iOS Application Development Day 2

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Images

1. Images

A way to represent a bytestream

Does NOT give you access to the underlying image data

Can be made from any given iPhone UI screen

Carries with it a lower level CGImageRef object

CGImageRef theImage = [aUIImage CGImage];

Can be loaded in cache form with

```
UIImage * img = [UIImage imageNamed:@"ImageFilename.png"];

or loaded in no-cache form with

NSBundle * bnd = [NSBundle mainBundle];
NSString * path = [bnd pathForResource:@"ImageFilename" ofType:@"png"];
UIImage * img = [[UIImage alloc] initWithContentsOfFile:path];
```

UlImage can handle most basic image types: PNG, JEPG, GIF, ICO, BMP, TIF..

But the fastest way to load and draw images will typically be with PNGs.

UlImageView provides a simple way to put an image on the screen, $\ensuremath{\mathrm{w}}/$ no interaction

Listing 1: Loading a UllmageView with an image

UIButton can also show an image instead of a rounded rectangle. It can display different images for both foreground and background based on its current state as well.

Listing 2: Loading a UIButton with an image

Lab 4

Create a detail UITableViewController

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Load in class images in header with student name

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Push UITableViewController onto UINavigationController stack

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More about UIView and Core Graphics

2. More about UIView and Core Graphics

Any UIView can have its background color, overall opacity, dimensions and overall coordinate transform (CGAffineTransform)

Any UIView can contain any number of subviews

Any UIView can have specific autoresizing behavior applied to it when its parent view changes

Any UIView can automatically resize its subviews when its dimensions change

Any UIView subclass can choose to respond to direct touch events

Any UIView can optionally choose to blit its contents directly to the screen with Core Graphics

Views and subviews

The subviews a UIView has are contained within the subviews property of a view

Views and subviews

You can see the subviews of a view layed out in Interface Builder by expanding the View in the Document view



Figure: Expanding the contents of a UIView

Views and subviews

Views overlay each other based on the order they are added to the parent view; you can swap their order by using UIView methods like

- -(void) bringSubviewToFront:(UIView *)view;
- -(void) sendSubviewToBack:(UIView *)view;
- -(void) exchangeSubviewAtIndex:(NSInteger)idx withSubviewAtIndex:(NSInteger)i

Events and control events

Any UIView subclass can override the methods

- (void) touches Began: (NSSet *) touches with Event: (UIEvent *) event;
- (void)touchesMoved: (NSSet *)touches withEvent: (UIEvent *)event;
- (void)touchesEnded:(NSSet *)touches withEvent:(UIEvent *)event:
- (void) touches Cancelled: (NSSet *) touches with Event: (UIEvent *) event;

Listing 3: Touch events

and perform their own logic when the view is touched.

Events and control events

The NSSet passed to each of the event handling methods is full of UITouch objects, which can give you information about where specifically in a view the touch occurred.

Multi-touch

If you want to provide multi-touch interactivity with your view, ensure that you have set the multipleTouchEnabled property of your view to YES.

Events and control events

UIControl objects (like UIButton) offer more flexibility for responding to events by allowing you to assign specific selectors to be called at specific touch event times.

```
UIButton * b = [UIButton buttonWithType:UIButtonTypeCustom];
[b addTarget:self action:@selector(wasTouched:)
    forControlEvents:UIControlEventTouchDown];
[b addTarget:self action:@selector(wasDraggedOut:)
    forControlEvents:UIControlEventTouchDragOutside];
```

Listing 4: Handling UIButton events

Each UIView has a bounding frame and origin coordinate that specifies where in the parent view it appears; this is represented by a CGRect, which is a combination of CGPoint and CGSize .

CGRect, CGPoint and CGSize are all simple C-structs; they each have simple C constructor methods which make working with them easier:

```
CGRect myFrame = CGRectMake(0.0, 0.0, 200.0, 128.0);
CGPoint myPoint = CGPointMake(0.0, 10.0);
CGSize mySize = CGSizeMake(200.0, 128.0);
```

Listing 5: CG struct constructor methods

They are used universally throughout UIKit whenever ascertaining the location or dimensions of an object need to be queried.

The CGAffineTransform of a view modifies the /at render time/ value of coordinates, not the logical value you've assigned.

Position, size and color of views - CGRect, CGPoint, CGSize, UIColor

UIColor can be used to specify any common color value combination you wish to apply to an object.

Position, size and color of views - CGRect, CGPoint, CGSize, UIColor

UIColor provides a host of simple convenience methods for accessing commonly used colors.

Listing 6: UIColor usage

drawRect:

Some effects aren't easily achieved through UIViews and drawn images. To draw your view components manually, you can override the drawRect method and manually blit your graphics to the screen.

drawRect:

When drawing your graphics manually, you need to acquire a handle to the graphics surface. In Core Graphics, this is the CGContextRef, and you can get a handle to it by using UIKit to get the current valid context.

```
-(void) drawRect:(CGRect) frame {
   CGContextRef context = UIGraphicsGetCurrentContext();
   CGContextSetFillColor(context, [[UIColor redColor] CGColor]);
   CGContextFillRect(context, frame);
}
```

Listing 7: Core Graphics context

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UIView Animation

3. UIView Animation

UIView beginAnimations / commitAnimations

You can easily use Core Animation to animate any of your UIViews by using the beginAnimations and commiteAnimations messages.

$UIView\ begin Animations\ /\ commit Animations$

```
[UIView beginAnimations:nil context:NULL];
[someView setAlpha:0.0];
[UIView commitAnimations];
```

Listing 8: Example animation

UIView beginAnimations / commitAnimations

Most properties that affect a view's appearance are able to be animated, including size, position, arrangement with respect to other subviews and transparency.

You can set special properties for the animation inside the animation block. These properties include duration, animation curve, delay for animation and completion callbacks.

The animation curve specifies the easing behavior of an animation - you can set the animation to be linear, ease in, ease out or ease in and out.

```
[UIView beginAnimations:nil context:NULL];
[UIView setAnimationCurve:UIViewAnimationCurveEaseOut];
[someView setFrame:CGRectMake(newX, newY, newWidth, newHeight)];
[UIView commitAnimations];
```

Listing 9: Setting easing behavior

The animation duration and delay indicate how long the animation will run, and how long the animation will wait before running, respectively.

```
[UIView beginAnimations:nil context:NULL];

[UIView setAnimationDuration:12.0]; // 12 sec

[UIView setAnimationDelay:1.0]; // wait 1 sec before playing

[someView setAlpha:0.45];

[UIView commitAnimations];
```

Listing 10: Setting duration and delay

You can specify a delegate to receive start and stop selectors when the animation first begins and when the animation ends as well.

```
-(void) beginAnimation {
  [UIView beginAnimations:nil context:(void *)theView];
  [UIView setAnimationDelegate:self];
  SEL didStop = @selector(animDidStop:finished:ctxt:);
  SEL willStart = @selector(animWillStart:finished:ctxt:);
  [UIView setAnimationDidStopSelector:didStop];
  [UIView setAnimationWillStartSelector:willStart];
  [theView setAlpha:0.0];
  [UIView commitAnimations];
}
```

Listing 11: Handling animation start/stop events

Listing 12: Handling animation start/stop events pt. 2

Create a UITableViewCell subclass

Add a front and back image view to the UITableViewCell

Properly use the new cell subclass in the detail view controller

Add an image swap method to the subclass

Swap the images when touched

Correctly adjust the cell text to make room for the new image

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UIView and CALayer - Coordinate systems, layer backing

4. UIView and CALayer - Coordinate systems, layer backing

UIViews each containing a layer

Each UIView contains an object called a CALayer; this layer represents the final output of the view to be rendered to screen.

UIViews each containing a layer

The CALayer object of a UIView may contain sublayers. The tree hierarchy of UIViews is functionally identical to the tree hierarchy of CALayers.

UIViews each containing a layer

The coordinate system of a UIView is not identical to the coordinate system of a CALayer.

The contents attribute of a CALayer

Each CALayer has a property called contents which is intended to hold a CGImageRef.

The contents attribute of a CALayer

Alternatively, a CALayer may have a delegate assigned to it, whose job it is to render content to a supplied CGContextRef.

The contents attribute of a CALayer

The layer that is created for each UIView has its delegate assigned to that UIView.

How the above animation actually occurs under the hood (brief reference to CATransaction)

CALayers are the lower level manifestation of UIView animation.

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The animation calls at the UIView level boil down to operations inside a CATransaction.

How the above animation actually occurs under the hood (brief reference to CATransaction)

CATransactions imply batch operations upon a known "current state" of a CALayer; once the transaction has been committed, the values will be changed for the duration of the CATransaction on the modelLayer of a layer, and flushed to the presentationLayer.

Similarities and differences between a CALayer and a UIView

Both have transform properties; CGAffineTransform for UIView, CATransform3D for CALayer. CALayer allows for simple depth changes to a given layer's contents.

Similarities and differences between a CALayer and a UIView

The origin for CALayer's is centered; the origin for UIViews is at the upper left of the view.

Similarities and differences between a CALayer and a UIView

CALayers have no input model to speak of; CALayer subclasses need to be explicitly notified of user input.

Reference to CATiledLayer and performance optimizations

CALayers abstract how image content is batched to the graphics subsystem. With large (greater than 2048x2048) image content, it becomes necessary to partition the content into smaller chunks.

Reference to CATiledLayer and performance optimizations

CATiledLayer lets you build Google Maps style tiling of images into manageable chunks for the graphics hardware.

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Automatically computes the desired tile size for a given display areo and zoom level.

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