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Class

ARImageAnchor

An anchor for a known image that ARKit detects in the physical environment.

iOS 11.3+ | iPadOS 11.3+ | Mac Catalyst 13.1+

```
class ARImageAnchor
```

Overview

When you run a world-tracking AR session and specify [ARReferenceImage](#) objects for the session configuration's [detectionImages](#) property, ARKit searches for those images in the real-world environment. When the session recognizes an image, it automatically adds an [ARImageAnchor](#) for each detected image to its list of anchors.

To find the extent of a recognized image in the scene, use the inherited [transform](#) property together with the [physicalSize](#) of the anchor's [referenceImage](#).

Topics

Identifying Detected Images

```
var referenceImage: ARReferenceImage
```

The detected image referenced by the image anchor.

Estimating Scale

```
var estimatedScaleFactor: CGFloat
```

A factor between the initial size and the estimated physical size.

Relationships

Inherits From

ARAnchor

Conforms To

ARAnchorCopying

ARTrackable

CVarArg

CustomDebugStringConvertible

CustomStringConvertible

Equatable

Hashable

NSCoding

NSCopying

NSObjectProtocol

NSSecureCoding

Sendable

SendableMetatype

See Also

Image Detection

{ } Tracking and altering images

Create images from rectangular shapes found in the user's environment, and augment their appearance.

{ } Detecting Images in an AR Experience

React to known 2D images in the user's environment, and use their positions to place AR content.

```
class ARReferenceImage
```

A 2D image that you want ARKit to detect in the physical environment.