

Accessibility on iOS

Developing for everyone

Session 210
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iOS Accessibility

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Physical and Motor Switch Control



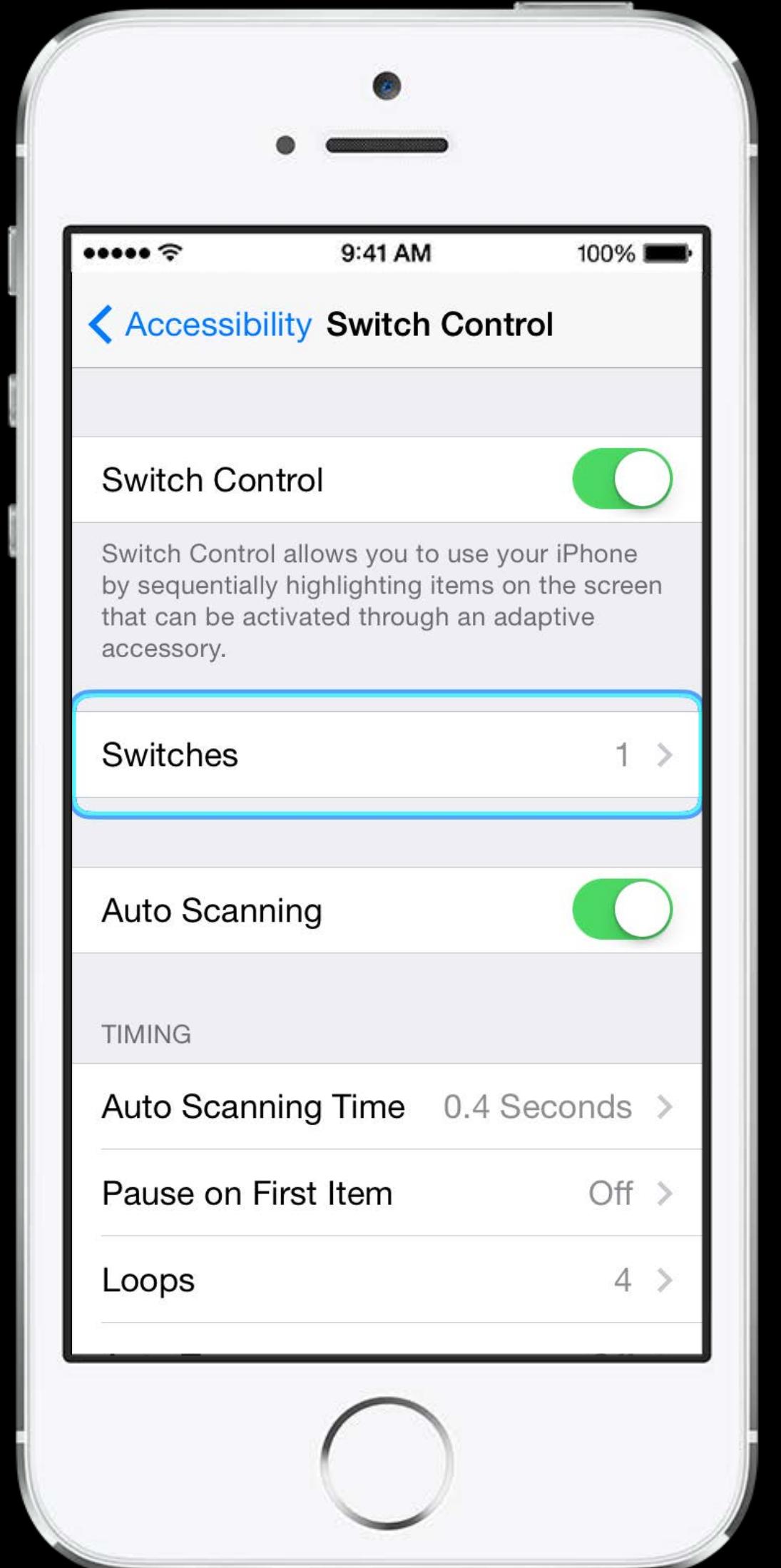
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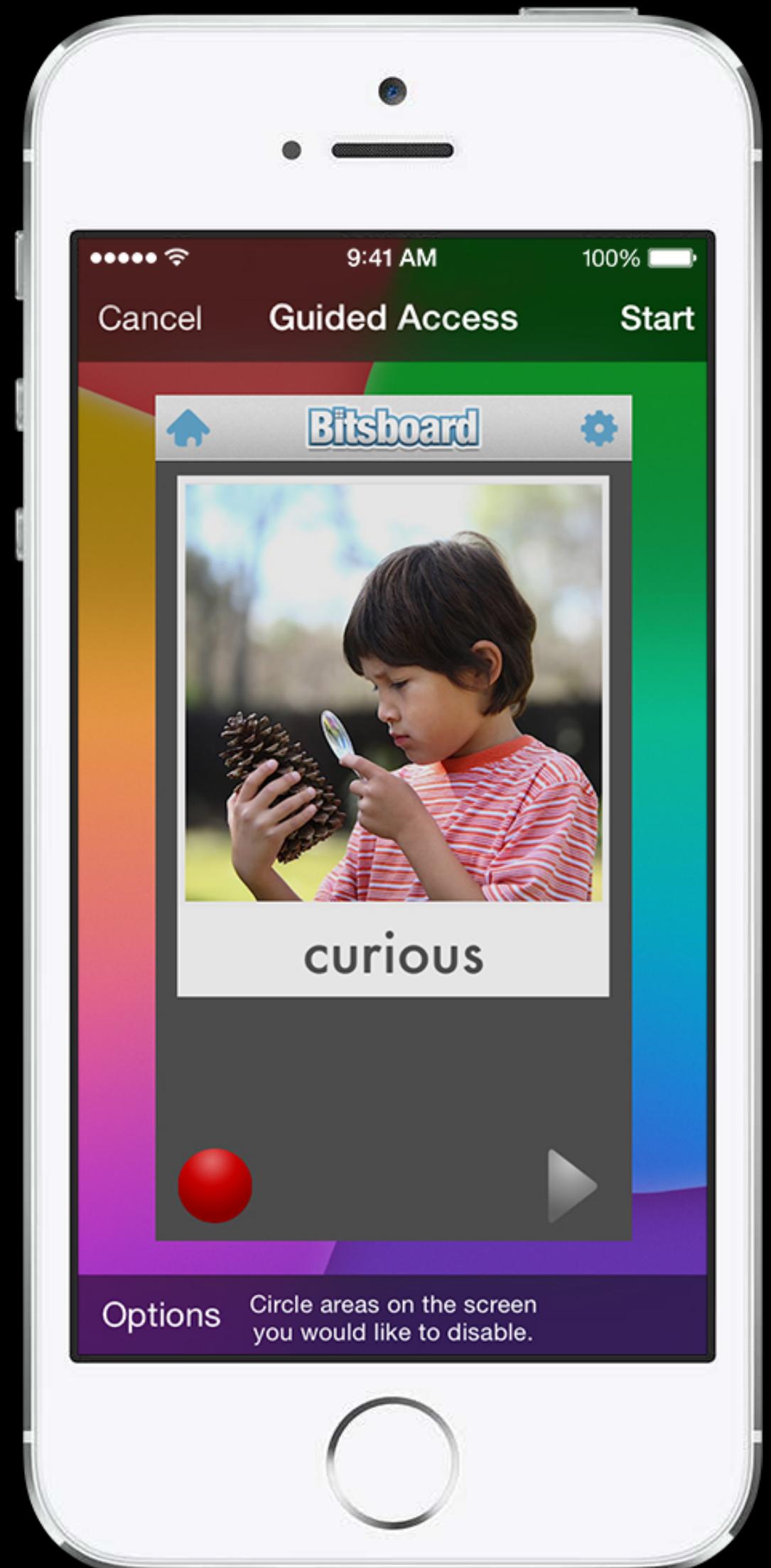




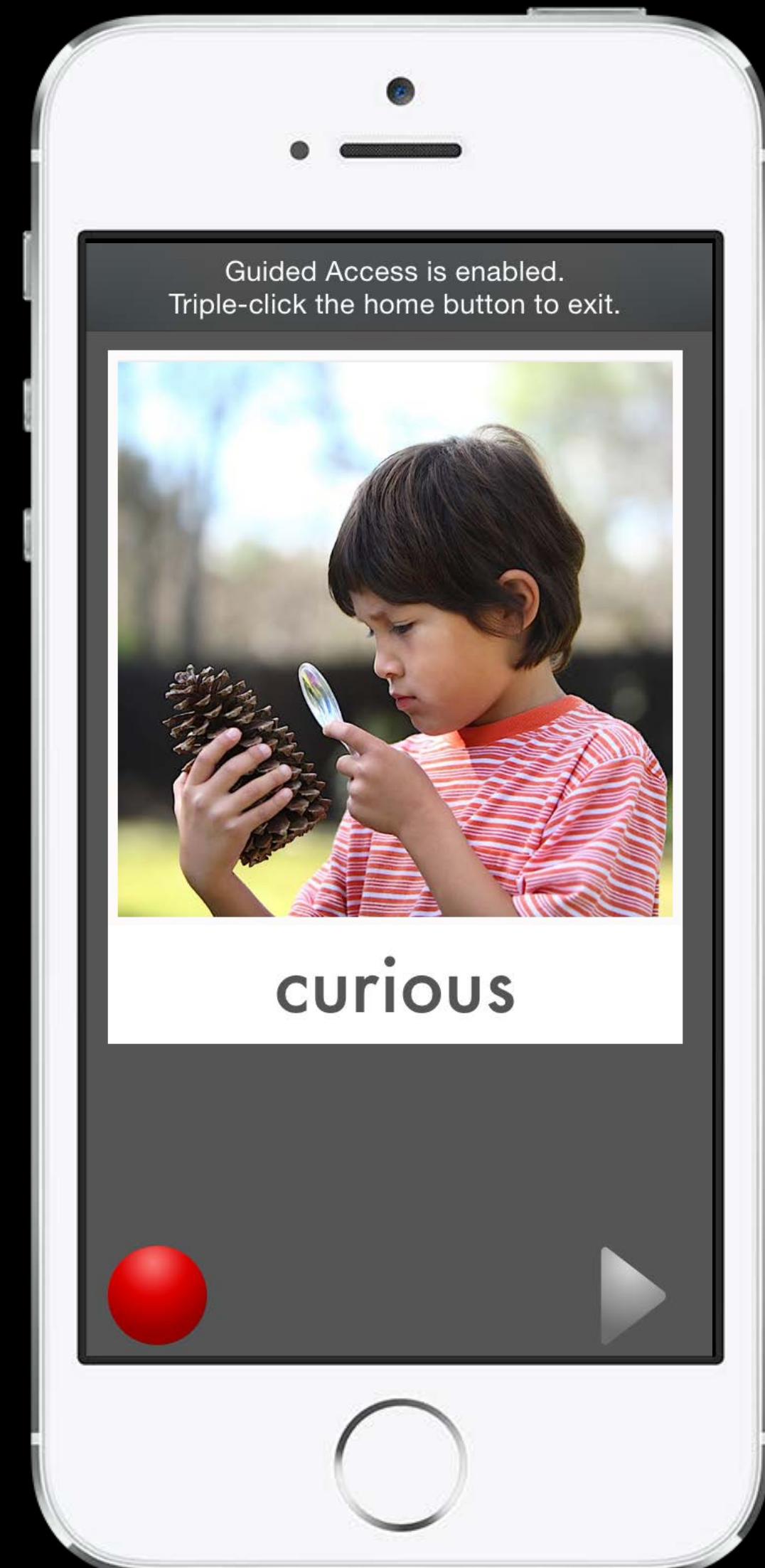
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Learning Guided Access



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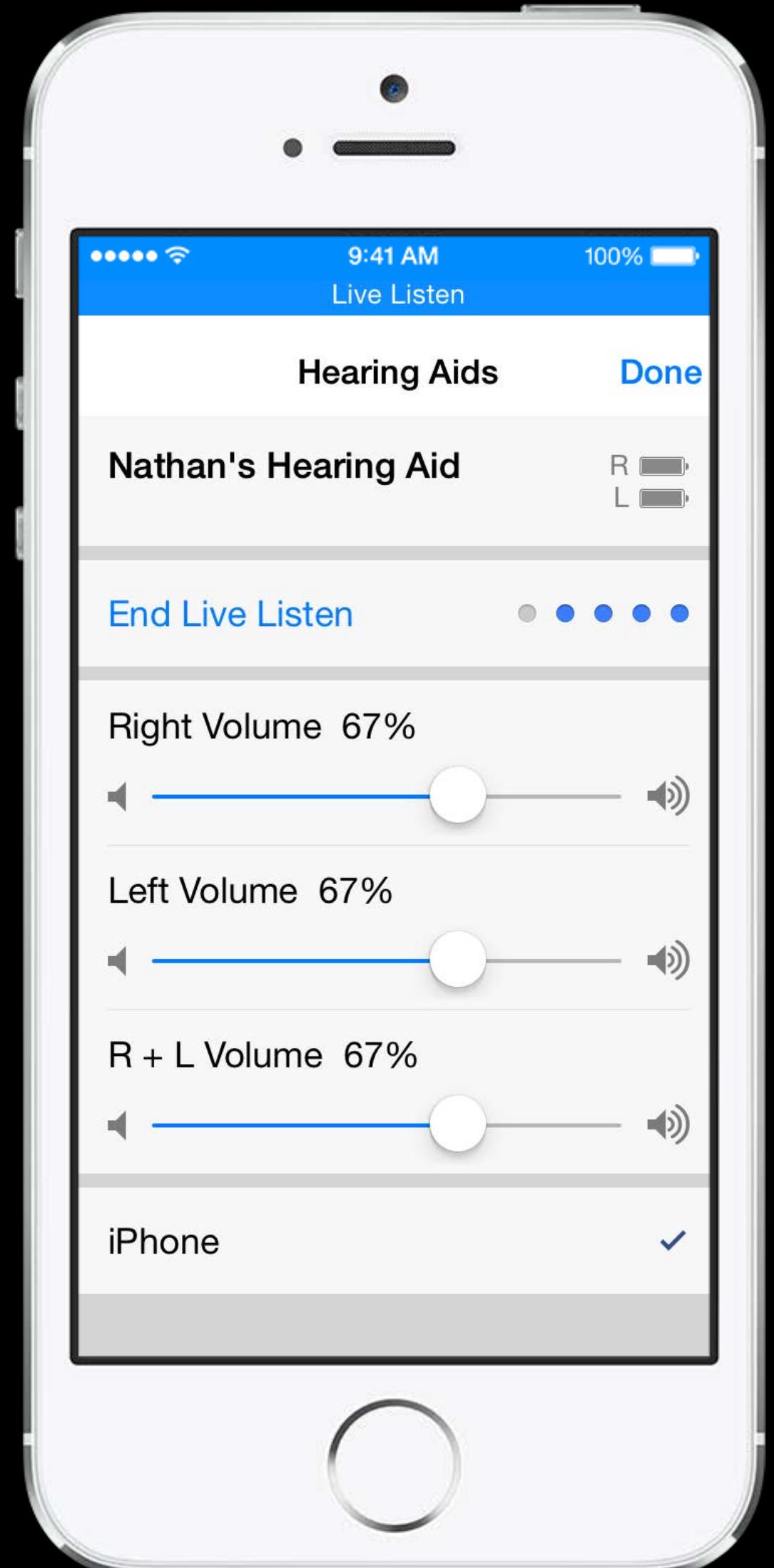
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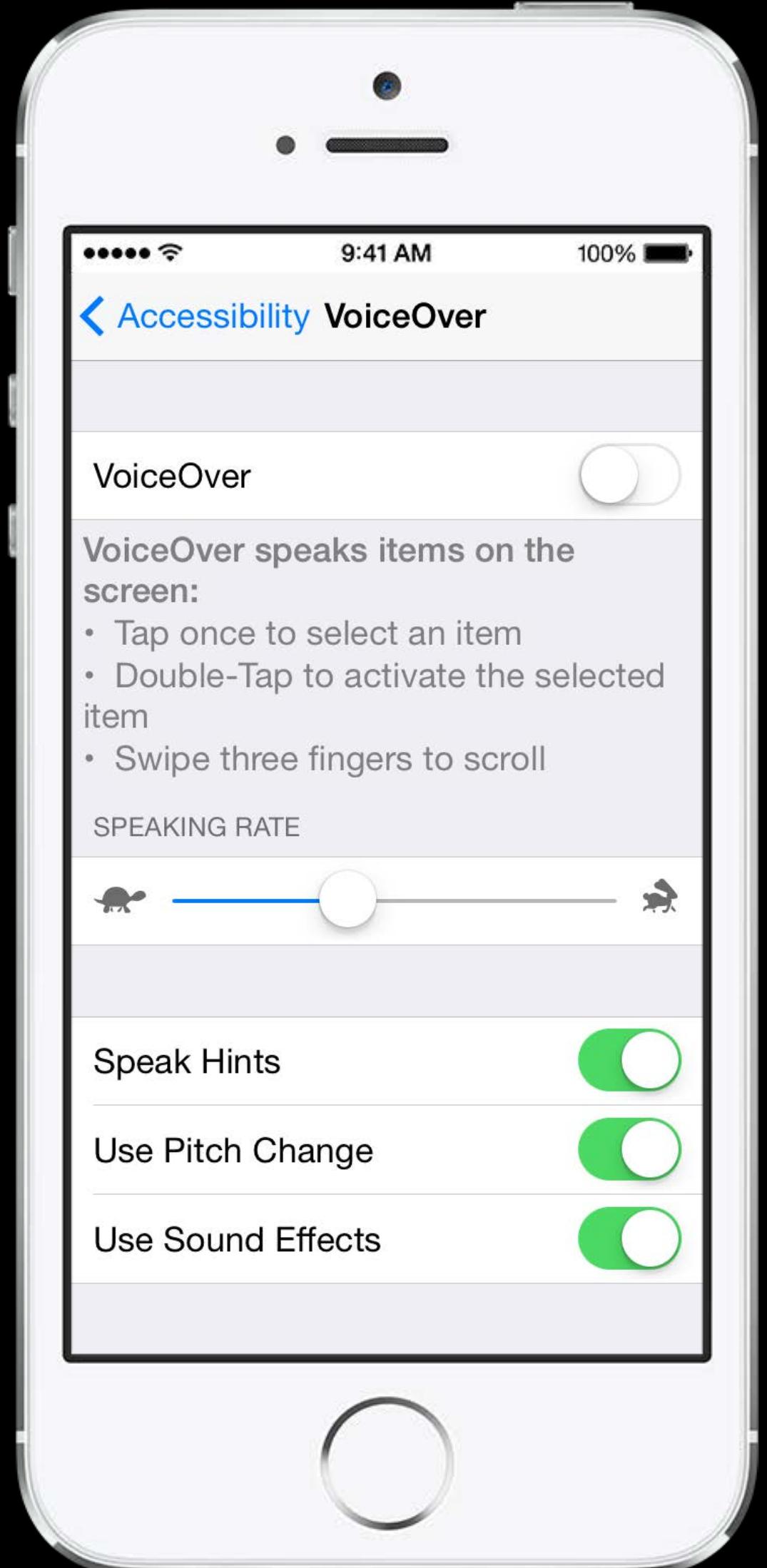
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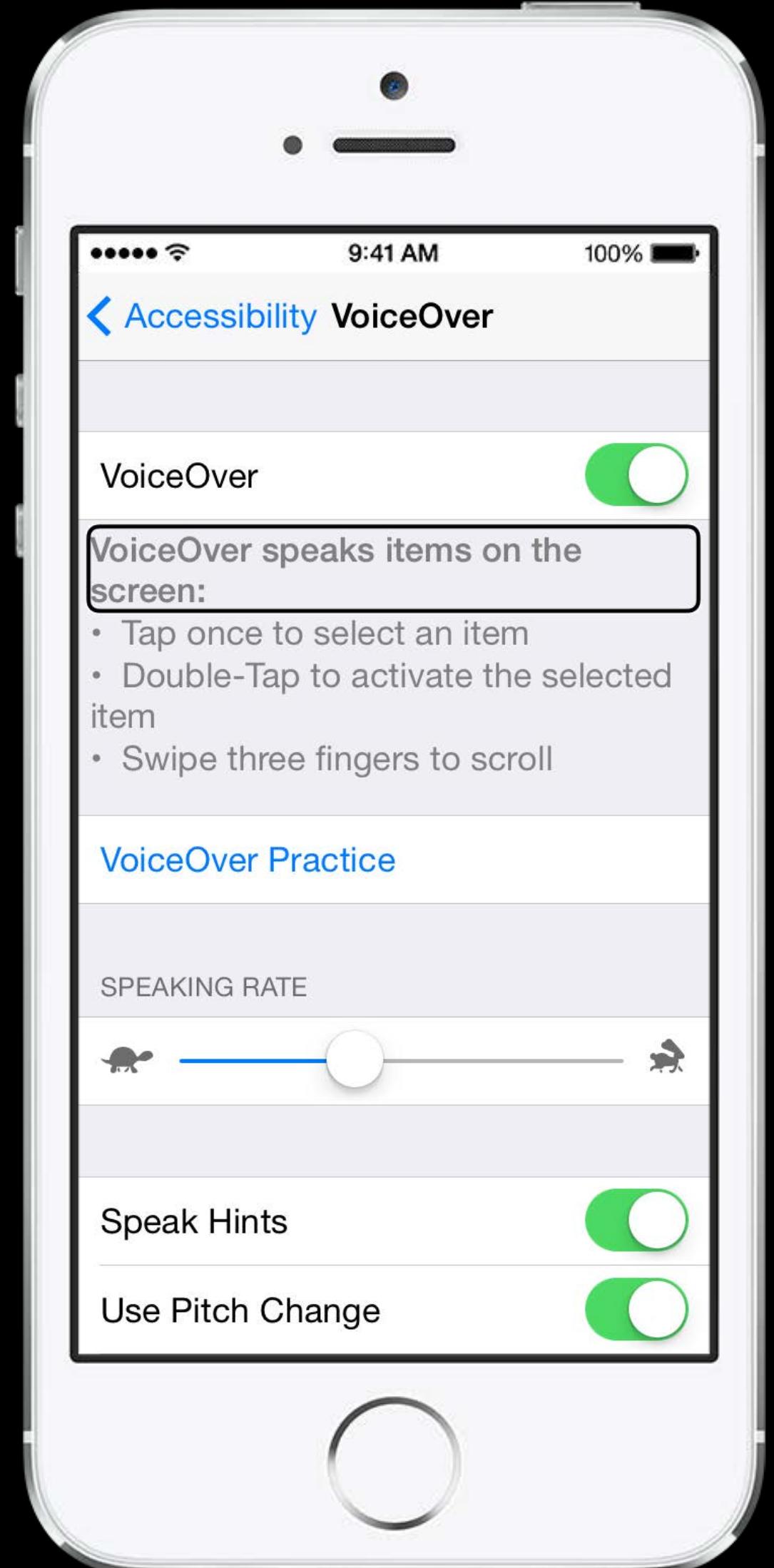
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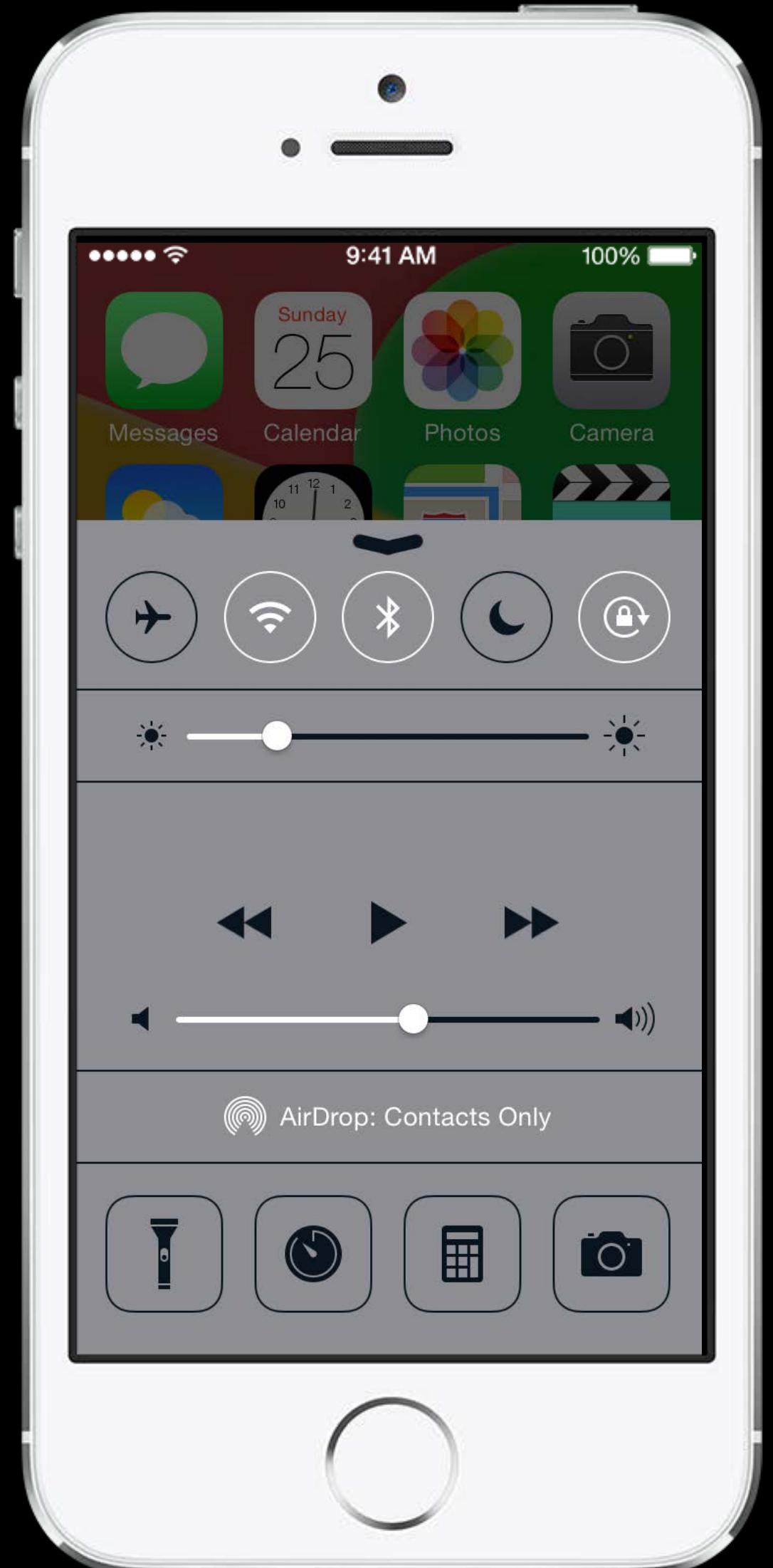
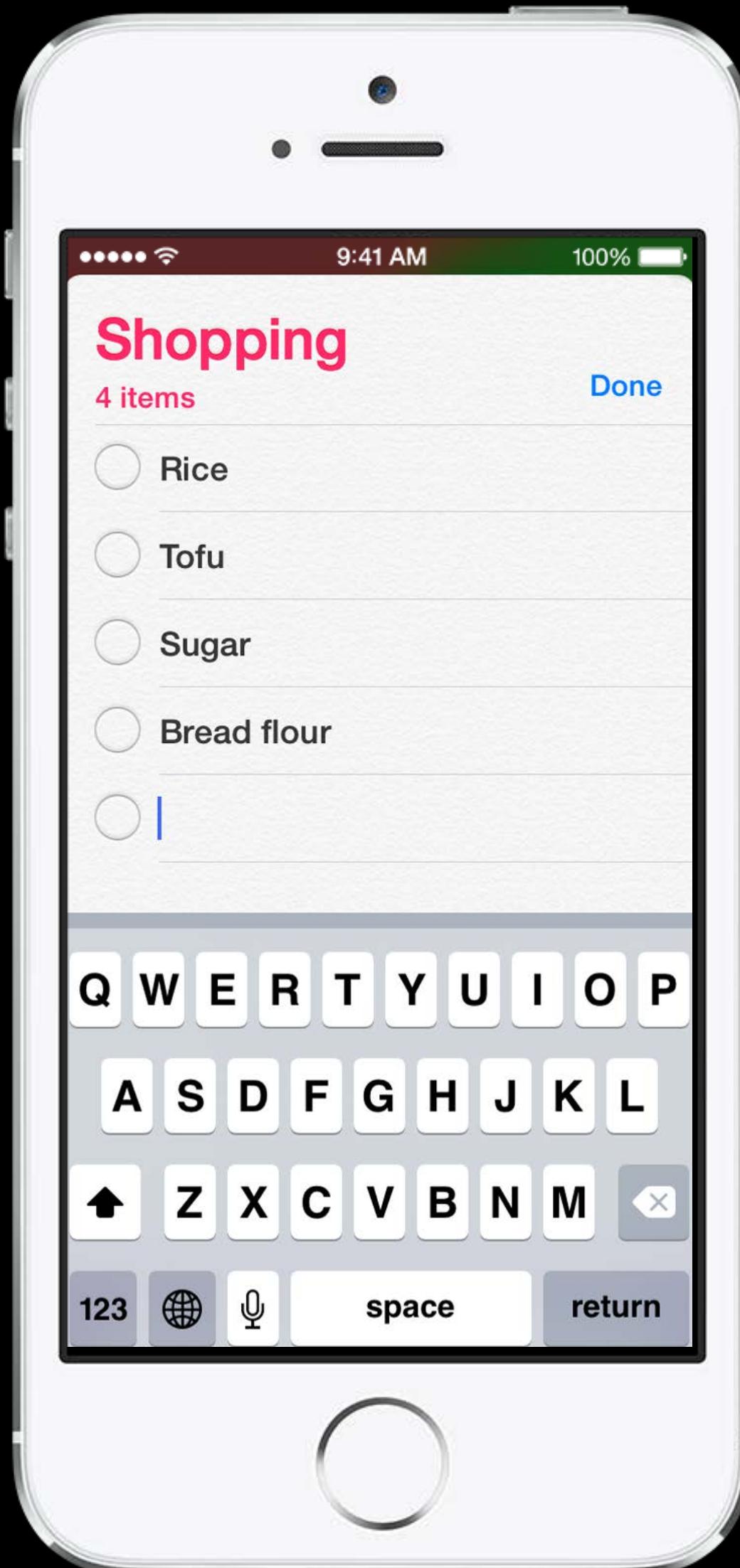
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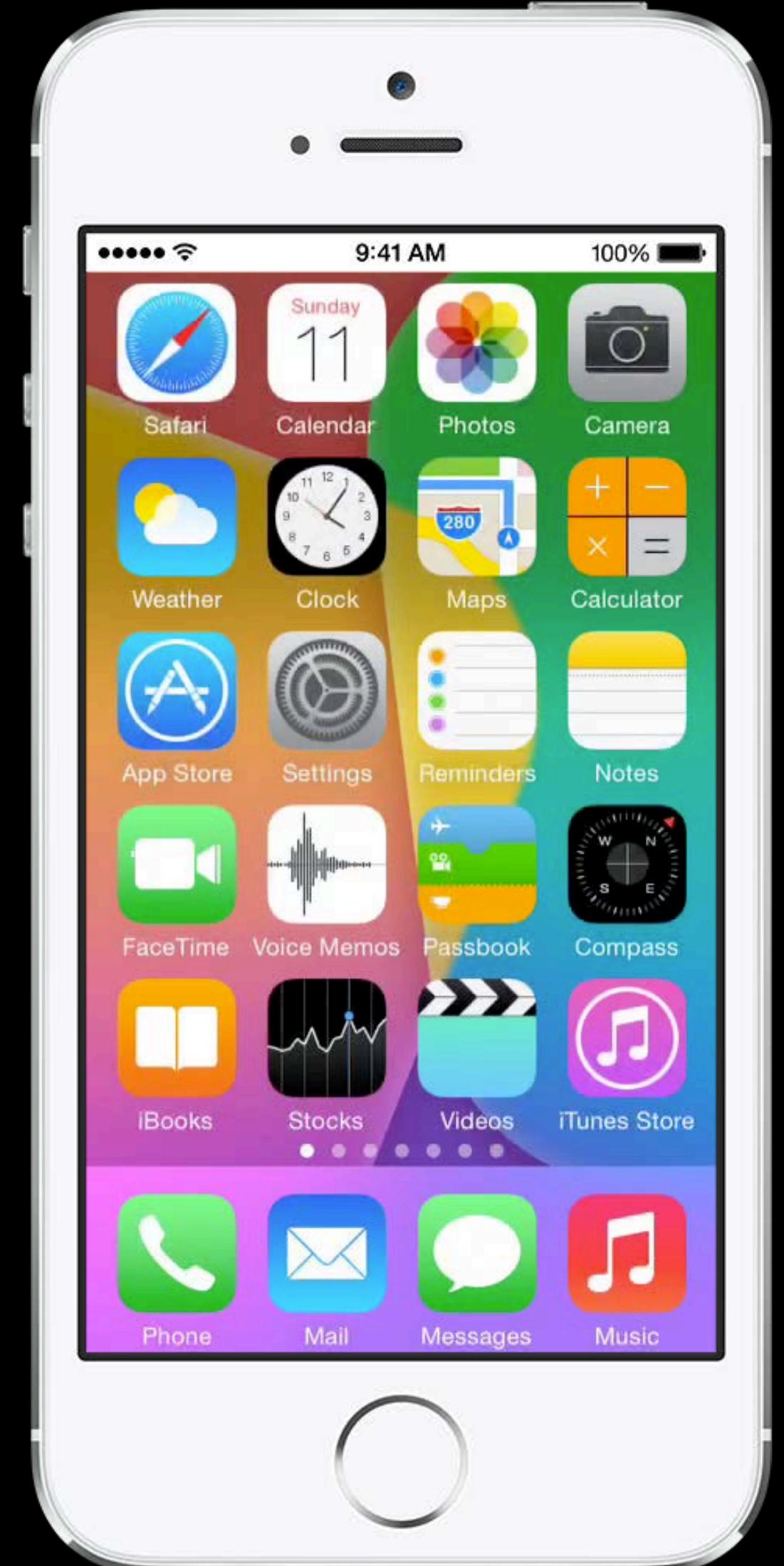
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Low vision accommodations



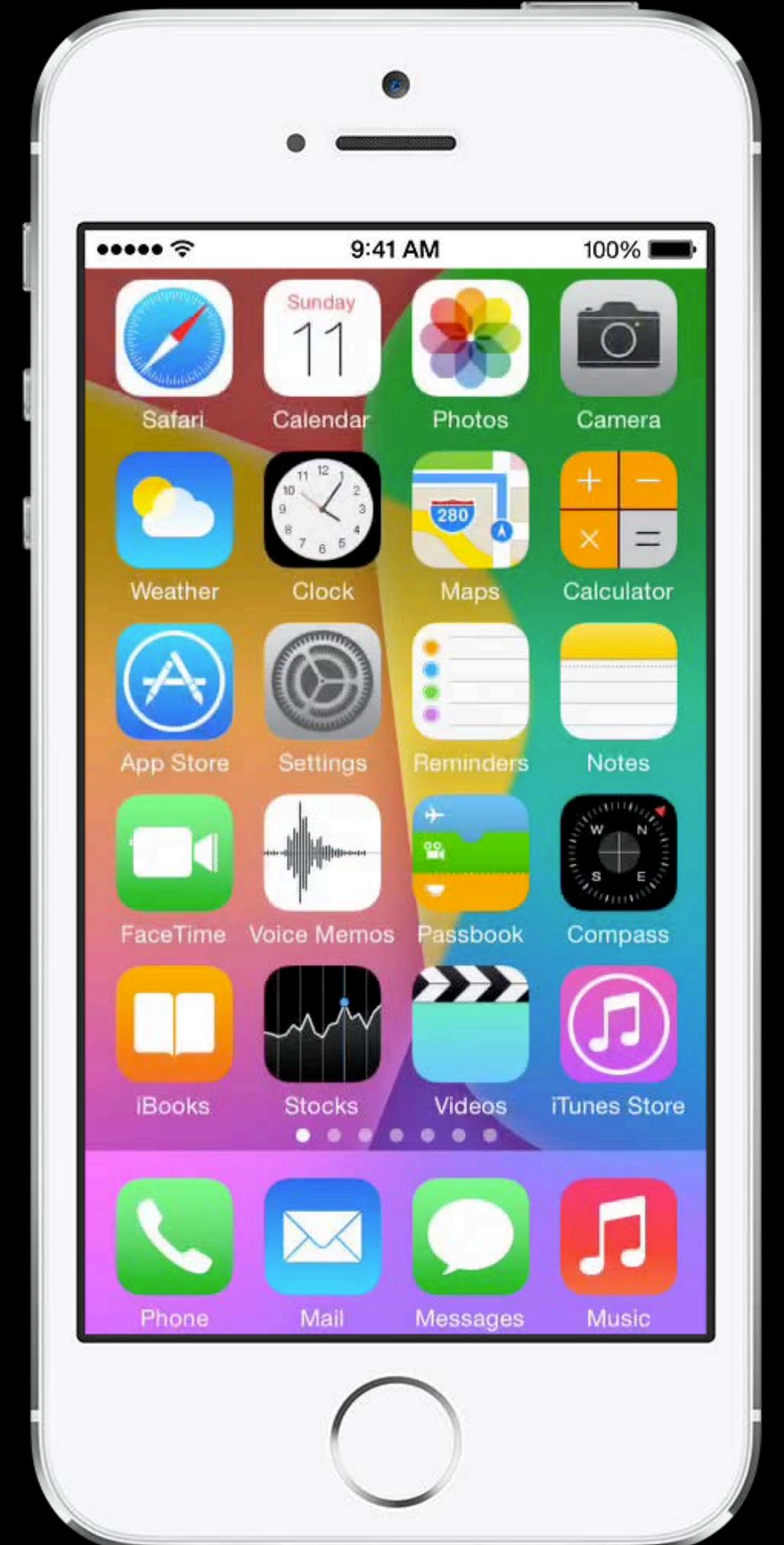
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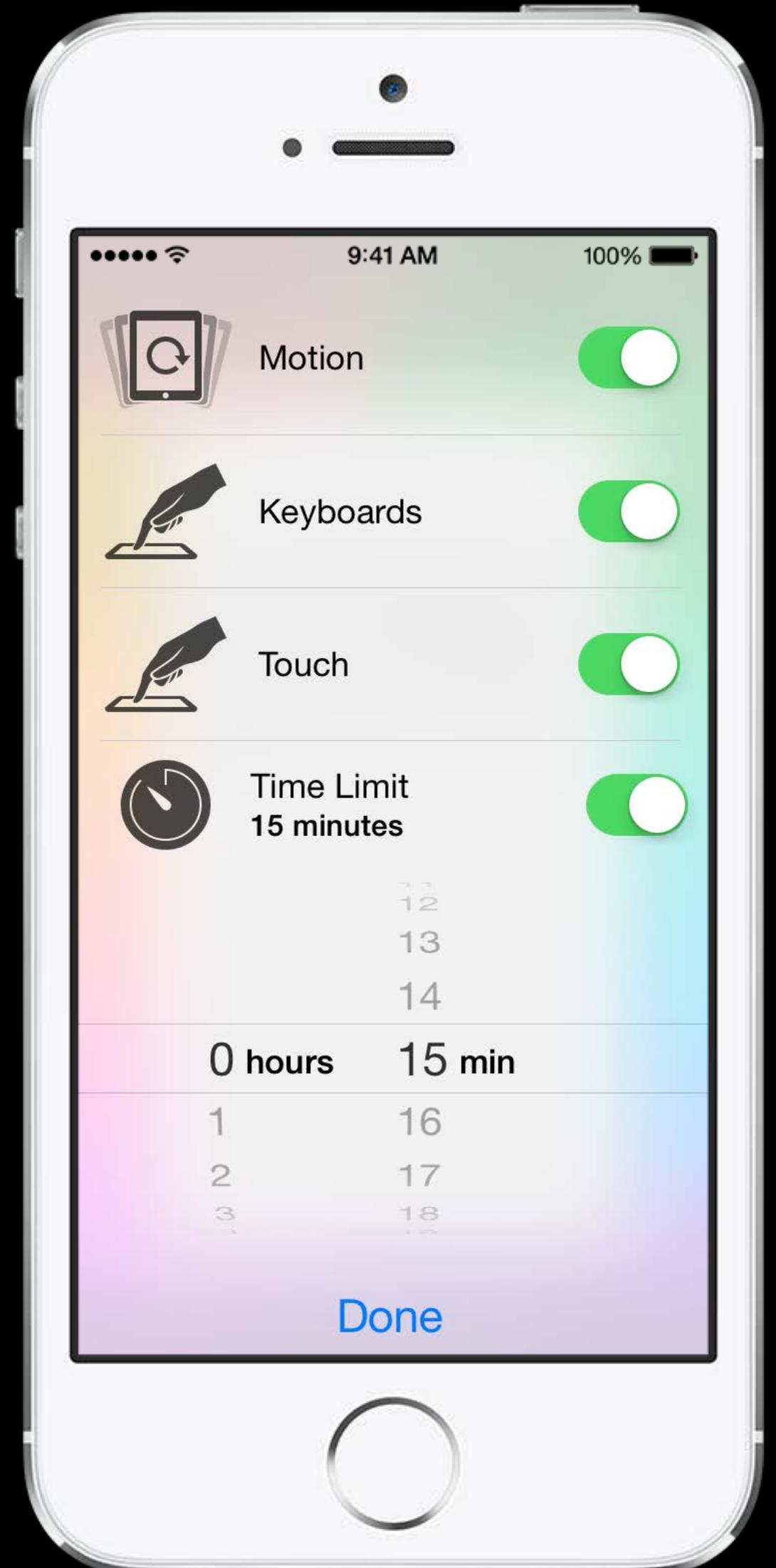
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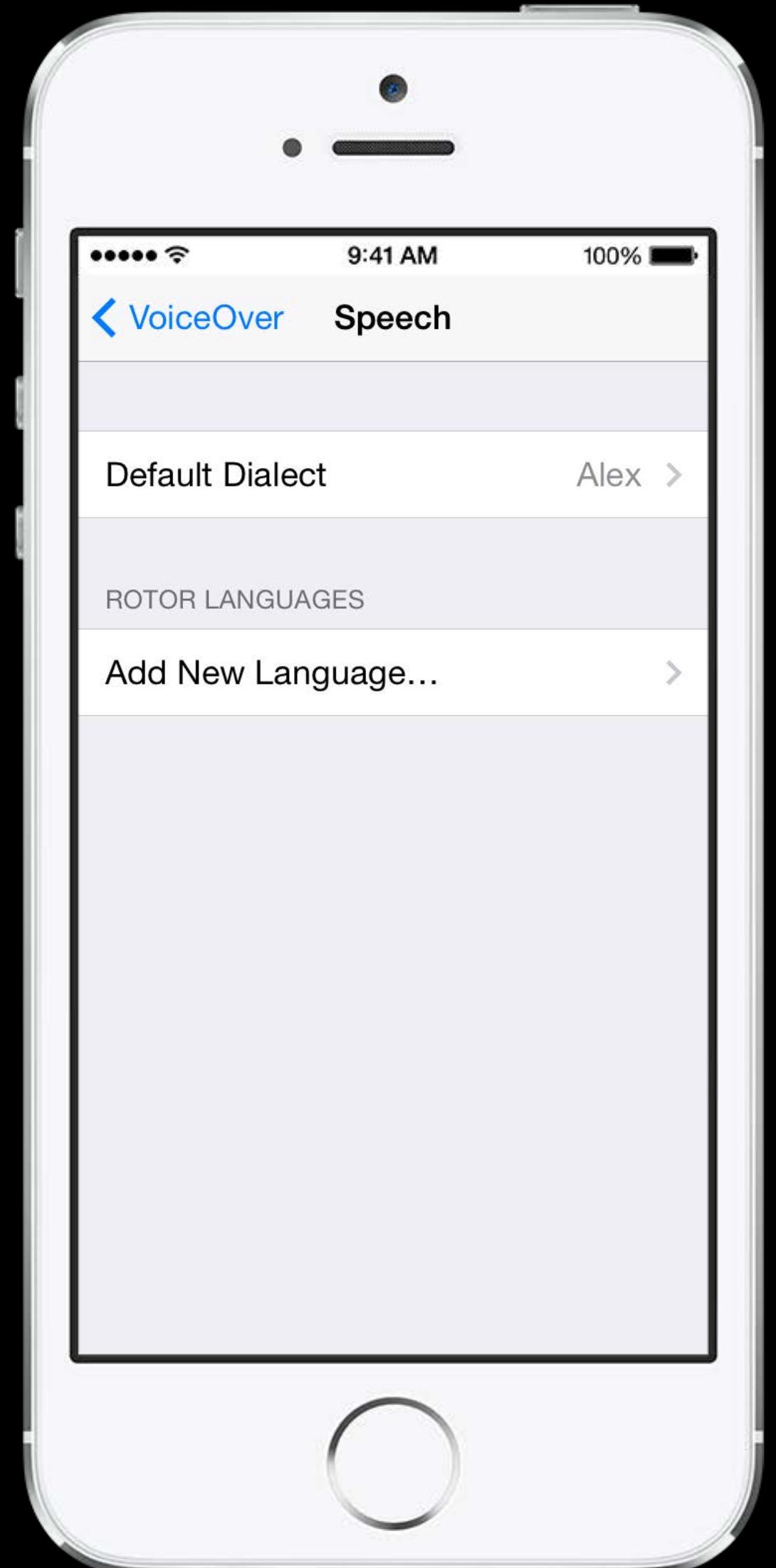
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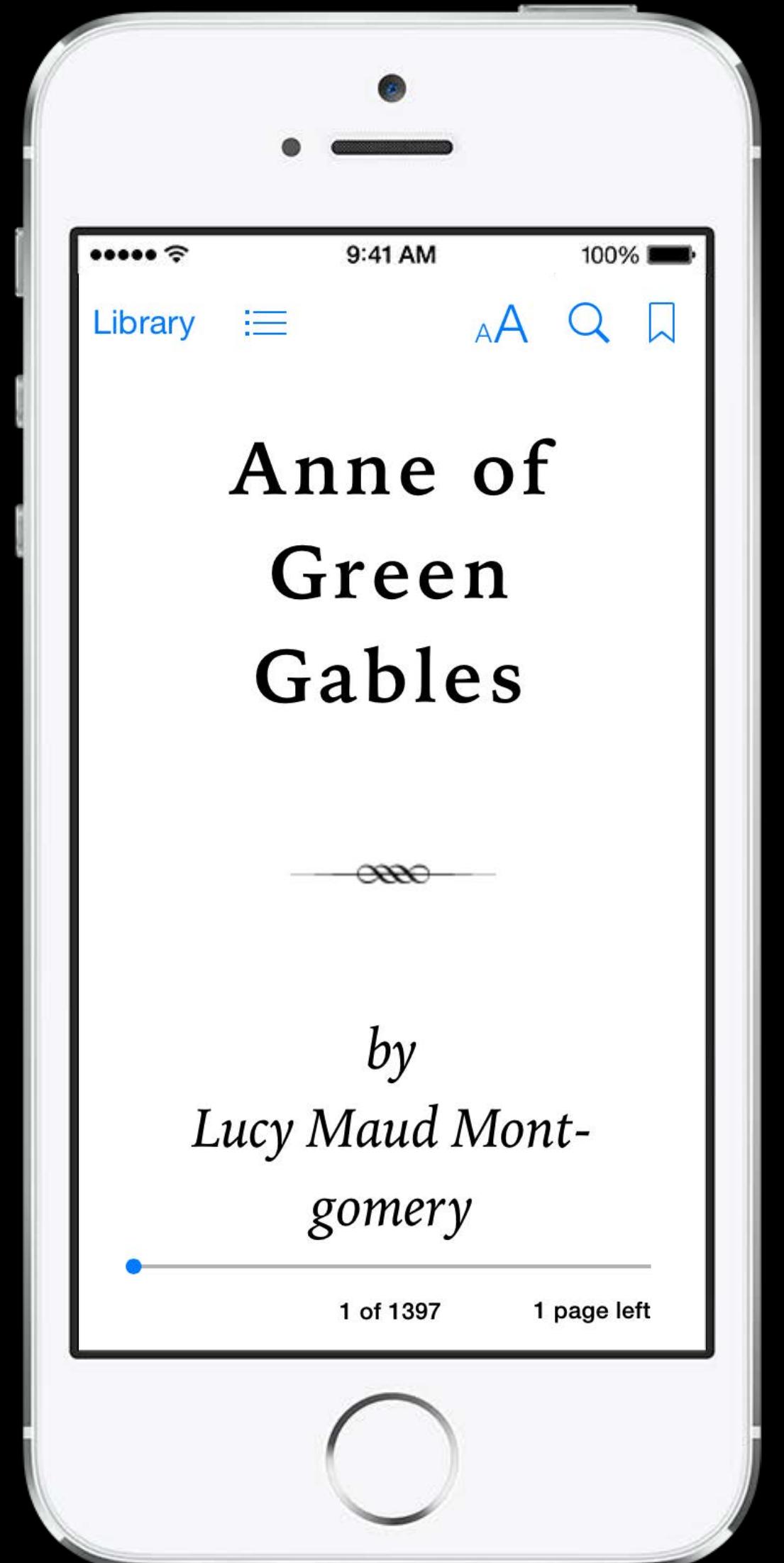
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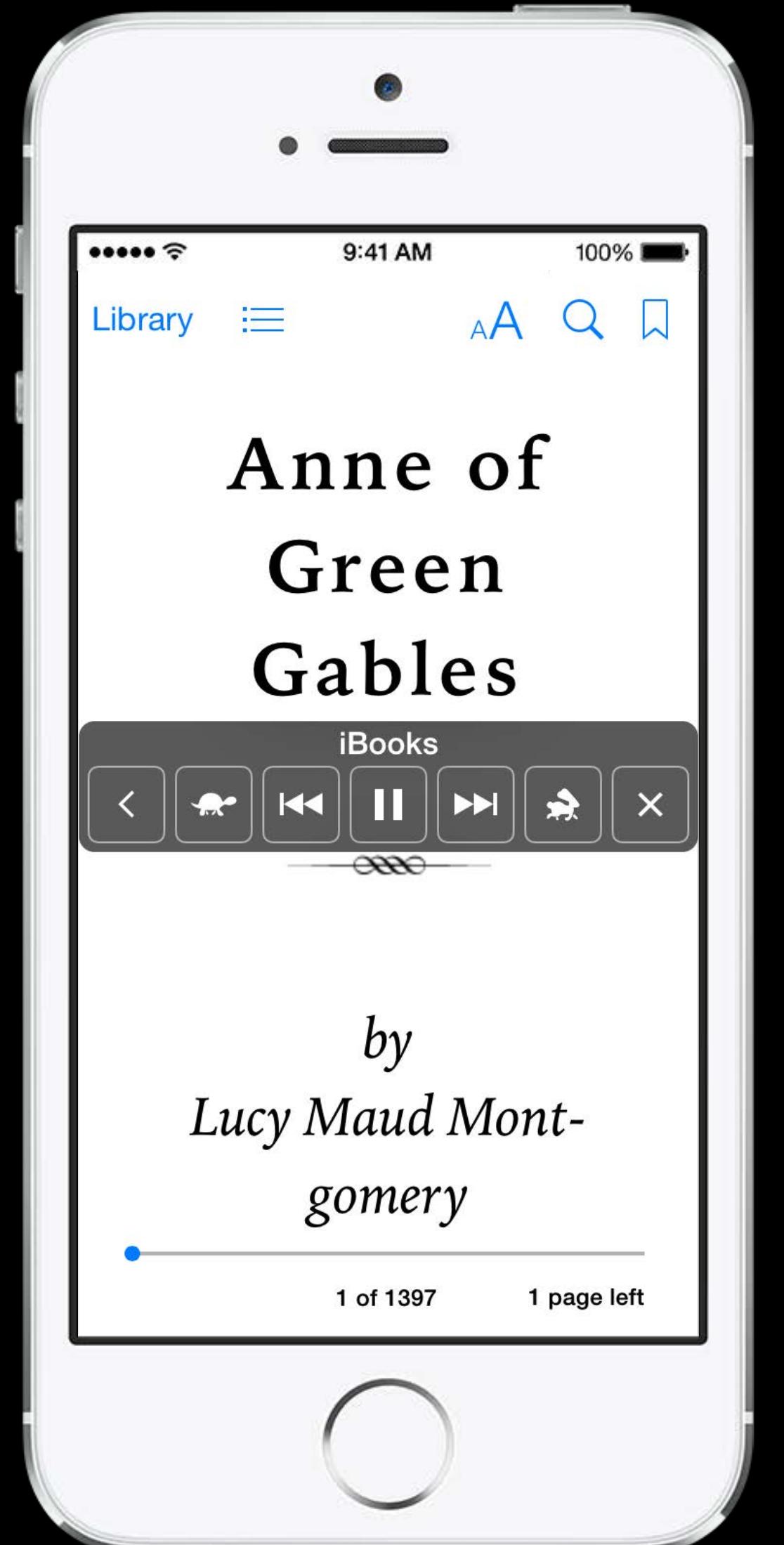
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Speak Screen



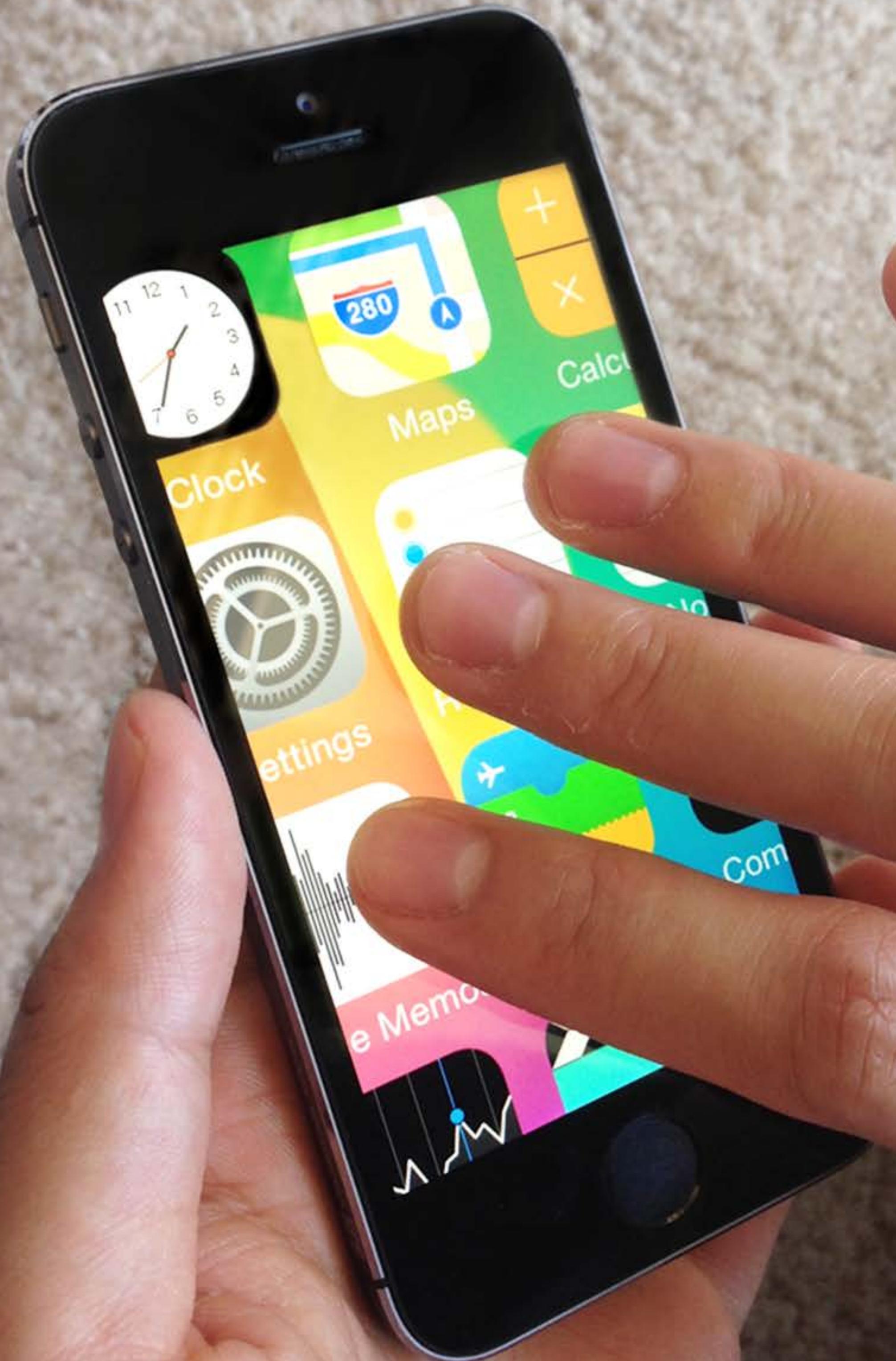
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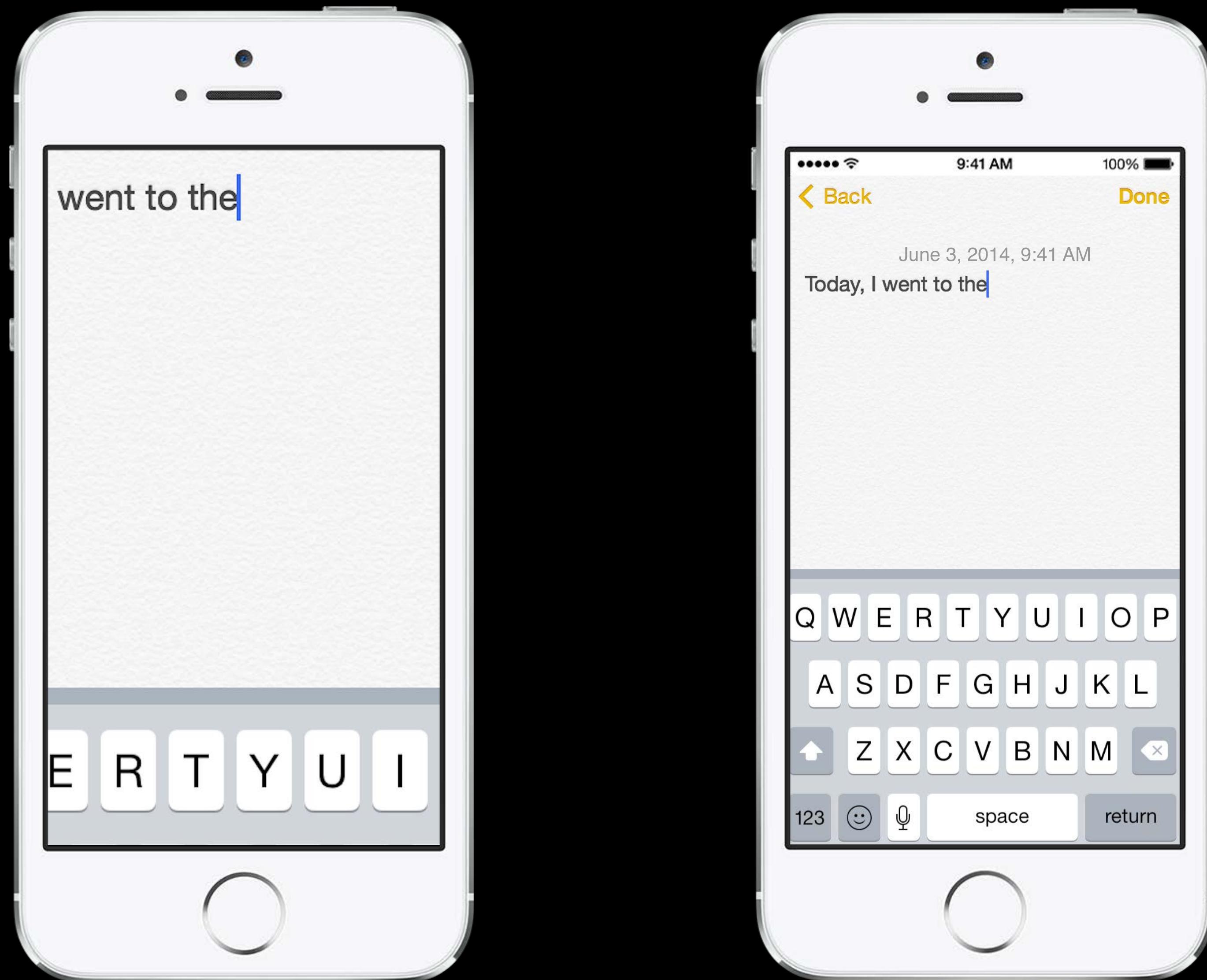
Zoom

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Accessibility Tutorial

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Visual accommodations

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Visual Accommodations API



```
BOOL UIAccessibilityIsBoldTextEnabled();
```

```
BOOL UIAccessibilityIsReduceTransparencyEnabled();
```

```
BOOL UIAccessibilityDarkerSystemColorsEnabled();
```

```
BOOL UIAccessibilityIsReduceMotionEnabled();
```

Demo

Visual accommodations

Semantic Accessibility

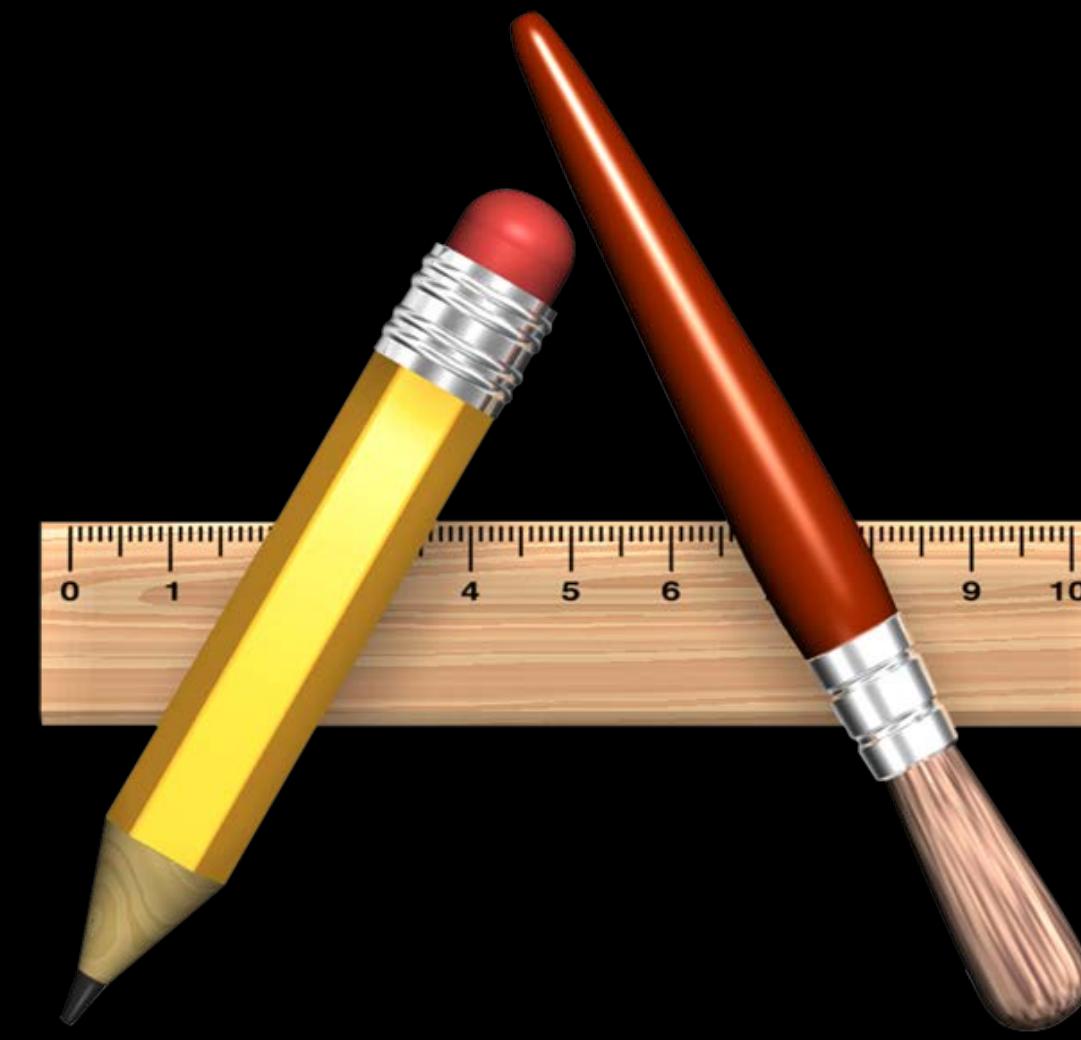
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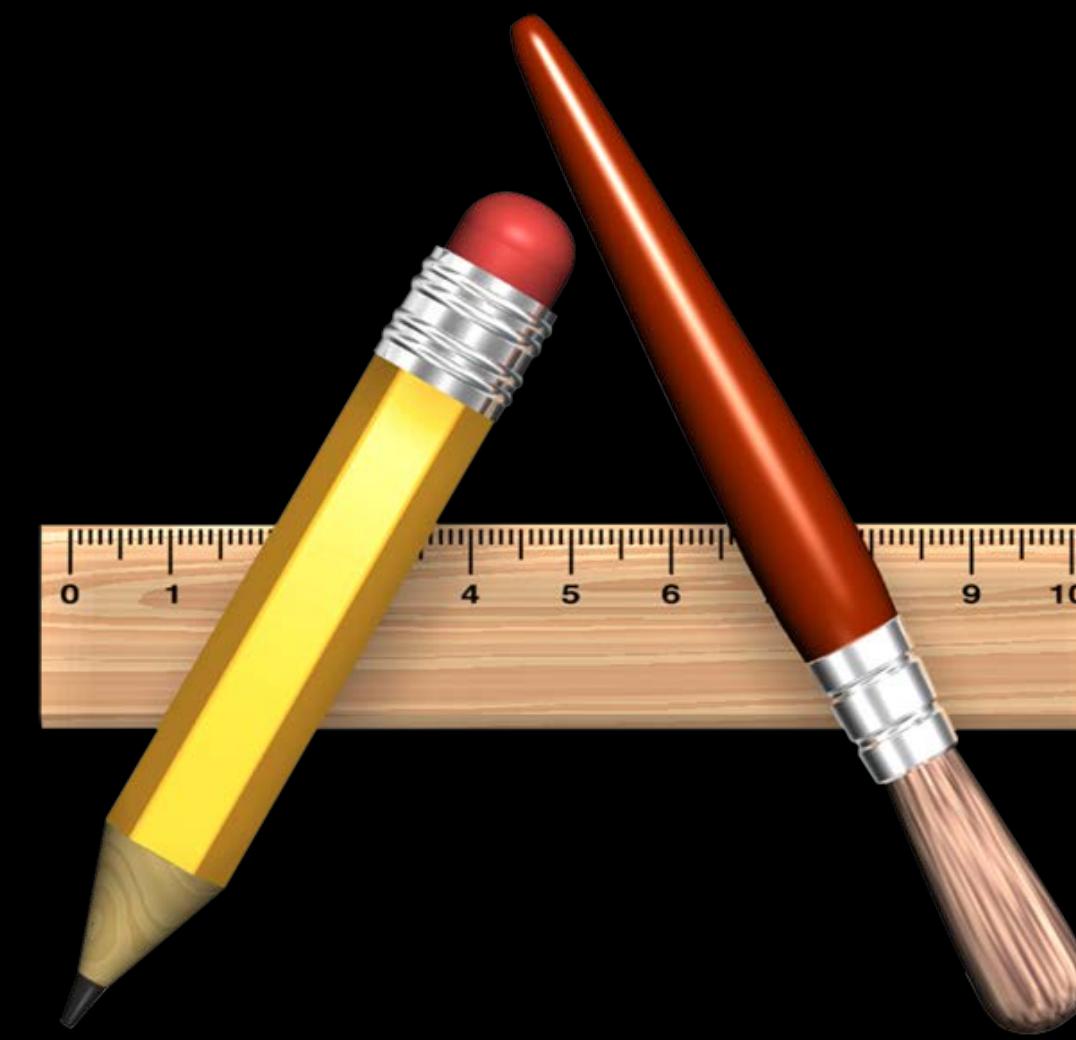
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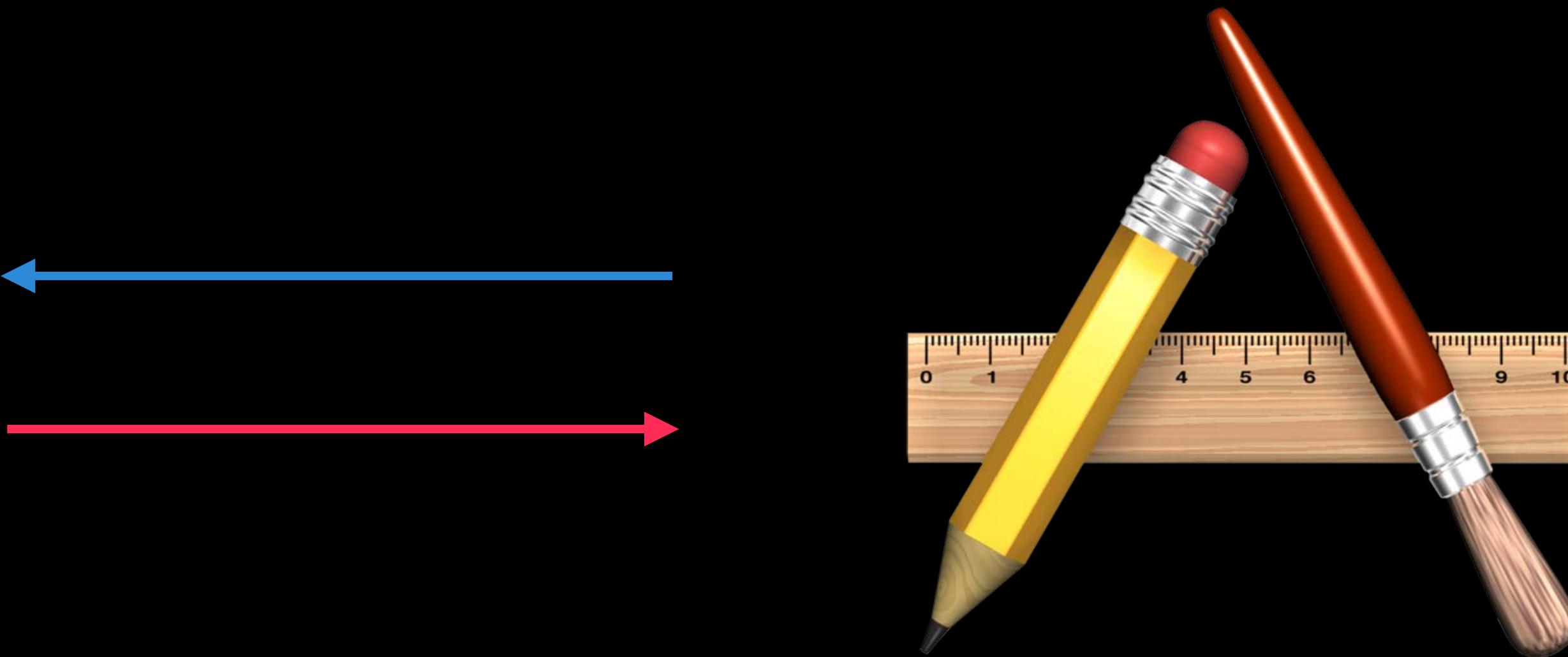
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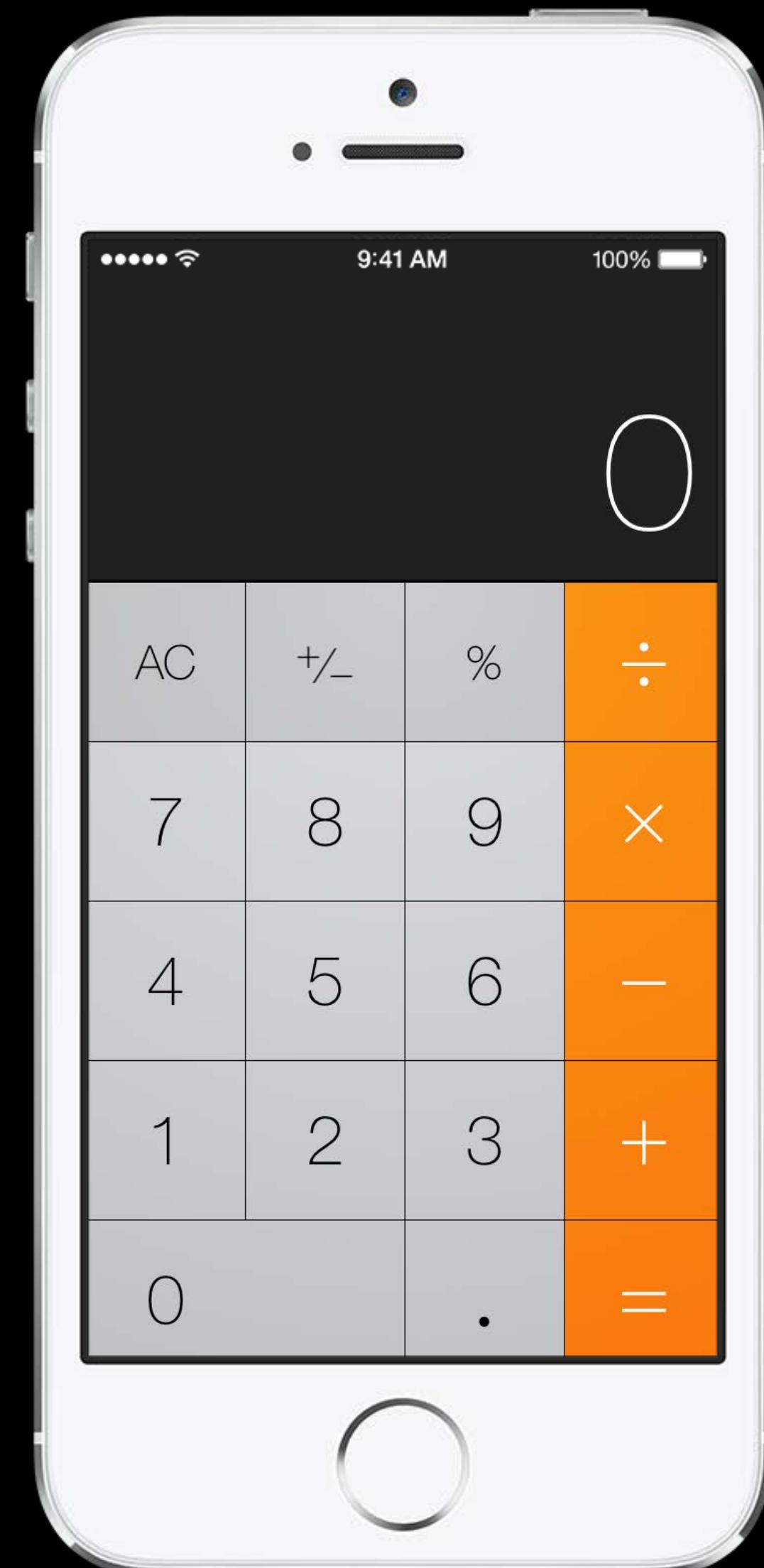


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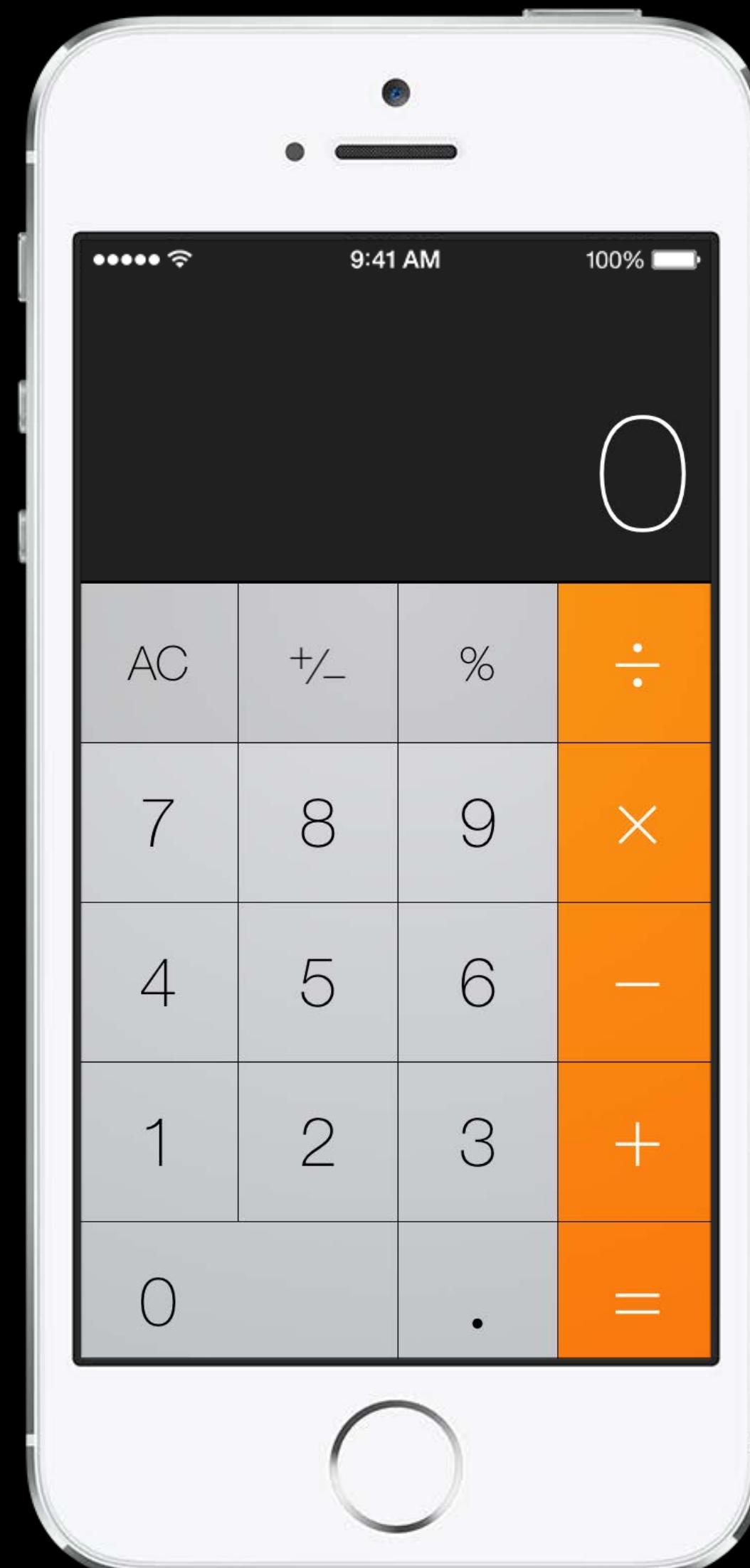
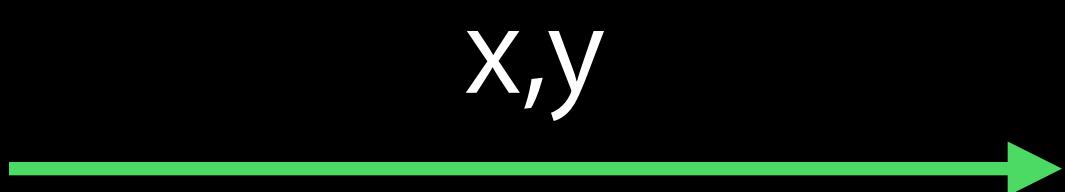
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Example: VoiceOver



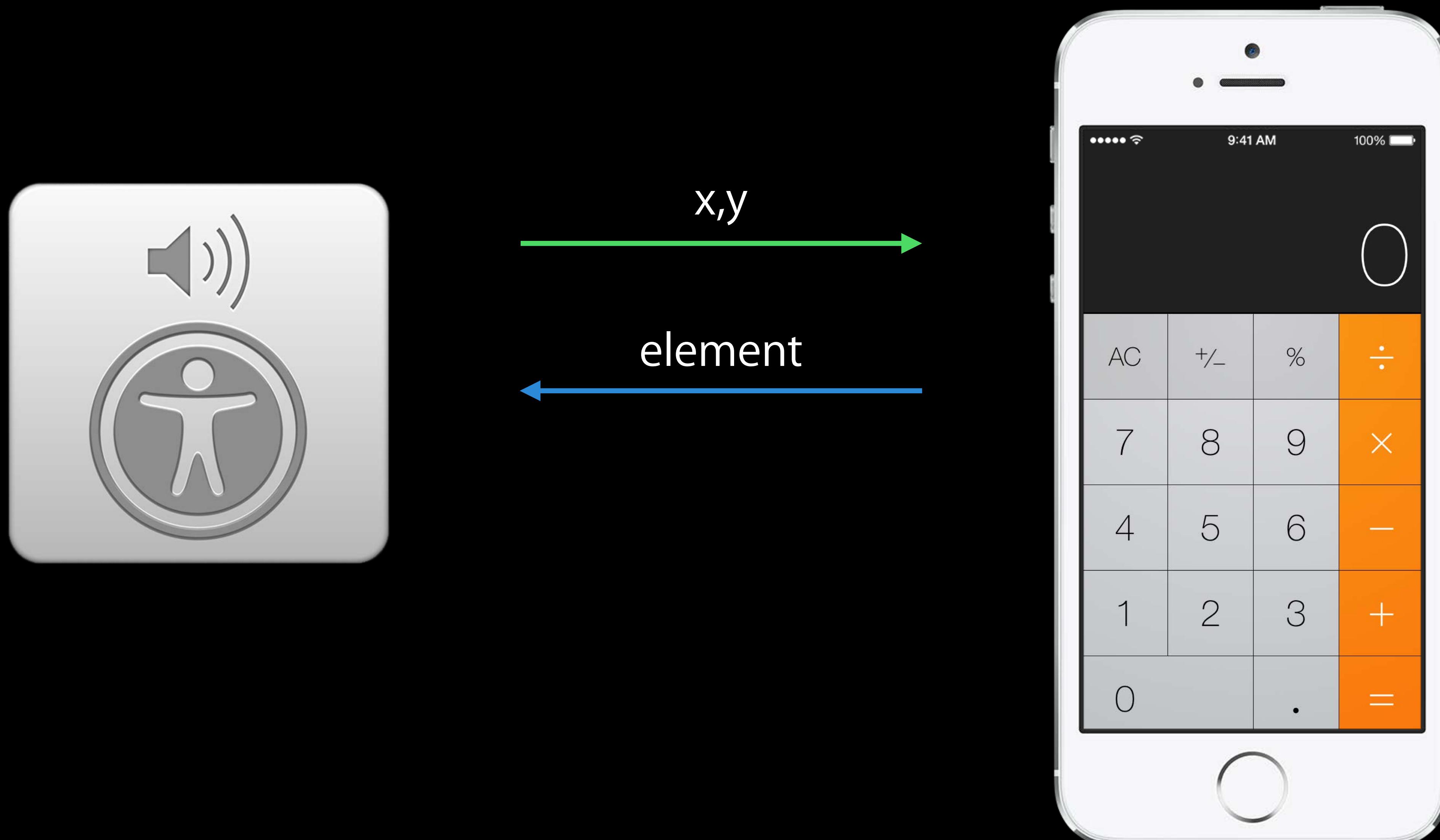
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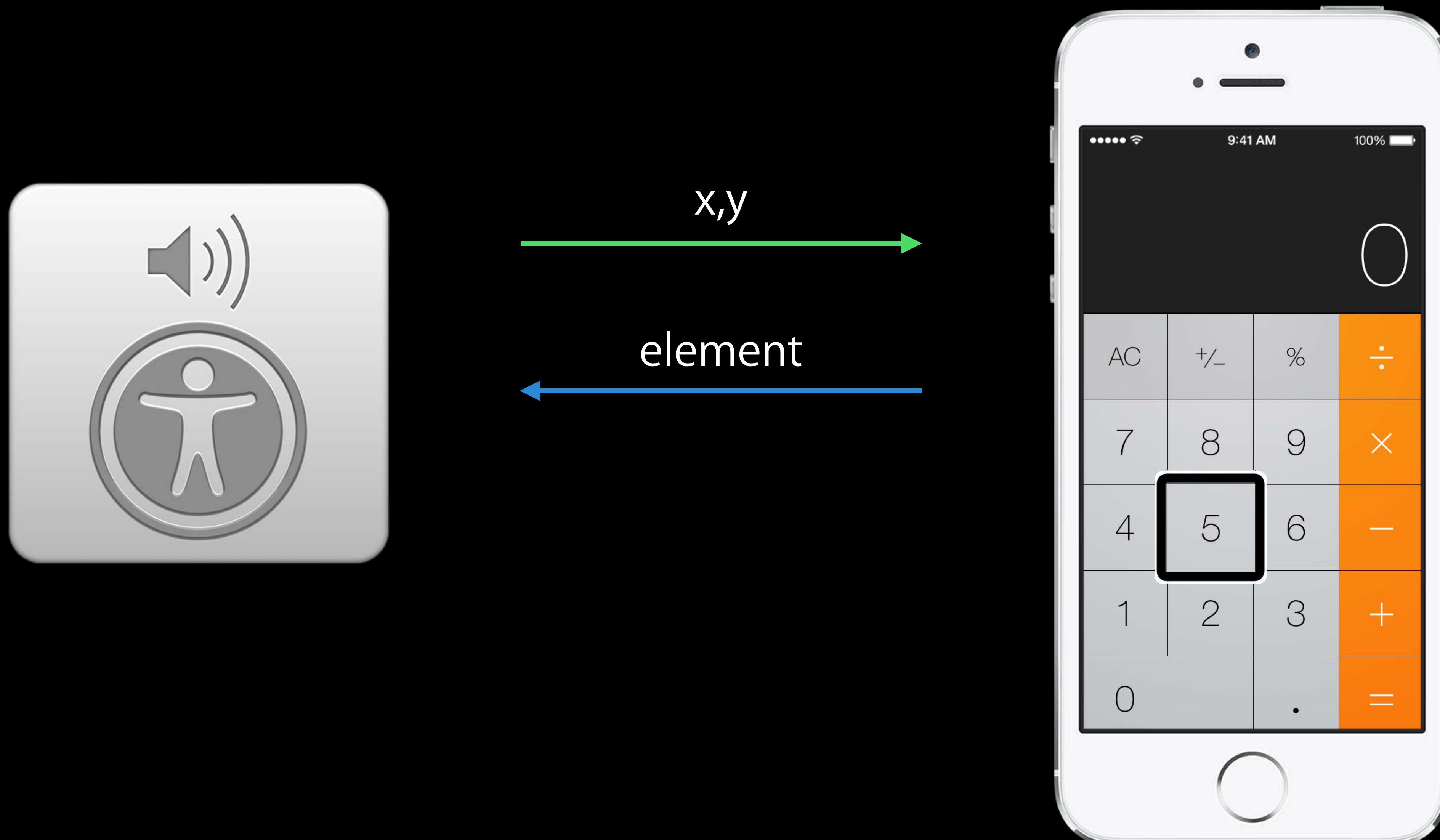
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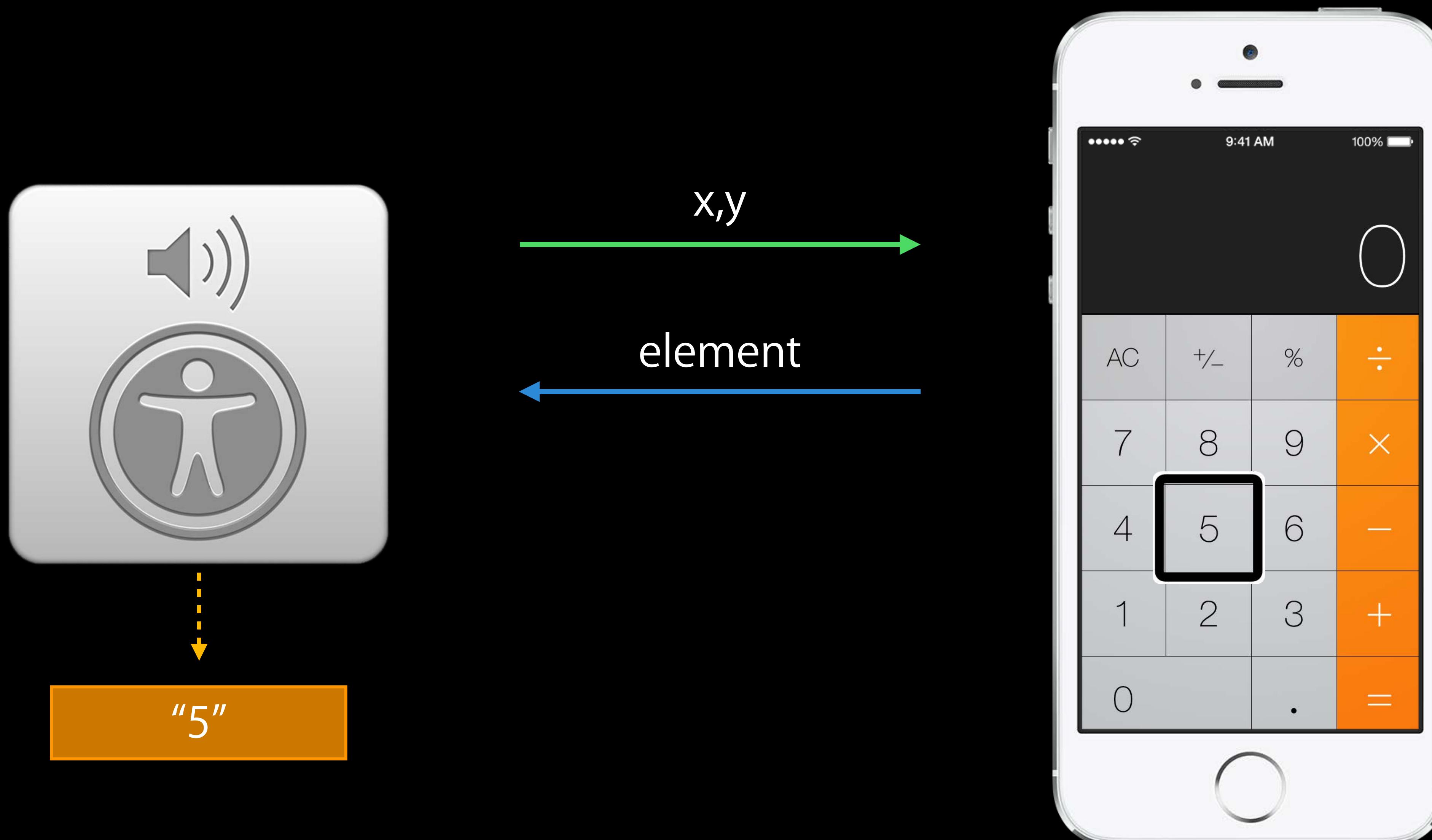
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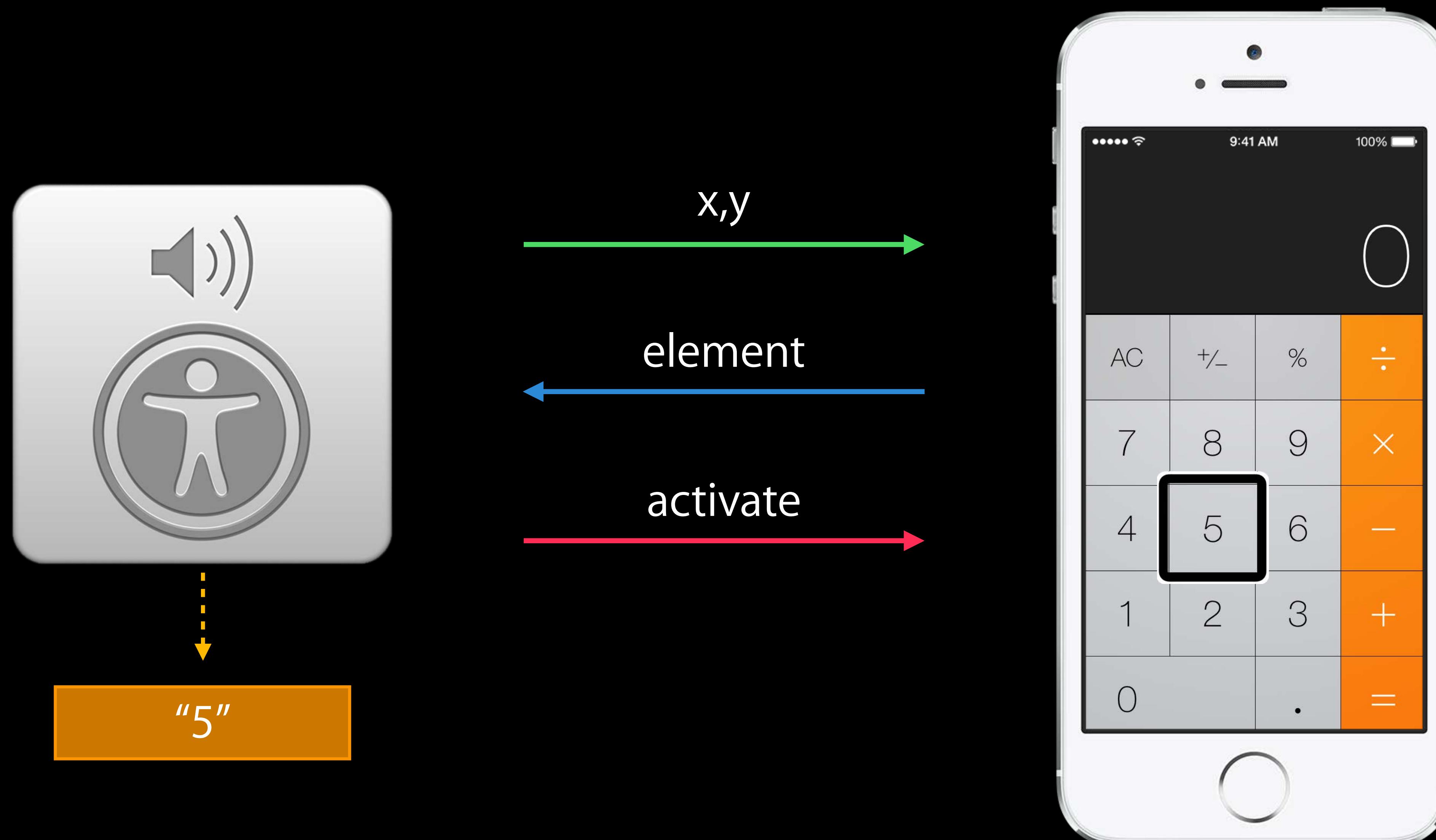
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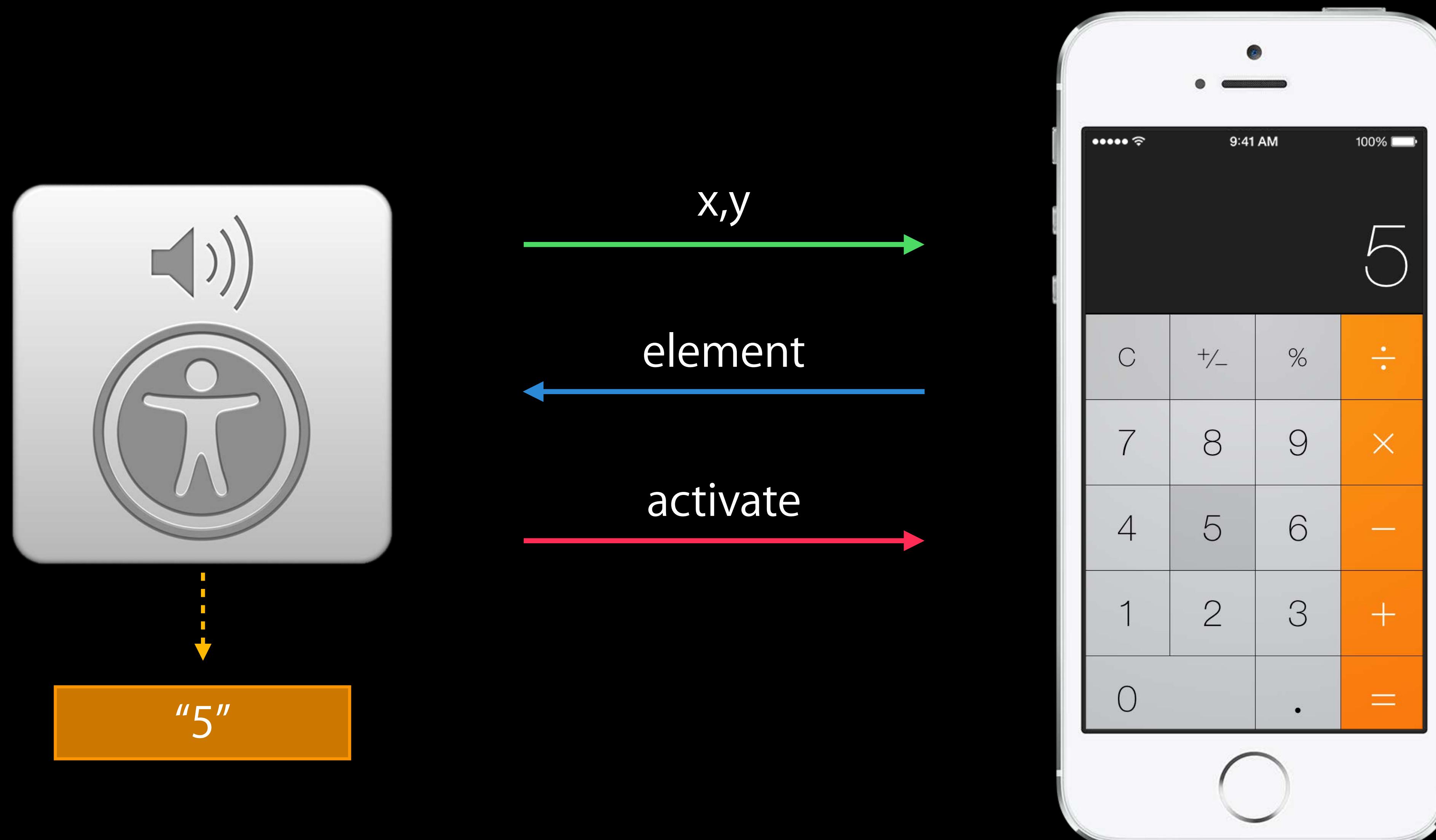
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- Can VoiceOver speak everything?

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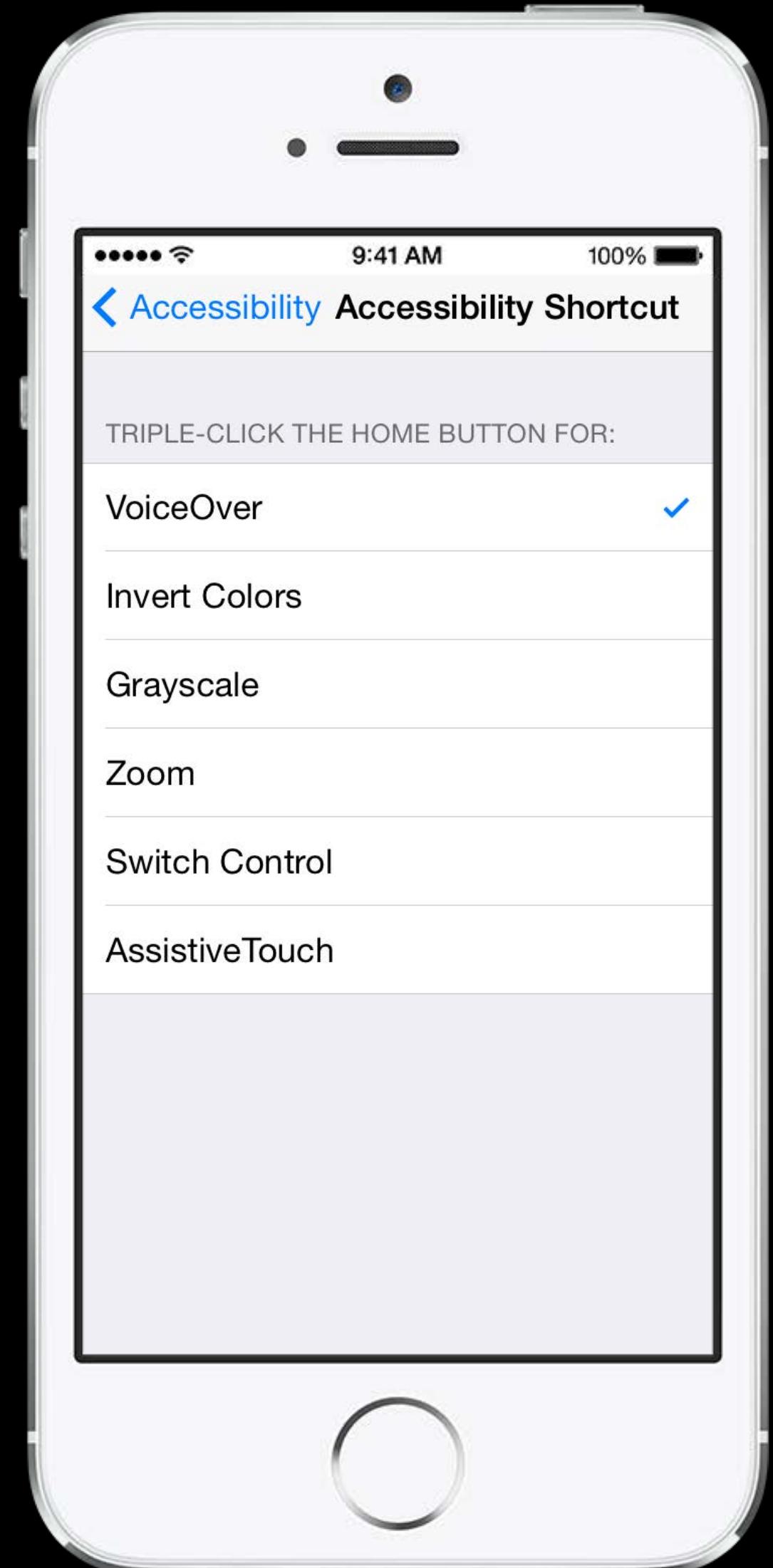
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Audit with VoiceOver

- Can VoiceOver speak everything?
- Can VoiceOver do everything?

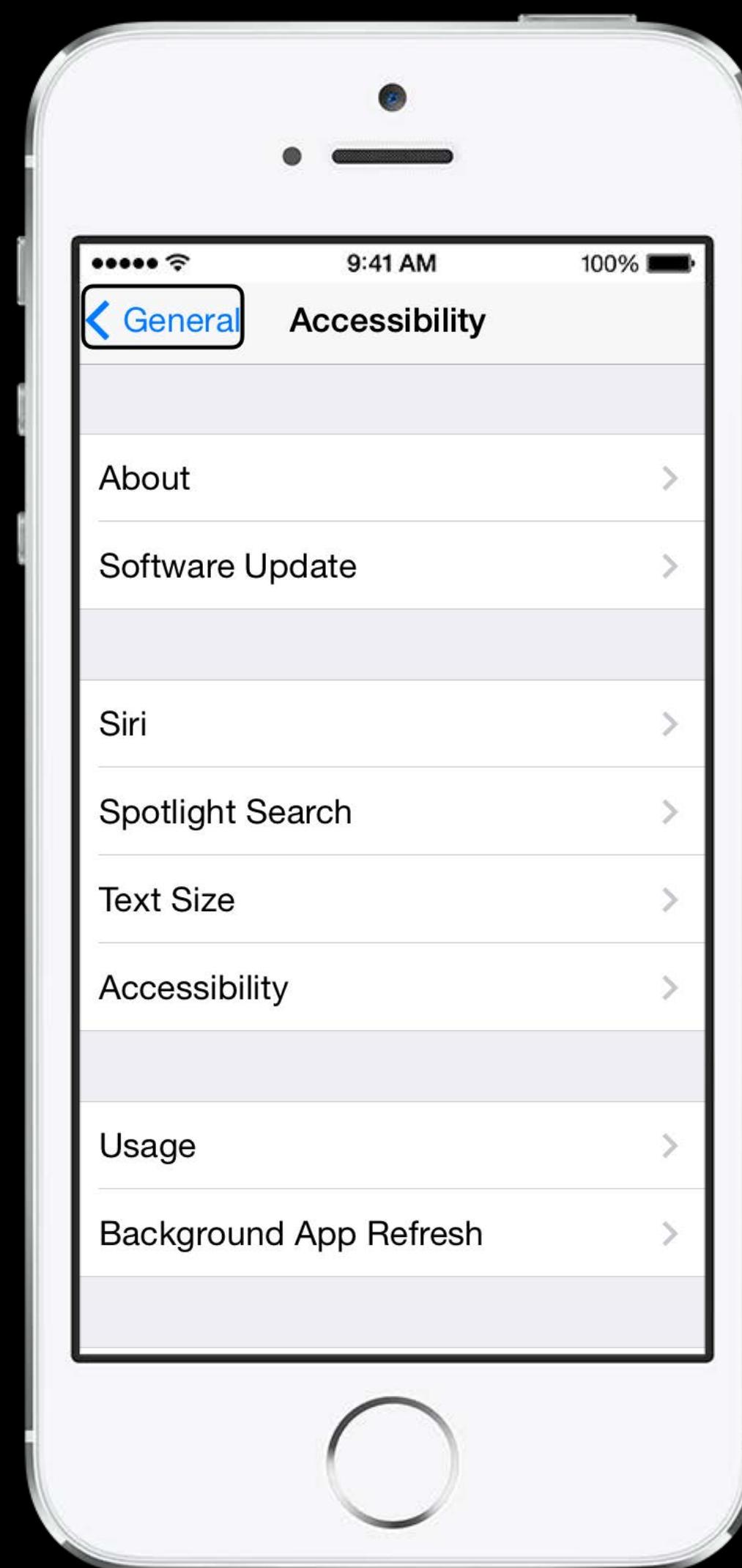
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Setup



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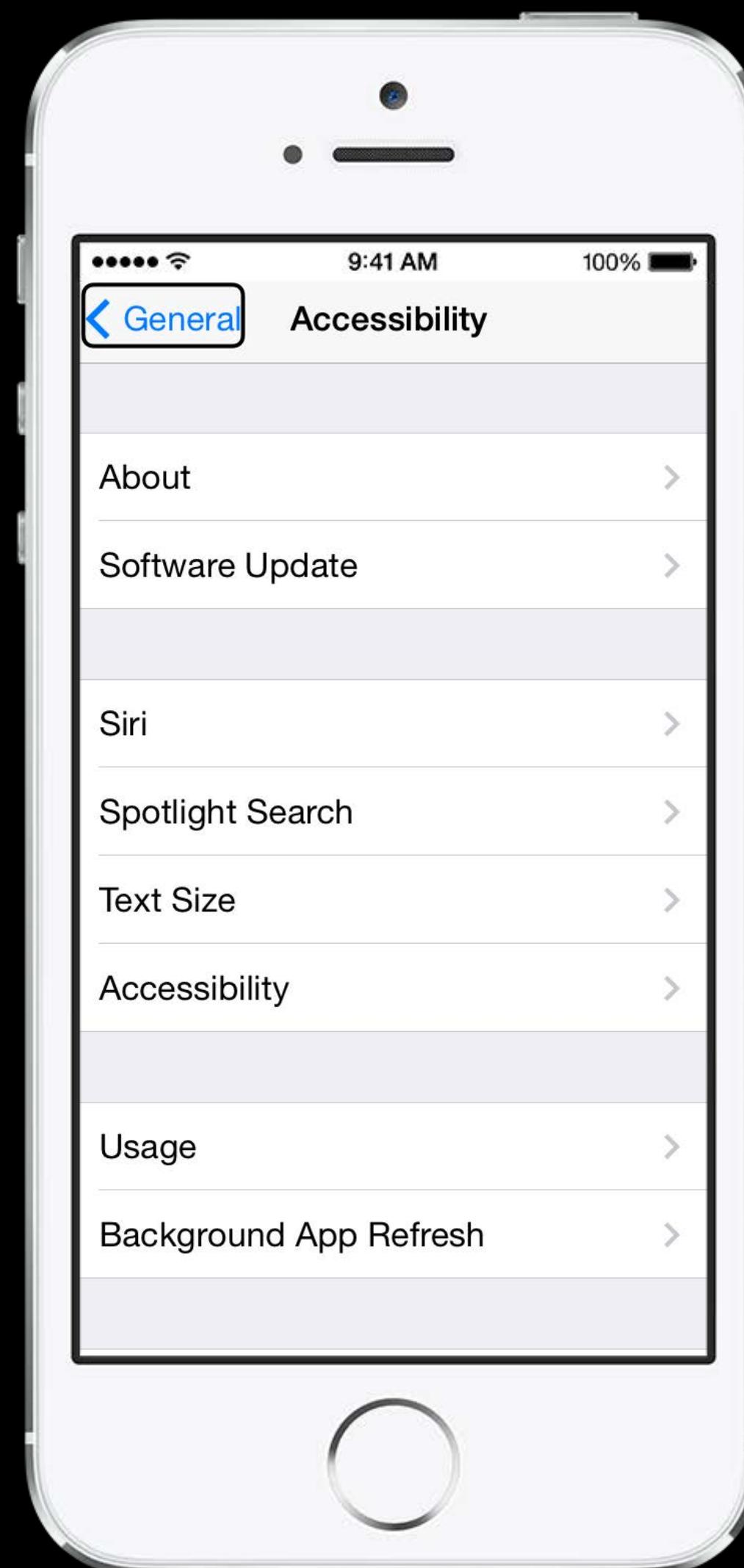
VoiceOver cheat sheet



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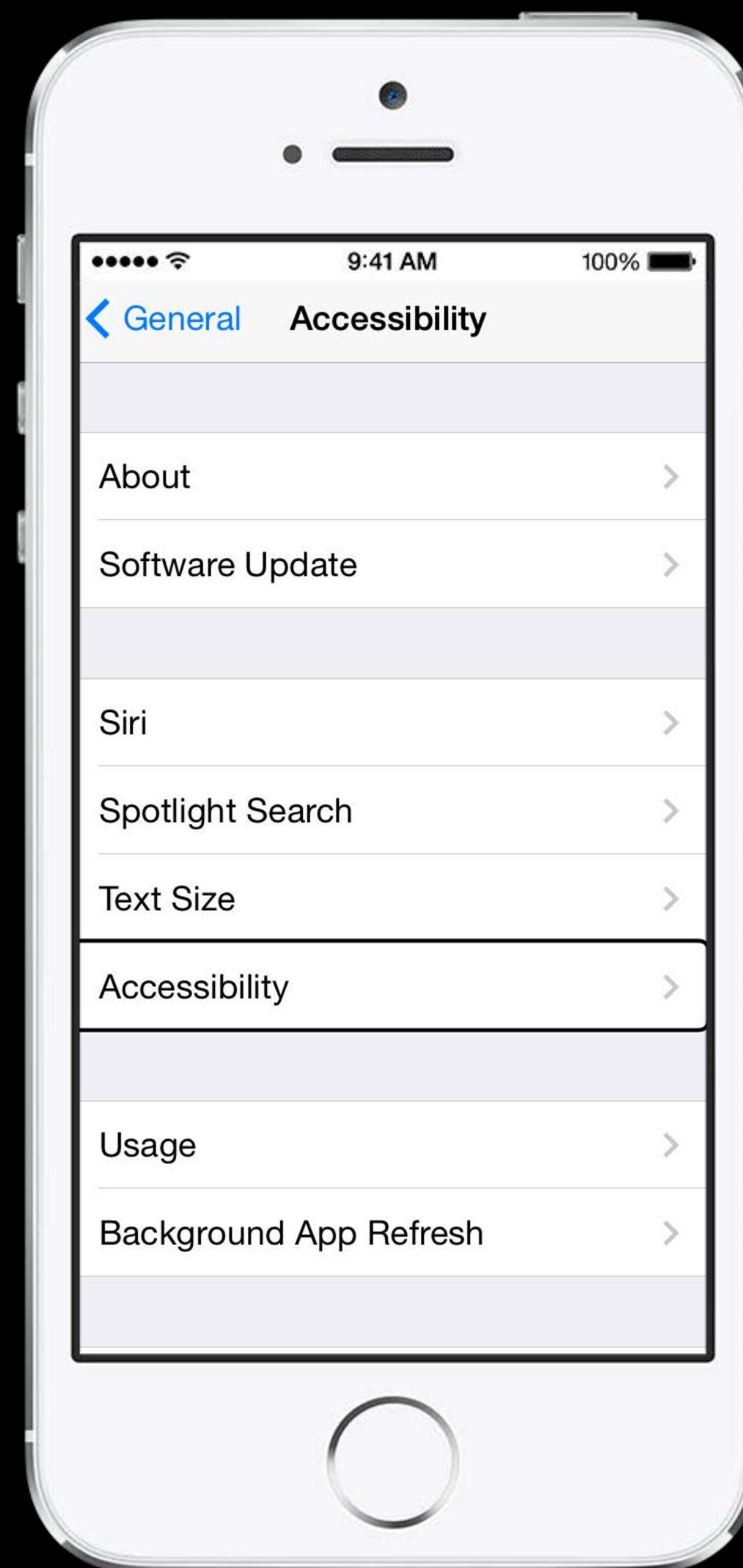
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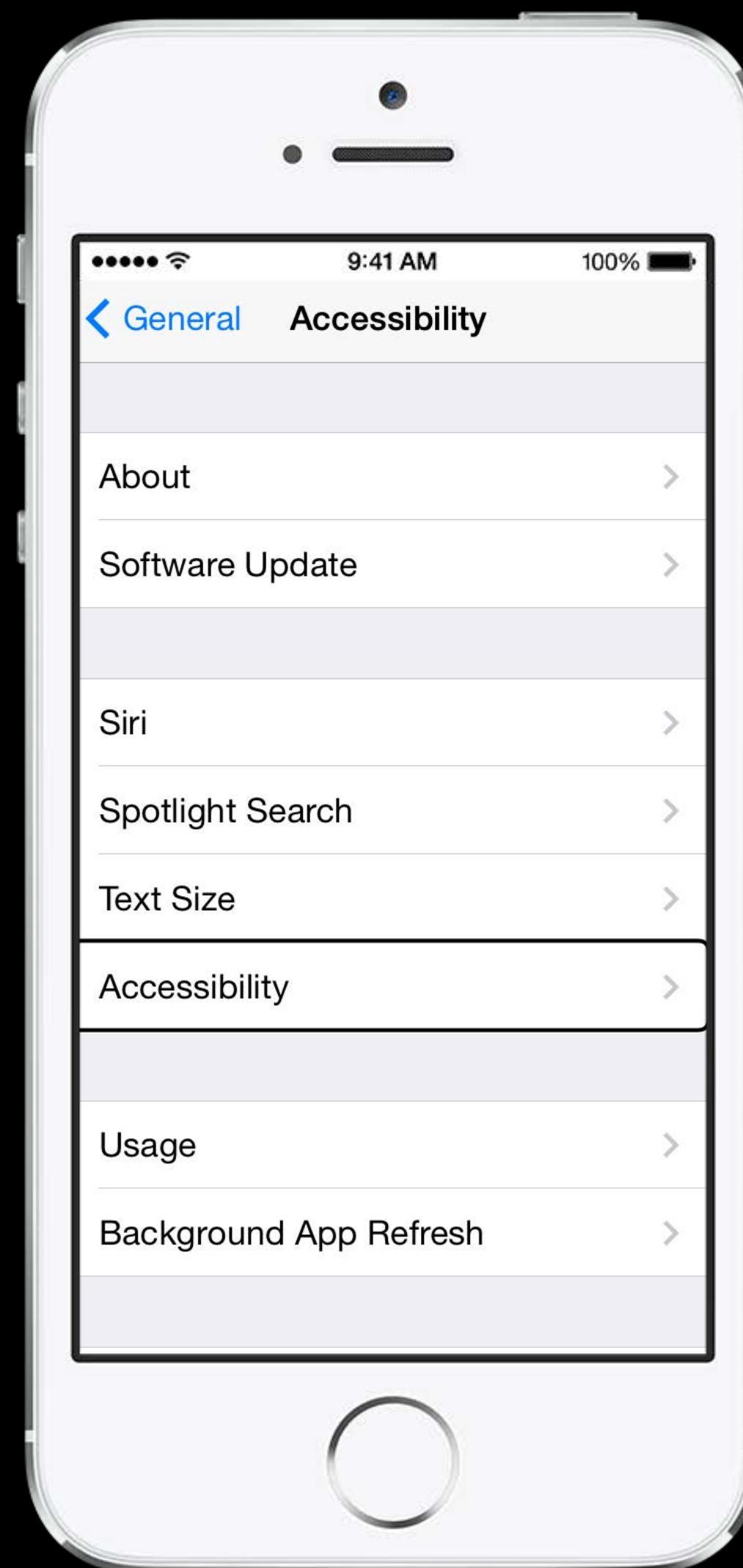


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Tap: select and speak

Double tap: activate

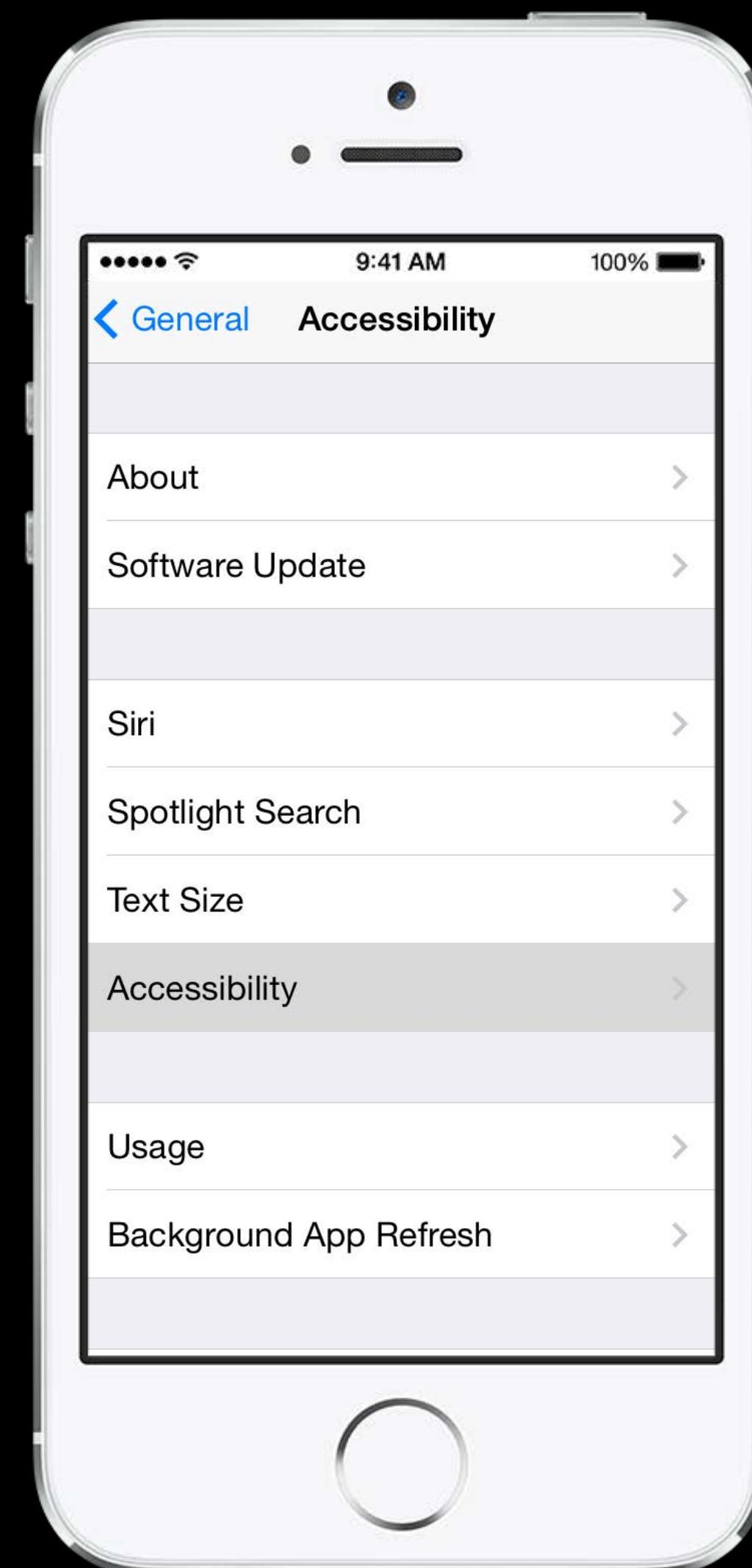


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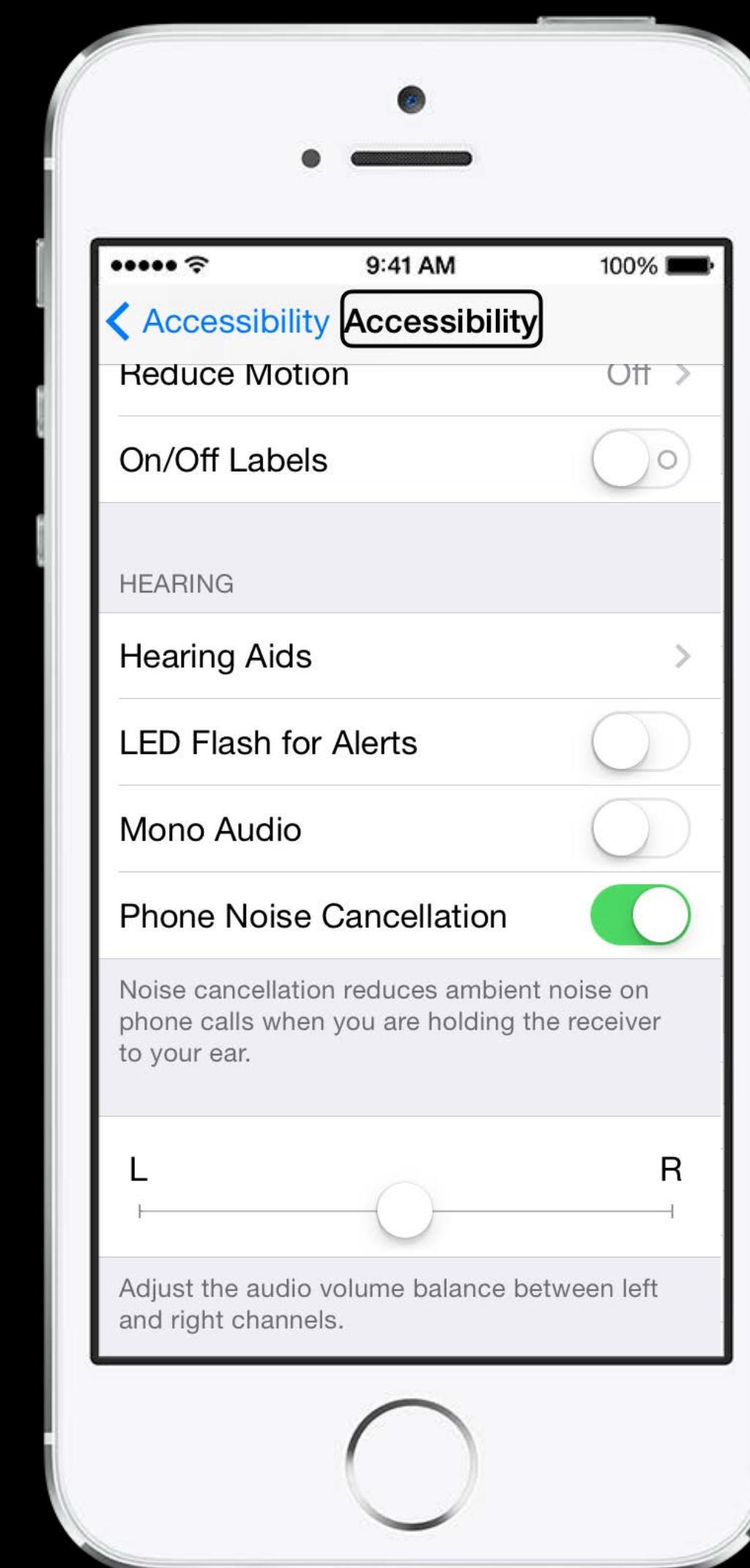
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Demo

Semantic accessibility audit

Basic Accessibility API

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```
@property(nonatomic) BOOL isAccessibilityElement;
```

Return YES to make a view visible to an assistive technology

Default is YES for controls and labels

Basic Accessibility API

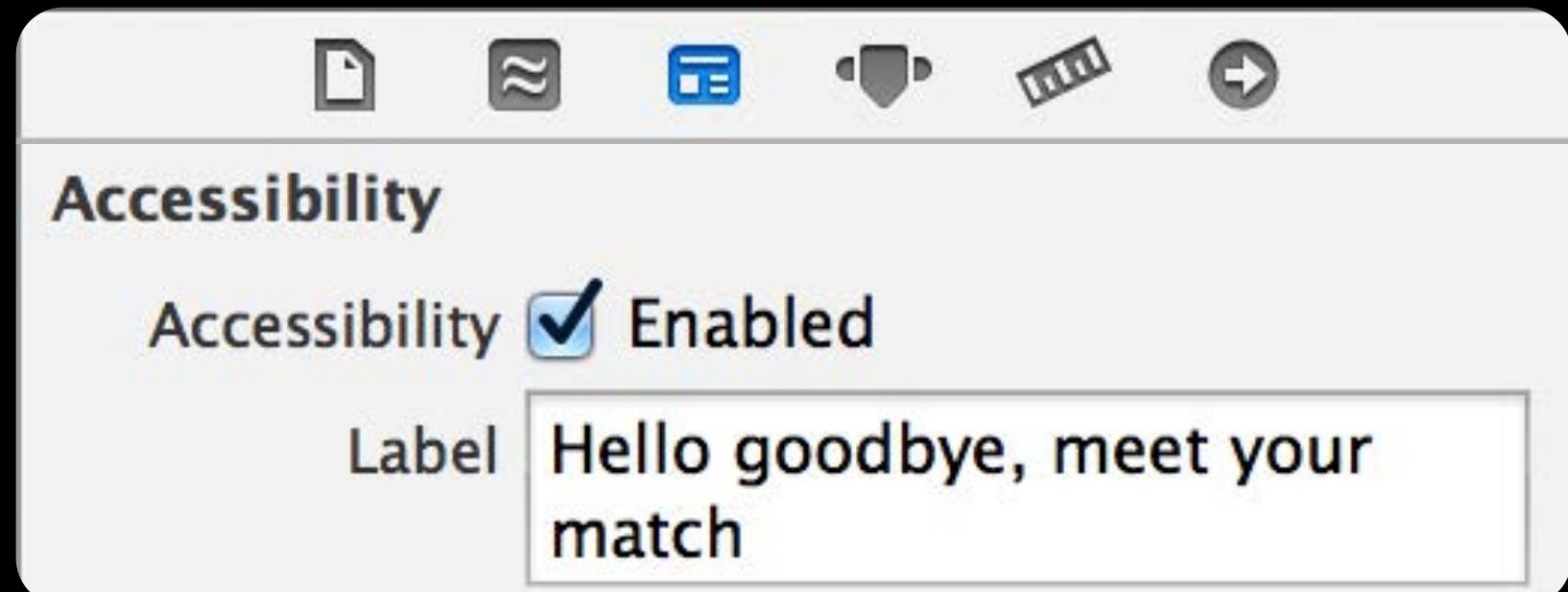
@property(nonatomic, copy) NSString *accessibilityLabel;

Return a description of the view

Spoken by VoiceOver

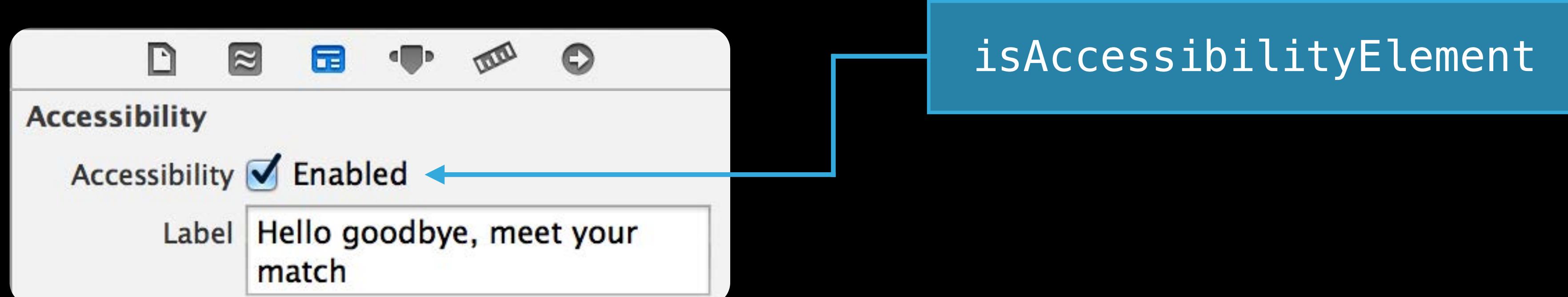
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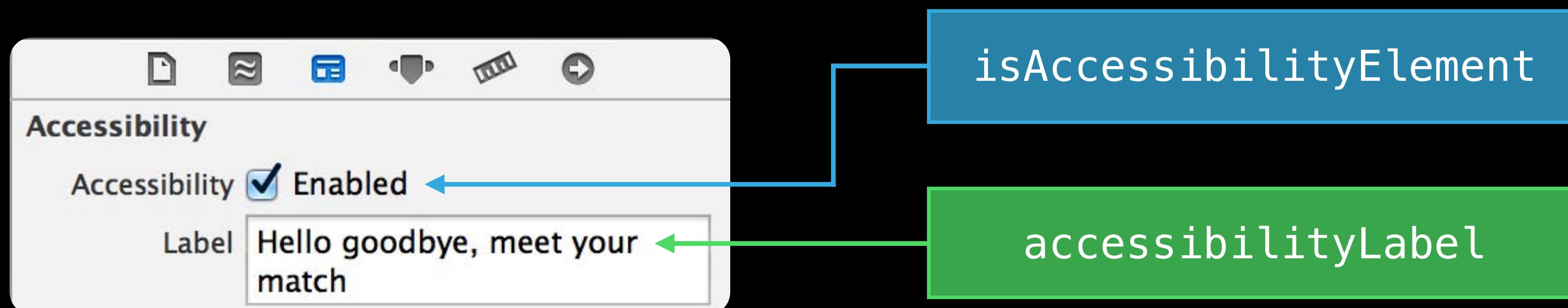
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Basic Accessibility API

Code

```
view.isAccessibilityElement = YES;  
view.accessibilityLabel = @"Profile photo";
```

Demo

Basic accessibility API

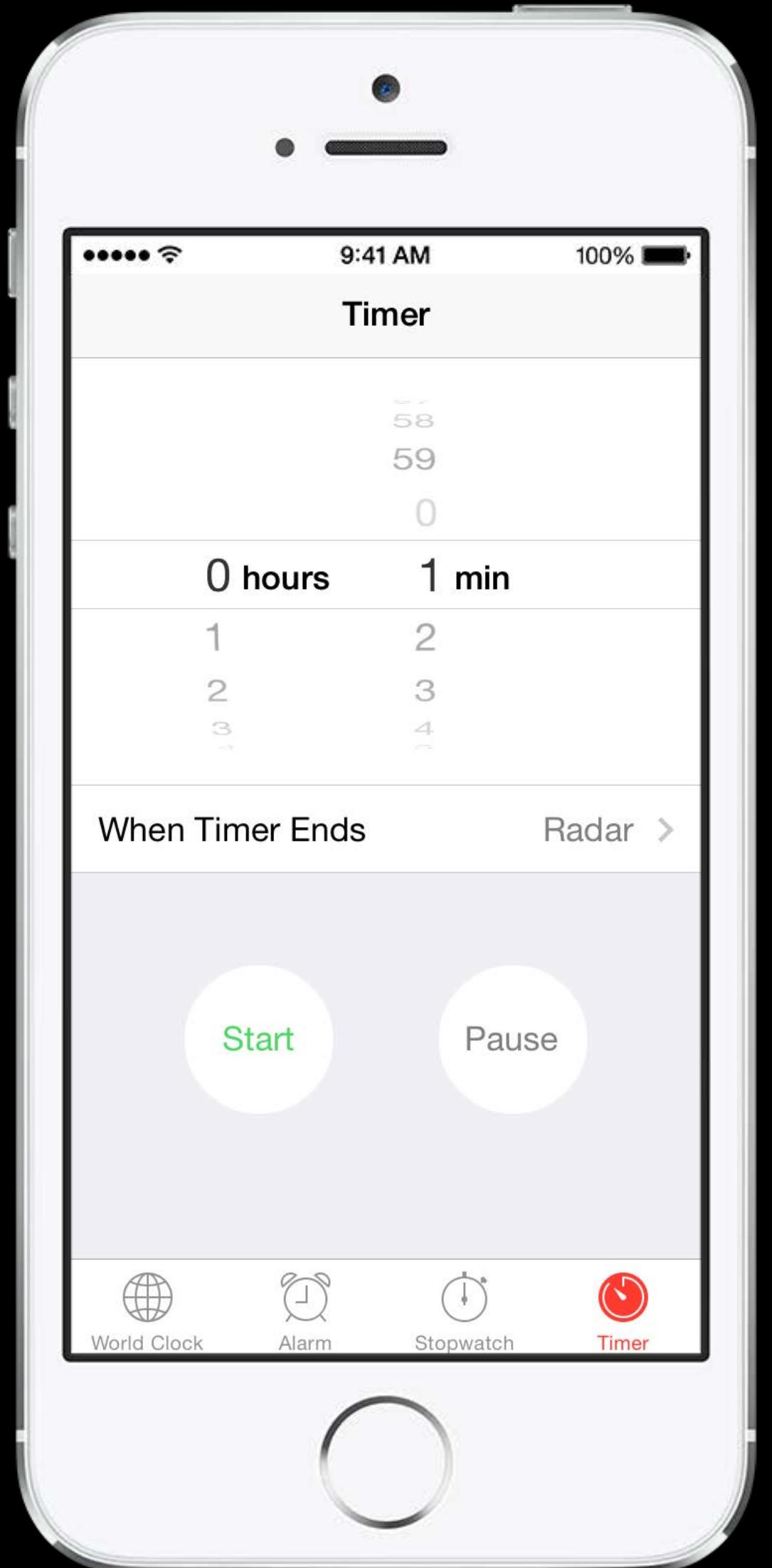
Accessibility API for Custom UI

Accessibility Traits

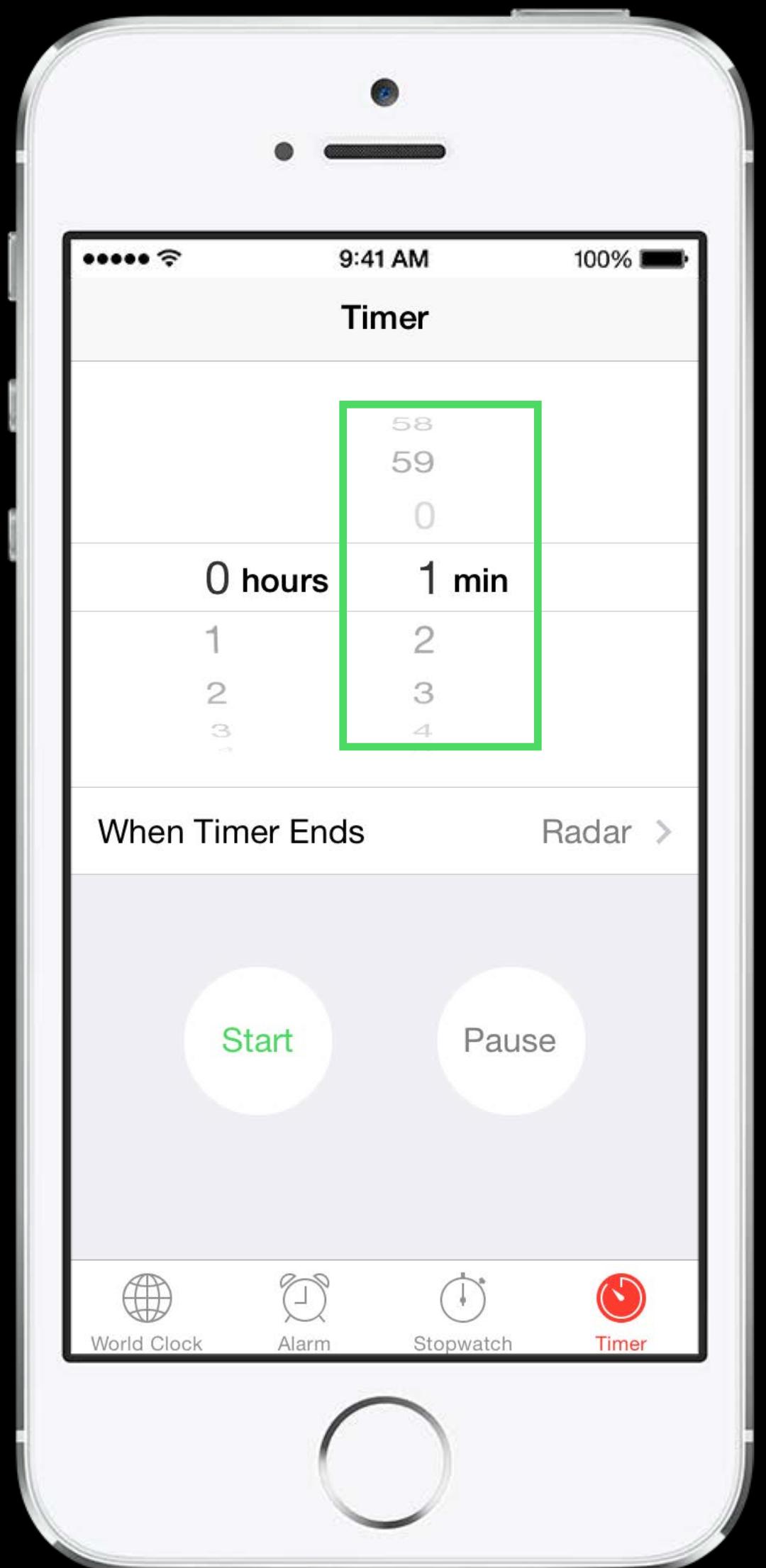
```
@property(nonatomic) UIAccessibilityTraits accessibilityTraits;
```

Describe the function of a view

Accessibility Traits

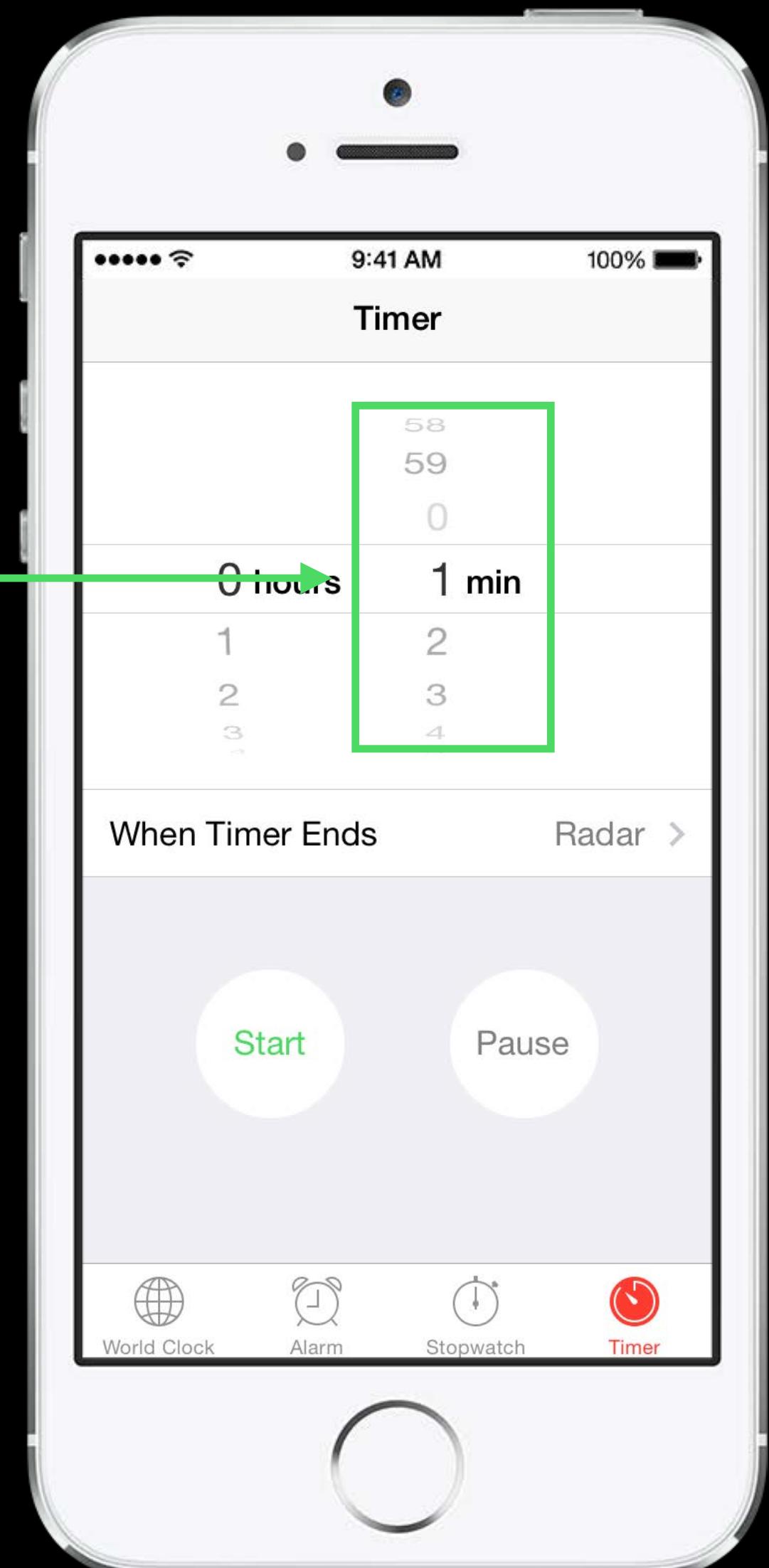


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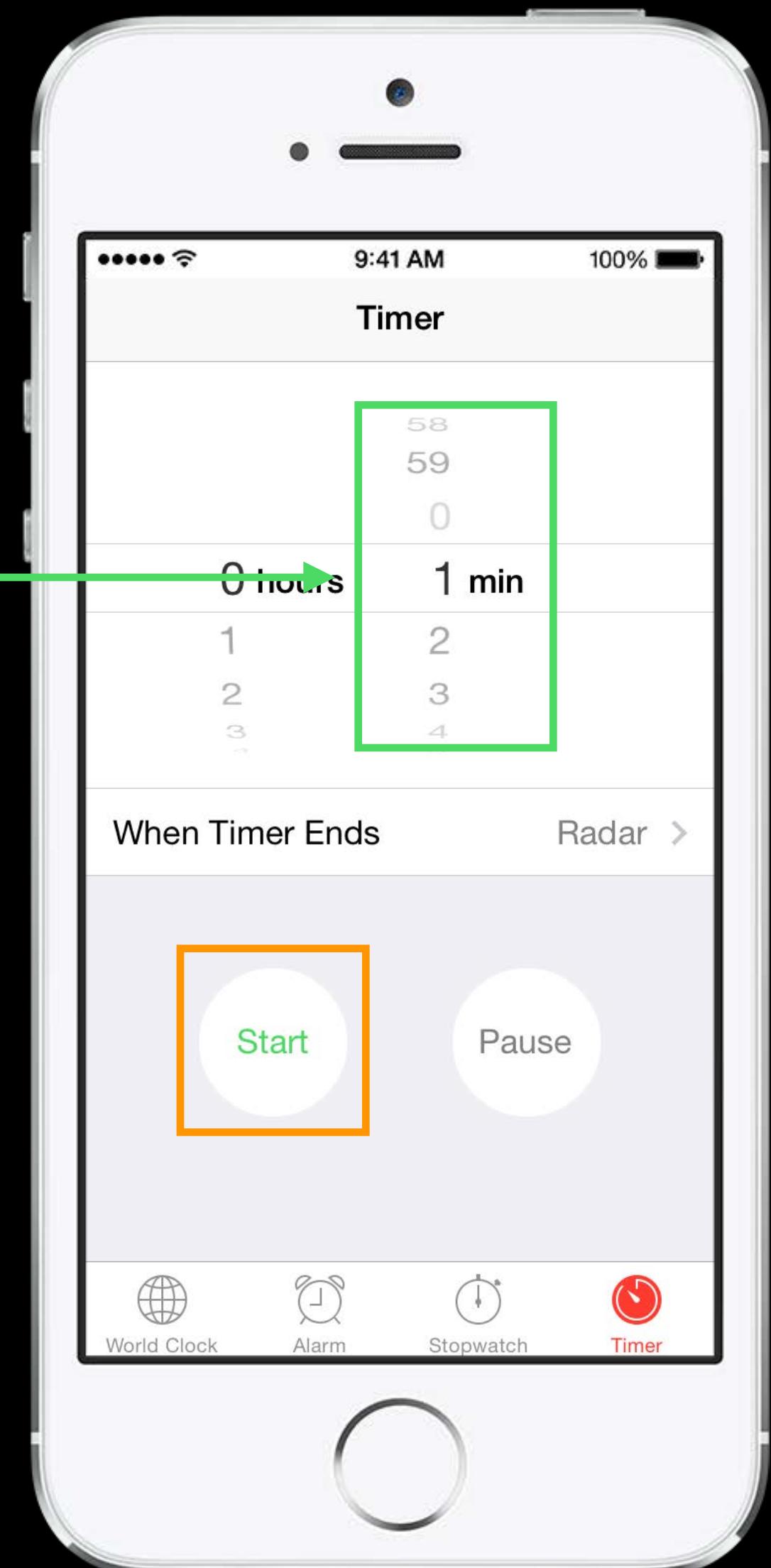
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UIAccessibilityTraitAdjustable

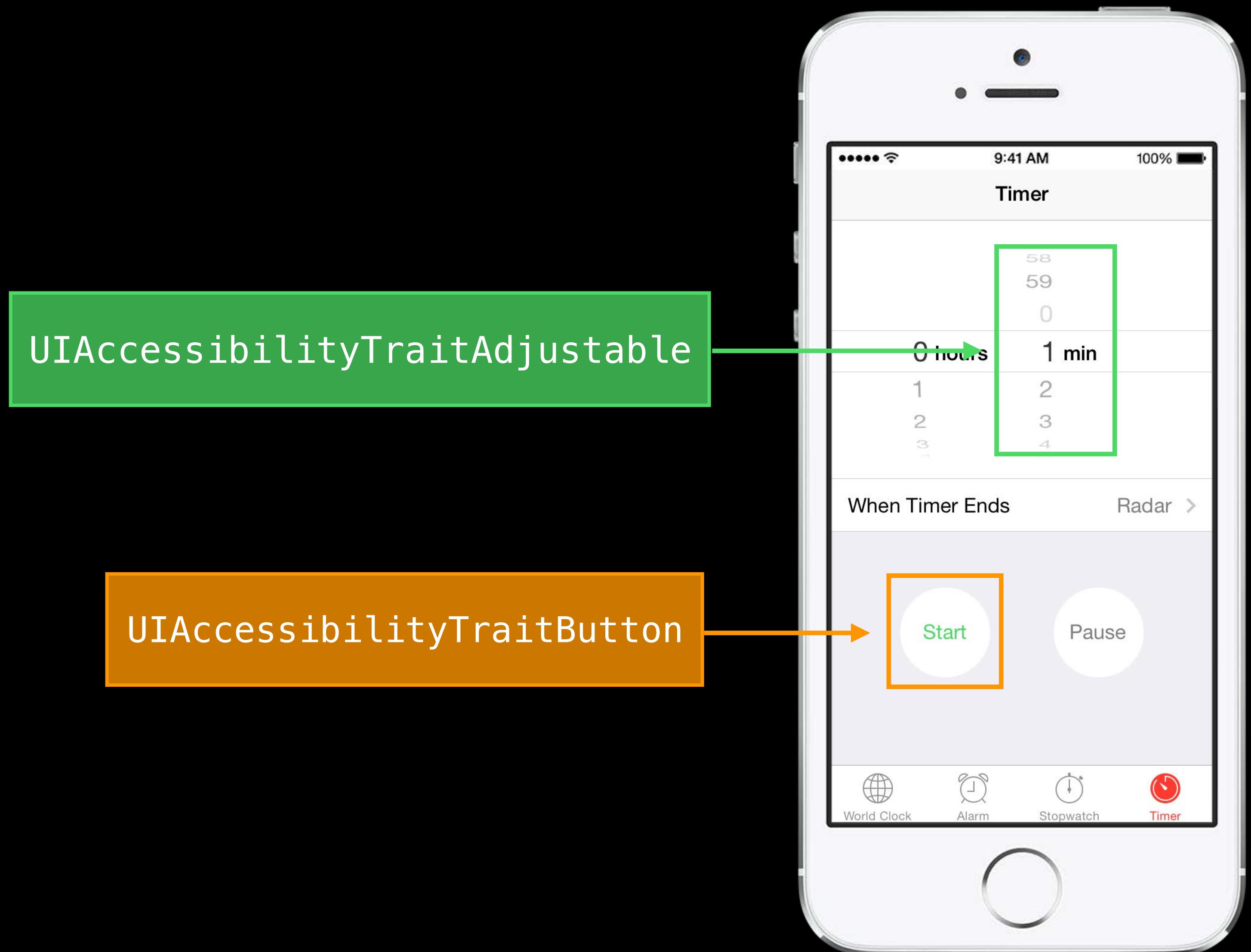


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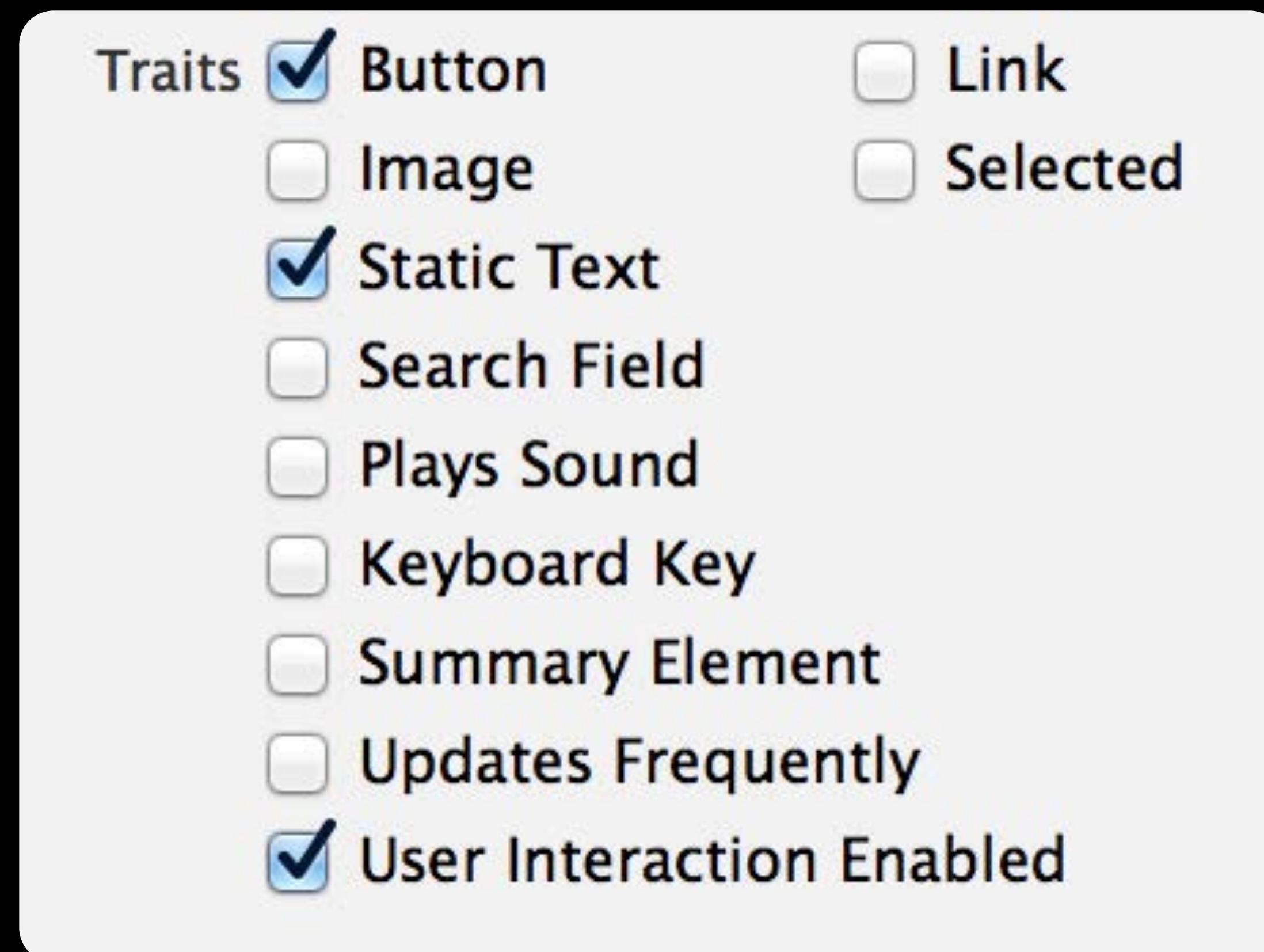


Accessibility Traits



Accessibility Traits

Interface Builder



Accessibility Traits

Code

```
view.accessibilityTraits = (view.accessibilityTraits |  
UIAccessibilityTraitButton);
```

Accessibility Value

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```
@property(nonatomic, copy) NSString *accessibilityValue;
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Use with UIAccessibilityTraitAdjustable

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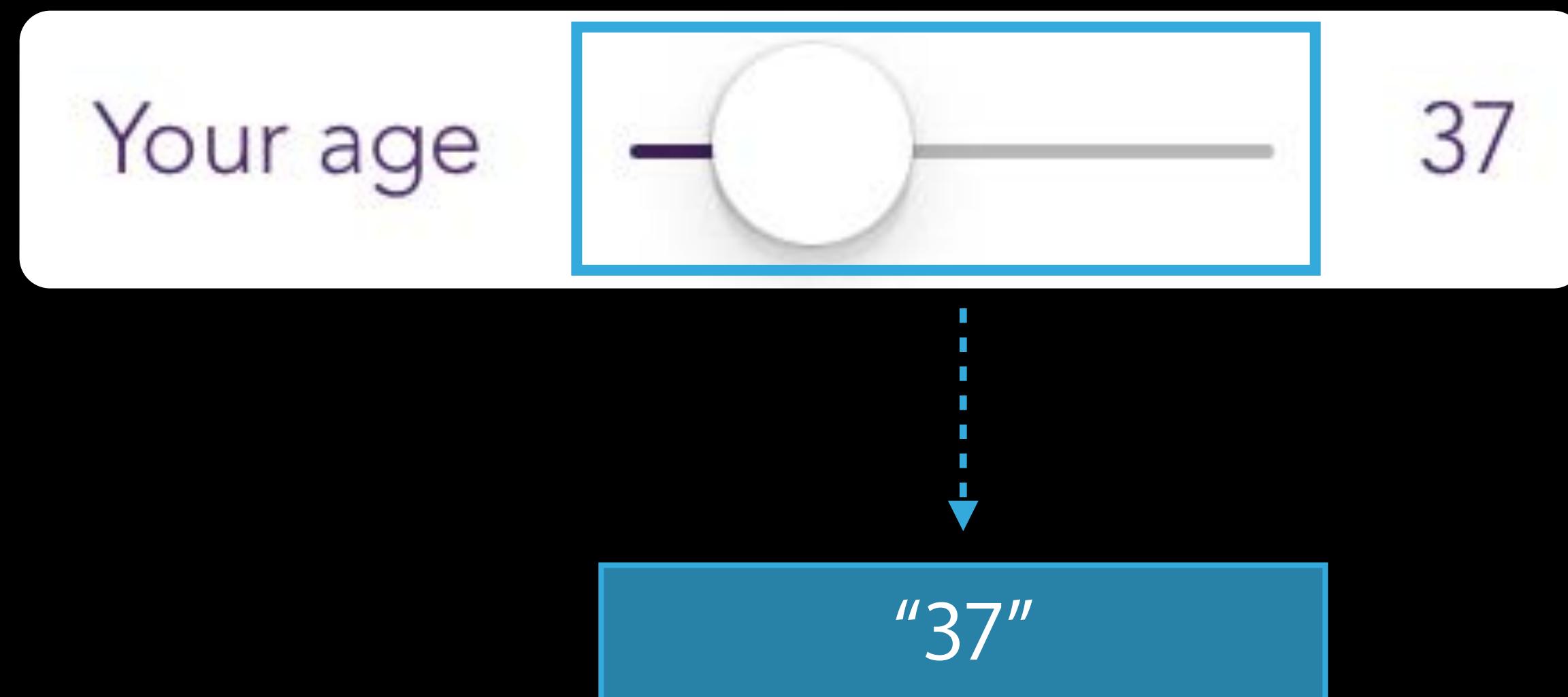
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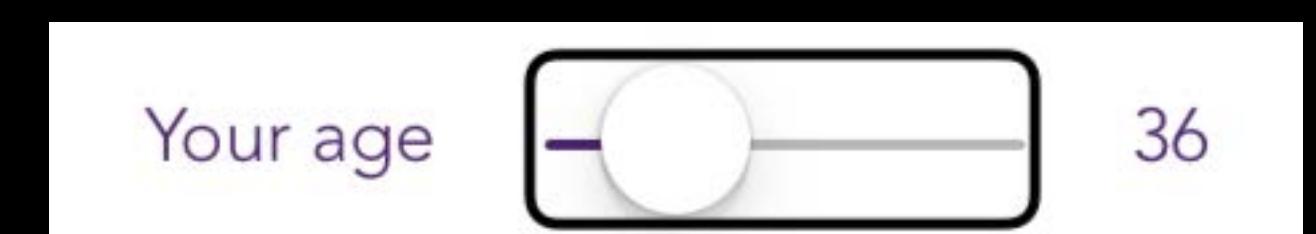


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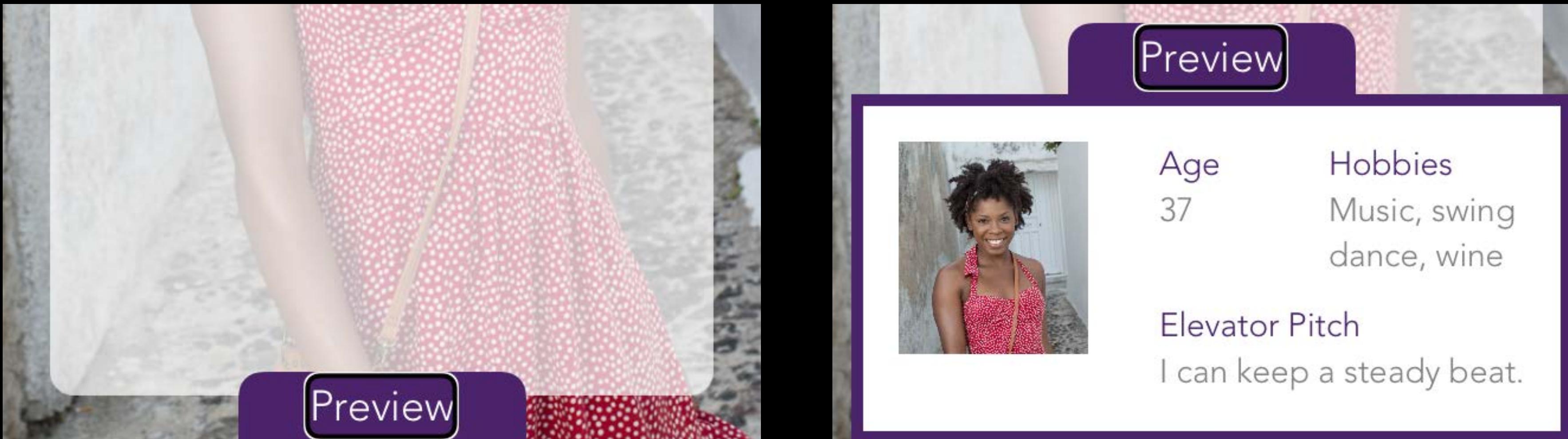
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Accessibility Actions

- `(BOOL)accessibilityActivate;`

Provide a default action for views requiring a specific gesture



Accessibility Notifications

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Notify assistive technology of a change

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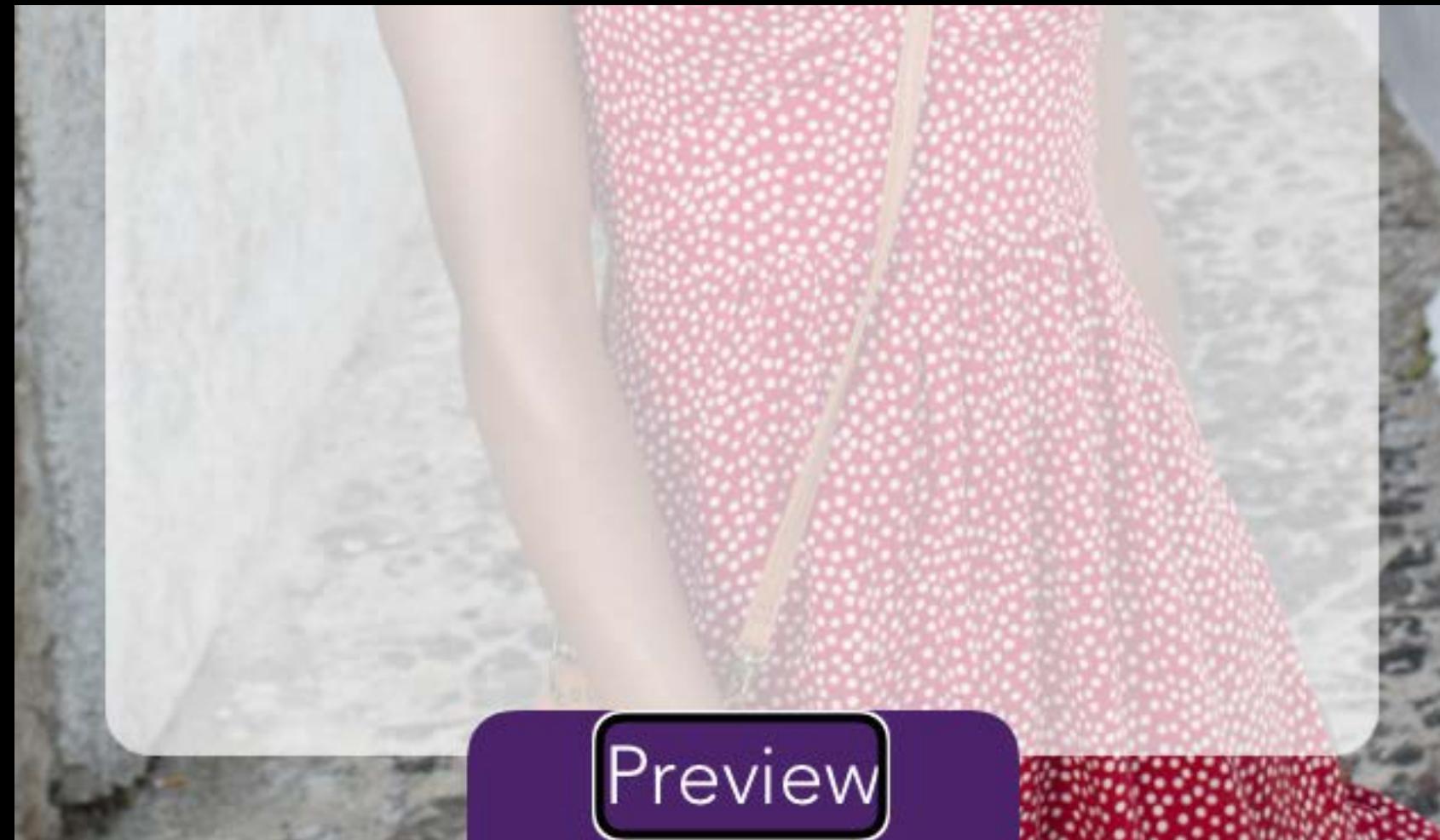
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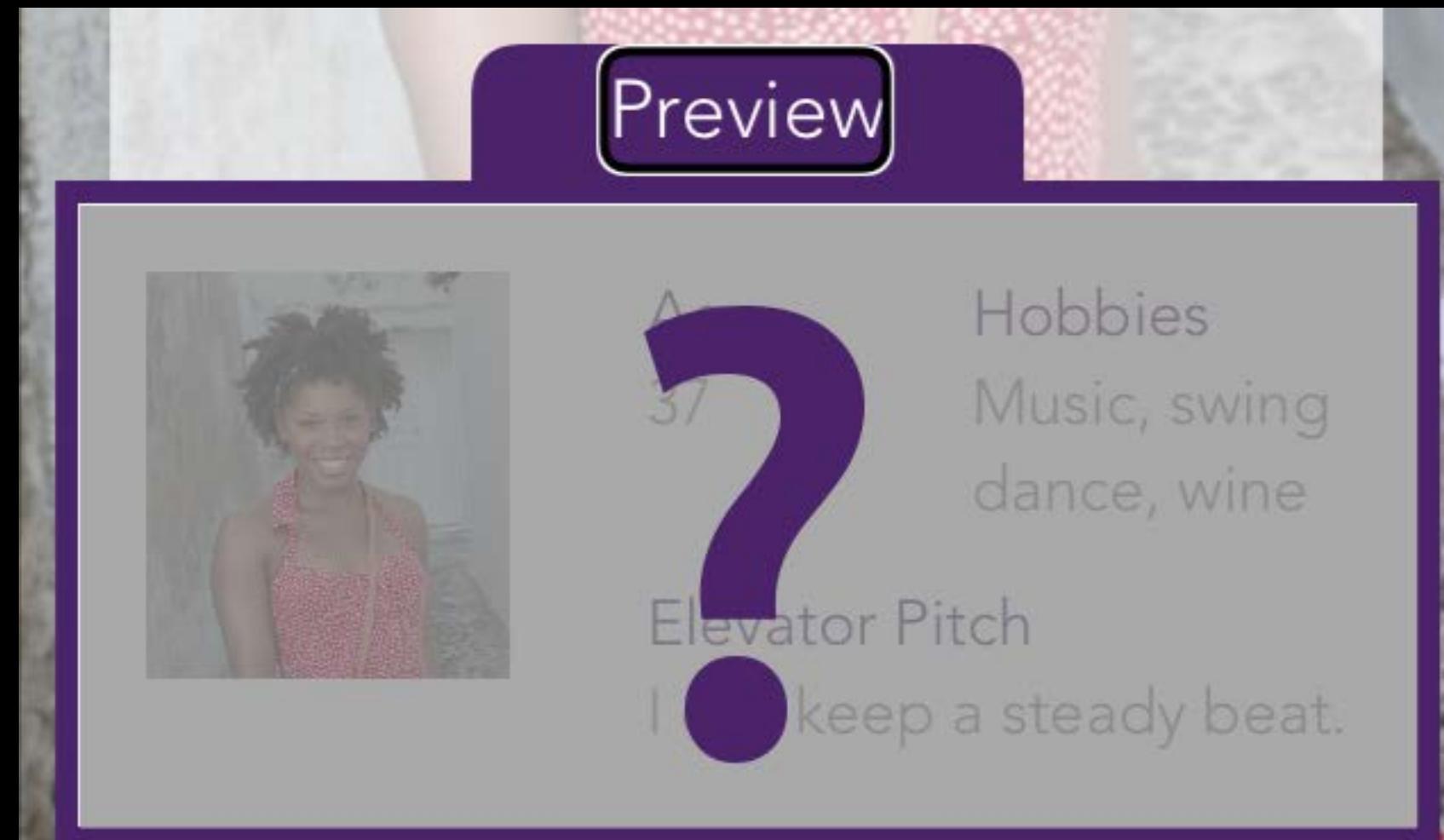
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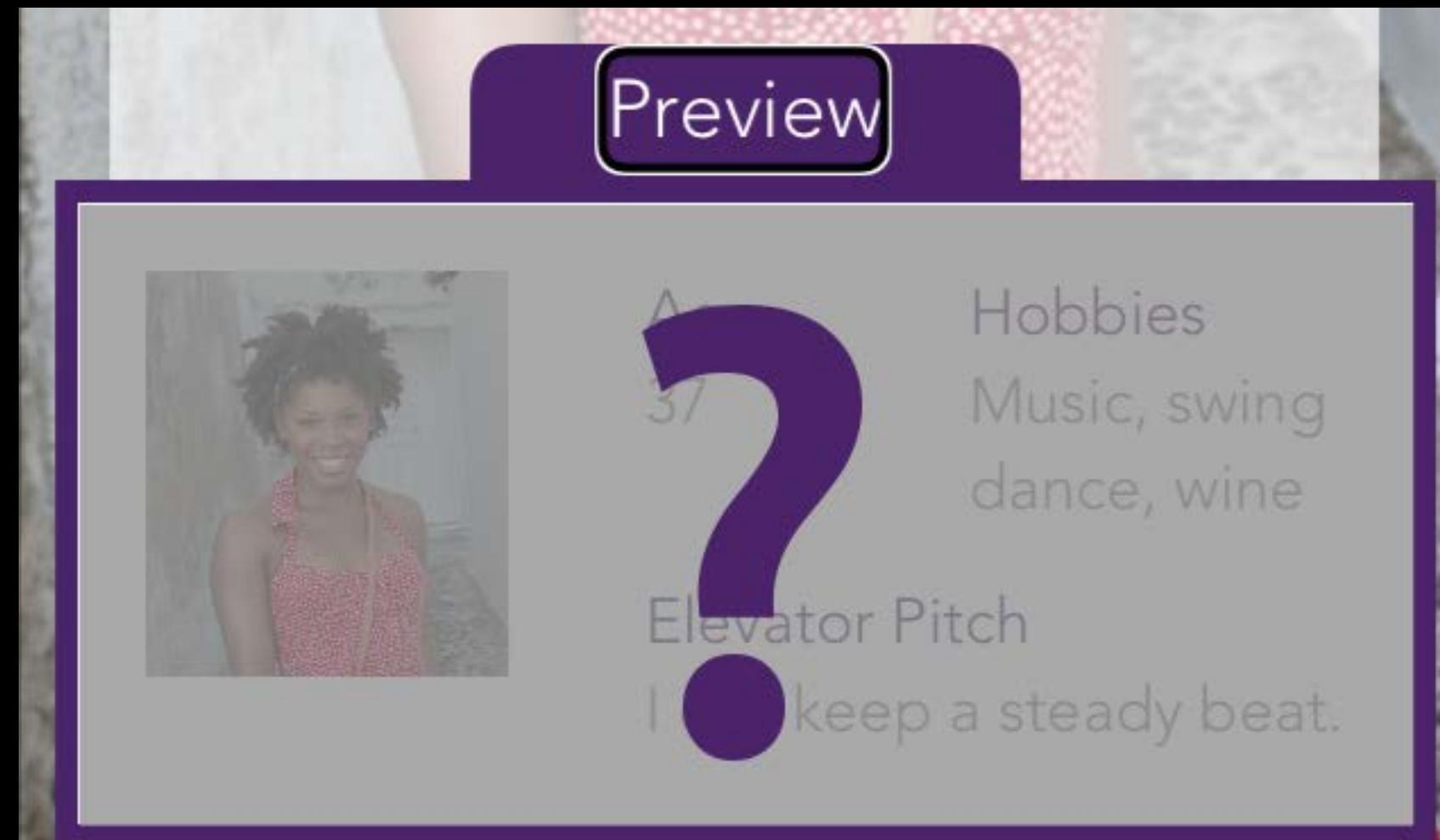
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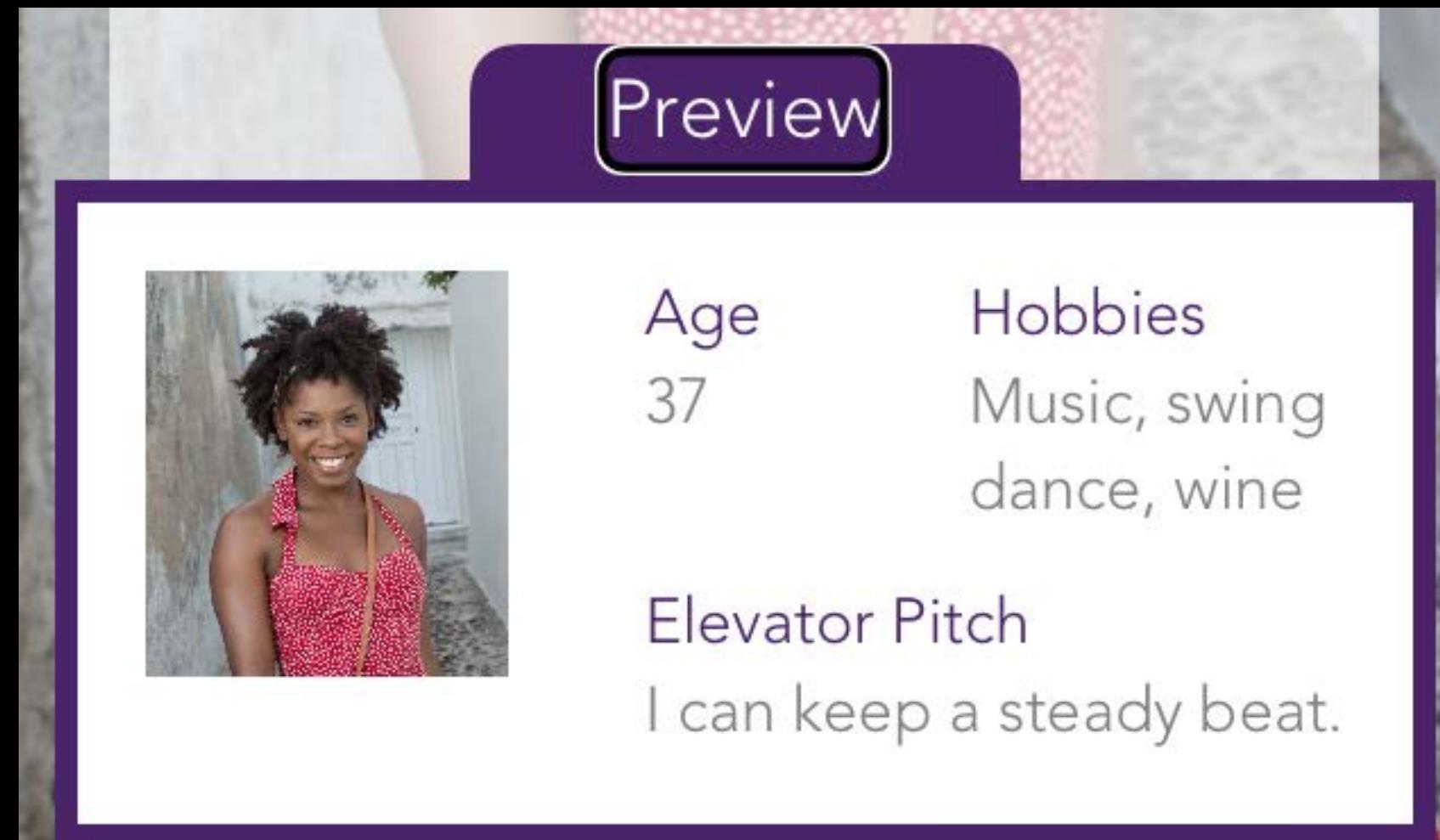


```
UIAccessibilityPostNotification(UIAccessibilityLayoutChangedNotification,  
nil);
```

Accessibility Notifications

Notify assistive technology of a change

`UIAccessibilityLayoutChangedNotification`



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Demo

Accessibility API for custom UI

New Accessibility API

UIAccessibilityContainer

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Return a list of accessibility elements from a view

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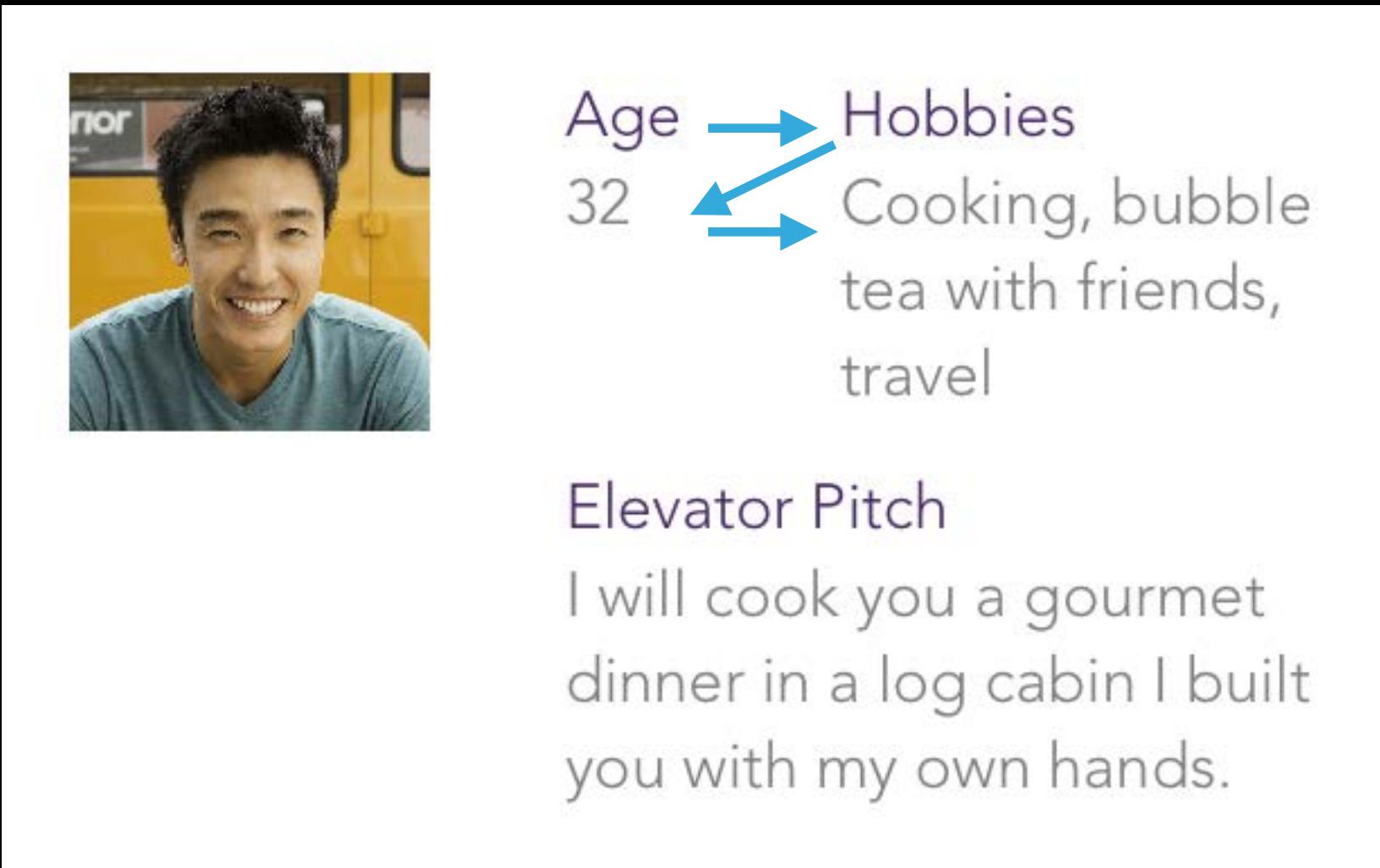
See last year's talk for example

UIAccessibilityContainer

Can be used to sort existing elements

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Age → Hobbies
32 ← Cooking, bubble tea with friends, travel

Elevator Pitch
I will cook you a gourmet dinner in a log cabin I built you with my own hands.

UIAccessibilityContainer

Can be used to sort existing elements



Age 32

Hobbies
Cooking, bubble tea with friends, travel

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Diagram: A diagram showing the relationship between age and hobbies. 'Age' and '32' are connected by a double-headed blue arrow, and 'Hobbies' and 'Cooking, bubble tea with friends, travel' are also connected by a double-headed blue arrow.



Age 32

Hobbies
Cooking, bubble tea with friends, travel

Elevator Pitch
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Diagram: A diagram showing the relationship between age and hobbies. 'Age' and '32' are connected by a single blue arrow pointing downwards, and 'Hobbies' and 'Cooking, bubble tea with friends, travel' are also connected by a single blue arrow pointing downwards.

UIAccessibilityContainer



```
@interface NSObject (UIAccessibilityContainer)
```

- (NSInteger)accessibilityElementCount;
- (id)accessibilityElementAtIndex:(NSInteger)index;
- (NSInteger)indexOfAccessibilityElement:(id)element;

```
@end
```

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```
@property (nonatomic, strong) NSArray *accessibilityElements;
```

```
@end
```

UIAccessibilityCustomAction



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More than one action for an element

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More than one action for an element

App switcher: launch or close app



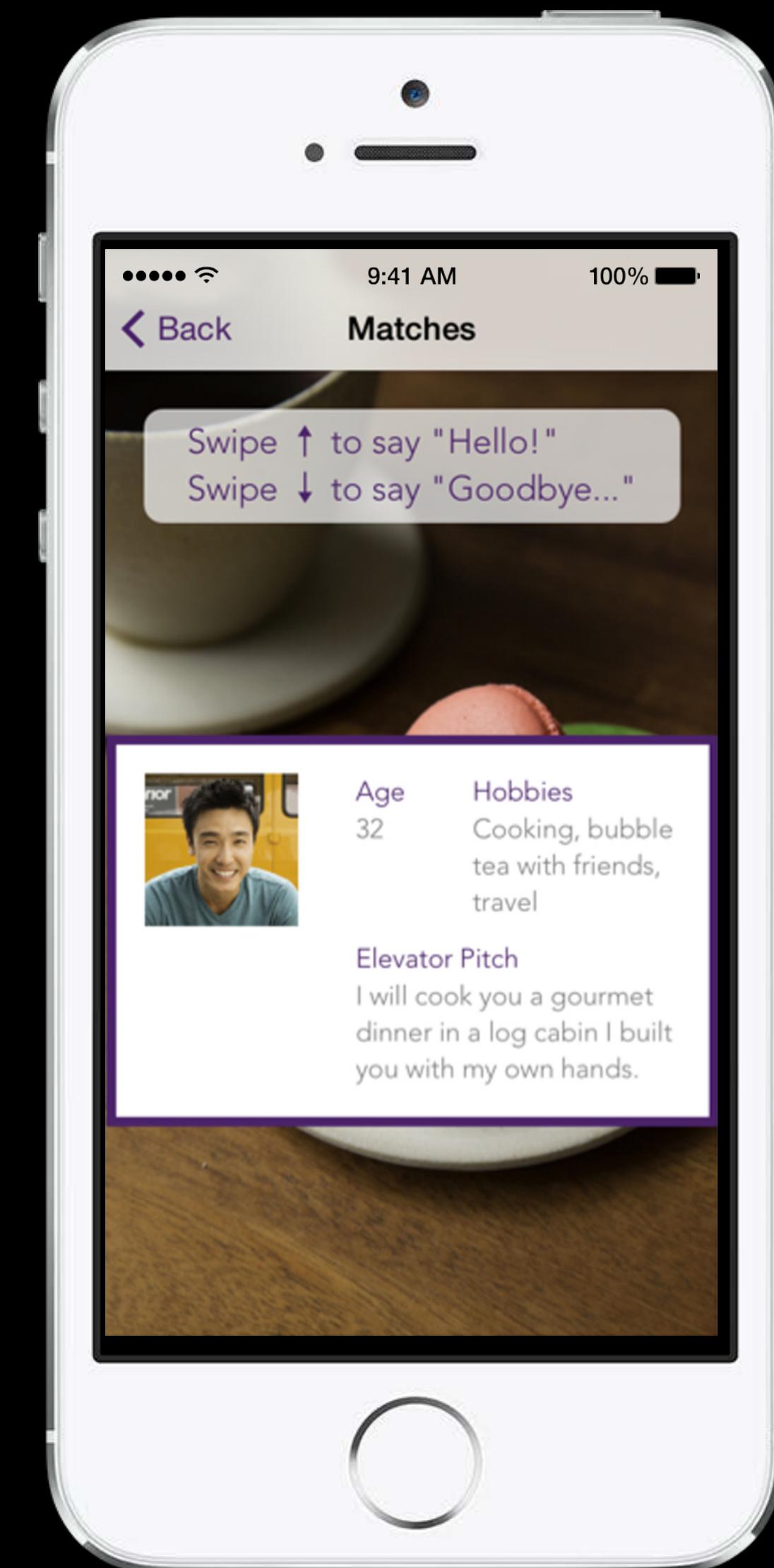
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More than one action for an element

App switcher: launch or close app

Say hello or goodbye to a match



UIAccessibilityCustomAction



```
@interface UIAccessibilityCustomAction : NSObject  
  
- (instancetype)initWithName:(NSString *)name target:(id)target selector:(SEL)selector;  
  
@property (nonatomic, copy) NSString *name;  
@property (nonatomic, weak) id target;  
@property (nonatomic, assign) SEL selector;  
  
@end
```

UIAccessibilityCustomAction



```
@property (nonatomic, retain) NSArray *accessibilityCustomActions;
```

Demo

New accessibility API

Summary



Summary

iOS users are diverse



Summary

iOS users are diverse

Widen your user base



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Widen your user base

Low effort, high reward



More Information

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Documentation
Accessibility Programming Guide for iOS
<https://developer.apple.com/library/ios/documentation/UserExperience/Conceptual/iPhoneAccessibility>

Apple Developer Forums
<http://devforums.apple.com>

Related Sessions

- Accessibility on OS X Russian Hill Tuesday 2:00PM
 - Designing for the Sensitive Mind: The Digital Experience in the Autistic Spectrum Presidio Wednesday 12:45PM
 - Improving the Accessibility and Usability of Complex Web Applications Marina Friday 9:00AM
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Labs

- Accessibility and Speech Lab
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Frameworks Lab B Wednesday 10:15AM

