

iOS Design

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- use two column design for tablet in portrait
- list view is the iOS standard approach for browsing data
- using slider in “Card” view is an anti-pattern
- Using pure functions operate at the machine level (e.g., `GetField (sort selection)`)
- fastest way possible to get data

List views

- three fields per row in portrait
- show more fields in landscape (six per row) because of available width
- can potentially use “Hide if” and anchoring to put fields on same layout (don’t need to switch layouts)
- Sorting Methods
 - Best Practice
 - One interaction point (“Sort” button)
 - use dropdown list
 - One sub summary part
 - One script

Form view

- two column design (example was in portrait)
- top area - what do you want to stand out?
 - e.g., photo, first & last name, key fields, etc.
- combine buttons together (one control area)
 - also at top of screen
- below the header, put the fields into column1 or column2
- use dropdown & popup lists
- alternate input methods
 - use keyboard type (e.g., for numbers, email addresses, etc.)
 - siri dictation
- use APIs for things like address (e.g., Google Maps API)
 - examples are in starter solutions
- Approaches for large layouts
 - use popovers (e.g., Gradual Disclosure)
 - popovers to show fields
 - popovers to show other buttons
 - build layouts with READ-ONLY fields by default, because they’re more compact
 - for each data group, can have a popover that shows editing fields (which take more real estate)
 - Things that are popovers on the iPad should become layouts in the iPhone

Portals

- don’t work well with iOS on scrolling layouts
 - particular problem: nested scroll view
 - e.g., scrolling down a layout when suddenly encounter a portal; the portal starts scrolling, not the layout
 - instead, use List View
 - go to a list view based on the related table, rather than a portal showing the related records
 - Example: Invoices, Event Management, and Projects starter solutions
- can be used in a Master-Detail or similar approach, where the portal is the primary object on the screen
 - most likely an iPad in layout view, not iPhone or iPad portrait
 - examples in iPhone
 - Yelp and LinkedIn for iPhone

Searching

...?

Navigation & commands

put actions on the right

First design of the iPad, then for the iPhone

- basically get the iPhone view for free
- build/prioritize for portrait
 - if you design for landscape, you won’t get iPhone portrait for free

Prioritize your fields — don’t try to show everything

split it into multiple layouts

Q & A

- What are the pros & cons of using merge fields?
 - If you use related fields, merge fields can have issues with long names
- Base table scrolling (e.g., going from invoice to invoice with swipe)
 - can use Get Gesture
 - can use buttons
 - go back to list view, and trigger a script to go to the next related record
- Getting fullscreen views
 - gestures in FMG 14
 - three fingers up hides the chrome
 - three fingers down shows the chrome
- What is the advantage of merge fields over regular fields?
 - Text reflows better — fields always take up a certain amount of space, even if they’re empty. Merge fields will auto-collapse if data is not present.
 - Merge fields are more compact.