

# Praktikum Entwicklung von Mediensystemen mit iOS

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# Today

- Schedule
- Organization
- Video watching
- Introduction to iOS
- Exercise 1

# Schedule

- Phase 1 – The Tomorrow Talks
  - Concept development
  - Video production
- Phase 2 – Individual Phase
  - Introduction to basics of iOS
  - Exercises (+1 advanced exercise for Master students)
  - Each student works on exercises himself/herself
  - Weekly meetings
- Phase 3 – Concept Phase
  - Concretize concept
- Phase 4 – Implementation
  - Implementation of iOS app
  - Regular milestone meetings
- (optional) Phase 5 – Deployment Phase
  - Deploy iOS app in App Store

# Timeline

#	Date	Topic
	19.4.	Introduction & Brainstorming future mobile concepts
1	3.5.	Video watching, Introduction to iOS
	10.5.	no class (CHI Konferenz)
	17.5.	no class (Christi Himmelfahrt)
2	24.5.	More on iOS
3	31.5.	Concept finalization, paper prototyping
	7.6.	no class (Frohnleichnam)
	14.6.	Paper prototyping test, start of software prototype
5	21.6.	
6	28.6.	Think aloud study of software prototype
7	5.7.	
8	12.7.	Completion of software prototype
9	19.7.	Final presentation

# Organization

- 6 ECTS-Credits
- 4 SWS
- Weekly meetings
  - Thursday 14:15 – 16:00
  - Room 107, Amalienstraße 17
- Homepage:
  - <http://www.medien.ifi.lmu.de/pem>
- Submit exercises via UniWorX
- Set up your own version control system
  - Git integrated into Xcode

# iOS Developer Account

- University Account
- Send email, we invite you
- Create certificate
- Register as developer
- We send provisioning profile

# Video Watching

- **What?** Core functionality
- **Who?** Target group
- **Where? When? With whom?**  
Scenario, situation / context of use
- **Why?** Why should the intended person(s) be motivated to use the app in the intended context?
  
- **Ideas?** Additional ideas, suggestions, improvements
- **Concerns?** Obstacles, problems, show stoppers
- **Novelty?** Is the concept new? Existing apps?

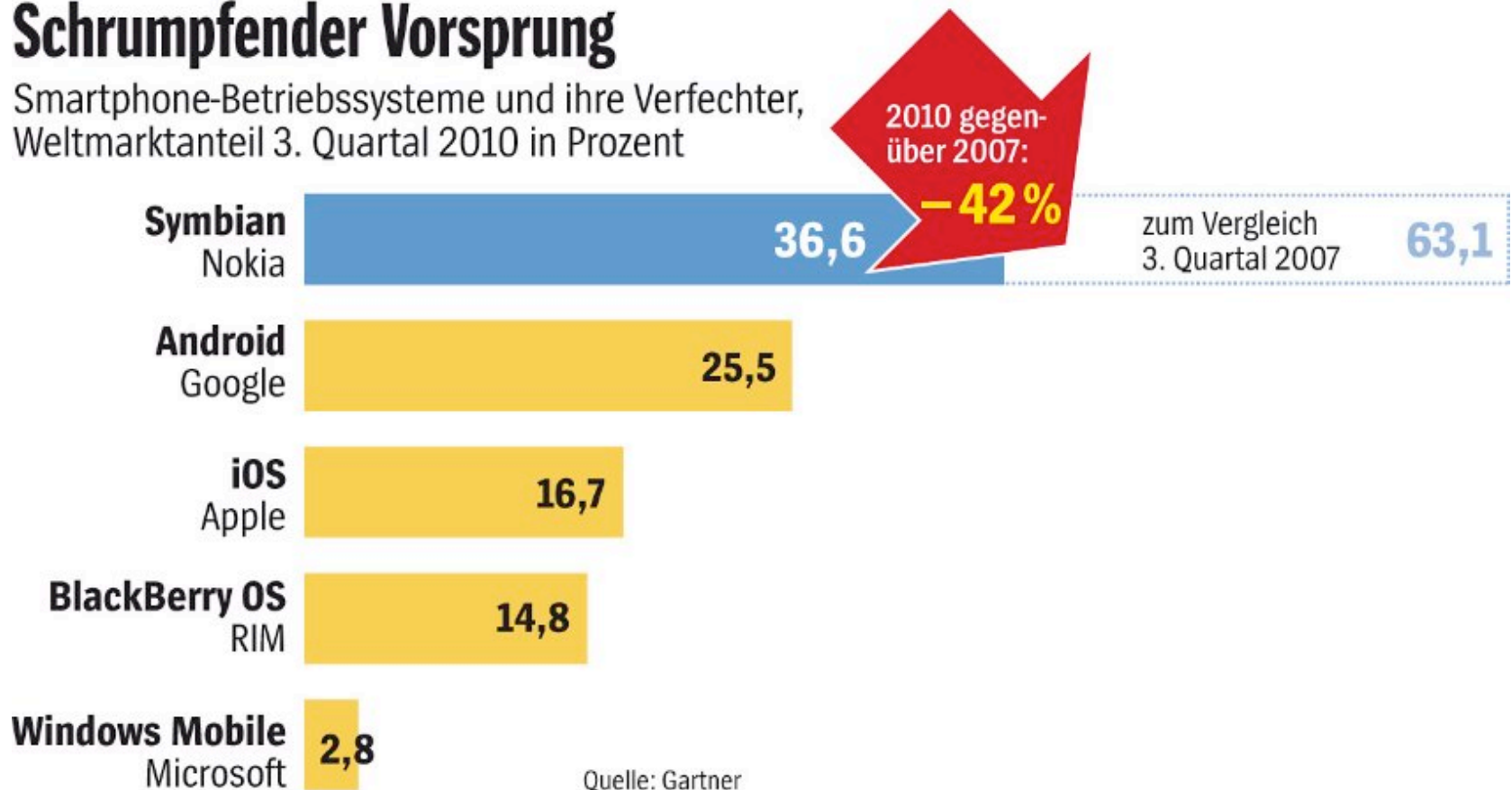
# APPLE IOS OVERVIEW



# Smartphone Operating Systems

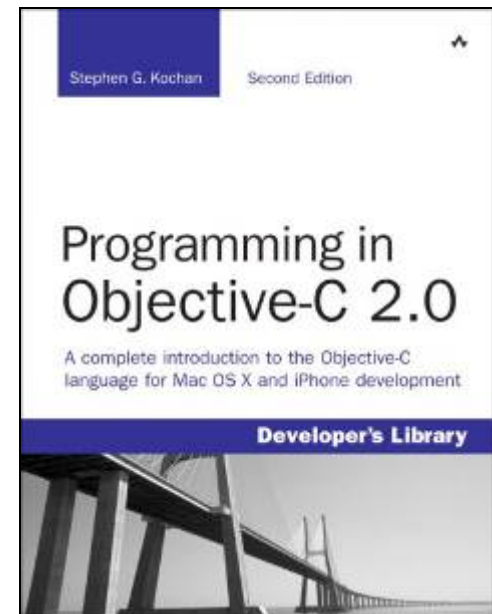
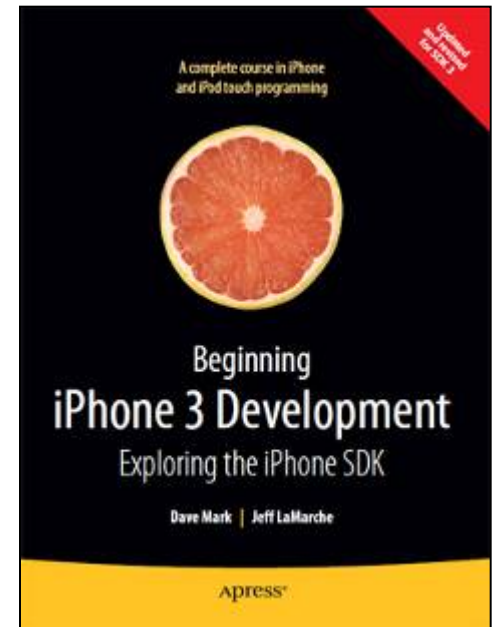
## Schrumpfender Vorsprung

Smartphone-Betriebssysteme und ihre Verfechter,  
Weltmarktanteil 3. Quartal 2010 in Prozent



# Books

- iPhone development
  - Dave Mark, Jeff LaMarche: Beginning iPhone 3 Development: Exploring the iPhone SDK. Apress, 2009.
  - <http://www.amazon.com/Beginning-iPhone-Development-Exploring-SDK/dp/1430224592/>
- Objective C
  - Stephen G. Kochan: Programming in Objective-C 2.0. Addison-Wesley, 2nd edition, 2009.
  - <http://www.amazon.com/Programming-Objective-C-2-0-Stephen-Kochan/dp/0321566157/>



# User Interface Guidelines

- Concrete guidelines for look-and-feel and behavior
  - Visual appearance, e.g., icon design
  - Purpose of user interface elements
  - Layout of user interface elements
  - Behavior, conventions of system features
- iOS Human Interface Guidelines
  - <http://developer.apple.com/library/ios/documentation/userexperience/conceptual/mobilehig/MobileHIG.pdf>
  - Aesthetic integrity, consistency, direct manipulation, feedback, metaphors, user control, ...

# Apple iOS

- Optimized version of Mac OS X
  - New components for handling touch
  - Memory optimized
- Hardware
  - 620 MHz ARM 1176 – 1GHz Apple A5
  - 128-512 MB DRAM
  - 4/8/16/32 GB flash RAM
  - Graphics: PowerVR OpenGL ES chip
  - Camera: 2.0-8.0 megapixels
  - Screen: 320x480 pixels, 163 ppi – 640x960 pixels, 326 ppi
  - Connectivity: GSM/UMTS, Wi-Fi (802.11b/g/n), Bluetooth
- SDK available since spring 2008



# SDK Options

- Official iPhone SDK
  - Requires Mac to develop (IDE/compiler/debugger only for Mac)
  - Requires registration as developer (\$99 per year)
  - Official support
  - Possibility to release on Apple App Store
  - <http://developer.apple.com/devcenter/ios/>
- iPhone toolchain SDK
  - Unofficial SDK
  - Available for Mac, Linux, PC (with varying comfort)
  - Command line gcc compiler (on-device compiling also possible)
  - All features of the phone actually accessible (even closed ones)
  - Requires “jailbreaking” the phone
  - May be legally questionable
  - <http://code.google.com/p/iphone-dev/>

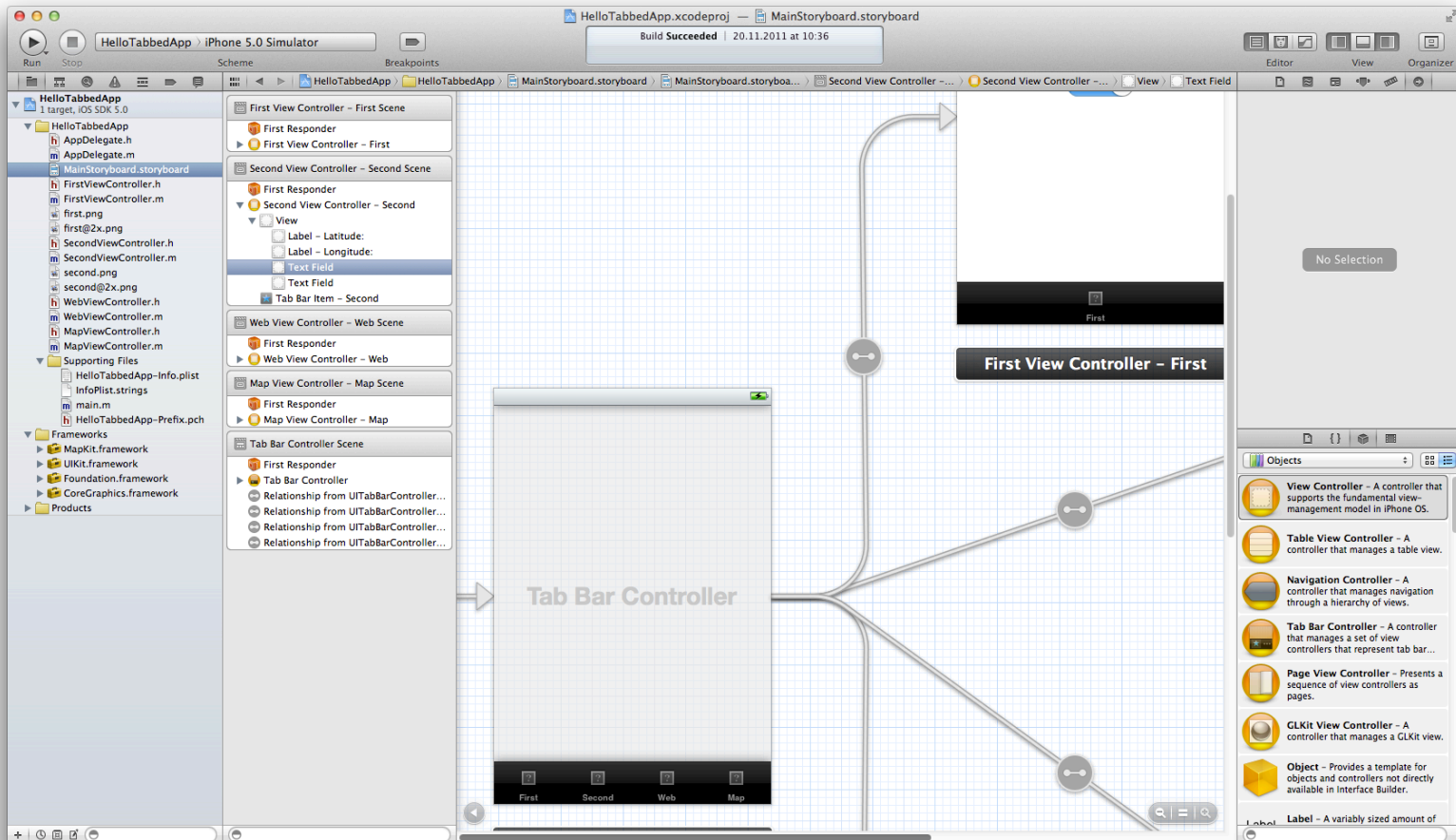
# Development Environment

- Xcode: IDE + integrated compiler, run-time debugger



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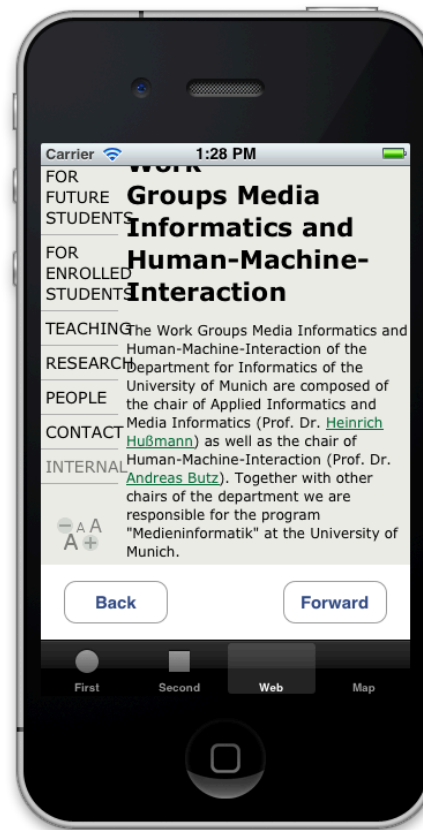
- Interface Builder: Graphical interface layouter





# Development Environment

- iPhone Simulator: Mac simulator of iPhone
  - Most features except tilt, simulated multitouch





# IOS TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

# Philosophy of the API

- Compatibility with Mac OS X
  - Foundation frameworks: shared, Cocoa Touch: iPhone-only
- Maintains general framework structure
- Benefit
  - Shared code development between iPhone and OS X
  - Rapid porting of applications
  - Developer familiarity (for previous Mac developers)
- Preferred language
  - Objective C (implementation language of the SDK)
  - C/C++ work
- Protective
  - Some APIs are privileged and cannot be accessed
  - Example: AudioCore, LayerKit (direct access to framebuffers)

# Cocoa Touch Architecture

- Cocoa Touch
  - High level architecture for building iOS applications
- Cocoa Touch consists of:
- UIKit
  - User interface elements
  - Application runtime
  - Event handling
  - Hardware APIs
- Foundation
  - Utility classes
  - Collection classes
  - Object wrappers for system services
  - Subset of Foundation in Cocoa

# Objective C

- Objective C is superset of C, with OO constructs
  - Unusual Syntax, rarely used outside Apple realm, inspired by SmallTalk
- General syntax for method calls (“messages”):  
`object.method(parameter1, parameter2);` becomes:  
`[object method:parameter1 parameterkey:parameter2];`
- Example  
`employee.setSalary(100,20); // arguments base_salary, bonus`  
`[employee setSalary:100 withBonus:20];`
- Learn more at  
[developer.apple.com/documentation/Cocoa/Conceptual/ObjectiveC](http://developer.apple.com/documentation/Cocoa/Conceptual/ObjectiveC)

# Objective C - Methods

- Method declaration syntax
  - ± (type) selector:(type)param paramkey:(type)param2;
  - Instance methods: - (void) myInstanceMethod;
  - Class methods: + (void) myClassMethod;
- Example
  - (void) setSalary:(int)income withBonus:(int)bonus;
- Basic classes, examples
  - NSObject is root class (basics of memory management)
  - NSString
    - Example: s = [NSString stringWithFormat: @"The answer is: %@", myObject];
    - Constant strings are @"this is a constant string"
  - NSLog(NSString); (NSLog is your friend...)
  - NS... also offers collections (NSArray, NSDictionary etc) and other basic language service functionality
    - Prefix "NS" is derived from OS X predecessor, NextStep

# Objective C – Features and Pitfalls

- Dynamically typed objects (or hard to find bugs)
  - id someObject
  - id is generic “pointer” without type (“void\*”)
  - introspection allows finding out type at runtime
- Nil object pointers (or how to make really hard to find bugs)
  - object = nil;
  - [object setProperty: nil];
  - Will send message to nil, hard to find if objects didn't get proper assignment
- id, nil and dynamic typing enable message-passing paradigm

# Memory Management By Hand

- Don't create memory leaks! ← now: ARC (later)
- Object reference life cycle:

```
myobject = [[MyClass alloc] init];           // reference count = 1 after alloc
[myobject retain];                          // increment reference count (retainCount == 2)
[myobject release];                         // decrement reference count (retainCount == 1)
[myobject release];                         // decrement reference count (retainCount == 0)
// at this point myobject is no longer valid, memory has been reclaimed
[myobject someMethod]; // error: this will crash!
```
- Can inspect current reference count:

```
NSLog(@"retainCount = %d", [textField retainCount]);
```
- Can autorelease (system releases at some point in future)

```
[myobject autorelease];
```

Used when returning objects from methods.

# Memory Management By Hand

- Memory rule: You are responsible for objects you allocate or copy (i.e. “allocate” or “copy” is some part of the name)!
- Not responsible:  
`NSData *data = [NSData dataWithContentsOfFile:@"file.dat"];`
- Responsible:  
`NSData *data = [[NSData alloc] initWithContentsOfFile:@"file.dat"];`
- Responsible:  
`NSData *data2 = [data copy];`
- Never release objects you are not responsible for!



# Objective C – Practical Aspects

- Based file extension `.m`
- Header file extension `.h` (expects Objective-C base file)
- Base file extension for Objective C++ is `.mm` (not `.cpp`)
- `#import <...>` (automatic redundancy check)

# Objective C - Class

In .h file:

```
#import <Foundation/Foundation.h>

@interface Employee : NSObject
{ //Instance vars here
    NSString *name;
    int salary;
    int bonus;
}
// methods outside curly brackets
- (void)setSalary:(int)cash withBonus:(int)extra
@end
```

# Objective C - Class

In .m file:

```
#import "Employee.h"
```

```
@implementation Employee
```

```
- (void)setSalary:(int)cash withBonus:(int)extra
```

```
{
```

```
    salary = cash;
```

```
    bonus = extra;
```

```
}
```

```
@end
```

# Objective C - Protocols

- Used to simulate multiple inheritance and add functionality on top of existing objects (i.e. for delegates), similar to **interfaces** in Java:

```
@protocol Locking
```

```
- (void)lock;
```

```
- (void)unlock;
```

```
@end
```

- Denotes that there is an abstract idea of „Locking“
- Classes can state that they implement „Locking“ by declaring the following:

```
@interface SomeClass : SomeSuperClass <Locking>
```

```
@end
```

# Objective C Properties

- .h file:

```
@interface MyDetailViewController : UIViewController {  
    NSString *labelText;  
}
```

```
@property (nonatomic, strong) NSString *labelText;  
@end
```

- .m file:

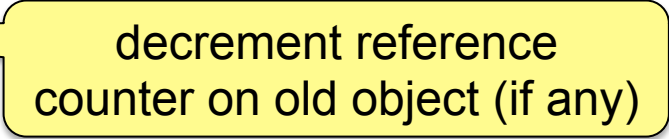
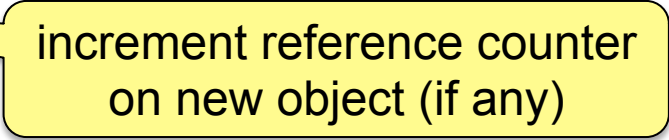
```
@synthesize labelText;  
-(void)someMethod {  
    self.labelText = @"hello";  
}
```

creates accessor methods:  
setLabelText (retains/releases)  
and getLabelText.

dot-syntax means: use property's  
setLabelText accessor method,  
will retain the object

equivalent to  
[self setLabelText:@"hello"];

# Implicit Setter/Getter Accessor Methods

- .h file: `@property (nonatomic, strong) NSString *labelText;`
- .m file: `@synthesize labelText;`
- Automatic creation of accessor methods:
  - `(void) setLabelText:(NSString *)newLabelText {`
    - `[labelText release];` 
    - `labelText = newLabelText;`
    - `[labelText retain];` 
  - `}`
  - `(NSString*) getLabelText {`
    - `return labelText;`
  - `}`
- Properties are accessible from other classes, data members only if declared `@public`

# Property Attributes

- Writability: readwrite (default), readonly
- Setter semantics: strong, weak ← with ARC
- Atomicity: atomic (default), nonatomic
  
- “readonly” means only a getter, but no setter accessor method is generated by @synthesize

# Selectors

- Methods as arguments (useful for callback methods)
- Example: setting a button callback method

- .h file

```
@interface MyDetailViewController : UIViewController {  
    IBOutlet UIButton *newButton;  
}  
  
@property (nonatomic, retain) UIButton *newButton;  
- (void) newButtonPressed:(id)source;
```

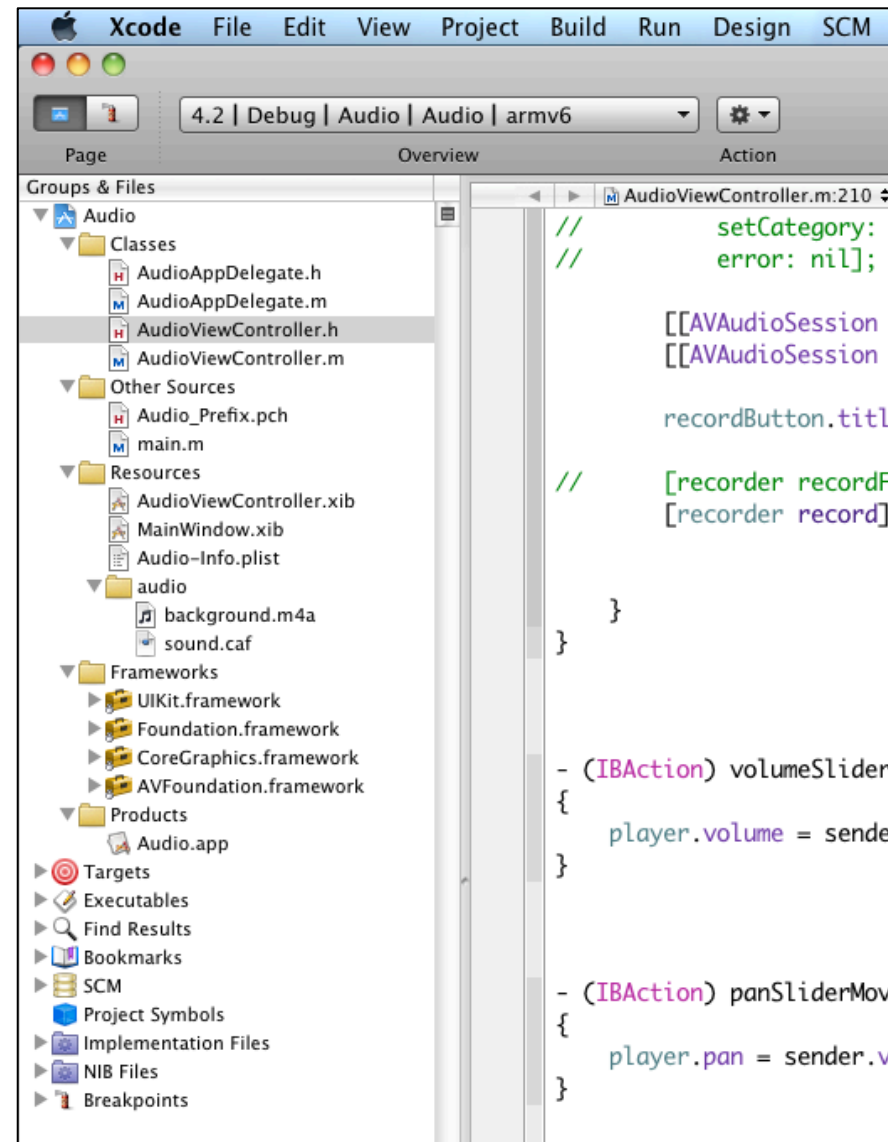
- .m file

```
- (void)someInitializationMethod {  
    [newButton addTarget:self action:@selector(newButtonPressed:)  
        forControlEvents:UIControlEventTouchUpInside];  
}  
  
- (void) newButtonPressed:(id)source { NSLog(@"newButtonPressed"); }
```



# Contents of an Xcode iPhone Project

- Source files
- Compiled Code
- Framework code
  - E.g. `UIKit.framework`
- Nib file (extension `.xib`)
  - Contains interface builder data
- Resources
  - Media (images, icons, sound)
- Info.plist file
  - Application configuration data



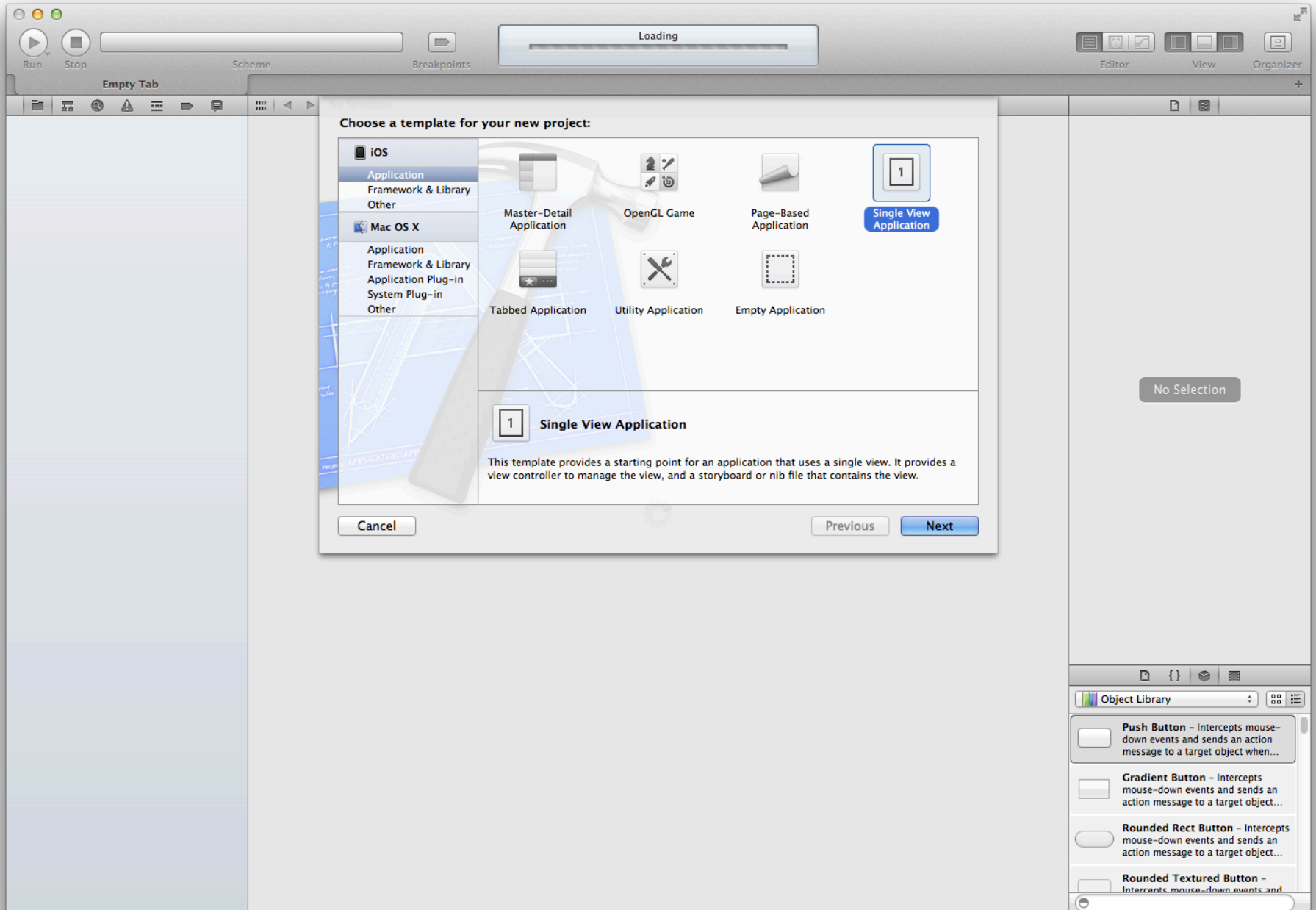
**HELLO WORLD**

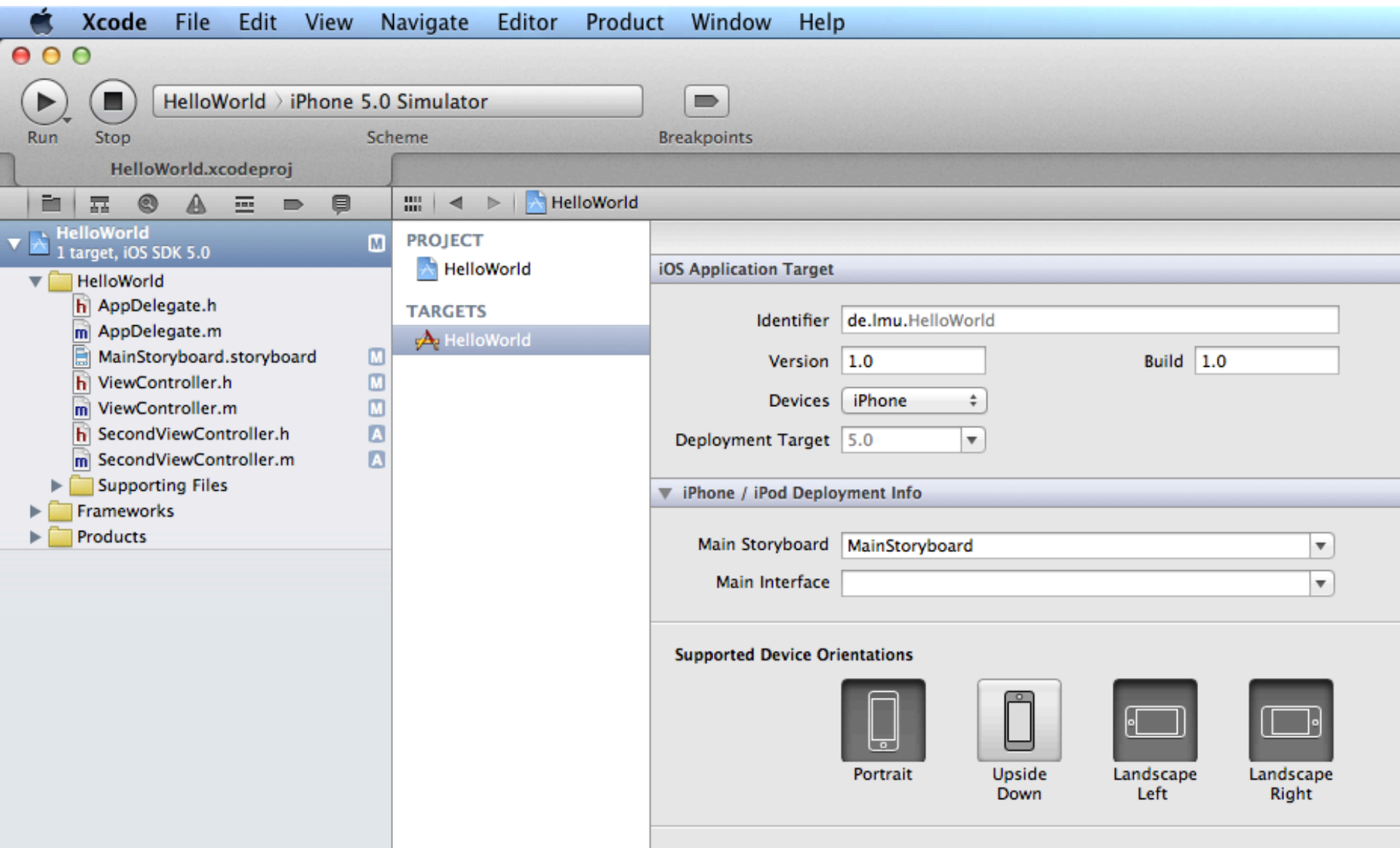
# “Hello World” Steps

- Creating a project (“Single View Application”)
  - Use storyboards, use ARC, use Git
- Inspecting package contents
  - Navigator (left pane)
- Inspecting MainStoryboard
  - Utilities (right pane)
  - Roles of Views and ViewControllers
- Modify storyboard
  - Remove original view controller, add navigation view controller
  - Adding a label and a button
  - Add segue to another view controller

# “Hello World” Steps

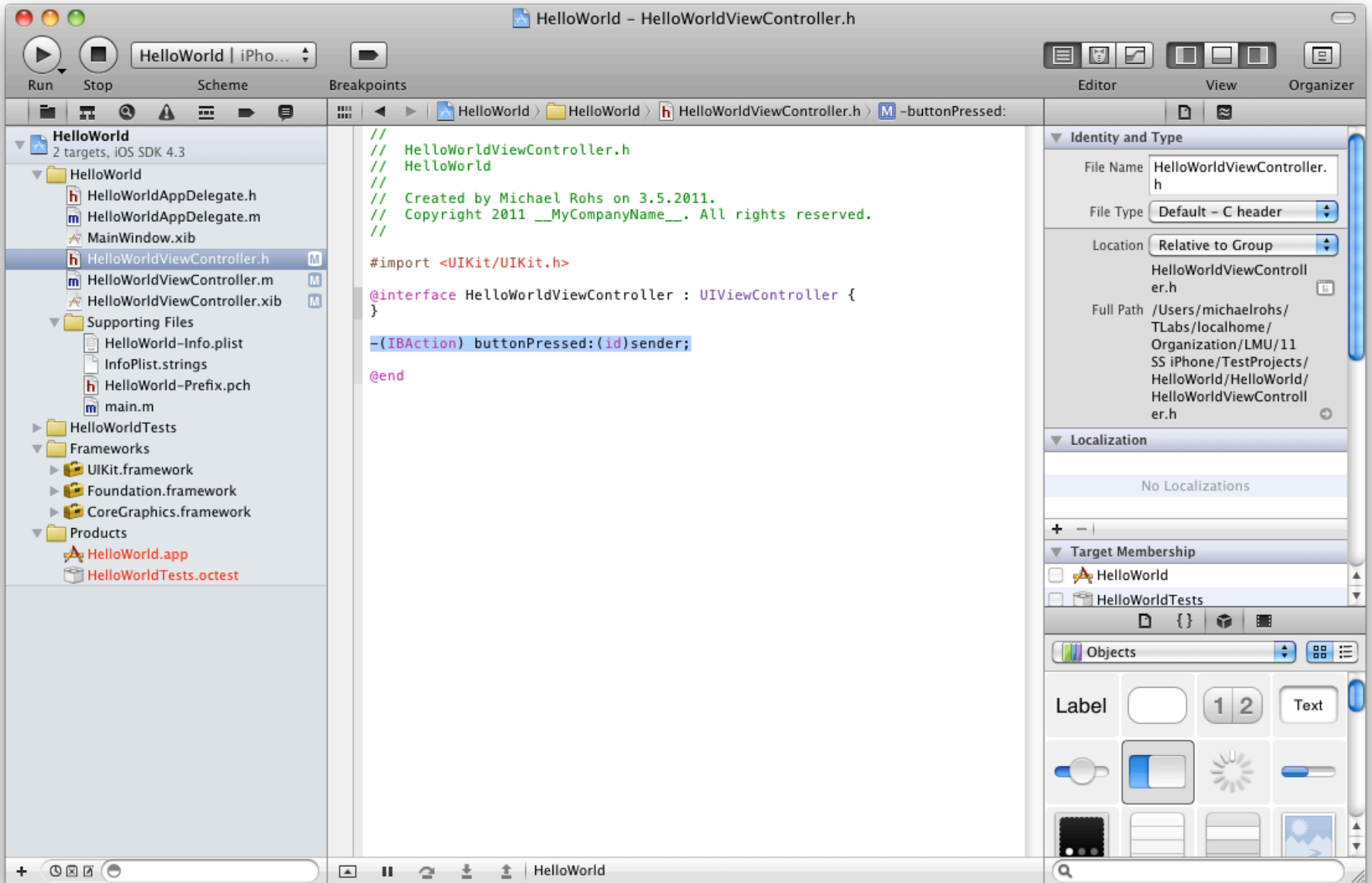
- Set label text when button was pressed
  - Add label outlet and property in .h file
  - Synthesize label property and set label text in .m file
- Increment counter when button was pressed
  - Add variable in .h file
  - Use NSString stringWithFormat in .m file
- Access label view using a tag (no IBOutlet required)
  - Define tag for label in Interface Builder (e.g. Tag = 100)
  - `UILabel *label = (UILabel*)[self.view viewWithTag:100];`
- Explain #pragma



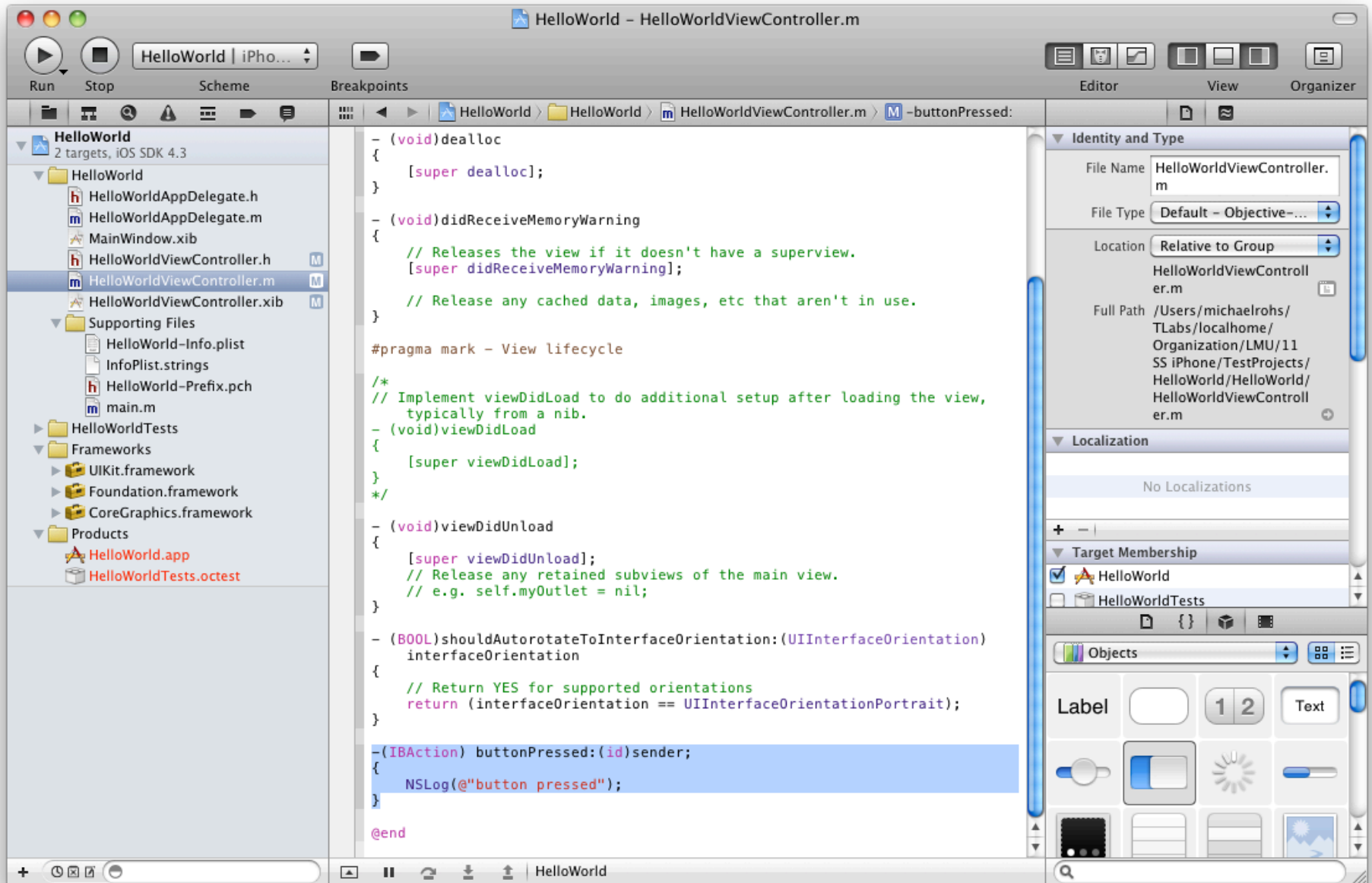


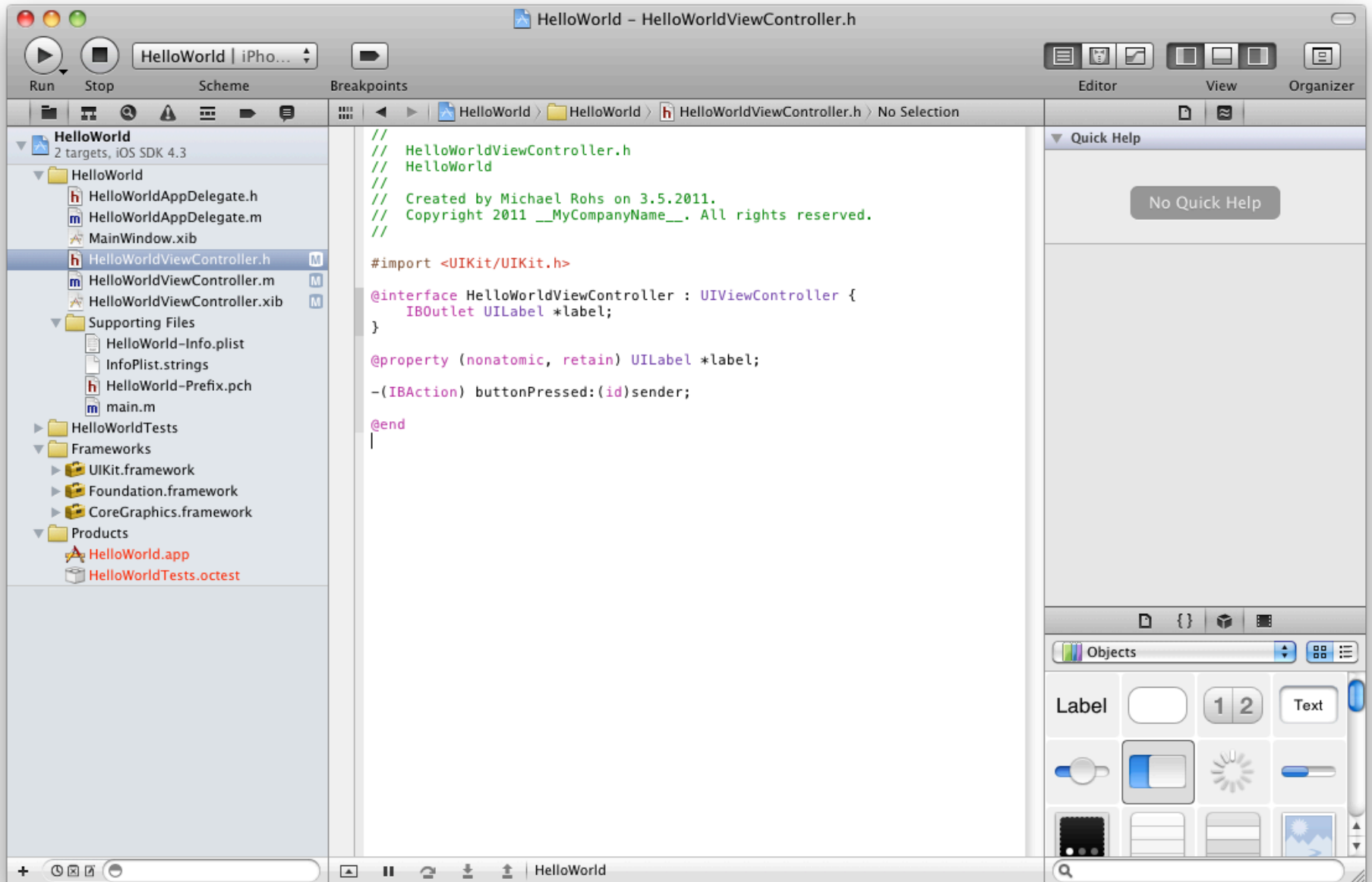
# UIViewController subclasses

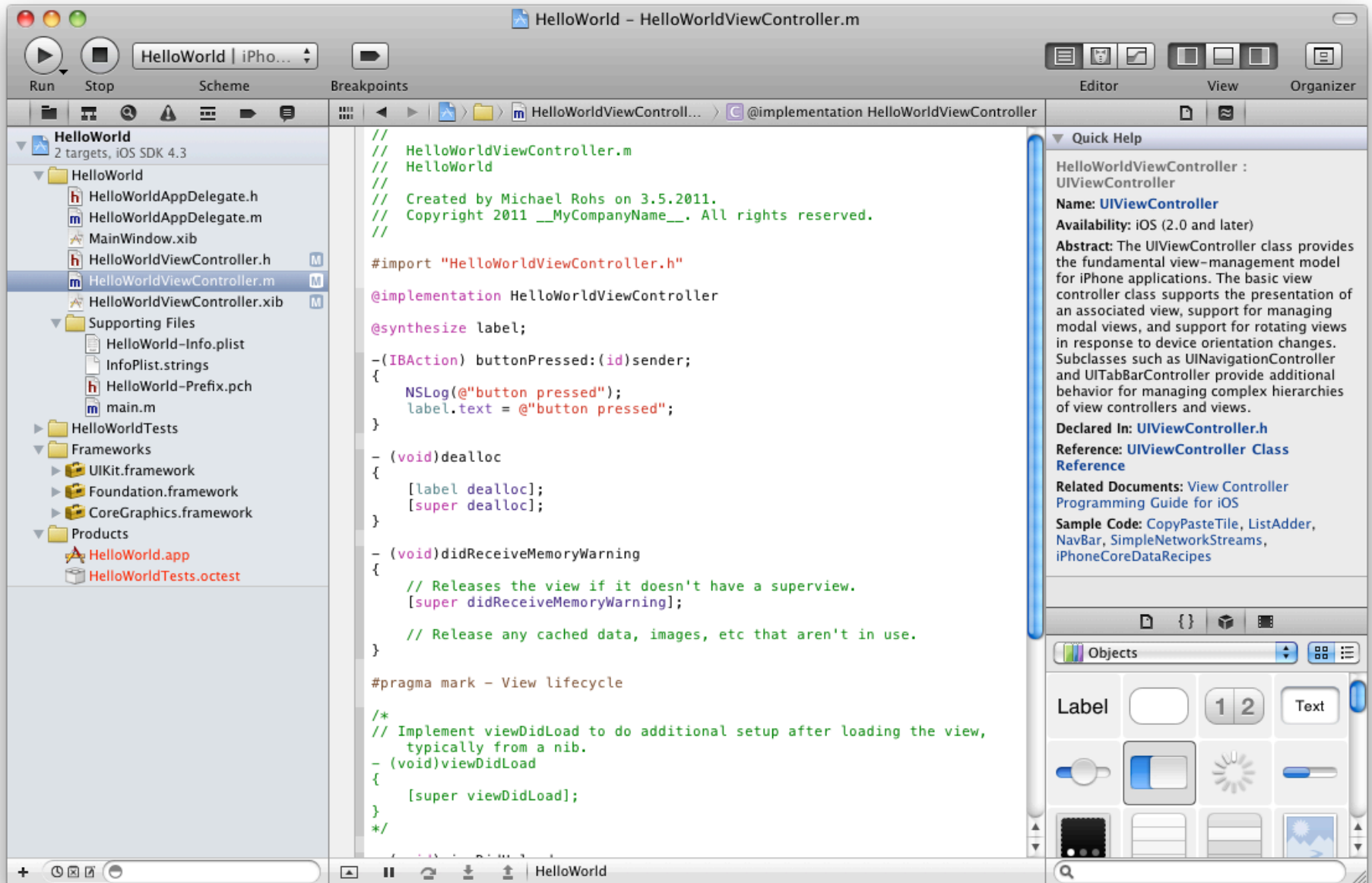
- View lifecycle
  - (void)viewDidLoad
  - (void)viewDidUnload
- View events
  - (void) viewWillAppear:(BOOL)animated
  - (void) viewWillDisappear:(BOOL)animated
  - (void) viewDidAppear:(BOOL)animated
  - (void) viewDidDisappear:(BOOL)animated
- Rotation settings and events
  - interfaceOrientation property
    - shouldAutorotateToInterfaceOrientation:
- many more... → see documentation











# STORYBOARDS

# Storyboards = Scenes + Segues

The screenshot displays the Xcode interface for a storyboard named 'MainStoryboard.storyboard'. The storyboard is organized into a 'Tab Bar Controller Scene' containing a 'Tab Bar Controller' and four child view controllers: 'First View Controller - First', 'Second View Controller - Second', 'Map View Controller - Map', and 'Web View Controller - Web'. Each view controller is represented by a mobile device mockup. The 'Tab Bar Controller' is connected to each child view controller via segue lines. The 'First View Controller' contains a toggle switch labeled 'ON'. The 'Second View Controller' contains two text input fields labeled 'Latitude:' and 'Longitude:'. The 'Map View Controller' contains an 'MKMapView'. The 'Web View Controller' contains a 'UIWebView' with 'Back' and 'Forward' buttons. The left sidebar shows the storyboard's hierarchy, and the right sidebar shows the 'Identity' inspector for the selected 'Tab Bar Controller' object, which is of class 'UITabBarController'.

**Custom Class**  
Class: UITabBarController

**User Defined Runtime Attributes**

Key Path	Type	Value
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**Identity**

Label: Xcode Specific Label

Object ID: 4

Lock: Inherited - (Nothing)

Notes:  Show With Selection

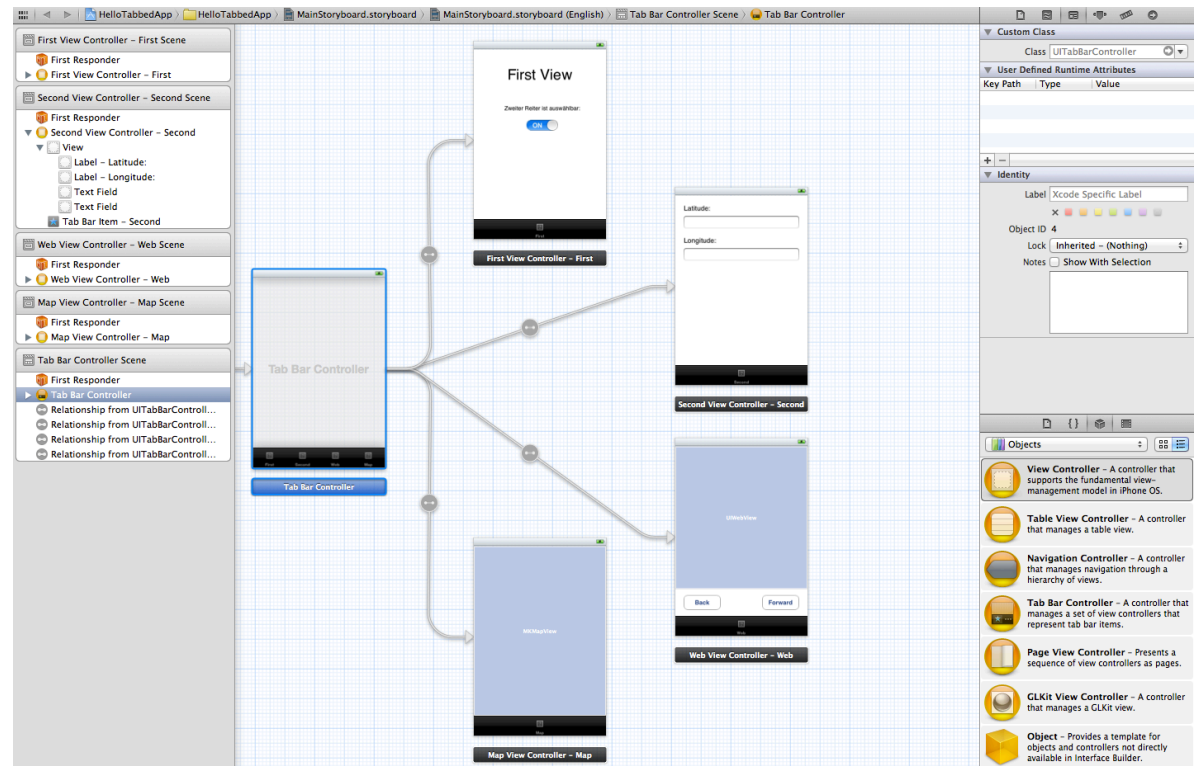
**Objects**

- View Controller** - A controller that supports the fundamental view-management model in iPhone OS.
- Table View Controller** - A controller that manages a table view.
- 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.
- GLKit View Controller** - A controller that manages a GLKit view.
- Object** - Provides a template for objects and controllers not directly available in Interface Builder.

# Storyboards = Scenes + Segues

- Scene: A single screen of content
- Segue: Transition between scenes
- One storyboard per project, contains all scenes

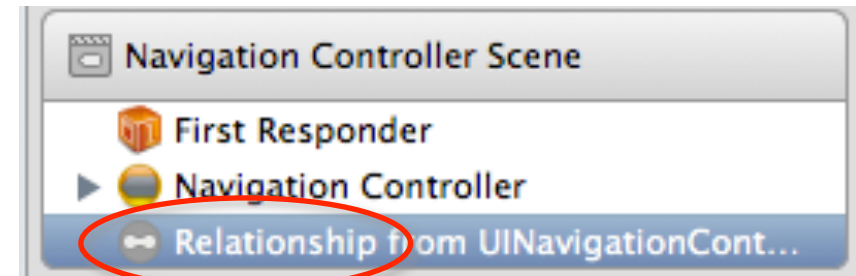
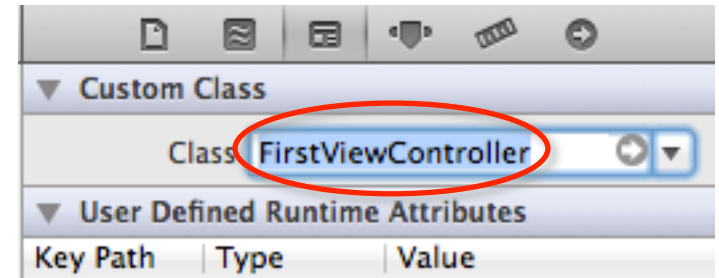
- Zoom in-out:  
double-click  
background
- Zoom in to  
edit scene
- class:  
UIStoryboard





# Storyboards = Scenes + Segues

- Scene: A single screen
  - UIViewController subclass
  - Create subclass: File | New File... | UIViewController subclass
  - Set new subclass to scene
- Segue: Transition between scenes
  - UIStoryboardSegue: transitions are objects, too!
    - Performs the visual transition between two view controllers
  - Types: Push, Modal, Custom
  - Relationships link containers (Tab Bar Controller, Navigation Controller) to content views



# No More MainWindow.xib



- Can still configure projects to use xib-files in iOS 5
  - Adding items from library, IBOutlets, IBActions have not changed
- If using storyboards, then ...-Info.plist shows:

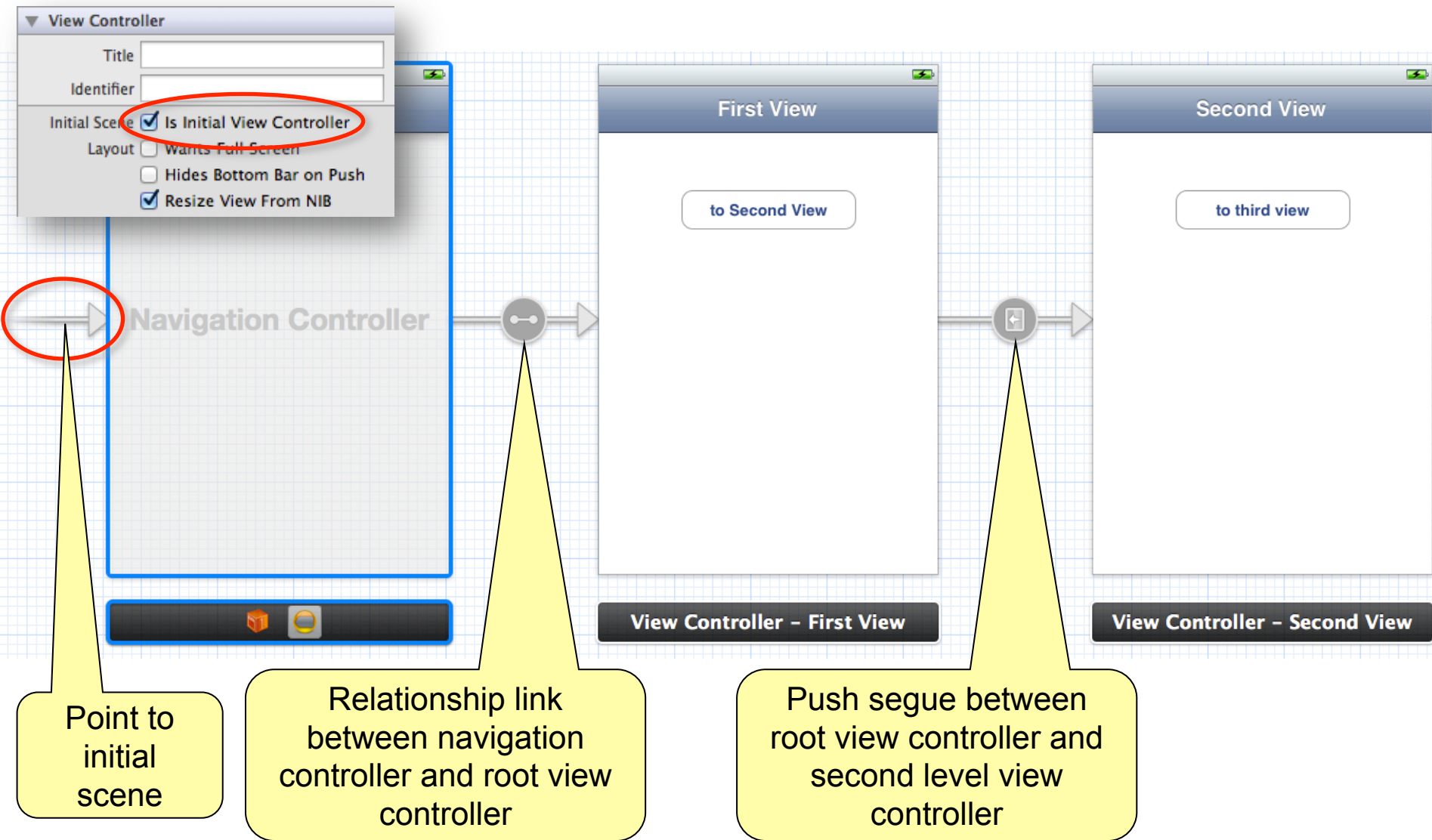
Bundle version	String	1.0
Application requires iPhone environment	Boolean	YES
▶ Required device capabilities	Array	(1 item)
▶ Supported interface orientations	Array	(3 items)
Main storyboard file base name	String	Storyboard

- Automatically instantiates “initial” view controller:



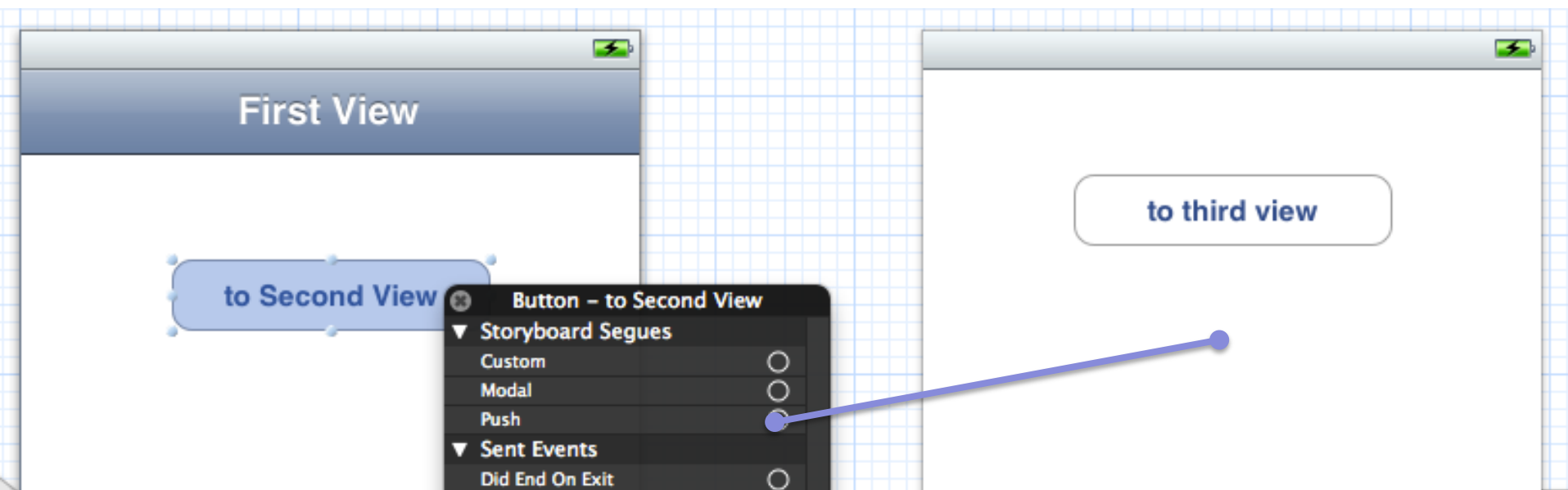


# Scenes and Segues



# Creating Segues

- Ctrl-click element that invokes second scene (e.g. button)
- Or right-click this element



# Pass Data Between Scenes (Up)

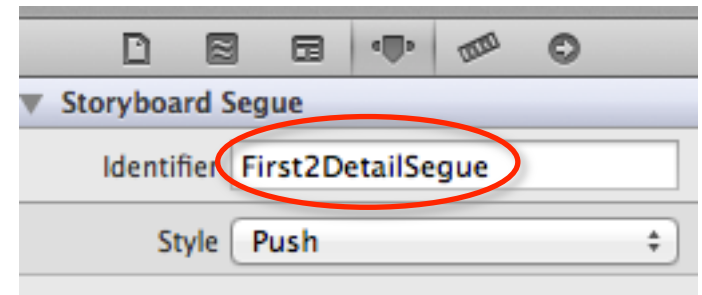
- Implement method `prepareForSegue:sender:` in source view controller

```
- (void) prepareForSegue:(UIStoryboardSegue*) segue sender:(id) sender {  
    if ([[segue identifier] isEqualToString:@"First2DetailSegue"]) {  
        DetailViewController *dvc = (DetailViewController*) [  
            segue destinationViewController];
```

```
        dvc.data = data;
```

```
    }  
}
```

here the data is passed  
to the detail controller



- Set segue identifier in storyboard
- Subclass `UIStoryboardSegue` for custom transitions
  - Specify as custom in storyboard
  - Override “perform” method

# Pass Data Between Scenes (Back)

- For push segues



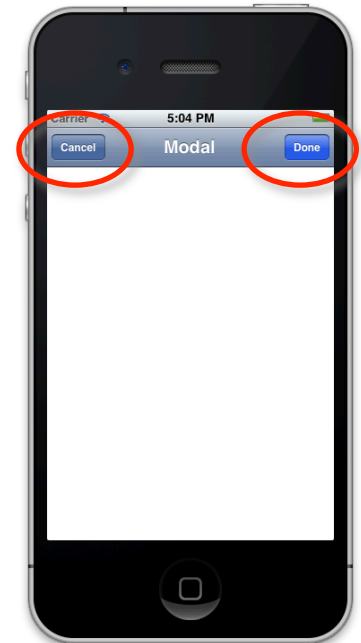
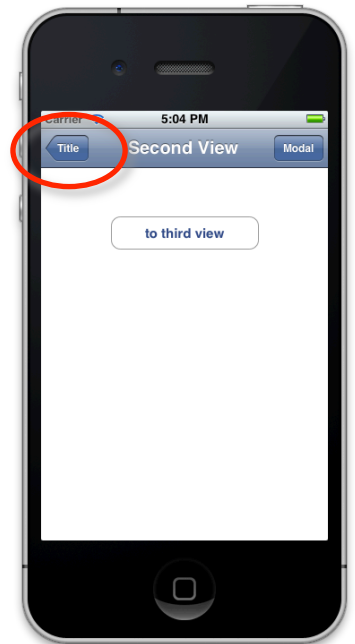
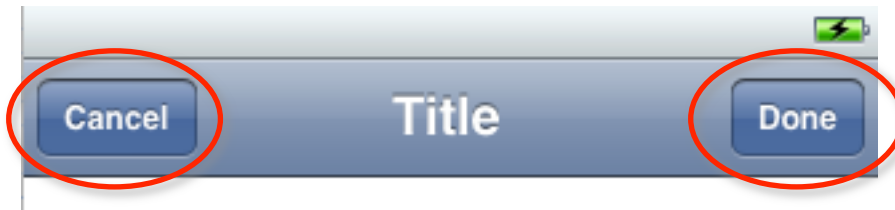
- Update data structure set in prepareForSegue
- Back button automatically pops view controller



- For modal segues



- Use delegate object that processes done/cancel and dismisses modal view controller



# Pass Data Back from Modal View

- Modal view defines delegate protocol

```
@class MyModalViewController; // forward declaration
```

tells the compiler that My...Controller is a class (used before declared)

```
@protocol MyModalViewControllerDelegate
```

```
- (void) myModalViewControllerDidCancel:(MyModalViewController*)controller;
```

```
- (void) myModalViewControllerDidSave:(MyModalViewController*)controller;
```

```
@end
```

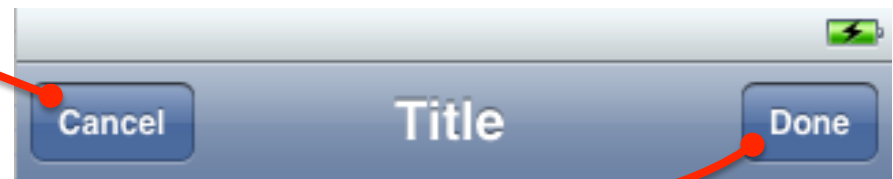
```
@interface MyModalViewController : UIViewController
```

```
@property (nonatomic, strong) id <MyModalViewControllerDelegate> delegate;
```

```
- (IBAction)cancel:(id)sender;
```

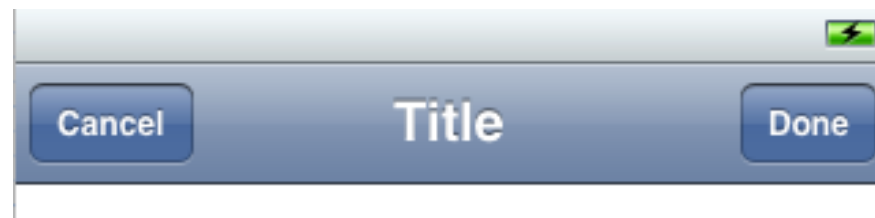
```
- (IBAction)done:(id)sender;
```

```
@end
```



# Pass Data Back from Modal View

- MyModalViewController.m, call the delegate
  - (IBAction)cancel:(id)sender {  
    [self.delegate myModalViewControllerDidCancel:self];  
}
  - (IBAction)done:(id)sender {  
    [self.delegate myModalViewControllerDidSave:self];  
}



# Pass Data Back from Modal View

- FirstViewController.h

```
#import "MyModalViewController.h"
```

```
@interface FirstViewController : UIViewController  
    <MyModalViewControllerDelegate>
```

```
@end
```

- FirstViewController.m

```
- (void) prepareForSegue:(UIStoryboardSegue*)segue sender:(id)sender {  
    if ([[segue identifier] isEqualToString:@"First2Modal"]) {  
        MyModalViewController *mvc = [segue destinationViewController];  
        mvc.delegate = self;  
    }  
}
```

```
- (void) myModalViewControllerDidCancel:(MyModalViewController*)controller  
{ [controller dismissModalViewControllerAnimated:YES]; }
```

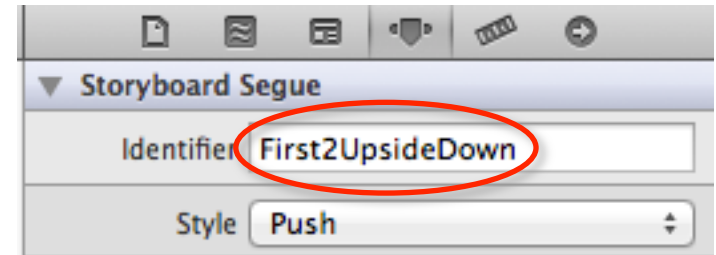
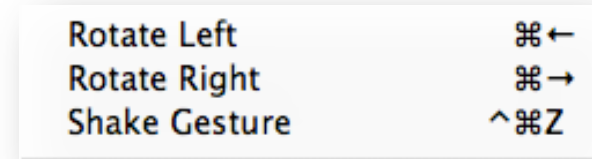
```
- (void) myModalViewControllerDidSave:(MyModalViewController*)controller  
{ [controller dismissModalViewControllerAnimated:YES]; }
```

starting view controller  
implements delegate  
protocol

set segue identifier  
in storyboard

# Programmatically trigger Segues

- performSegueWithIdentifier
- Example: Show a scene when device upside down
  - Rotate simulator: ⌘←, ⌘→
- In UIViewController subclass

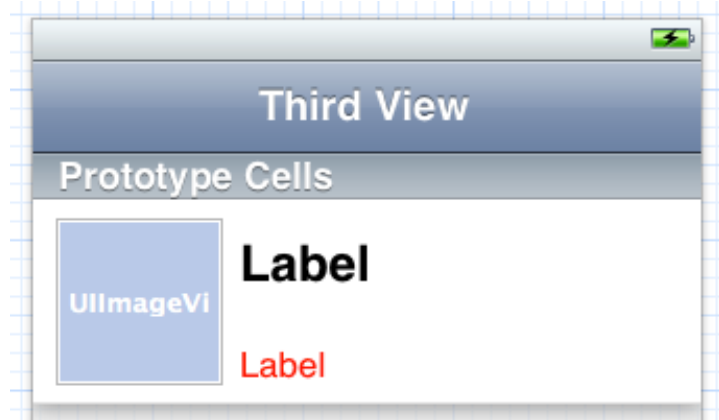


```
- (BOOL)shouldAutorotateToInterfaceOrientation:  
    (UIInterfaceOrientation)interfaceOrientation  
{  
    if (interfaceOrientation == UIInterfaceOrientationPortraitUpsideDown) {  
        [self performSegueWithIdentifier:@"First2UpsideDown" sender:self];  
    }  
    return (interfaceOrientation == UIInterfaceOrientationPortrait);  
}
```

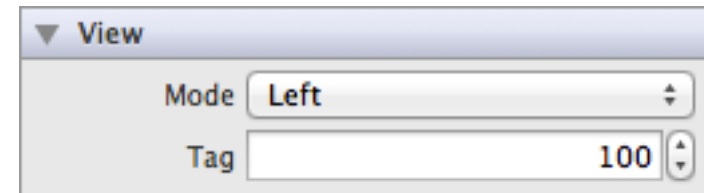


# Prototype Cells in Tables

- Prototype cells define the layout of table cells
- Set cell identifier in storyboard
- Use in `cellForRowAtIndexPath`

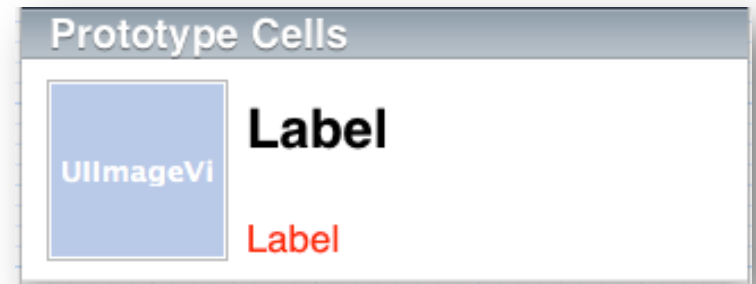


```
- (UITableViewCell *)tableView:(UITableView *)tableView
    cellForRowAtIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)indexPath {
    static NSString *CellIdentifier = @"MyCustomCell";
    UITableViewCell *cell = [tableView
        dequeueReusableCellWithIdentifier:CellIdentifier];
    UILabel *label = (UILabel*) [cell viewWithTag:100];
    label.text = [data objectAtIndex:indexPath.row];
    return cell;
}
```



- Or: subclass `UITableViewCell`

# Custom TableViewCell



- MyTableViewCell.h

```
@interface MyTableViewCell : UITableViewCell
```

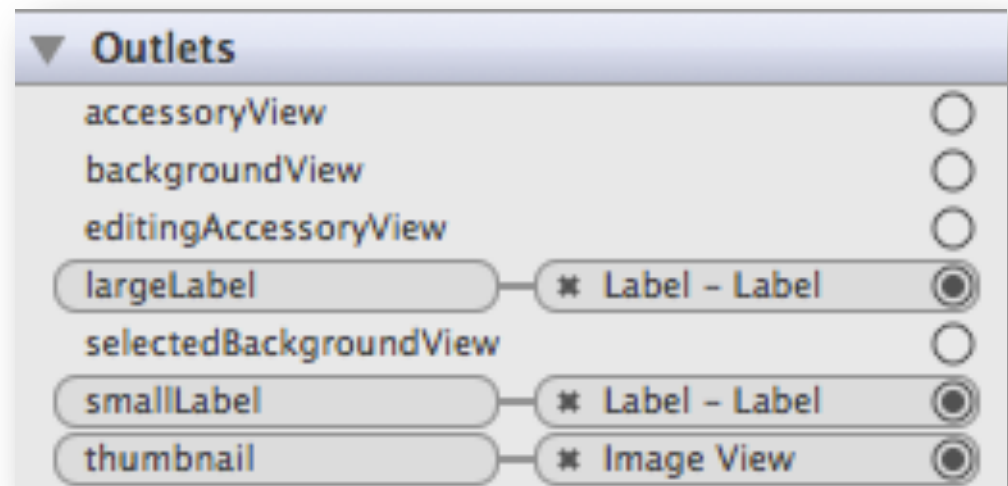
```
@property (nonatomic, strong) IBOutlet UILabel* largeLabel;
```

```
@property (nonatomic, strong) IBOutlet UILabel* smallLabel;
```

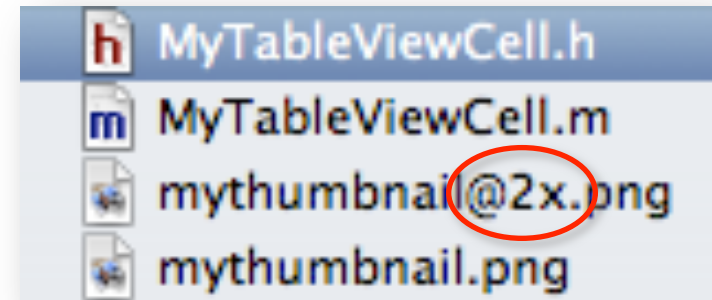
```
@property (nonatomic, strong) IBOutlet UIImageView* thumbnail;
```

```
@end
```

- Select prototype cell
- Connect objects to outlets



# Custom TableViewCell

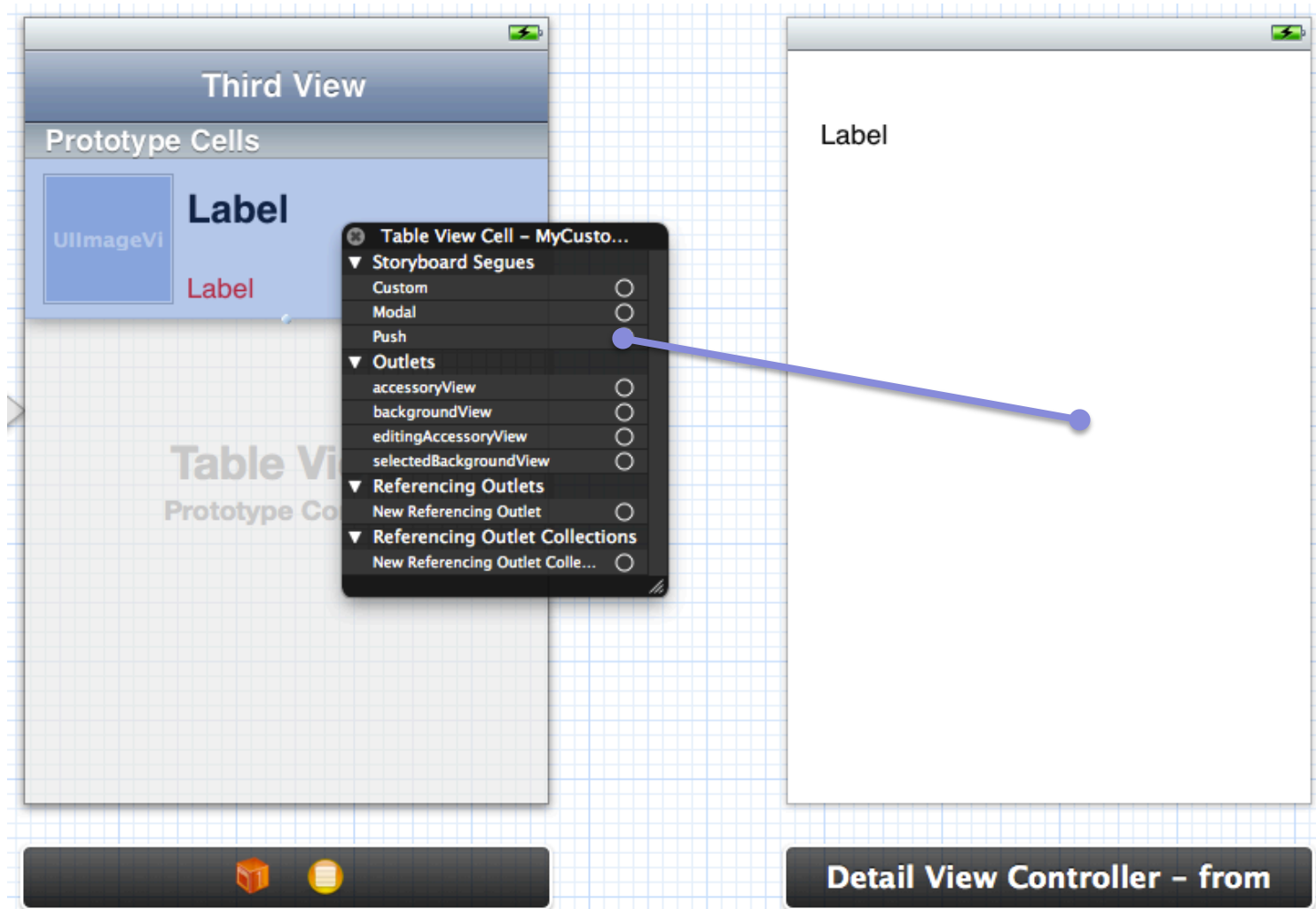


```
@interface MyTableViewCell : UITableViewCell
@property (nonatomic, strong) IBOutlet UILabel* largeLabel;
@property (nonatomic, strong) IBOutlet UILabel* smallLabel;
@property (nonatomic, strong) IBOutlet UIImageView* thumbnail;
@end
```

## in MyTableViewController:

```
- (UITableViewCell *)tableView:(UITableView *)tableView
    cellForRowAtIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)indexPath {
    MyTableViewCell *cell = [tableView
        dequeueReusableCellWithIdentifier:@"MyCustomCell"];
    cell.largeLabel.text = [data objectAtIndex:indexPath.row];
    cell.smallLabel.text = @"this is a small label";
    cell.thumbnail.image = [UIImage imageNamed:@"mythumbnail"];
    return cell;
}
```

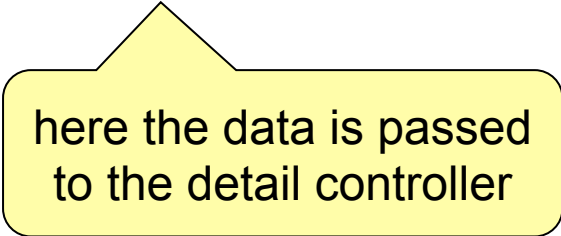
# Link Prototype Cells to View Controllers



# Passing Data from Table to Detail View

in MyTableViewController:

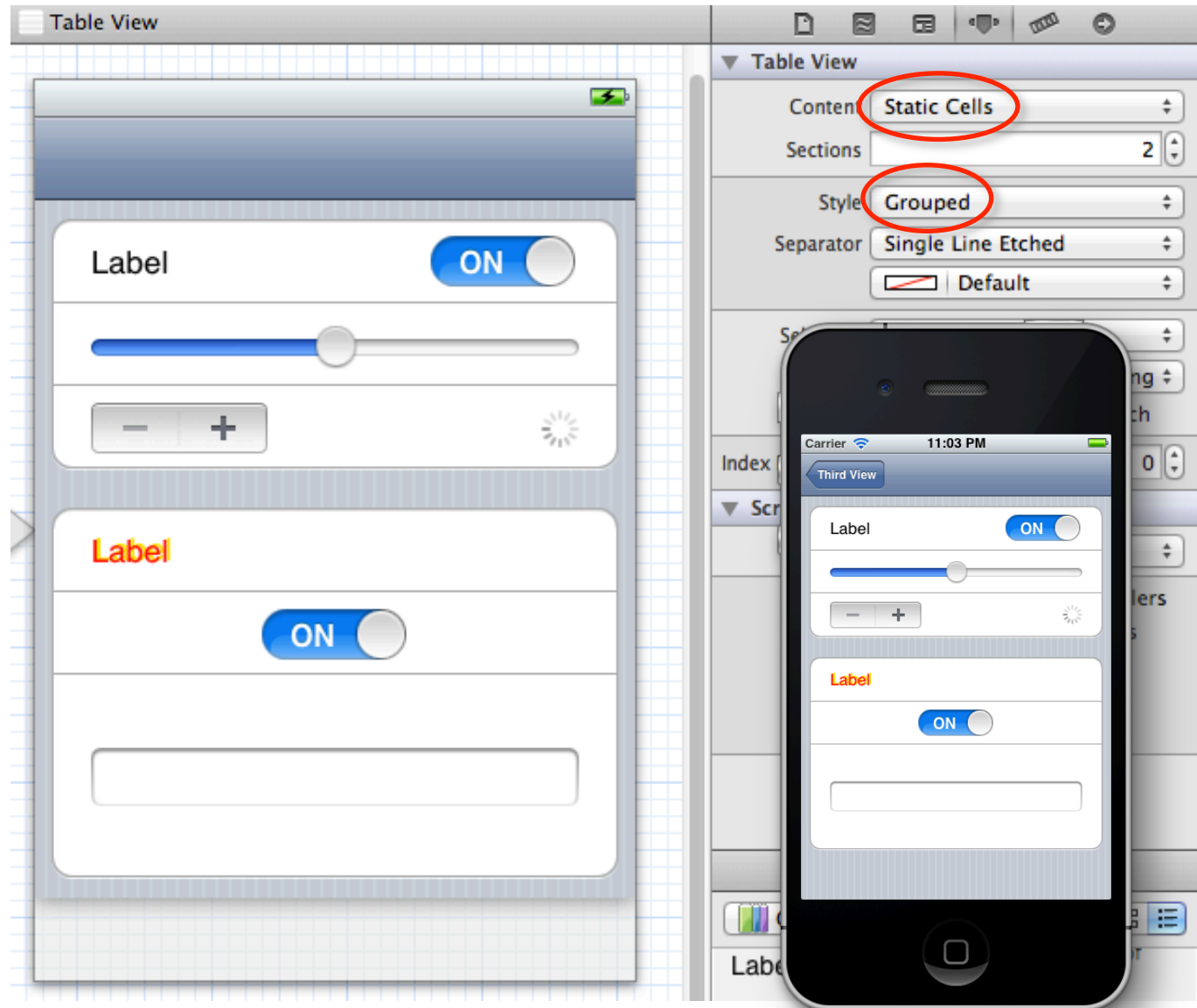
```
- (void) prepareForSegue:(UIStoryboardSegue*)segue sender:(id)sender  
{  
    if ([[segue identifier] isEqualToString:@"Third2Detail"]) {  
        DetailViewController *dvc = (DetailViewController*)  
            [segue destinationViewController];  
        UITableViewCell *cell = sender;  
        UILabel *label = (UILabel*) [cell viewWithTag:100];  
        dvc.data = label.text;  
    }  
}
```



here the data is passed  
to the detail controller

# Static Table Cells

- Fixed cell content
- Appears on device as is
- Nice for grouped tables (edit views)
- Hook up to controllers via outlets



# **AUTOMATIC REFERENCE COUNTING (ARC)**

# Automatic Reference Counting (ARC)

- Automates contain and release calls
  - Writing code without thinking about retain/release! 😊
  - Still uses reference counting internally
  - Retain, release, etc. not allowed; dealloc rarely necessary
- Objective-C language extensions
  - Automatic retain/release on entry/exit of scopes
  - Compiler knows about naming conventions (alloc, new, copy, ...)
  - @autoreleasepool { ... }
- ARC is a compile-time mechanism
  - Not a new runtime memory model
  - Not a garbage collector
  - Does not cover malloc/free, core foundation

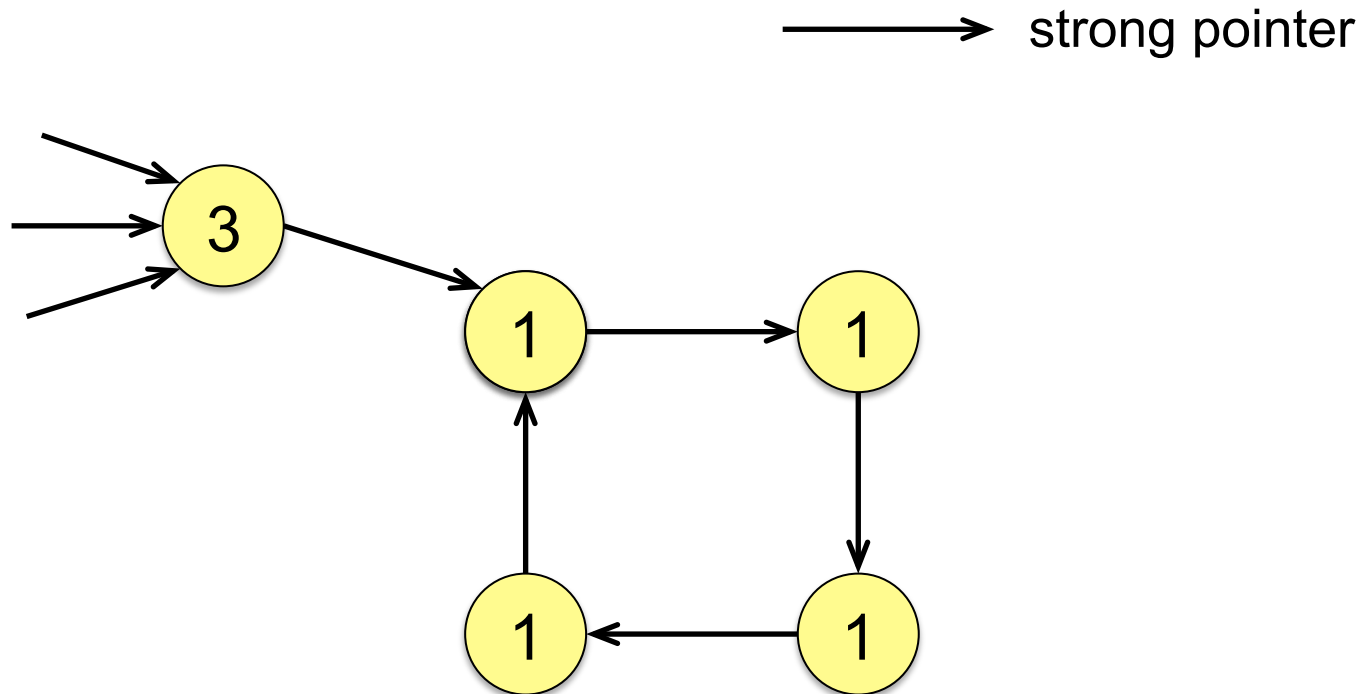


# Strong and Weak Pointers

- Strong pointers
  - Strong pointers keep objects alive
  - Strong pointers are like “retain” properties (+1 ref. count)
  - Default for all variables (instance variables, local variables, etc.)
  - Keyword: `__strong`
  - Example: `__strong NSString *name;`
- Weak pointers
  - Weak pointers do not keep objects alive
  - Weak pointers are like “assign” properties (+0 ref. count)
  - Weak pointers get nil when object is deallocated
  - Keyword: `__weak`
  - Example: `__weak NSString *name;`

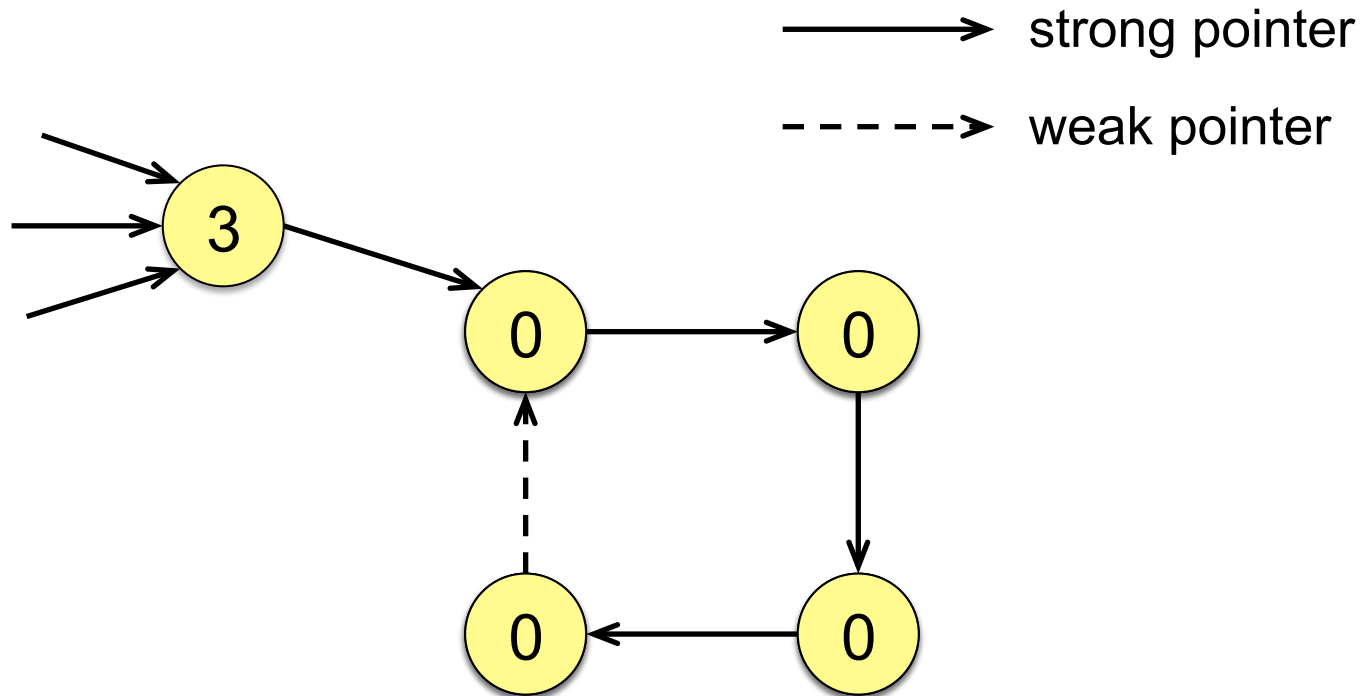
# Cycles in Object Graphs

- Problem: Strong pointers keep objects in cycle alive
  - Memory leak!



# Cycles in Object Graphs

- Problem: Strong pointers keep objects in cycle alive
- Solution: Weak pointers do not keep objects alive
  - A weak pointer gets nil when object it points to get deallocated



# ARC Variable Modifiers

- `__strong`  
Strong pointer, the default  
Initialized to nil: `NSString *name;` → `NSString *name = nil;`
- `__weak`  
Weak pointer, initialized to nil, set to nil when object deallocated
- `__unsafe_unretained`  
Traditional variable, unretained, not set to nil  
Sometimes needed for non-Objective-C code
- `__autoreleasing`  
Out-parameters, not for general use

# Writing a `__strong` Variable

- Code you write

```
name = newName
```

- What the compiler adds

```
[newName retain];  
NSString *oldName = name;  
name = newName;  
[oldName release];
```

# Scoping of `__strong` Variables

- Code you write

```
if (a < 10) {  
    NSString *name =  
        [[NSString alloc] init...];  
    // using name...  
}
```

- What the compiler adds

```
if (a < 10) {  
    NSString *name =  
        [[NSString alloc] init...];  
    // using name...  
    [name release];  
}
```

# ARC Deallocation Examples

- Automatic deallocation when variable goes out of scope
  - method exit
  - if-cause ends
  - etc.
- Object graph deallocation
  - Referenced object deallocated when root goes out of scope

# Dealloc Object

```
- (void) myCallerMethod {
    [self myMethod];
    NSLog(@"after myMethod");
}

- (void) myMethod {
    MyObject *o = [[MyObject alloc] init];
    NSLog(@"%@@", [o description]);
    NSLog(@"myMethod exit");
}
```

```
@interface MyObject : NSObject
@end
```

```
@implementation MyObject
- (void)dealloc {
    NSLog(@"MyObject::dealloc");
}
@end
```

## Output:

```
<MyObject: 0x685b3f0>
myMethod exit
MyObject::dealloc
after myMethod
```



# Dealloc Object after If-Clause

```
- (void) myCallerMethod {
    [self myMethod:TRUE];
    NSLog(@"after myMethod");
}

- (void) myMethod:(BOOL)condition {
    if (condition) {
        MyObject *o = [[MyObject alloc] init];
        NSLog(@"%@@", [o description]);
    }
    NSLog(@"myMethod exit");
}
```

```
@interface MyObject : NSObject
@end
```

```
@implementation MyObject
- (void)dealloc {
    NSLog(@"MyObject::dealloc");
}
@end
```

## Output:

```
<MyObject: 0x8844fd0>
MyObject::dealloc
myMethod exit
after myMethod
```

# Dealloc Object in Array

```
- (void) myCallerMethod {
    [self myMethod];
    NSLog(@"after myMethod");
}

- (void) myMethod {
    MyObject *o = [[MyObject alloc] init];
    NSArray *a = [[NSArray alloc]
                  initWithObjects:o, nil];
    NSLog(@"%@@", [a description]);
    NSLog(@"%@@", [o description]);
    NSLog(@"myMethod exit");
}
```

```
@interface MyObject : NSObject
@end
```

```
@implementation MyObject
- (void)dealloc {
    NSLog(@"MyObject::dealloc");
}
@end
```

## Output:

```
( "<MyObject: 0x6831990>" )
<MyObject: 0x685b3f0>
myMethod exit
MyObject::dealloc
after myMethod
```

# ...after If-Clause in Array

```
- (void) myCallerMethod {
    [self myMethod:TRUE];
    NSLog(@"after myMethod");
}

- (void) myMethod:(BOOL)condition {
    if (condition) {
        MyObject *o = [[MyObject alloc] init];
        NSArray *a = [[NSArray alloc]
                      initWithObjects:o, nil];
        NSLog(@"%@@", [a description]);
    }
    NSLog(@"myMethod exit");
}
```

```
@interface MyObject : NSObject
@end
```

```
@implementation MyObject
- (void)dealloc {
    NSLog(@"MyObject::dealloc");
}
@end
```

## Output:

```
( "<MyObject: 0x68748d0>" )
MyObject::dealloc
myMethod exit
after myMethod
viewDidLoad
```

# Normal and Retained Returns

- ARC knows method naming conventions
  - first part of name (capitalization subdivides name parts)
- Transfer of ownership if first name part
  - alloc, init, copy, mutableCopy, new
  - returned objects are not autoreleased
  - “retained returns”
- Otherwise no transfer of ownership
  - returned objects are autoreleased
  - “normal returns”
  - @autoreleasepool { ... } determines when autoreleased objects are deallocated

# Normal (Autoreleased) Returns

- Code you write

```
- (NSString*) name {  
    return myName;  
}
```

- What the compiler adds

```
- (NSString*) name {  
    return [[myName retain] autorelease];  
}
```

# Retained (Non-Autoreleased) Returns

- Code you write

```
- (NSString*) newName {  
    return myName;  
}
```

- What the compiler adds

```
- (NSString*) newName {  
    return [myName retain];  
}
```

Method name starts with “new” → transfer of ownership

# Output of these programs?

```
@autoreleasepool {  
    [self myMethod];  
    NSLog(@"after myMethod");  
}
```

autoreleasepool emptied here

```
- (MyObject*) myMethod {  
    MyObject *s = [[MyObject alloc] init];  
    NSLog(@"myMethod exit");  
    return s;  
}
```

```
@autoreleasepool {  
    [self newMethod];  
    NSLog(@"after newMethod");  
}
```

```
- (MyObject*) newMethod {  
    MyObject *s = [[MyObject alloc] init];  
    NSLog(@"newMethod exit");  
    return s;  
}
```

myMethod exit  
after myMethod  
MyObject::dealloc

newMethod exit  
MyObject::dealloc  
after newMethod

# ARC Autoreleased Array

```
@interface MyObject : NSObject
@end
```

```
- (void) myCallerMethod {
    @autoreleasepool {
        [self myMethod];
        NSLog(@"after myMethod");
    }
}

- (void) myMethod {
    MyObject *o = [[MyObject alloc] init];
    NSArray *a = [NSArray arrayWithObject:o];
    NSLog(@"%@@", [a description]);
    NSLog(@"%@@", [o description]);
    NSLog(@"myMethod exit");
}
```

autoreleasepool emptied here

```
@implementation MyObject
- (void) dealloc {
    NSLog(@"MyObject::dealloc");
}
@end
```

## Output:

```
( "<MyObject: 0x6d3f5d0>" )
<MyObject: 0x6d3f5d0>
myMethod exit
after myMethod
MyObject::dealloc
```



# Example: Weak Pointers

- Output of this program?

```
__weak MyObject *o = [[MyObject alloc] init];  
NSLog(@"MyObject is: %@", [o description]);
```

- Output:

```
MyObject::dealloc  
MyObject is: (null)
```

```
@interface MyObject : NSObject  
@end
```

```
@implementation MyObject  
- (void)dealloc {  
    NSLog(@"MyObject::dealloc");  
}  
@end
```

- Why?
  - Weak pointer does not keep object alive