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# Anchors

Lock virtual content to the real world.

## Overview

RealityKit anchors all entities in a scene to an anchor target in the same scene, such as the ground, an image, or a position relative to its parent view. RealityKit provides several types you can use as the target for your anchors.

## Topics

### Anchoring components

`struct AnchoringComponent`

A component that anchors virtual content to a real world target.

`enum Target`

Defines the kinds of real world objects to which an anchor entity can be tethered.

`struct TrackingMode`

Options for how an entity tracks its target anchor.

`struct ARKitAnchorComponent`

A component that exposes the backing ARKit data of an anchored entity.

`class AnchorEntity`

An anchor that tethers entities to a scene.

```
protocol HasAnchoring
```

An interface that enables anchoring of virtual content to a real-world object in an AR scene.

## Surface anchor characterization

```
struct Alignment
```

Defines the alignment of real-world surfaces to seek as targets.

```
struct Classification
```

Defines types of real-world surfaces to seek as targets.

## Image and object tracking

```
struct ImageAnchoringSource
```

Defines the source of object anchoring target based on how it is created.

```
struct ObjectAnchoringSource
```

Defines the source of object anchoring target based on how it is created.

## Hand tracking

```
{} Happy Beam
```

Leverage a Full Space to create a fun game using ARKit.

```
struct HandLocation
```

Defines the locations of tracked hands to look for.

```
enum Chirality
```

Defines the chirality of tracked hands to look for.

## Spatial tracking

```
class SpatialTrackingSession
```

An object that incorporates spatial tracking capabilities into your RealityKit apps.

```
struct Configuration
```

A type for configuring the spatial tracking session.

```
struct AnchorCapability
```

A type that defines various anchor tracking capabilities.

```
struct SceneUnderstandingCapability
```

Defines how system behaviors use scene understanding.

```
enum Camera
```

Defines the camera feed the RealityView renders.

```
struct UnavailableCapabilities
```

A type that contains the unavailable capabilities of the current spatial tracking session.

## Body and face tracking

{ } Creating an App for Face-Painting in AR

Combine RealityKit's face detection with PencilKit to implement virtual face-painting.

{ } Occluding virtual content with people

Cover your app's virtual content with people that ARKit perceives in the camera feed.

```
struct BodyTrackingComponent
```

A component for tracking people in an AR session.

```
class BodyTrackedEntity
```

An entity used to animate a virtual character in an AR scene by tracking a real person.

```
protocol HasBodyTracking
```

An interface that enables the animation of a virtual character by tracking a real person in AR.

## Accessory tracking

{ } Tracking a handheld accessory as a virtual sculpting tool

Use a tracked accessory with Apple Vision Pro to create a virtual sculpture.

## Physics simulation space

```
enum PhysicsSimulation
```

Describes the physics simulation space of the entity and its descendants.

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## See Also

# Scene content

- { } Hello World

Use windows, volumes, and immersive spaces to teach people about the Earth.
- { } Enabling video reflections in an immersive environment

Create a more immersive experience by adding video reflections in a custom environment.
- { } Creating a spatial drawing app with RealityKit

Use low-level mesh and texture APIs to achieve fast updates to a person's brush strokes by integrating RealityKit with ARKit and SwiftUI.
- { } Generating interactive geometry with RealityKit

Create an interactive mesh with low-level mesh and low-level texture.
- { } Combining 2D and 3D views in an immersive app

Use attachments to place 2D content relative to 3D content in your visionOS app.
- { } Transforming RealityKit entities using gestures

Build a RealityKit component to support standard visionOS gestures on any entity.
- { } Responding to gestures on an entity

Respond to gestures performed on RealityKit entities using input target and collision components.
- :≡ Models and meshes

Display virtual objects in your scene with mesh-based models.
- :≡ Materials, textures, and shaders

Apply textures to the surface of your scene's 3D objects to give each object a unique appearance.
- :≡ Lights and cameras

Control the lighting and point of view for a scene.
- :≡ Content synchronization

Synchronize the contents of entities locally or across the network.
- :≡ Audio

Create personalized and realistic spatial audio experiences.

### ☰ Videos

Present videos in your RealityKit experiences.

### ☰ Images

Present images and spatial scenes in your RealityKit experiences.