

UITableView in Swift Table View Controller

Table View Controllers

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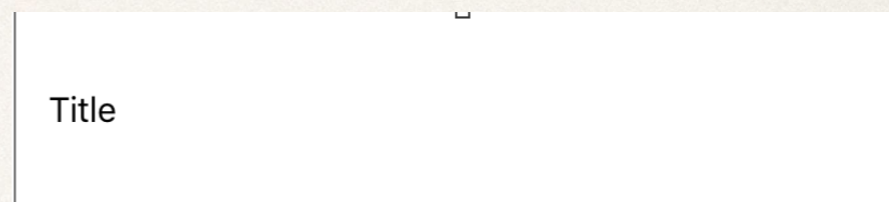
Using TableView Controllers

- ❖ Displays scrollable list of information in cells
- ❖ Useful for displaying compiled lists of data
- ❖ Information can come from a backend server or be stored in a data structure on the phone
- ❖ iOS handles the data list, programmer focuses on data display

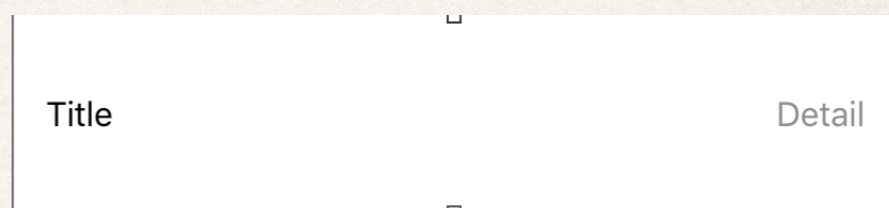
Table View Cells

❖ Pre-defined table view cells allow for minimum coding to display basic data:

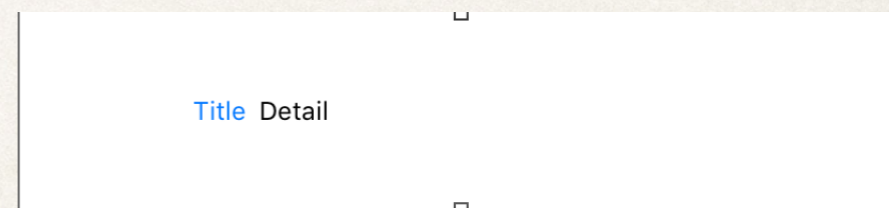
❖ Basic



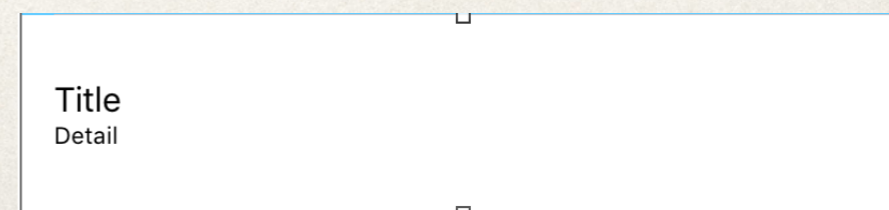
❖ Right detail



❖ Left detail



❖ Subtitle

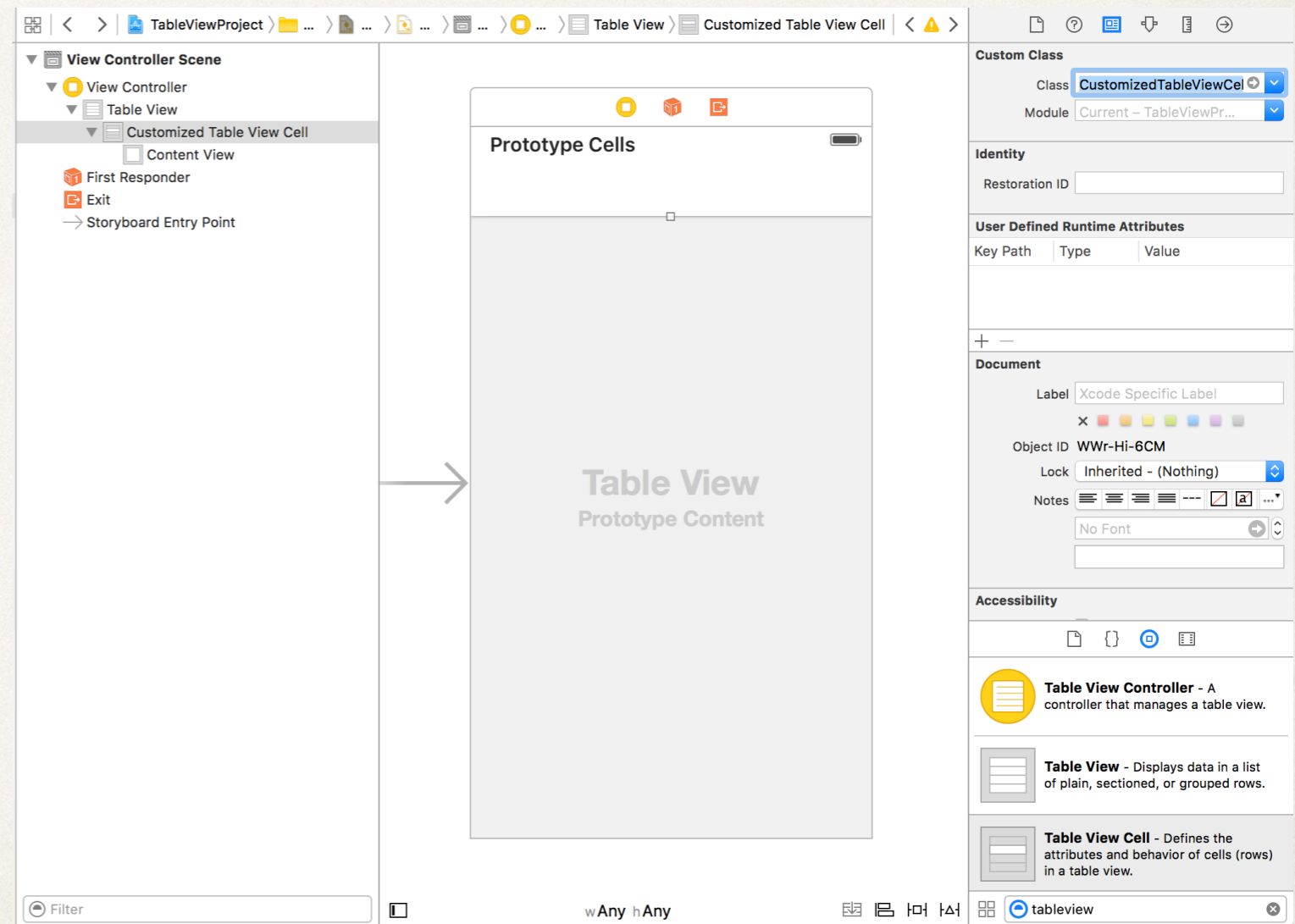


Custom Cells

- ❖ Complete customization possible
- ❖ View can contain any interface object
 - ❖ Labels, Buttons, Images, etc
- ❖ Multiple types of cells within a table also possible
- ❖ Main limitation is screen real estate

UITableViewCell

- ❖ Create subclass of UITableViewCell for custom cell
- ❖ Set table view cell to hold custom cell
- ❖ Build content of custom cell



Connect GUI Cell to Code

- ❖ Create outlets for IB objects in Xcode editor

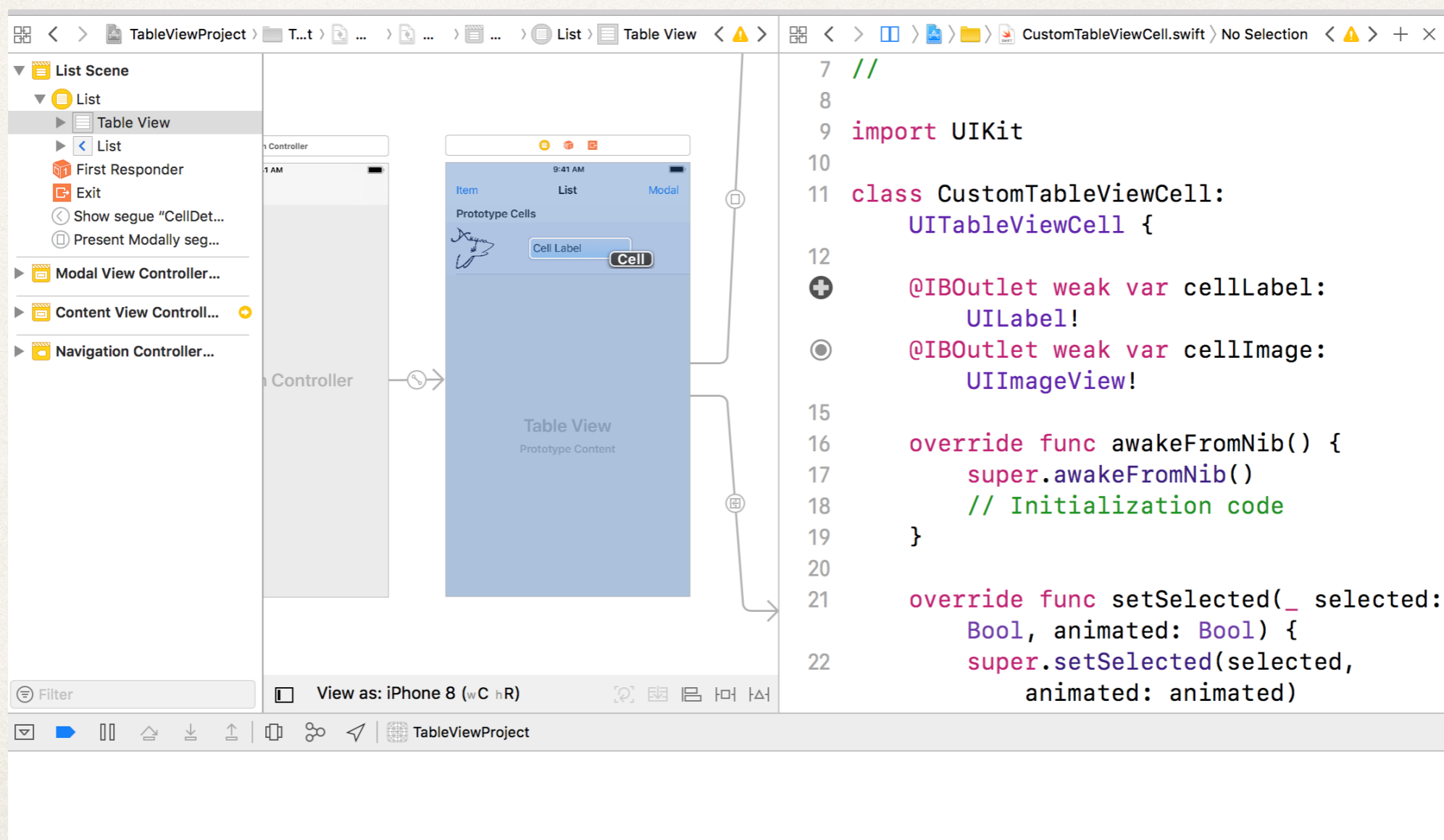


Table View Data Source Methods

- ❖ `func numberOfSections(in tableView: UITableView) -> Int`
 - ❖ Sets number of sections
- ❖ `func tableView(_ tableView: UITableView, numberOfRowsInSection section: Int) -> Int`
 - ❖ Sets number of rows
- ❖ `func tableView (_ tableView: UITableView, cellForRowAt indexPath: IndexPath) -> UITableViewCell`
 - ❖ Sets cell content

Set Custom Cell Content

```
override func tableView(_ tableView: UITableView, cellForRowAt
indexPath: NSIndexPath) -> UITableViewCell {

    /* Set cellIdentifier to String that matches name of custom cell */
    let cellIdentifier = "CustomTableViewCell"

    /* Set display cell to custom cell down casting with the as!
command: this means the program will crash if cast is unsuccessful!
*/
    let cell = tableView.dequeueReusableCell(withIdentifier:
cellIdentifier, for: indexPath) as! CustomTableViewCell

    /* Perform additional calls to set the content of the cell */

    /* Return the cell for display within the table */
    return cell
}
```


Customize Cell Content

- ❖ Content for display in the table cells can come from various sources:
 - ❖ Dynamically loaded from external database
 - ❖ Placed by designers via plists
 - ❖ Hard-coded in the controller (**do not do this in practice!** This only works for toy examples!)
- ❖ Build out specialty class to store necessary information
- ❖ Index into correct content using `indexPath.row` in function `tableView's cellForRowAtIndexPath` parameter

Example of Cell Content

```
override func tableView(tableView: UITableView,  
cellForRowAtIndexPath indexPath: NSIndexPath) -> UITableViewCell {  
  
    let cellIdentifier = "CustomTableViewCell"  
  
    let cell =  
    tableView.dequeueReusableCellWithIdentifier(cellIdentifier,  
    forIndexPath: indexPath) as! CustomTableViewCell  
  
    /* content is array that holds model's data; indexPath.row is  
    based on which cell row the table is building out for display */  
    cell.cellLabel.text = content[indexPath.row]  
  
    return cell  
}
```

UITableViewDelegate Methods

❖ Examples:

- ❖ Programmatic row configuration
- ❖ Row selection and deselection (`didSelectRowAt/willSelectRowAt`)
- ❖ Table View header and footer content and appearance (`viewForHeaderInSection`)
- ❖ Row editing (`willBeginEditingRowAt`)
- ❖ Row reordering and removal (`didEndDisplaying`)
- ❖ Highlighting / Focus (`shouldHighlightRowAt`)

Quiz Question!

❖ How many methods are required to implement the UITableViewDataSource protocol?

❖ 0

❖ 1

❖ 2

❖ 3

❖ 4

❖ 5

Navigating with Table Views

- ❖ Possible to embed `TableViewController` within a `NavigationController`
 - ❖ Allows navigation controller to manage the table view controller via its navigation stack
- ❖ Navigation controller adds a navigation bar
 - ❖ Optional two buttons (left and right)
 - ❖ Optional title (center)

Embedded Table View Controller

- ❖ Editor -> Embed In -> Navigation Controller

