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Who am I ?

- 张靖元 Jingyuan “Knight” Zhang
- Fudan University Shanghai Institute of Visual Art - Visual Communication Design
- Apple Retail - Creative trainer
- Full Sail University - Mobile Development
- Freelance Mobile Developer



"Simple techniques that make
Xcode Storyboard more intuitive."

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Recap Link

“Simple Techniques That Make
Your User Interfaces More Flexible.”

Tonight

What to share tonight ?

- Make UI/UX flexible for different layout situations
- Strategies & tools
- How to get started
- Inspiration & comfort for creative UI/UX

Thanks for your support !



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“Why to make the app’s UI/UX flexible for different layout situations?”

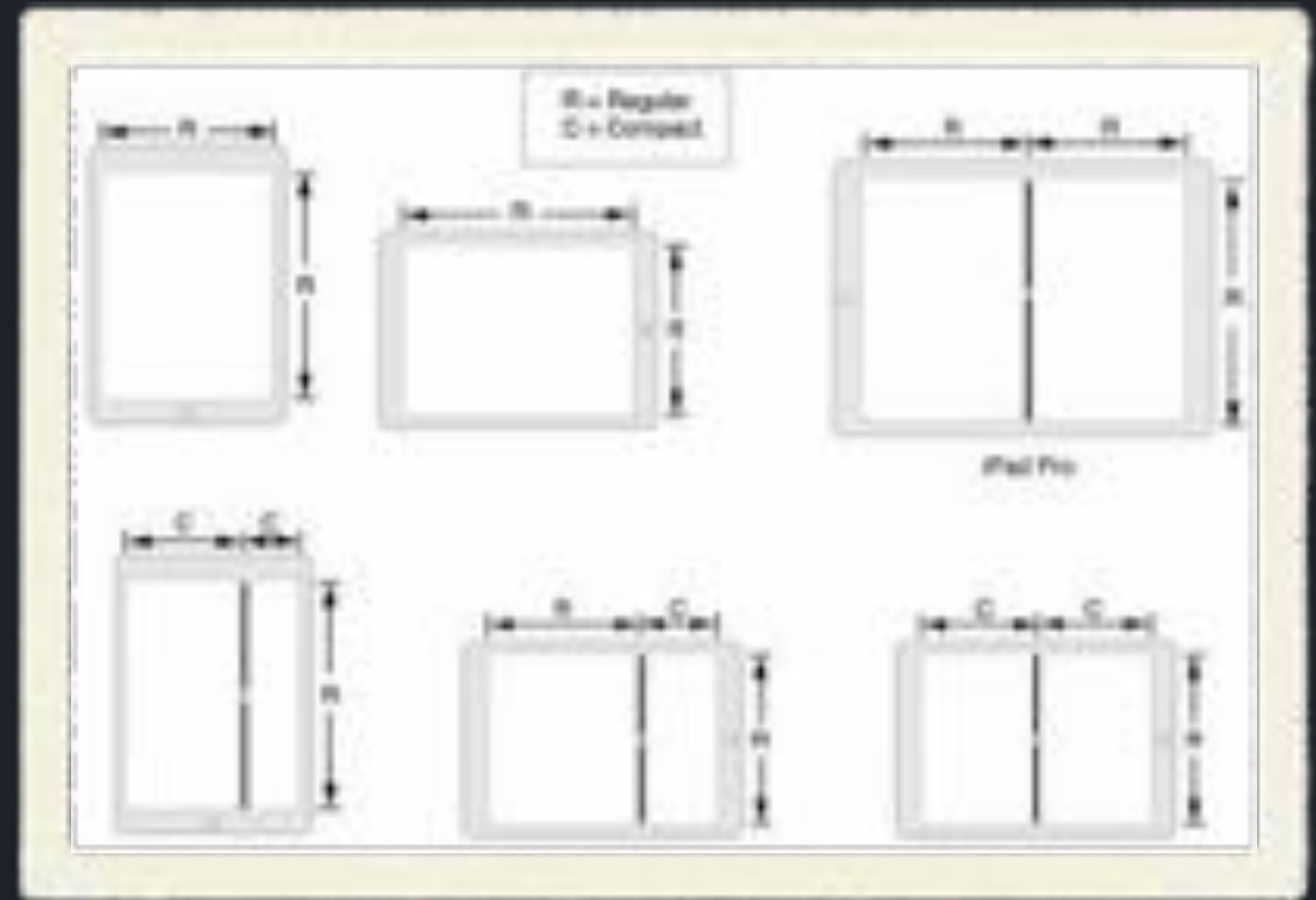
Why to make the app's UI/UX flexible for different layout situations?

- Expected UI/UX on multiple screen-sized devices
- Efficient development
- Easy to scale & manage for the future

Expected UI/UX on multiple screen-sized devices



Source: [Everythingicafe](#)



Source: Apple

Efficient development

- More Intuitive, Less Code

Easy to scale & manage for the future

- Less Revision, Faster Update

How to make the UI/UX
development so flexible?

How to make the UI/UX development so flexible?

- Use Xcode Interface Builder



What do we use ?

Auto-layout

StackView

Adaptive Layout (Size-Class-Specific Layout)

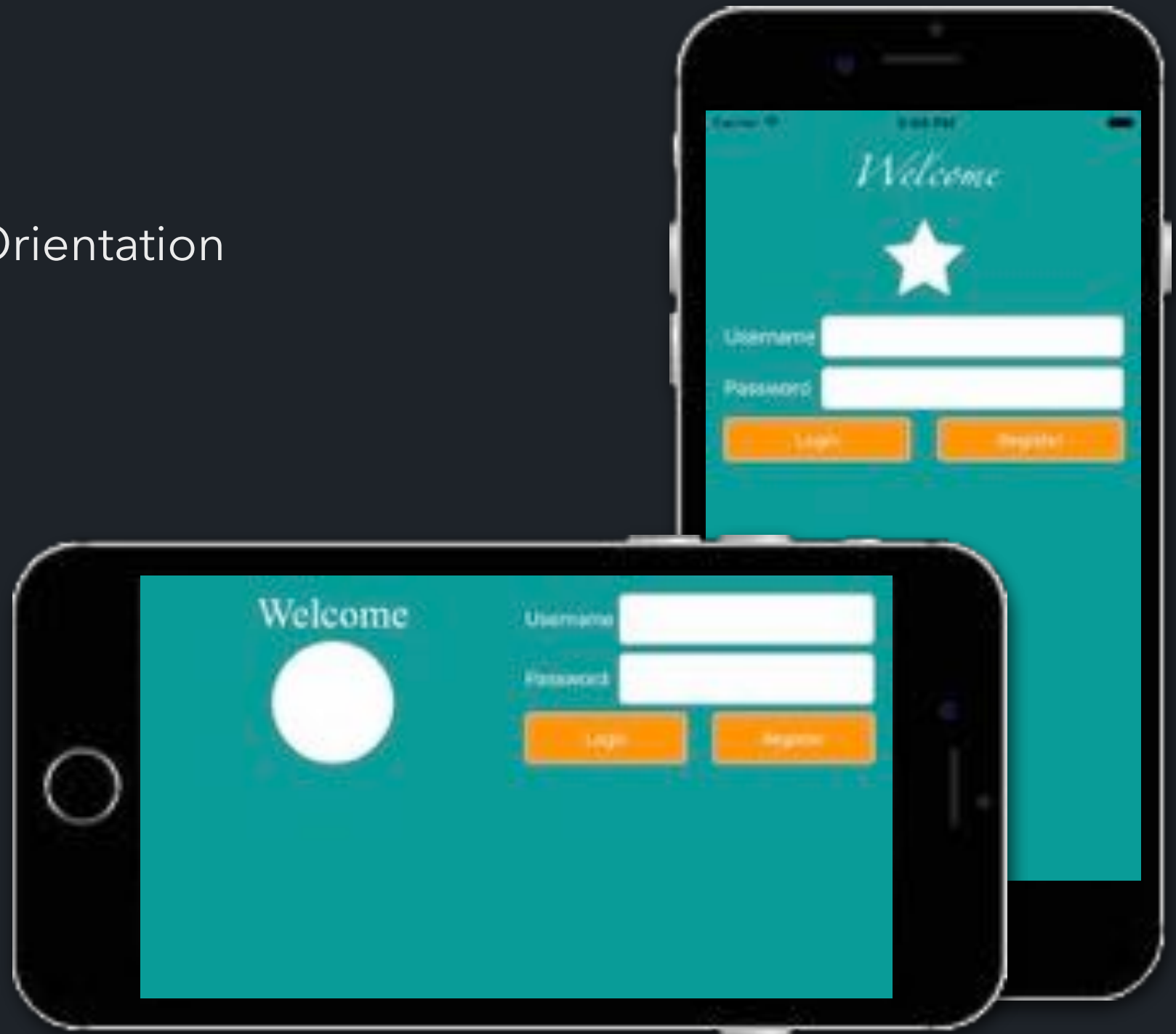
“Auto Layout dynamically calculates the size and position of all the views in your view hierarchy, based on constraints placed on those views.” – Apple

“Stack views are a powerful tool for quickly and easily designing your user interfaces. Their attributes allow a high degree of control over how they lay out their arranged views.” – Apple

“Size classes ... provide a rough indication of the element’s size. Interface Builder lets you customize many of your layout’s features based on the current size class.” – Apple

A simple challenge

- Generic login view
- Different Layout each Orientation
- 3 Labels
- 2 Text Views
- 1 Image View
- 2 Button



A simple challenge of Generic Login View

- **StackView**
 - Alignment
 - Distribution
 - Spacing
- **Adaptive Layout**
 - Set attributes based on the "Size-class"
 - Set constraint by "Varying for Size-class Traits"
 - Set image based on the "Size-class" in Xcode Assets.

Start from the basic



- Putting Items on the Canvas
- Set the color
- Set custom class if needed

StackView



- **"WelcomeStack"**
 - Welcome Label
 - ImageView

StackView



- **“InputStackCell”**
 - Label & TextView
 - Buttons

StackView



- **"InputStack"**
 - 3 sets of "InputStackCell"

StackView



- **"MasterStack"**
- "WelcomeStack"
- "InputStack"

Auto-layout



- **Non-ambiguous & Satisfiable**
 - Width and Height
 - Horizontal and Vertical Position

Auto-layout



- **Pin panel**

Auto-layout



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- "Constrain to margins"

Auto-layout



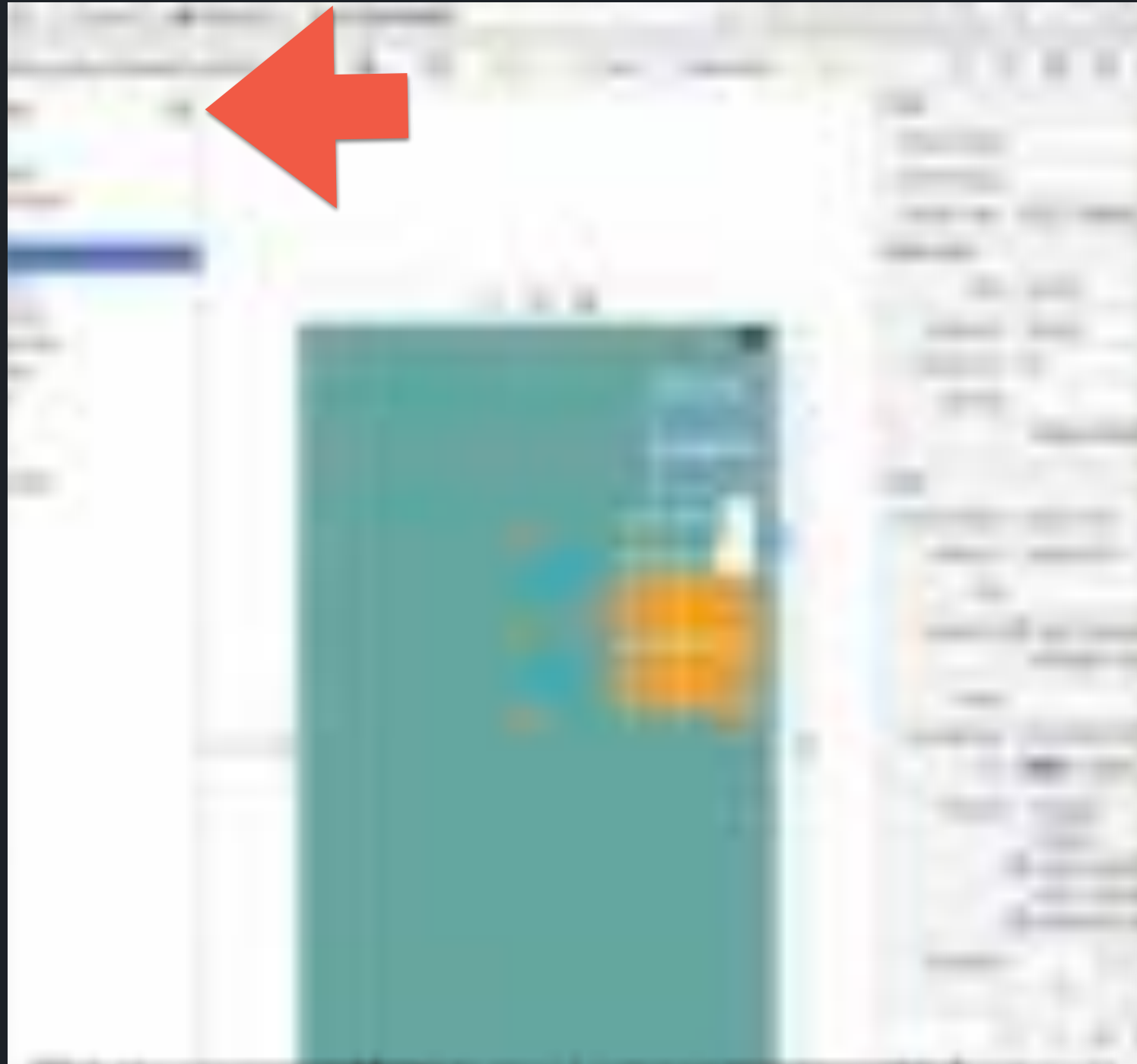
- **Equal Heights**
- "MasterStack"
- BackgroundView

Auto-layout



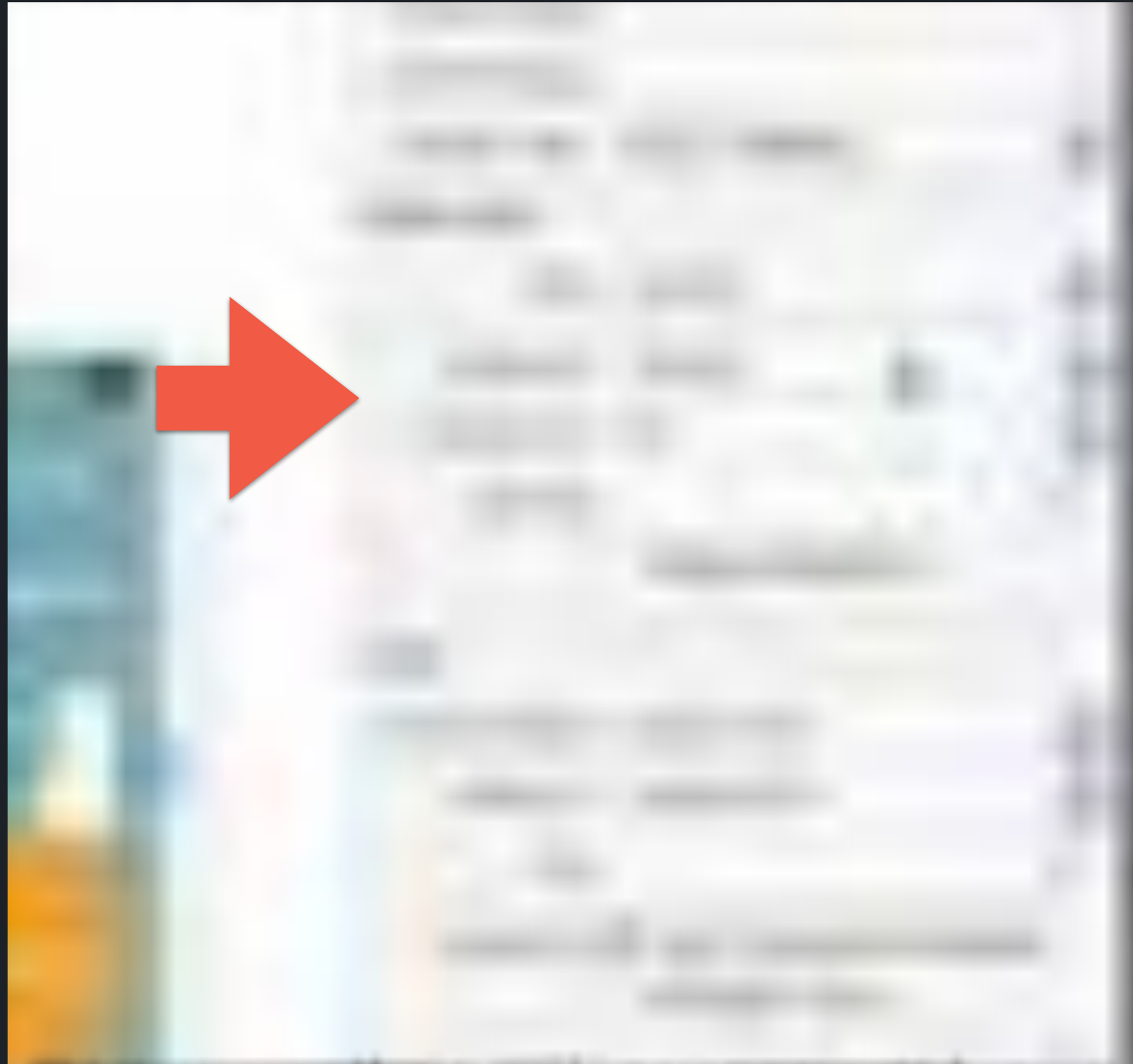
- **Proportional Height**
 - "MasterStack"
 - BackgroundView
 - Multiplier $\frac{2}{5}$

StackView



- **Unsatisfied yet**
- Remove the "Red Warning"

StackView



- **StackView Attributes**

- Alignment
- Distribution
- Spacing

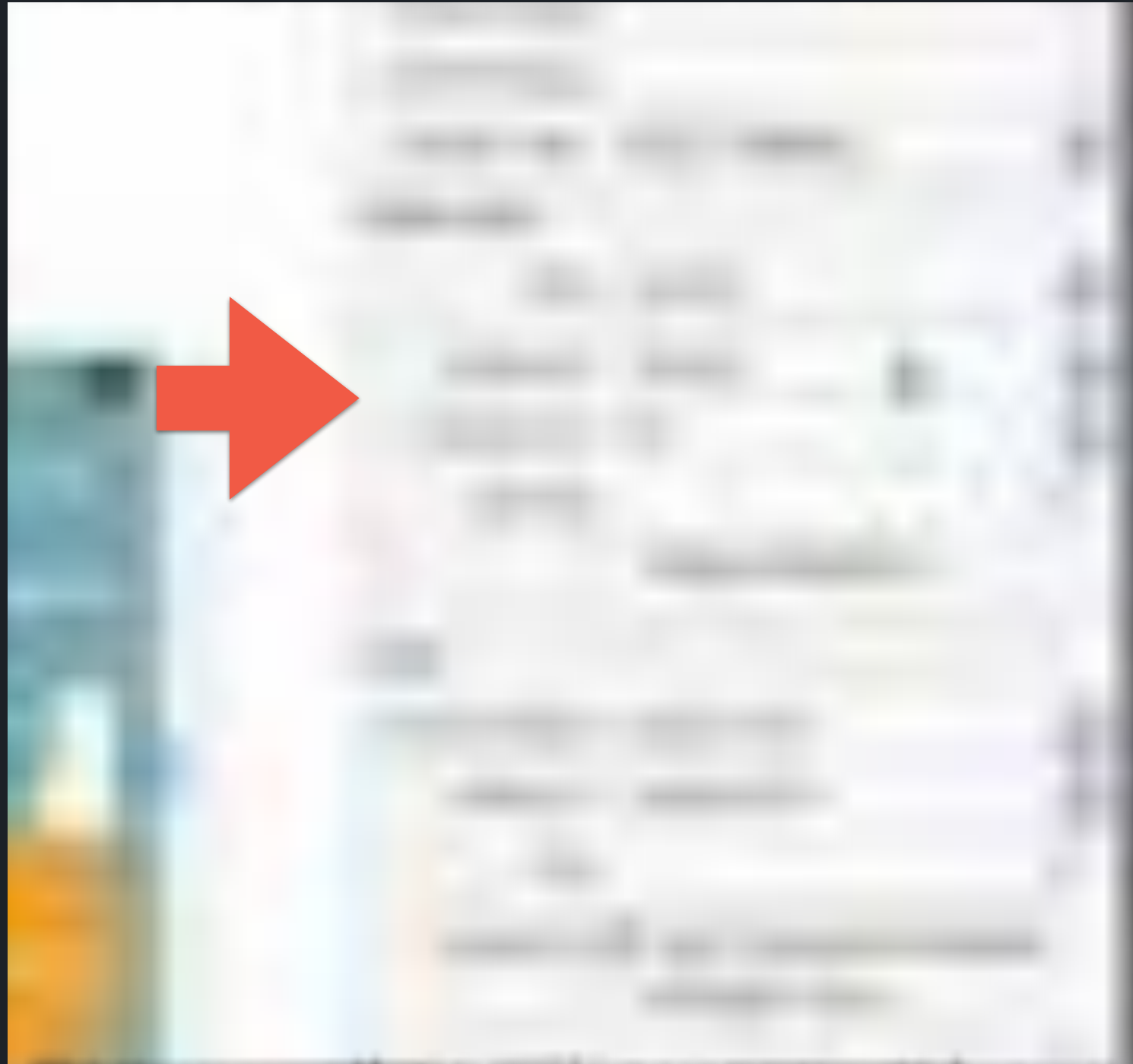
StackView

Video Demo

Count the time



StackView



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- Spacing

Adaptive Layout



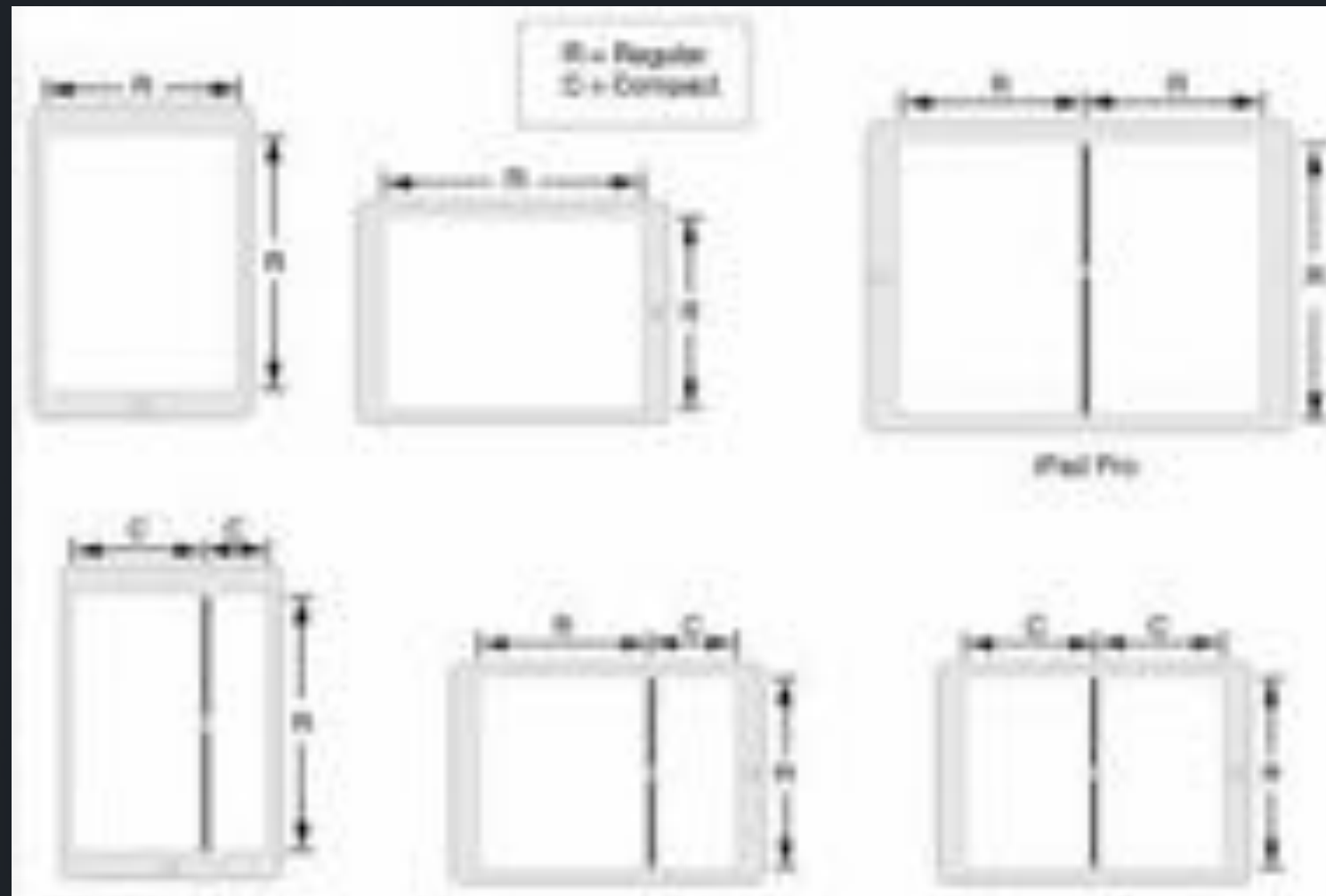
- **Reposition**
 - "WelcomeStack"
 - "InputStack"

Adaptive Layout



- **Sizing Class**
- Set attributes based on the "Size-class"

Sizing Class



- **Sizing Class**

- Any
- Regular
- Compact

Example: iPad Sizing Class

Adaptive Layout



- **Sizing Class**
- Add Variation

Adaptive Layout



- **Sizing Class**
- Different attributes based on the "Size-class"

Adaptive Layout



- **Sizing Class**
- Vary for Traits

Adaptive Layout



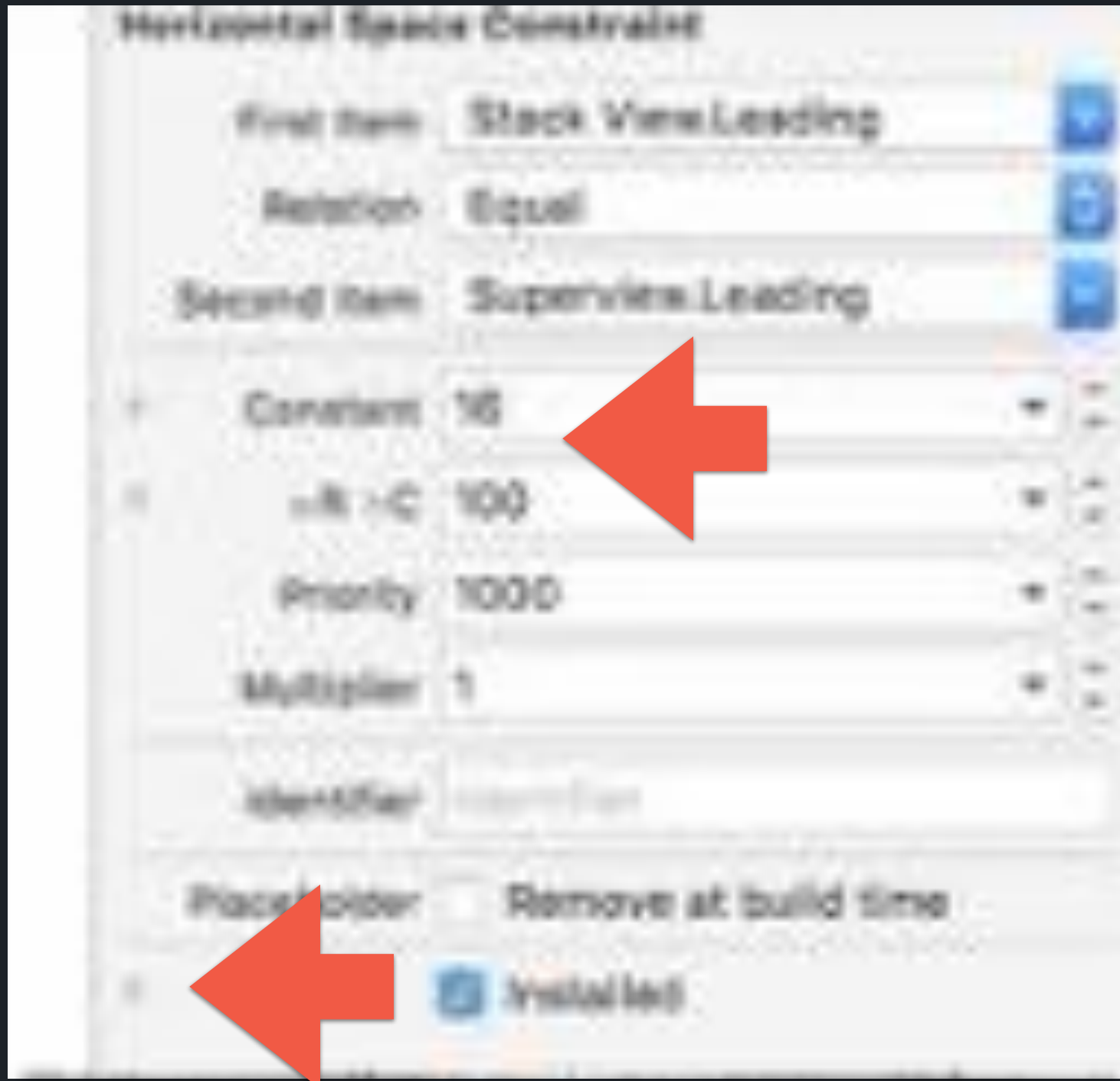
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- Set constraint by "Varying for Size-class Traits"

Adaptive Layout



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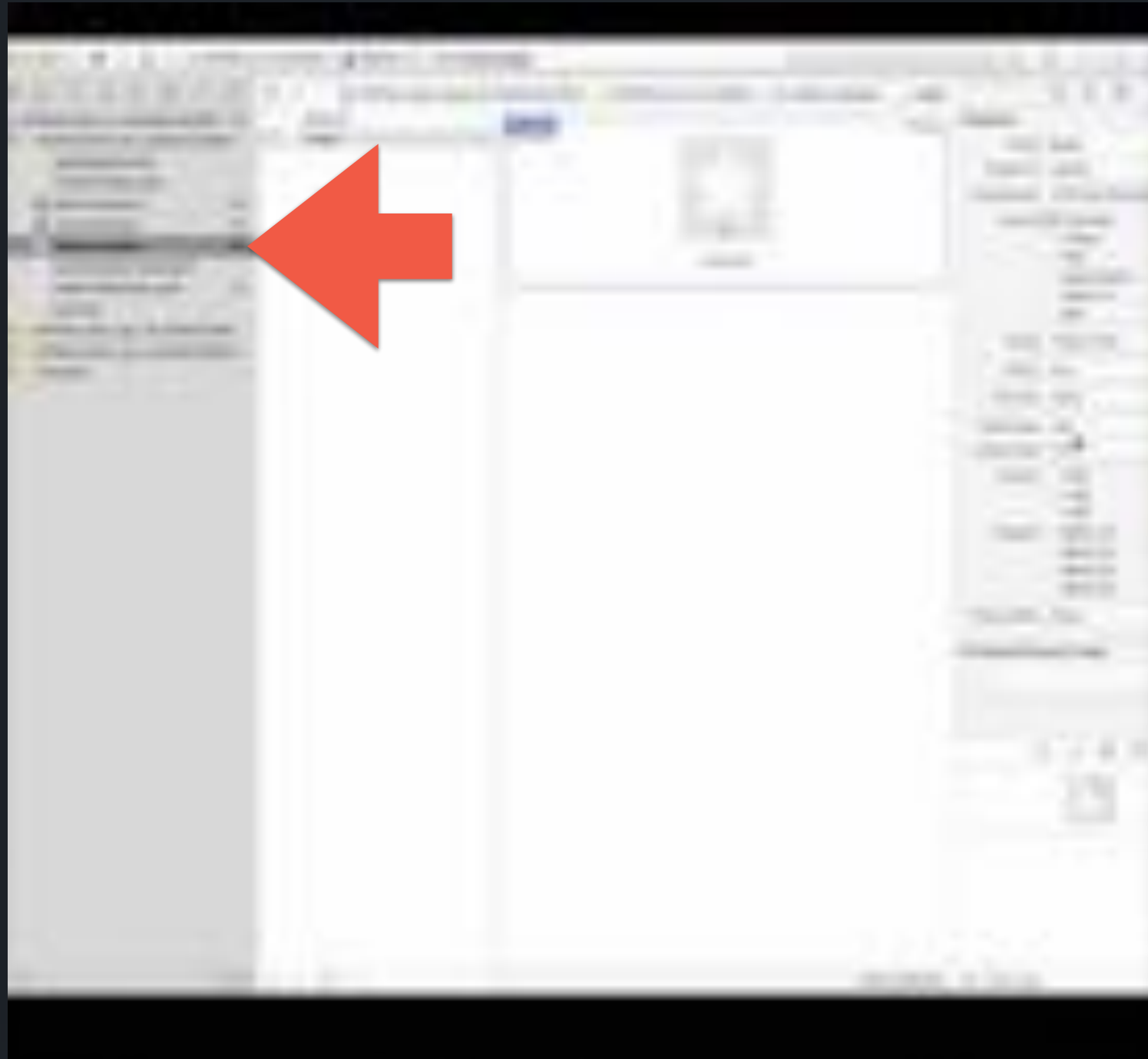
Adaptive Layout



- **Sizing Class**

- Set constraint by "Varying for Size-class Traits"
- Install constraint by "Varying for Size-class Traits"

Adaptive Layout



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- Set image based on the "Size-class" in Xcode Assets.

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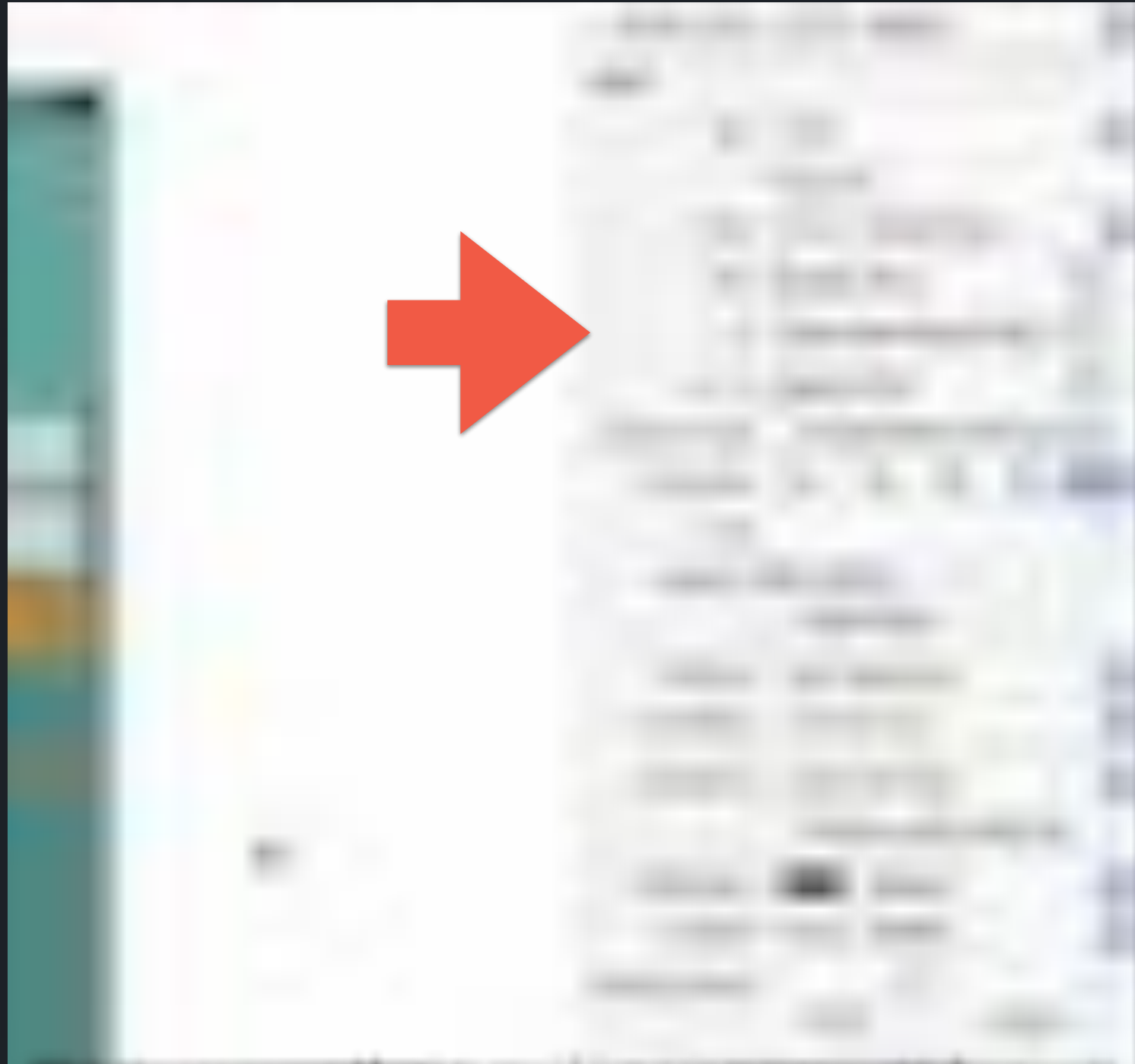
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 - Xcode Assets handle for you

Adaptive Layout



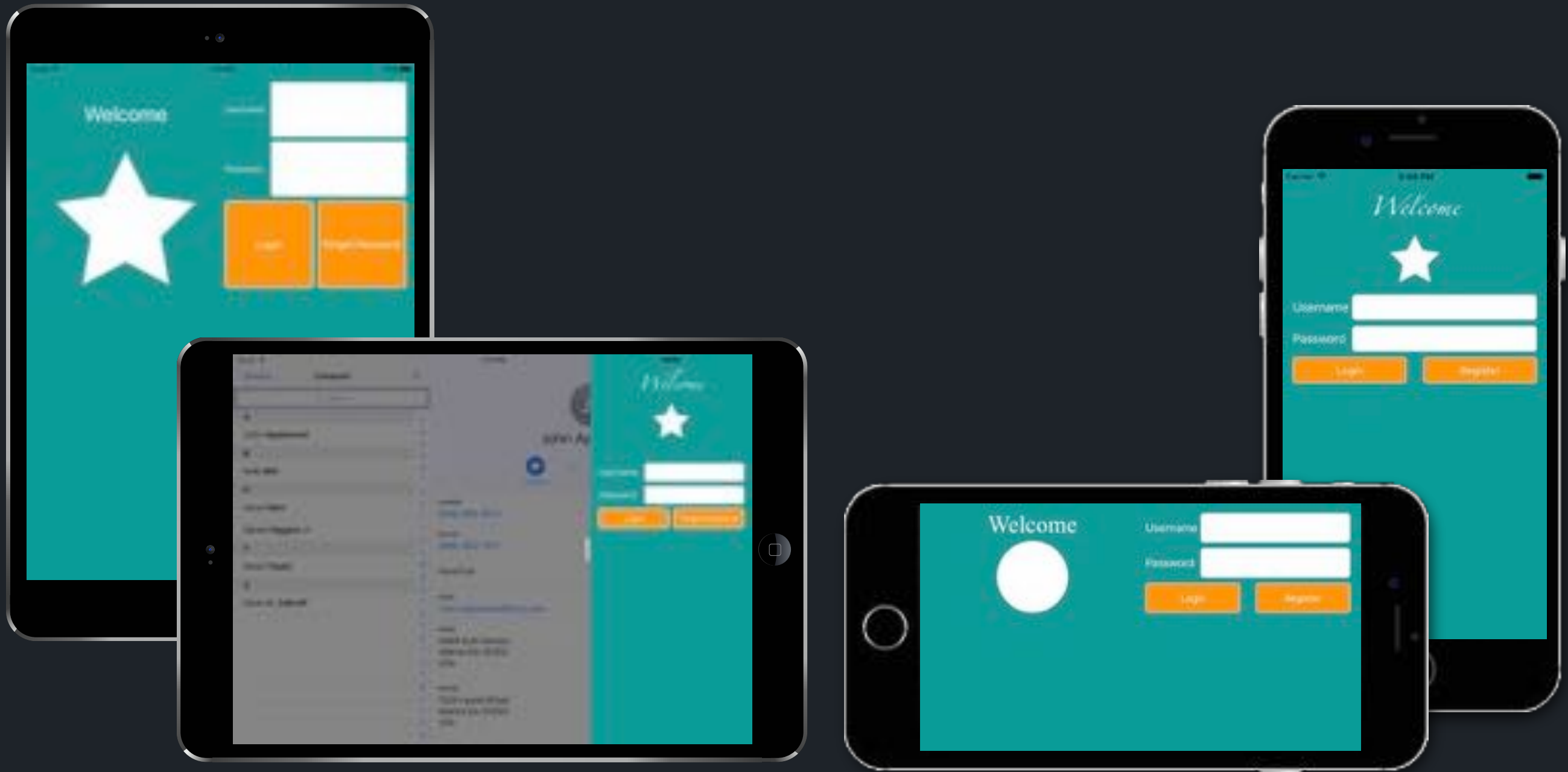
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Adaptive Layout



- **Sizing Class**
 - Set attributes based on the "Size-class"
 - Be creative
 - Such fonts

Adaptive Layout



Summary

- **Auto-layout** - dynamically calculates the size and position of all the views
- **StackView** - Their attributes allow a high degree of control
- **Adaptive Layout** - customize many of your layout's features based on the current size class

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Thank You

Useful Resources



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