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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.

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## Relationships

### Inherits From

ARAnchor

### Conforms To

ARAnchorCopying

ARTrackable

CVarArg

CustomDebugStringConvertible

CustomStringConvertible

Equatable

Hashable

NSCoding

NSCopying

NSObjectProtocol

NSSecureCoding

Sendable

SendableMetatype

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## 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.