Integrating with Game Center

Bring your game to a higher level

Session 516

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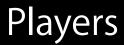
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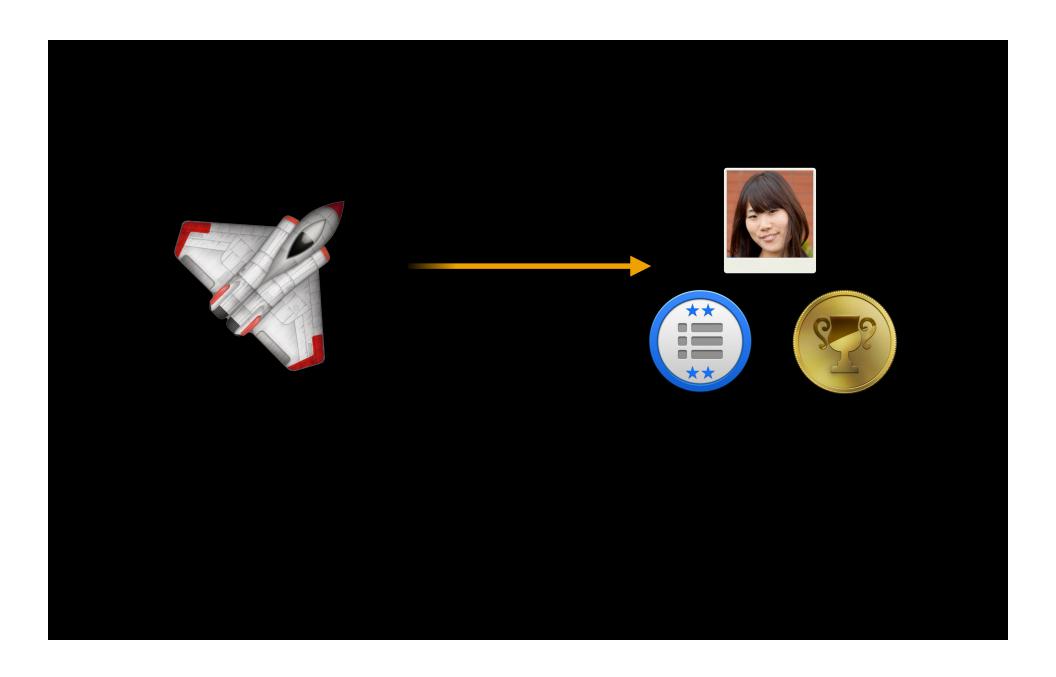


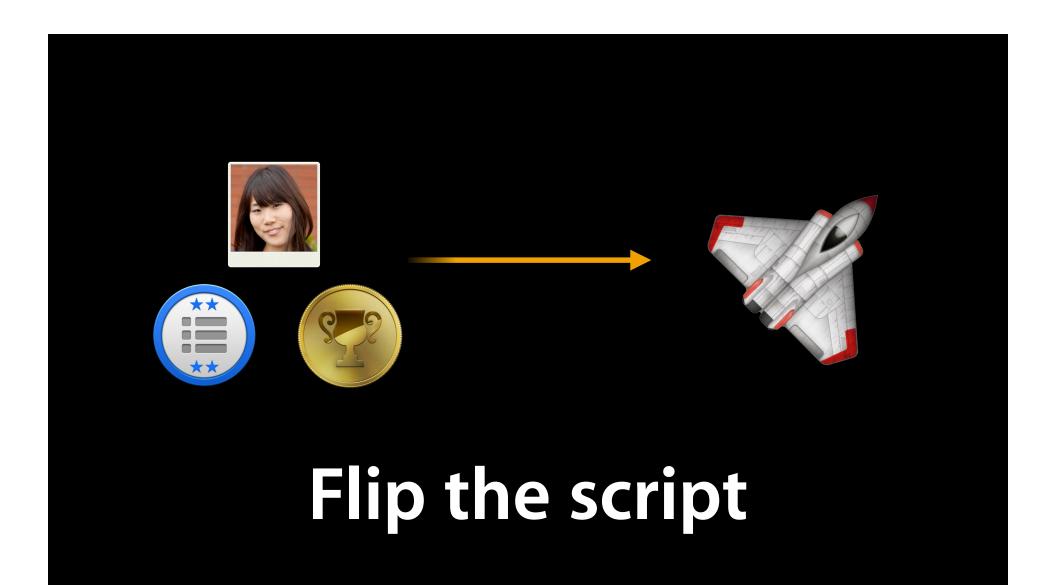


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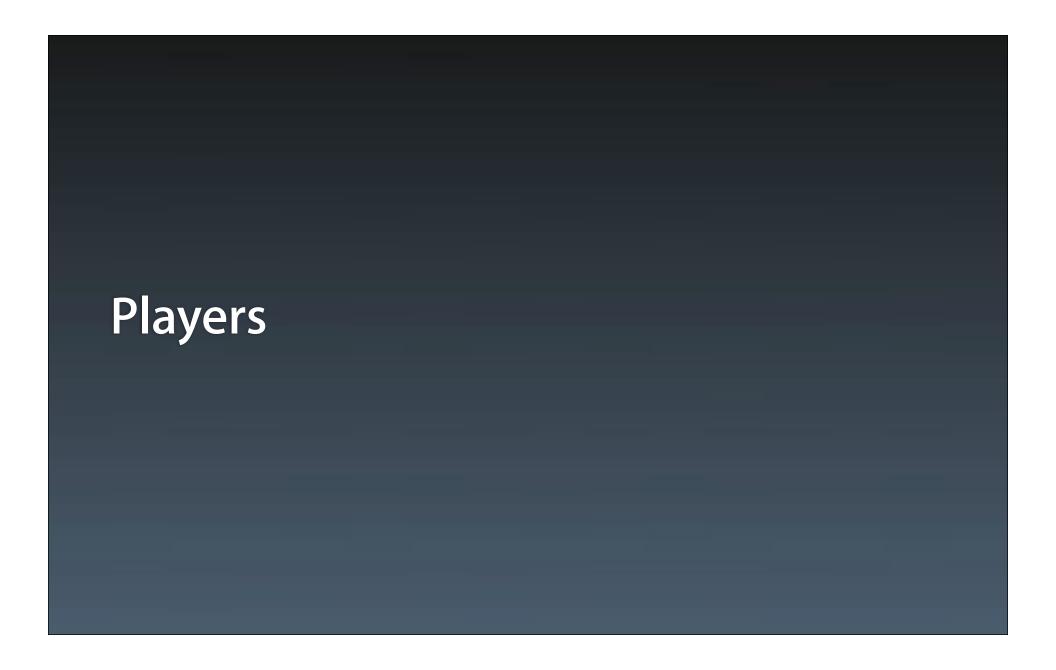
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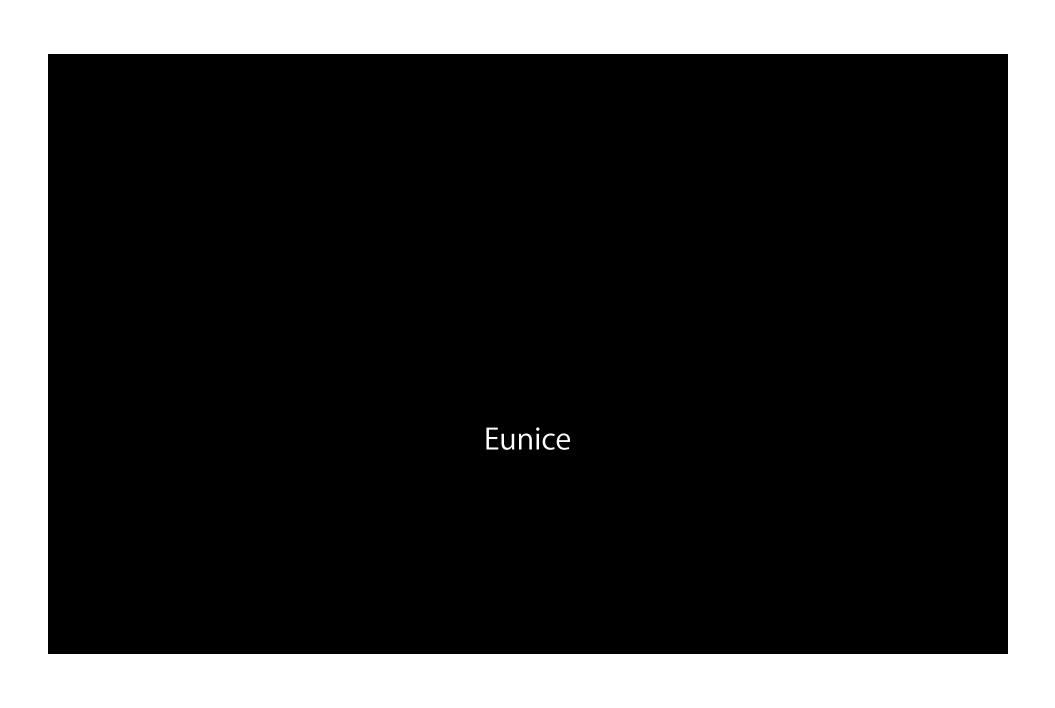


From Here to There

- In-depth with Game Center pillars
- Use brand new features
- Give ideas for new possibilities









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Login View Controller



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- Pause the game
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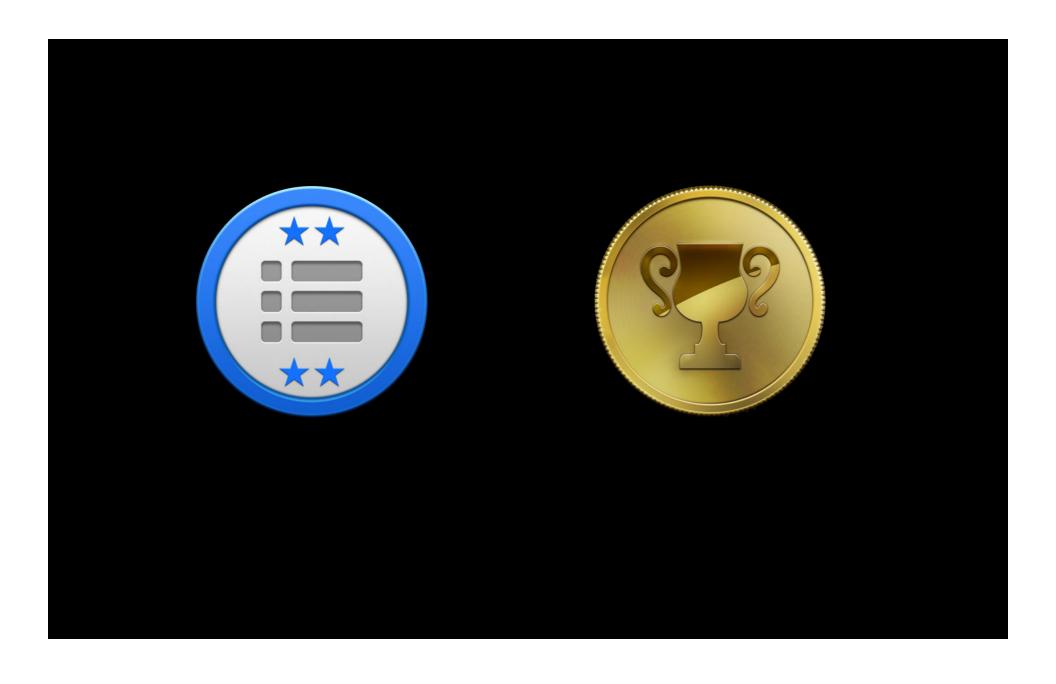
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Summary

- Authentication comes first
- Asynchronous
- Fall back gracefully
- Avoid extra dialogs

Scores and Achievements







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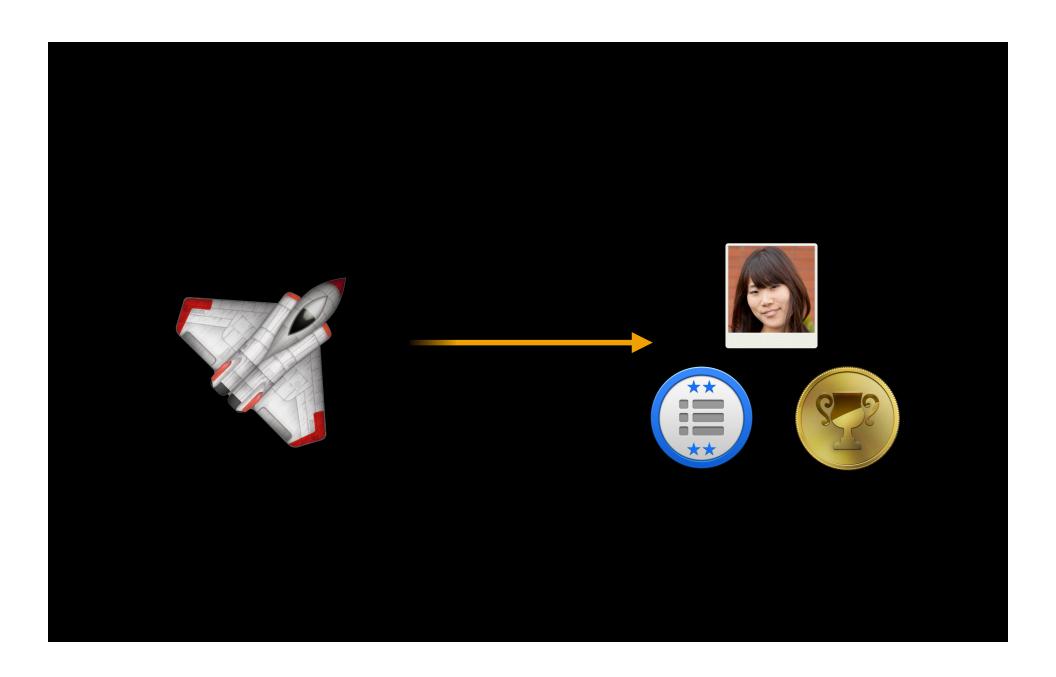
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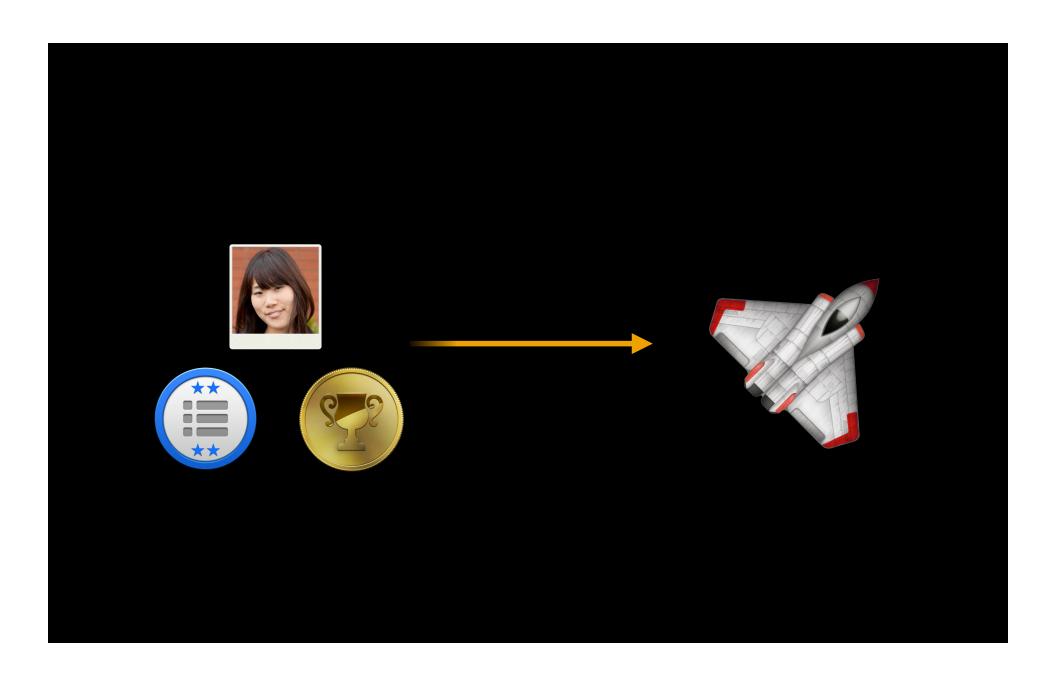
// Present the VC
[self presentViewController:activityViewController animated:YES completion:nil];
```

Scores and Achievements

Things to remember

- Think about context
- Don't archive and resubmit
- Drop-in UI is a few lines away







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Challenges













































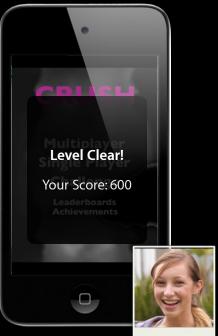
















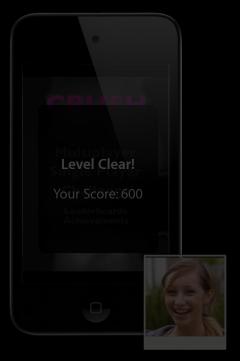












Demo

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- Delegate methods for
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 - Overriding banner behavior

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Achievable more than once?

Yes

No

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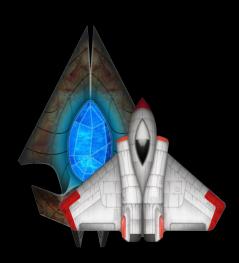
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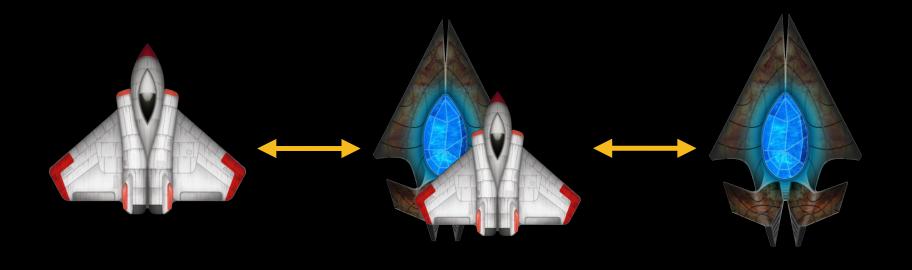
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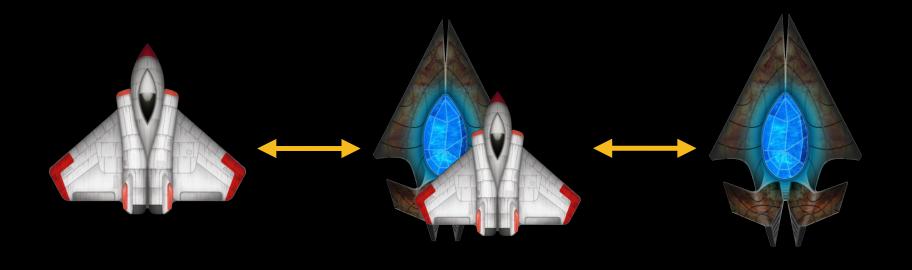
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- GKScore context
- Give the issuer control
- Replayable = more fun

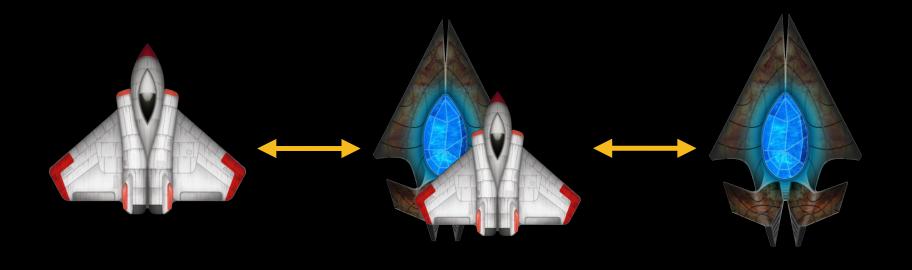


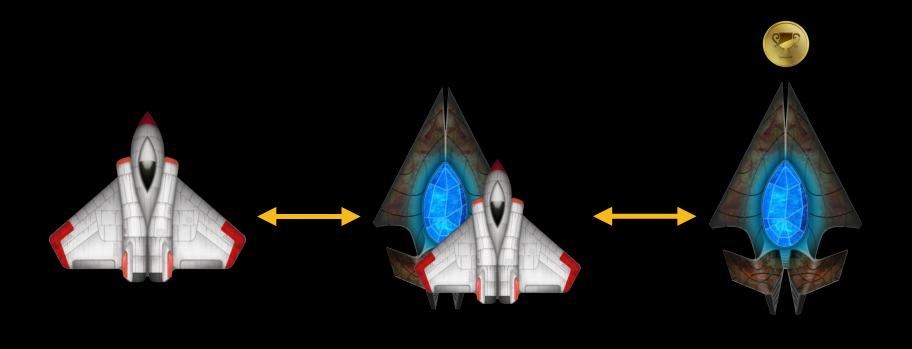


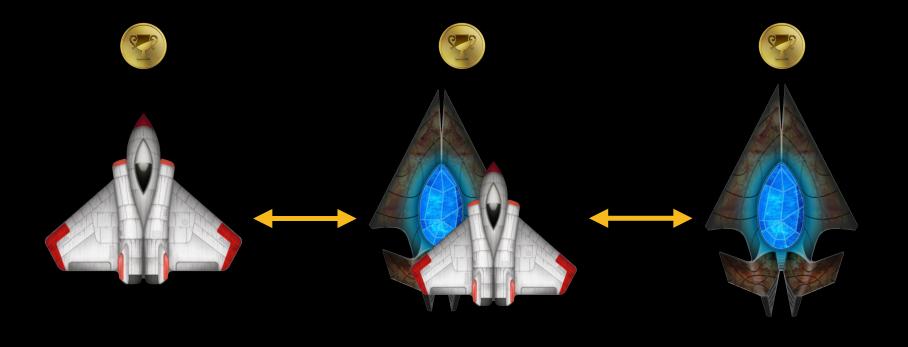


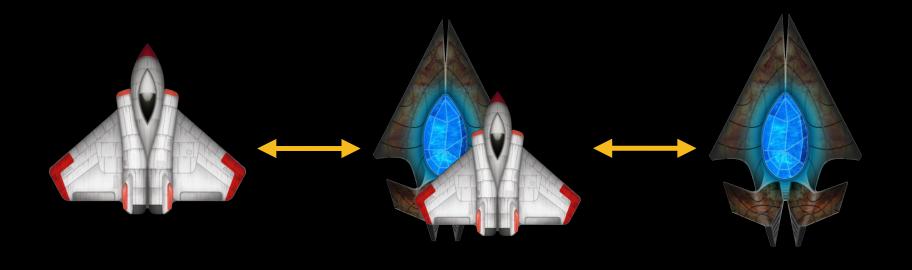














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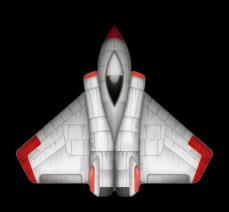
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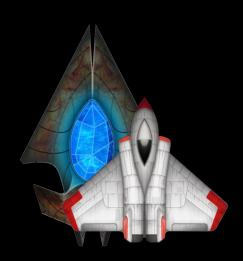


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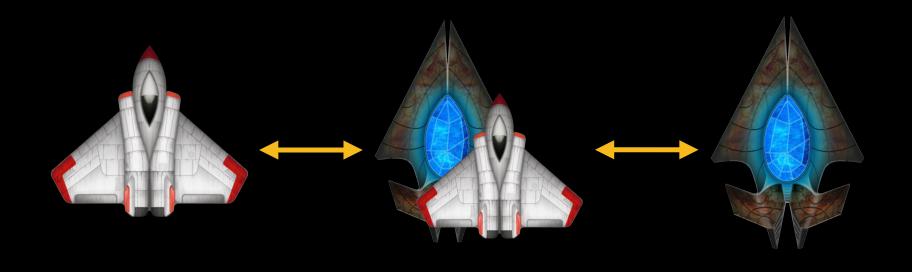


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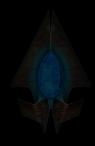














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Move to a New Group:





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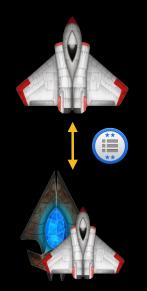


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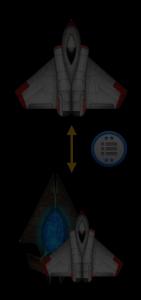
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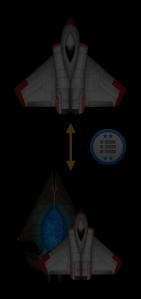




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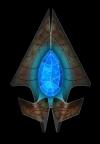
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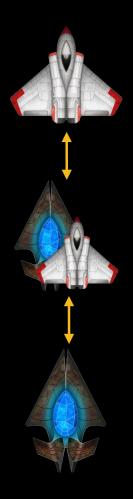
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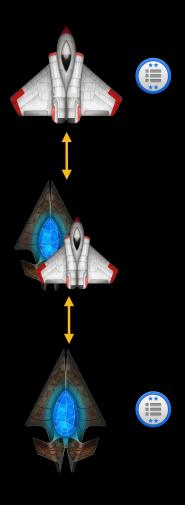
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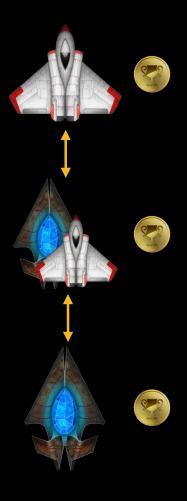


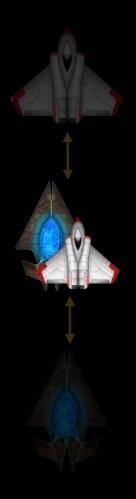












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View Details > Multiplayer Compatibility



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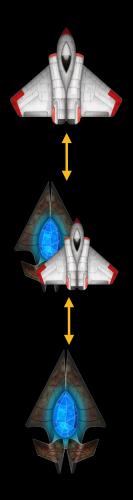
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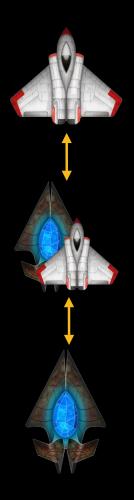


• Define a Group ID

Summary



- Define a Group ID
- Convert leaderboards



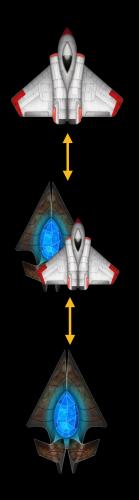
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What We've Learned

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More Information

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Documentation

Game Center for Developers http://developer.apple.com/devcenter/ios/gamecenter

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Related Sessions

What's New in iTunes Connect for App Developers	Nob Hill Thursday 9:00AM
Multiplayer Gaming with Game Center	Pacific Heights Thursday 10:15AM
Building Game Center Games for OS X	Pacific Heights Thursday 11:30AM

Labs

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	Graphics, Media & Games Lab C Friday 9:00AM

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