Mysteries of Auto Layout, Part 2

Session 219

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Mystery #7

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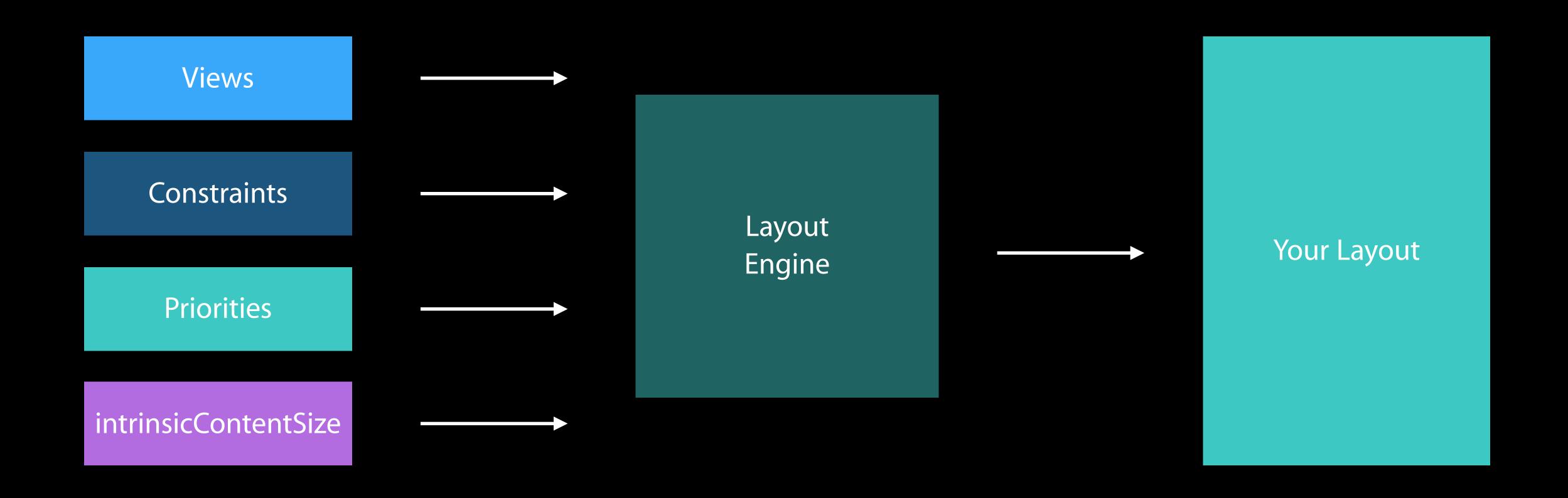
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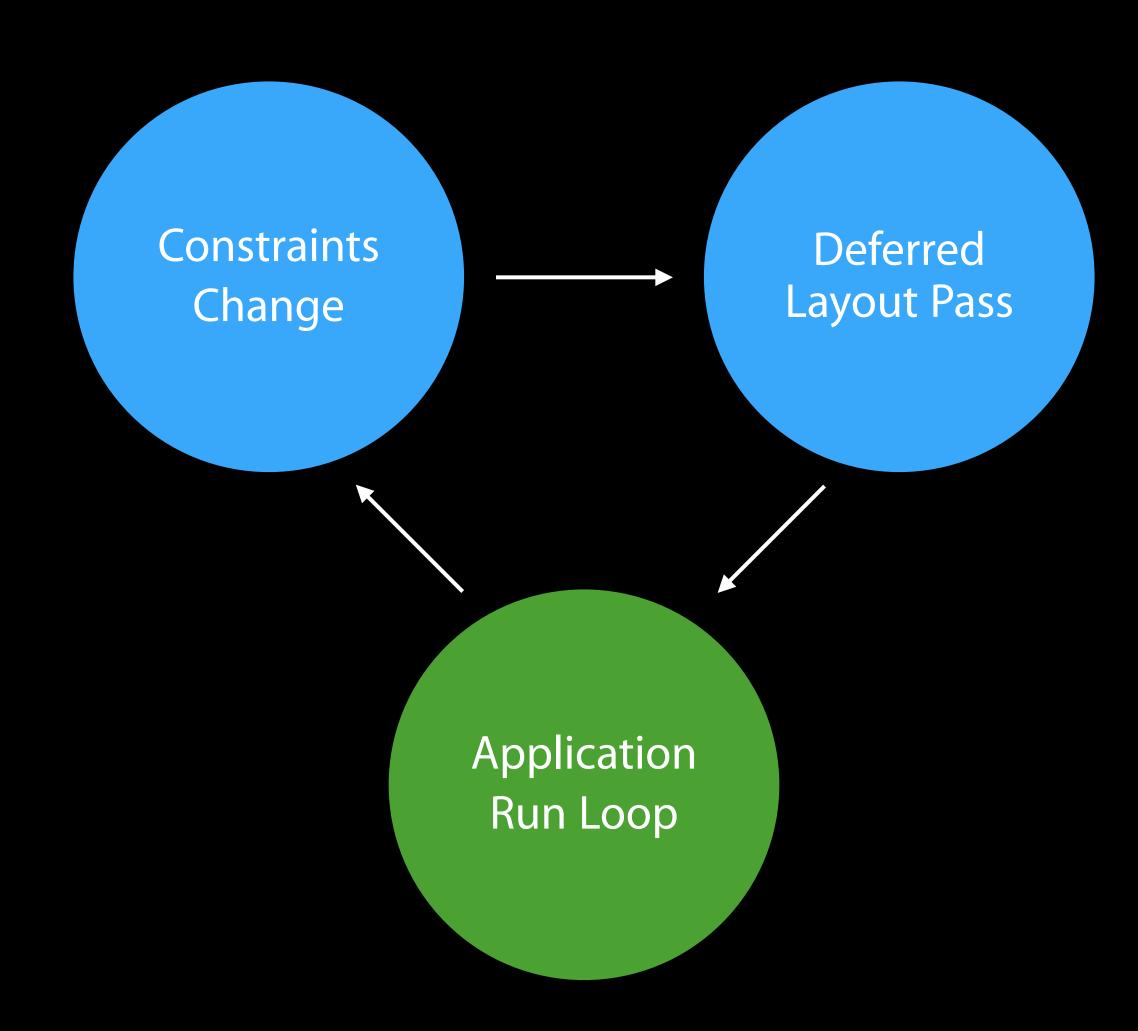
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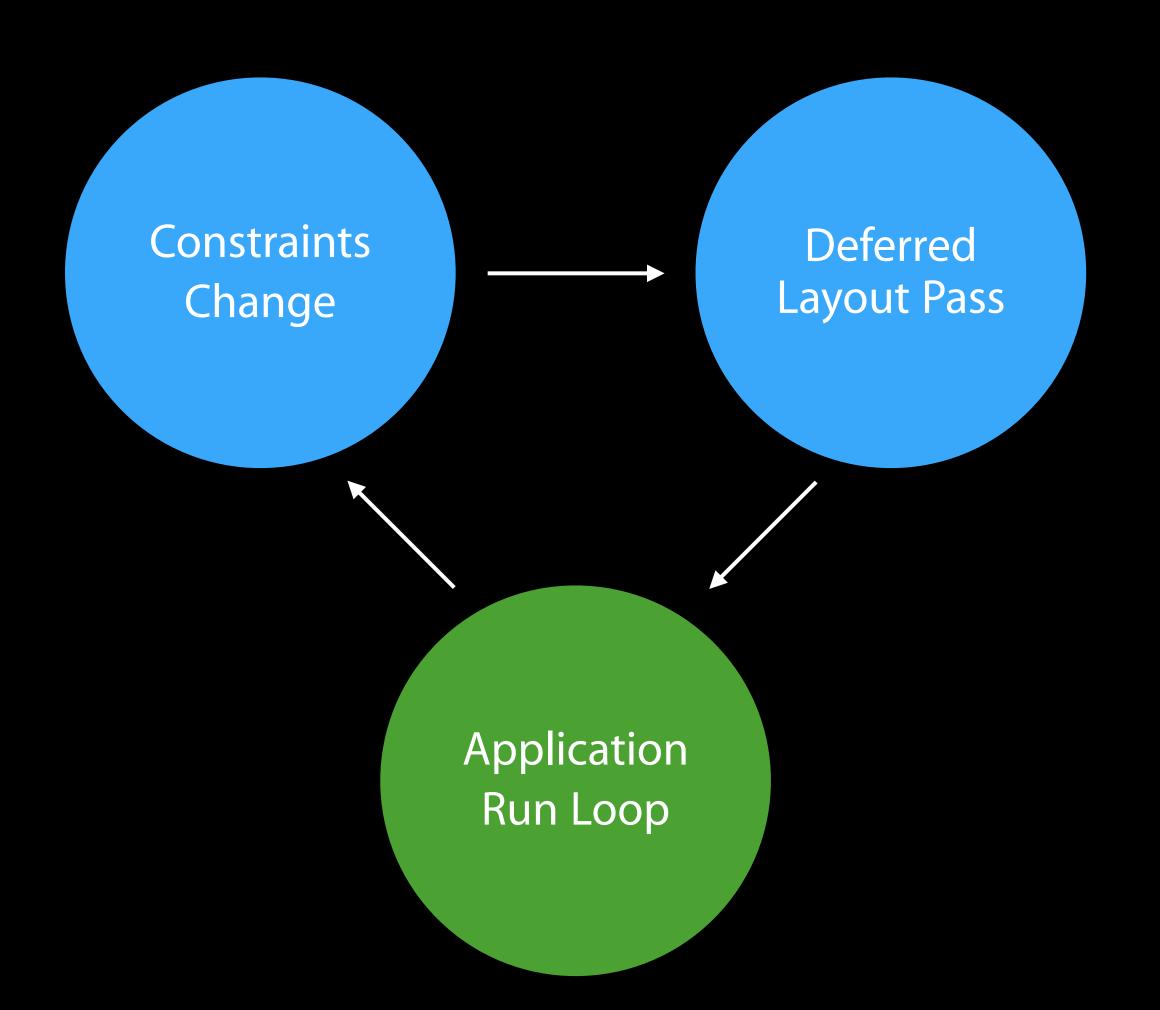
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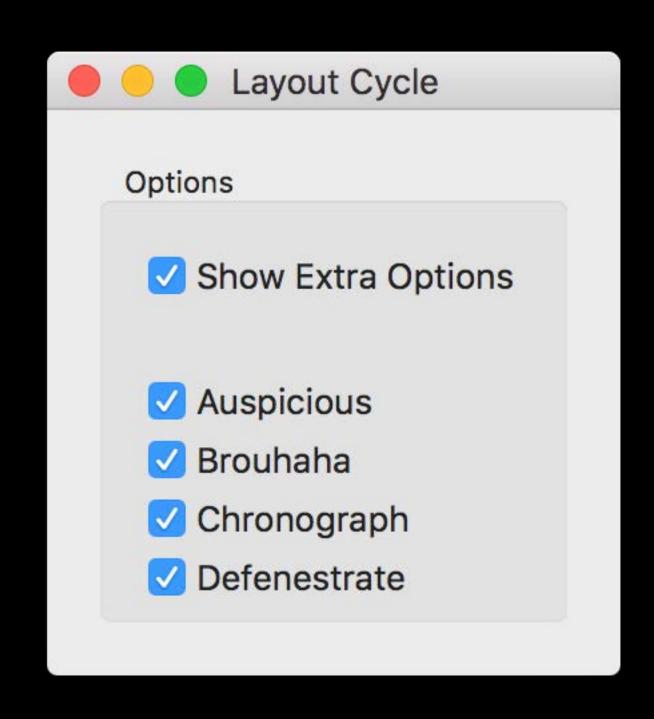
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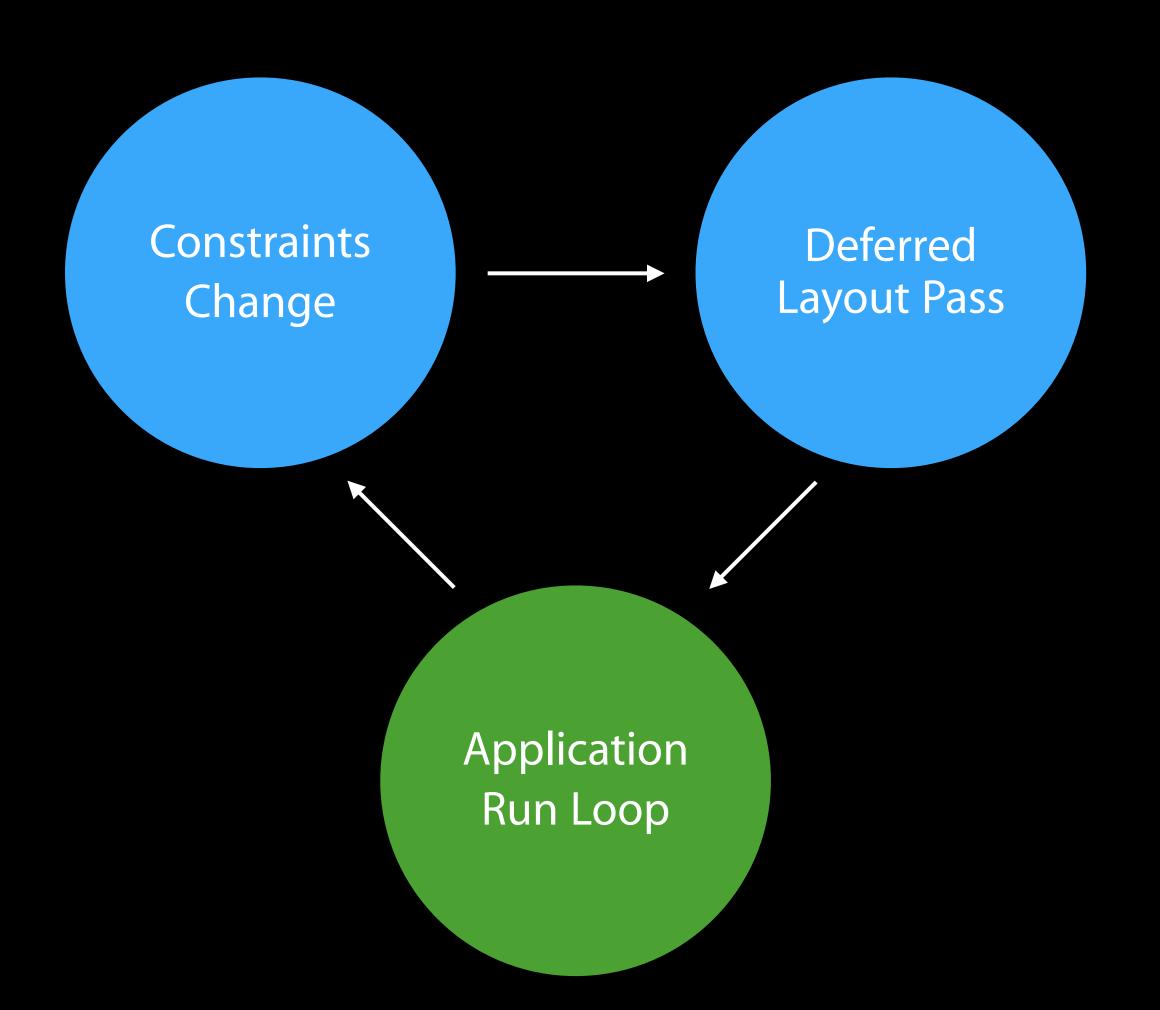


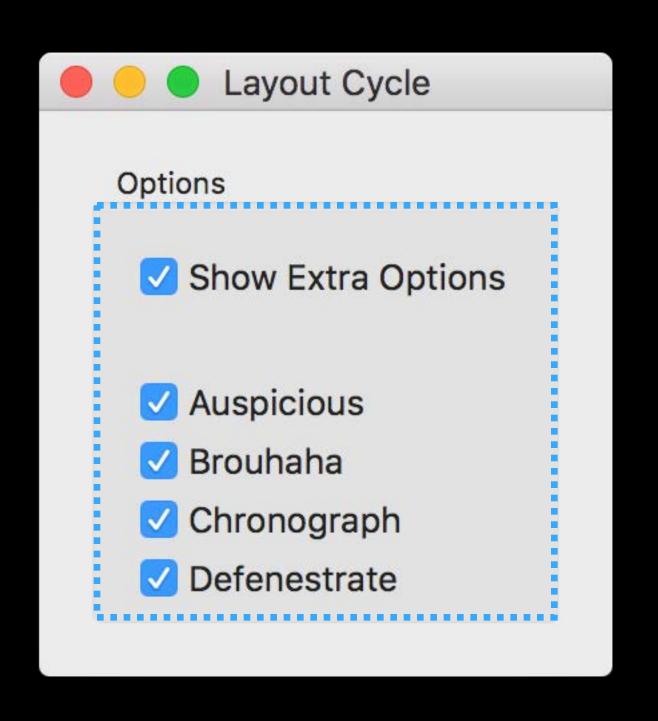
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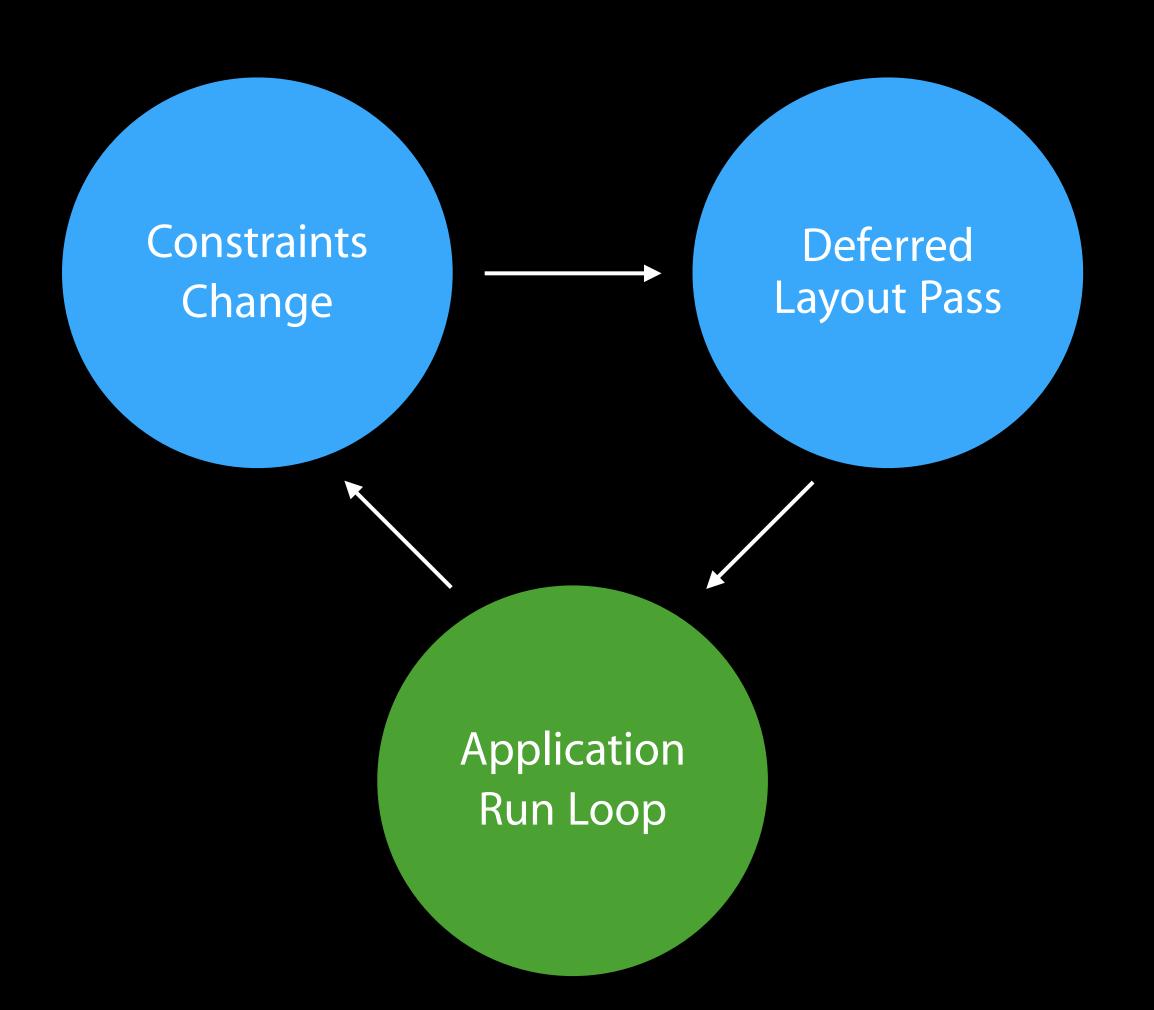


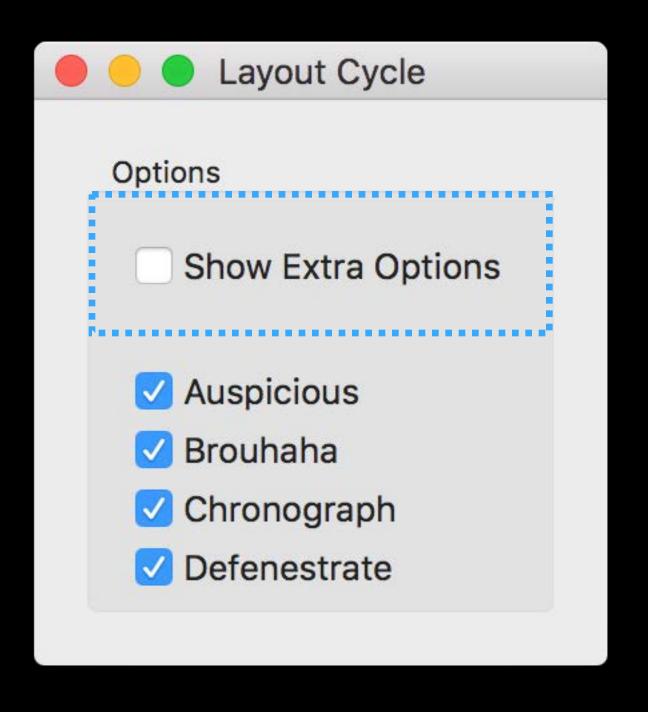


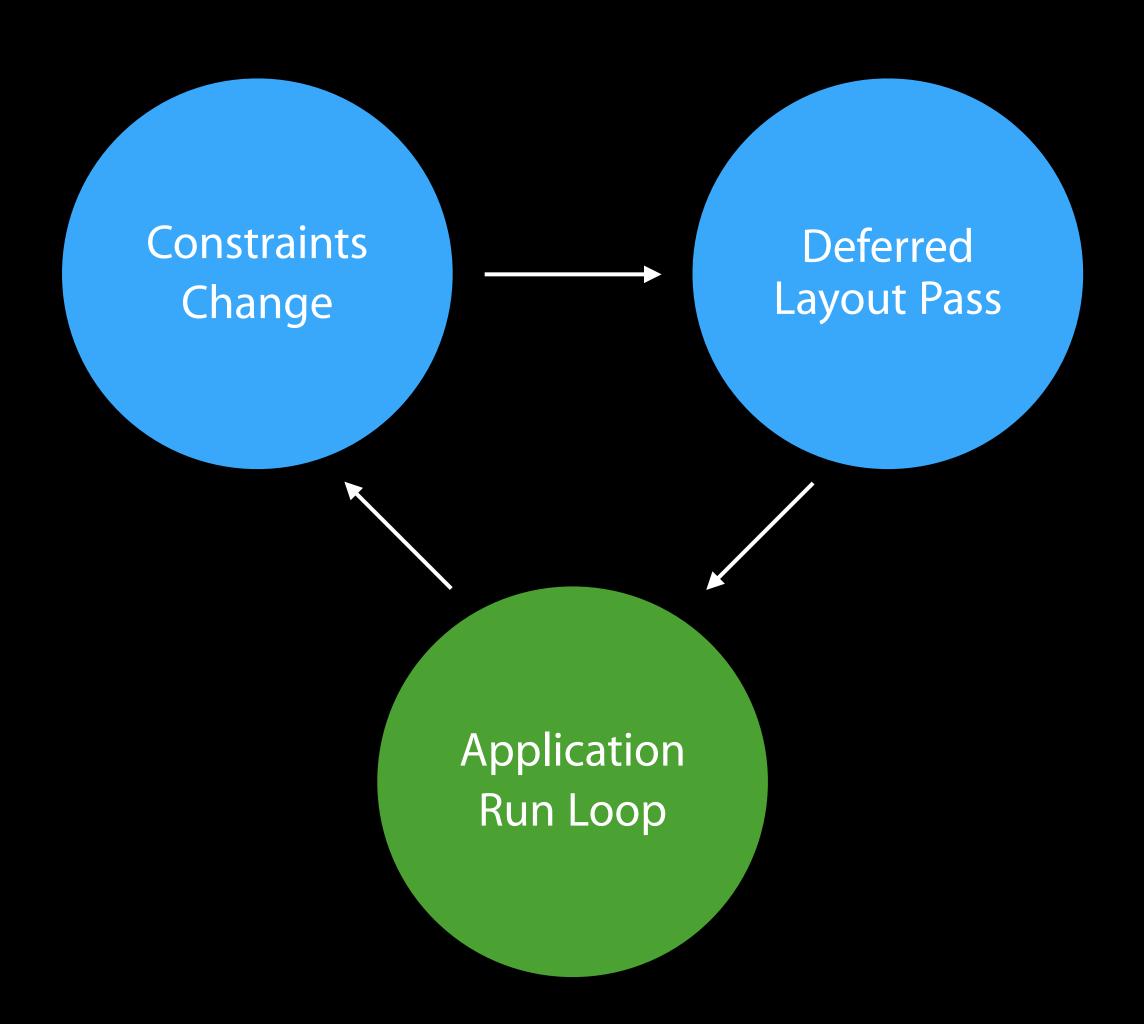


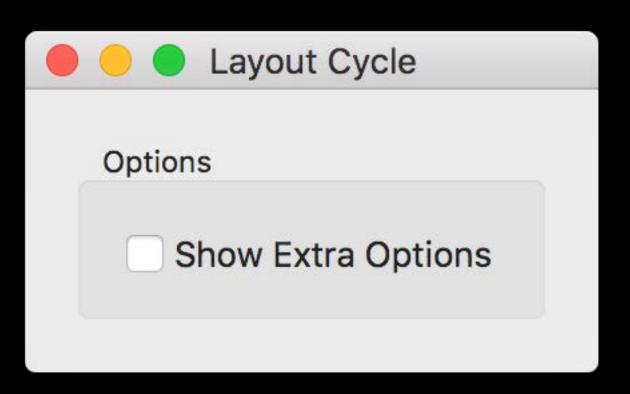








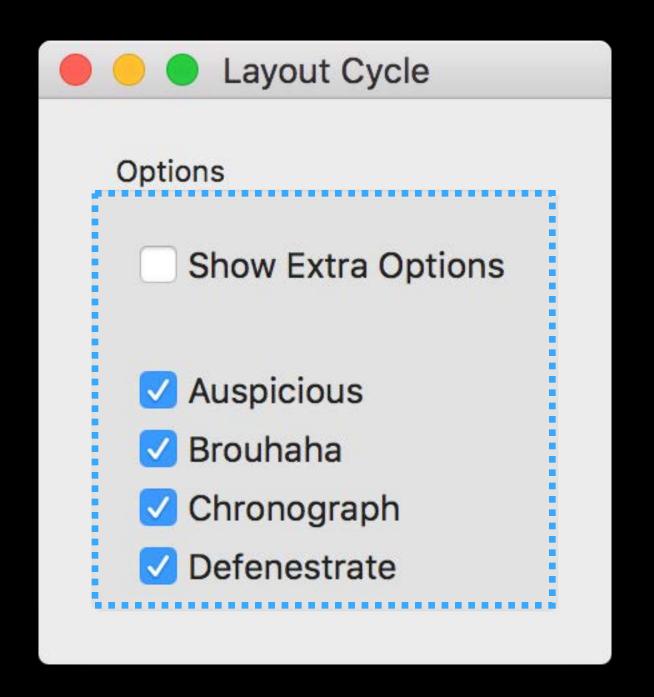




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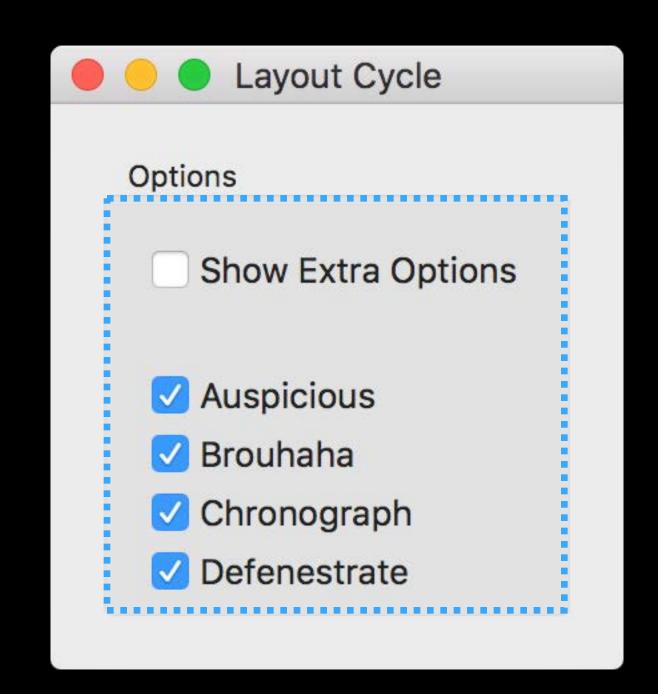
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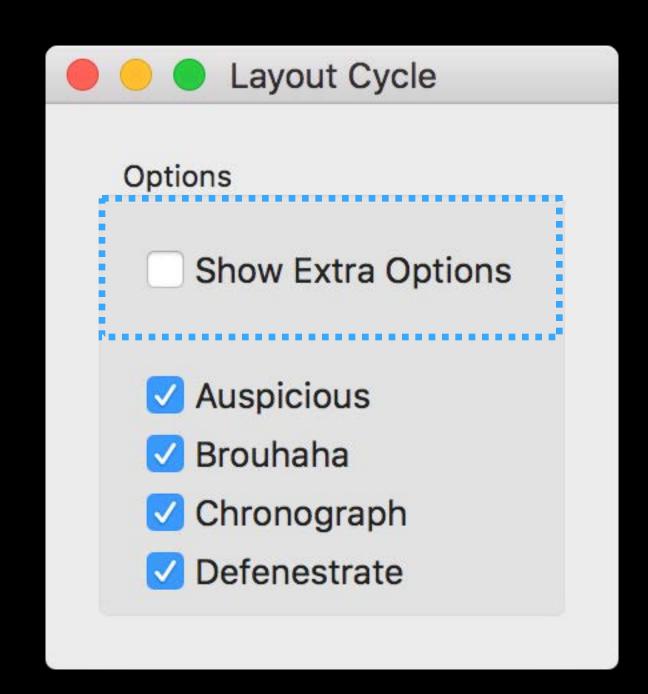
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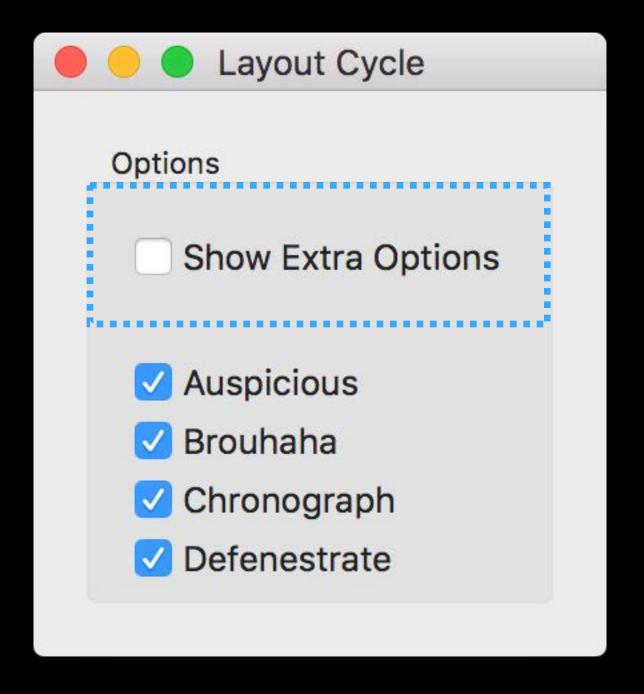
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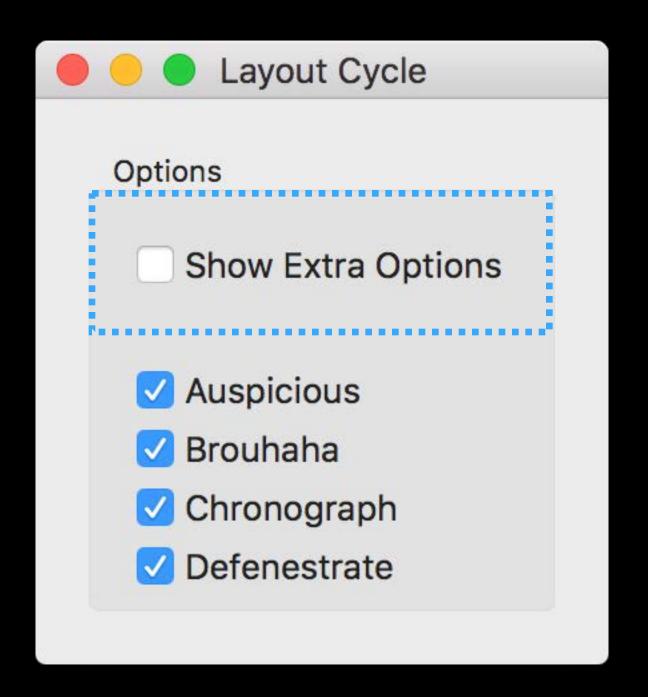


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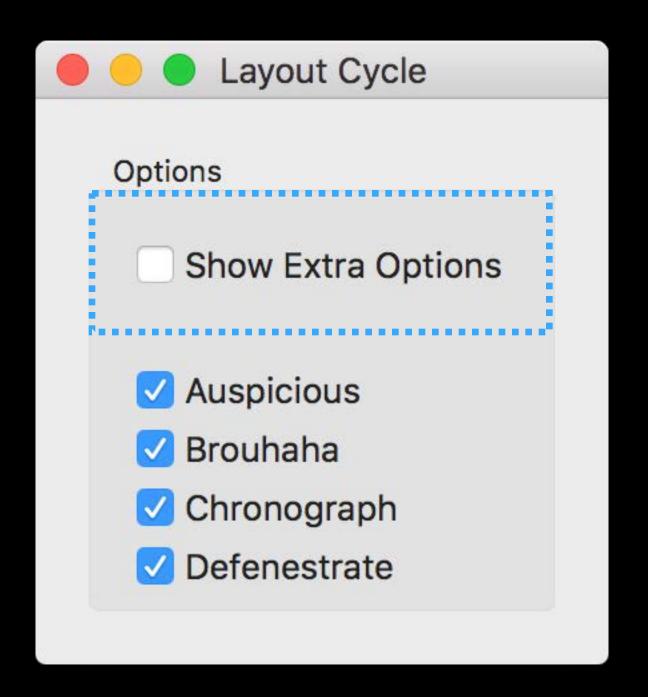
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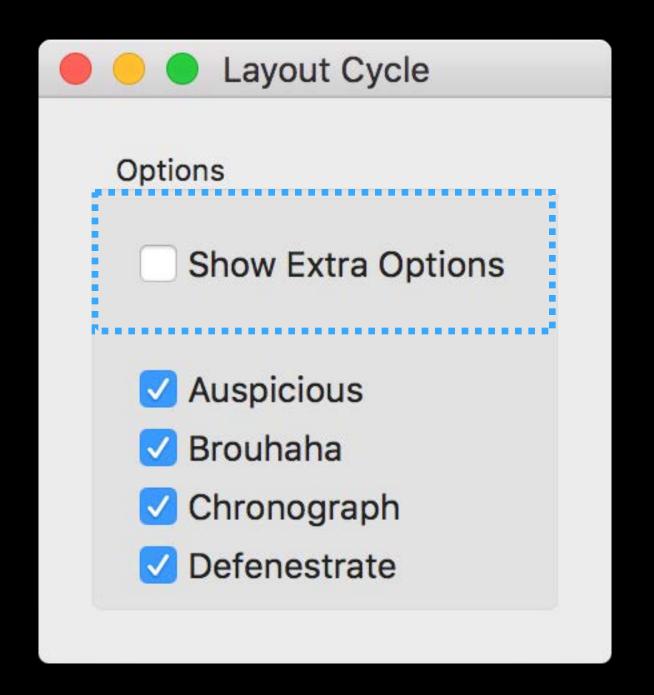
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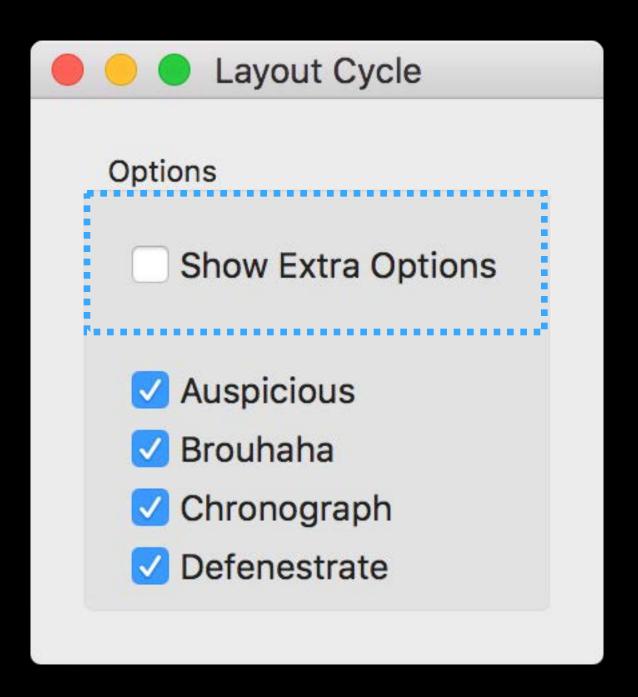
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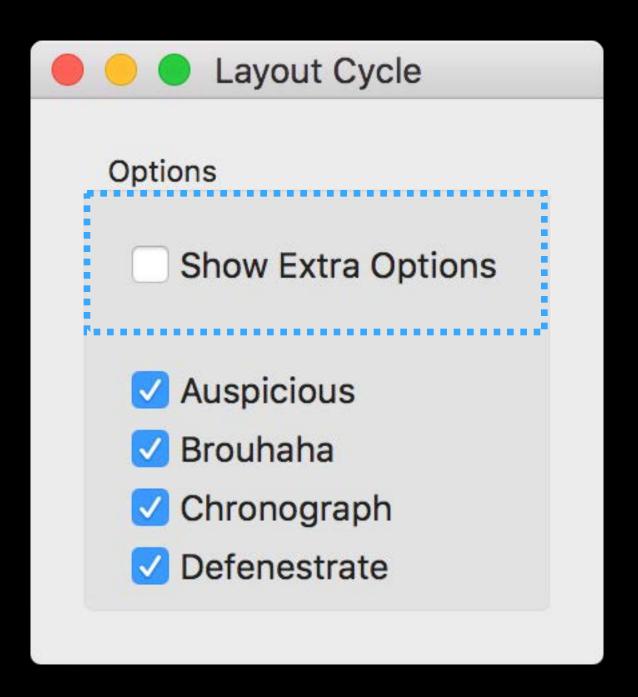
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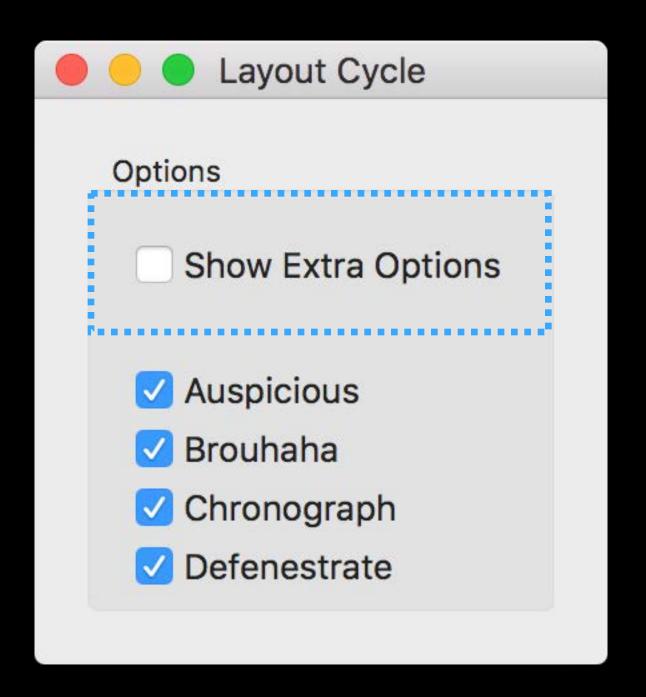
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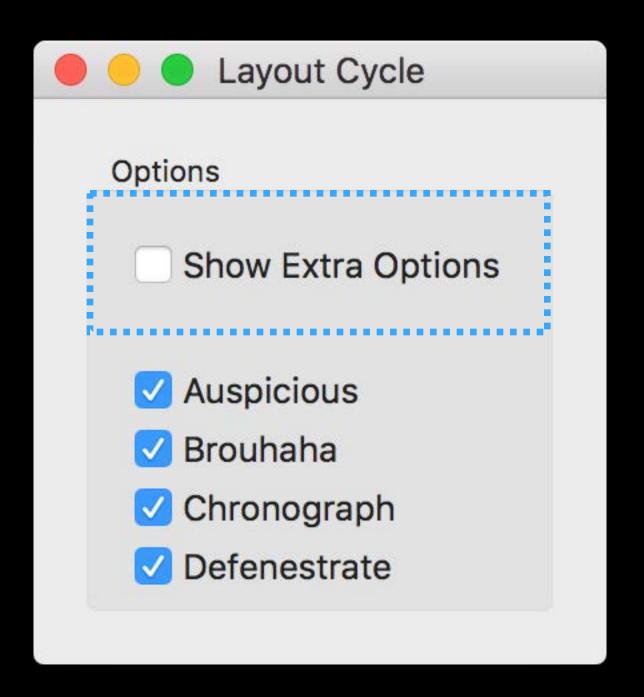
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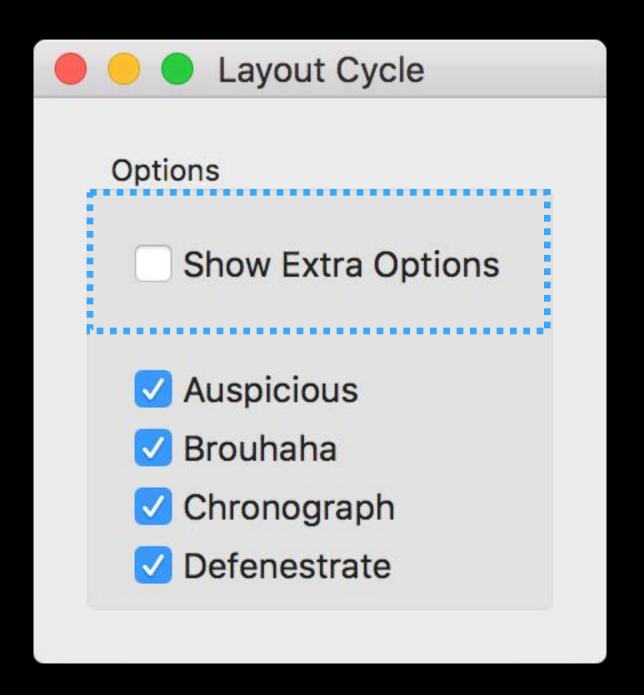
Implement it when

- Changing constraints in place is too slow
- A view is making redundant changes



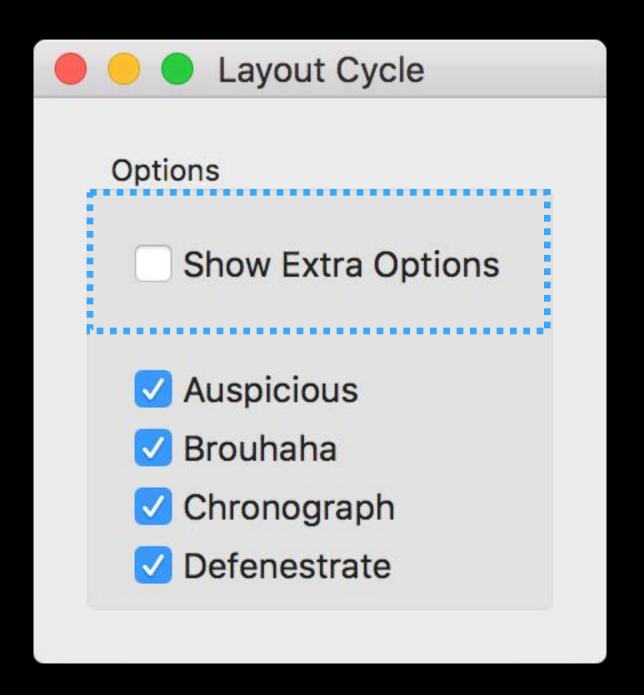
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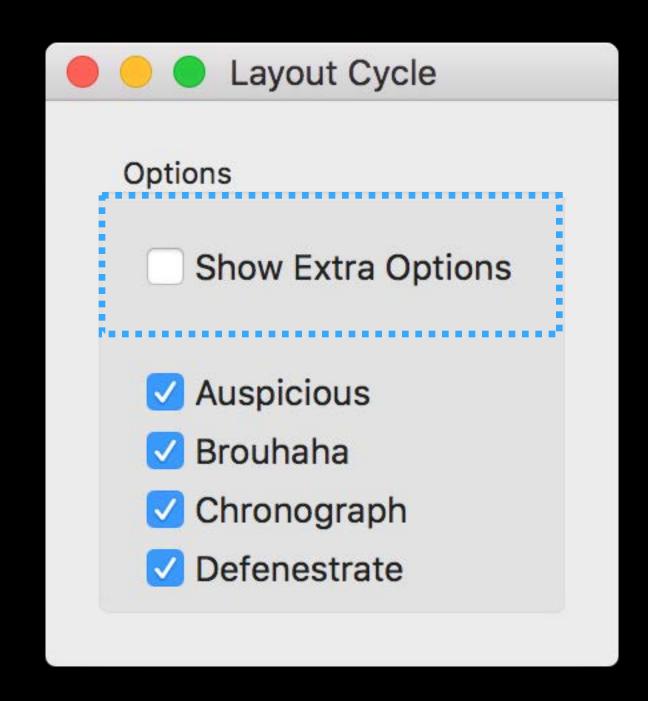


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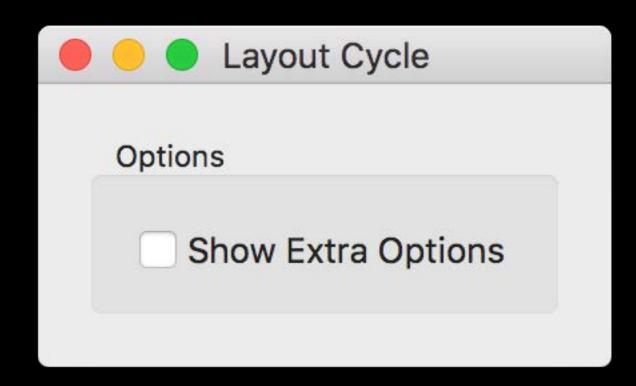


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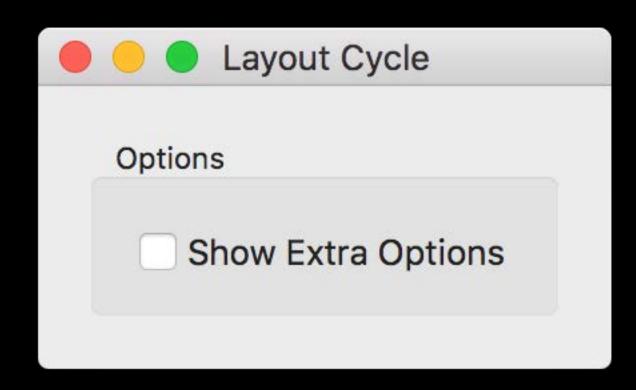
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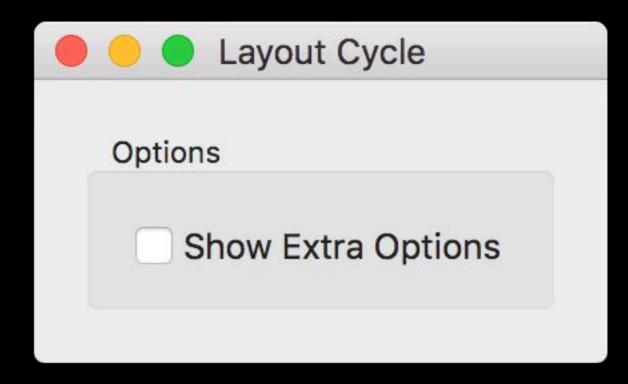
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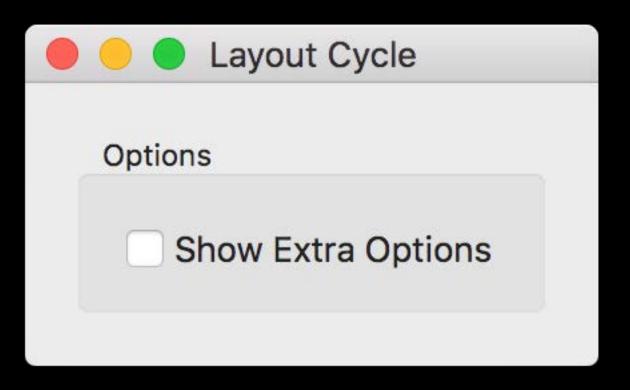
... but be careful!



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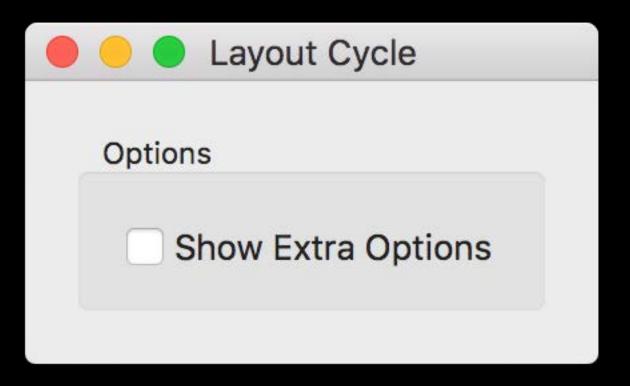


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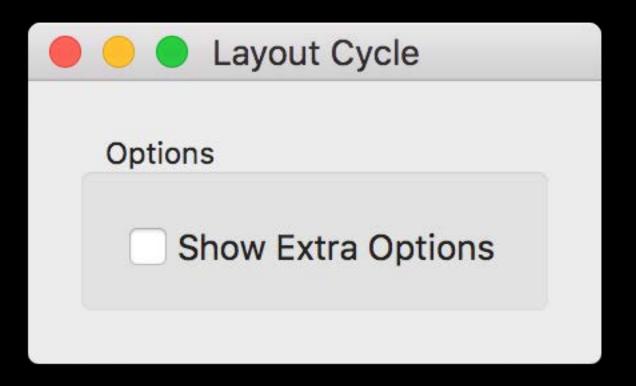
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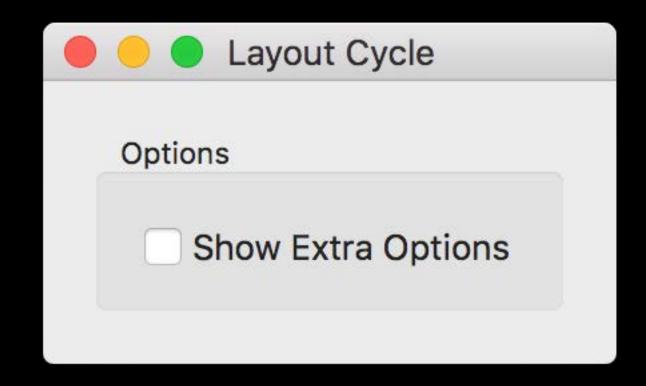
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- Call setNeedsUpdateConstraints()
- Invalidate layout outside your subtree
- Modify constraints indiscriminately



Remember

- Don't expect frames to change immediately
- Proceed with caution when overriding layoutSubviews()



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Mystery #8

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var translatesAutoresizingMaskIntoConstraints: Bool

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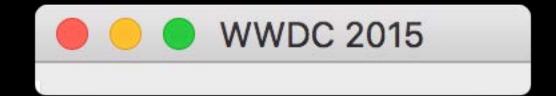
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Set to false when using constraints

Beware–defaults to true for programmatically created views

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                                                         Button
    super.viewDidLoad()
    let b = NSButton()
    b.bezelStyle = .RoundedBezelStyle
    view addSubview(b)
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       attribute: Top, multiplier:1, constant:10).active = true
   NSLayoutConstraint(item:b, attribute: Leading, relatedBy: Equal,
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       10).active = true
```





```
2015-05-08 09:41:27.668 WWDC 2015[4107:226949] Unable to simultaneously
satisfy constraints:
(
    "<NSAutoresizingMaskLayoutConstraint:0x6100000810e0 h=--& v=--& H:|-(0)-
[NSButton:0x618000140160'Button'] (Names: '|':NSView:0x618000120460 )>",
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Remember

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- Otherwise, don't forget to turn this off!

Constraint Creation

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Layout anchors

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```

b.topAnchor.constraintEqualToAnchor(view.topAnchor, constant:10)
b.leadingAnchor.constraintEqualToAnchor(view.leadingAnchor, constant:10)



Layout anchors

```
relatedBy:NSLayoutRelationEqual toItem:self.view
   attribute:NSLayoutAttributeTop multiplier:1 constant:10];
[NSLayoutConstraint constraintWithItem:b
   attribute:NSLayoutAttributeLeading relatedBy:NSLayoutRelationEqual
   toItem:self.view attribute:NSLayoutAttributeLeading multiplier:1
   constant:10];

[b.topAnchor constraintEqualToAnchor:self.view.topAnchor constant:10];
[b.leadingAnchor constraintEqualToAnchor:self.view.leadingAnchor constant:10];
```

[NSLayoutConstraint constraintWithItem:b attribute:NSLayoutAttributeTop

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```
[v1.leadingAnchor constraintEqualToConstant:100];
// Error: may not respond to method
```



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```
[v1.leadingAnchor constraintEqualToConstant:100];
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```

Cannot relate a location to a size

```
[v1.leadingAnchor constraintEqualToAnchor:v2.widthAnchor];
// Error: incompatible pointer type
```

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Mystery #10

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Centering a group

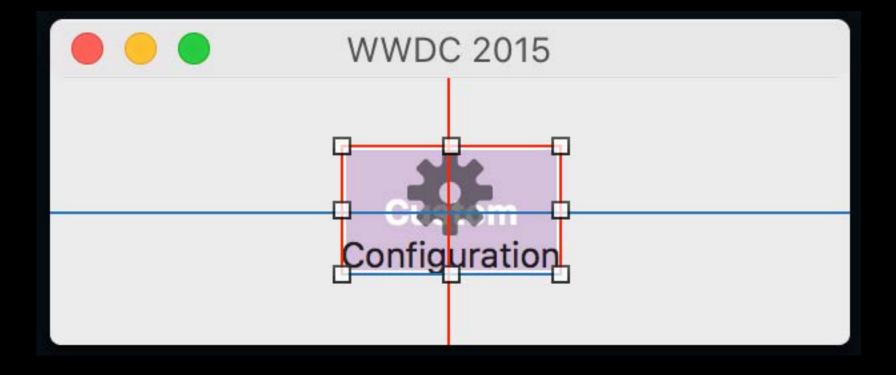


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NSLayoutGuide / UILayoutGuide



UILayoutGuide represents a rectangle in the layout engine Constrain just like a view

```
let guide = UILayoutGuide()
view addLayoutGuide(guide)
```

NSLayoutGuide / UILayoutGuide



Layout anchors are not available for margins

UlView now exposes layoutMarginsGuide

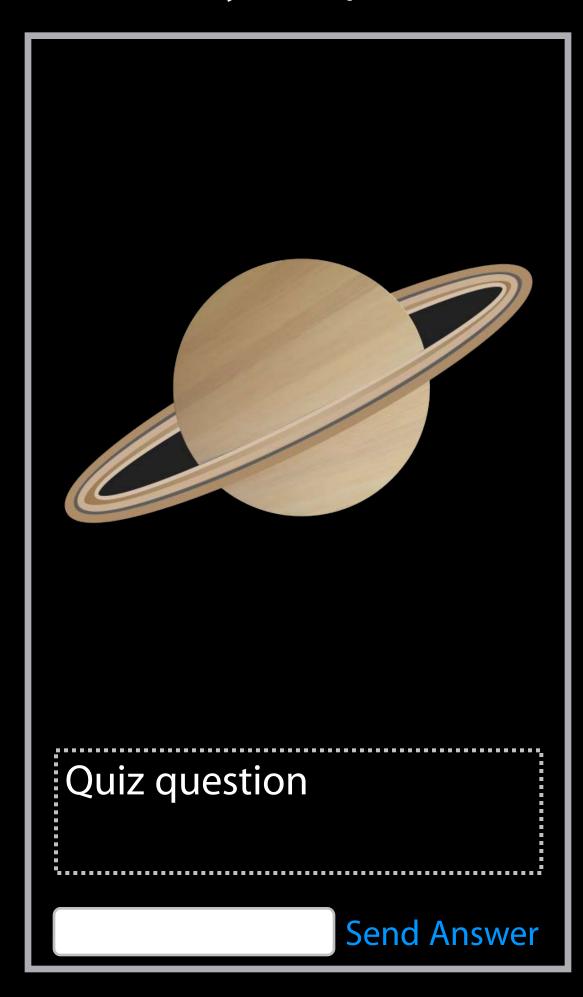
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Debugging Your Layout

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Layout spec

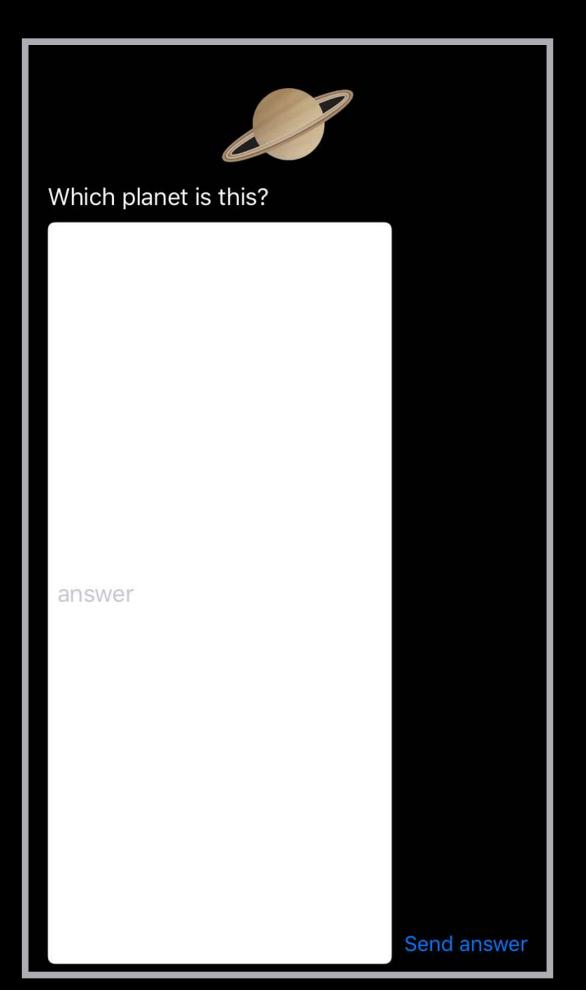






Build and run

(Not so much)



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2015-05-25 16:01:39.543 DebuggingAutoLayout[12208:1048406] Unable to simultaneously satisfy constraints.
     Probably at least one of the constraints in the following list is one you don't want.
    "<_UILayoutSupportConstraint:0x7ffe9ad11a80 V:[_UILayoutGuide:0x7ffe9ad10650(20)]>",
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Unsatisfiable Constraints

Mystery #11

Understanding the Log

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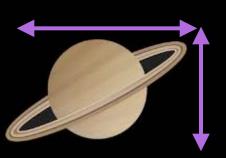


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Will attempt to recover by breaking constraint
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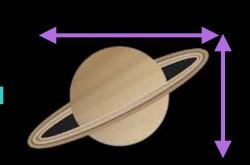


Which planet is this?

answer

Send answer

```
"<_UILayoutSupportConstraint:0x7ffe9ad11a80 V:[_UILayoutGuide:
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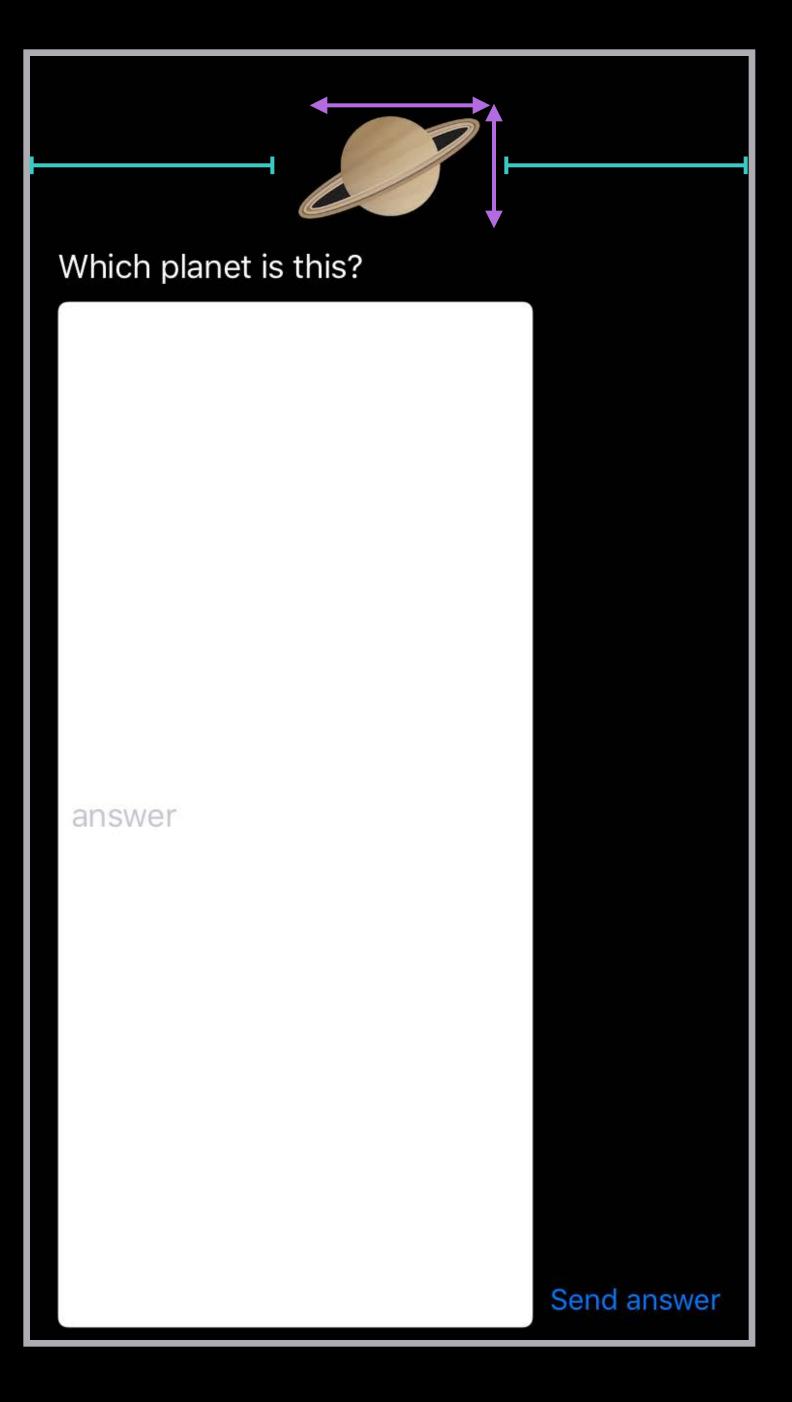


Which planet is this?

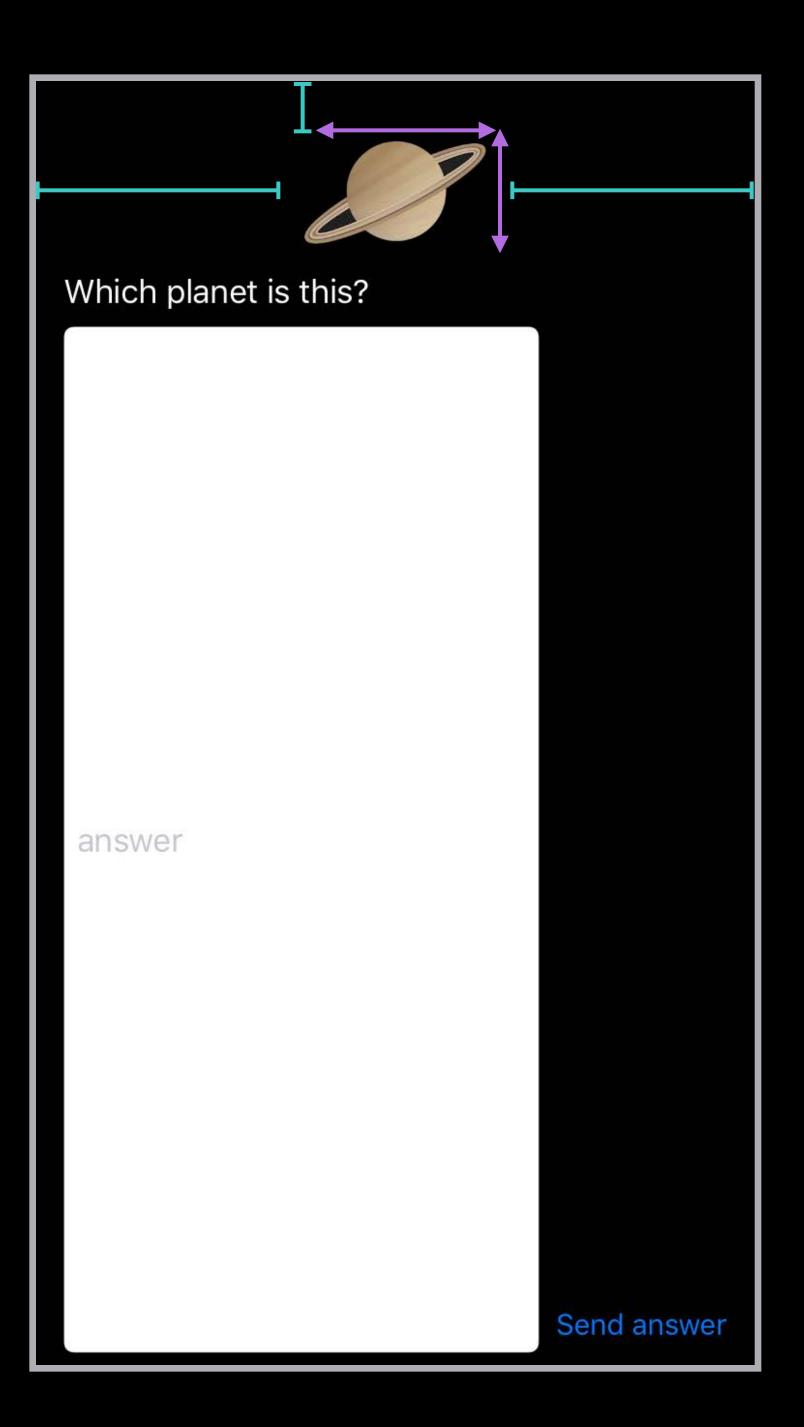
answer

Send answer

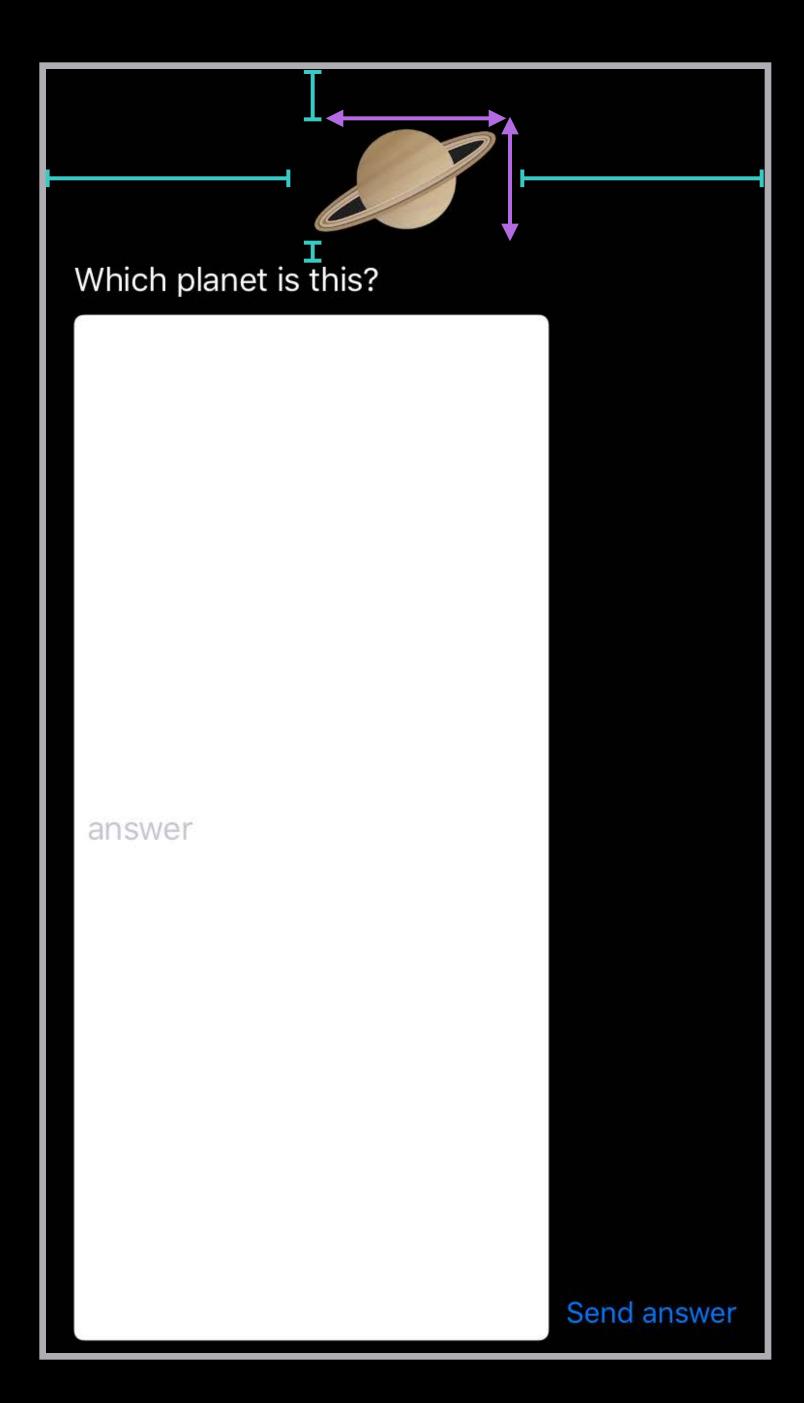
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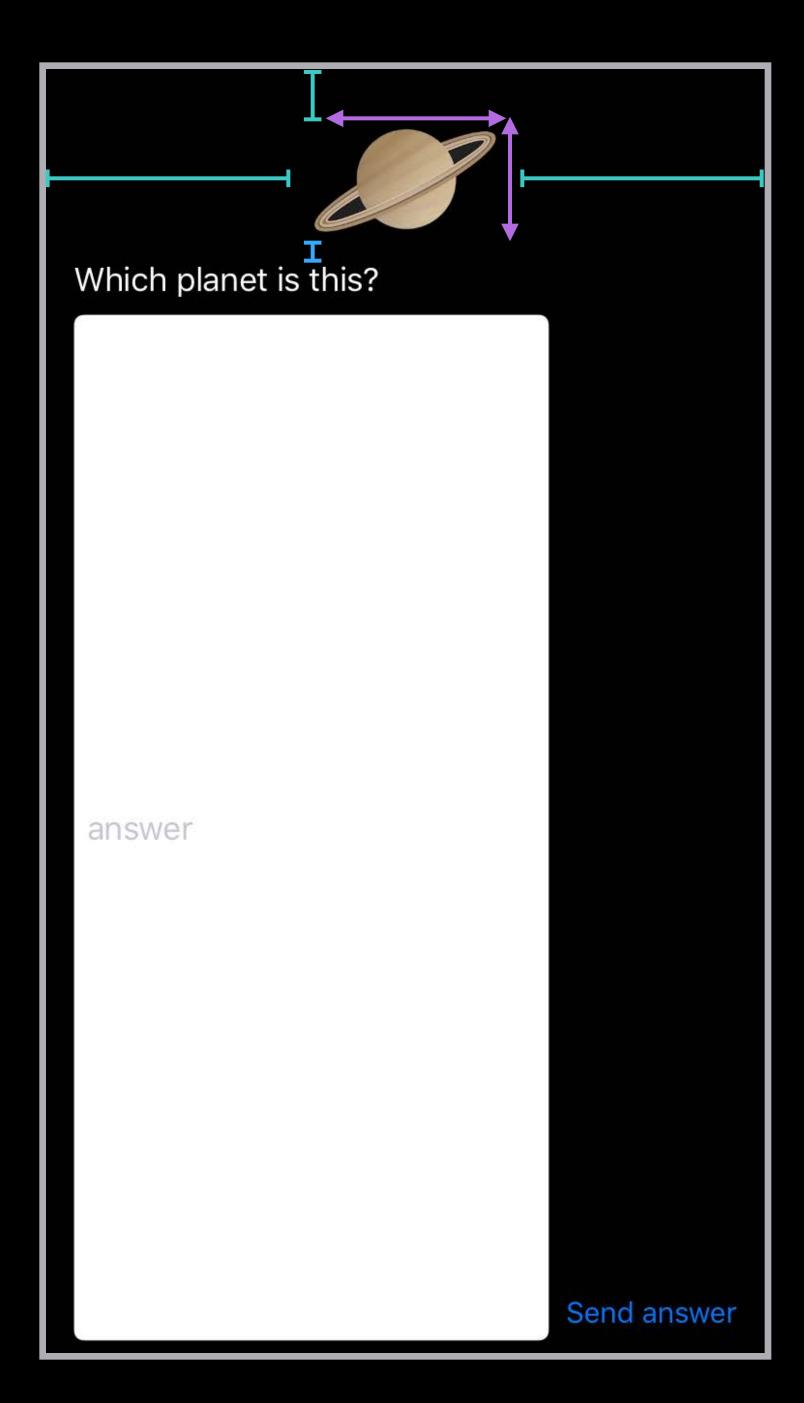
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Will attempt to recover by breaking constraint
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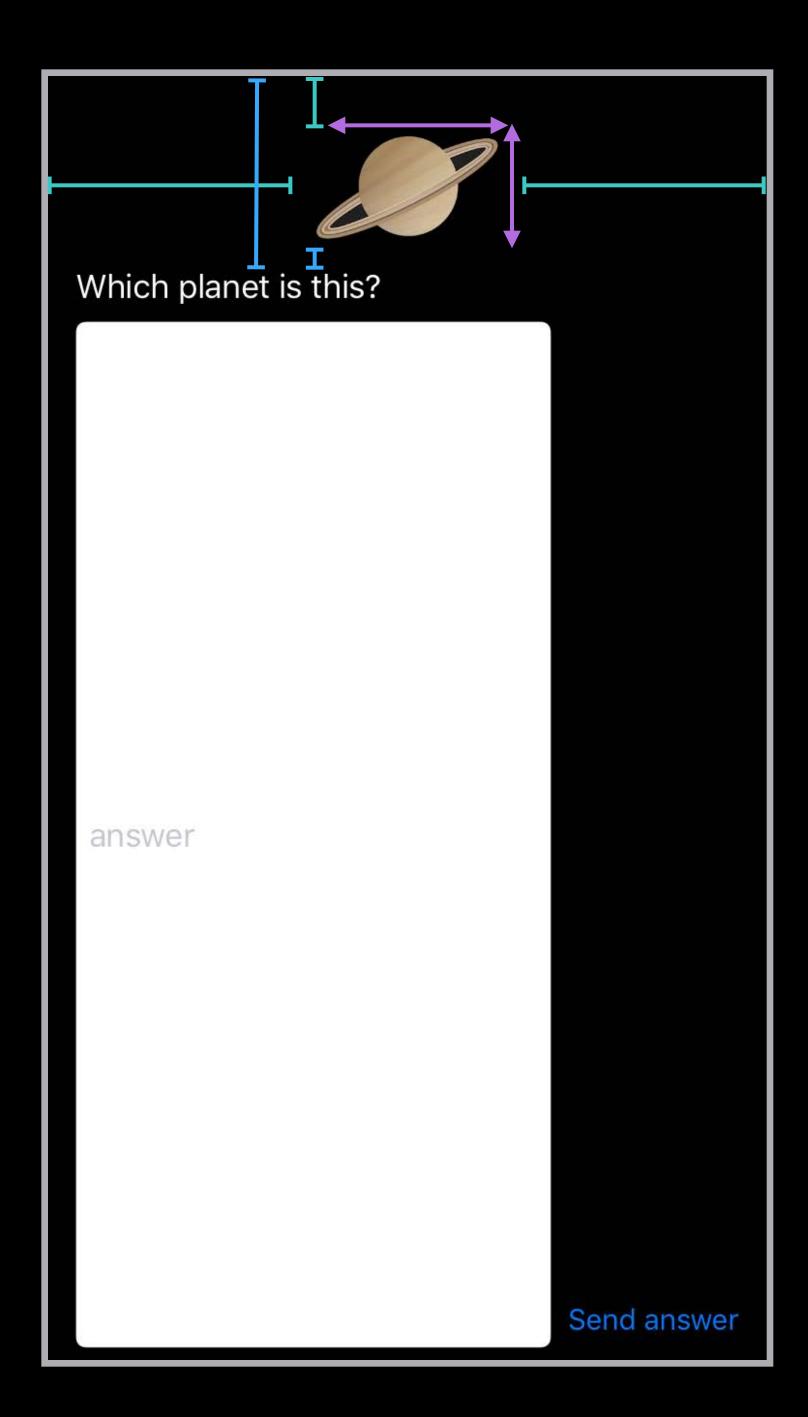
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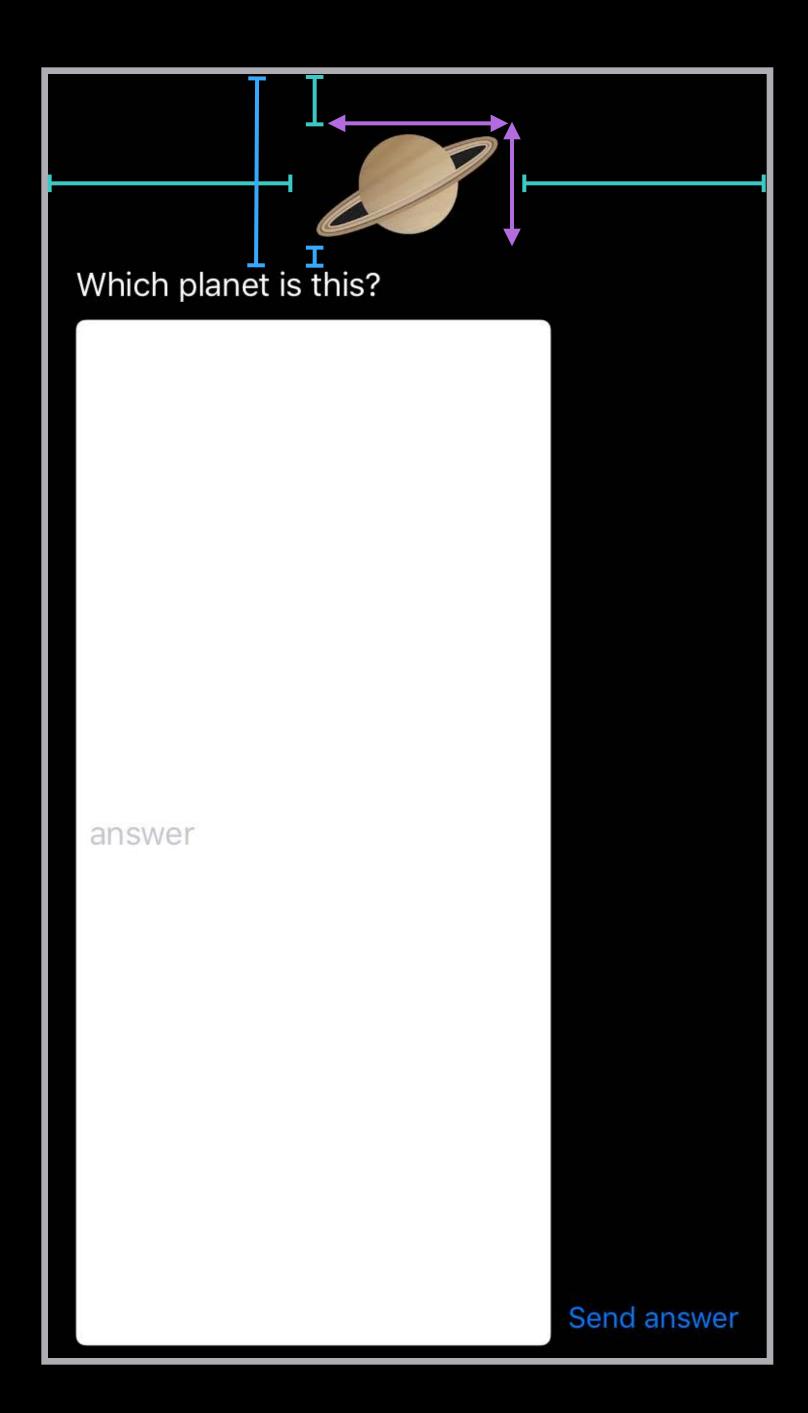
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```



Make it easier with identifiers

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```

Make it easier with identifiers

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0x14644ab0)>",
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0x14644300]-(NSSpace(8))-[Caption for photo]
                                                (Names: Caption for photo:
0x14644ab0 )>"
```

Adding identifiers

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Use constraint identifiers

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Explicit constraints

labelToTop.identifier = @"labelToTop";

Adding identifiers

```
Use constraint identifiers

Explicit constraints
    labelToTop.identifier = @"labelToTop";

Constraints using VFL
    for (NSLayoutConstraint *constraint in verticalLayout)
    {
        constraint.identifier = @"verticalLayout";
    }
}
```

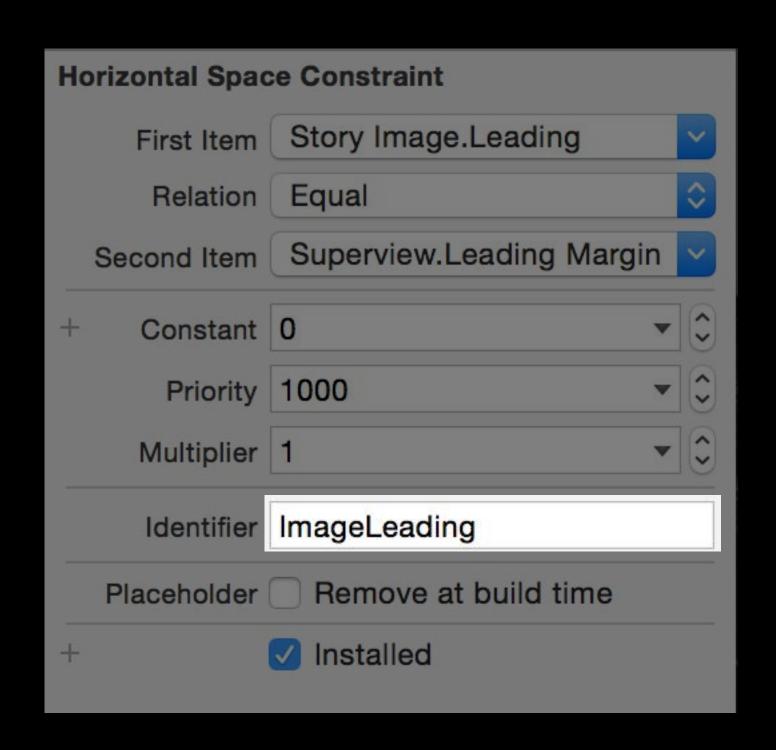
Adding identifiers

Use constraint identifiers

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Explicit constraints
    labelToTop.identifier = @"labelToTop";

Constraints using VFL
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}
```

Constraints in Interface Builder



Set accessibility identifiers

Identifies views in logs

Set accessibility identifiers

Identifies views in logs

Set identifiers on layout guides

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Set identifiers on layout guides

Add as you go

Set accessibility identifiers

Identifies views in logs

Set identifiers on layout guides

Add as you go

View one axis at a time

- constraintsAffectingLayoutForAxis: on iOS
- constraintsAffectingLayoutForOrientation: on OS X

Demo

Unsatisfiable constraints

Start from the bottom

Start from the bottom

Check translatesAutoresizingMaskIntoConstraints

Start from the bottom

Check translatesAutoresizingMaskIntoConstraints

Set identifiers

Start from the bottom

Check translatesAutoresizingMaskIntoConstraints

Set identifiers

Use constraintsAffectingLayoutForAxis:

Resolving Ambiguity

Mystery #12

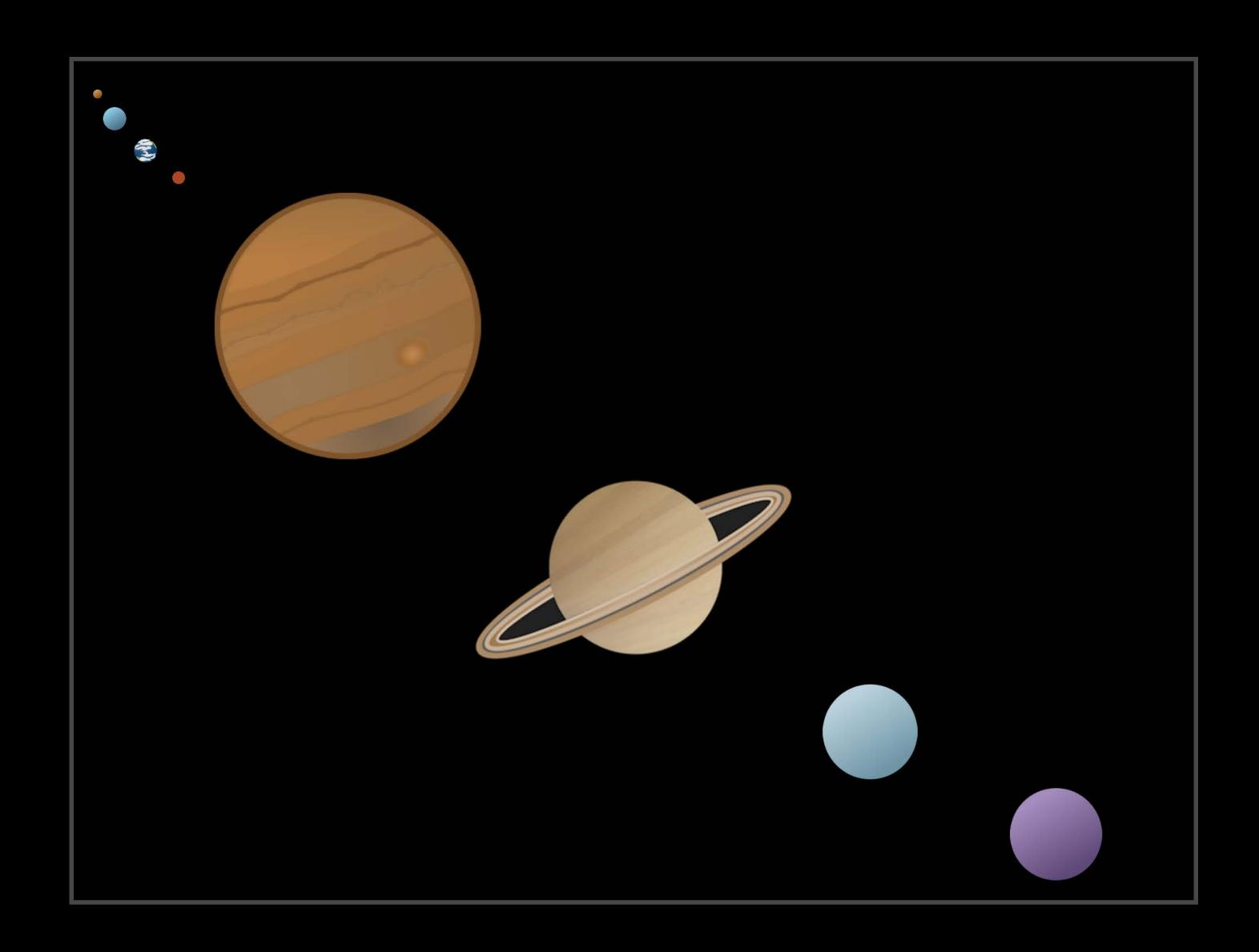
Why doesn't my layout look right?

Why doesn't my layout look right?

Possible causes

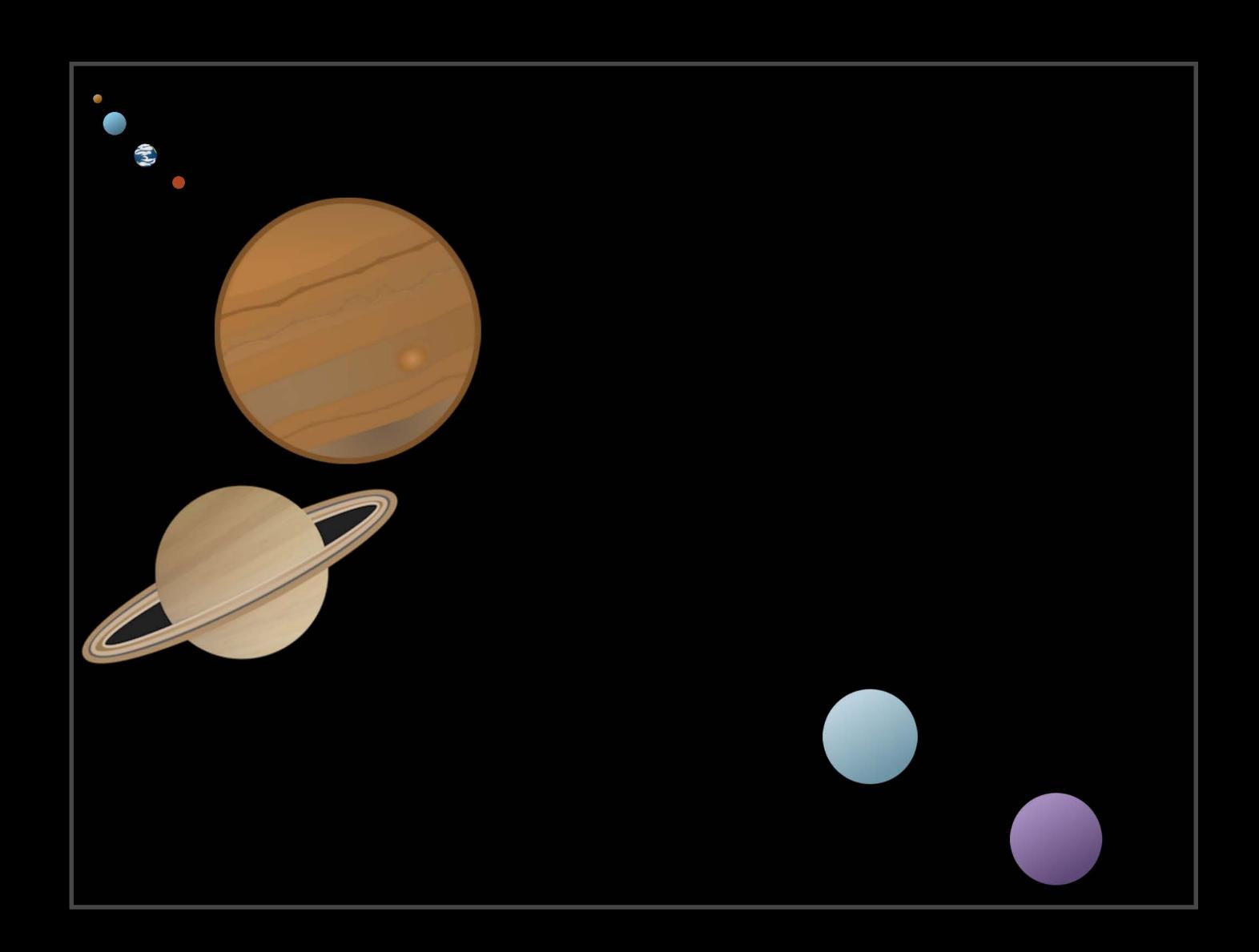
Why doesn't my layout look right?

Possible causes



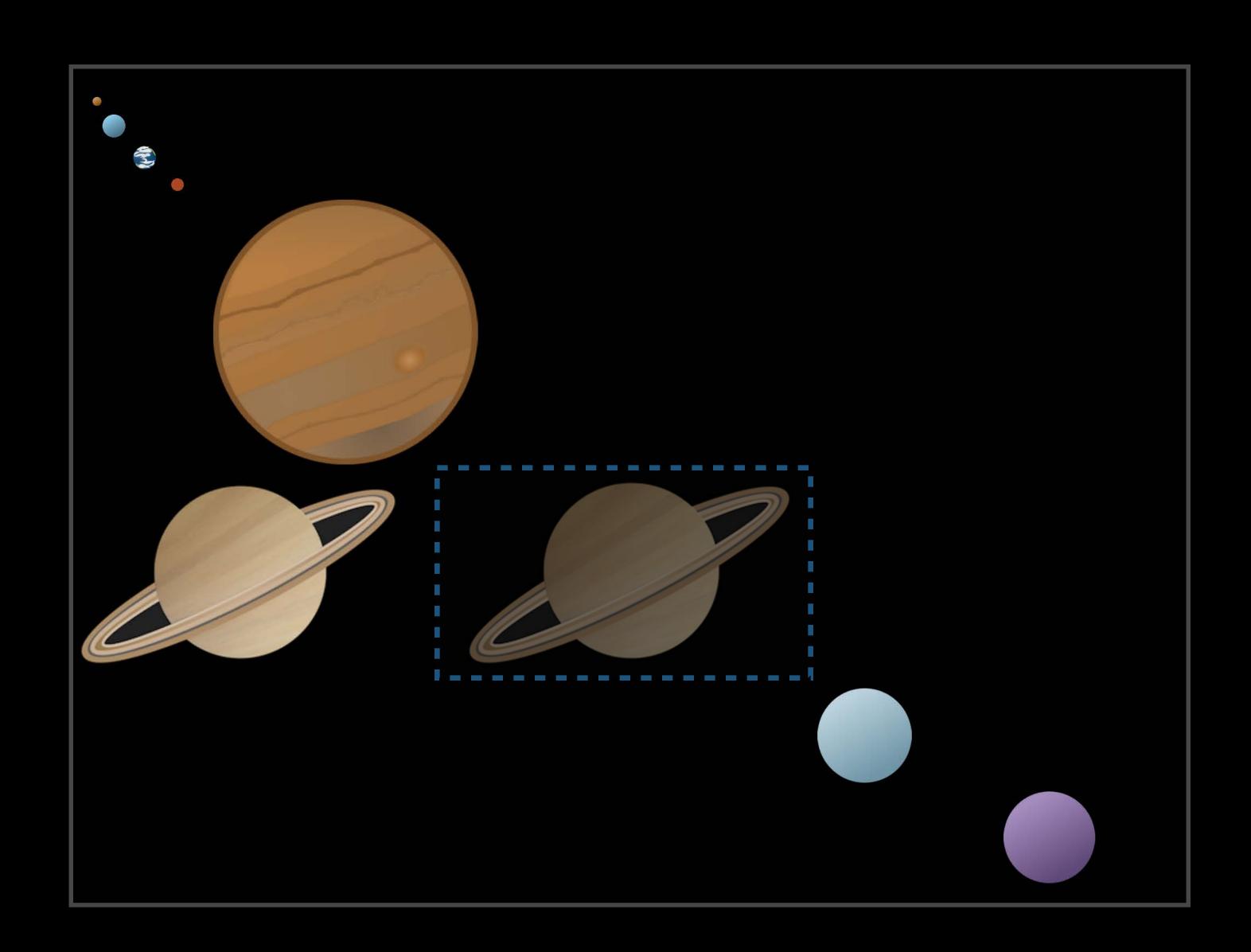
Why doesn't my layout look right?

Possible causes



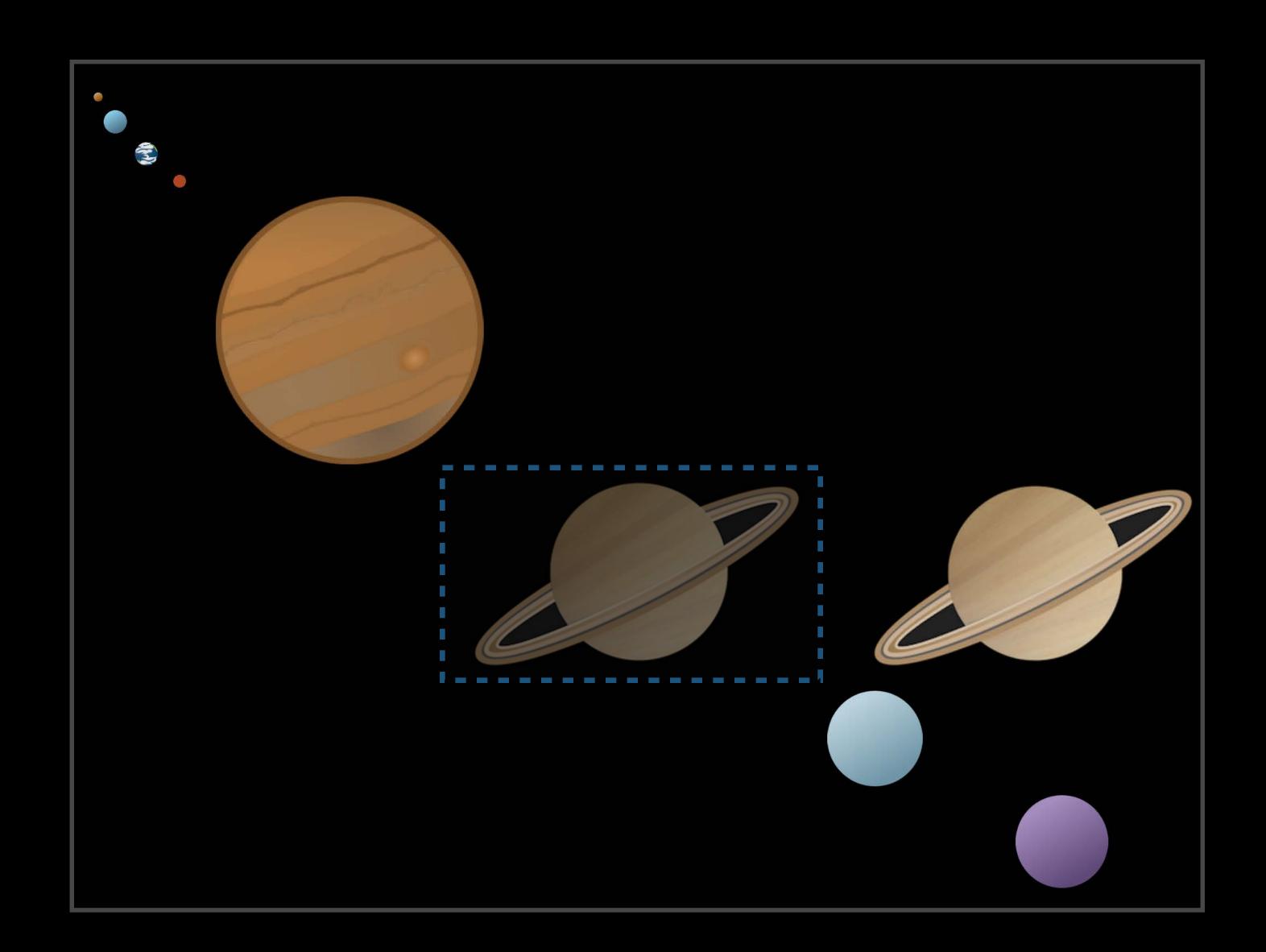
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Why doesn't my layout look right?

Possible causes

- Too few constraints
- Conflicting priorities



Why doesn't my layout look right?

Possible causes

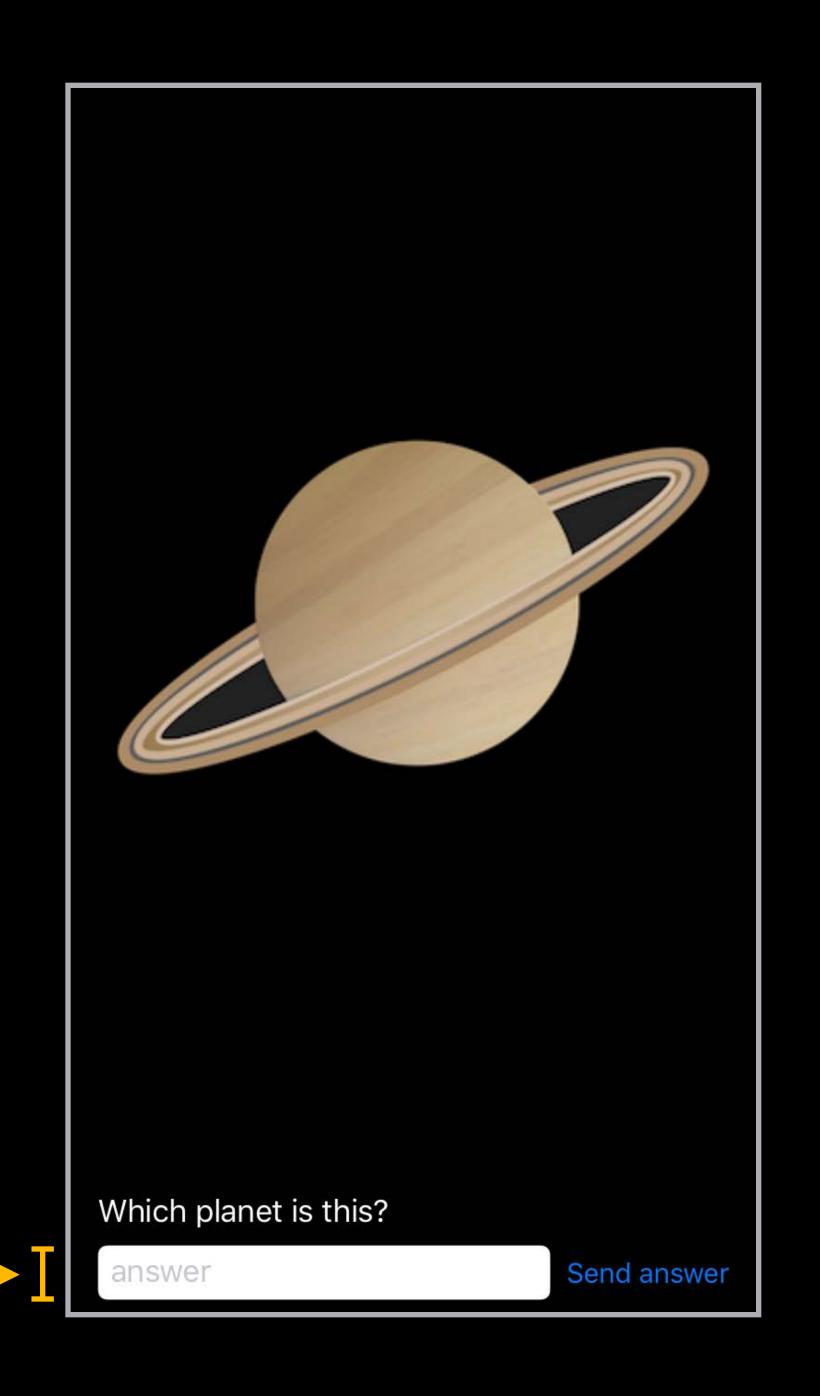
- Too few constraints
- Conflicting priorities



Why doesn't my layout look right?

Possible causes

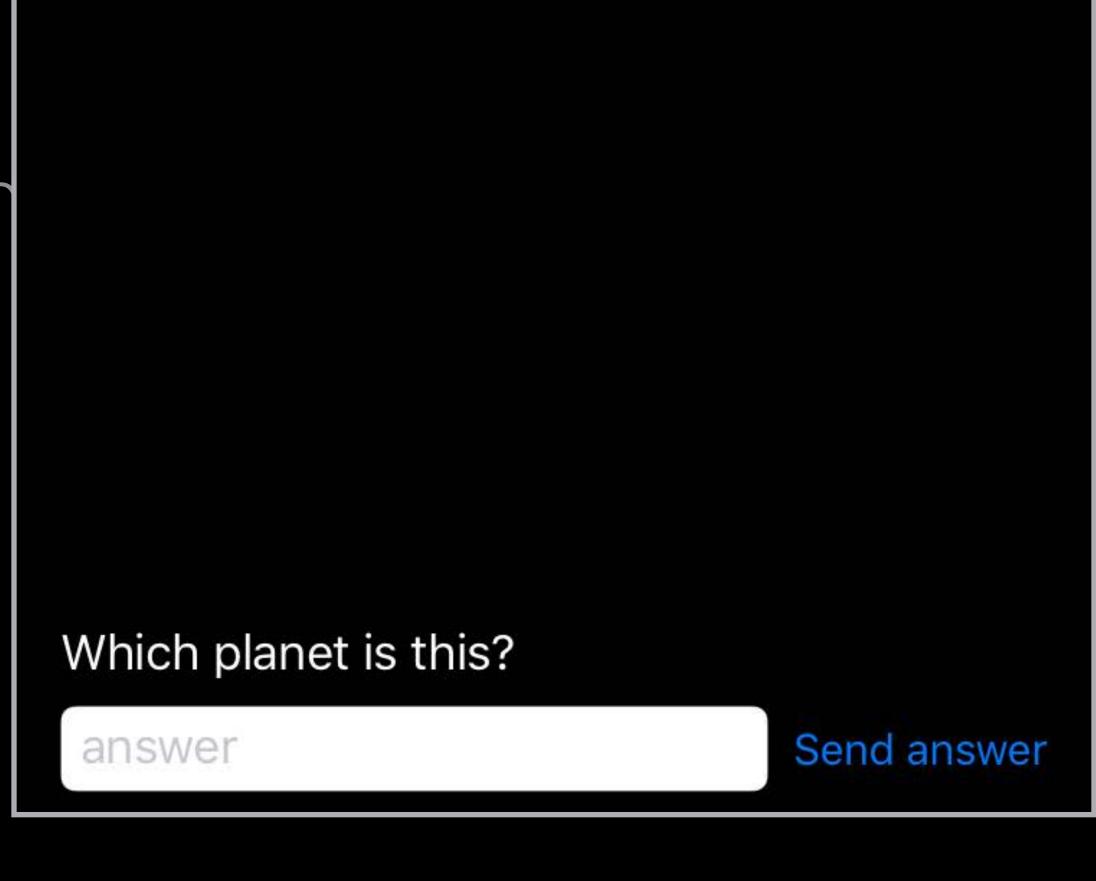
- Too few constraints
- Conflicting priorities



Ambiguous Layouts Why doesn't my layout look righ

Possible causes

- Too few constraints
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Content hugging priorities

answer Send answer

Both:
contentHuggingPriority = 250
compressionResistancePriority = 750

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Content hugging priorities



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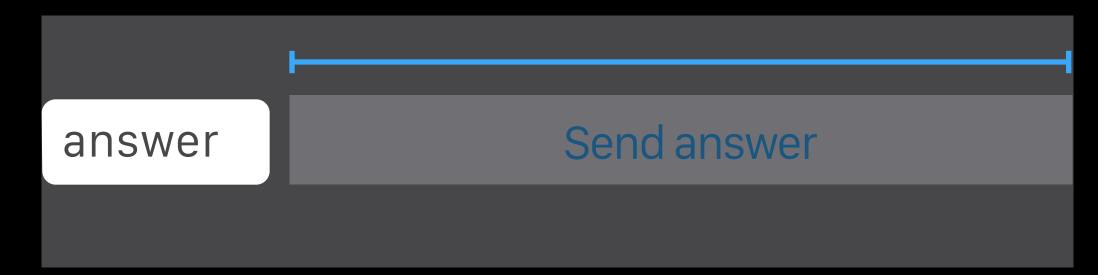
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Possible causes

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- Conflicting priorities

Content hugging priorities

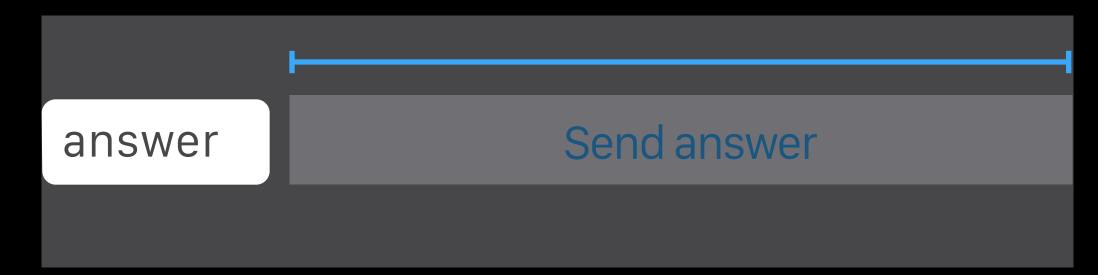


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- Too few constraints
- Conflicting priorities

Content hugging priorities

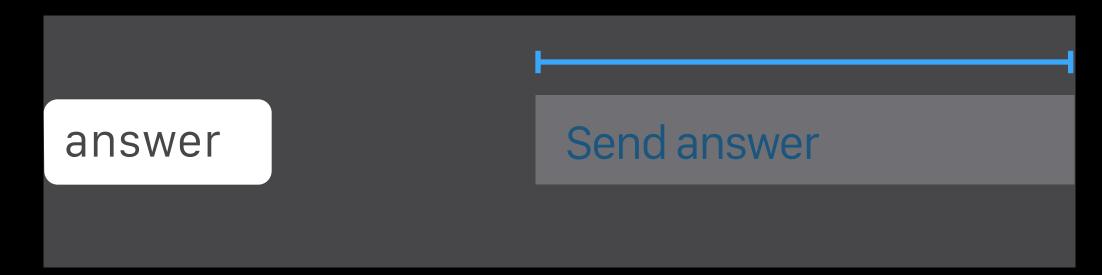


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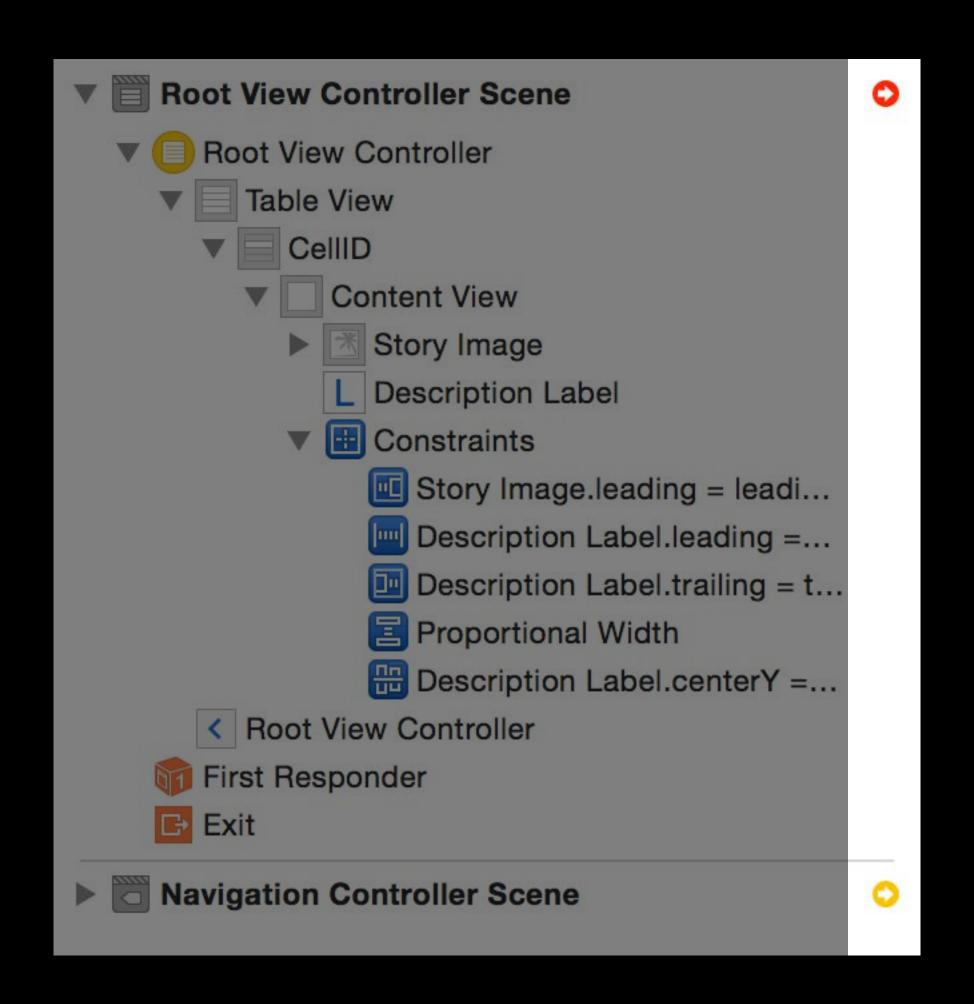
answer Send answer

Resolving Ambiguity

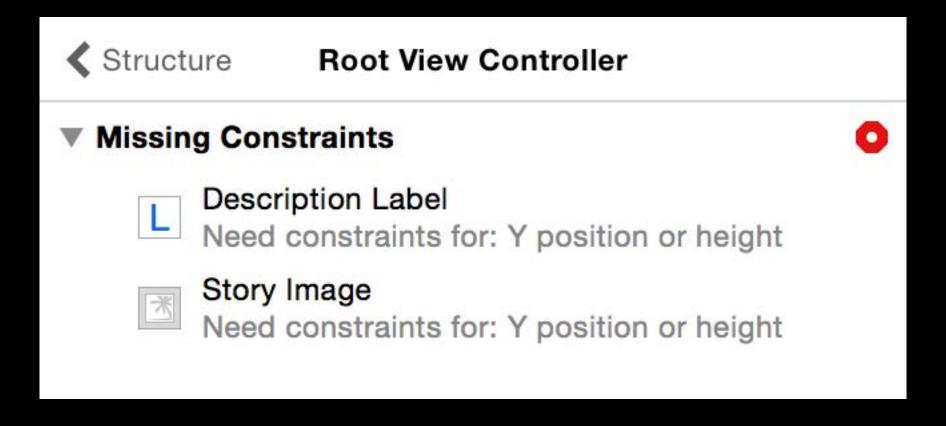
Diagnostic tools

Red and yellow icons in IB

Red and yellow icons in IB



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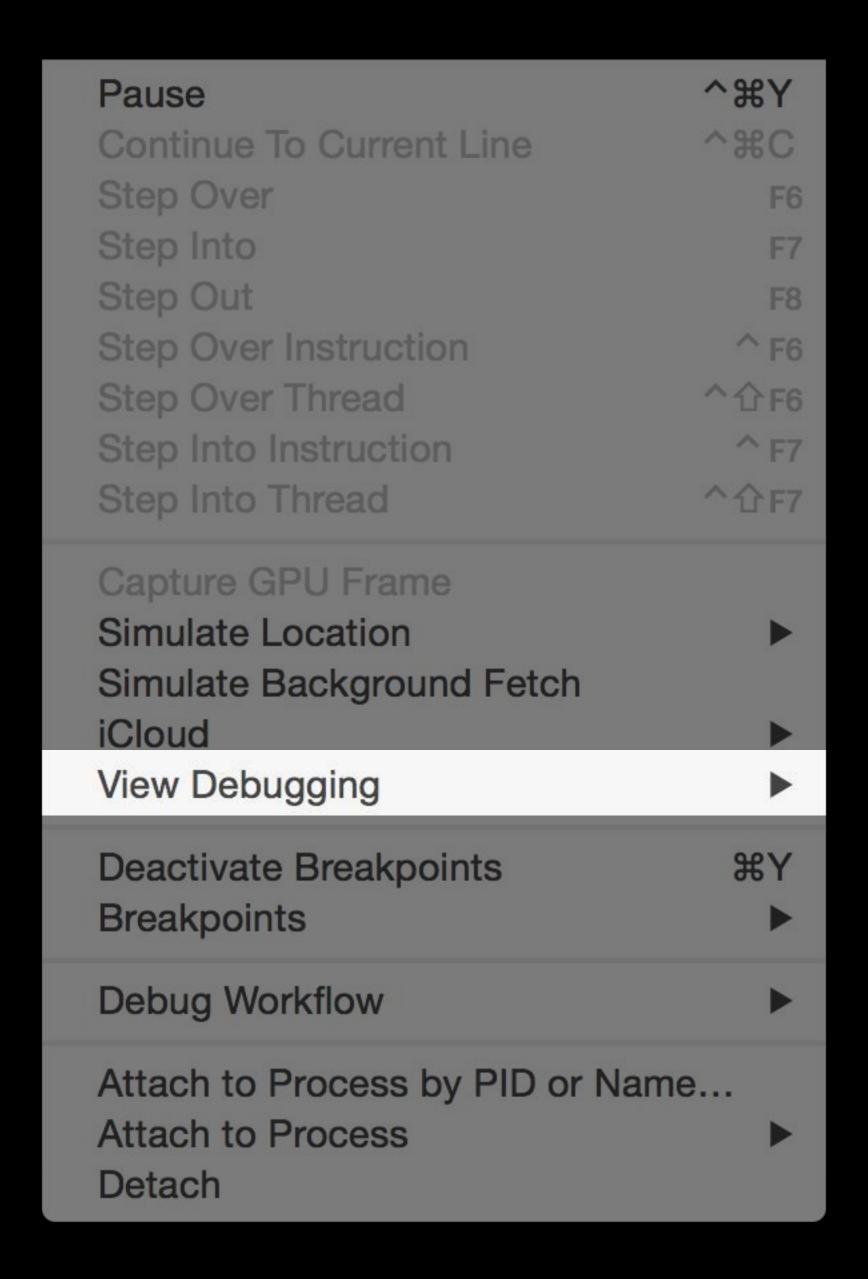
_autolayoutTrace

```
(lldb) po [self.view _autolayoutTrace]
UIWindow: 0x7fe7434a3fe0
    UIView: 0x7fe7434a8140
        *_UILayoutGuide:0x7fe7434a84f0
        *_UILayoutGuide:0x7fe7434a90d0
        *Mercury: 0x7fe7434a7790
        *Venus:0x7fe743639380
        *Earth: 0x7fe74363aae0
        *Mars:0x7fe74363bed0
        *Jupiter:0x7fe74363ce30
        *Saturn:0x7fe74363e220- AMBIGUOUS LAYOUT for Saturn.minX{id: 165}
        *Uranus:0x7fe74363f690
        *Neptune: 0x7fe743640d60
Legend:
    * - is laid out with auto layout
    + - is laid out manually, but is represented in the layout engine
because translatesAutoresizingMaskIntoConstraints = YES
    • - layout engine host
(lldb)
```

Red and yellow icons in IB

_autolayoutTrace

Select Debug > View Debugging



Red and yellow icons in IB

_autolayoutTrace

Select Debug > View Debugging

Take Screenshot of Active Device

Capture View Hierarchy

Show View Frames

Show Alignment Rectangles

Show View Drawing

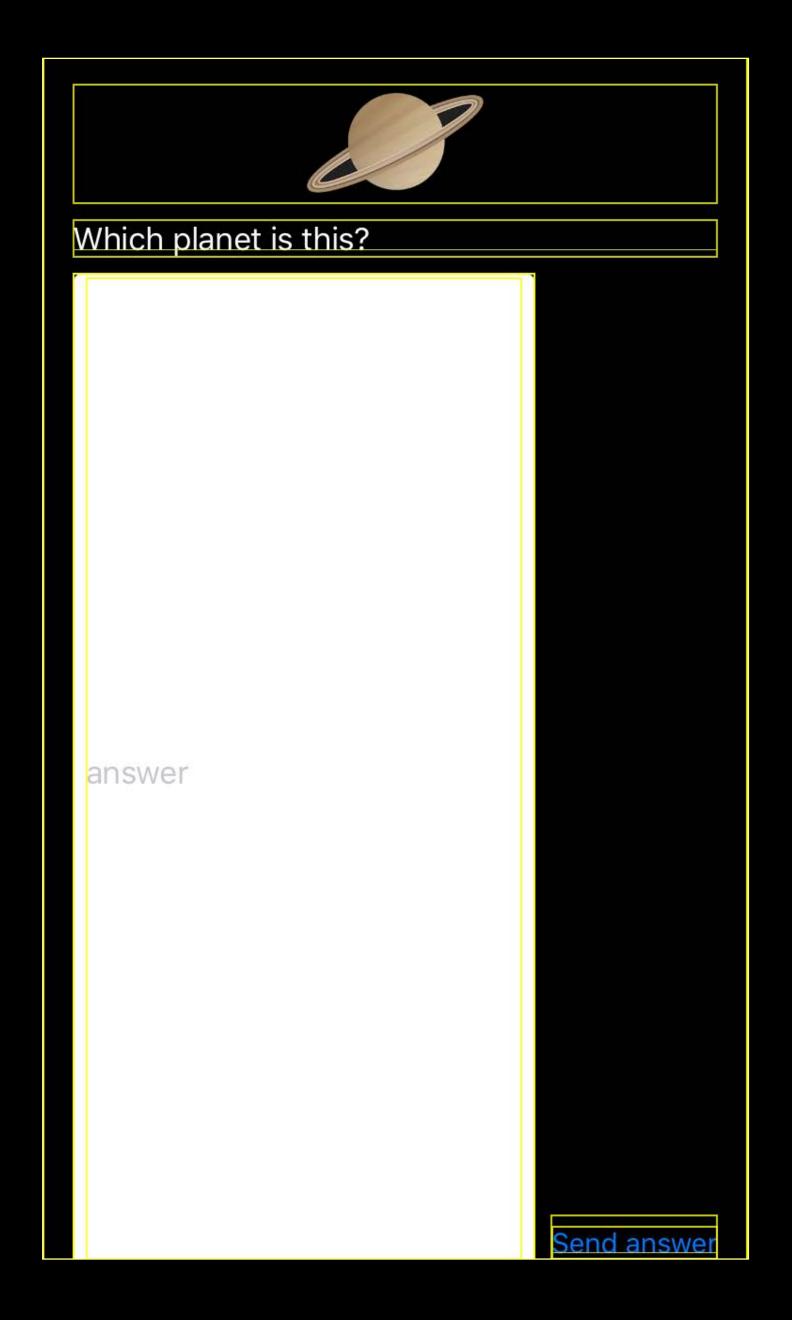
Show Responsive Scrolling Status

Show Focusable Regions

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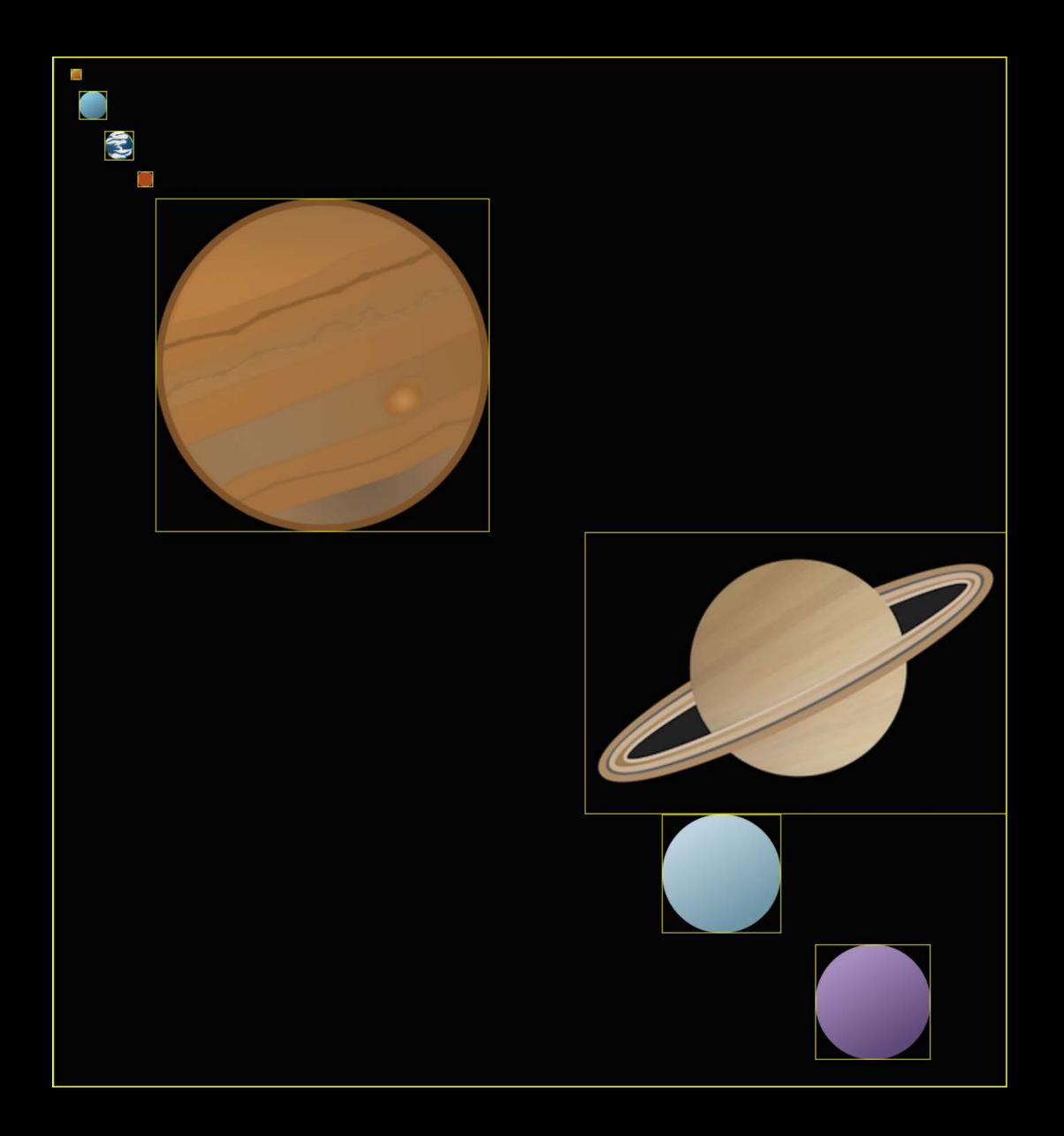
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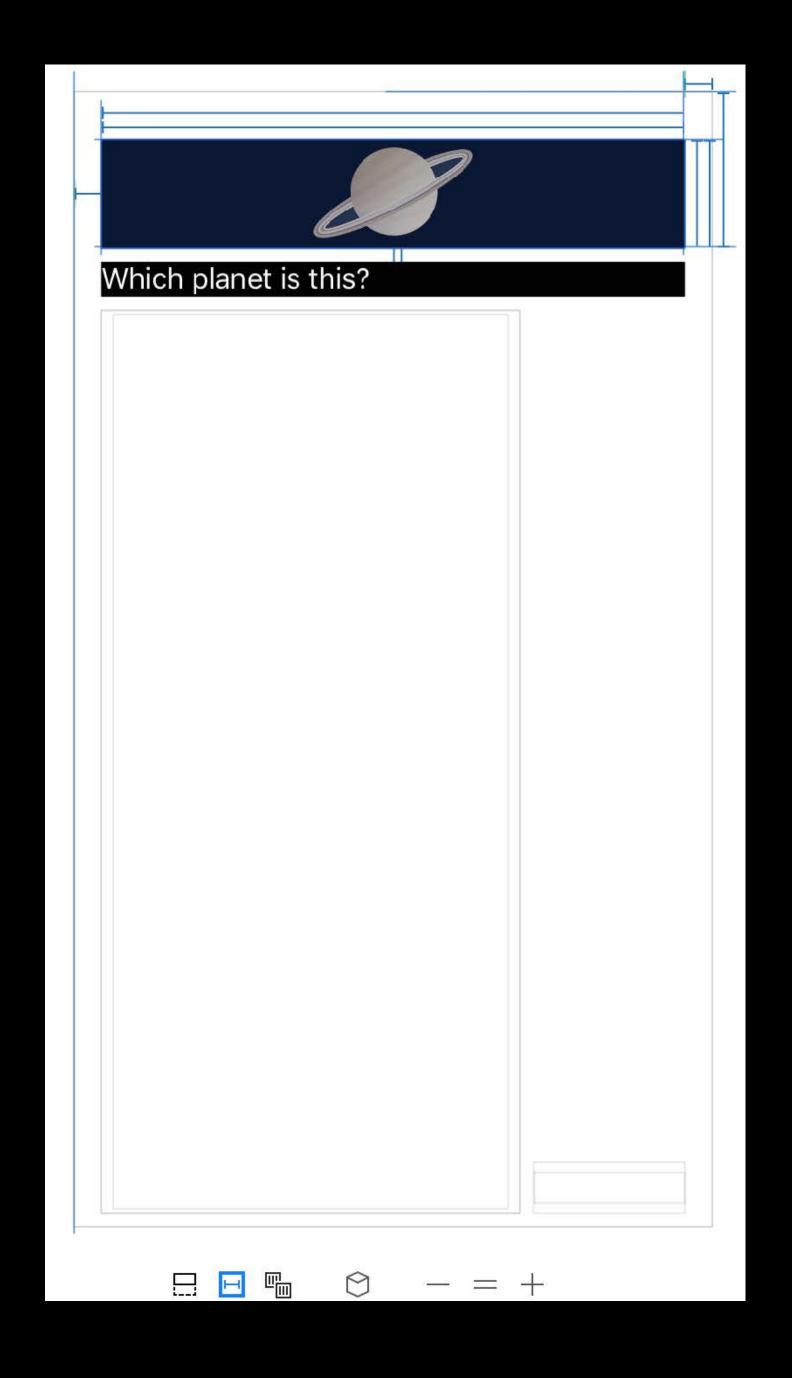


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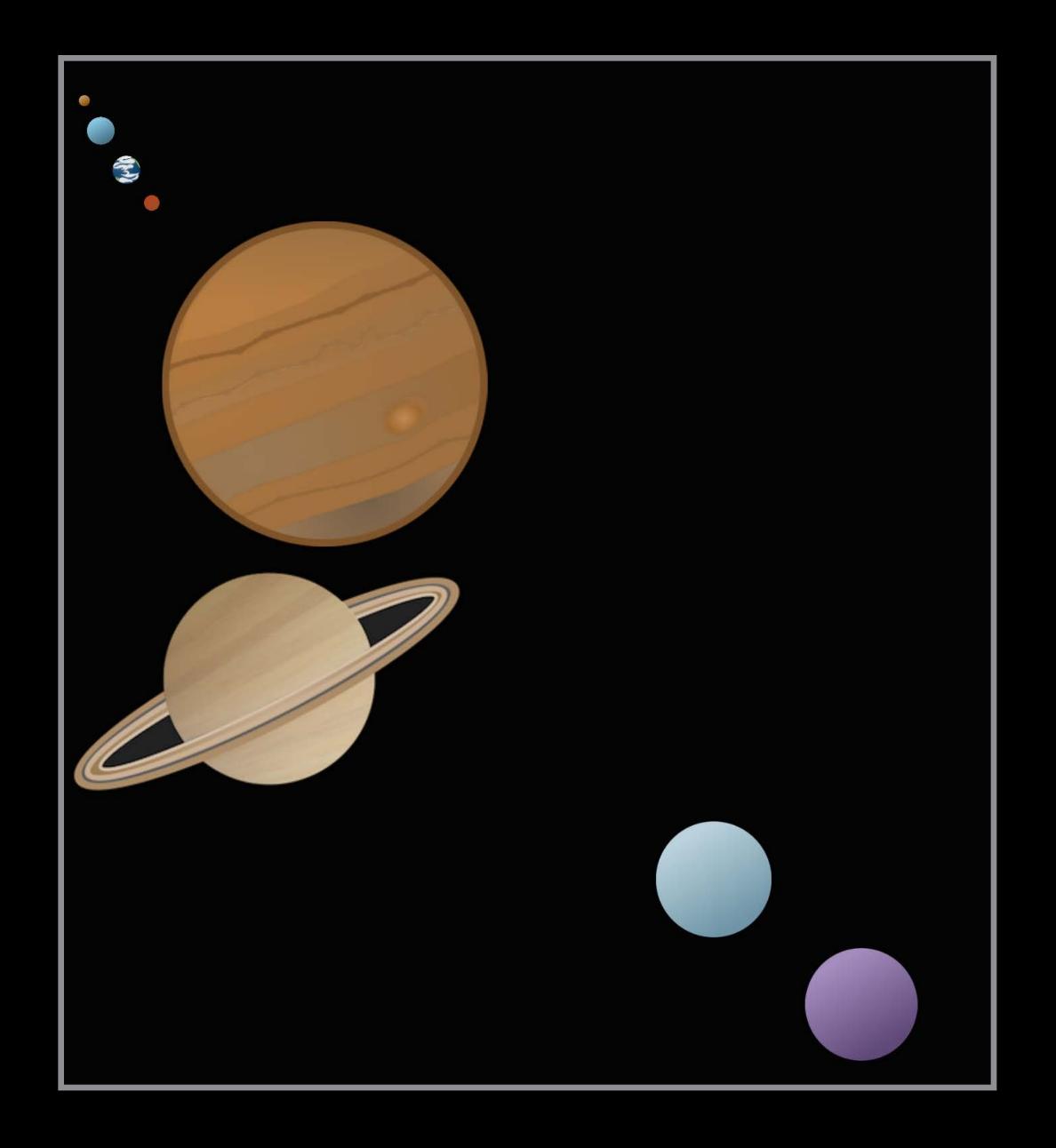
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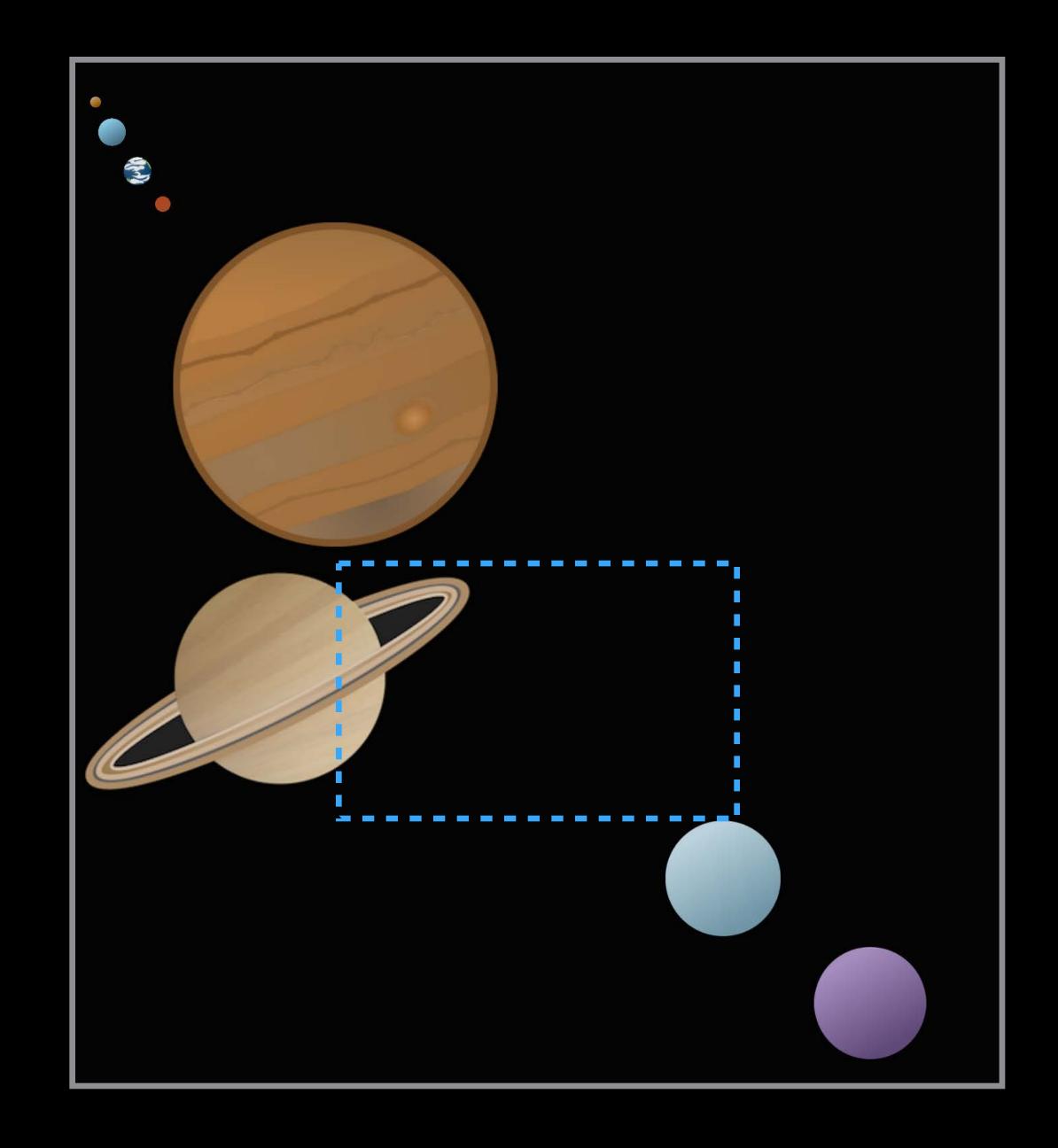
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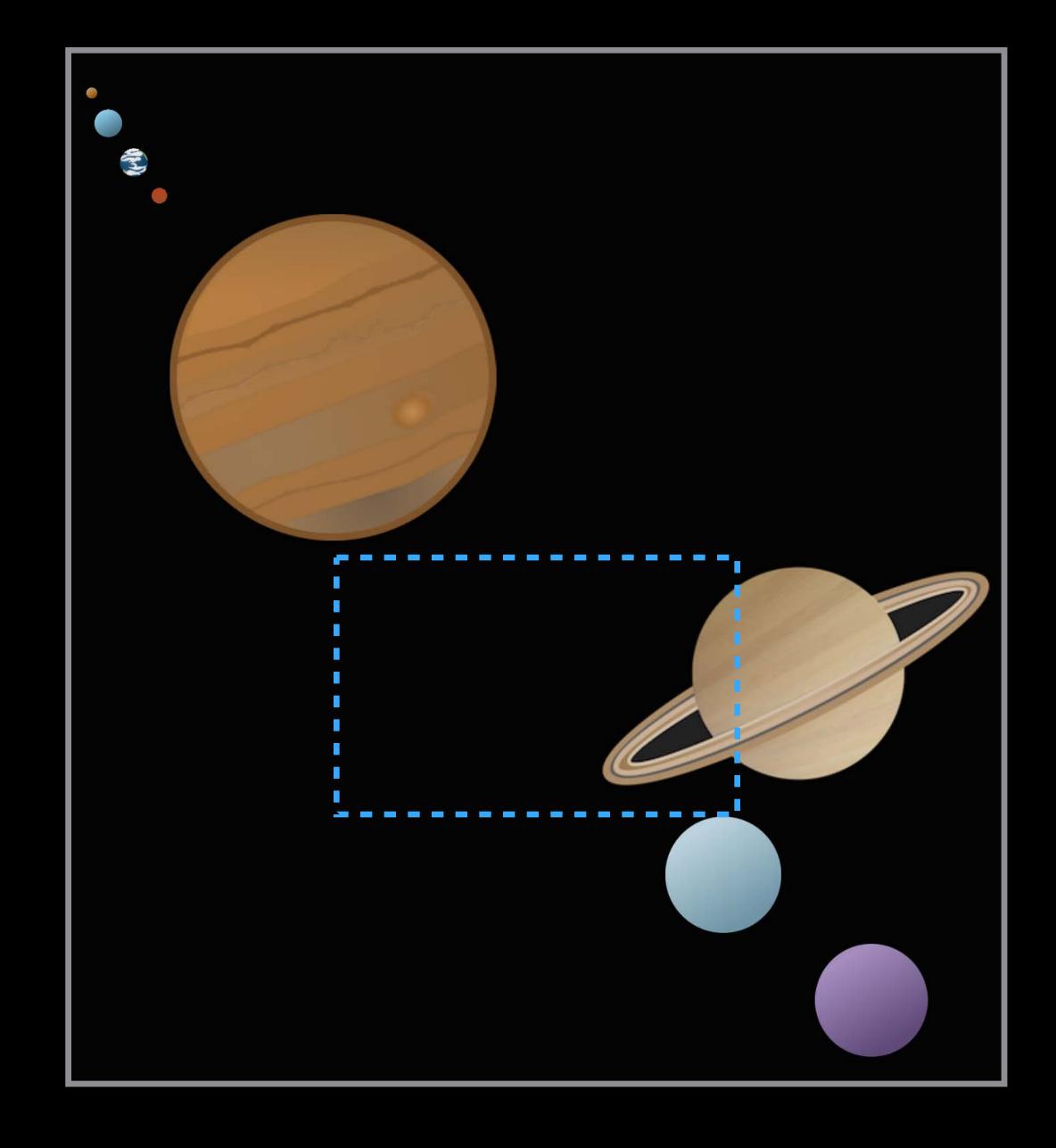
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Documentation and Videos

Swift Language Documentation

http://developer.apple.com/swift

Technical Support

Apple Developer Forums

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Sample Code
AstroLayout
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Related Sessions

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