iOS DeCal : Lecture 8

UI / UX and Programmatic Design

April 4, 2017

Announcements - 4/4

Snapchat Clone Part 2 due next Tuesday

Custom App Checkins (this Thurs during lab)

Be prepared to talk to your assigned TA about your progress

Remember to check your Attendances

Can be found on Piazza

Let us know if we made a mistake!

Overview : Today's Lecture

iOS Human Interface Guidelines (HIG)

Programmatic Design

iOS Human Interface Guidelines

Your “go-to” resource for best practices concerning correct usage / placement / properties of UI elements (link)

iOS Human Interface Guidelines

New in iOS 10

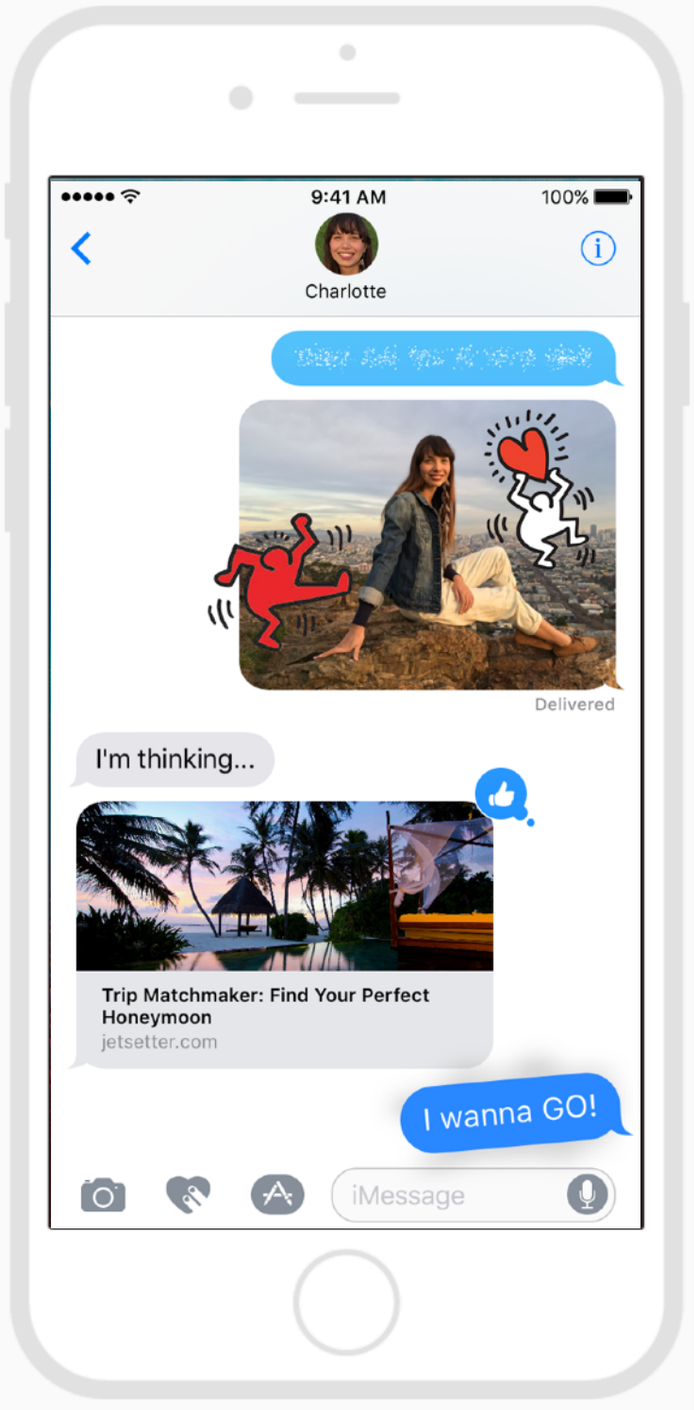
iMessage Integration

Enables you to implement a Messaging Extension for your app

Can share text, photo, stickers, interactive games (in-message!)

For iMessage Apps, be sure to have a distinct focus (should be relatively simple)

> From the guidelines “Don’t try to design one app that combines both stickers and ridesharing, for example.”



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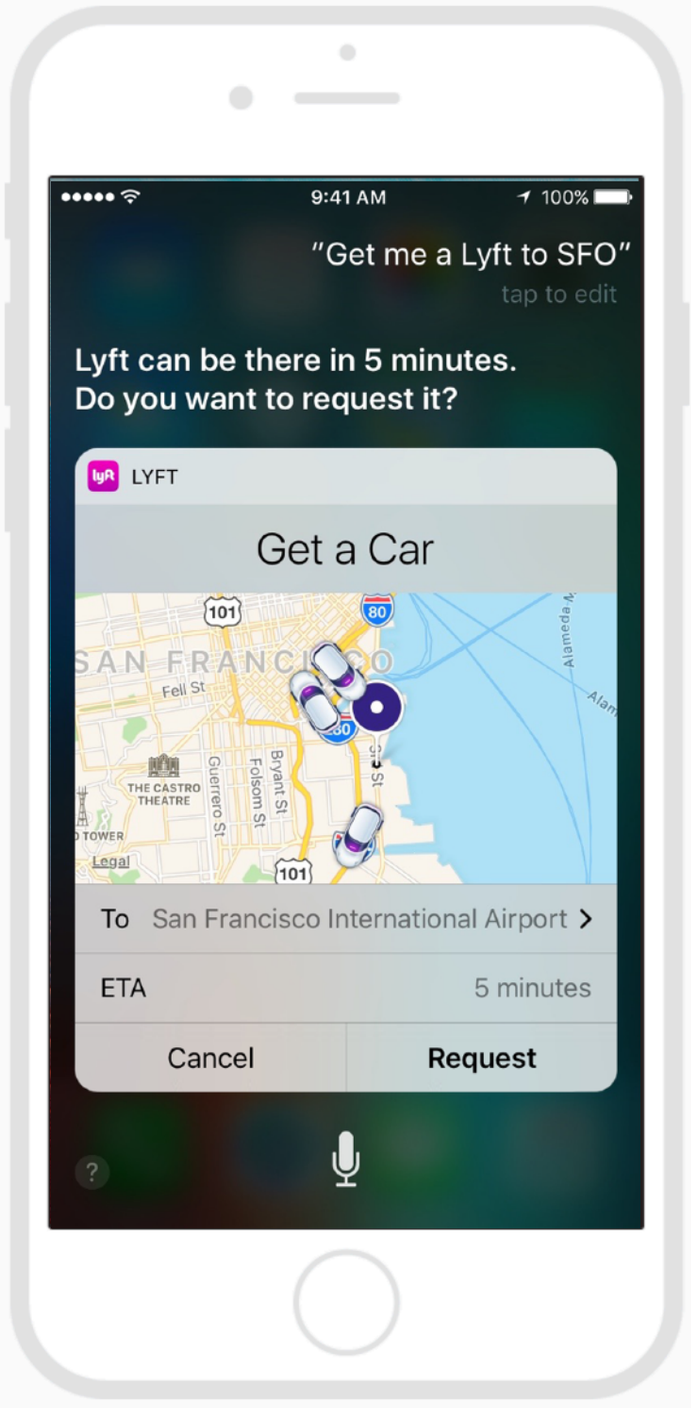
Integration with Siri

Allow users to access your app through voice controls

Can be useful for apps involving audio and video calling, messaging, payments, fitness, directions, etc.

For Siri-Enabled Apps, recommended to **minimize interaction**

Users expect a fast response (stay focused, don’t provide more information than needed)



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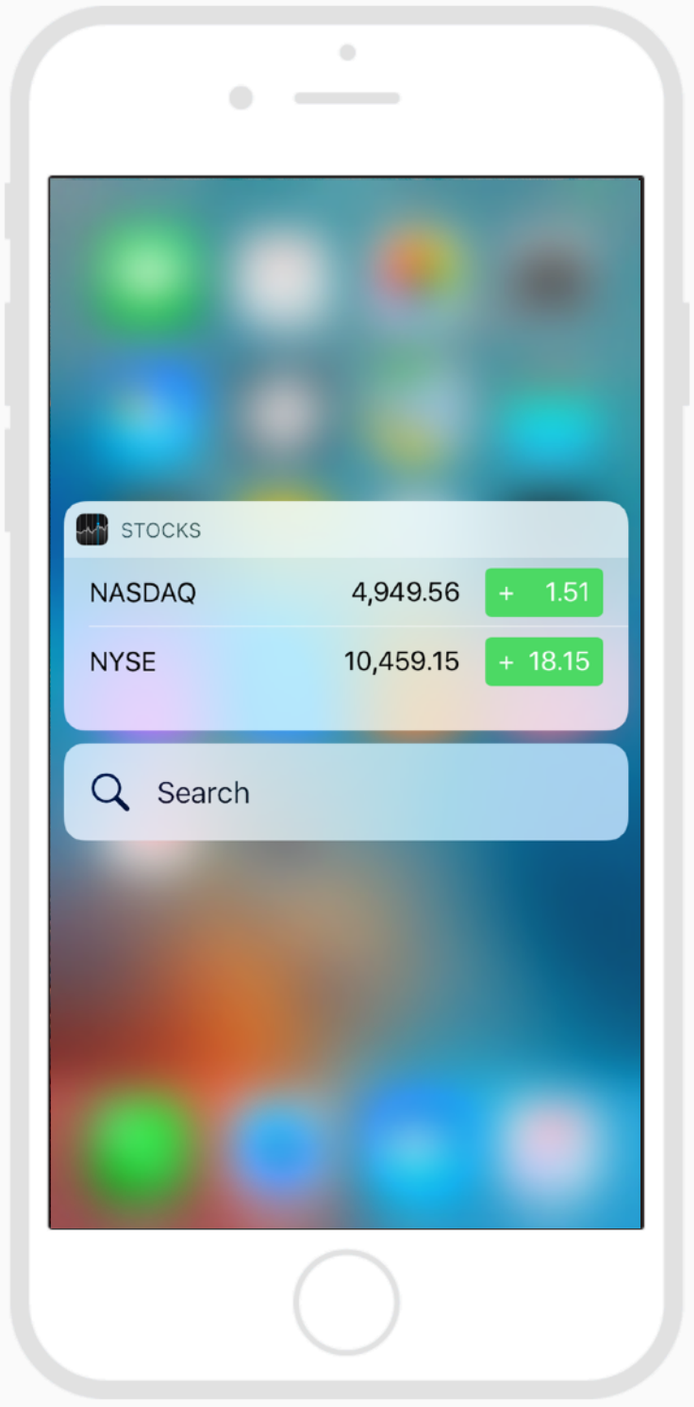

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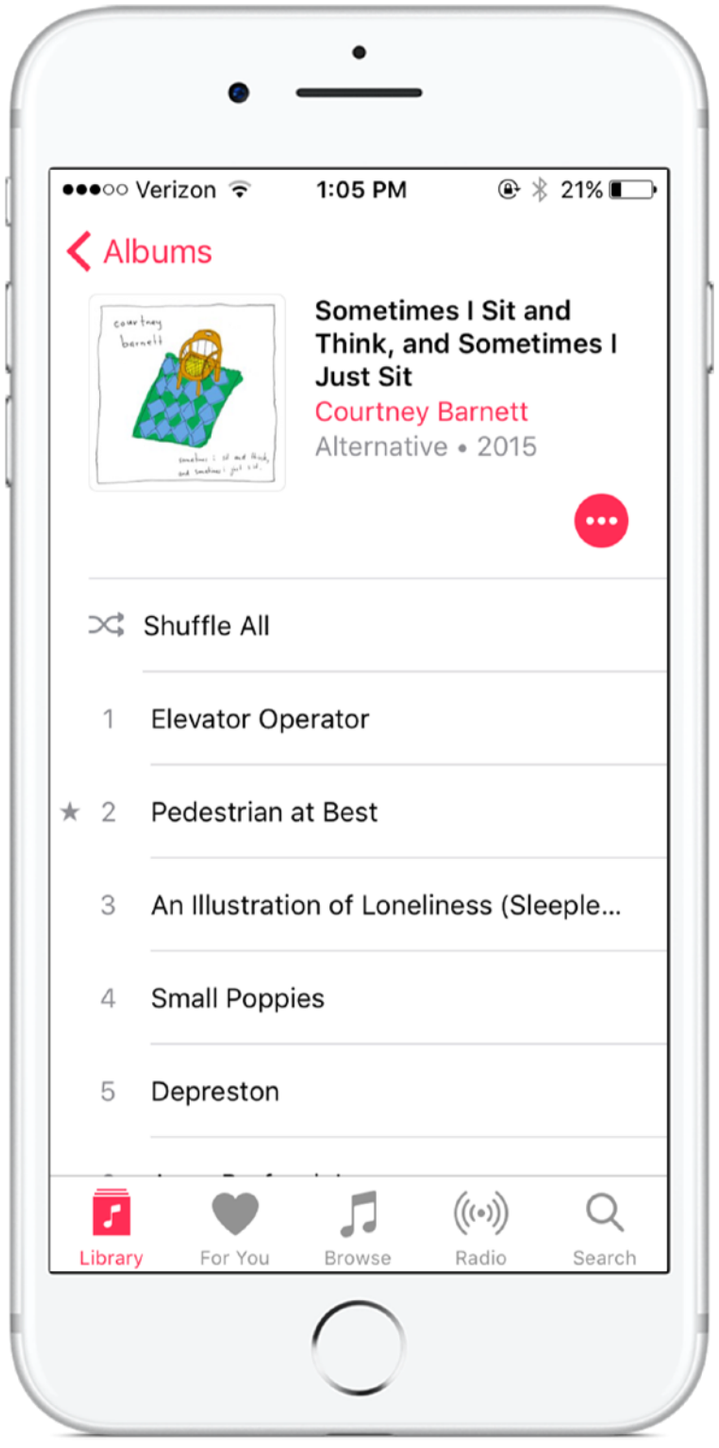

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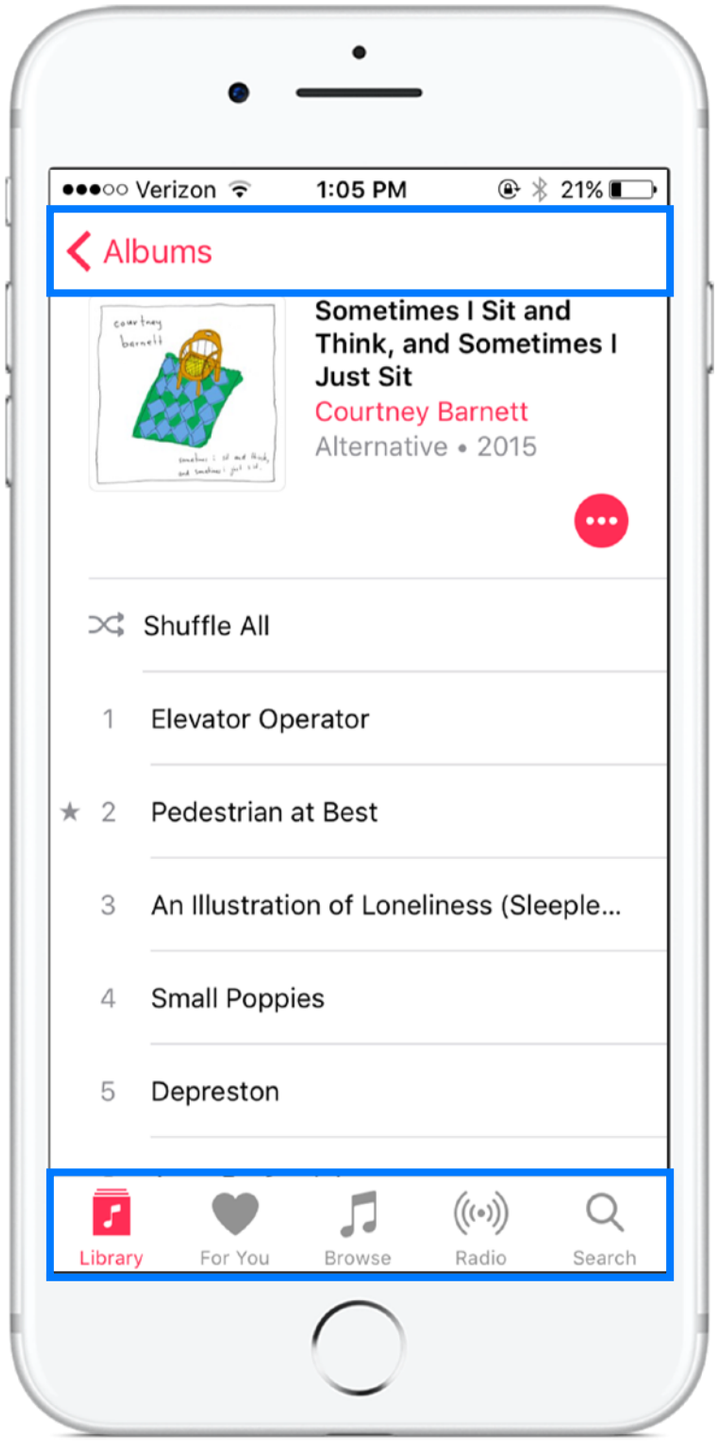

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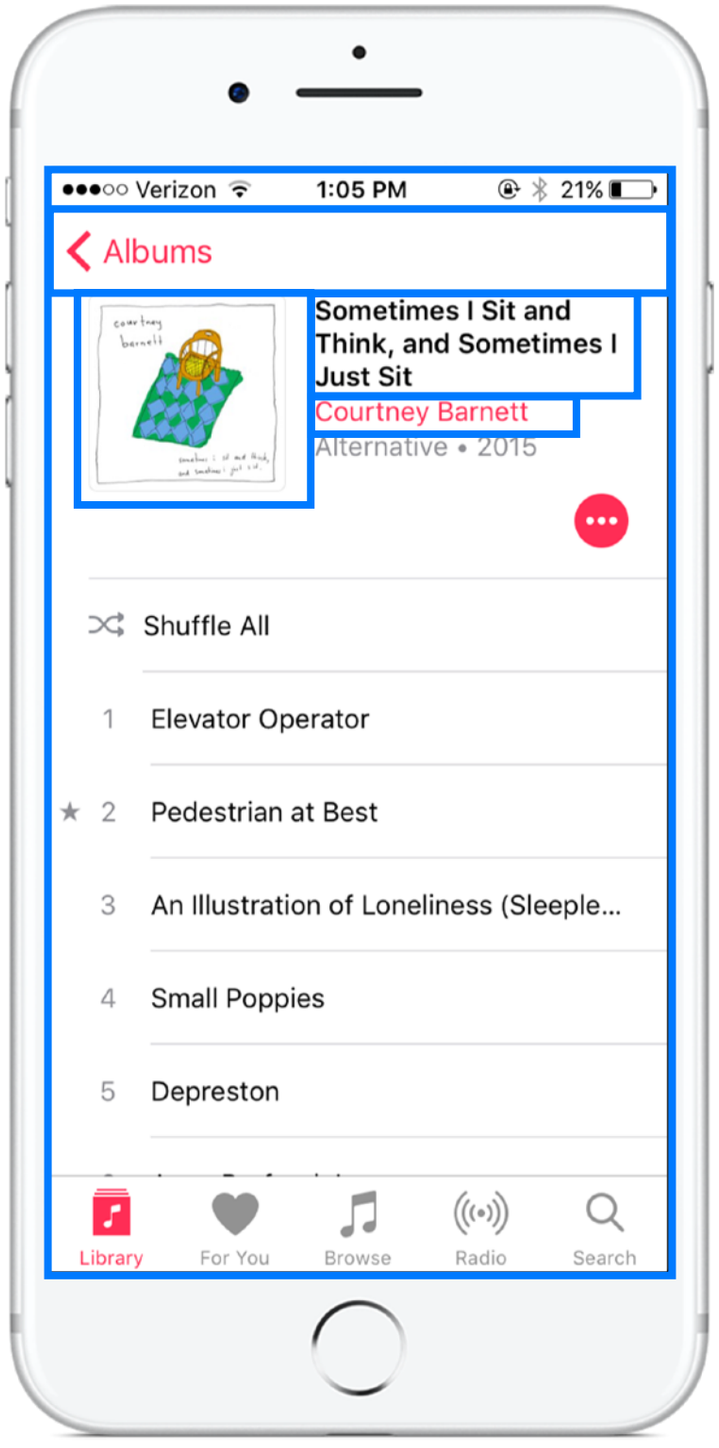

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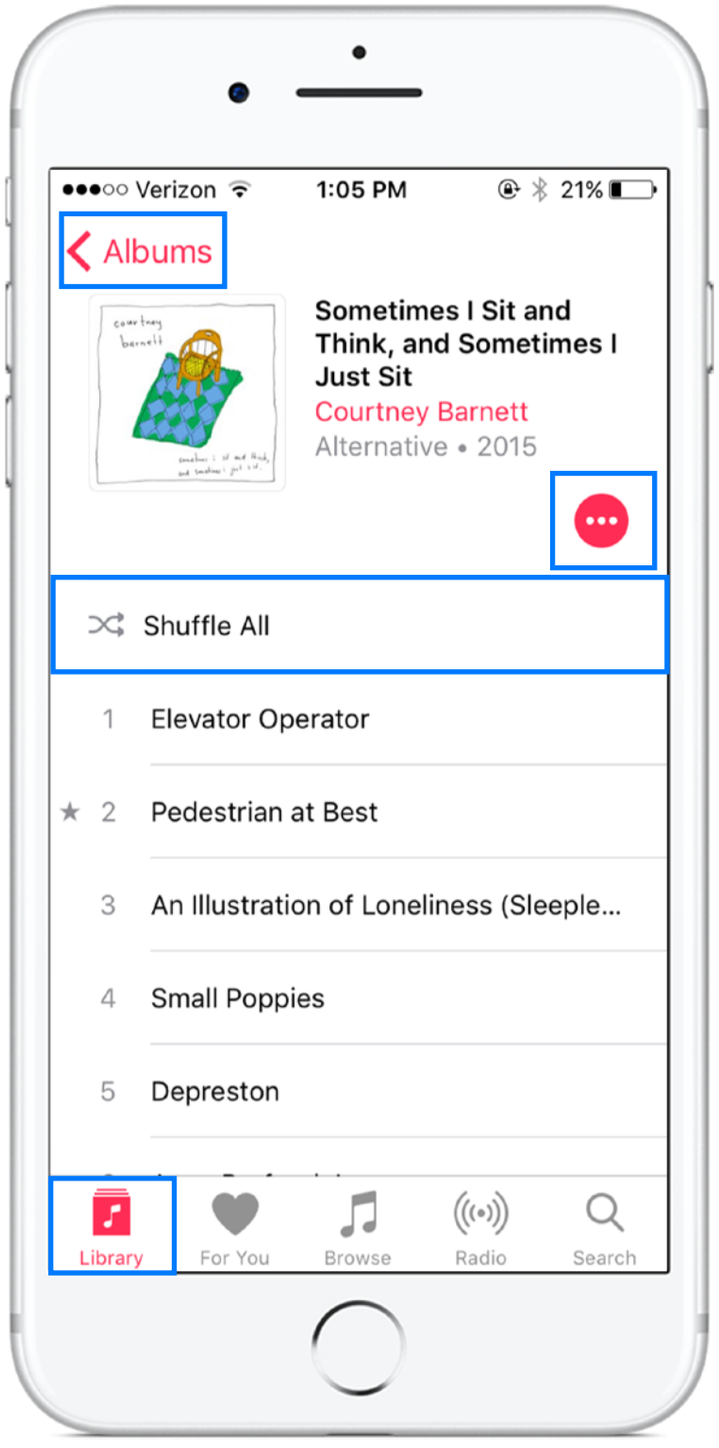

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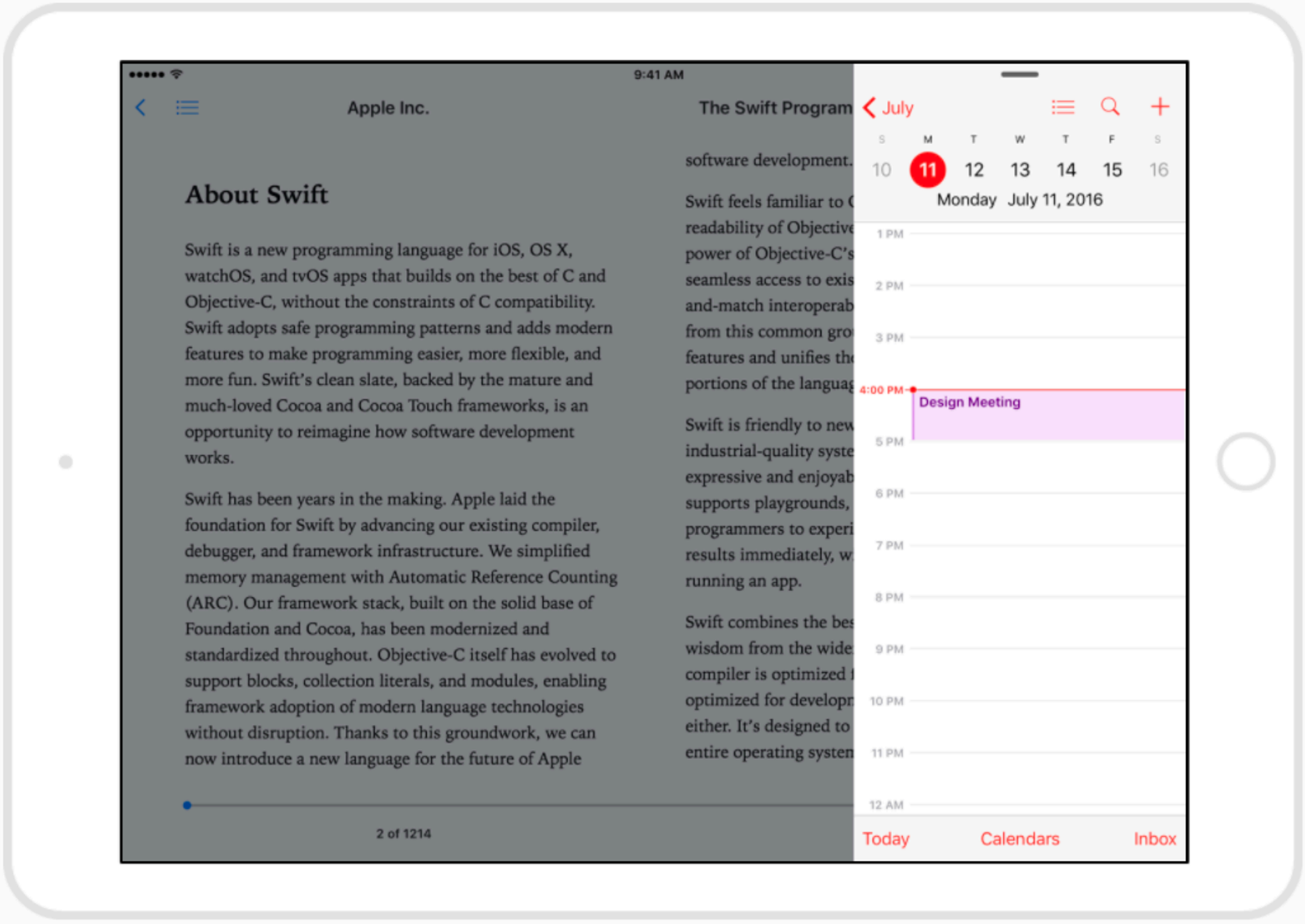

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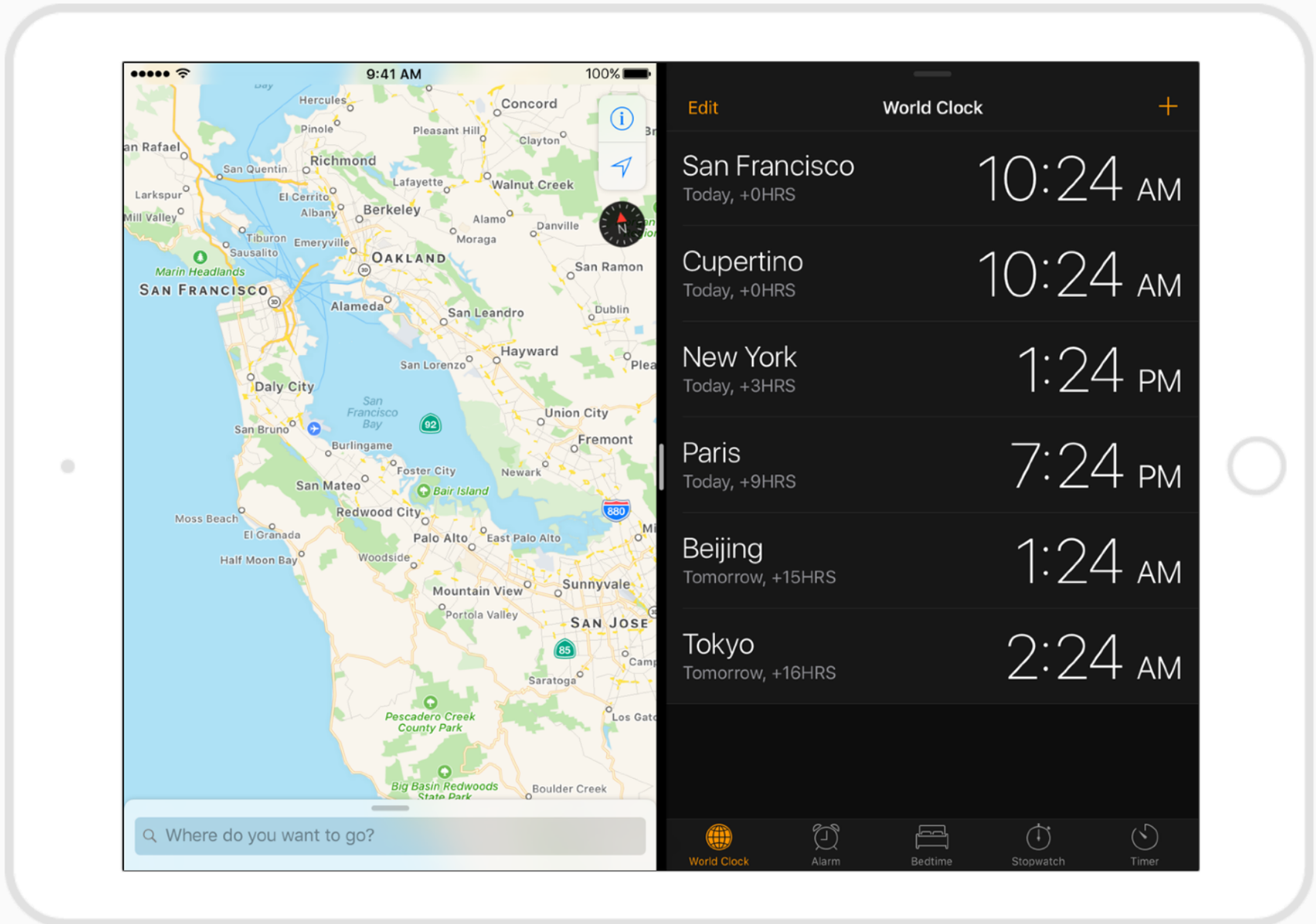

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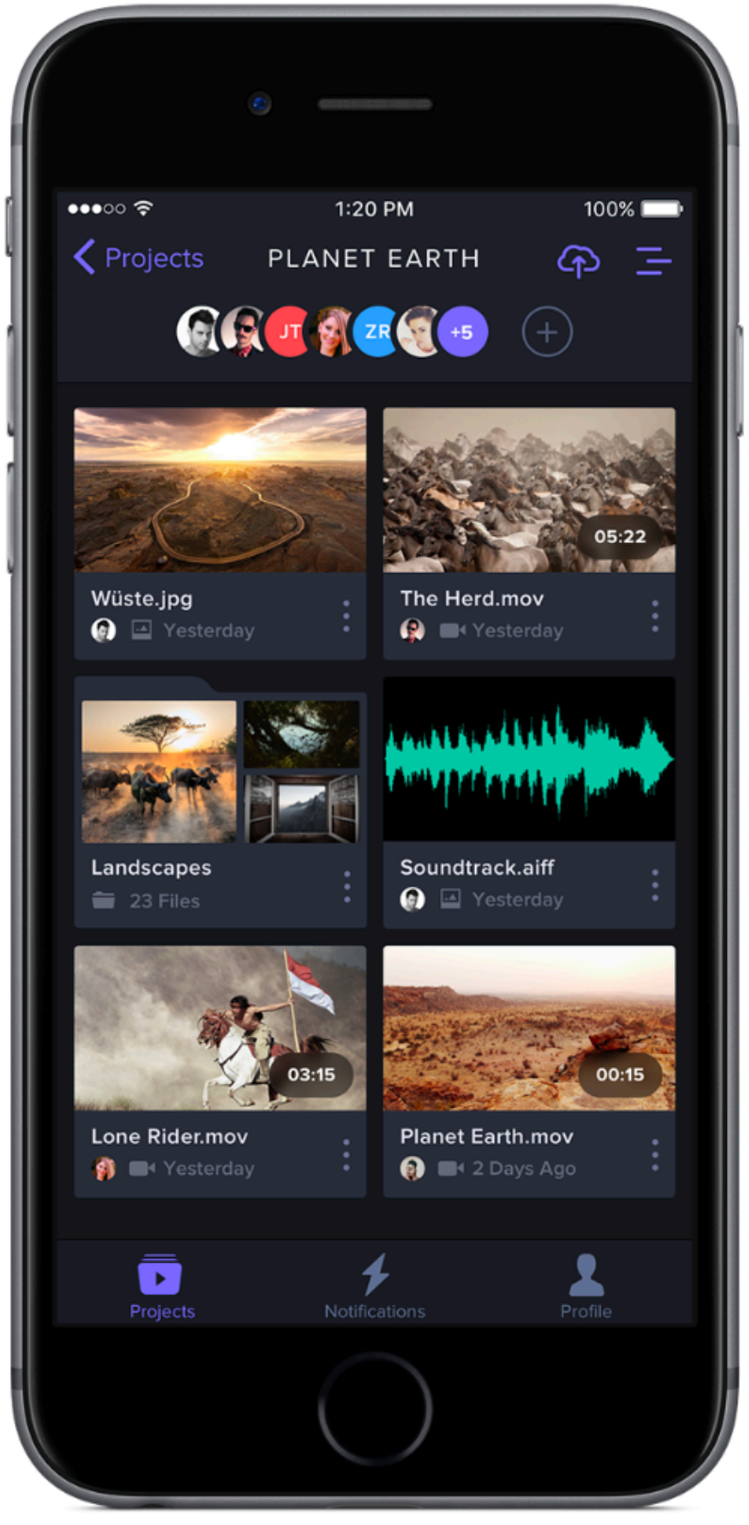

Frame.io
Video Collaboration

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INKS
State of Play Games

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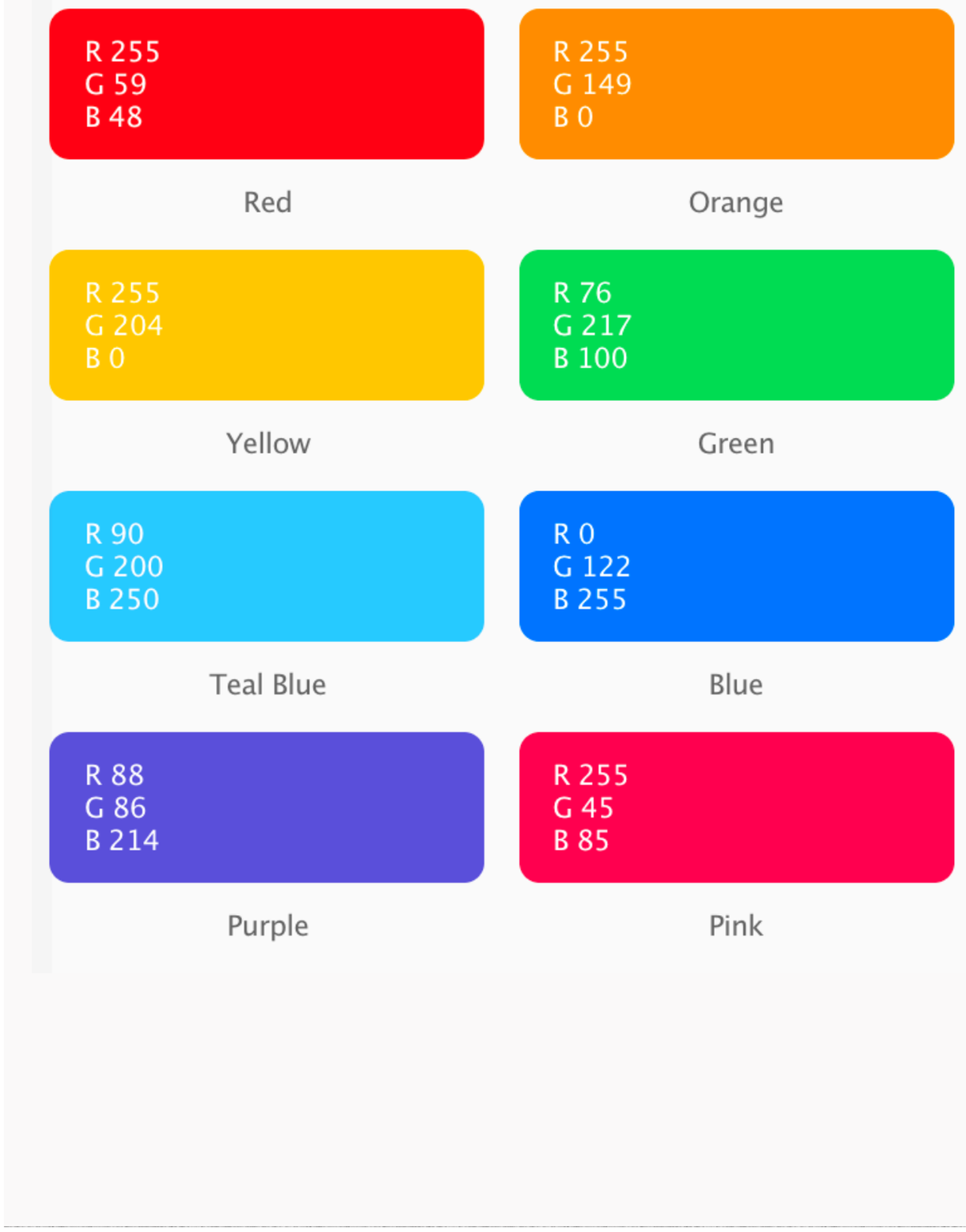

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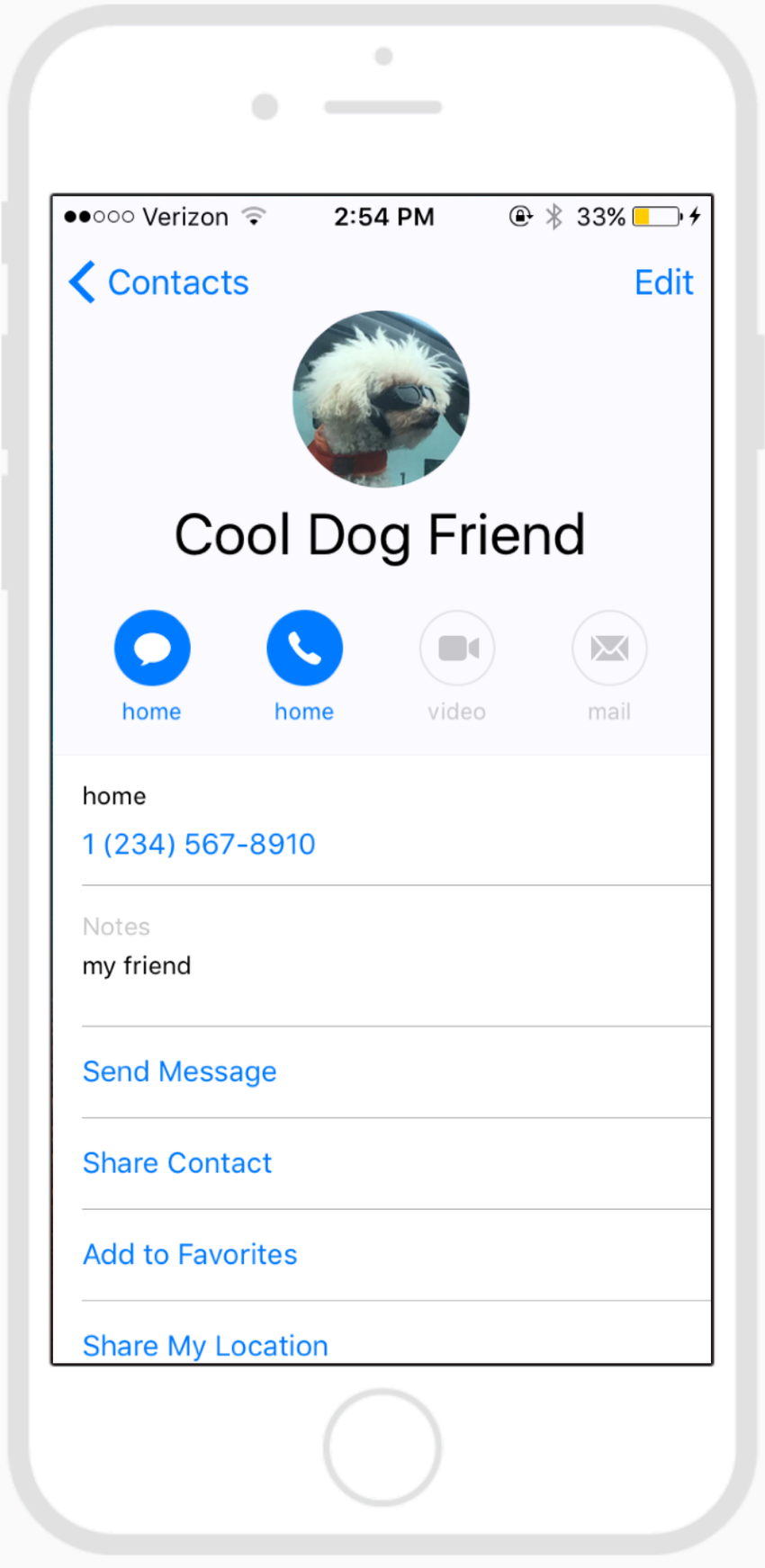

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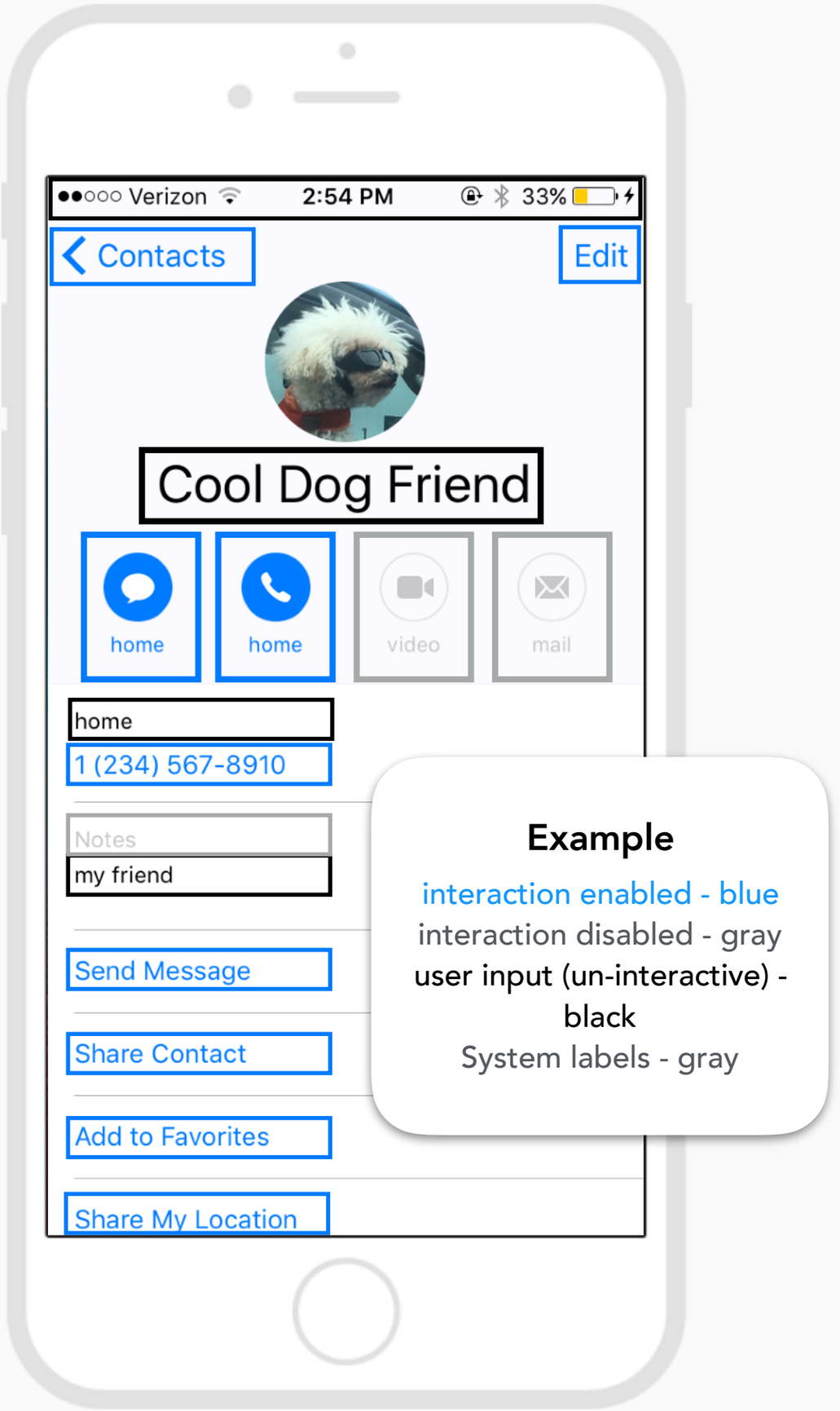

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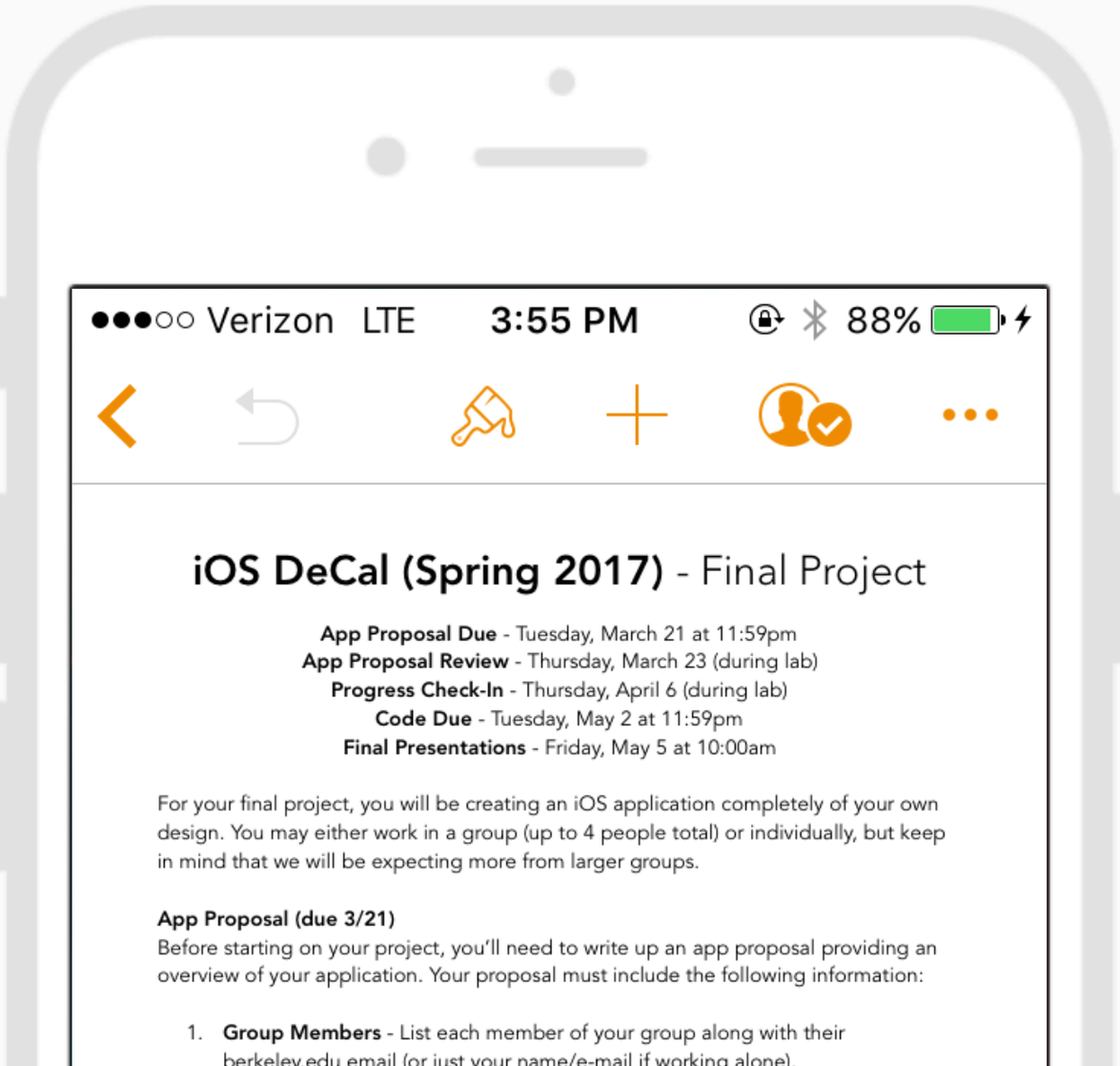

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Creating a `UIColor` object with Predefined Colors

```
class var black: UIColor
```

A color object in the sRGB color space whose grayscale value is 0.0 and whose alpha value is 1.0.

```
class var blue: UIColor
```

A color object whose RGB values are 0.0, 0.0, and 1.0 and whose alpha value is 1.0.

```
class var brown: UIColor
```

A color object whose RGB values are 0.6, 0.4, and 0.2 and whose alpha value is 1.0.

```
class var clear: UIColor
```

A color object whose grayscale and alpha values are both 0.0.

```
class var cyan: UIColor
```

A color object whose RGB values are 0.0, 1.0, and 1.0 and whose alpha value is 1.0.

```
class var darkGray: UIColor
```

A color object whose grayscale value is 1/3 and whose alpha value is 1.0.

… and more (see UIColor)

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Creating a Custom `UIColor` object using Color Spaces

```
init(white: CGFloat, alpha: CGFloat)
```

Initializes and returns a color object using the specified opacity and grayscale values.

```
init(hue: CGFloat, saturation: CGFloat, brightness: CGFloat, alpha: CGFloat)
```

Initializes and returns a color object using the specified opacity and HSB color space component values.

```
init(red: CGFloat, green: CGFloat, blue: CGFloat, alpha: CGFloat)
```

Initializes and returns a color object using the specified opacity and RGB component values.

```
init(displayP3Red: CGFloat, green: CGFloat, blue: CGFloat, alpha: CGFloat)
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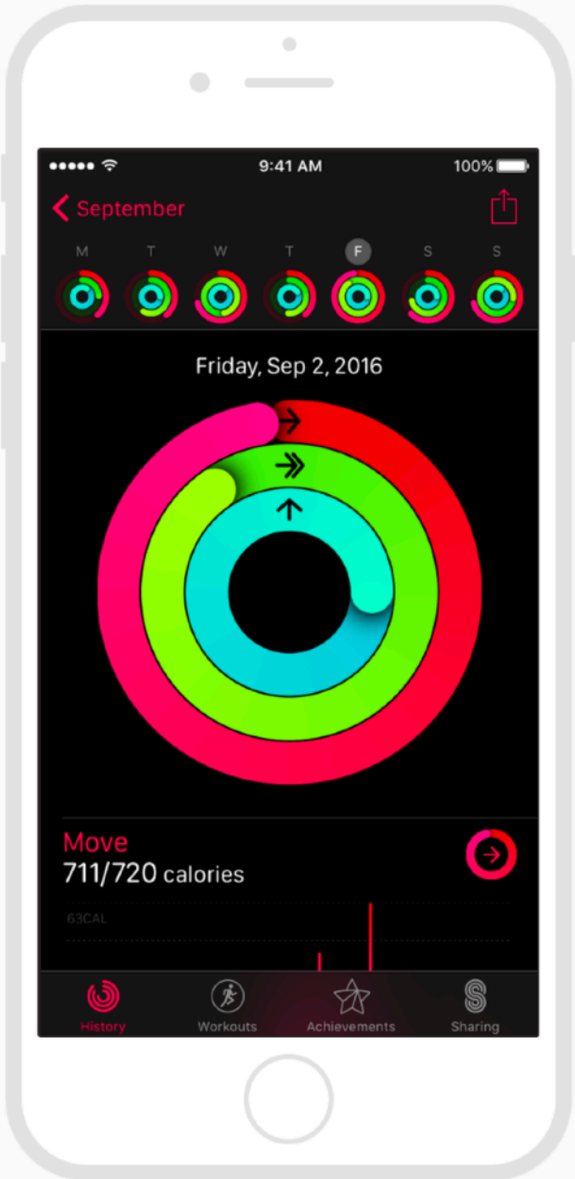
Initializes and returns a color object using the specified opacity and RGB component values in the Display P3 color space.

iOS HIG : Color

App Colors
(standard)



App Colors
(without red-green)

Keep in mind what your app will look like for users with various types of color vision impairment

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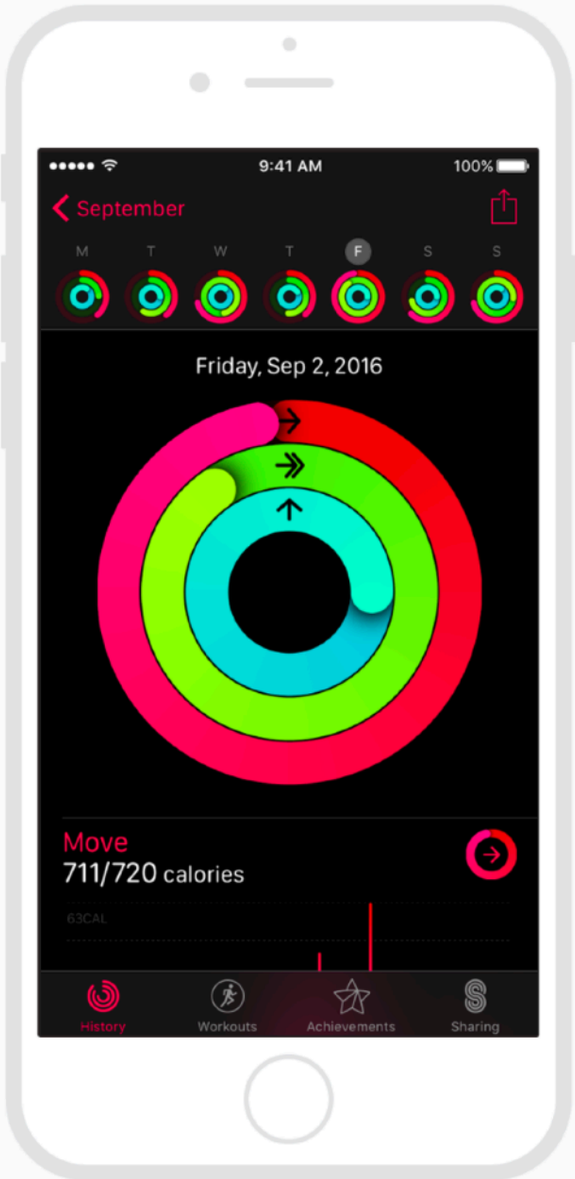

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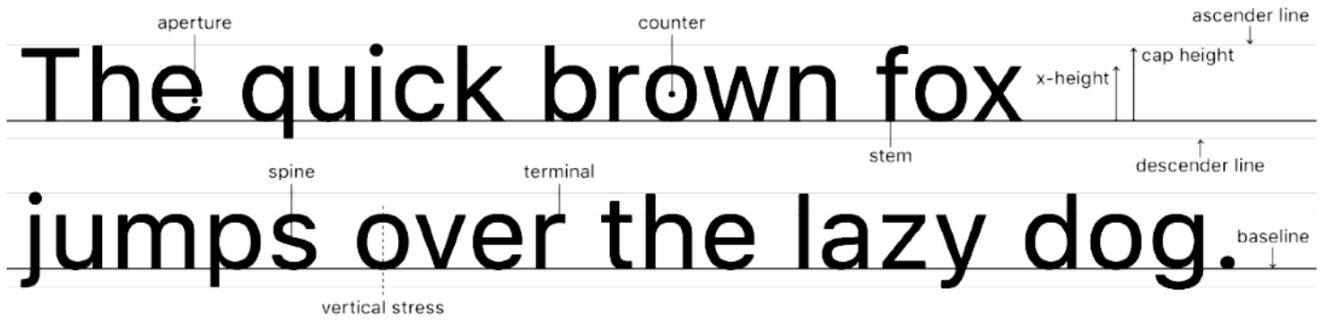
Photoshop has accessibility color filters to help you do this
http://www.adobe.com/accessibility/products/photoshop.html

iOS HIG : Fonts and Typography



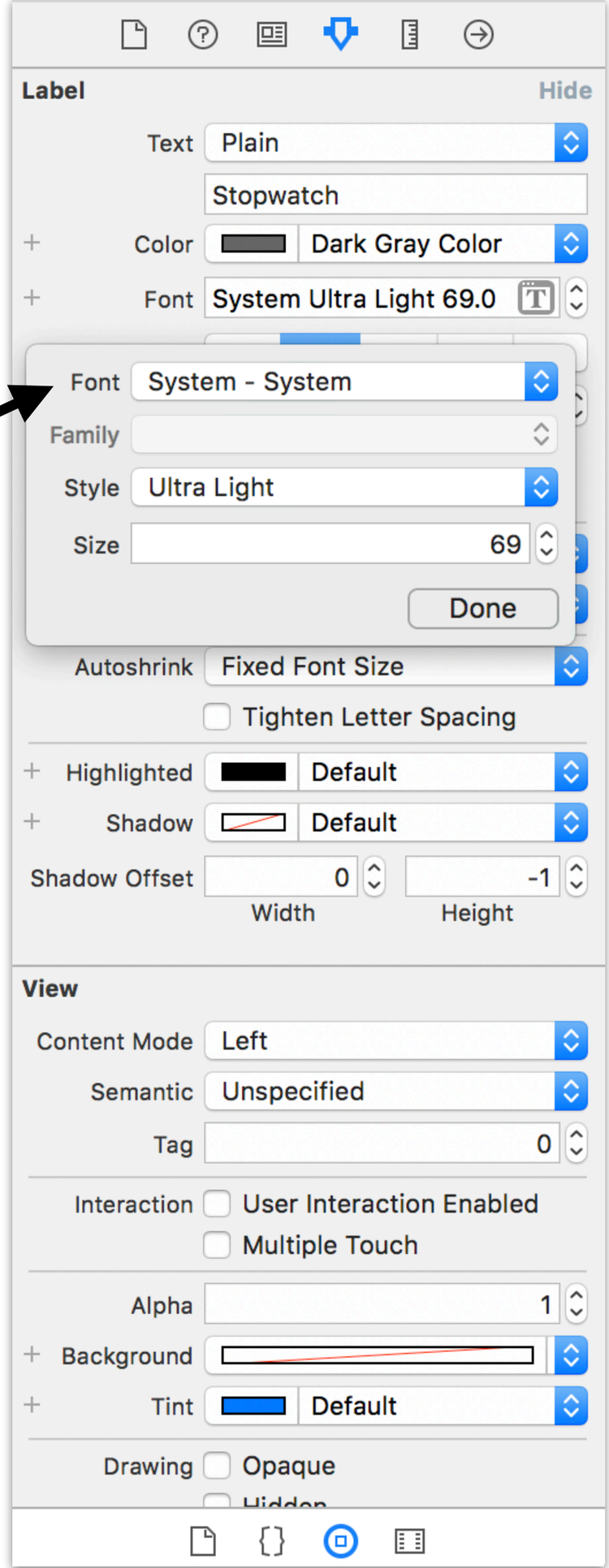
San Francisco

The System Font for iOS

Created by a team at Apple in 2014

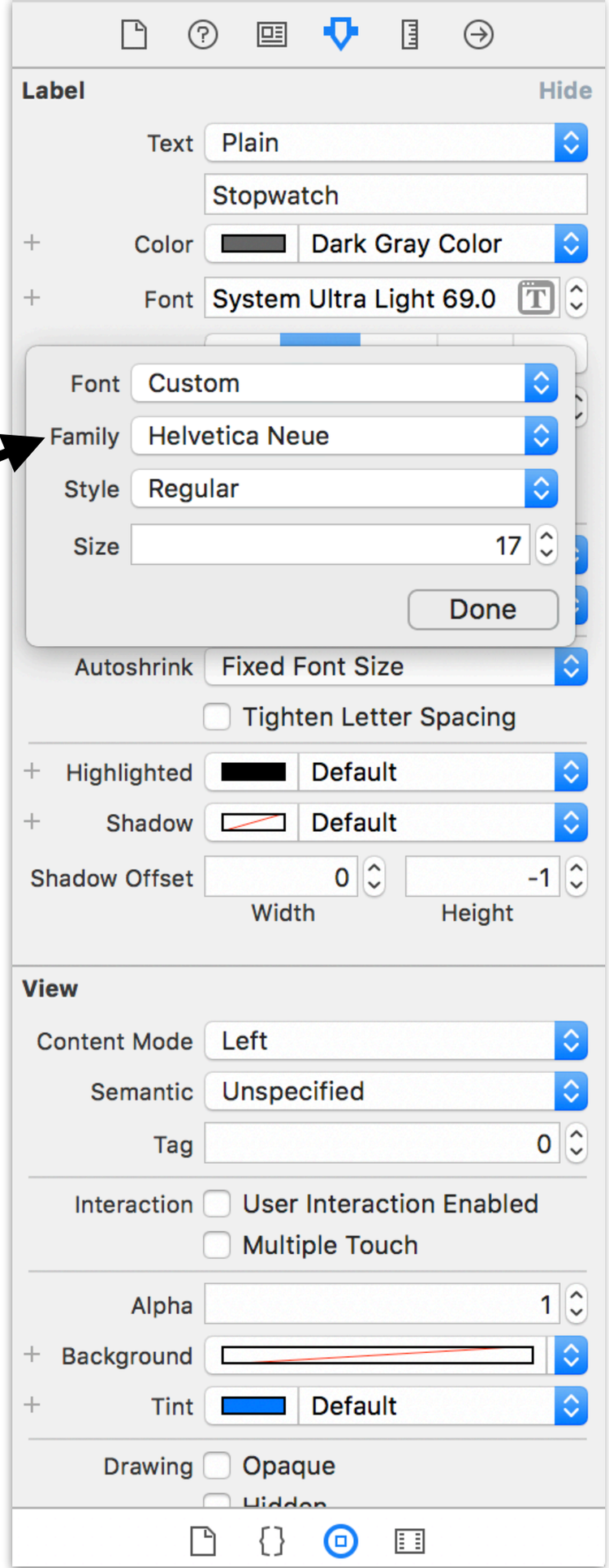
iOS HIG : Fonts

When you add new UI elements with text to your app, the font family will default to **System** (San Francisco)



iOS HIG : Fonts

Set Font to "**Custom**" to change to a different Font Family



iOS HIG : Fonts

Generally, try to stick to one font throughout your entire app

- Instead of using different fonts, try experimenting with a few different font styles, weights, and sizes (all within the same font family)

Example: Helvetica Neue typeface weights

Helvetica Neue Thin

Helvetica Neue Light

Helvetica Neue Regular

Helvetica Neue Medium

Helvetica Neue Bold

Views and Geometry

Views / UIView

The `UIView` class defines a rectangular area on your user's screen

This area can be used for managing content, holding other views, registering touch events, etc.

Classes like `UIImageView` and `UILabel` are special types of `UIView's` (they both subclass `UIView`)

CGRect and CGPoint

CGRect - defines position and size

```
CGRect(x: 0, y: 0,
       width: 100,
       height: 100)
```

CGPoint - defines a position

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CGSize - defines a size

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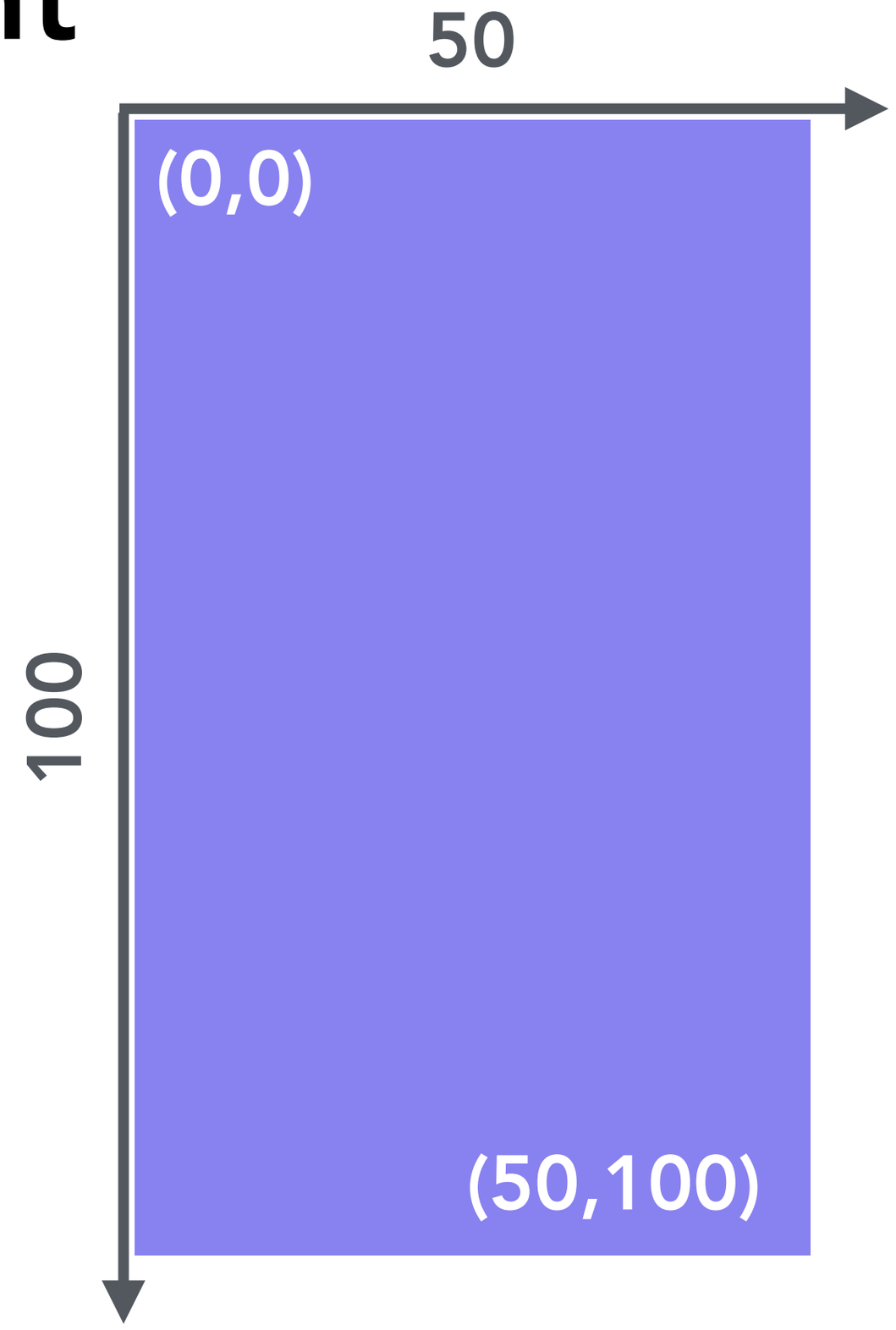


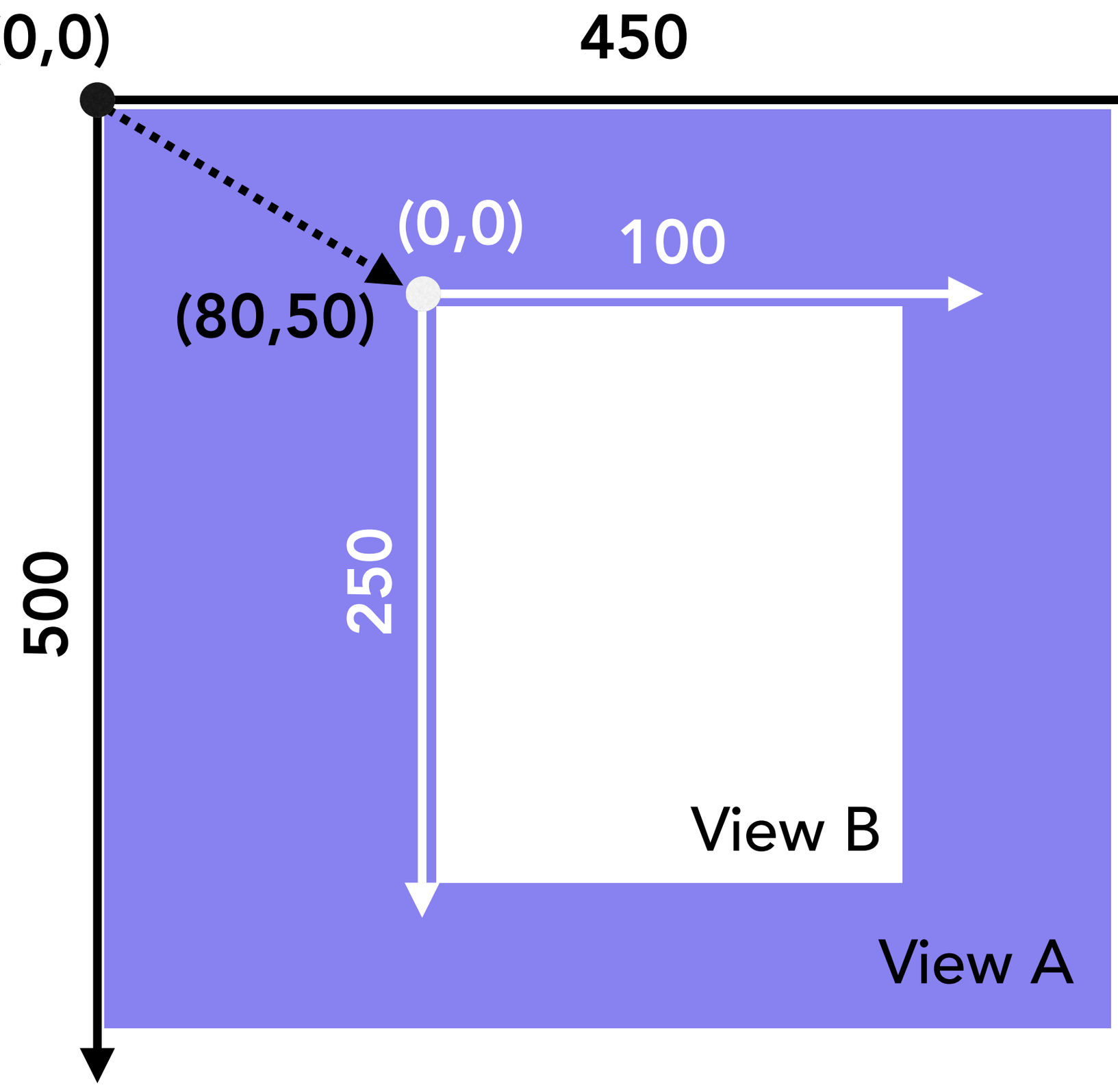
UIView : Geometry

A `UIView's` geometry is defined by the view's `frame`, `bounds`, and `center` properties

`frame: CGFrame` - the coordinates and dimensions of the view **in the coordinate system of its superview**

`bounds: CGFrame` - the coordinates and dimensions of the view **relative to itself**

`center: CGPoint` - the center of the view (used for positioning of the view)



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View A bounds

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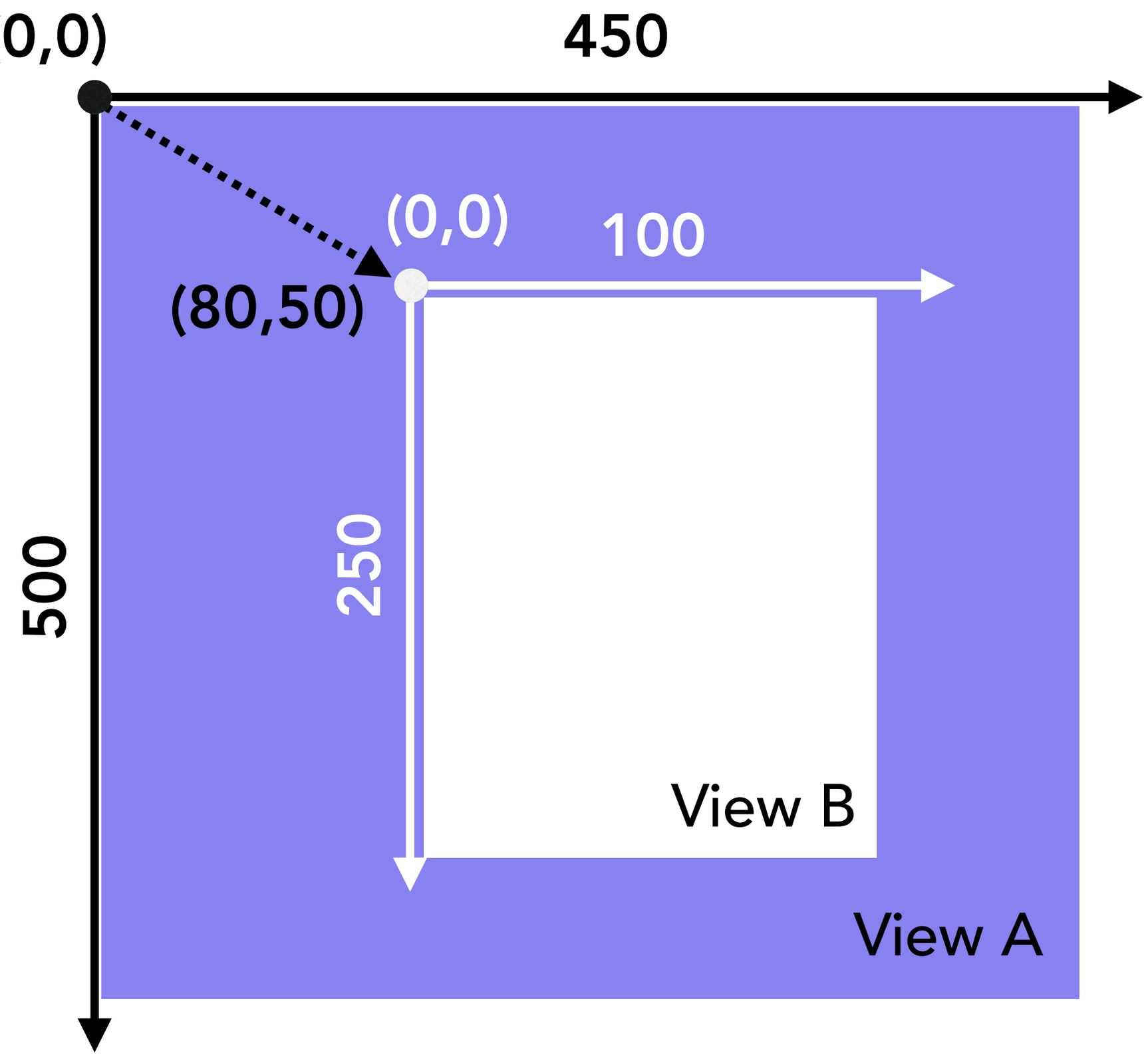
Frame vs. Bounds



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View B frame

x, y = (?,?)
width = 100
height = 250

View B bounds

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height = 250

`frame:` uses the **coordinate system of its superview**

`bounds:` uses coordinates **relative to itself**

Programmatic Design

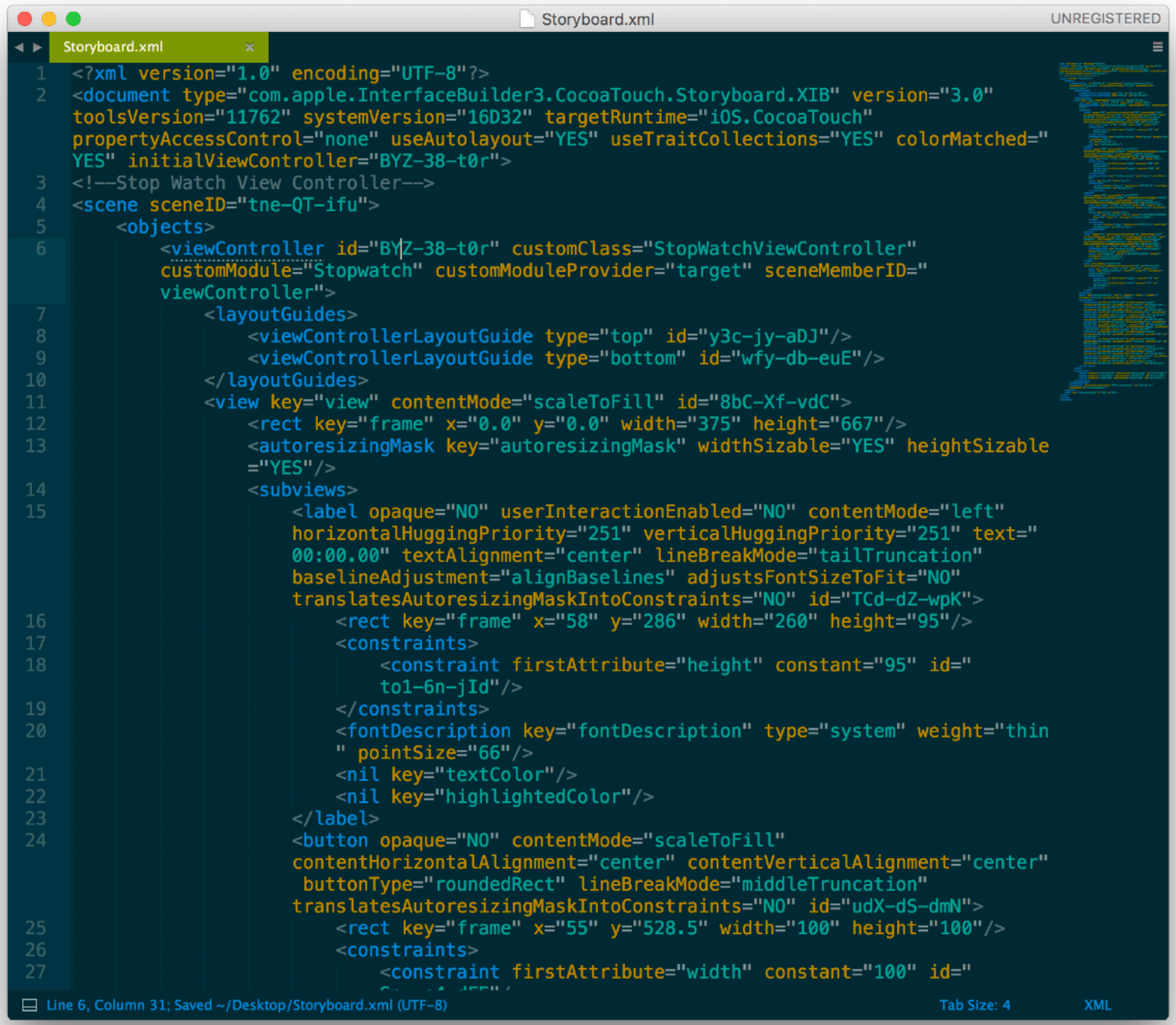
Storyboard : Review

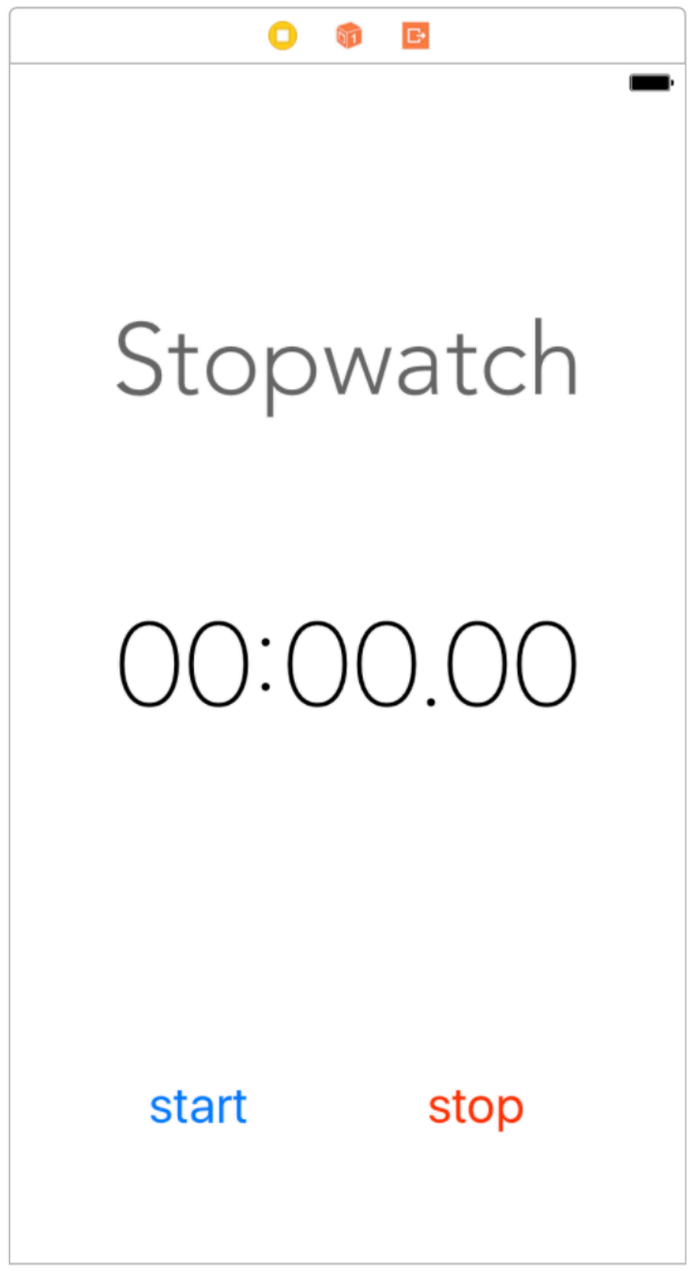
Up to now, you have been creating applications using Storyboard / Interface Builder

Pros of Storyboard

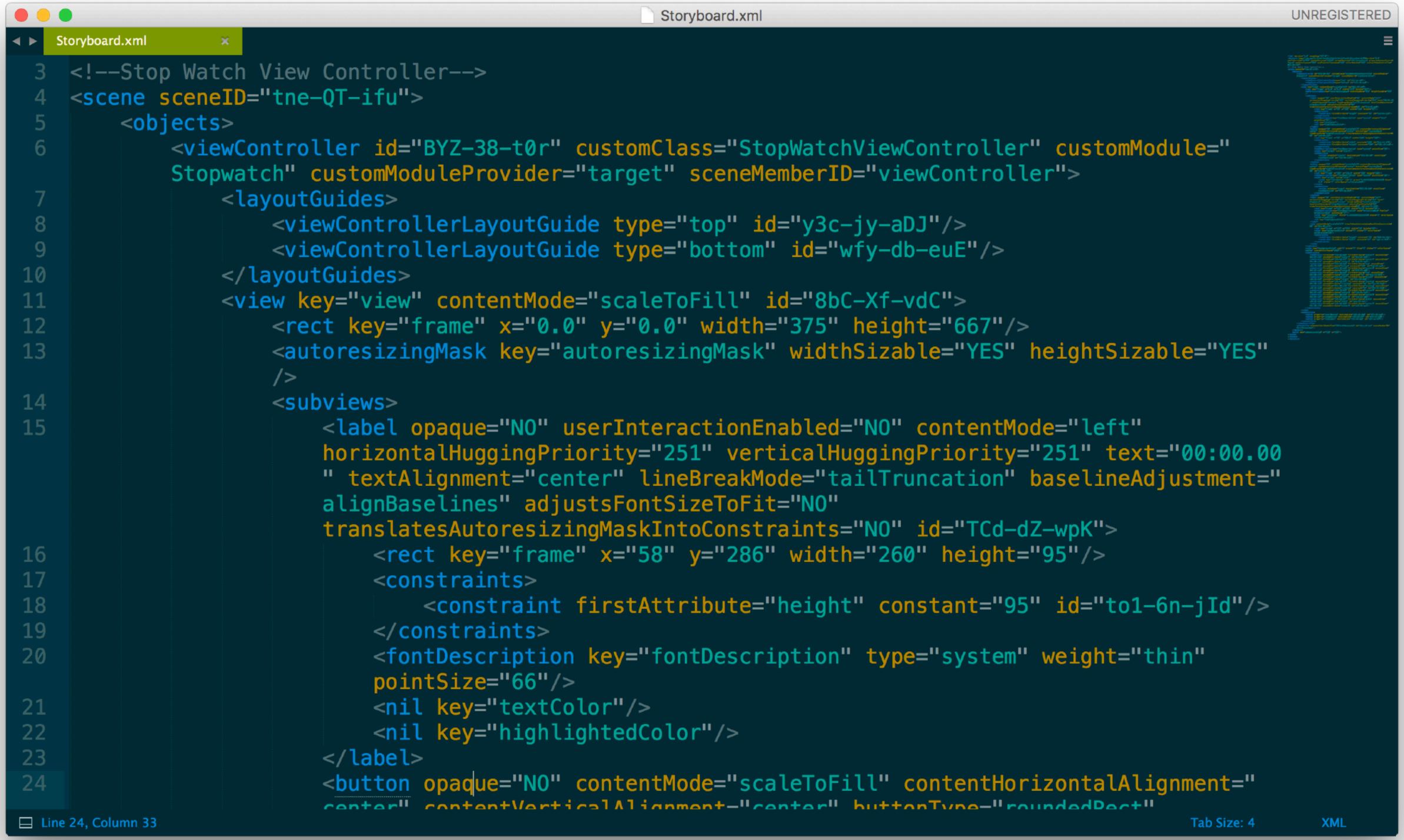
Drag and drop interface makes it really easy to visualize your application immediately
Relatively low learning curve
Great for small projects
The future of User Interface programming?

Storyboard : Beneath the hood

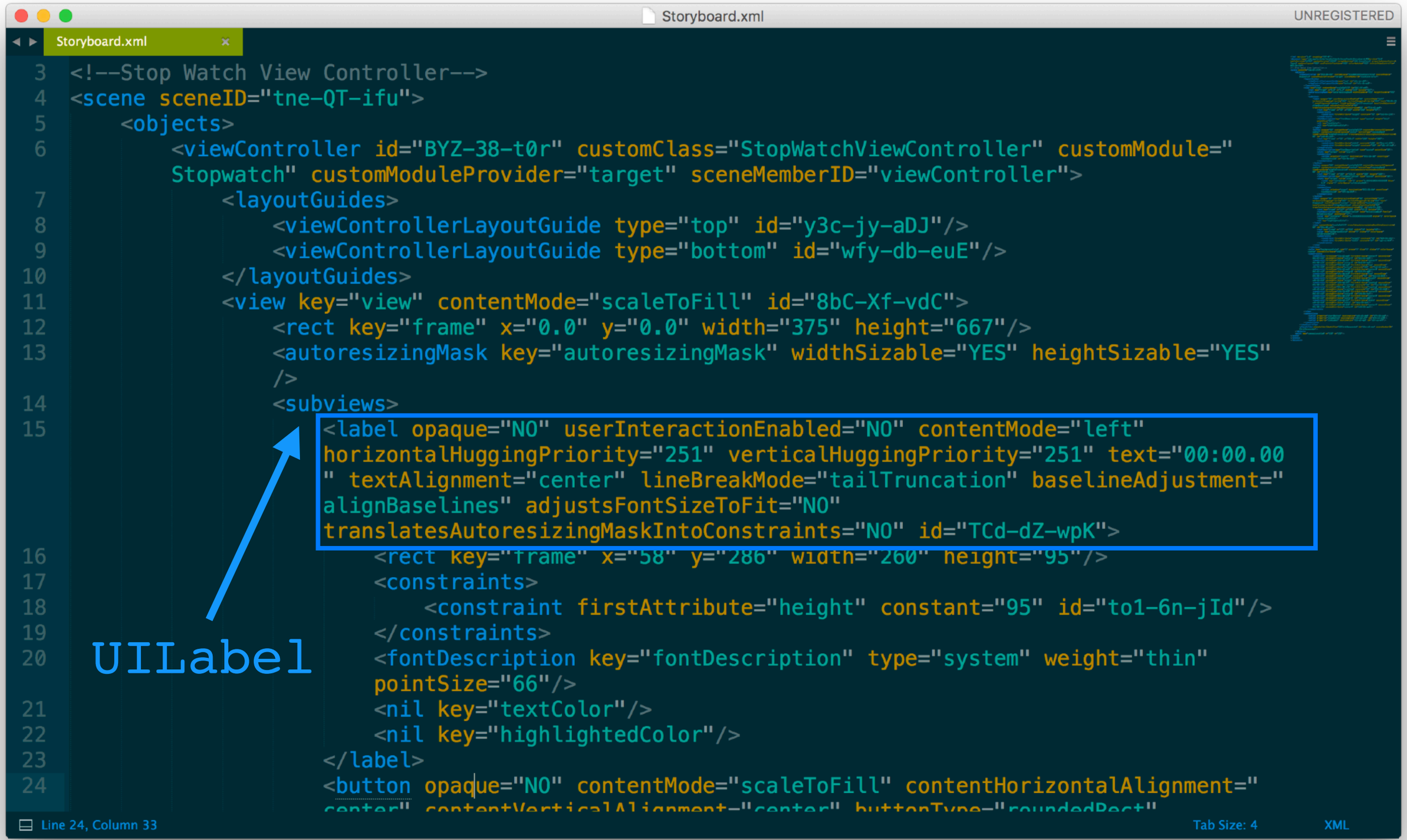




Main.storyboard files are just XML files



You can view the file generated by Interface Builder by opening up Main.storyboard in any text editor



Each time you add a button / label / constraint / etc.,
you'll be able to see it added to this file

Storyboard : Problems

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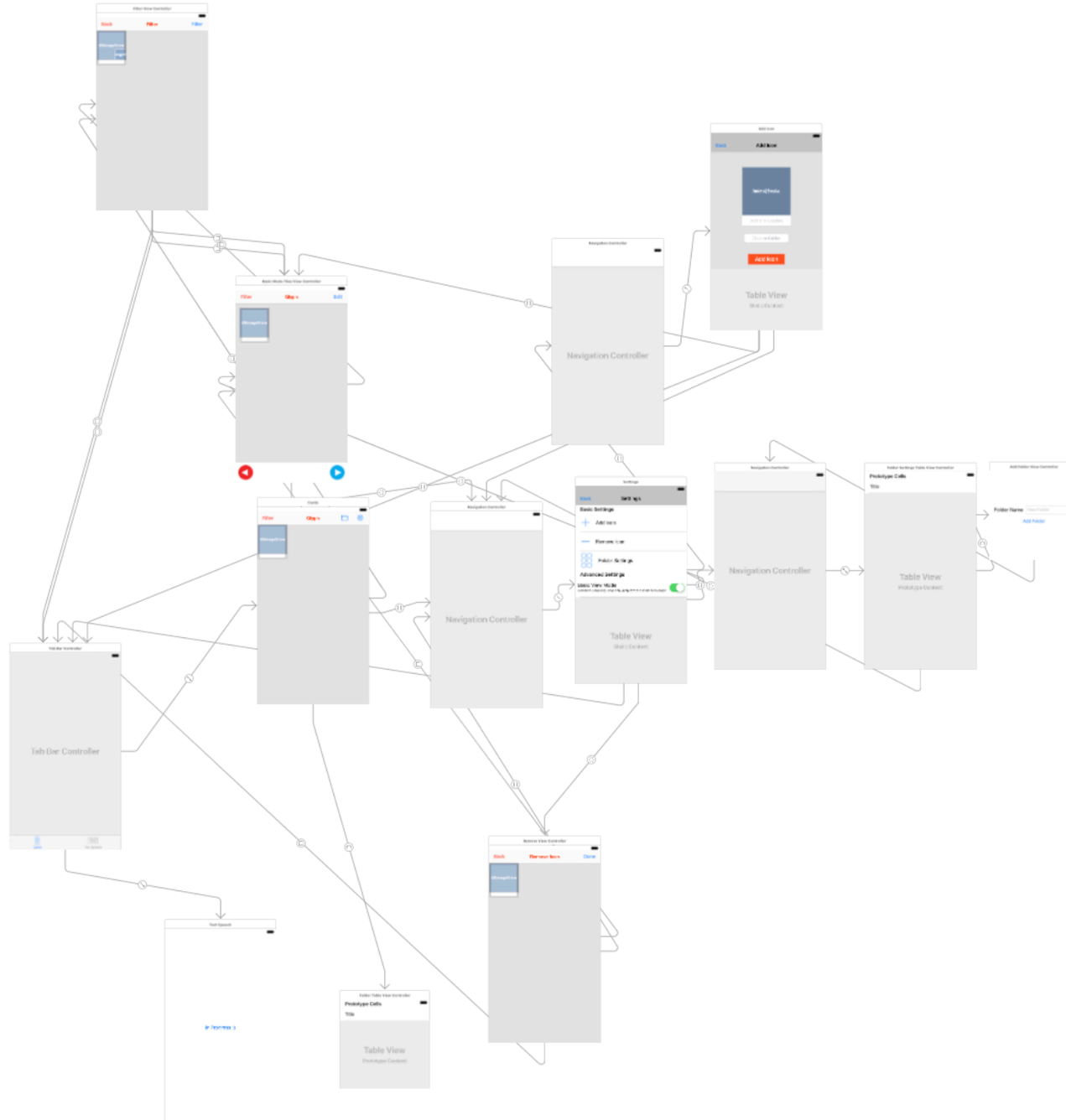

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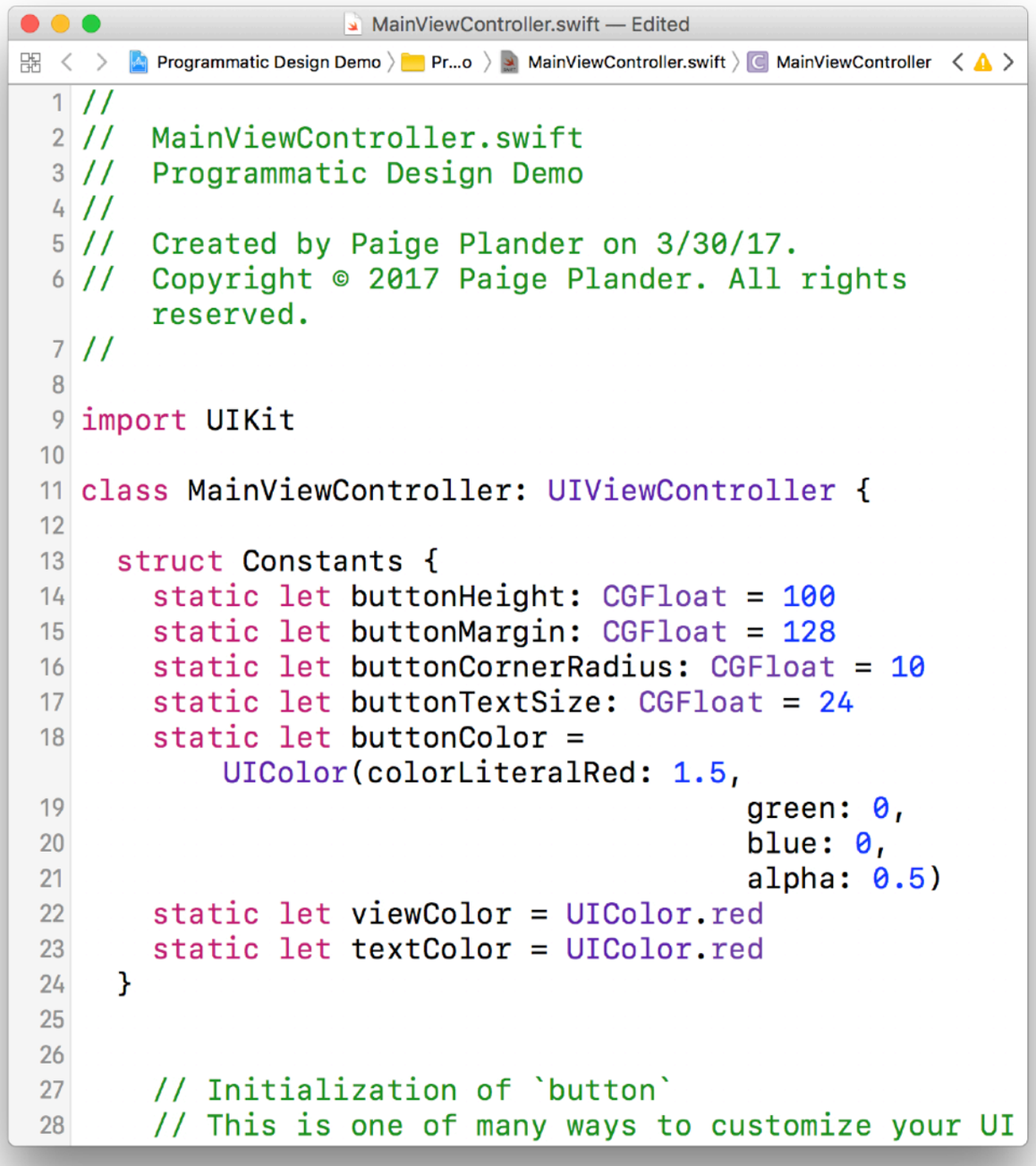


Programmatic Design

No Storyboard Needed

UI elements (buttons / labels / views) are instantiated in code and added as subviews

Pros

Better for version control

Scalable

Industry standard

Less limited

Cons

Steeper learning curve

Slower to get started

Code gets long

(especially when using constraints)

Programmatic Design

Some important classes:

UIWindow - provides the backdrop for your app's content (usually only one per app)

UIScreen - defines the properties of the user's device (get the bounds of user's device using `UIScreen.main.bounds`)

UIViewController - manages a set of UIView's

Programmatic Design

To create UI elements programmatically, you'll need to do the following:

1. Instantiate the UI element

    i.e. `let myButton = UIButton()`

2. Add the view as a subview to your superview using `addSubview`

    i.e. `superview.addSubview(myButton)`

3. Set the position and size of your view either using **frames** or **layout constraints**

Programmatic Design : Example

Suppose we wanted to add a button to our view

in Storyboard

Drag and drop a UIButton into your storyboard from the **Object Library**

Customize using **Attributes Inspector**

Setup Constraints

Programmatically

```
let myBtn = UIButton(frame:
                    CGRect(x: 50,
                           y: 100,
                       width: 200,
                      height: 100))

myBtn.setTitle("Click me!”,
                        for: .normal)
myBtn.backgroundColor = .red
view.addSubview(myBtn)
```

Summary - iOS UI Implementation

Programmatic Design vs Storyboard

… so which one is better?

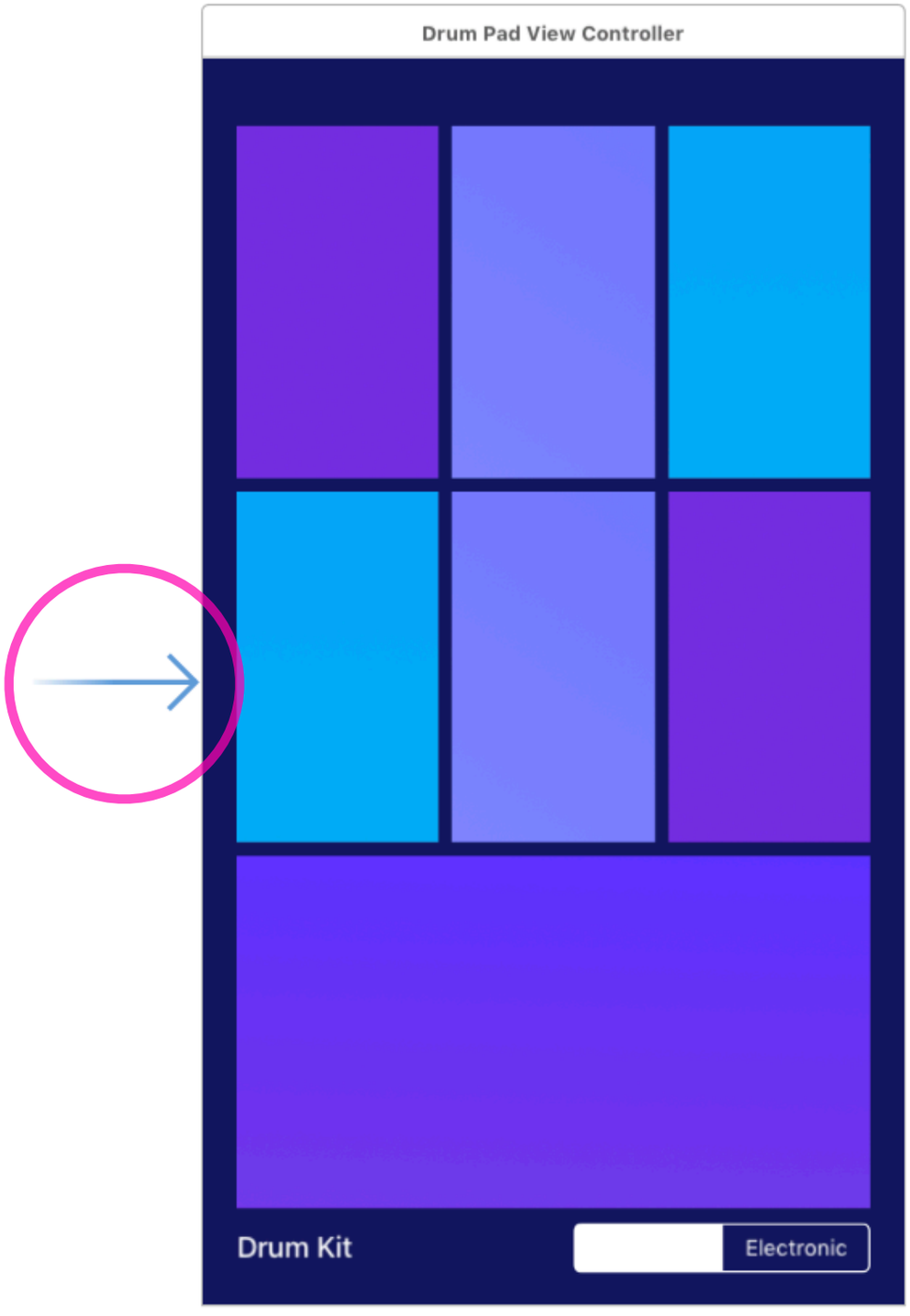
Depends on what you are creating

- Often times, a combination of both may be the best solution
  - One idea - control navigation via Storyboard, add UI elements programmatically

Programmatic Design (with no Storyboard)

To get rid of your storyboard, delete both the **Main.storyboard** file and it's reference in **Info.plist**

To programmatically set the initial view controller, you'll need to edit your **AppDelegate.swift.** This is equivalent to setting the "initial view controller" property in Storyboard (represented by the arrow icon)



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         [UIApplicationLaunchOptionsKey: Any]?) -> Bool {

   // this code executes when your app is opened for the
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   return true
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```

Setting your initial View Controller Programmatically (Example)

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    window?.rootViewController = myViewController
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The window displays the app's content on the device's main screen.

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Set the window to be
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Instantiate a View Controller to be the window's root view controller

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```

Set the window's
root view controller property

Programmatic Design (with no Storyboard)

Found in AppDelegate.swift

```
import UIKit

@UIApplicationMain
class AppDelegate: UIResponder, UIApplicationDelegate {

 var window: UIWindow?

 func application(_ application: UIApplication,
        didFinishLaunchingWithOptions launchOptions:
        [UIApplicationLaunchOptionsKey: Any]?) -> Bool {
   window = UIWindow(frame: UIScreen.main.bounds)
   let myViewController = MyViewController()
   window?.rootViewController = myViewController
   window?.makeKeyAndVisible()
   return true
  }
...
```

Make the window visible to the user

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```

Now the user will see “myViewController” upon opening this application

Positioning / Sizing Views

Two ways of setting the size and position of your views programmatically

1. Using **frames** / **bounds** (`initWithFrame CGRect, CGPoint)`

2. Using **AutoLayout** (`NSLayoutConstraints`)

Positioning and Sizing Views Using Frames

```
let myFrame = CGRect(x: 0, y: 0,
 width: UIScreen.main.bounds.width - 16,
 height: 100)

let myButton = UIButton(frame: myFrame)

myButton.center = view.center

view.addSubview(myButton)
```

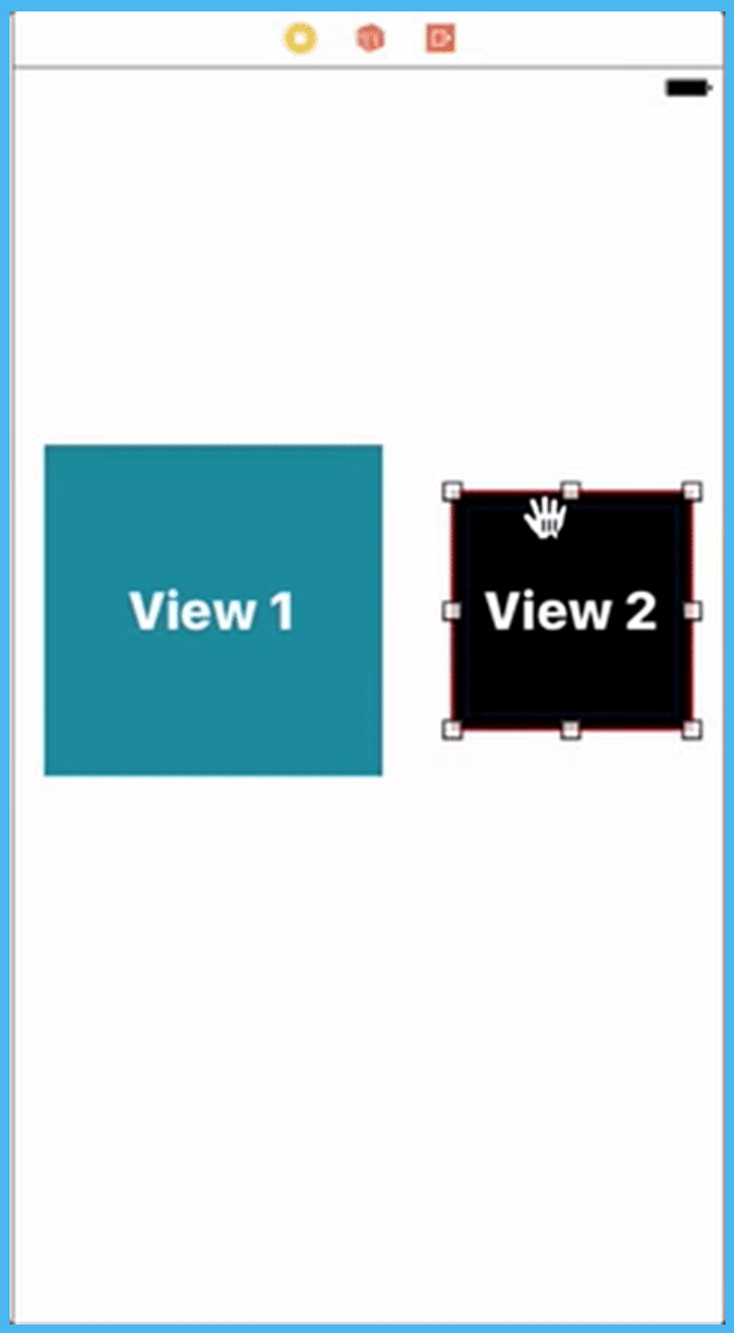
Positioning and Sizing Views with AutoLayout

```
btn.translatesAutoresizingMaskIntoConstraints = false

// constraints to center the button horizontally in the view
let myConstraints = [
    btn.centerXAnchor.constraint(equalTo: view.centerXAnchor),
    btn.centerYAnchor.constraint(equalTo: view.centerYAnchor),
    btn.leadingAnchor.constraint(equalTo: view.leadingAnchor,
                                 constant: 8),
     btn.trailingAnchor.constraint(equalTo: view.trailingAnchor,
                                   constant: 8),
     btn.heightAnchor.constraint(equalToConstant: 100)
   ]

NSLayoutConstraint.activate(myConstraints)
```

In this example, we create a list of constraints, then batch activate them (rather than doing it one by one)

Programmatic AutoLayout

Layout Anchors



Equivalent
Storyboard Example

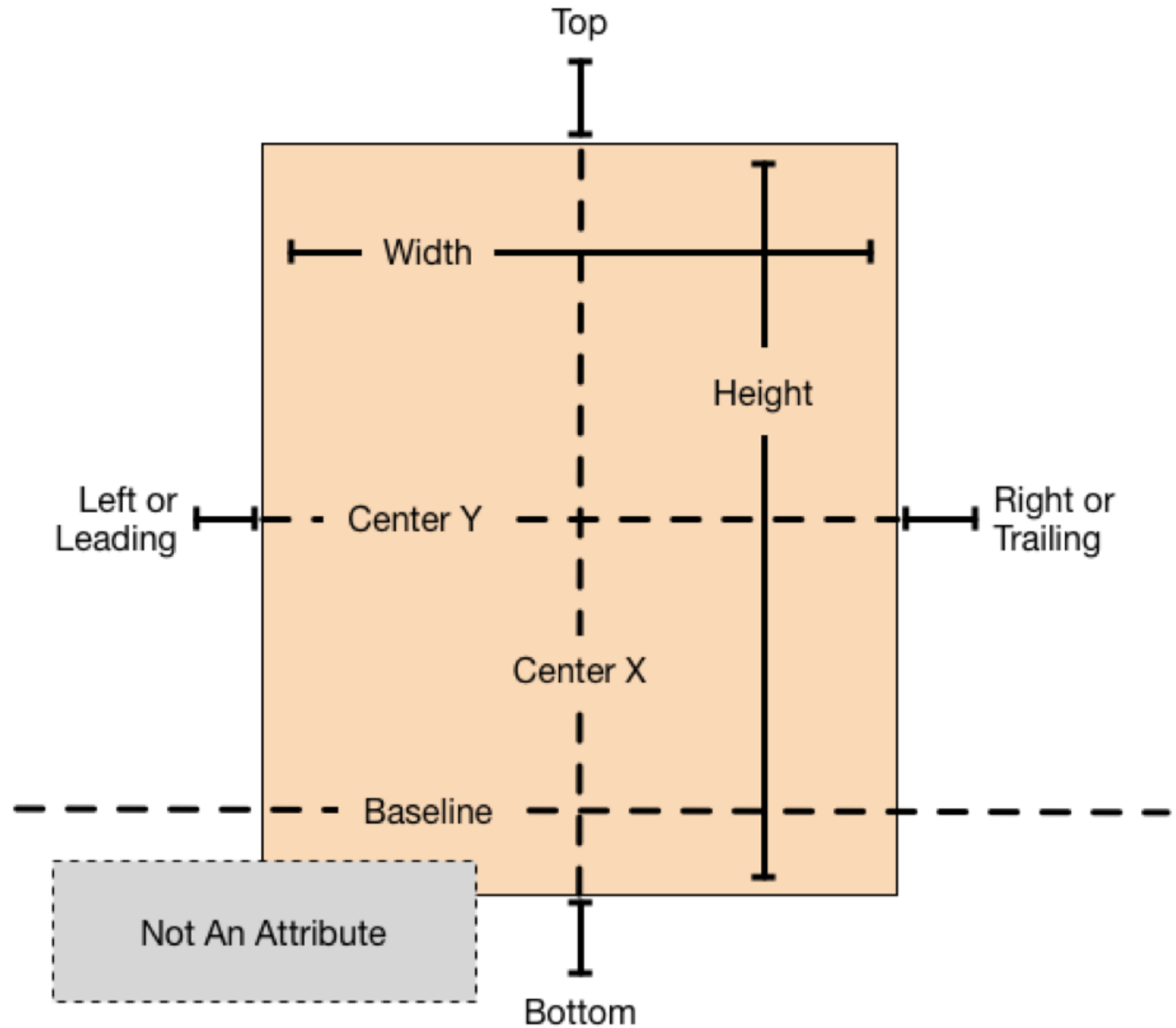
```
let constraint =
      view2.leadingAnchor.constraint(
      equalTo: view1.trailingAnchor,
      constant: 8)

constraint.isActive = true
```

In both of these examples,
the spacing between
views is set to 8 points

Programmatic AutoLayout

Layout Anchor Properties

Use these properties to create relationships between views



Programmatic Design Demo

https://github.com/paigeplan/lec8

Snapchat Project Part 2

Due **Tuesday** at 11:59pm

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