

The Evolution of View Controllers on iOS

Session 236

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The Evolution of View Controllers

Roadmap

- Looking forward to today
- View controllers today and new directions

Looking Forward to Today

The “why” and “how” of view controllers

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Make common tasks simpler

Why UIViewController?

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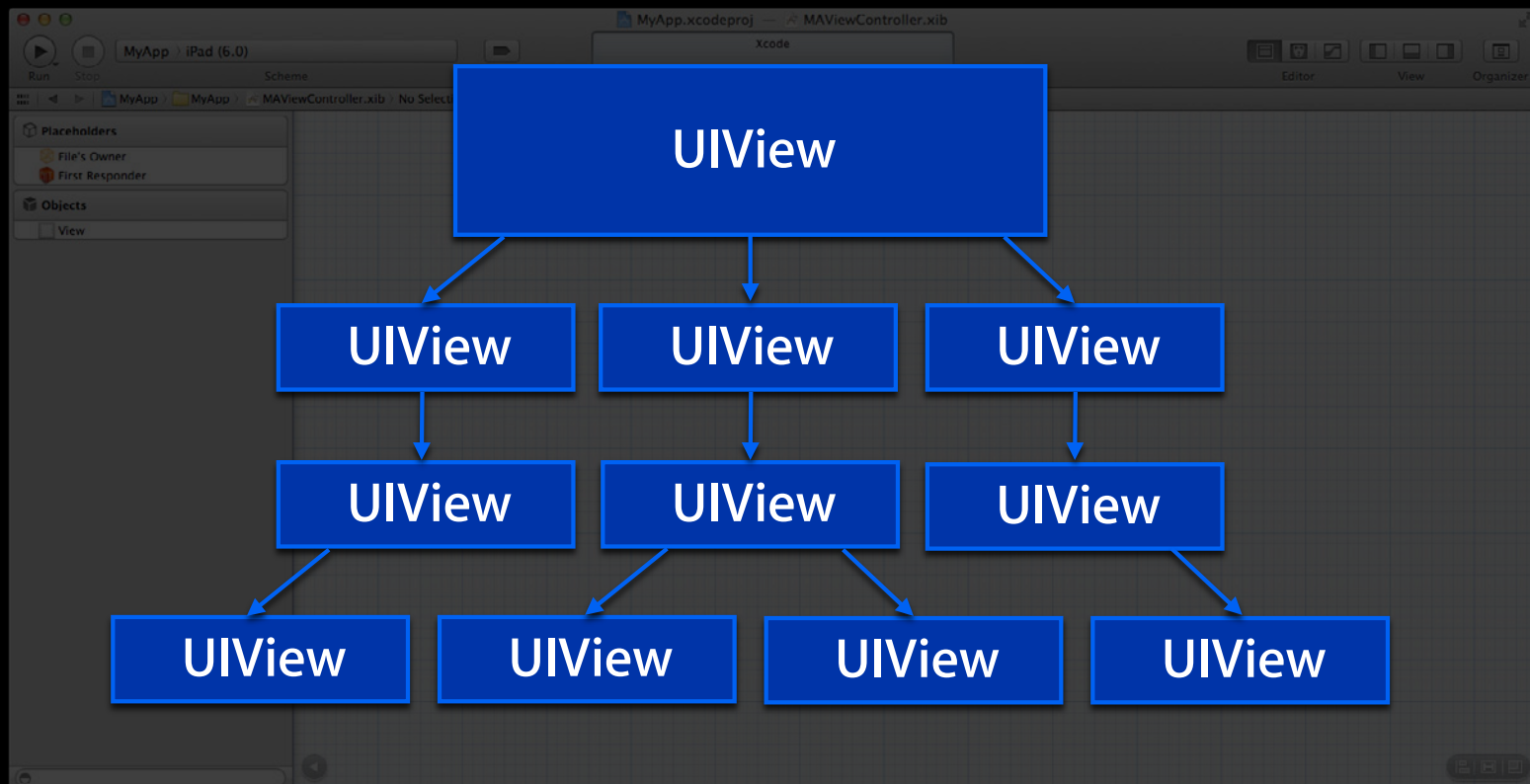
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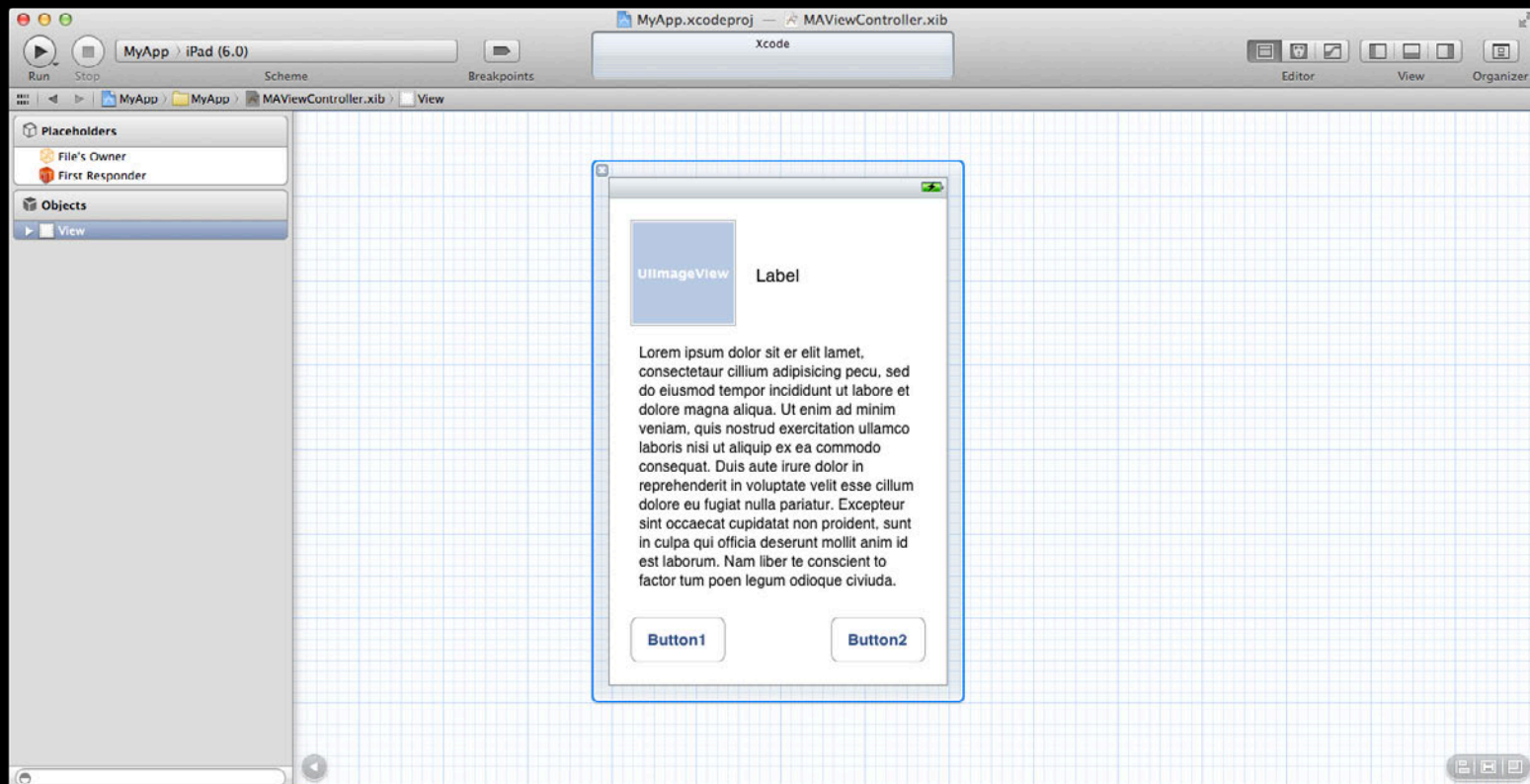
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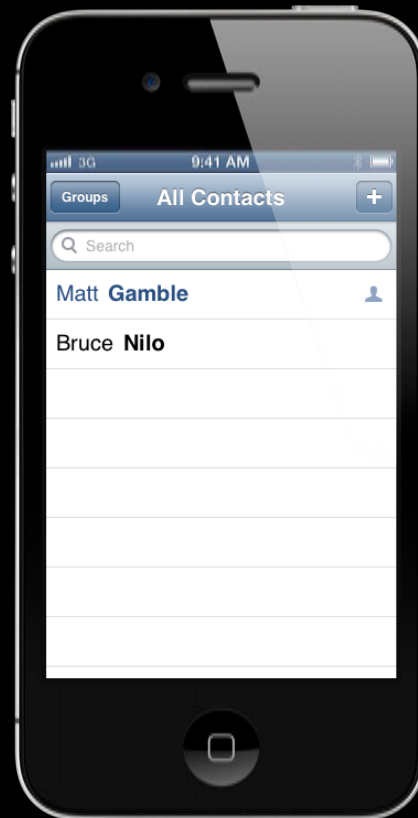
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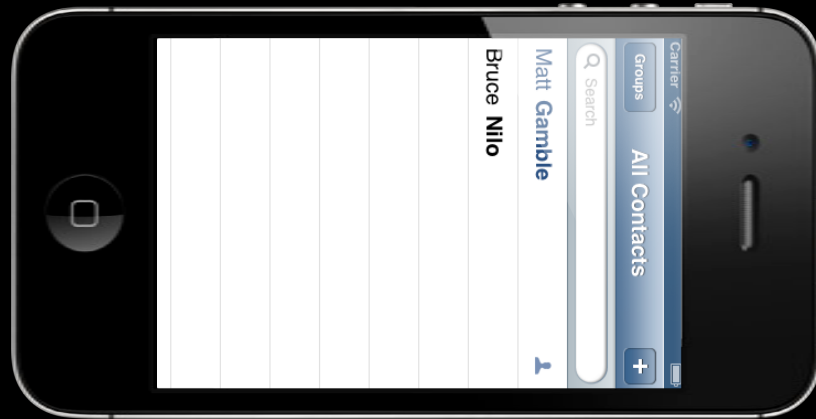
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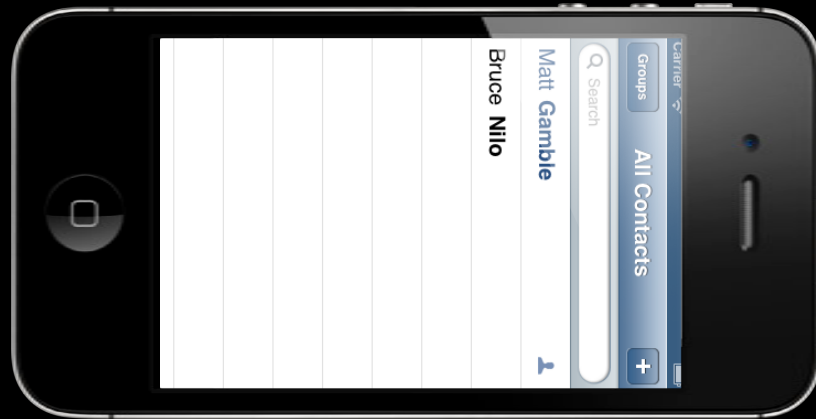
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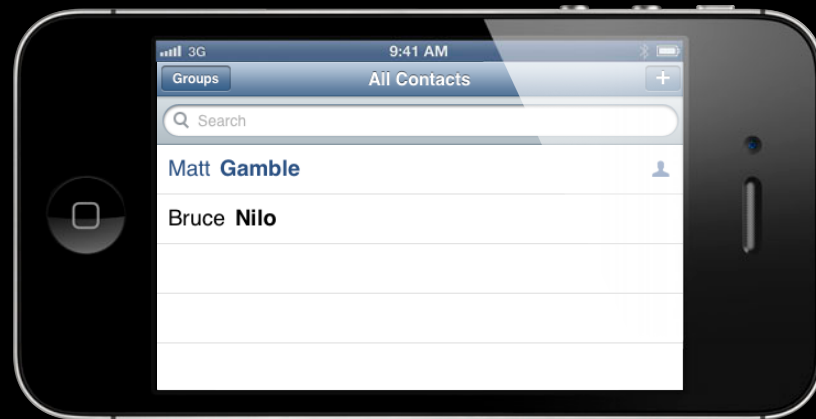
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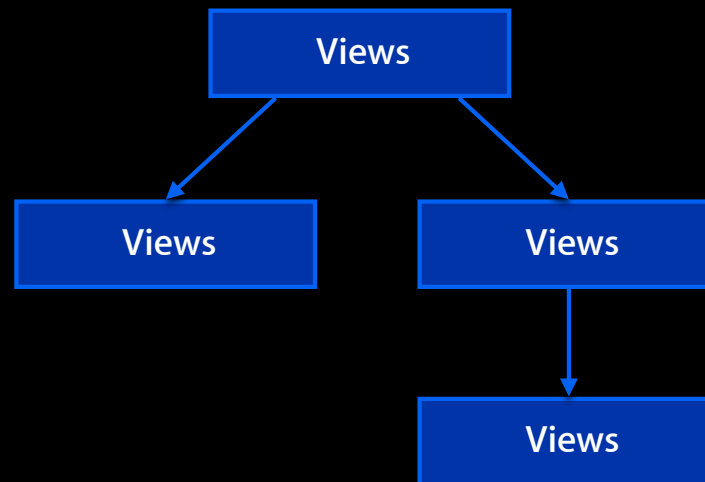
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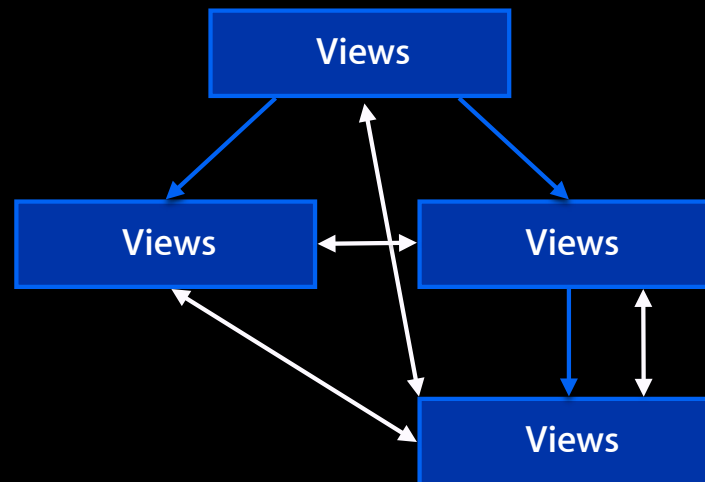
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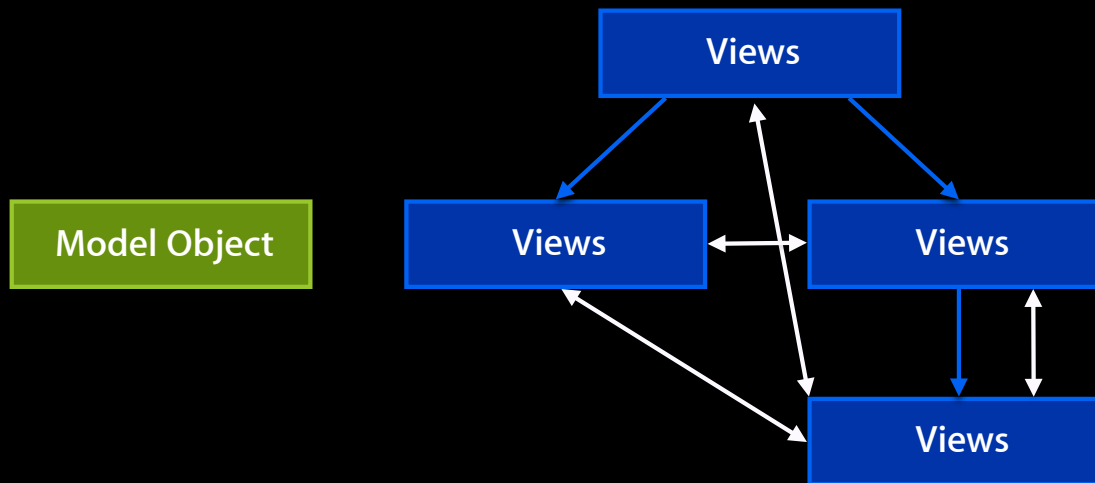
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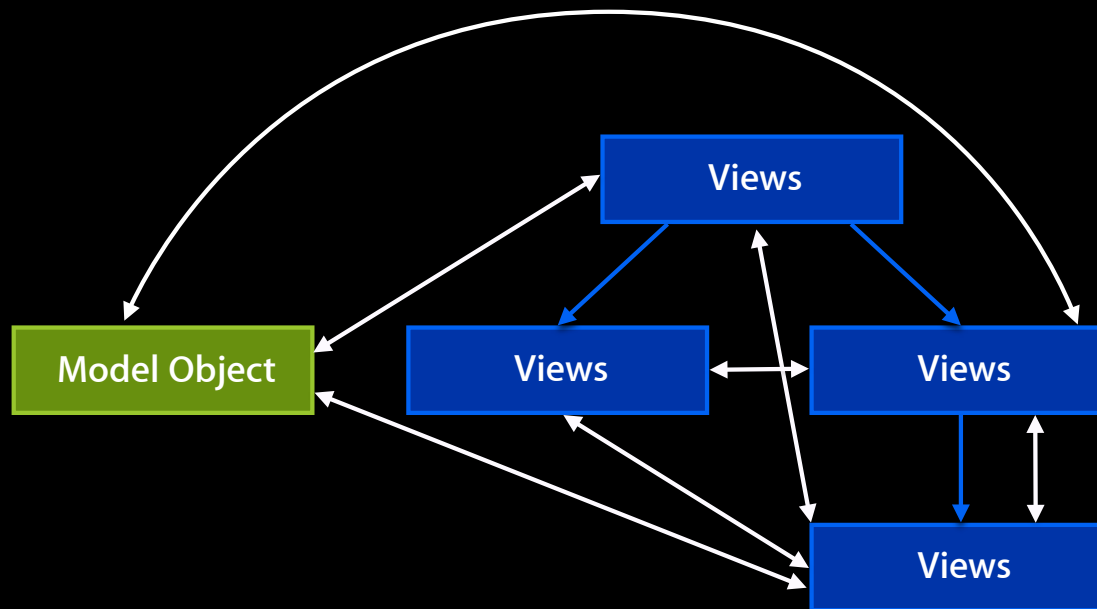
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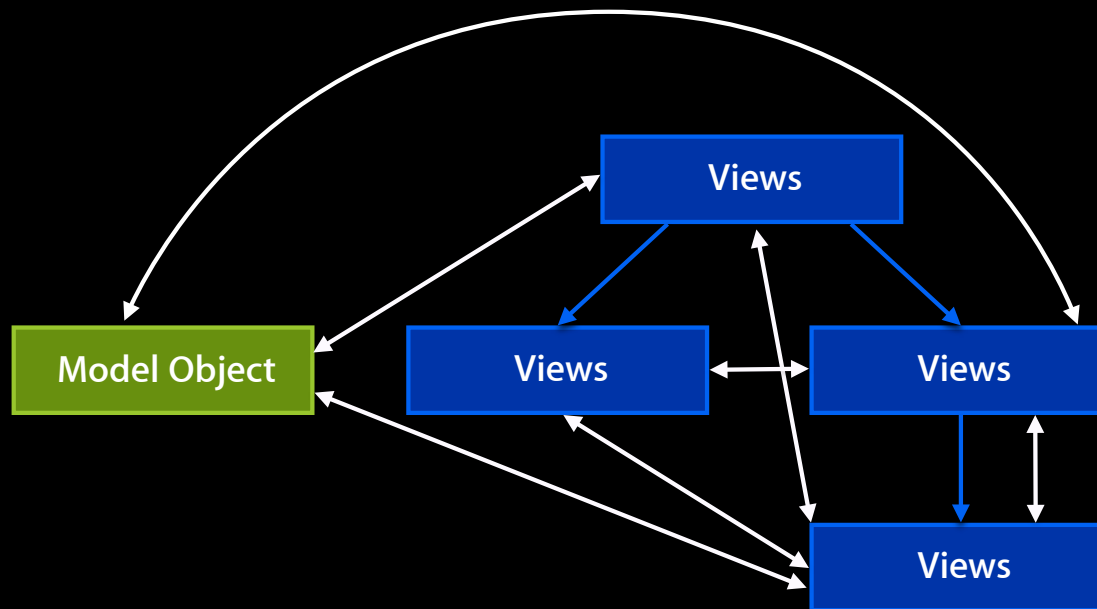
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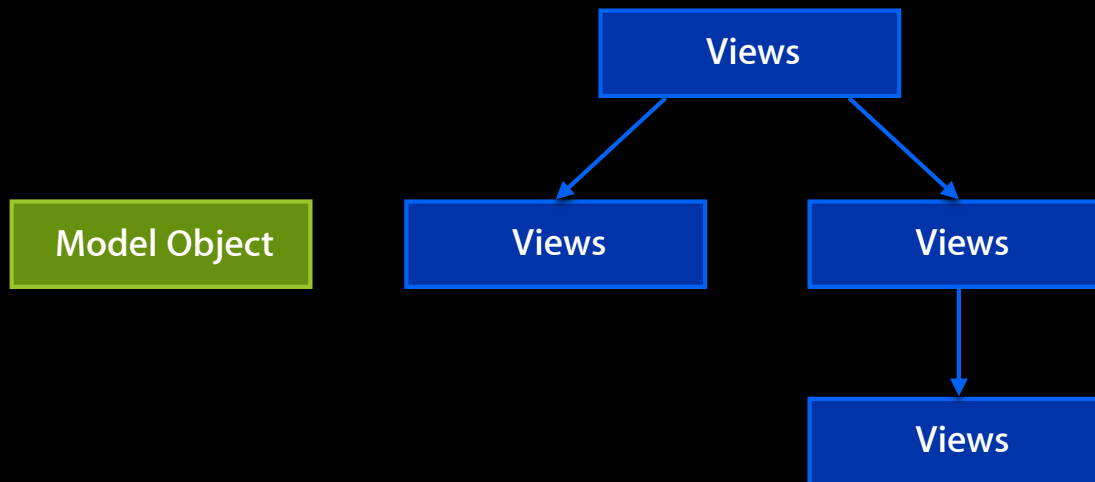
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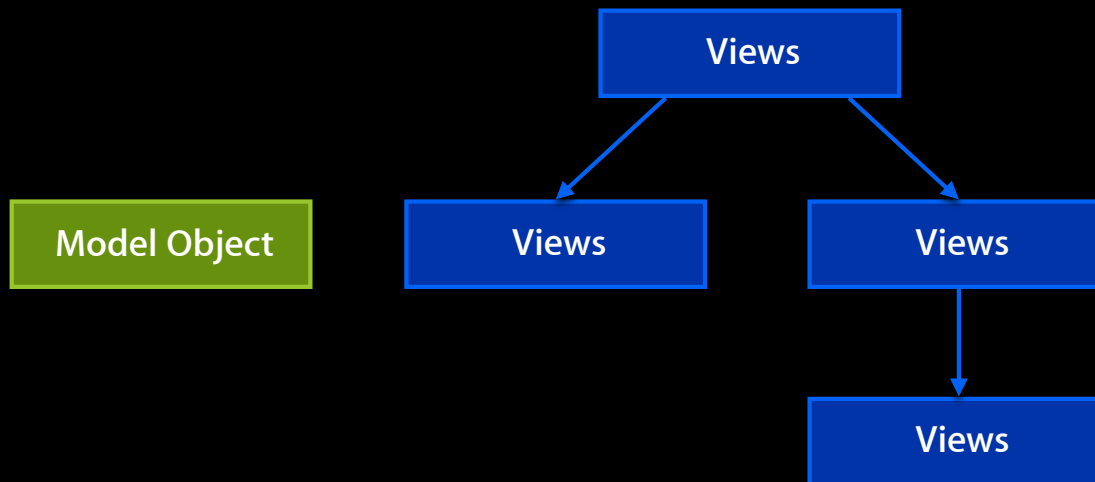
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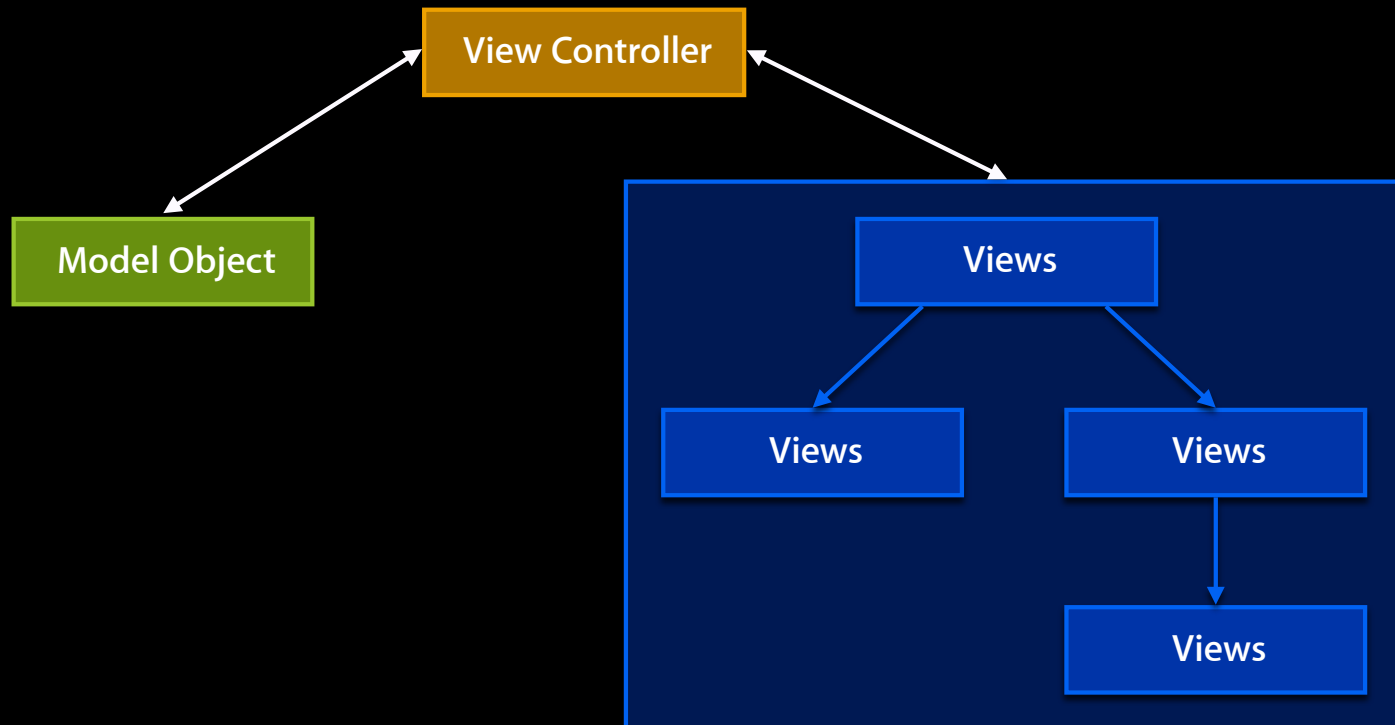
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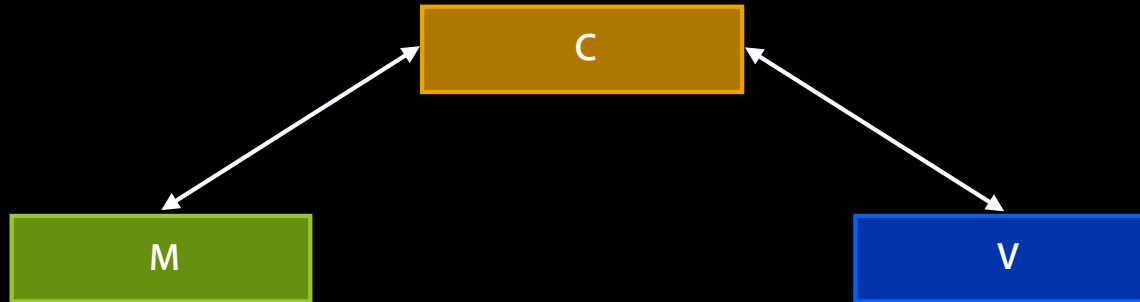
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Centralize responsibility (MVC pattern)



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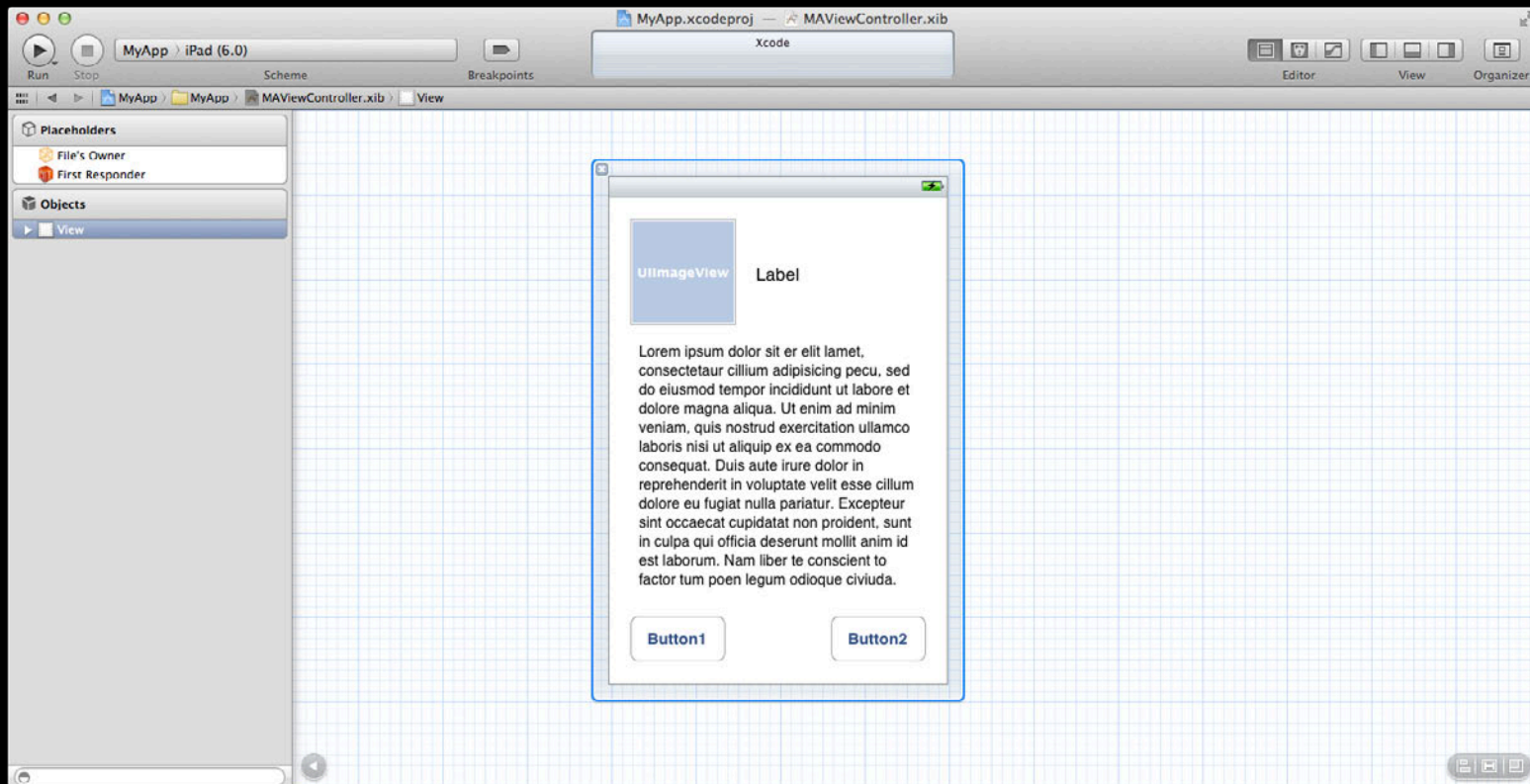
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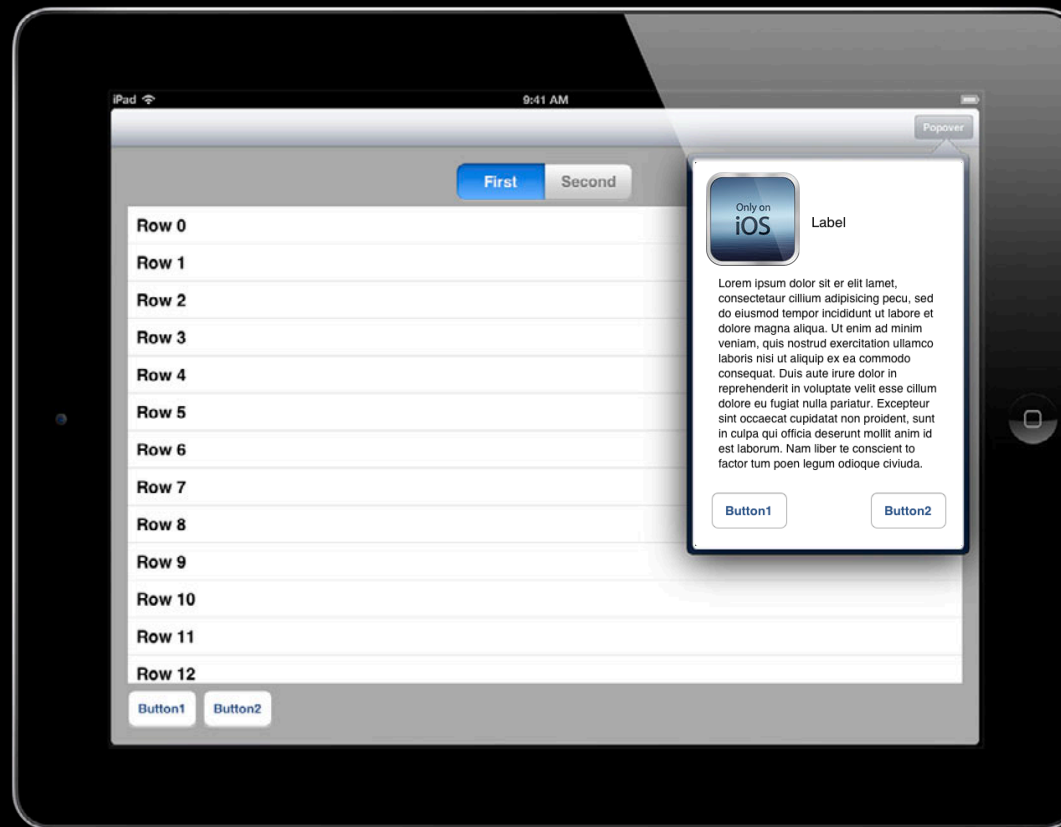
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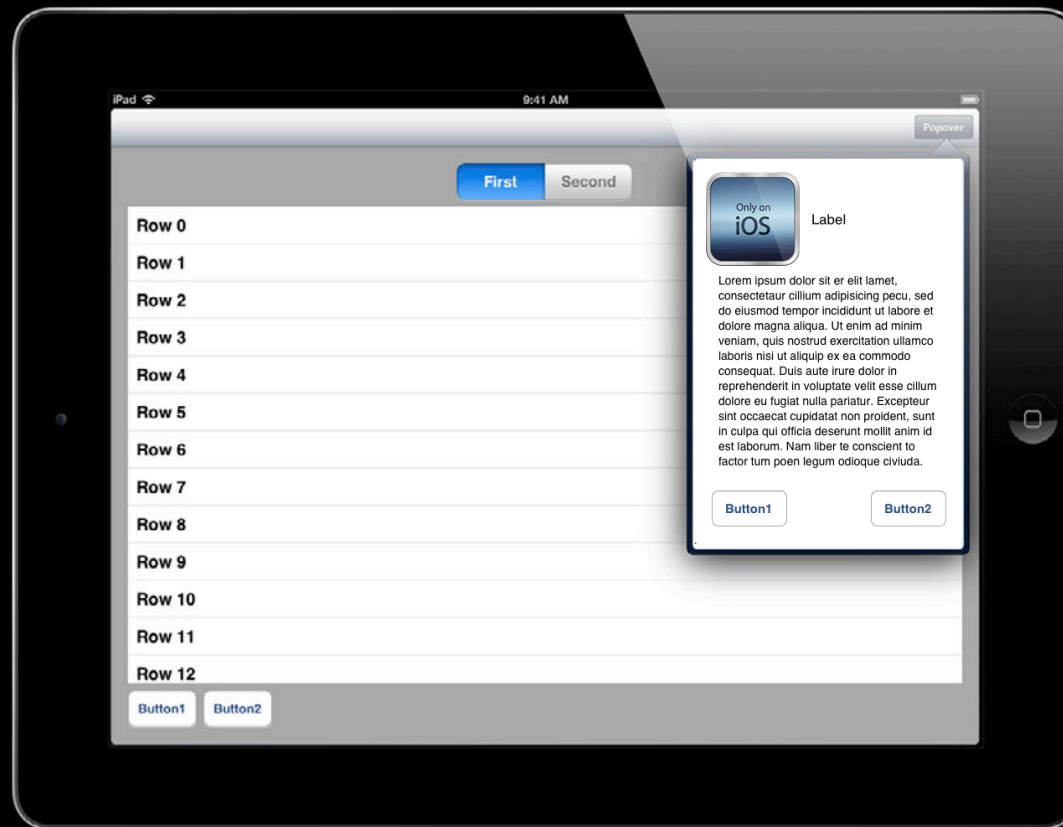
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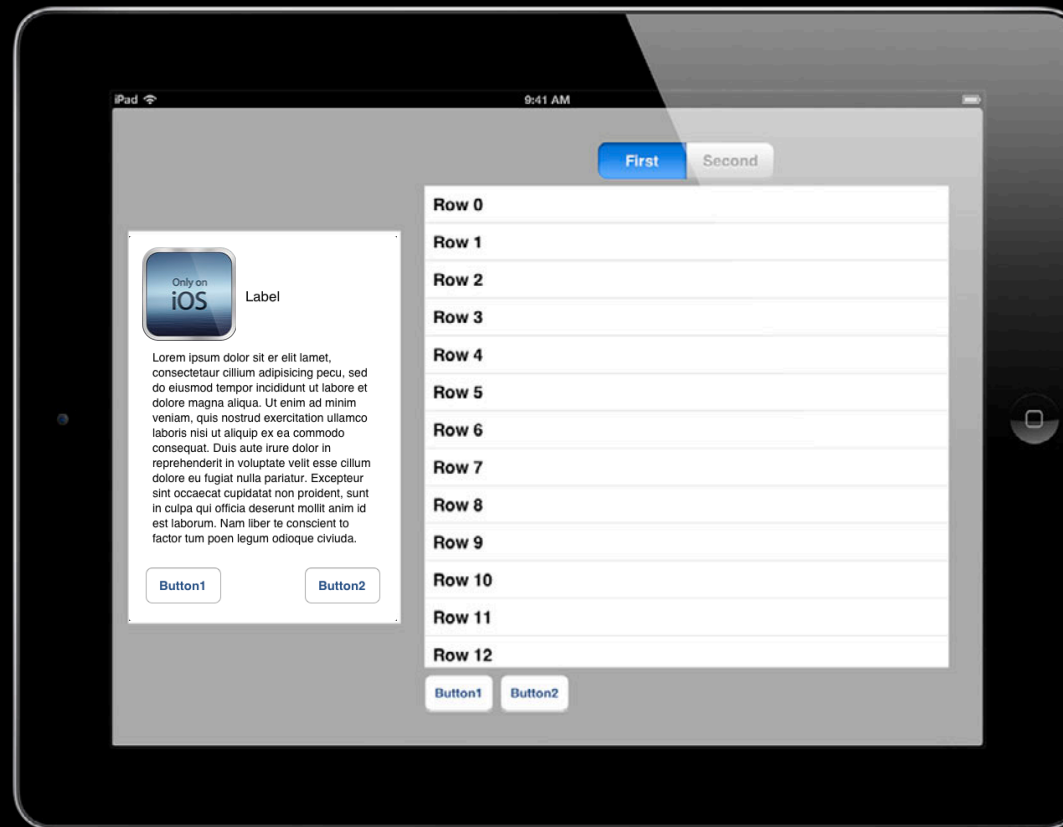
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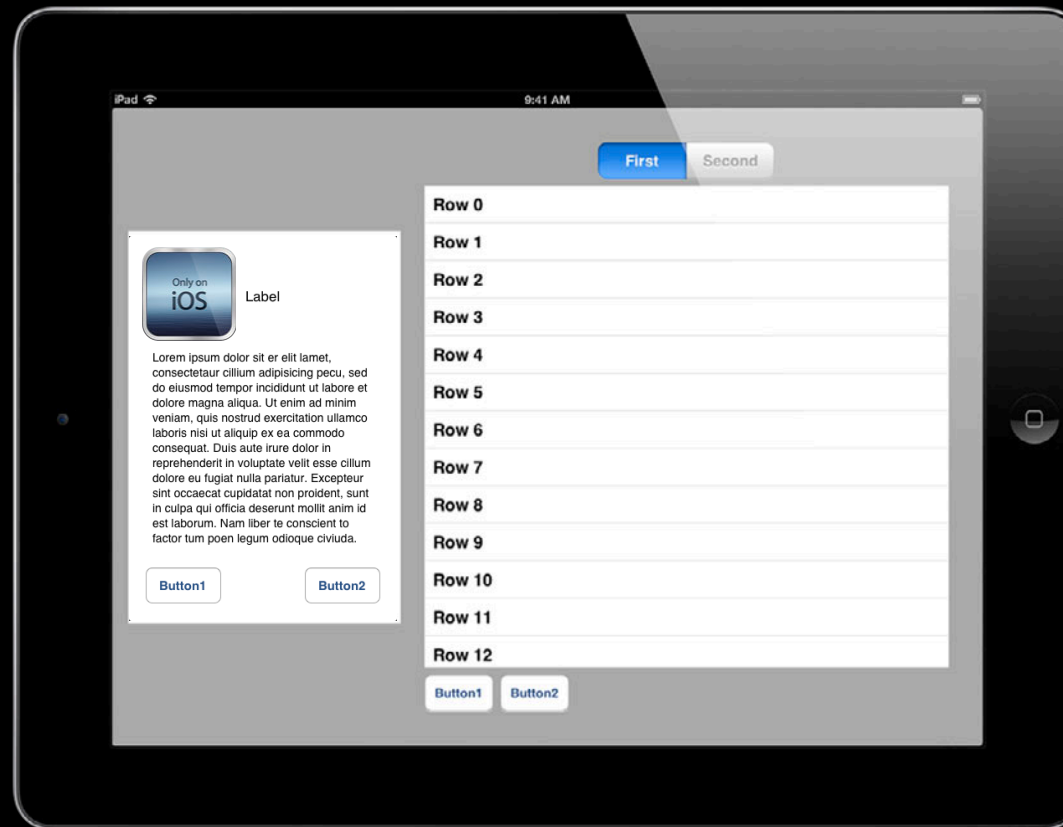
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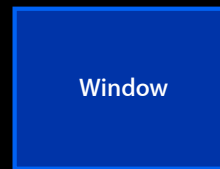
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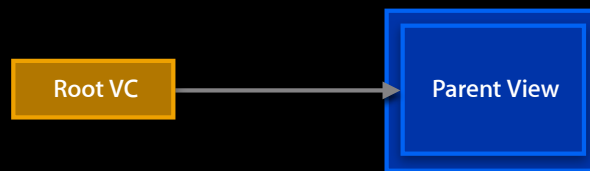
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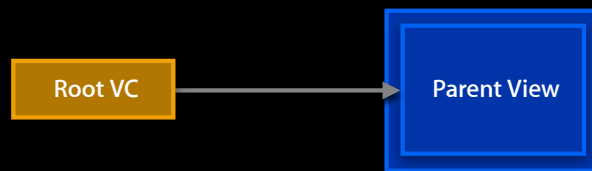
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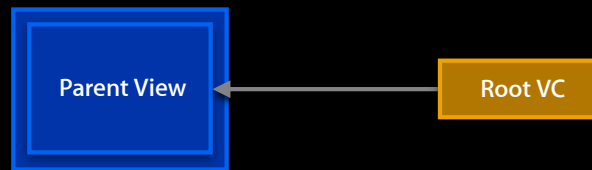
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[window setRootViewController:rootViewController]
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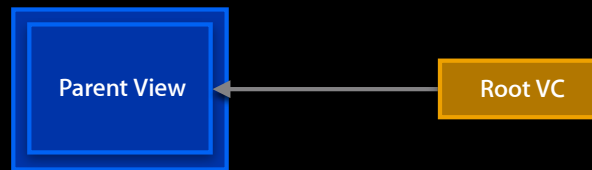
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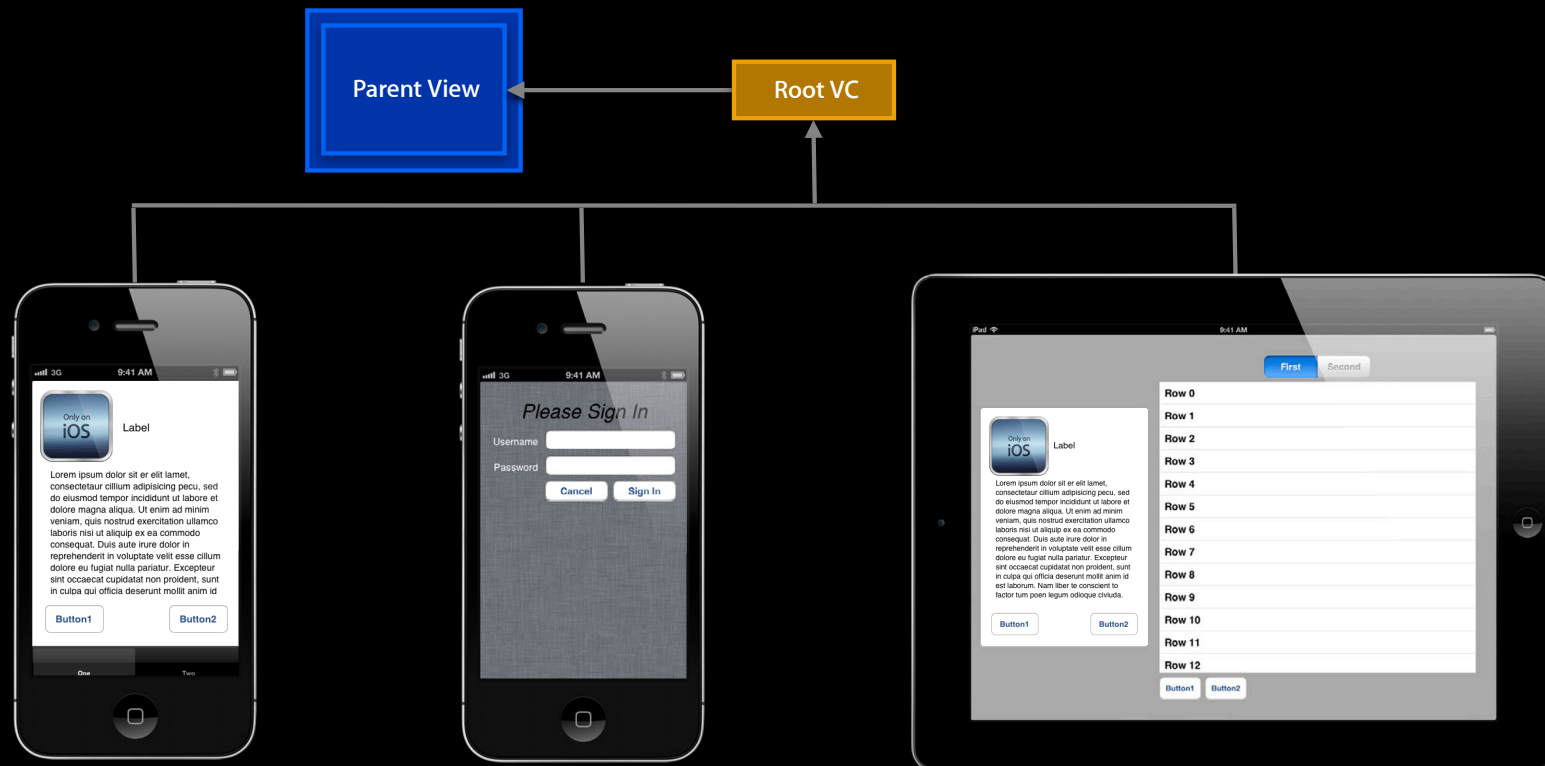
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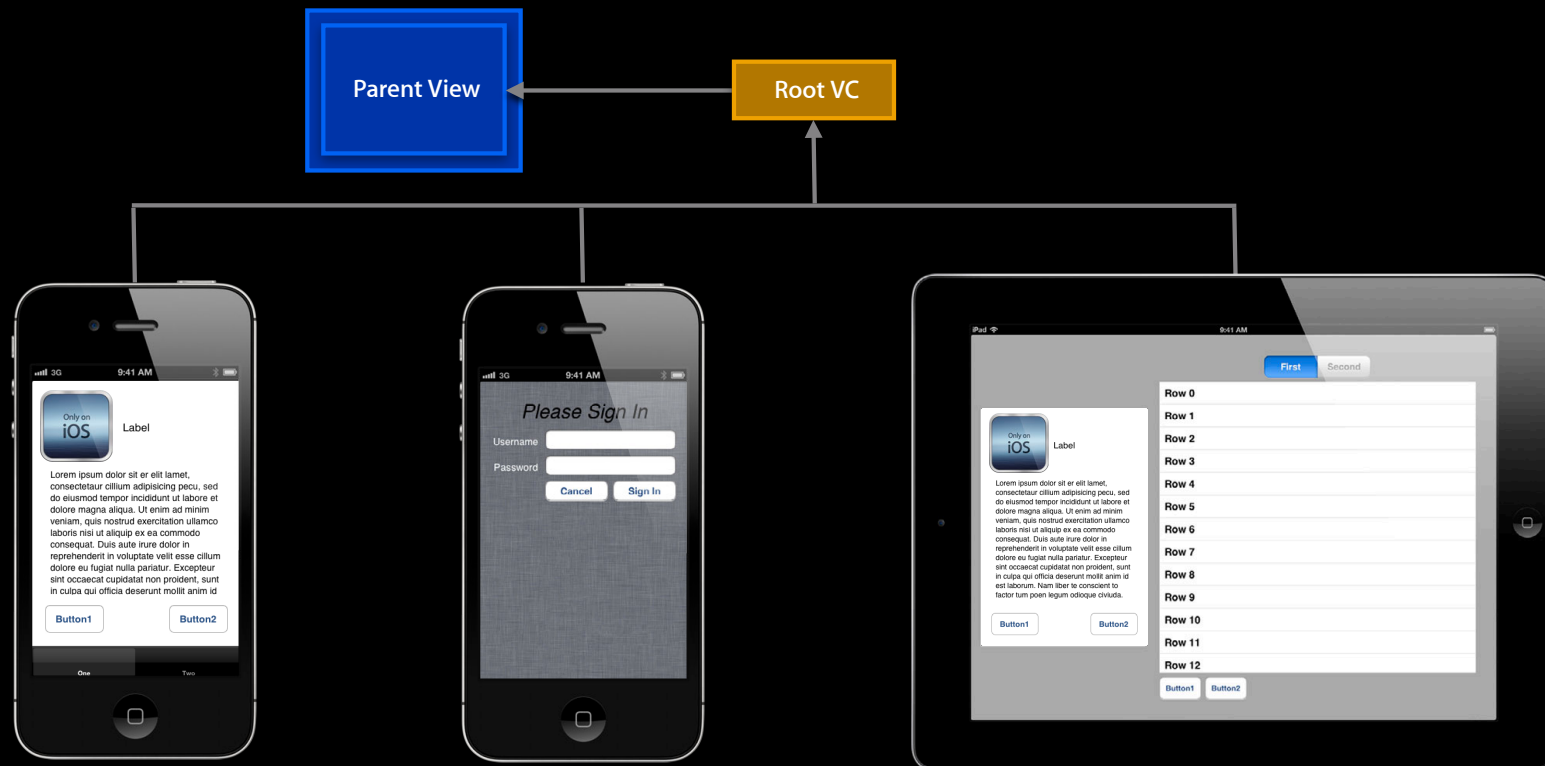
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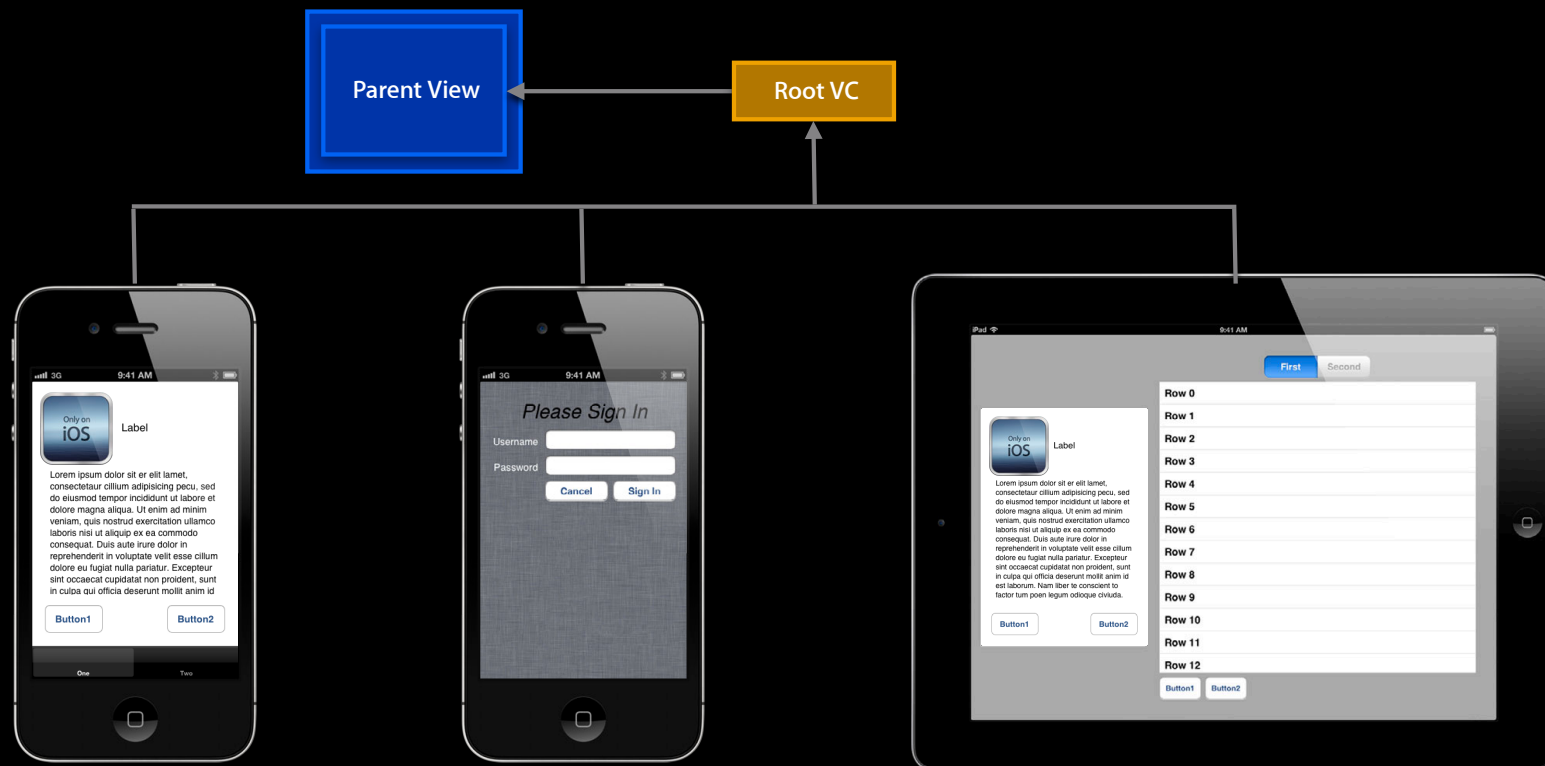
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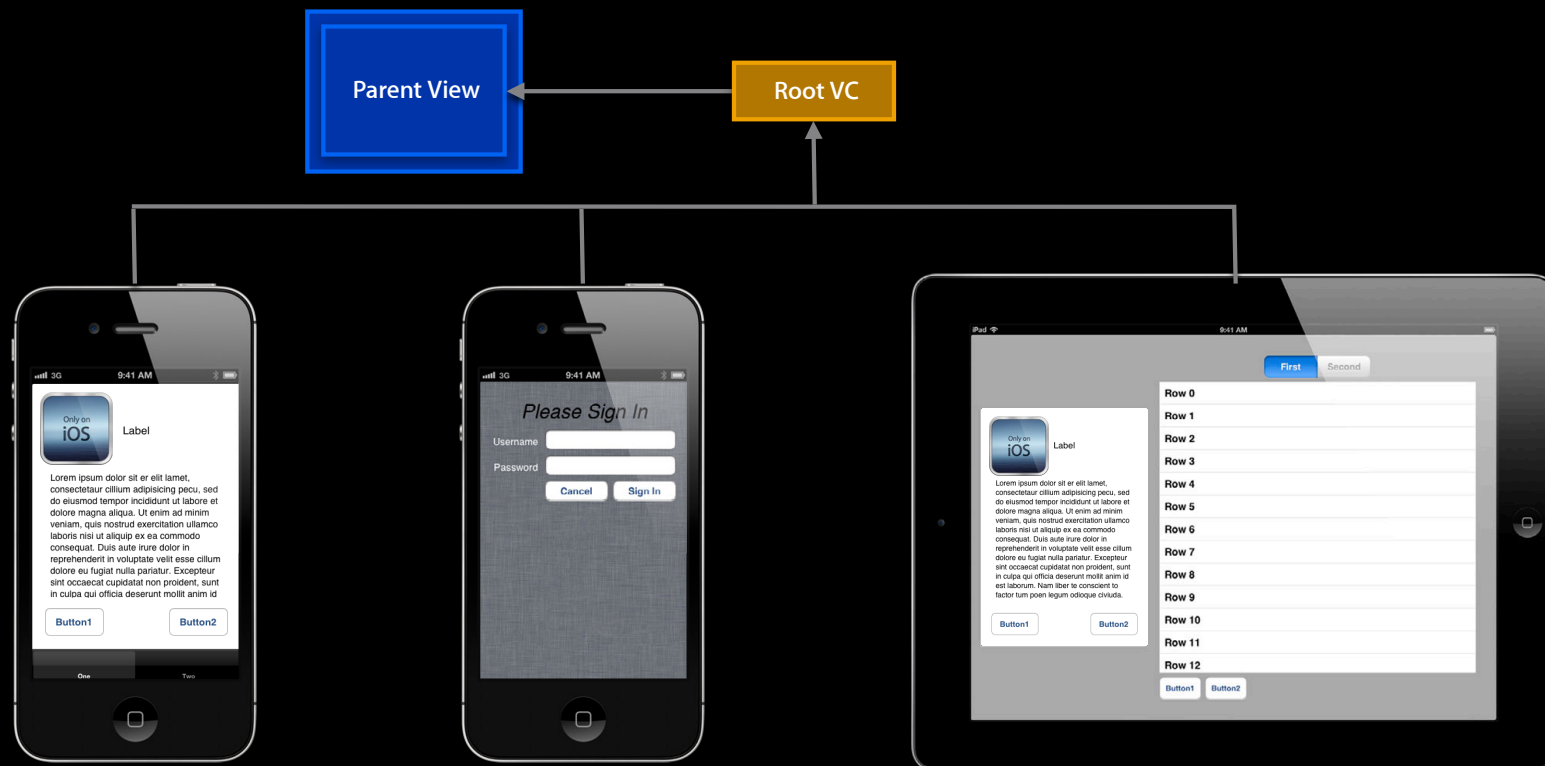
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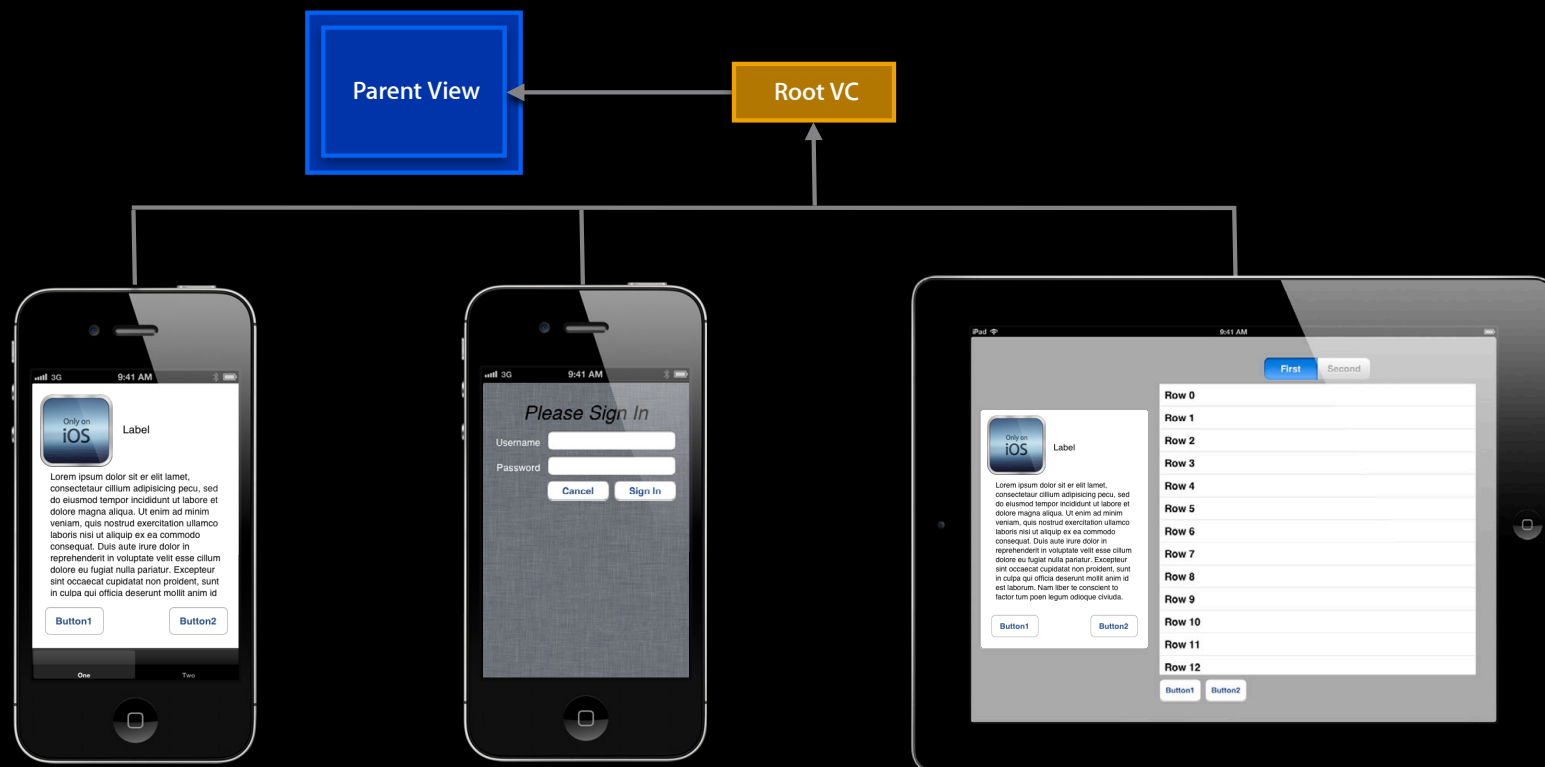
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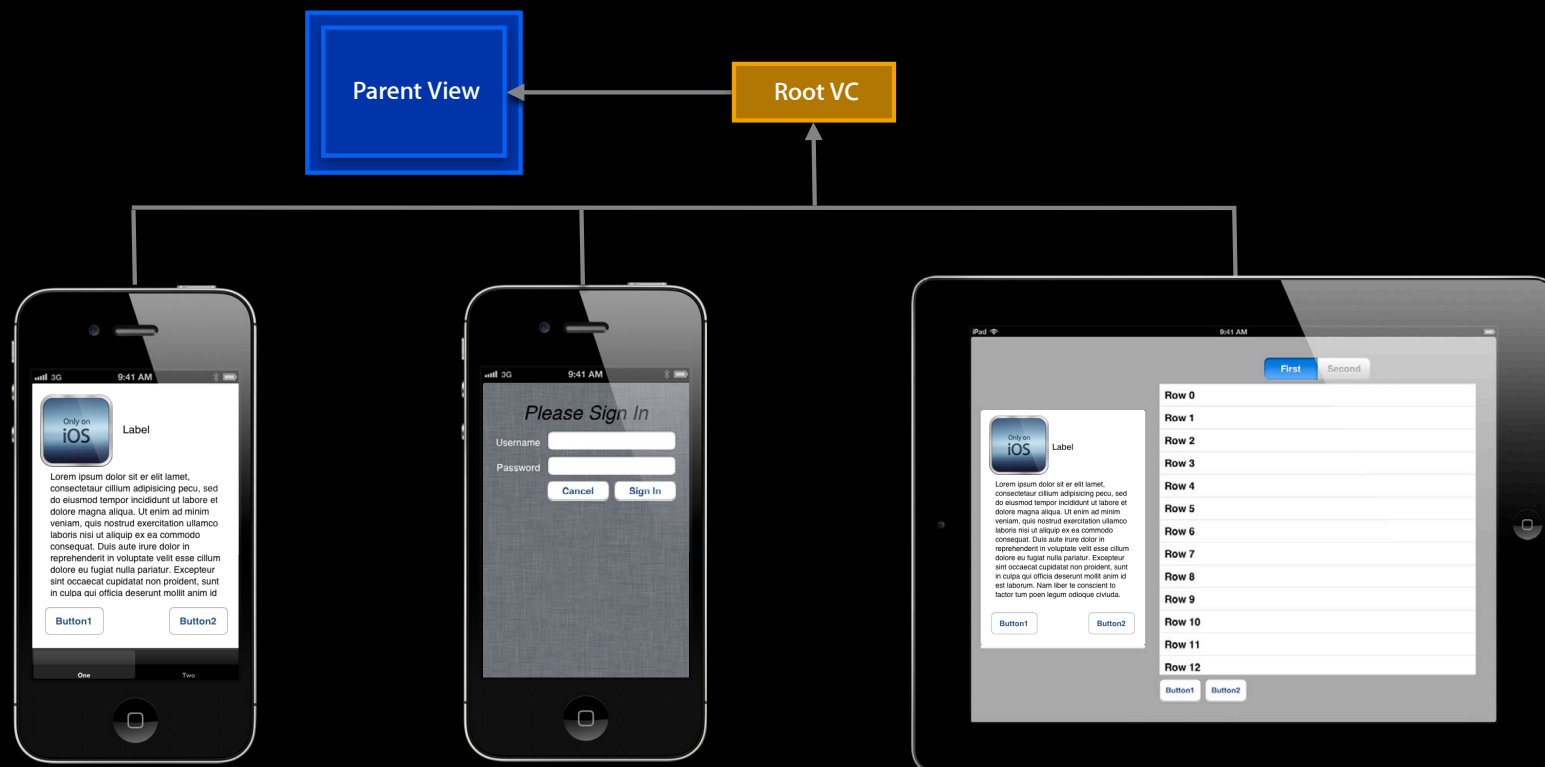
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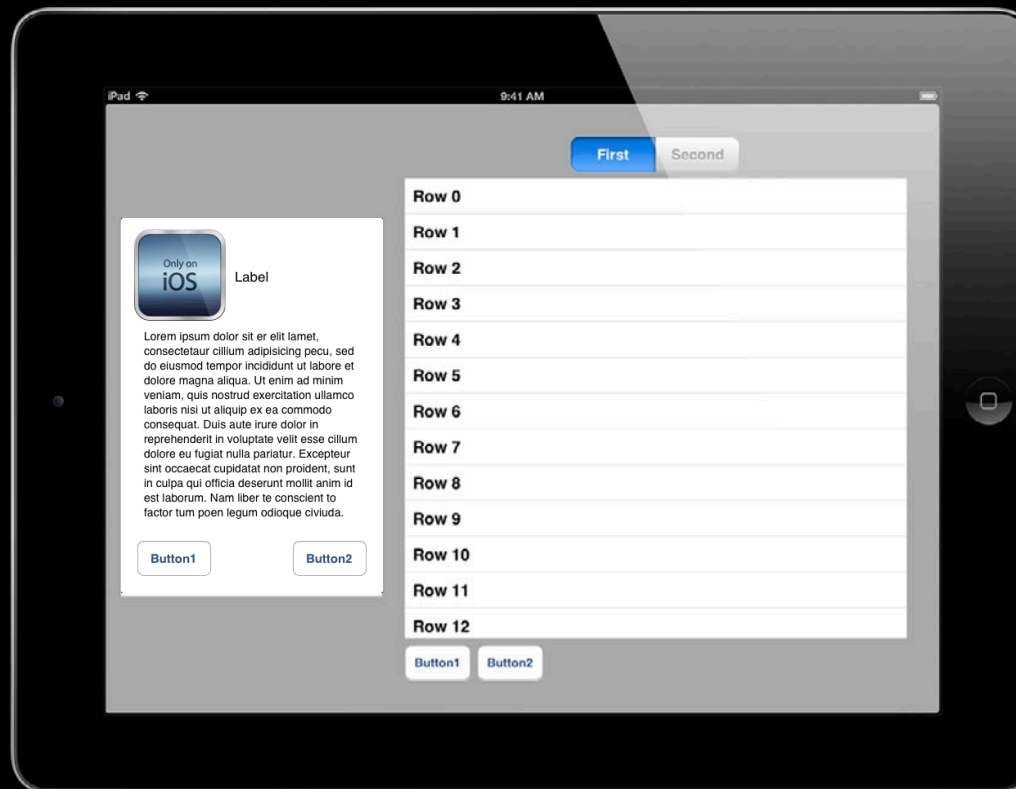


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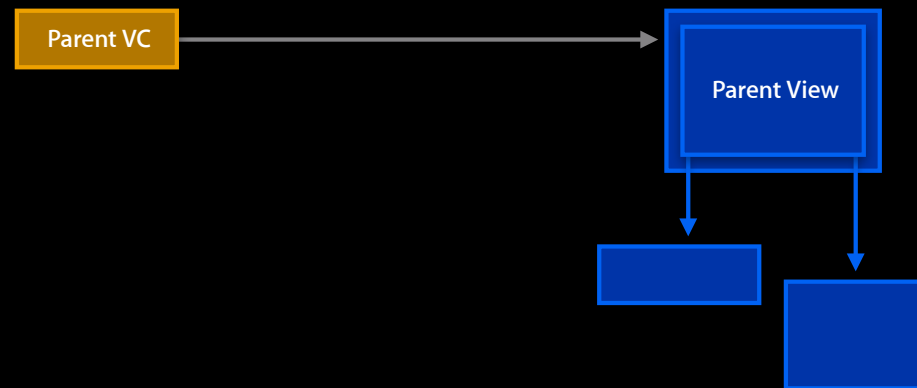
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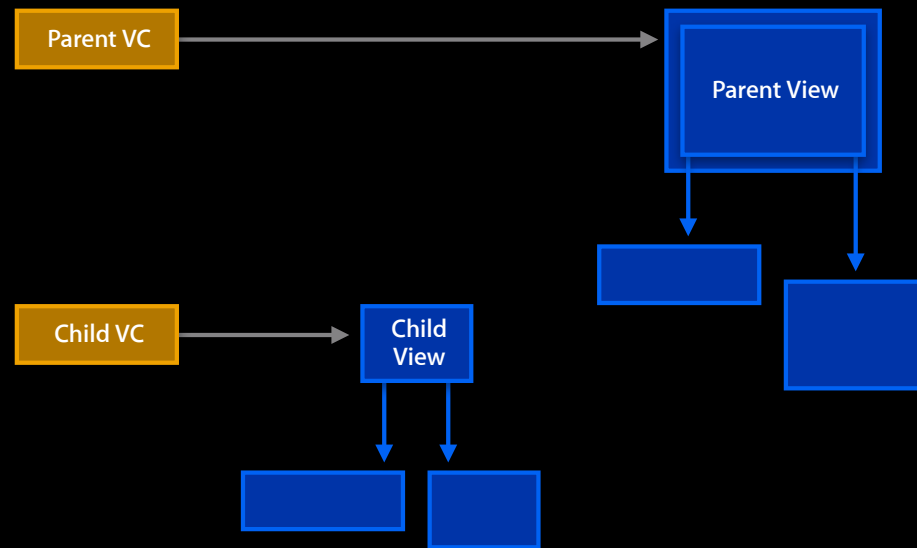
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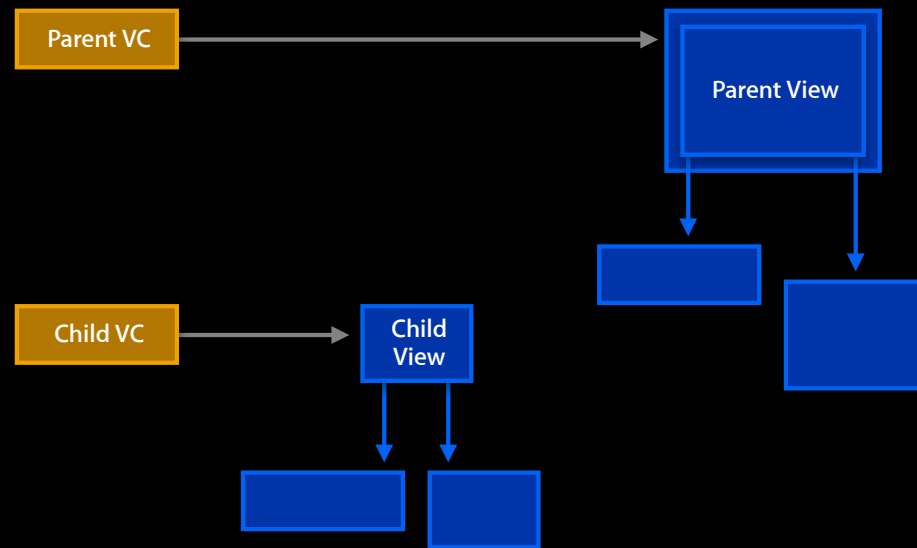
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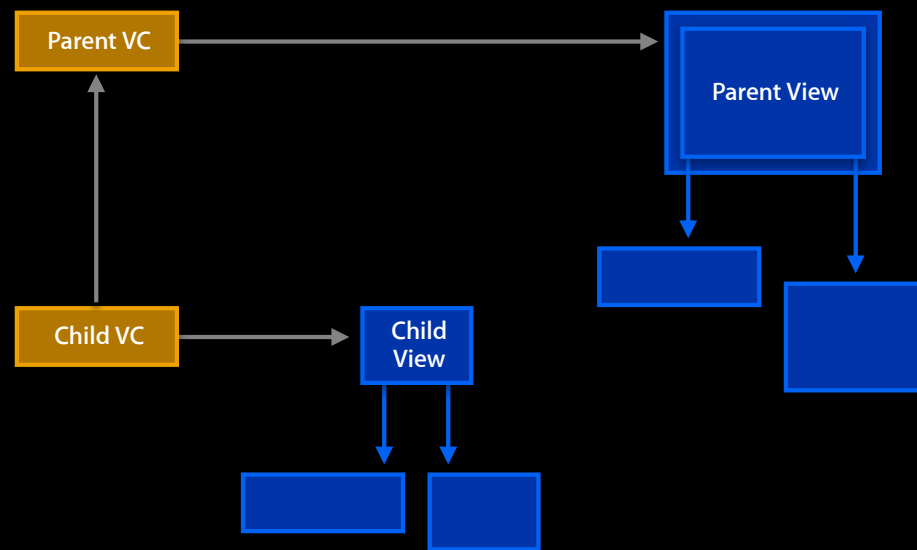
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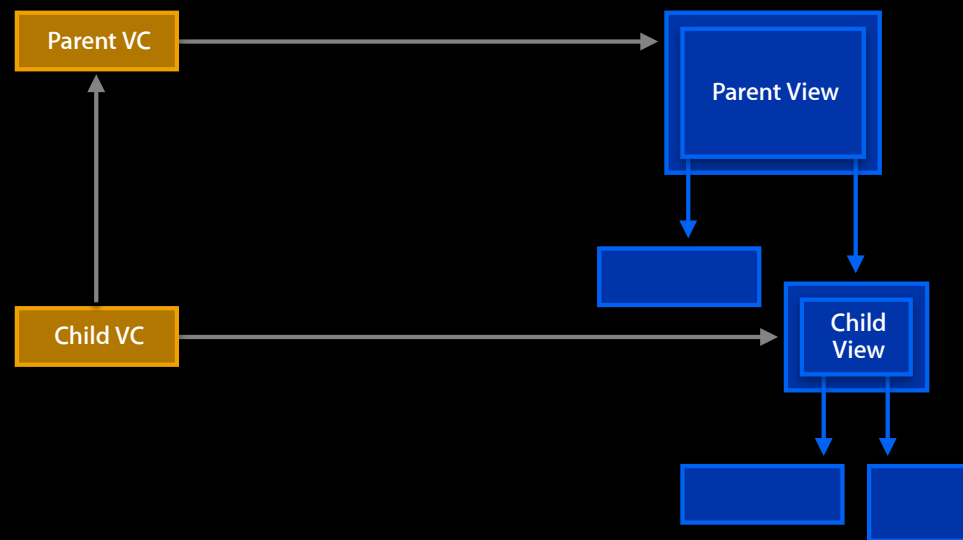


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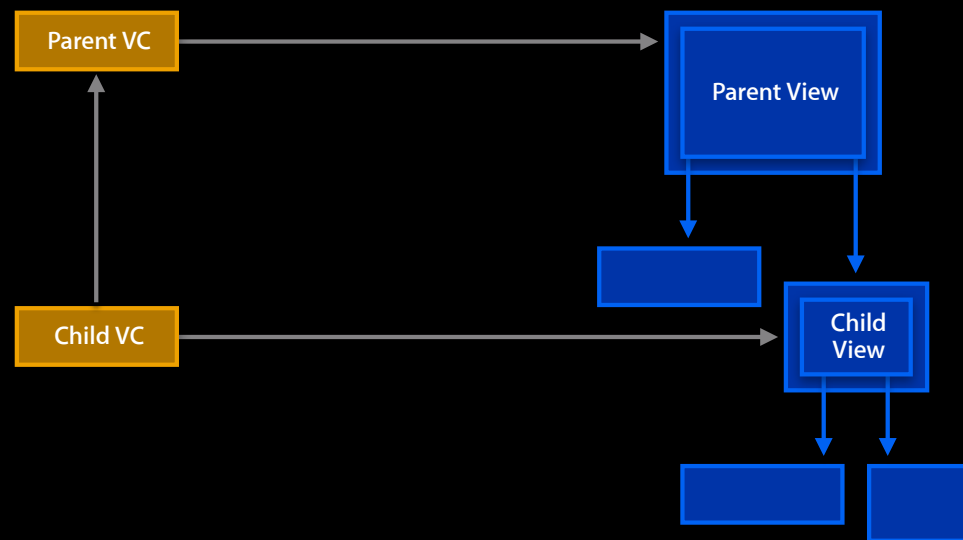
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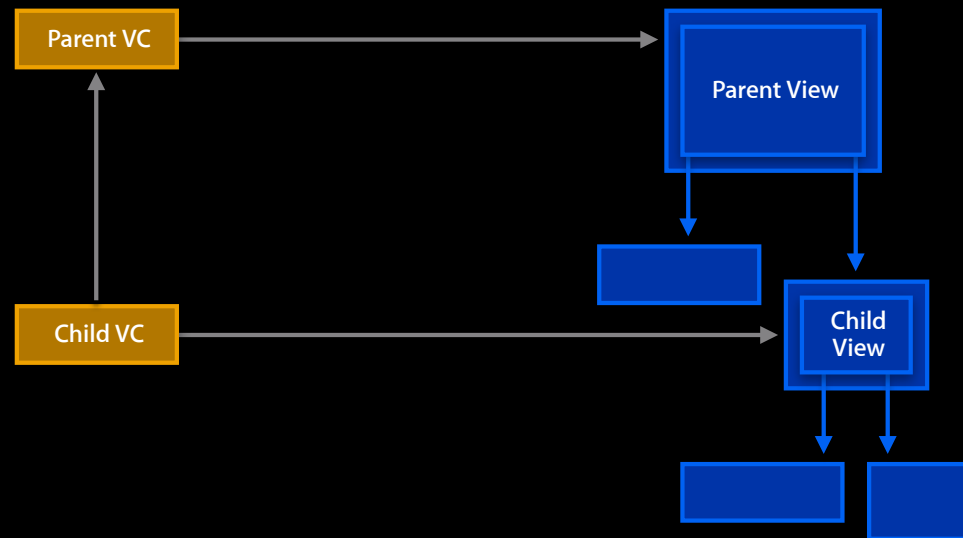
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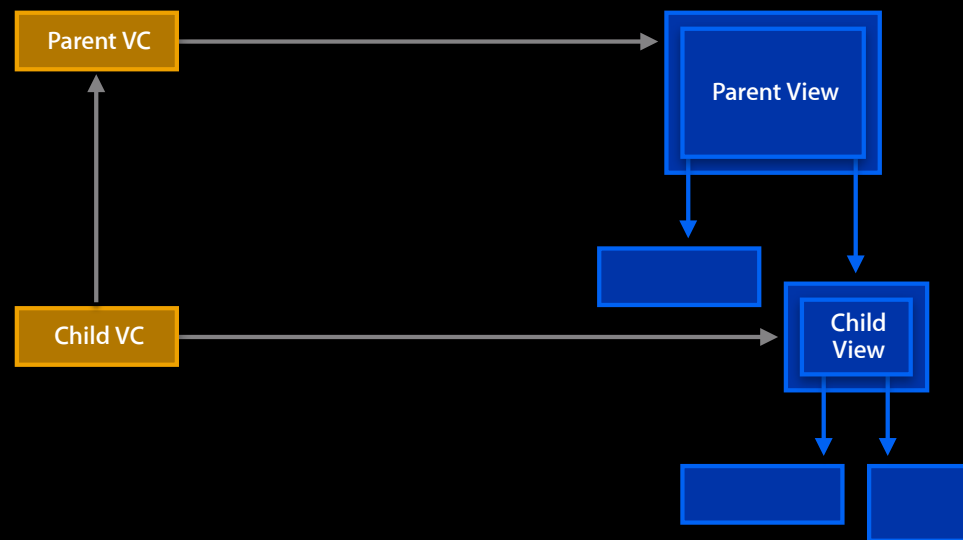
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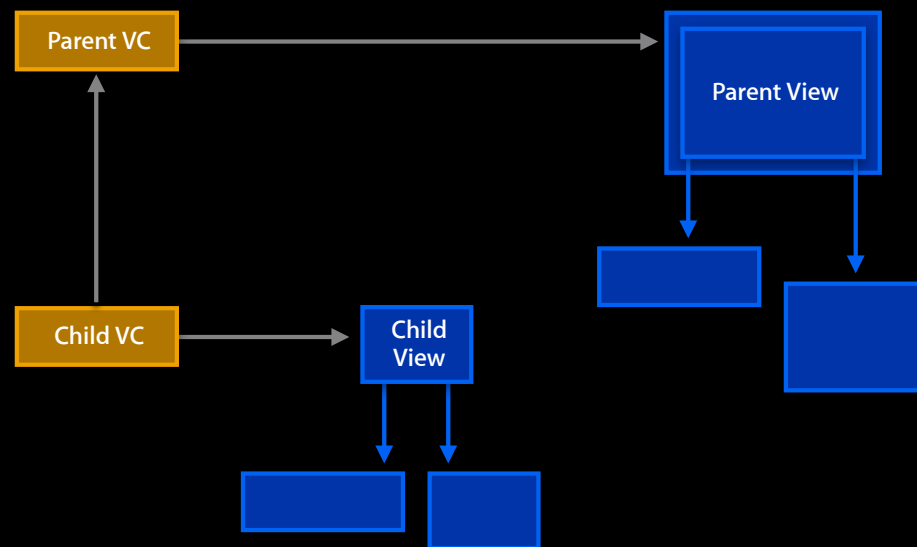


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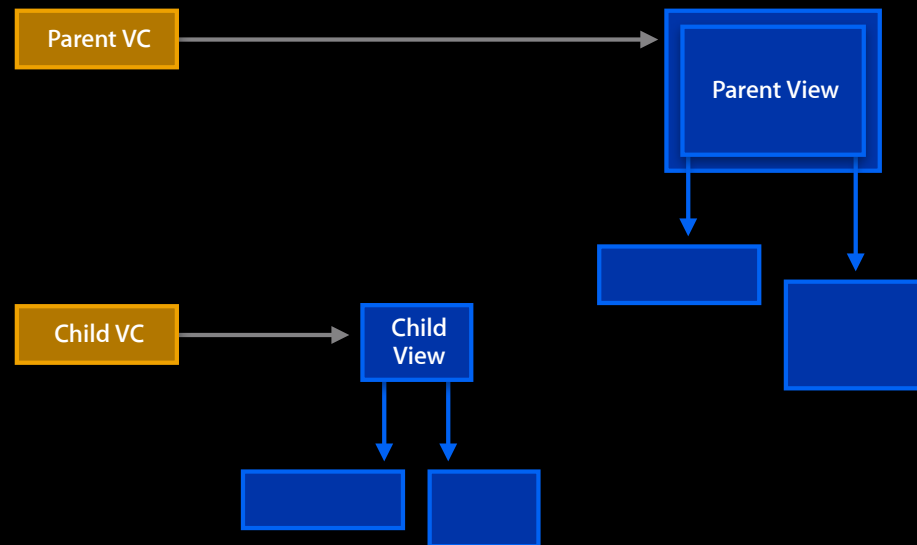
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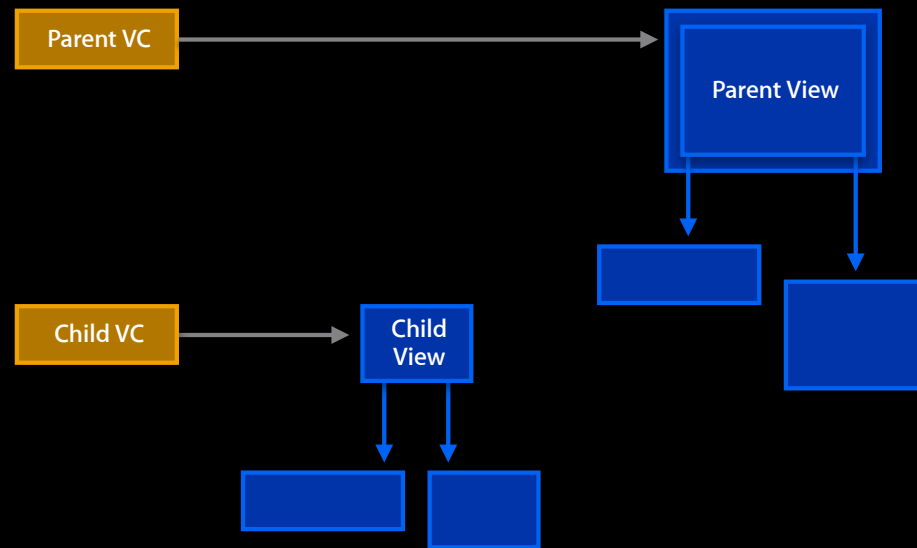
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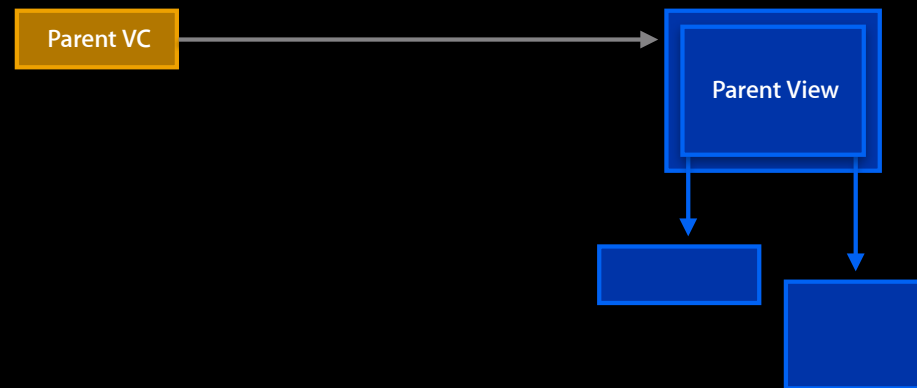
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 - Parents manage their children's views

Summary

UIViewController FTW

- Why UIViewController?
 - Manage a view hierarchy
 - Centralize responsibility
 - Reusability—larger logical unit
- Using view controllers effectively
 - One window, one root view controller
 - Build consistent view controller hierarchies

View Controllers Today

New directions

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View Controller Mechanic

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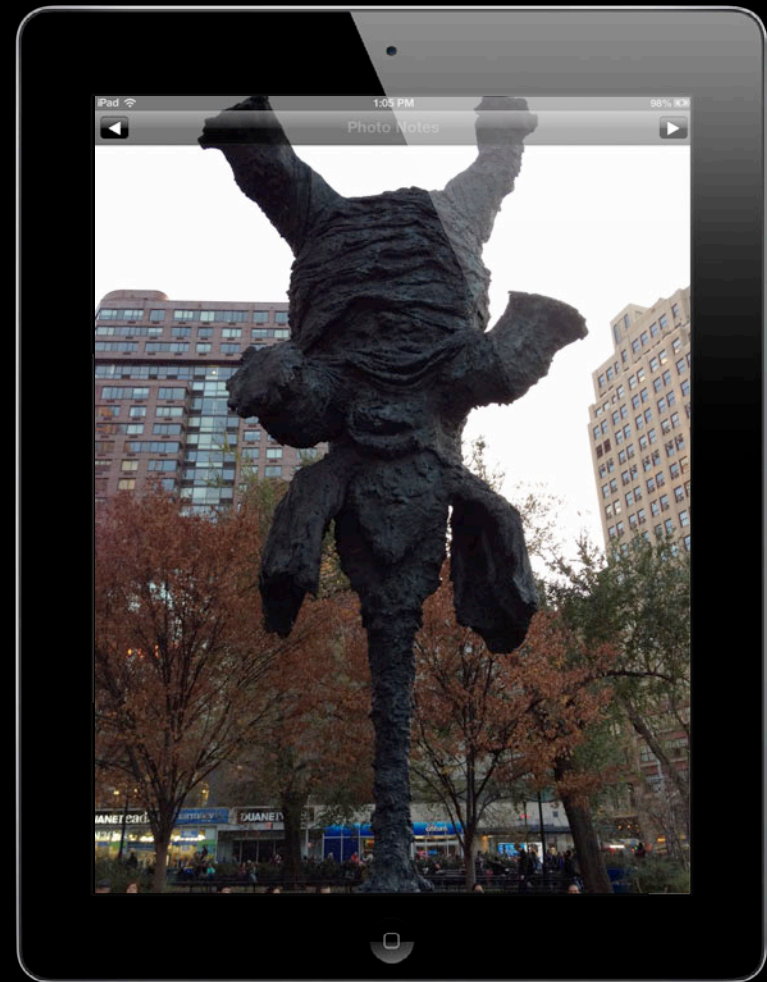
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 - Other stuff

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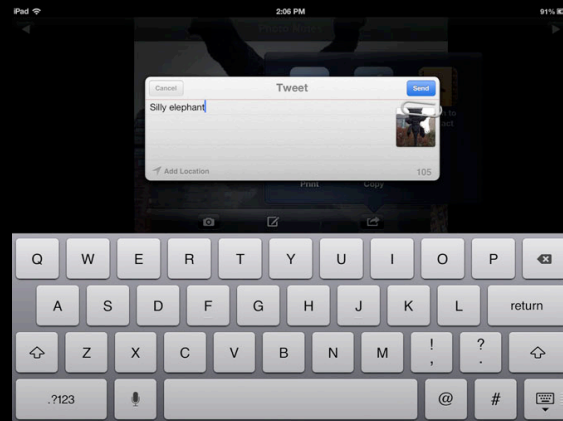
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 - Many new system view controllers are available



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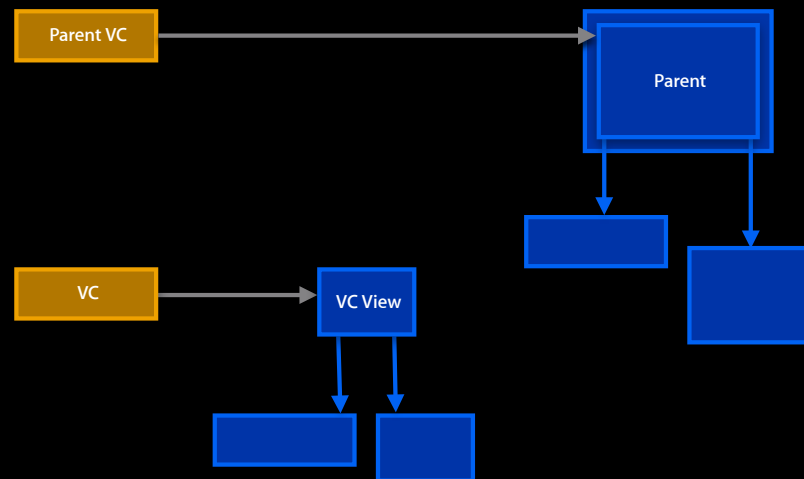
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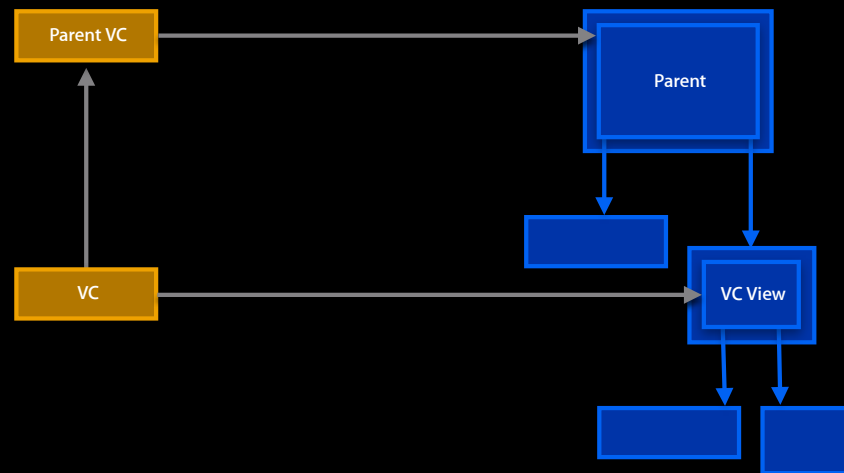
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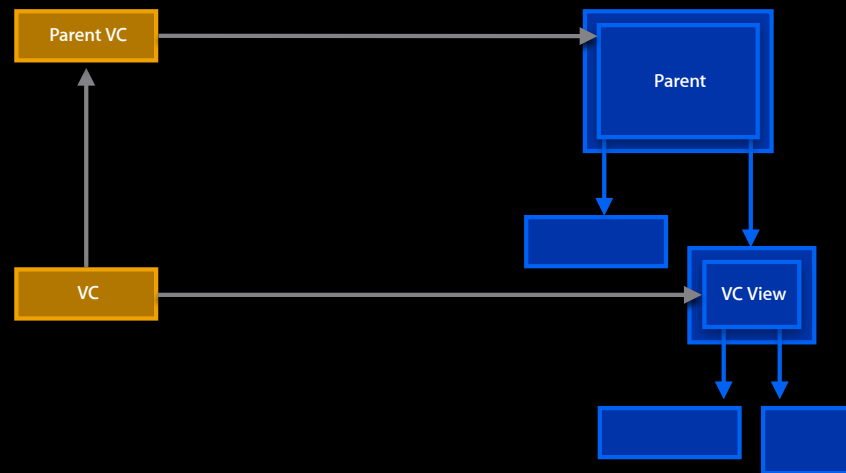
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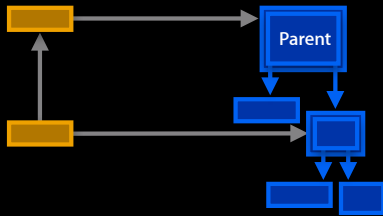
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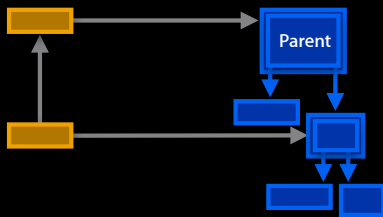
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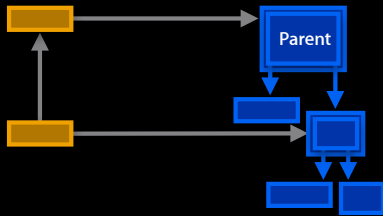
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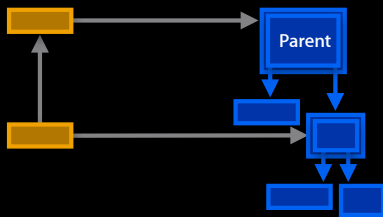
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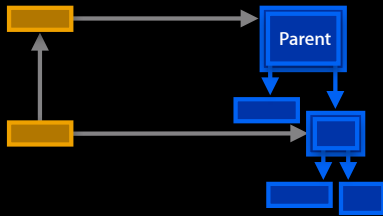


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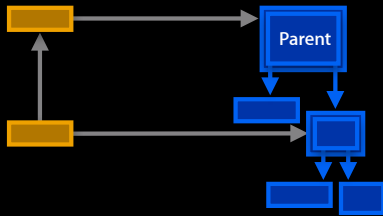


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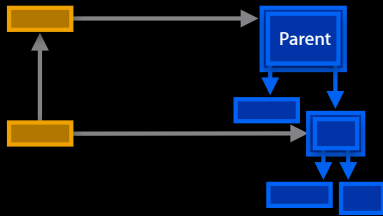


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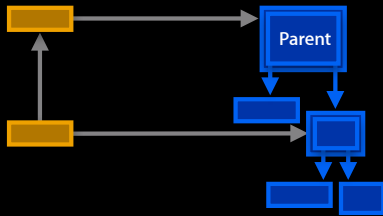
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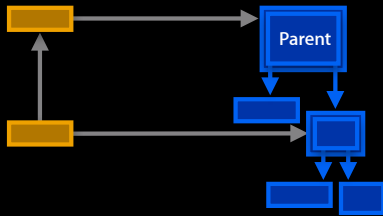
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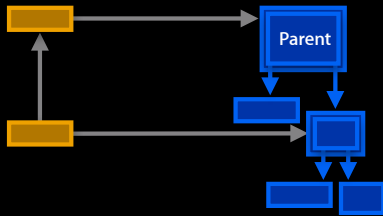
Containment—Best practices



- The container should expose methods that use the containment API
 - addChildViewController:
 - removeFromParentViewController

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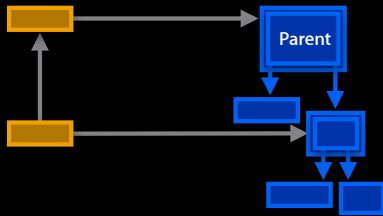
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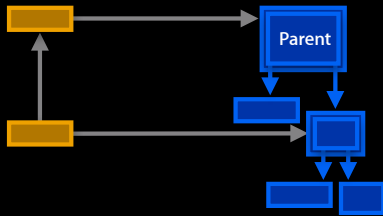
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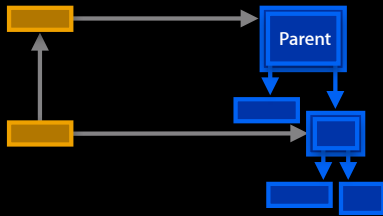
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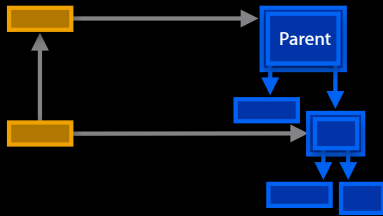
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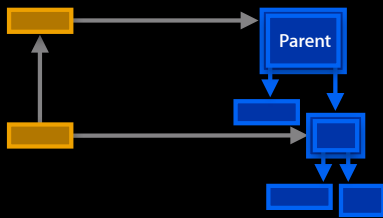
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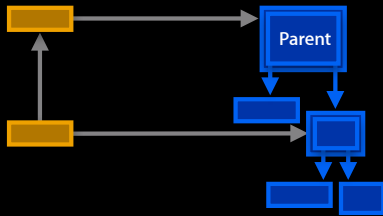
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- The child accesses its bounds in
 - `viewWillLayoutSubviews`
 - `updateViewConstraints`

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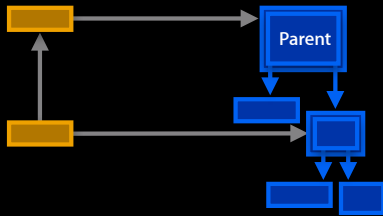
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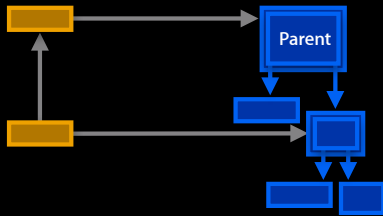
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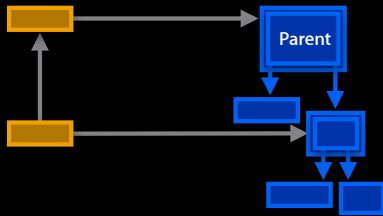
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- Calling these methods on a class you did not implement



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There should be a circle for that



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Summary—Containment API changes



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```

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Autorotation API and behavioral changes

View Controller Evolution

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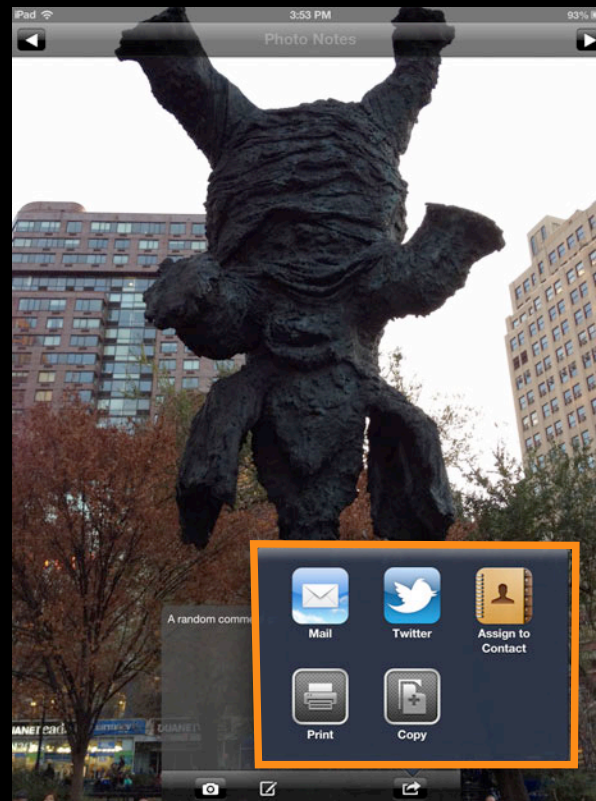
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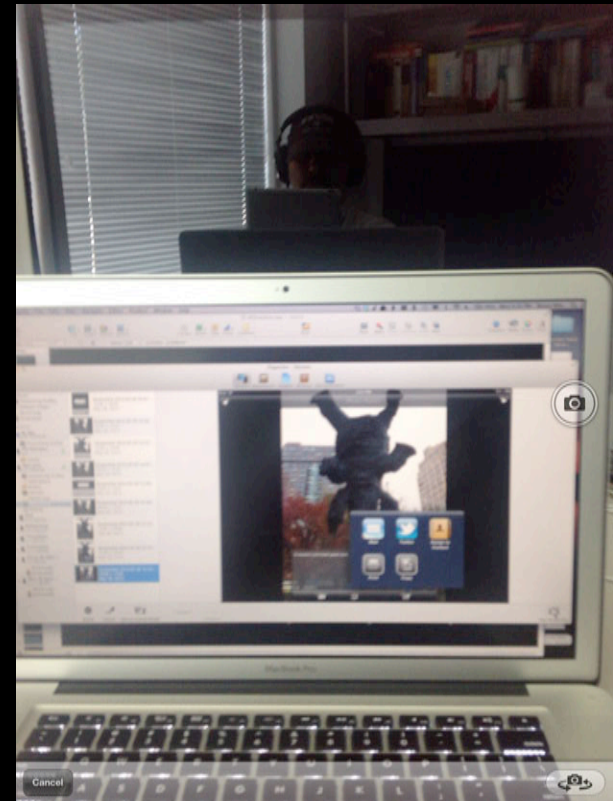
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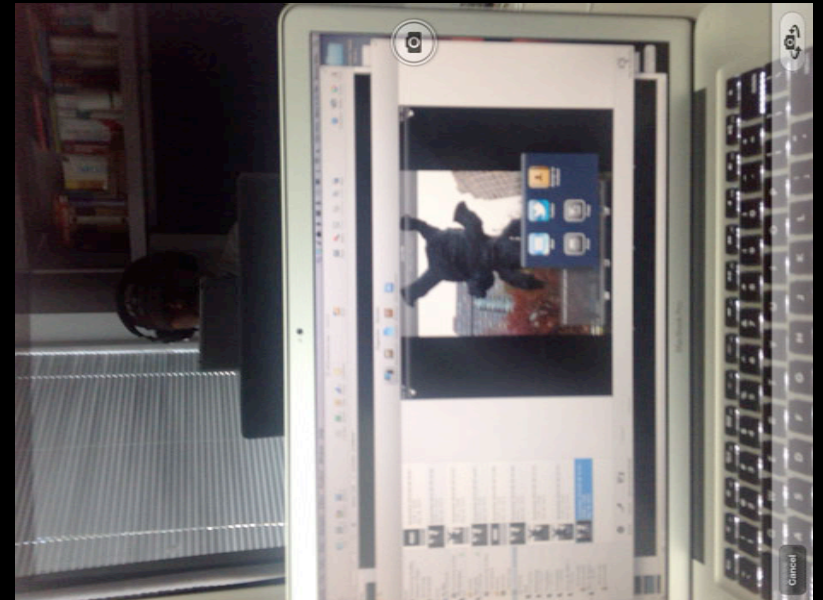
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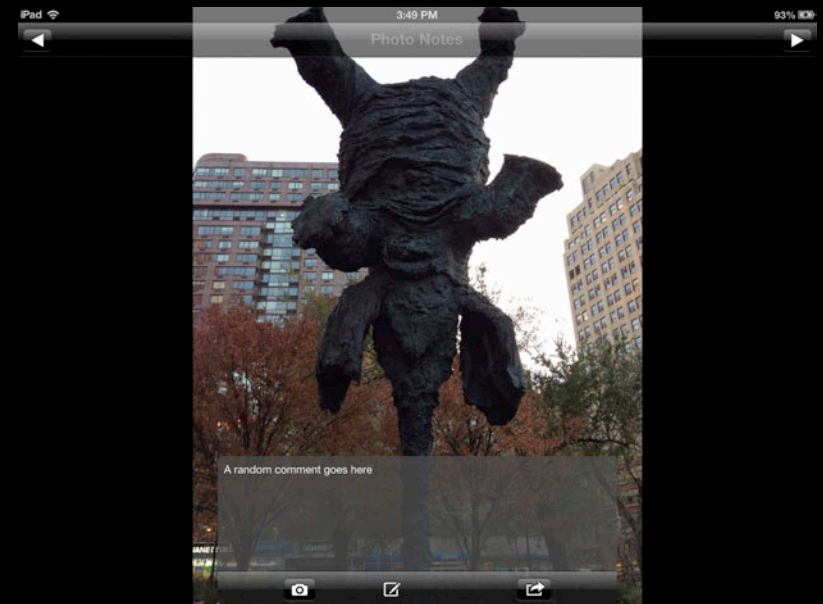
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willRotateToInterfaceOrientation:duration:  
willAnimateRotationToInterfaceOrientation:duration  
didRotateFromInterfaceOrientation:
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No rotation callbacks in iOS 5 and later



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- Refactor layout code to be used at multiple call sites
 - On iOS 6, use `updateViewConstraints`
 - On iOS 5, use `viewWillLayoutSubviews`
 - Pre iOS 5, a selector check is required

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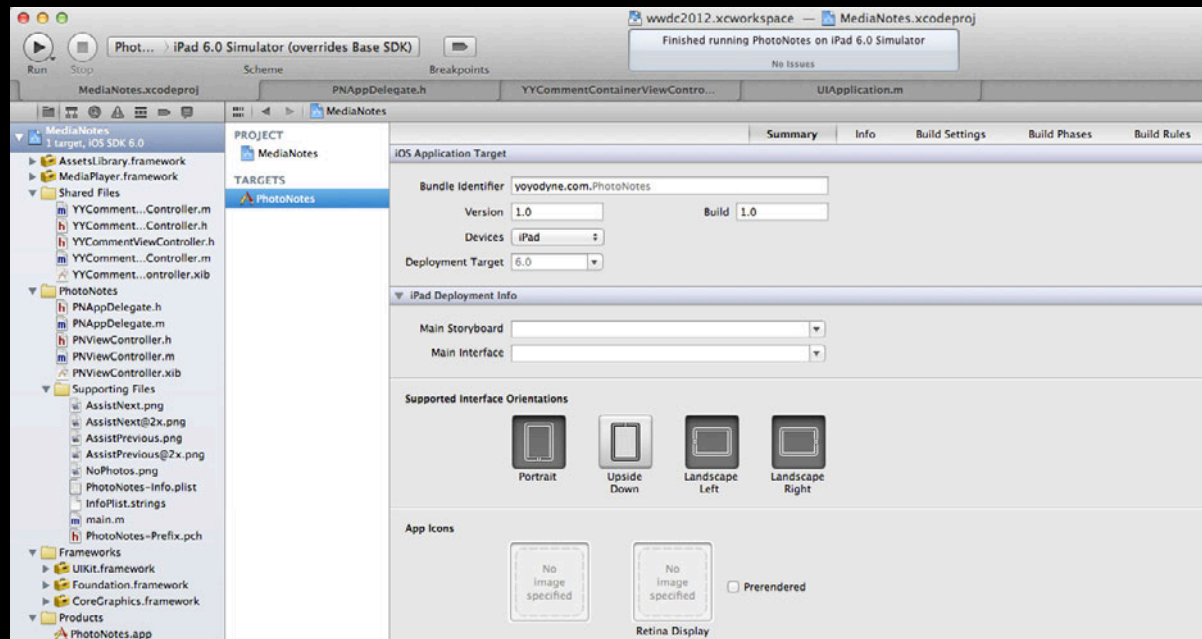
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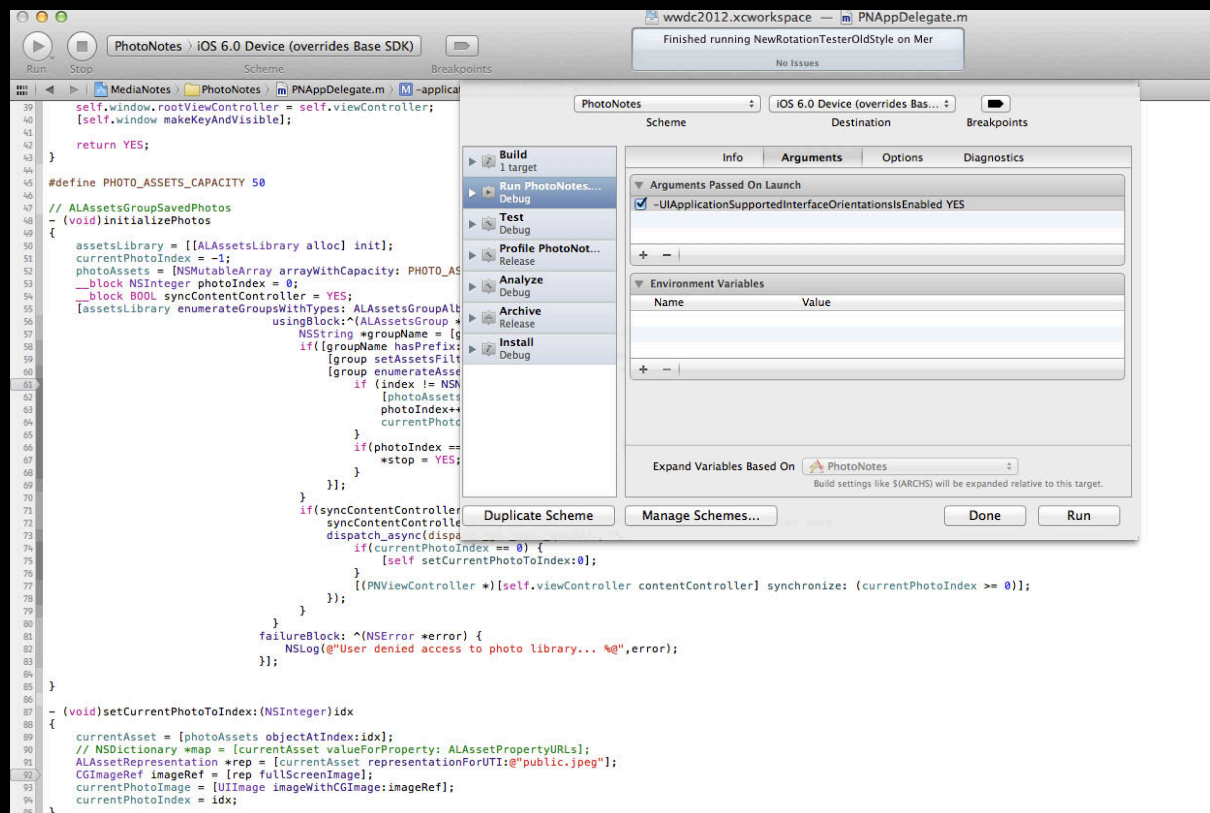
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- Is still evolving for iOS 6
 - A few minor additions still in the works
 - Stay tuned for seed updates and release notes

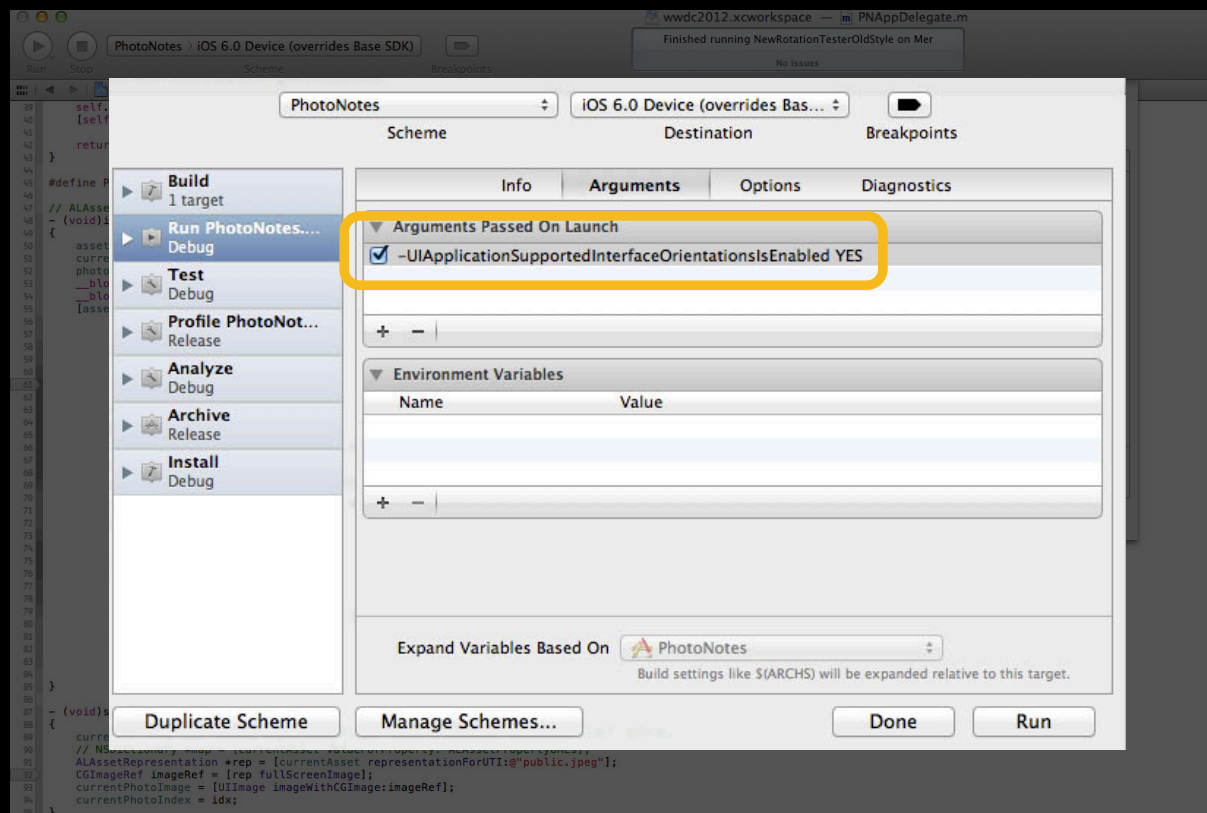
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 if([self.view window] == nil) {
 [photoMap removeAllObjects];
 self.view = nil;
 self.photoImageView = nil;
 }
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@property(nonatomic, readonly) UINavigationController *modalViewController;  
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- View Controllers are used to indicate what state is saved



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The parent is responsible where their children play

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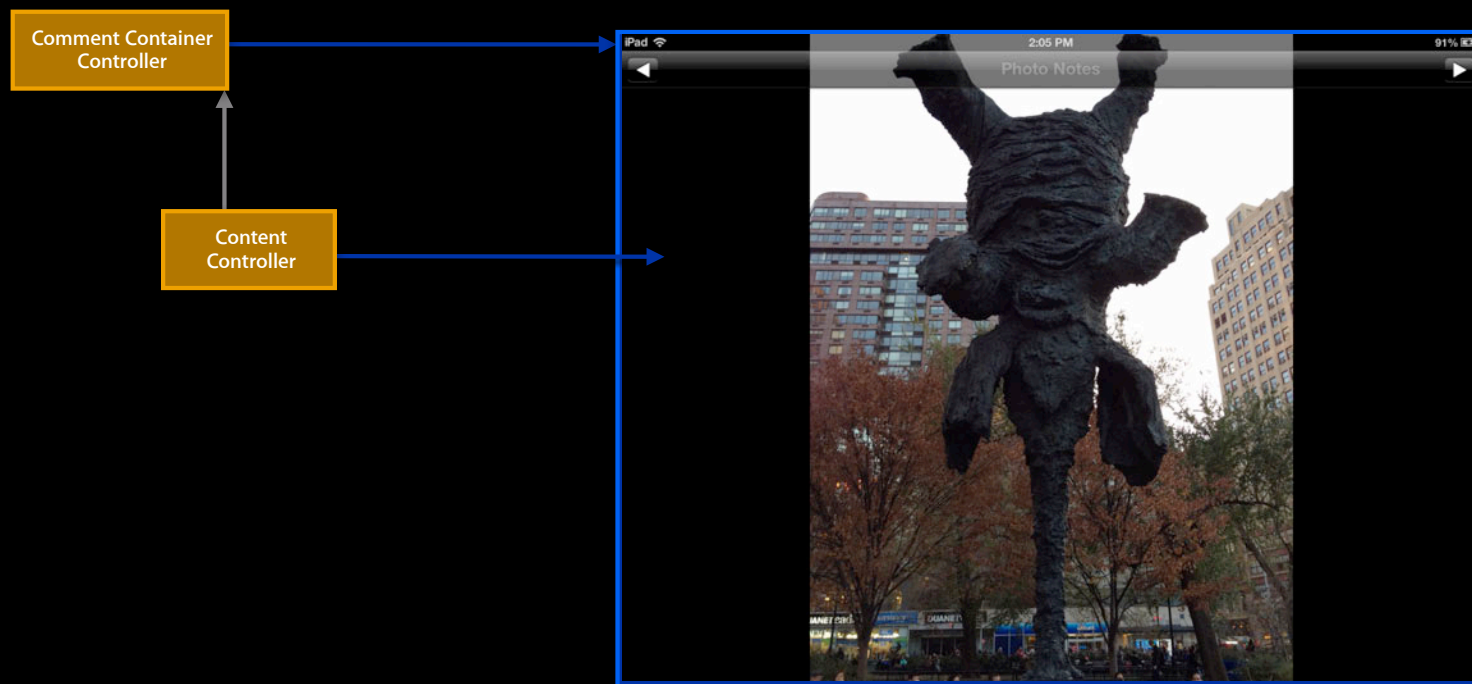
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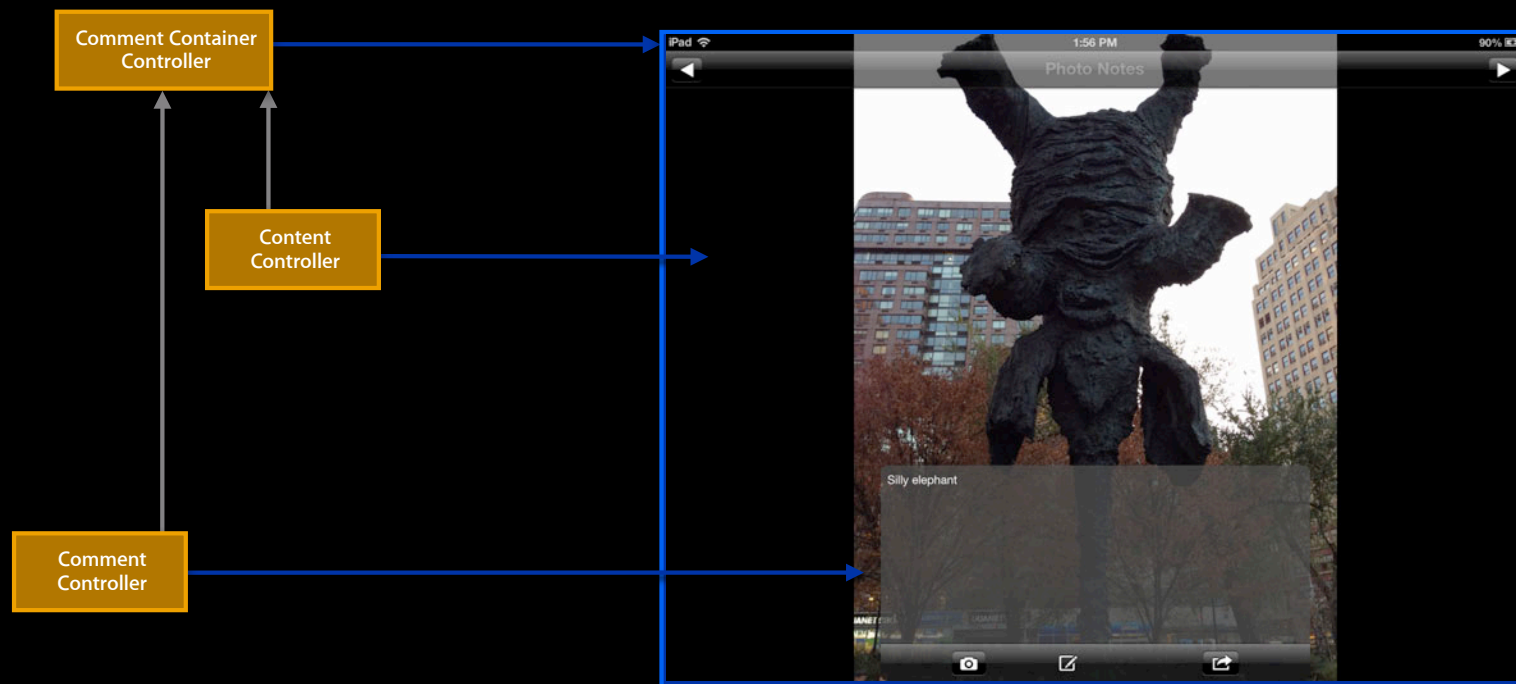
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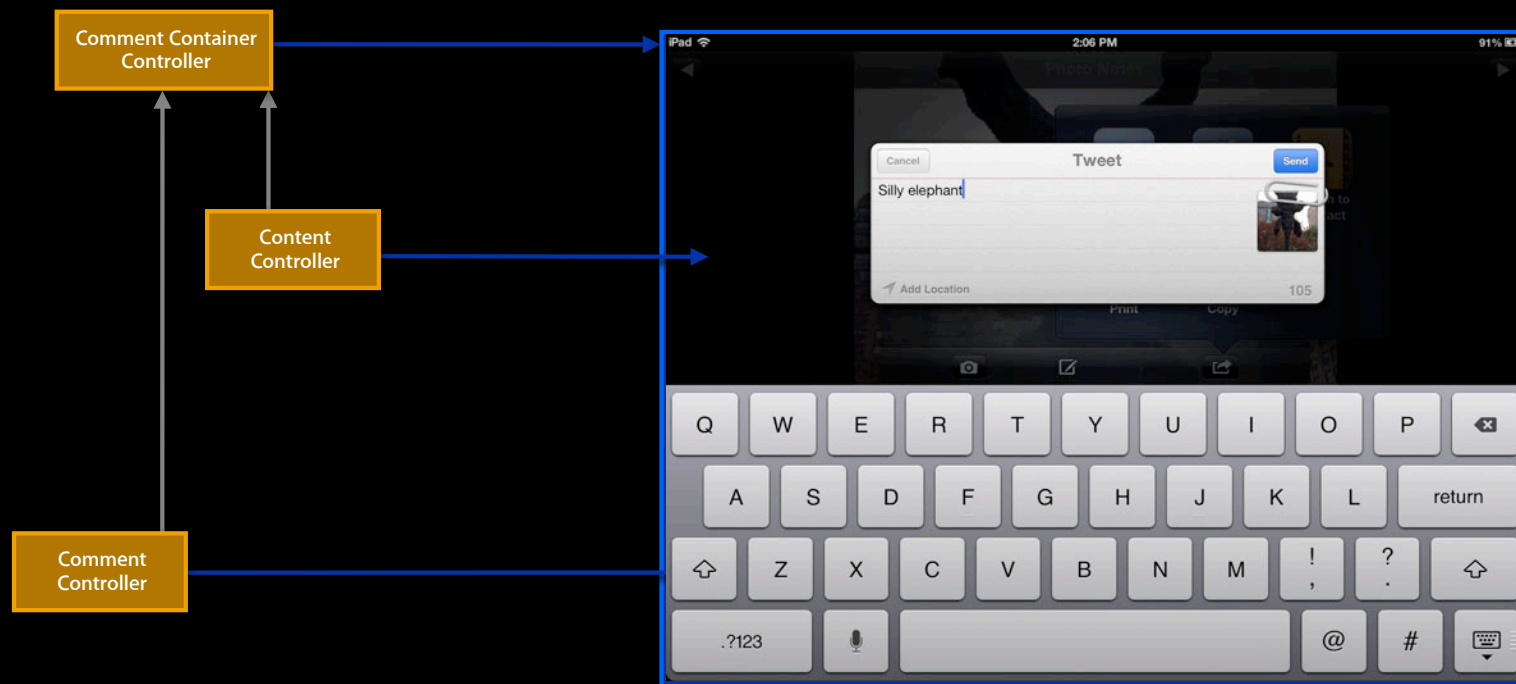
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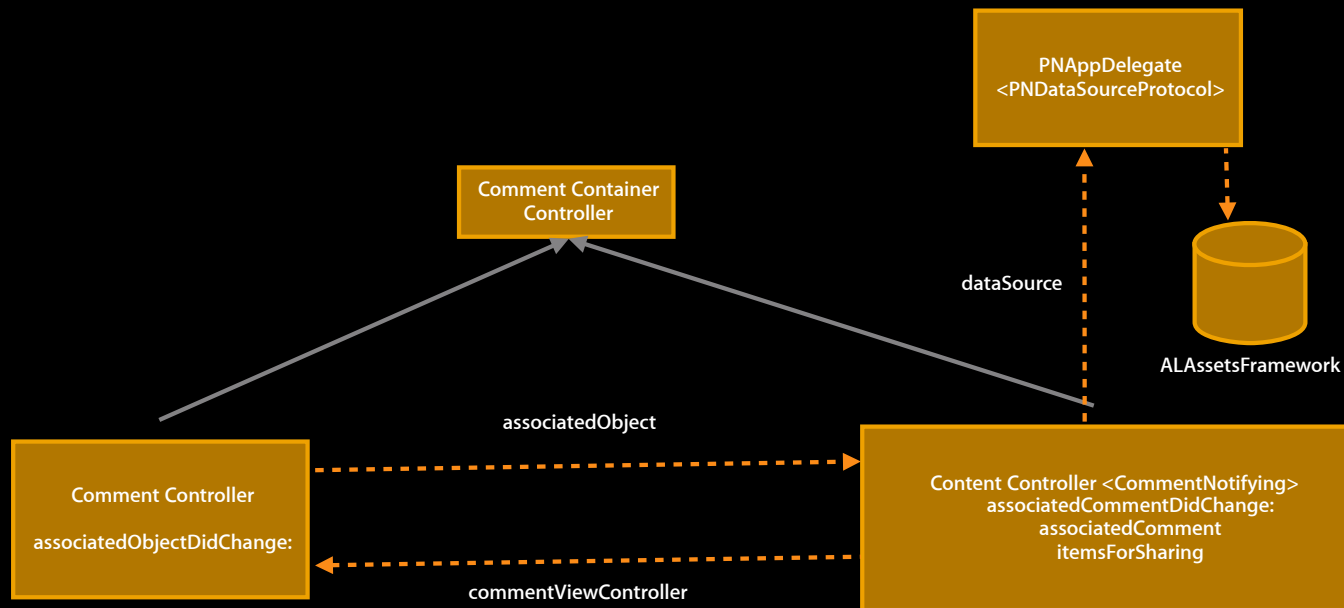
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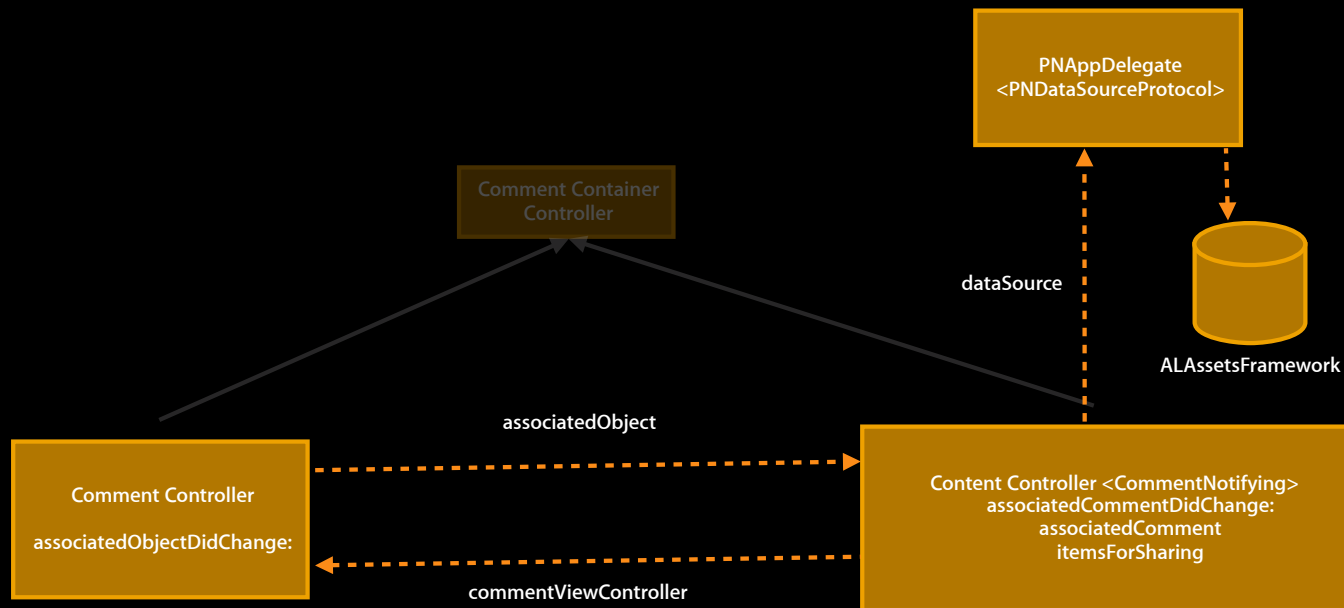
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- It defines a custom application flow
 - It is reusable in different situations
 - It interoperates with the rest of UIKit

Demo

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Takeaway Thoughts

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 - Otherwise use system containers

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