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Developing Applications for iOS

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Today

- ⌚ UITableView

Data source-driven vertical list of views.

- ⌚ iPad

Device-specific UI idioms.

- ⌚ Demo

Shutterbug

UITableView

- ⌚ Very important class for displaying data in a table

- One-dimensional table.

- It's a subclass of UIScrollView.

- Table can be static or dynamic (i.e. a list of items).

- Lots and lots of customization via a dataSource protocol and a delegate protocol.

- Very efficient even with very large sets of data.

- ⌚ Displaying multi-dimensional tables ...

- Usually done via a UINavigationController with multiple MVC's where View is UITableView

- ⌚ Kinds of UITableViews

- Plain or Grouped

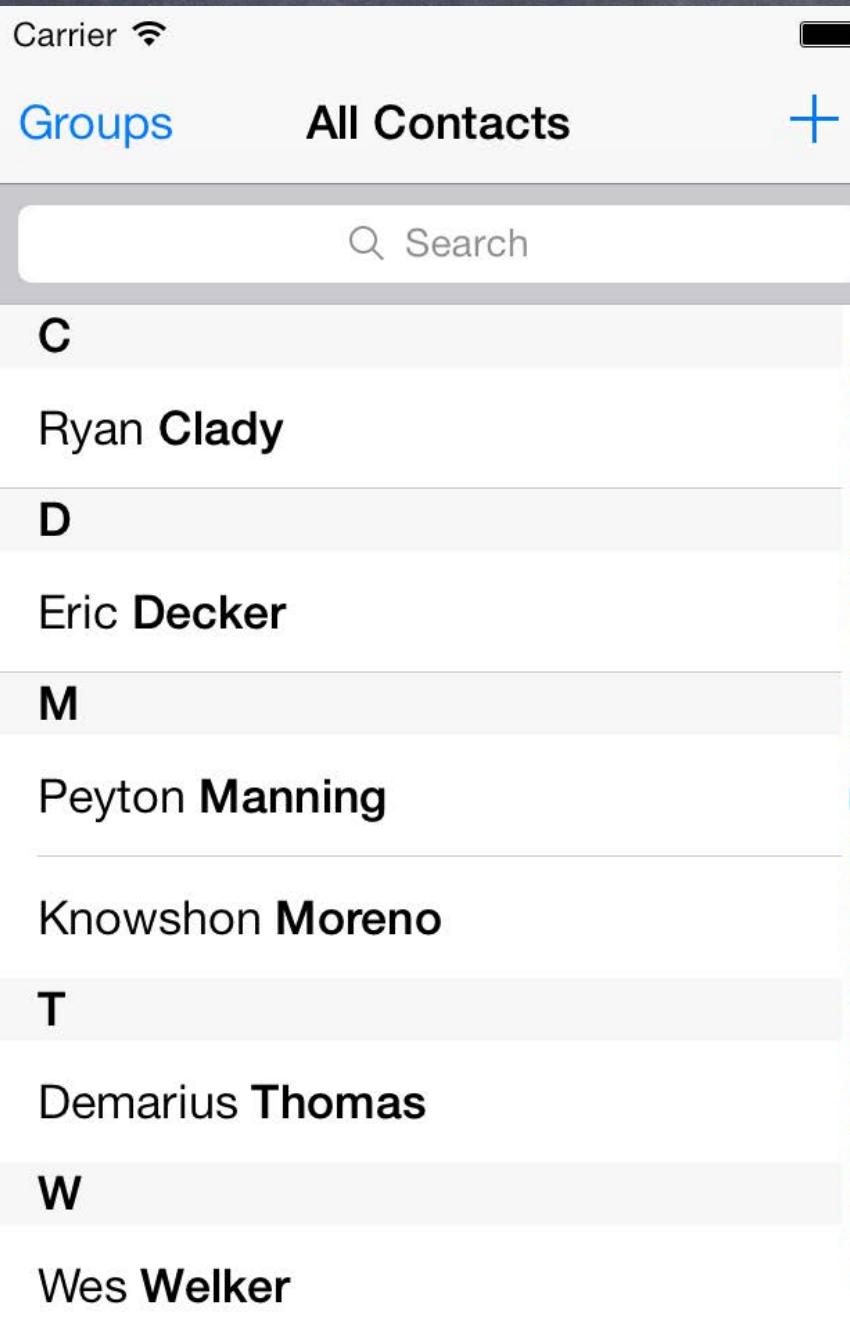
- Static or Dynamic

- Divided into sections or not

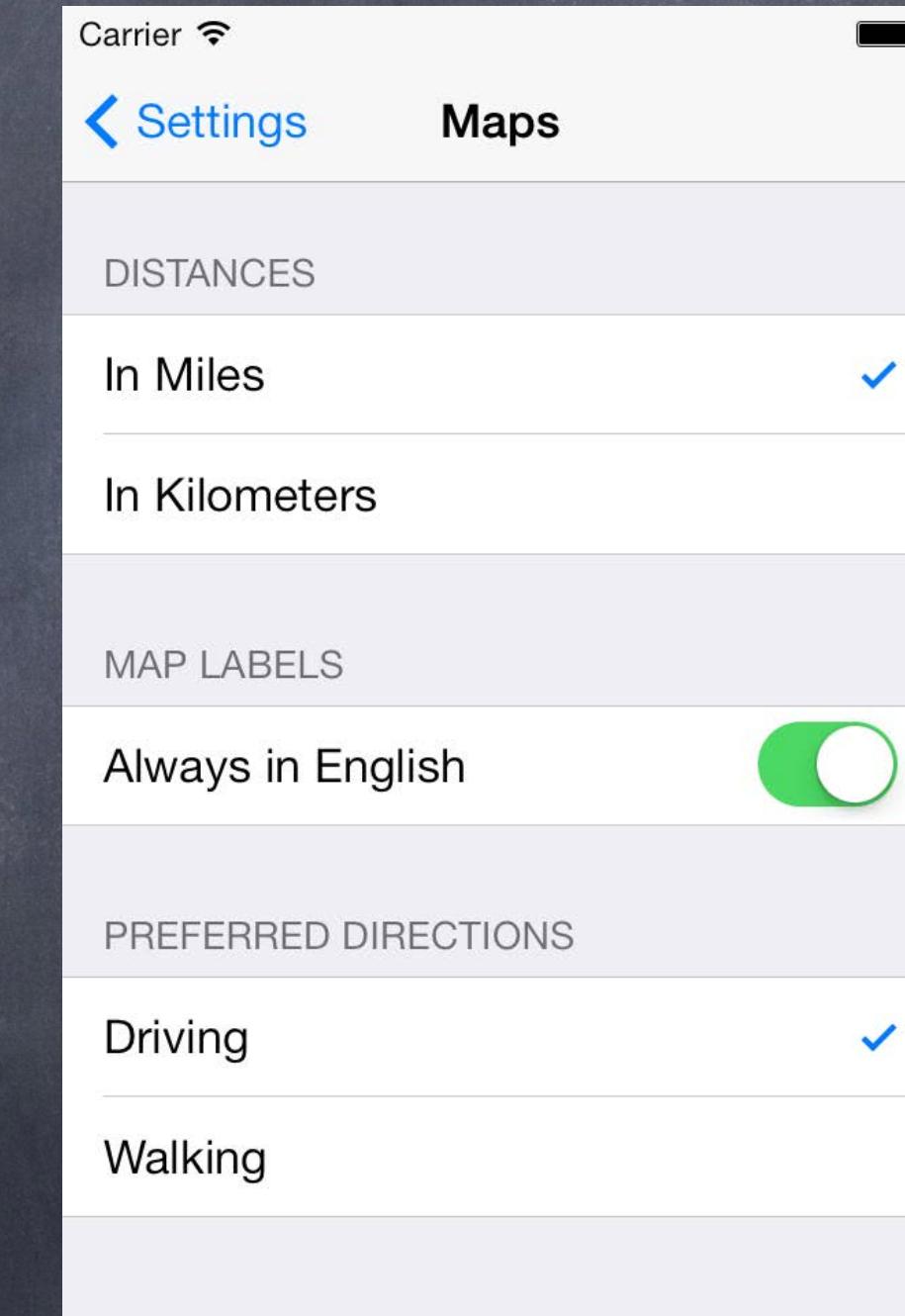
- Different formats for each row in the table (including completely customized)

UITableView

UITableViewStylePlain



UITableViewStyleGrouped



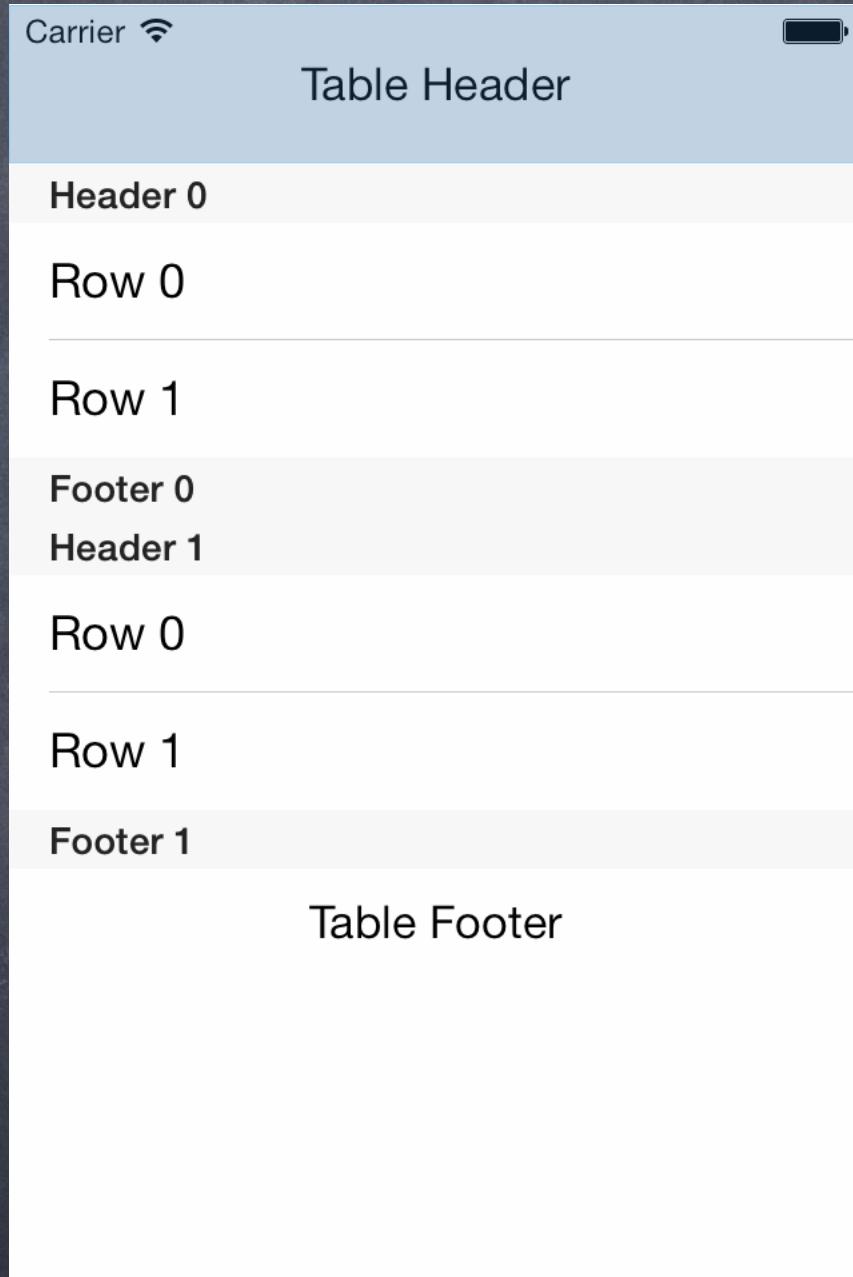
Dynamic (List)
& Plain
(ungrouped)

Static
& Grouped

UITableView

Plain Style

Table Header

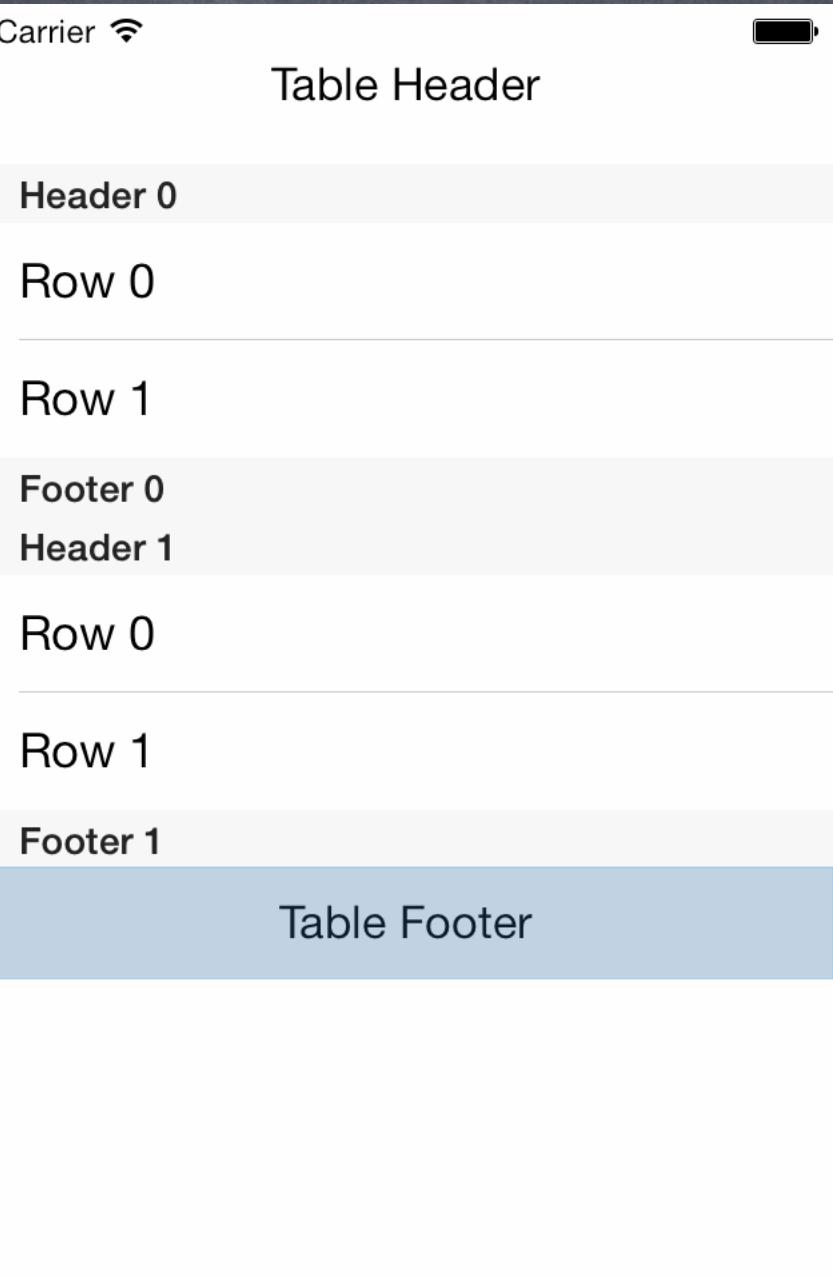


```
@property UIView *tableHeaderView;
```

UITableView

Plain Style

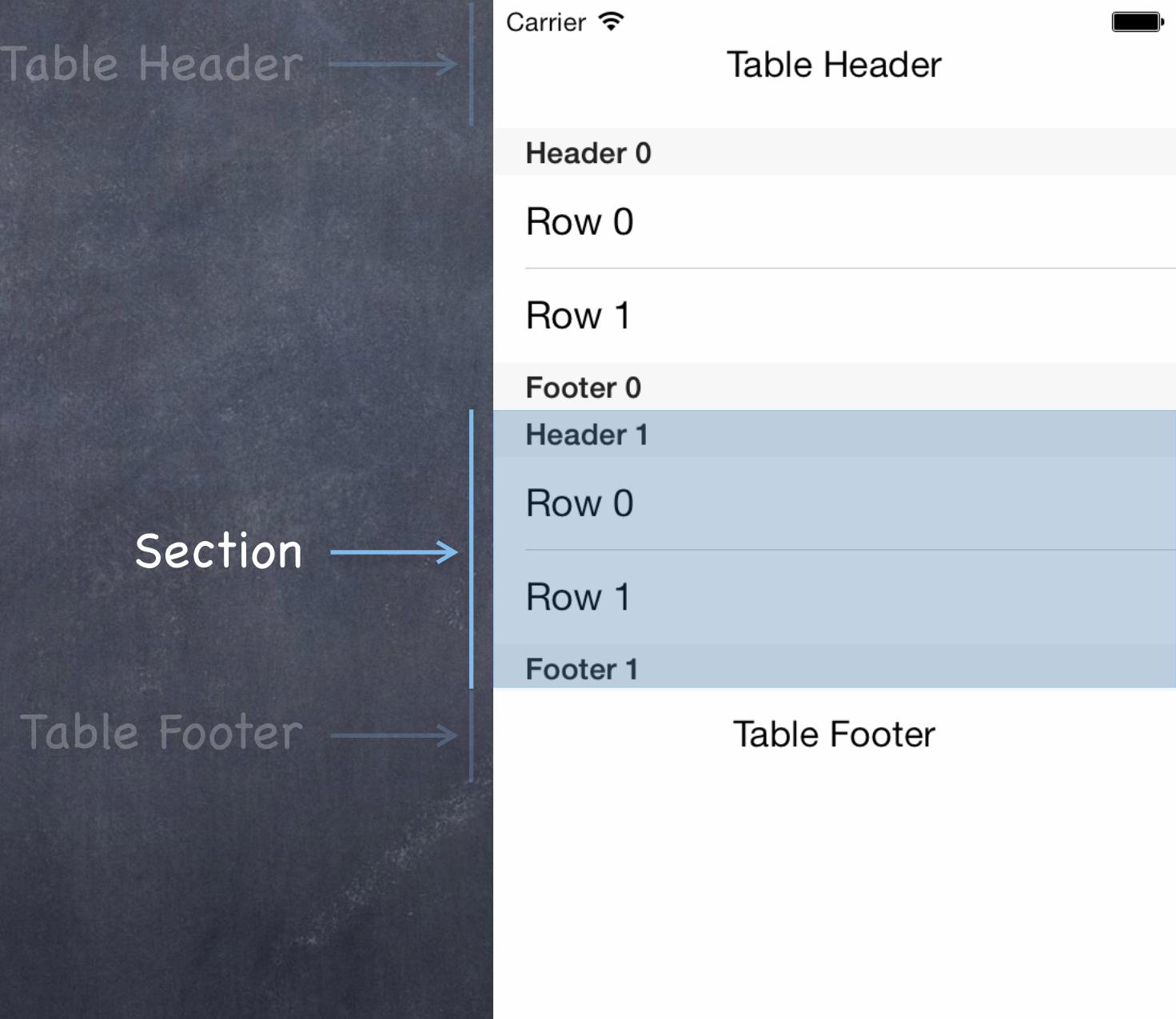
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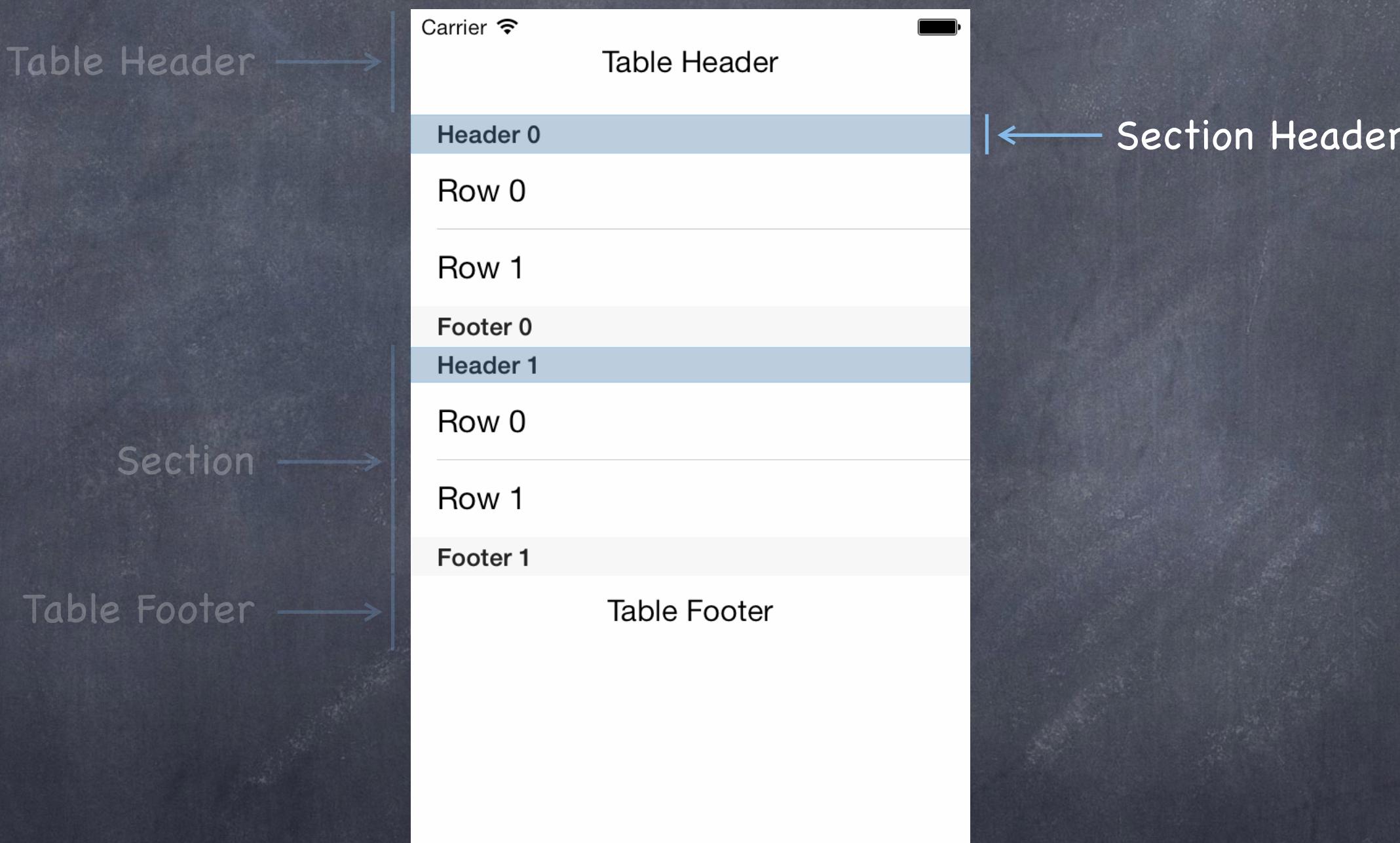
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Plain Style



UITableView

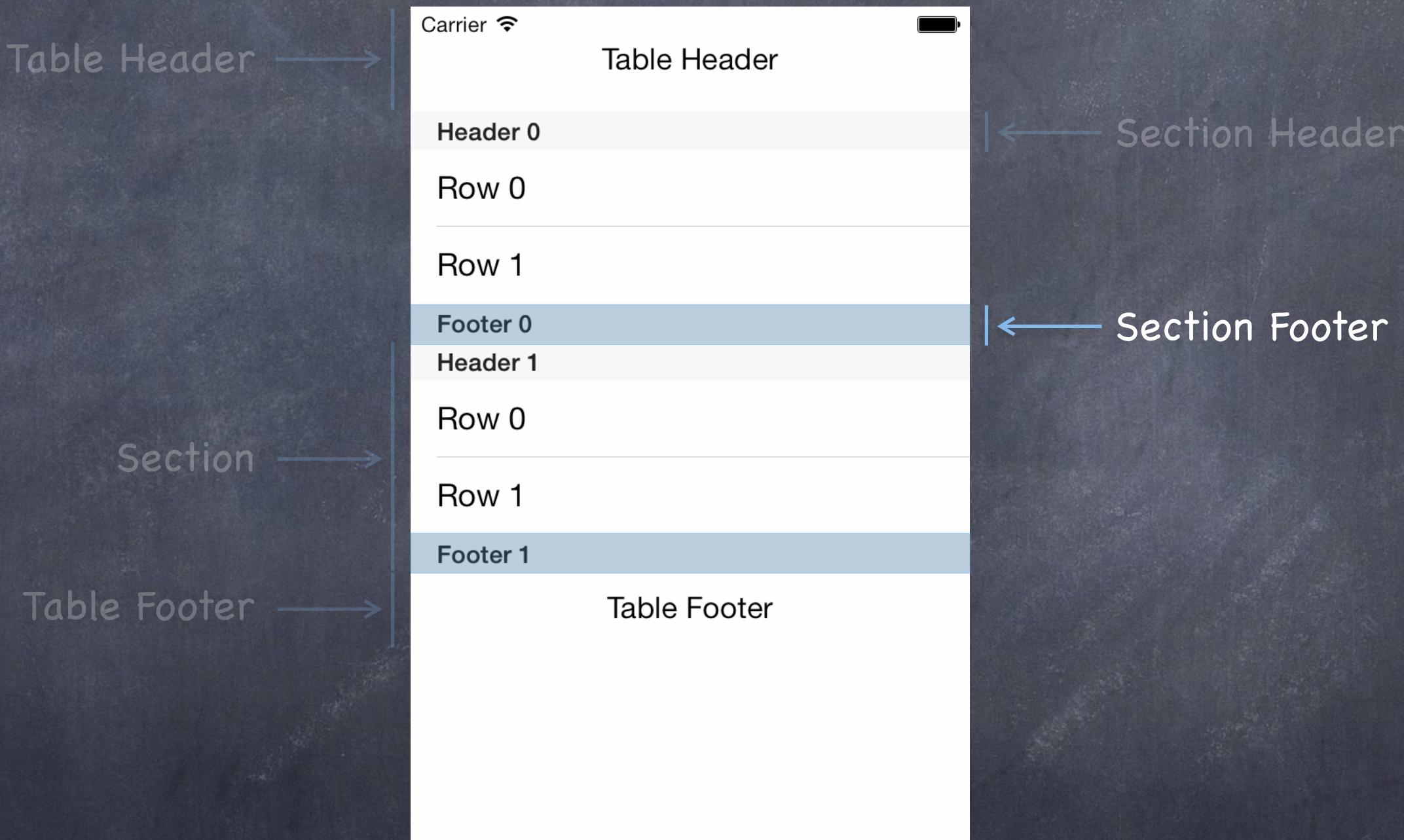
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UITableViewDataSource's `tableView:titleForHeaderInSection:`

UITableView

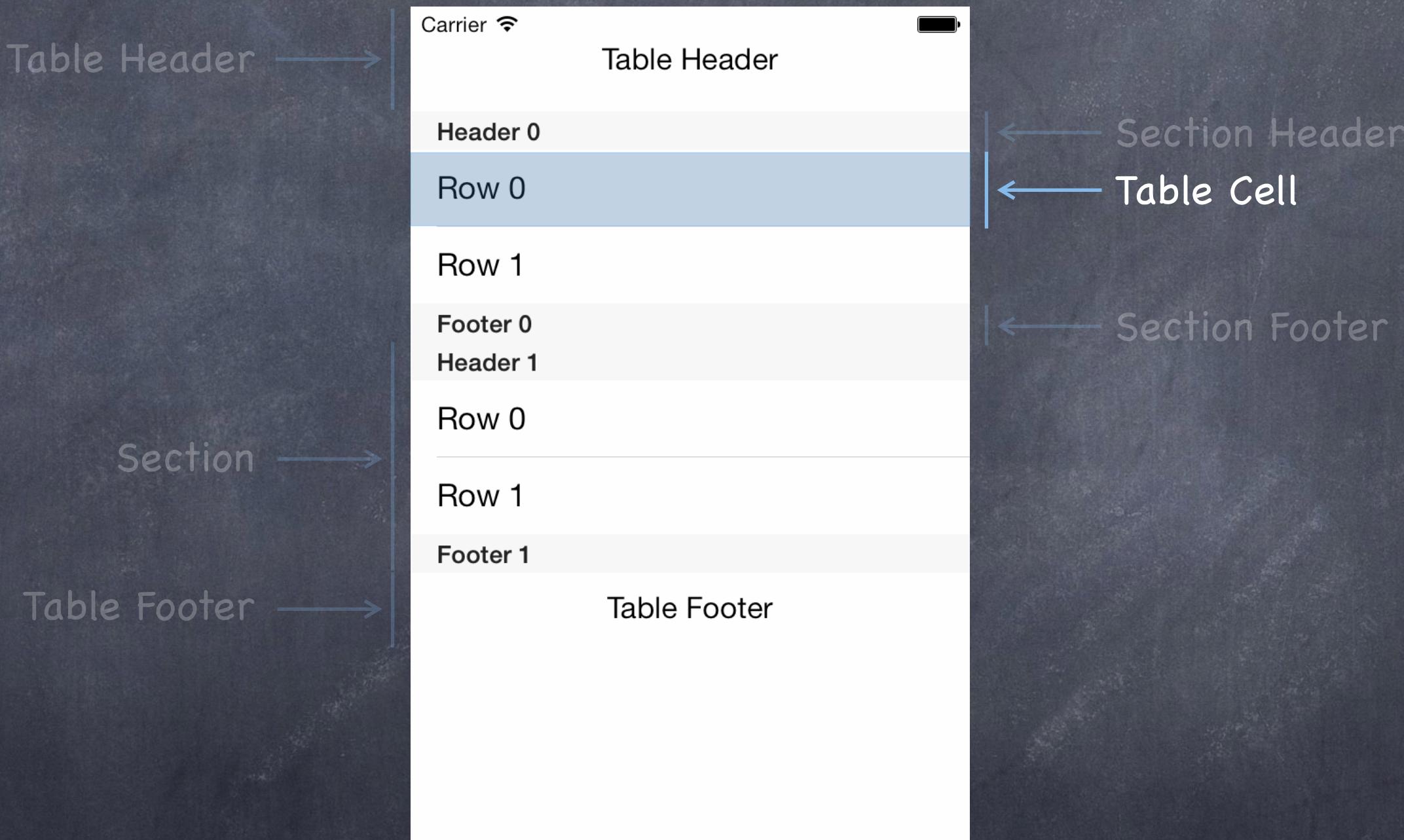
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UITableViewDataSource's `tableView:titleForFooterInSection:`

UITableView

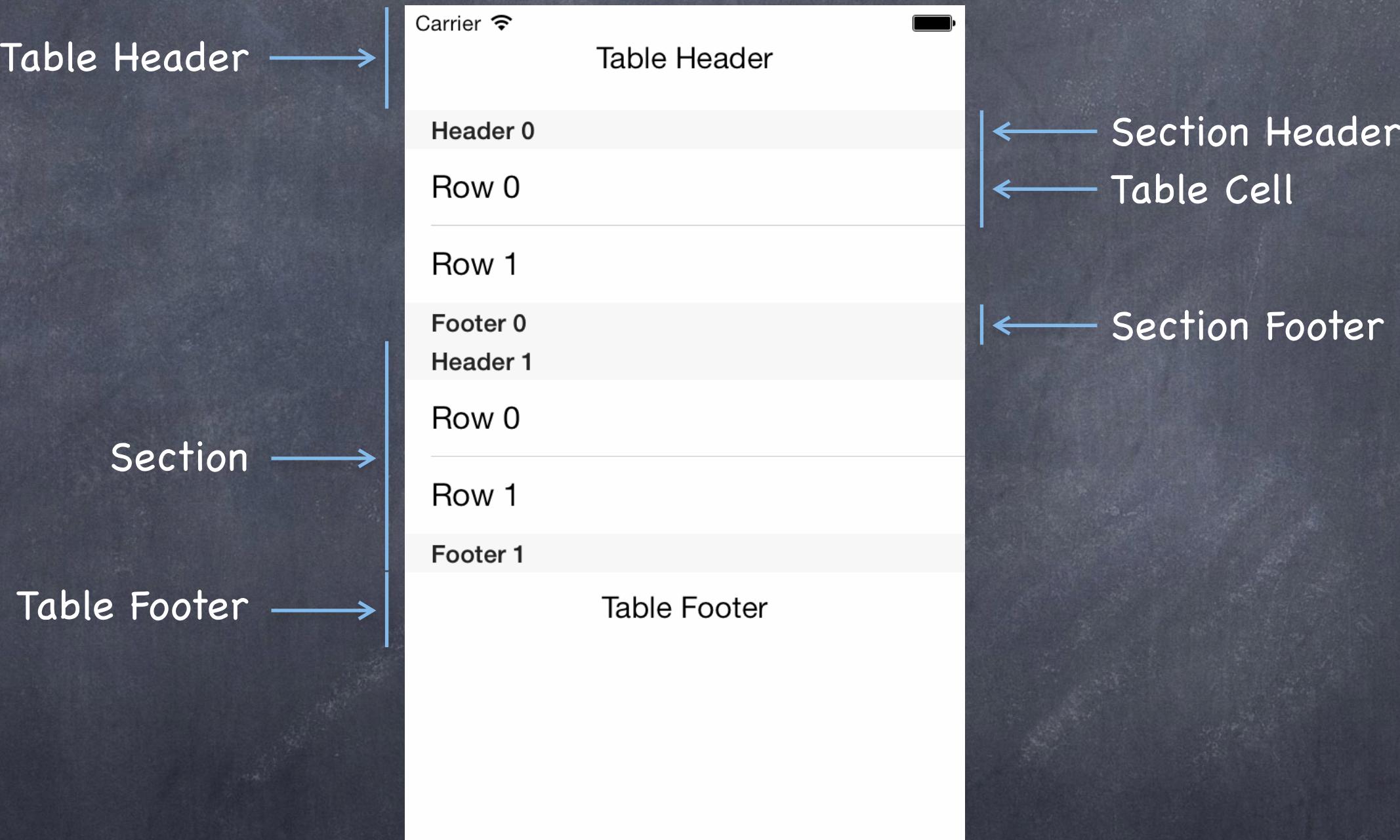
Plain Style



UITableViewDataSource's `tableView:cellForRowAtIndexPath:`:

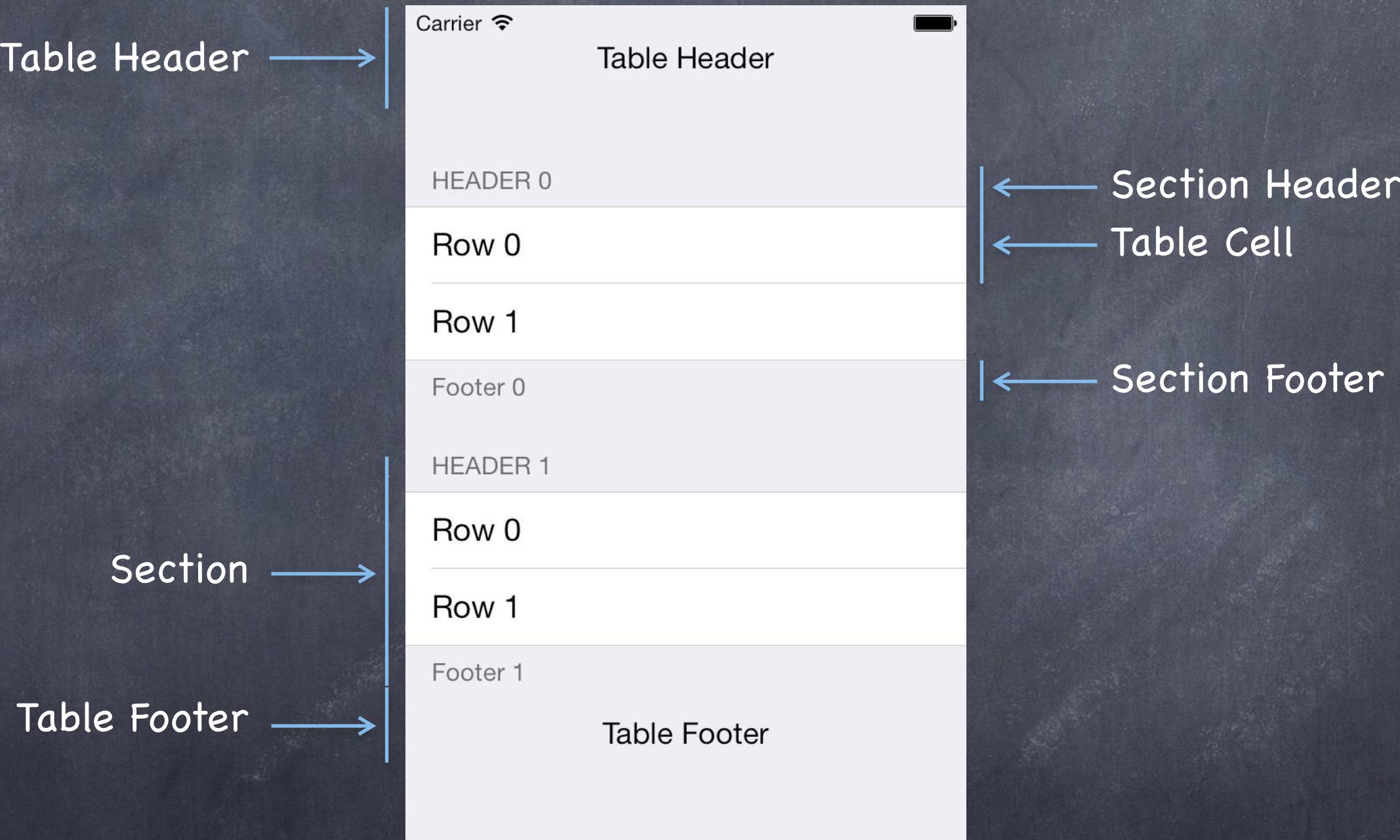
UITableView

Plain Style

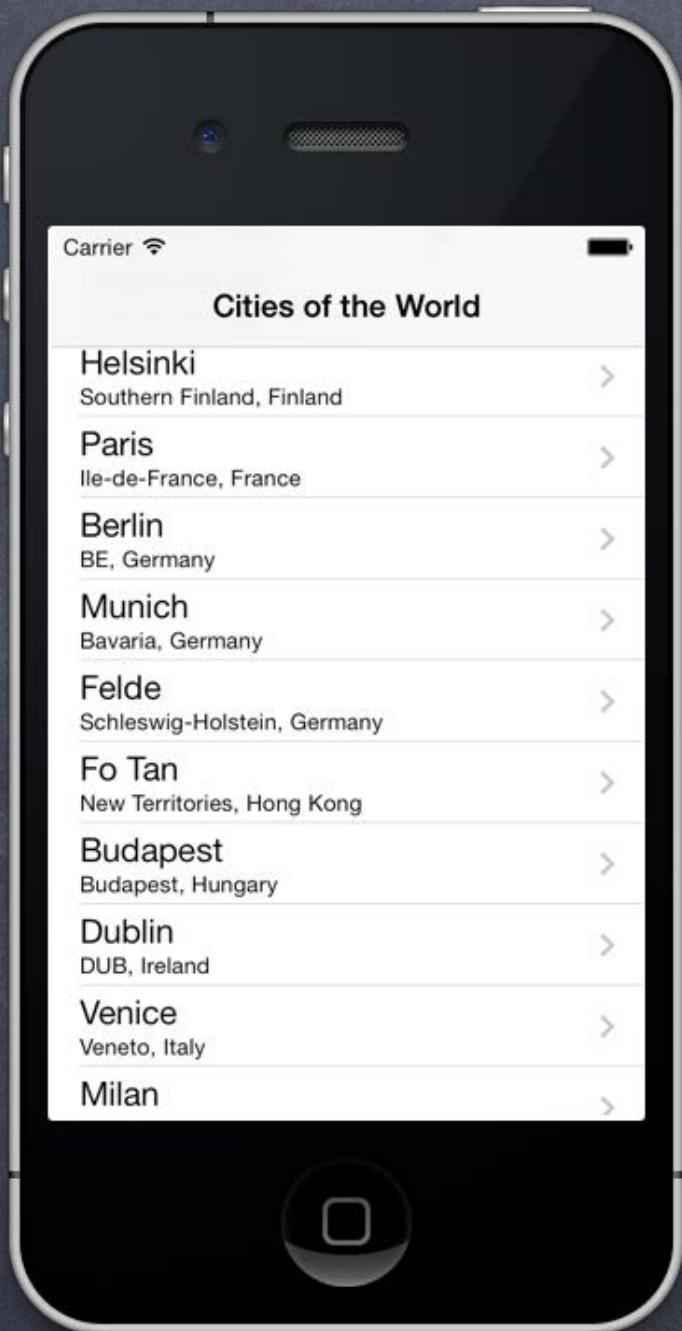


UITableView

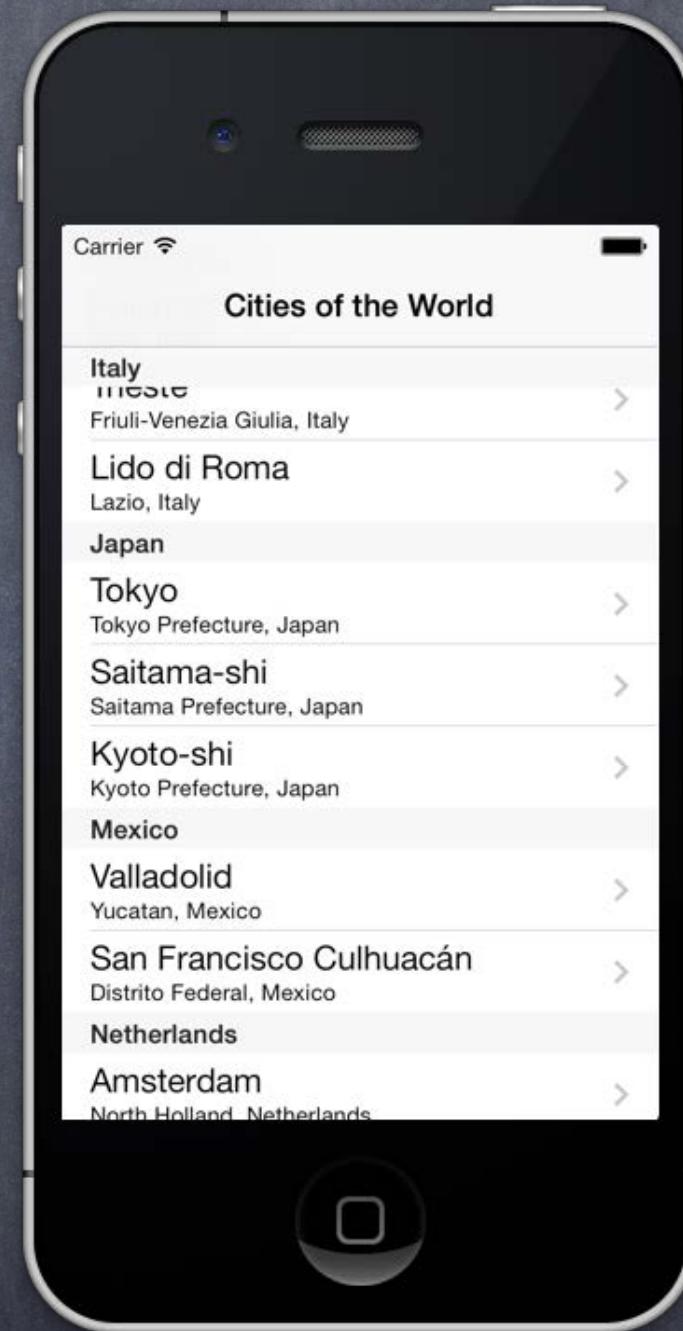
Grouped Style



Sections or Not

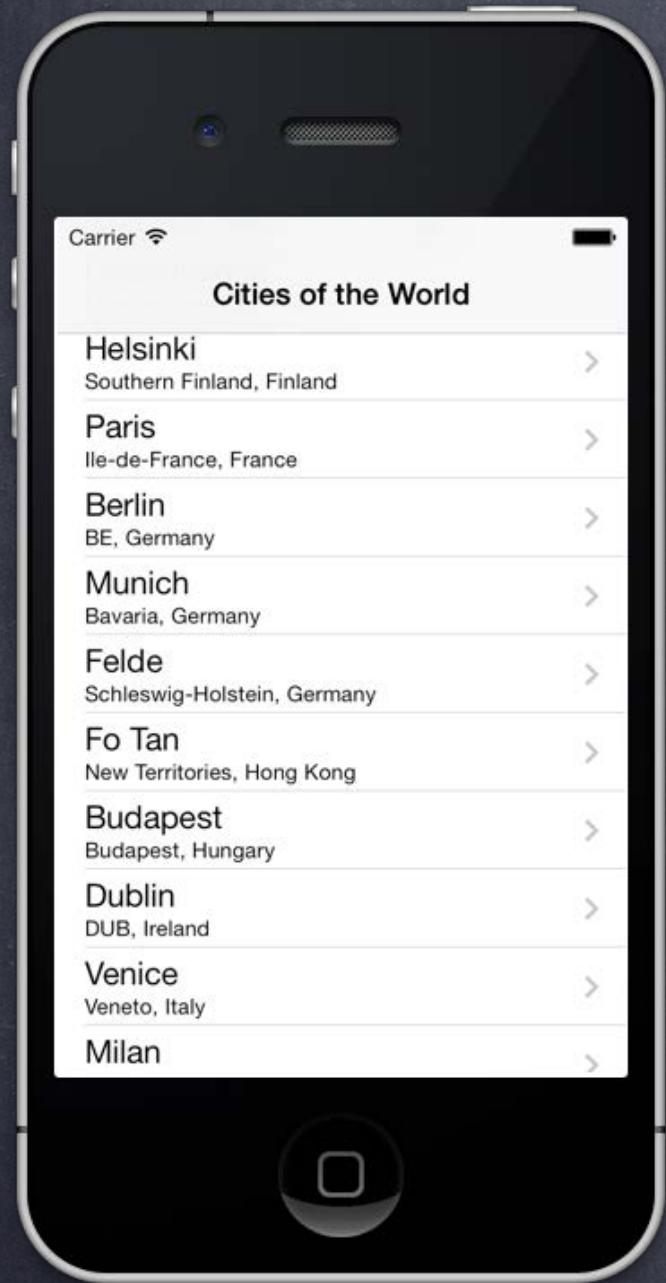


No Sections



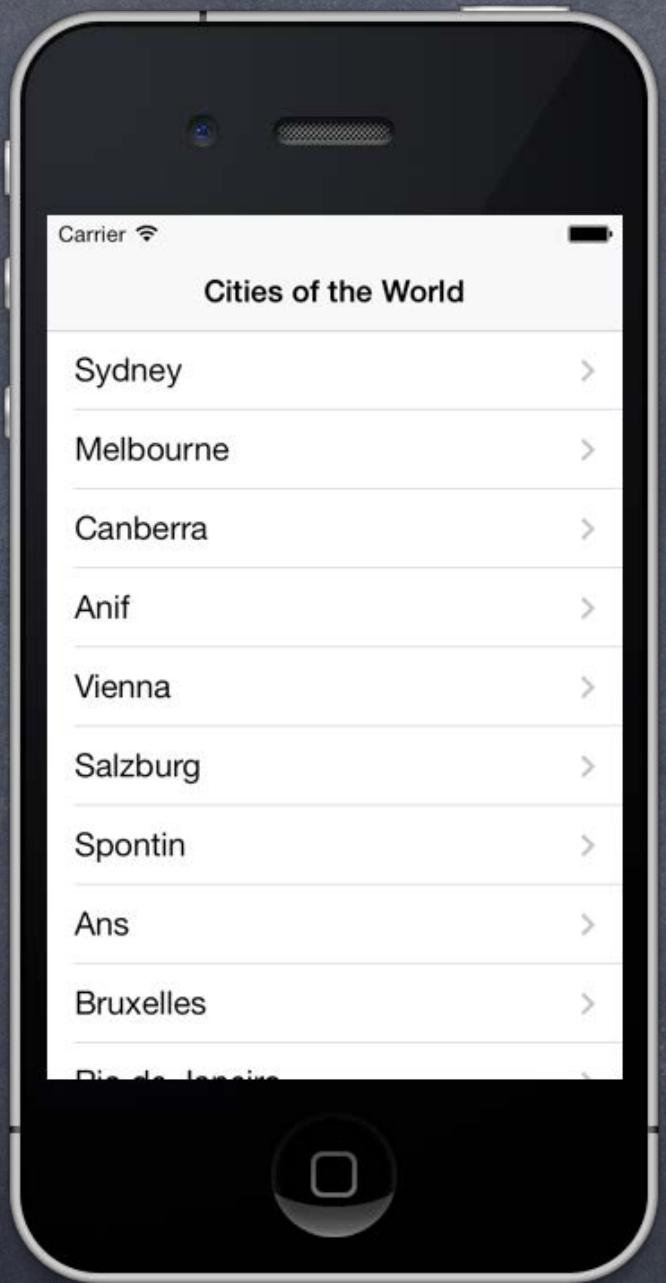
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Cell Type



Subtitle

UITableViewCellCellStyleSubtitle



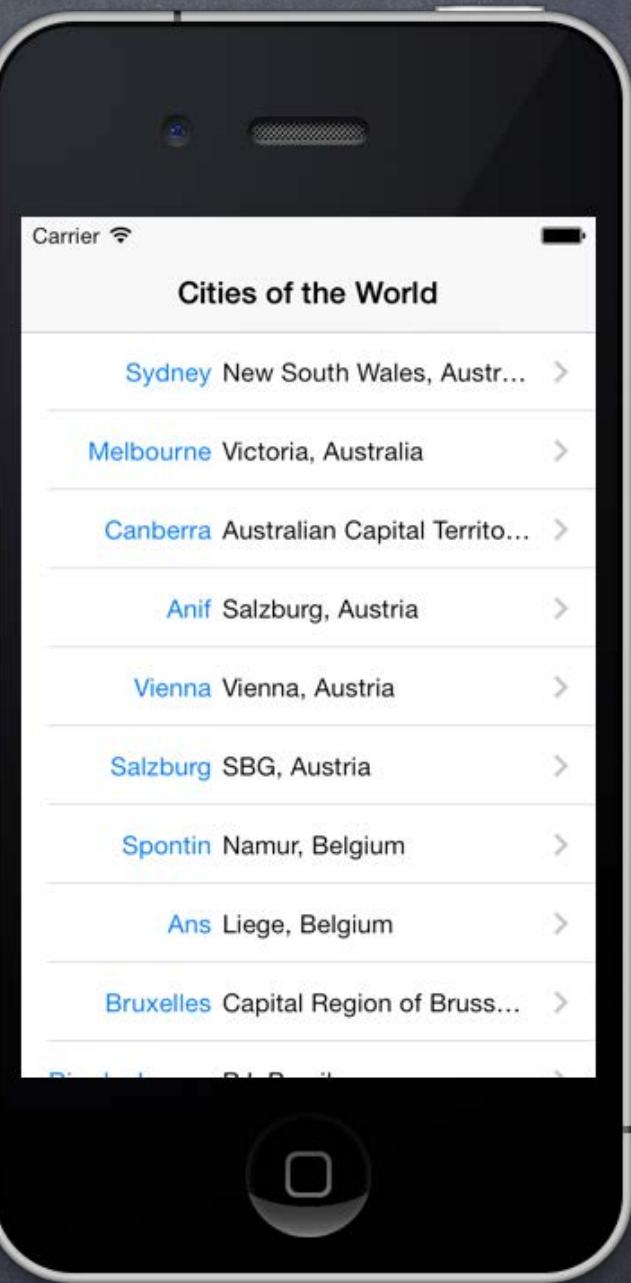
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UITableViewCellCellStyleDefault



Right Detail

UITableViewCellCellStyleValue1



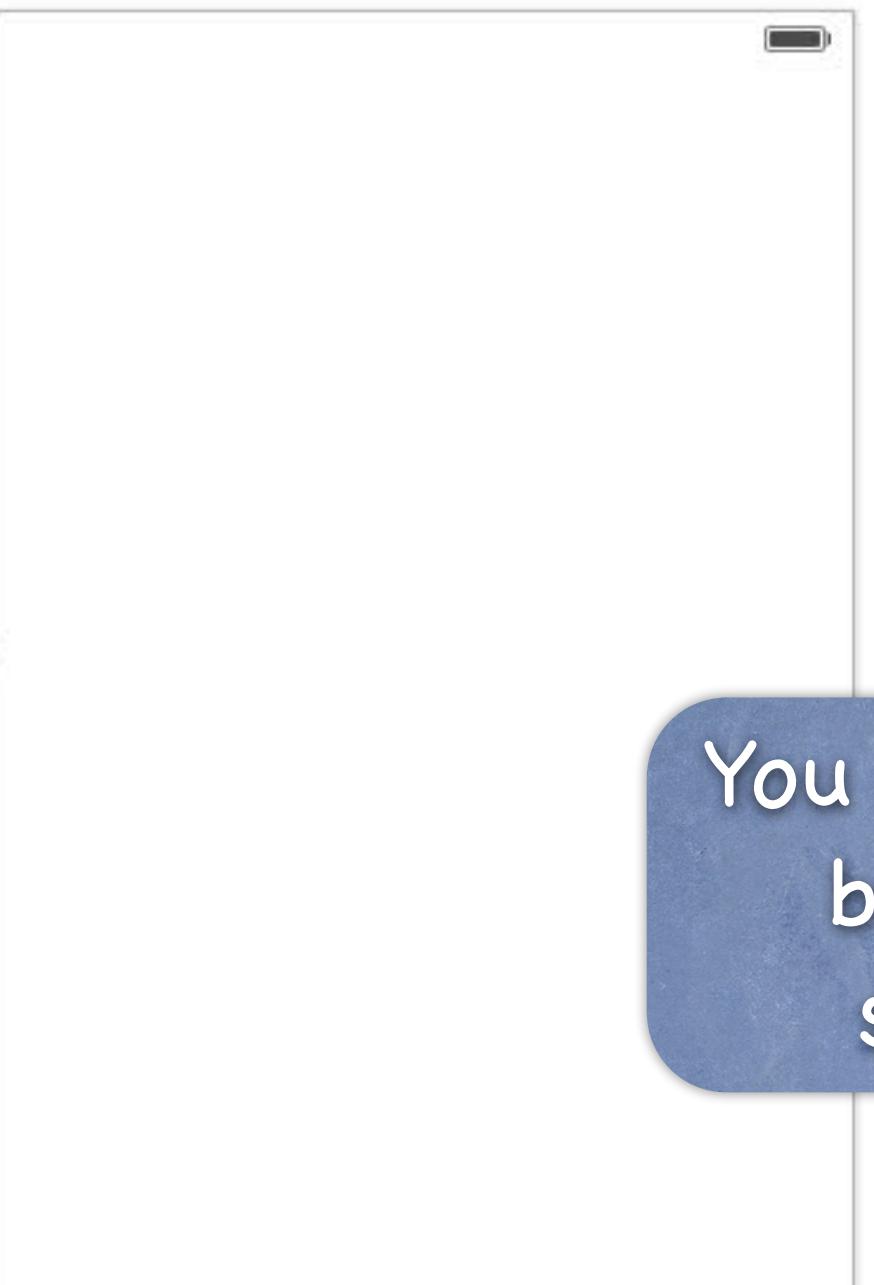
Left Detail

UITableViewCellCellStyleValue2
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The class `UITableViewController` provides a convenient packaging of a `UITableView` in an MVC.

It's mostly useful when the `UITableView` is going to fill all of `self.view` (in fact `self.view` in a `UITableViewController` is the `UITableView`).

View Controller



View Controller

You can add an MVC like this
by dragging it into your
storyboard from here.

No Selection

supports the fundamental view-management model in iPhone OS.

Table View Controller - A controller that manages a table view.

Collection View Controller - A controller that manages a collection 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.

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Controller: UITableViewController (subclass of)
View: UITableView

Prototype Cells

Table View
Prototype Content

View Controller

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Custom Class

Class **UITableViewController**

Identity

Storyboard ID

Restoration ID

 Use Storyboard ID

User Defined Runtime Attributes

Key Path | Type | Value

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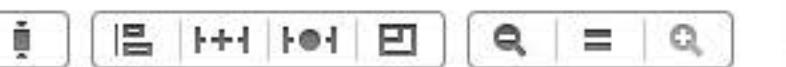
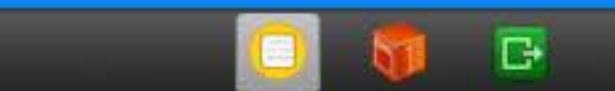


Page View Controller - Presents a sequence of view controllers as pages

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Like any other View Controller,
you'll want to set its class.

View Controller

TVCEExample > iPhone Retina (3.5-inch)

No Issues

TVCExample > TVCEExample

Choose options for your new file:

Class: MyViewController
Subclass of: UITableViewController

Targeted for iPad
 With XIB for user interface

Cancel Previous Next

View Controller

Custom Class
Class: UITableViewController

Identity
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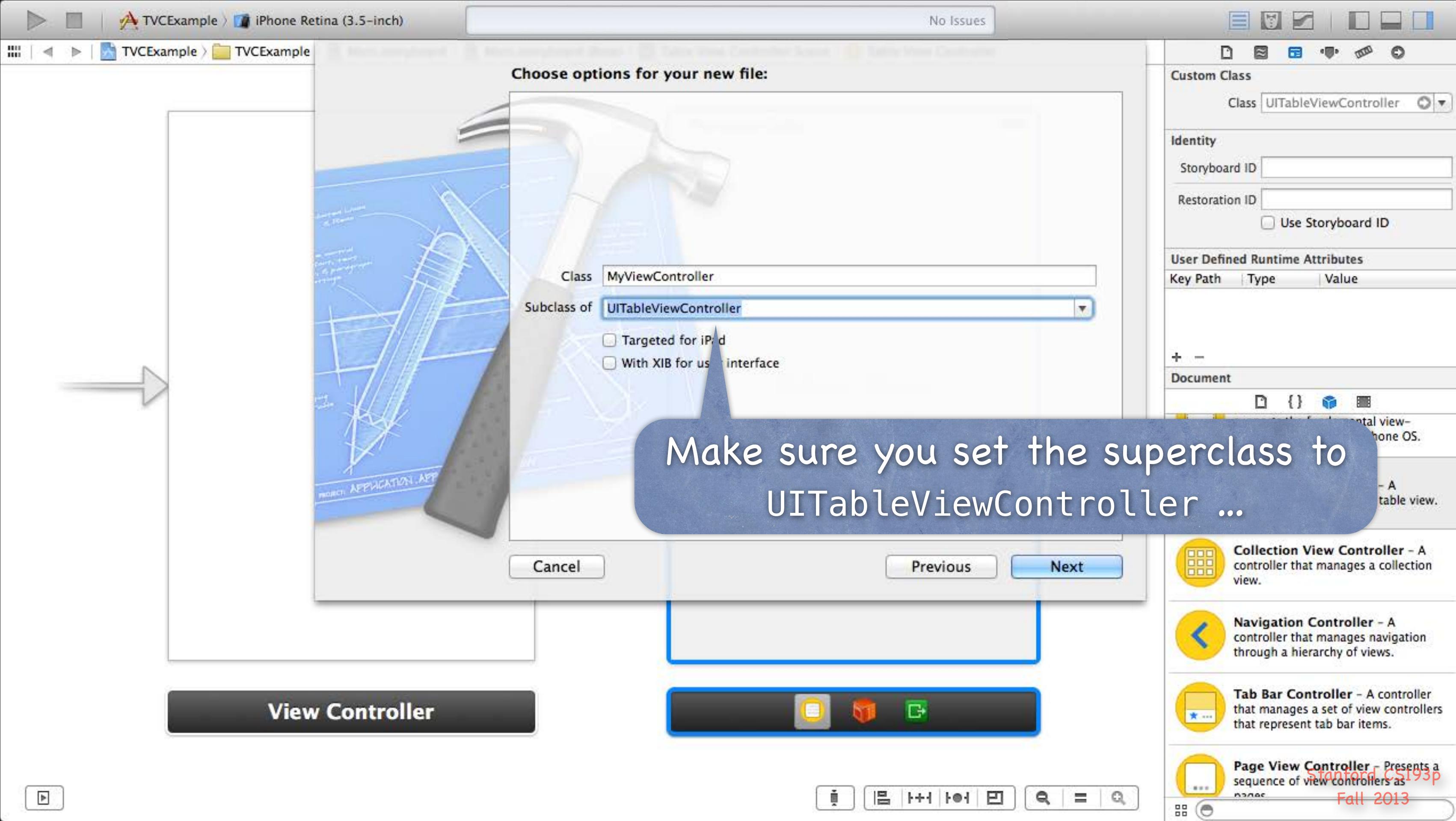
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Custom Class

Class **UITableViewController**

MyTableViewController

UITableViewController

Storyboard ID

Preparation ID

 Use Storyboard ID

User Defined Runtime Attributes

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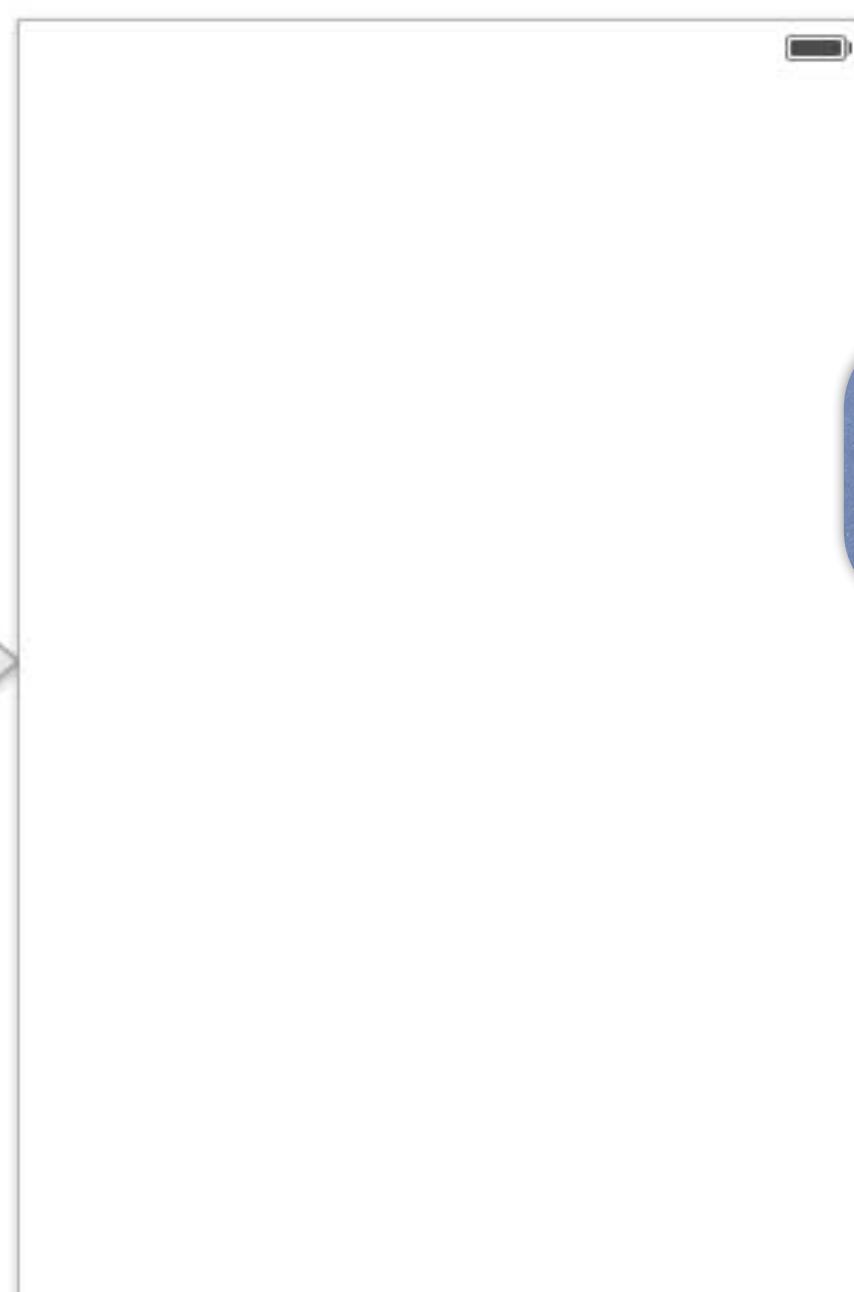
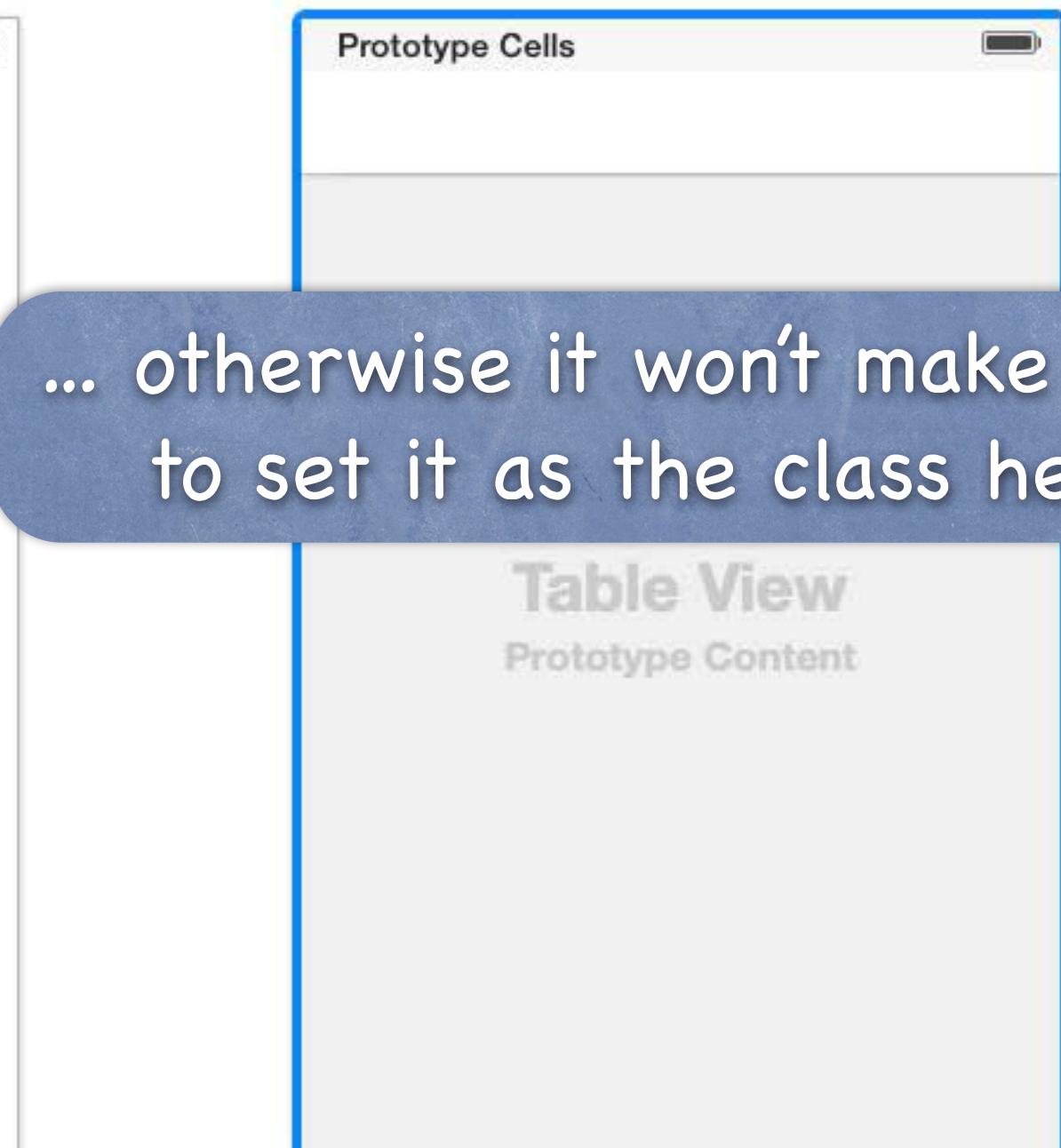
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... otherwise it won't make sense
to set it as the class here.

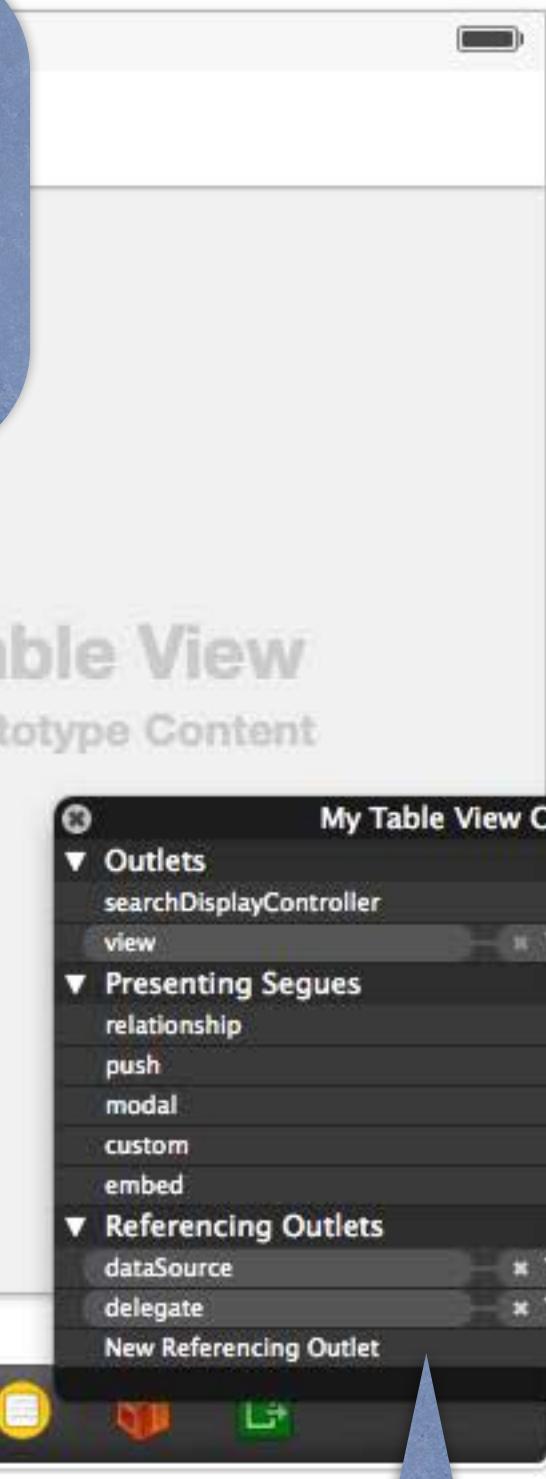


Your UITableViewcontroller subclass
will also serve as the
UITableView's dataSource and delegate
(more on this in a moment).

You can see that if you right-click
the Controller here.

View Controller

If you use UITableView without UITableViewcontroller, you'll have to wire these up yourself.



dataSource and delegate
@propertys

Navigation Controller - A
controller that manages navigation
through a hierarchy of views.

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You can edit attributes of the UITableView by inspecting it.

Prototype Cells

One important attribute is the Plain vs. Grouped style ...

Table View

Content Dynamic Prototypes

Prototype Cells 1

Plain

Grouped

Separator Default

Separator Insets Default

Selection Single Selection

Editing No Selection During Editing

Show Selection on Touch

Index Row Limit 0

Text Color Default

Background Default

ScrollView

View

Mode Scale To Fill

Tag 0

Interaction User Interaction Enabled

Multiple Touch

Alpha 1

Background Default

Tint Default

Drawing Opaque Hidden

Clears Graphics Context

Clip Subviews

AutoresizeSubviews

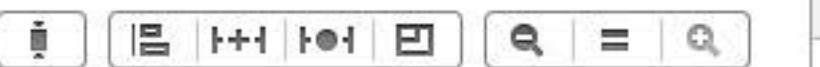
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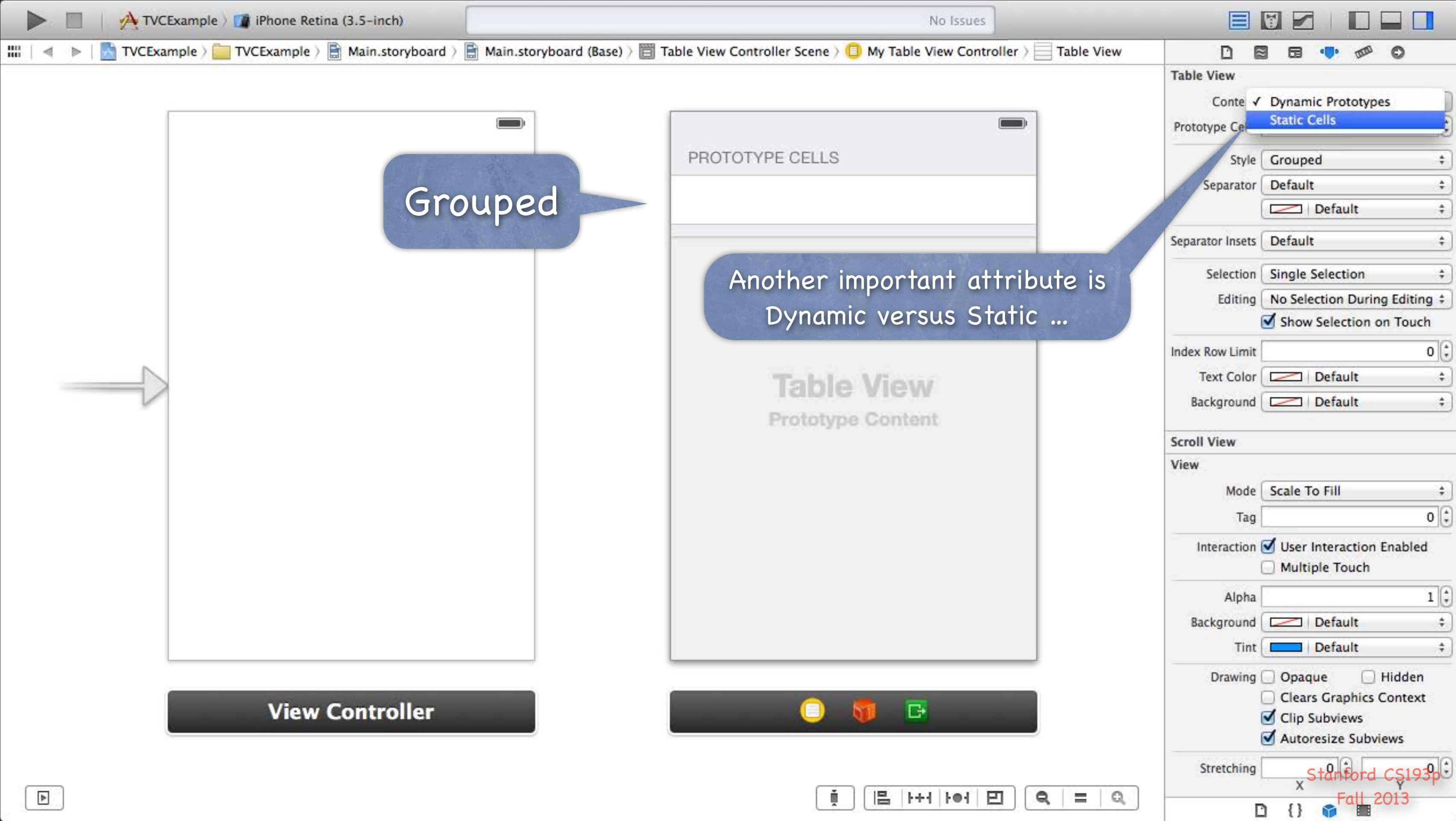
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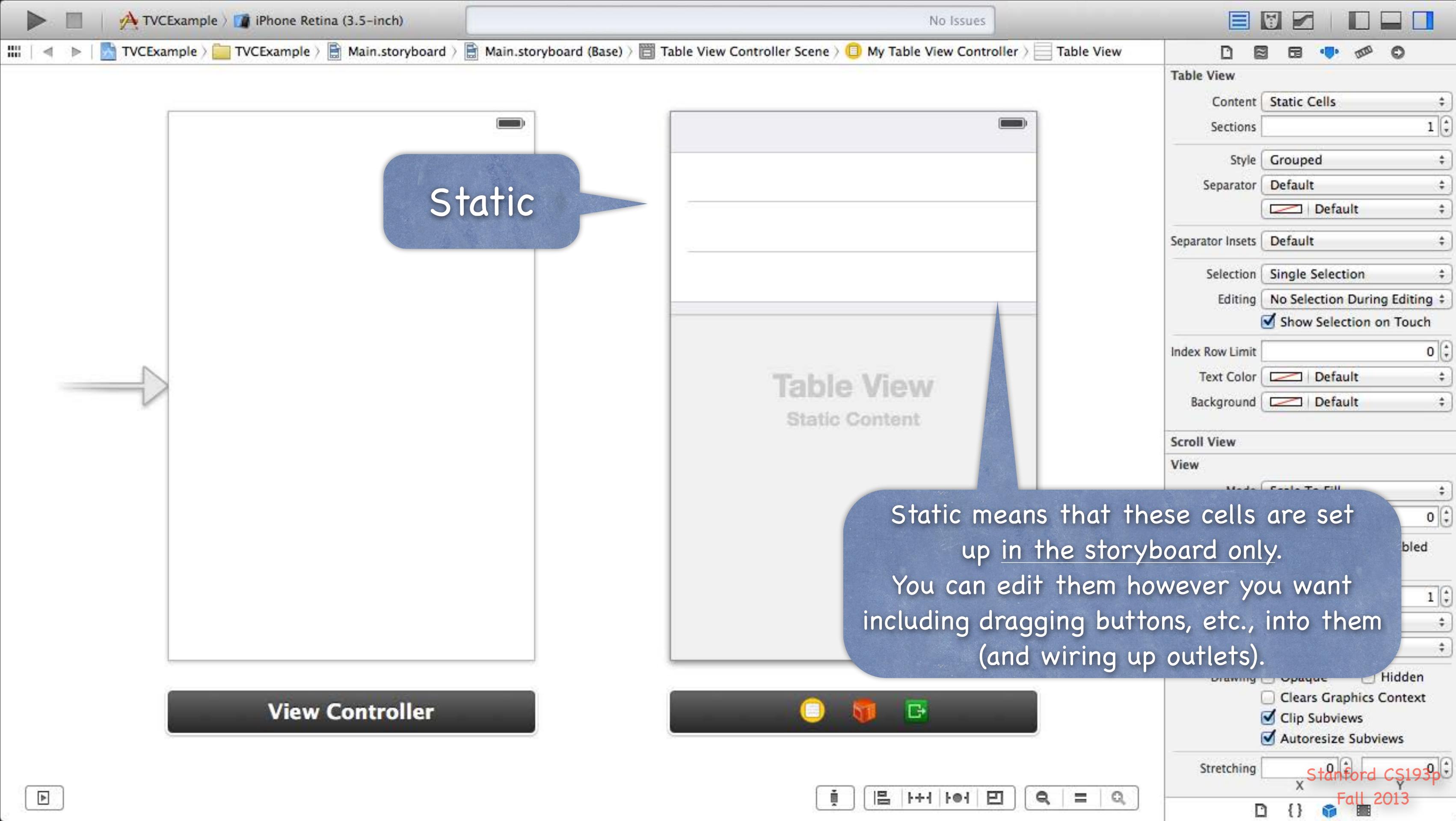
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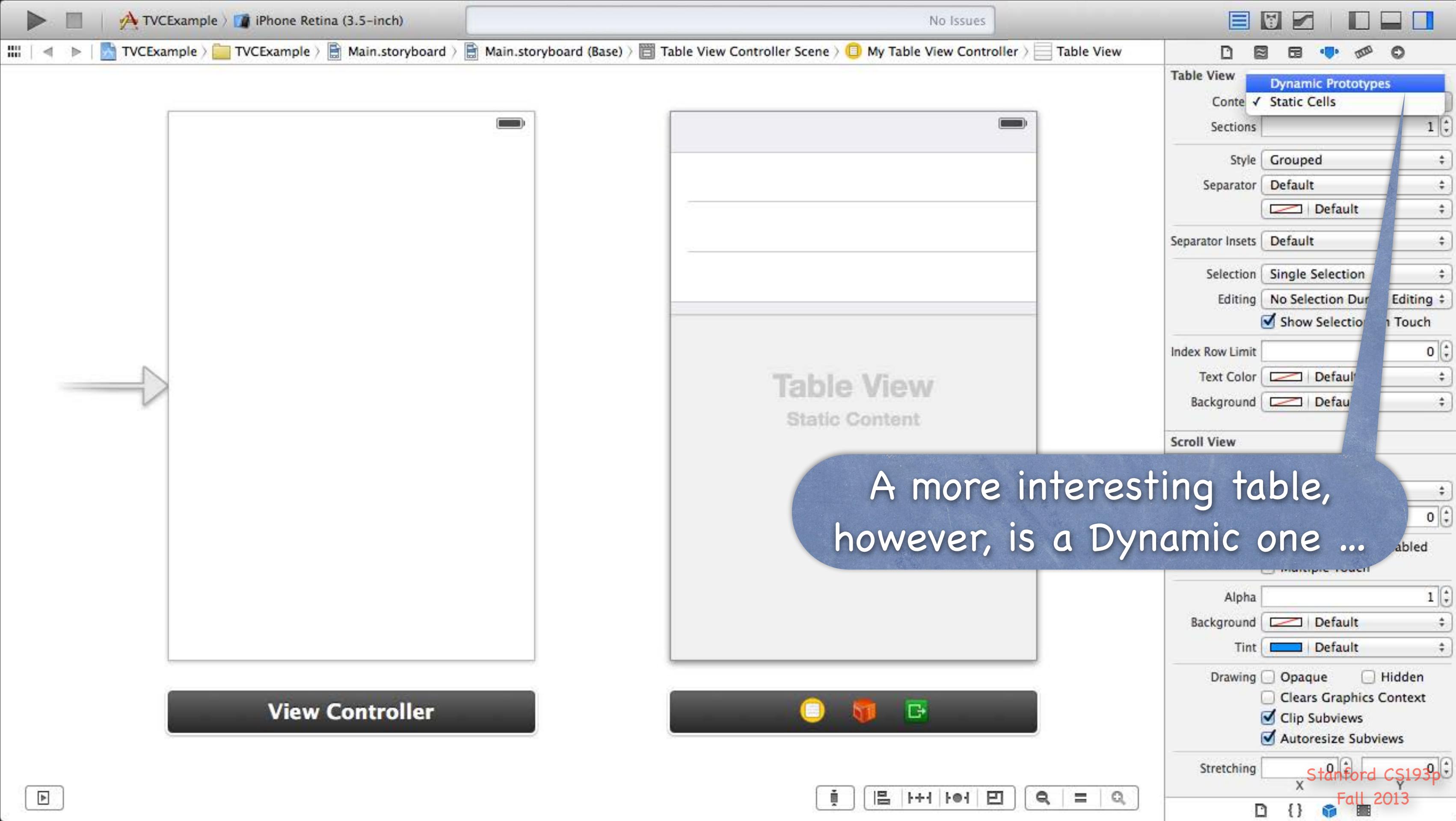
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View Controller

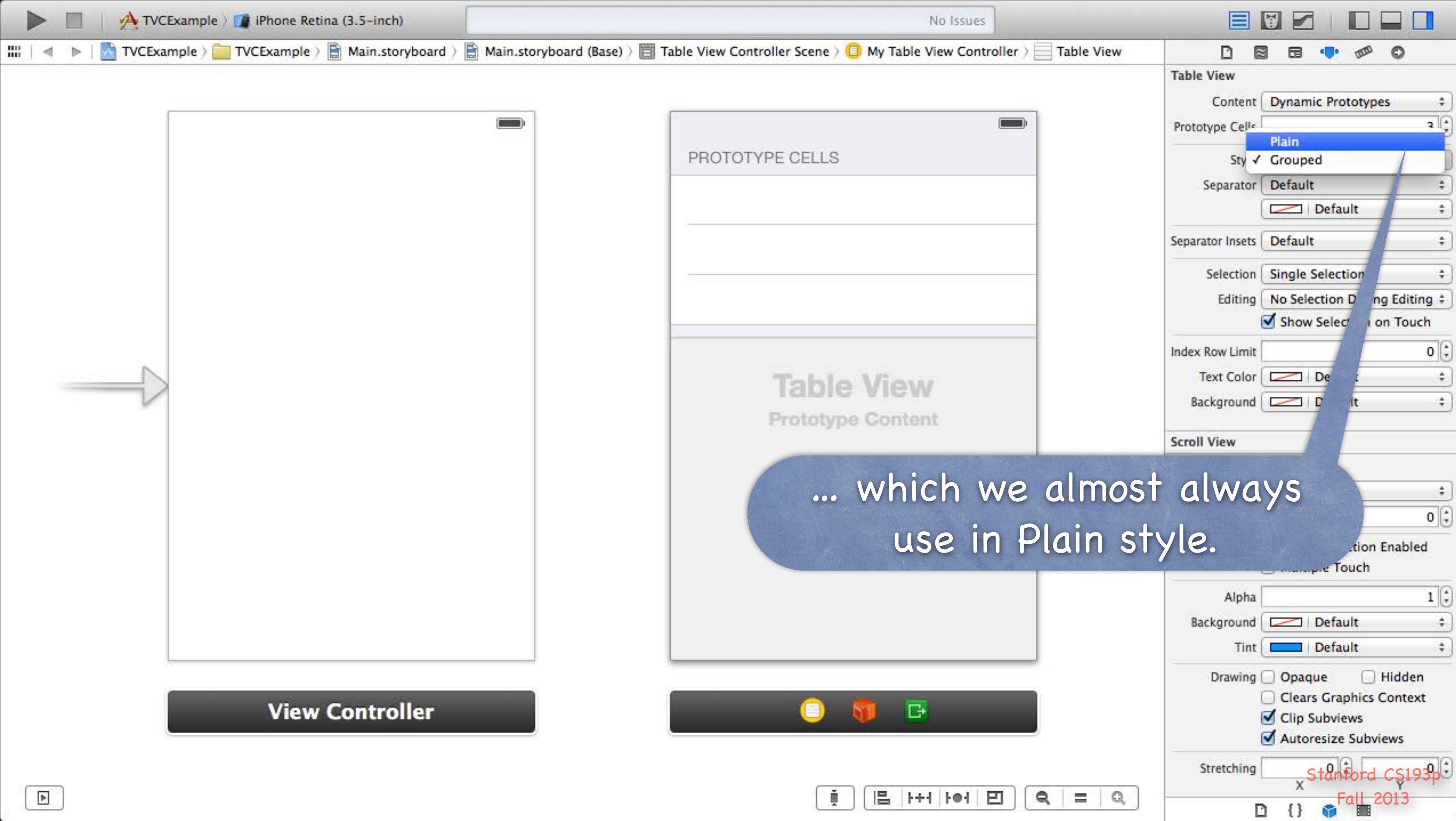








A more interesting table,
however, is a Dynamic one ...



TVCEExample > iPhone Retina (3.5-inch)

No Issues

TVCEExample > TVCEExample > Main.storyboard > Main.storyboard (Base) > Table View Controller Scene > My Table View Controller > Table View

Table View

Content Dynamic Prototypes

Prototype Cells 3

Style Plain

Separator Default

Separator Insets Default

Selection Single Selection

Editing No Selection During Editing

Show Selection on Touch

Index Row Limit

Text Color Default

Background Default

ScrollView

View

Mode Scale To Fill

Tag

Interaction User Interaction Enabled
 Multiple Touch

Alpha

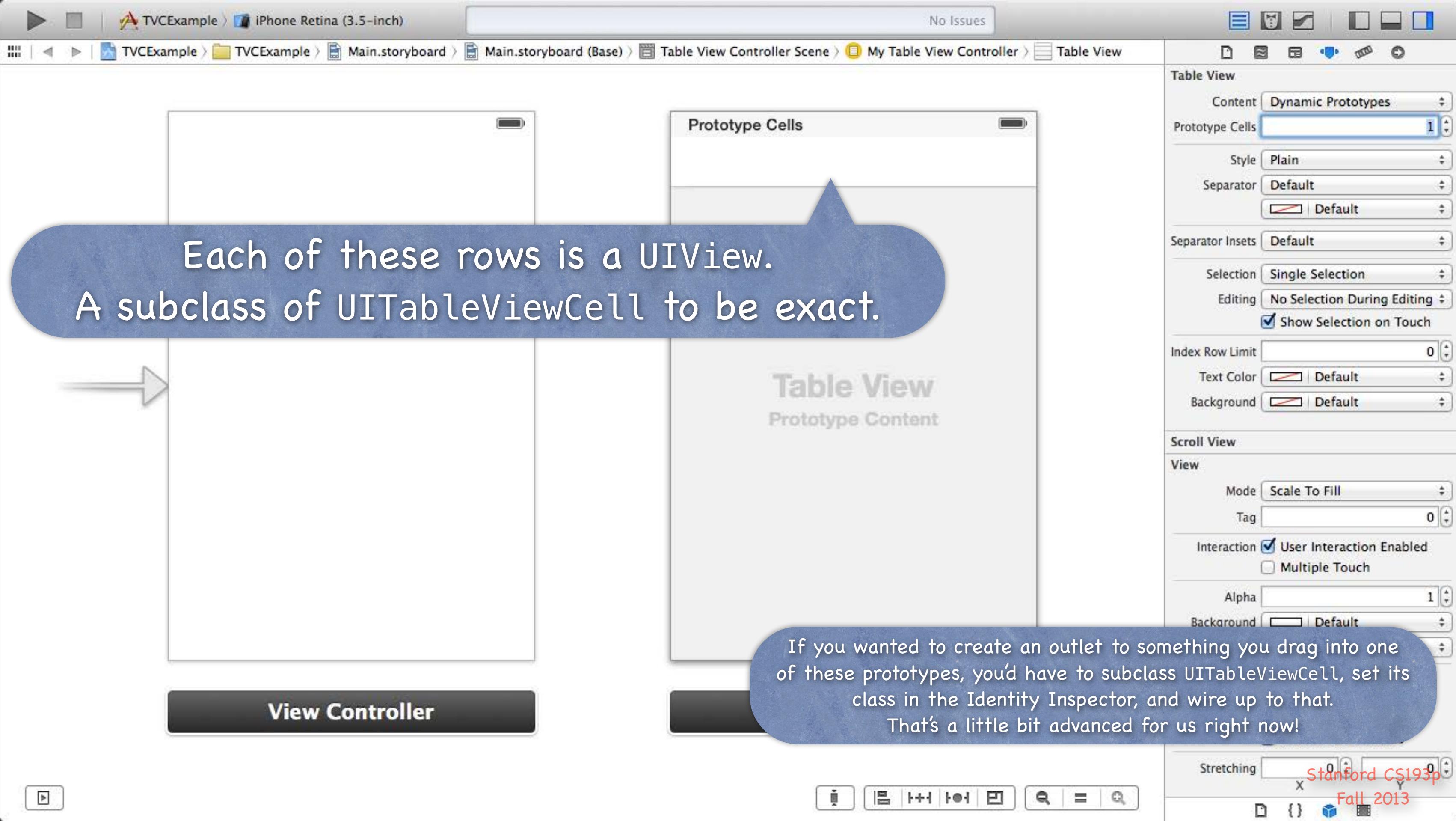
Background Default

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These cells are now templates which will be repeated for however many rows are needed to display the data in MVC's Model.

We are allowed to have multiple, different prototype cells, but usually we only have one.



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ScrollView

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Mode Scale To Fill

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Drawing Opaque

Hidden

Clears Graphics Context

Clip Subviews

Autoresize Subviews

Stretching 0 0 0

X Y

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View Controller

Prototype Cells

Table View
Prototype Content

You can ctrl-drag from a prototype to create a segue.
That segue will happen when any cell in the table is clicked on.
We'll see how to tell which cell was clicked in `prepareForSegue:sender:` later.



You can also inspect a cell.

For example, you can set the cell style.

Table View Cell

Style ✓ Custom

Identifier Basic

Selection Right Detail

Accessory Left Detail

Accessory Subtitle

Editing Acc. None

Indentation Level 1 Width 0

Indent While Editing ✓

Shows Re-order Controls

Separator Insets Default

View

Mode Scale To Fill

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Background Default

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Drawing Opaque ✓ Hidden

Clears Graphics Context ✓

Clip Subviews

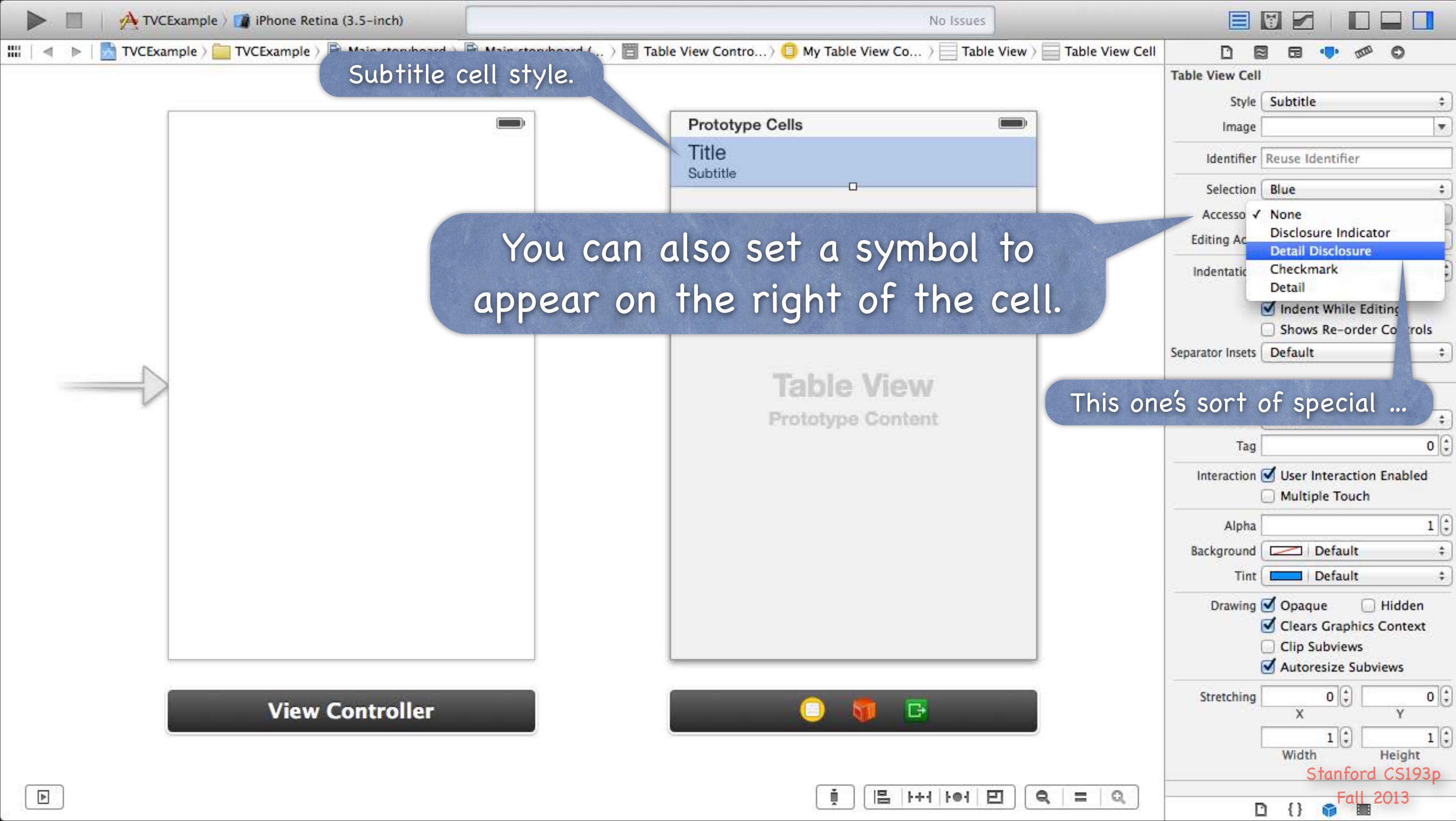
AutoresizeSubviews ✓

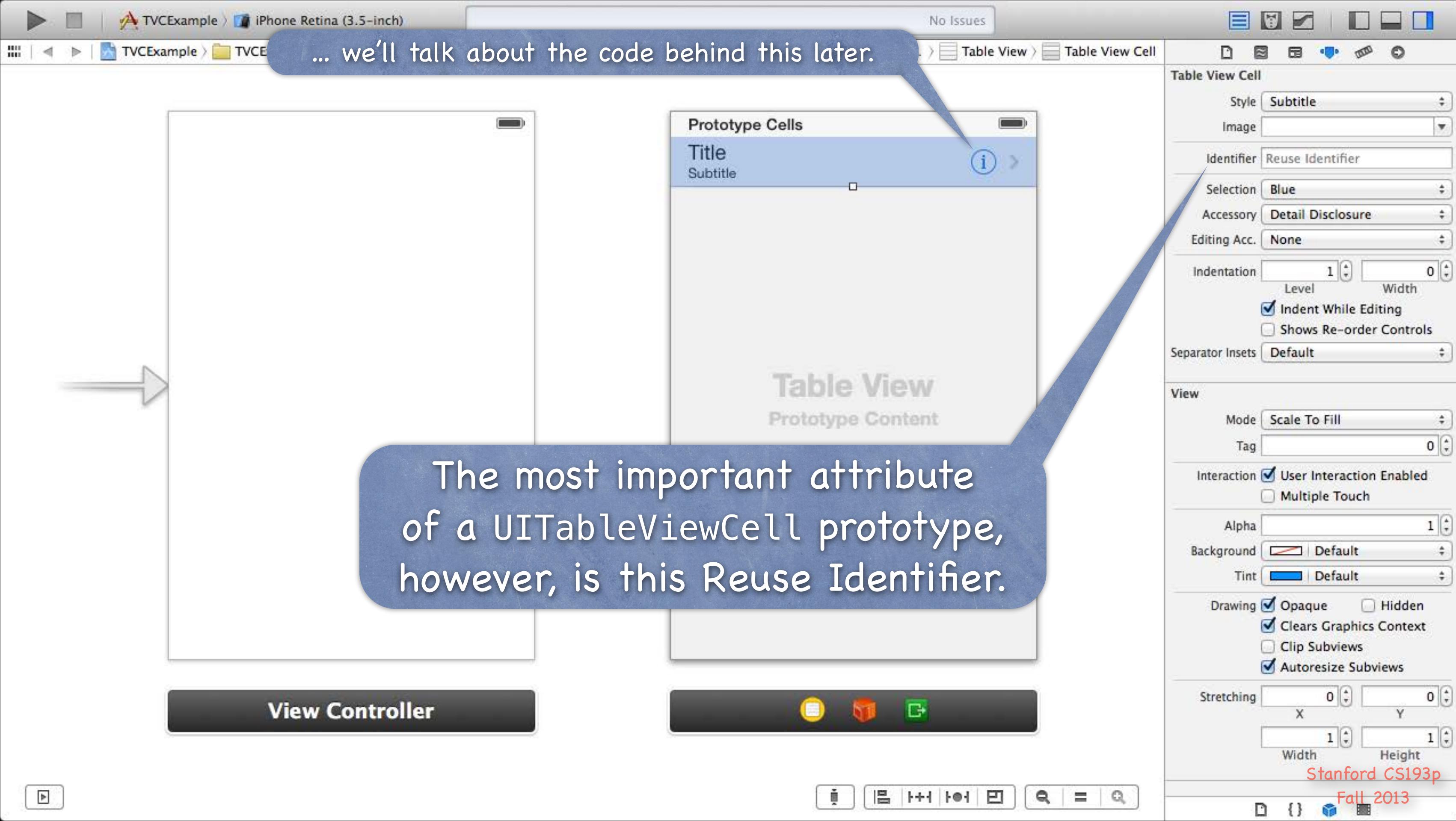
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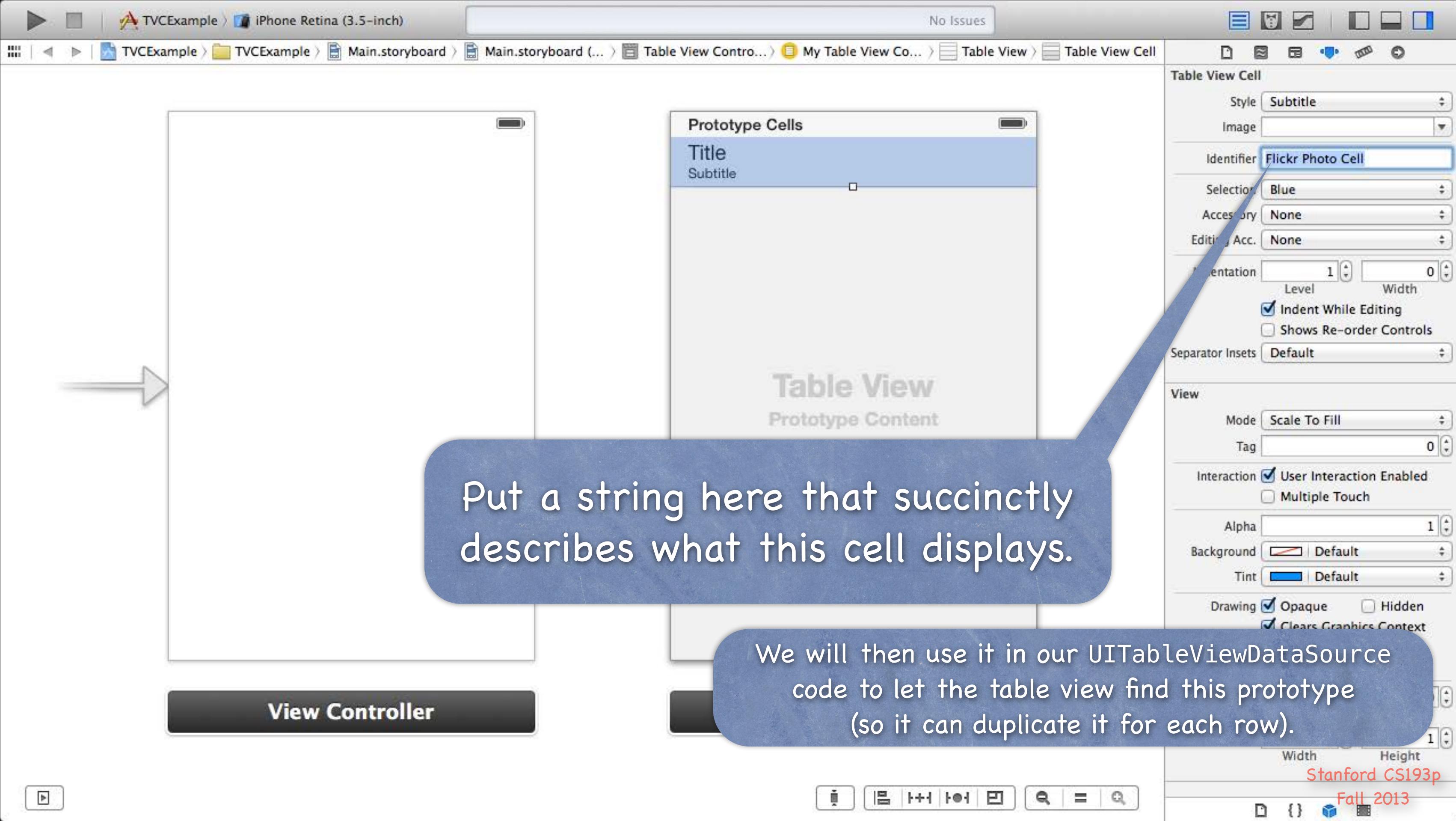


... we'll talk about the code behind this later.

The most important attribute of a UITableViewCell prototype, however, is this Reuse Identifier.

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Put a string here that succinctly describes what this cell displays.

We will then use it in our UITableViewDataSource code to let the table view find this prototype (so it can duplicate it for each row).

View Controller

UITableView Protocols

⌚ How do we connect to all this stuff in our code?

Via the UITableView's dataSource and delegate.

The delegate is used to control how the table is displayed.

The dataSource provides the data what is displayed inside the cells.

⌚ UITableViewController

Automatically sets itself as its UITableView's delegate & dataSource.

Also has a property pointing to its UITableView:

```
@property (nonatomic, strong) UITableView *tableView;
```

(this property is actually == self.view in UITableViewController!)

UITableViewDataSource

⌚ Important `dataSource` methods

We have to implement these 3 to be a “dynamic” (arbitrary number of rows) table ...

How many `sections` in the table?

How many `rows` in each section?

Give me a `UITableViewCell` to use to draw each cell at a given row in a given section.

Let's cover the last one first (since the first two are very straightforward) ...

UITableViewDataSource

⌚ How do we control what is drawn in each cell in a dynamic table?

Each row is drawn by its own instance of **UITableViewCell** (a **UIView** subclass).

Here is the **UITableViewDataSource** method to get that cell for a given row in a section ...

```
- (UITableViewCell *)tableView:(UITableView *)sender  
    cellForRowAtIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)indexPath
```

```
{
```

```
}
```

In a static table, you do not need to implement this method
(though you can if you want to ignore what's in the storyboard).

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NSIndexPath is just an object with two important properties for use with `UITableView`: `row` and `section`.

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    cellForRowAtIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)indexPath  
  
{  
    // get a cell to use (instance of UITableViewCell)  
    // set @propertys on the cell to prepare it to display  
}
```

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{  
    UITableViewCell *cell;  
    cell = [self.tableView dequeueReusableCellWithIdentifier:@"Flickr Photo Cell"  
                           forIndexPath:indexPath];  
    // set @propertys on the cell to prepare it to display  
  
}
```

This MUST match what is in your storyboard if you want to use the prototype you defined there!

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}
```

The cells in the table are actually reused.

When one goes off-screen, it gets put into a “reuse pool.”

The next time a cell is needed, one is grabbed from the reuse pool if available.

If none is available, one will be put into the reuse pool if there's a prototype in the storyboard.

Otherwise this dequeue method will return nil.

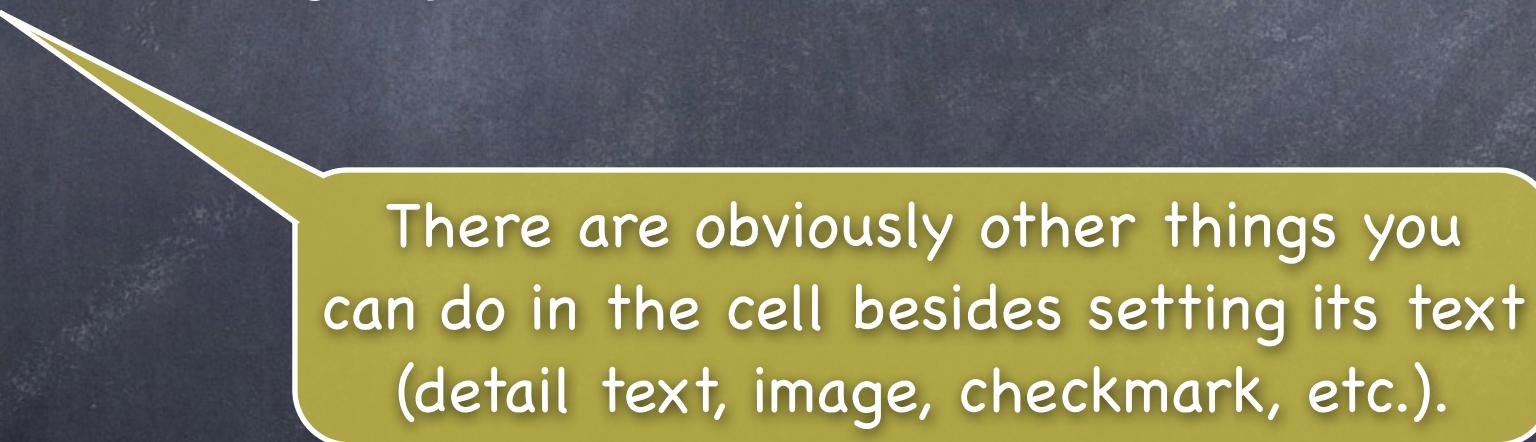
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                           forIndexPath:indexPath];  
    cell.textLabel.text = [self getMyTitleForRow:indexPath.row inSection:indexPath.section];  
    return cell;  
}
```



There are obviously other things you can do in the cell besides setting its text (detail text, image, checkmark, etc.).

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}
```

See how we are using `indexPath.section` and `indexPath.row`
to get Model information to set up this cell.

UITableViewDataSource

- ⦿ How does a dynamic table know how many rows there are?

And how many sections, too, of course?

Via these two UITableViewDataSource methods ...

- `(NSInteger)numberOfSectionsInTableView:(UITableView *)sender;`
- `(NSInteger)tableView:(UITableView *)sender numberOfRowsInSection:(NSInteger)section;`

- ⦿ Number of sections is 1 by default

In other words, if you don't implement `numberOfSectionsInTableView:`, it will be 1.

- ⦿ No default for `tableView:numberOfRowsInSection:`

This is a required method in this protocol (as is `tableView:cellForRowAtIndexPath:`).

- ⦿ What about a static table?

Do not implement these dataSource methods for a static table.

UITableViewController will take care of that for you.

UITableViewDataSource

- ⦿ There are a number of other methods in this protocol
 - But we're not going to cover them today.
 - They are mostly about getting the headers and footers for sections.
 - And about keeping the Model in sync with table edits (moving/deleting/inserting rows).

UITableViewDelegate

- ⦿ All of the above was the UITableView's dataSource
But UITableView has another protocol-driven delegate called its delegate.
- ⦿ The delegate controls how the UITableView is displayed
Not what it displays (that's the dataSource's job).
- ⦿ Common for dataSource and delegate to be the same object
Usually the Controller of the MVC in which the UITableView is part of the View.
This is the way UITableViewcontroller sets it up for you.
- ⦿ The delegate also lets you observe what the table view is doing
The classic "will/did" sorts of things.
An important one is "user did select a row."
Usually we don't need this because we simply segue when a row is touched.
But there are some occasions where it will be useful ...

UITableView “Target/Action”

- ⌚ UITableViewDelegate method sent when row is selected

This is sort of like “table view target/action” (only needed if you’re not segueing, of course).

On the iPad, where the table might be on screen with what it updates, you might need this.

```
- (void)tableView:(UITableView *)sender didSelectRowAtIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)path
{
    // go do something based on information about my Model
    // corresponding to indexPath.row in indexPath.section
}
```

UITableView Detail Disclosure

- Remember the little circled i?
Clicking on this will not segue.

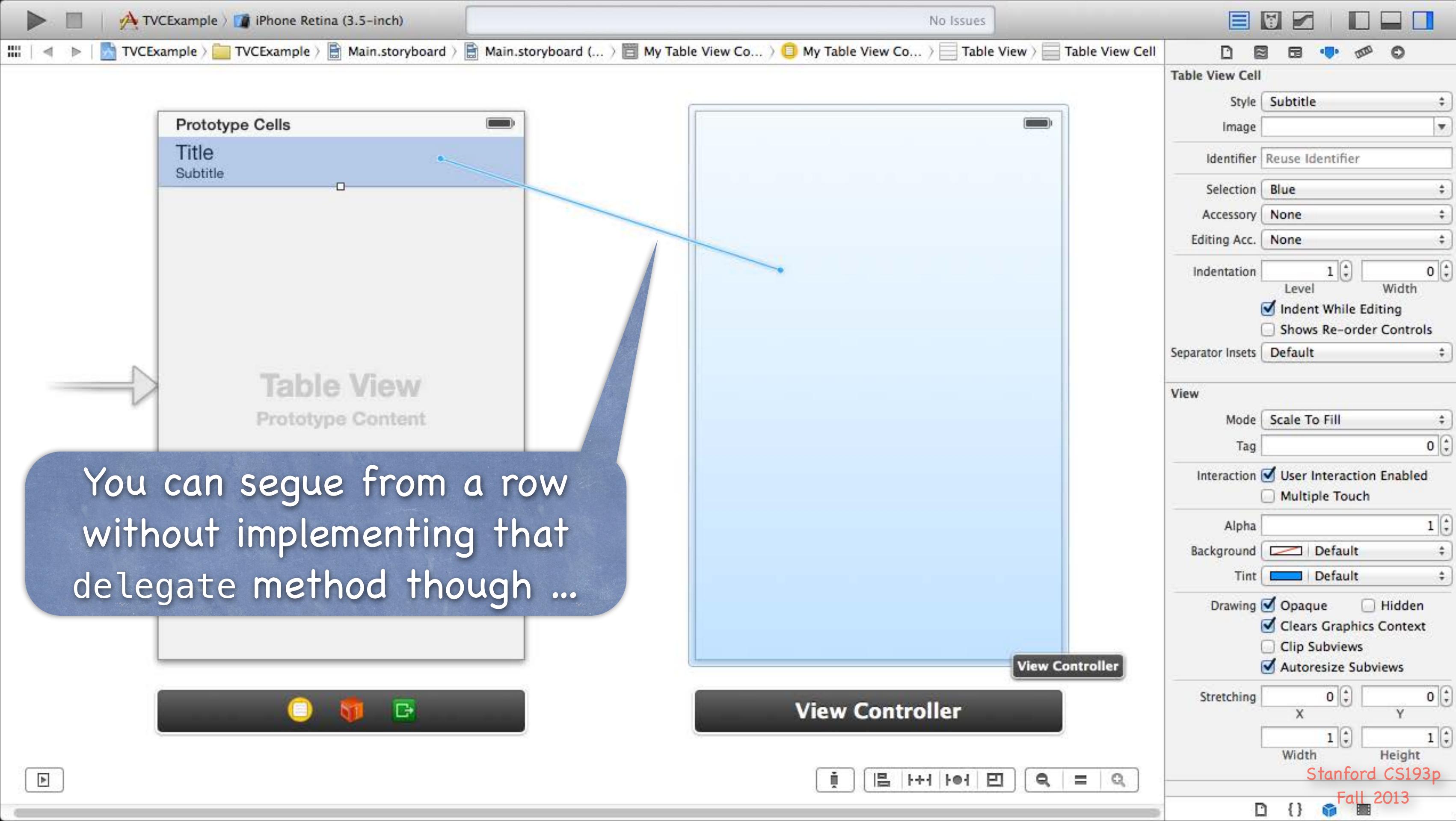


Instead it will invoke this method in the UITableViewDelegate protocol ...

```
- (void)tableView:(UITableView *)sender  
    accessoryButtonTappedForRowWithIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)indexPath  
{  
    // Do something related to the row at indexPath,  
    // but not the primary action associated with touching the row  
}
```

UITableViewDelegate

- ⌚ Lots and lots of other **delegate** methods
 - will/did** methods for both selecting and deselecting rows.
 - Providing **UIView** objects to draw **section headers** and **footers**.
 - Handling **editing** rows (moving them around with touch gestures).
 - willBegin/didEnd** notifications for **editing** (i.e. removing/moving) rows.
 - Copying/pasting rows.



You can segue from a row without implementing that delegate method though ...

Prototype Cells

Title
Subtitle

Table View
Prototype Content

View Controller

Selection Segue

- push
- modal
- custom

Accessory Action

- push
- modal
- custom

If you put these in a navigation controller, you'd choose push here.

Table View Cell

Style Subtitle

Image

Identifier Reuse Identifier

Selection Blue

Accessory None

Editing Acc. None

Indentation Level 1 Width 0

Indent While Editing

Shows Re-order Controls

Separator Insets Default

View

Mode Scale To Fill

Tag 0

Interaction User Interaction Enabled

Multiple Touch

Alpha 1

Background Default

Tint Default

Drawing Opaque Hidden

Clears Graphics Context

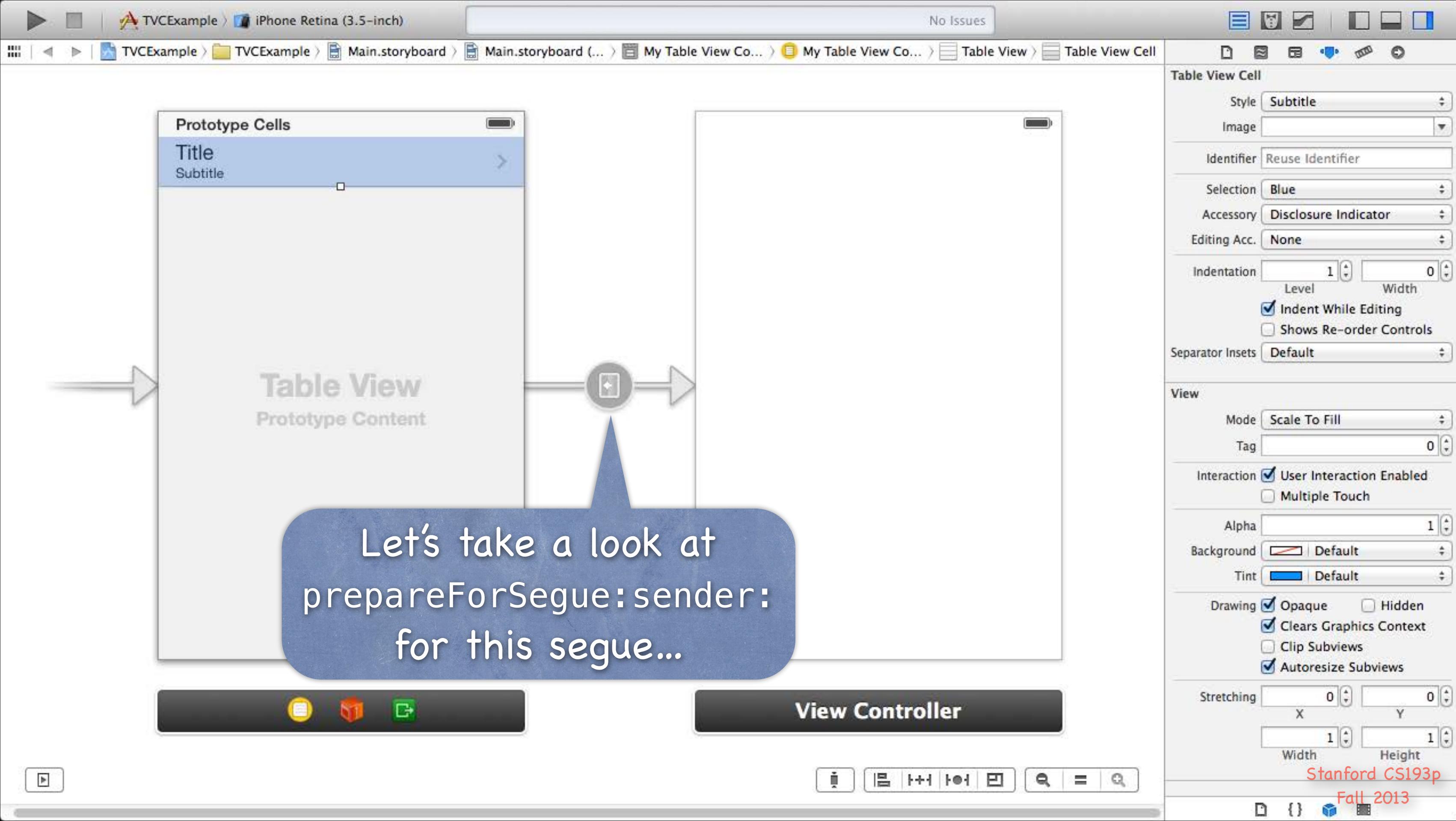
Clip Subviews

Autoresize Subviews

Stretching X 0 Y 0

Width 1 Height 1

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UITableView Segue

- The sender of `prepareForSegue:sender:` is the `UITableViewCell`.
Use the important method `indexPathForCell:` to find out the `indexPath` of the row that's segueing.

```
- (void)prepareForSegue:(UIStoryboardSegue *)segue sender:(id)sender
{
    NSIndexPath *indexPath = [self.tableView indexPathForCell:sender];
    // prepare segue.destinationController to display based on information
    // about my Model corresponding to indexPath.row in indexPath.section
}
```

UITableView Spinner

- UITableViewController has an “activity indicator” built in

You get it via this property in UITableViewController ...

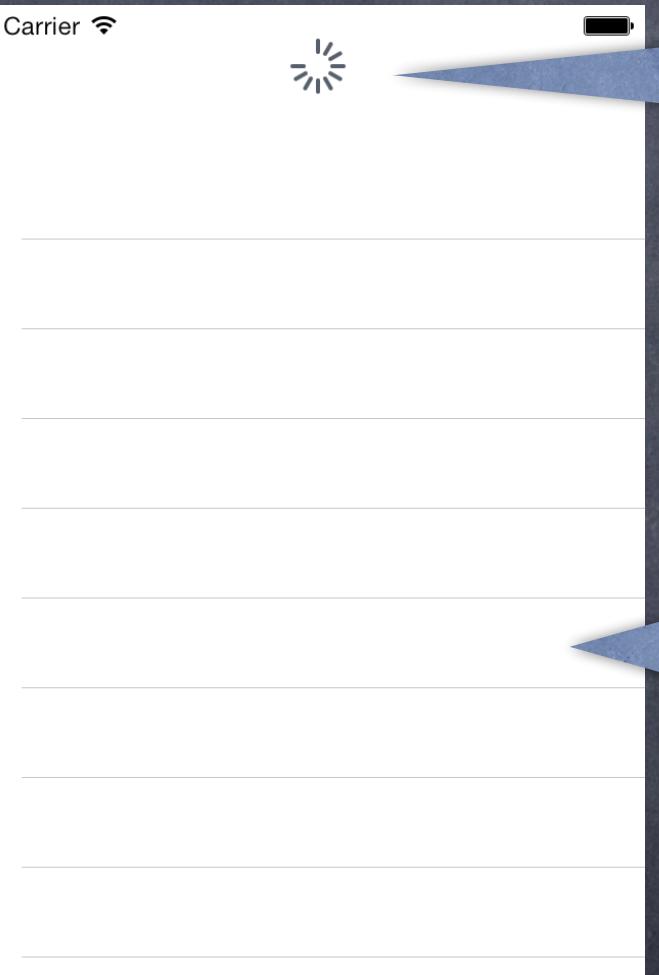
```
@property (strong) UIRefreshControl *refreshControl;
```

Start it with ...

```
- (void)beginRefreshing;
```

Stop it with ...

```
- (void)endRefreshing;
```



It appears here at the top
of the table view.

Also, users can “pull down” on the
table view and the refresh control will
send its action to its target.

The screenshot shows the Xcode interface with the following components:

- Project Navigator:** Shows "TVCExample" and "iPhone Retina (3.5-inch)".
- Document Outline:** Shows "My Table View Controller Scene" and "My Table View Controller".
- Table View Editor:** Displays a prototype cell with "Title" and "Subtitle" sections. A blue callout bubble points from this area to the text "Turn it on here in the Attributes Inspector while inspecting a UITableViewController.".
- Code Editor:** Shows the implementation file "MyTableViewController.m".

```
// MyTableViewController.m
//
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#import "MyTableViewController.h"

@interface MyTableViewController : UITableViewController

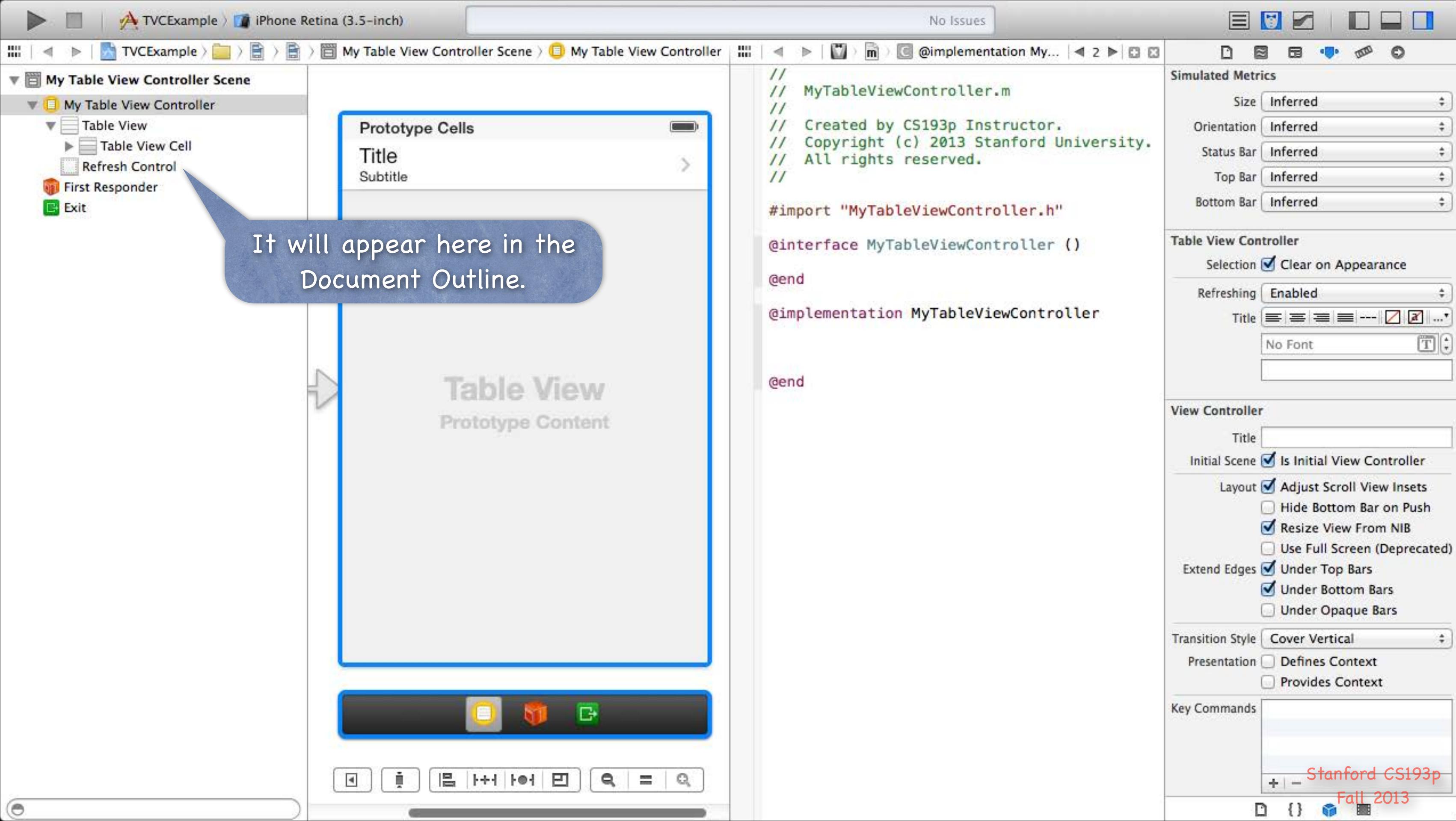
@end

@implementation MyTableViewController

@end
```
- Attributes Inspector:** Shows settings for the "Table View Controller" and "View Controller". The "Enabled" checkbox under "Table View Controller" is highlighted with a blue arrow.
- Simulated Metrics:** Shows "Size Inferred", "Orientation Inferred", "Status Bar Inferred", "Top Bar Inferred", and "Bottom Bar Inferred".
- Key Commands:** Shows a list of key commands with "+" and "-" buttons.

A blue callout bubble points from the prototype cell area to the text:

Turn it on here in the Attributes Inspector while inspecting a UITableViewController.





If you want to let users “pull down” to refresh the table, ctrl-drag to your code ...

Prototype Cells
Title
Subtitle

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Simulated Metrics
Size Inferred
Orientation Inferred
Status Bar Inferred
Top Bar Inferred
Bottom Bar Inferred

Table View Controller
Selection Clear on Appearance
Refreshing Enabled
Title No Font

View Controller
Title
Initial Scene Is Initial View Controller
Layout Adjust Scroll View Insets
 Hide Bottom Bar on Push
 Resize View From NIB
 Use Full Screen (Deprecated)
Extend Edges Under Top Bars
 Under Bottom Bars
 Under Opaque Bars

Transition Style Cover Vertical
Presentation Defines Context
 Provides Context

Key Commands

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TVCEExample > iPhone Retina (3.5-inch)

No Issues

TVCExample > My Table View Controller Scene > My Table View Controller

Automatic > MyTableViewController.m > -refresh

My Table View Controller Scene

My Table View Controller

- Table View
- Table View Cell
- Refresh Control
- First Responder
- Exit

Prototype Cells

Title
Subtitle

Table View
Prototype Content

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- (IBAction)refresh
{
    [self.refreshControl beginRefreshing];
    dispatch_queue_t otherQ = dispatch_queue_create("Q", NULL);
    dispatch_async(otherQ, ^{
        // do something in another thread
        dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue(), ^{
            [self.refreshControl endRefreshing];
        });
    });
}

@end
```

... beginRefreshing, do something in another thread, then endRefreshing when complete.

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UITableView

⌚ What if your Model changes?

- `(void)reloadData;`

Causes the table view to call `numberOfSectionsInTableView:` and `numberOfRowsInSection:` all over again and then `cellForRowAtIndexPath:` on each visible cell.

Relatively heavyweight, but if your entire data structure changes, that's what you need.

If only part of your Model changes, there are lighter-weight reloaders, for example ...

- `(void)reloadRowsAtIndexPaths:(NSArray *)indexPaths
withRowAnimation:(UITableViewRowAnimation)animationStyle;`

⌚ There are dozens of other methods in UITableView

Setting headers and footers for the entire table.

Controlling the look (separator style and color, default row height, etc.).

Getting cell information (cell for index path, index path for cell, visible cells, etc.).

Scrolling to a row.

Selection management (allows multiple selection, getting the selected row, etc.).

Moving, inserting and deleting rows, etc.