

Using iCloud with Core Data

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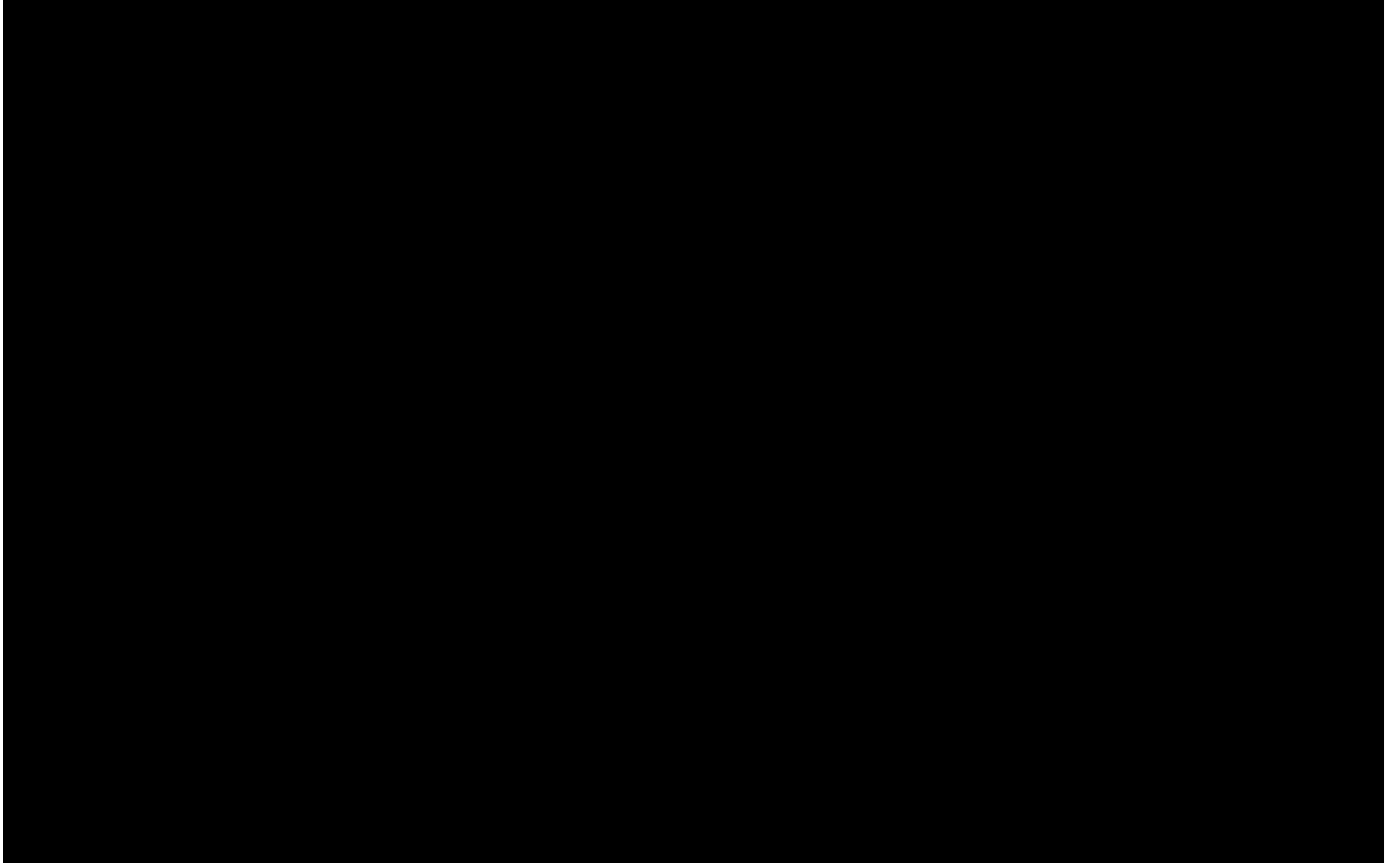
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Introduction

- Take app from idea to iCloud
- Beyond the API
- Real-world strategies



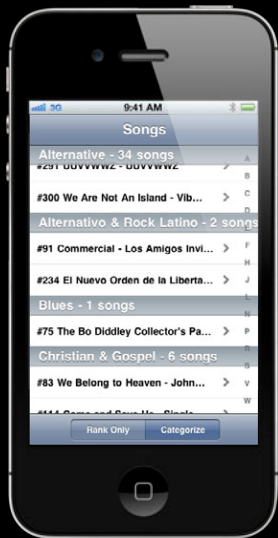


Sample Code

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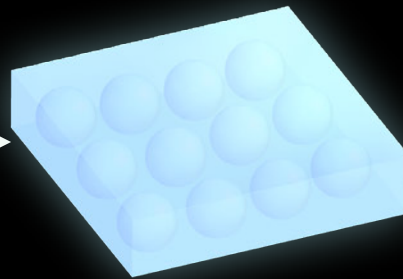
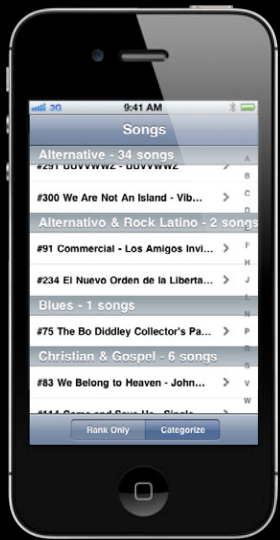
Before We Begin...

Core Data



Persistent Store

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Managed Object Context



Persistent Store

Core Data + iCloud



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Core Data iCloud Features

- Per record conflict resolution
- Three-way merge

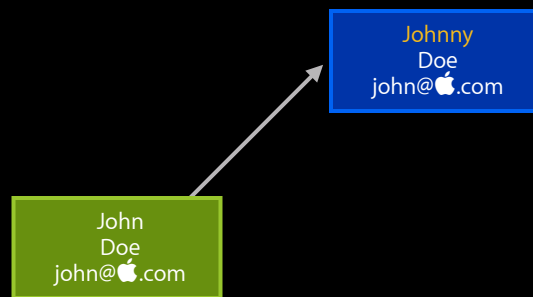
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Preserve changes between systems

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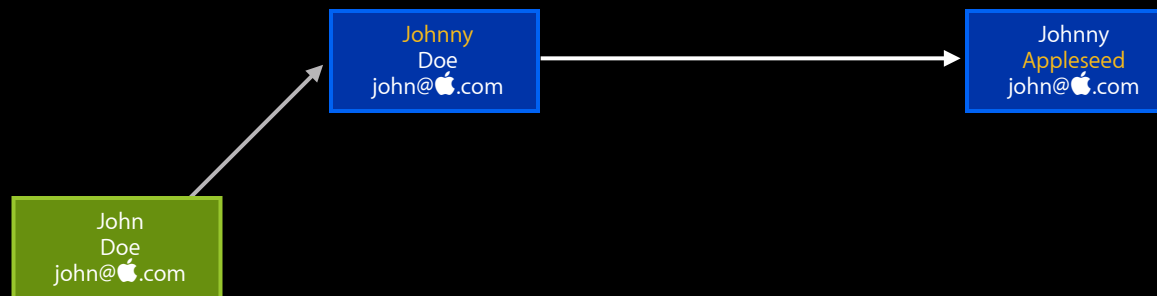
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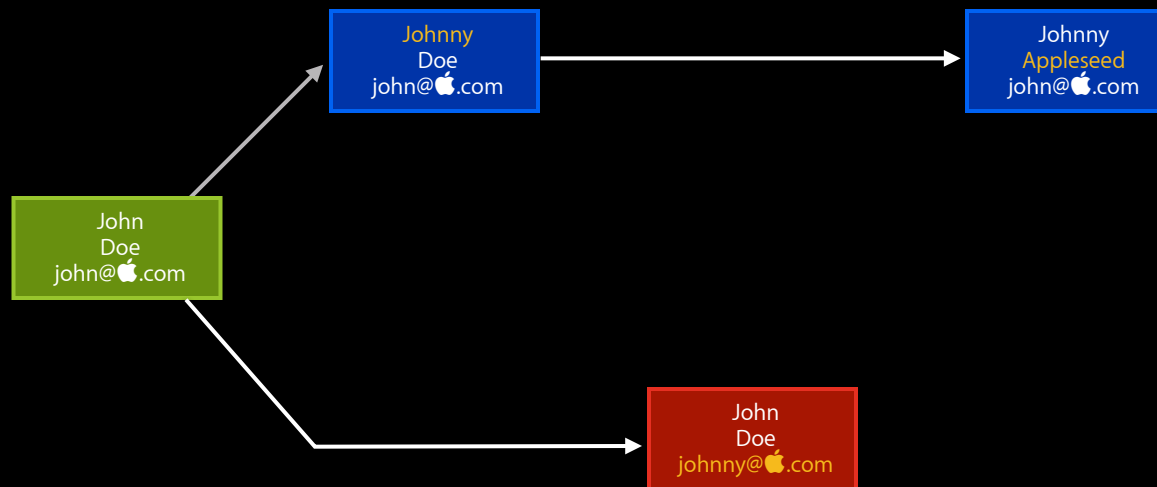
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Core Data iCloud Features

- Transfer incremental changes
- Asynchronous import
- Lightweight schema migration

What You Need

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 - Core Data project template (or Sample Code)
 - iCloud Entitlements



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- Provisioning Portal
 - App ID for iCloud
 - Provisioning Profile





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User Expectations

- What data in iCloud?
- Consider the variables
 - Network
 - Account
 - Data

Where Does the Data Go?

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- Where does app data live?
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- Data goes into iCloud



Persistent Store



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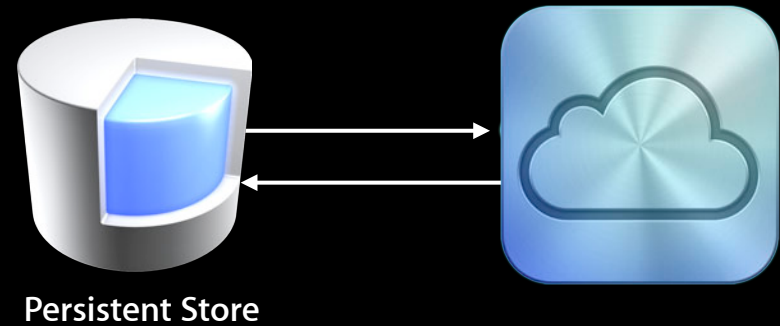
- Data goes into iCloud
- Not Persistent Store file!



Never open an
SQLite database in iCloud

What Goes into iCloud?

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- Not Persistent Store file!
- Data transferred as incremental changes via iCloud



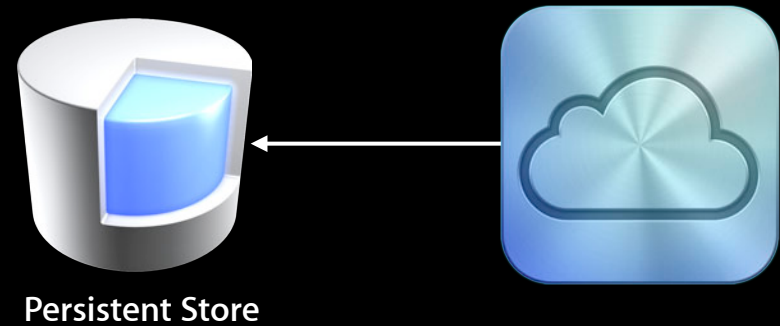
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- Data in iCloud
- Access via Persistent Store
- Rebuild from data in iCloud



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- Move store data into iCloud when enabled



iCloud-Enabled Store Location

- Your decision
- Determined by access needs
 - Access requires iCloud account?
 - Or, allow read-only access without account?



Put Store in iCloud Container

Requires iCloud account for access



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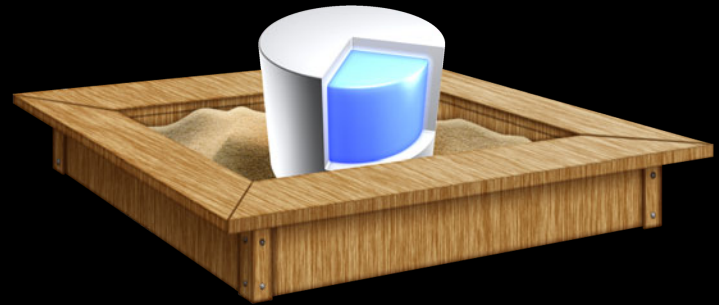
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- Simple
 - Guaranteed to match “ubiquitous content”
 - No iCloud? No store

Keep Store in Sandbox

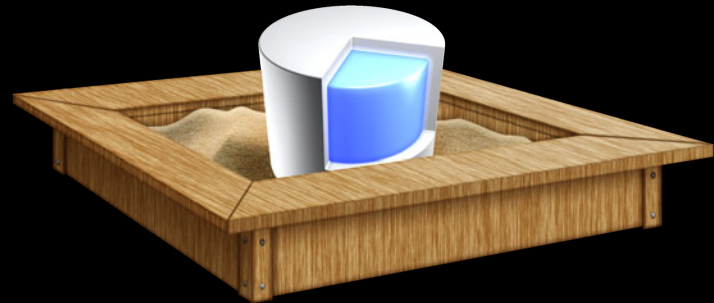
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Keep Store in Sandbox

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- Persistent store in App Sandbox, data in iCloud
- Store file survives account changes
- One store per-iCloud account
- Read-only access without account!
 - Use `NSReadOnlyPersistentStoreOption`
 - Optionally move data to fallback store



Partition Data

- Two Persistent Stores
 - One for local device data
 - One enables data in iCloud
- Use different models or configurations



Model Configurations

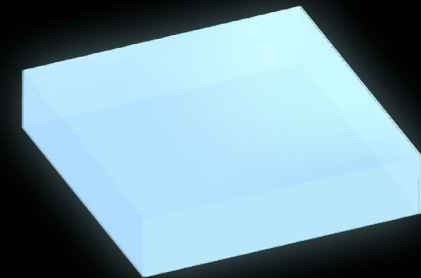
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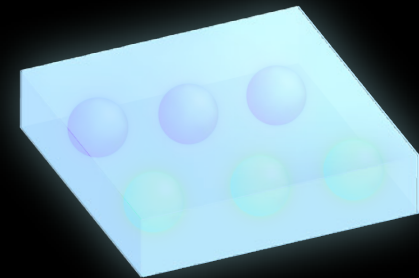
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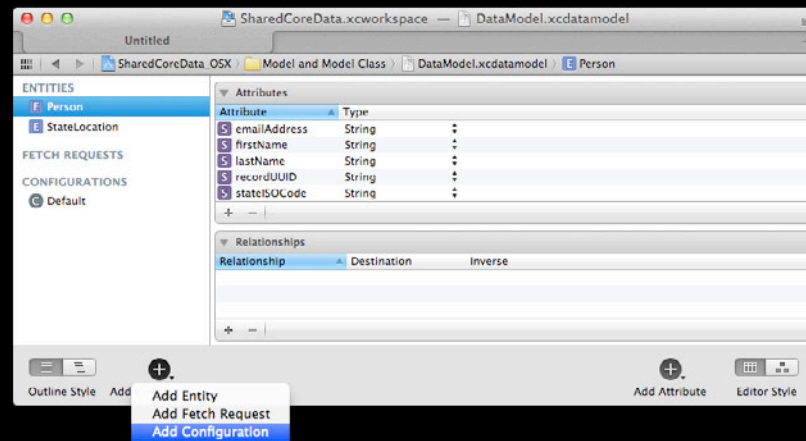
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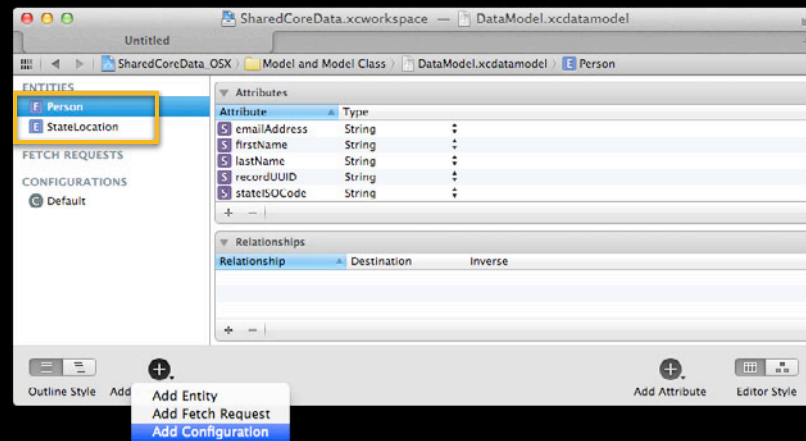
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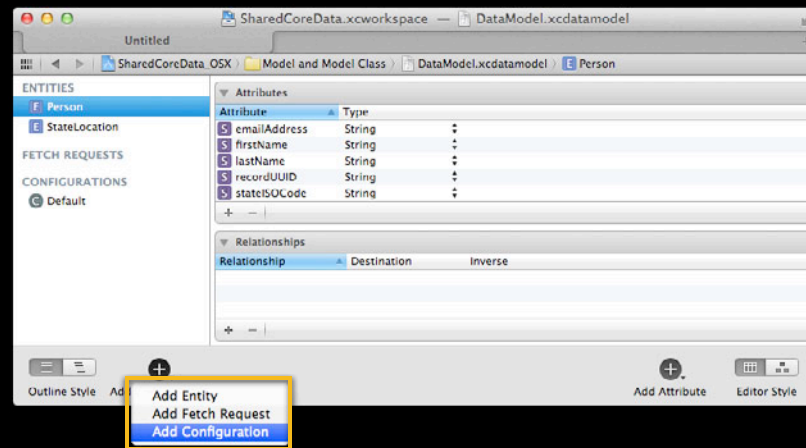
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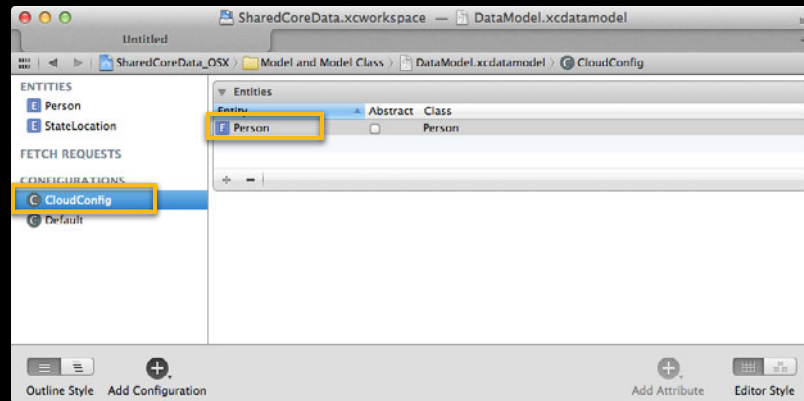
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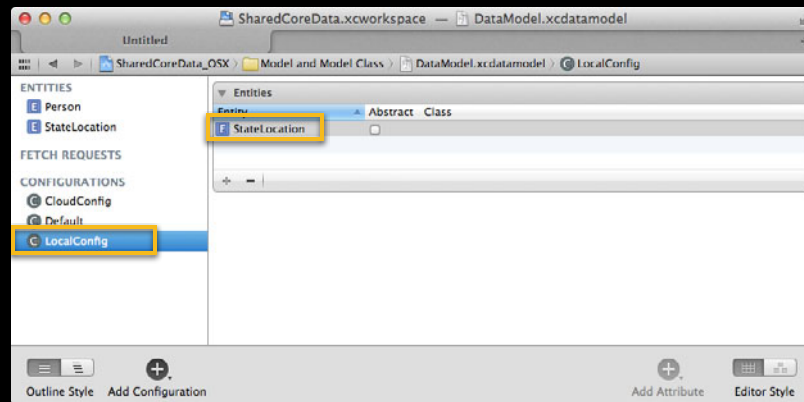
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localStore = [psc addPersistentStoreWithType: NSSQLiteStoreType
               configuration: @"LocalConfig"
               URL: localStoreURL
               options: localOptions
               error: &error];
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Summary

- User expectations
- Where data goes
- Store location trade-offs



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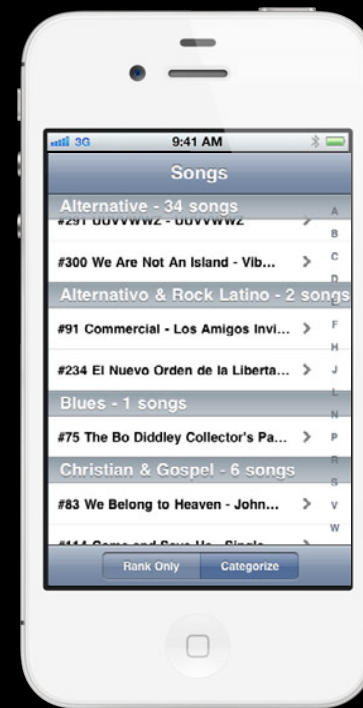
Launch Steps

- First launch?
- New device, existing data



Goals

- Get to full UI
- Evaluate status
 - Ready to go?
 - Seed?
 - Fallback?
- Stay responsive





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App Launch



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Signed In



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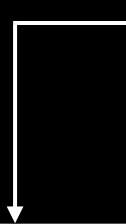
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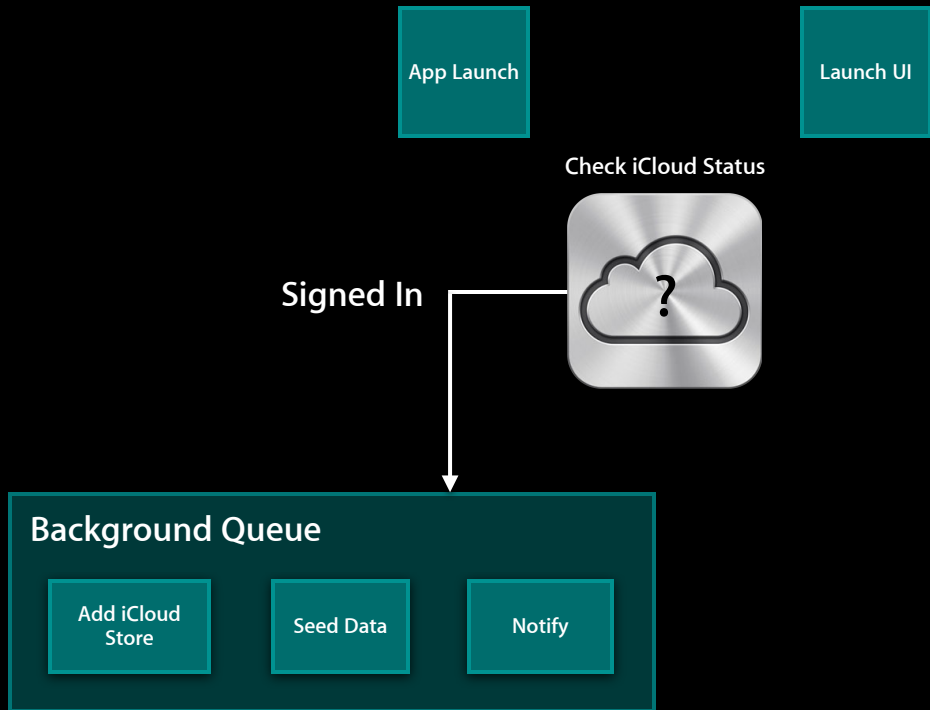


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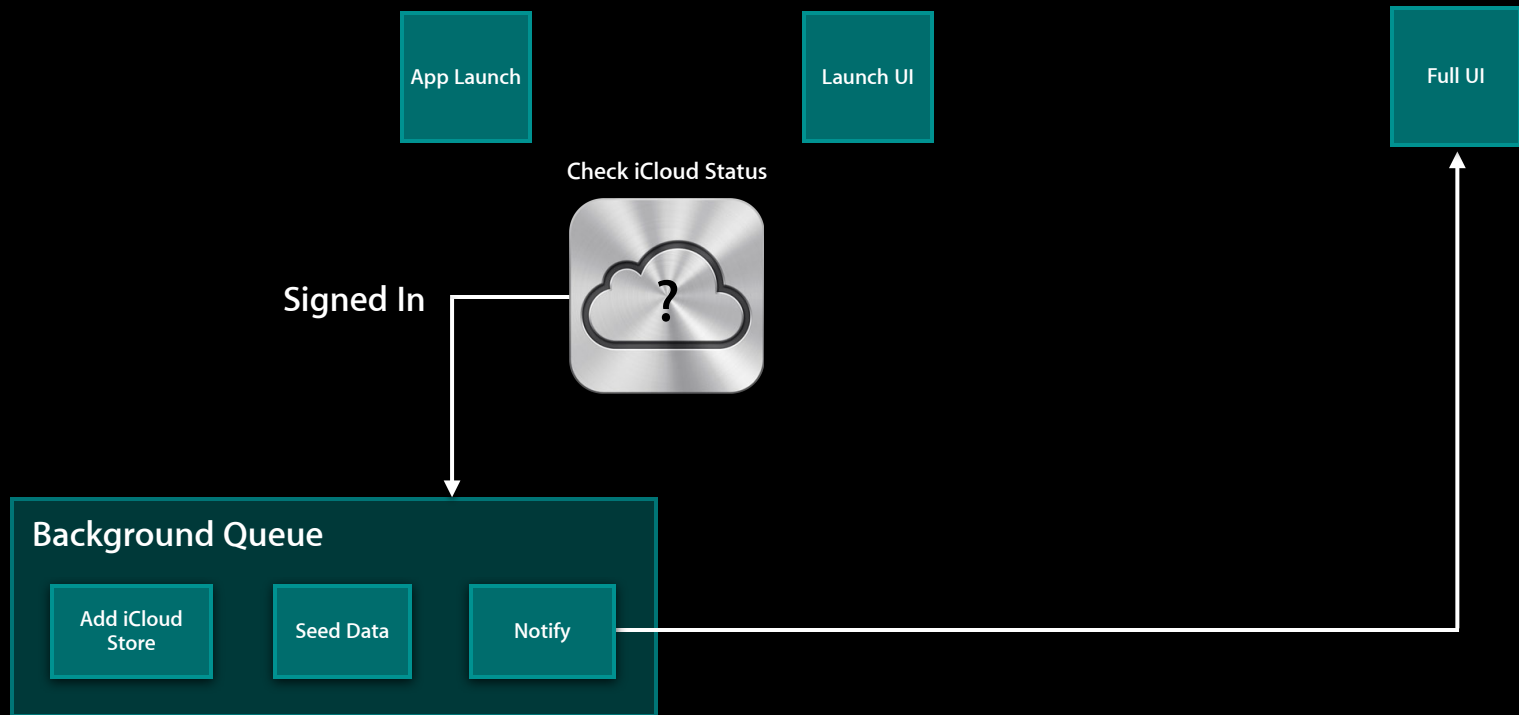


Background Queue

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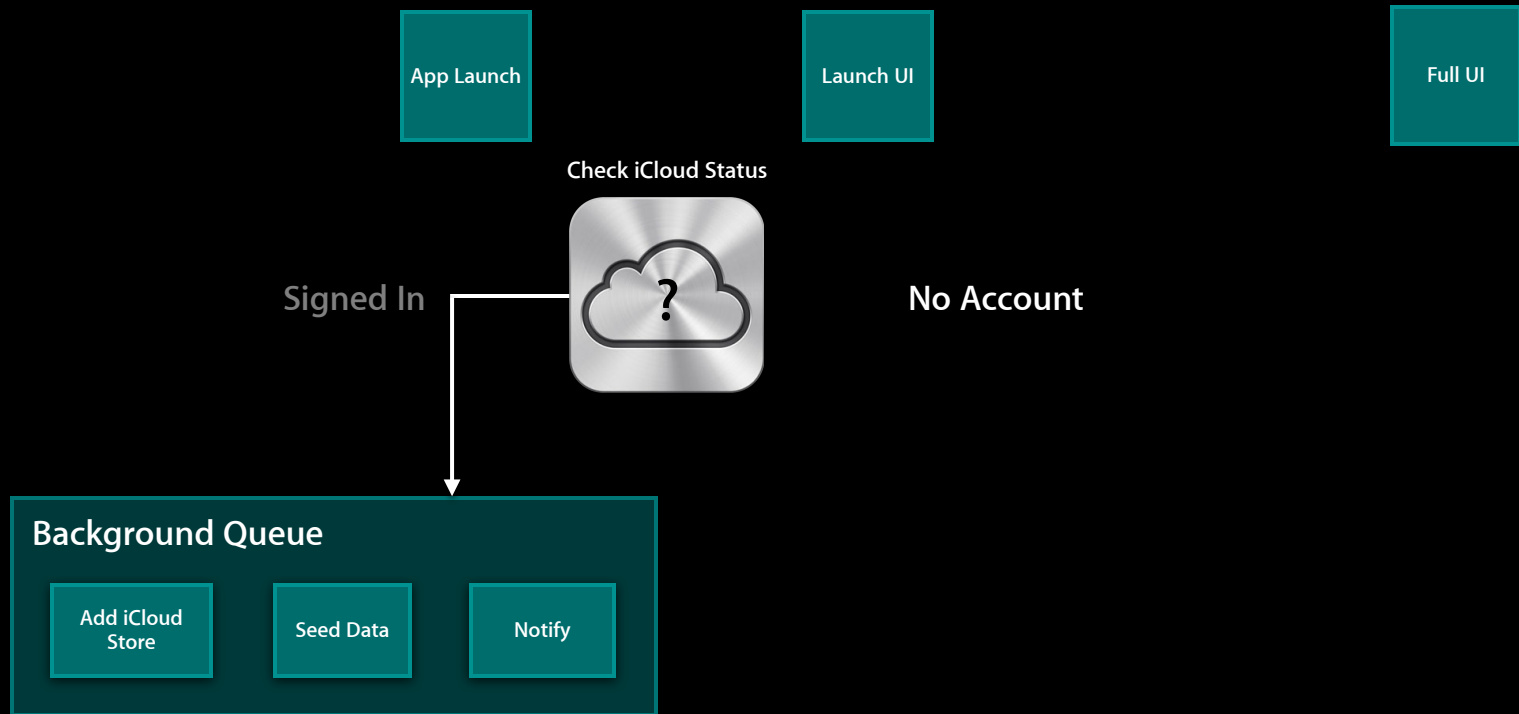


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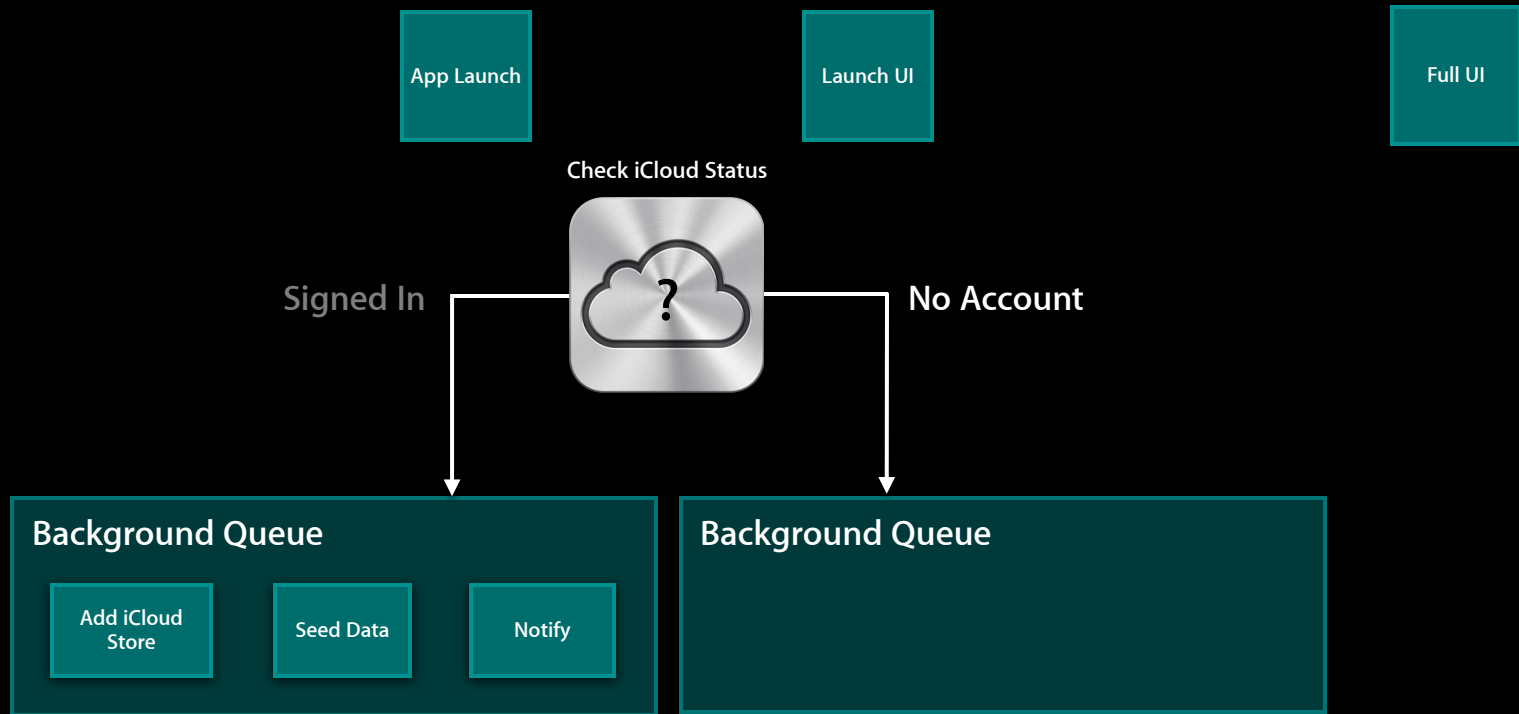
Background Queue

- Add iCloud Store
- Seed Data
- Notify

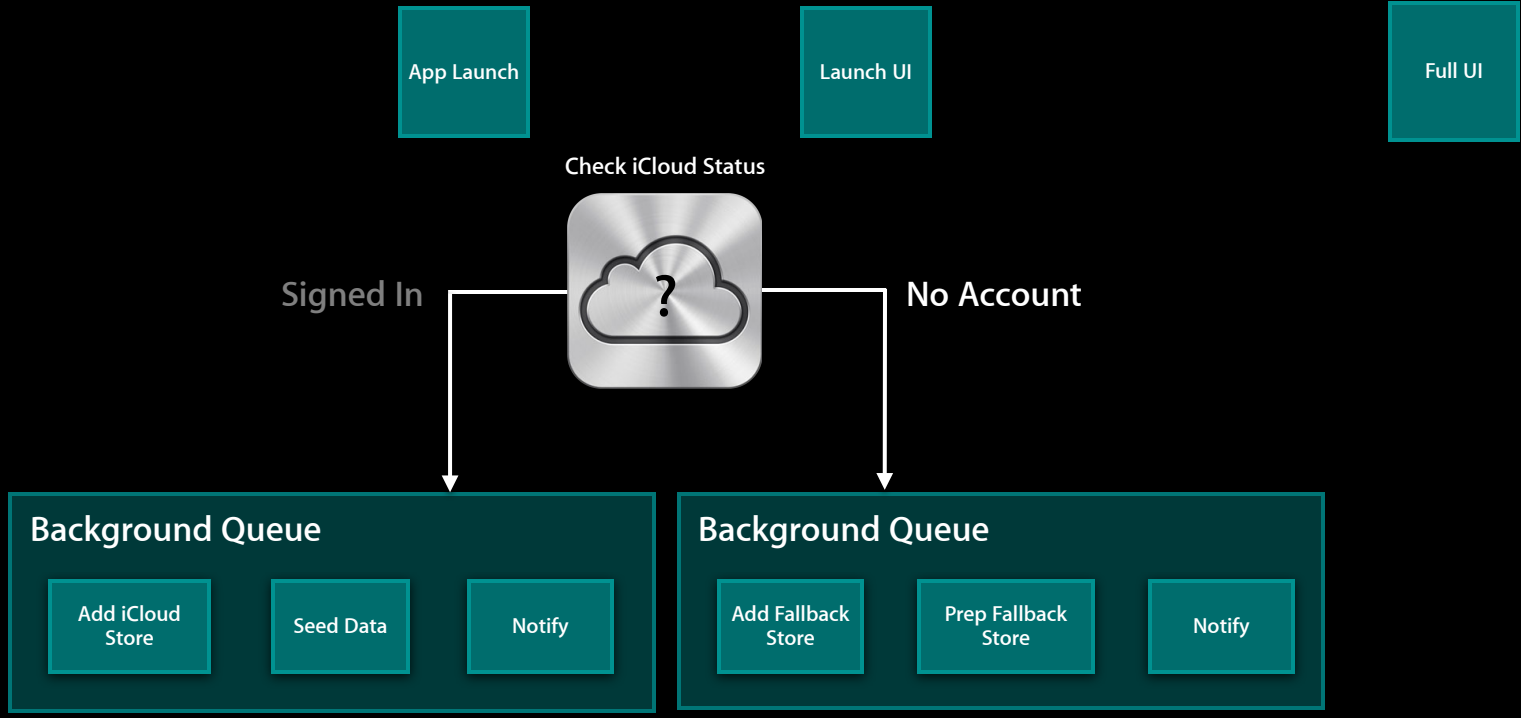
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- (void)loadPersistentStores {  
  
    queue = dispatch_get_global_queue(DISPATCH_QUEUE_PRIORITY_DEFAULT, 0);  
    dispatch_async(queue, ^(void) {  
        [self asyncLoadPersistentStores];  
    });  
}
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```
- (BOOL)loadiCloudStore {
    NSFileManager *fm = [[NSFileManager alloc] init];
    _ubiquityURL = [fm URLForUbiquityContainerIdentifier:nil];

    iCloudStoreURL = [self iCloudStoreURL];
    iCloudDataURL = [ubiquityURL URLByAppendingPathComponent:@"iCloudData"];
    ...
    NSDictionary *options = @{
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        URL: iCloudStoreURL
        options: options
        error: &localError];
}
```




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- Seed Initial Data

```
- (void)asyncLoadPersistentStores {  
    ...  
    if ([self loadiCloudStore]) {  
        ...  
        [self seedPersistentStore:_iCloudStore  
         withPersistentStoreAtURL:[self seedStoreURL]  
         error:&error];  
    }  
}
```



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- **Notify Store Ready**

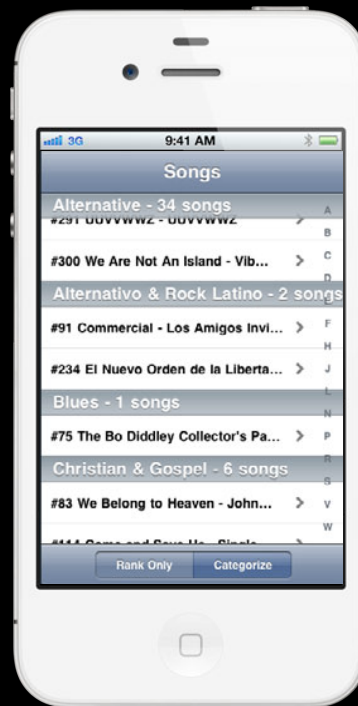
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[[NSNotificationCenter defaultCenter]
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 selector: @selector(reloadFetchedResults:)
 name: NSPersistentStoreCoordinatorStoresDidChangeNotification
 object: psc];
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Application Lifecycle + iCloud

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- Seeding
- Integrate changes
- Responding to User Events
- Performance
- Debugging

Demo

Sample application

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`-addPersistentStore:`

`NSReadOnlyPersistentStoreOption`

Seeding

- Add Seed Store
- Migrate objects

```
NSUInteger batchSize = 500;  
[fr setFetchBatchSize:batchSize];  
  
seedObjs = [moc executeFetchRequest:fr error:&error];
```

-seedPersistentStoreStore:
withPersistentStoreAtURL:
error:





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NSUInteger batchSize = 500;
[fr setFetchBatchSize:batchSize];

seedObjs = [moc executeFetchRequest:fr error:&error];

for (NSManagedObject *obj in seedObjs) {
    [self addManagedObjectToiCloudStore:obj];

    if (0 == (i % batchSize)) {
        if ([moc save:&error]) {
            [moc reset];
        }
    }

    i++;
}
```

Seeding

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- Mark seed complete



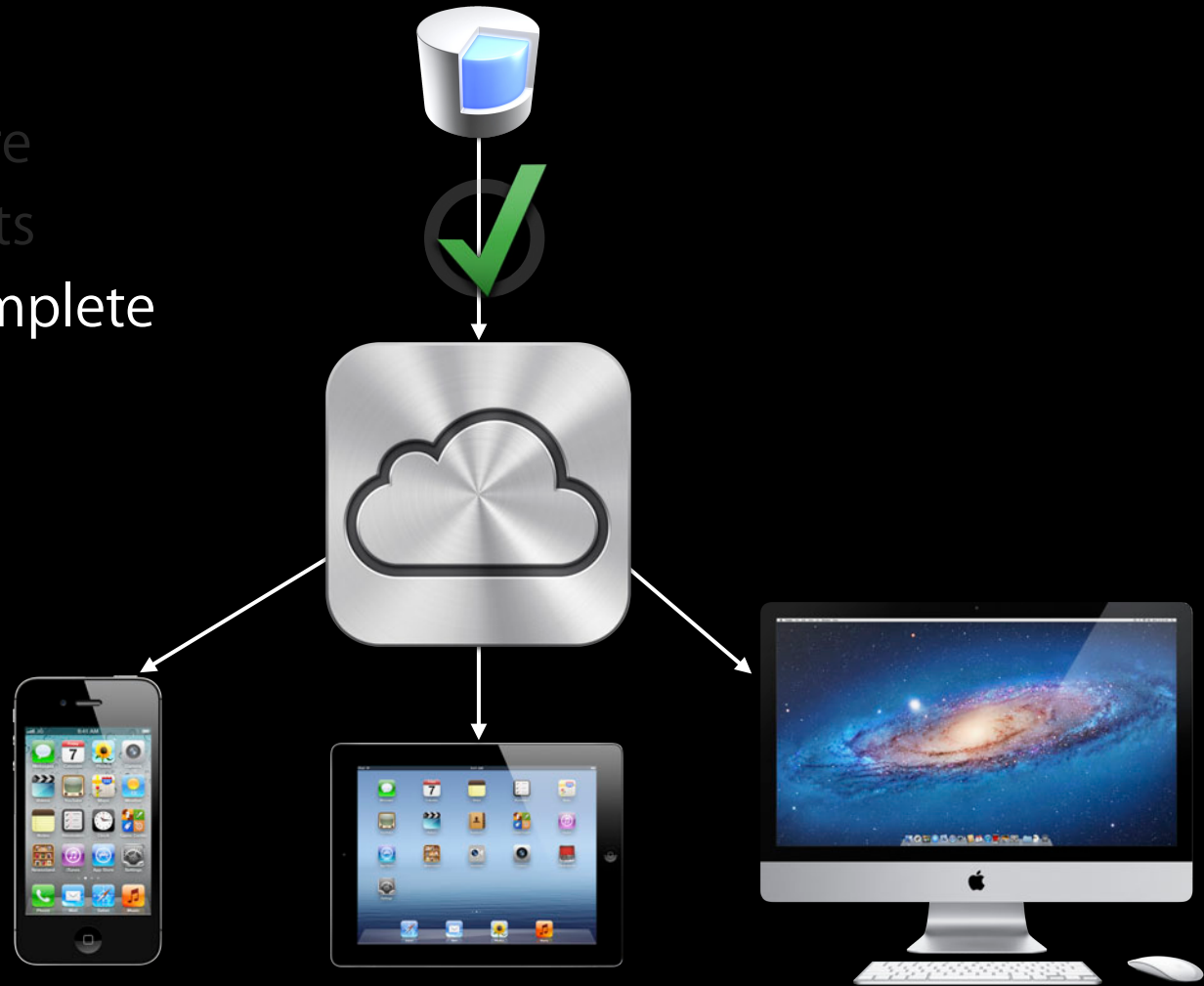
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Integrating Changes

Change Integration



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PK	Contact
1	Mom
2	Mom



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```

zemailaddress

count(zemailaddress)

cd@wwdc.com	1
core@data.com	1
moc@save.com	256



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NSEExpression *countExpr = [NSEExpression expressionWithFormat:@"count:(emailAddress)"];
```



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```
NSExpression *countExpr = [NSExpression expressionWithFormat:@"count:(emailAddress)"];  
  
NSAttributeDescription *emailAttr;  
NSFetchRequest *fr;  
[fr setPropertiesToFetch:[NSArray arrayWithObjects:emailAttr, countExpr, nil]];  
[fr setPropertiesToGroupBy:[NSArray arrayWithObject:emailAttr]];
```



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NSFetchRequest *fr;
[fr setPropertiesToFetch:[NSArray arrayWithObjects:emailAttr, countExpr, nil]];
[fr setPropertiesToGroupBy:[NSArray arrayWithObject:emailAttr]];

[fr setResultType:NSDictionaryResultType];
```



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```
NSArray *countDictionaries = [moc executeFetchRequest:fr error:&error];
```

```
2012-06-04 15:41:38.736 SharedCoreData[26470:10d03] CoreData: sql:  
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(lldb) po countDictionaries  
(NSArray *) $2 = 0x07c0cb80 <_PFArray 0x7c0cb80>(  
{  
    count = 1;  
    emailAddress = "cd@wwdc.com";  
},  
{  
    count = 256;  
    emailAddress = "moc@save.com";  
},  
{  
    count = 1;  
    emailAddress = "core@data.com";  
})
```




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p = [NSPredicate predicateWithFormat:@"emailAddress IN (%@)", emailsWithDupes];  
[fr setPredicate:p];
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```
emailSort = [NSSortDescriptor sortDescriptorWithKey:@"emailAddress"  
                                ascending:YES];  
[fr setSortDescriptors:[NSArray arrayWithObject:emailSort]];
```

```
NSArray *dupes = [moc executeFetchRequest:fr error:&error];
```



Uniquing

- Find the Duplicates
- Fetch Duplicate Objects
- Choose a winner





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 - Ensure consistent merges across peers





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```
for (NSManagedObject *dupe in duplicates) {  
    //choose winner  
    if (0 == (i % batchSize)) {  
        [moc save:&error];  
    }  
    i++;  
}
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- Delete from Documents & Data

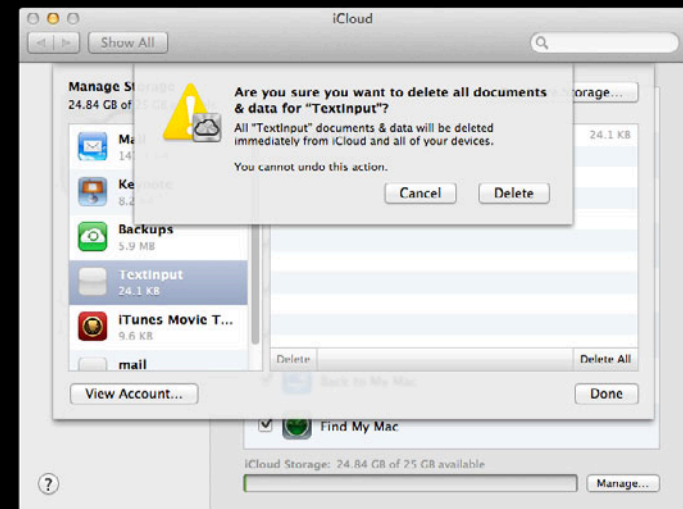


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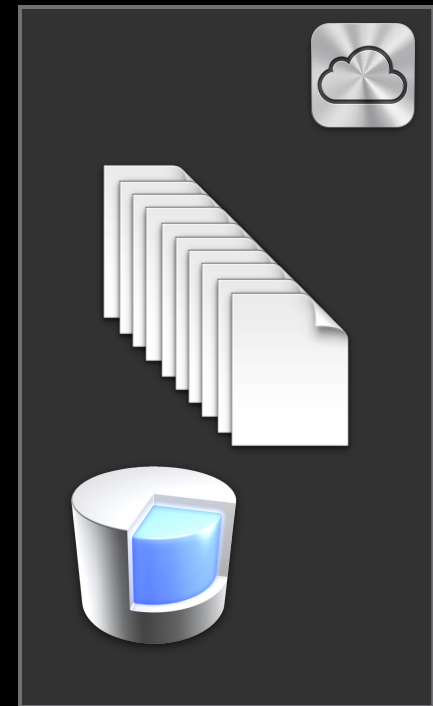
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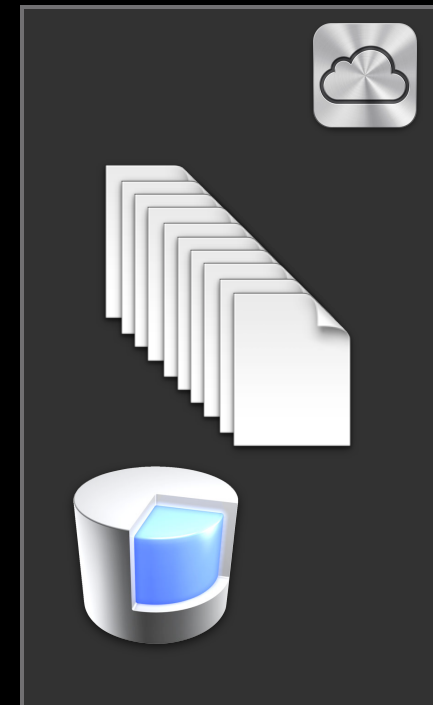
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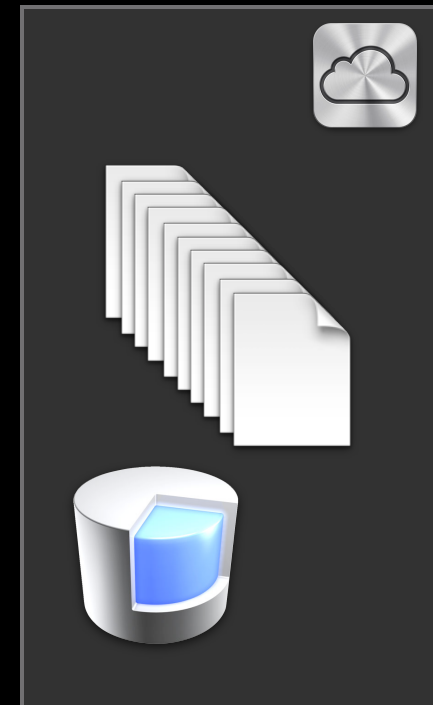
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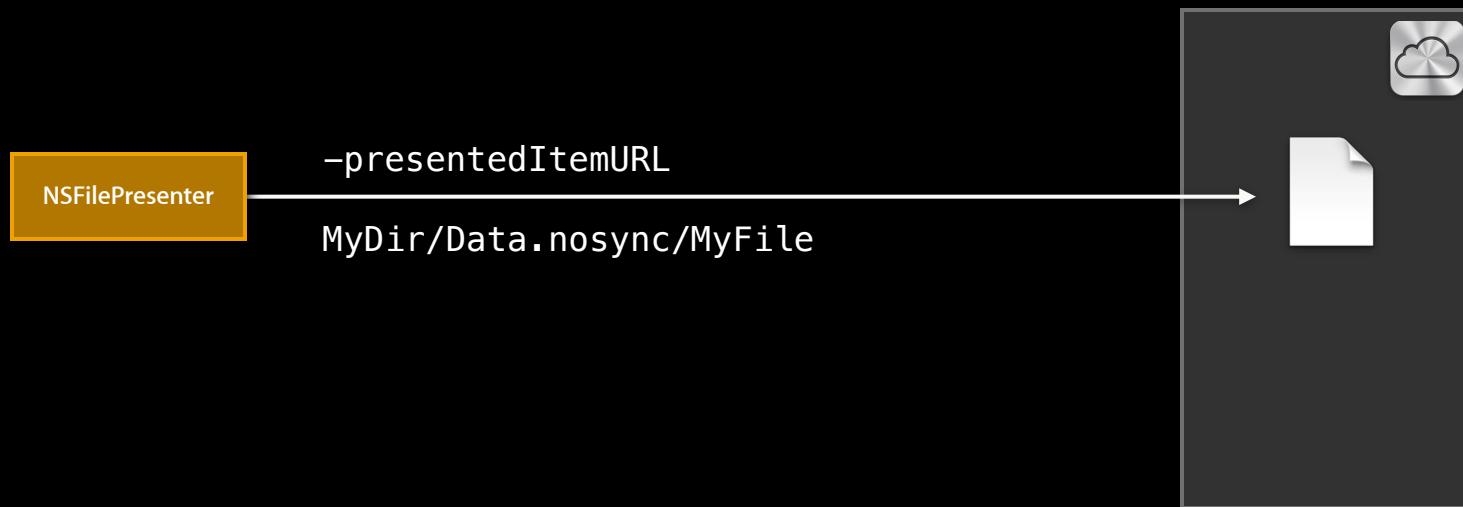


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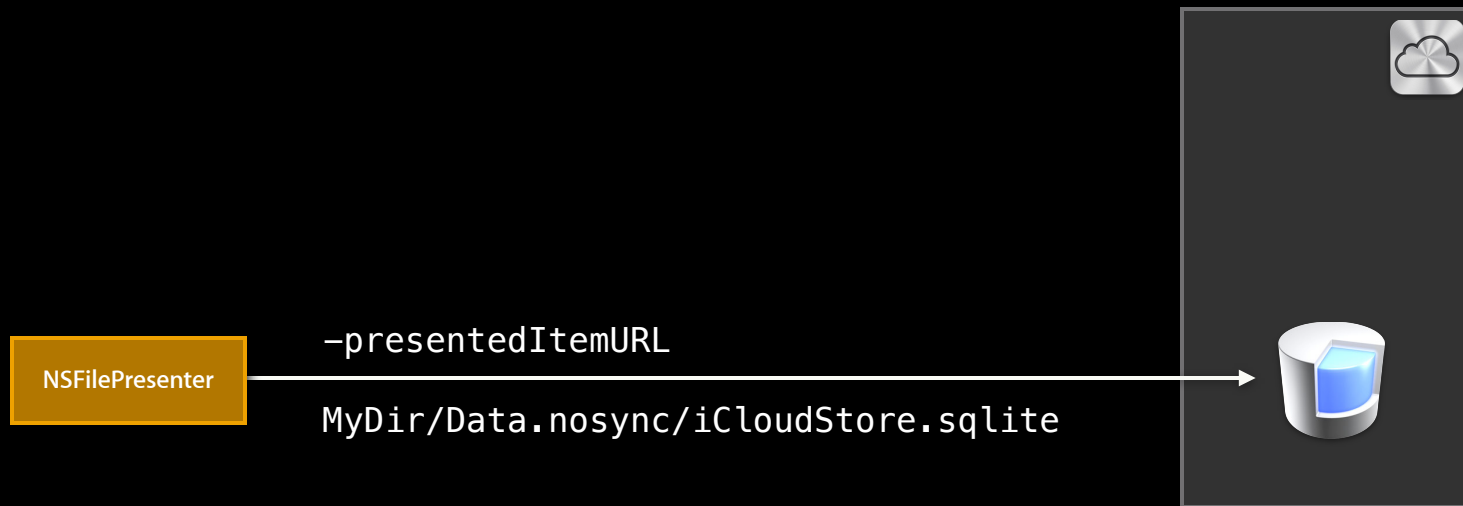
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NSFileManager -ubiquityIdentityToken

```
- (void)applicationDidBecomeActive:(UIApplication *)application {  
    id token = [[NSFileManager defaultManager] ubiquityIdentityToken];  
    if (![self.currentUbiquityToken isEqual:token]) {  
        [self iCloudAccountChanged:nil];  
    }  
}
```



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- NSFileManager API

NSFileManager -ubiquityIdentityToken
NSUbiquityIdentityDidChangeNotification

```
[notificationCenter addObserver:self  
                        selector:@selector(iCloudAccountChanged:)  
                        name:NSUbiquityIdentityDidChangeNotification  
                        object:nil];
```



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Handling Account Changes

```
- (void)iCloudAccountChanged:(NSNotification *)notification {
    NSError *error = nil;
    [_psc removePersistentStore:self.iCloudStore error:&error];

    [self loadPersistentStores];
}
```

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Performance and Debugging

Performance

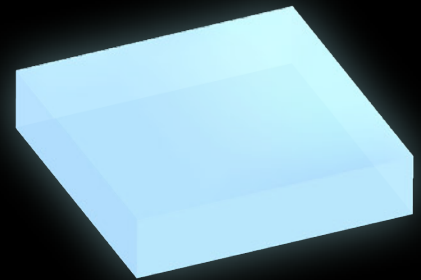
Performance

- -save:
- Coalesce changes as appropriate
- Avoid storing raw sensor data
 - CoreLocation @ 60Hz!

Performance



Persistent Store

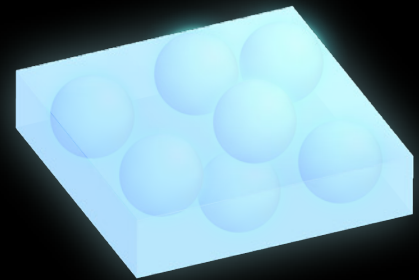


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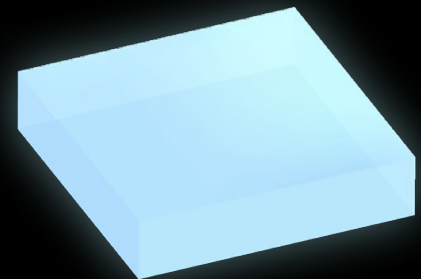
NSFetchRequest `-setFetchBatchSize:`

NSManagedObjectContext `-save:`

NSManagedObjectContext `-reset`



Persistent Store



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- Sample Application
- Ubiquity Container
- Console logs
 - `-com.apple.coredata.ubiquity.logLevel # (1,2,3)`

Demo

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Core Data Documentation

Programming Guides, Examples, Tutorials

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Related Sessions

iCloud Storage Overview

Pacific Heights
Tuesday 4:30PM

Core Data Best Practices

Mission
Wednesday 9:00AM

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Marina
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Developer Tools Lab A
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