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iOS PREWORK

- [INTRODUCTION] -



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- [iOS PREWORK: TIP CALCULATOR APP] -



What's The Tip?

Designed to make finding a tip intuitive, and at the tip of your fingers. Created with an optional dark mode, tip slider, and locale-specific currency.

Big takeaway: why calculate a tip manually when an app can do it with one touch?

SETTING UP XCODE & LEARNING TO USE SWIFT

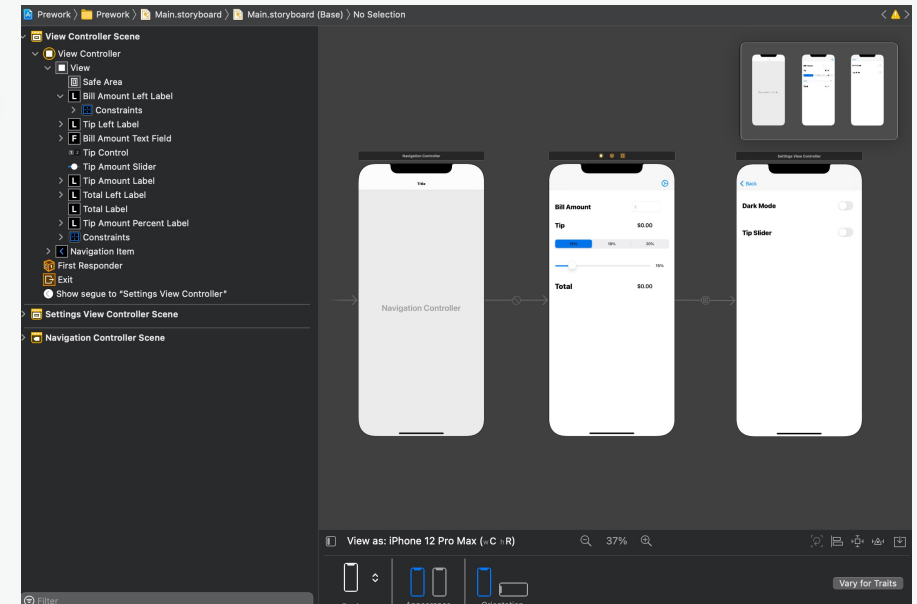


HOW I DID IT

The first step of my pre-work consisted of setting up Xcode and learning to use Swift.

I needed to learn:

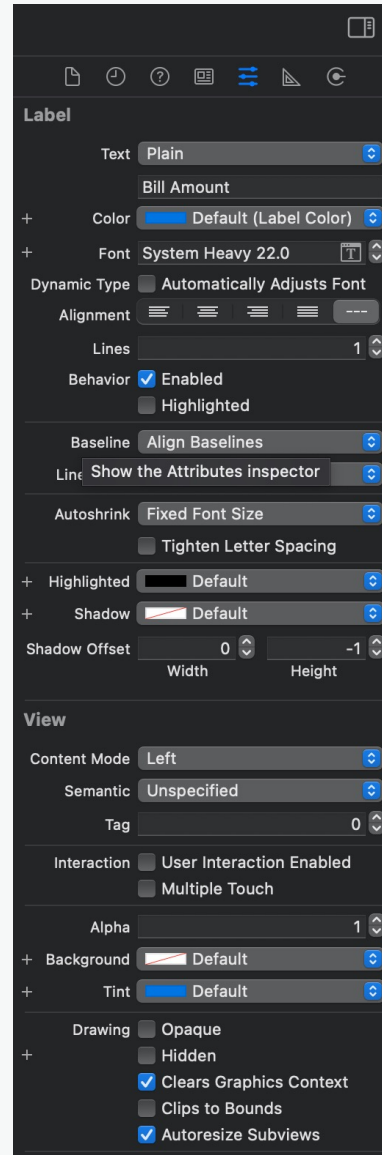
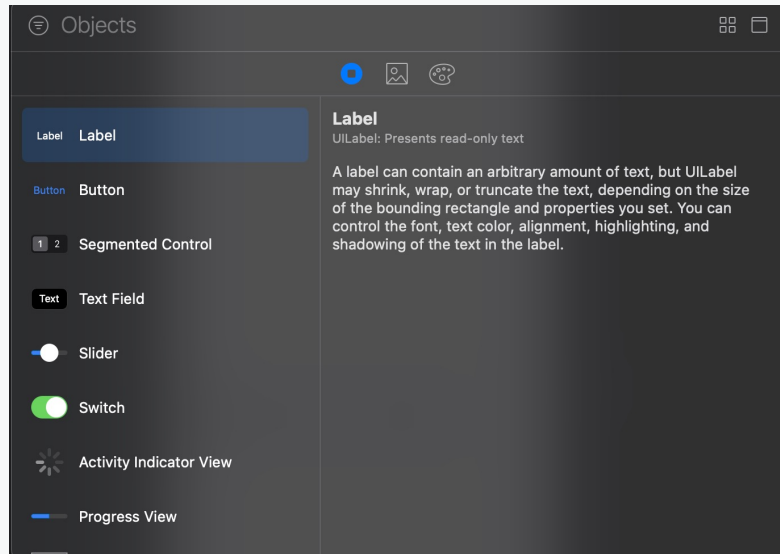
- Storyboard
- Connections to View Controller
- Outlets & Verifying Connections
- Functions, Structs



- [APP DESIGN PROCESS] -

Basic UI aspects + optional features

Used object library and attribute inspector.



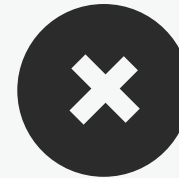
Text Field/Decimal Pad



Responsive Labels



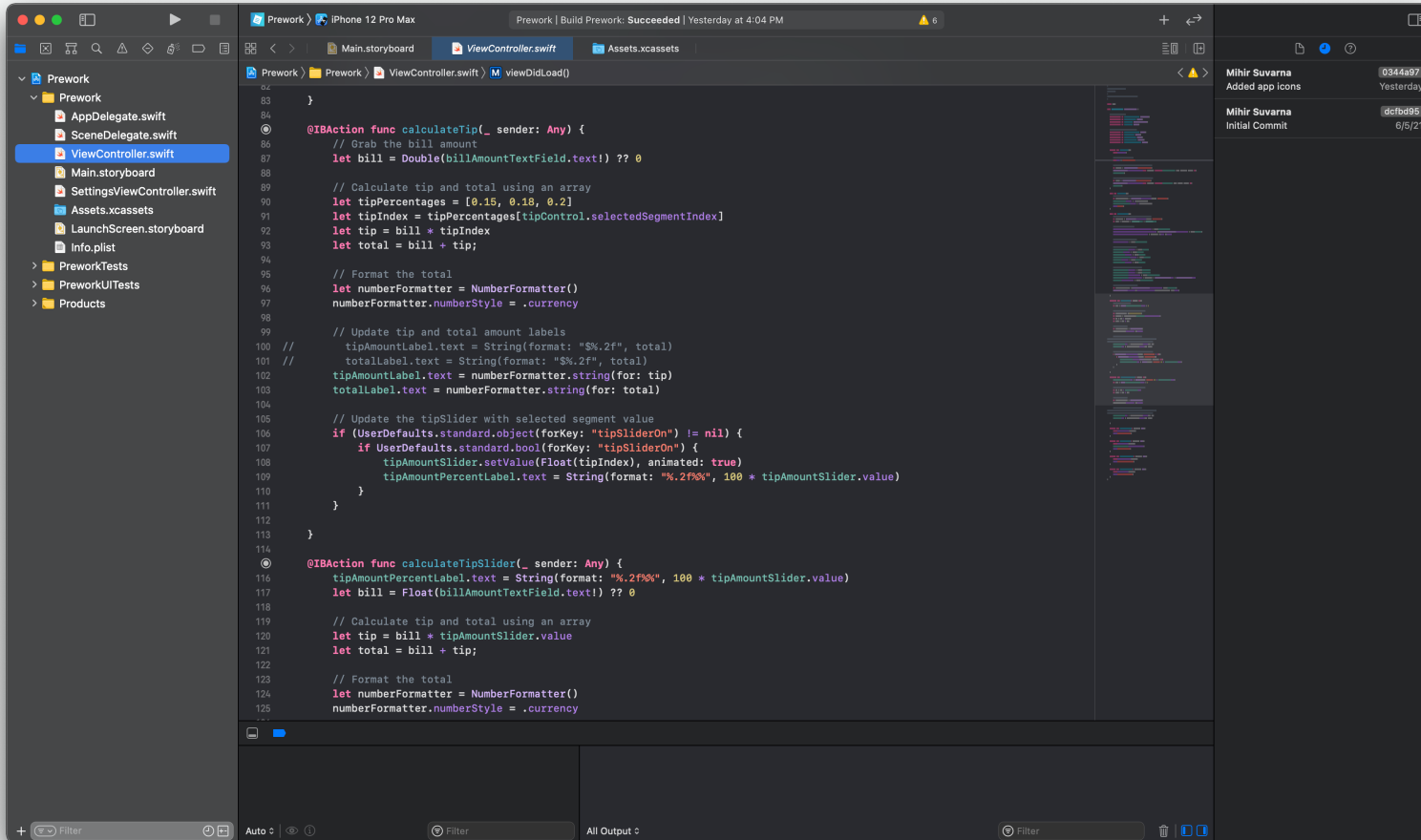
Tip Slider and Seg. Control



Dark Mode

- [THE CODE BEHIND THE UI] -

View Controllers



Connecting UI to Code

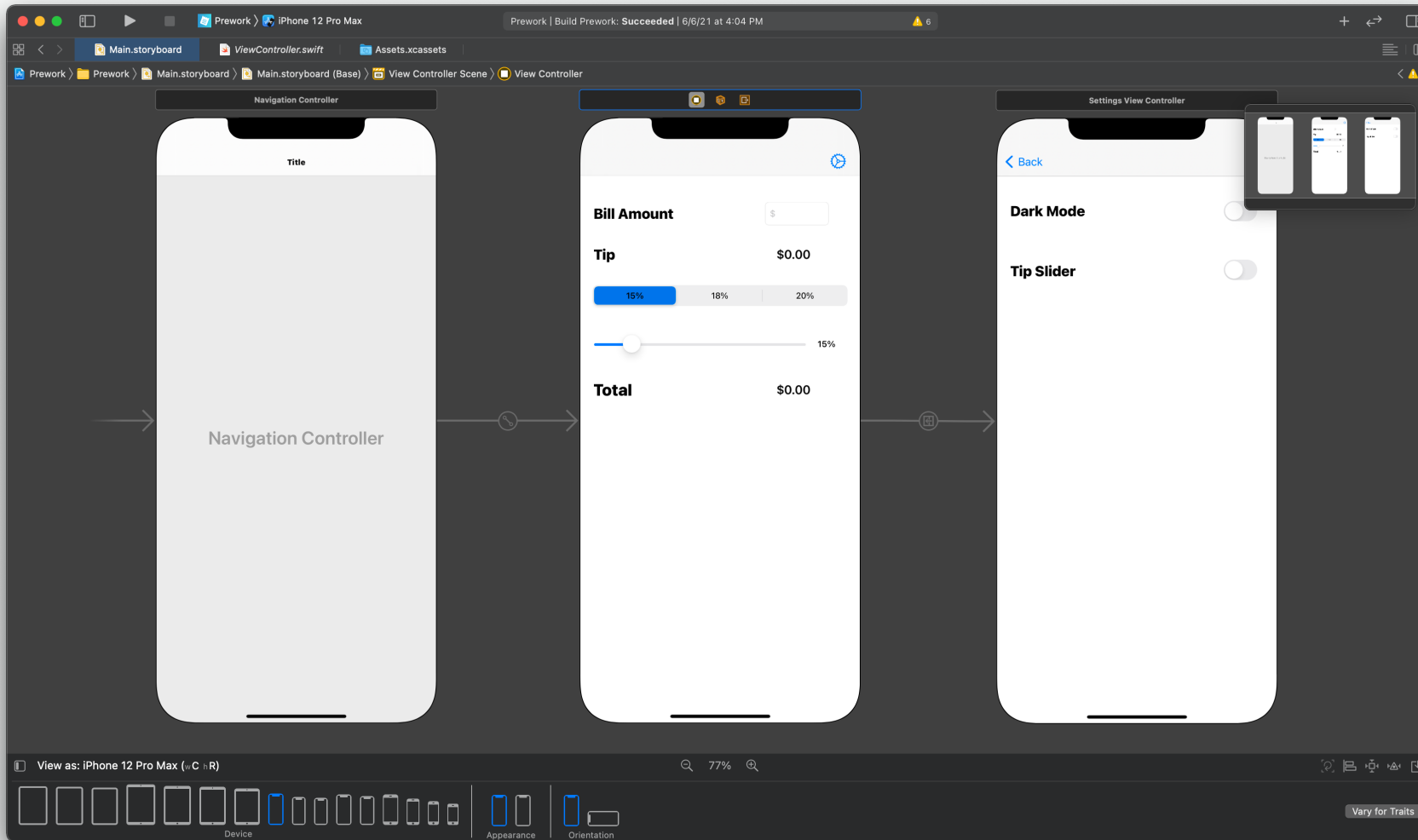
Once all objects are in place, I needed to use outlets and actions to make my UI functional.

Coded:

- Bill Text Field
- Tip/Total 'logic'
- Slider Functionality

Added:

- Clean Dark UI
- Currency Locale
- Settings w/ Switches



Navigation Controller

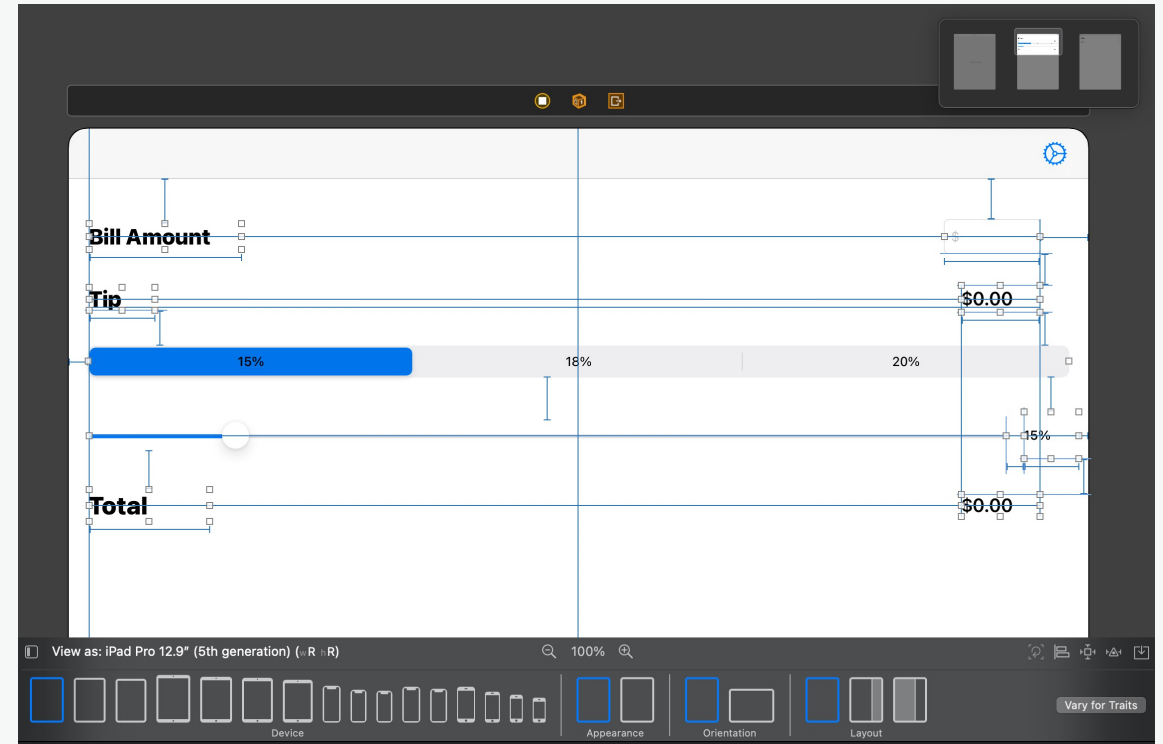
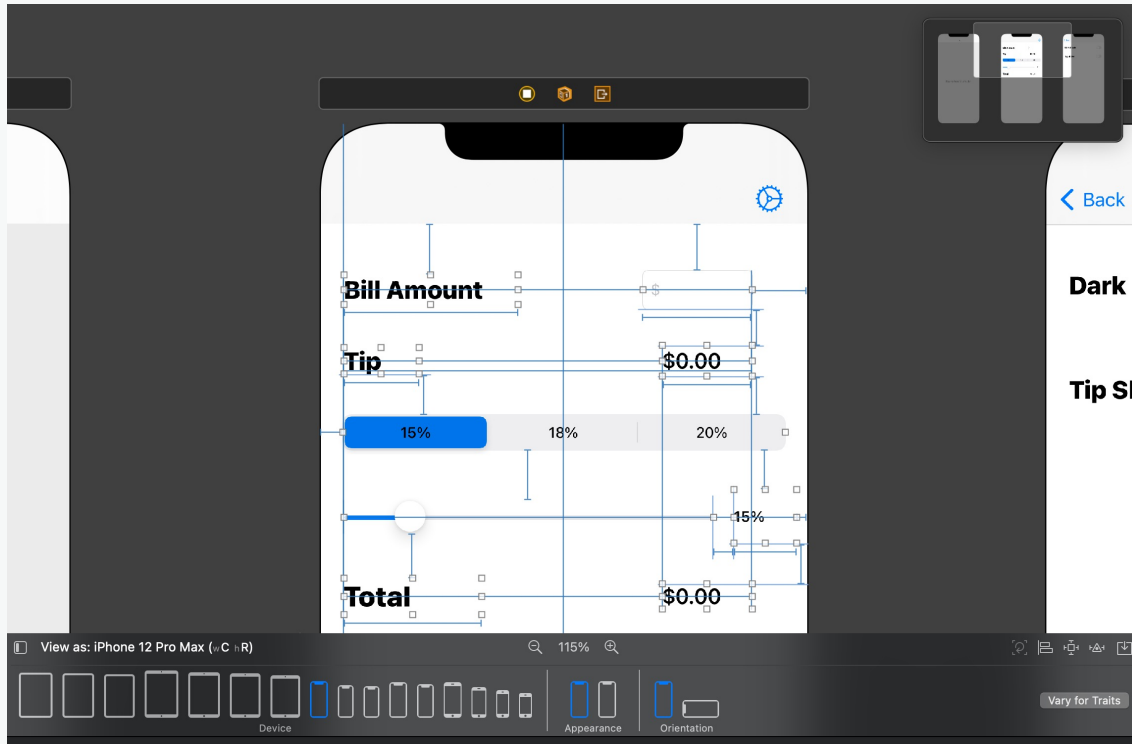
Simple top-bar navigation, settings icon included title and back button.

Tip View Controller

Main UI, responsive elements, first responder.

Settings View Controller

Optional settings screen, includes switches for tip slider & app-wide dark mode.




Constraints: Love/Hate

Shown above are iOS constraints and iPadOS constraints for 'What's the Tip?'.
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Notice the # needed to ensure proper resizing across different devices; even more painful for watchOS & macOS.

With various screen sizes, constraints are a *must*. Adding them can be a pain.

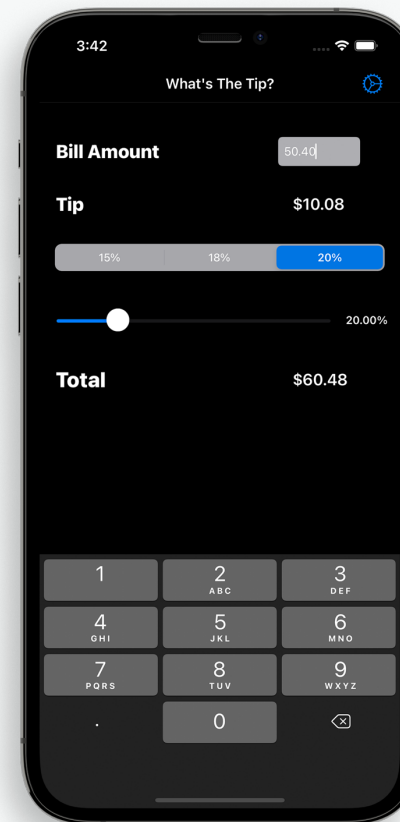
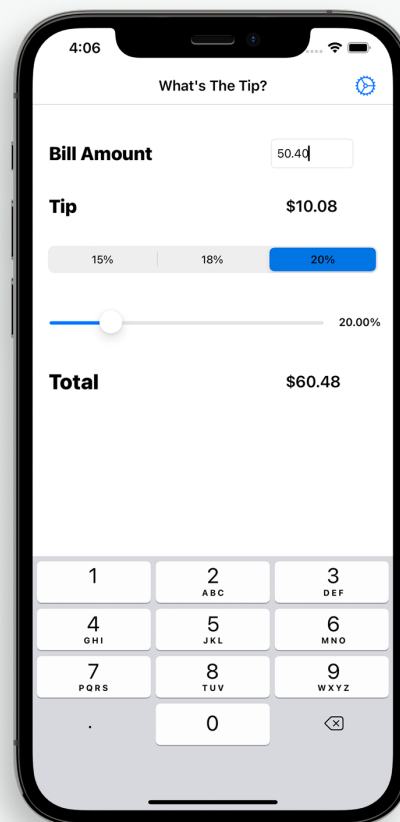
Xcode's auto-layout is not as reliable; manual adjustment is necessary.

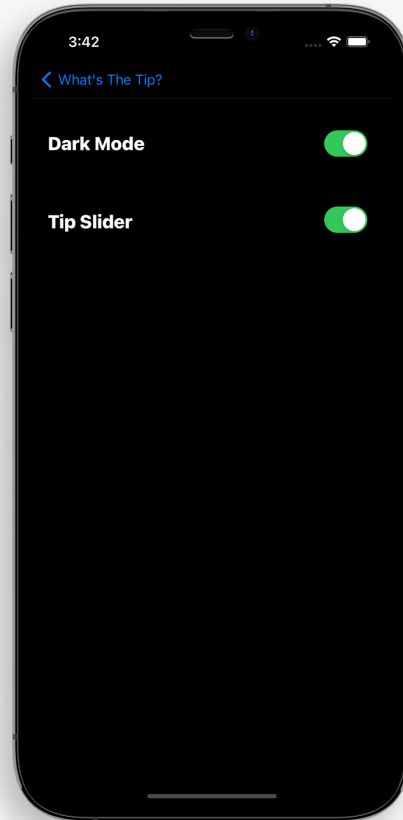
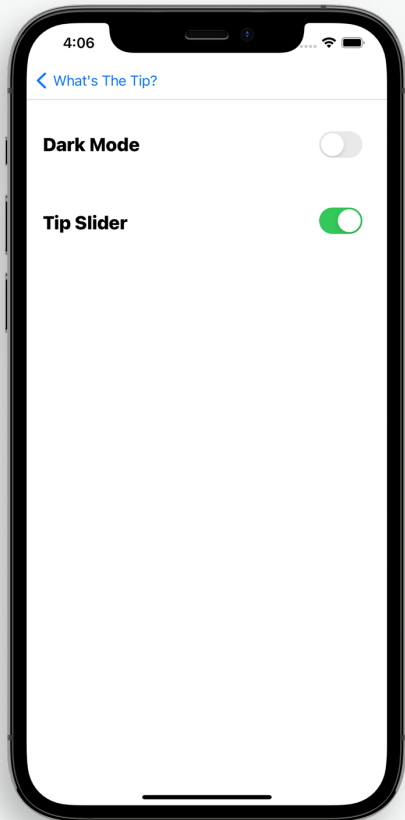
- [DARK MODE ] -

Dark Mode: An Interesting Obstacle

App-wide dark mode was quite difficult.

Many UI elements individually customized, special colors needed from Apple's color set.





- [DARK MODE ] -

Other View Controllers?

Had to add dark mode to settings view controller.

Think about scalability; can be *way* harder for more than just two view controllers.

Each UI has to be custom-designed; no easy Apple 'dark' switch exists.

- [WHAT'S THE TIP?] -

iOS Preview

All UI elements in place, full product mockup.

Displayed on: iPhone 12 Pro Max





- [WHAT'S THE TIP?] -

iPadOS Preview

Added support for iPadOS; here is all UI elements in place, full mockup.

Displayed on: 11-inch iPad Pro 3rd Generation

Development Summary

1 hr

DESIGN THE UI

Create a flexible design, main view.

2.5 hrs

CONNECT AND CODE

Connect all elements and code a functional UI.

3 hrs

OPTIONAL FEATURES

Implement other features (dark mode, tip slider, locale).

1.5 hrs

PRODUCT REVIEW

Ensure product is complete and works on all devices.



THANK YOU.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

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