iOS Application Development
Lecture 4: Navigation and Workflow

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Auto Layout

Swift

- Optionals
- Type casting and inspection
- Guard
- Enumerations

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Variables with nil

```
struct Book {
    var name: String
    var publicationYear: Int
}

let firstHarryPotter = Book(name: "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone", 
publicationYear: 1997)
let secondHarryPotter = Book(name: "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets", 
publicationYear: 1998)
```

```
let unannouncedBook = Book(name: "Rebels and Lions", publicationYear: 0)
```

- Zero isn't accurate, because that would mean the book is over 2,000 years old.

```
let unannouncedBook = Book(name: "Rebels and Lions", publicationYear: nil)
```


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Optionals

- Normal variable in Swift **cannot** be nil

```
var string = nil // error!!
```

- Optionals contain either an instance of the expected type or nothing at all (nil).

```
var string: String? = nil // this works

var string: String? = "string" // this works as well
```

```
struct Book {
    var name: String
    var publicationYear: Int?
}
```

Working with Optionals

- Optionals can be unwrapped using the **force-unwrap** operator **!**:

```
let unwrappedYear = publicationYear! //runtime error
```

- Before unwrapping an optional we need to make sure the value is not **nil**:

```
if publicationYear != nil {
    let actualYear = publicationYear!
    print(actualYear)
}
```

- Shorter version:

```
if let actualYear = publicationYear {
   print(actualYear)
}
else { }
```

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Working with Optionals

- Unwrapping multiple optionals:

```
if let actualYear = publicationYear {
    if let bookEdition = edition {
        print(actualYear,bookEdition)
    }
}
```

```
if let actualYear = publicationYear,
   let bookEdition = edition {
        print(actualYear,bookEdition)
   }
```

- Optionals in functions:

```
func textFromURL(url: URL?) -> String?
{
    return nil
}
```

- Failable initializers:

```
init?()
{
    return nil
}
```

Optional Chaining

- Unwrapping nested optionals:

```
class Person {
    var age: Int
    var residence: Residence?
}
class Residence {
    var address: Address?
}
class Address {
    var buildingNumber: String
    var streetName: String
    var apartmentNumber: String?
}
```

```
if let theResidence = person.residence {
  if let theAddress = theResidence.address {
     if let theApartmentNumber =
            theAddress.apartmentNumber {
               print("He/she lives in apartment
                  number \(theApartmentNumber).")
     }
  }
}
```

- Shorter version:

```
if let theApartmentNumber = person.residence?.address?.apartmentNumber {
    print("He/she lives in apartment number \(theApartmentNumber).")
}
```

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Type Casting

```
class Vehicle {}

class Car : Vehicle {}

class Motorcycle  : Vehicle {}

func allVehicles() -> [Vehicle] {
    //returns the all vehicles
}

let vehicles = allVehicles()

for vehicle in vehicles {
    if let car = vehicle as? Car {
        //..
    } else if let motorcycle =
                vehicle as? Motorcycle {
       // ..
    }
}
```

- Force cast:

```
let cars = allVehiclesFrom
(manufacturer: "Porsche") as! [Car]
```

- Use as! only when you are certain that the specific type is correct.
- If not your app will crash

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The Any Type

- The `Any` type can represent an instance of any type: String,Double, func, struct, class …

```
var items: [Any] = [5,"Tom", 6.7, Car()]
if let firstItem = items[0] as? Int {
    print(firstItem+4) //9
}
```

- The `AnyObject` type can represent any class within Swift, but not a structure.

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The Guard Command

```
func singHappyBirthday() {

    if birthdayIsToday {

        if invitedGuests > 0 {
            if cakeCandlesLit {
                print("Happy Birthday to you!")
            } else {
                print("The cake's candles
                       haven't been lit.")
            }
        } else {
            print("It's just a family party.")
        }
    } else {
        print("No one has a birthday today.")
    }
}
```

```
guard condition else {
    //false: execute some code
}
//true: execute some code
```

```
func singHappyBirthday() {
    guard birthdayIsToday else {
        print("No one has a birthday today.")
        return
    }
    guard invitedGuests > 0 else {
        print("It's just a family party.")
        return
    }
    guard cakeCandlesLit else {
        print("The cake's candles haven’t
               been lit.")
        return
    }
    print("Happy Birthday to you!")
}
```


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Guard

- If statements only allow access to the constant within the braces.

```
if let eggs = goose.eggs {
    print("The goose laid \(eggs.count) eggs.")
}
//`eggs` is not accessible here
```

- Guard statements allow access to the constant throughout the rest of the function

```
guard let eggs = goose.eggs else
{ return }
//`eggs` is accessible hereafter
print("The goose laid \(eggs.count) eggs."
```

- Unwrapping multiple optionals:

```
func processBook(title: String?, price: Double?, pages: Int?) {
    guard let theTitle = title, let thePrice = price, let thePages = pages else { return }
    print("\(theTitle) costs $\(price) and has \(pages) pages.")
}
```

Enumerations

- Define a enumeration:

```
enum CompassPoint {
    case north
    case east
    case south
    case west
}
```

```
enum CompassPoint {
    case north, east, south, west
}
```

- Using enumerations:

```
var compassHeading: CompassPoint = .west

var compassHeading = CompassPoint.west

// The compiler assigns `compassHeading` as a `CompassPoint`

compassHeading = .north
```

Enumerations

- Type safety benefits:

```
struct Movie {
    var name: String
    var releaseYear: Int
    var genre: String
}
```

```
let movie = Movie(name: "Finding Dory",
                  releaseYear: 2016,
                  genre: "Aminated")
```

```
let movie = Movie(name: "Finding Dory",
                  releaseYear: 2016,
                  genre: “Tom")
```

```
enum Genre {
    case animated, action, romance,
         documentary, biography, thriller
}

struct Movie {
    var name: String
    var releaseYear: Int
    var genre: Genre
}

let movie = Movie(name: "Finding Dory",
releaseYear: 2016,
    genre: .animated)
```


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Segues and Navigation Controllers

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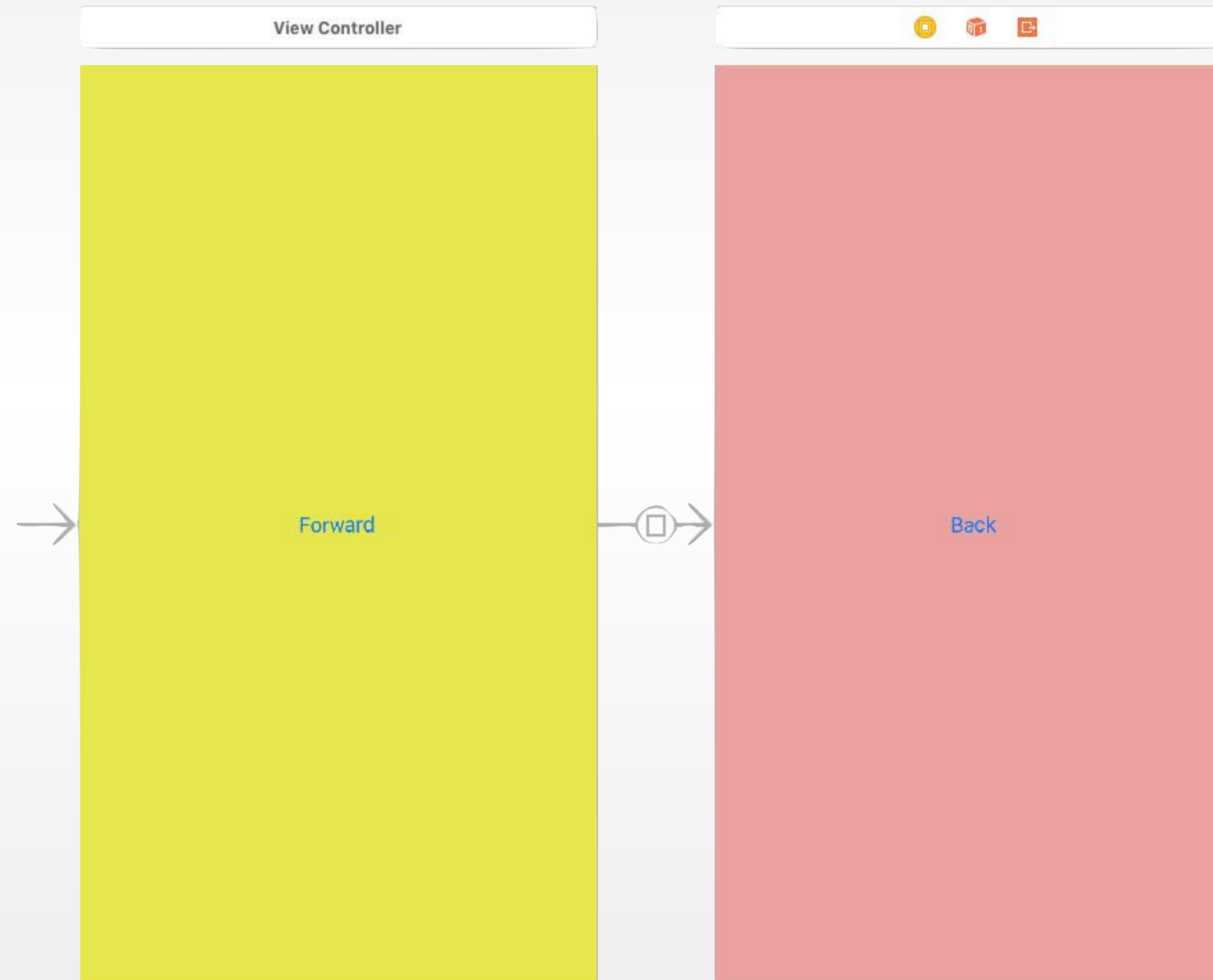
Segues



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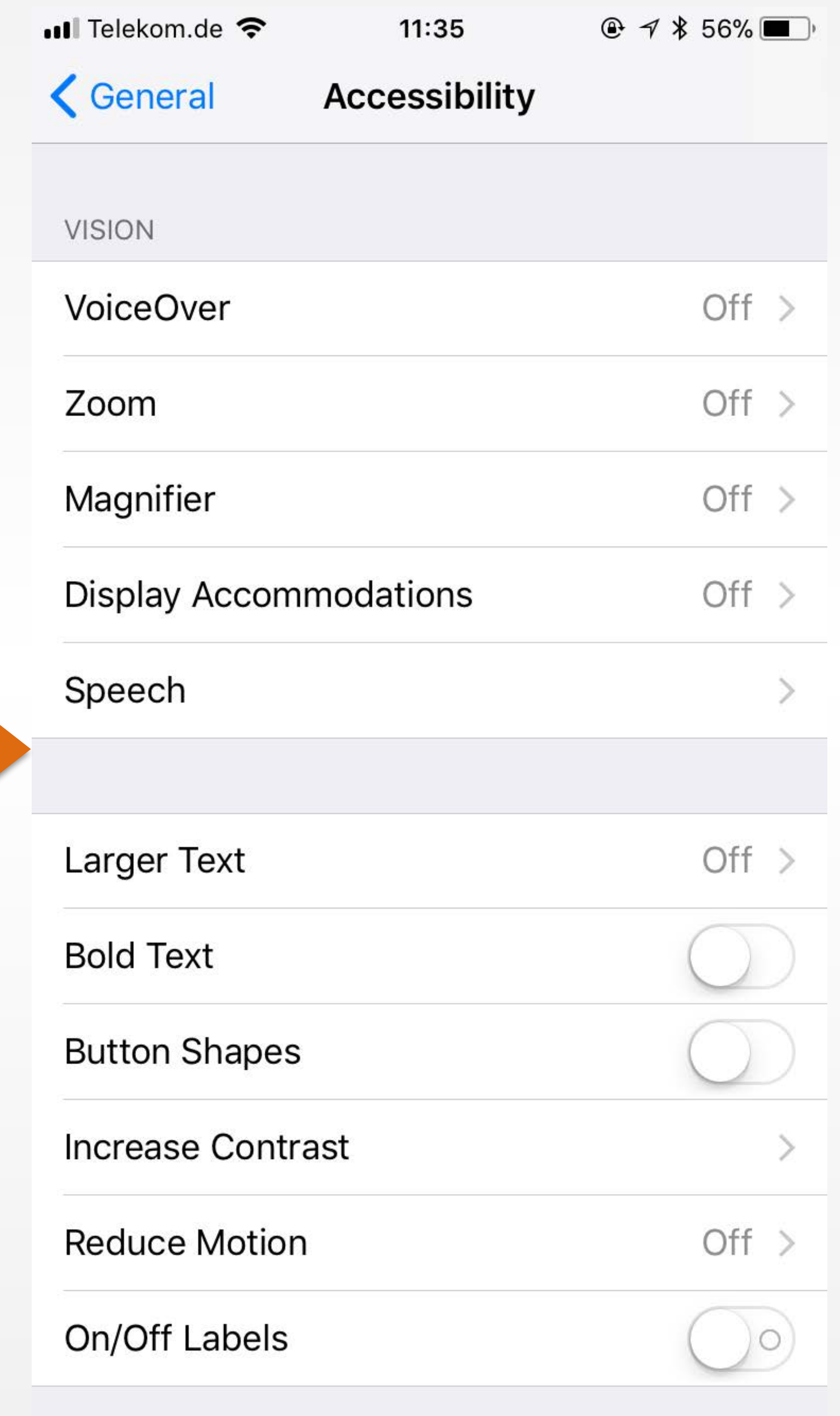
Segue Demo

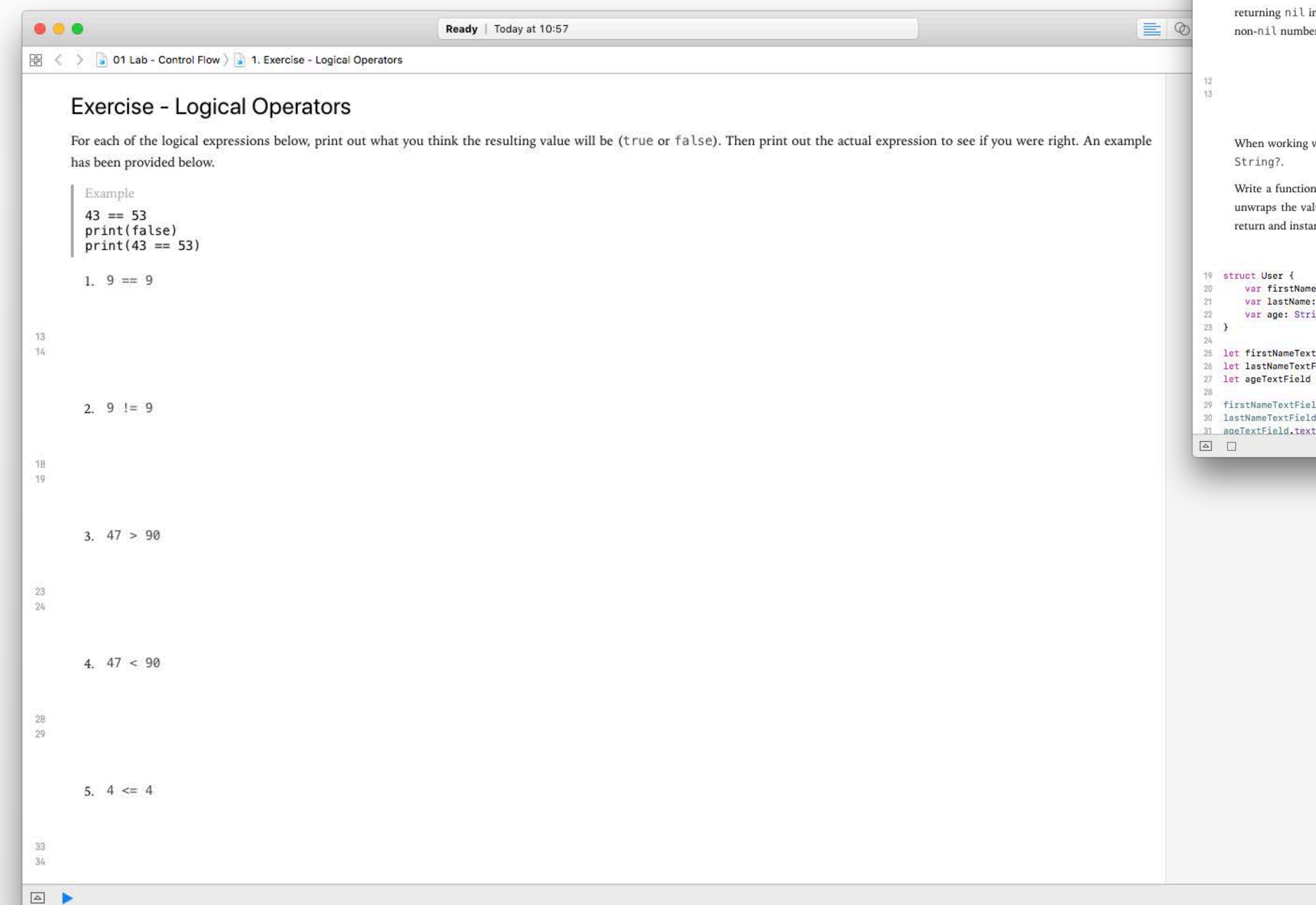
Navigation Controllers

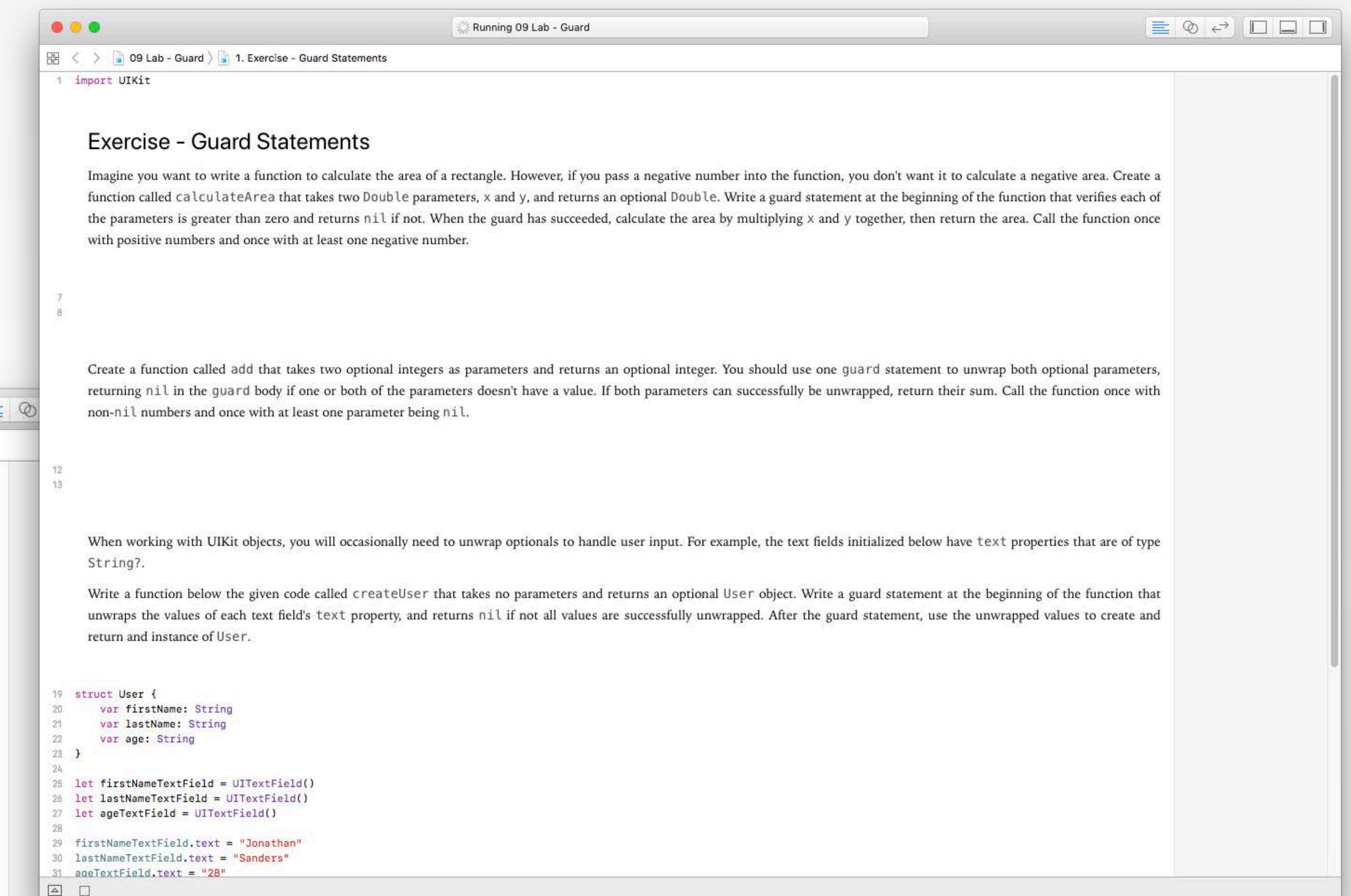


Navigation Controllers Demo

Playgrounds

- Start learning Swift by going through the 10 Playgrounds in L2P
  - Control Flow
  - Strings
  - Functions
  - Structures
  - Classes
  - Loops
  - Optionals
  - Type Casting
  - Guard
  - Enumerations





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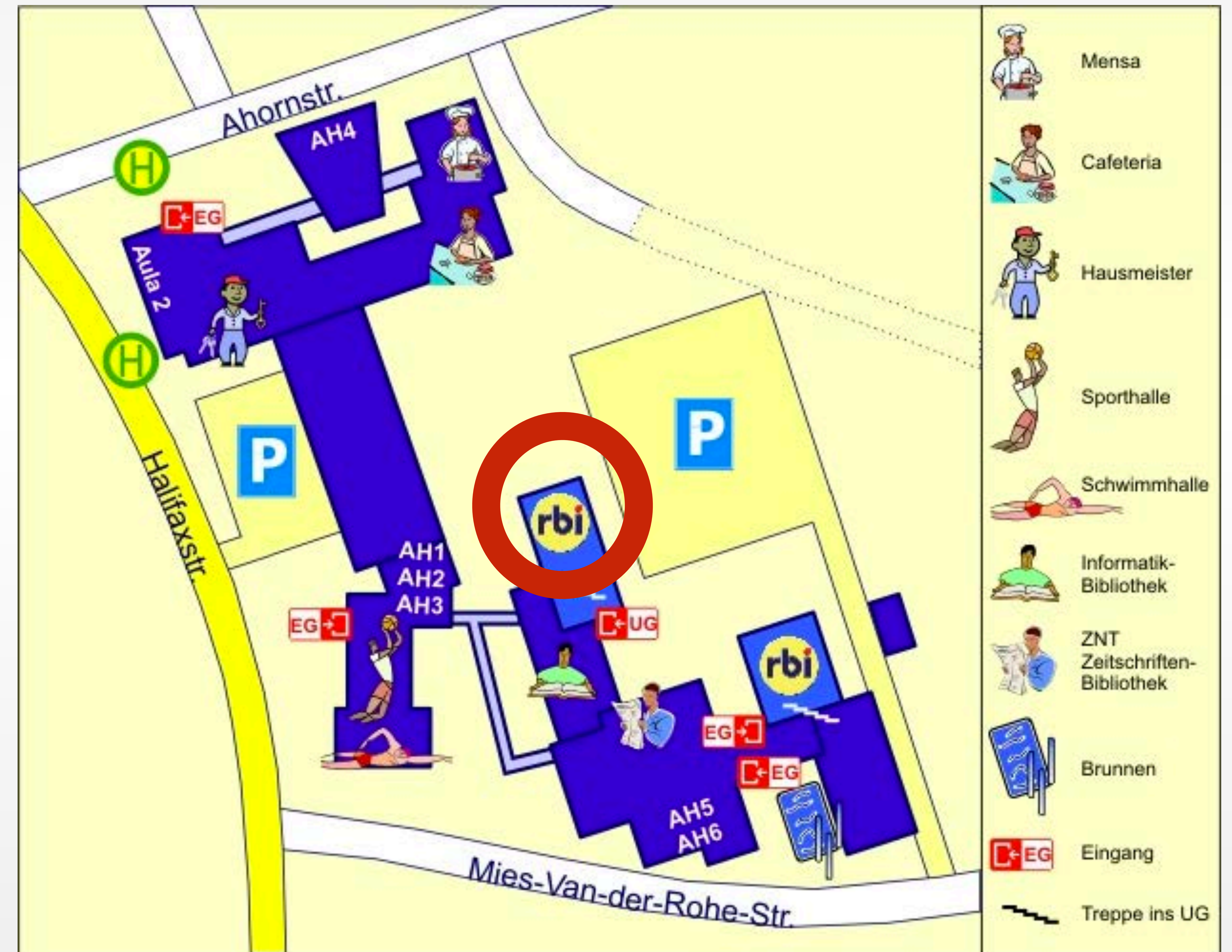
Access to Macs

- 8 Mac's in the RBI
- Ahornstr. 55, E1 basement
- Open:
  - Mo. - Th. 9:00 - 20:00
  - Fr. 9:00 - 17:00
- Account: guest, no pw
- Logout deletes all of your data



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