


CS121 iOS Tutorial 1

This tutorial provides a basic introduction to Xcode, iOS development and Objective-C. In the process you'll develop a simple app.

Purple bubbles give you information you'll need to know.

Yellow Bubbles tell you what to do.

Orange bubbles tell you what you're not expected to understand yet. 😊

Launch Xcode then click  here to start a new project.

Welcome to Xcode

Version 4.2 (4C199)



Create a new Xcode project

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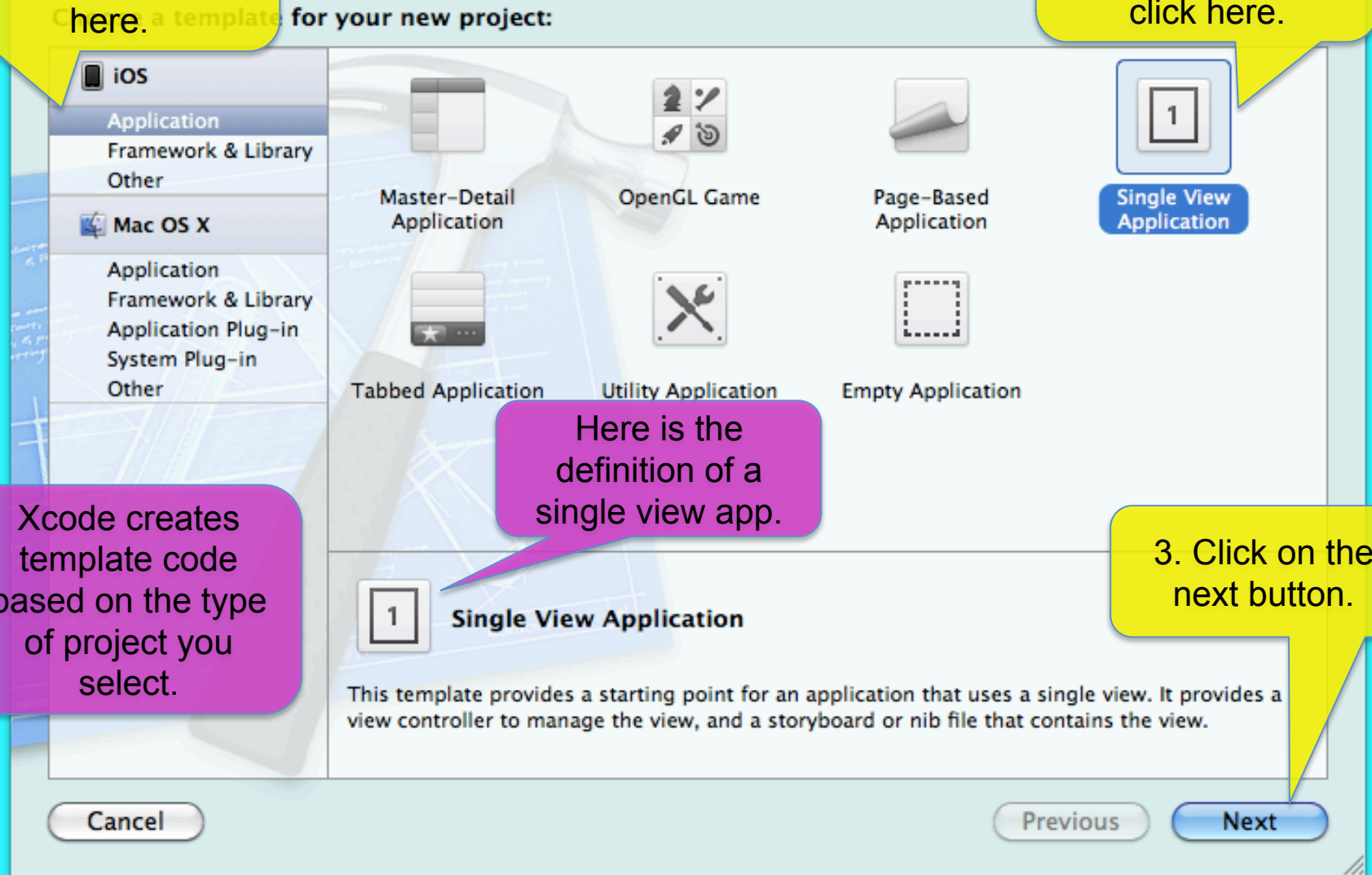
Show this window when Xcode launches

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1. We are going to build an iOS application so click here.

2. We'll build a single view application, so click here.



Xcode creates template code based on the type of project you select.

Here is the definition of a single view app.

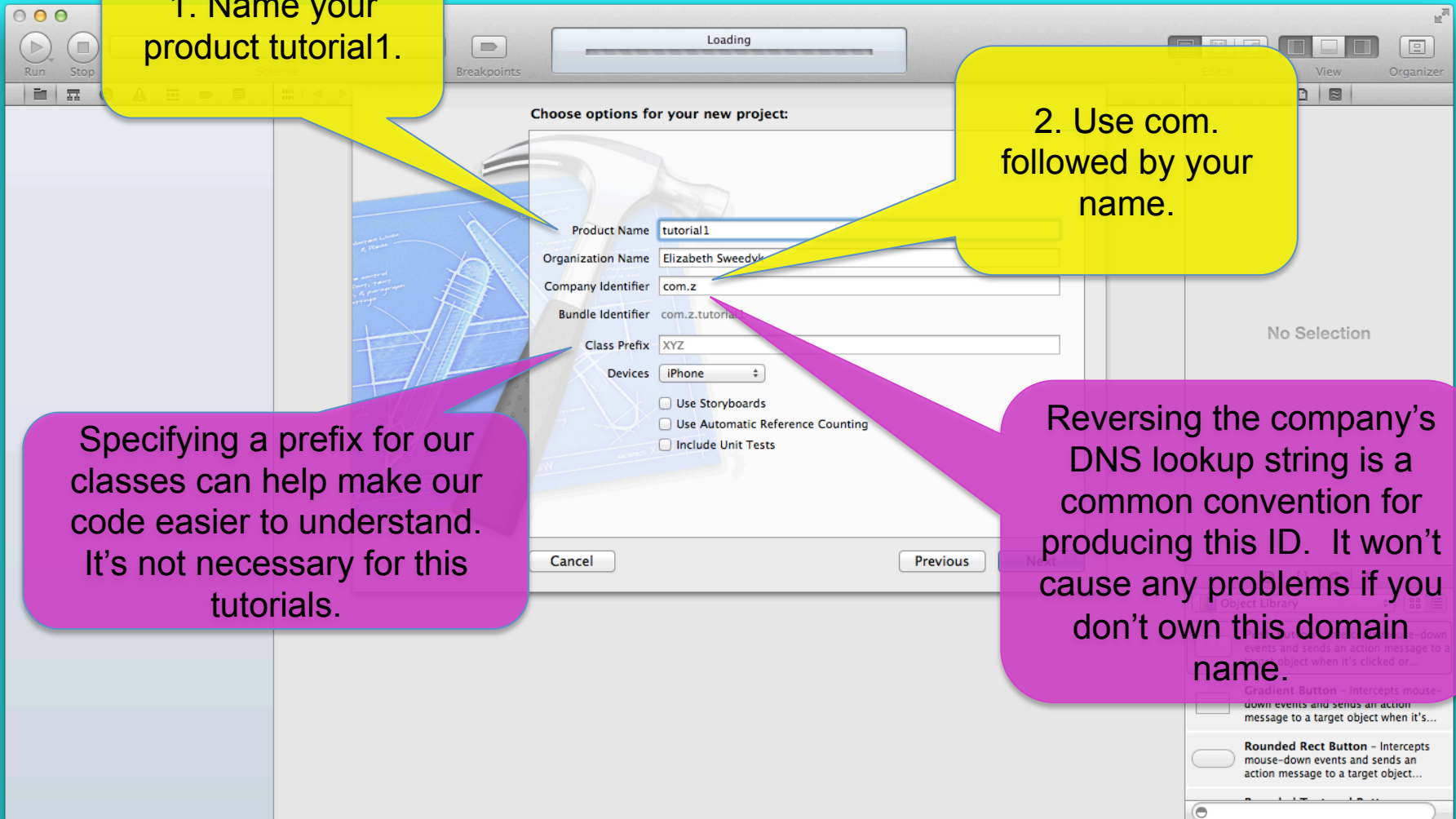
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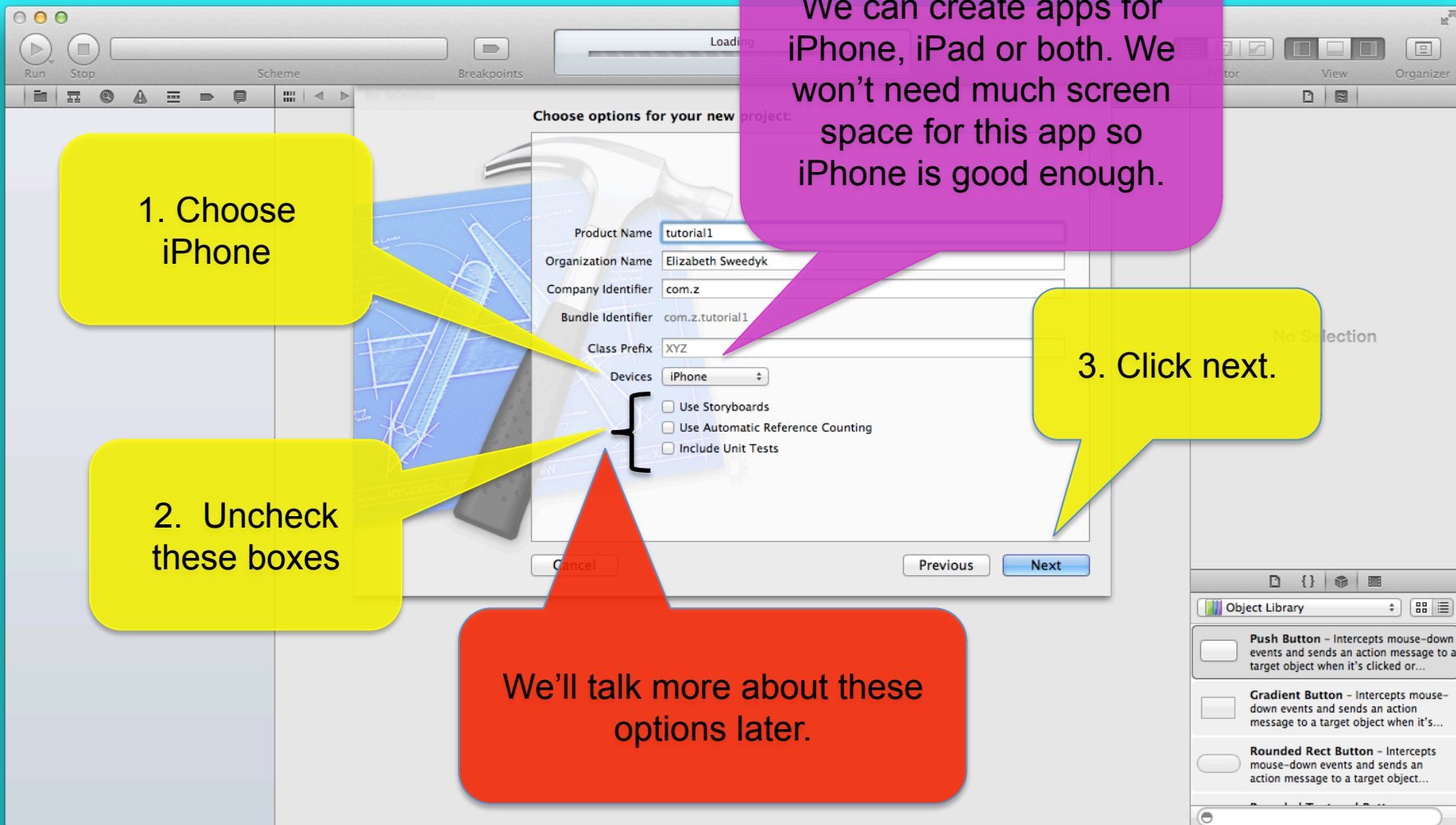
1. Name your product tutorial1.

2. Use com. followed by your name.

Specifying a prefix for our classes can help make our code easier to understand. It's not necessary for this tutorials.

Reversing the company's DNS lookup string is a common convention for producing this ID. It won't cause any problems if you don't own this domain name.





1. Choose iPhone

2. Uncheck these boxes

We can create apps for iPhone, iPad or both. We won't need much screen space for this app so iPhone is good enough.

3. Click next.

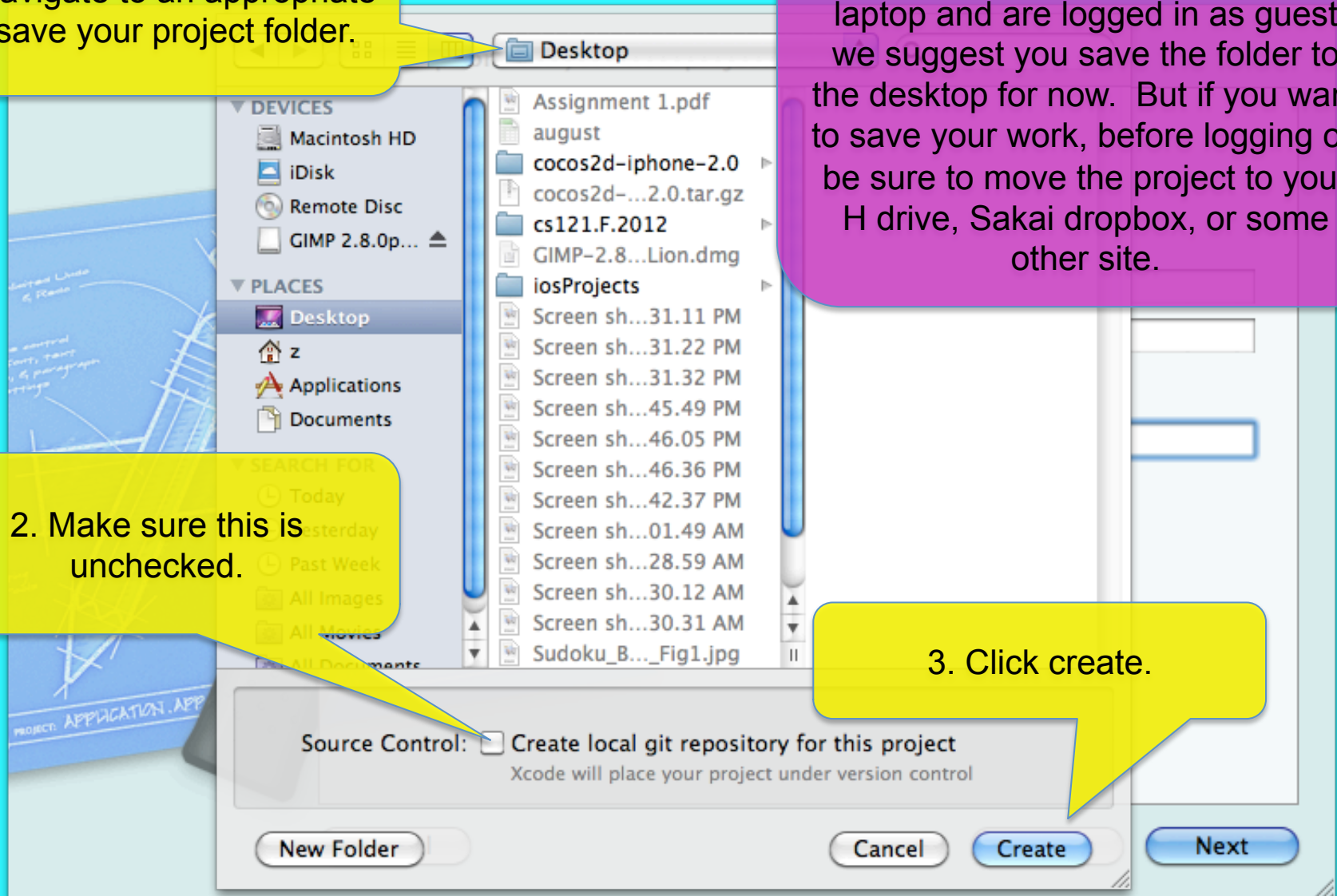
We'll talk more about these options later.

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2. Make sure this is unchecked.

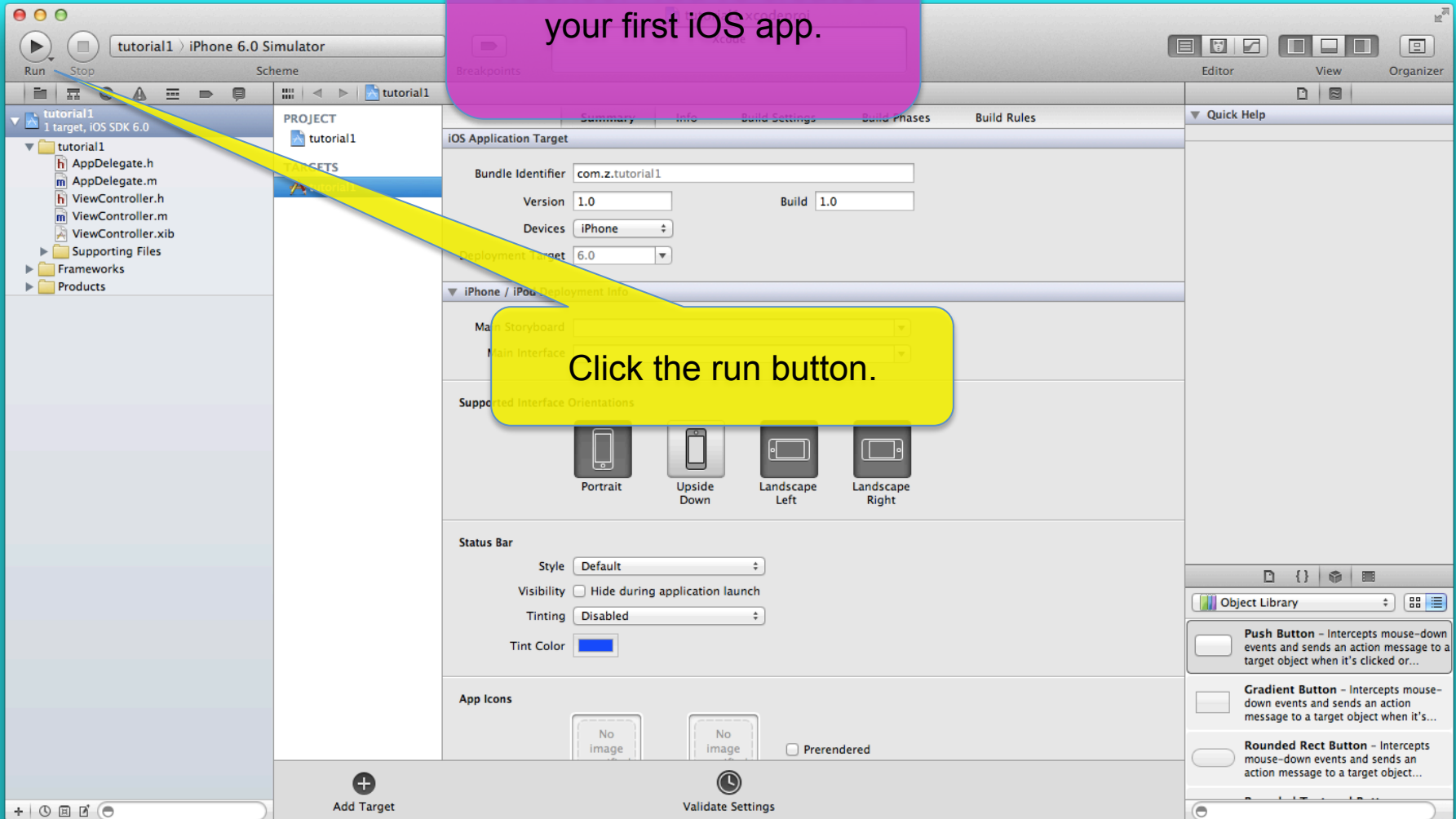
3. Click create.

WARNING: If you are using a CIS laptop and are logged in as guest we suggest you save the folder to the desktop for now. But if you want to save your work, before logging off be sure to move the project to your H drive, Sakai dropbox, or some other site.

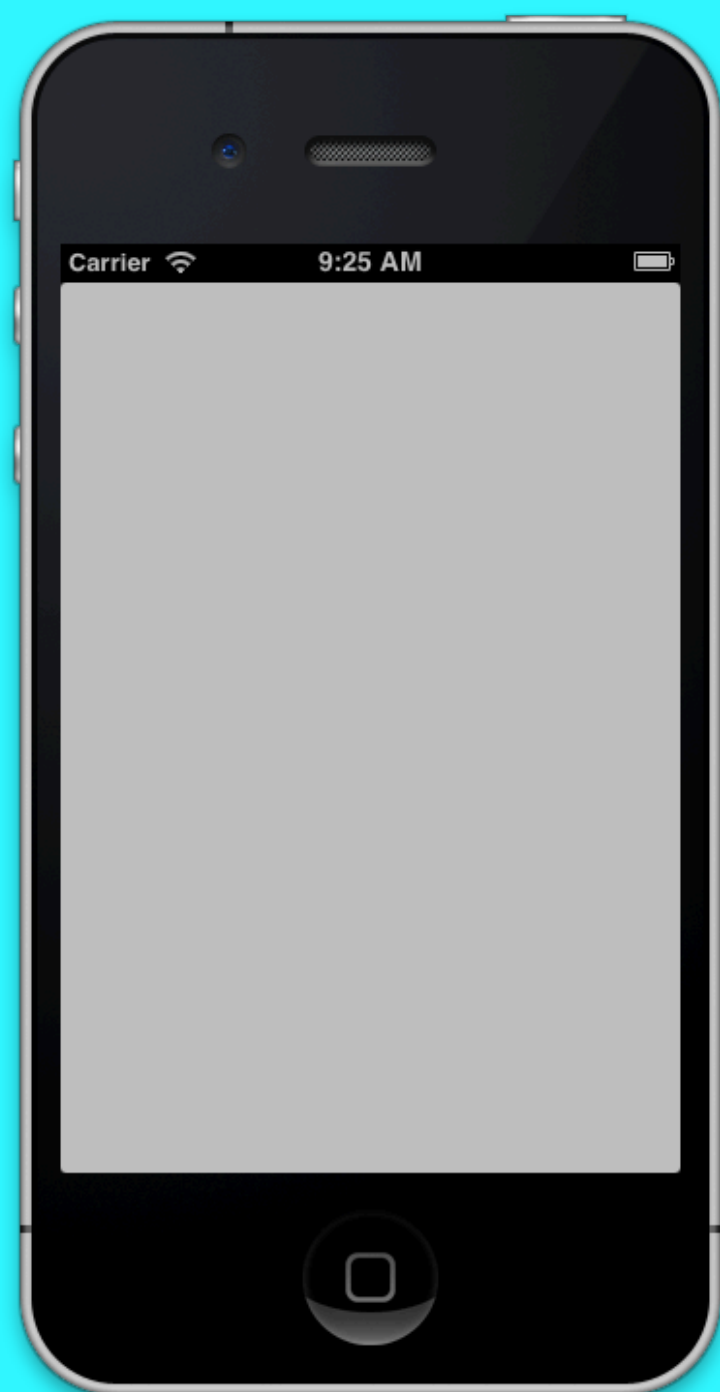


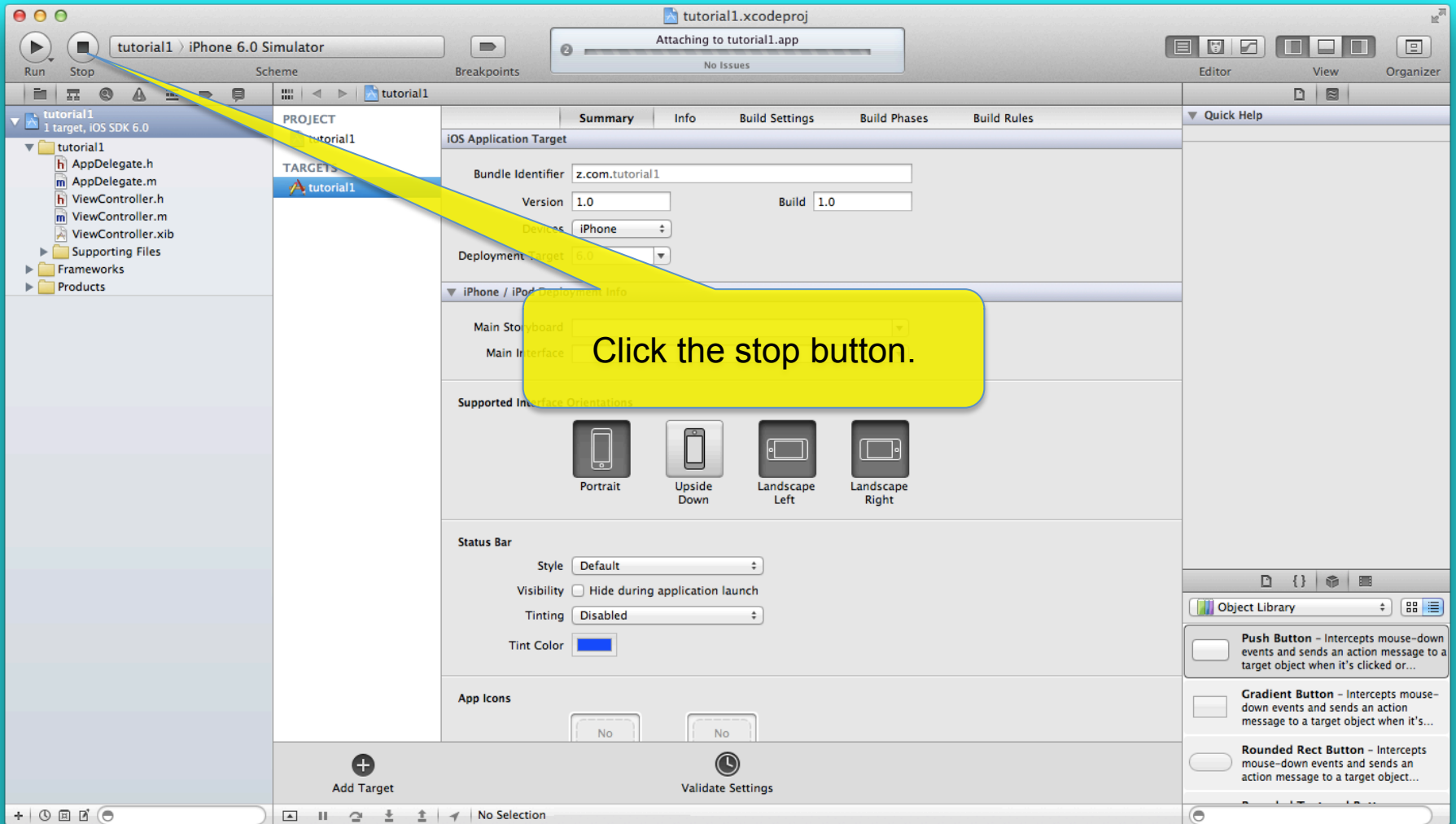
Woohoo! You've created
your first iOS app.

Click the run button.

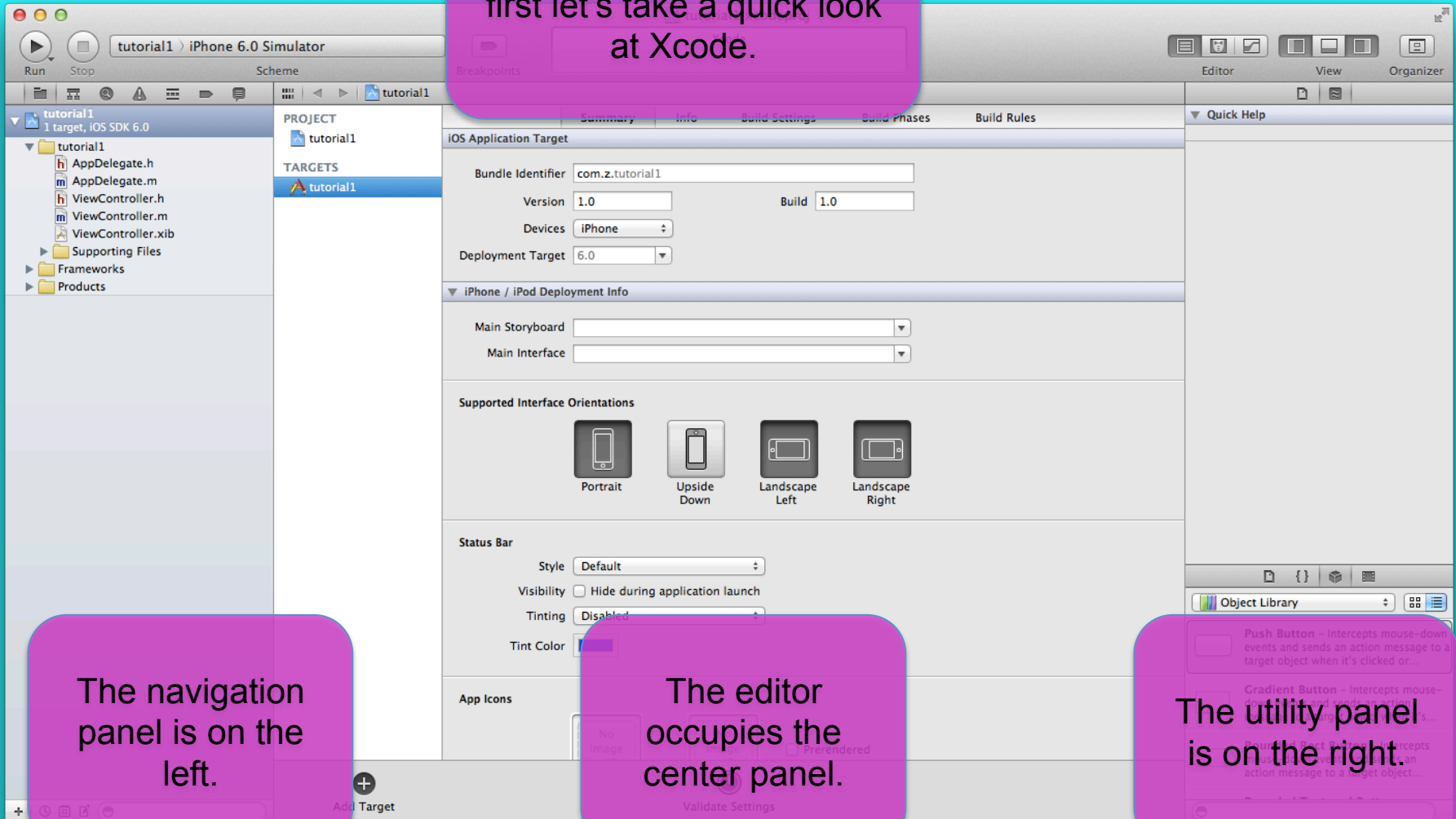


The app is now running in the iPhone simulator, which appears on your desktop.





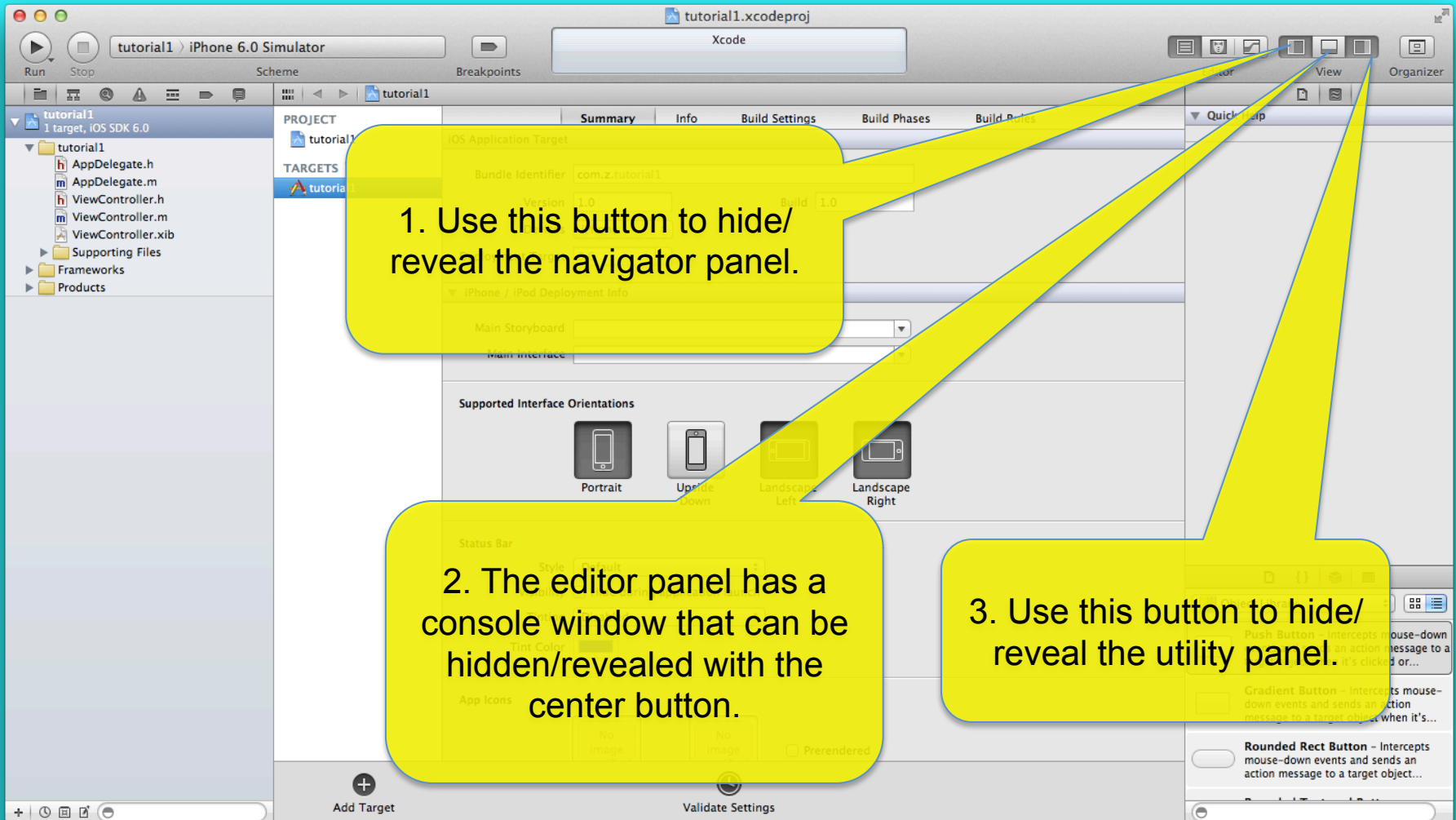
We'll add to the app but first let's take a quick look at Xcode.



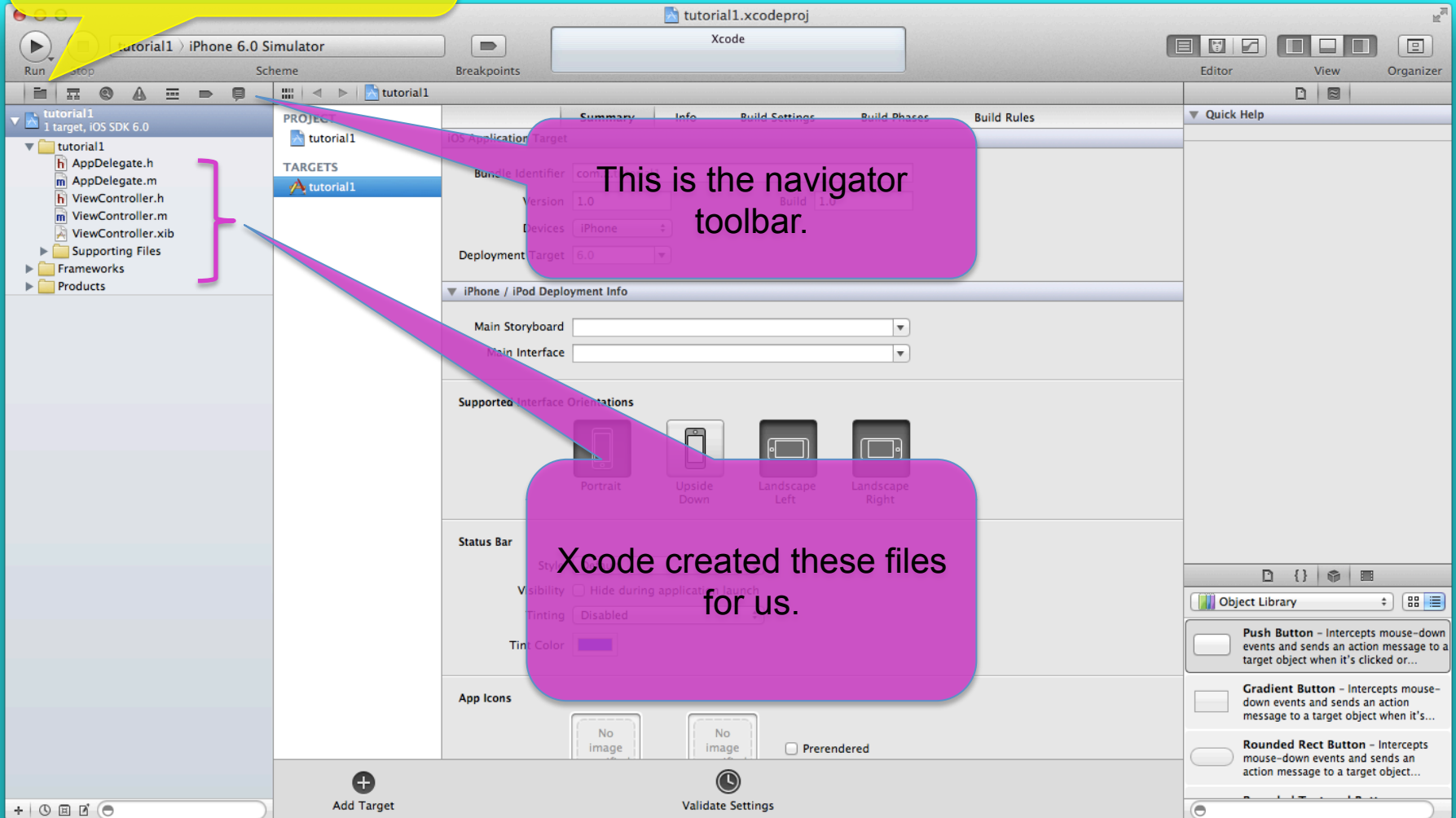
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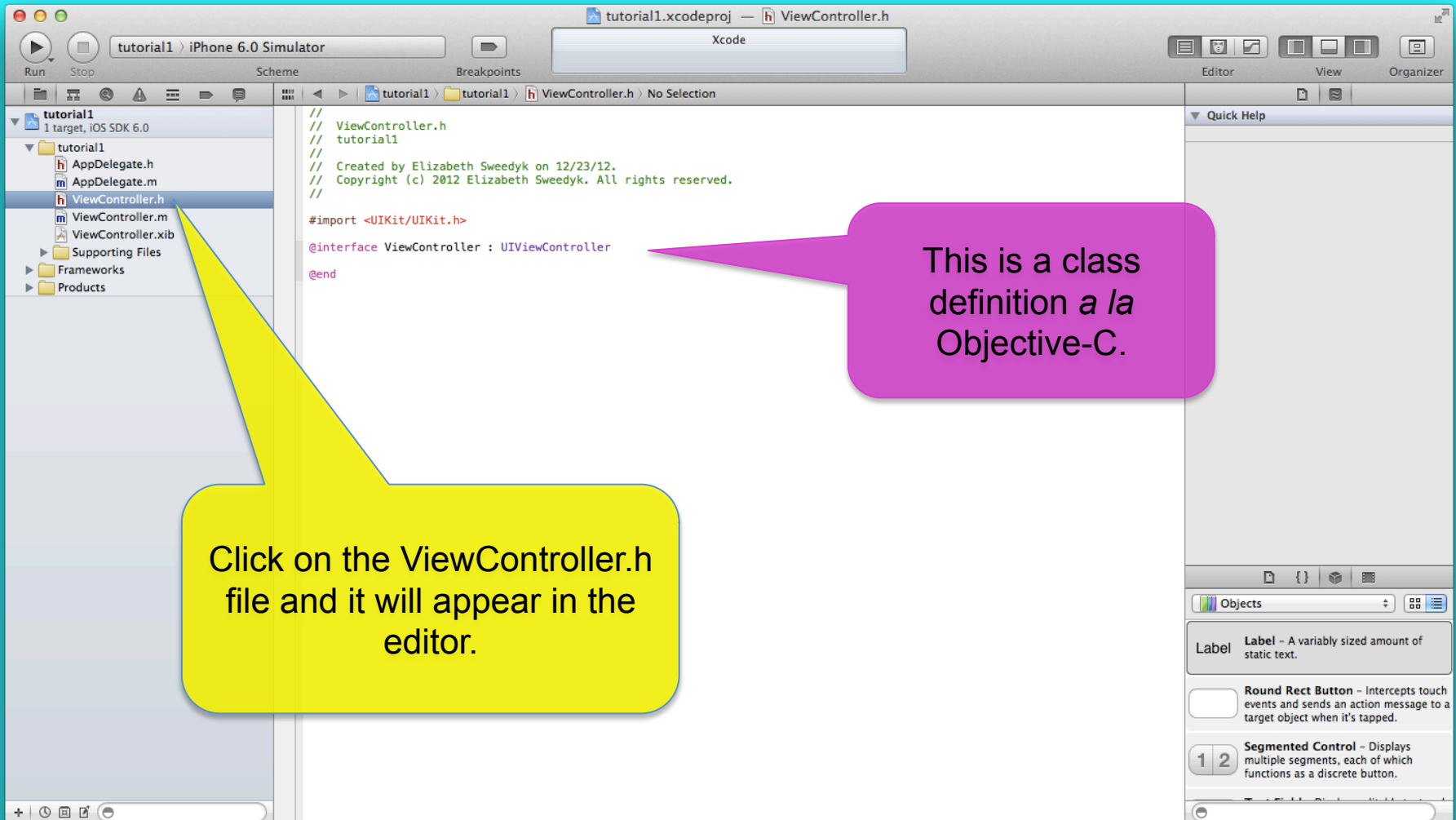
The editor occupies the center panel.

The utility panel is on the right.



Click this button to navigate the project folder.

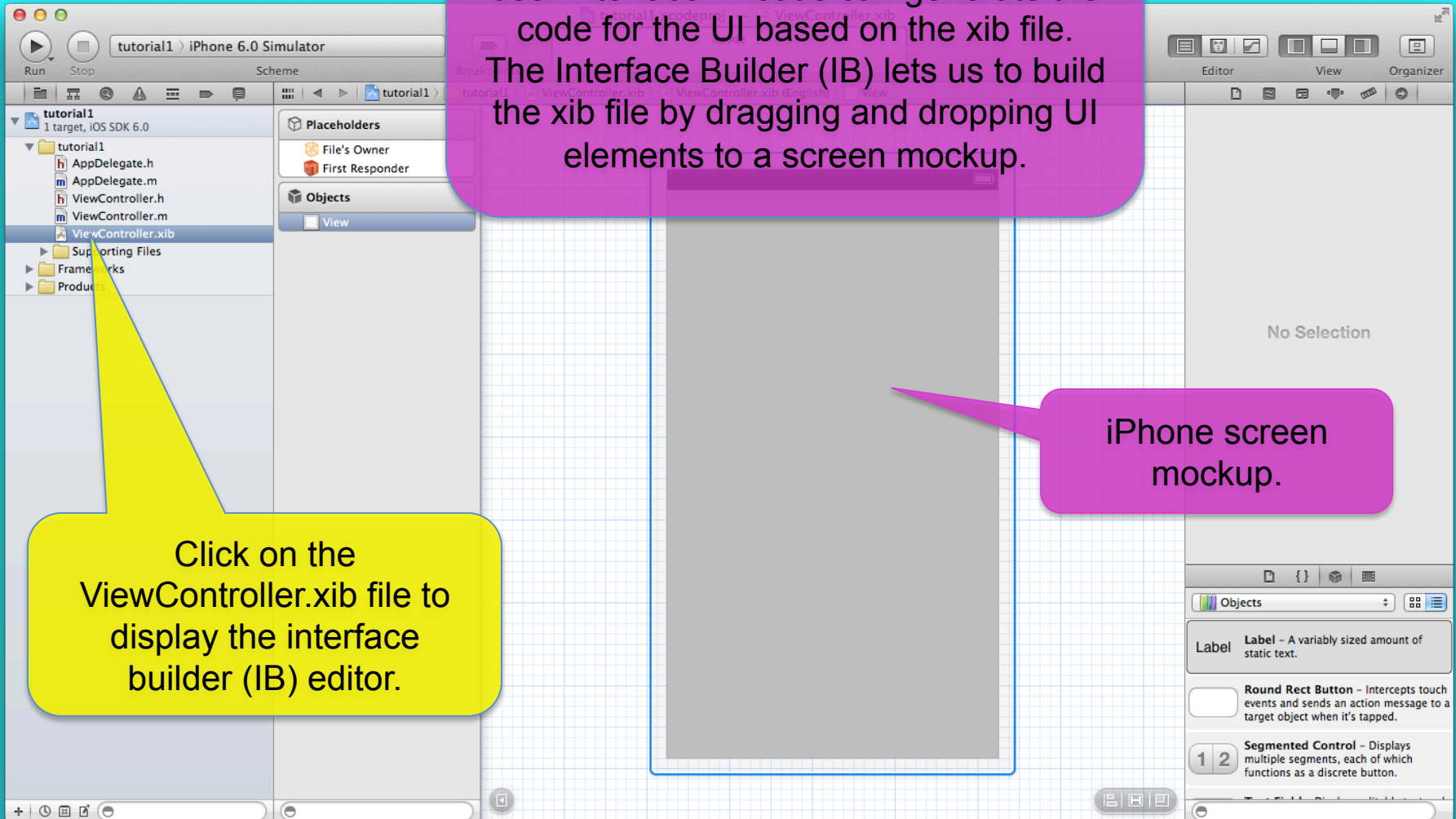


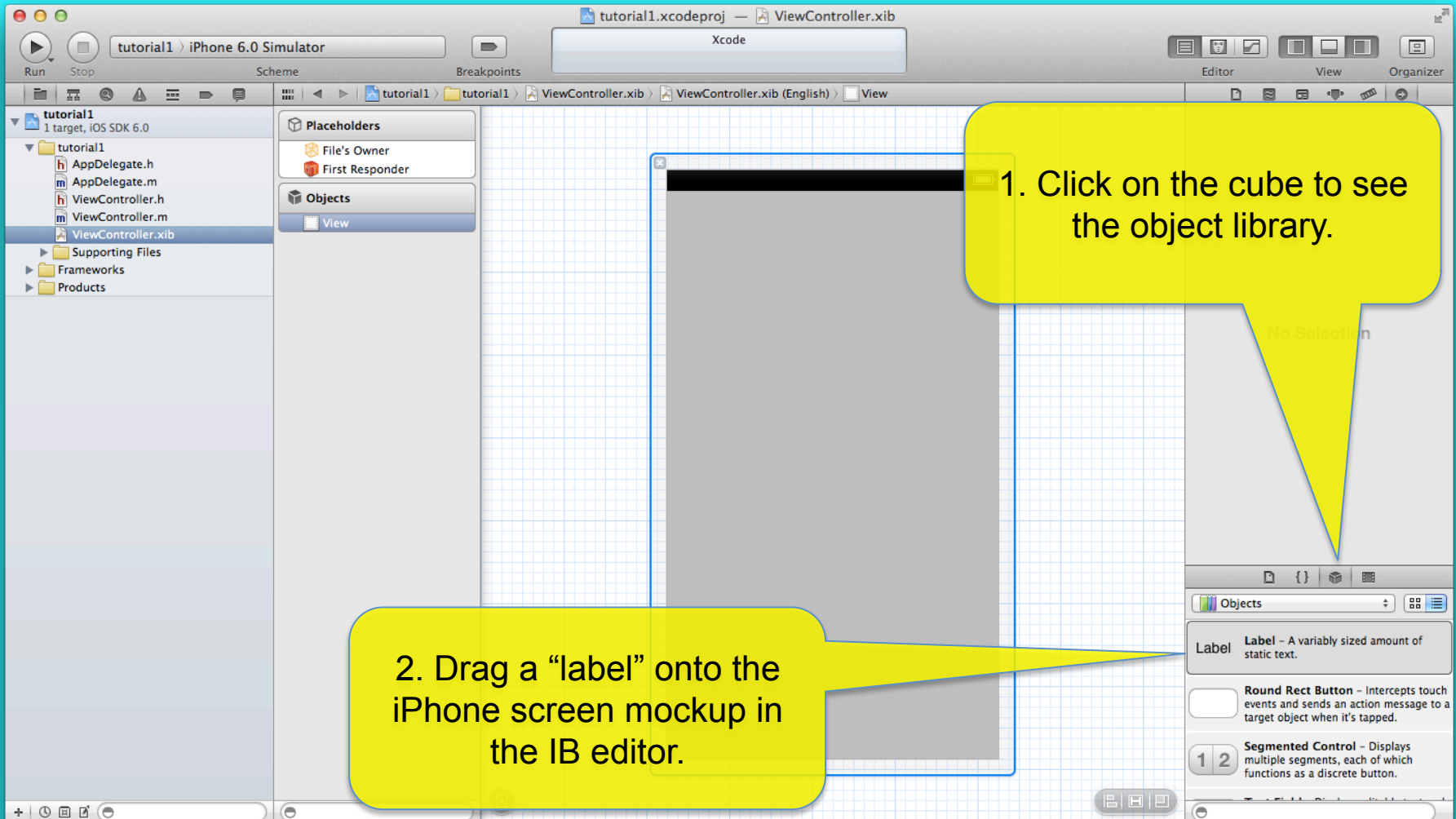


A xib file is an XML file that describes the user interface. Xcode can generate the code for the UI based on the xib file. The Interface Builder (IB) lets us to build the xib file by dragging and dropping UI elements to a screen mockup.

Click on the ViewController.xib file to display the interface builder (IB) editor.

iPhone screen mockup.





1. Click on the cube to see the object library.

2. Drag a "label" onto the iPhone screen mockup in the IB editor.

Click here for quick help.
(Make sure the label on
the screen mockup is
selected.)

The screenshot shows the Xcode IDE with a screen mockup in the center. A yellow callout bubble points to the top toolbar. A purple callout bubble points to a label on the screen mockup. The right sidebar shows the Quick Help panel for the UILabel class.

Quick Help

Description The UILabel class implements a read-only text view. You can use this class to draw one or multiple lines of static text, such as those you might use to identify other parts of your user interface. The base UILabel class provides support for both simple and complex styling of the label text. You can also control over aspects of appearance, such as whether the label uses a shadow or draws with a highlight. If needed, you can customize the appearance of your text further by subclassing.

Availability iOS (2.0 and later)

Declared UILabel.h

Reference UILabel Class Reference

Guides Text, Web, and Editing Programming Guide for iOS

Samples AdvancedURLConnections, GK Rocket, PageControl, Recipes and Printing, iPhoneCoreData Recipes

Objects

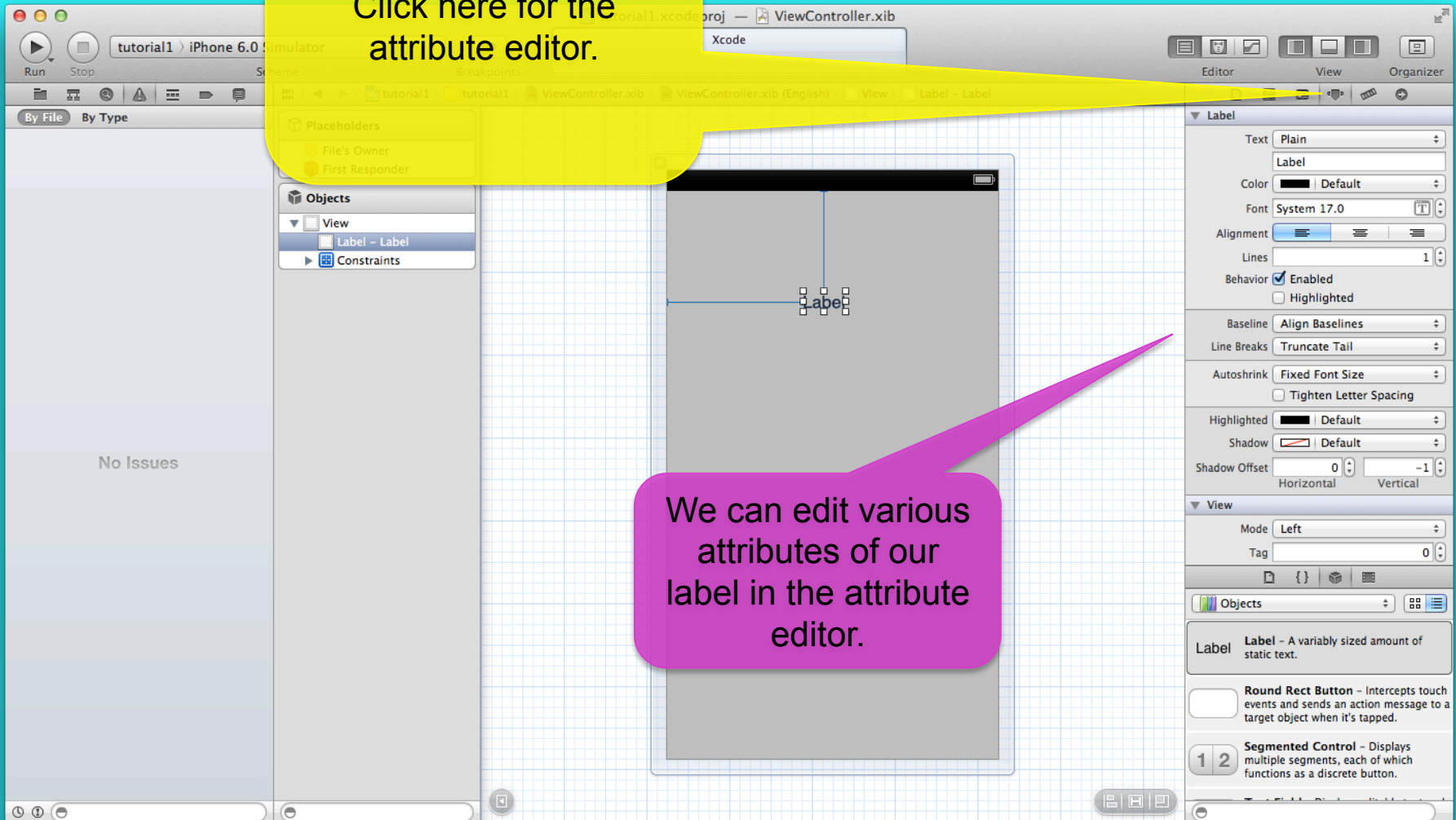
Label Label - A variably sized amount of static text.

Round Rect Button - Intercepts touch events and sends an action message to a target object when it's tapped.

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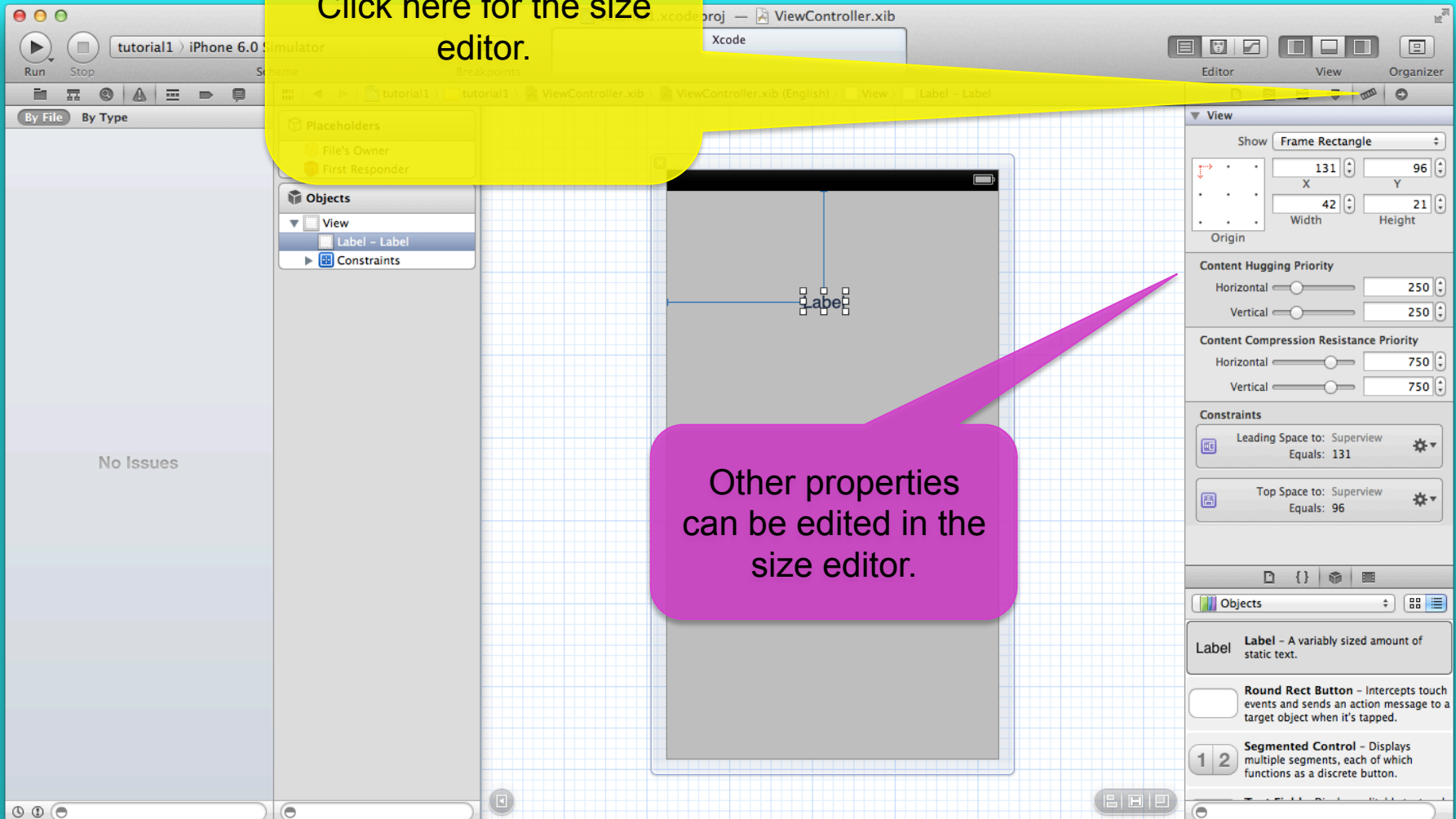
This describes the
UILabel class,
which is built into
the iOS framework.

Click here for the attribute editor.



We can edit various attributes of our label in the attribute editor.

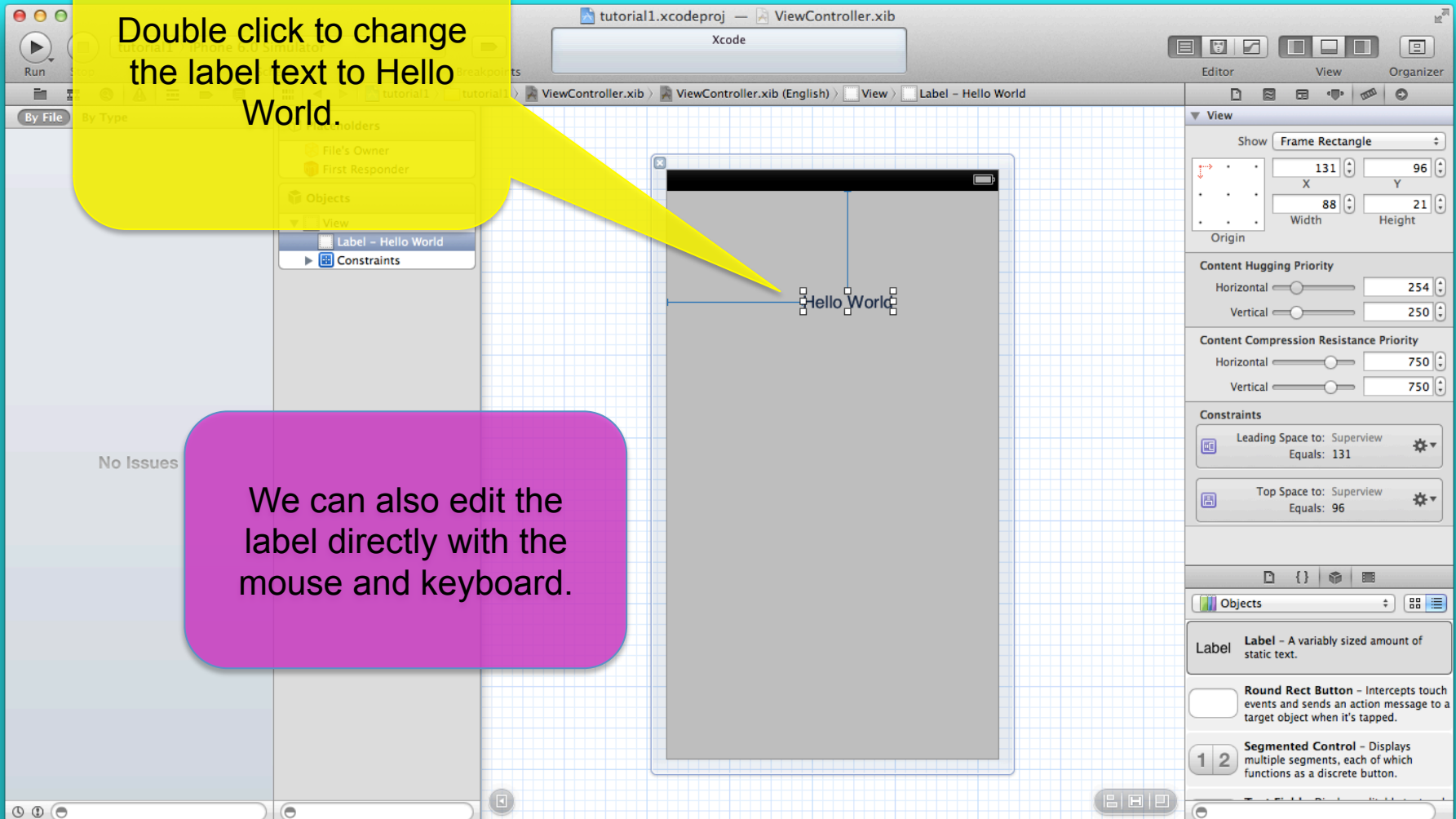
Click here for the size editor.

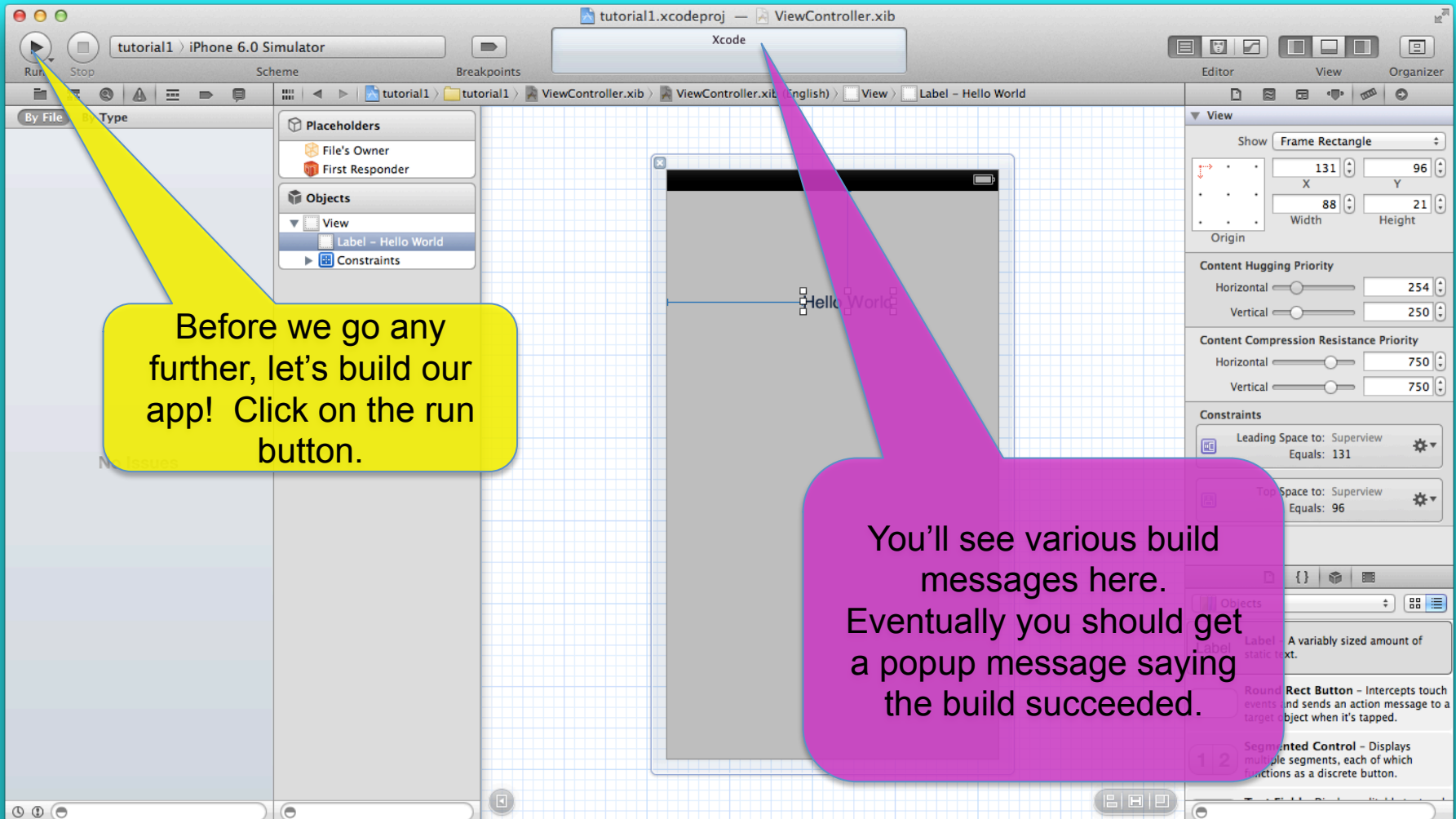


Other properties can be edited in the size editor.

Double click to change the label text to Hello World.

We can also edit the label directly with the mouse and keyboard.

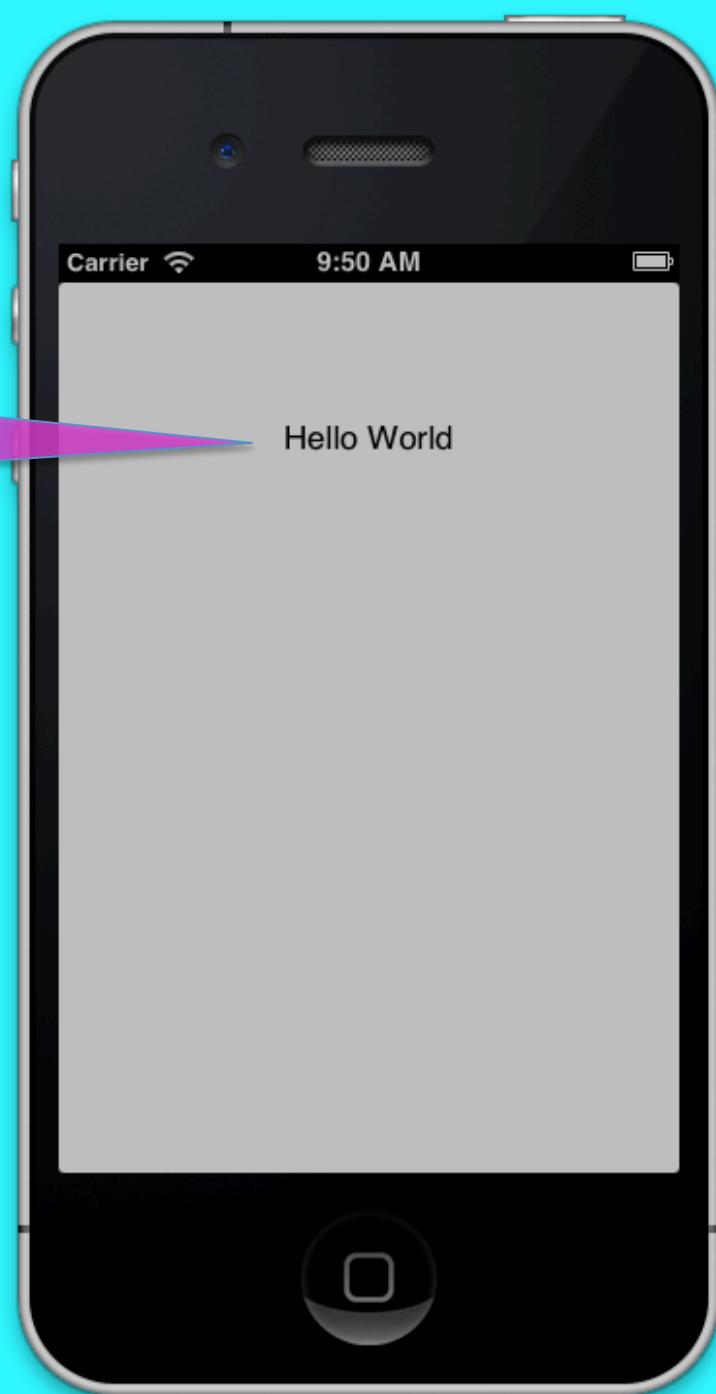


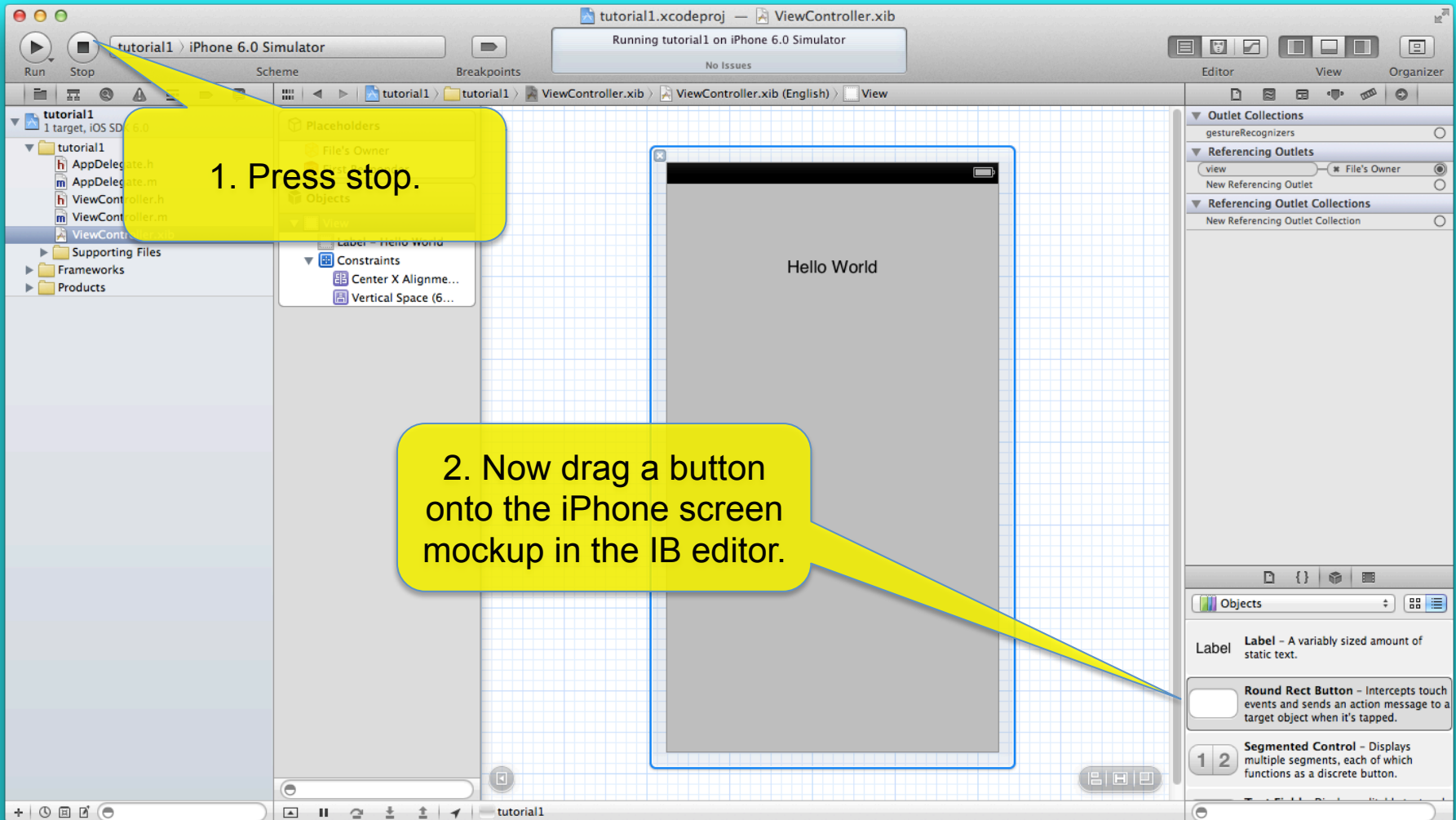


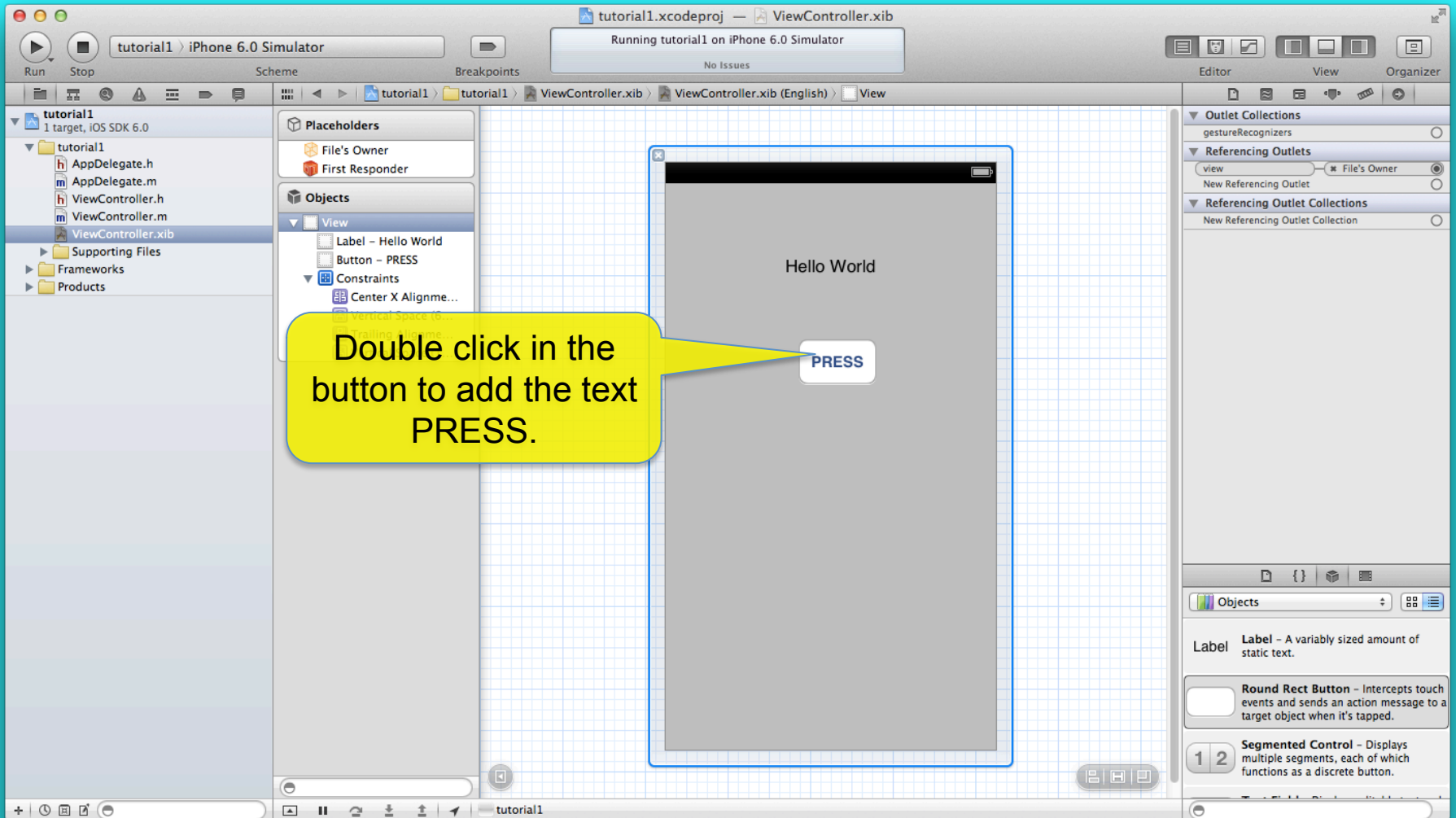
Before we go any further, let's build our app! Click on the run button.

You'll see various build messages here. Eventually you should get a popup message saying the build succeeded.

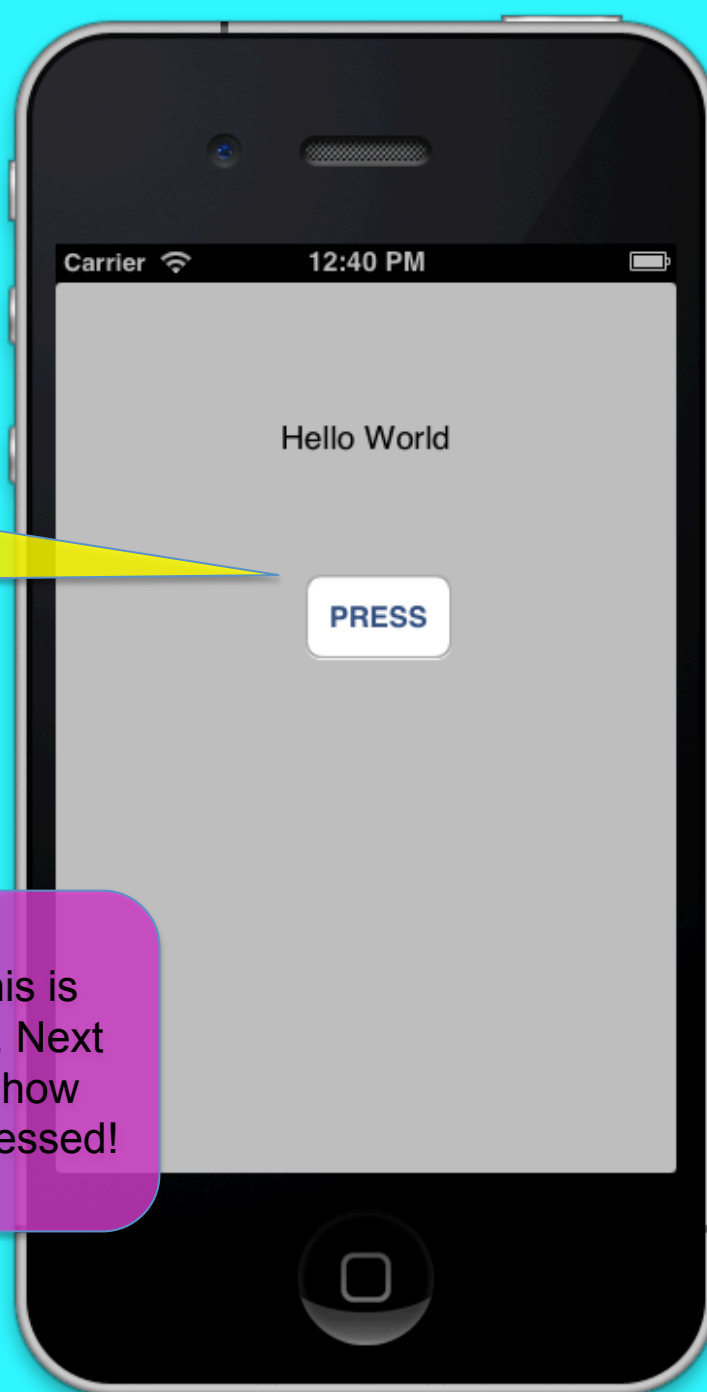
Here is our label.







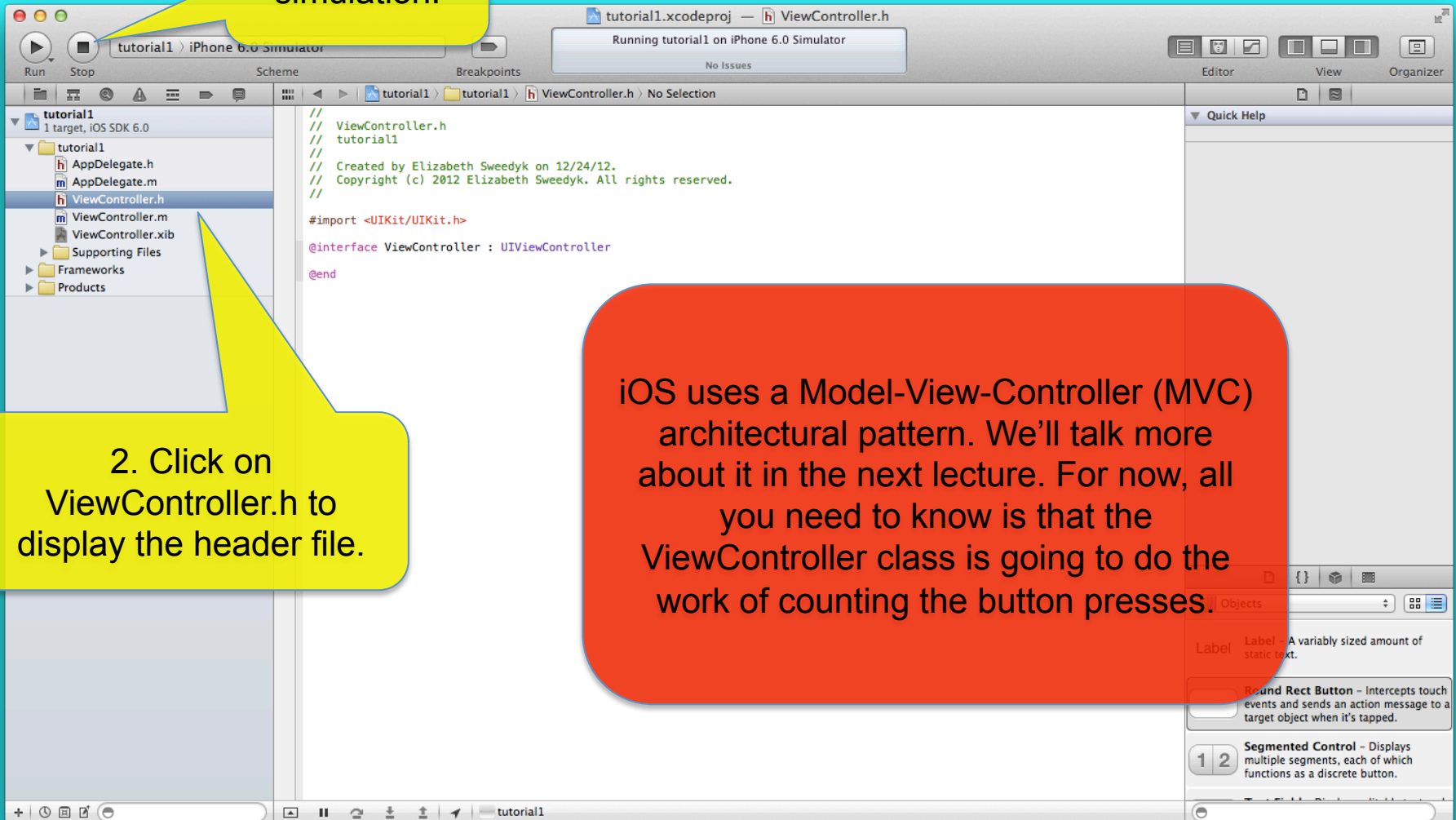
Run the app. Press
the button!



I know you are thinking this is
awesome. 😊 But just wait. Next
we'll make the app count how
many times the button is pressed!

1. Stop the simulation.

2. Click on ViewController.h to display the header file.



iOS uses a Model-View-Controller (MVC) architectural pattern. We'll talk more about it in the next lecture. For now, all you need to know is that the ViewController class is going to do the work of counting the button presses.

The screenshot shows the Xcode IDE with a project named 'tutorial1' open. The file 'ViewController.h' is selected in the Project Navigator on the left. The main editor window displays the following code:

```
// ViewController.h
// tutorial1
//
// Created by Elizabeth Sweedyk on 12/24/12.
// Copyright (c) 2012 Elizabeth Sweedyk. All rights reserved.
//

#import <UIKit/UIKit.h>

@interface ViewController : UIViewController

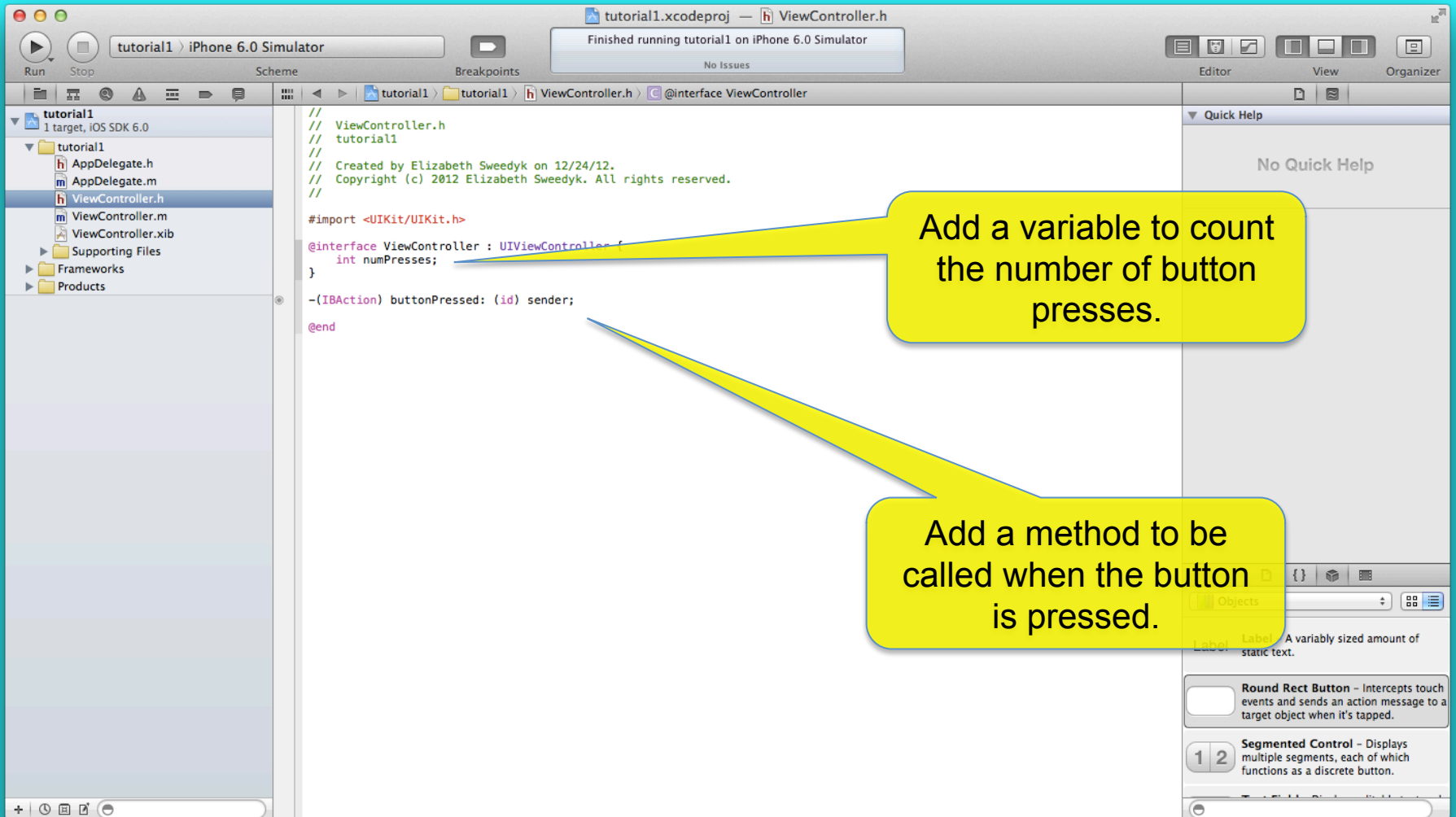
@end
```

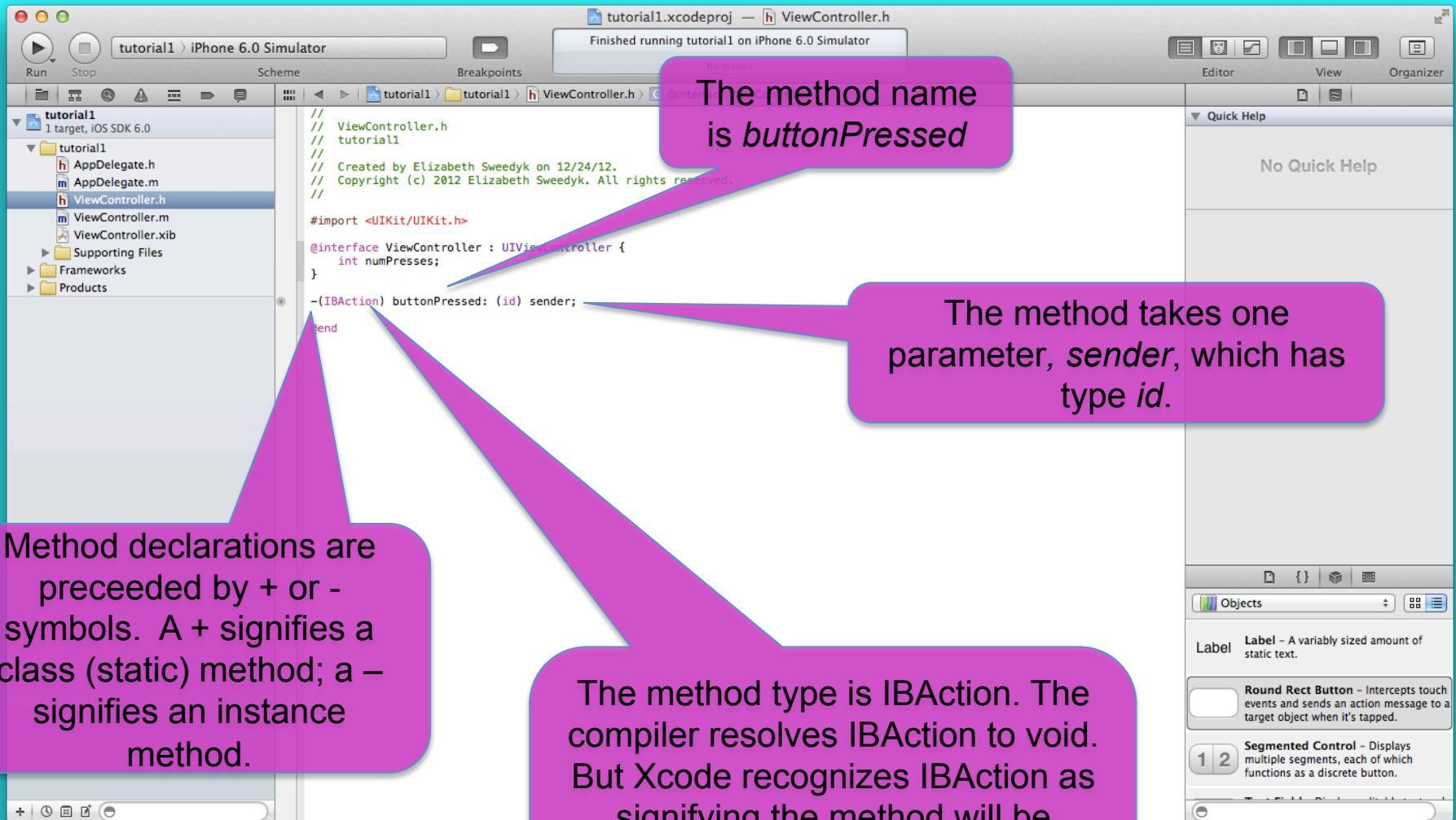
A purple callout box with a pointer to the `@interface` line contains the following text:

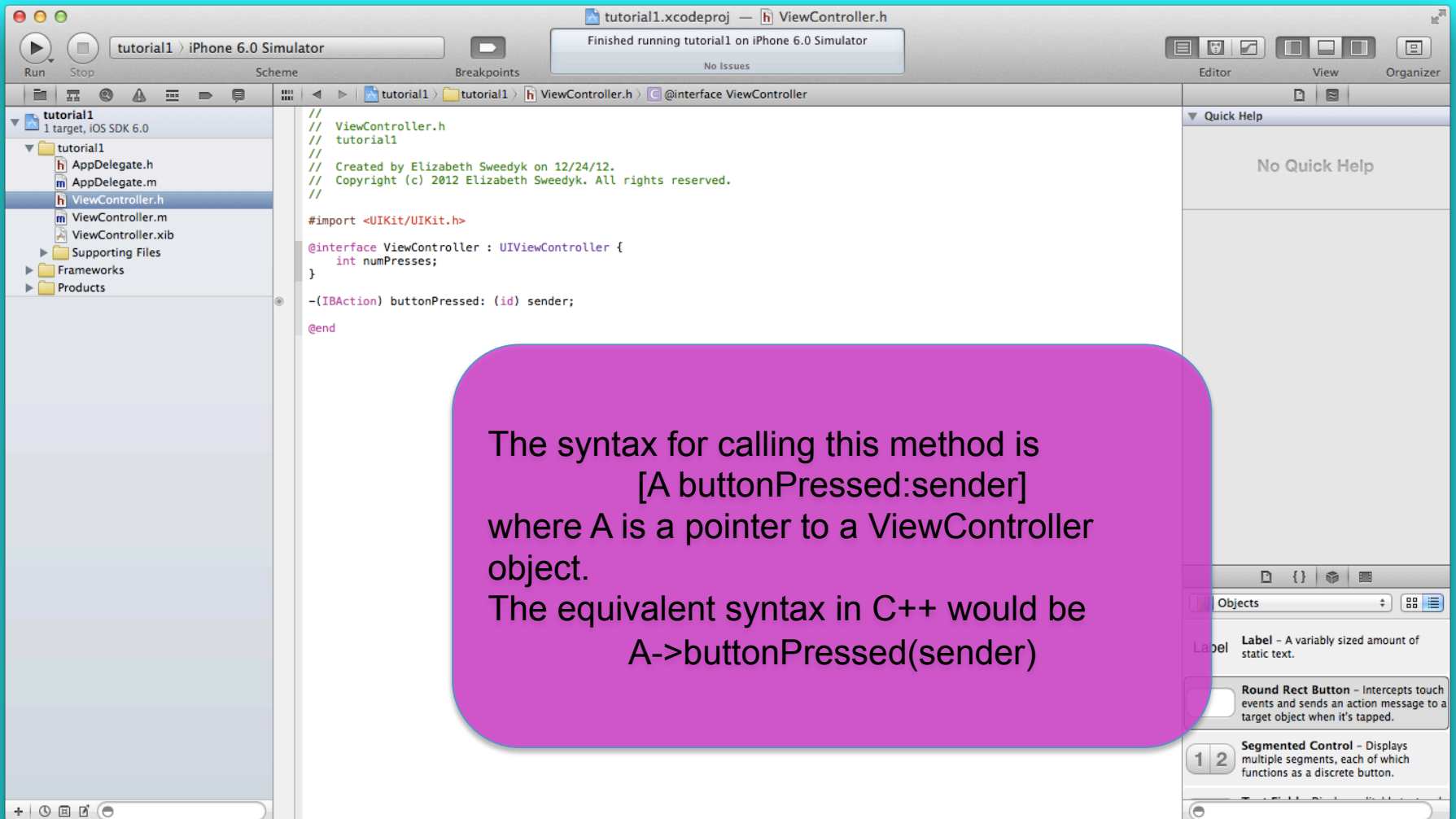
Class declarations in Objective-C have the following format:

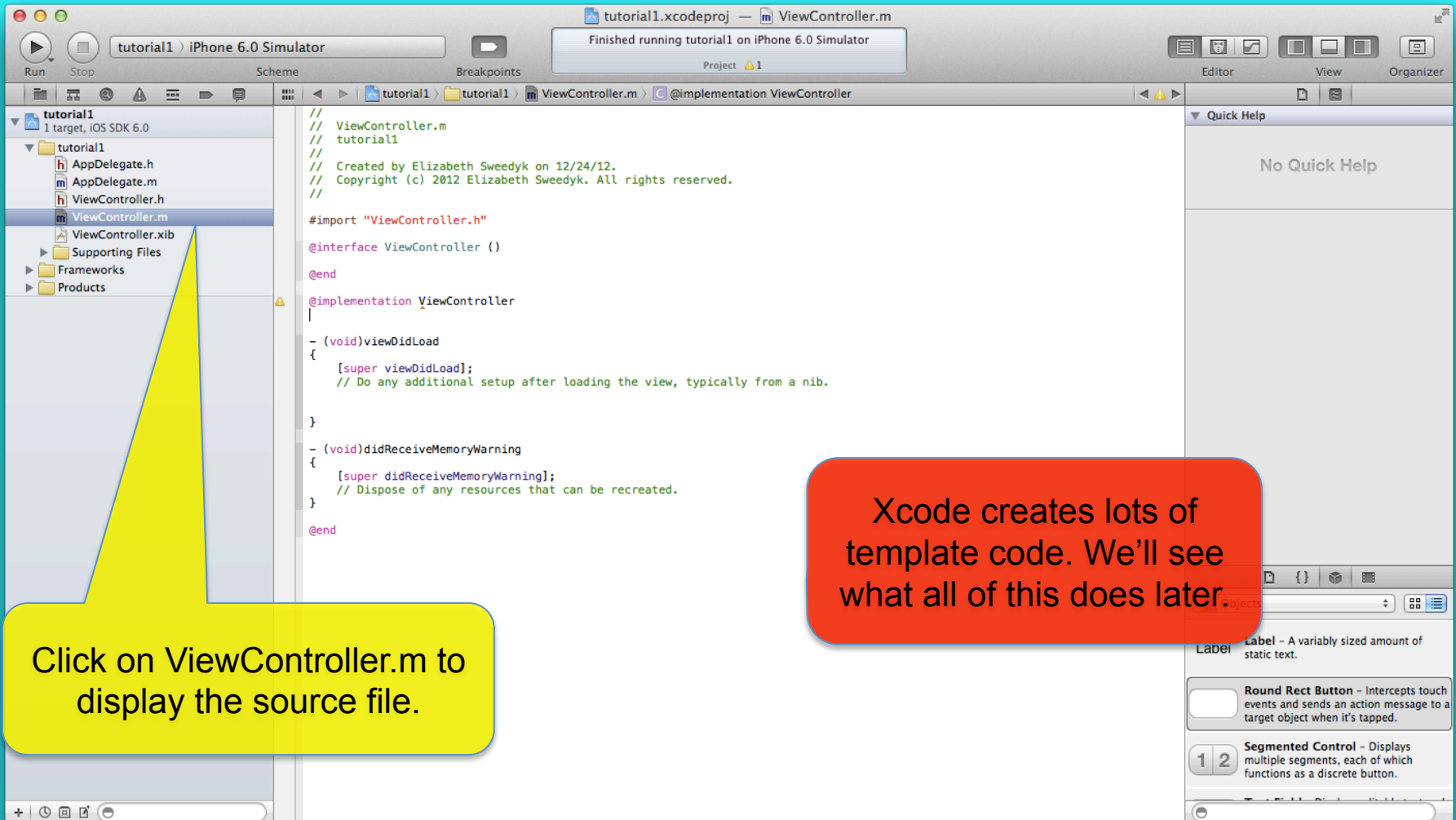
```
@interface newClassName: parentClassName
{
    // ClassMembers
}
// ClassMethods
@end
```

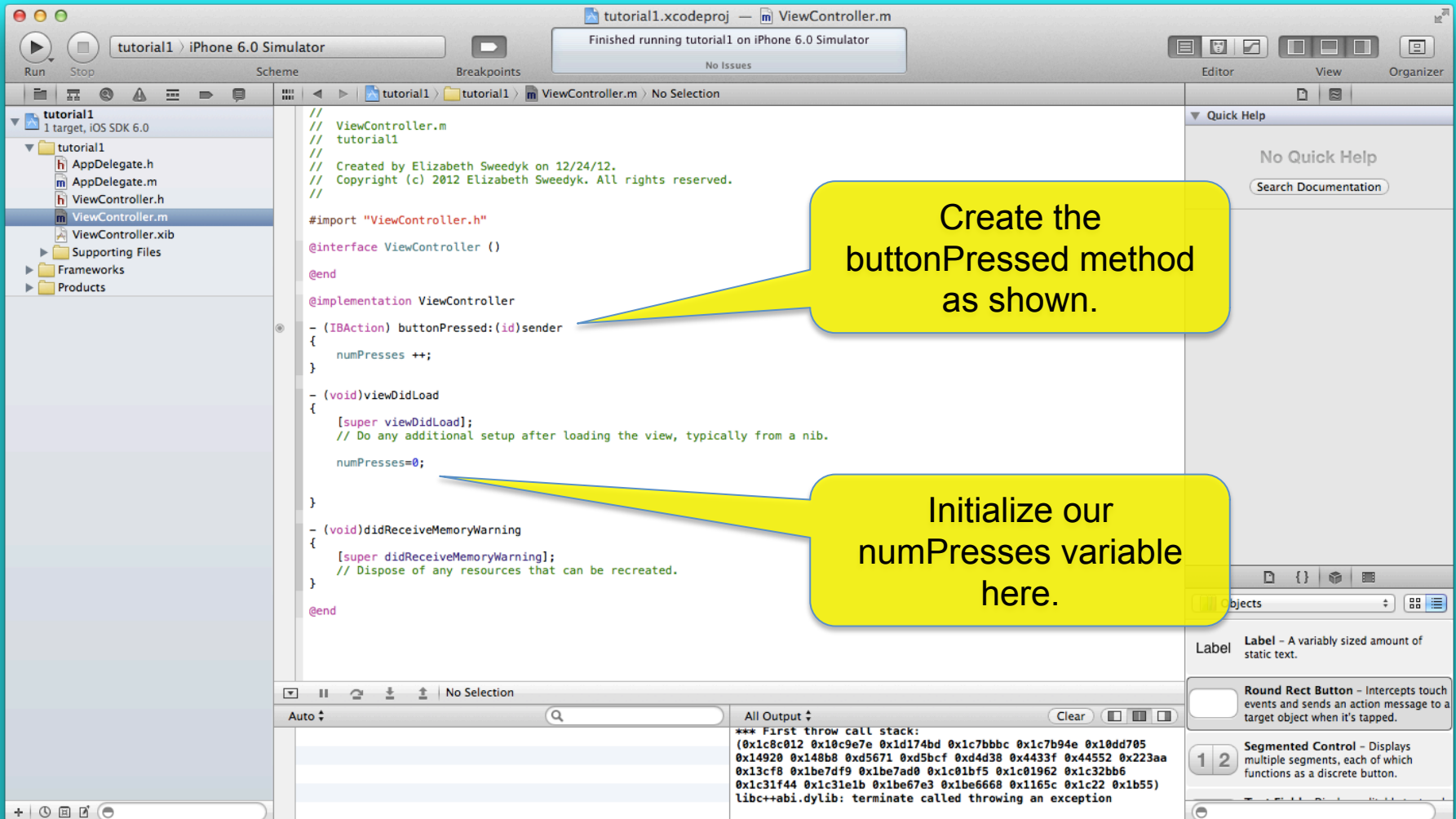
The curly brackets are optional when there are no class members.



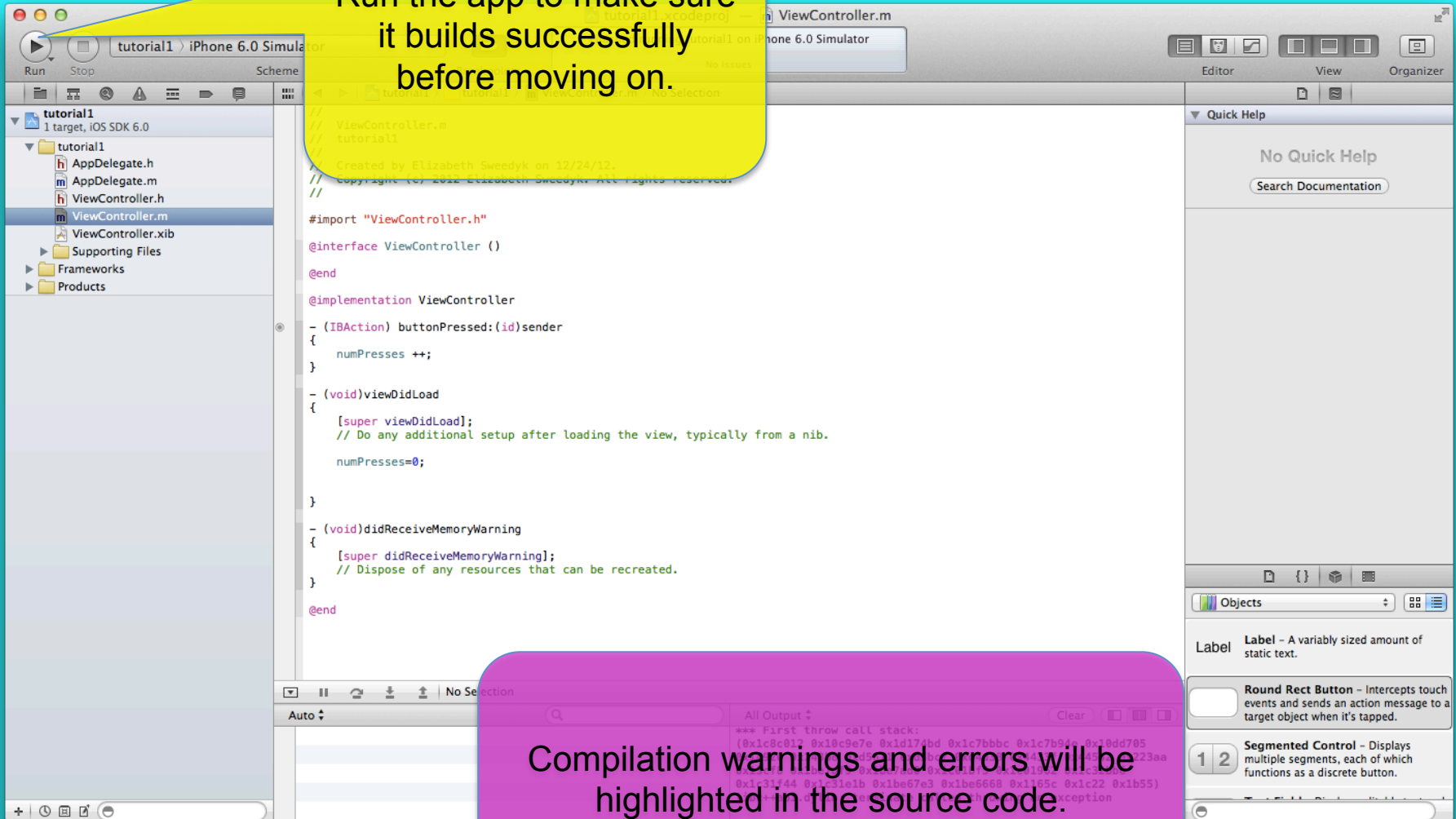






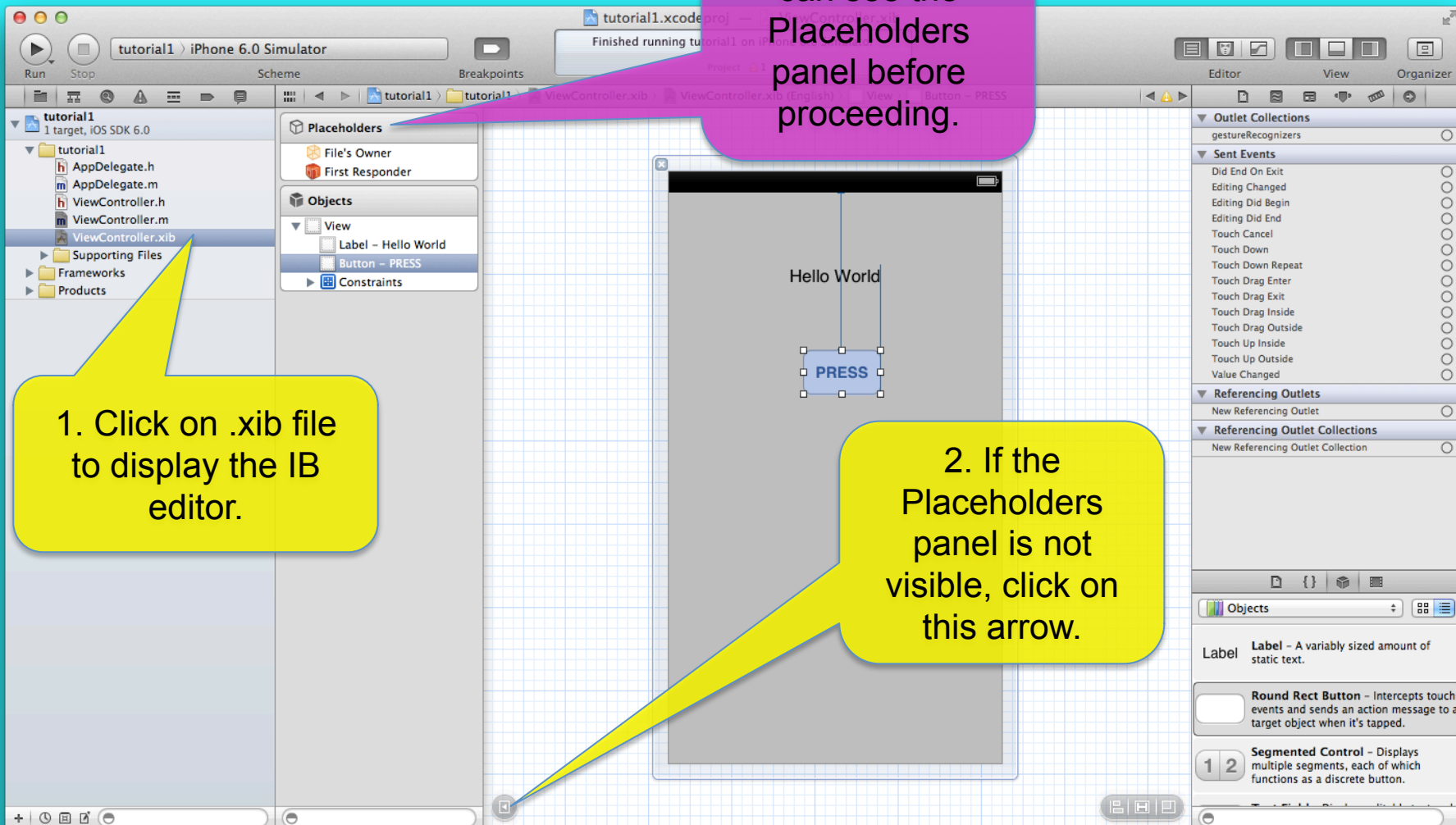


Run the app to make sure it builds successfully before moving on.



Compilation warnings and errors will be highlighted in the source code.

Next we need to “connect” our PRESS button in the UI to our buttonPressed method.



Make sure you can see the Placeholders panel before proceeding.

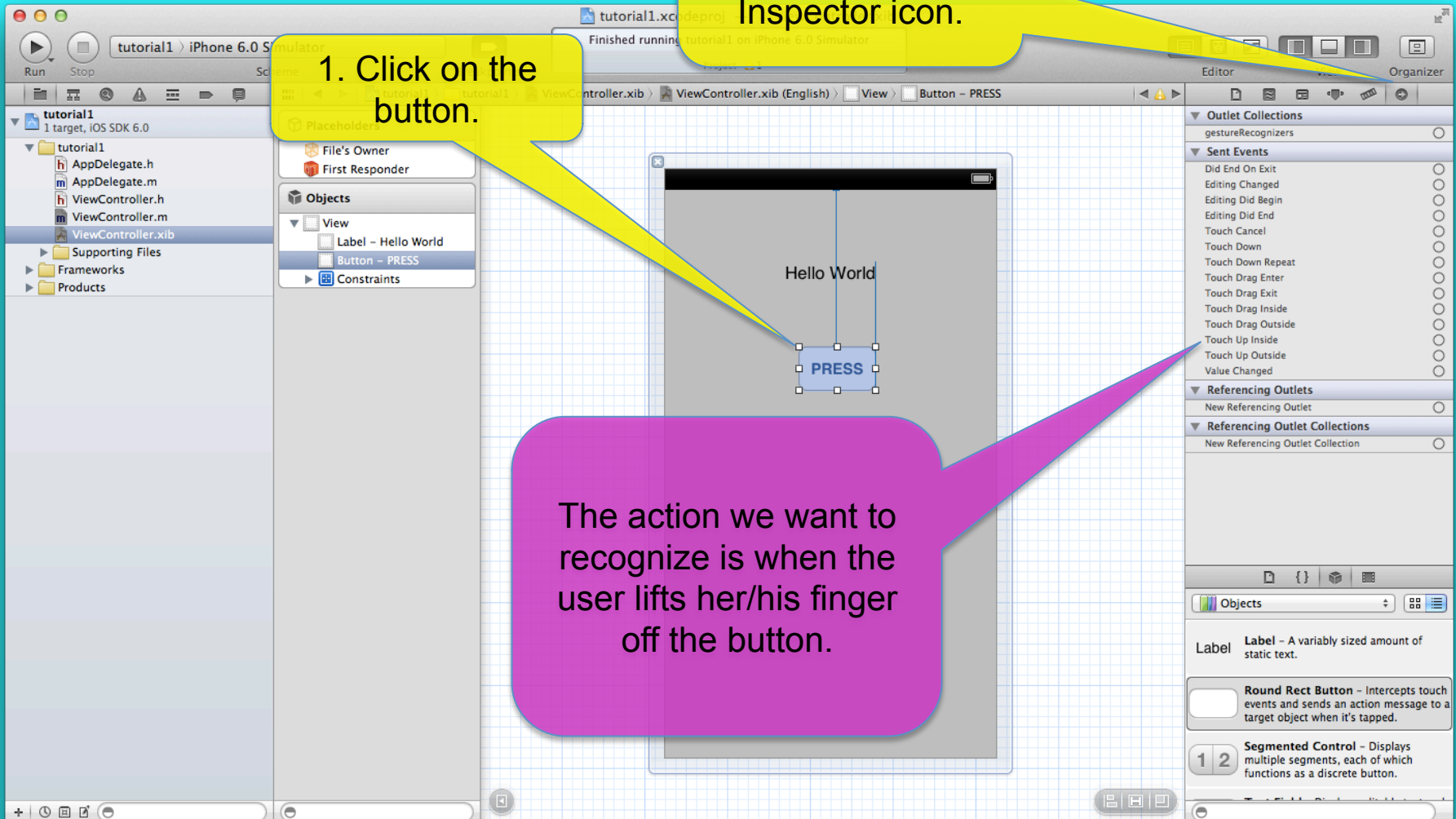
1. Click on .xib file to display the IB editor.

2. If the Placeholders panel is not visible, click on this arrow.

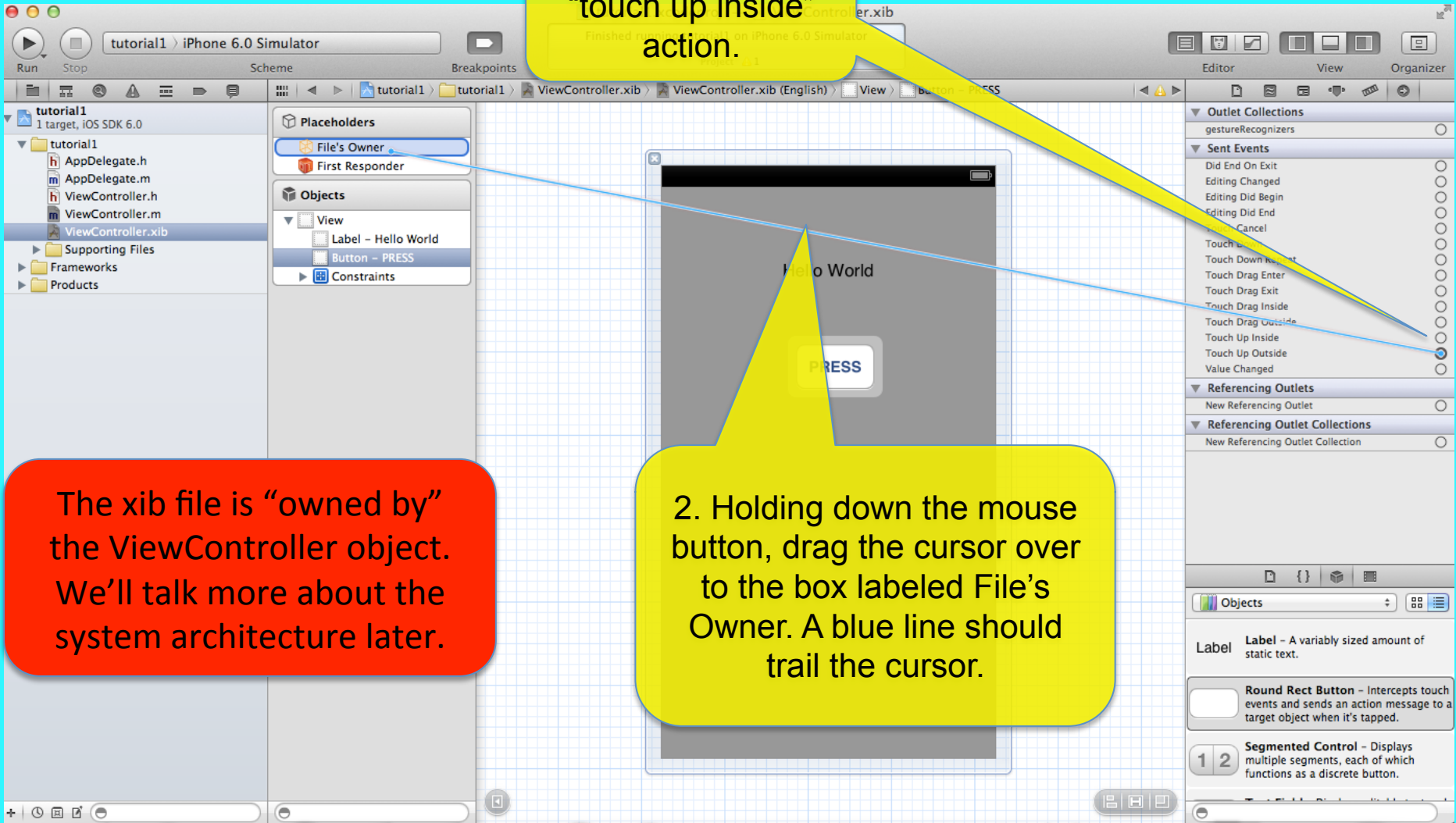
2. Click the Connections Inspector icon.

1. Click on the button.

The action we want to recognize is when the user lifts her/his finger off the button.

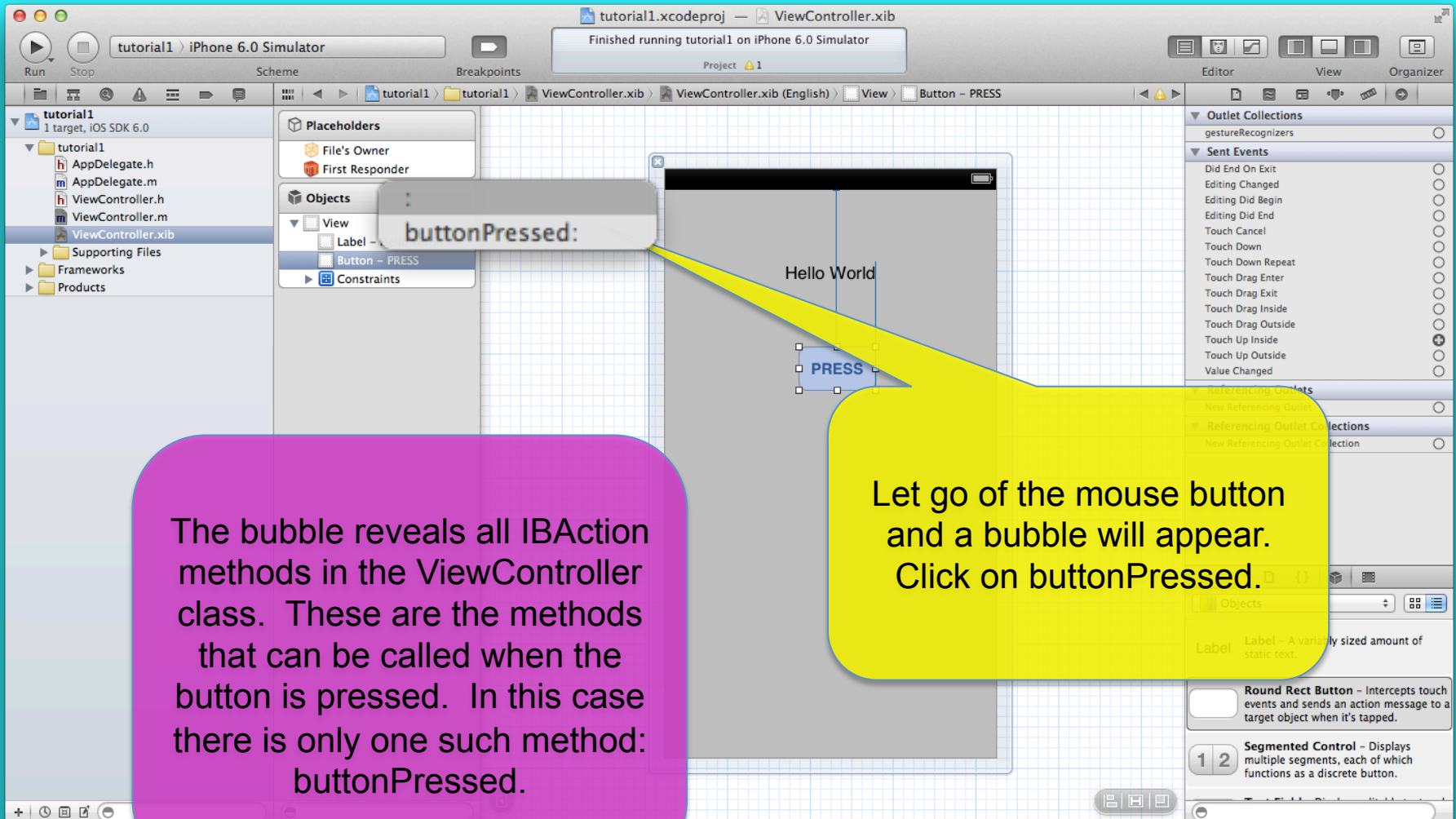


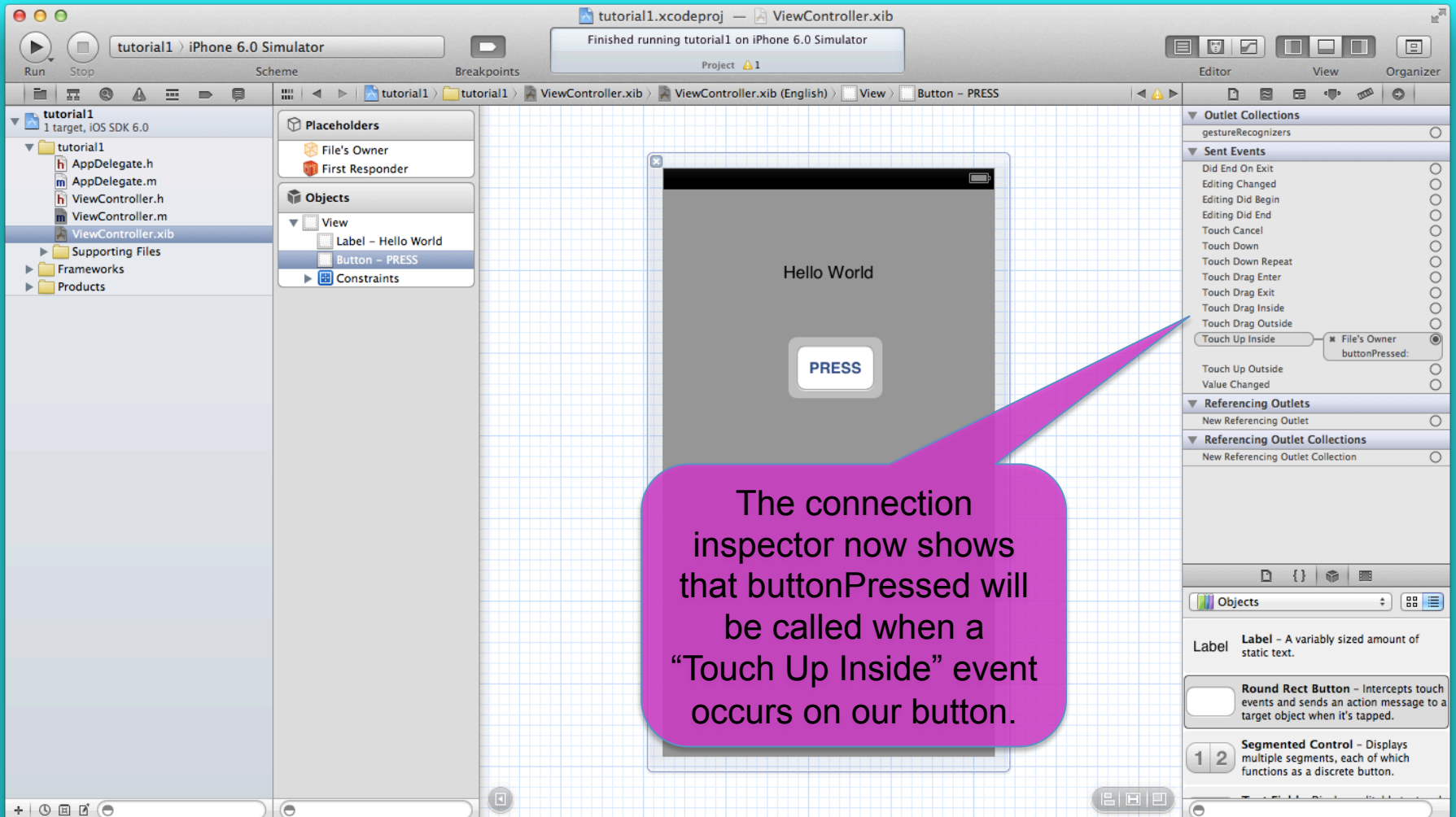
1. Click on the “touch up inside” action.



The xib file is “owned by” the ViewController object. We’ll talk more about the system architecture later.

2. Holding down the mouse button, drag the cursor over to the box labeled File’s Owner. A blue line should trail the cursor.

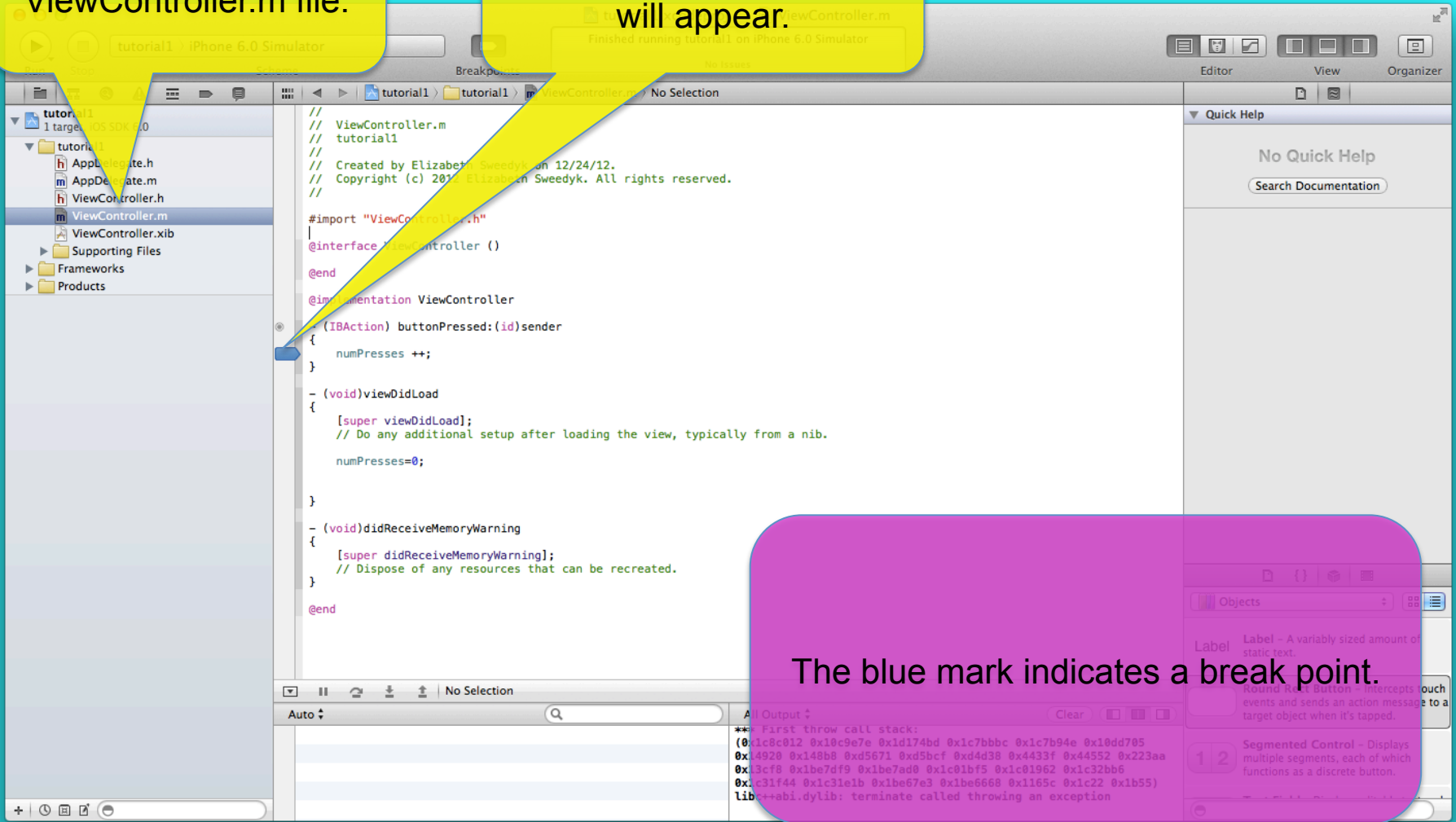




At this point the easiest way to check that we are counting button presses is in the debugger. (It is also a great time to introduce you to the debugger!)

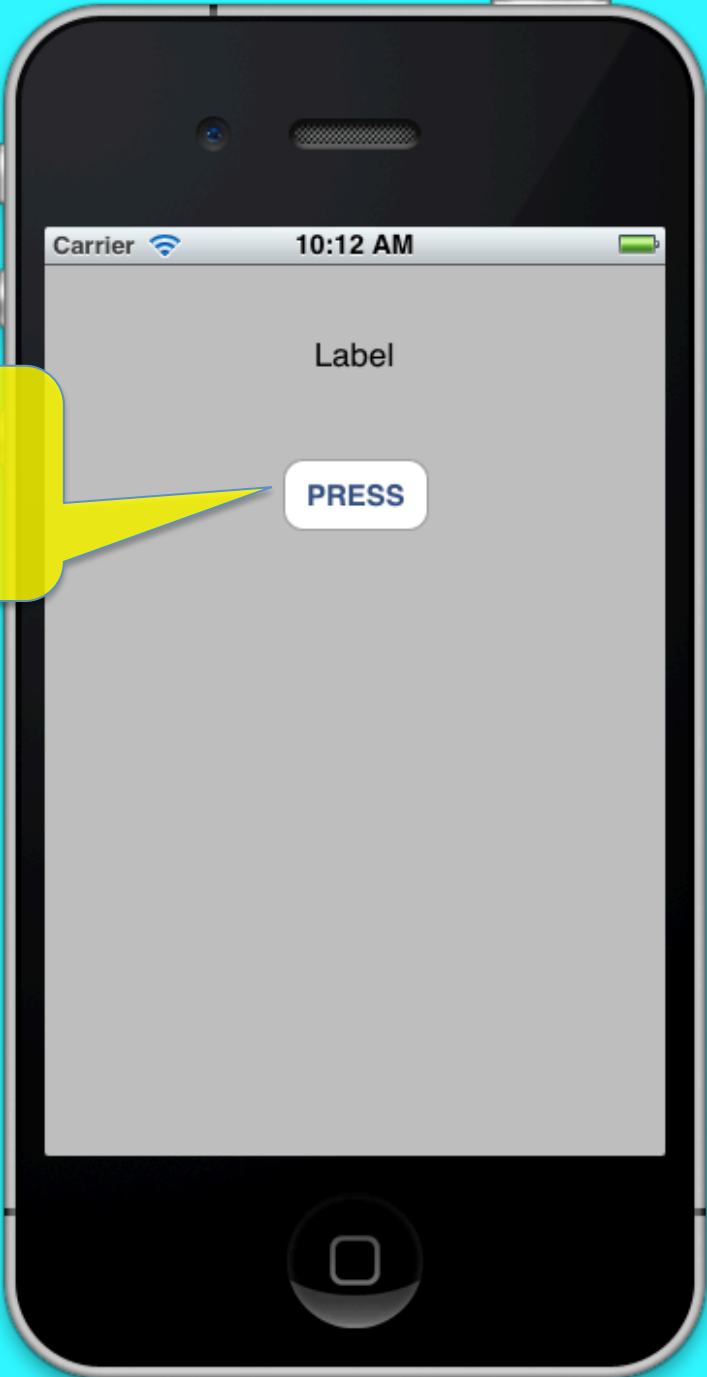
1. Open the
ViewController.m file.

2. Click here. A blue mark
will appear.



The blue mark indicates a break point.

Press the button!



1. If the console is not visible at the bottom of the editor panel, click here.

Execution stops at the breakpoint.

2. Click here to step past the breakpoint

Note: numPresses = 0.

The screenshot shows the Xcode IDE with a breakpoint set in the `buttonPressed:` method of `ViewController.m`. The console at the bottom displays the following variables:

```
Auto ↓  
▶ self = (ViewController *) 0x07155490  
▶ sender = (UIRoundedRectButton *) 0x07158810  
▼ numPresses = (int) 0
```

The console also shows the output `(lldb)`. The right-hand side of the IDE shows the Quick Help panel with information about UI components like Label, Round Rect Button, and Segmented Control.

tutorial1.xcodeproj — ViewController.m

Running tutorial1 on iPhone 6.0 Simulator

No Issues

Run Stop Scheme Breakpoints Editor View Organizer

tutorial1 Paused

Thread 1 com.apple.main-thread

- 0 -[ViewController buttonPressed:]
- 1 -[NSObject performSelector:wit...
- 20 UIApplicationMain
- 21 main

Thread 3 com.apple.libdispatch-manager

Thread 5 WebThread

Thread 6

```
// ViewController.m
// tutorial1
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#import "ViewController.h"

@interface ViewController ()
@end

@implementation ViewController

- (IBAction) buttonPressed:(id)sender
{
    numPreses ++;
}

- (void)viewDidLoad
{
    [super viewDidLoad];
    // Do any additional setup after loading the view, typically from a nib.
    numPreses=0;
}

- (void)didReceiveMemoryWarning
{
    [super didReceiveMemoryWarning];
    // Dispose of any resources that can be recreated.
}

@end
```

Thread 1: step over

Now numPreses = 1.

Auto ↓

- self = (ViewController *) 0x07155400
- sender = (UIRoundedRectButton *) 0x07158810
- numPreses = (int) 1

All Output ↓

(lldb)

Quick Help

No Quick Help

Objects

- Label - A variably sized amount of static text.
- Round Rect Button - Intercepts touch events and sends an action message to a target object when it's tapped.
- Segmented Control - Displays multiple segments, each of which functions as a discrete button.

Next we will display the number of button presses in the label field.

Our viewController needs to provide a UILabel reference to the “screen.”

1. Open the
ViewController.h file.

The screenshot shows the Xcode IDE with the ViewController.h file open. The code is as follows:

```
// ViewController.h
// tutorial1
// Created by Elizabeth Sweedyk on 12/24/12.
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//

#import <UIKit/UIKit.h>

@interface ViewController : UIViewController {
    int numPresses;
    UILabel* IBOutlet numPressesLabel;
}

-(UILabel*) getNumPressesLabel;
-(IBAction) buttonPressed: (id) sender;

@end
```

Two yellow callout boxes provide instructions:

- Box 2: "2. Add this variable to store a pointer to our UILabel." (points to the line `UILabel* IBOutlet numPressesLabel;`)
- Box 3: "3. Add this getter function for the UILabel." (points to the line `-(UILabel*) getNumPressesLabel;`)

The interface on the right shows the 'Objects' panel with a 'Label' selected, and a description: "Label - A variably sized amount of static text."

The screenshot shows the Xcode IDE with the following code in `ViewController.h`:

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//  
#import <UIKit/UIKit.h>  
  
@interface ViewController : UIViewController {  
    int numPresses;  
    UILabel* IBOutlet numPressesLabel;  
}  
  
-(UILabel*) getNumPressesLabel;  
-(IBAction) buttonPressed: (id) sender;  
  
@end
```

Callout 1 (bottom left): Objects cannot be statically allocated in Objective-C! All objects are accessed via pointers and allocated at run time. (Try making numPressesLabel a UILabel rather than a UILabel*.)

Callout 2 (right): The IBOutlet keyword is ignored by the compiler. Similar to IBAction, the IBOutlet keyword signifies to xcode that the variable can be connected to a UI element created in the IB. (See slide 52.)

The right sidebar shows the 'Objects' panel with a list of UI elements: Label, Round Rect Button, and Segmented Control.

1. Open the
ViewController.m file.

```
ViewController.m
//
// Created by Elizabeth Sweedyk on 1/21/13.
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//

#import "ViewController.h"

@interface ViewController ()
@end

@implementation ViewController

-(UILabel*) getNumPressesLabel
{
    return numPressesLabel;
}

-(IBAction)buttonPressed:(id)sender
{
    numPresses++;
    numPressesLabel.text = [[NSString alloc] initWithFormat:@"%d", numPresses];
}

-(void)viewDidLoad
{
    [super viewDidLoad];
    // Do any additional setup after loading the view, typically from a nib.

    numPresses=0;
    numPressesLabel.text = [[NSString alloc] initWithFormat:@"%d", numPresses];
}

-(void)didReceiveMemoryWarning
{
    [super didReceiveMemoryWarning];
    // Dispose of any resources that can be recreated.
}

@end
```

2. Create the getter
function.

3. Update the label
when the button is
pressed.

4. initialize the label.

```
numPressesLabel.text = [[NSString alloc] initWithFormat:@"%d",numPresses;]
```

We are going to set the *text* field of our UILabel object.

In C++ we'd say *numPressesLabel->text = ...* because *numPressesLabel* is a pointer.

But the only way to access an object in Objective-C is through a pointer and the dot notation is used.

The good news is you don't have to remember whether you have an object or a pointer to an object; in Objective-C it will always be the latter.

```
numPressesLabel.text = [[NSString alloc] initWithFormat:@"%d",numPresses;]
```

text is a data member of the UILabel class. It is a pointer to a string; more specifically a pointer to an NSString, which is iOS's string class.

NSString is immutable. (There is another string class that is mutable.) If we want to change the string pointed to by *text* we have to allocate new space and initialize it.

```
numPressesLabel.text = [[NSString alloc] initWithFormat:@"%d",numPresses;]
```

Object creation is a two step process. We first allocate space for the string with [NSString alloc].

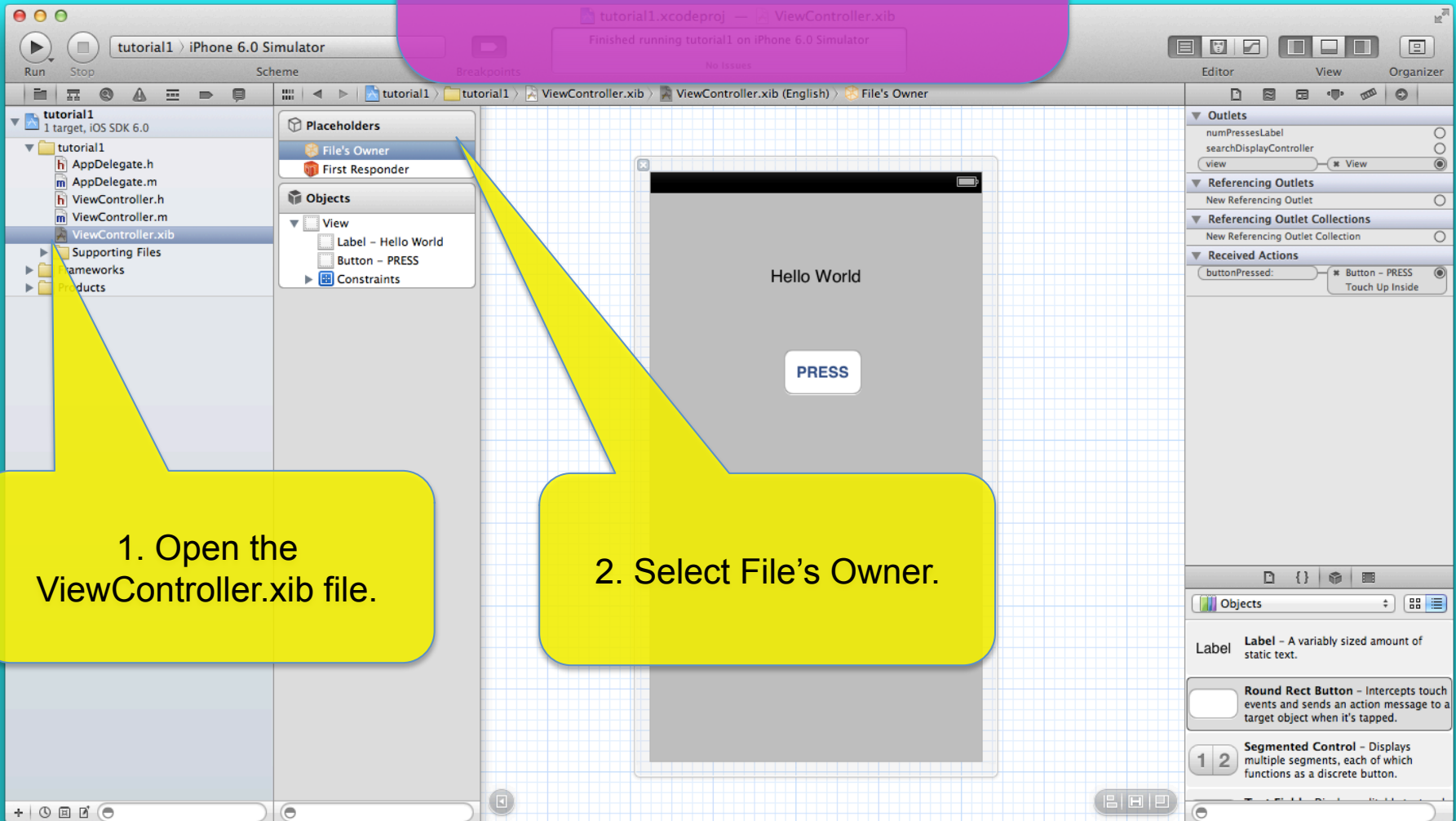
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```

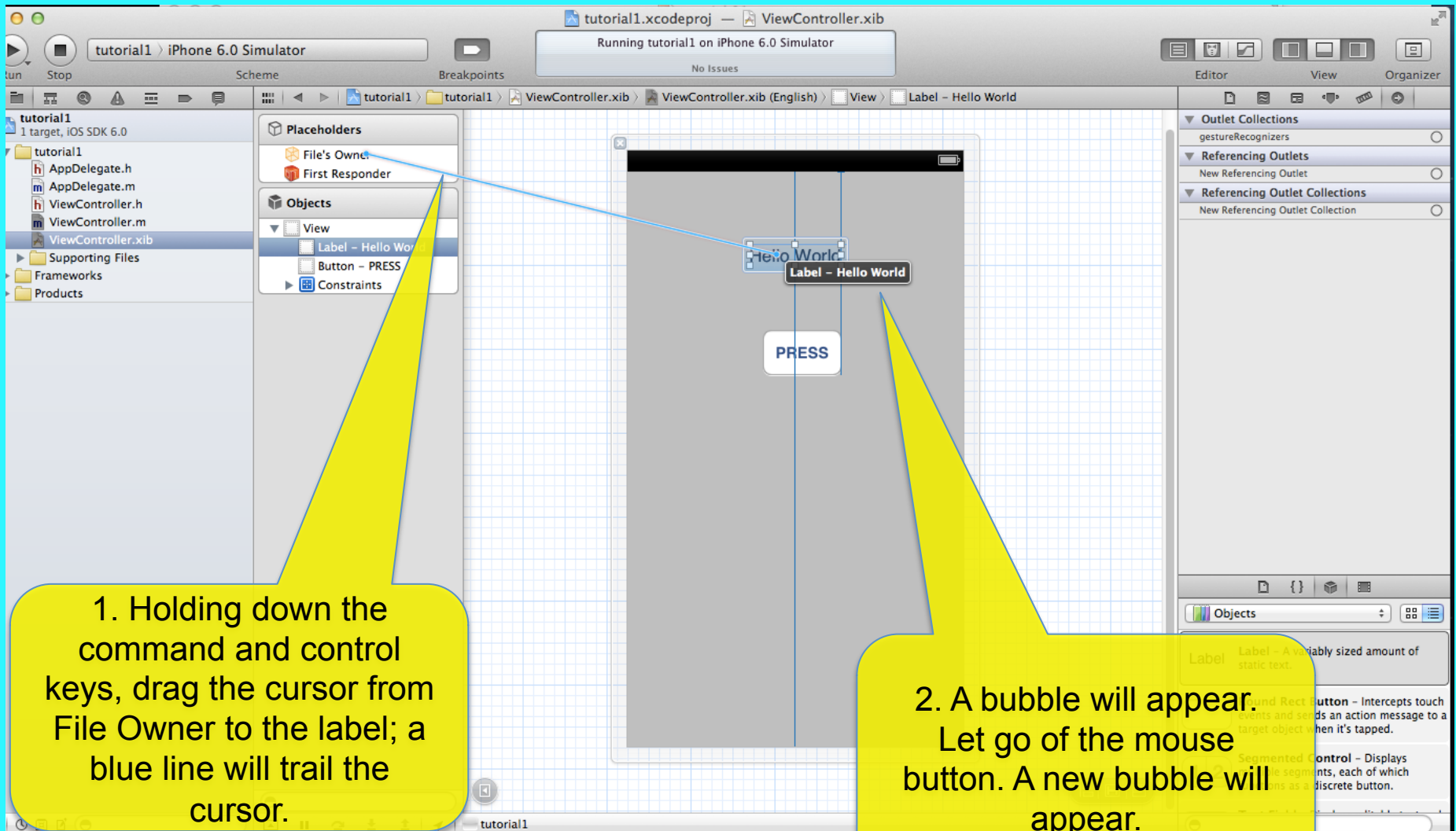
The second step is to initialize the newly allocated space.

NSString has a variety of initialization methods; here we use *initWithFormat*.

Note an @ before a string means it is an NSString as opposed to a C-style string.

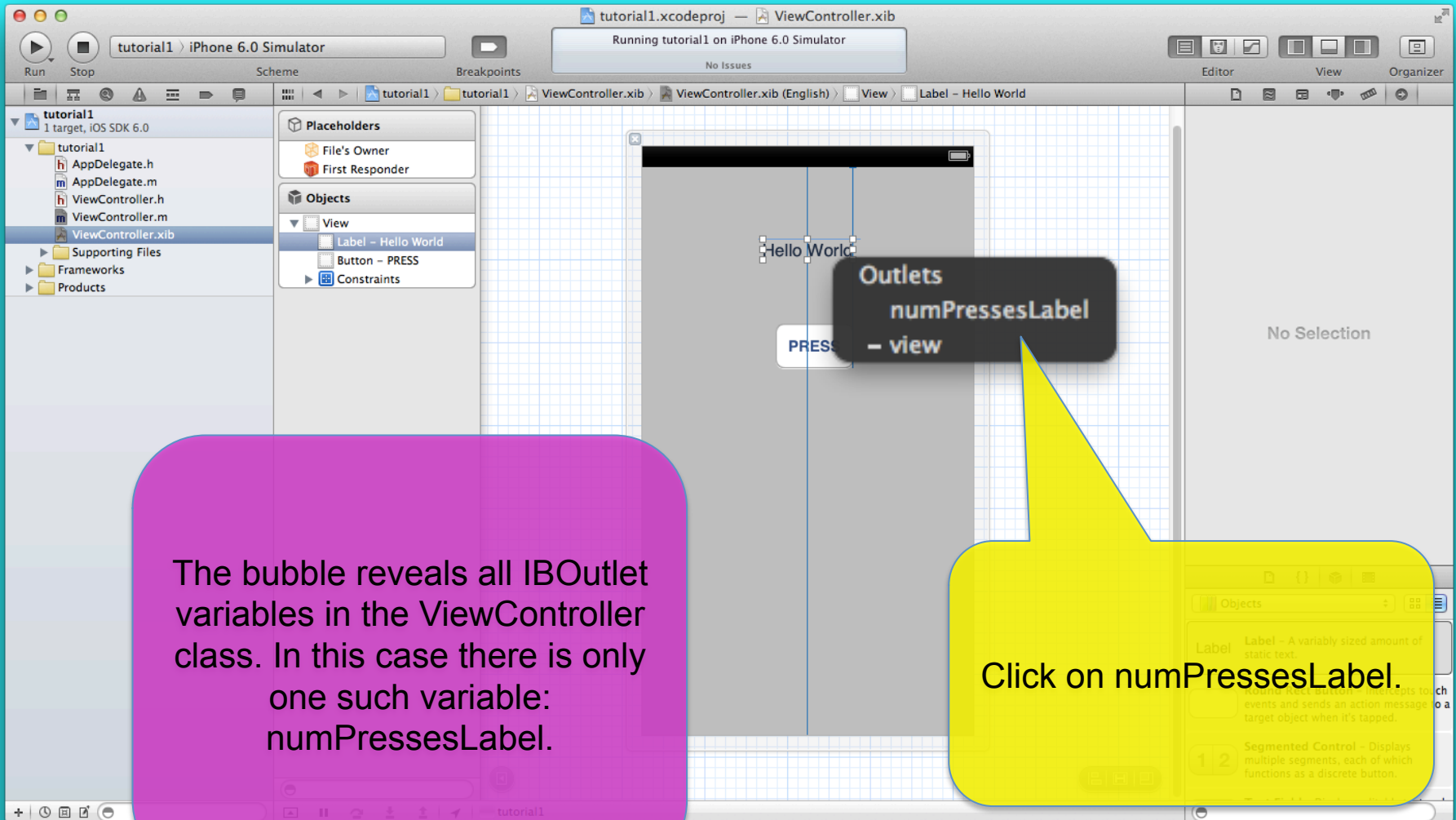
Now we'll connect *numPressesLabel* to the label on the screen.

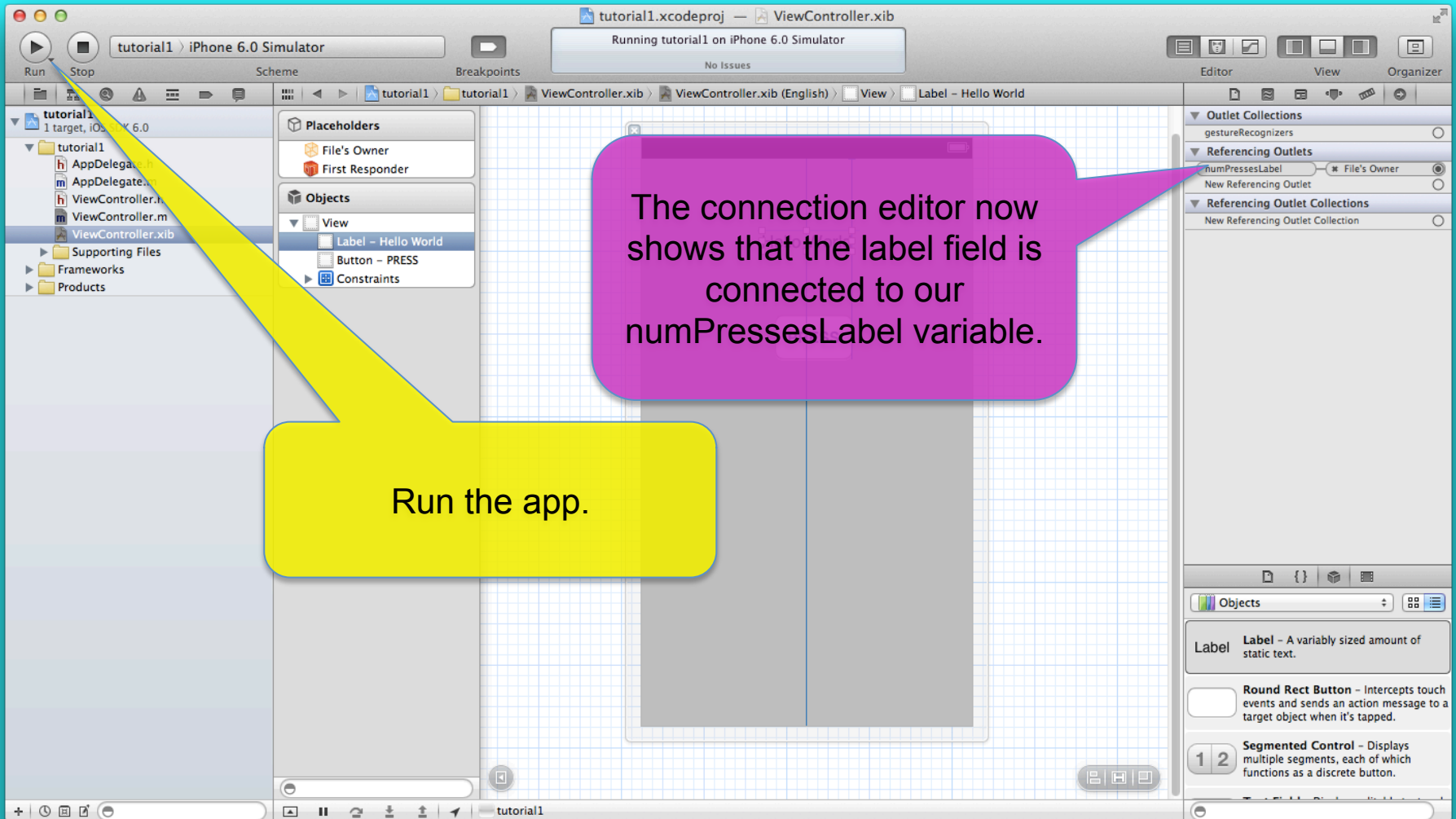


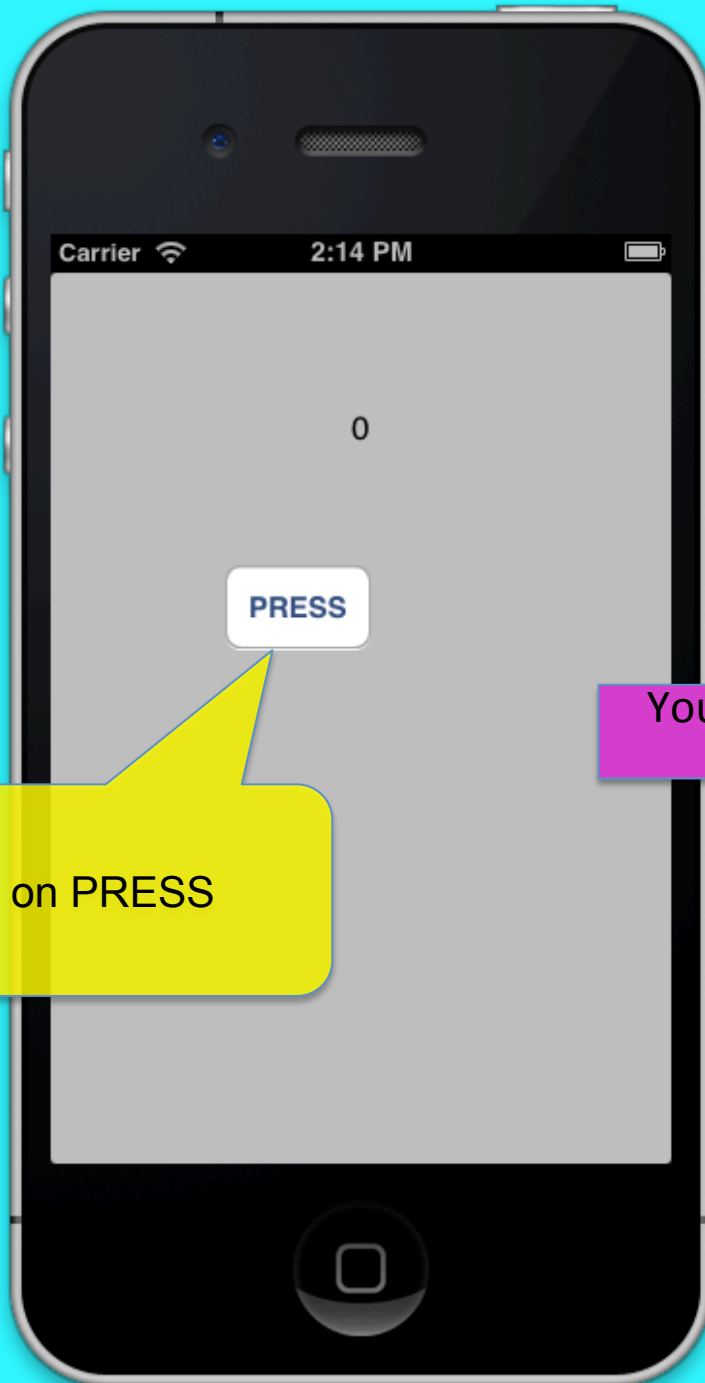


1. Holding down the command and control keys, drag the cursor from File Owner to the label; a blue line will trail the cursor.

2. A bubble will appear. Let go of the mouse button. A new bubble will appear.

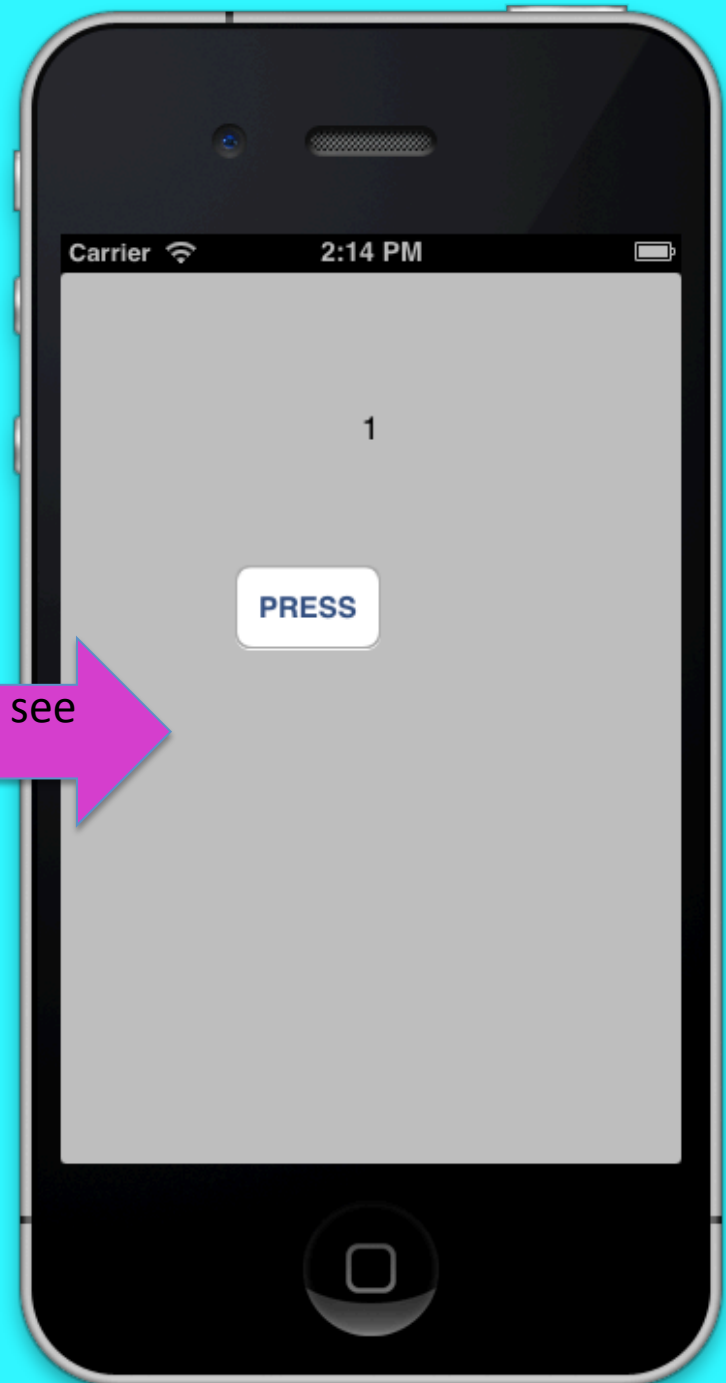






Click on PRESS

You should see this!



Next you are going to modify the app so that there are two buttons labeled 0 and 1. The text field of the UILabel should say “The last button pressed was n”, where n is either 0 or 1.

There are two things you need to know.

The screenshot shows the Xcode IDE with the following components:

- Top Bar:** Run, Stop, Scheme (tutorial1), Breakpoints, No Issues, Editor, View, Organizer.
- Left Panel:** By File, By Type, No Issues.
- Code Editor:** ViewController.m with the following code:

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//

#import "ViewController.h"

@interface ViewController ()
@end

@implementation ViewController

-(UILabel*) getNumPressesLabel
{
    return numPressesLabel;
}

-(IBAction)buttonPressed:(id)sender
{
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    numPressesLabel.text = [[NSString alloc] initWithFormat:@"%d", numPresses];
}

-(void)viewDidLoad
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}

-(void)didReceiveMemoryWarning
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    [super didReceiveMemoryWarning];
    // Dispose of any resources that can be recreated.
}

@end
```
- Right Panel:** Quick Help (No Quick Help), Search Documentation, Objects (Label, Round Rect Button, Segmented Control).

Callout Box: This "sender" is a pointer to the button object that was pressed. We can query that object. For example [sender currentTitle] returns the title of the button. In our current program this would be the NSString @"PRESS".

The second is how to construct the NSString @"The last button pressed was n" where n is either 0 or 1.
See if you can figure out! Help will be provided on request.

Zip up your project folder and
move it to your Sakai dropbox
for cs121.