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CloudKit Best Practices

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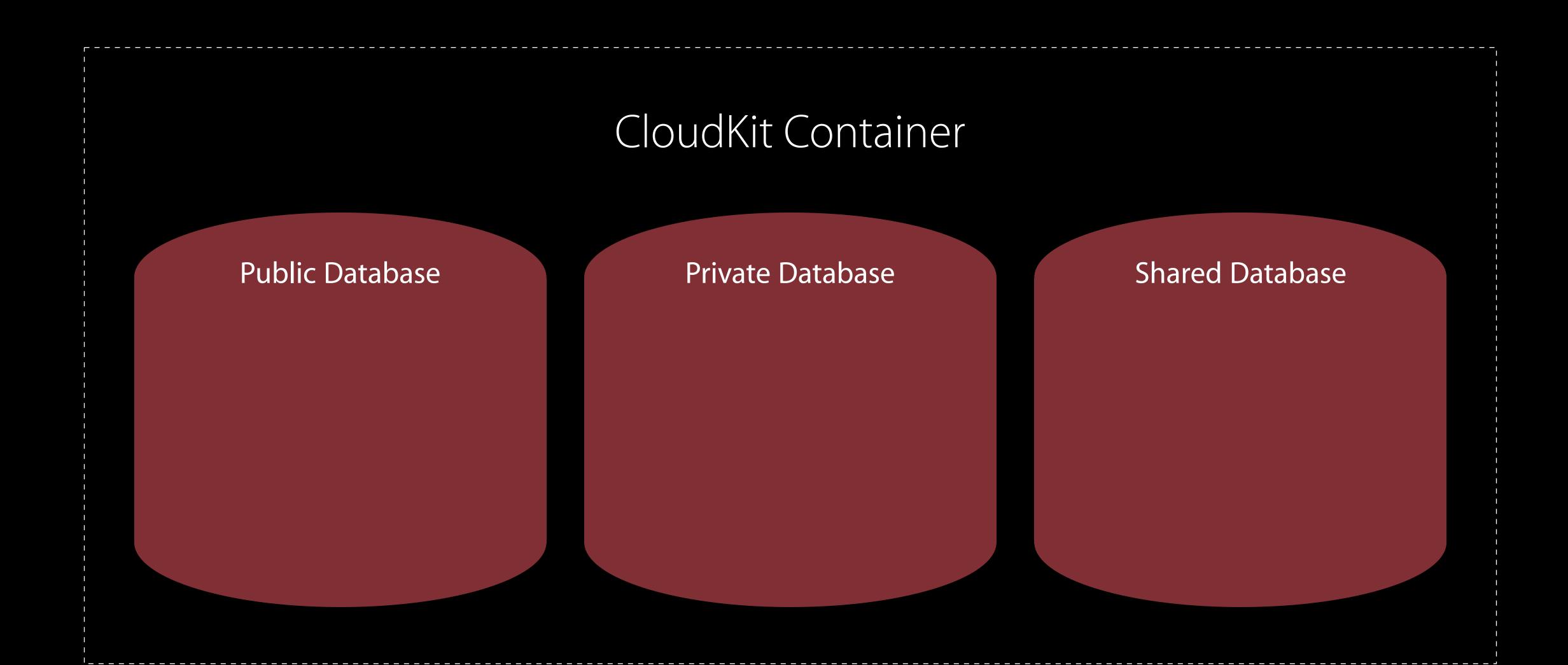
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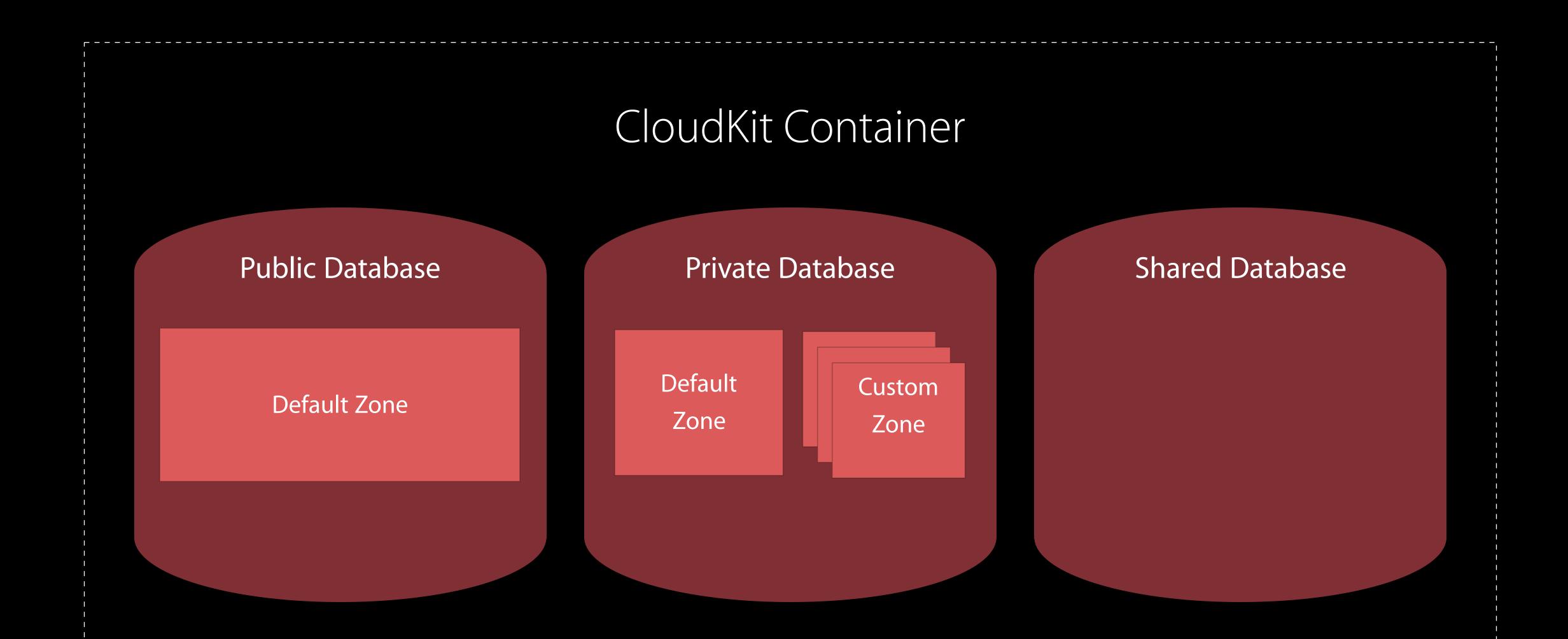


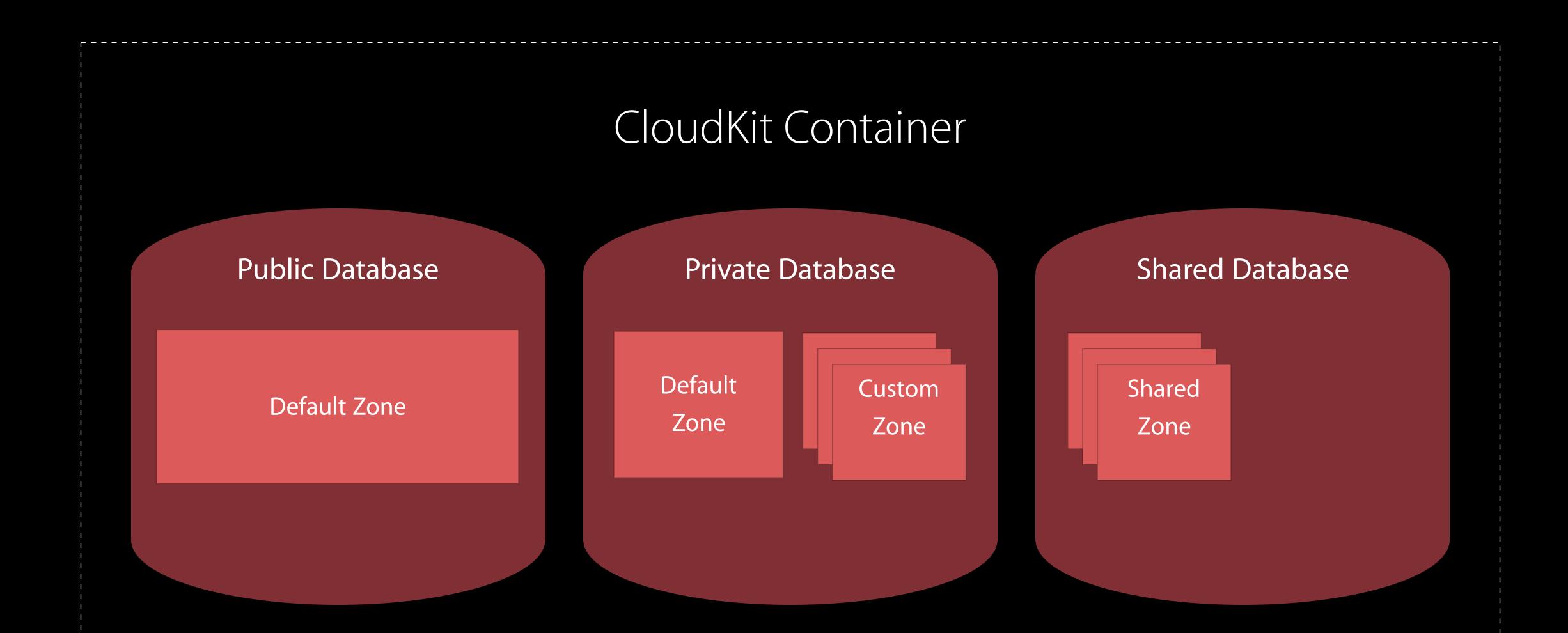
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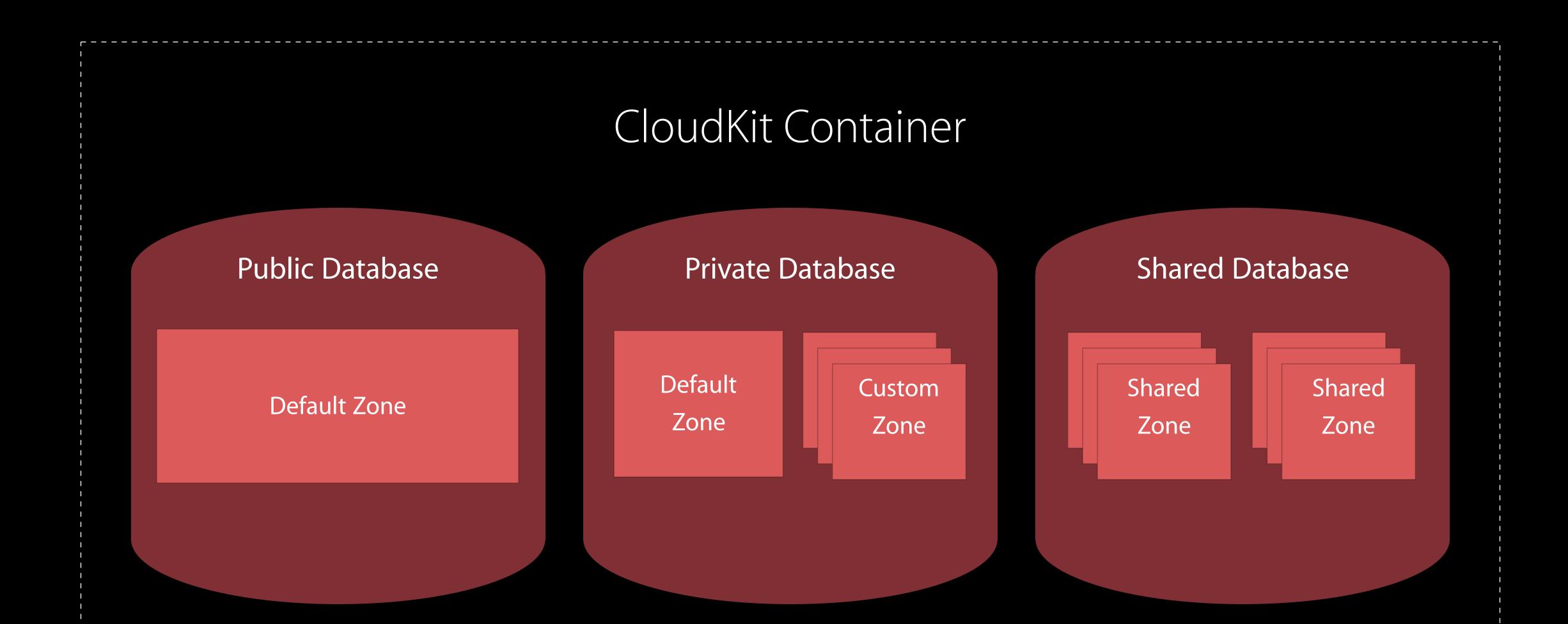
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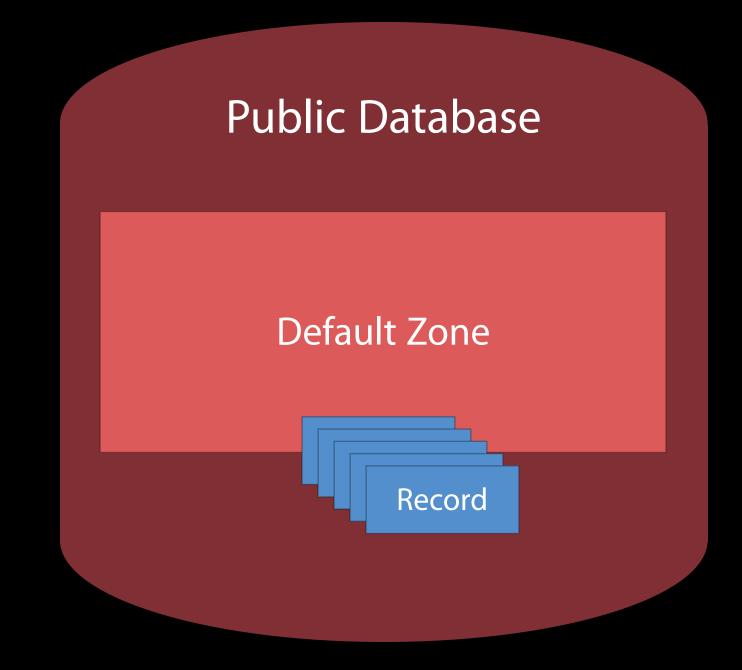
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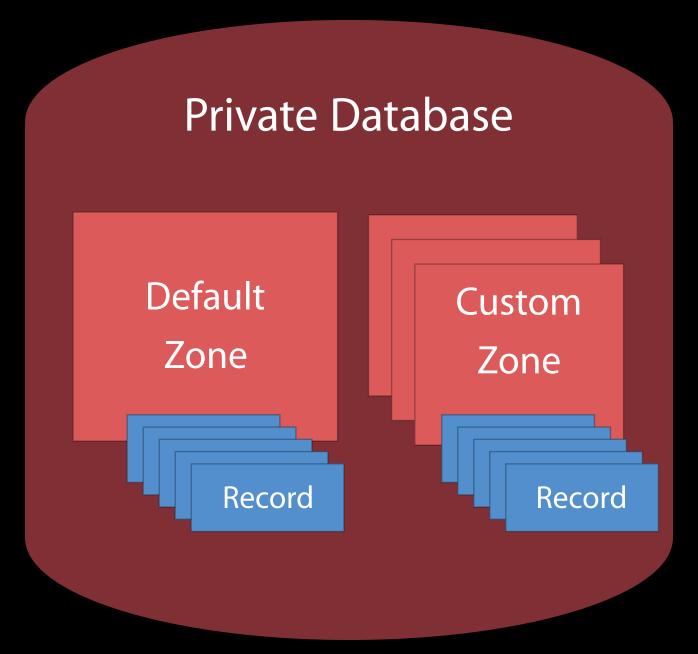


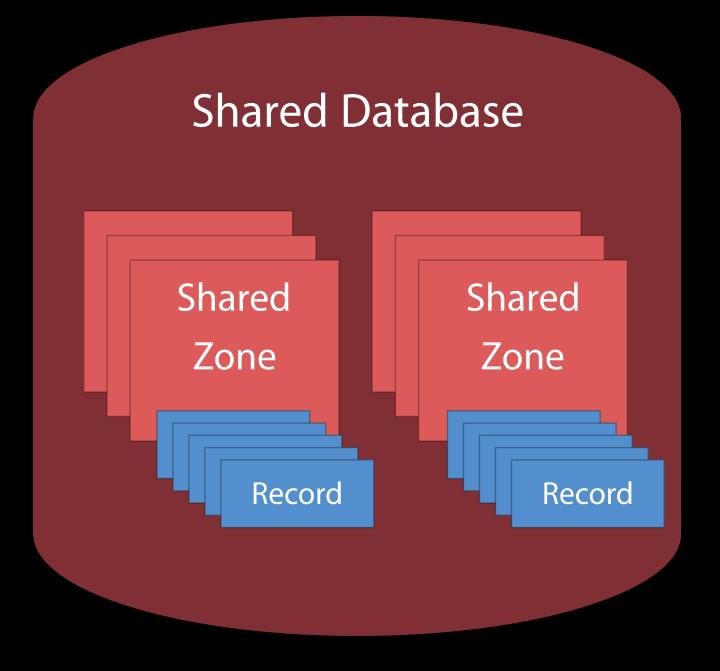




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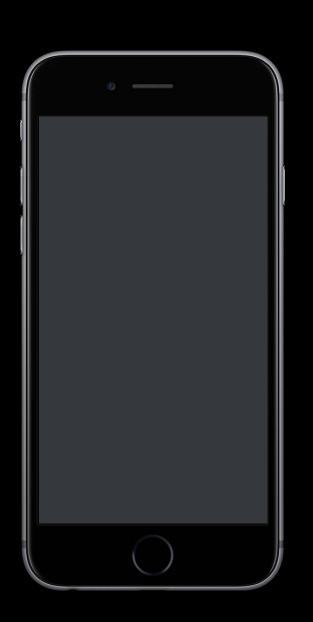




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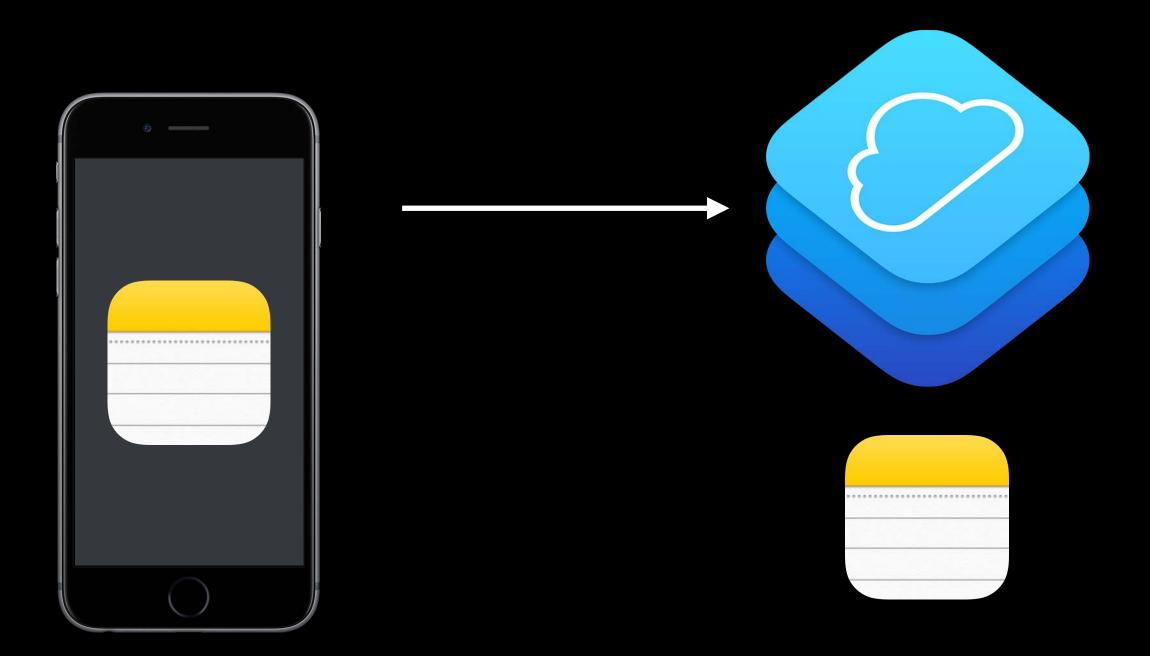
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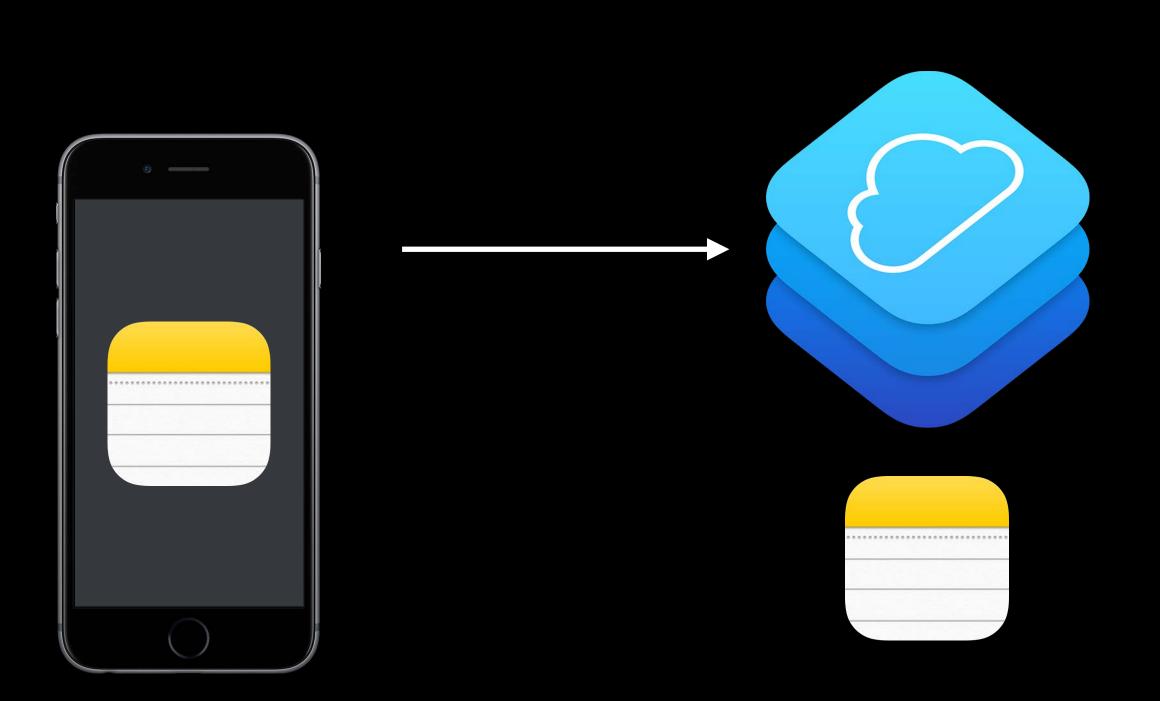


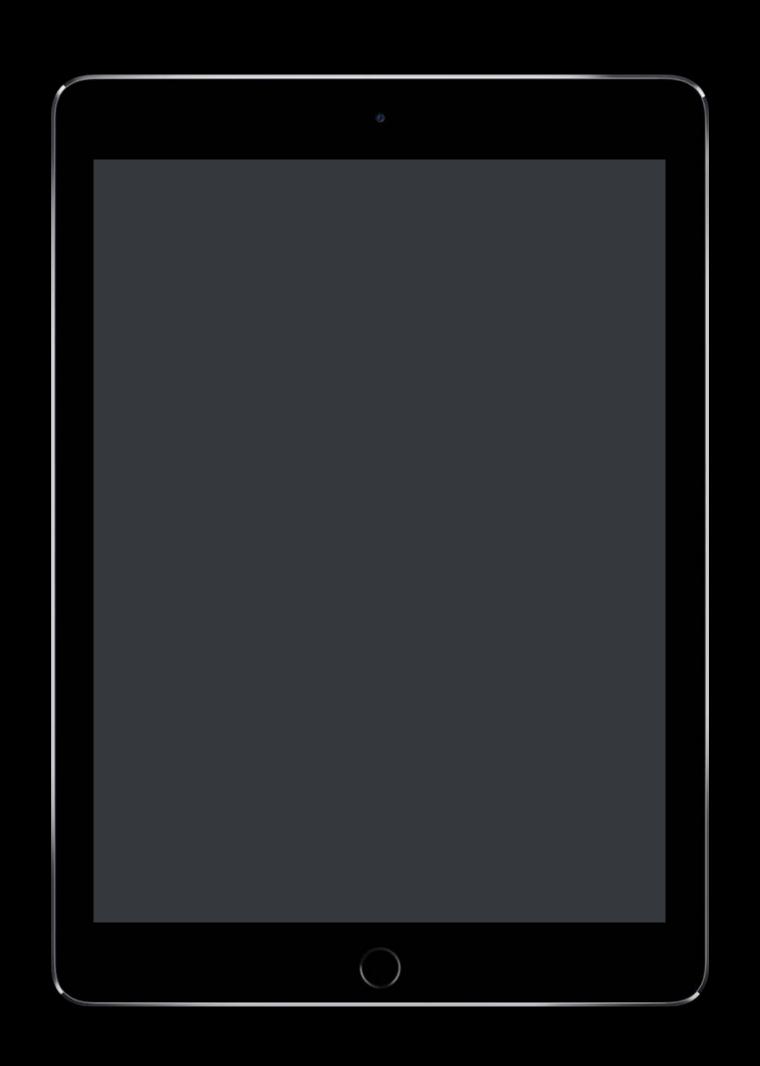


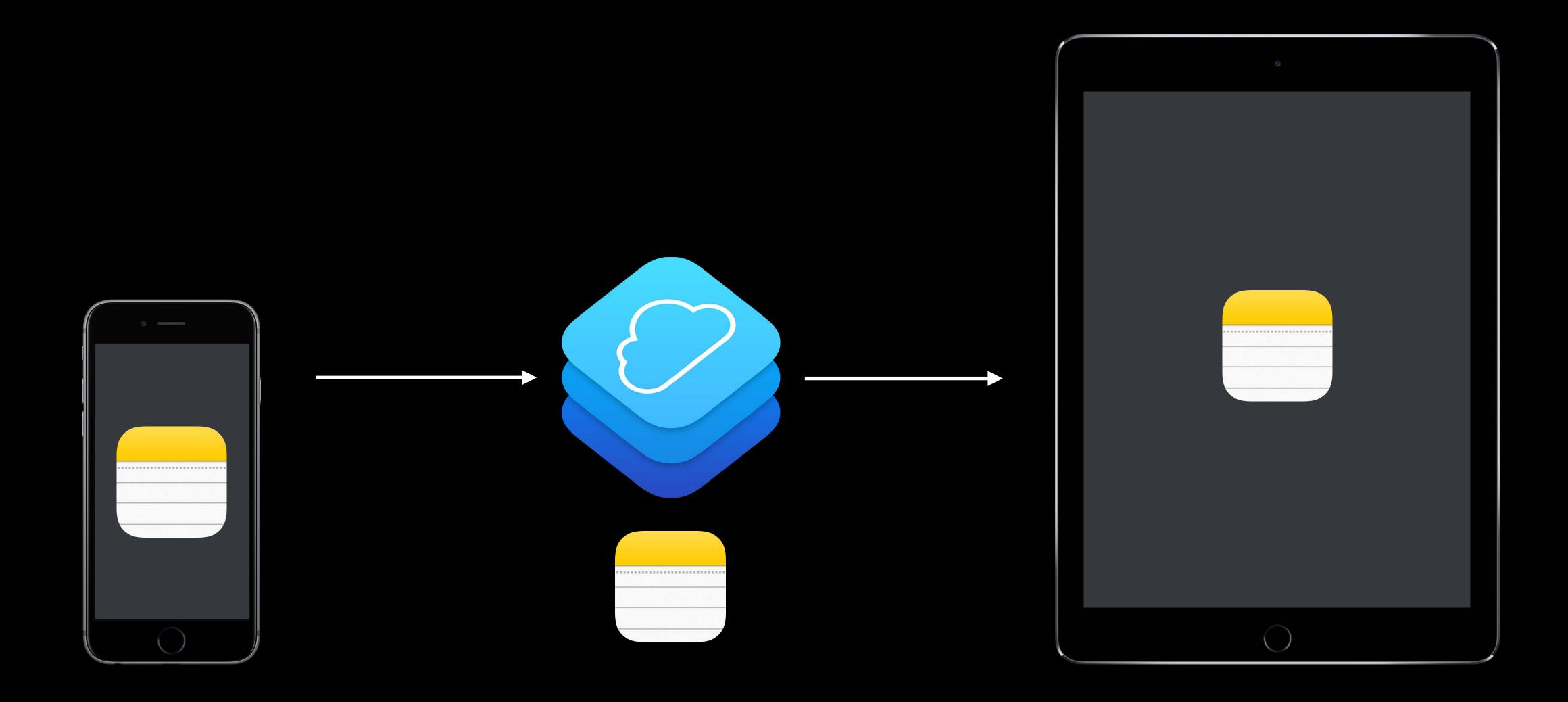


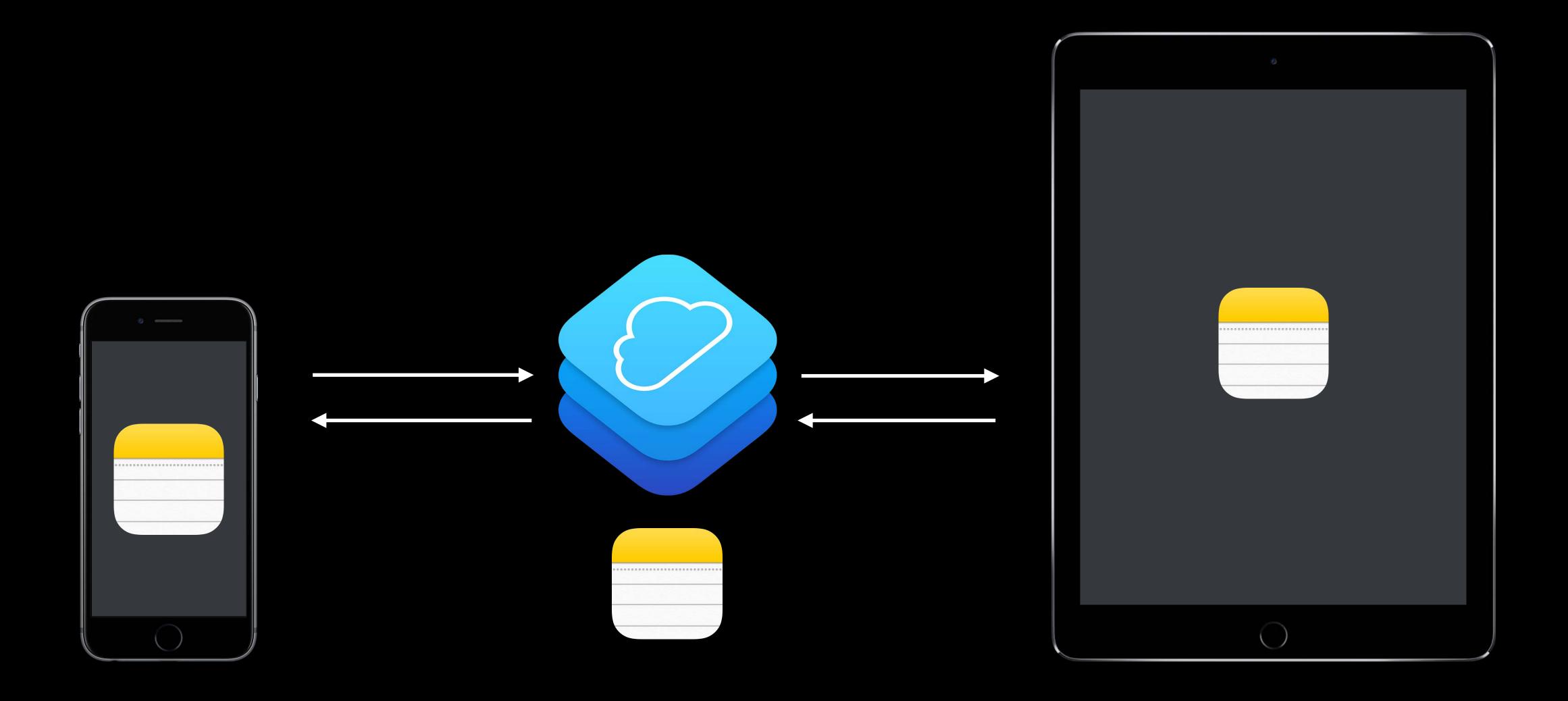












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How Does It Work?

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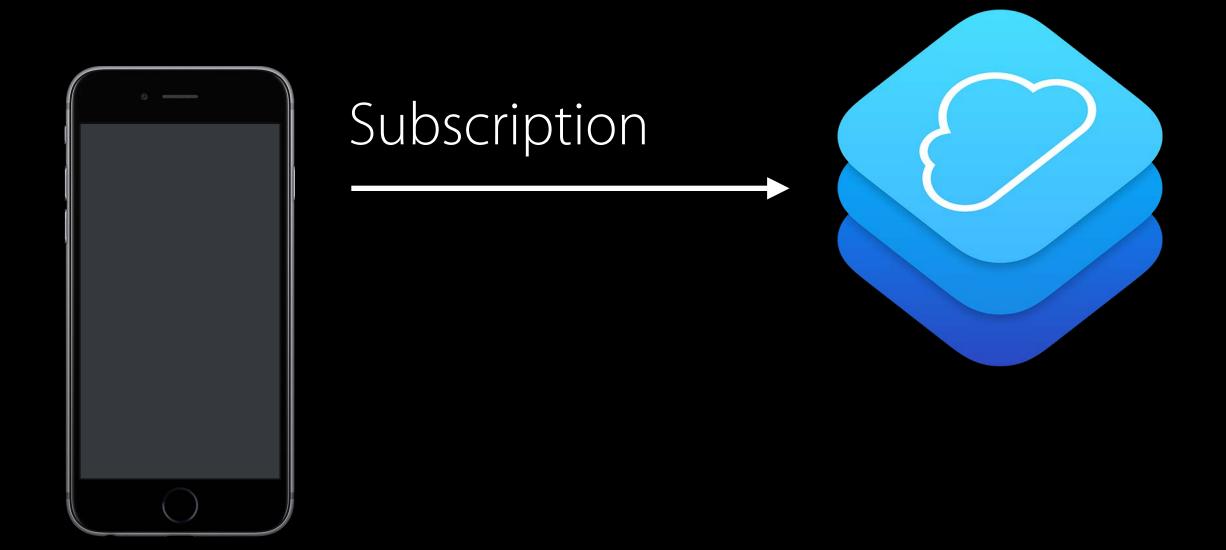
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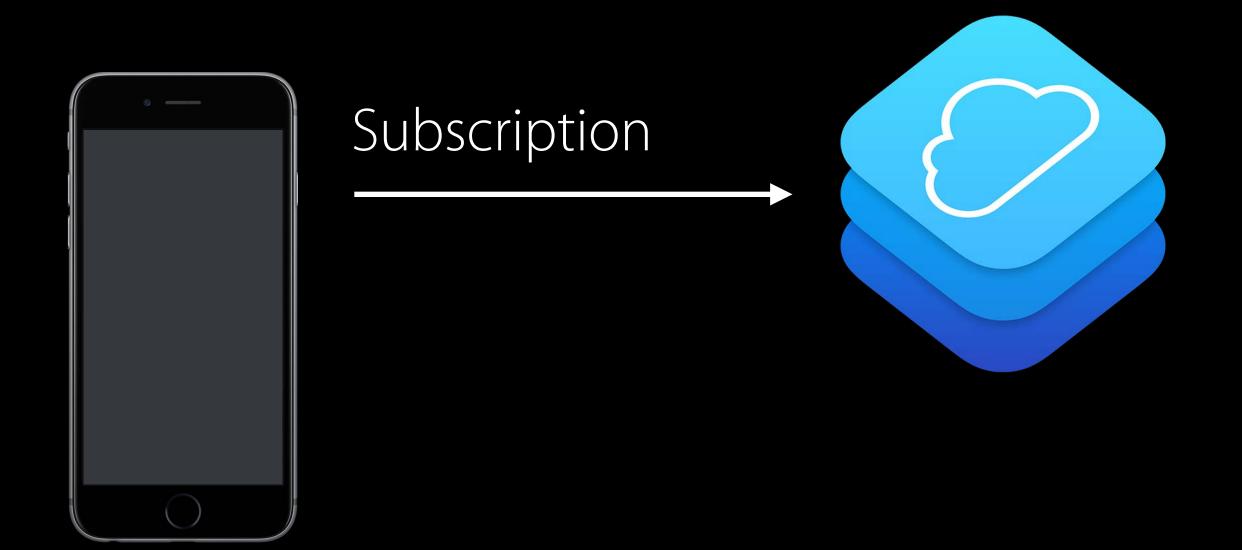


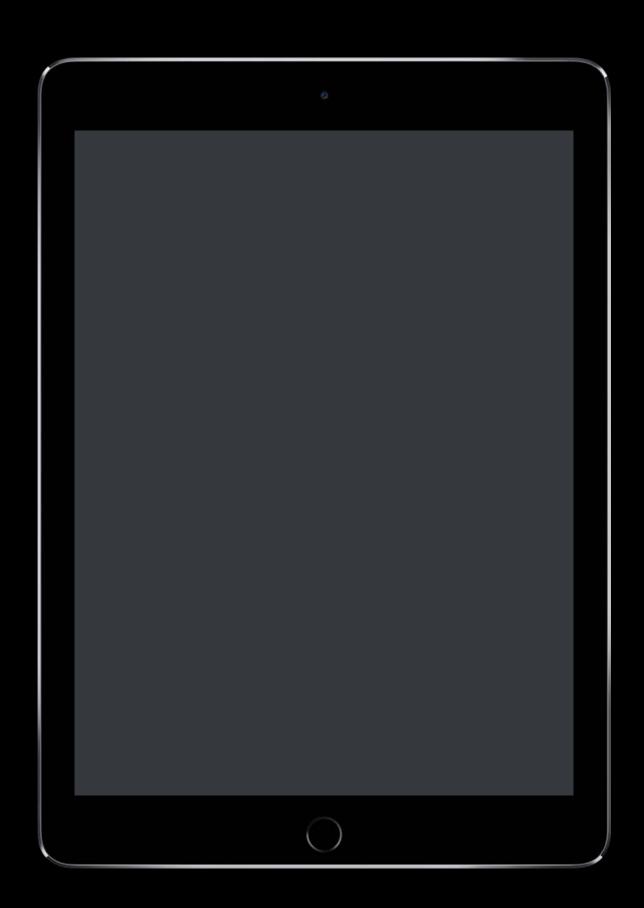
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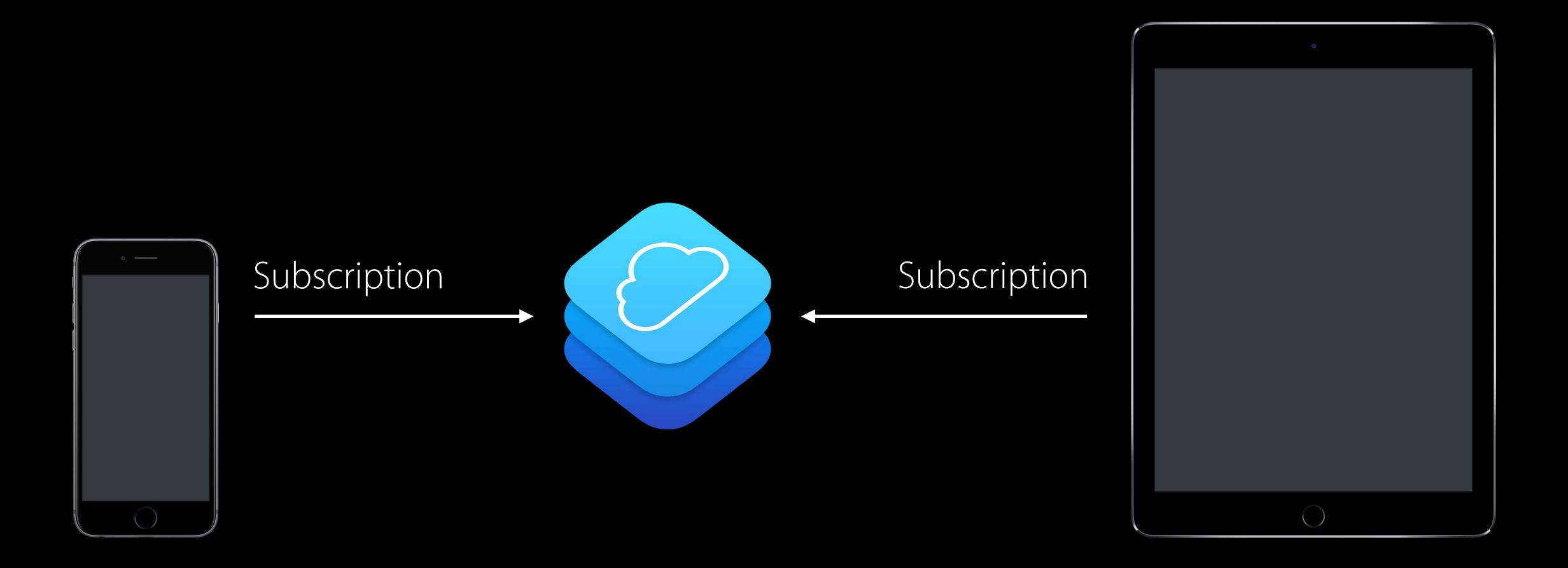






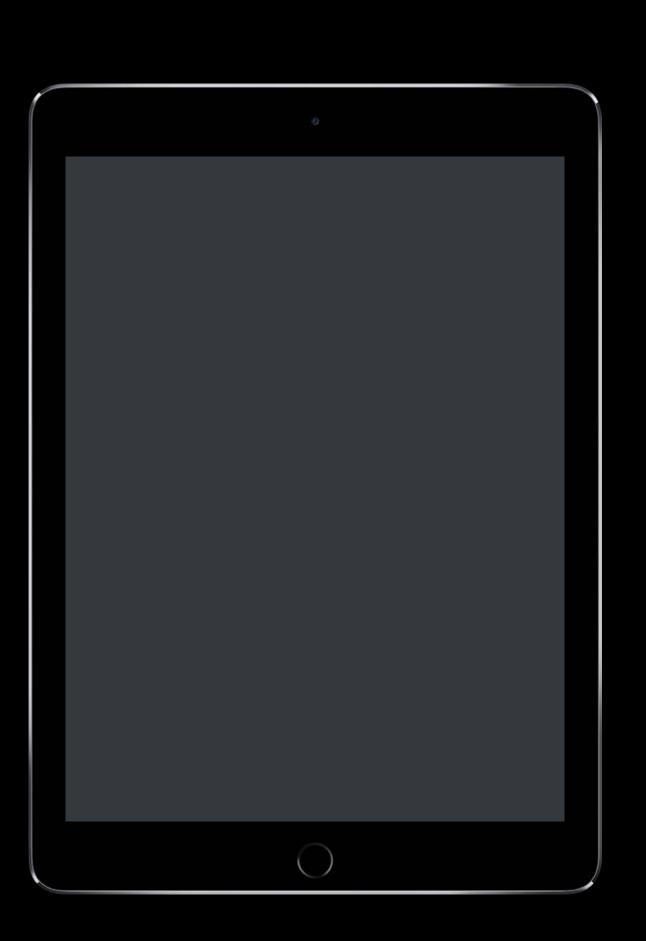






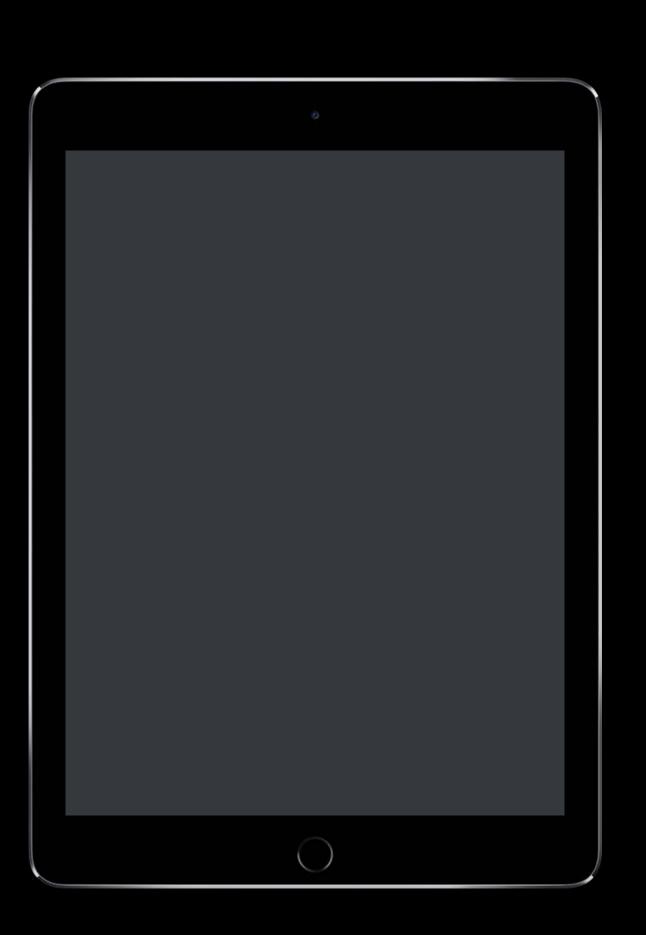


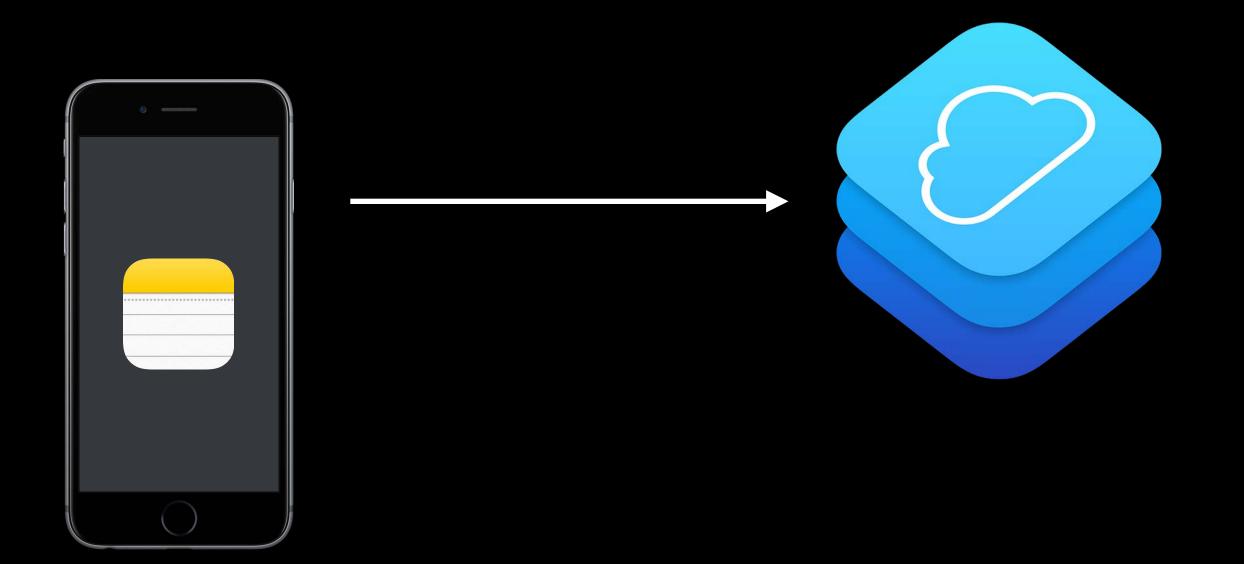


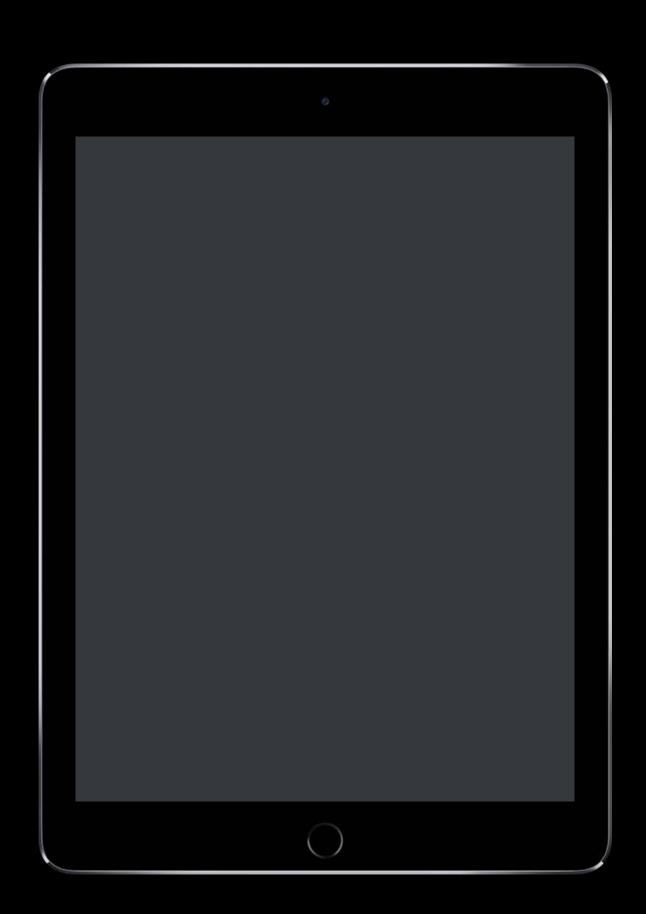


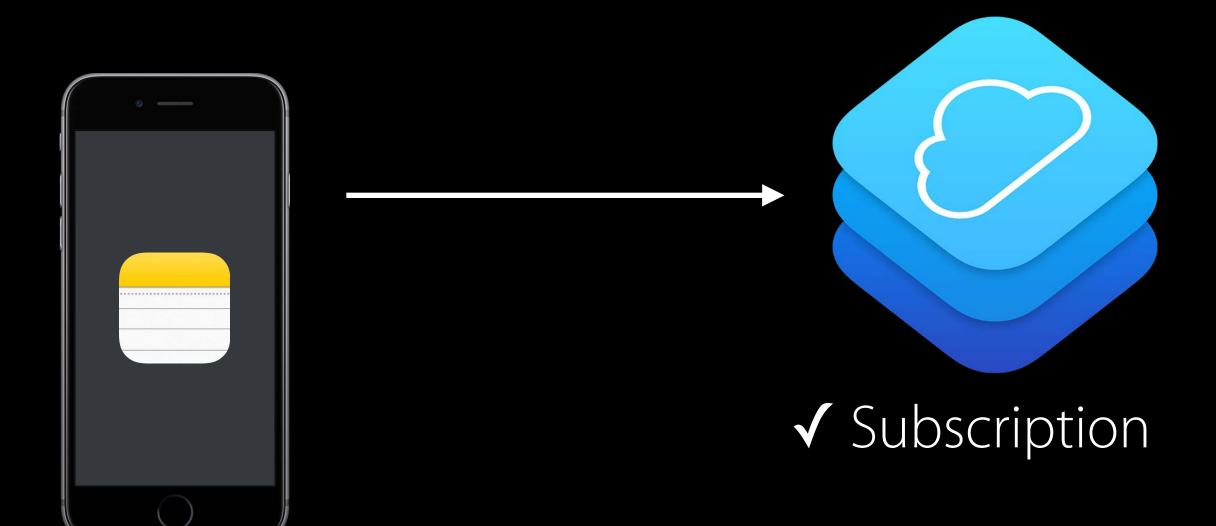


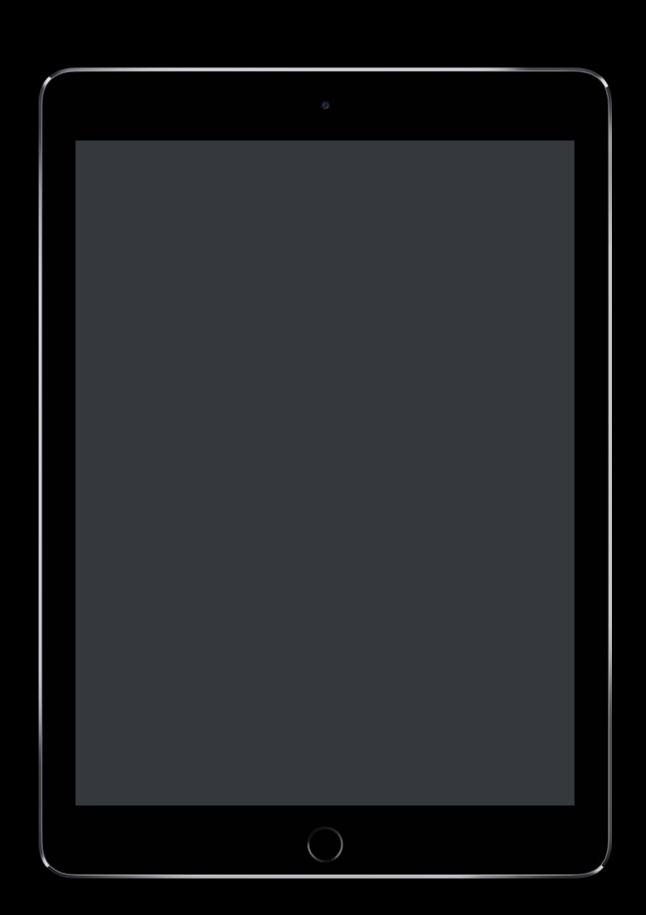


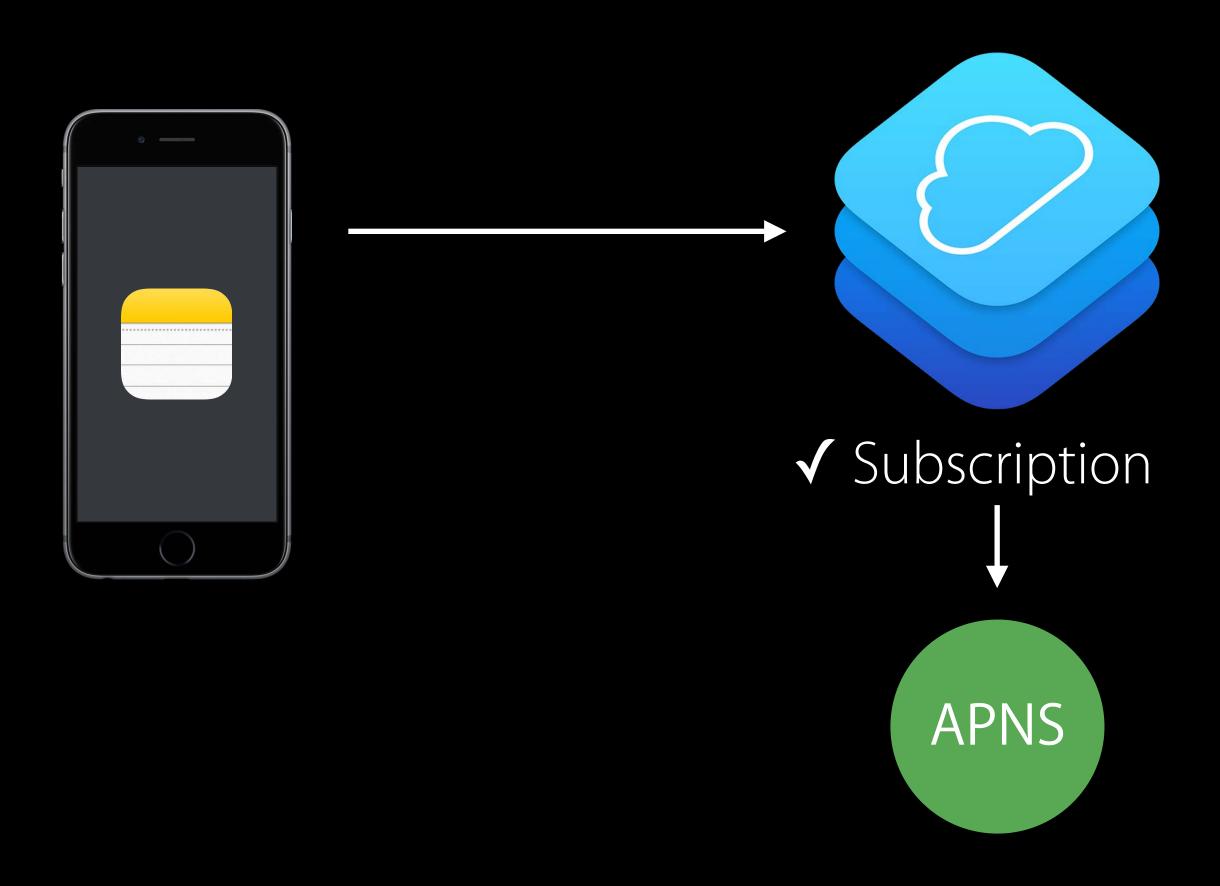


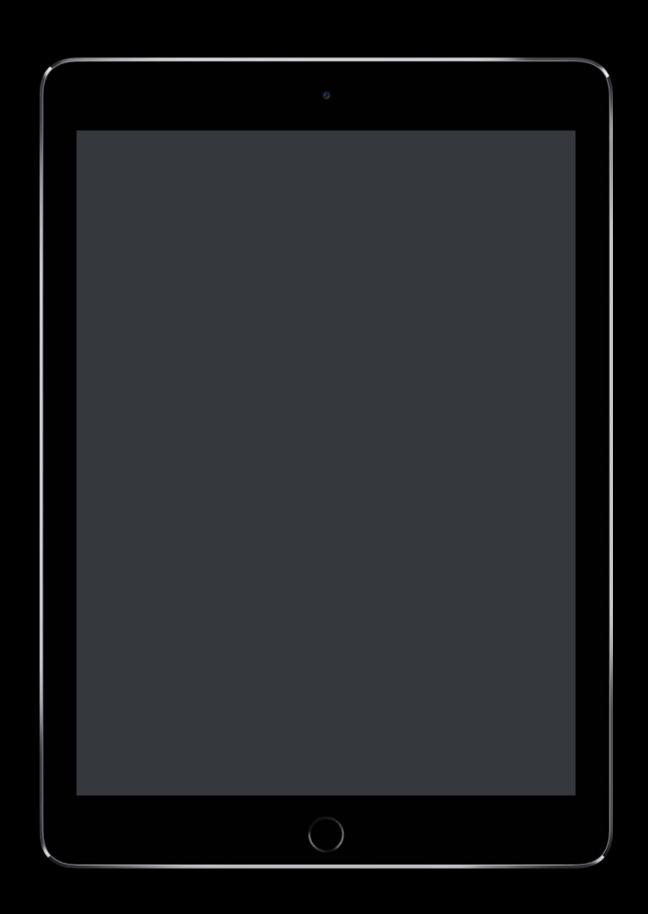


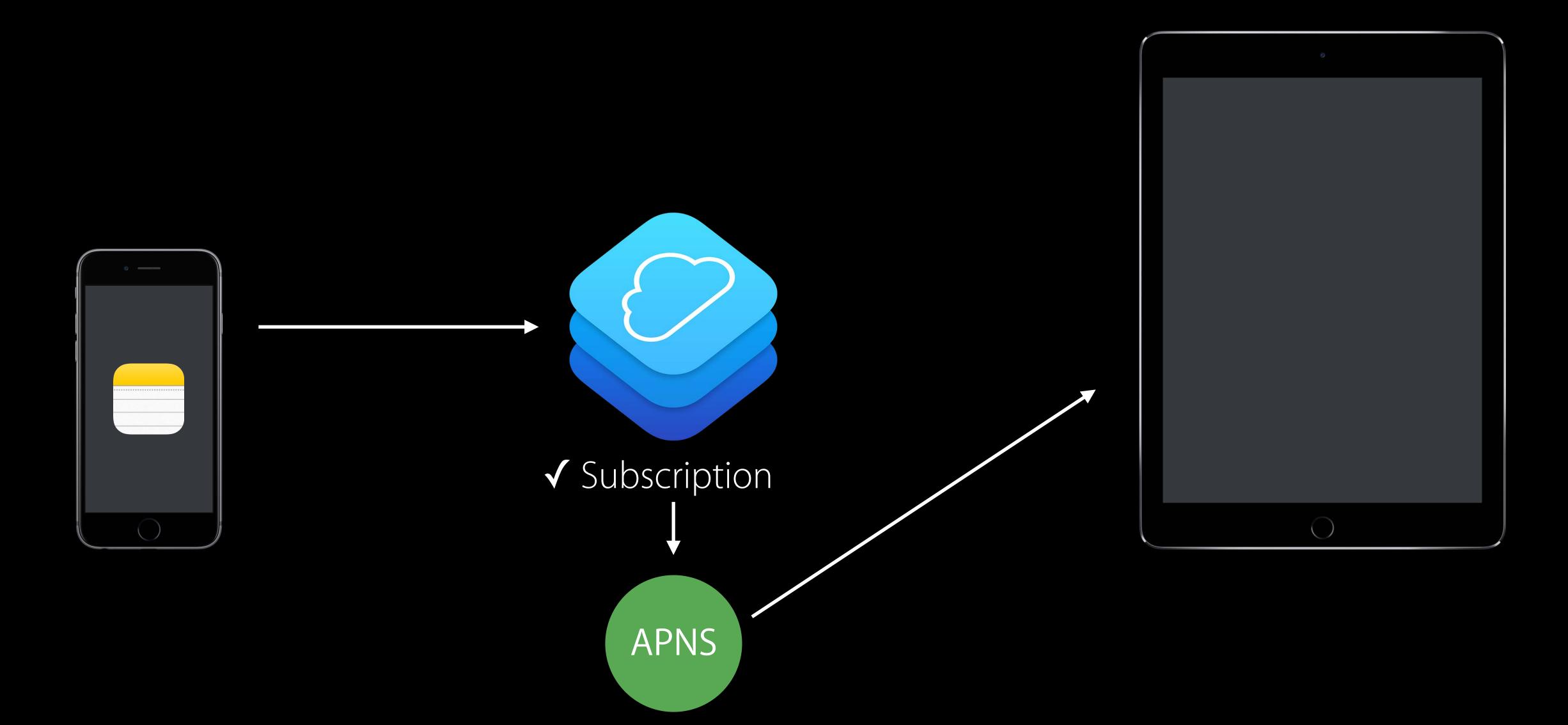




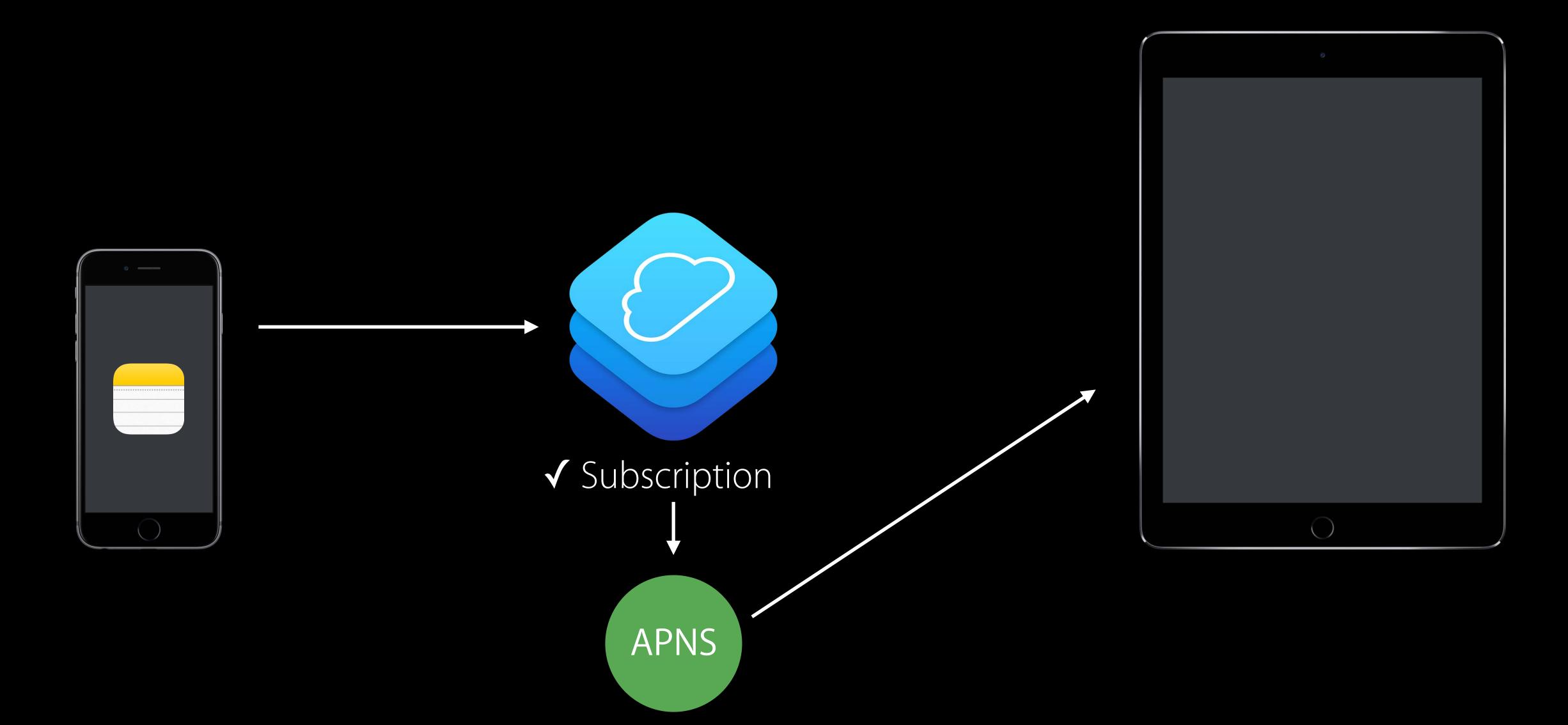




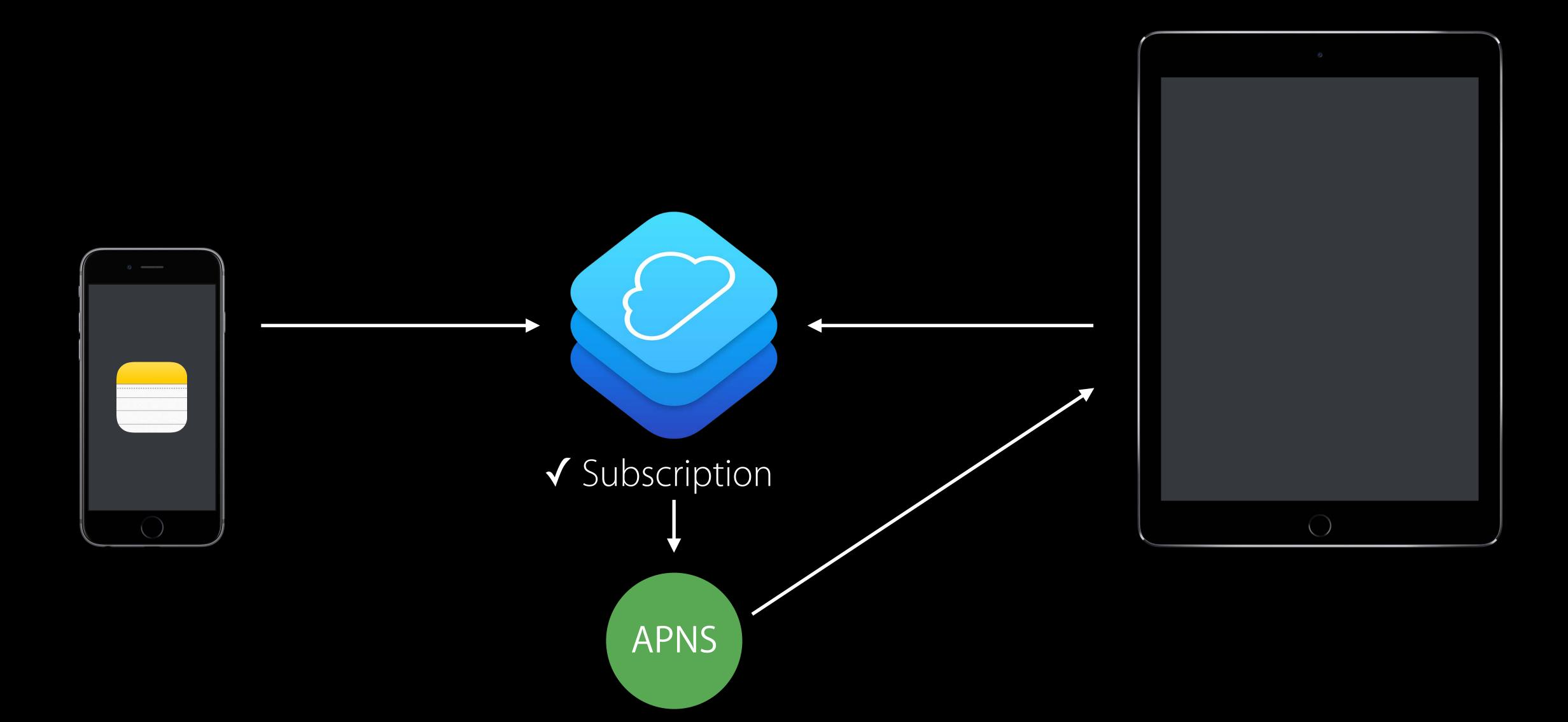




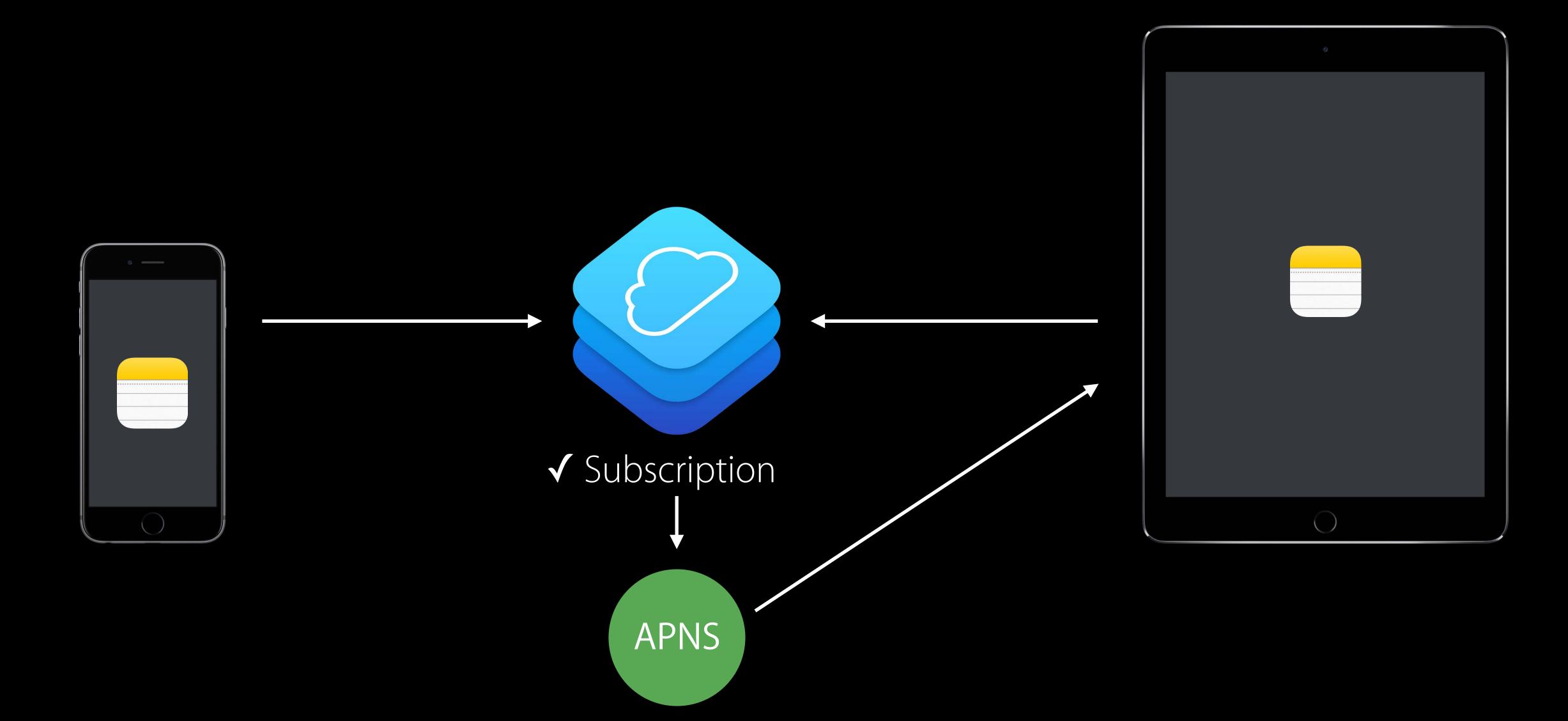
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Let's Build It

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Fine Print

Pushes can be coalesced depending on the conditions of the device

(e.g., airplane mode, poor network, low battery)

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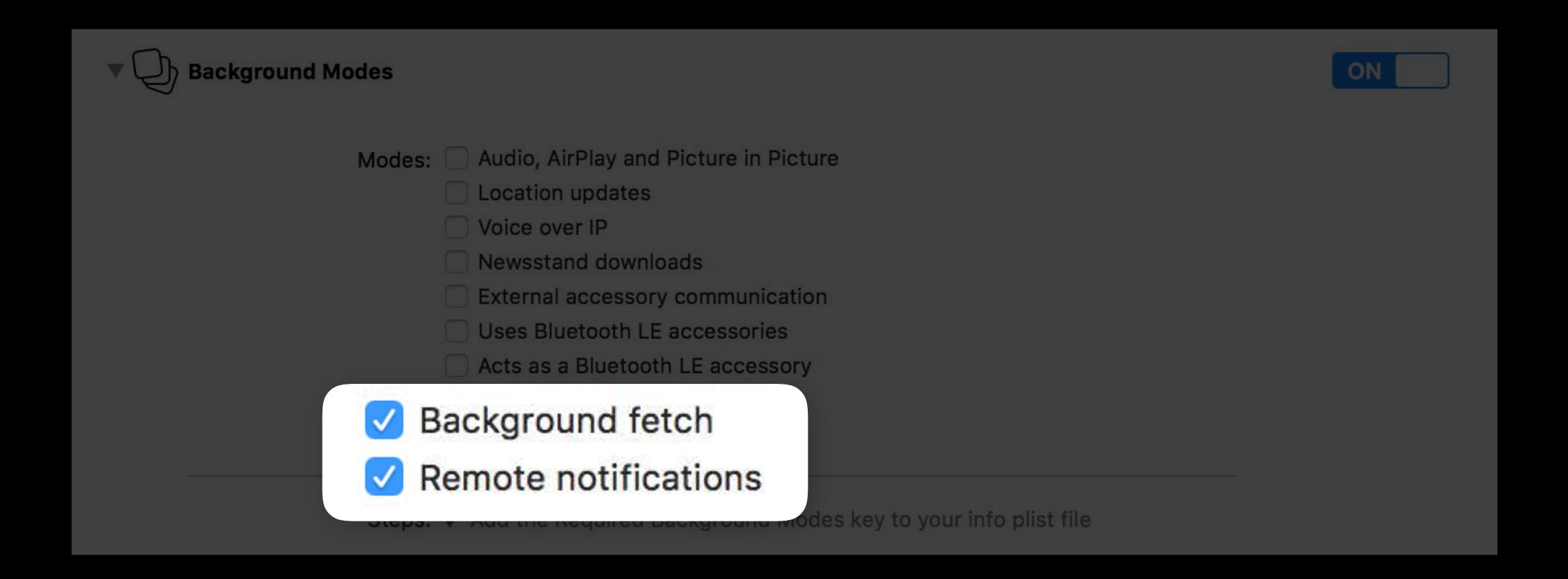
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Subscribed to changes

Listen for Pushes

Background Modes	
Modes: Audio, AirPlay and Picture in Picture	
Location updates	
☐ Voice over IP	
Newsstand downloads	
External accessory communication	
Uses Bluetooth LE accessories	
Acts as a Bluetooth LE accessory	
Background fetch	
Remote notifications	

Steps: ✓ Add the Required Background Modes key to your info plist file



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Some Time Later, We Get a Push...

Fetch New Changes





Push notification

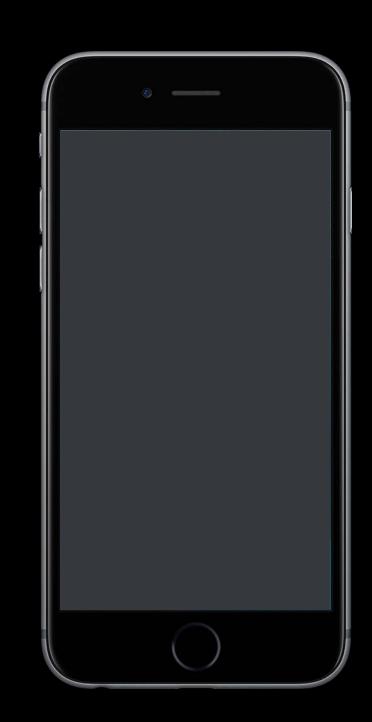
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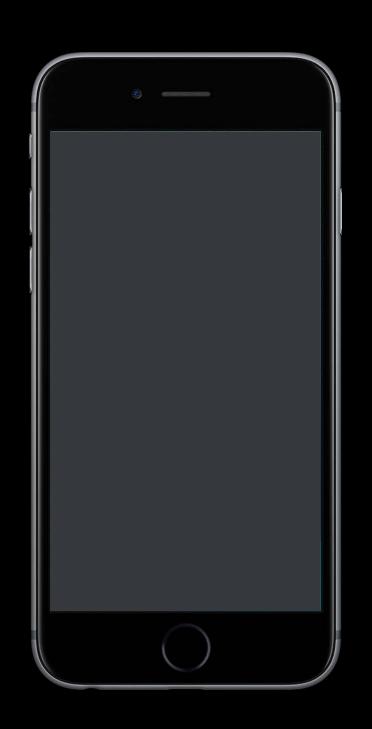
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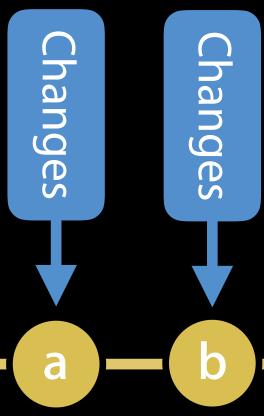
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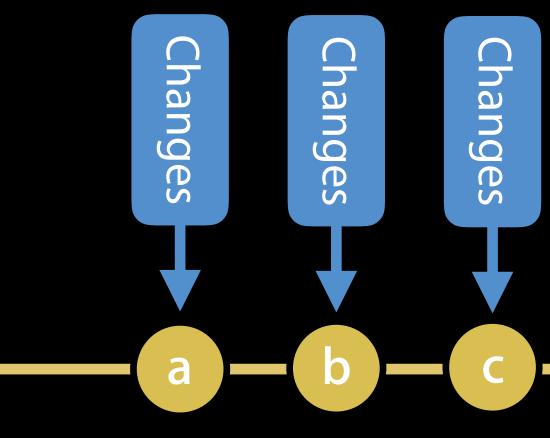
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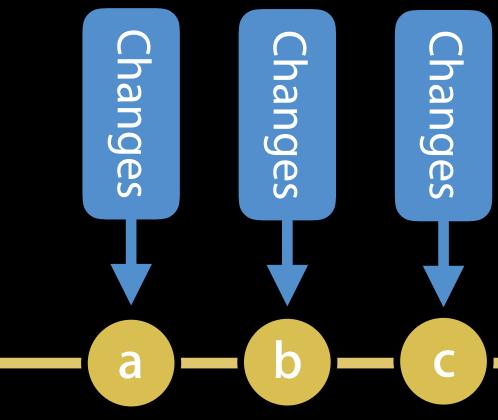


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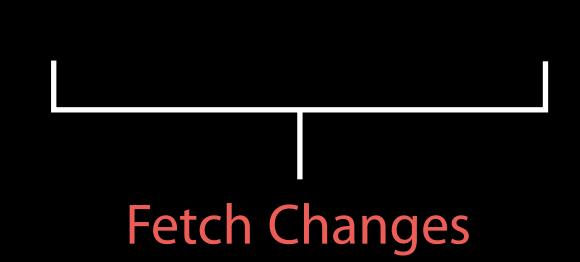




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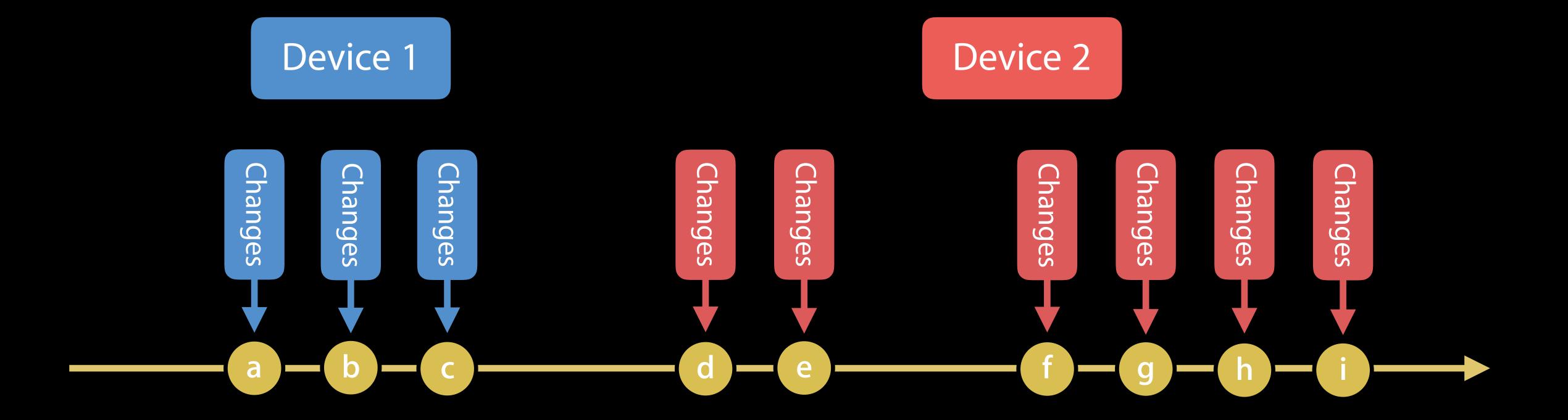
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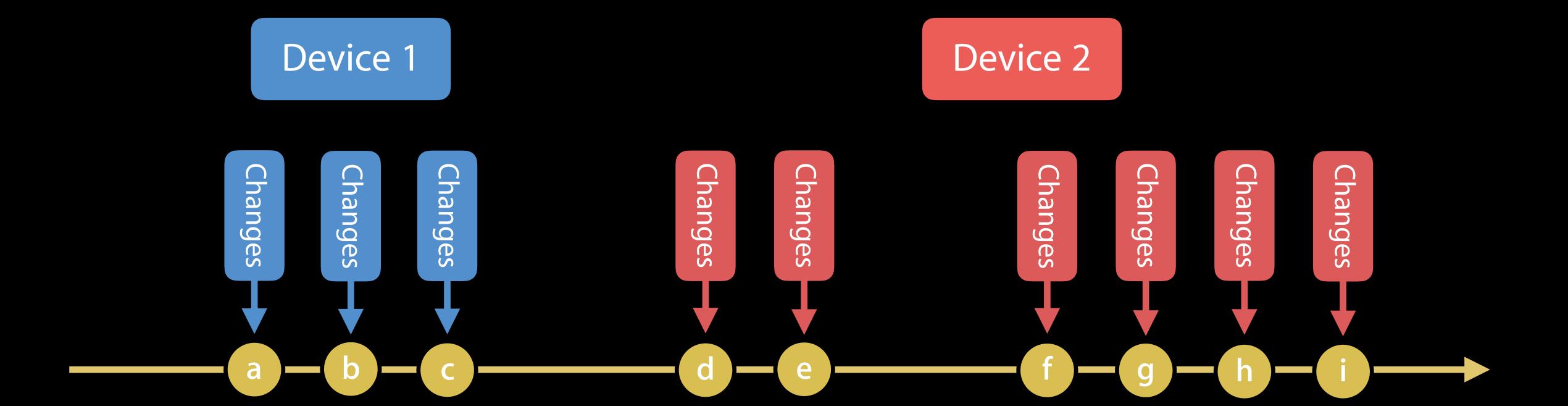
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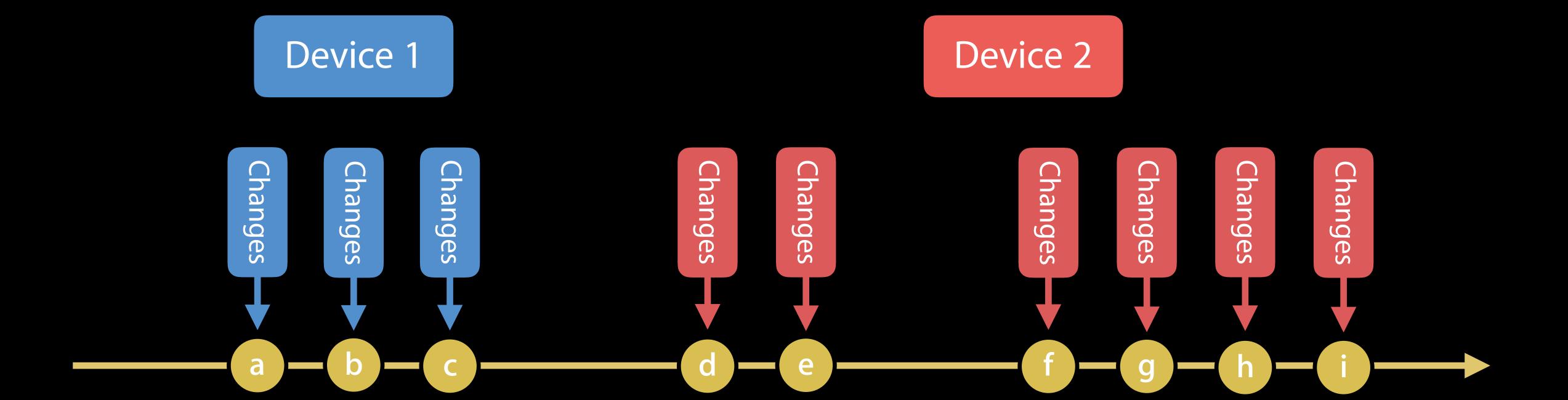
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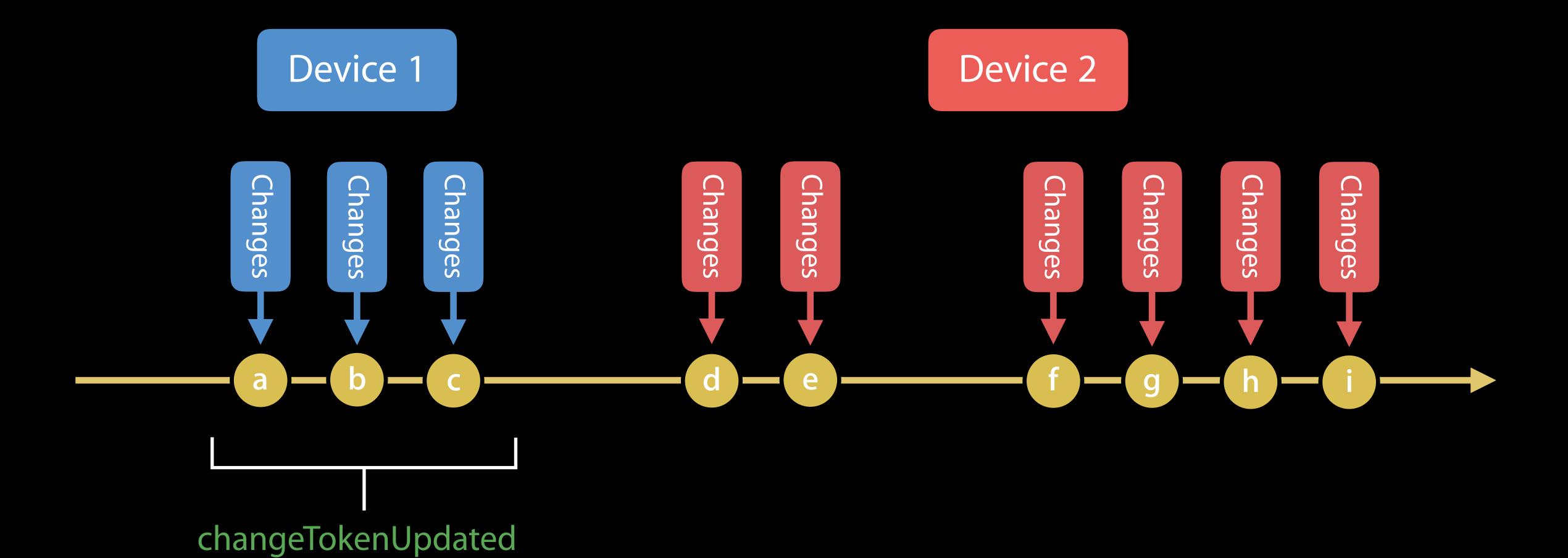


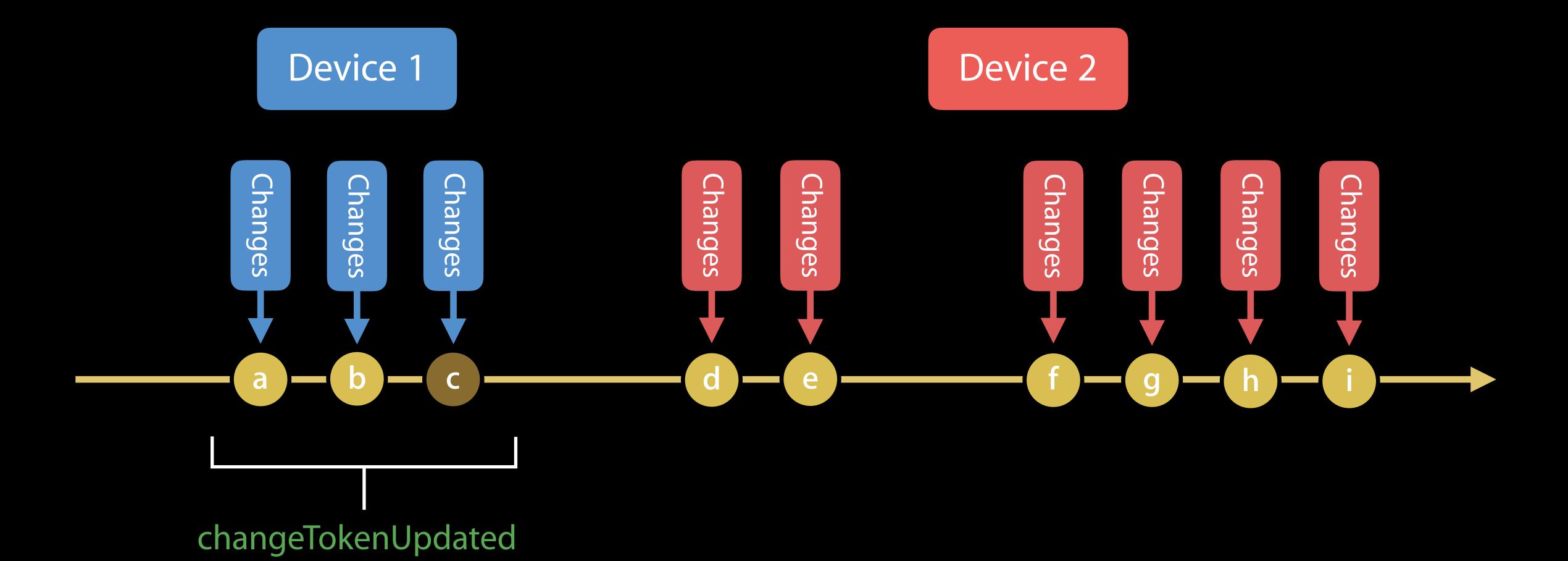


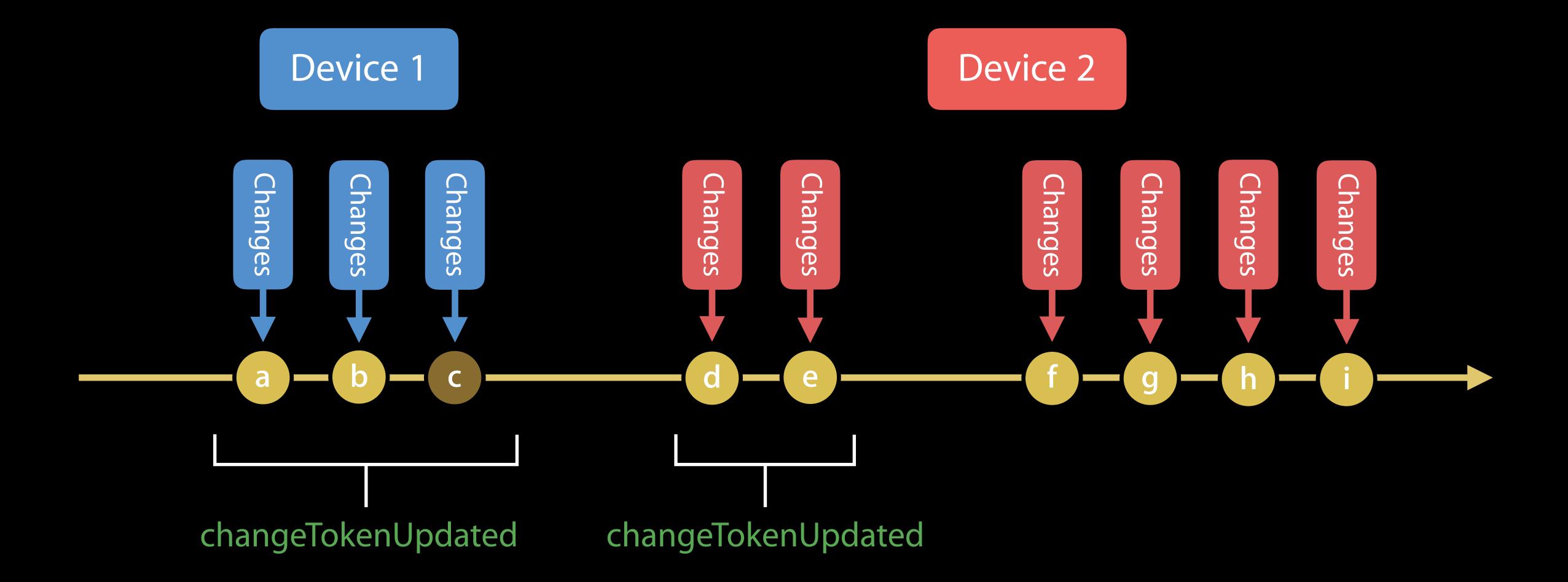


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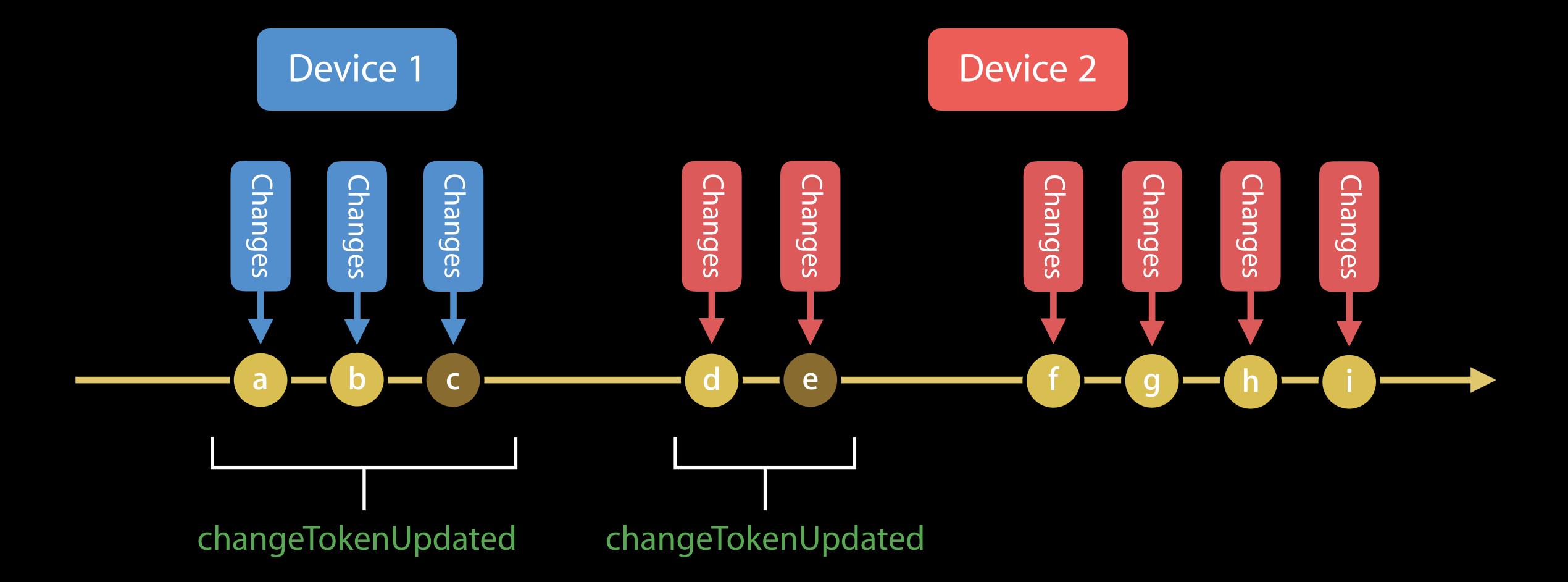


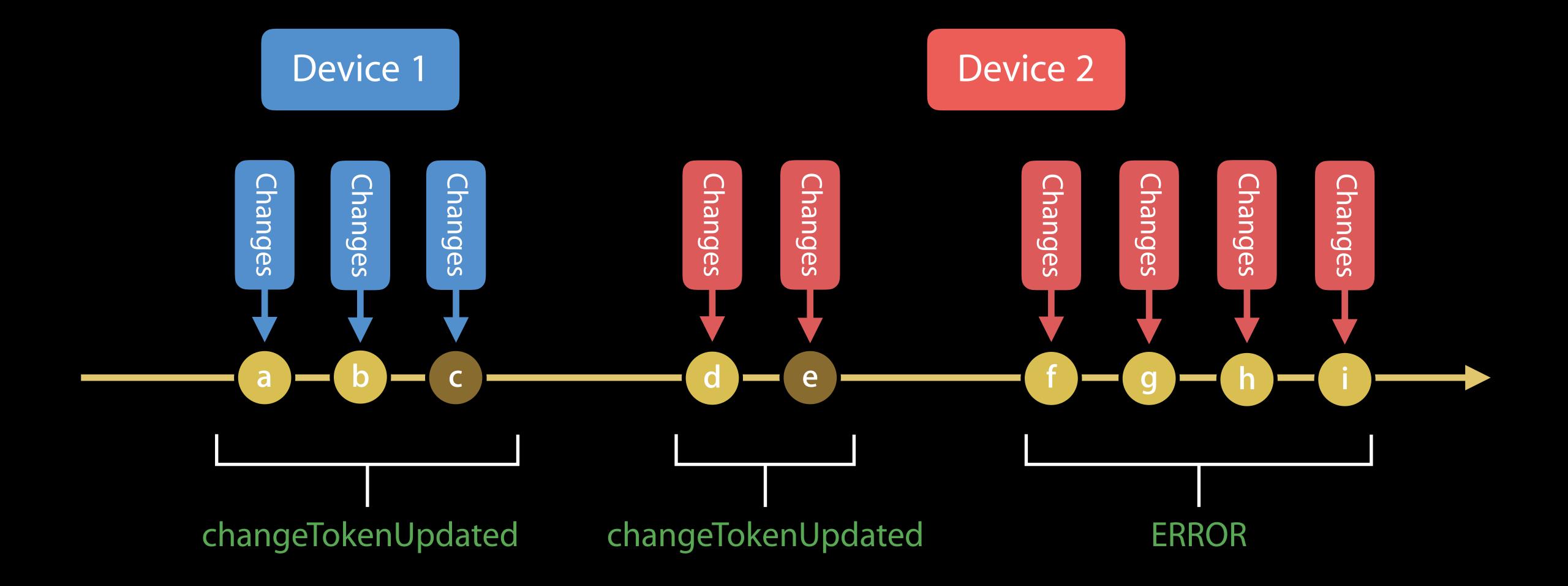


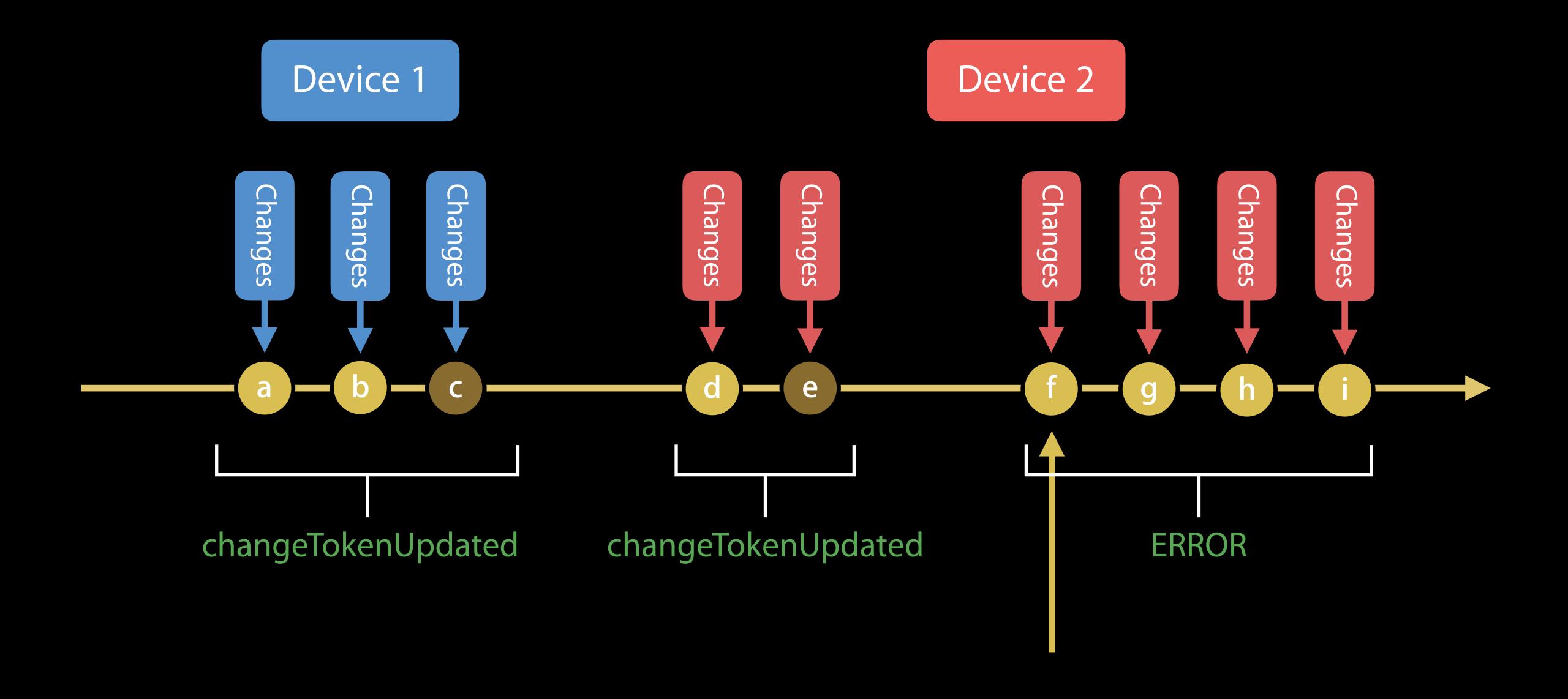


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CloudKit Best Practices

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CloudKit user record



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   public func fetchUserRecordID(completionHandler: (CKRecordID?, NSError?) -> Void)
}
```

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public class CKOperation : Operation {
   public var operationID: String { get }
   public var isLongLived: Bool
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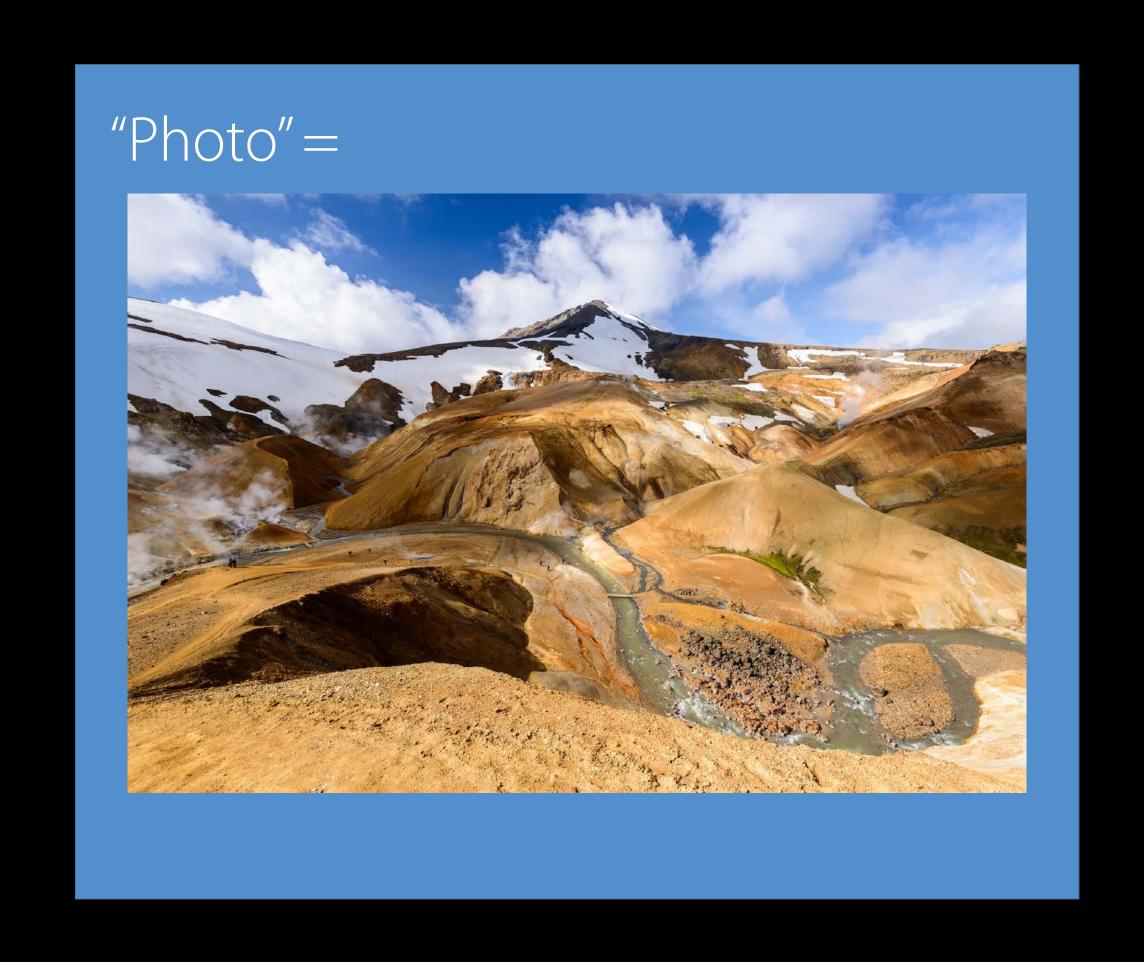
Schema redundancies

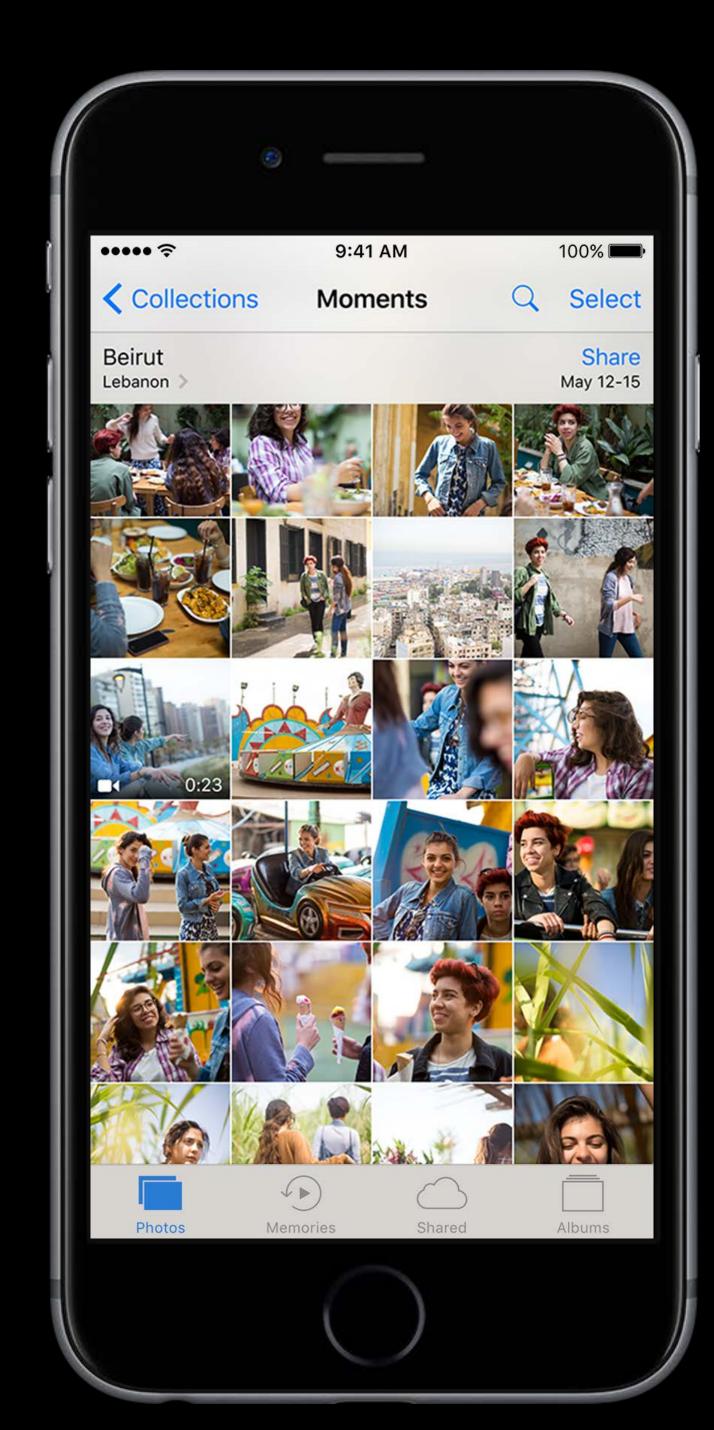
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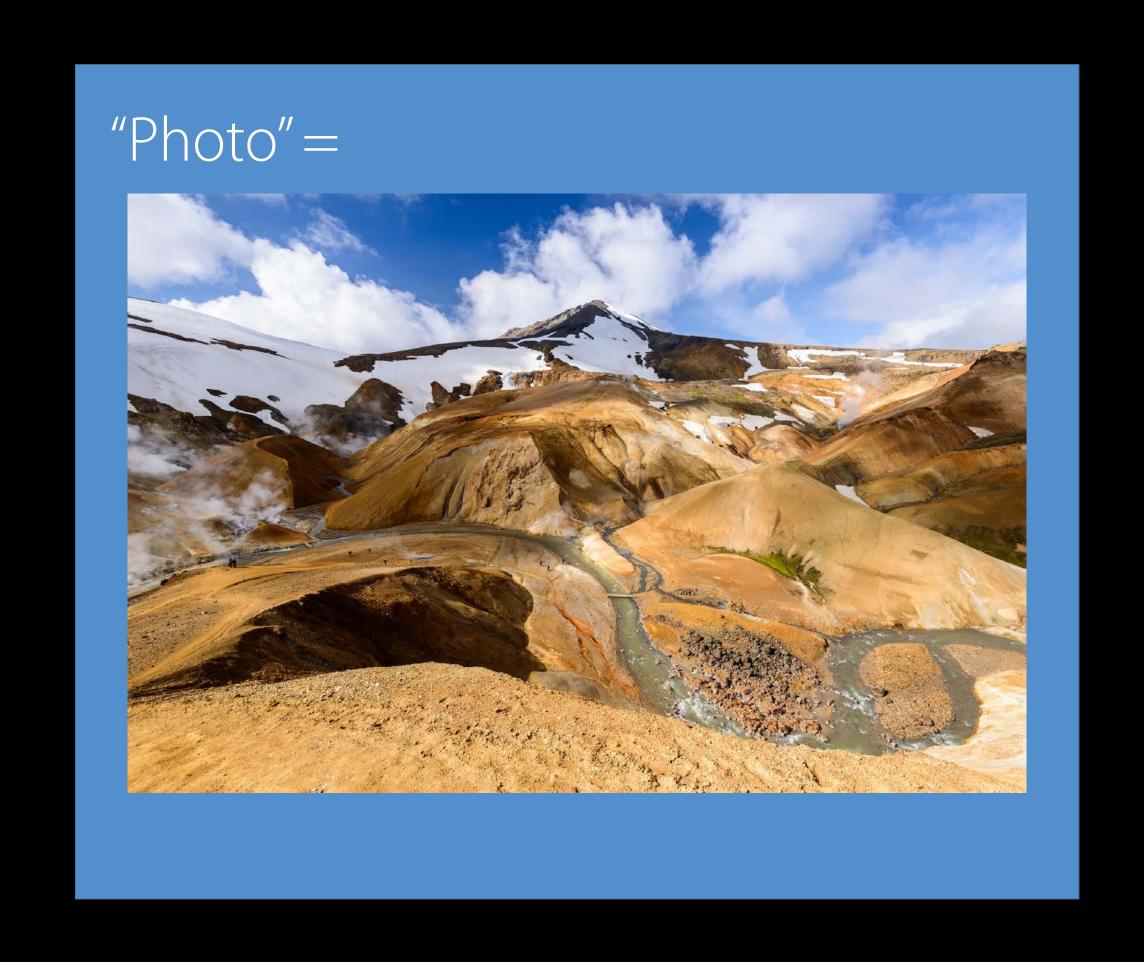
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Photo Record













```
let myOp = CKQueryOperation(query: myQuery)
myOp.desiredKeys = ["thumbnail1024"]
myOp.resultsLimit = 10
myOp.sortDescriptors = [...]
...
CKContainer.default().privateCloudDatabase.add(myOp)
```



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recordA

recordB

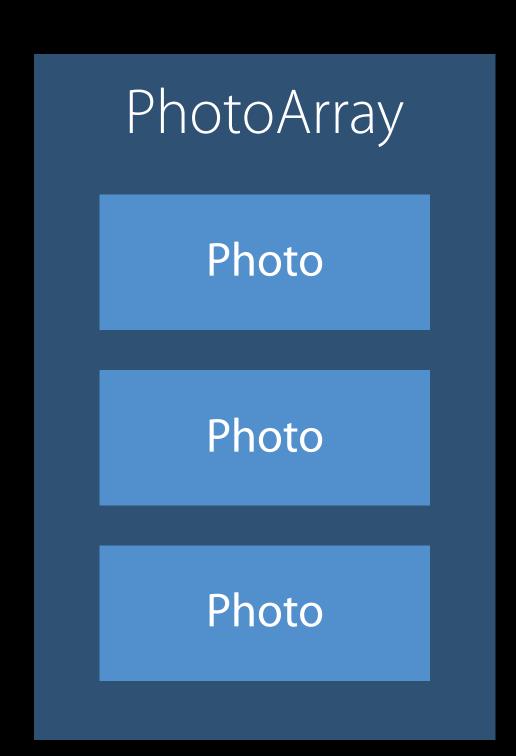
recordA

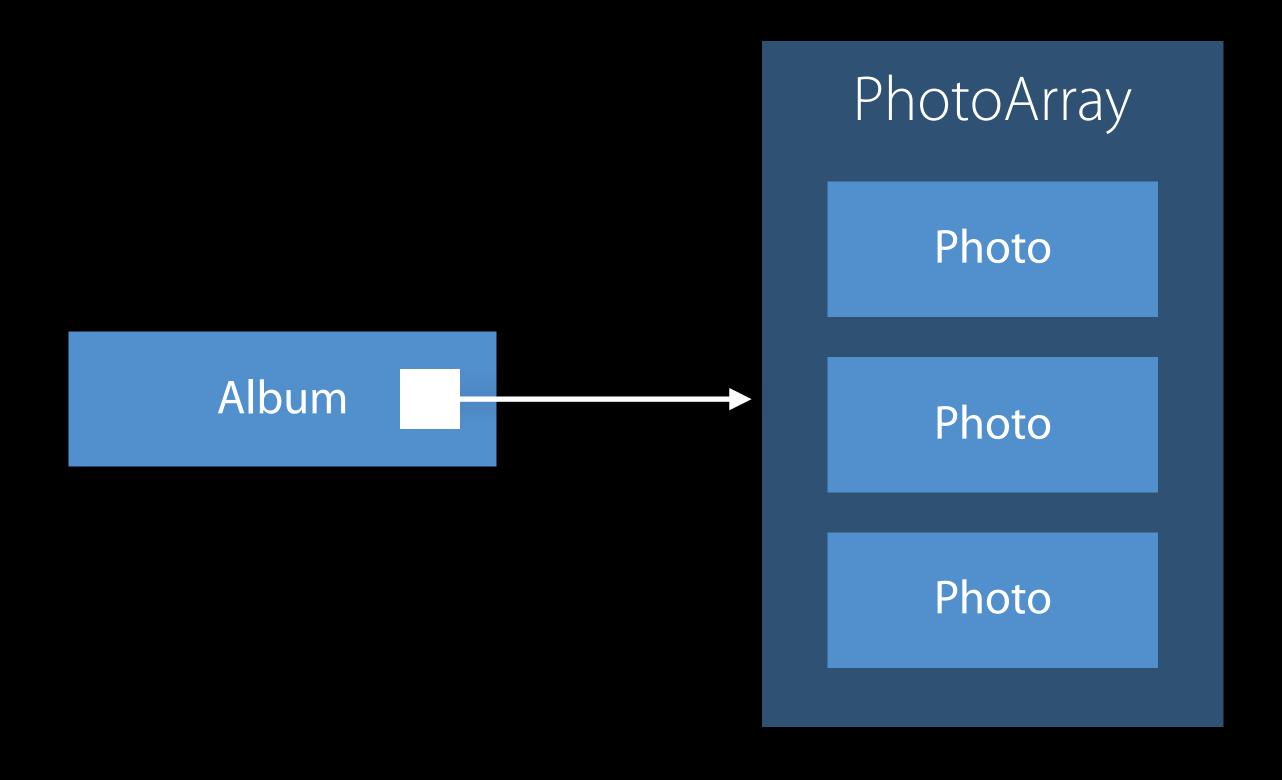
recordB

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recordA["MyReference"] = CKReference(record: recordB, action: .None)
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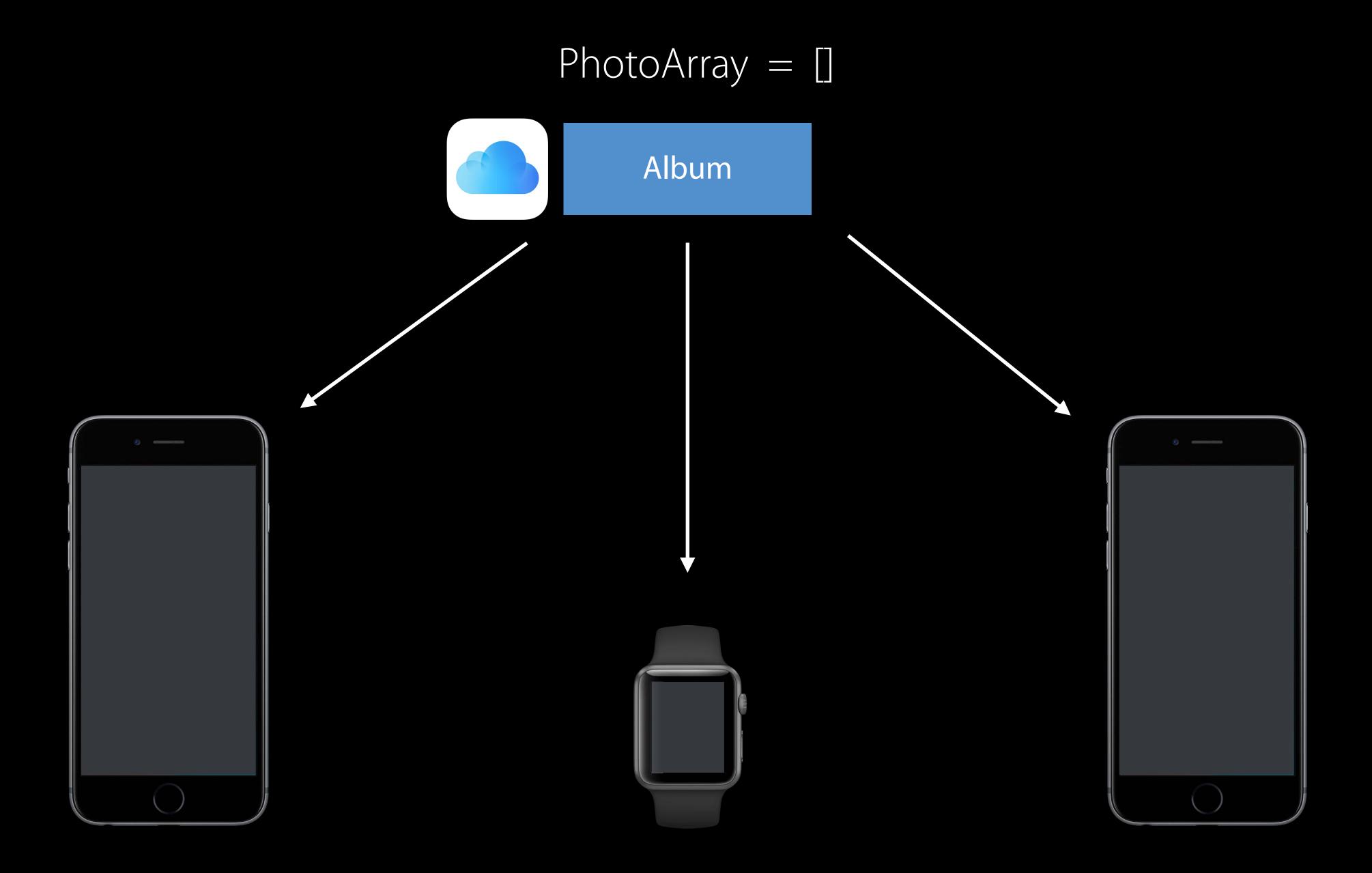
































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Album



serverRecordChanged





Frequent writes

Photo

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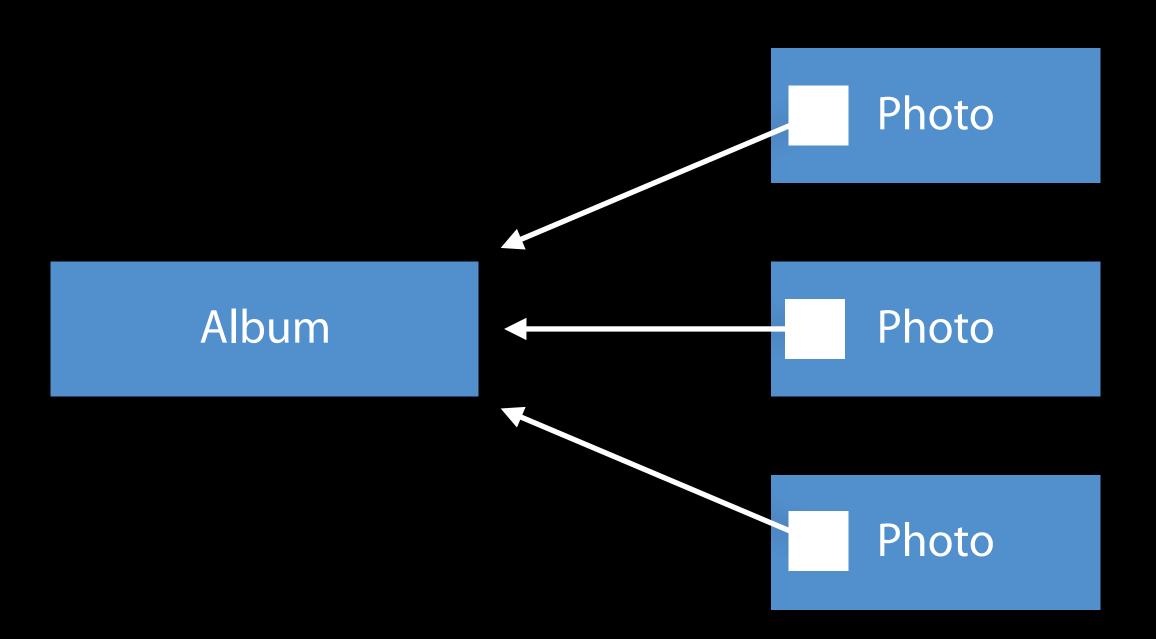
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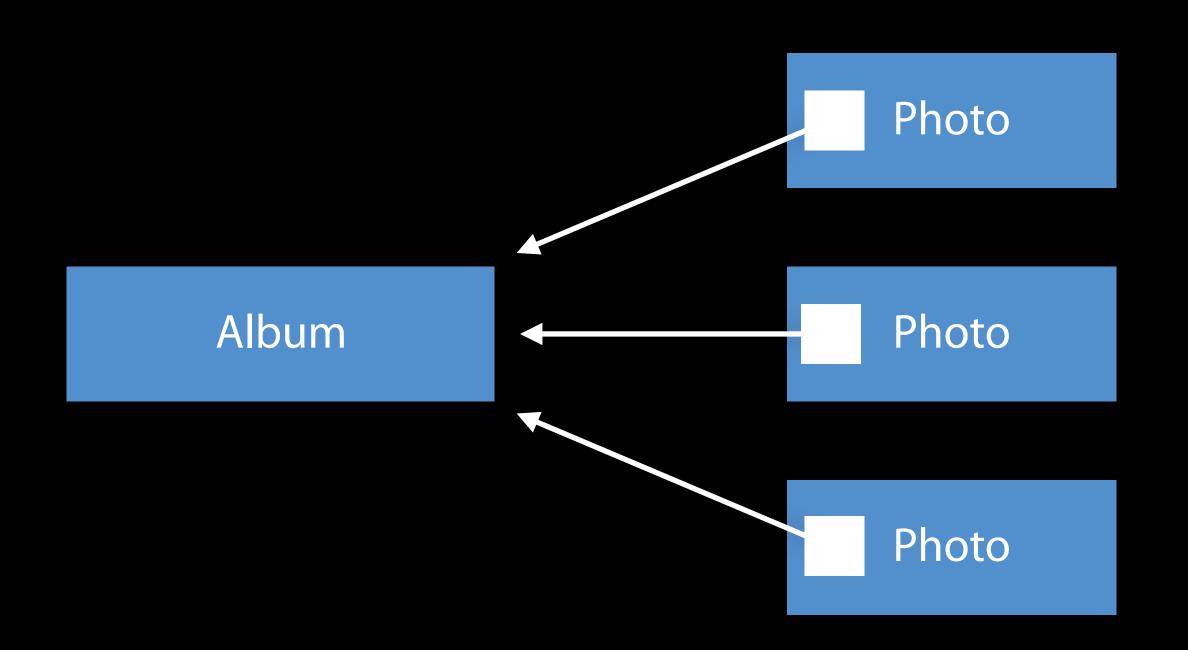




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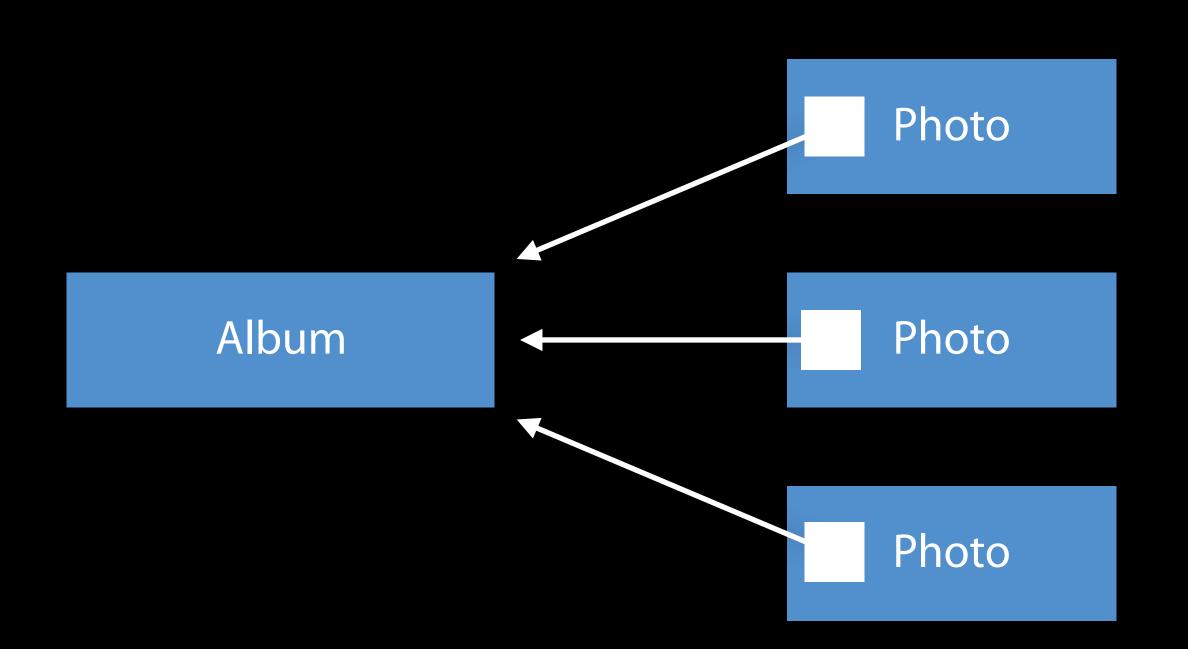
Reduce update contention

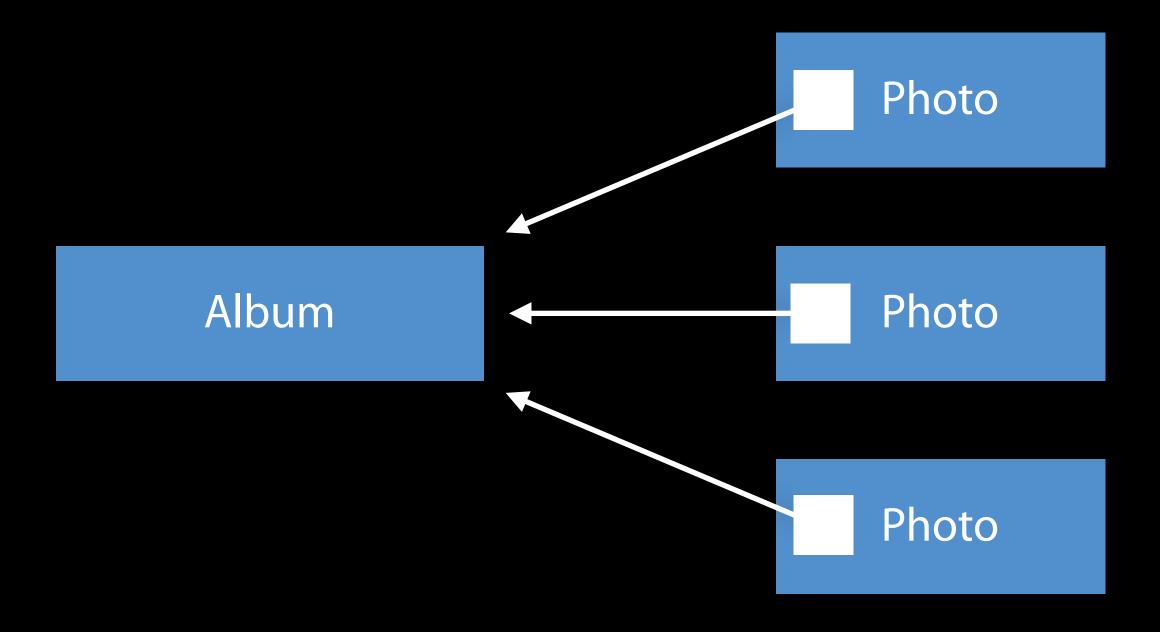


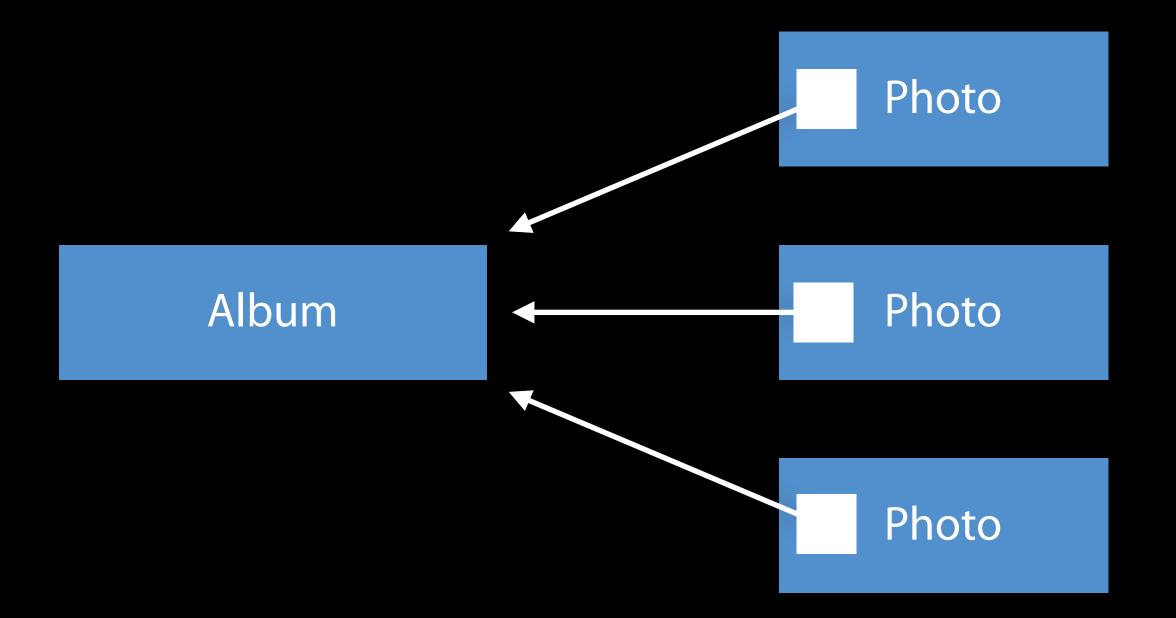
Frequent writes



- (Reduce update contention
- Query for children







```
// Query to find all Photos in an Album
let query = CKQuery(recordType: "Photo",
    predicate: Predicate(format: "AlbumReference == %@", argumentArray: [albumRecord.recordID]))
```

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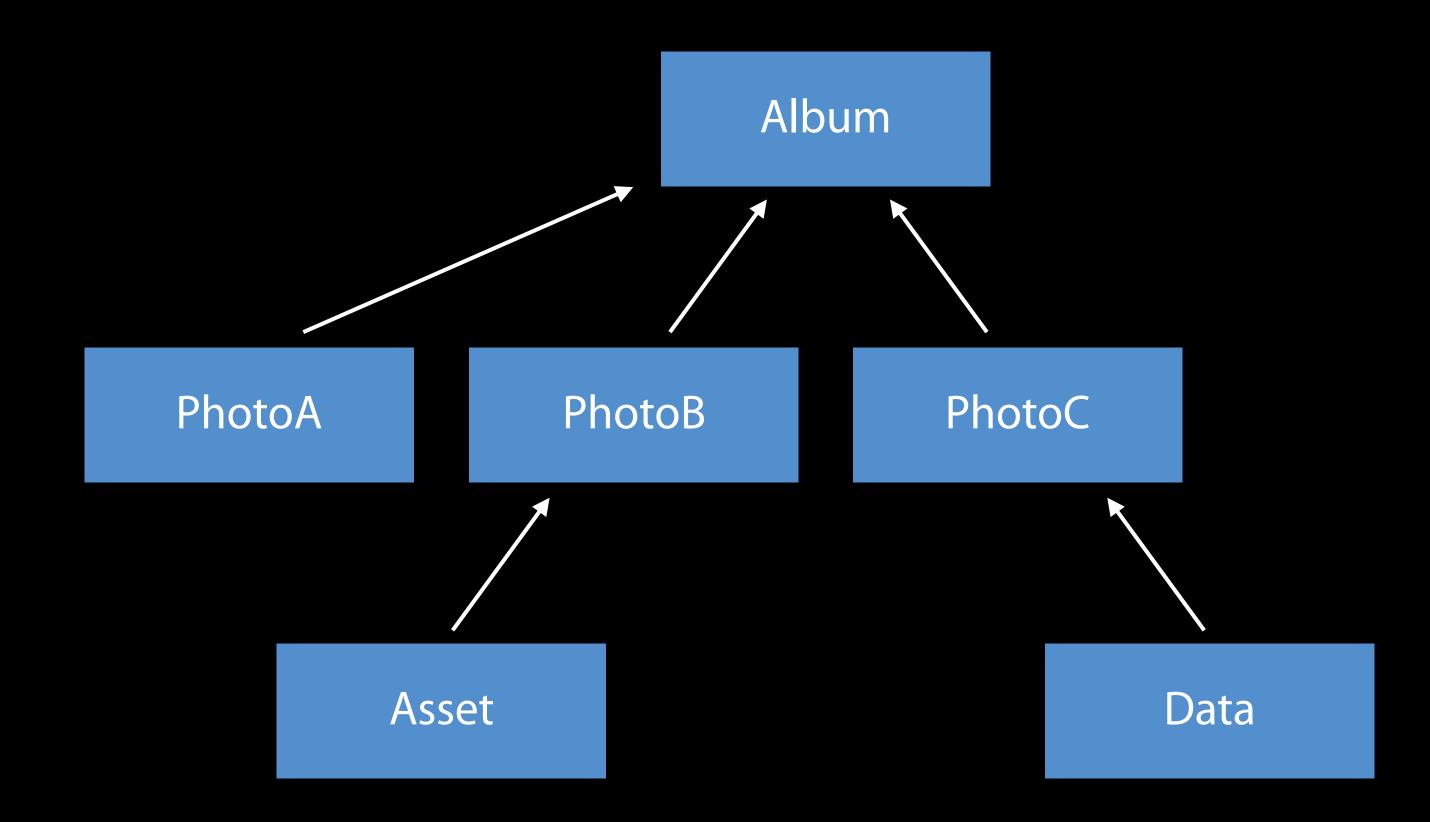
Photo

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let photoRecord = CKRecord(recordType: "Photo")
...
photoRecord.setParent(albumRecordID)
```

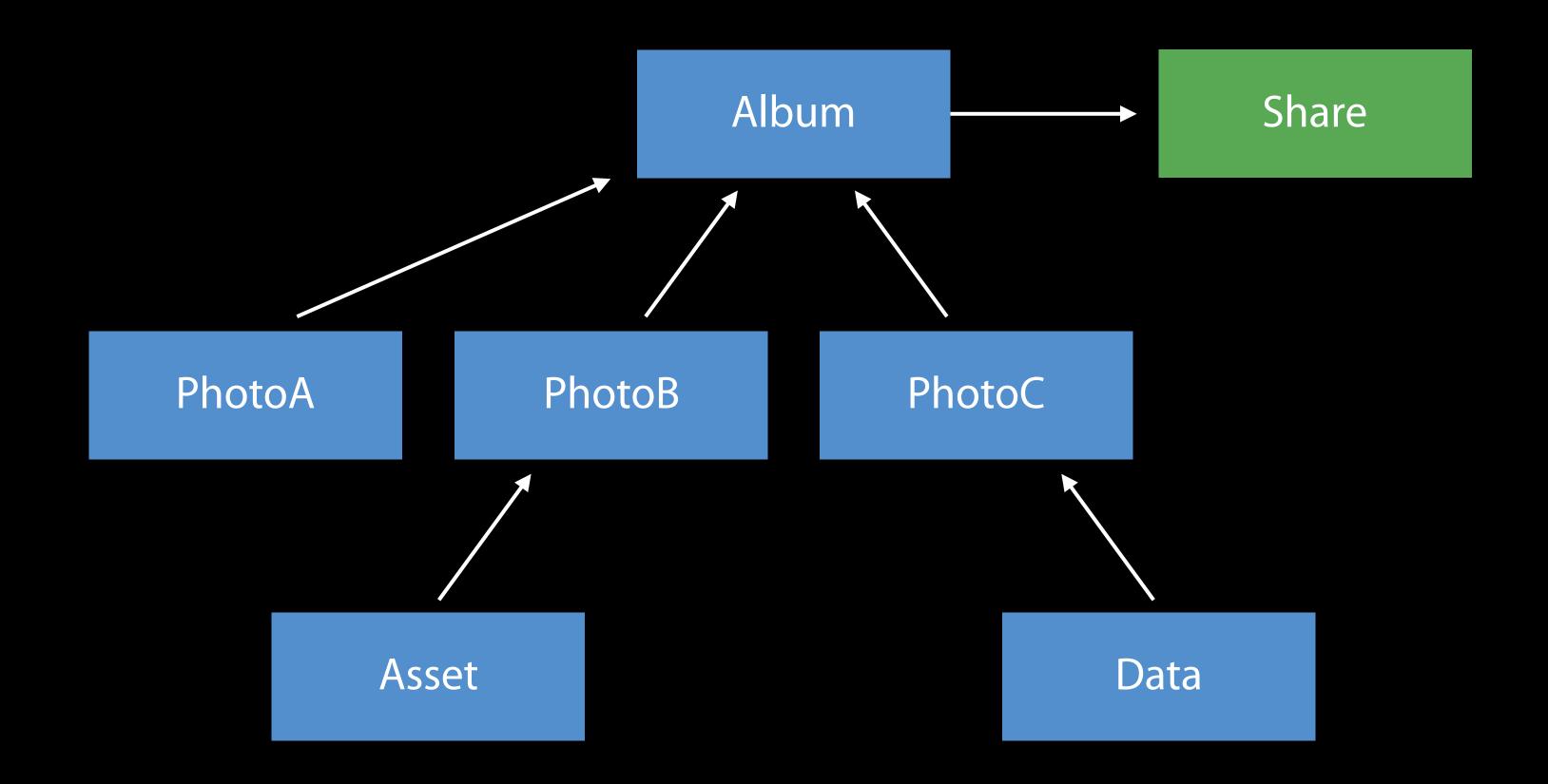


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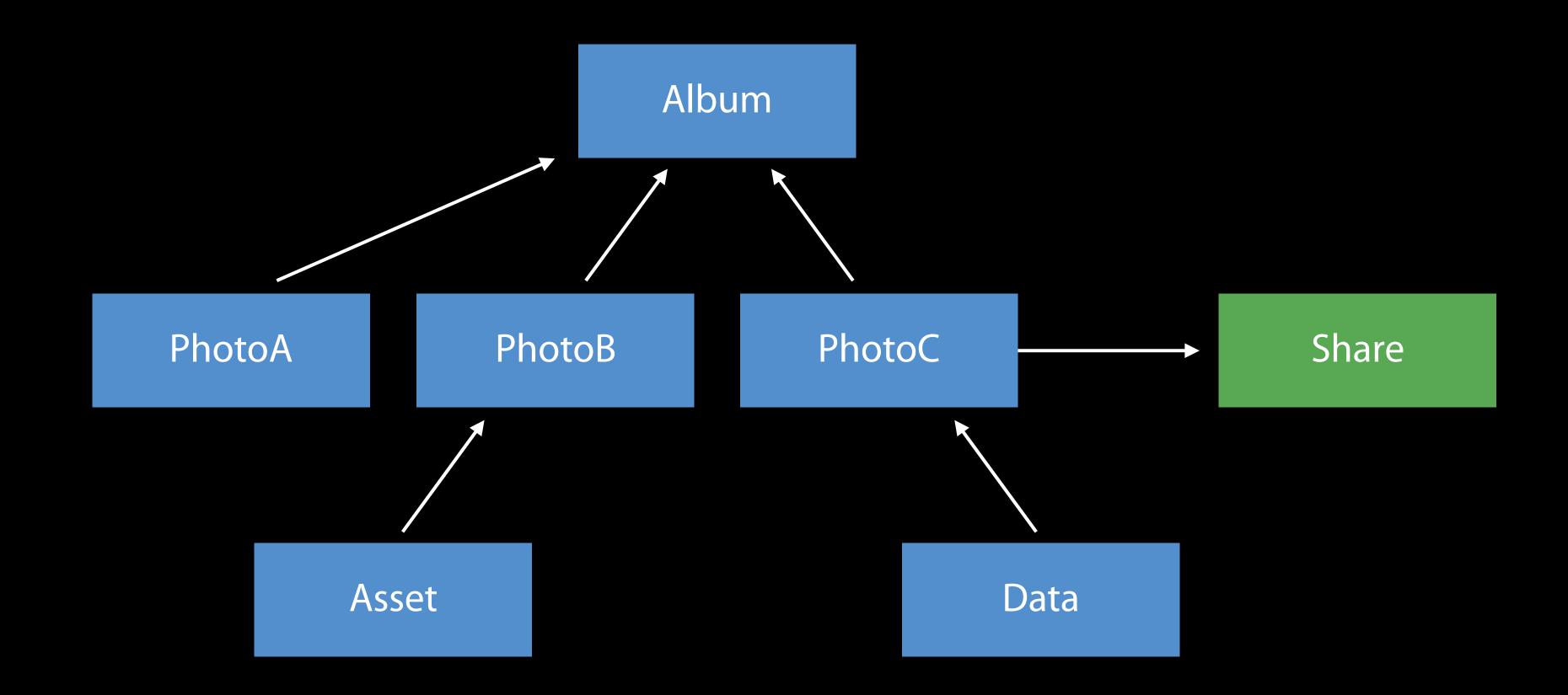
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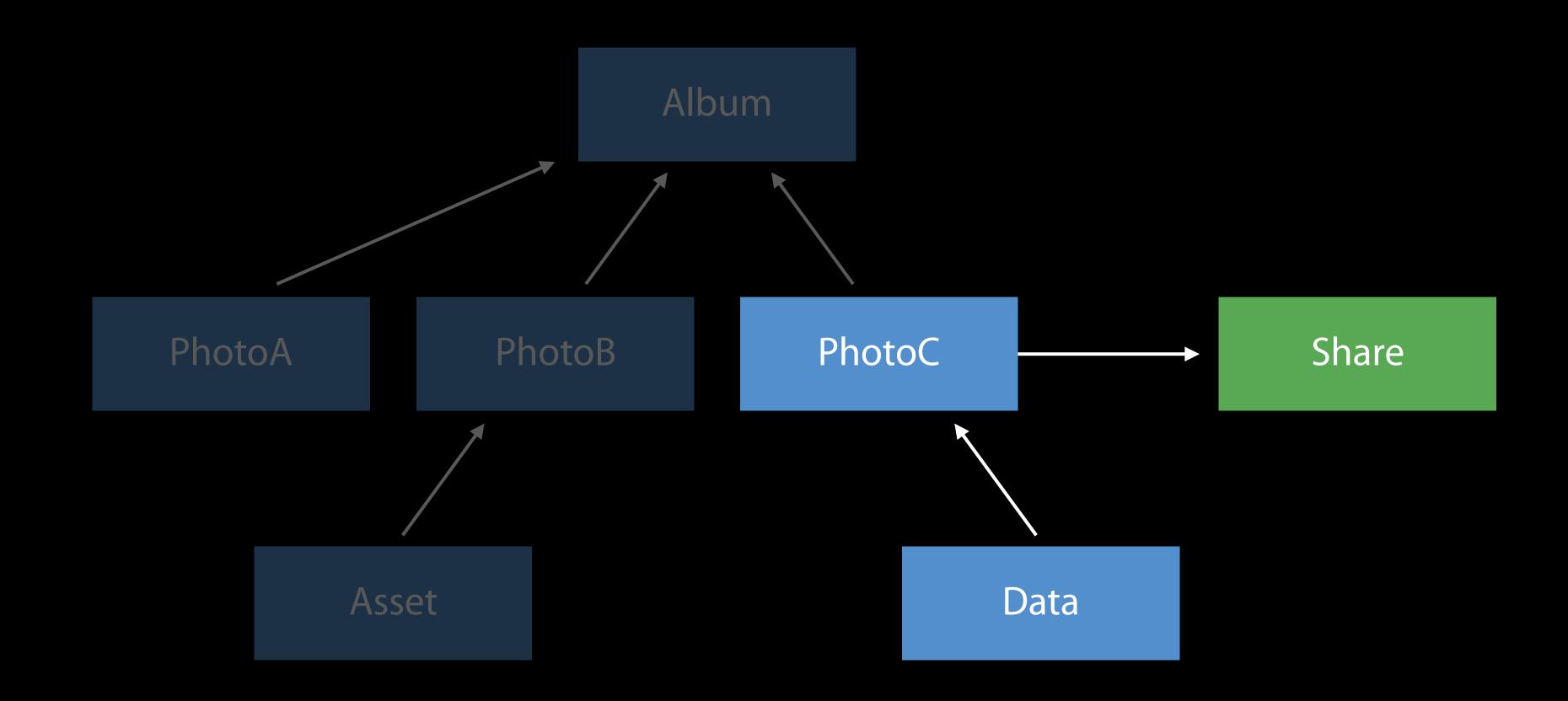
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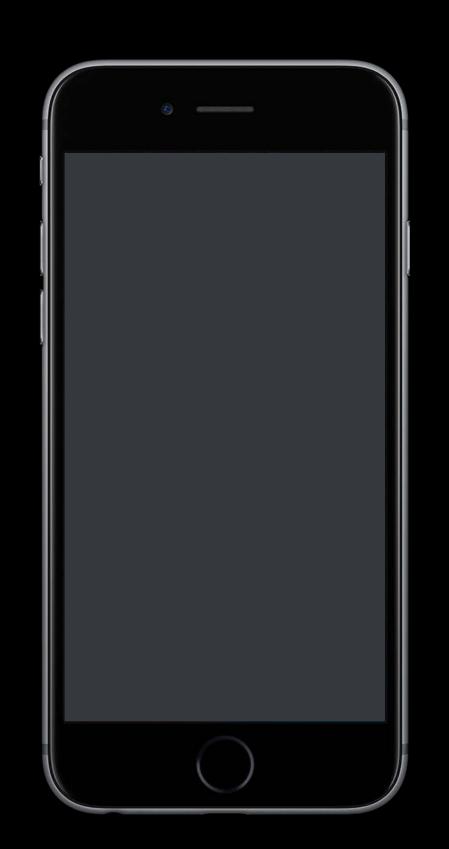
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Error Handling



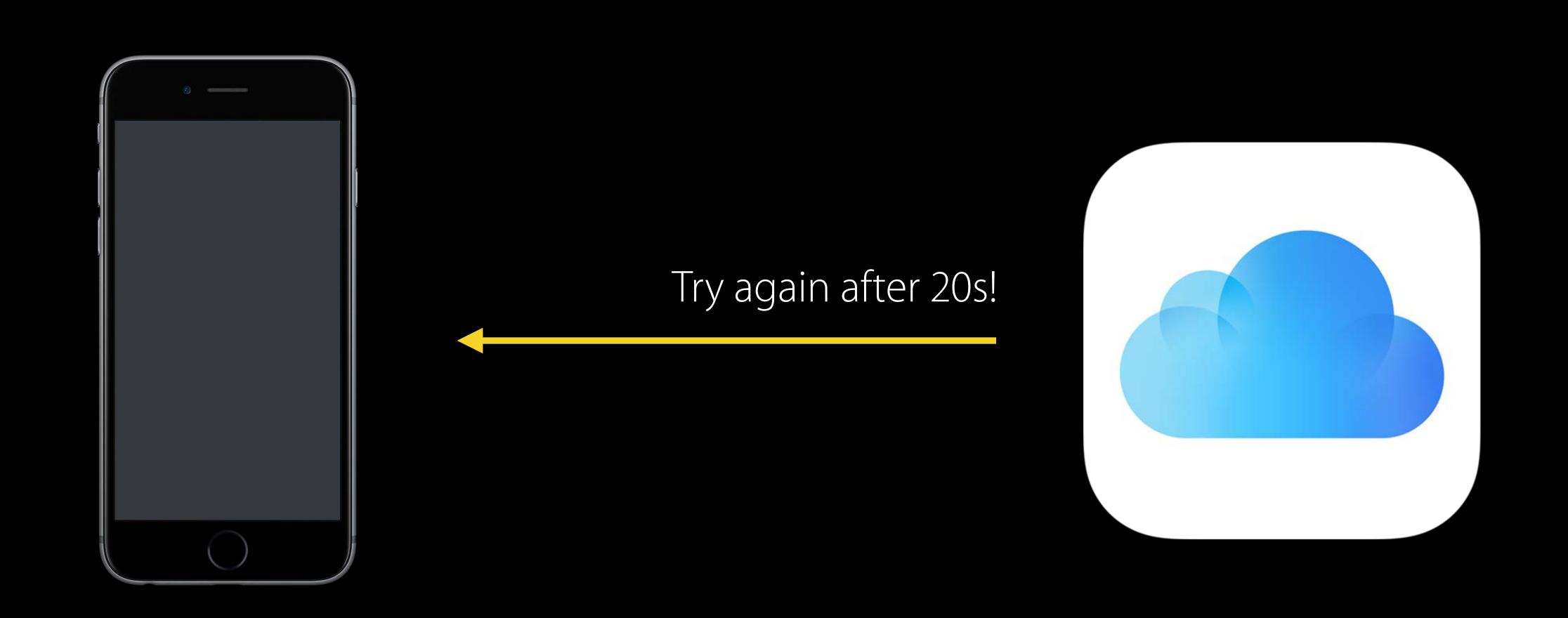
CKModifyRecordsOperation











Error Handling

Fatal errors

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Operations should not be retried



People couldn't be added.

There may be a problem with the server. Please try again later.



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Retry case



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Implement application-level retry using CKErrorRetryAfterKey

```
// Using CKErrorRetryAfterKey

var error = ... // Error from the previous CKOperation

if let retryAfter = error.userInfo[CKErrorRetryAfterKey] as? Double {
    let delayTime = DispatchTime.now() + retryAfter
    DispatchQueue.main.after(when: delayTime) {
        // Initialize CKOperation for a retry
    }
}
```

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Monitor network reachability



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- Save changes to your local cache



Account unavailable

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```
public static let CKAccountChanged: NSNotification.Name

class CKContainer {
    public func accountStatus(completionHandler: (CKAccountStatus, NSError?) -> Void)
}
```

Subscribing and fetch changes to efficiently stay up to date

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