

Effective Debugging with Xcode 4

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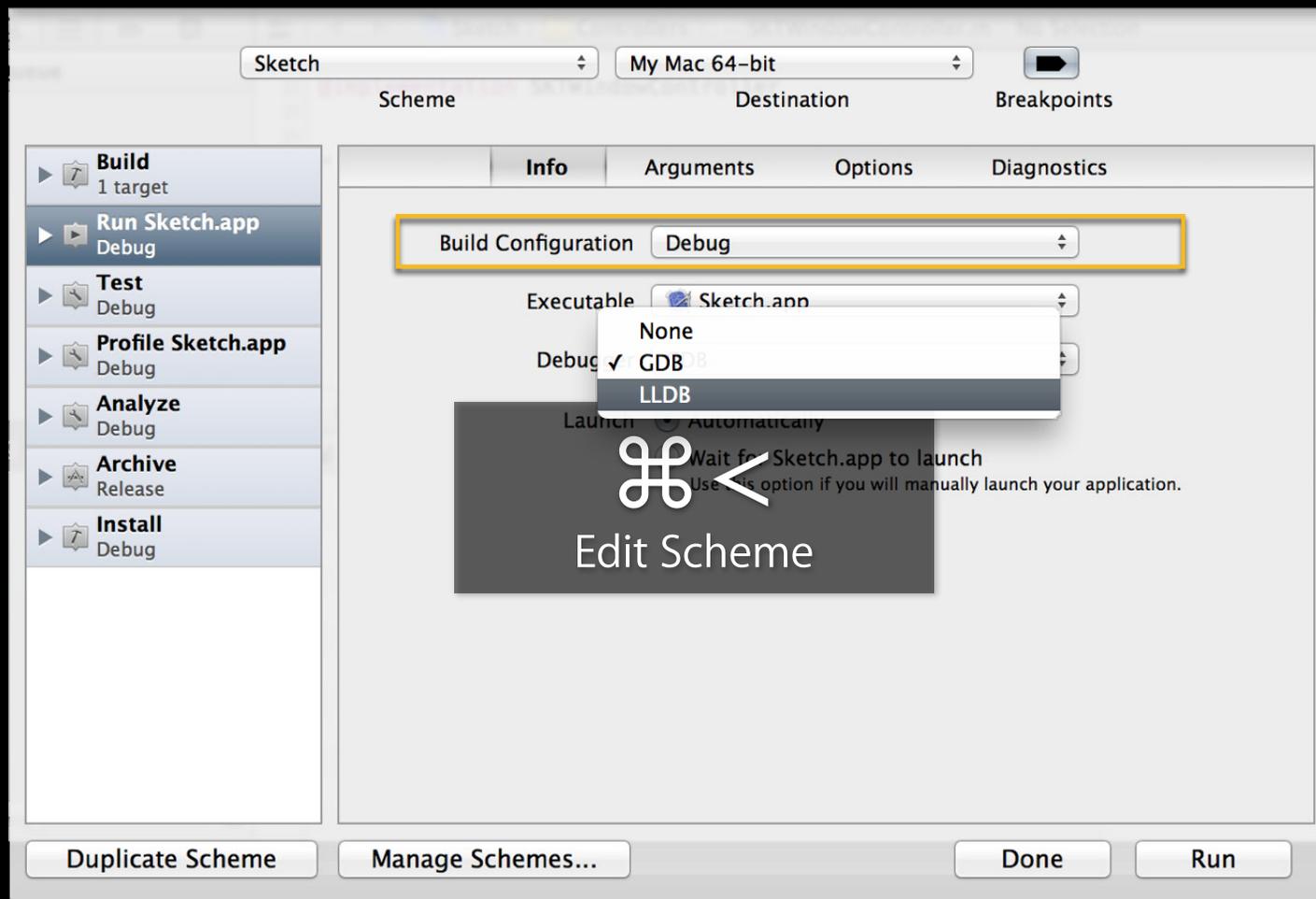
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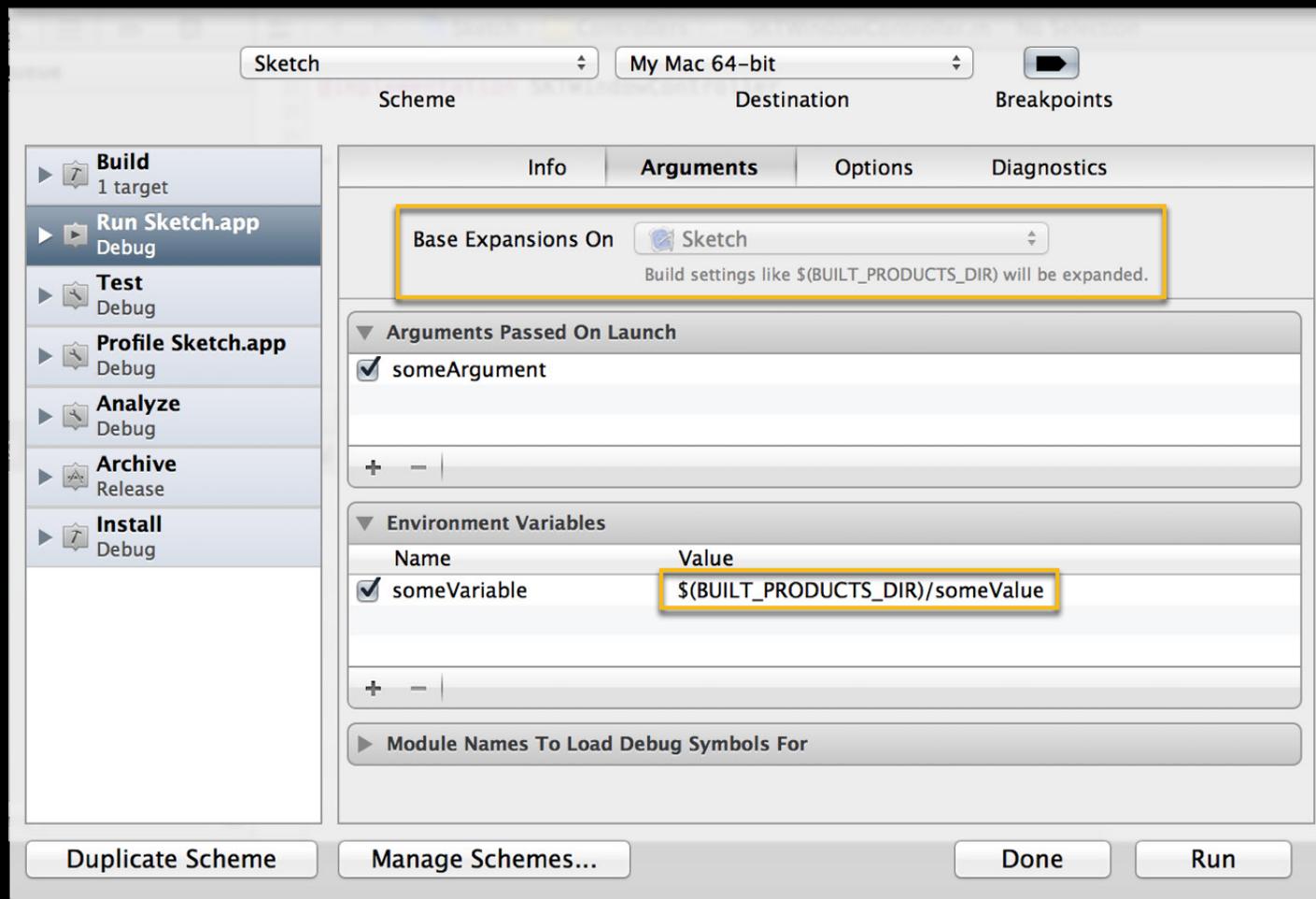
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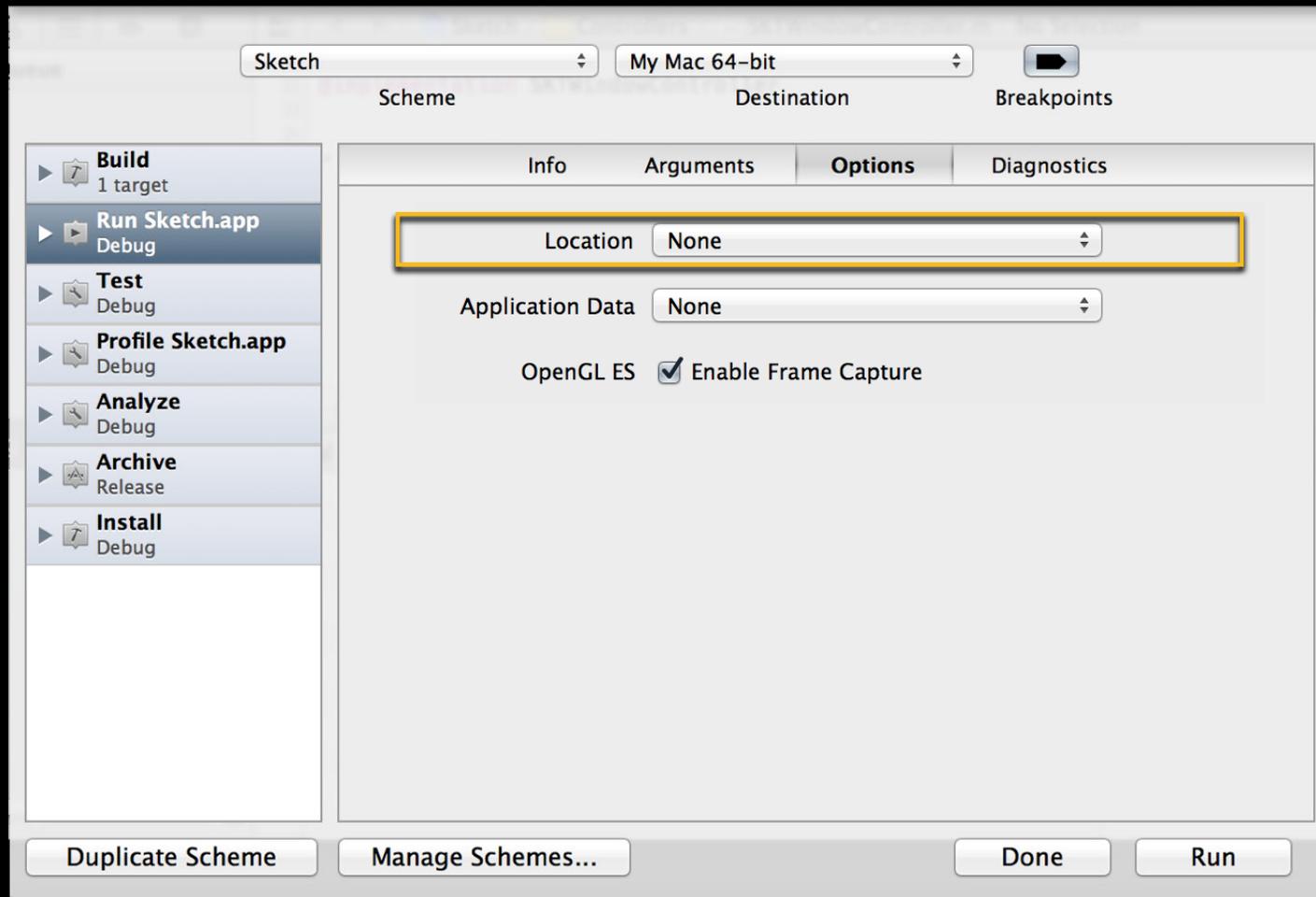
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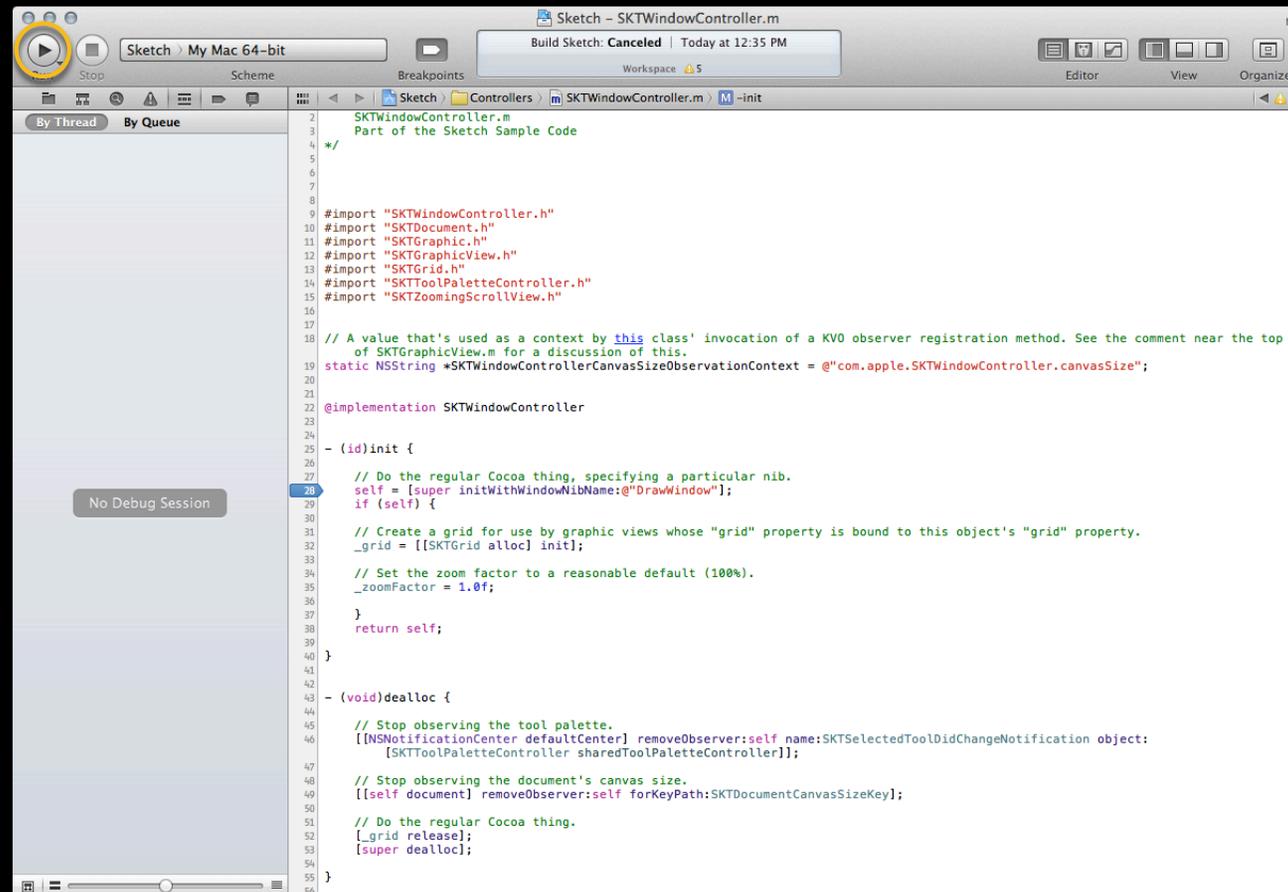
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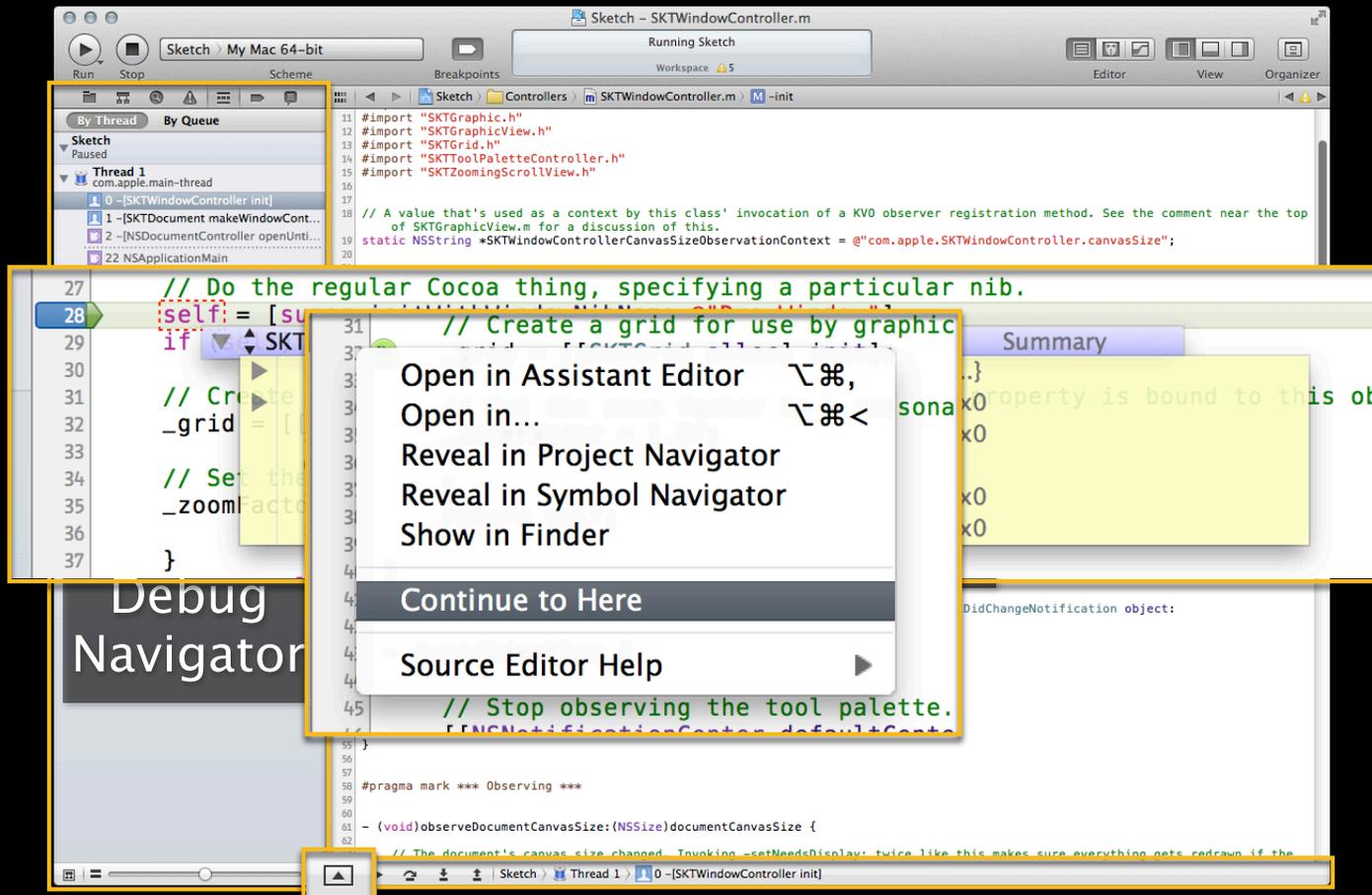
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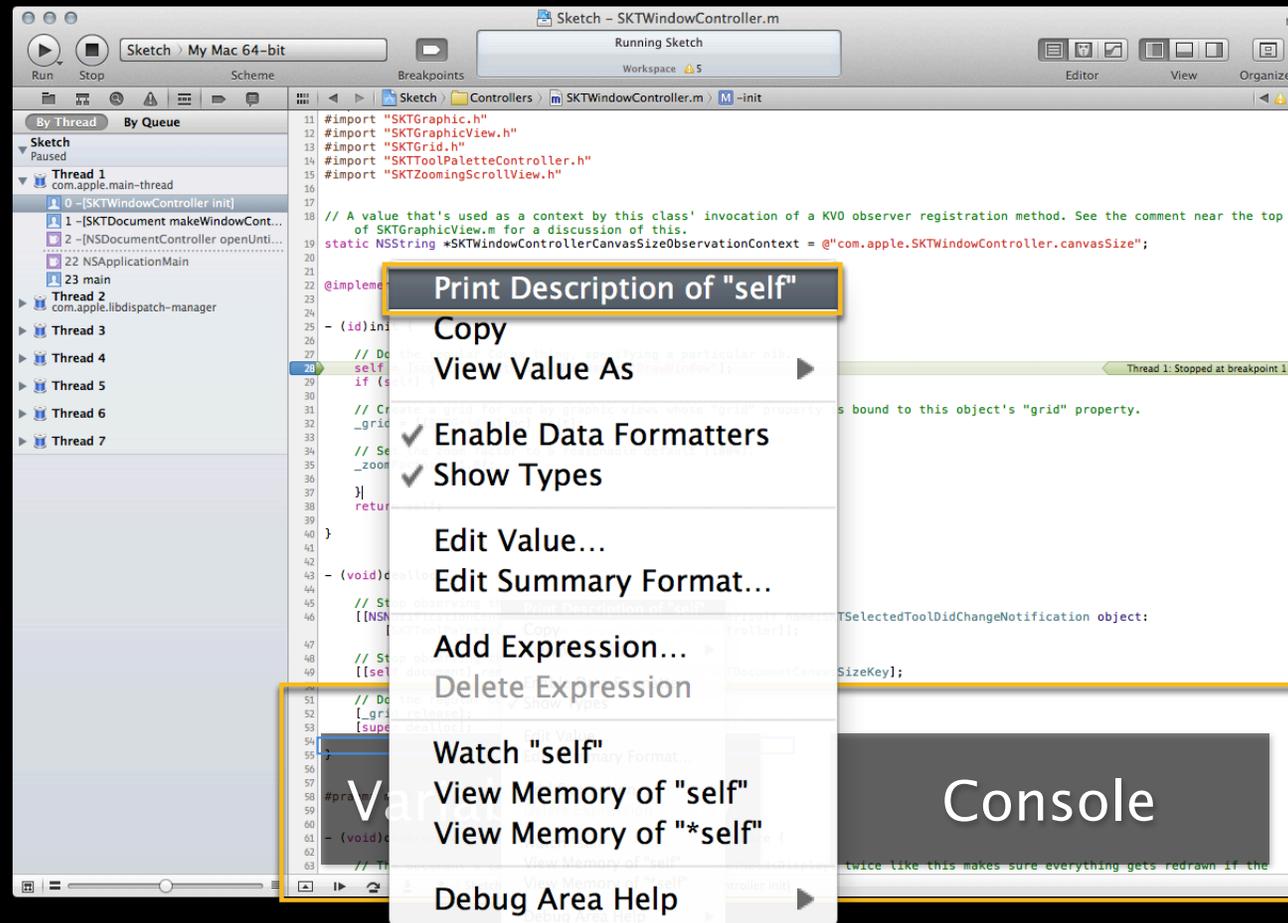
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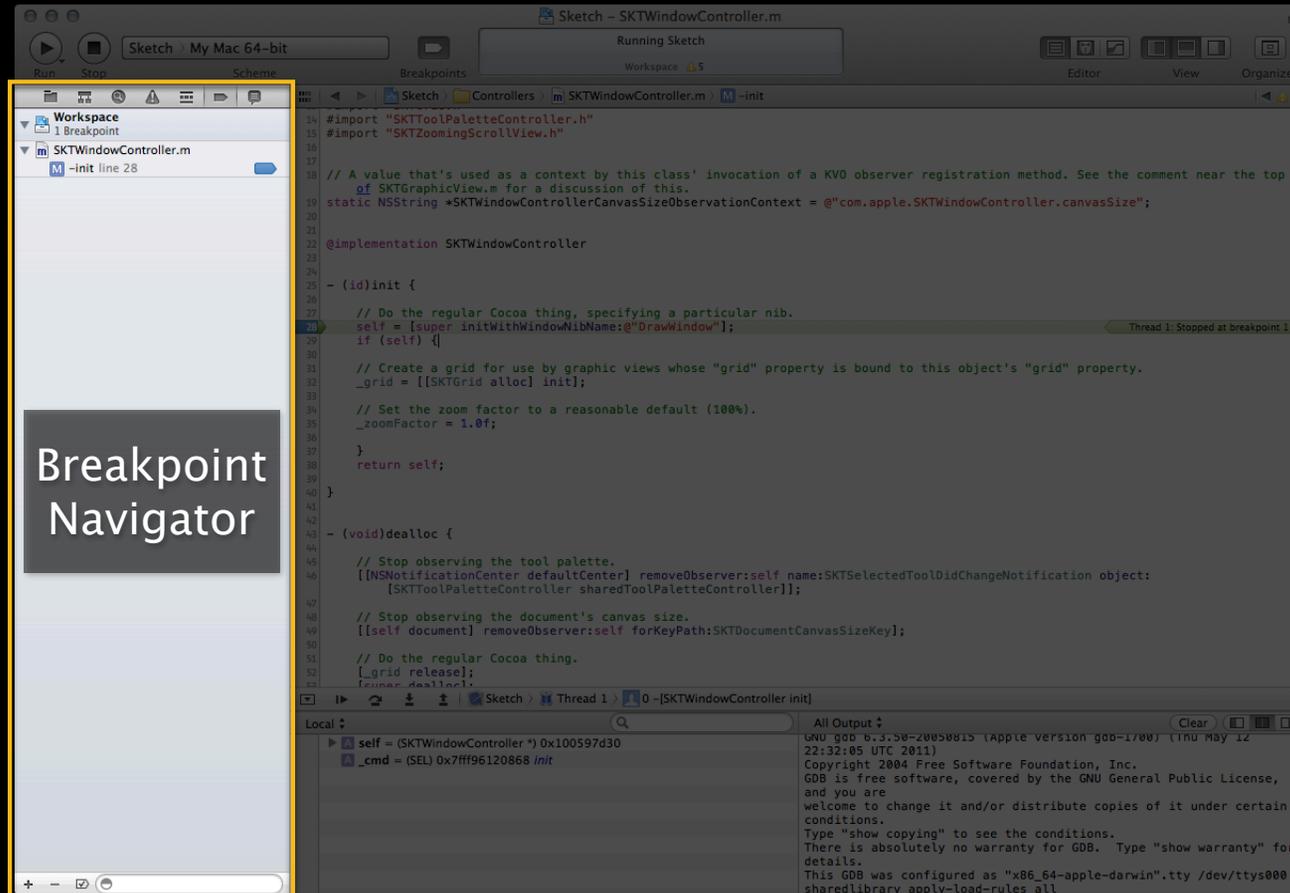
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SKTWindowController.m:28

Condition

Ignore times before stopping

Action Click to add an action

Options Automatically continue after evaluating actions

Done

```
29 if (self) {
30
31 // Create a grid for use by graphic views whose "grid" property is bound to this object's "grid" property.
32 _grid = [[SKTGrid alloc] init];
33
34 // Set the zoom factor to a reasonable default (100%).
35 _zoomFactor = 1.0f;
36
37 }
38 return self;
39
40 }
41
42
43 - (void)dealloc {
44
45 // Stop observing the tool palette.
46 [[NSNotificationCenter defaultCenter] removeObserver:self name:SKTSelectedToolDidChangeNotification object:
47 [SKTToolPaletteController sharedToolPaletteController]];
48
49 // Stop observing the document's canvas size.
50 [[self document] removeObserver:self forKeyPath:SKTDocumentCanvasSizeKey];
51
52 // Do the regular Cocoa thing.
53 [_grid release];
54 [super dealloc];
55 }
```

Thread 1: Stopped at breakpoint 1

Local

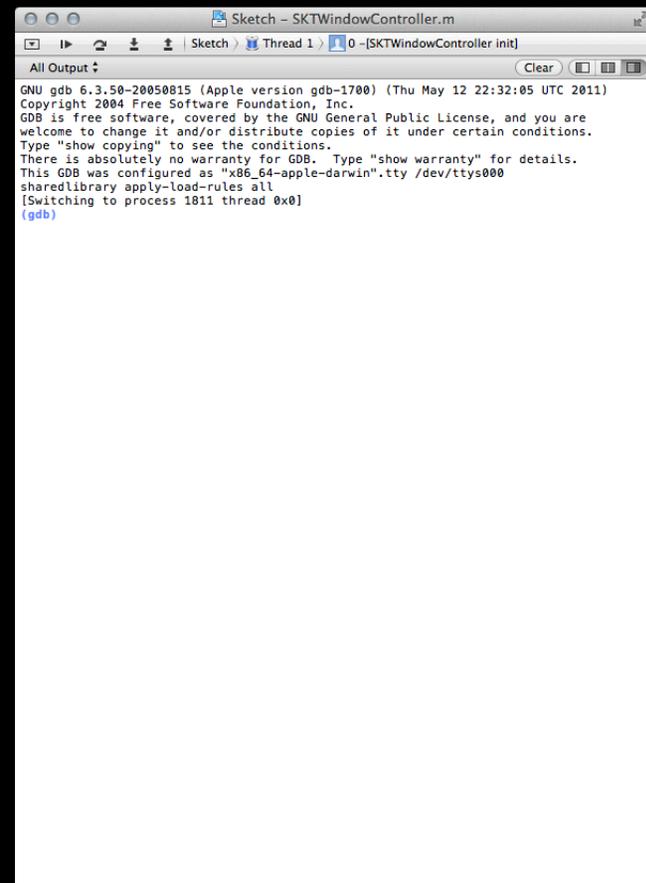
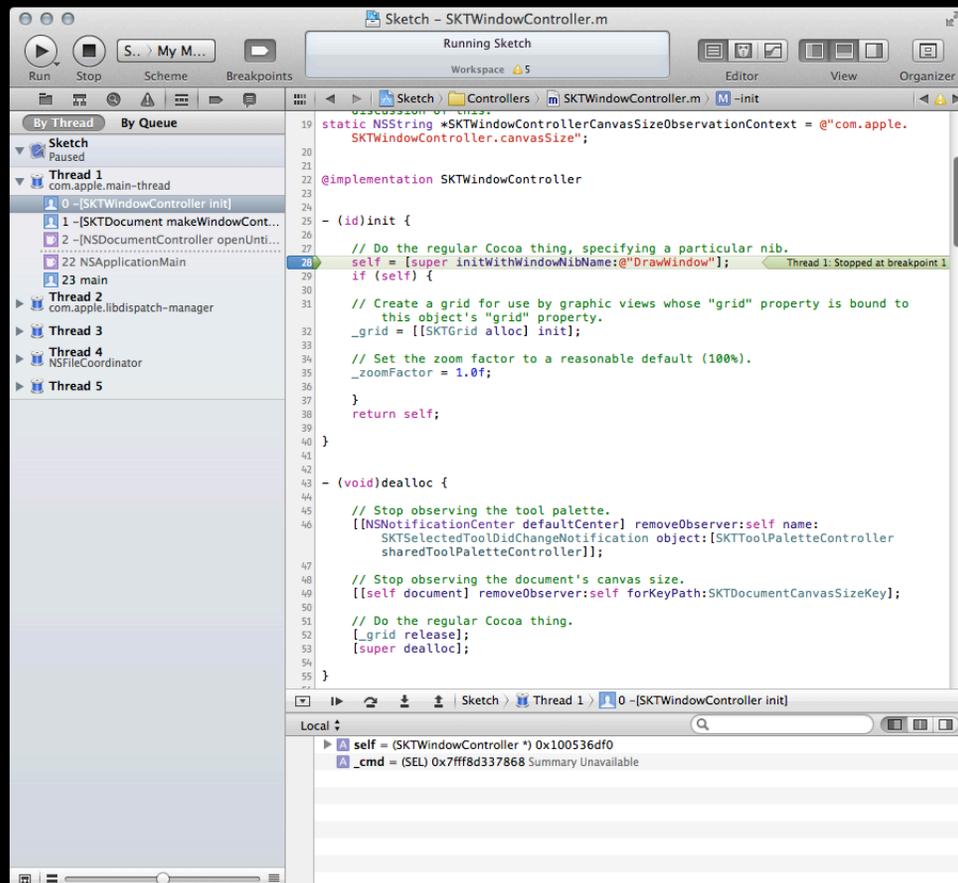
- self = (SKTWindowController *) 0x100597d30
- _cmd = (SEL) 0x7fff96120868 *init*

All Output

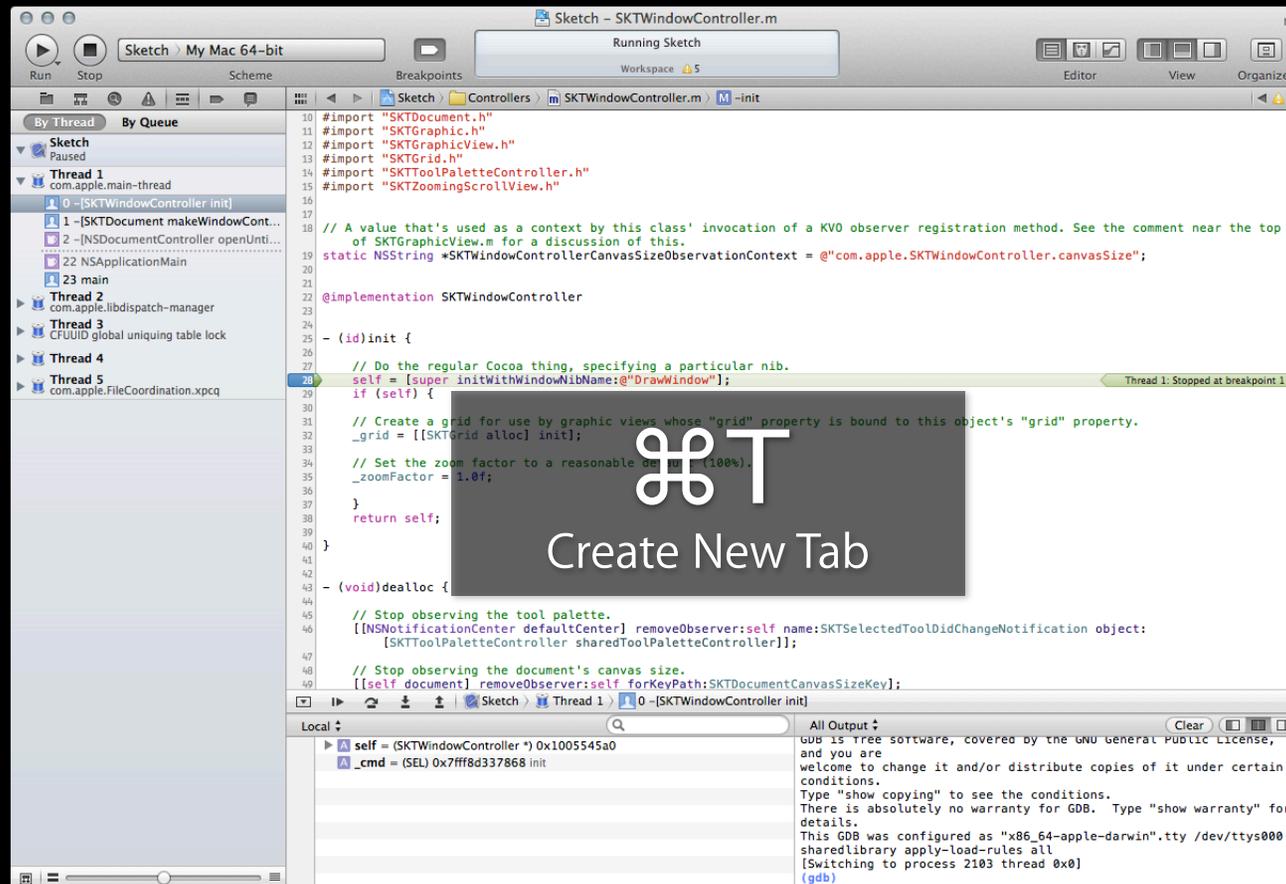
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sharedlibrary apply-load-rules all
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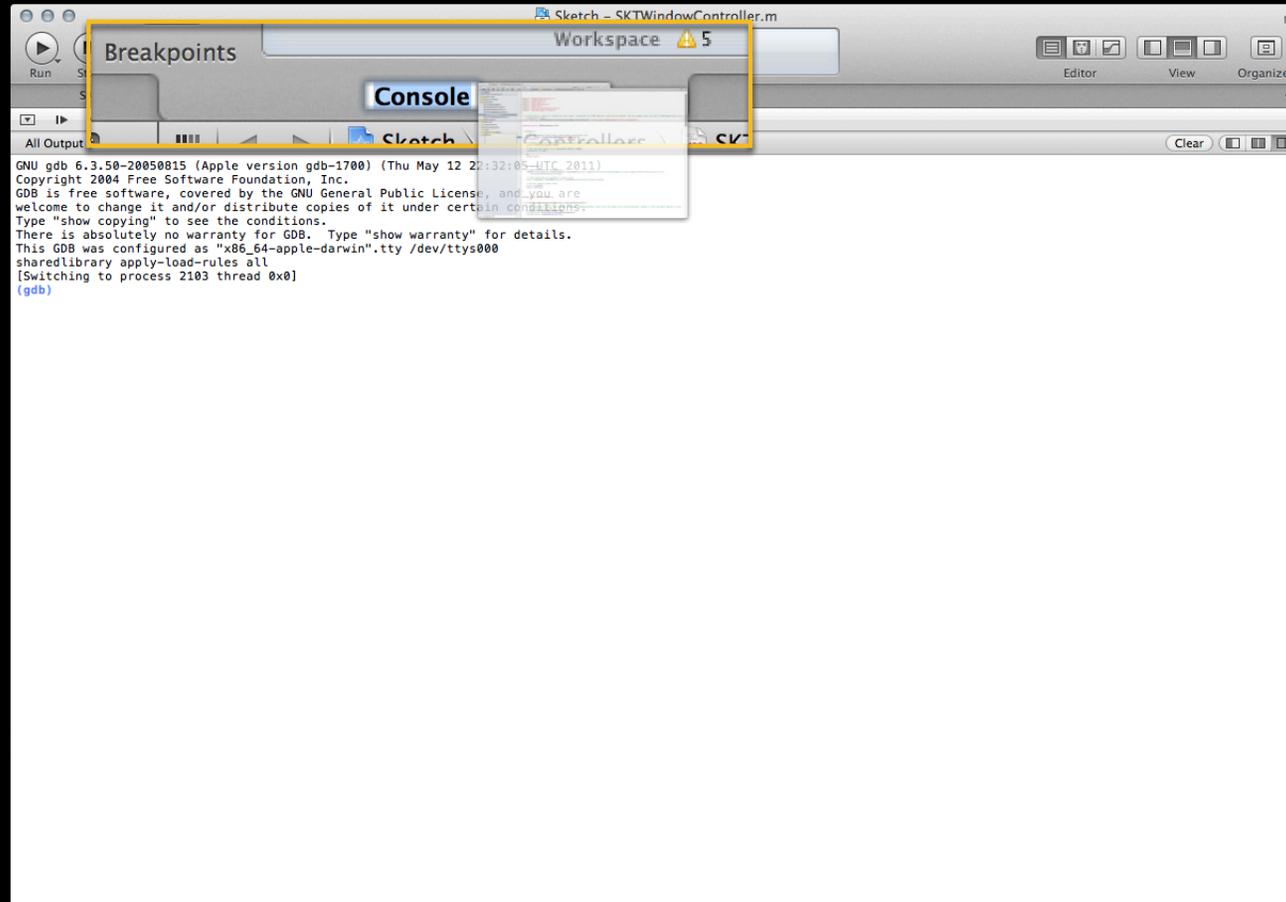
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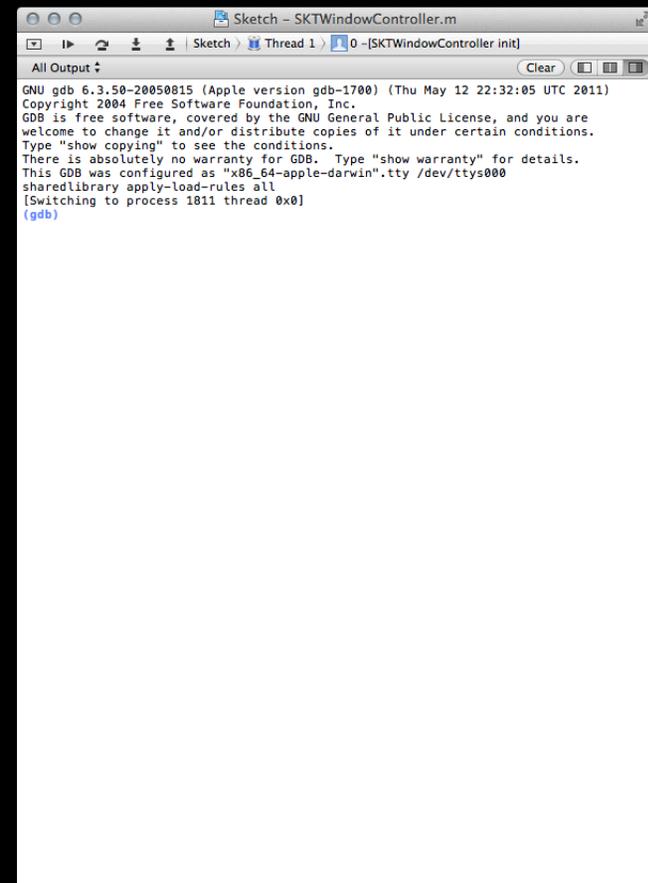
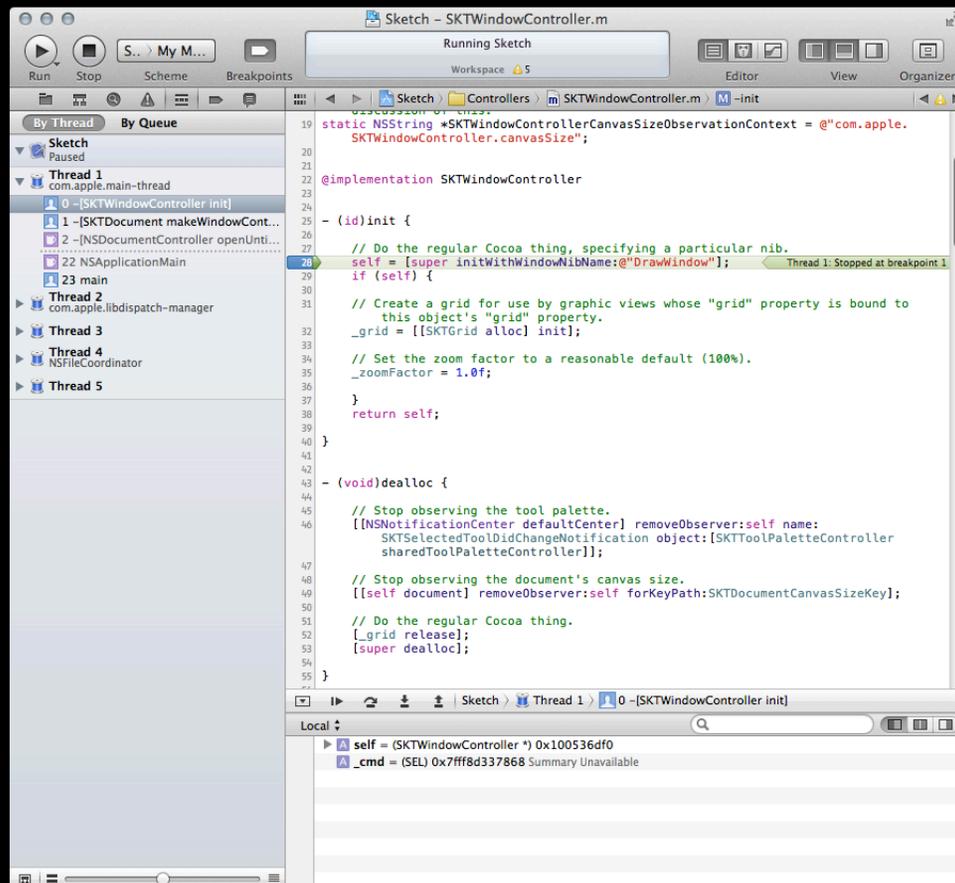
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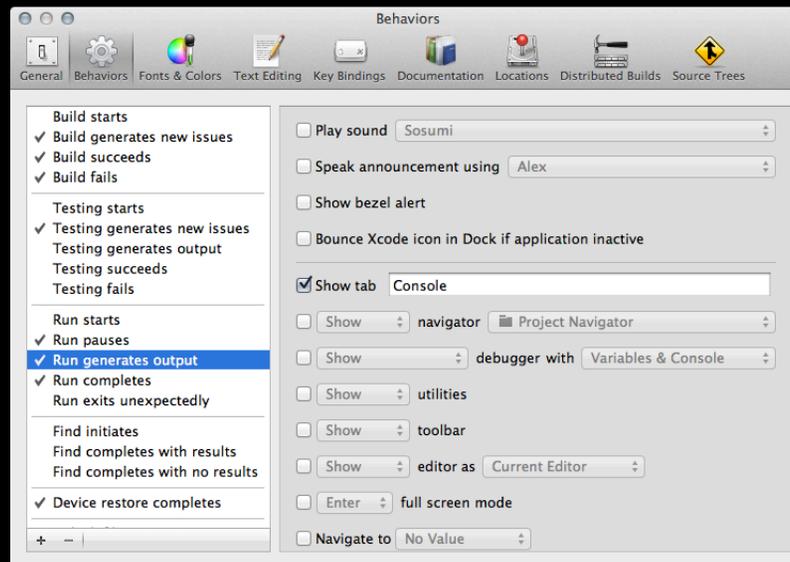
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Use Behaviors to Control Xcode



Demo

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Typing Less at the Console

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[myVariable superMethod:foo  
reallyLongButDescriptiveVariableName  
thirdArgument:baz  
lastArgument:bing]
```

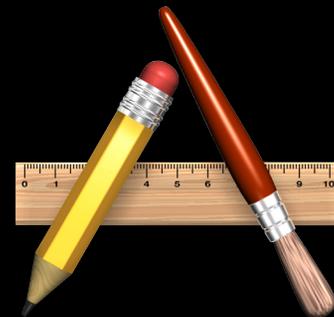
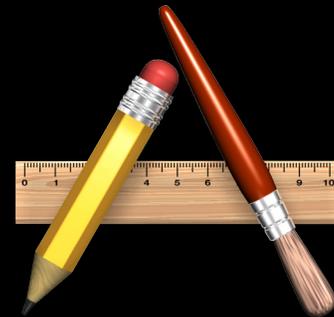
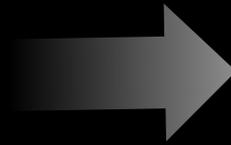
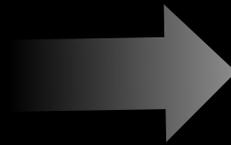
Type Less with Console Completions

```
(gdb) po _
```

```
✓ CGFloat _zoomFactor  
✓ SKTZoomingScrollView * _zoomingScrollView
```

```
(gdb) p (int) [self application: (NSApplication *)  
delegateHandlesKey: (NSString *)
```

Multi-Process Debugging



Multi-Process Debugging

The screenshot displays the Xcode IDE with the following components:

- Thread List (Left):** Shows a hierarchy of threads. The 'Sketch' process is paused. Underneath, 'Thread 1' (com.apple.main-thread) is expanded to show a list of frames: 0 -[SKTWindowController init], 1 -[SKTDocument makeWindowCont..., 2 -[NSDocumentController openUnti..., 22 NSApplicationMain, and 23 main. Other threads (Thread 2-5) are also listed.
- Code Editor (Center):** Shows the implementation of SKTWindowController.m. A breakpoint is set at line 28, which is highlighted in green. The code includes an @implementation block, an -(id)init method with comments and code for initializing a nib, creating a grid, and setting a zoom factor, and a -(void)dealloc method with comments and code for removing observers and releasing resources.
- Debugger Console (Bottom):** Shows the local variables for the current thread: self = (SKTWindowController *) 0x1005374e0 and _cmd = (SEL) 0x7fff9567c868. The 'All Output' pane shows the GNU gdb version information and a message indicating the debugger has switched to process 5975 thread 0x0.

Multi-Process Debugging

Stop "Sketch"?

"Sketch" is already running. Click Stop to terminate and launch a new instance.

Click Add to launch an additional instance.

Do not show this message again

Cancel Add Stop

```
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55
56 }
57
```

Local :

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All Output :

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(gdb)
```

Multi-Process Debugging

The screenshot displays the Xcode IDE interface for multi-process debugging. On the left, the 'Process Navigator' shows two processes: 'Sketch - 5843' (Paused) and 'Sketch - 5866' (Paused). Under 'Sketch - 5843', 'Thread 1' (com.apple.main-thread) is expanded, showing a list of threads: 0 -[SKTWindowController init], 1 -[SKTDocument makeWindowCont..., 2 -[NSDocumentController openUnti..., 22 NSApplicationMain, and 23 main. Under 'Sketch - 5866', 'Thread 1' (com.apple.main-thread) is also expanded, showing threads: 0 -[SKTWindowController init], 1 -[SKTDocument makeWindowCont..., 2 -[NSDocumentController openUnti..., 22 NSApplicationMain, 23 main, Thread 2 (com.apple.libdispatch-manager), Thread 3 (CFUUID global uniquing table lock), Thread 4 (com.apple.FileCoordination.xpcq), Thread 5, and Thread 6.

The main editor window shows the source code of 'SKTWindowController.m'. A breakpoint is set at line 1, which is highlighted in green. The code includes comments and Objective-C code for initializing a window controller. The GDB console at the bottom shows the output of the 'gdb' command, including the GNU gdb version (6.3.50-20050815) and the date (Thu May 12 22:32:05 UTC 2011). The console also shows the GDB configuration and the process being debugged (Sketch - 5995).

Demo

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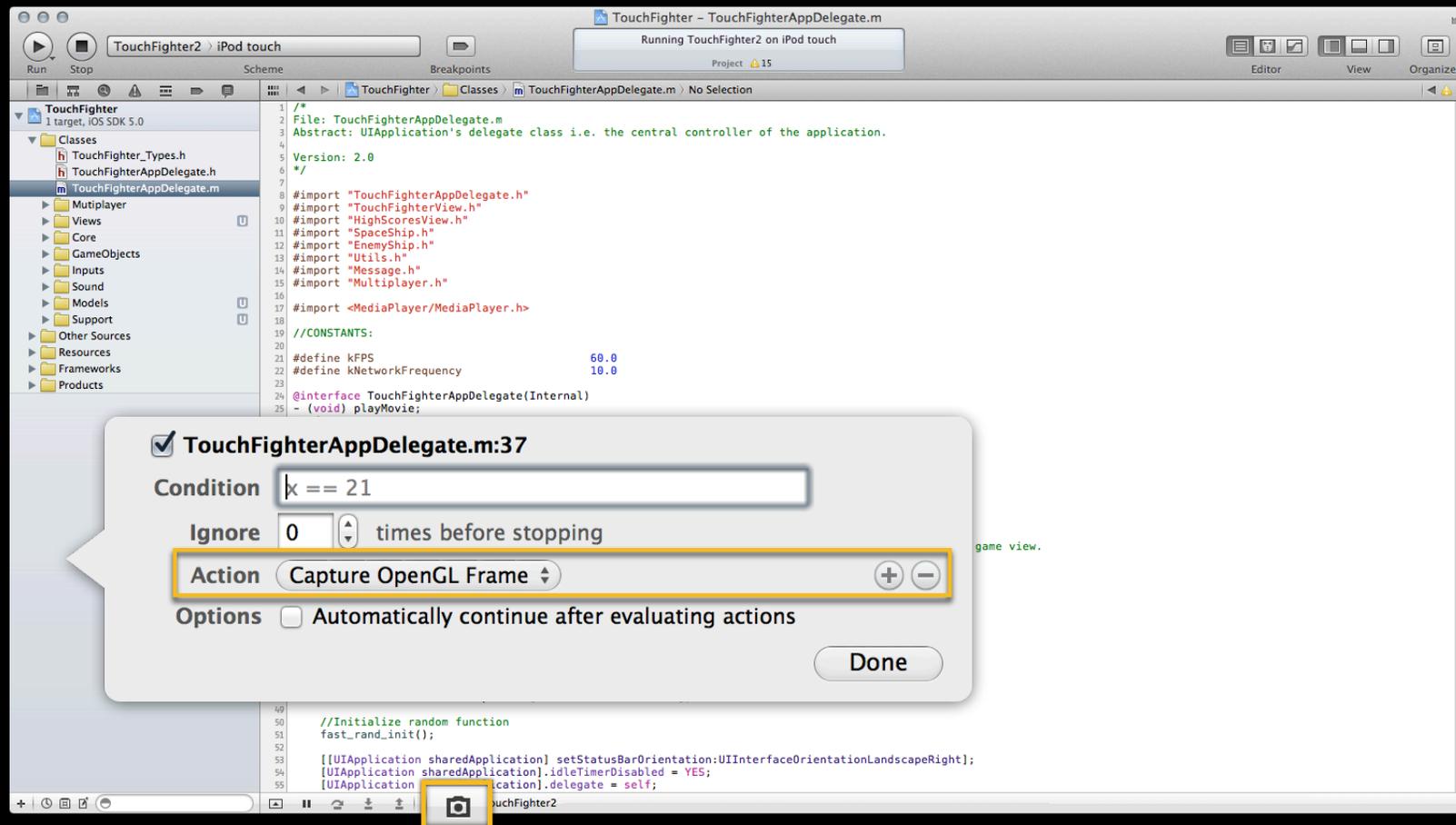


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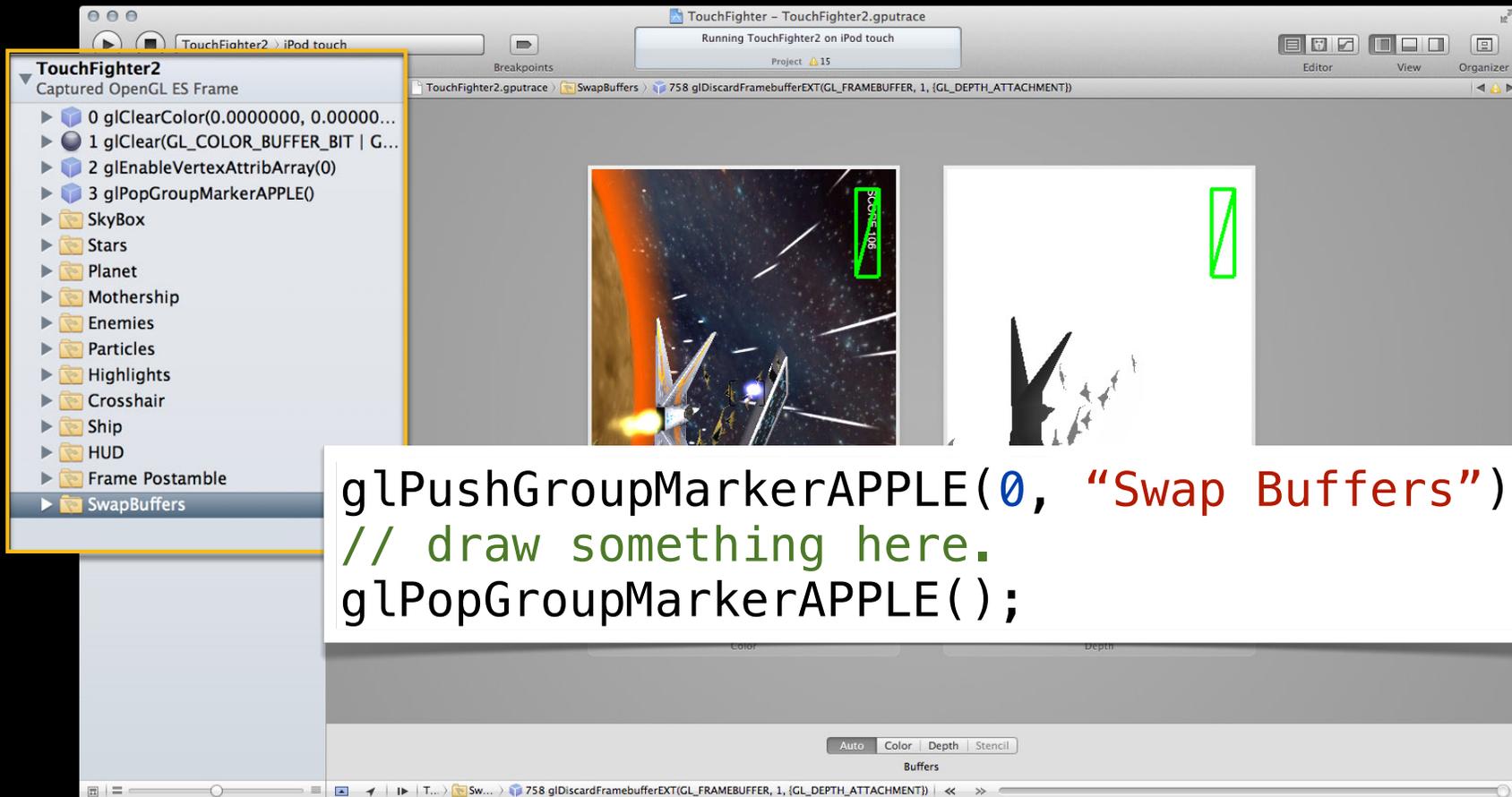
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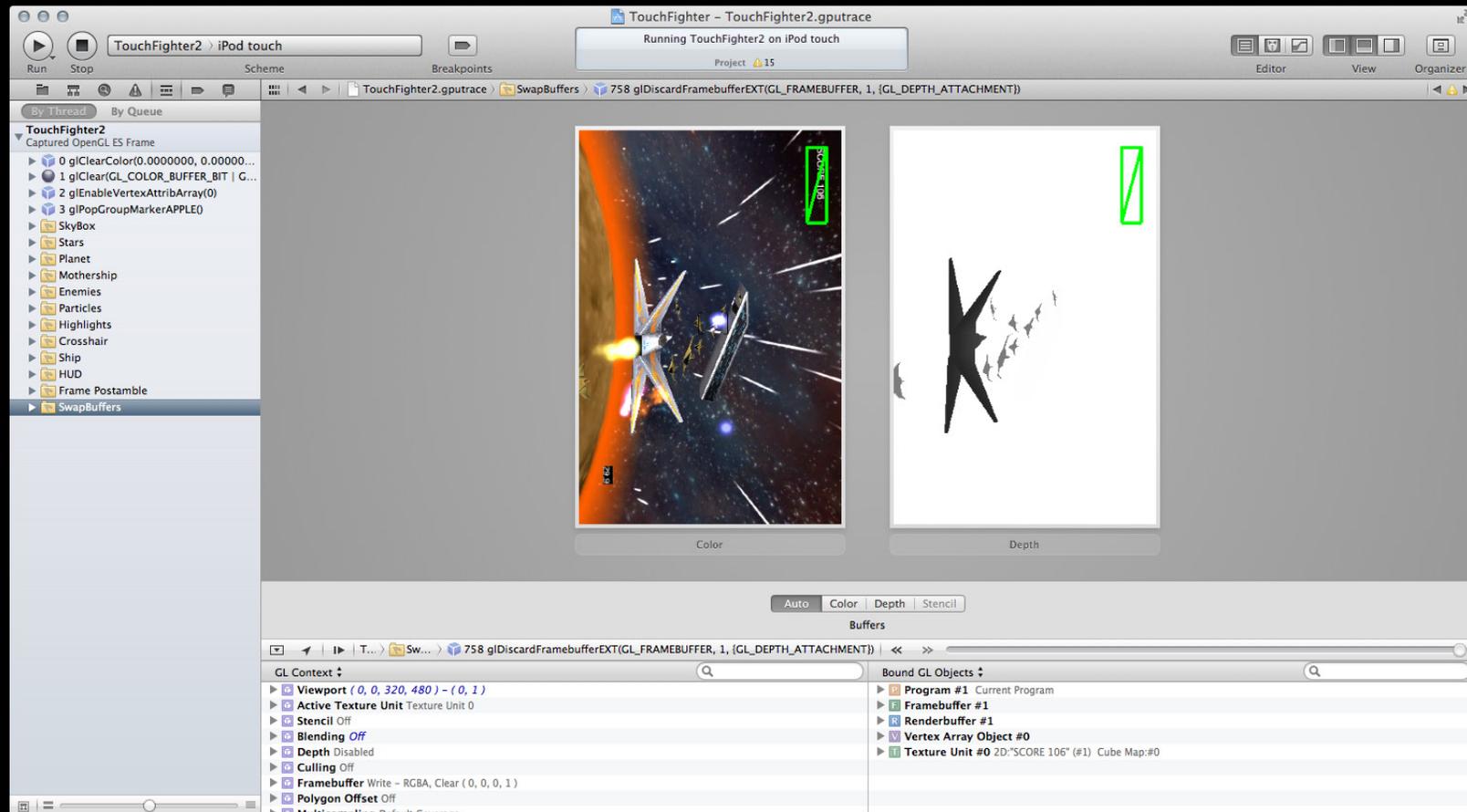


```
0 glClearColor(0.000000, 0.000000...
1 glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | G...
2 glEnableVertexAttribArray(0)
3 glPopGroupMarkerAPPLE()
SkyBox
Stars
Planet
Mothership
Enemies
Particles
Highlights
Crosshair
Ship
HUD
Frame Postamble
SwapBuffers
```

```
glPushMatrixAPPLE(0, "Swap Buffers");
// draw something here.
glPopMatrixAPPLE();
```

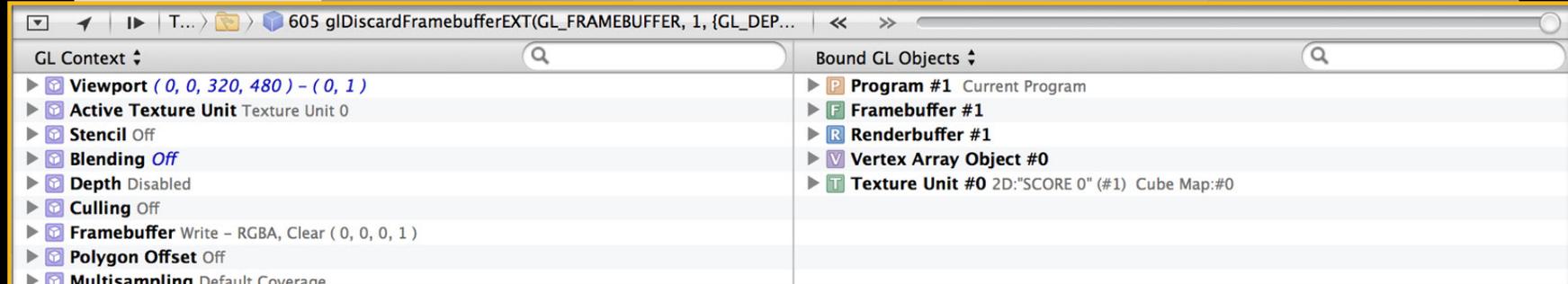
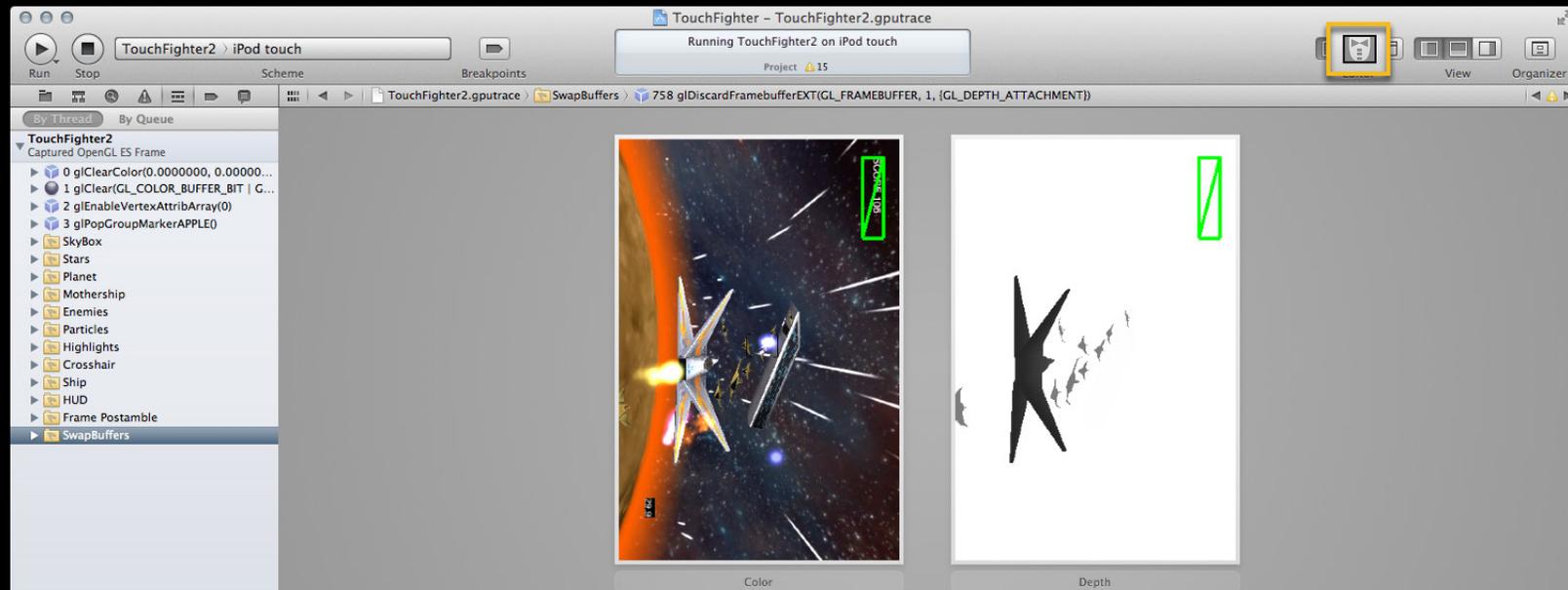
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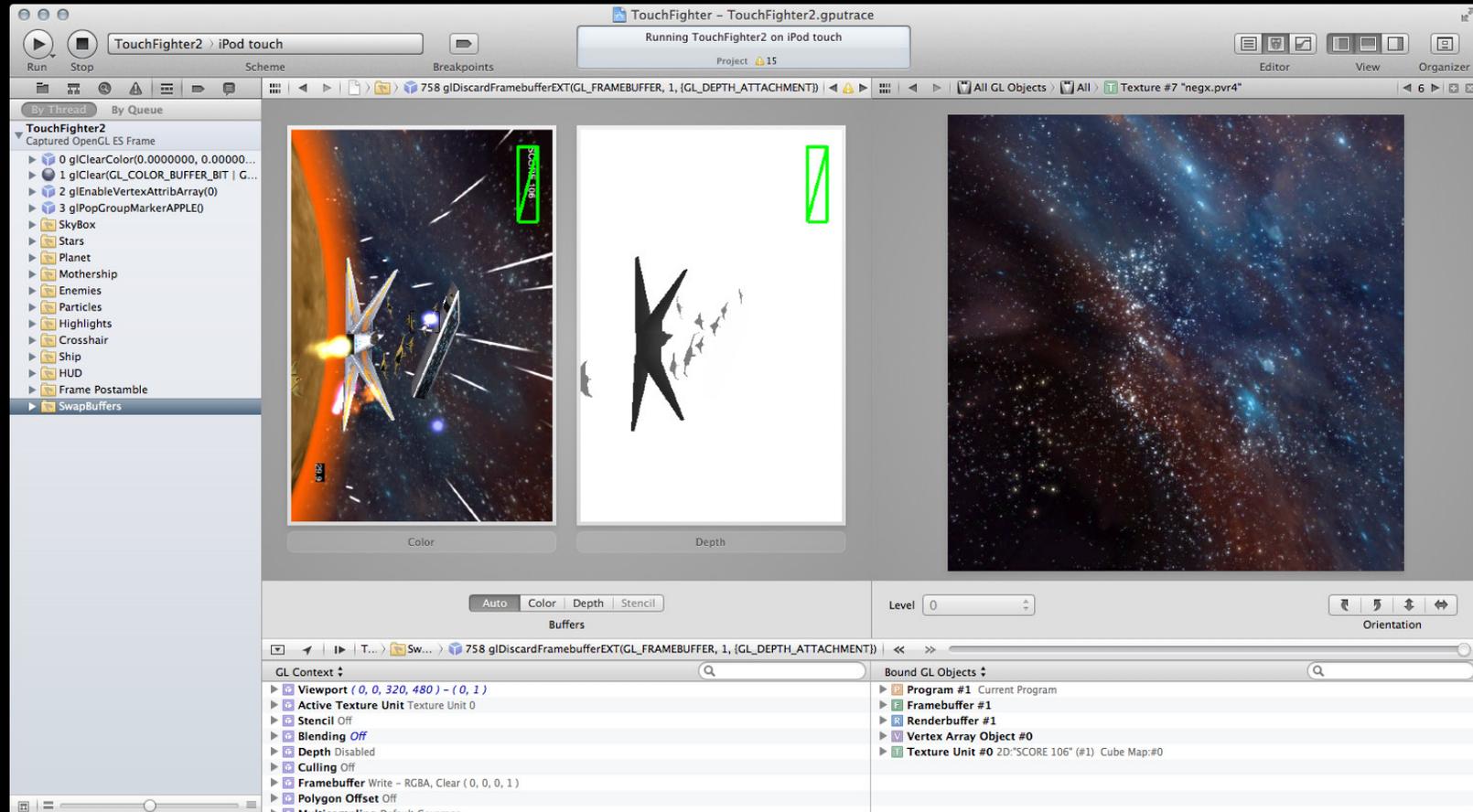
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The screenshot displays the Xcode OpenGL ES debugging interface for the TouchFighter2 application on an iPod touch. The interface is divided into several panels:

- Top Panel:** Shows the application name "TouchFighter2" and the target device "iPod touch". It includes "Run" and "Stop" buttons, a "Scheme" dropdown, and a "Breakpoints" section.
- Left Panel:** A tree view showing the application's structure, including "TouchFighter2", "SkyBox", "Stars", "Planet", "Mothership", "Enemies", "Particles", "Highlights", "Crosshair", "Ship", "HUD", "Frame Postamble", and "SwapBuffers".
- Center Panel:** Displays two side-by-side images: "Color" (a 3D scene of a spaceship) and "Depth" (a corresponding depth map). Below these images are "Auto", "Color", "Depth", and "Stencil" tabs, and a "Buffers" section.
- Right Panel:** A "Texture Browser" showing a grid of textures. The textures are labeled "Texture #1" through "Texture #22", "VAO #0", and "Shader #4" through "Shader #8". The "Texture #1" is highlighted with a green box.
- Bottom Panel:** A "GL Context" log showing the current state of the OpenGL ES context. The log includes the following entries:
 - Viewport (0, 0, 320, 480) - (0, 1)
 - Active Texture Unit Texture Unit 0
 - Stencil Off
 - Blending Off
 - Depth Disabled
 - Culling Off
 - Framebuffer Write - RGBA, Clear (0, 0, 0, 1)
 - Polygon Offset Off
 - Multisampling Default Coverage

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