

iPhone Specialist Lab

L03: Introduction to iOS Development

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The iOS Device Family

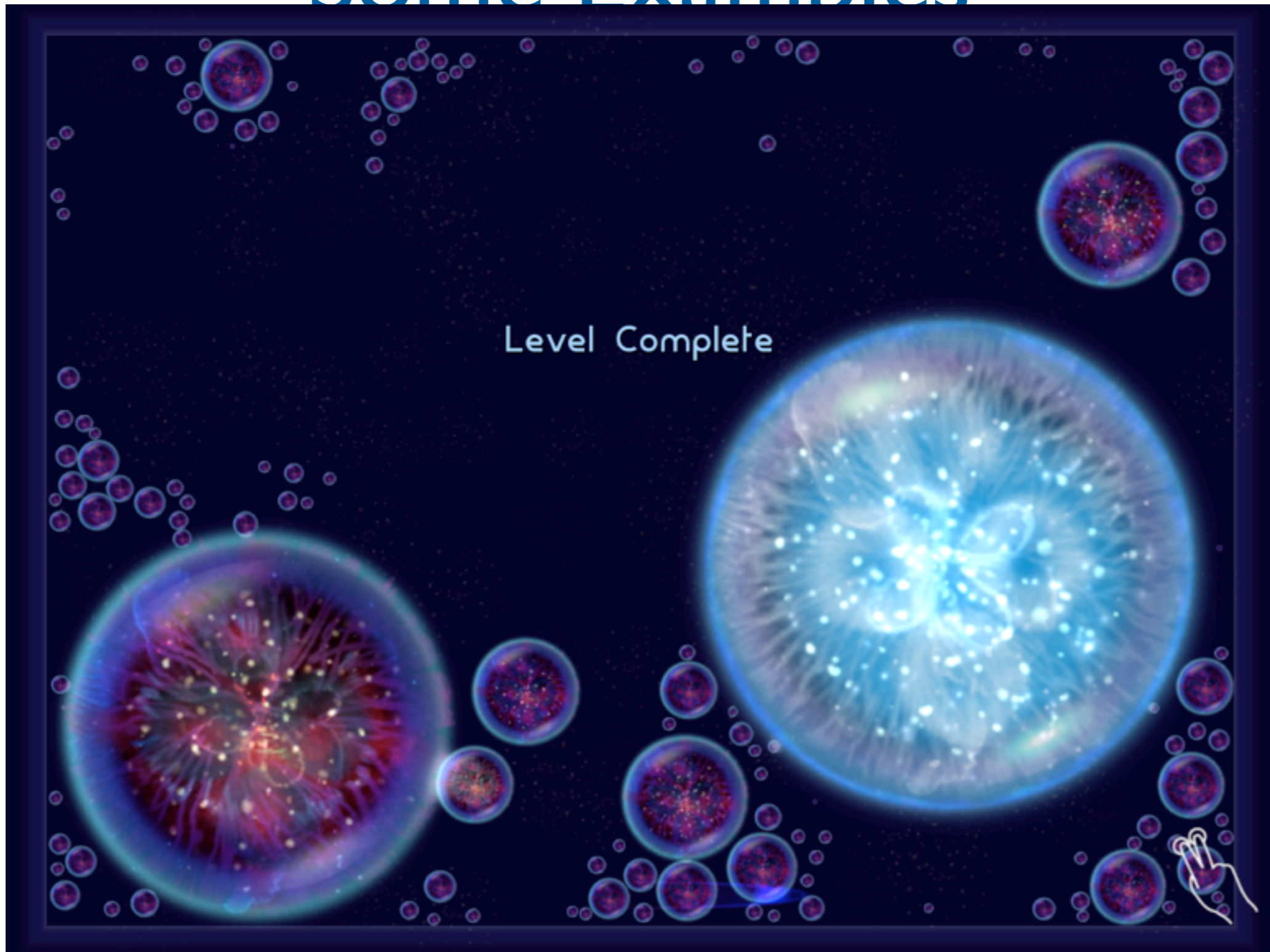


Mobile Device Characteristics

- Screen size is compact
- Memory is limited
- Users interact with one screen at a time
- Users interact with one application at a time
- Onscreen help is minimal
- *Context is key (task focus, peripheral use)*



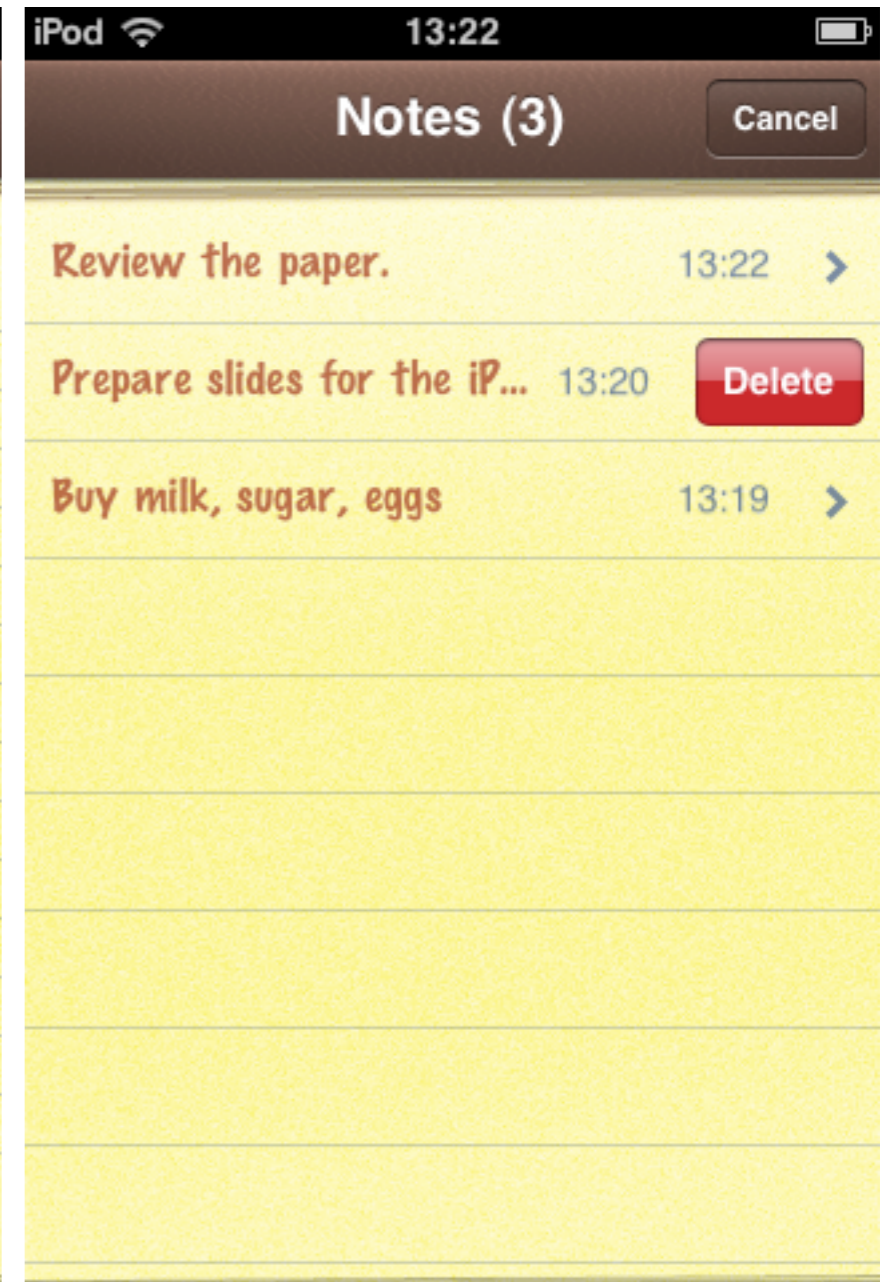
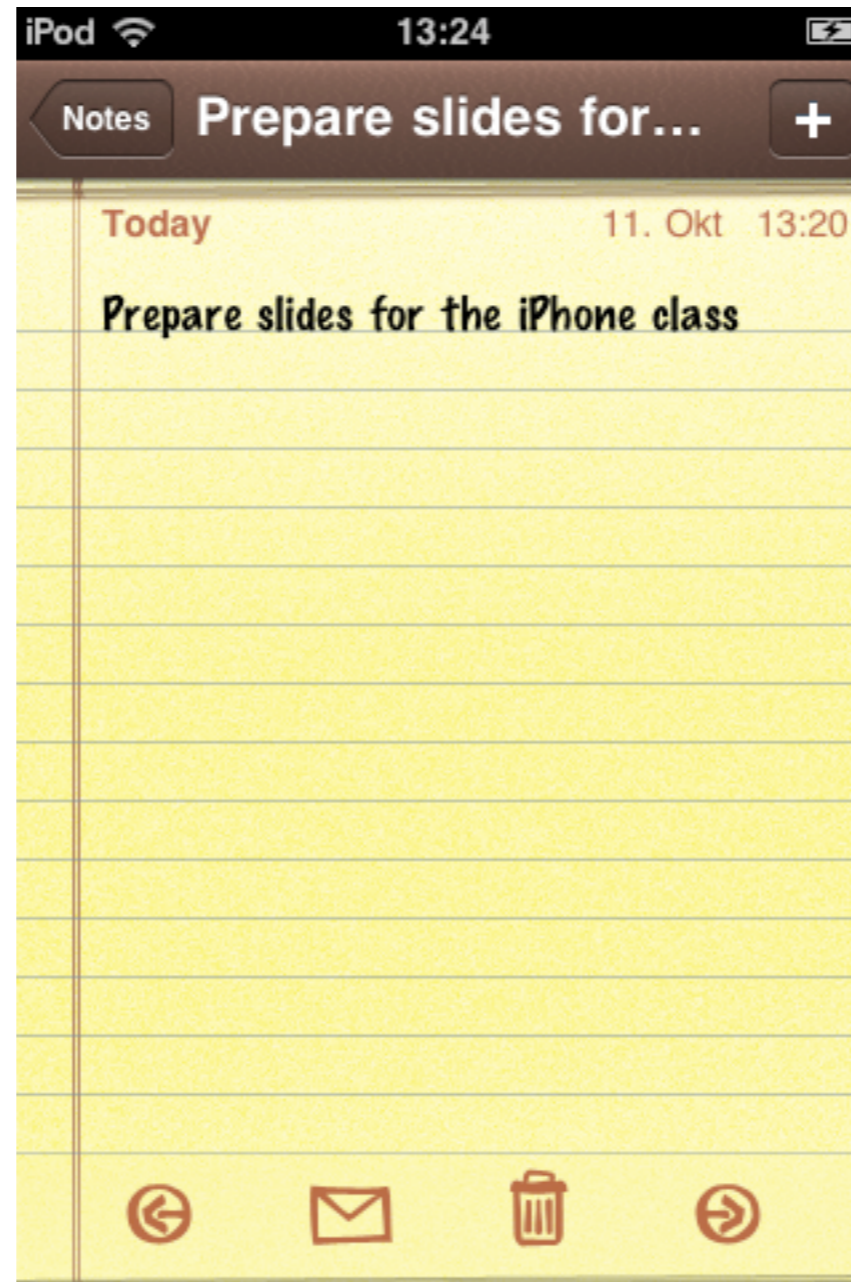
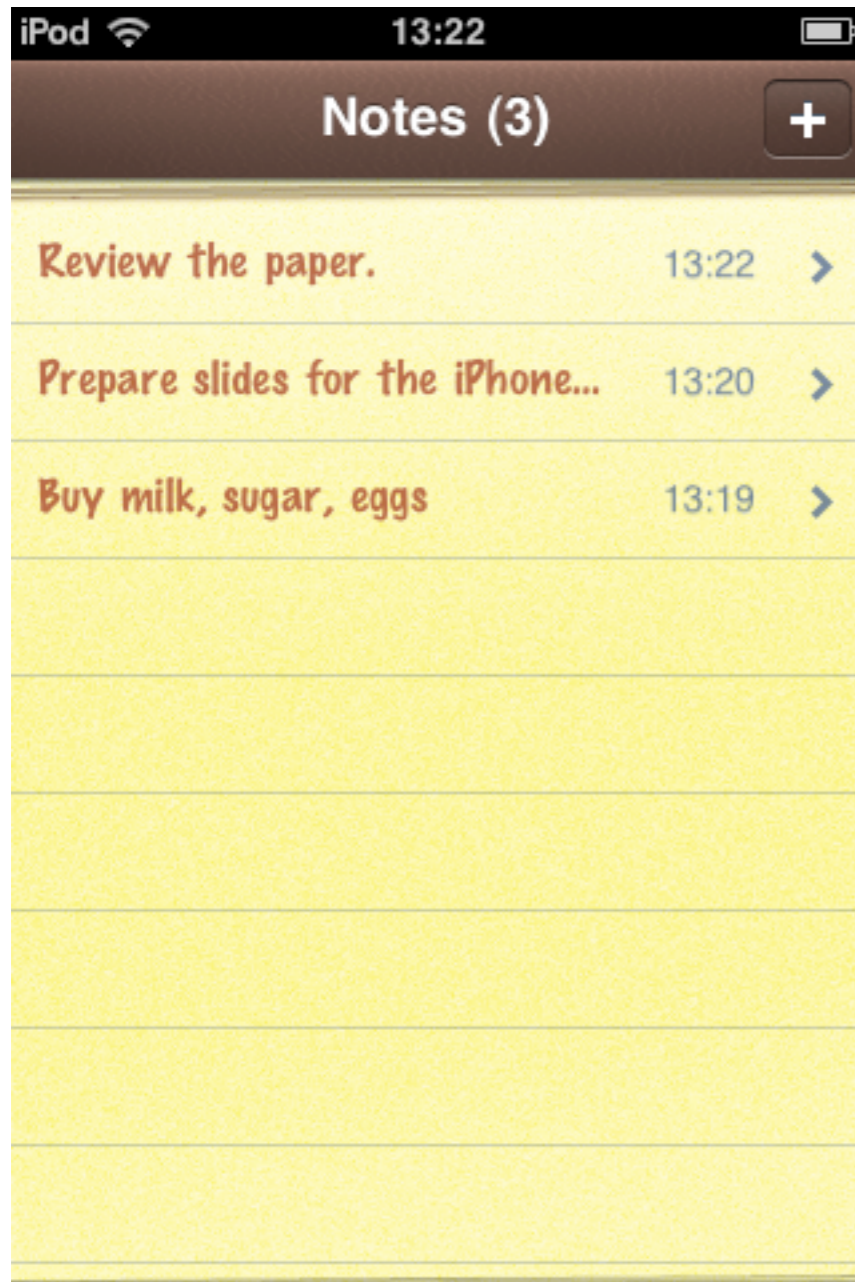
Some Examples



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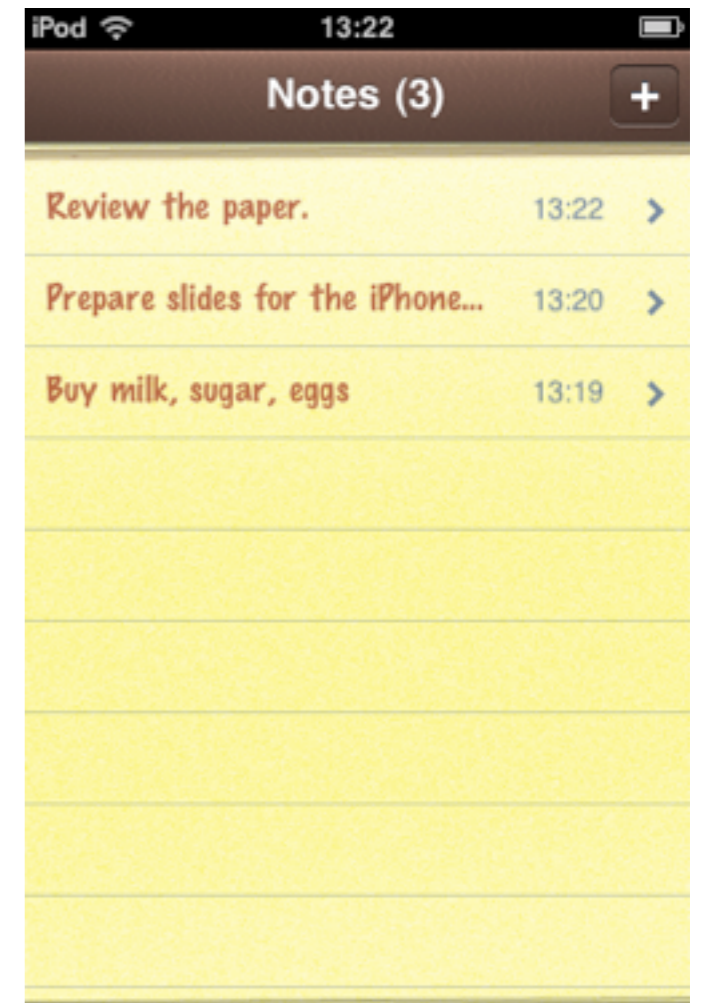


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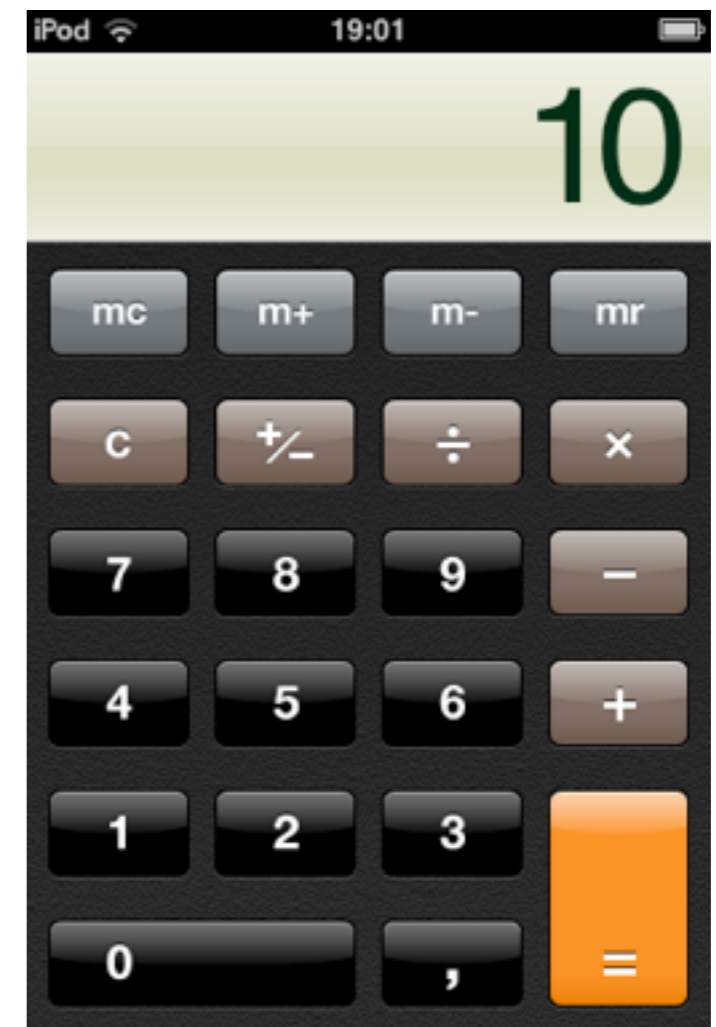
Life as an App

- The iPhone is an app-centric environment
- One app per task
- Do one thing but do it well
- Data is stored per app
- Data exchange between apps is difficult
- Define the task that users want to accomplish with your app



Designing the UI

- Make it obvious how to use your application
- Sort information from top to bottom
- Minimize text input
- Express information succinctly
- Provide fingertip-size targets


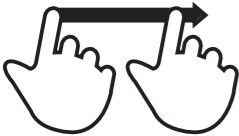








Interaction Design

- Multitouch interaction is still new
- Interaction patterns not established yet
- Follow Apple's examples if possible
- If you use complex gestures, help the user



Standard Gestures

	Tap	To press or select a control or item (analogous to a single mouse click).
	Drag	To scroll or pan.
	Flick	To scroll or pan quickly.
	Swipe	In a table-view row, to reveal the Delete button.
	Double tap	To zoom in and center a block of content or an image. To zoom out (if already zoomed in).
	Pinch open	To zoom in.
	Pinch close	To zoom out.
	Touch and hold	In editable text, to display a magnified view for cursor positioning.

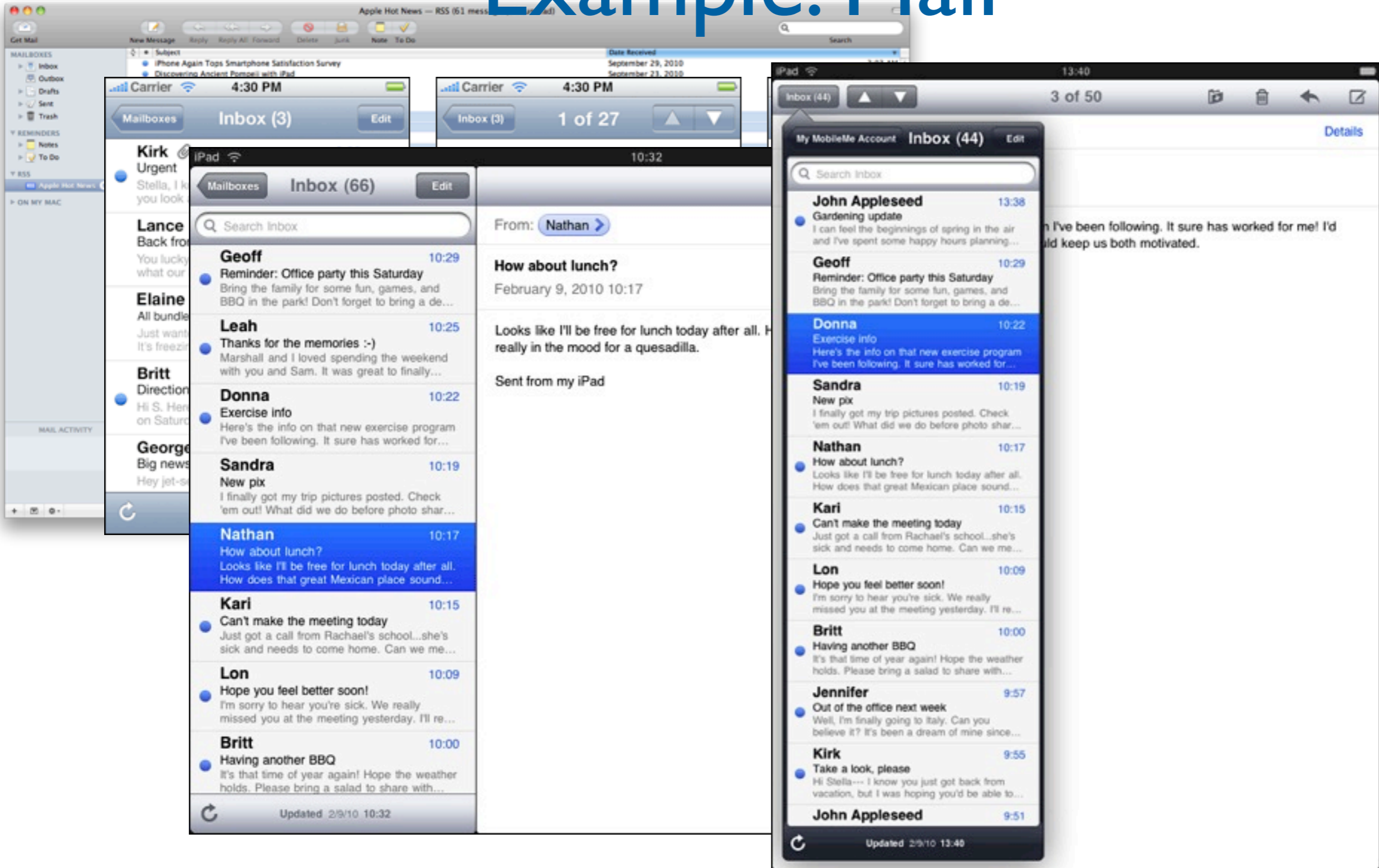


Designing the UI

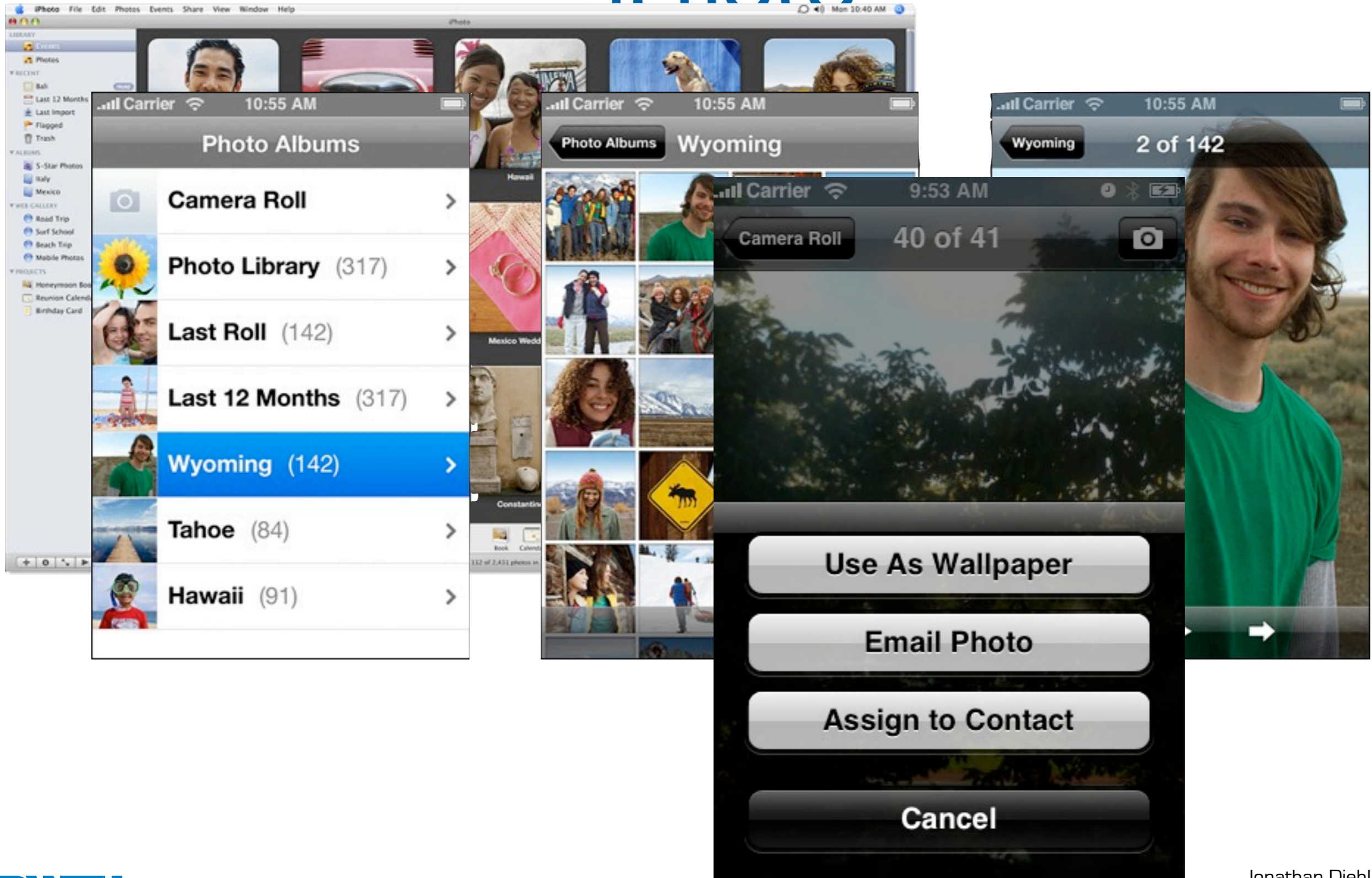
- Three resolutions: iPhone, iPhone 4, iPad
 - (320x480, 640x960, 1024 x 768)
- Device orientation:
 - Portrait or landscape
- Designing for the iPad requires more than increasing the resolution



Example: Mail

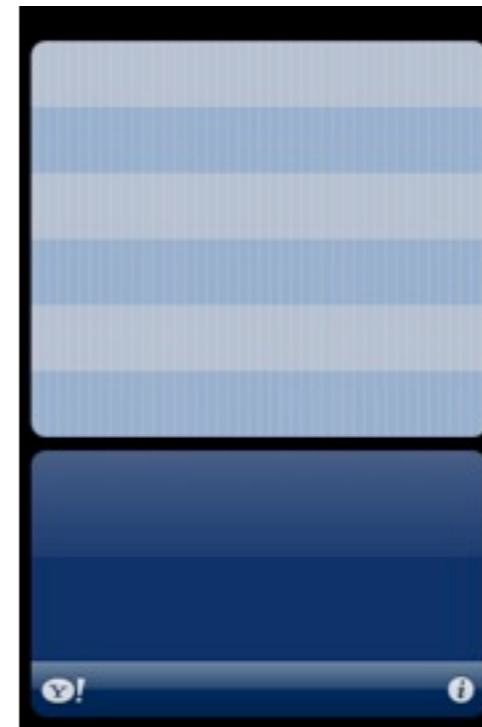


iPhoto



Starting

- Apps should start quickly to provide a fluid user experience
- Show a launch image that closely resembles the first screen of your app
- Restore the state of last run
- By default, launch in portrait orientation.



Stopping

- No *Quit* button or menu item
- Be prepared to quit at any time
- Program flow interrupted by external events
 - Incoming phone call
- Store state when stopping
- Application moved to background

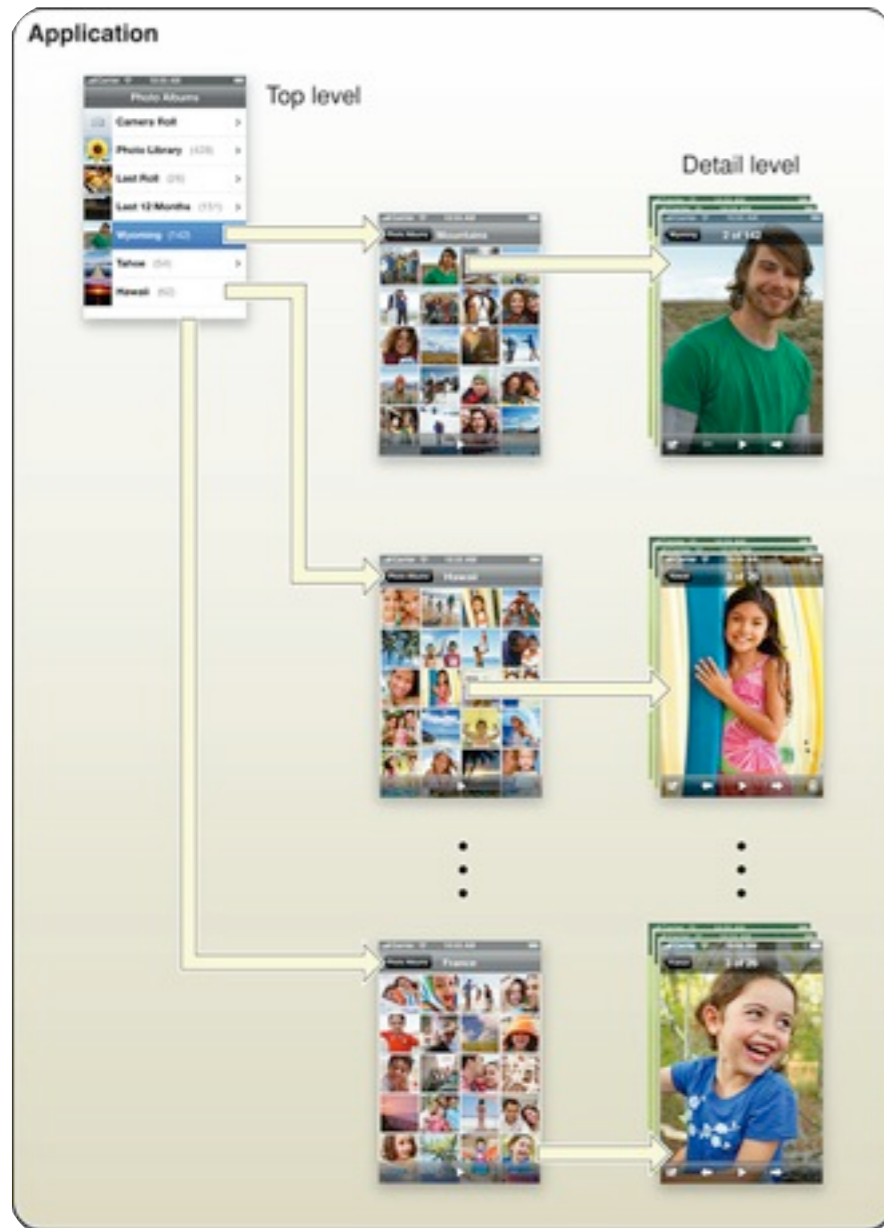


Application Styles

Productivity

Utility

Immersive



Photos



Weather



Seadragon



Productivity Applications

- Organizing and managing detailed information
- Often organize data hierarchically
- Organizing the list, add or remove items
- Examples: Contacts, Photos



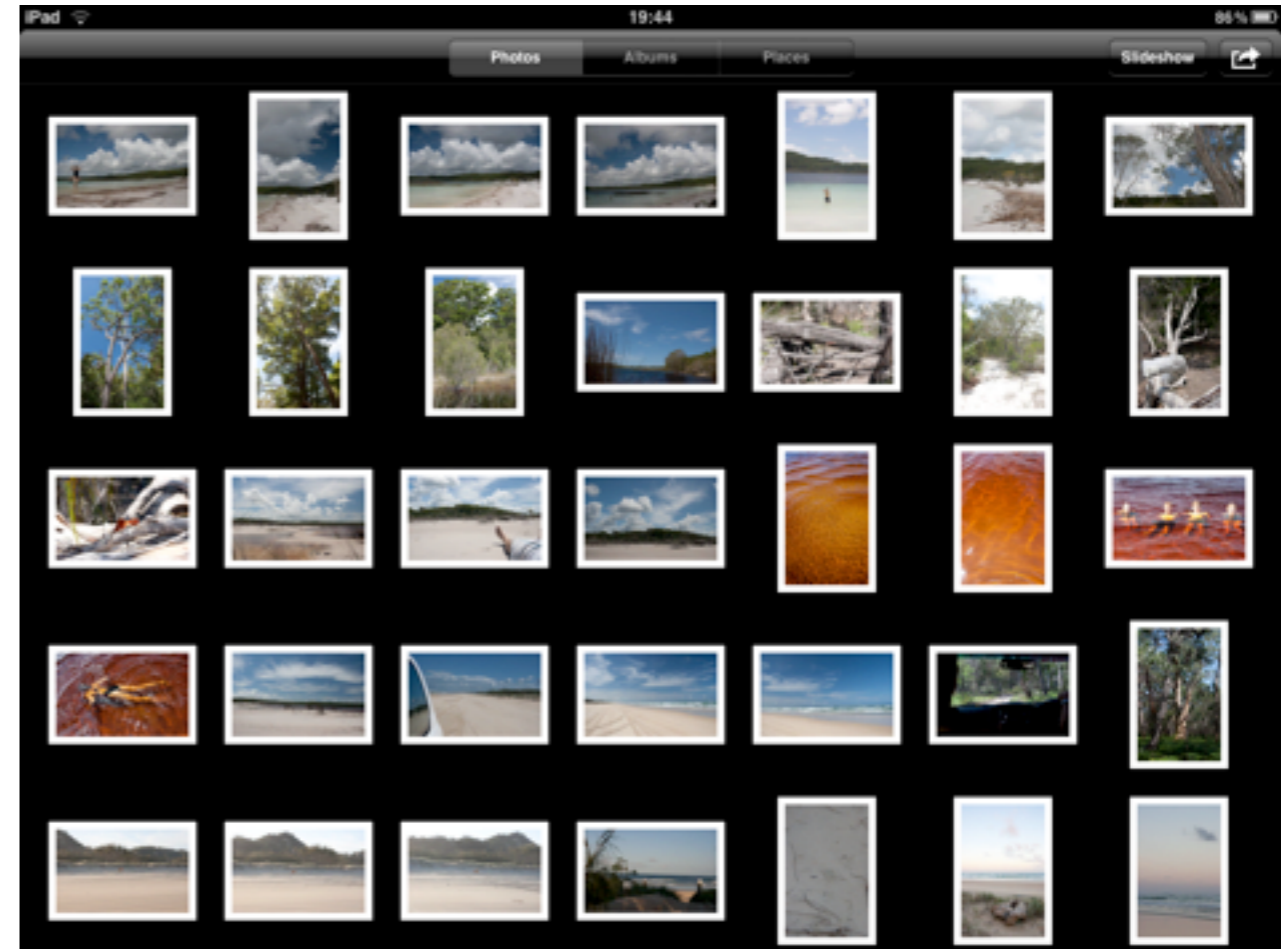
Productivity Applications



Photos



Contacts



Photos



Utility Applications

- Simple task, minimum user input
- Customized, visually attractive UI that enhances the displayed information
- Data is organized in flattened list of items
- Examples: Weather, Stocks



Utility Applications



Weather



Stocks

Au 79

Gold

Atomic Radius 174pm
Crystal Structure Face Centered Cubic
Electron Shells [Xe]6s¹4f¹⁴5d¹⁰

Atomic Weight 196.96655
Density 19.3 g/cc
Melting Point 1064.18°C 1947.52°F
Boiling Point 2856°C 5173°F
Electronegativity 2.54

% in Universe 0.000000060%
% in Sun 0.00000010%
% in Crust 0.00000031%
% in Ocean 5.0 x 10⁻⁹%
% in Humans 0.000010%

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Elements



Immersive Applications

- Full-screen, visually rich UI
- Focussed on content and user experience
- Tends to hide much of the device's user interface
- Custom navigational methods
- Examples: Living Earth, Carpenter



Immersive Applications



Living Earth



Carpenter



In-Class Exercise

- Find 3 free Apps on the AppStore and install them on your device
- Try to find good examples for all 3 application styles

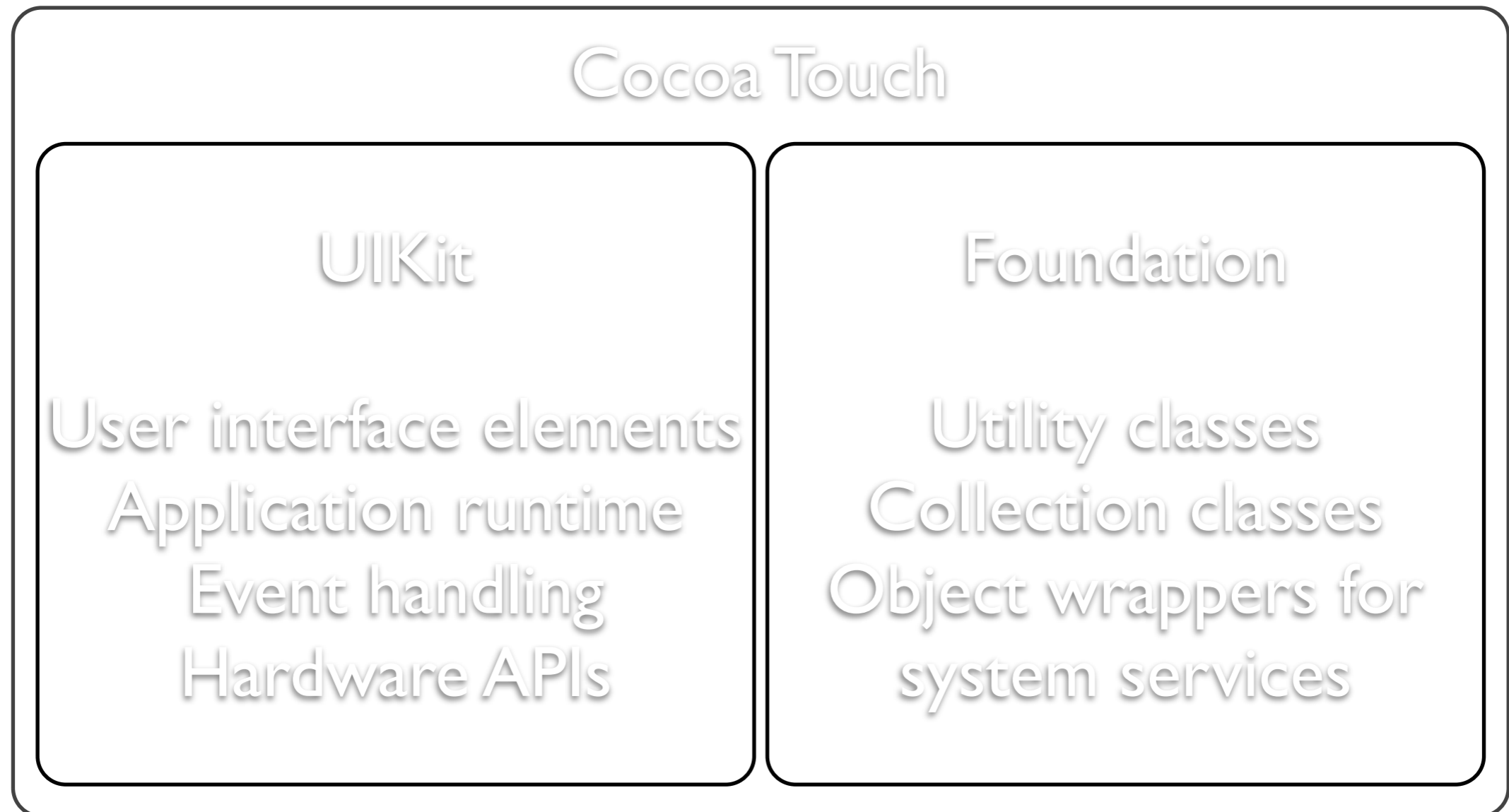


iOS SDK Overview

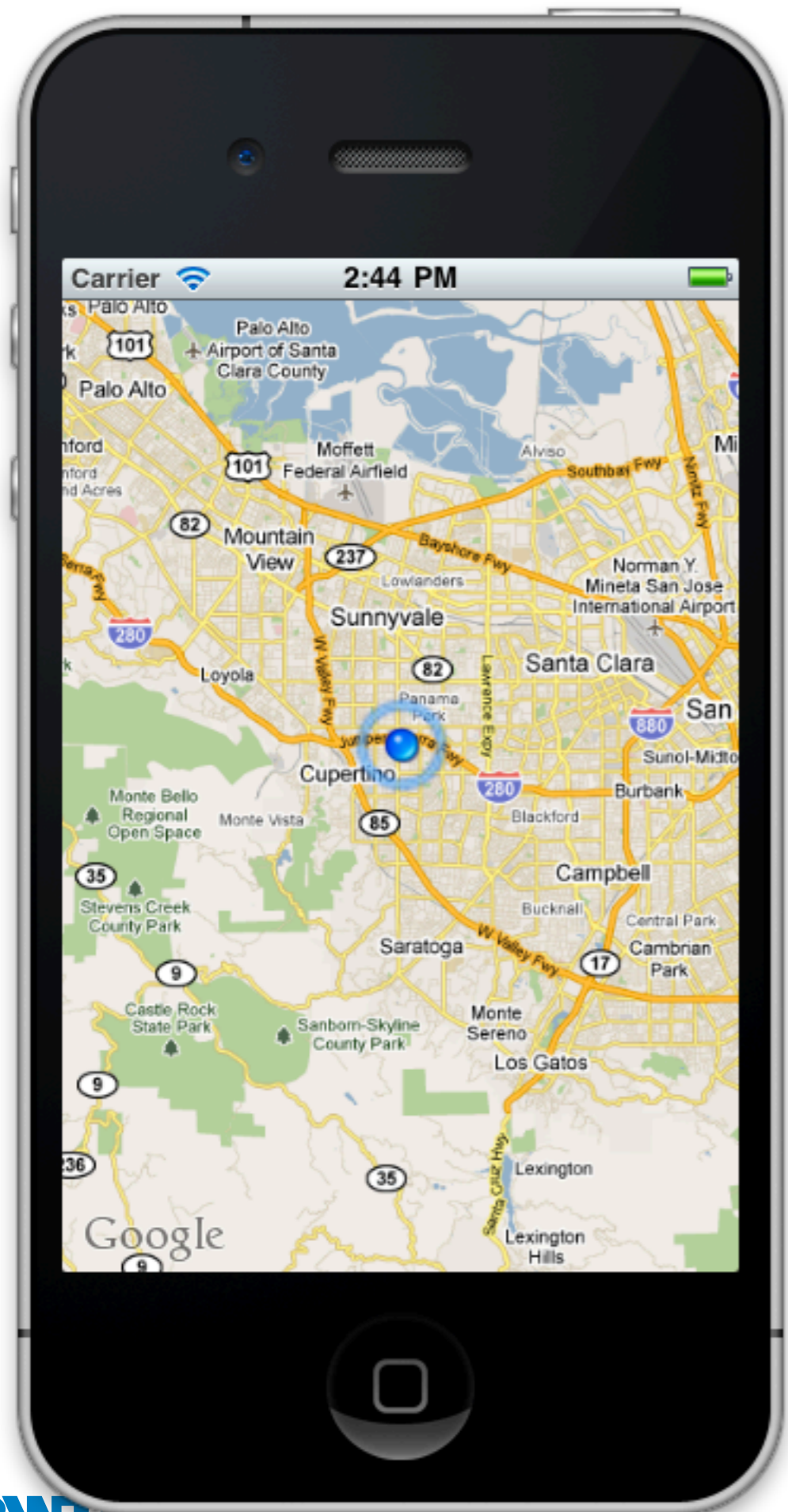




Cocoa Touch Architecture







MapKit



Core Location





Camera



Calendar



Address Book





StoreKit



iAd





Core Data



WebKit



Push Notifications





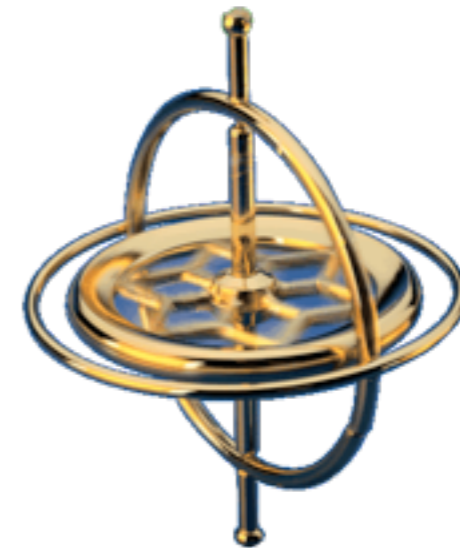
Touch



Accelerometer



CoreMotion



Gyroscope





Graphics

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GameKit



GameCenter

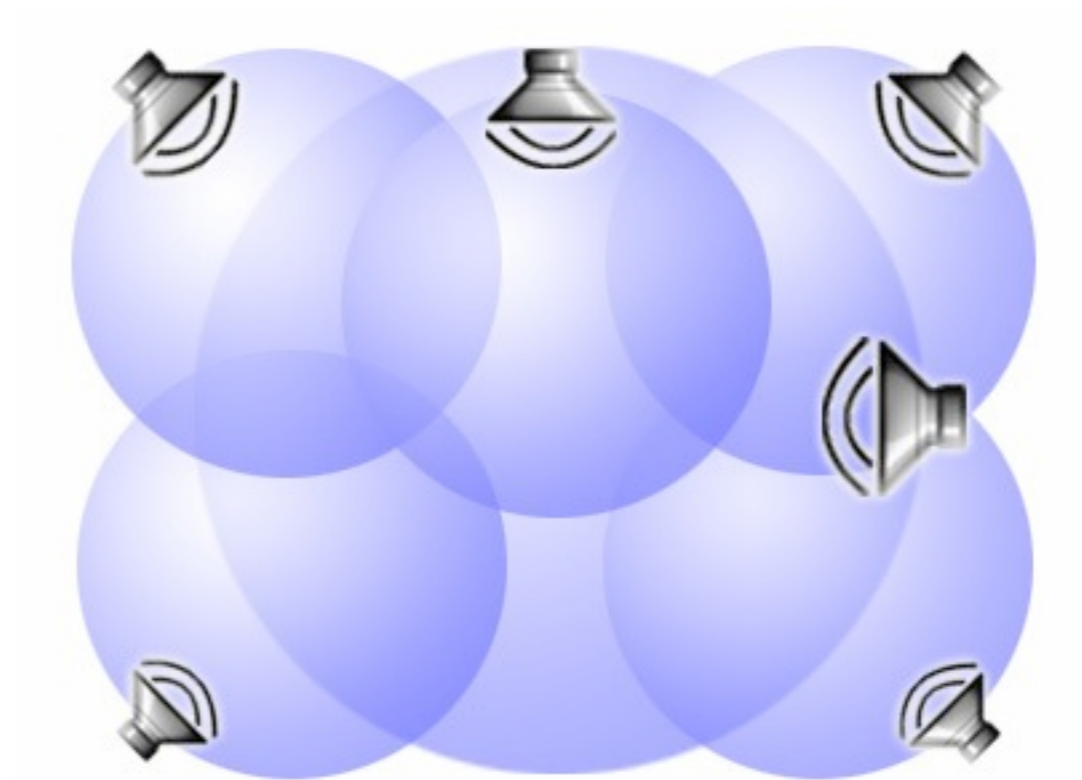


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Core Audio



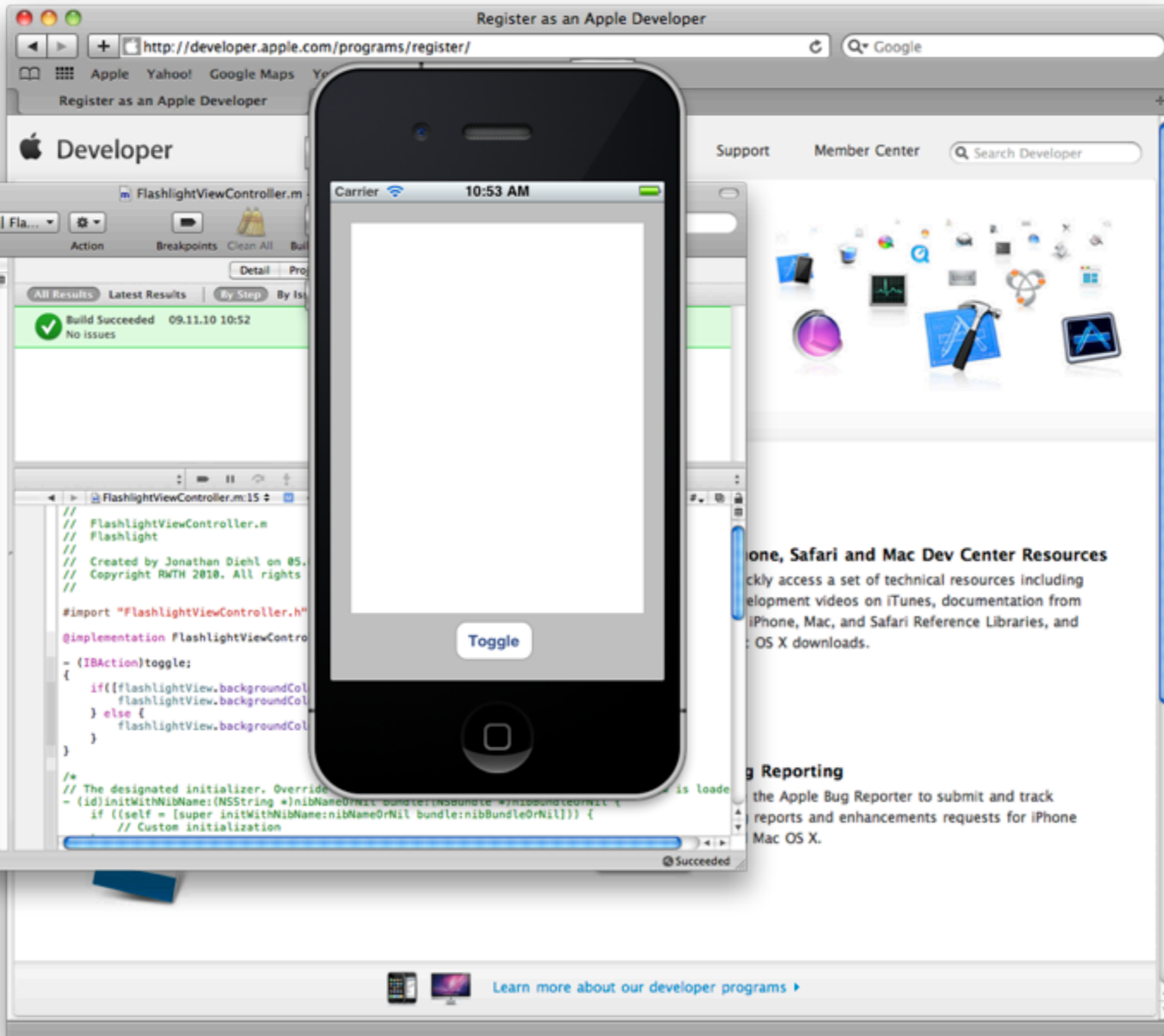
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In-Class Exercise

- Find and install the following Apps from the AppStore:
 -  Bump
 -  Angry Birds Free
 -  DB Navigator
 -  Remote
- Determine for each App, which frameworks it uses.





Build Succeeded 09.11.10 10:52
No issues

```
// FlashlightViewController.m  
// Flashlight  
// Created by Jonathan Diehl on 05.  
// Copyright RWTH 2010. All rights reserved.  
//  
#import "FlashlightViewController.h"  
  
@implementation FlashlightViewController  
  
- (IBAction)toggle:  
{  
    if([flashlightView.backgroundColor == [UIColor whiteColor])  
    {  
        flashlightView.backgroundColor = [UIColor blackColor];  
    } else {  
        flashlightView.backgroundColor = [UIColor whiteColor];  
    }  
}  
  
/*  
// The designated initializer. Override only for design patterns.  
- (id)initWithNibName:(NSString *)nibNameOrNil bundle:(NSBundle *)nibBundleOrNil {  
    if ((self = [super initWithNibName:nibNameOrNil bundle:nibBundleOrNil]) != nil) {  
        // Custom initialization  
    }  
}
```

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