How to Widget

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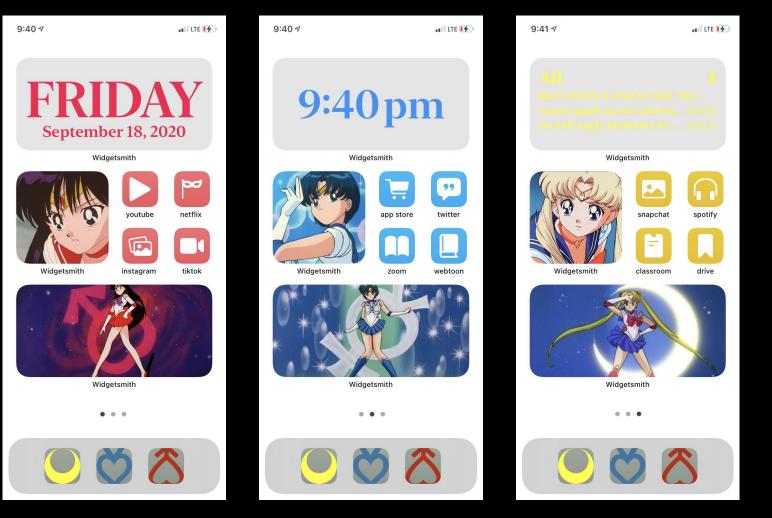
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What is a Widget?

- A SwiftUI view that updates over time
- An extension built on your main app
- A relevant, glanceable experience
- Not a mini-app
- Widgets can support three sizes







Widgets can appear on...

- iPhone home screen and Today View
- iPad Today View
- macOS Big Sur notification center







Widget Configuration

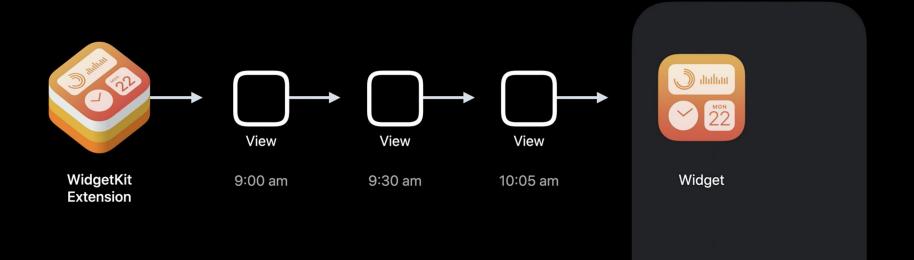
- The back of a widget can display a configuration UI
- The UI is generated by the system, the parameters are defined by you
- Widgets don't have to be configurable





Widget Timelines

- A timeline is a series of views and when to display them
- Entries are serialized to disk and just-in-time rendered by the Home Screen
- The timeline Reload Policy defines when to request a new timeline
- You can manually reload the timeline from your main app



Timeline Reload Policies

- There are 3 different Timeline Reload Policies
- .atEnd requests a new timeline after the last timeline entry
- .after (Date) requests a new timeline after the provided Date
- .never will not request a new timeline



Timeline Entry Relevance

- Timeline entries can contain relevance score and duration
- Widget Smart Stacks will try to display our widget when it is highly relevant



Widget Snapshots

- Used when the system needs to quickly display an entry
- Often the same view as the first timeline entry





Widget Placeholders

- The default content for your widget
- Don't display actual user data
- Typically only retrieved when the device environment changes



Thank you!

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