObjC is very dependent on *runtime library* (written in C) for behavior and features
 - Dynamic message dispatch/forwarding
 - Object introspection
 - Automatic reference counting

The Runtime

- In-depth understanding (typically) of limited practical use
- But useful for optimization / fine-tuning!

Hands-on

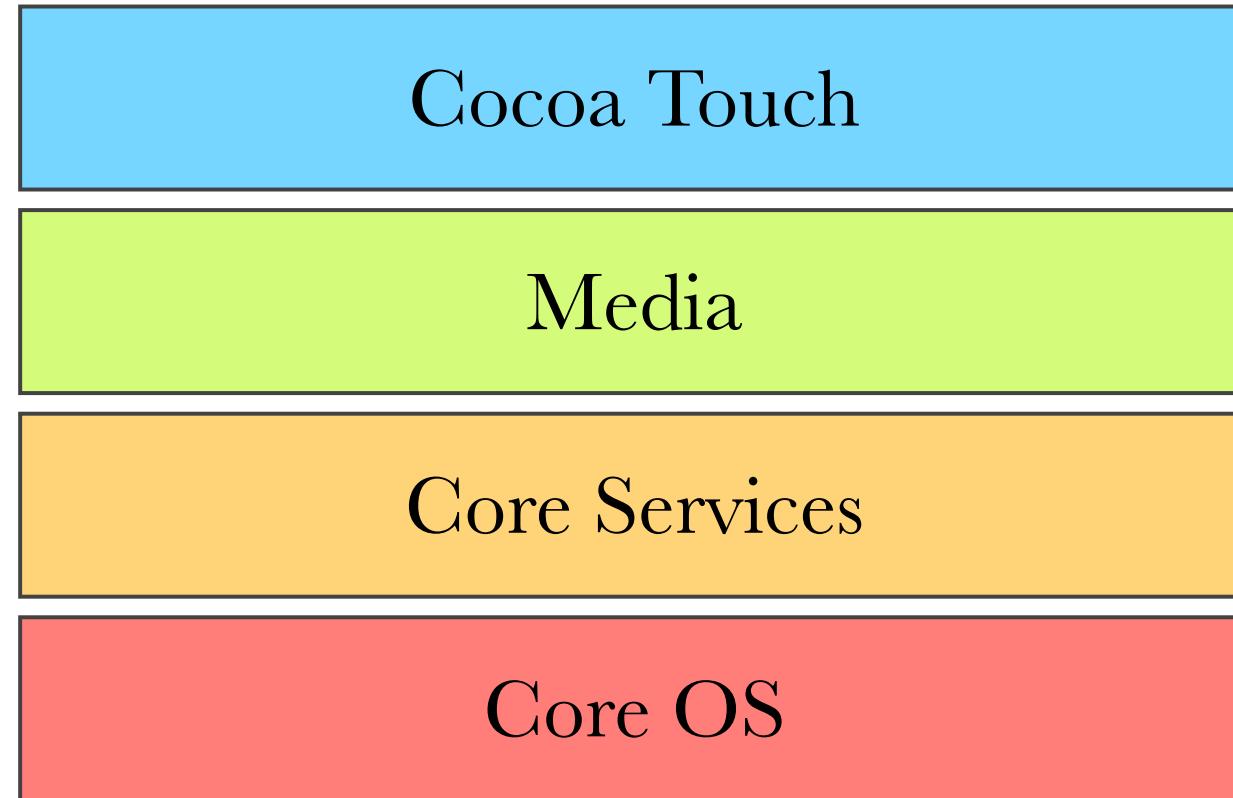
- Project: *ObjCPlaytime*
- Xcode IDE (for code)
 - Building, running, debugging
 - Controlling behavior
 - Completion, snippets, navigation, etc.

On top of the language & runtime, we also have
our *application development libraries*, a.k.a. *frameworks*
every native app makes heavy use of these!

§iOS SDK Overview

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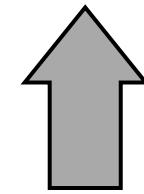


Cocoa Touch

Media

Core Services

Core OS



*object-oriented,
more abstract,
less code needed*



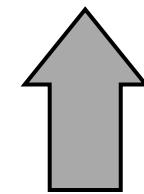
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*less flexible,
less fine-tunable,
more overhead*



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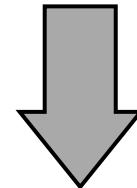
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*may be procedural,
more granular,
exposes hardware*



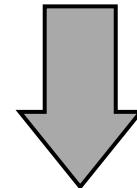
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*complex APIs,
more details ...
... more code!*

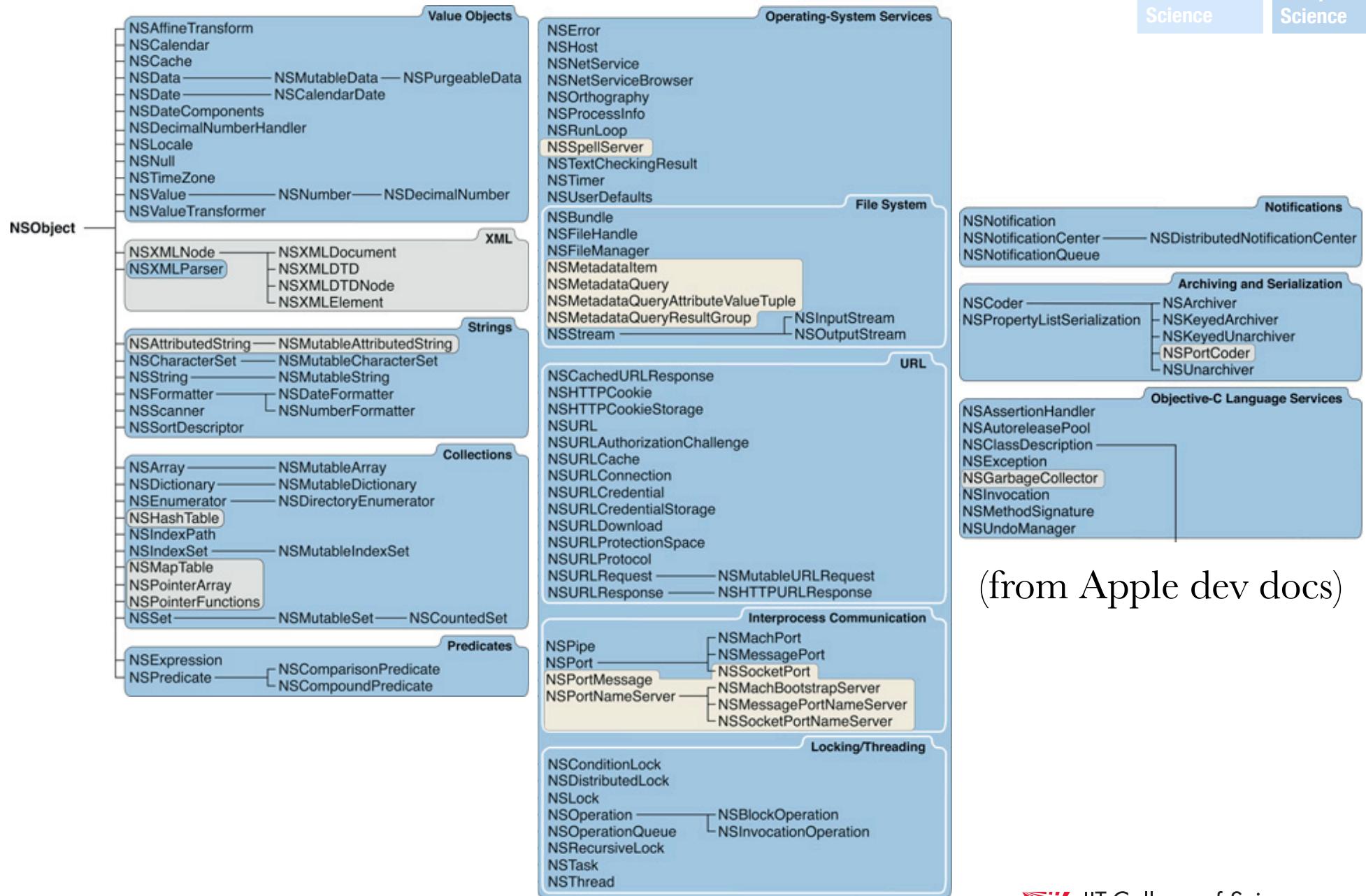


Core OS

- Unlikely to use directly, but used by other layers of iOS stack
- e.g., Security, Bluetooth and System APIs (POSIX / Unix)

Core Services

- “Core” system services for all iOS apps
- Infrastructure: iCloud, In-App Purchase, Newsstand, Social, etc.
- Hardware: Location, Motion, Telephony
- Data structures/management: Core data, **Foundation** framework



(from Apple dev docs)

Media

- Graphics, Audio, Video APIs
- Core Graphics/Animation/Image/etc.
 - e.g., custom 2D drawing and rendering
- OpenGL ES
 - hardware accelerated 2D/3D graphics

Cocoa Touch

- High level app infrastructure
 - e.g., touch-events, on-screen interface elements, transitions, gestures
- Built-in controllers (e.g., map, photopicker)
- Key framework: **UIKit**

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Typically many ways to accomplish a given task!
(i.e., with frameworks at different levels)

UIKit

```
// clear with white rectangle
[[UIColor whiteColor] set];
UIRectFill(self.bounds);

// load and draw image at (0,0)
[[UIImage imageNamed:@"image.png"] drawAtPoint:CGPointMake(0, 0)];
```

Core Graphics

```
// get current graphics context to draw into
CGContextRef context = UIGraphicsGetCurrentContext();

// clear with white rectangle
CGContextSetRGBFillColor(context, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0);
CGContextFillRect(context, self.bounds);

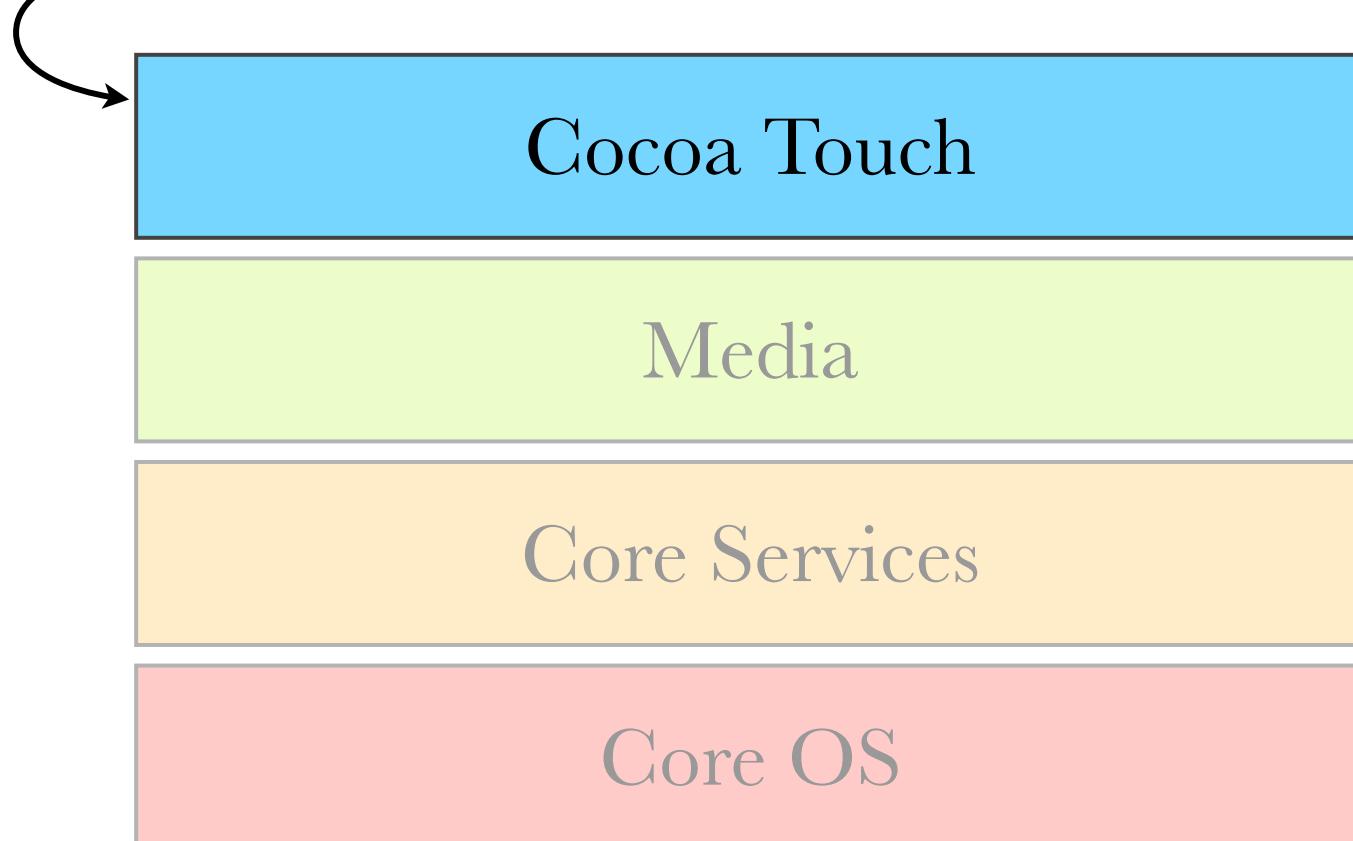
// load image from file
NSString* imageFileName = [[[NSBundle mainBundle] resourcePath]
                           stringByAppendingPathComponent:@"image.png"];
CGDataProviderRef provider = CGDataProviderCreateWithFilename([imageFileName UTF8String]);
CGImageRef image = CGImageCreateWithPNGDataProvider(provider,
                                                    NULL,
                                                    true,
                                                    kCGRenderingIntentDefault);
CGDataProviderRelease(provider);

// draw image at (0,0)
CGContextDrawImage(context,
                    CGRectMake(0, 0, CGImageGetWidth(image), CGImageGetHeight(image)),
                    image);
CGImageRelease(image);
```

General rule of thumb (as with all APIs):

Stay as high up as you can. Only use lower levels if functionality or performance calls for it.

sufficient for a lot of “typical” app behavior



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Good news: most UIKit objects can be glued
together using a very small bag of tricks

§UIKit + design patterns

First, we distinguish a *visible interface element* from the *invisible code* that manages it

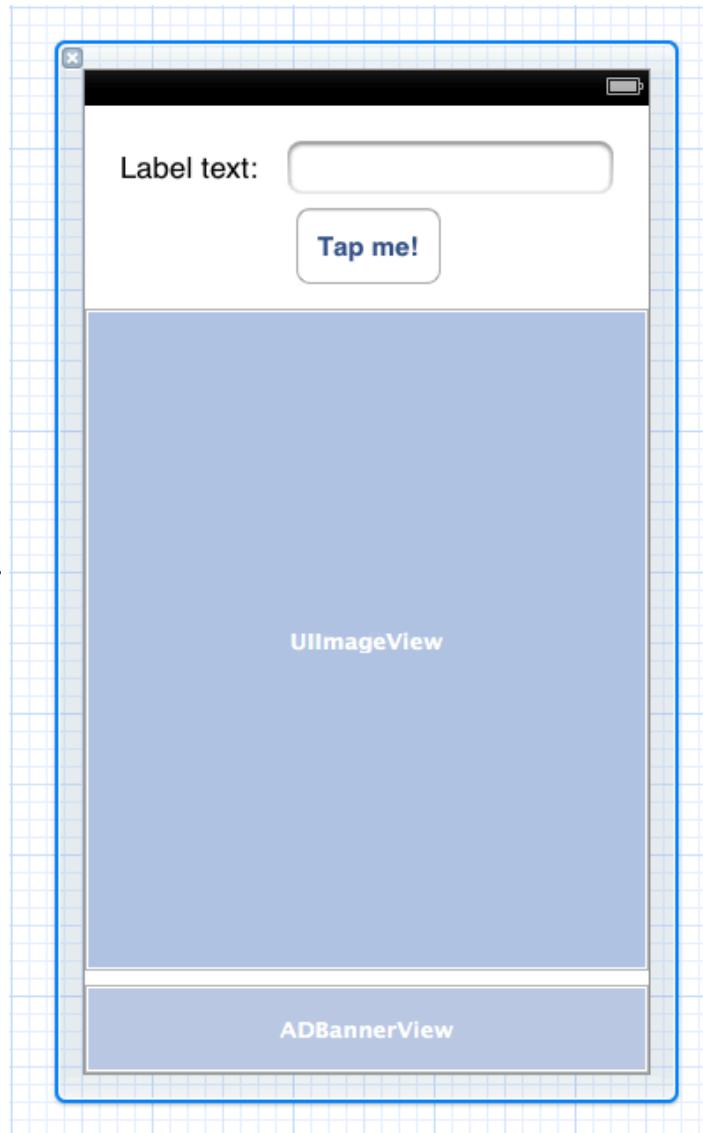
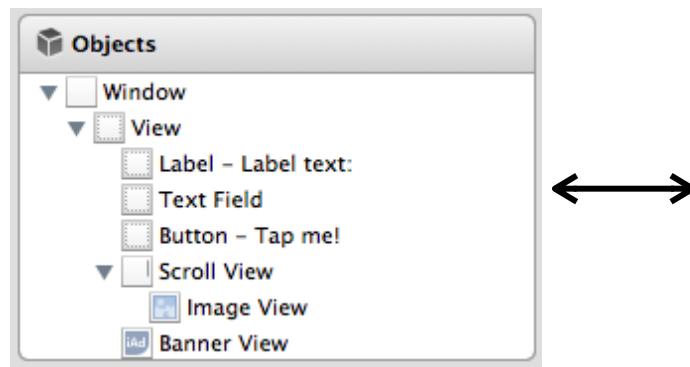
UIKit parlance:

- visible UI elements: *view* objects
 - subclasses of `UIView`
- backing code: *view controller* objects
 - subclasses of `UIViewController`

Label	Label – A variably sized amount of static text.		Table View – Displays data in a list of plain, sectioned, or grouped rows.		View – Represents a rectangular region in which it draws and receives events.
	Round Rect Button – Intercepts touch events and sends an action message to a target object when it's tapped.		Table View Cell – Defines the attributes and behavior of cells (rows) in a table view.		
Text	Segmented Control – Displays multiple segments, each of which functions as a discrete button.		Collection View – Displays data in a collection of cells.		
	Text Field – Displays editable text and sends an action message to a target object when Return is tapped.		Collection View Cell – Defines the attributes and behavior of cells in a collection view.		
	Slider – Displays a continuous range of values and allows the selection of a single value.		Collection Reusable View – Defines the attributes and behavior of reusable views in a collection view, such as a section header or footer.		
	Switch – Displays an element showing the boolean state of a value. Allows tapping the control to toggle the value.		Image View – Displays a single image, or an animation described by an array of images.		
	Activity Indicator View – Provides feedback on the progress of a task or process of unknown duration.		Text View – Displays multiple lines of editable text and sends an action message to a target object when Return is tapped.		
	Progress View – Depicts the progress of a task over time.		Web View – Displays embedded web content and enables content navigation.		
	Page Control – Displays a dot for each open page in an application and supports sequential navigation through the pages.		Map View – Displays maps and provides an embeddable interface to navigate map content.		
	Stepper – Provides a user interface for incrementing or decrementing a value.		ScrollView – Provides a mechanism to display content that is larger than the size of the application's window.		
	Picker View – Displays a spinning-wheel or slot-machine motif of values.		Date Picker – Displays multiple rotating wheels to allow users to select dates and times.		

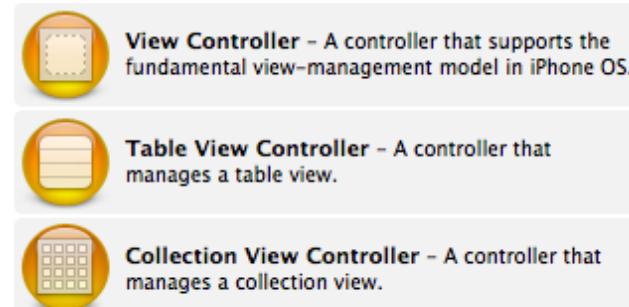
UIKit View Classes (partial)

Recall: a *scene* in an iOS app will consist of a single *root view* and a *hierarchy of subviews*

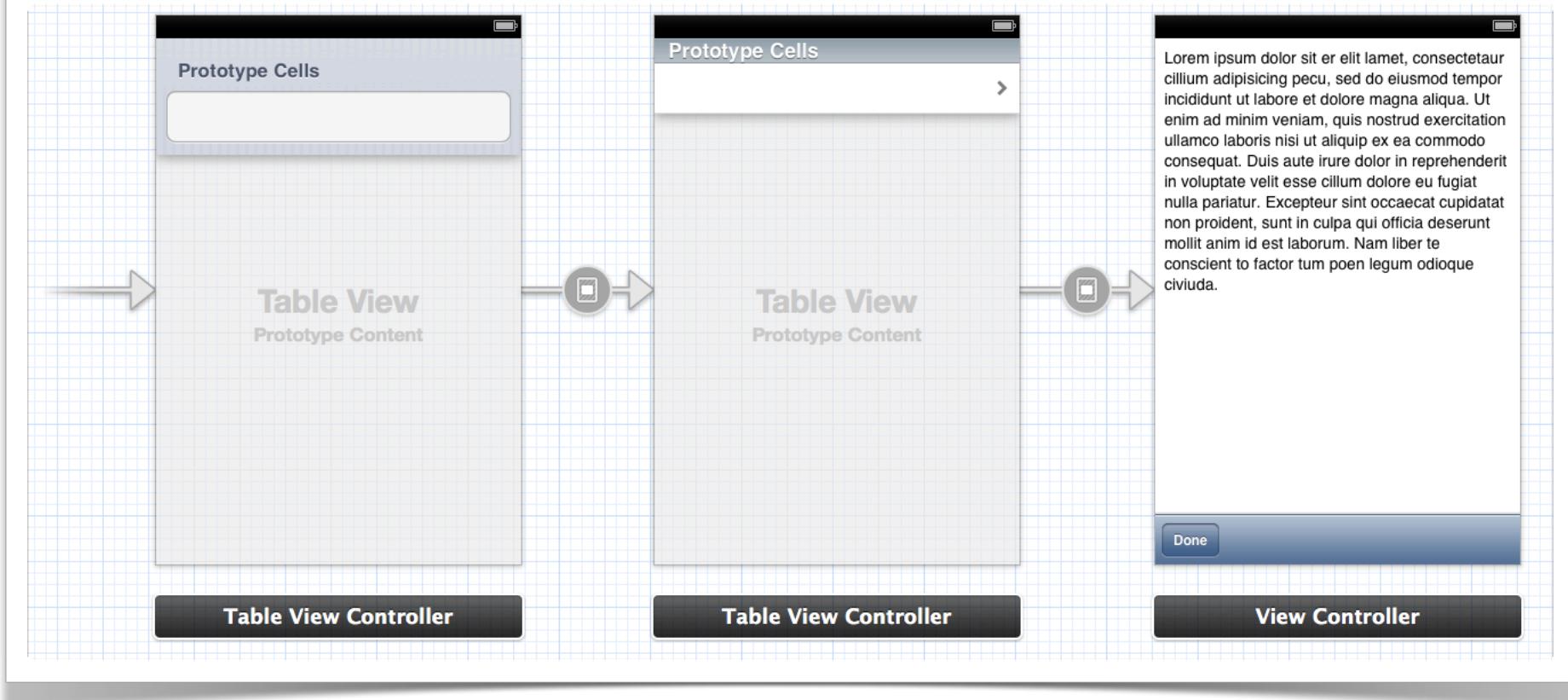


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view controller base classes



view controller per scene

A view controller must know about the state of its associated view (e.g., loaded? visible?)

- many *view lifecycle notification* messages
- note: a view controller can still respond to messages if its views are not visible!

Hands-on

- Project: *ControllerDemo*
- Associating Storyboard scenes with custom view controller classes
- View lifecycle notification

View lifecycle events are useful, but controllers need to interact with views in other ways!

Some basic use cases:

1. *Pushing* events from view to controller



2. *Pushing* data from controller to view

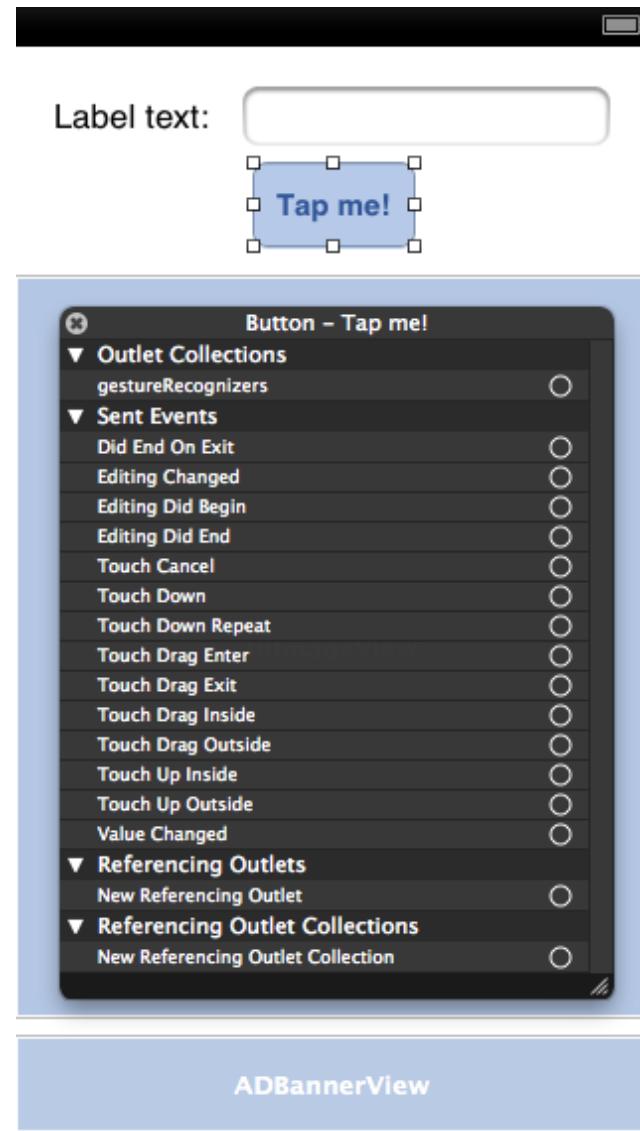


3. *Pulling* data from view to controller

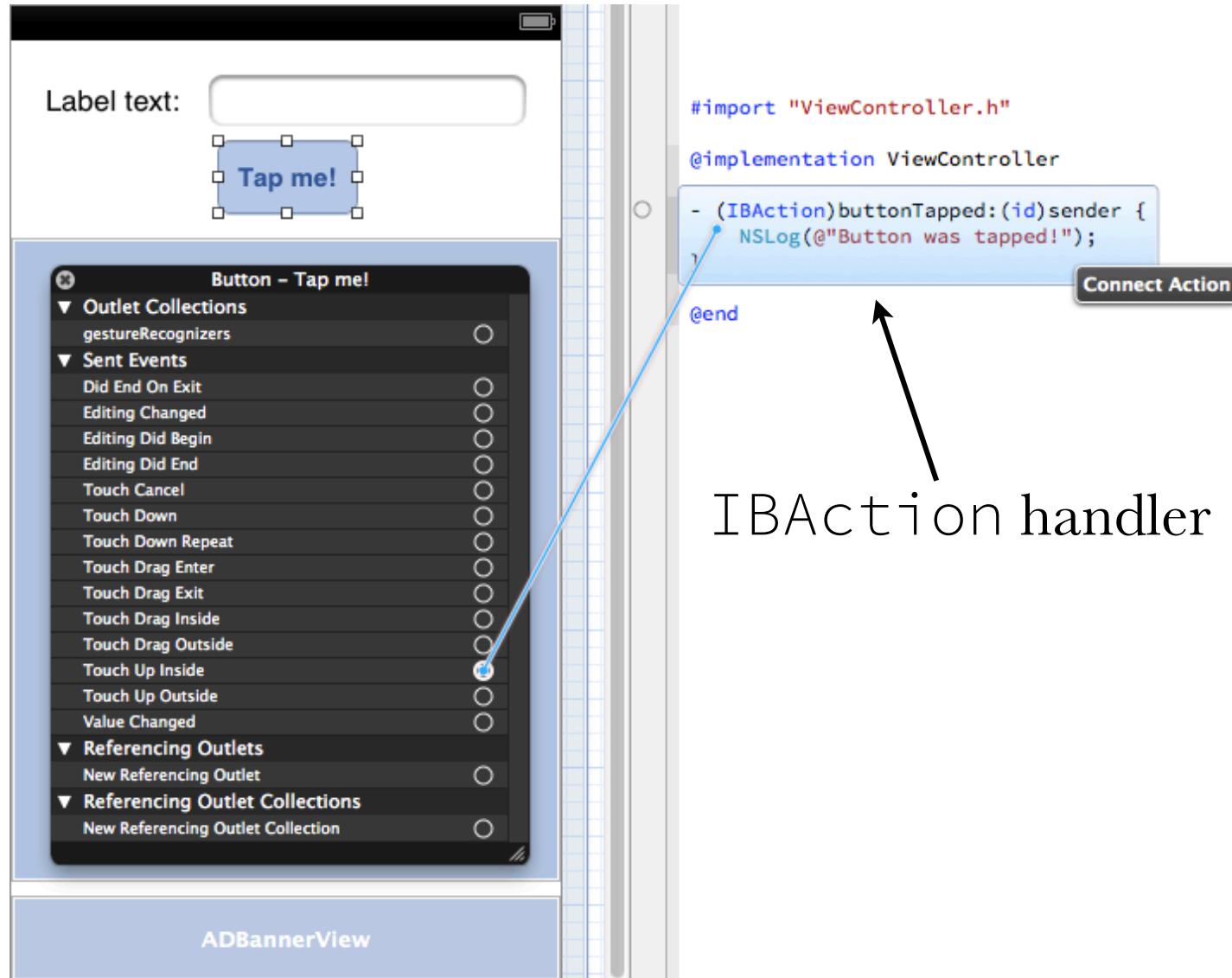


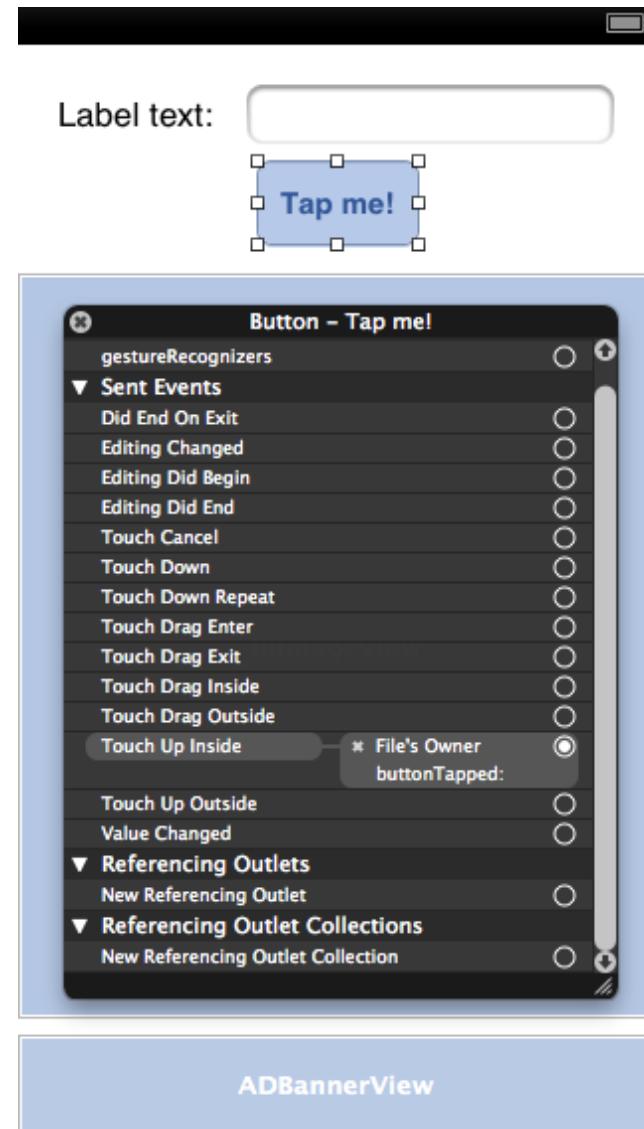
UIControl views have well defined events they can generate (e.g., in response to touches)

e.g., buttons, sliders, switches



UIButton actions

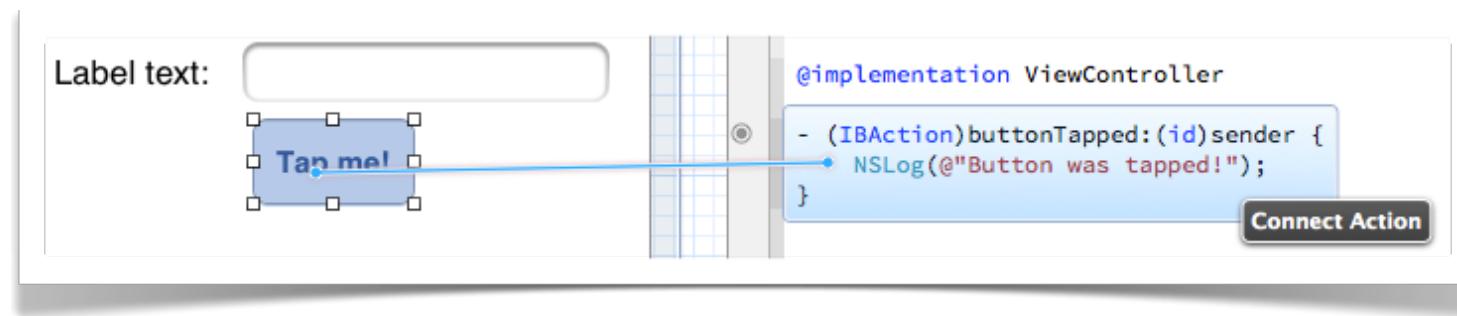




Connection established

Target-Action Pattern

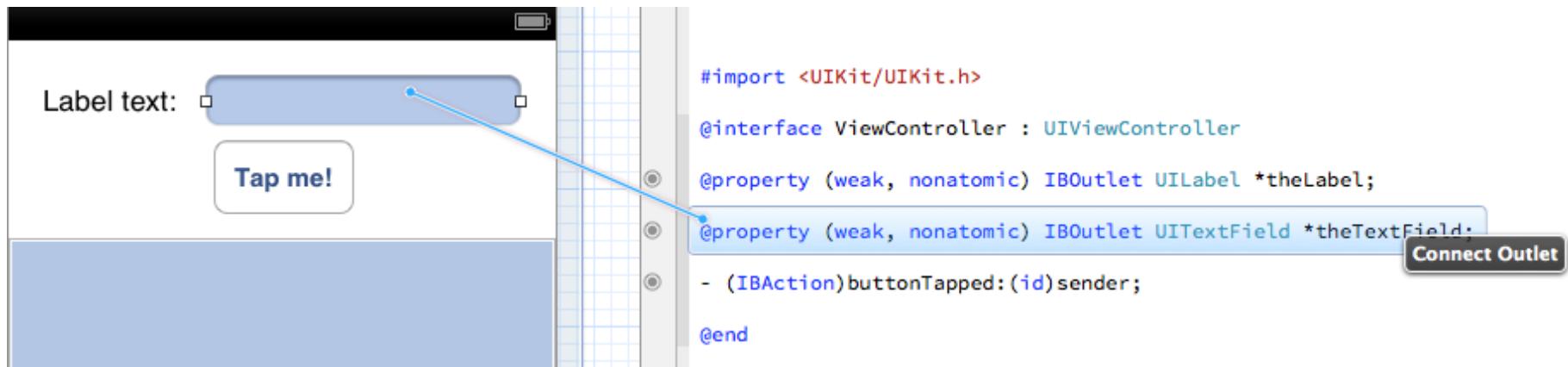
- Key architecture for associating UI events with coded IBAction handlers



Views also have *properties* (read-only or writeable)

E.g., all views: color, size, position, etc.;
text fields: entered text;
“pickers”: selected row/column

Views can be connected to controllers as *outlets*



Intuitively: outlets function as devices for controllers to interact with the outside world

```
/* inside the view controller */

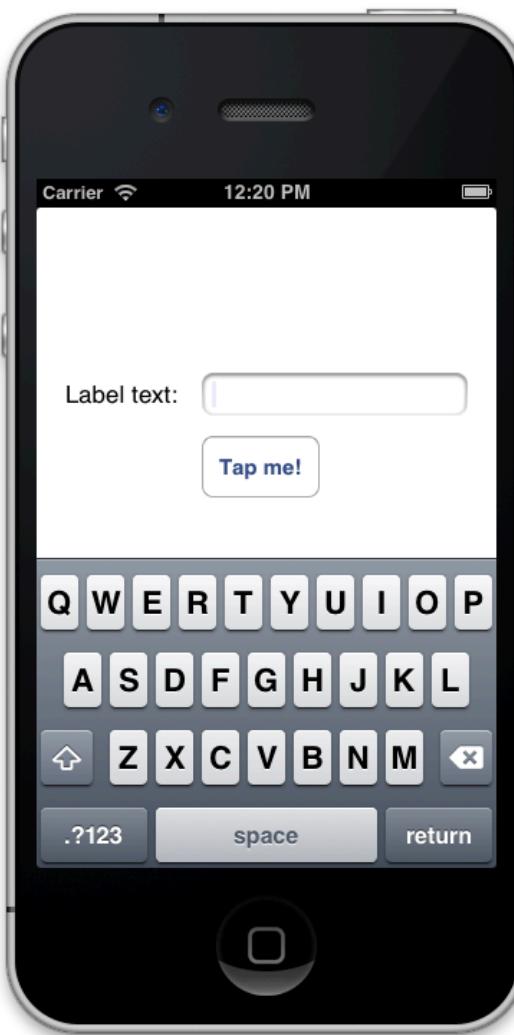
self.someOutlet.writeableProperty = ...;
```



... = self.someOutlet.propertyName;



```
- (IBAction)buttonTapped:(id)sender {  
    self.theLabel.text = [NSString stringWithFormat:  
        @"%@",  
        self.textField.text];  
}
```

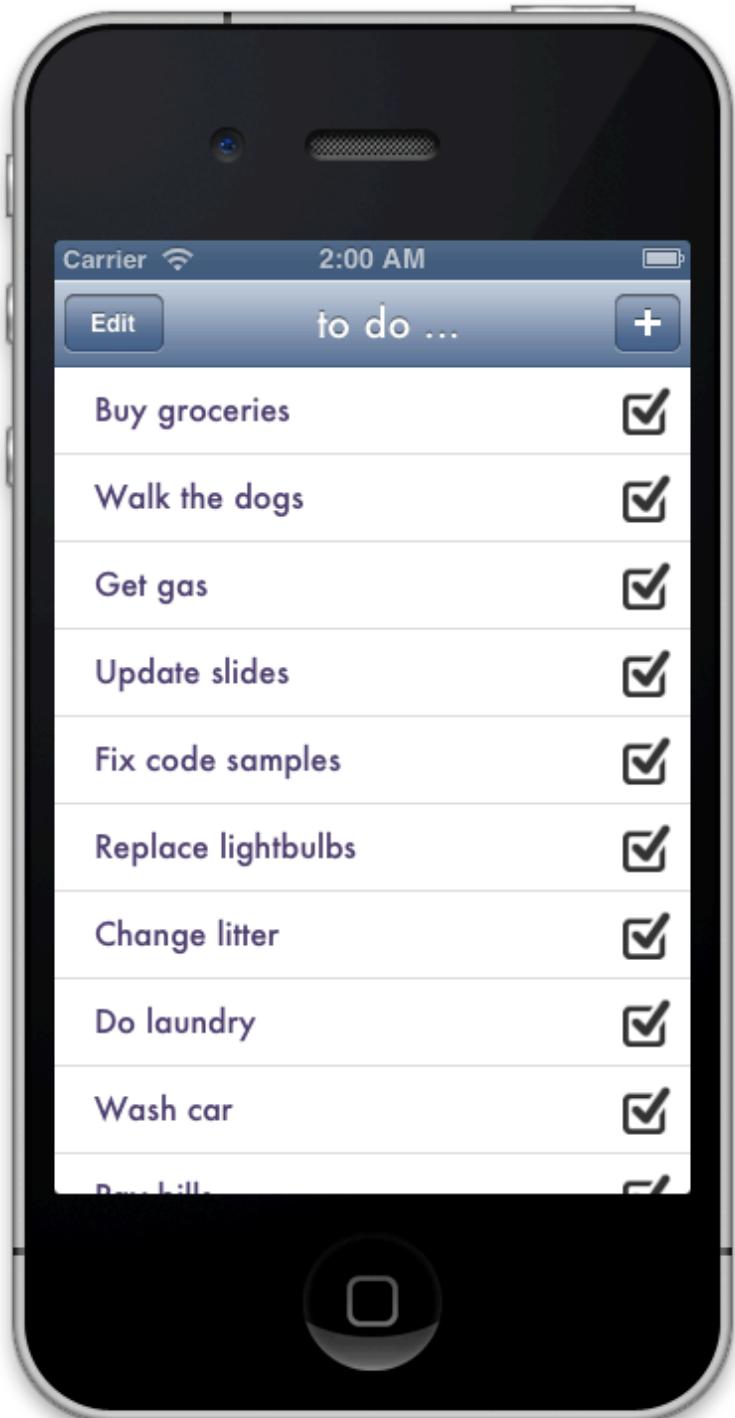


Hands-on

- Project: *LabelToFile*
- Hooking up actions & outlets
- Simulator app support directory

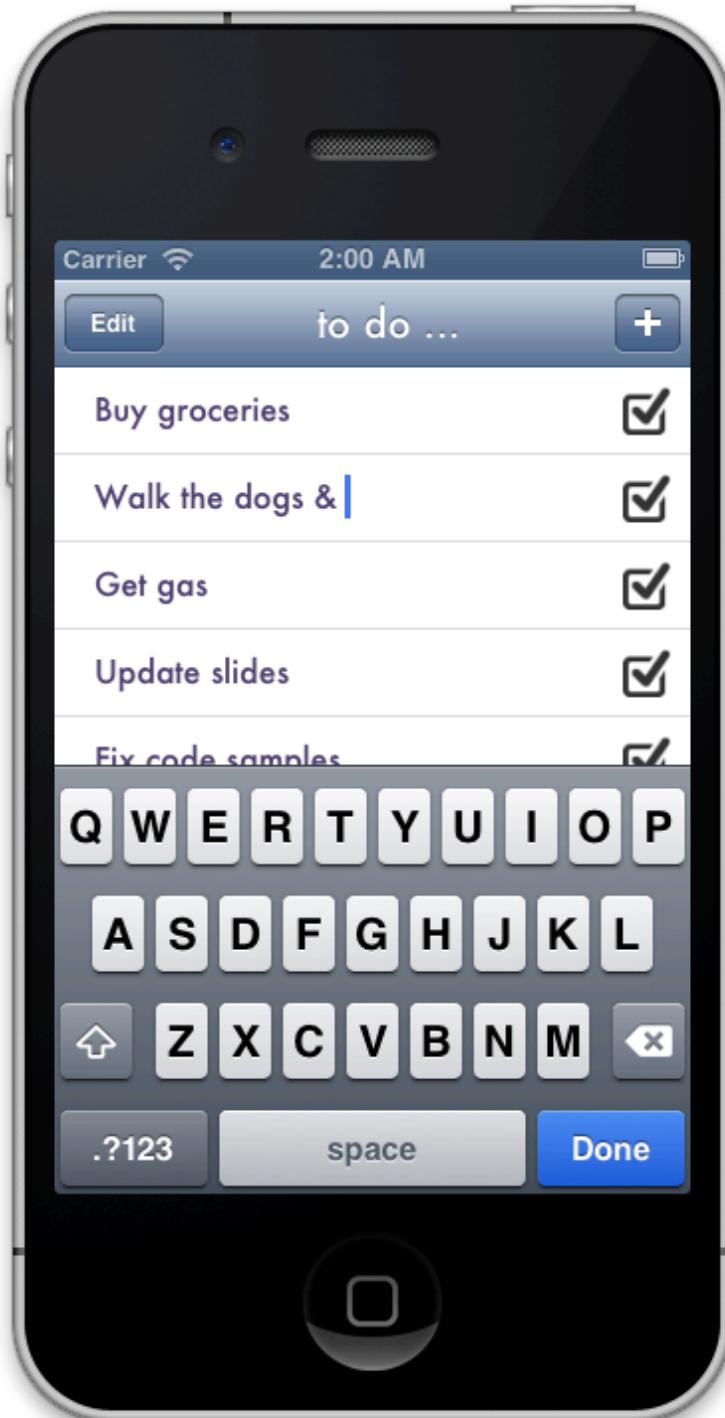
target-action and outlets work well when UI/controller interaction is fairly simple; i.e.,

- # of events controller cares about is limited
- controller always decides when to refresh UI (i.e., controller pushes changes to view)

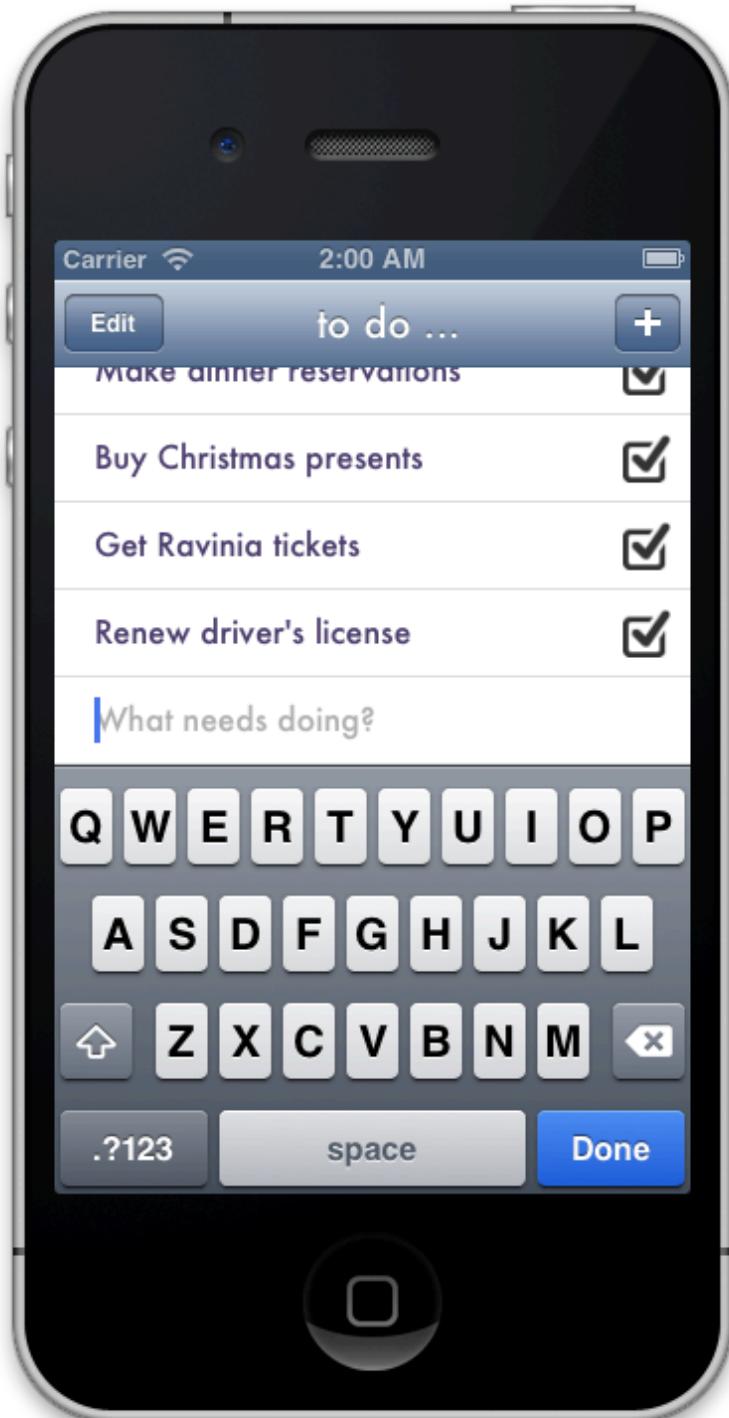


Consider a to-do list app.

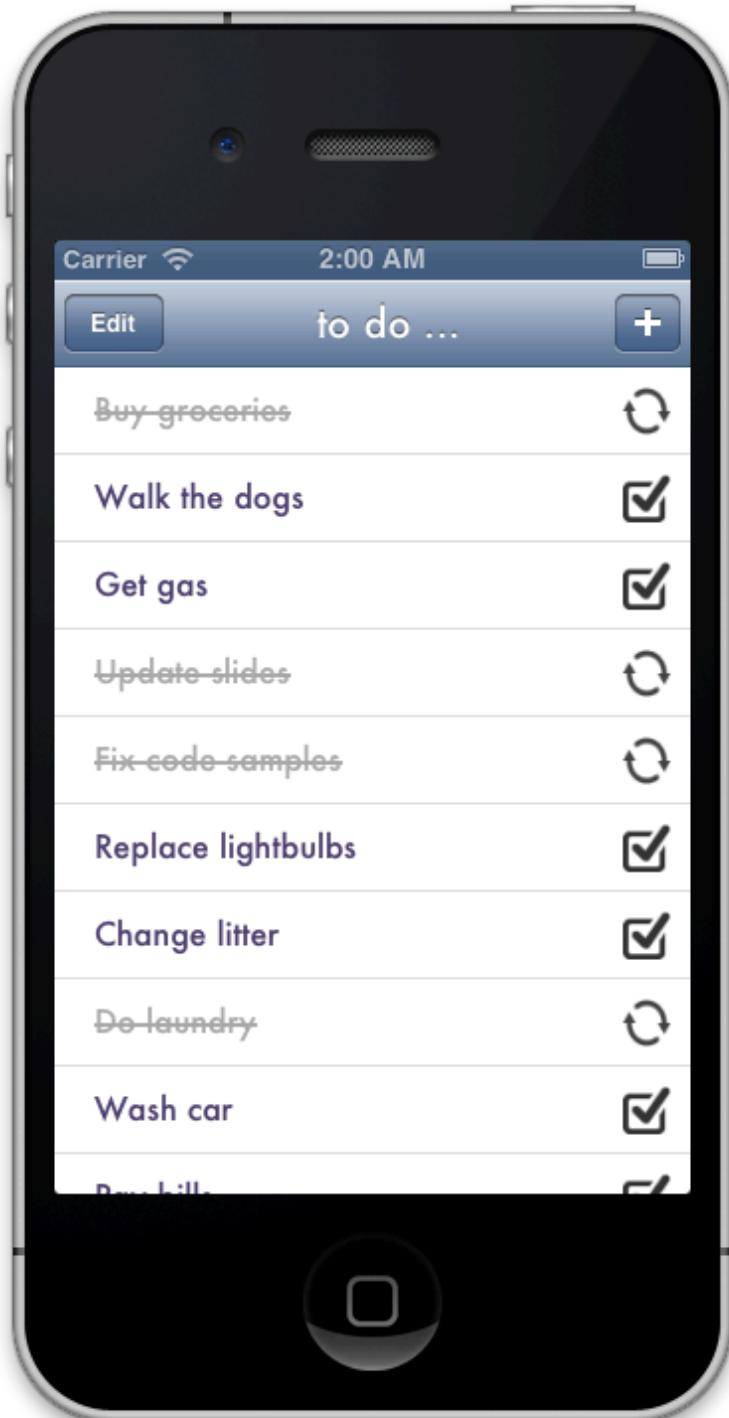
Lots of potentially
interesting events.



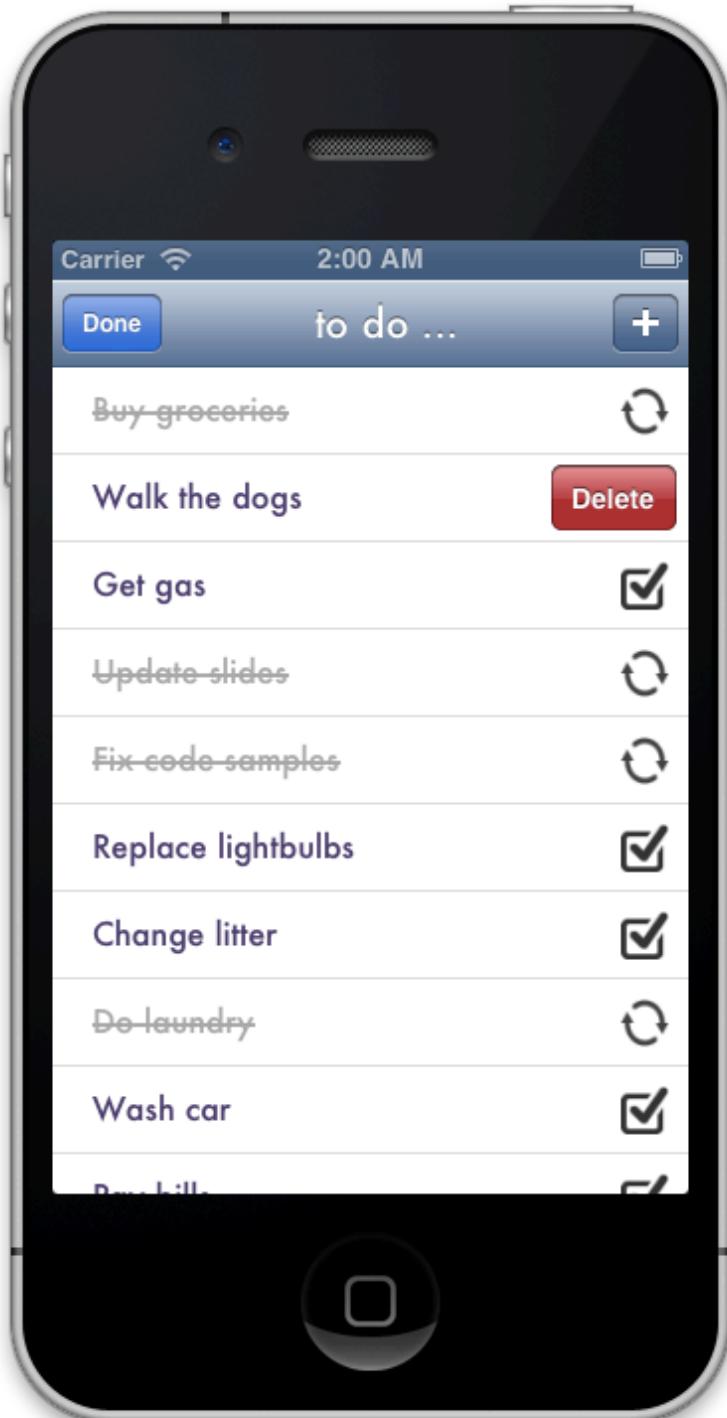
e.g., tapping on a cell
(to start editing)



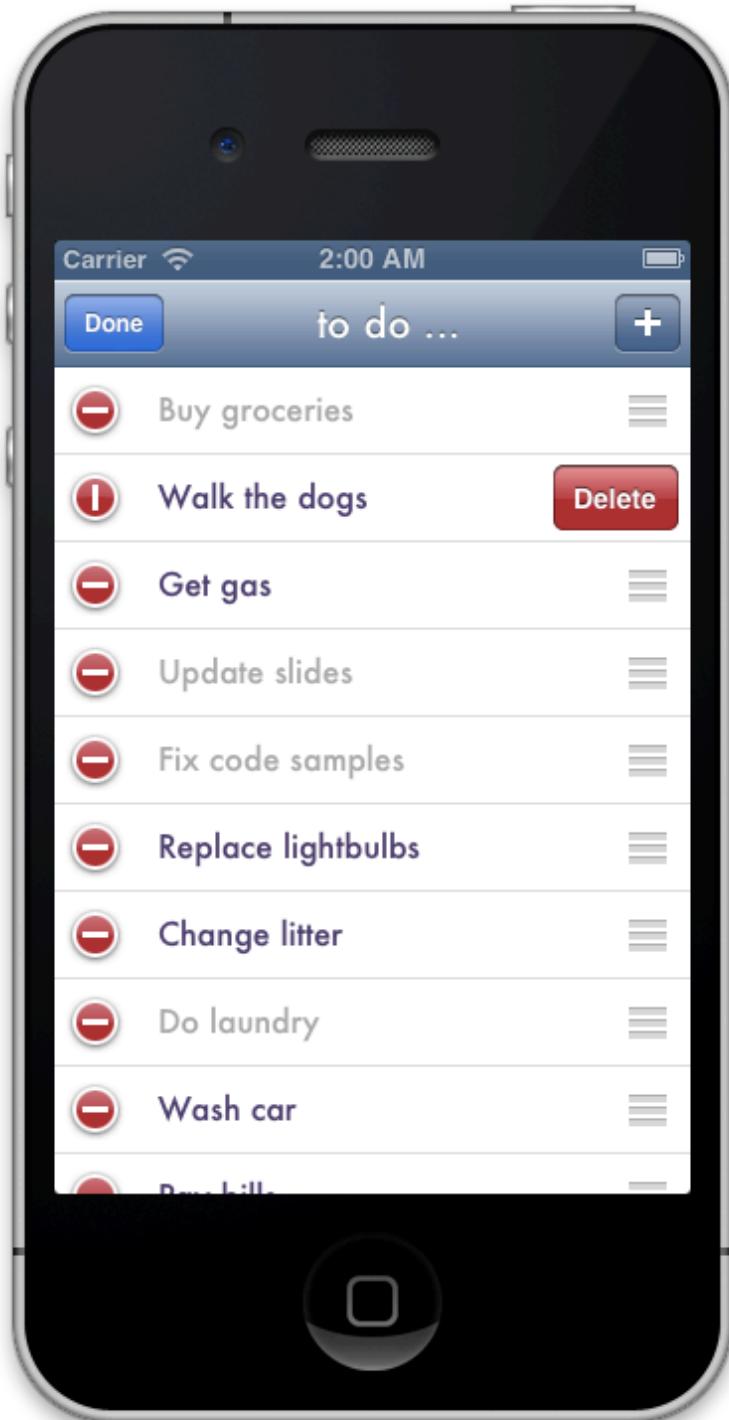
e.g., inserting a new cell



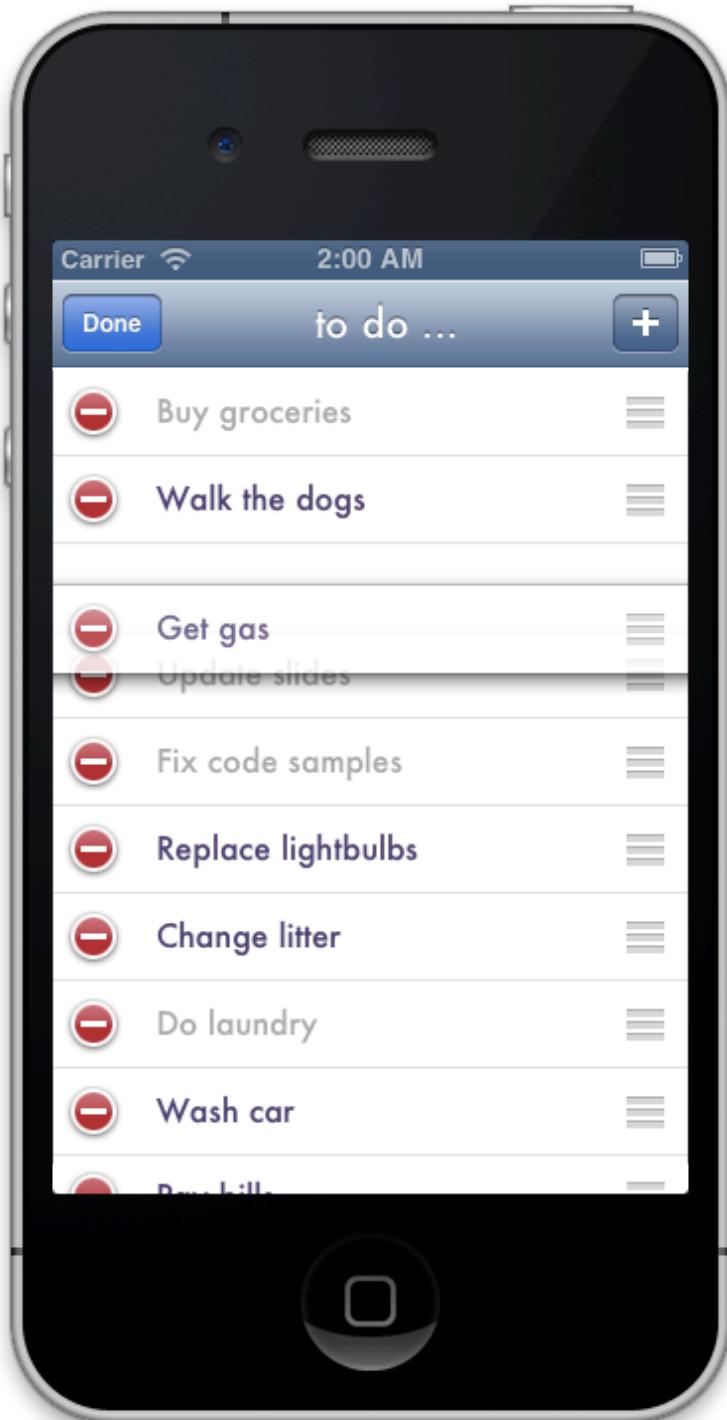
e.g., taps on “accessory”
views (to complete)



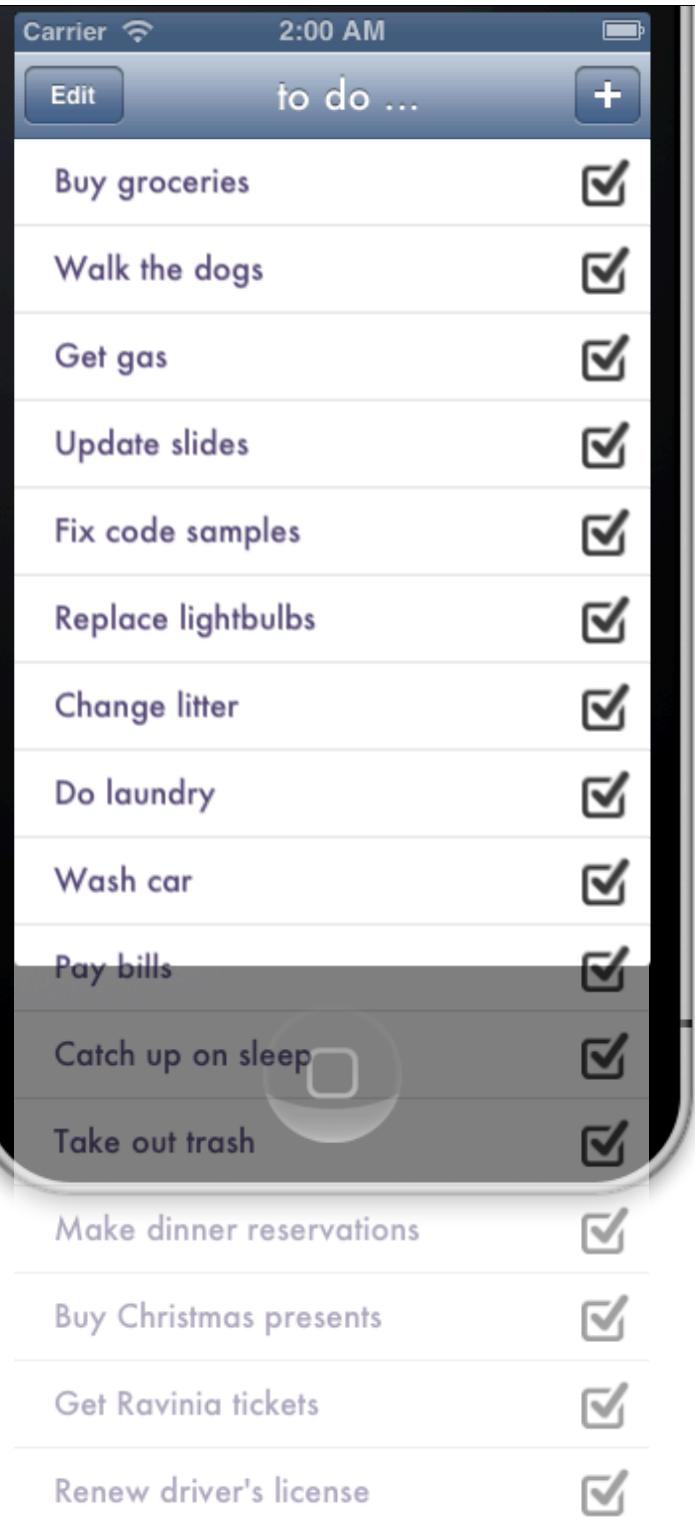
e.g., initiate delete (with a swipe gesture)



e.g., enter editing mode



e.g., moving cells
(by dragging)

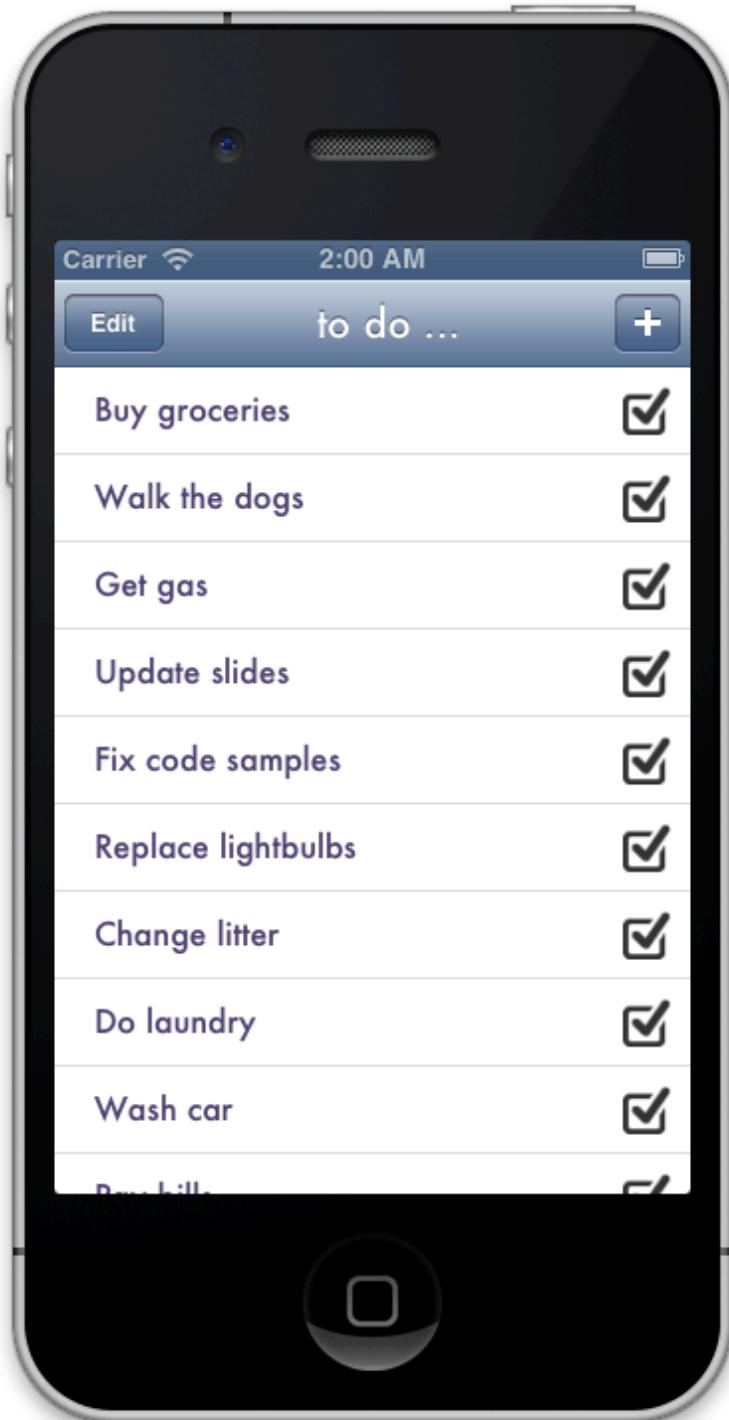


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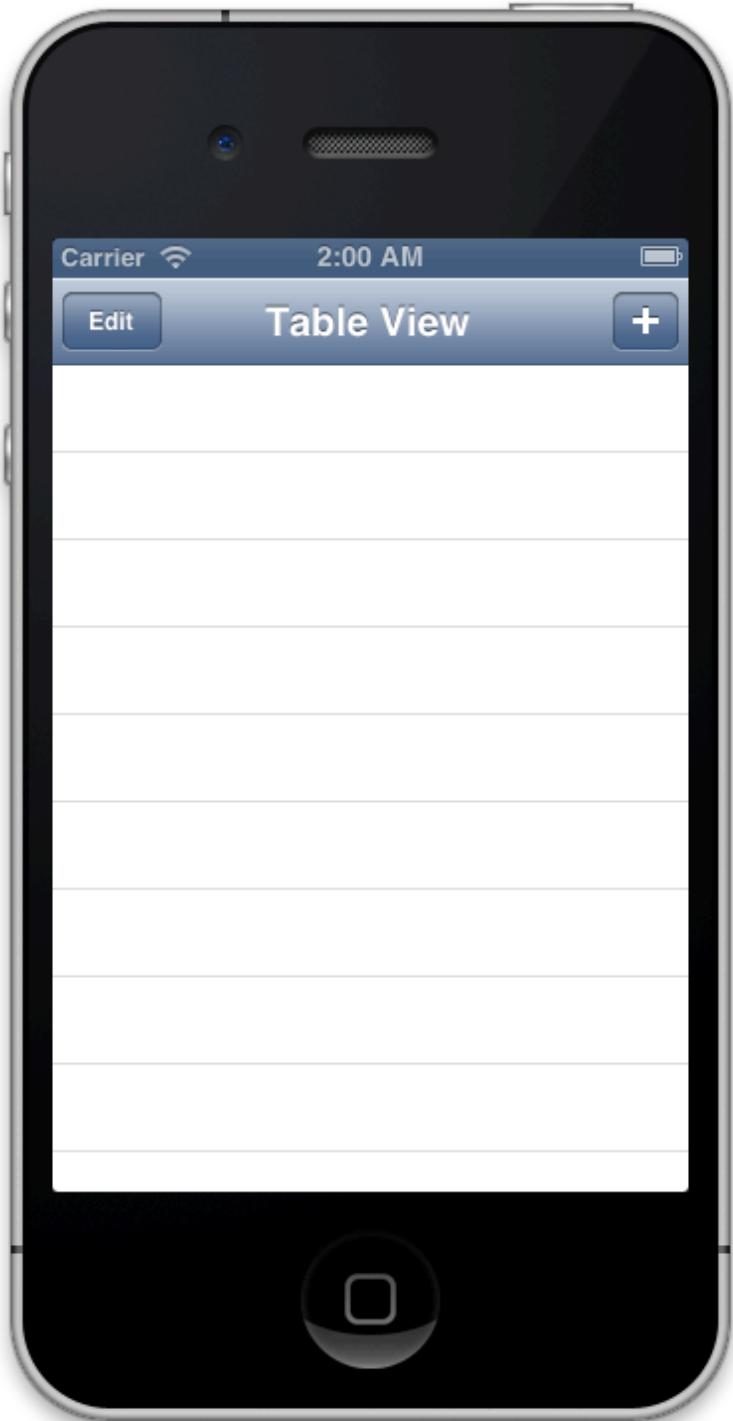
Potentially many more
cells than are on screen

- view must be able to quickly *pull in* new data

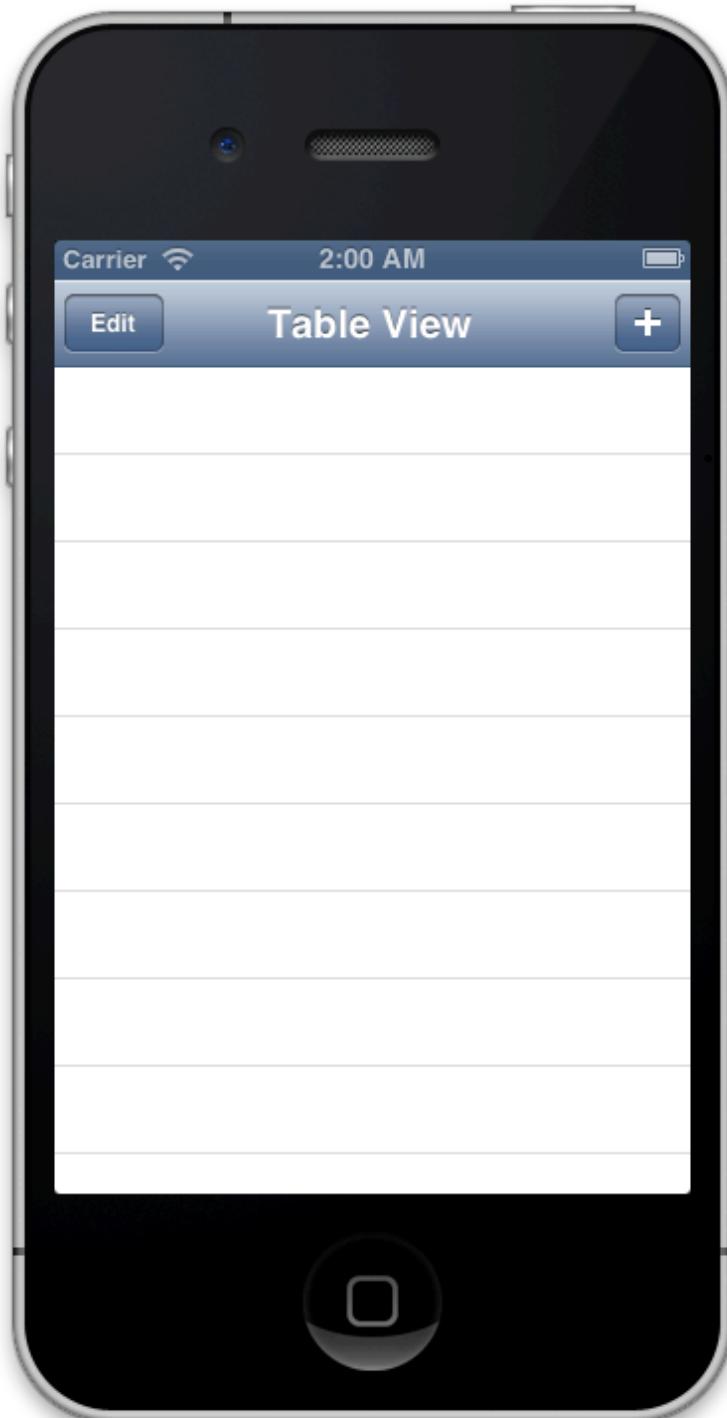


Would be annoying to define *actions* and *outlets* in our code for every event/item!

And how to let the view *pull data* from controller?



New approach: table views define *protocols* for objects that wish to serve as its *delegate* & *data source*



selections,
mode changes

view configuration
information

insertions, edits,
deletions, moves

rows, # sections,
titles, editability

delegate

data source

Delegation Pattern

- Allows complex view reuse by standardizing the protocols they expect *delegates* to adopt
- Typically, the view controller adopts both delegate and datasource protocols

```
@protocol UITableViewDelegate
- (CGFloat)tableView:(UITableView *)tableView
    heightForRowAtIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)indexPath;
- (void)tableView:(UITableView *)tableView
    accessoryButtonTappedForRowWithIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)indexPath;
- (void)tableView:(UITableView *)tableView
    didSelectRowAtIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)indexPath;
@end
```

```
@protocol UITableViewDataSource
- (NSInteger)numberOfSectionsInTableView:(UITableView *)tableView;
- (NSInteger)tableView:(UITableView *)tableView
    numberOfRowsInSection:(NSInteger)section;
- (UITableViewCell *)tableView:(UITableView *)tableView
    cellForRowAtIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)indexPath;
- (void)tableView:(UITableView *)tableView
    moveRowAtIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)sourceIndexPath
    toIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)destinationIndexPath;
@end
```

```
@interface ListViewController : UIViewController <UITableViewDelegate,  
    UITableViewDataSource>  
@end
```

```
@implementation ListViewController  
- (NSInteger)numberOfSectionsInTableView:(UITableView *)tableView {  
    return 1;  
}  
  
- (NSInteger)tableView:(UITableView *)tableView  
    numberOfRowsInSection:(NSInteger)section {  
    return _data.count;  
}  
  
- (UITableViewCell *)tableView:(UITableView *)tableView  
    cellForRowAtIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)indexPath {  
    UITableViewCell *cell = [tableView dequeueReusableCellWithIdentifier:@"Cell"  
                                forIndexPath:indexPath];  
    cell.textLabel.text = _data[indexPath.row];  
    return cell;  
}  
...  
@end
```



```
_data = [NSMutableArray arrayWithObjects:  
    @"good morning", @"早安", @"おはようございます", @"ອຮັບສ້າງສົດ", @"নমস্তে", nil];
```



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- (void)tableView:(UITableView *)tableView  
    didSelectRowAtIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)indexPath  
{  
    _data[indexPath.row] = [self reverseString:_data[indexPath.row]];  
    [tableView reloadRowsAtIndexPaths:@[indexPath]  
        withRowAnimation:UITableViewRowAnimationAutomatic];  
}
```



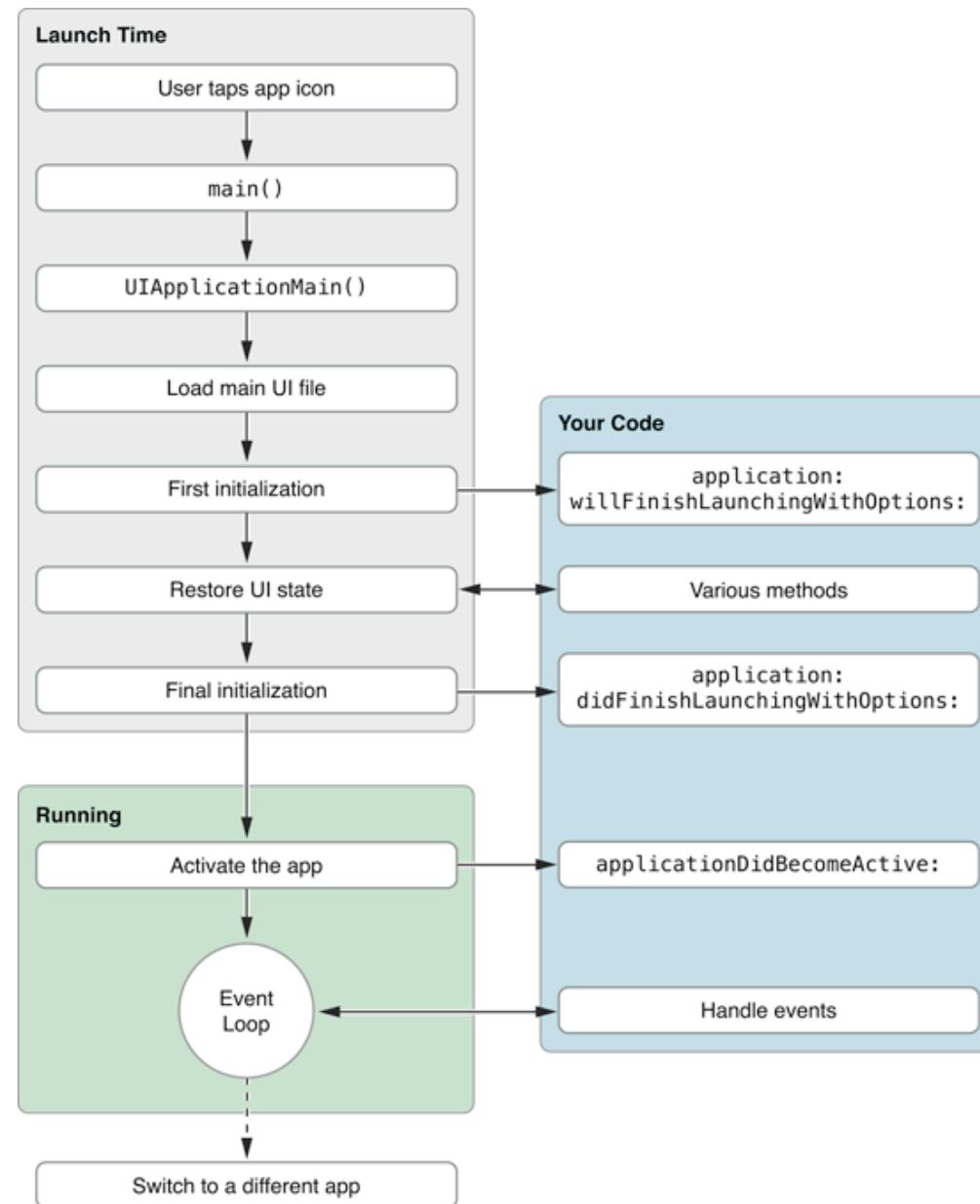
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}
```

Hands-on

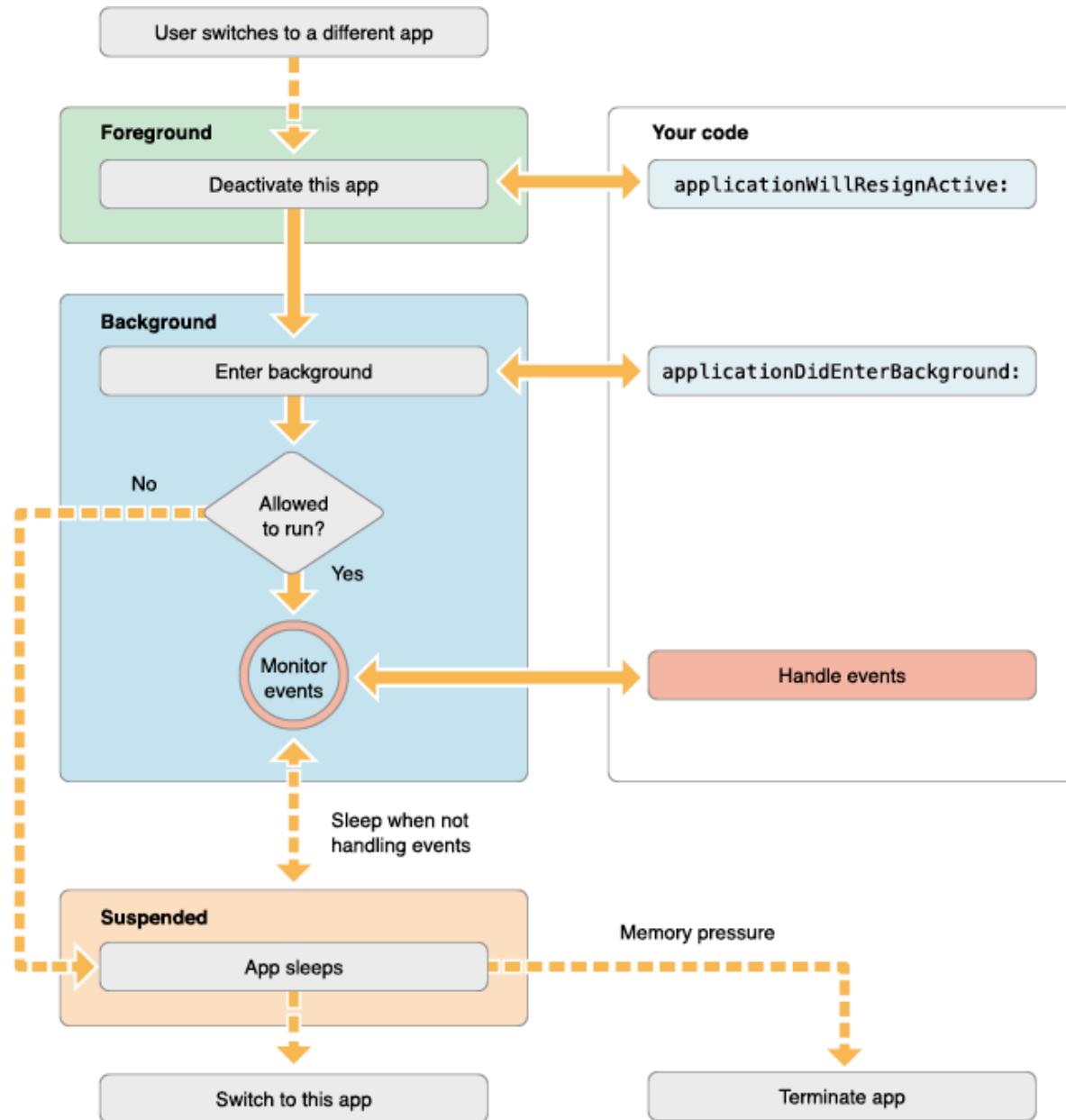
- Projects: *ReversibleGreetings*, *FontSampler*
- Delegate & Data source protocols

AppDelegate

- Delegation isn't just used for managing views
- It is the mechanism for relaying *app lifecycle notifications* to our custom code
- UIApplication → UIApplicationDelegate
- Callbacks akin to view event notifications



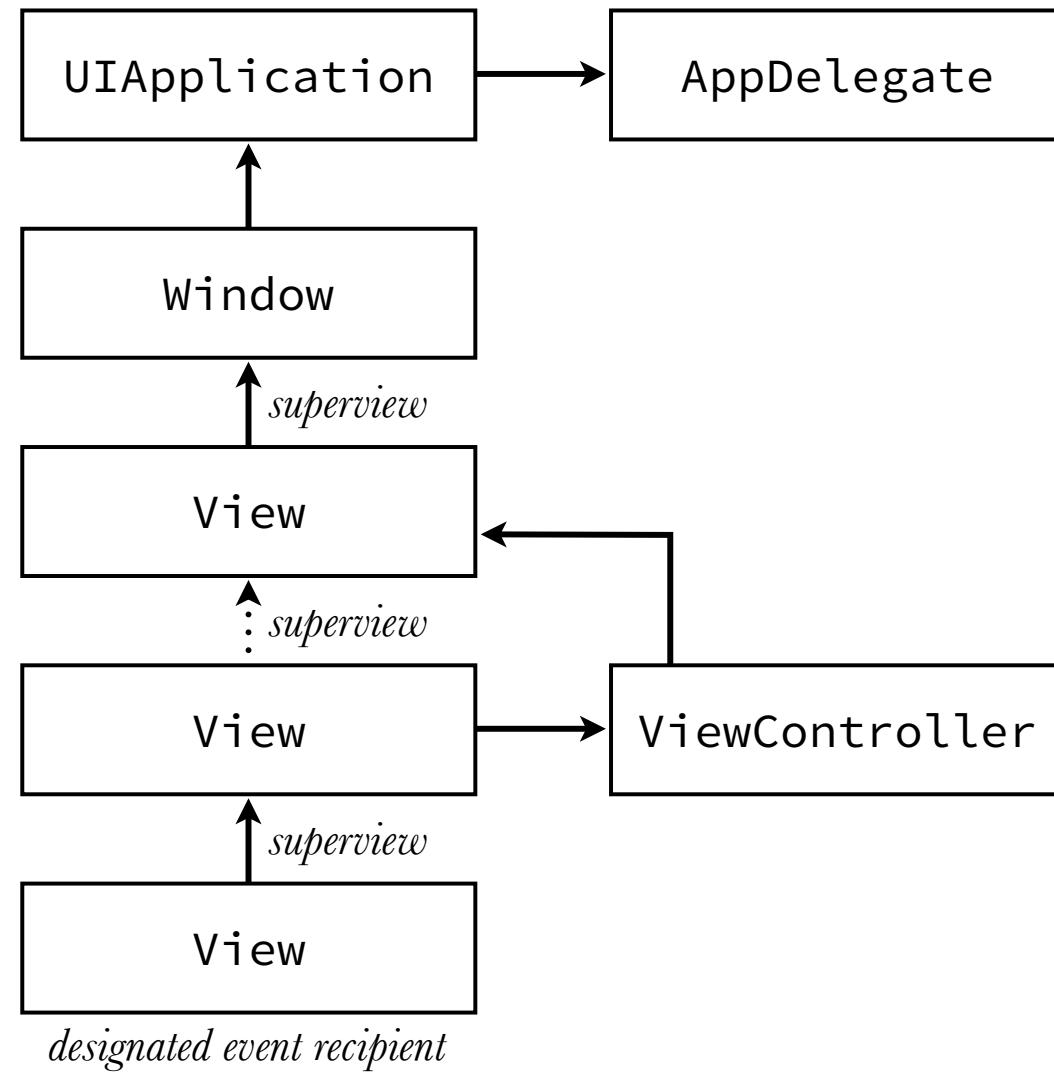
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the AppDelegate also receives events that are not handled by views or view controllers

- e.g., low-level touch and motion events
- functions as “catch-all” handler



iOS responder chain

View

designated event recipient

- two basic ways for an object to be the designated recipient of an event
 1. *hit-testing* for touches
 2. assumes *first responder* status
- note: designated recipient doesn't have to be a view (any subclass of UIResponder)

sometimes it's handy to broadcast/receive notifications in non-default ways

- notifications outside our “scope”
- notifications that aren’t sent by default
- app-specific notifications

Observer Pattern

- Any object can register to receive notifications of specific events
 - One mechanism: *notification centers*
- Enables *action at a distance* (not necessarily a good thing!)

Hands-on

- Projects: *EventDemo*
- Hit-test & first responders
- Touch & motion event handling
- Event propagation
- Textfields as responders & delegation

Target-Action & Delegation both embody the separation of (1) *the thing where events happen* and (2) *the thing that processes events (& supplies data)*

(1) is the **view**

(2) is the **view controller**

But the list of responsibilities is quite lopsided.

- (1) just has to map *inputs* to high-level *actions*;
e.g., a touch in a table area to cell selection
- (2) has to (a) map an action to a *semantic intent*,
then (b) actually *execute* that intent

e.g., (2)(a): tapping on a cell means that the user wants to reverse its contents

(2)(b): we need to reach into our data and figure out how to reverse character data (non-trivial for, say, CJK)

```
// (2)(a)
- (void)tableView:(UITableView *)tableView
    didSelectRowAtIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)indexPath
{
    _data[indexPath.row] = [self reverseString:_data[indexPath.row]];
    [tableView reloadRowsAtIndexPaths:@[indexPath]
        withRowAnimation:UITableViewRowAnimationAutomatic];
}

// (2)(b)
- (NSString *)reverseString:(NSString *)string
{
    NSMutableString *reversed = [NSMutableString stringWithCapacity:string.length];
    [string enumerateSubstringsInRange:NSMakeRange(0, string.length)
        options:NSStringEnumerationByComposedCharacterSequences
        | NSStringEnumerationReverse
        usingBlock:^(^ (NSString *str, NSRange strRange,
                           NSRange enclosingRange, BOOL *stop)){
            [reversed appendString:str];
        }];
    return reversed;
}
```

```
// (2)(a)
- (void)tableView:(UITableView *)tableView
    didSelectRowAtIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)indexPath
```

{

- mapping action to intent *is* the controller's job

```
// (2)(b)
- (NSString *)reverseString:(NSString *)string
{
    NSMutableString *reversed = [NSMutableString stringWithCapacity:string.length];
    [string enumerateSubstringsInRange:NSMakeRange(0, string.length)
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                                  | NSStringEnumerationReverse
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                                             NSRange enclosingRange, BOOL *stop){
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    }];
    return reversed;
}
```

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- (void)tableView:(UITableView *)tableView
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{
```

- mapping action to intent *is* the controller's job

```
}
```



```
// (2)(b)
- (NSString *)reverseString:(NSString *)string
{
```

- but executing the intent often requires *domain-specific* knowledge/code
- has no place inside a *view controller!*

```
}
```

```
@implementation ListViewController
- (void)tableView:(UITableView *)tableView
    didSelectRowAtIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)indexPath
{
    // view controller: ask data to "reverse" itself
    _data[indexPath.row] = [_data[indexPath.row] reversedString];
    [tableView reloadRowsAtIndexPaths:@[indexPath]
        withRowAnimation:UITableViewRowAnimationAutomatic];
}
@end
```

```
@implementation NSString (Reversing)
// data: apply domain specific knowledge
- (NSString *)reversedString
{
    NSMutableString *string = [NSMutableString stringWithCapacity:self.length];
    [self enumerateSubstringsInRange:NSMakeRange(0, self.length)
        options:NSUTFStringEncodingByComposedCharacterSequences
        | NSStringEncodingReverse
        usingBlock:^(NSString *str, NSRange strRange,
                    NSRange enclosingRange, BOOL *stop){
            [string appendString:str];
        }];
    return string;
}
@end
```

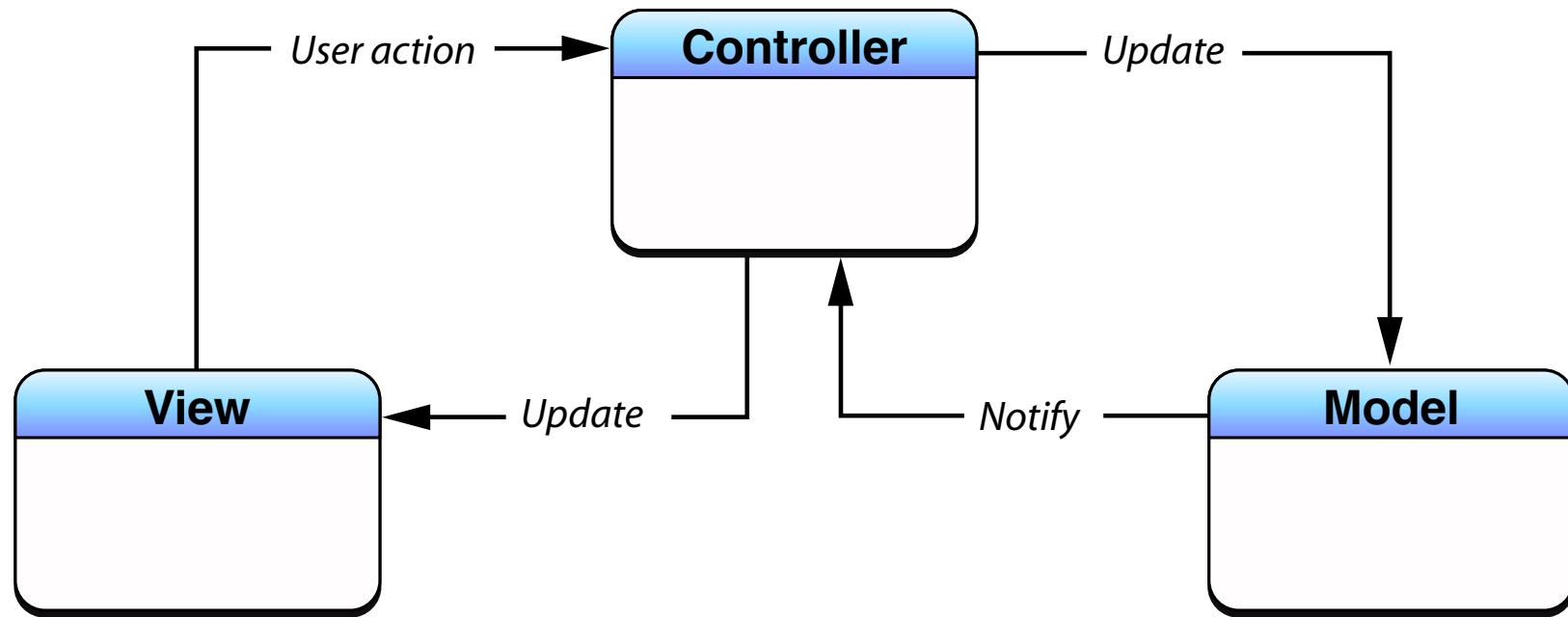
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                                options:NSStringEnumerationByComposedCharacterSequences
                                  | NSStringEnumerationReverse
                                usingBlock:^(NSString *str, NSRange strRange,
                                             NSRange enclosingRange, BOOL *stop){
        [string appendString:str];
    }];
    return string;
}
@end
```

- our data classes encapsulate information and domain knowledge
- i.e., not just “data”
 - term them *data models*, or just **models**

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                                usingBlock:^(NSString *str, NSRange strRange,
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        [string appendString:str];
    }];
    return string;
}
@end
```

- added benefit: we can carry along models we've built from project-to-project
- don't (shouldn't) carry with them any user-interface cruft or assumptions

Model-View-Controller



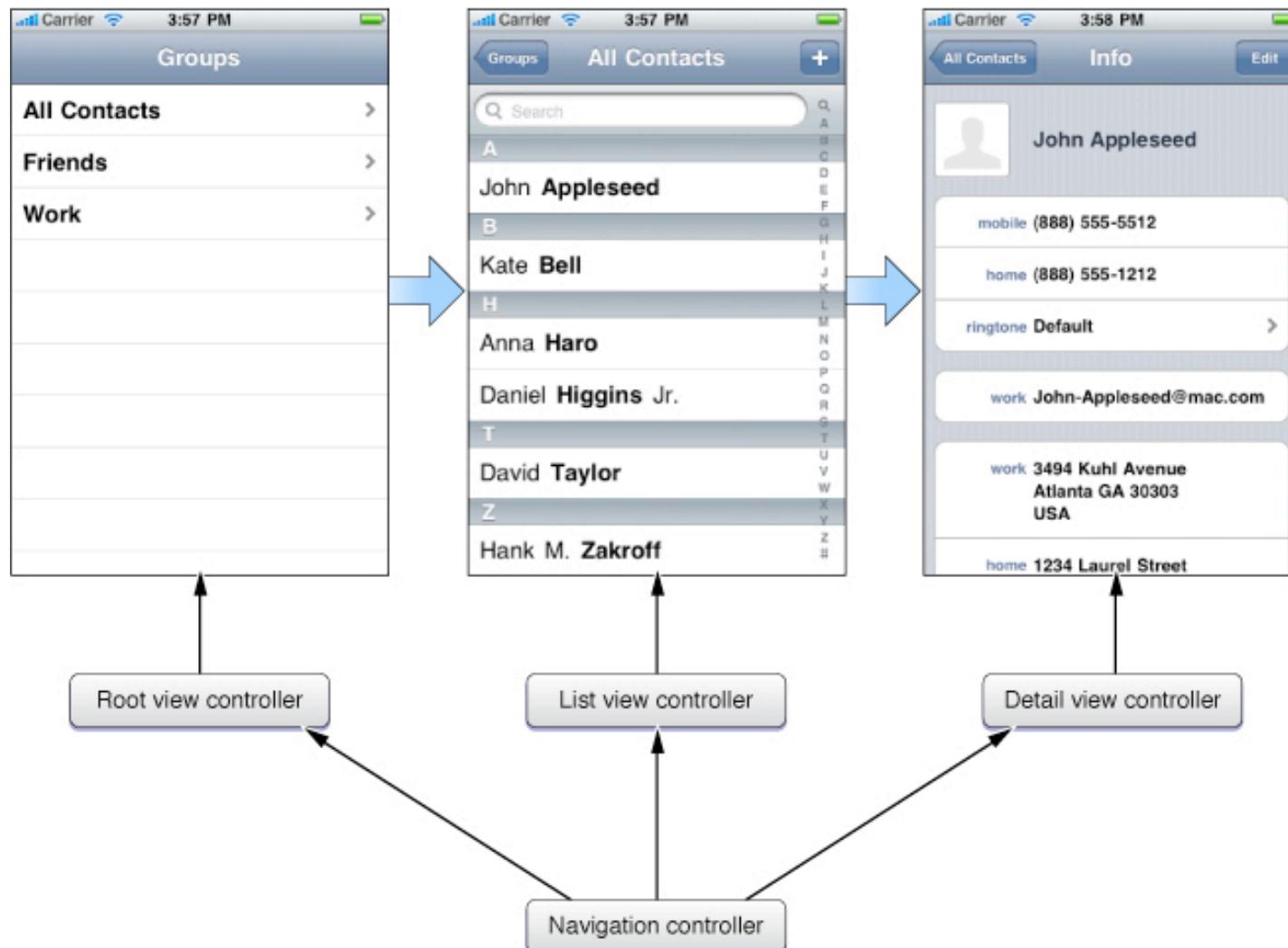
MVC is *central* to the architecture of virtually all native iOS apps, and is found at all levels of the development stack

Hands-on

- Projects: *ReversibleGreetings*, *SimpleTodo*
- MVC breakdown
- Table view (cell) customization
- A dash of persistence

Turns out the one-controller-per-scene tale is not really accurate ...

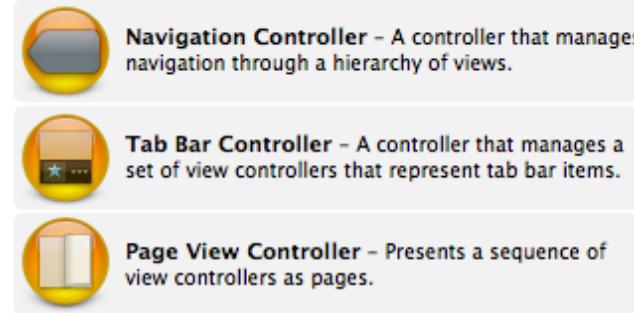
- often need a controller to *manage transitions between* separate, per-screen controllers
- overarching “container” controllers



e.g., Address Book app

Built-in controllers for this!

-  **Navigation Controller** – A controller that manages navigation through a hierarchy of views.
-  **Tab Bar Controller** – A controller that manages a set of view controllers that represent tab bar items.
-  **Page View Controller** – Presents a sequence of view controllers as pages.



Good news: intended for use *without subclassing*

- typically drop into Storyboard & customize in code if necessary
- segues are used as to connect controllers — e.g., to pass data
- (true even without container controllers)

Hands-on

- Project: *Cars*
- Using a navigation controller
- Passing data along with segues
- Plist serialization

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System Controllers

- Plenty of additional built-in system view controllers + associated views
 - Use without subclassing
 - Typically present programmatically
 - Obtain result via delegation or block

Hands-on

- Project: *DoesItAll*
- PhotoPicker, E-mail, Twitter, etc.
- Programmatic presentation / dismissal
- Delegation & Block completion handlers

Social Integration

- Built-in “Social” framework
 - Facebook & Twitter
- Automatic account handling & authentication

Hands-on

- Project: *YATC*
- Twitter API access / authentication
- JSON parsing

Web Views

- WebKit-backed view
 - Trivial to integrate an app-local browser
 - Also useful for rich-text processing and JavaScript execution
- ★ Bonus: brand new web inspector debugging

Hands-on

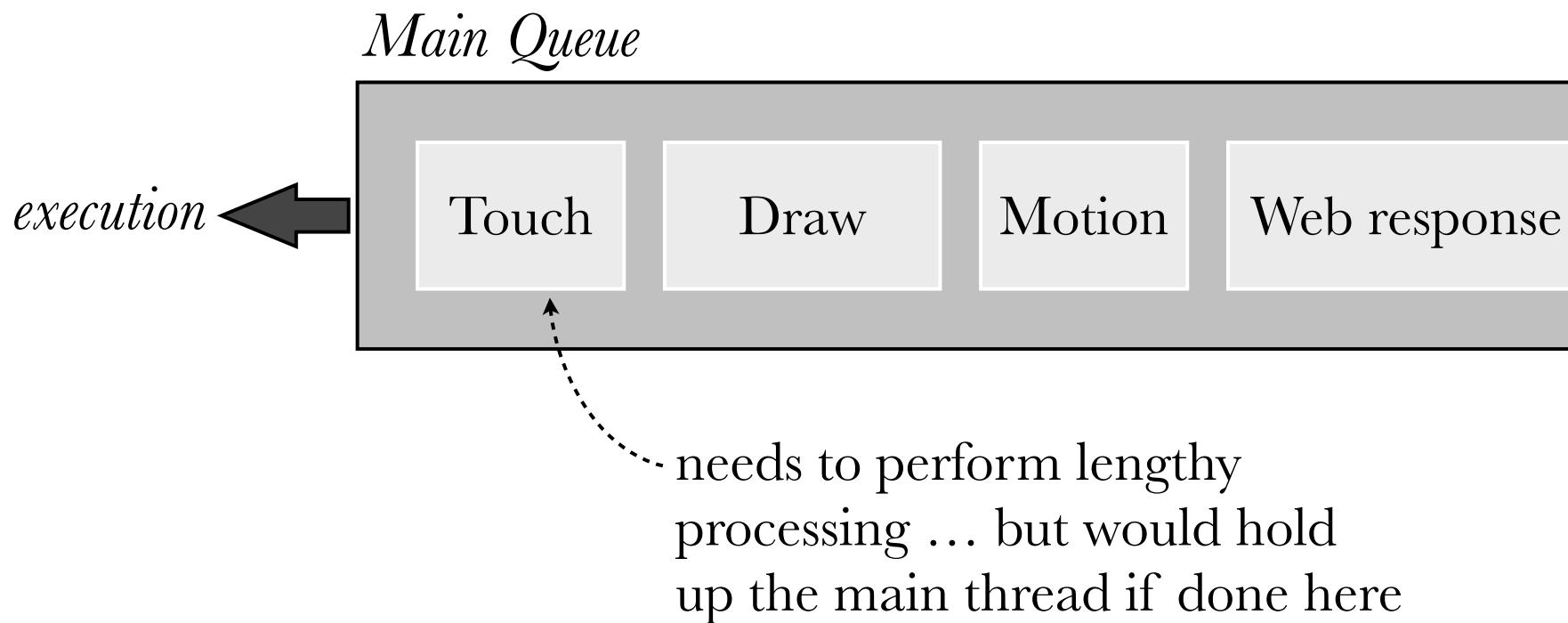
- Projects: *MySafari*, *OnesidedChat*
- WebView usage
- JavaScript execution from ObjC
- Web inspector debugging

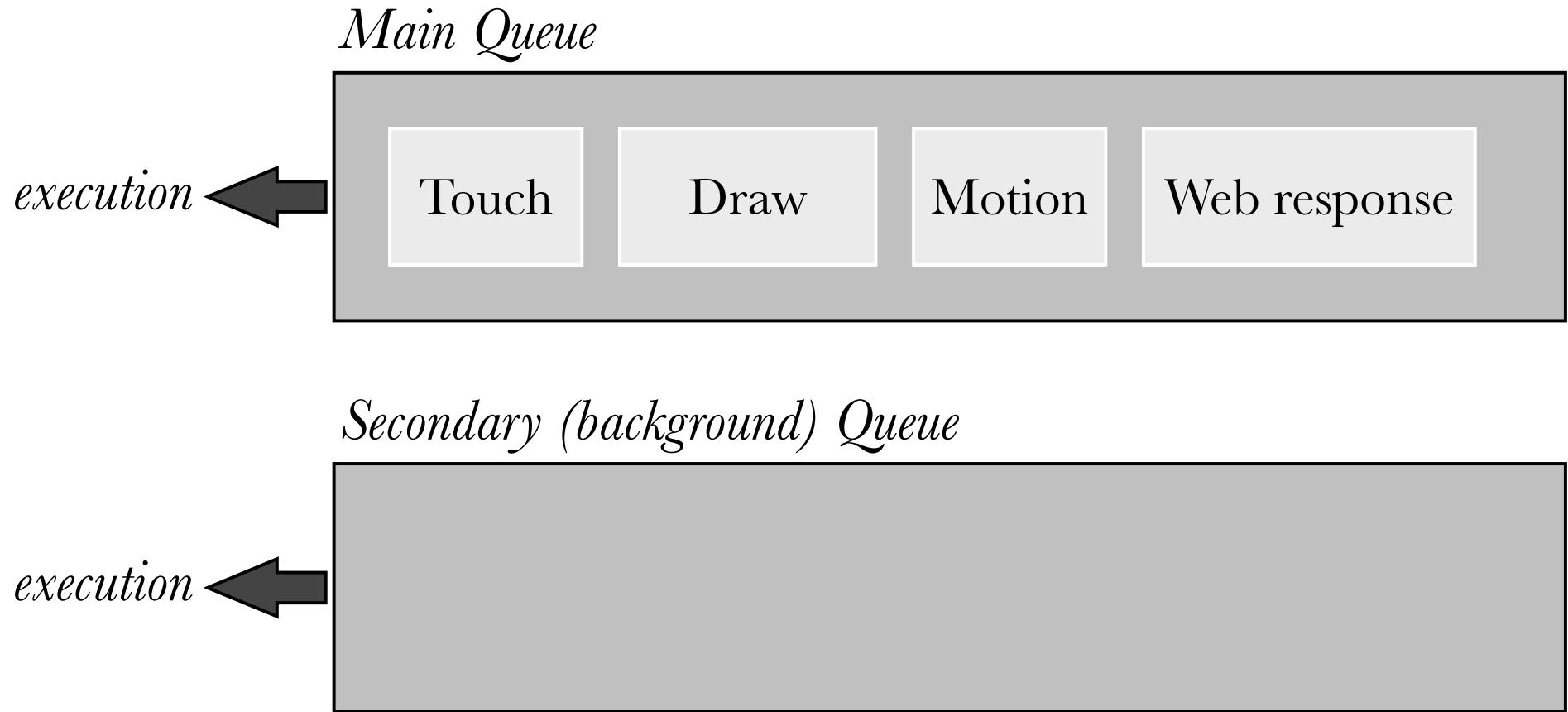
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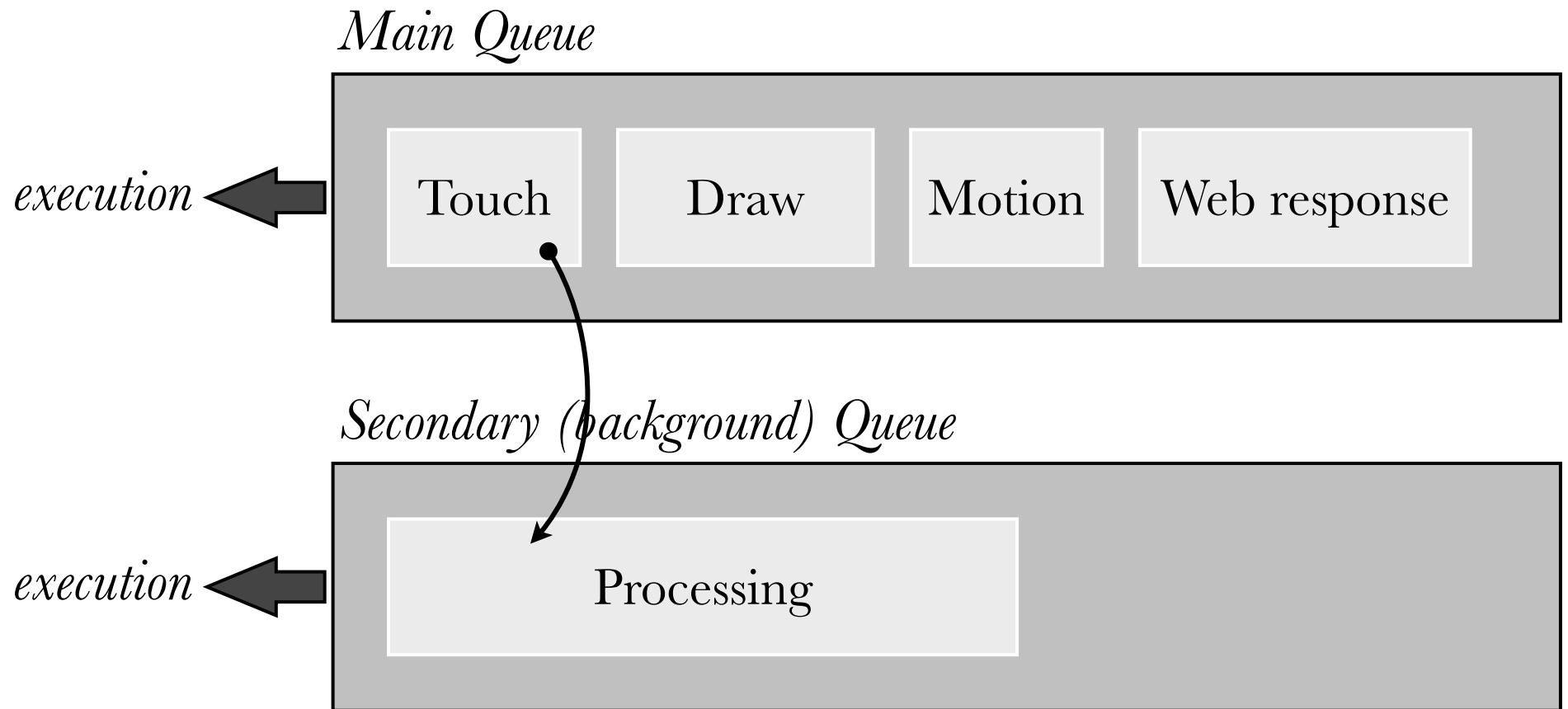
- All UIKit drawing and event dispatching happens in a single thread / *run loop*
- To exploit multi-core phones (and improve responsiveness) need to multi-thread
- But prefer to *avoid explicit multithreading*

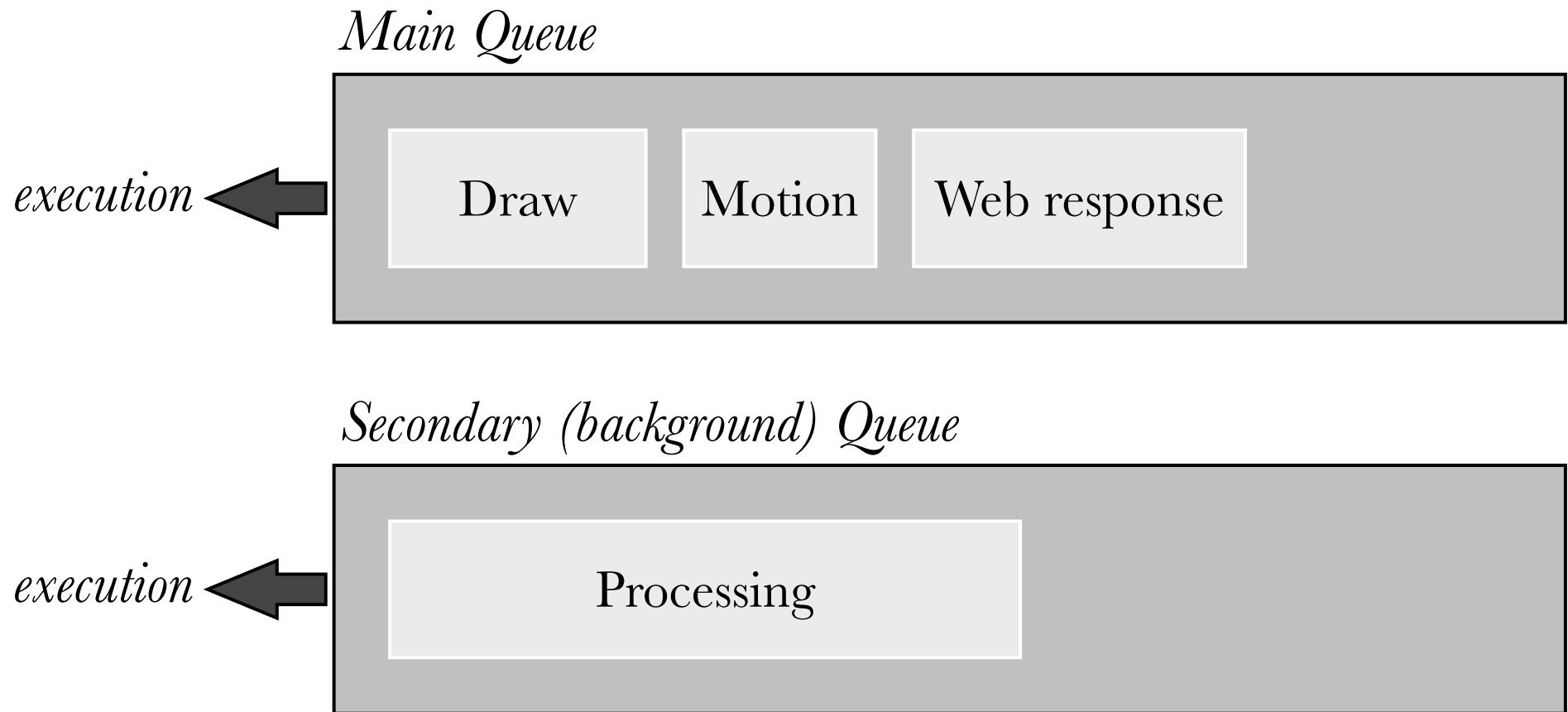
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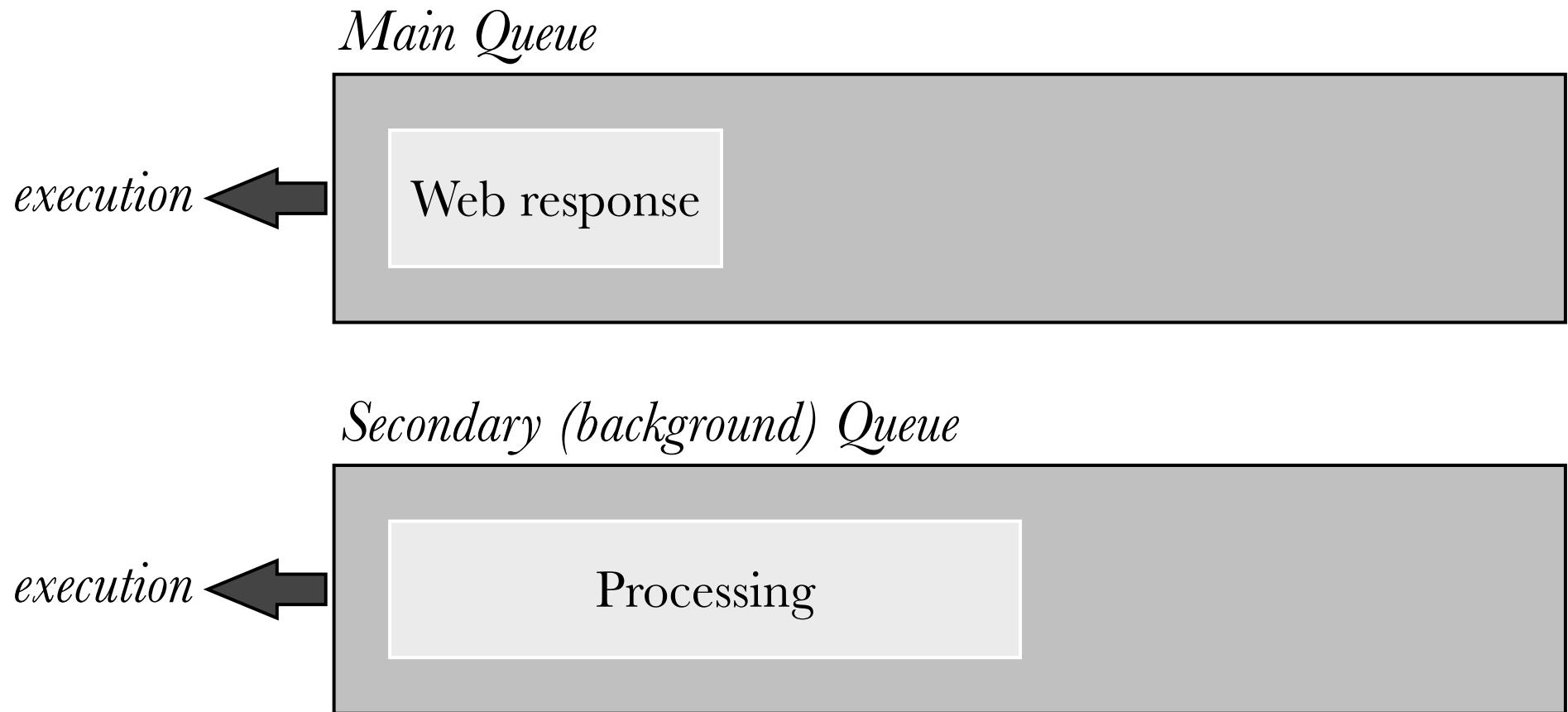
- High level concurrency support via “operation queues”
- Conceptually, a pool of workers that pulls items of a queue of operations
 - Single worker for the main queue!

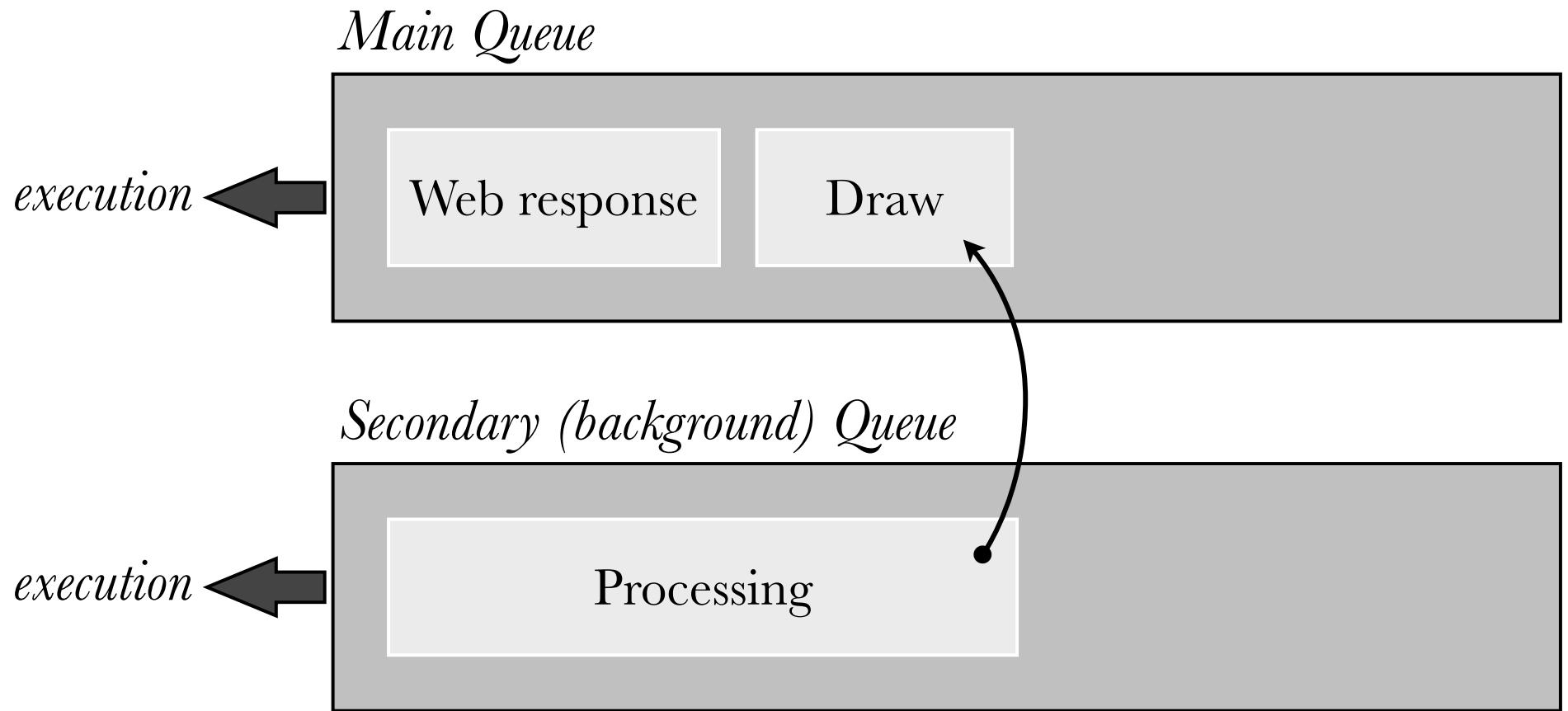


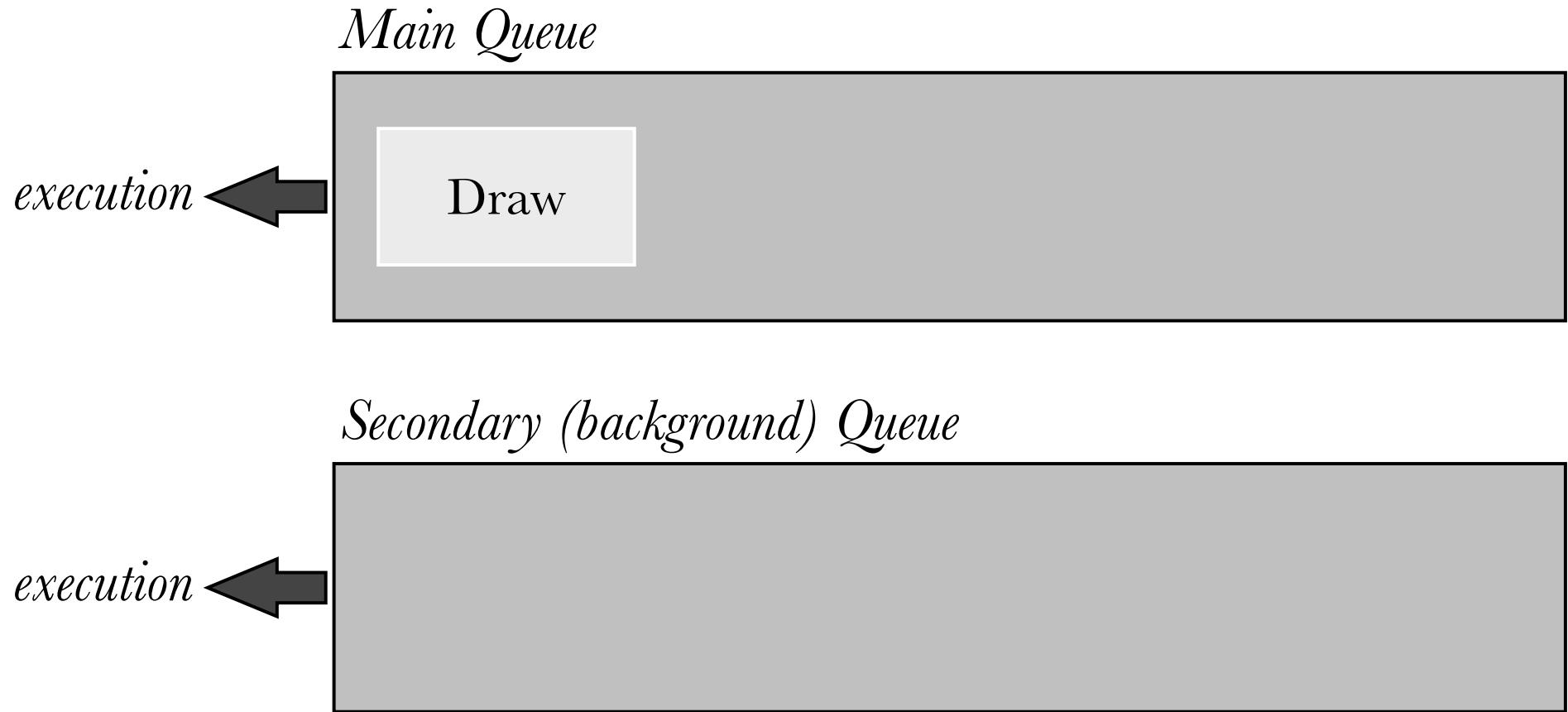












Hands-on

- Projects: *DominantColors*
- Concurrency with `NSOperationQueue`
- Incorporating a C library

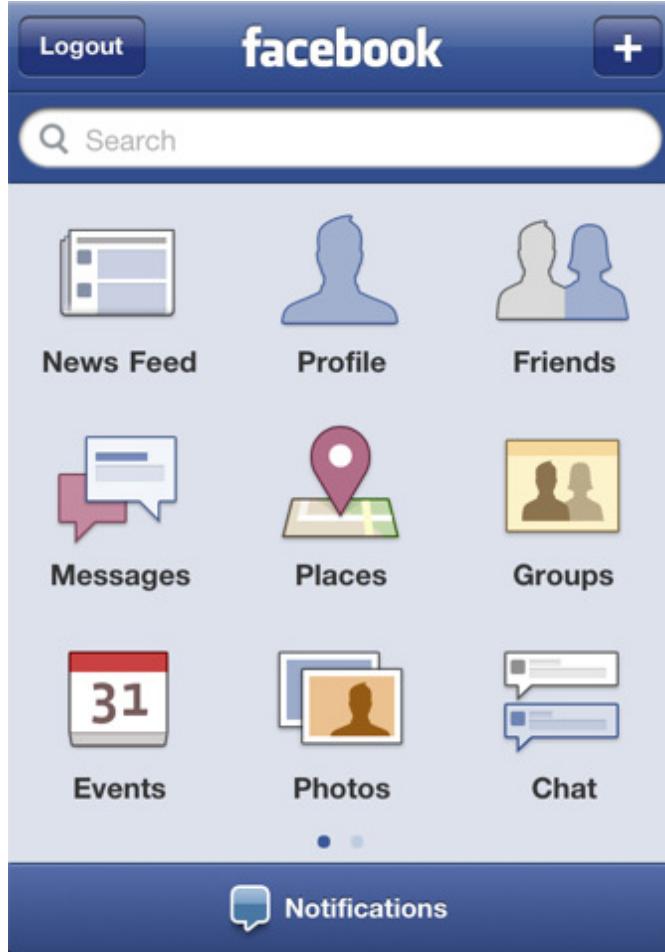
§ Alternatives to (Apple's) iOS SDK

there are a *vast* number of alternative/
supplementary frameworks and tools

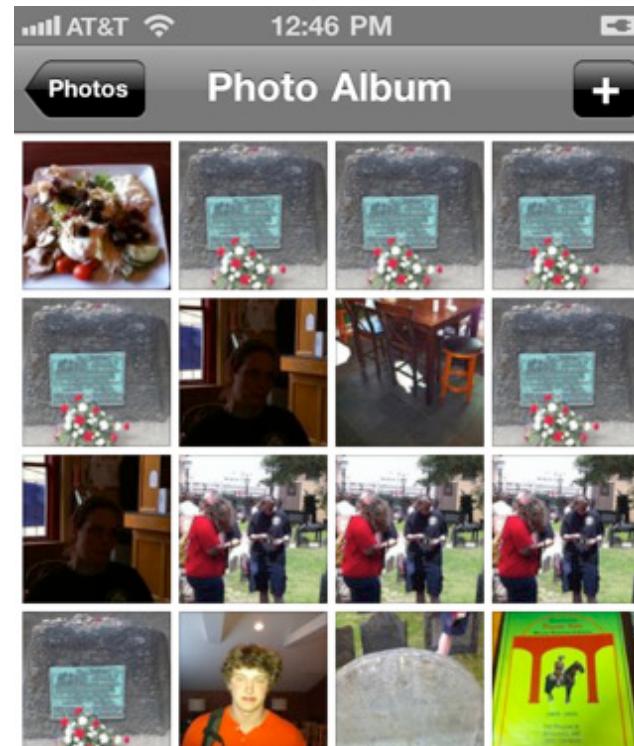
e.g., for game development, Cocos2D
<http://www.cocos2d-iphone.org>



- full featured game engine
- implements its own scene management conventions/API



e.g., (now defunct) Three20:
filled a need for non-pre-built
“grid-view” controllers



caveat emptor: third-party (open-source) frameworks often aren't maintained well, and Apple switches up the iOS SDK frequently (making them unsupported/redundant)

yet another alternative:

HTML5, CSS, JavaScript
based “native” apps via

Apache Cordova

- packaged as apps,
distributed via app store
- runs in local web view



there's even a viable alternative IDE to Xcode!

- JetBrains “AppCode”
- <http://www.jetbrains.com/objc/>

DominantColors

Project

DominantColors (~Dropbox/Code/ios1871/DominantColors)

MainStoryboard.storyboard

Supporting Files

AppDelegate.h

AppDelegate.m

ImageProcessor.h

ImageProcessor.m

kmeans.c

ViewController.h

ViewController.m

Frameworks

Products

Structure

Nothing to show in the Structure View

Debug DominantColors

Debugger Console

Frames

Thread-8451-<com.ap...>

+[ImageProcessor dominantColorsForImage:]

_30-[ViewController sampleColors]_block_invoke

-[NSBlockOperation main]

-[_NSOperationInternal start]

-[NSOperation start]

_block_global_6

_dispatch_call_block_and_release

_dispatch_client_callout

_dispatch_root_queue_drain

_dispatch_worker_thread2

onthread_watthead

Variables LLDB

self = [Class | 0x6ba8] "ImageProcessor"

_cmd = [SEL | 0x4bf7] dominantColorsForImage:maxCount:

image = {UIImage * | 0x881d290} "<UIImage: 0x881d290>"

NSObject = [NSObject]

_imageRef = {__NSCFType * | 0x881dd70} "<CGImage 0x881dd70>"

_scale = {CGFloat} 1

_imageFlags = {<anonymous struct>}

numColors = {int} 4

ctx = [CGContextRef | 0x0] nil

bitmapData = {uint8_t * | 0x1} 0x00000001

[0] = {uint8_t}

[1] = {uint8_t}

[2] = {uint8_t}

Watches

No watches

Event Log

Build Finished (a minute ago)

AppCode screenshot

§Resources

Developer resources

- <http://developer.apple.com>
 - API documentation
 - Code samples
- ★ WWDC session videos
- Developer forums

Classes

- No “certification” available (yet?)
- Our own seminars & semester-long classes
 - Note: seminar content is close to this, but longer for demos + hands-on sessions
- Online Stanford & other iPhone classes

§ Questions?

Thanks!



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