

DeckUI: Coding your next presentation...in Swift?

Deep Dish Swift 2023

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Introducing...

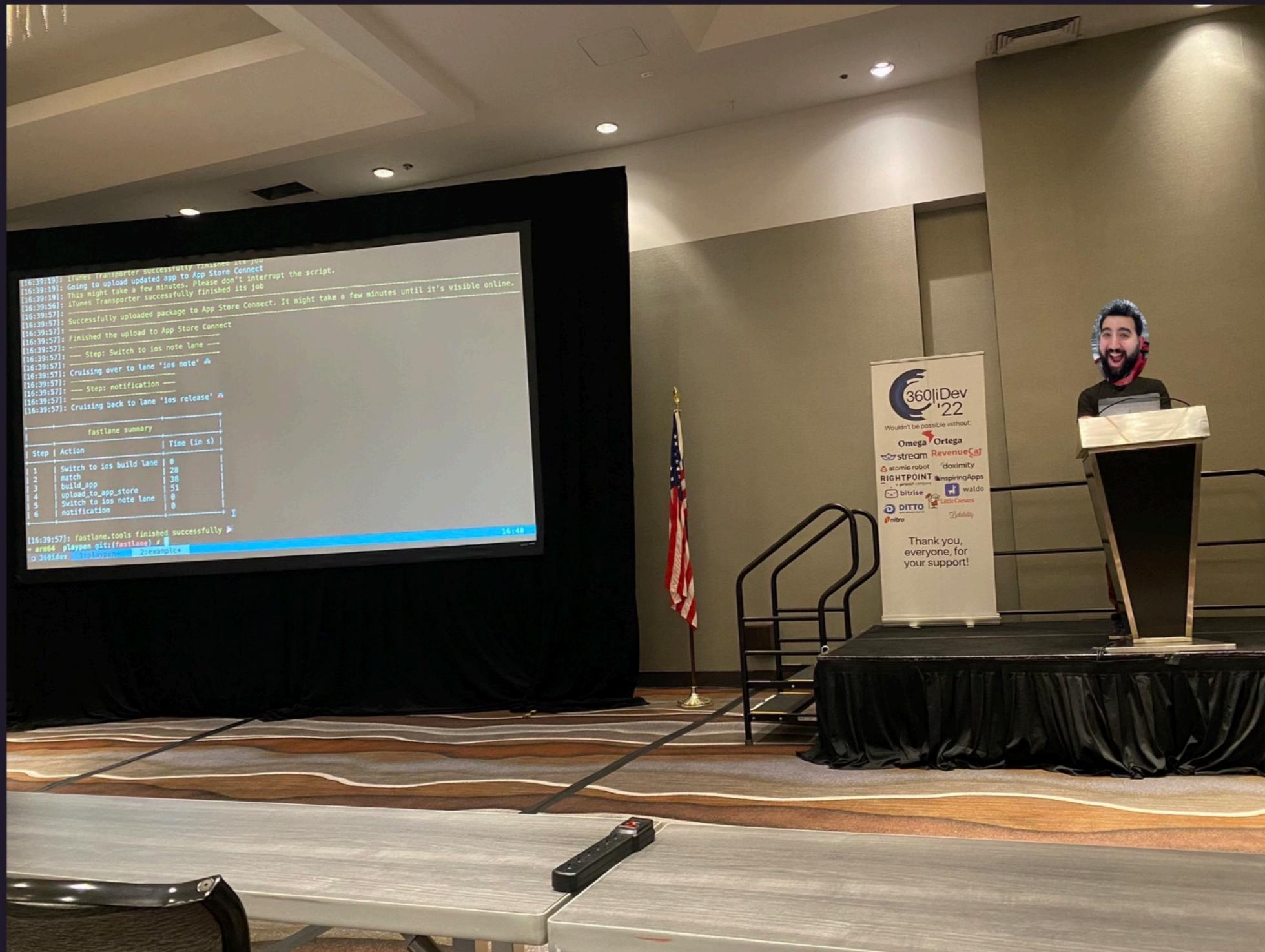
DeckUI

What is DeckUI?

- A custom Swift DSL to make slide decks
- Distributed as a Swift Package
- Develop your slide deck in Xcode with Swift
- It's a side project that other people took too far
- It's open source!

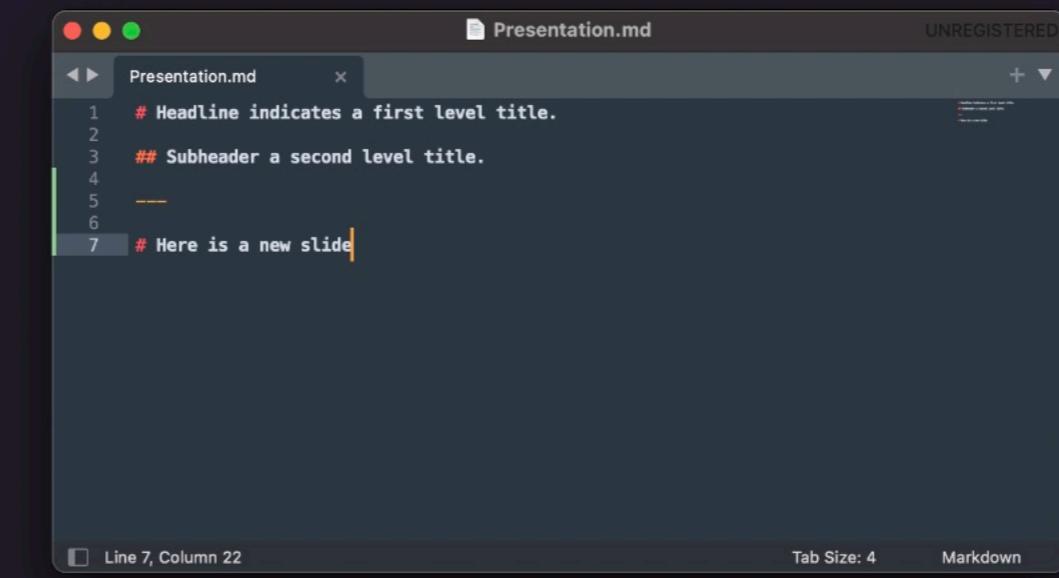
Why is DeckUI?







Deckset



```
Presentation.md UNREGISTERED
Presentation.md x
1 # Headline indicates a first level title.
2
3 ## Subheader a second level title.
4
5 ---
6
7 # Here is a new slide

Line 7, Column 22 Tab Size: 4 Markdown
```



MORE

Swift!

What's possible?

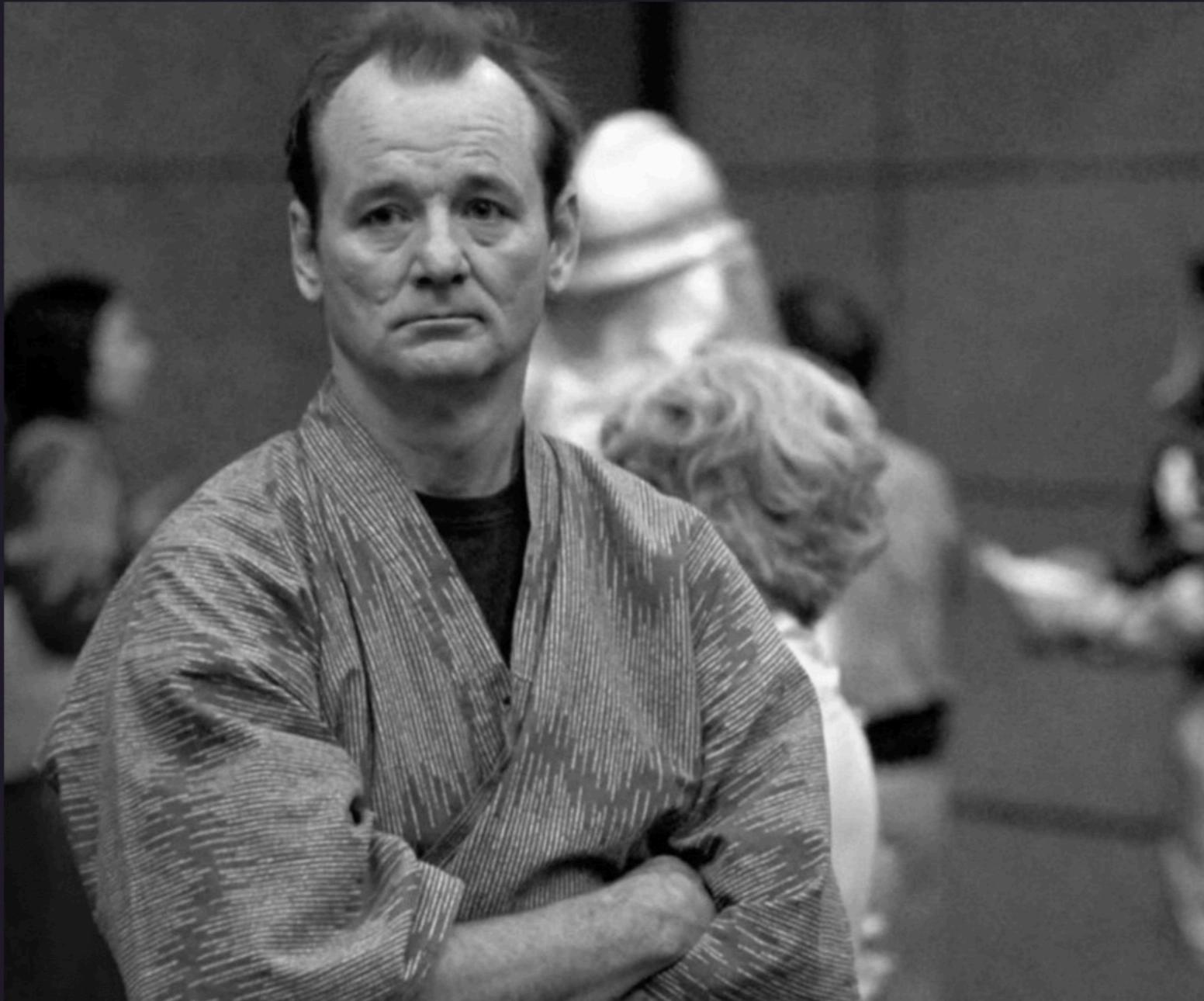
Center alignment

Slides can be center aligned

Top alignment

Slides also be top aligned

Images



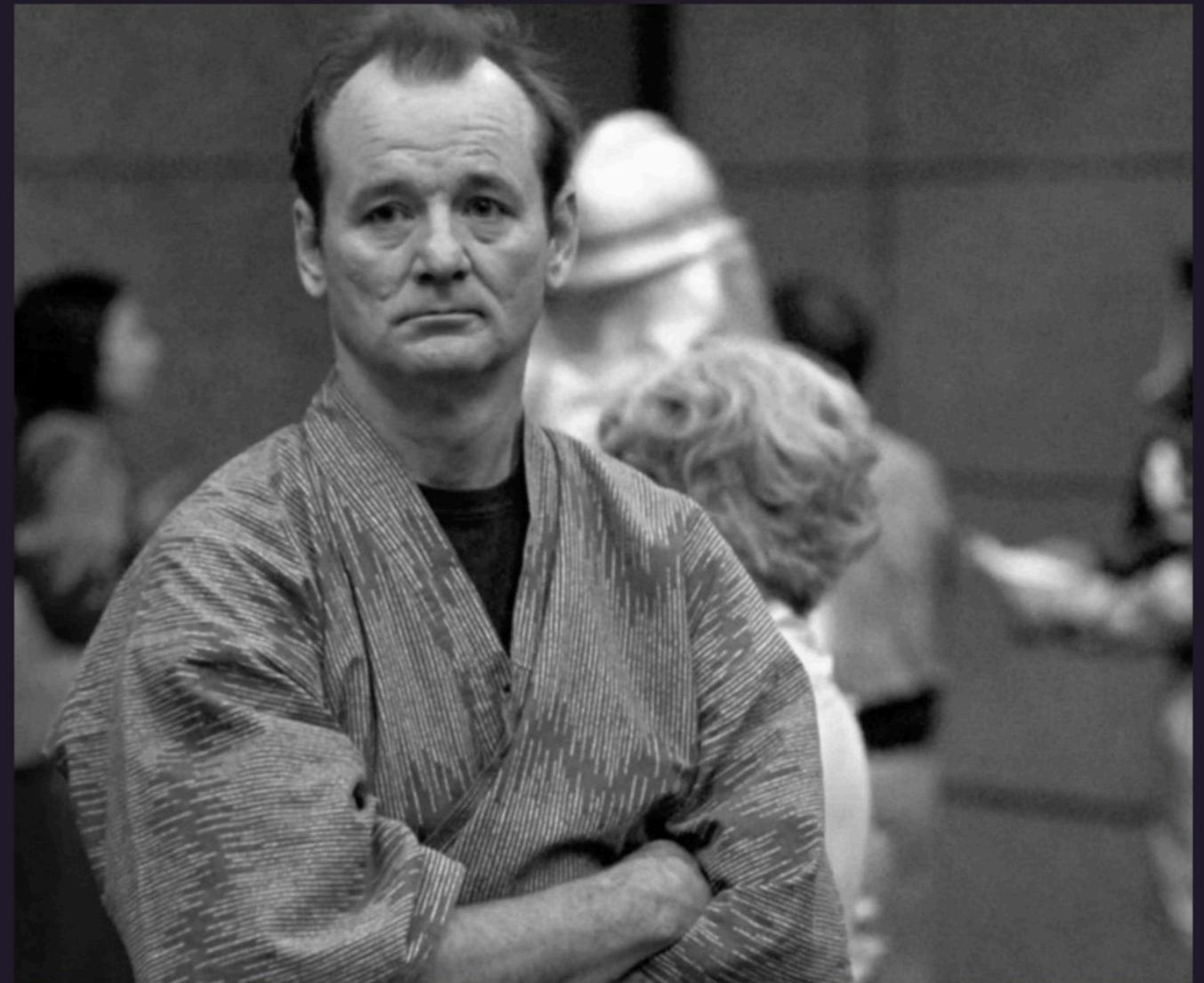
Videos



Multiple Columns

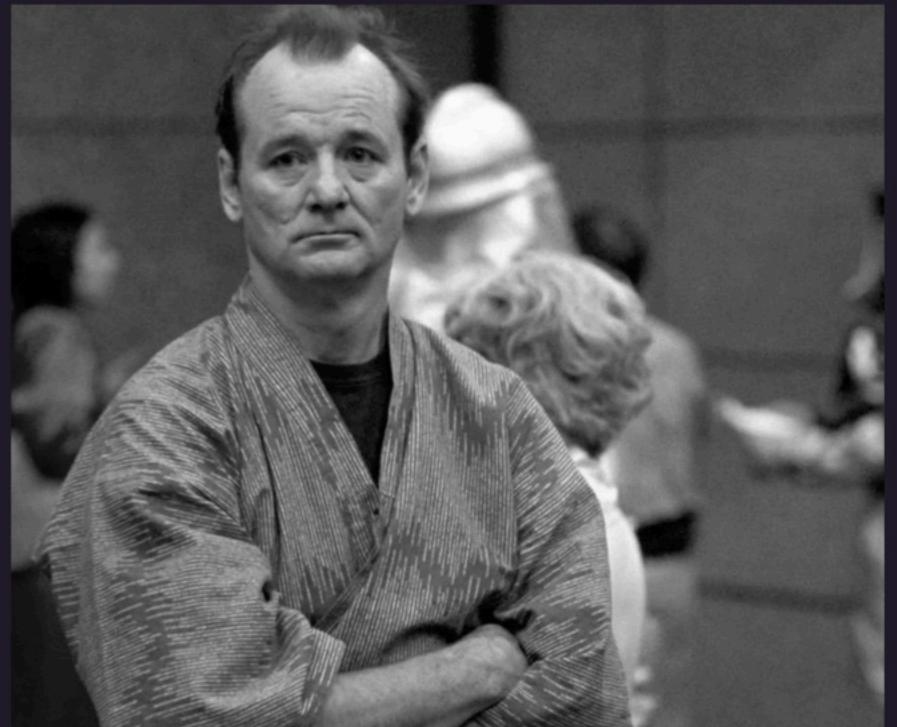
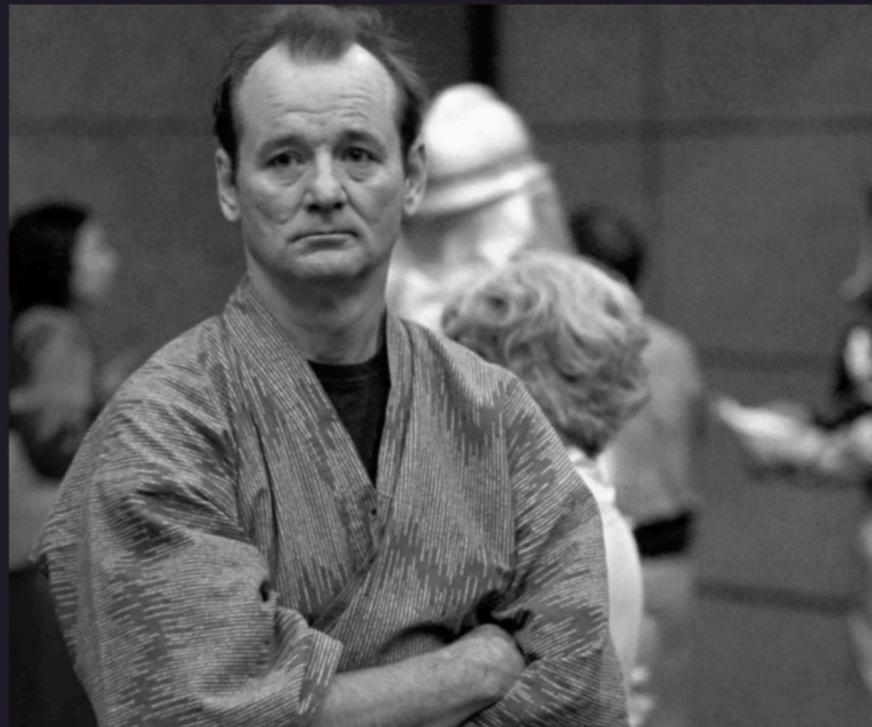
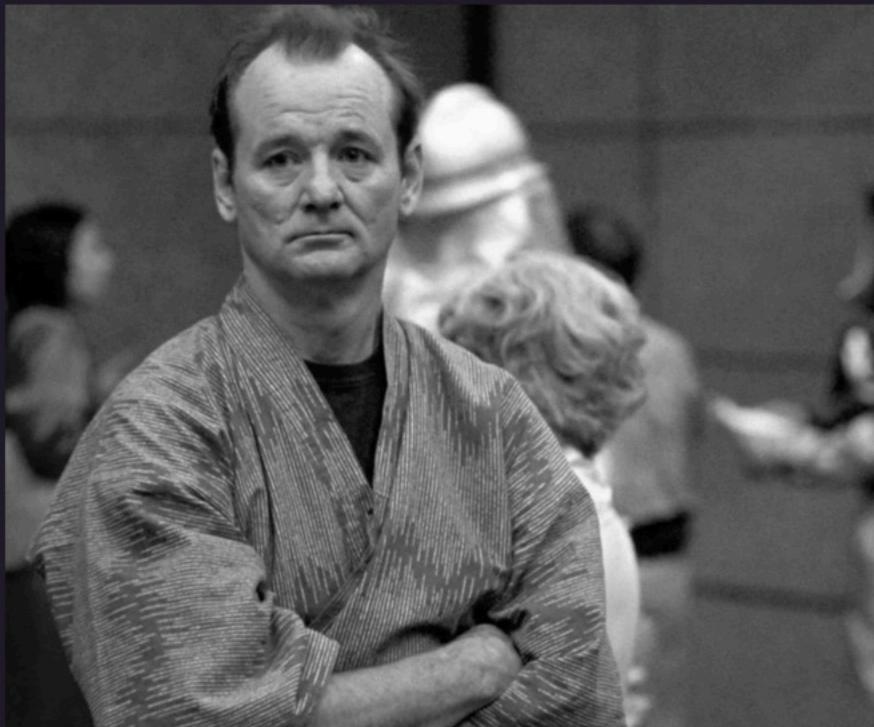
1, 2, or more

- Bill
- Murray
- Image
- ➤



3 Bill Murraies

Don't know the plural of Murray



You can theme slides
Or entire presentations

Code Blocks

```
struct CounterView: View {
    @State var count = 0

    var body: some View {
        Button {
            self.count += 1
        } label: {
            Text("Press me - \(self.count)")
                .font(.system(size: 60))
                .padding(.horizontal, 40)
                .padding(.vertical, 20)
                .foregroundColor(.white)
                .overlay(
                    RoundedRectangle(cornerRadius: 25)
                        .stroke(Color.white, lineWidth: 2)
                )
        }.buttonStyle(.plain)
    }
}
```

Sweet, how do I do this?

Here's a basic DeckUI Deck and how to present it

```
import SwiftUI
import DeckUI

struct ContentView: View {

    var deck: Deck {
        Deck(title: "SomeConf 2023") {
            Slide(alignment: .center) {
                Title("Welcome to DeckUI")
            }

            slide {
                Title("Slide 2")
                Words("Some useful content")
                Media(.assetImage("murray"))
            }
        }
    }

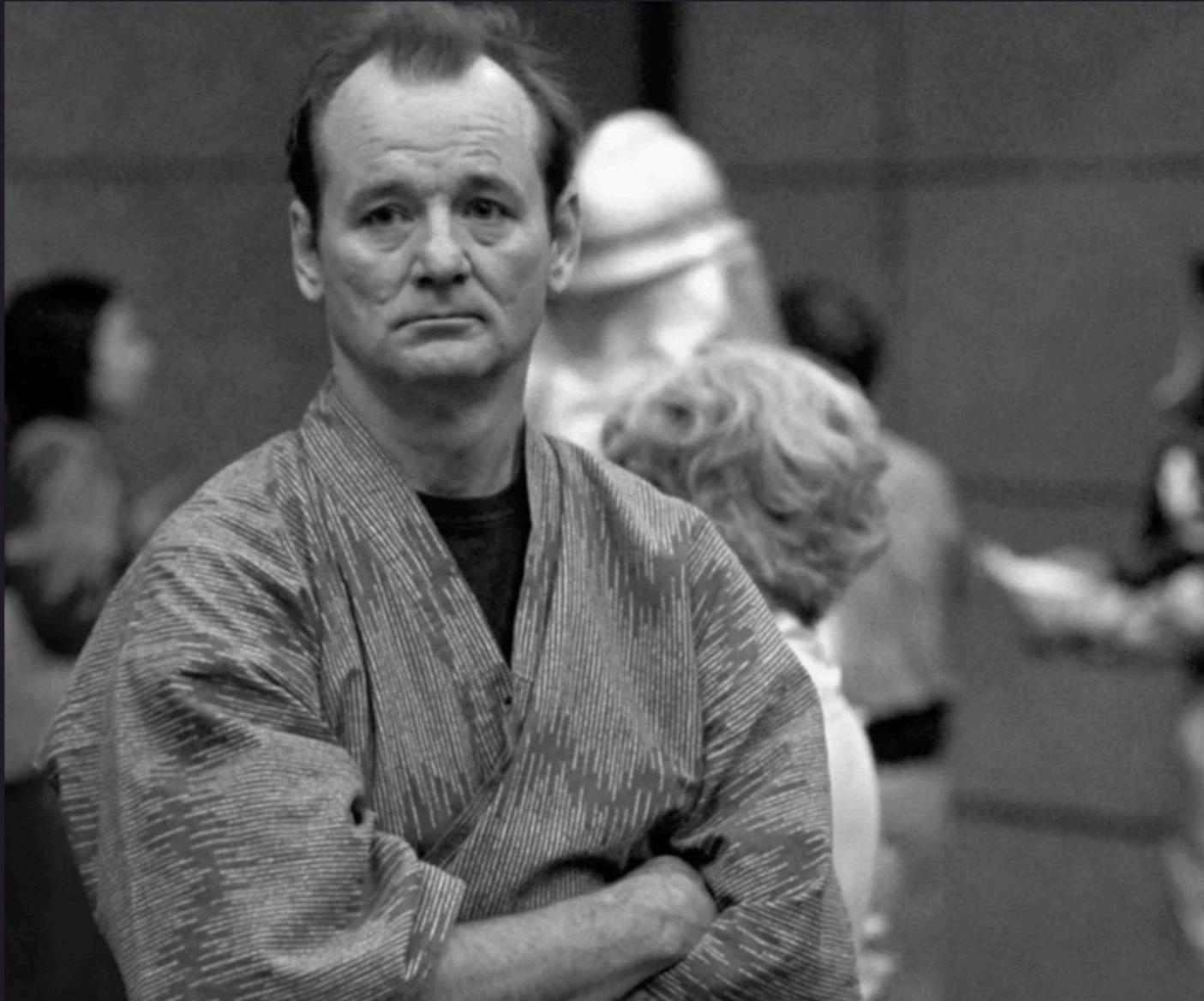
    var body: some View {
        Presenter(deck: self.deck)
    }
}
```

- Create a Deck with multiple Slides
- Each Slide contains ContentItems
- Create Presenter and pass a Deck
- Presenter is a SwiftUI View to present a Deck

Welcome to DeckUI

Slide 2

Some useful content



Bullets

```
Slide {  
    Bullets {  
        Words("")  
        Words("")  
        Words("")  
    }  
  
    Bullets(style: .dash) {  
        Words("")  
        Words("")  
        Words("")  
    }  
}
```

- Bullets take Words
- Default to circle/bullet
- Can change style

Media

```
Slide {  
    Media(.assetImage(""))  
    Media(.bundleImage(""))  
    Media(.remoteImage(URL(string: ""))!)  
    Media(.bundleVideo(""))  
  
}
```

- Three image sources
- Video was just added

Columns

```
Slide {  
    Columns {  
        Column {  
            Bullets {  
                Words("Left")  
                Words("is")  
                Words("cool")  
            }  
        }  
        Column {  
            Bullets {  
                Words("Right")  
                Words("is")  
                Words("cooler")  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

- Split slide into 1 to many columns
- Each column takes ContentItems, just like a slide

Change theme

On Deck or Slide

```
extension Theme {  
    public static let venonat: Theme = Theme(  
        background: Color(hex: "#624a7b"),  
        title: Foreground(  
            color: Color(hex: "#ff5a5a"),  
            font: Font.system(size: 80,  
                weight: .bold,  
                design: .default)  
,  
        subtitle: Foreground(  
            color: Color(hex: "#a48bbd"),  
            font: Font.system(size: 50,  
                weight: .light,  
            design: .default).italic()  
,  
        body: Foreground(  
            color: Color(hex: "#FFFFFF"),  
            font: Font.system(size: 50,  
                weight: .regular,  
                design: .default)  
    )  
    // Set theme on presenter  
    var body: some View {  
        Presenter(deck: self.deck, theme: .venonat)  
    }  
    // Or on individual slide  
    Slide(theme: .venonat) {  
        Title("Some slide")  
    }  
}
```

Code

```
Slide {  
    Code(.swift) {  
        """  
        Slide {  
            Words("Your code goes here")  
        }  
        """  
    }  
}
```

- Easily drop in your code
- Up and down arrows highlight lines
- Syntax highlighting in Swift

What's coming soon?

Presenter notes view

iOS and iPadOS support

Markdown and *attributed strings*

But wait... DeckUI kinda looks like SwiftUI!

Spoiler alert, not a coincidence

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            Slide {
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            }
        }
    }
}
```

Domain-Specific Language

What is a DSL?

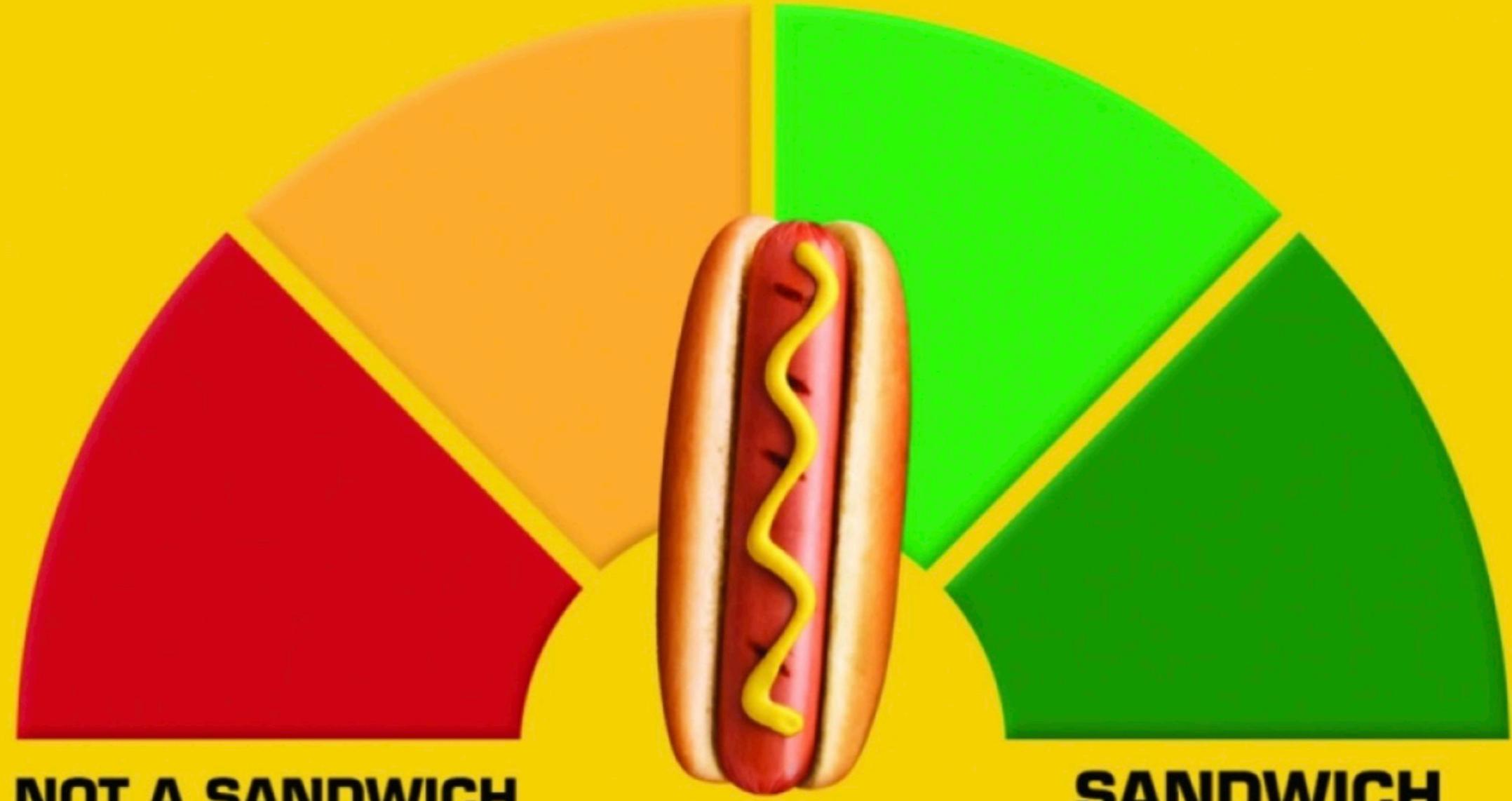


Have you used...

- SQL
- HTML
- CSS

Have you used...

- Cocoapods
- jQuery
- SwiftUI
- RegexBuilder



NOT A SANDWICH

SANDWICH

How do they work in Swift?

And why does it look so much like SwiftUI?

Result Builders

Making Swift code look funky since 2019

```
Deck(title:"Sample") {  
    Slide {}  
    Slide {}  
    Slide {}  
    Slide {}  
}
```

What are these curly braces doing?

```
Deck.init(title:"Sample", slides: {
    Slide {}
    Slide {}
    Slide {}
    Slide {}
})
public struct Deck {
    public init(title: String, theme: Theme = .dark, @SlideArrayBuilder slides: @escaping () -> [Slide]) {
        ...
    }
}
```

```
Deck.init(title:"Sample", slides: {
    Slide {}
    Slide {}
    Slide {}
    Slide {}
    return ???
})

public struct Deck {
    public init(title: String, theme: Theme = .dark, @SlideArrayBuilder slides: @escaping () -> [Slide]) {
        ...
    }
}
```

```
Deck.init(title:"Sample", slides: {
    let s1 = Slide {}
    let s2 = Slide {}
    let s3 = Slide {}
    let s4 = Slide {}
    return SlideArrayBuilder.buildBlock(s1, s2, s3, s4)
})

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    public init(title: String, theme: Theme = .dark, @SlideArrayBuilder slides: @escaping () -> [Slide]) {
        ...
    }
}

@resultBuilder
public enum SlideArrayBuilder {
    public static func buildBlock(_ components: Slide...) -> [Slide] {
        return [components]
    }
}
```

HAHAHA

NO.

```
Deck(title:"Sample") {  
    Slide {}  
    if (someCondition) {  
        Slide {}  
        Slide {}  
    }  
    Slide {}  
}
```

```
Deck.init(title:"Sample", slides: {
    let s1 = Slide {}
    var s2: Slide?
    var s3: Slide?
    if (someCondition) {
        s2 = Slide {}
        s3 = Slide {}
    }
    let s4 = Slide {}
    return SlideArrayBuilder.buildBlock(s1, s2, s3, s4)
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}
```

Result builders remove some language features by default

```
Deck.init(title:"Sample", slides: {
    let s1 = Slide {}
    let s2: [Slide]
    if (someCondition) {
        let s2_1 = Slide {}
        let s2_2 = Slide {}
        let s2_block = SlideArrayBuilder.buildBlock(s2_1, s2_2)
        s2 = SlideArrayBuilder.buildOptional(s2_block)
    } else {
        s2 = SlideArrayBuilder.buildOptional(nil)
    }
    let s3 = Slide {}
    return SlideArrayBuilder.buildBlock(s1, s2, s3)
})

@resultBuilder
public enum SlideArrayBuilder {
    public static func buildBlock(_ components: Slide...) -> [Slide] {
        return [components]
    }
    public static func buildOptional(_ component: [Slide]?) -> [Slide] {
        return component ?? []
    }
}
```

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        let s2_block = SlideArrayBuilder.buildBlock(s2_1, s2_2)
        s2 = SlideArrayBuilder.buildOptional(s2_block)
    } else {
        s2 = SlideArrayBuilder.buildOptional(nil)
    }
    let s3 = Slide {}
    return SlideArrayBuilder.buildBlock(s1, s2, s3)
})

@resultBuilder
public enum SlideArrayBuilder {
    public static func buildBlock(_ components: [Slide]...) -> [Slide] {
        return components.flatMap { $0 }
    }
    public static func buildOptional(_ component: [Slide]?) -> [Slide] {
        return component ?? []
    }
}
```

```
Deck.init(title:"Sample", slides: {
    let s1 = SlideArrayBuilder.buildExpression(Slide {})
    let s2: [Slide]
    if (someCondition) {
        let s2_1 = SlideArrayBuilder.buildExpression(Slide {})
        let s2_2 = SlideArrayBuilder.buildExpression(Slide {})
        let s2_block = SlideArrayBuilder.buildBlock(s2_1, s2_2)
        s2 = SlideArrayBuilder.buildOptional(s2_block)
    } else {
        s2 = SlideArrayBuilder.buildOptional(nil)
    }
    let s3 = SlideArrayBuilder.buildExpression(Slide {})
    return SlideArrayBuilder.buildBlock(s1, s2, s3)
})

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    }
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        return component ?? []
    }
    public static func buildExpression(_ expression: Slide) -> [Slide] {
        return [expression]
    }
}
```



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    if (someCondition) {
        Slide {}
        Slide {}
    }
    Slide {}
}

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        return components.flatMap { $0 }
    }
    public static func buildOptional(_ component: [Slide]?) -> [Slide] {
        return component ?? []
    }
    public static func buildExpression(_ expression: Slide) -> [Slide] {
        return [expression]
    }
}
```

Method	Enables
buildArray	for..in
buildEither(first:), buildEither(second:)	if-else
buildExpression(Void)	Empty closures
buildExpression(Array)	Array variables
buildLimitedAvailability	#available

So what do I do once I make a result builder?

Whatever you want

SwiftUI works the same way

ViewBuilder is a result builder!

So why not just use SwiftUI?

Domain specificity

So why not just use SwiftUI? You can!

```
slide {
    RawView {
        CounterView()
    }
}

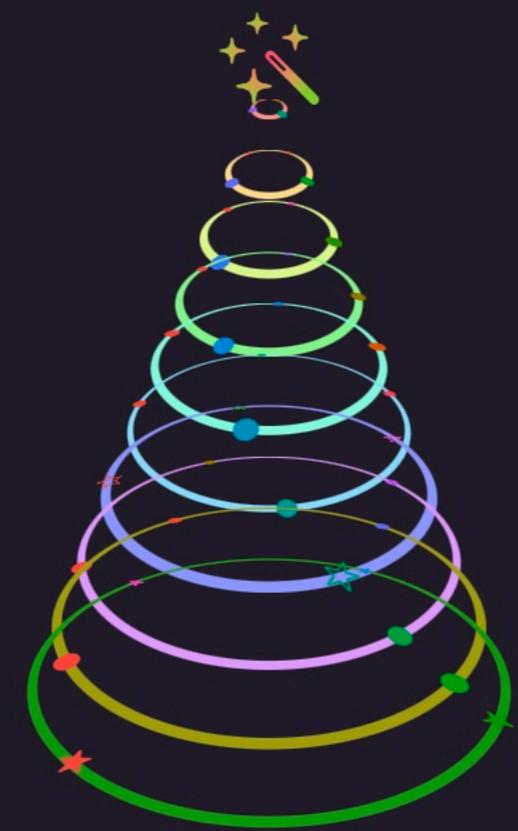
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                )
        }.buttonStyle(.plain)
    }
}
```

Press me - 0

Let's turn up the heat a bit





Why you should use DeckUI

Why you should use DeckUI

- Your demos are right in the deck
- Way better than live coding
- If you like coding more than WYSIWYG editors
- You can use Git!
- Your presentation is an app!

Why you shouldn't use DeckUI

Or at least a few caveats if you want to use it

- Your presentation is an app
- Doesn't distribute very well
- Only on Apple platforms
- You'll have to drop down to SwiftUI a LOT
- Feature set is limited

It VERY alpha stage

#MakeBenProothiFamous

This is where you come in!

Wishlist

- More customization of Words
- Nested Bullets
- Better slide transitions (Magic Move?)
- Animations within a slide
- DeckUI packages and plugins through Swift Package Manager
- Syntax highlighting beyond Swift
- Improvements to presenter notes view
- Generate things other than SwiftUI under the hood
- Whatever else you want to build, we want to hear it!

Thank you!

<https://github.com/joshdholtz/deckui>