UI Design Do's and Don'ts

iOS raises the bar for excellence in user interface design and offers great opportunities for you to deliver engaging and unique user experiences. Consider these common design concepts before you start coding to enhance the usability and appeal of your apps. To see more recommendations for great interface design, read the iOS Human Interface Guidelines.

Interactivity Readability Graphics Clarity

Formatting Content

Create a layout that fits the screen of an iOS device. Users should see primary content without zooming or scrolling horizontally.

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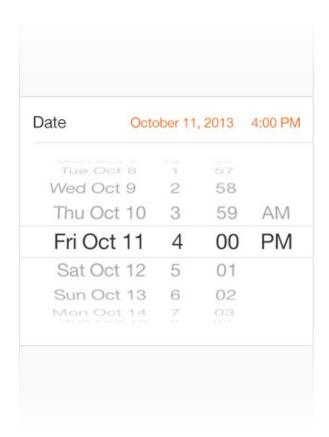
Touch Controls

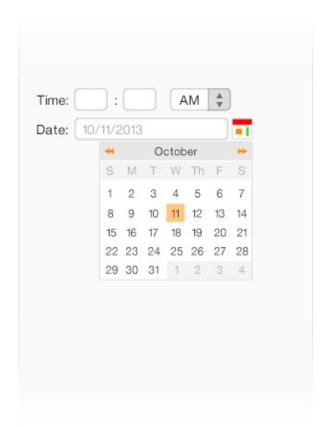
Use UI elements that are designed for touch gestures to make interaction with your app feel easy and natural.

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Hit Targets

Create controls that measure at least 44 points x 44 points so they can be accurately tapped with a finger.

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Text Size

Text should be at least 11 points so it's legible at a typical viewing distance without zooming.

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Contrast

Make sure there is ample contrast between the font color and the background so text is legible.

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Spacing

Don't let text overlap. Improve legibility by increasing line height or letter spacing.

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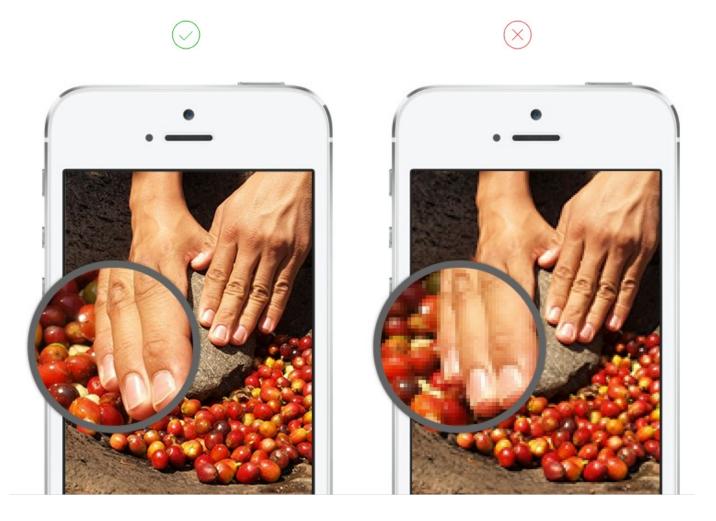
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High Resolution

Provide high-resolution versions of all image assets. Images that are not @2x and @3x will appear blurry on the Retina display.

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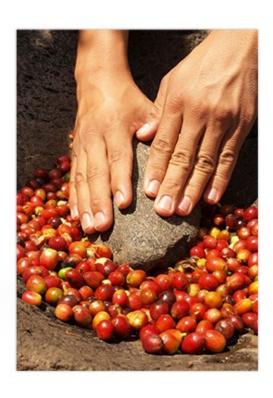
Distortion

Always display images at their intended aspect ratio to avoid distortion.

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Organization

Create an easy-to-read layout that puts controls close to the content they modify.

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Alignment

Align text, images, and buttons to show users how information is related.

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