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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

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 Hello World
  - Use windows, volumes, and immersive spaces to teach people about the Earth.
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 Enabling video reflections in an immersive environment
  - Create a more immersive experience by adding video reflections in a custom environment.
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 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.
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 Generating interactive geometry with RealityKit
  - Create an interactive mesh with low-level mesh and low-level texture.
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 Combining 2D and 3D views in an immersive app
  - Use attachments to place 2D content relative to 3D content in your visionOS app.
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 Transforming RealityKit entities using gestures
  - Build a RealityKit component to support standard visionOS gestures on any entity.
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 Responding to gestures on an entity
  - Respond to gestures performed on RealityKit entities using input target and collision components.
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 Models and meshes
  - Display virtual objects in your scene with mesh-based models.
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 Materials, textures, and shaders
  - Apply textures to the surface of your scene's 3D objects to give each object a unique appearance.
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 Lights and cameras
  - Control the lighting and point of view for a scene.
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 Content synchronization
  - Synchronize the contents of entities locally or across the network.
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 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.