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Measuring Performance Using Logging Signposts and Instruments

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Your mission: Improve performance

Introducing Signposts

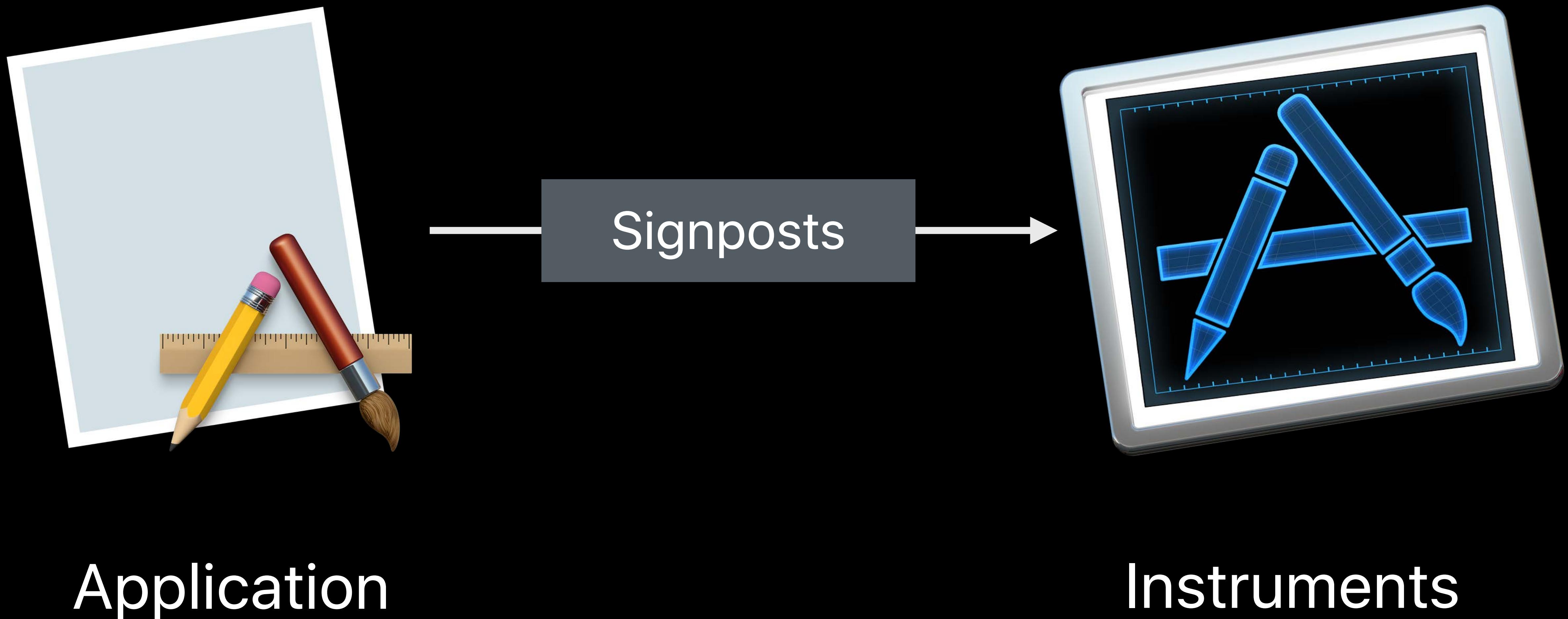
NEW

Signposts

- Part of the os_log family
- Performance-focused time markers

Instruments

- Aggregate and analyze signpost data
- Visualize activity over time



Logging

```
let logHandle = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.widget", category: "Setup")
```

```
os_log(.info, log: logHandle, "Hello, %{public}s!", world)
```

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
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Signposts created for investigating performance

- Built for performance use case and integration with developer tools



Adopting signposts

Overlapping operations

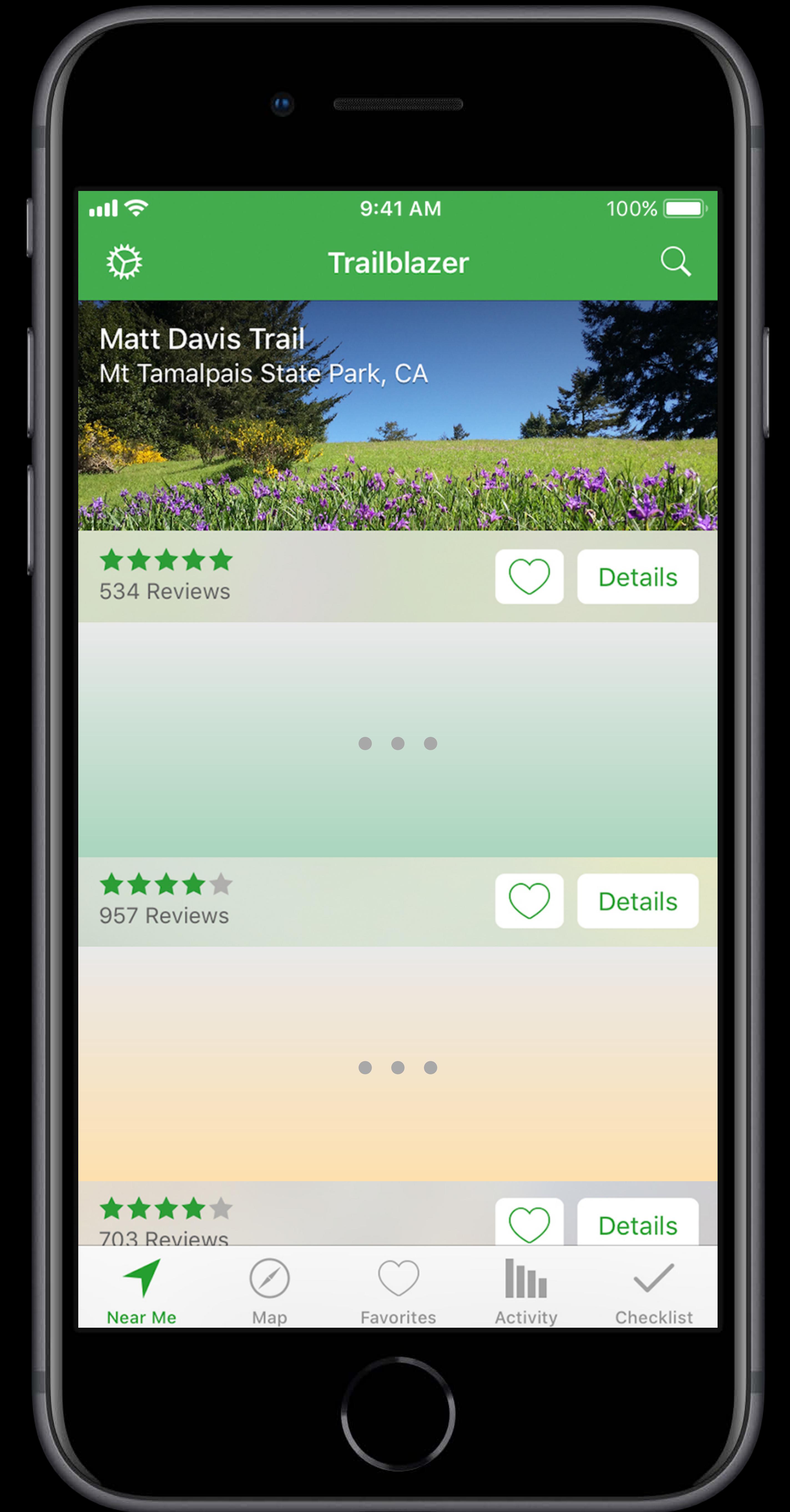
Adding metadata

Controlling signposts

Investigating with Instruments



Measuring Intervals with Signposts

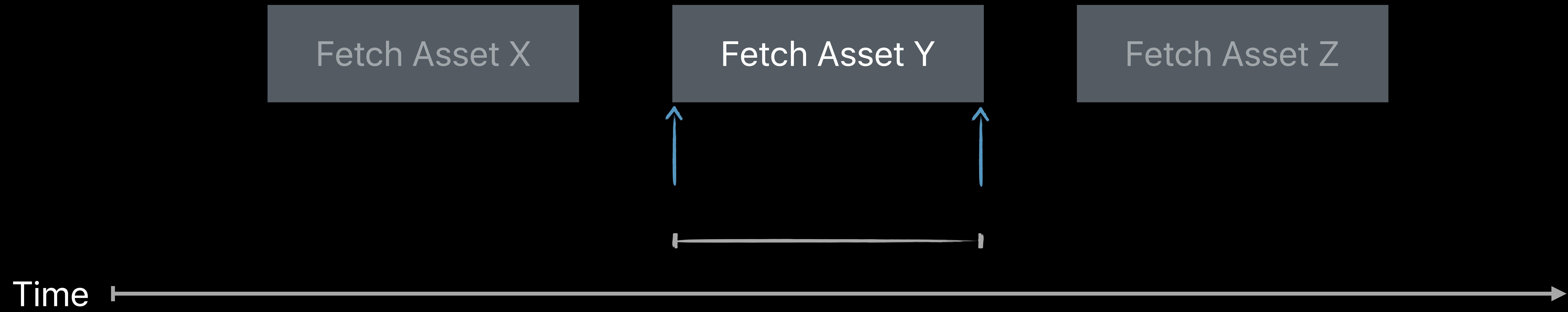


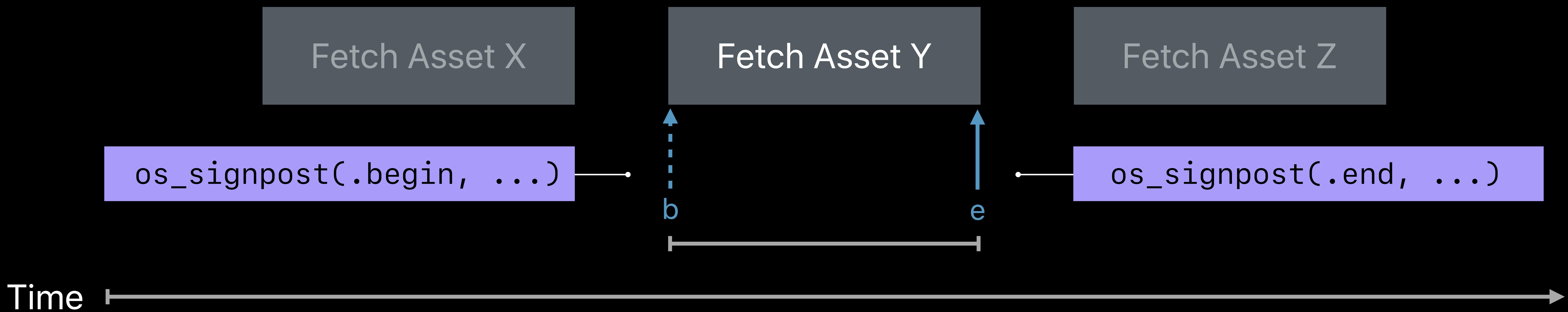
Time ← →

Fetch Asset X

Fetch Asset Y

Fetch Asset Z






```
import os.signpost

for element in panel.elements {
    fetchAsset(for: element)
}
```

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```

Category: Use for grouping

```
let refreshLog = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.your-app", category: "RefreshOperations")
```

```
for element in panel.elements {
```

```
    fetchAsset(for: element)
```

```
}
```

NEW

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let refreshLog = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.your-app", category: "RefreshOperations")

for element in panel.elements {
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    fetchAsset(for: element)
    os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
}
```

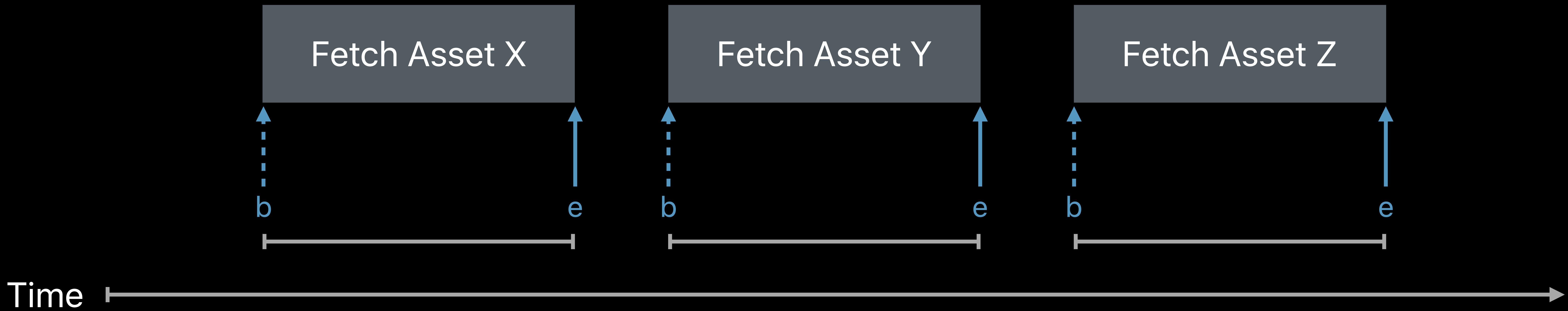
Signpost name: A string literal
that identifies interval

Time ← →

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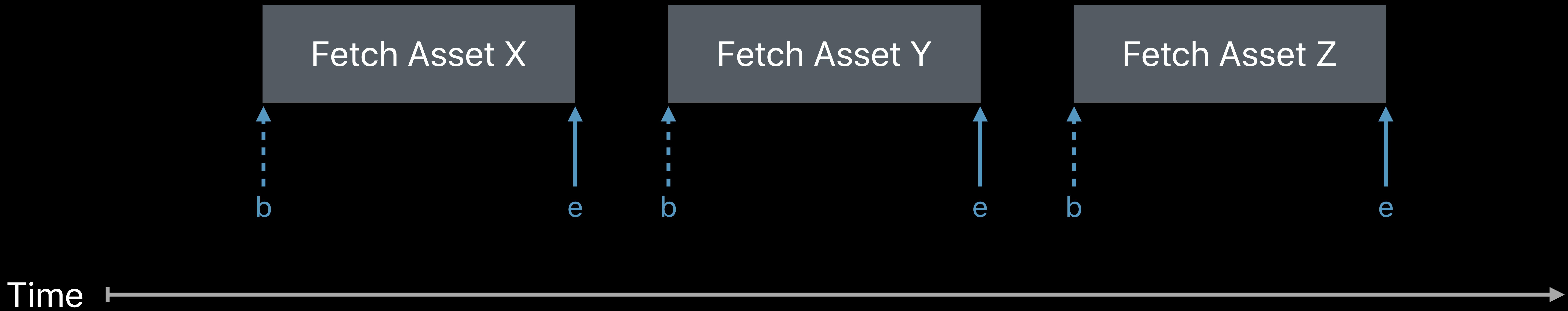
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    fetchAsset(for: element)
    os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
}
os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")
```

A different signpost name
for this different interval





Measuring Asynchronous Intervals

Time ← →

Fetch Asset X

Fetch Asset Y

Fetch Asset Z

Asynchronous Operation X

Fetch Asset X

Asynchronous Operation Y

Fetch Asset Y

Asynchronous Operation Z

Fetch Asset Z

Time ← →

Asynchronous Operation X

Fetch Asset X

Asynchronous Operation Y

Fetch Asset Y

Asynchronous Operation Z

Fetch Asset Z



Time →

Signpost Names

```
os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
```

```
os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
```

The string literal identifies signpost intervals

The name must match at `.begin` and `.end`

Signpost IDs

```
let spid = OSSignpostID(log: refreshLog)  
os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset", signpostID: spid)
```

```
os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset", signpostID: spid)
```

Use signpost IDs to tell overlapping operations apart

While running, use the same IDs for each pair of `.begin` and `.end`

Making Signpost IDs

```
let spid = OSSignpostID(log: refreshLog)
```

```
let spid = OSSignpostID(log: refreshLog, object: element)
```

Signpost IDs are process-scoped

Making from object is convenient if you have the same object at `.begin` and `.end`

Asynchronous Operation X

Fetch Asset X

Asynchronous Operation Y

Fetch Asset Y

Asynchronous Operation Z

Fetch Asset Z



Time ← →

Asynchronous Operation X

Fetch Asset X

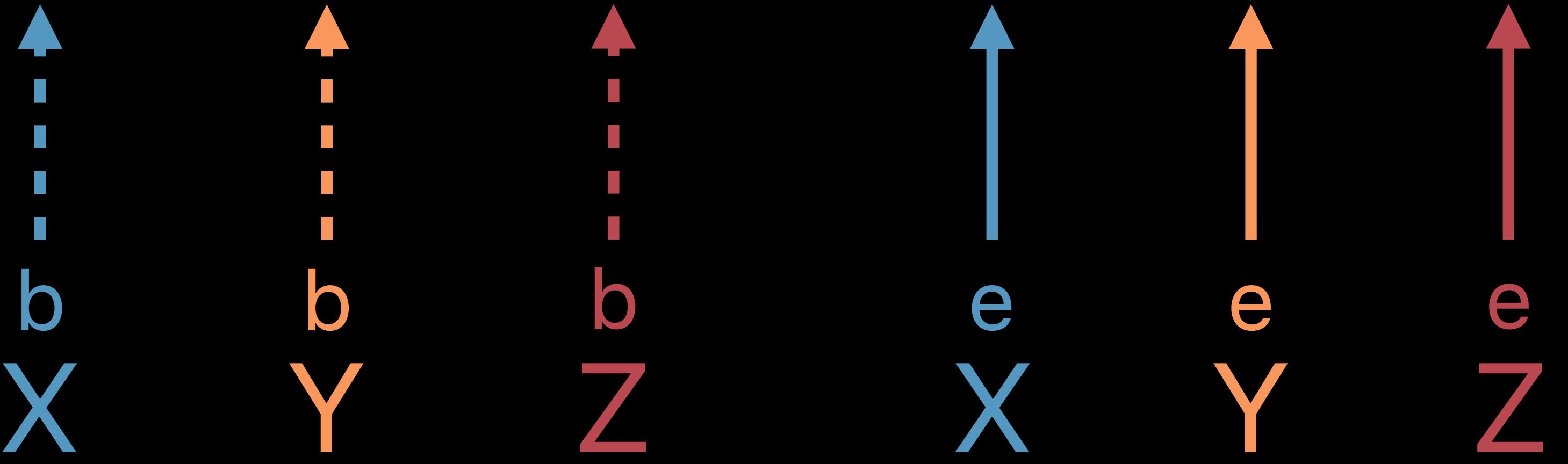
Asynchronous Operation Y

Fetch Asset Y

Asynchronous Operation Z

Fetch Asset Z

Signpost IDs



Asynchronous Operation X

Fetch Asset X

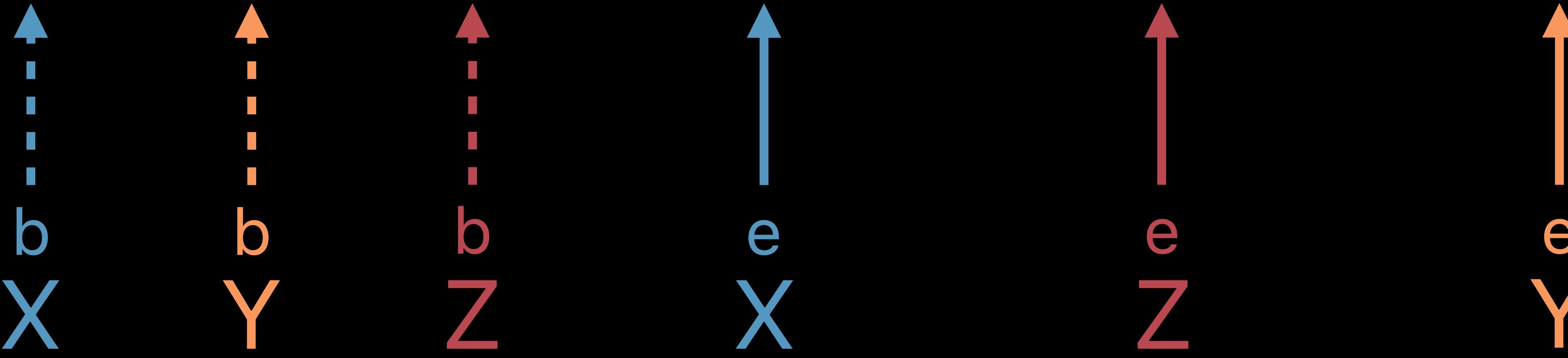
Asynchronous Operation Y

Fetch Asset Y

Asynchronous Operation Z

Fetch Asset Z

Signpost IDs



Time ↗

```
let refreshLog = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.your-app", category: "RefreshOperations")

os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")

for element in panel.elements {

    os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
    fetchAsset(for: element)
    os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")

}

os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")
```

```
let refreshLog = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.your-app", category: "RefreshOperations")

os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")

for element in panel.elements {

    os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
    fetchAssetAsync(for: element) {
        os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset") Completion handler for one asset
    }
}

notifyWhenDone {
    os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel") Completion handler for all assets
}
```

```
let refreshLog = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.your-app", category: "RefreshOperations")
```

```
let spidForRefresh = OSSignpostID(log: refreshLog)
os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")

for element in panel.elements {
    let spid = OSSignpostID(log: refreshLog, object: element)
    os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
    fetchAssetAsync(for: element) {
        os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
    }
}
notifyWhenDone {
    os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")
}
```



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let refreshLog = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.your-app", category: "RefreshOperations")
```

```
let spidForRefresh = OSSignpostID(log: refreshLog)  
os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel", signpostID: spidForRefresh)
```

```
for element in panel.elements {  
    let spid = OSSignpostID(log: refreshLog, object: element)  
    os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset", signpostID: spid)  
    fetchAssetAsync(for: element) {  
        os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset", signpostID: spid)  
    }  
}
```

```
notifyWhenDone {  
    os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel", signpostID: spidForRefresh)  
}
```

Organizing Signposts: A Hierarchy

```
log = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.your-app", category: "RefreshOperations")
```

```
os_signpost(.begin, log: log, name: "Fetch Asset", signpostID: spid)
```

Example

Represents

Log category

"RefreshOperations"

Related operations

Signpost name

"Fetch Asset"

An operation to measure

Signpost ID

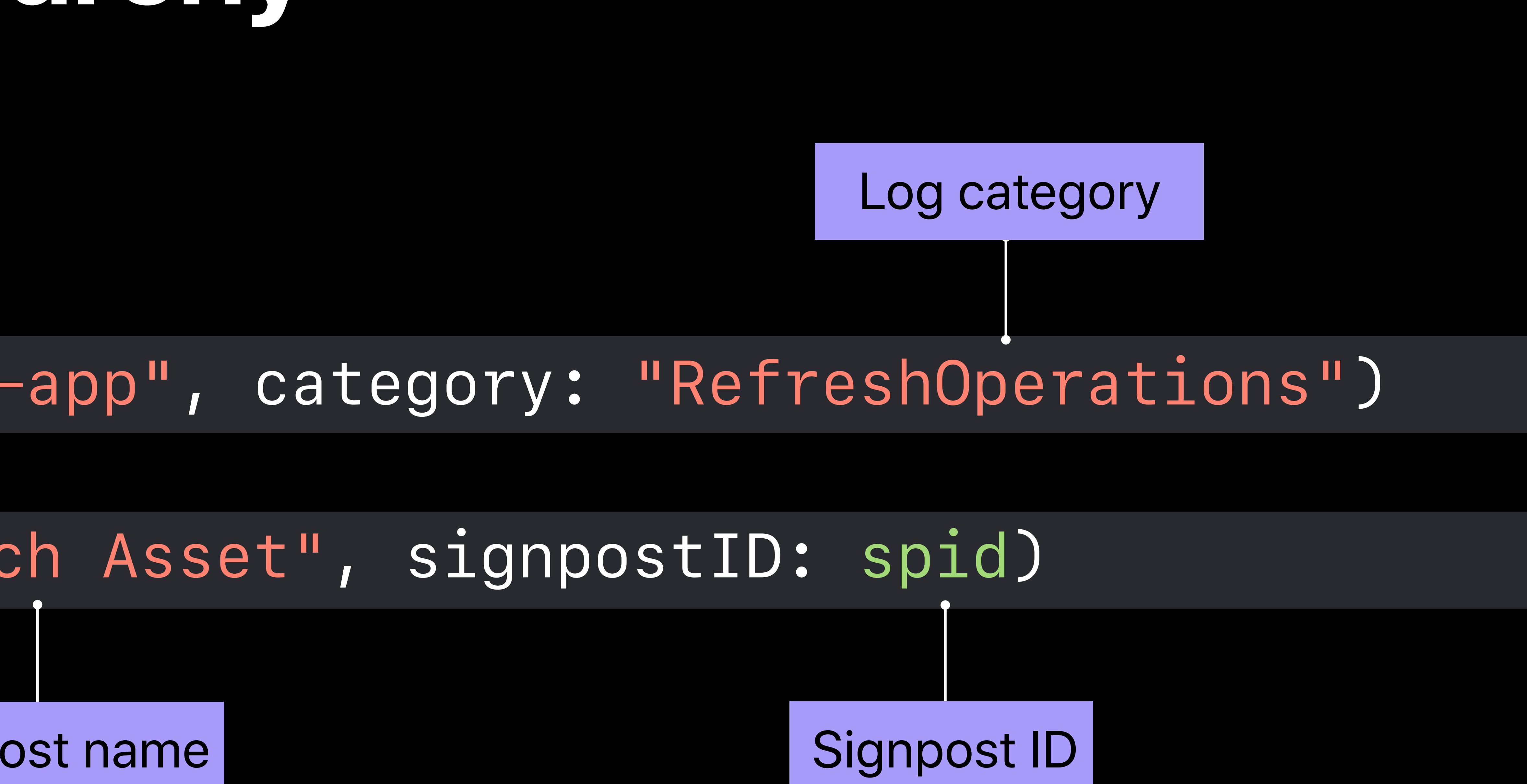
spid

Single interval

Log category

Signpost name

Signpost ID



Adding Metadata to Signposts

Custom Metadata in Signpost Arguments

```
os_signpost(.begin, log: log, name: "Compute Physics")
```

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```
os_signpost(.begin, log: log, name: "Compute Physics",  
           "for particle")
```

Add context to the `.begin` and `.end`

Custom Metadata in Signpost Arguments

```
os_signpost(.begin, log: log, name: "Compute Physics",  
           "%d %d %d %d",  
           x1, y1, x2, y2)
```

Add context to the `.begin` and `.end`

Pass arguments with `os_log` format string literal

Custom Metadata in Signpost Arguments

```
os_signpost(.begin, log: log, name: "Compute Physics",  
    "%.<1f %.1f %.2f %.1f %.1f",  
    x1, y1, m, x2, y2)
```

Add context to the `.begin` and `.end`

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Pass many arguments with different types

Custom Metadata in Signpost Arguments

```
os_signpost(.begin, log: log, name: "Compute Physics",  
    "%{public}s %.1f %.1f %.2f %.1f %.1f",  
    description, x1, y1, m, x2, y2)
```

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Pass dynamic strings

Custom Metadata in Signpost Arguments

```
os_signpost(.begin, log: log, name: "Compute Physics",  
           "for %{public}s at (%.1f, %.1f) with mass %.2f and velocity (%.1f, %.1f)",  
           description, x1, y1, m, x2, y2)
```

Add context to the `.begin` and `.end`

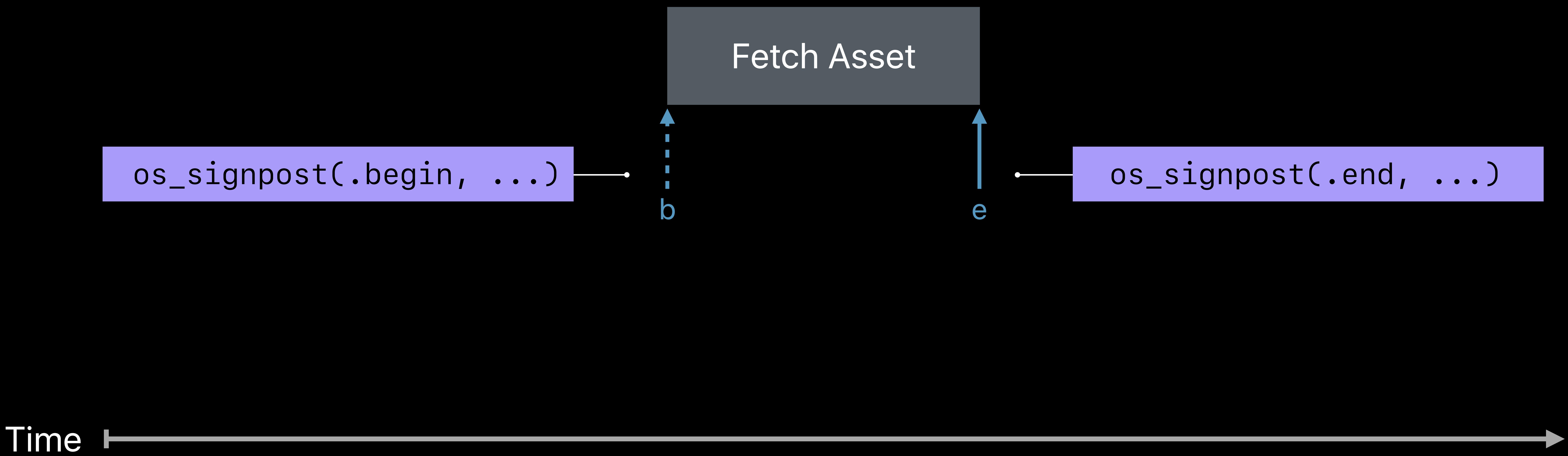
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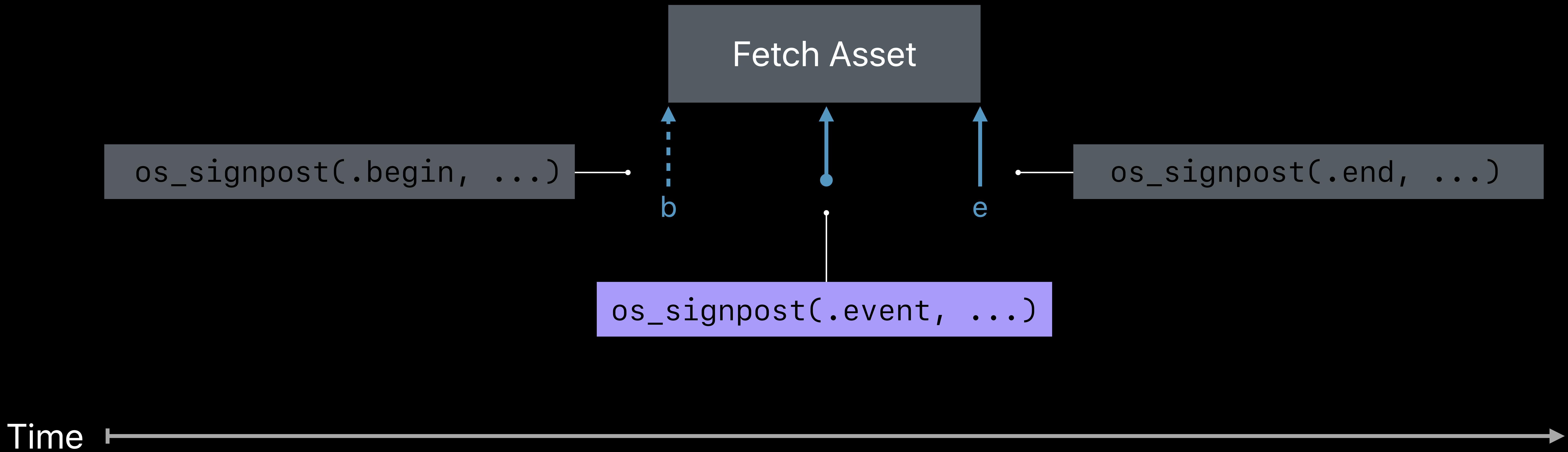
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Pass dynamic strings

The format string is a fixed cost, so feel free to be descriptive!

Adding Independent Events



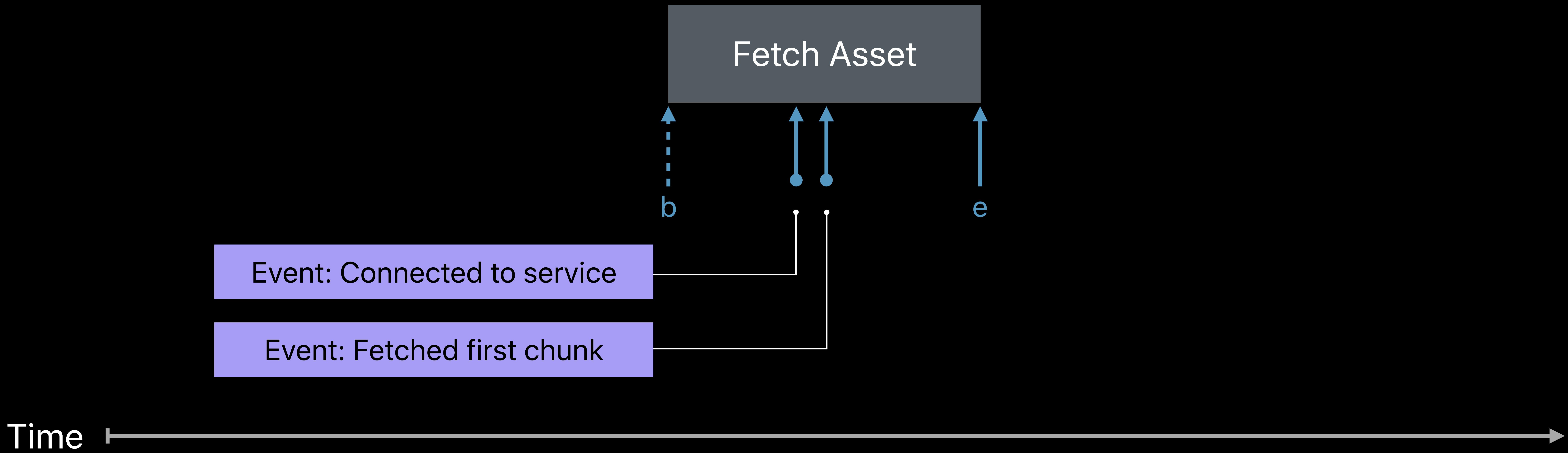


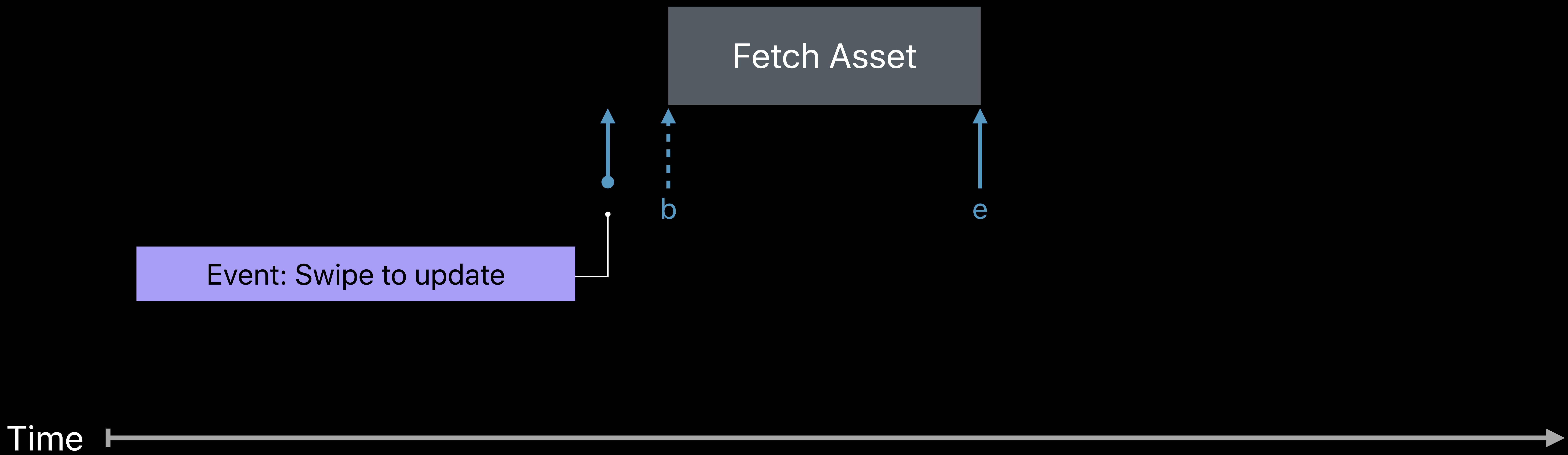
Signpost Events

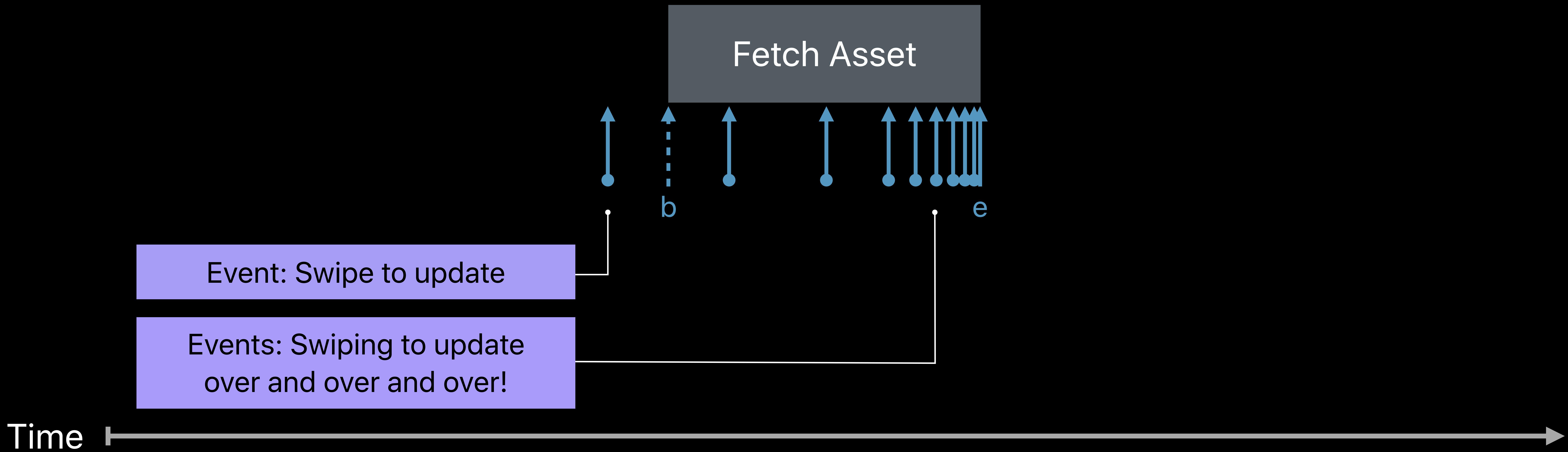
```
os_signpost(.event, log: log, name: "Fetch Asset",  
            "Fetched first chunk, size %u", size)
```

```
os_signpost(.event, log: log, name: "Swipe",  
            "For action 0x%x", actionCode)
```

Marking a single point in time







Conditionally Enabling Signposts

Signposts Are Lightweight

Built to minimize observer effect

Built for fine-grained measurement in a short time span

Enabling and Disabling Signpost Categories

`OSLog.disabled`

Take advantage of special log handle

Just change the handle—can leave calling sites alone

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}
os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")
```



```
let refreshLog: OSLog
if ProcessInfo.processInfo.environment.keys.contains("SIGNPOSTS_FOR_REFRESH") {
    refreshLog = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.your-app", category: "RefreshOperations")
} else {
    refreshLog = .disabled
}
```

```
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    fetchAsset(for: element)
    os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
}
os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")
```

Instrumentation-Specific Code

```
if refreshLog.signpostsEnabled {  
    let information = copyDescription()  
    os_signpost(..., information)  
}
```

For additional expensive code that is only useful for the signpost

Signposts in C

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Swift

```
import os.signpost
```

```
OSLog
```

```
.disabled
```

```
os_signpost(.begin, ...)
```

```
os_signpost(.end, ...)
```

```
os_signpost(.event, ...)
```

```
OSSignpostID
```

C

```
#include <os/signpost.h>
```

```
os_log_t, os_log_create()
```

```
OS_LOG_DISABLED
```

```
os_signpost_interval_begin()
```

```
os_signpost_interval_end()
```

```
os_signpost_event_emit()
```

```
os_signpost_id_t
```

Instruments

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os_signpost

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Points of Interest

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os_signpost

Points of Interest

Custom instruments

Demo

Visualizing signpost data

Summary

Annotate code with signposts

- Easily mark intervals
- Capture metadata of interest

Use Instruments to view signpost data

- Visualize where time is spent
- Understand what program is doing

More Information

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