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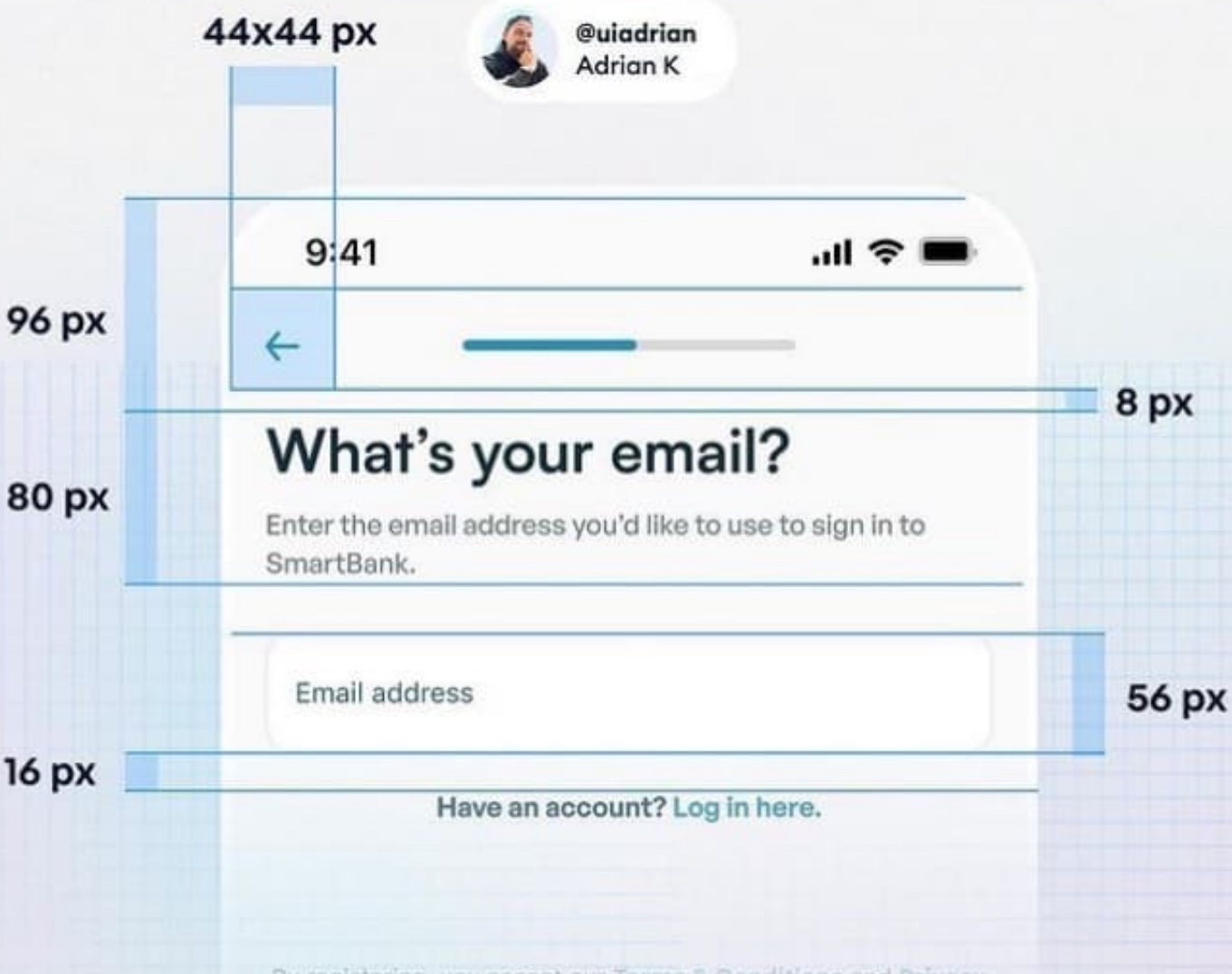
how to master

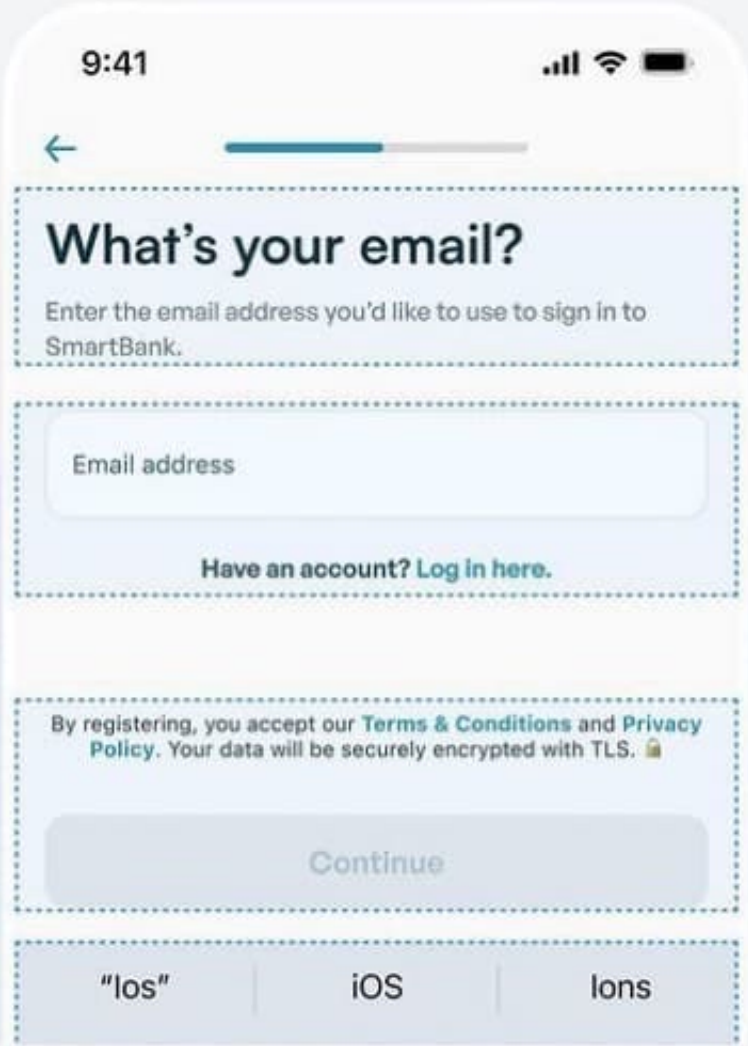
spacing in UI



01.

The intro

We'll break down the spacing on a live example below, taken from my latest eBook. Most of the things that you'll see are direct excerpts from the Design Manual. Personally, I find it best to learn design while replicating and practicing others. Let's go! 🙌



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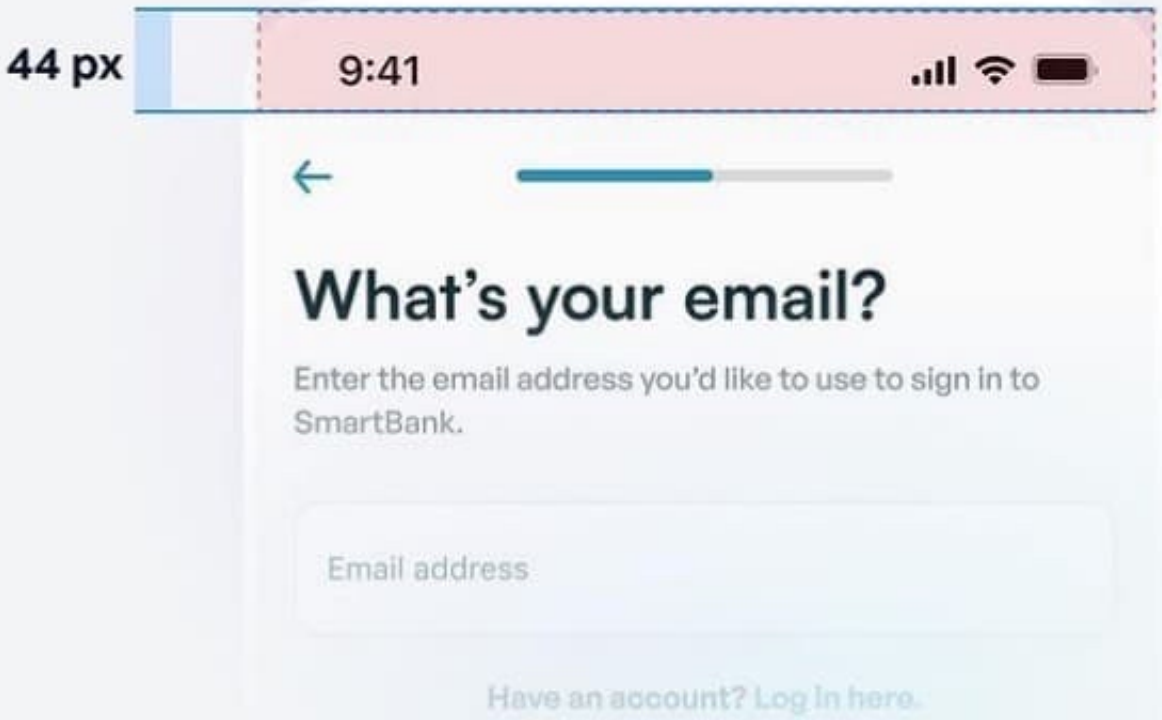
The status bar

We'll have to leave at least 44px for the status bar. Count down 44 points from the top border and don't put anything in this area apart from the status bar itself. That's the danger zone!



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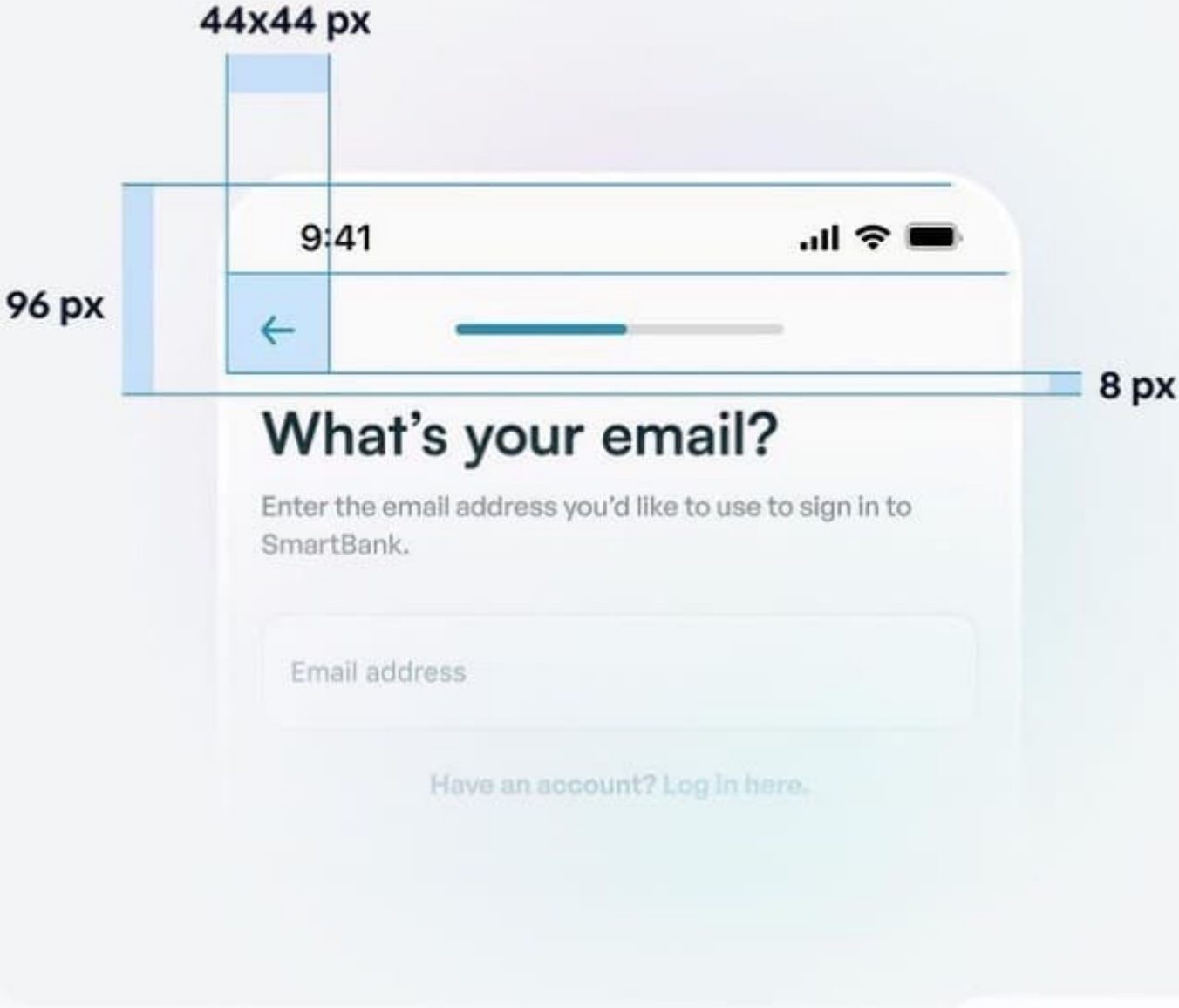
The navigation bar

This part usually takes around 56px depending on the content you use. In my example I used 44px to create the tap target for my back button and added 8px space between that and the text below.



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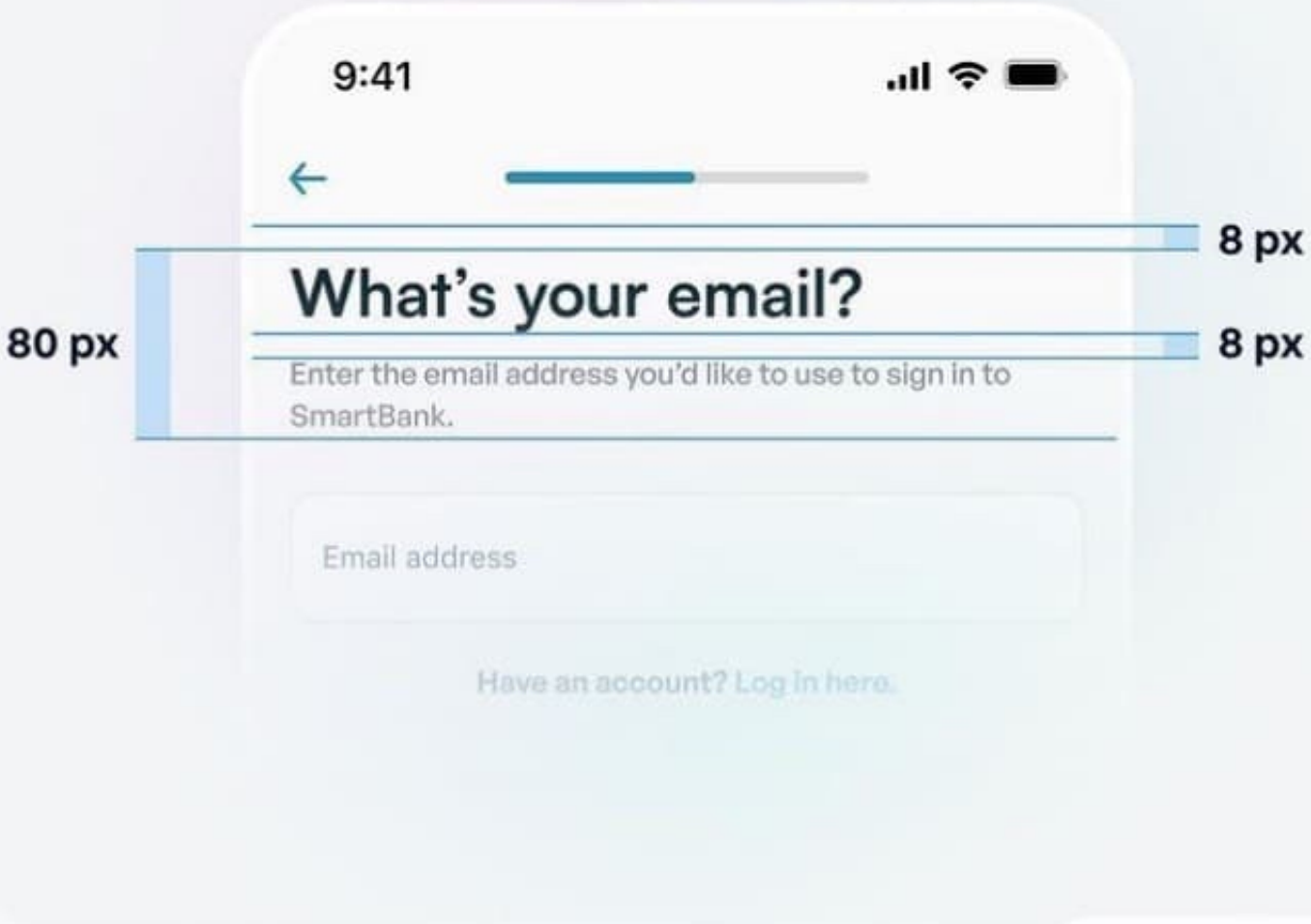
The text container

For my text I used a 28px font size and left 8 px space between the title and the description. Entire text container takes around 80 px and is placed 96px from the top border.



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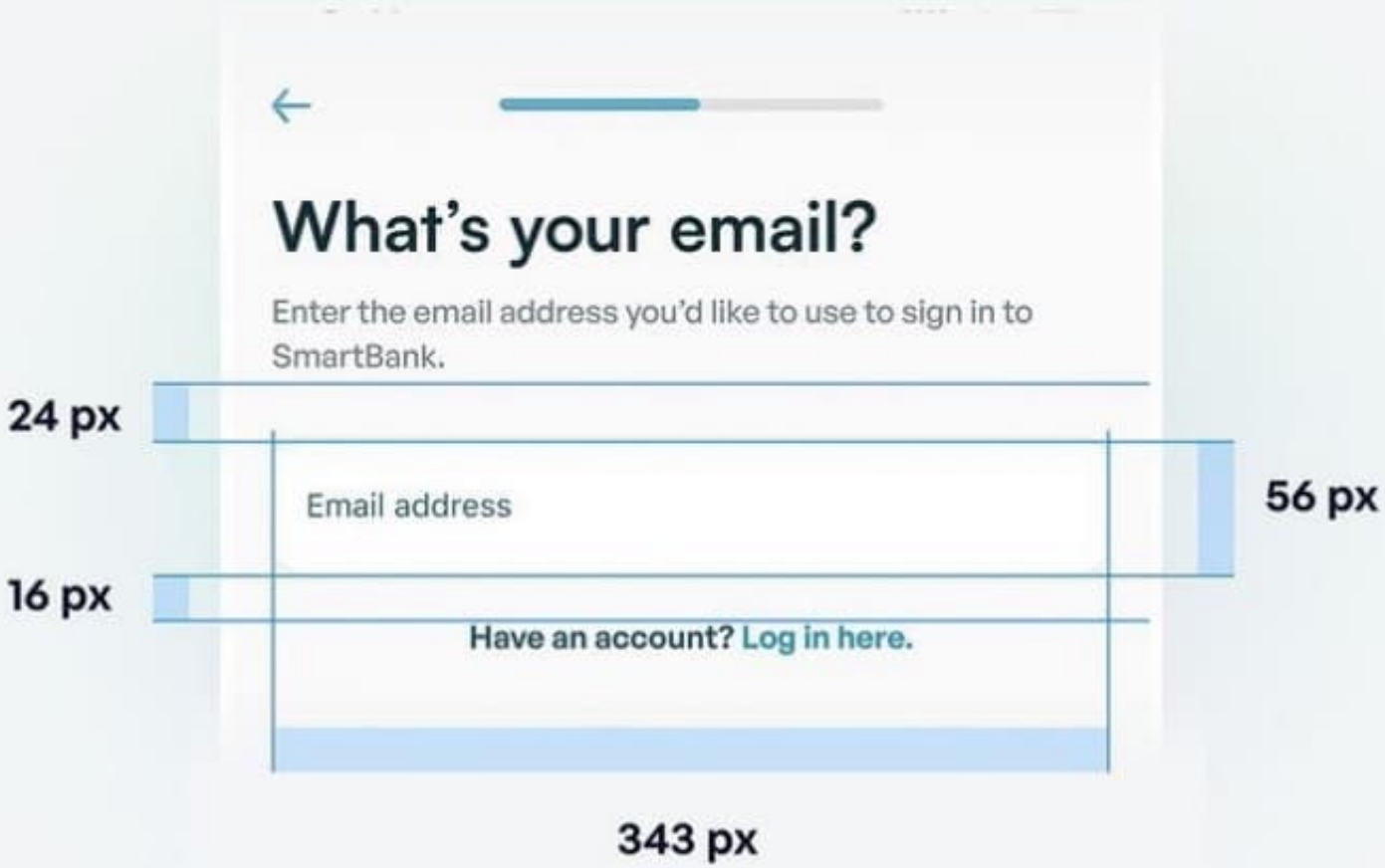
The input field

I left 24px space between the text container and the input field to have enough breathing room. The input field alone has dimensions of 343x56px which leaves around 16px margins on both sides.



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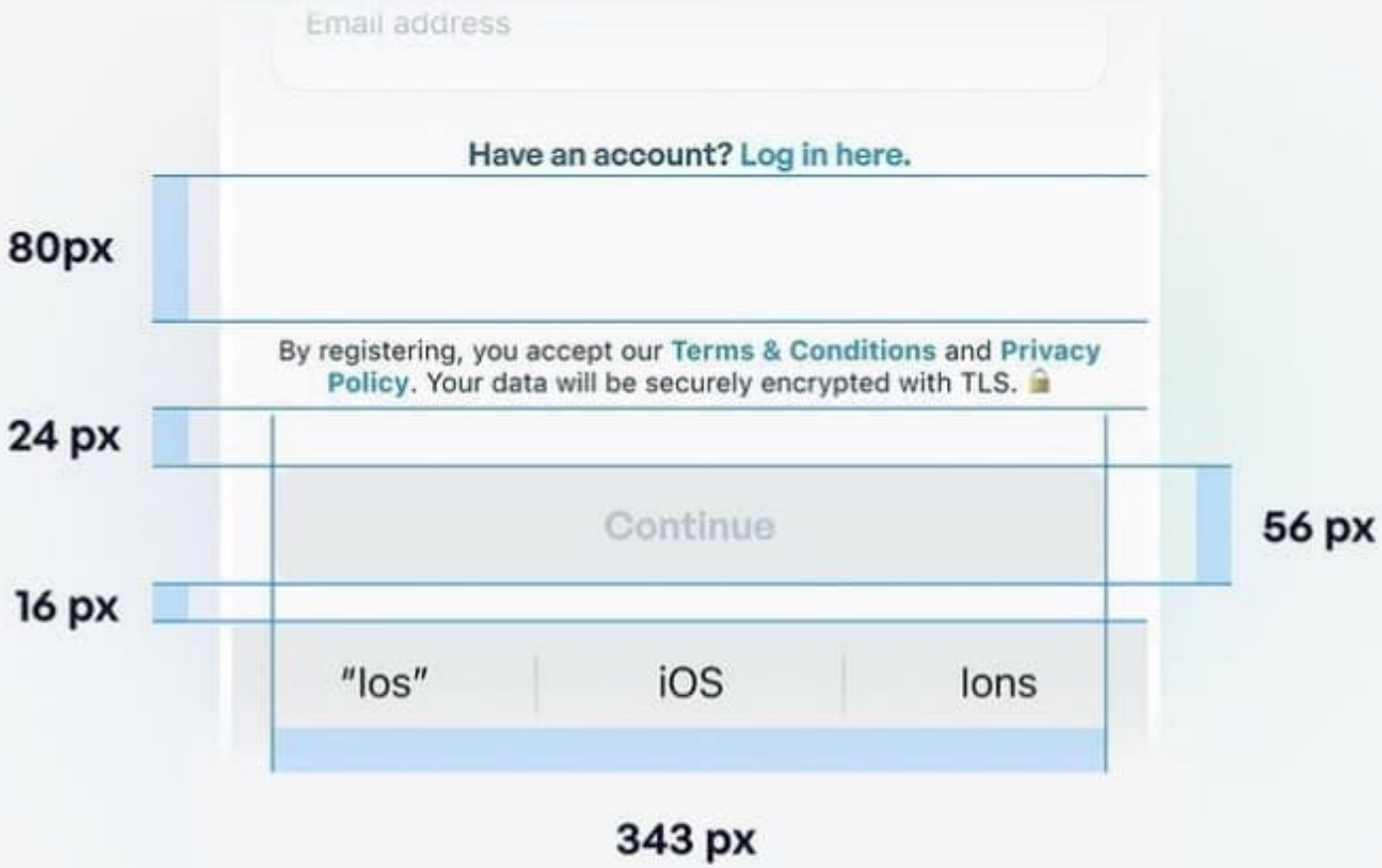
Acceptance text & button

I left 24px between the acceptance text and the button to make it clear that the text is related to the button. I also added 16px of space between the button and the keyboard.



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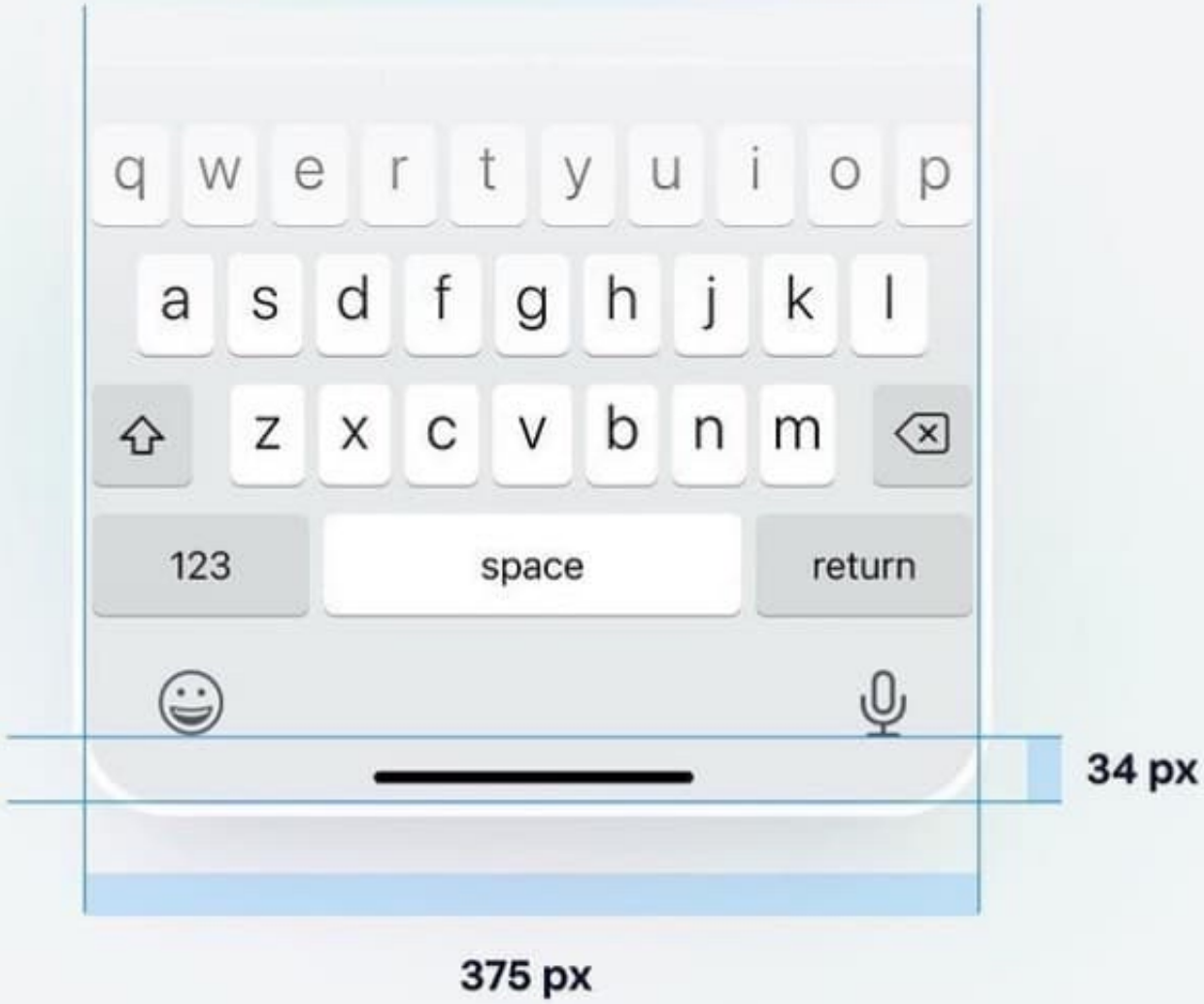
iOS Keyboard

To create my keyboard I used a pre-made component from the iOS UI Kit. Only thing you have to remember is to resize it to fit your frame ane leave around 34px of space for the home indicator.



08.

How to practice

The best way to learn spacing is by replicating how other apps are designed, taking note of all the values, and analyzing everything by yourself. **Now, get to work and learn a new skill!**

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