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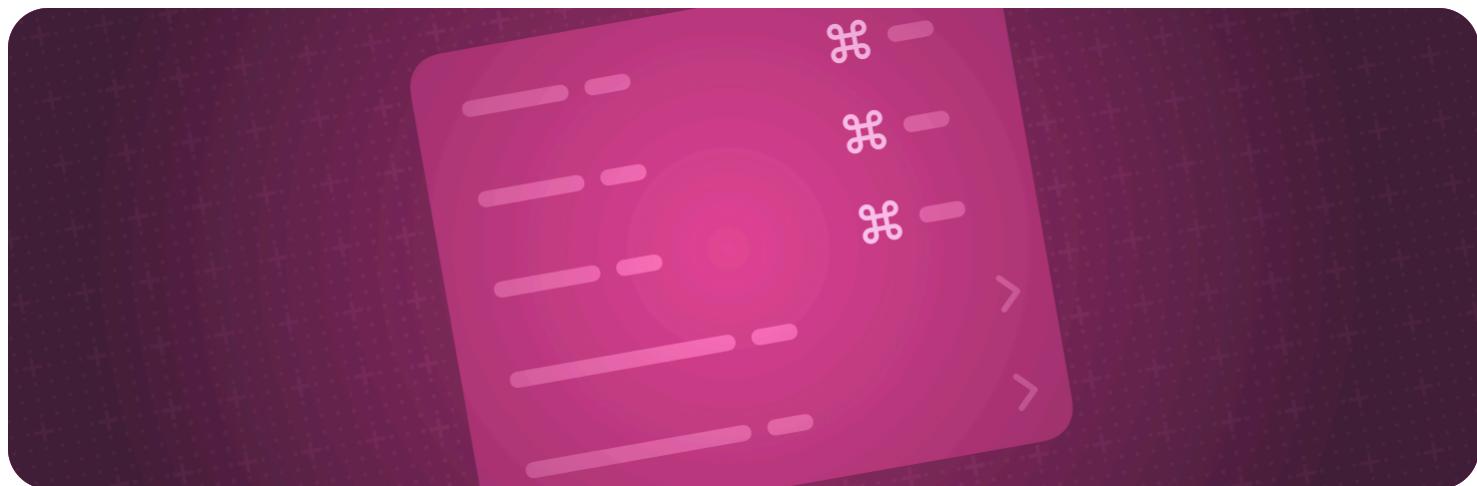
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# Menus and commands

Provide space-efficient, context-dependent access to commands and controls.

## Overview

Use a menu to provide people with easy access to common commands. You can add items to a macOS or iPadOS app's menu bar using the [commands\(content:\)](#) scene modifier, or create context menus that people reveal near their current task using the [contextMenu\(menuItems:\)](#) view modifier.



Create submenus by nesting [Menu](#) instances inside others. Use a [Divider](#) view to create a separator between menu elements.

For design guidance, see [Menus](#) in the Human Interface Guidelines.

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## Topics

# Building a menu bar

## Building and customizing the menu bar with SwiftUI

Provide a seamless, cross-platform user experience by building a native menu bar for iPadOS and macOS.

# Creating a menu

## Populating SwiftUI menus with adaptive controls

Improve your app by populating menus with controls and organizing your content intuitively.

```
struct Menu
```

A control for presenting a menu of actions.

```
func menuStyle<S>(S) -> some View
```

Sets the style for menus within this view.

# Creating context menus

```
func contextMenu<MenuItem>(menuItems: () -> MenuItem) -> some View
```

Adds a context menu to a view.

```
func contextMenu<M, P>(menuItems: () -> M, preview: () -> P) -> some View
```

Adds a context menu with a custom preview to a view.

```
func contextMenu<I, M>(forSelectionType: I.Type, menu: (Set<I>) -> M, primaryAction: ((Set<I>) -> Void)?) -> some View
```

Adds an item-based context menu to a view.

# Defining commands

```
func commands<Content>(content: () -> Content) -> some Scene
```

Adds commands to the scene.

```
func commandsRemoved() -> some Scene
```

Removes all commands defined by the modified scene.

```
func commandsReplaced<Content>(content: () -> Content) -> some Scene
```

Replaces all commands defined by the modified scene with the commands from the builder.

## protocol Commands

Conforming types represent a group of related commands that can be exposed to the user via the main menu on macOS and key commands on iOS.

### struct CommandMenu

Command menus are stand-alone, top-level containers for controls that perform related, app-specific commands.

### struct CommandGroup

Groups of controls that you can add to existing command menus.

### struct CommandsBuilder

Constructs command sets from multi-expression closures. Like ViewBuilder, it supports up to ten expressions in the closure body.

### struct CommandGroupPlacement

The standard locations that you can place new command groups relative to.

## Getting built-in command groups

### struct SidebarCommands

A built-in set of commands for manipulating window sidebars.

### struct TextEditingCommands

A built-in group of commands for searching, editing, and transforming selections of text.

### struct TextFormattingCommands

A built-in set of commands for transforming the styles applied to selections of text.

### struct ToolbarCommands

A built-in set of commands for manipulating window toolbars.

### struct ImportFromDevicesCommands

A built-in set of commands that enables importing content from nearby devices.

### struct InspectorCommands

A built-in set of commands for manipulating inspectors.

### struct EmptyCommands

An empty group of commands.

## Showing a menu indicator

```
func menuIndicator(Visibility) -> some View
```

Sets the menu indicator visibility for controls within this view.

```
var menuIndicatorVisibility: Visibility
```

The menu indicator visibility to apply to controls within a view.

## Configuring menu dismissal

```
func menuActionDismissBehavior(MenuActionDismissBehavior) -> some View
```

Tells a menu whether to dismiss after performing an action.

```
struct MenuActionDismissBehavior
```

The set of menu dismissal behavior options.

## Setting a preferred order

```
func menuOrder(MenuOrder) -> some View
```

Sets the preferred order of items for menus presented from this view.

```
var menuOrder: MenuOrder
```

The preferred order of items for menus presented from this view.

```
struct MenuOrder
```

The order in which a menu presents its content.

## Deprecated types

~~struct Menubutton~~

A button that displays a menu containing a list of choices when pressed.

Deprecated

~~typealias PullDownButton~~ Deprecated

~~struct ContextMenu~~

A container for views that you present as menu items in a context menu.

# See Also

## Views

### ☰ View fundamentals

Define the visual elements of your app using a hierarchy of views.

### ☰ View configuration

Adjust the characteristics of views in a hierarchy.

### ☰ View styles

Apply built-in and custom appearances and behaviors to different types of views.

### ☰ Animations

Create smooth visual updates in response to state changes.

### ☰ Text input and output

Display formatted text and get text input from the user.

### ☰ Images

Add images and symbols to your app's user interface.

### ☰ Controls and indicators

Display values and get user selections.

### ☰ Shapes

Trace and fill built-in and custom shapes with a color, gradient, or other pattern.

### ☰ Drawing and graphics

Enhance your views with graphical effects and customized drawings.