Integrating Passbook into Your Ecosystem

Session 303

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Passbook

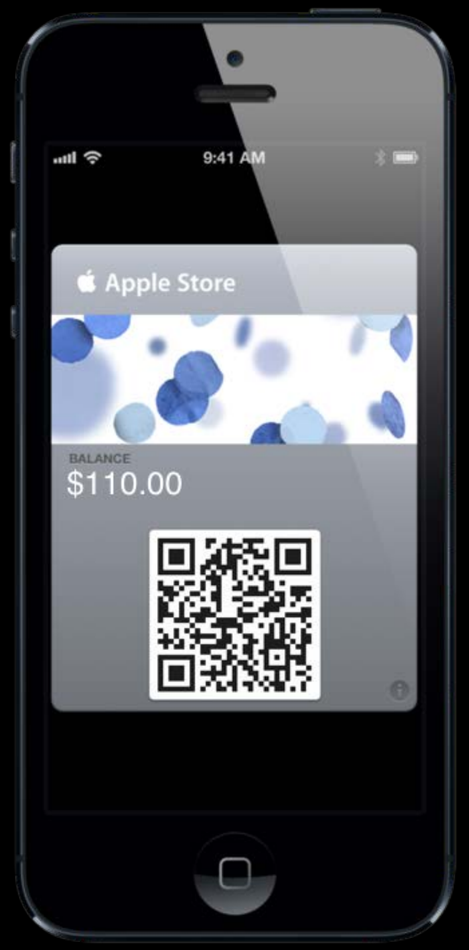
Re-imagine what's in your pocket

Passbook

Enriching customer experiences via iOS technologies

Apple Store Gift Card

A pass implementation



Overview

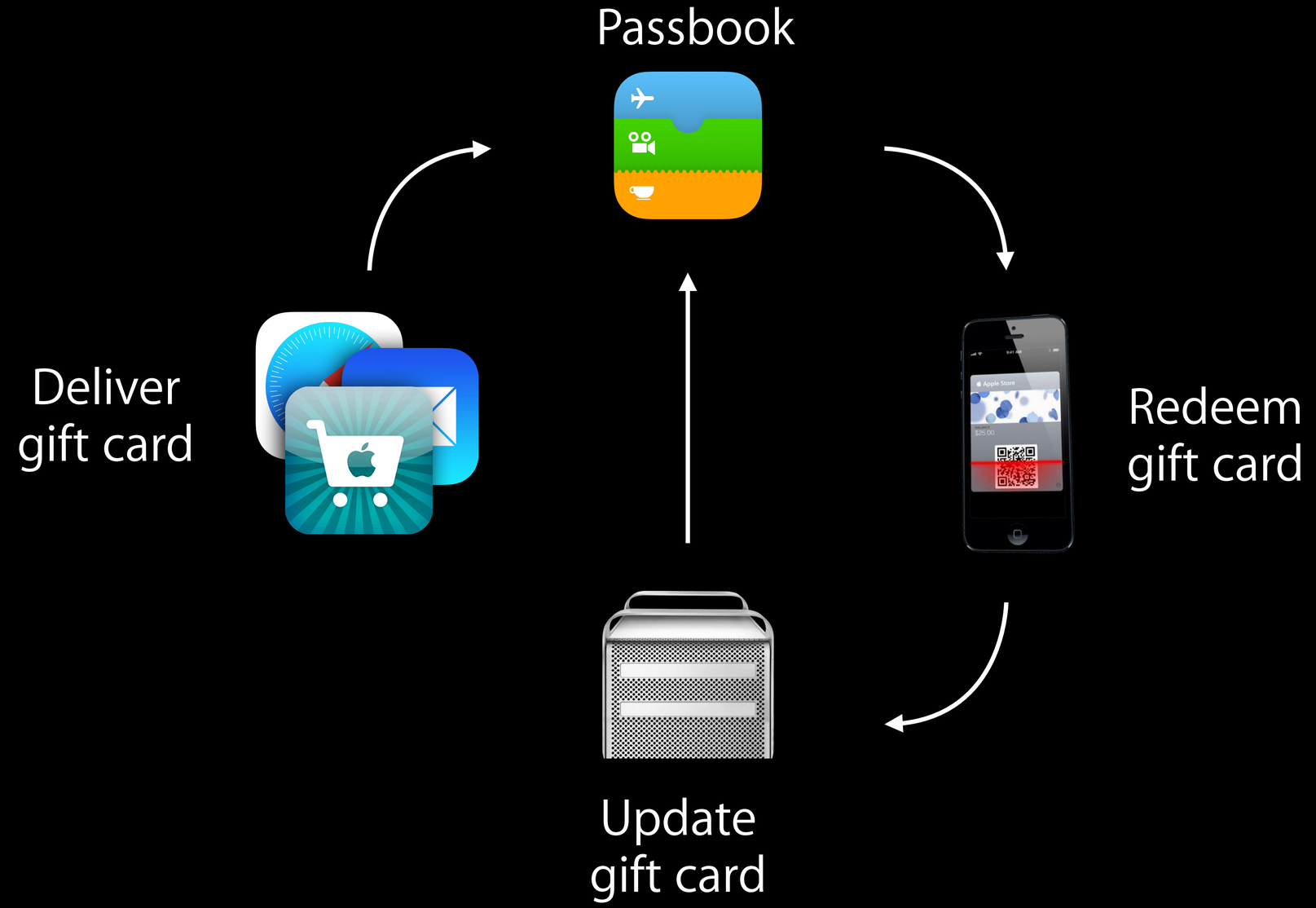
- Apple Store Gift Card
- Leveraging Existing Systems
- Determining Complexity
- Web Services Tips and Tricks

Apple Store Gift Card

Lifecycle review

Lifecycle

Apple Store gift card



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Getting Apple Store gift card to the right user




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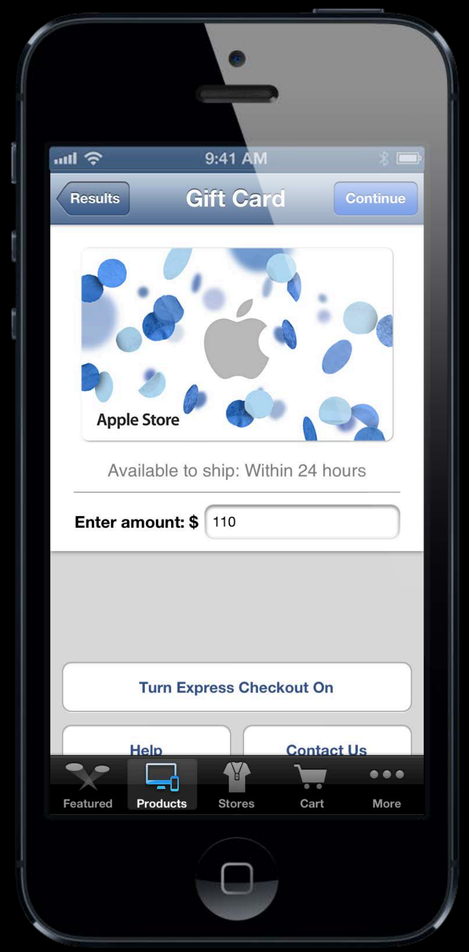
Step One—purchase



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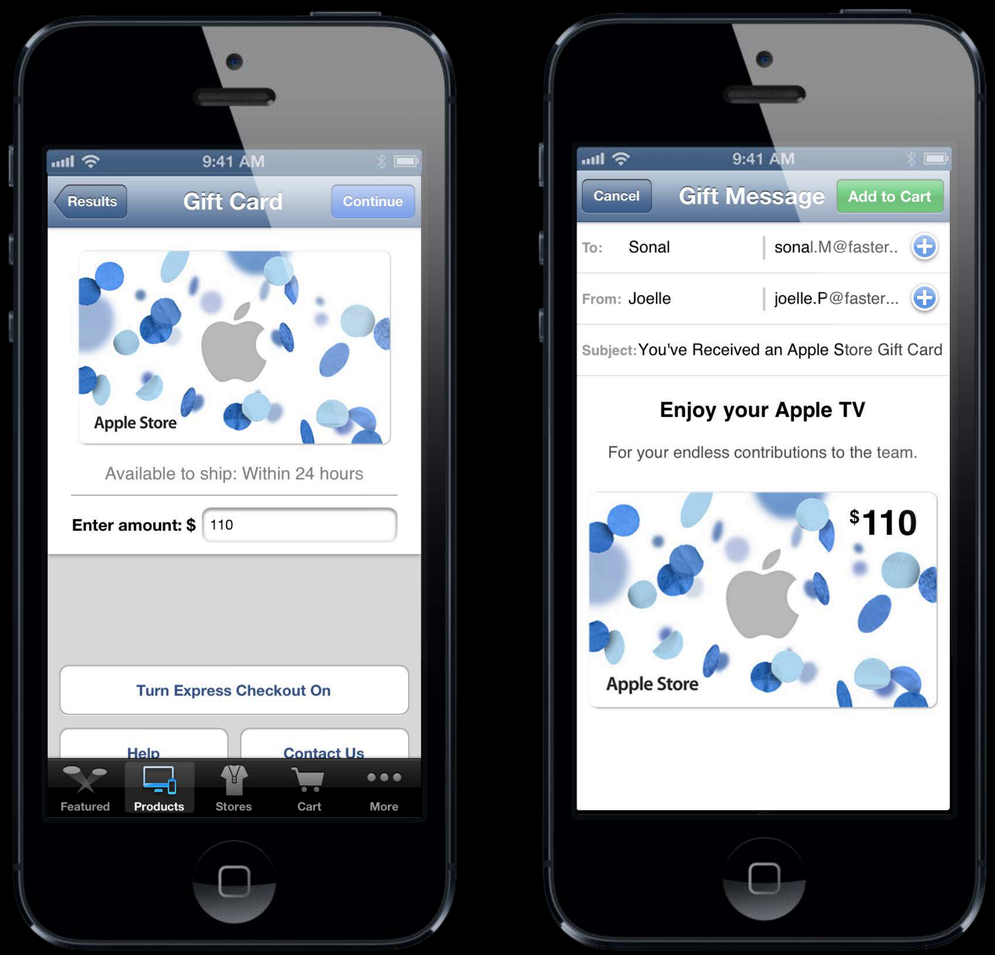
Step Two—populate gift card recipient details



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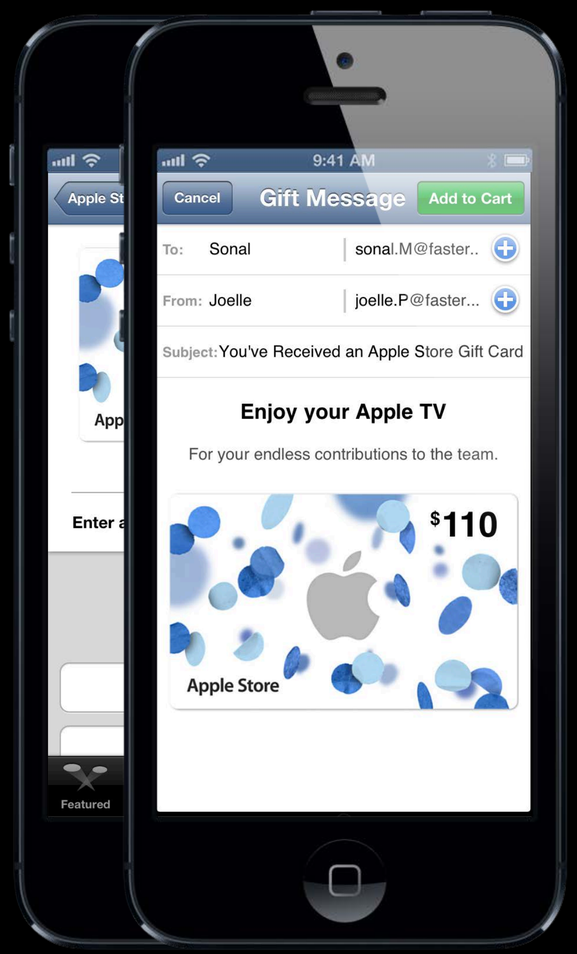
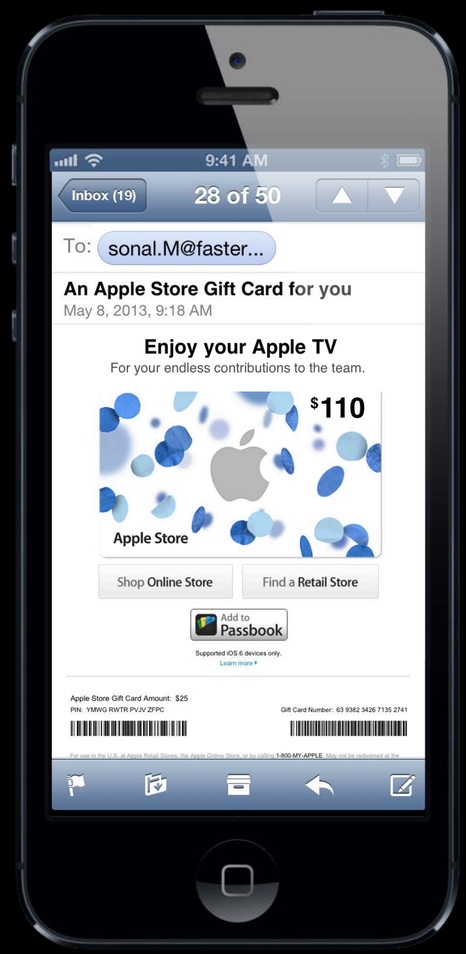
Step Three—user receives a gift card





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Step Four—user clicks add to Passbook

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Step Five—user receives Apple Store gift card

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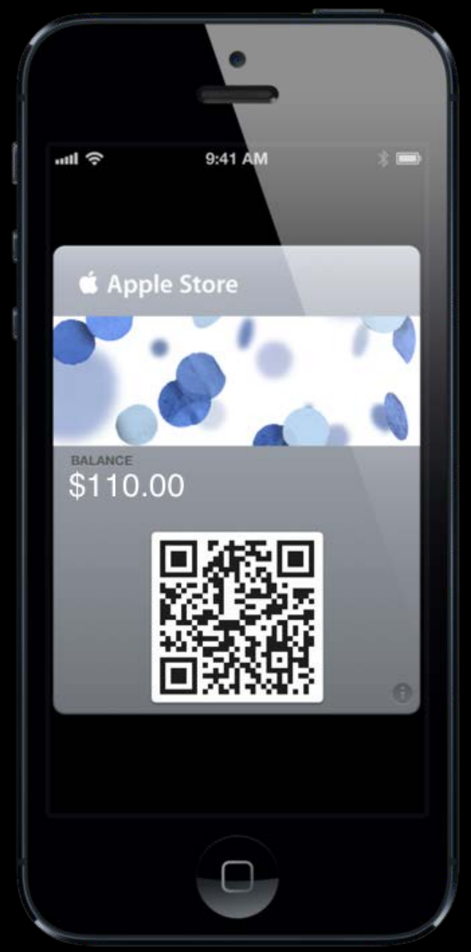
Apple Store gift card goals

- Passbook should make it easier
- Existing avenues shouldn't get harder
- Companion app not required
- Integrate with existing systems



Use the Pass

Using Apple Store gift card on web or in the store

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Purchase inside Apple retail store

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Purchase on the web or on the phone

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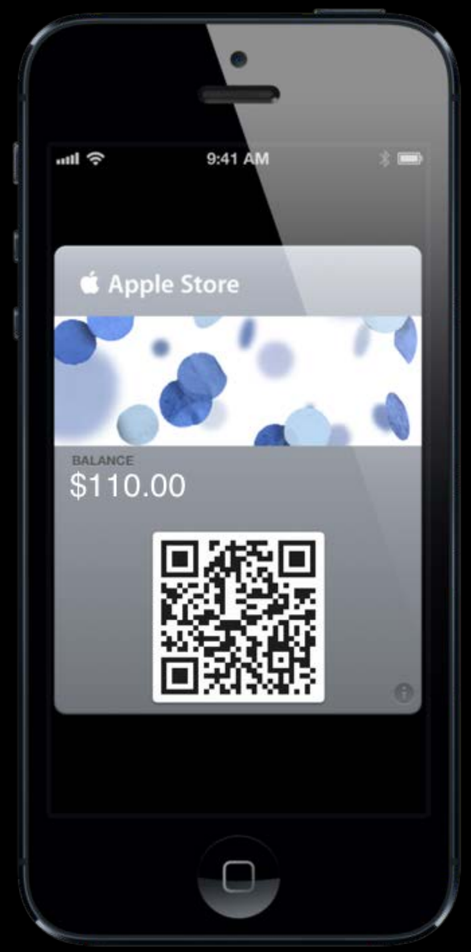
- Leverage existing systems
  - Retail store
    - Point of sale device
    - Optical scanners
  - Web
  - Phone
- Human factor



Human Factor

Our retail employees

- Retail employees
- Build a great point of sale user interface
- Which scanner do I use?
  - Laser scanner
  - Optical scanner

Barcodes

1-Dimensional

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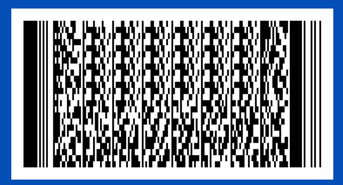


PDF-417

Aztec

QR Code

Human Factor

Our retail employees

- Target user-experience consistency

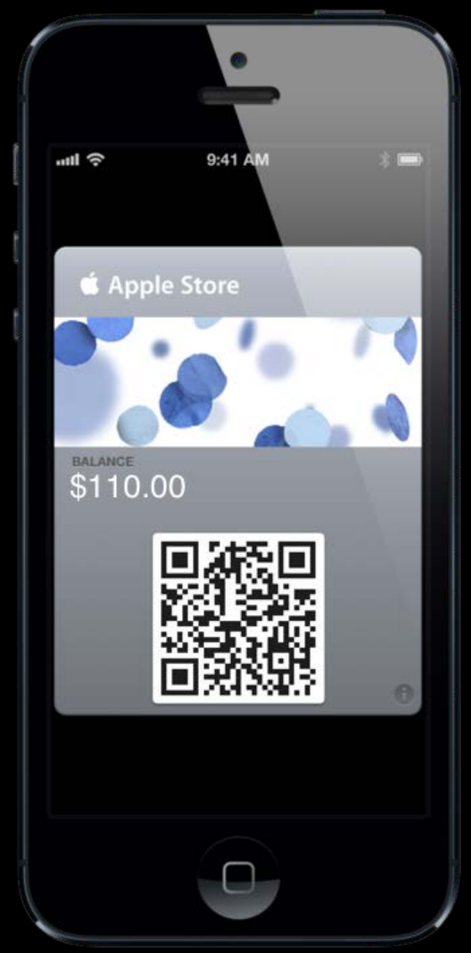
Update the Pass

Updating Apple Store gift card

Feedback Loop

Keeping our passes alive

- Once a redemption occurs, update the pass
- Feeds back into human factor
- Use Apple Push Notification service



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Leveraging Your Existing Systems

Abstraction 101

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Order Induction

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Email Services

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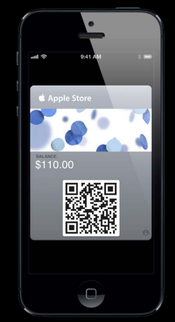

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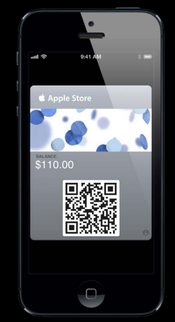

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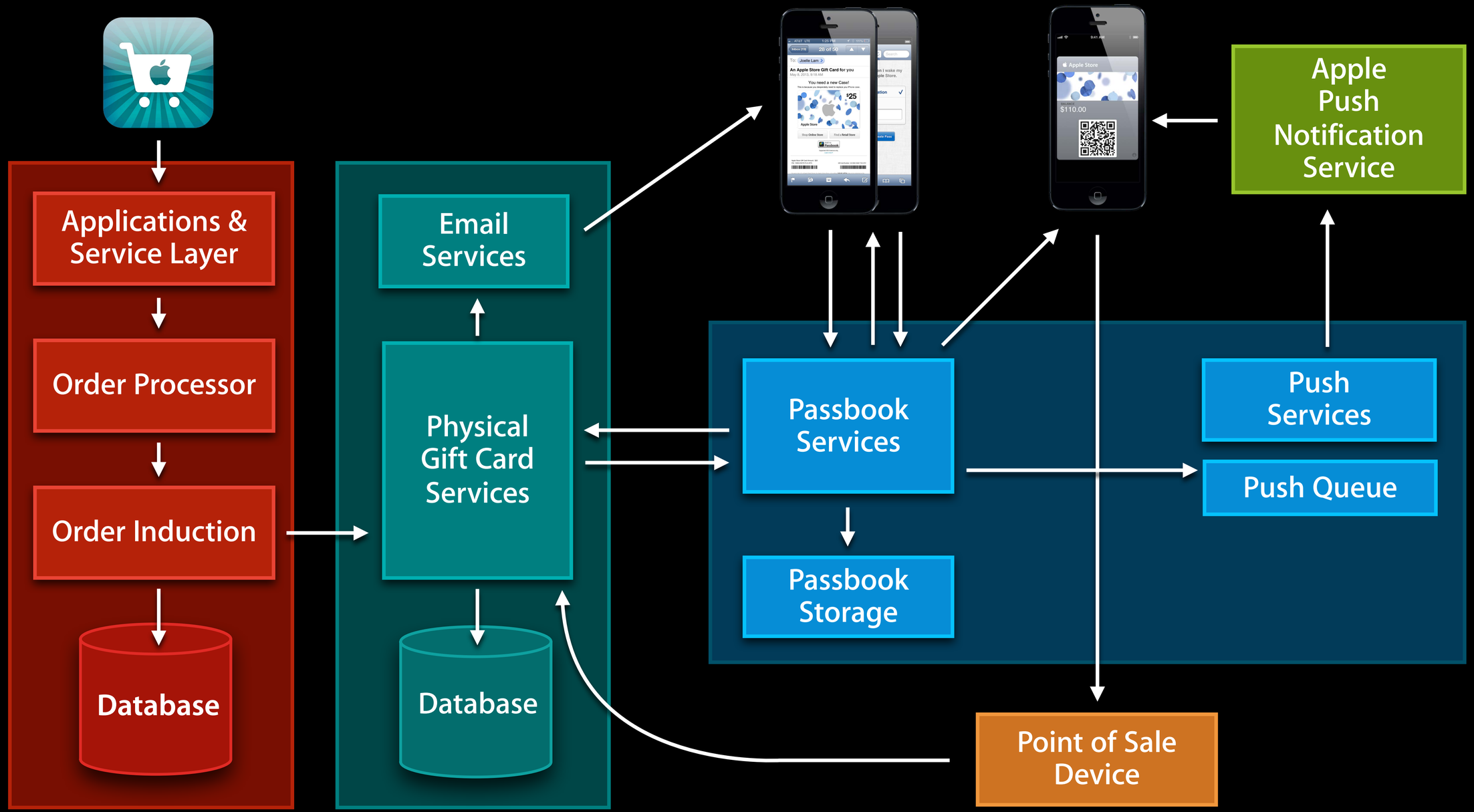

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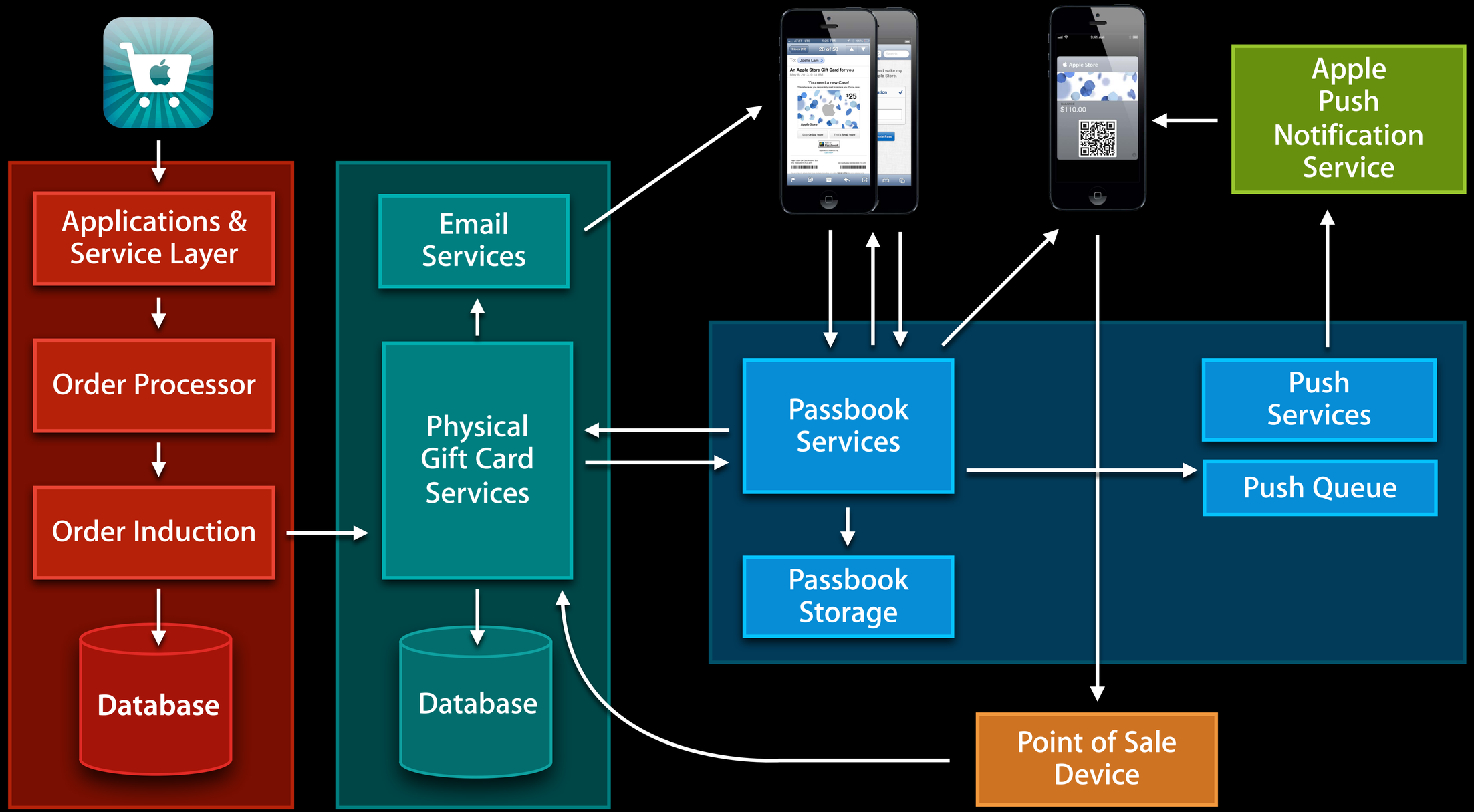
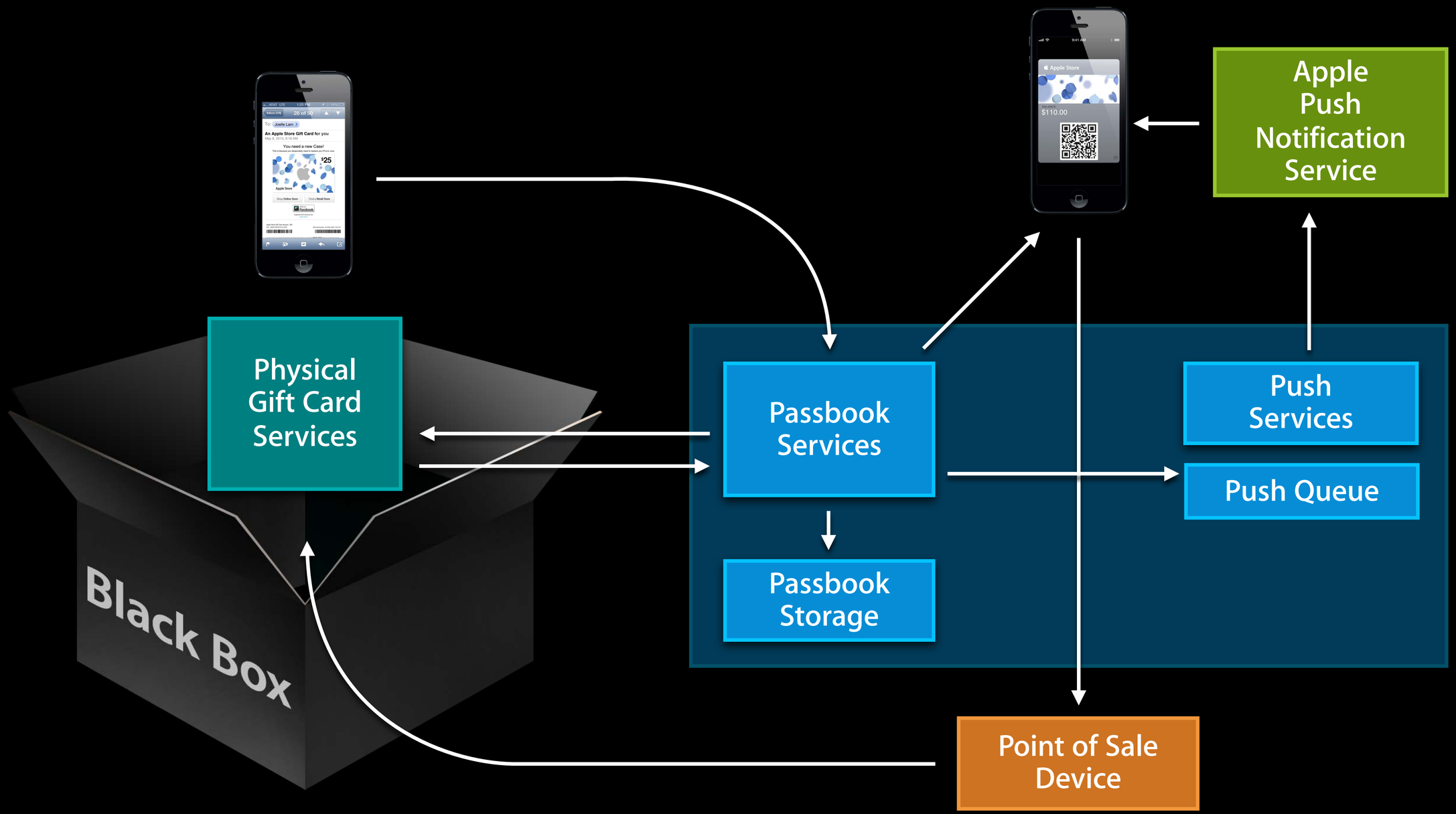


Push to the Black Box



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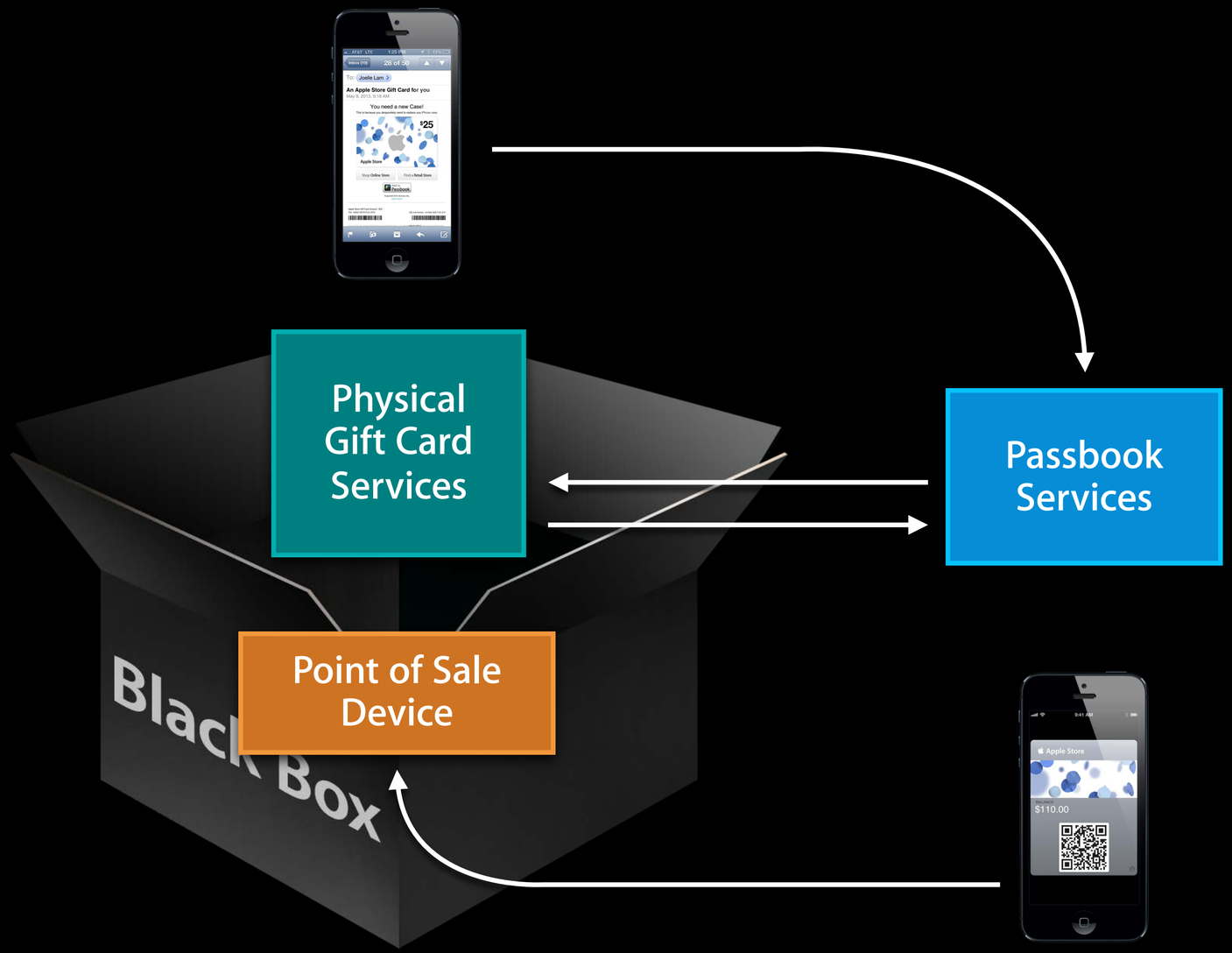

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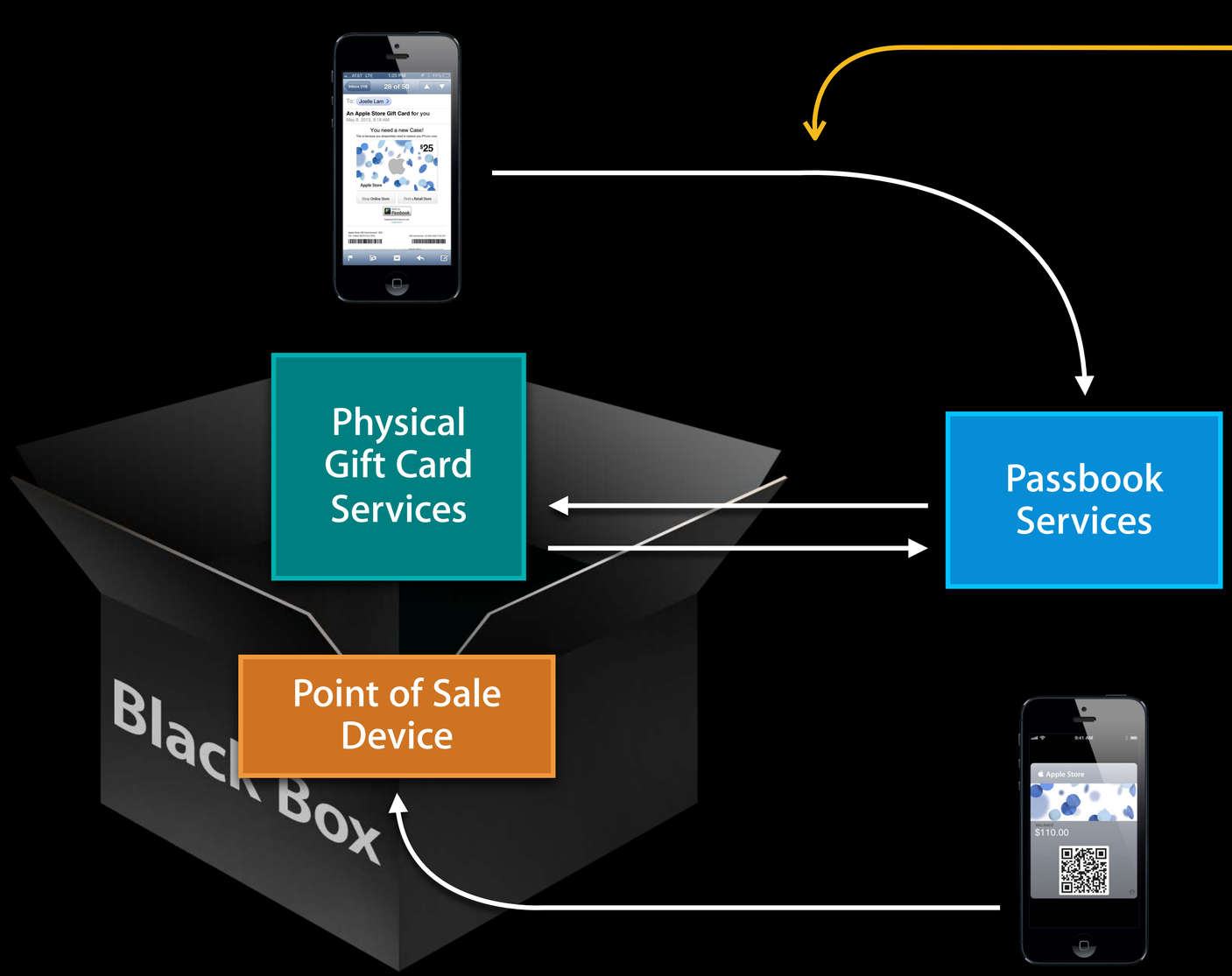

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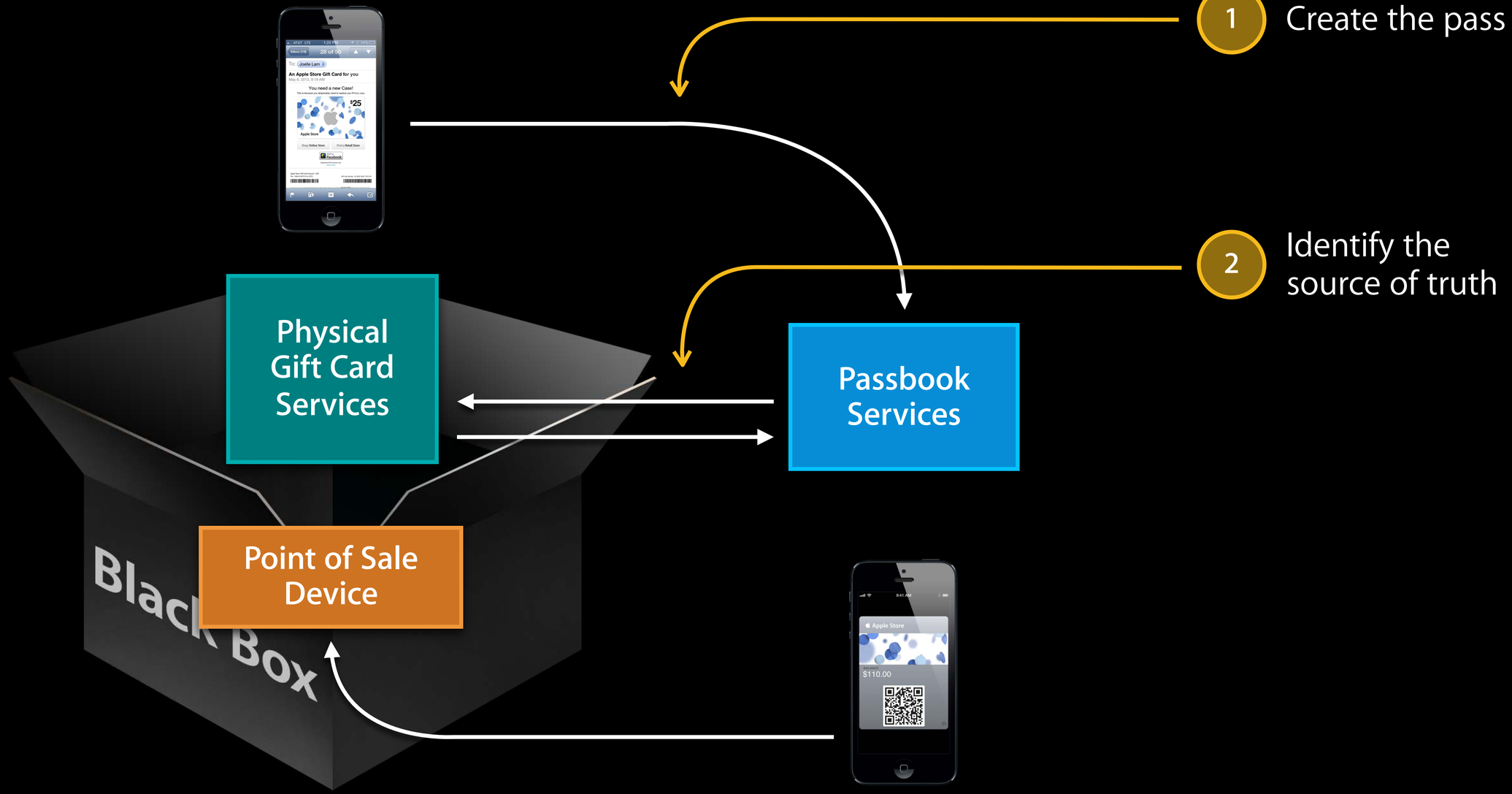

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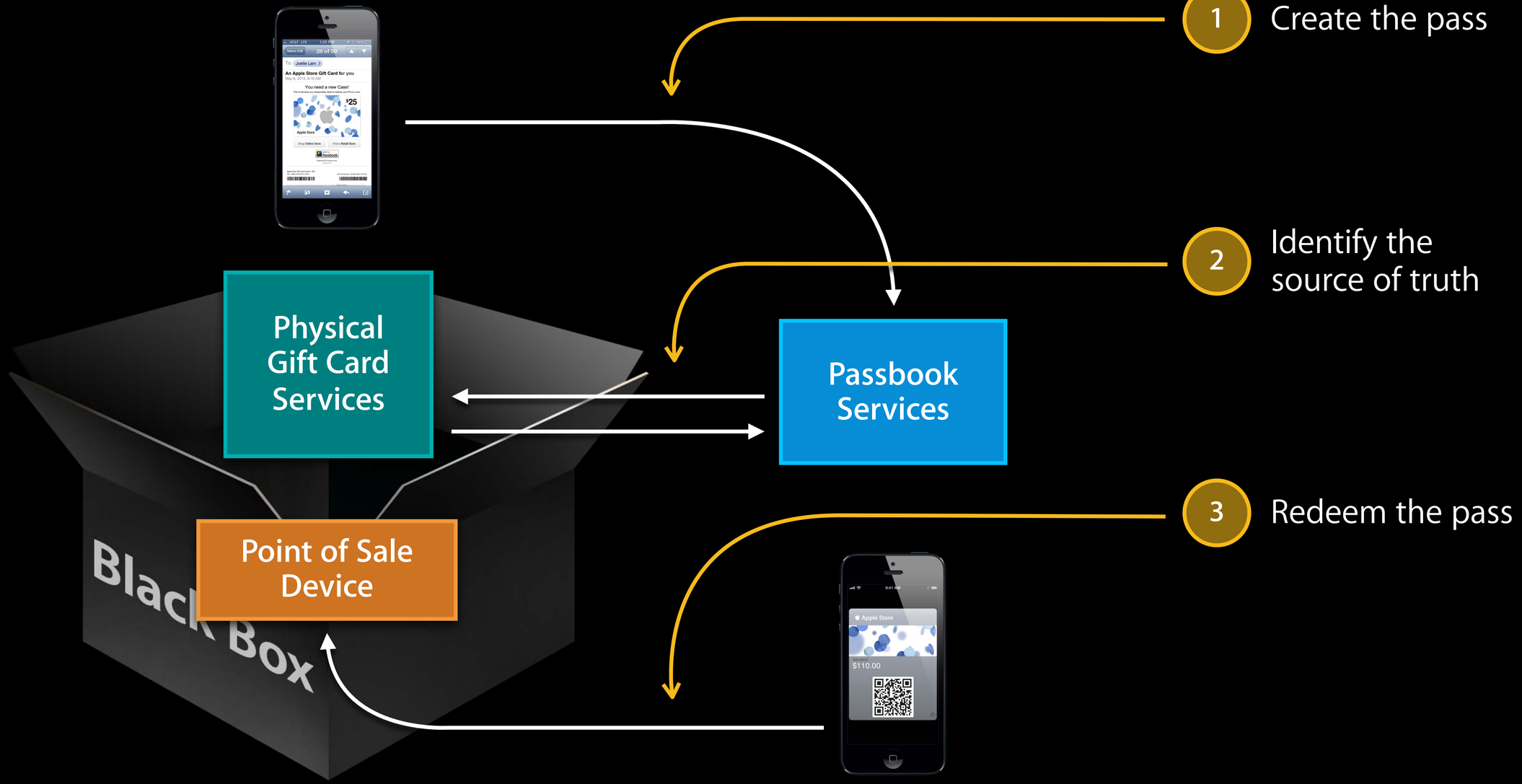

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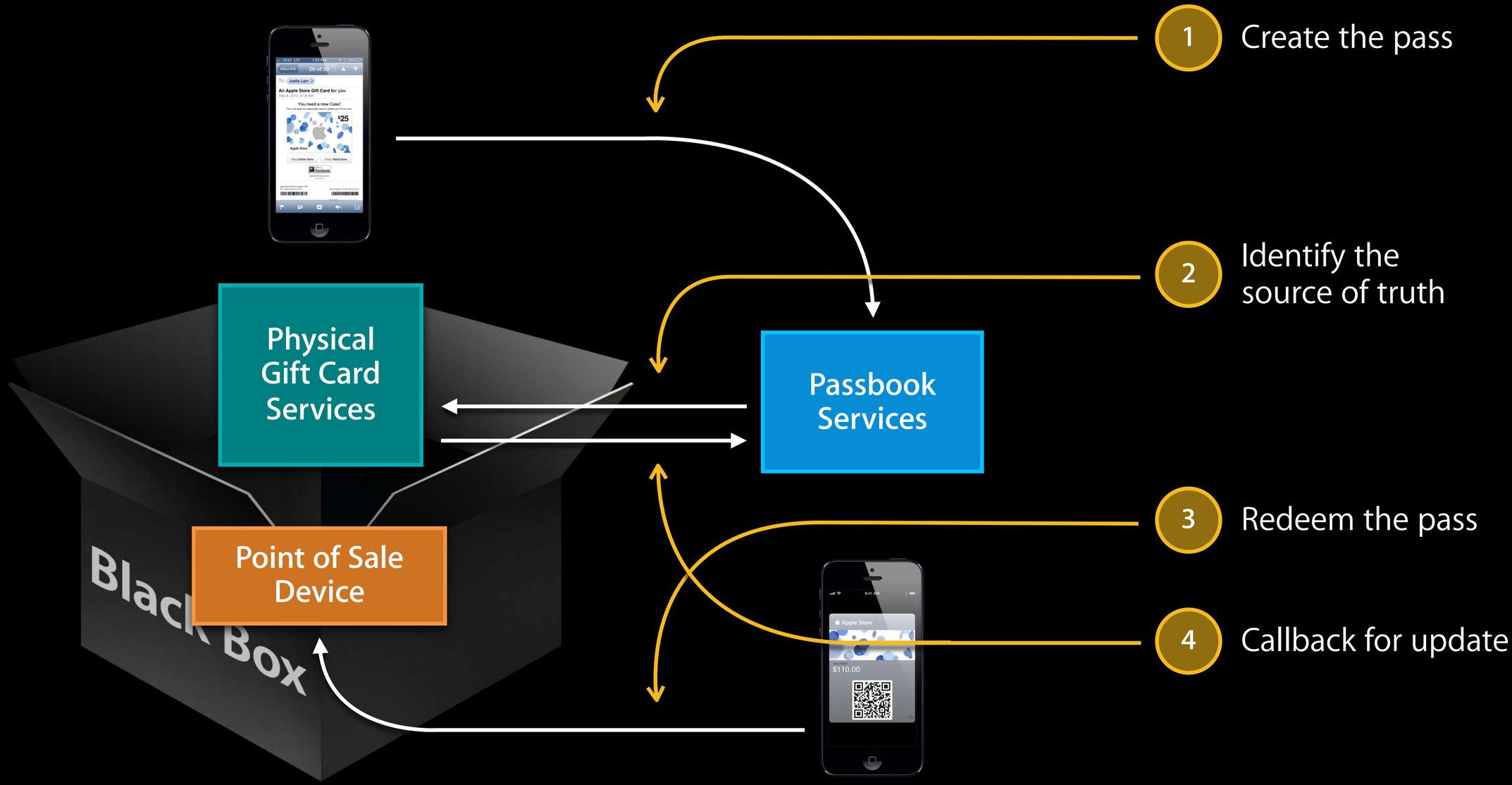

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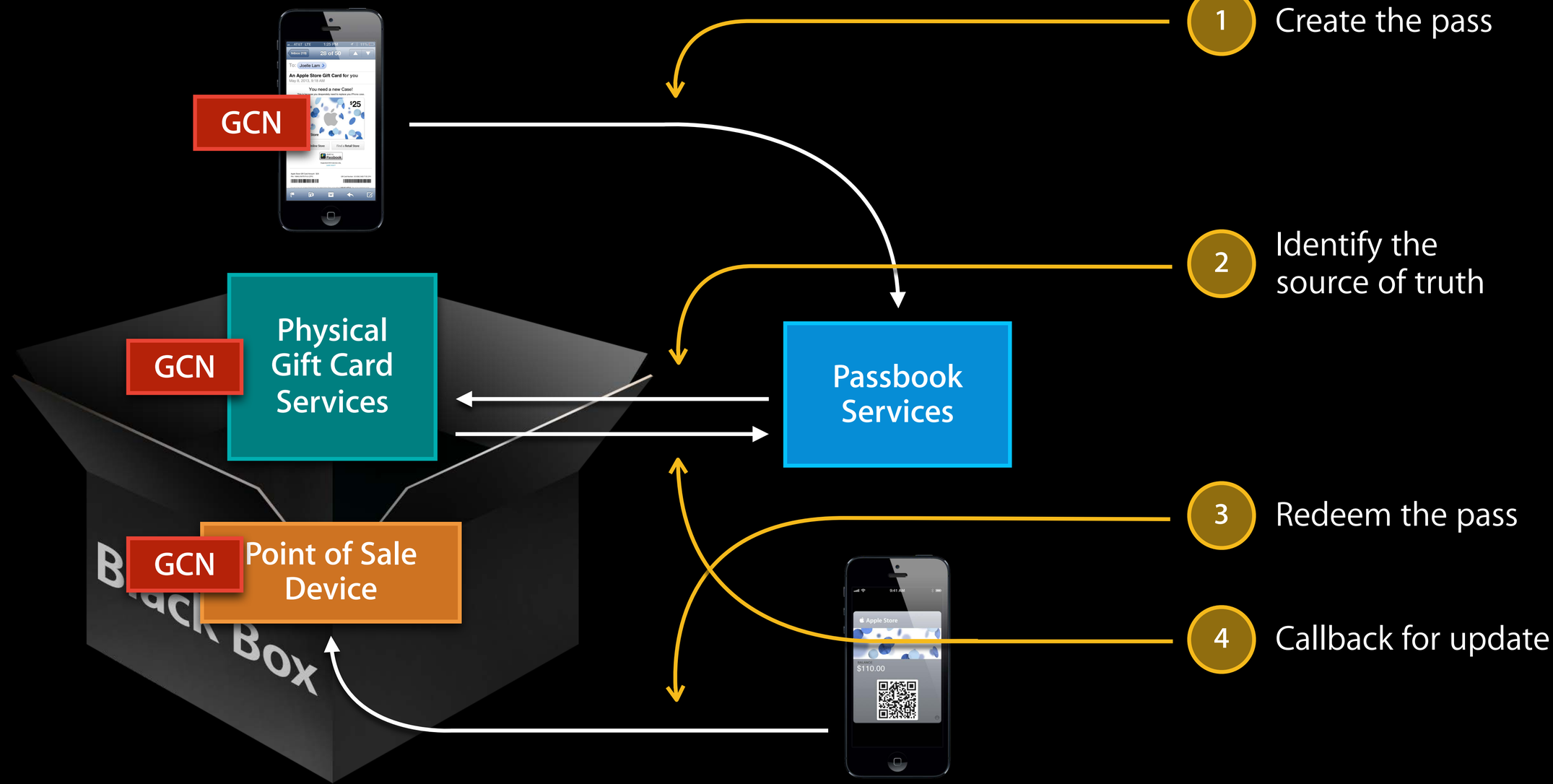

Common Currency

Value known by all interfacing systems

- Gift card number
- Club card number
- Insurance policy number
- Order number
- Event ID
- Event ID with a customer ID

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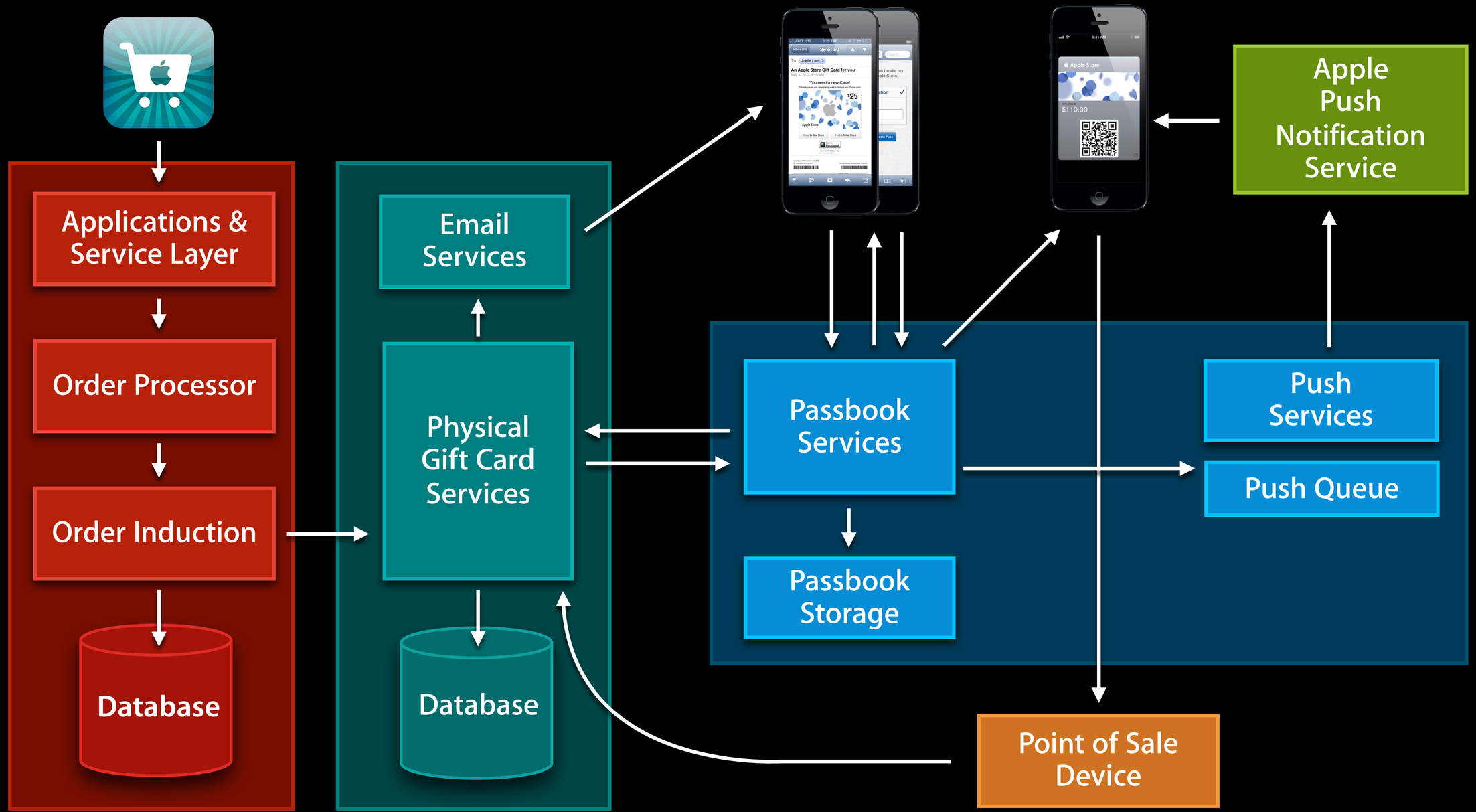

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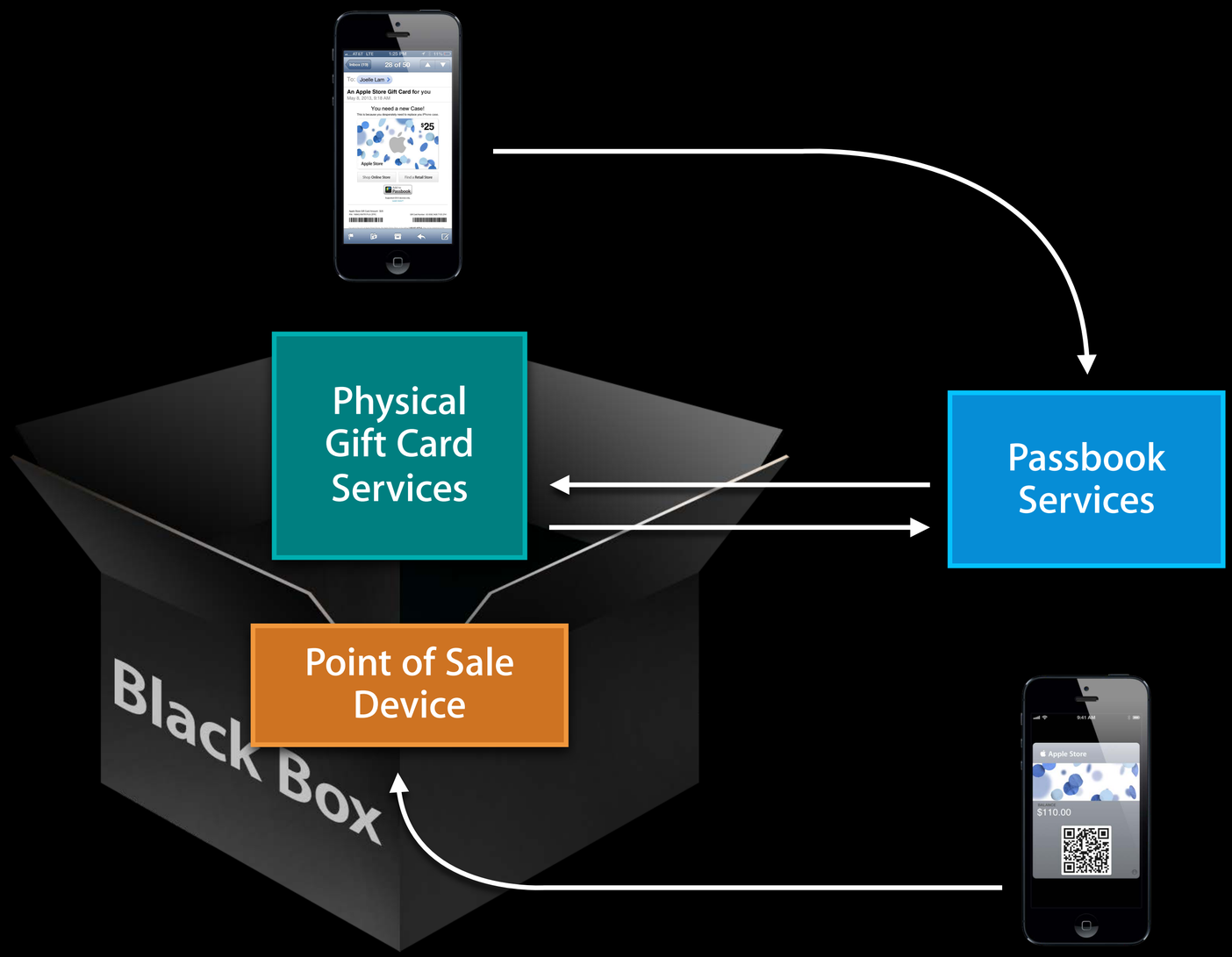

1. Create the pass
2. Identify the source of truth
3. Redeem the pass
4. Callback for update

Determining Complexity

A way to anticipate the level of effort

Facets of Complexity

- Value
- Uniqueness
- Static vs. Dynamic
- Scale
- Systems Integration

Mountain Trail Signs

Value

Newspaper Coupon

Movie Ticket

Boarding Passes

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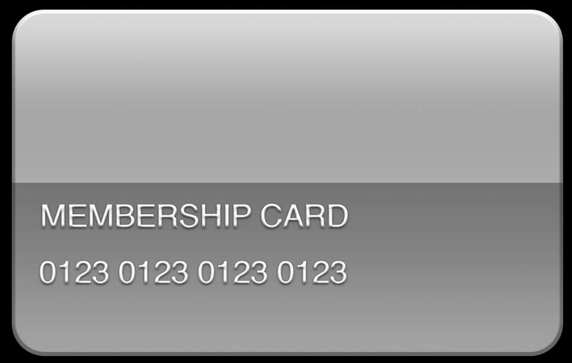
Uniqueness

Multiple use
Multiple person

Multiple use
Single person



Quantified use

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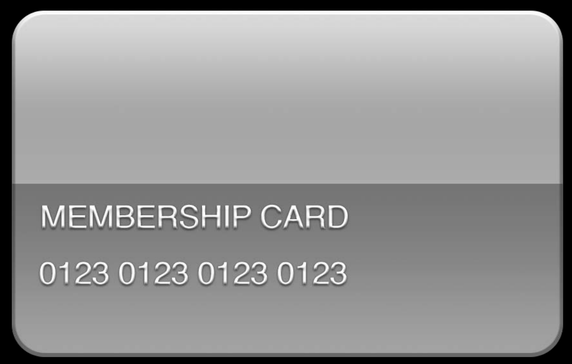

Quantified use

Static vs. Dynamic

Informational

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Time sensitive

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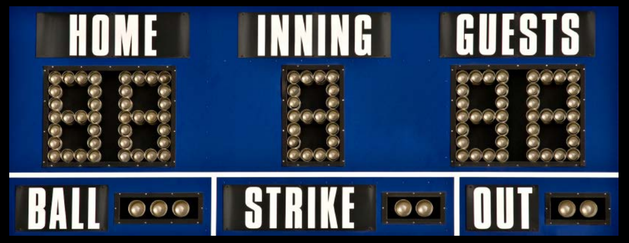
Multi-state



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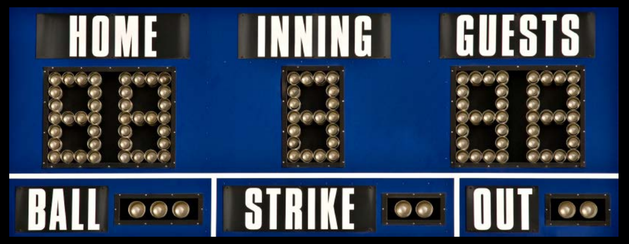

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Scale

Few

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More

Many use

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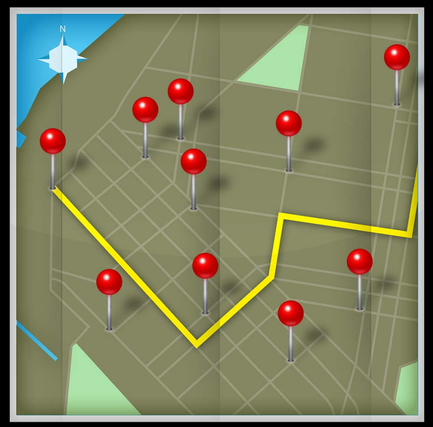

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Systems Integration

iPhone only

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100+ Printed paper, cards, desktop, mobile

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Don’t Assume

Complexity = Better

Complexity ≠ Better

Summary—Facets of Complexity

- Value
- Uniqueness
- Static vs. dynamic
- Scale
- Systems integration

Web Services Tips and Tricks

Something for every complexity level

Tips—Basic

- Review Pass Asset Sizes
- Adhere to If-Modified-Since
- Implement Logging Endpoints
- Expect Dependency Outages

One—Review Pass Asset Sizes

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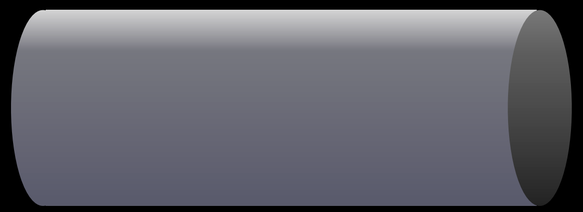

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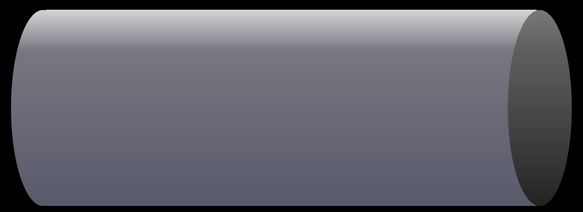

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Review Pass Asset Sizes

Impacts performance and scalability

- Size your image assets appropriately for the pass
- Set an upper limit for the size of pass
- Log and/or alert if the pass size exceeds this limit

Two—Adhere to If-Modified-Since

Impacts performance, scalability, reliability

- RFC 2616
- Lets clients make conditional requests
- Required by Passbook
- Reduces bandwidth usage

Adhere to If-Modified-Since

Request response contents

Get Pass Request

```
Method: GET
Header:
  If-modified-since
  <timestamp>
```

Get Pass Response

```
HTTP Status: 200
Header:
  Last-Modifed
  <timestamp>
Contents: PKPASS
```

Adhere to If-Modified-Since

Request response contents

Get Pass Request	Get Pass Response
Method: GET Header: If-modified-since <timestamp>	HTTP Status: 304

Three—Implement Logging Endpoints

It's free feedback

- Highly recommended
- Passbook sends error message back to the log back endpoint
- Human readable errors

https://webServiceURL/v1/log

Method: POST

```
{
   logs = [
      "Server ignored the 'if-modified-since' header (date) and returned the full unchanged pass data for serial number"
   ]
}
```

Four—Expect Dependency Outages

With your own service

BASIC

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Expect Dependency Outages

Redundancy is good

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Expect Dependency Outages

Is that dependency required?

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Expect Dependency Outages

Impacts reliability

- Pass should be served with bare minimum assets even when dependencies are not responding
  - Make default fallback data readily available for assets (images, text), locations

Tips—Intermediate

- Validate the Origin
- Validate Significant Contents
- Leverage Caching
- Monitor

One—Validate the Origin

Impacts performance, security and reliability

INTERMEDIATE

- It’s not sufficient to simply test if the card is valid
- Make sure the pass came from you
- Sign your pass and check your signature

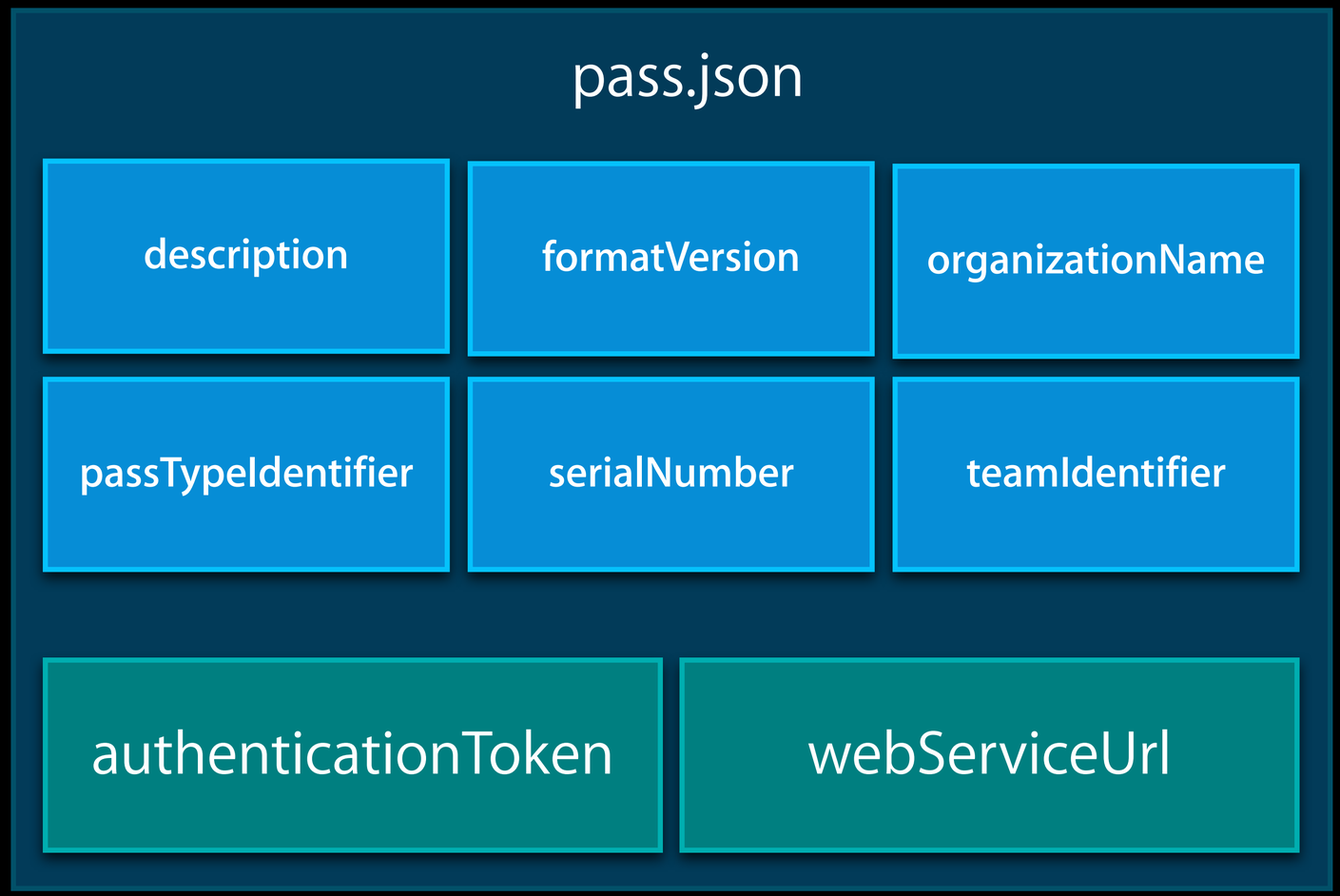
Validate the Origin

Remember authentication token

authenticationToken

Validate the Origin

Passbook package contents



Validate the Origin

Web services with authorization header

INTERMEDIATE

- Register a device
- Get latest version of a pass
- Unregister a device

Register a device

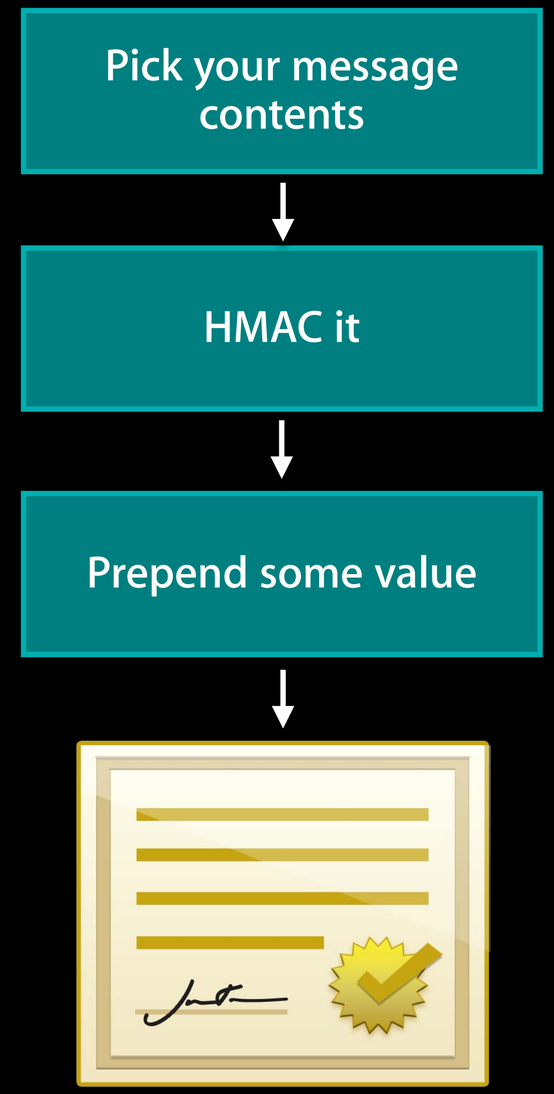
Method: GET
deviceLibraryIdenfitier
passTypeIdentifier
serialNumber

Headers:
Authorization: ApplePass
84jhadk9587dlad...

Validate the Origin

Build your authentication token using HMAC

- HMAC—Keyed Hash Message Authentication Code (RFC2014)
- Verify
  - Auth token is signed
  - Key is private
  - Strong enough against brute force
- Then auth token was created by you



Validate the Origin

Every language has it

OpenSSL::HMAC

hash_hmac

Bouncy Castle

hmac.new

Two—Validate Significant Contents

INTERMEDIATE

Impacts security

- Anyone can create a pass
- The pass is not authoritative
- Always check the source of truth

Three—Leverage Caching

Impacts performance, scalability, reliability

- Cache as much downstream data as possible
  - Product services
  - Location services
  - Image services
- Cache encrypted and decrypted values for HMAC or authentication token
- Consider caching the .pkpass file

Four—Monitor

Impacts reliability

- Be the first to know when your servers go down
- There are numerous external websites that do monitoring
  - Build a query against one of your production test passes
  - Validate response is status 200
  - Check your pass size
- Internal logging systems
  - Asset sizes
  - Certificate expiration warnings (signing and push notifications)
- Internal monitoring

Tips—Advanced

For the most complex passes

- Rate Limit
- Process Asynchronously
- Leverage AuthToken as Storage
- Distinguish Dev and Prod Passes
- Build in Debug-ability

One—Rate Limit

Impacts reliability

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- Prevents
  - Denial of service attack
  - Brute force attack
- Set high limits for IP based rules
- Set lower limits based on serial numbers

Two—Process Asynchronously

Impacts performance and scalability

- Pre-warm your caches (i.e. images)
- Logs can be written to disk asynchronously
- Use a queue for push notifications
- Avoid holding connections open for long periods of time

Three—Leverage Auth Token as Storage

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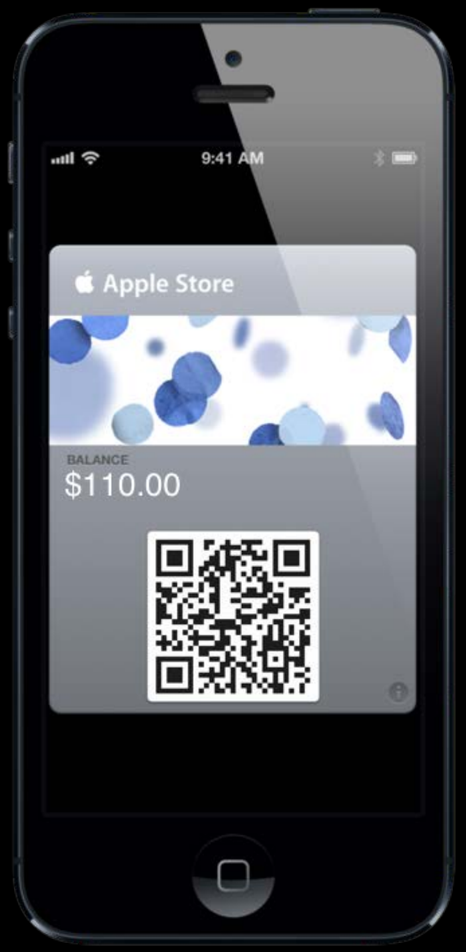
Impacts performance and reliability



Three—Leverage Auth Token as Storage

Impacts performance and reliability

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You have serial number

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You have serial number
Get the gift card number and pin

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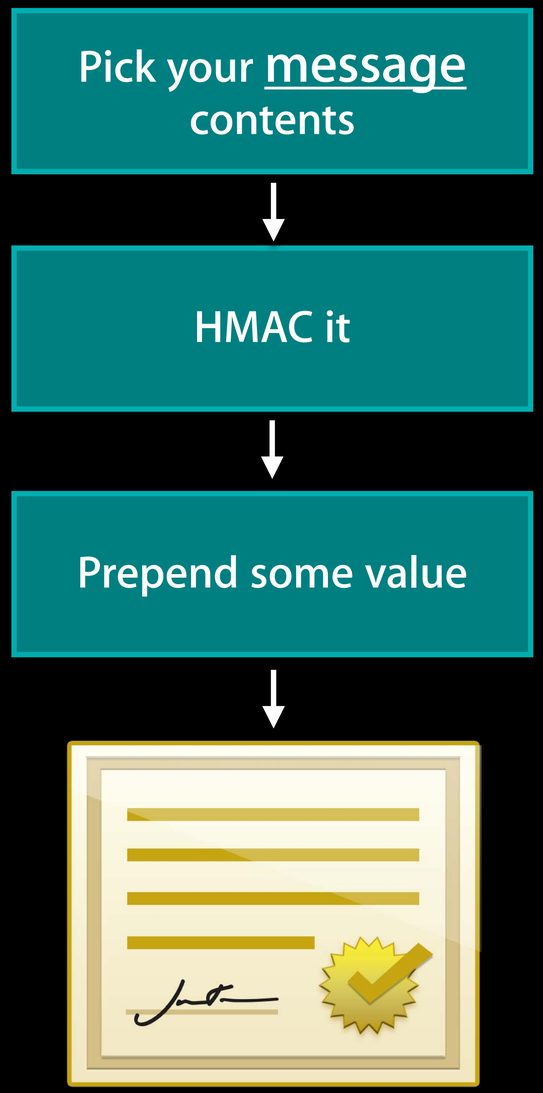
Remember authentication token

authenticationToken

Leverage Auth Token as Storage

Store pass specific information inside the “message”



Leverage Auth Token as Storage

Minimize your dependencies

- Store encrypted relevant data in authentication token to minimize your dependency on DB and increase your reliability
- Items you could store
  - Product details - strip image url
  - Gift card number or PIN numbers
  - Important dates
  - Nearest 10 locations

Four—Distinguish Test and Production

Remember the pass type identifier

passTypeIdentifier

Distinguish Test and Production

Passbook package contents

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pass.json

description	formatVersion	organizationName
passTypeIdentifier	serialNumber	teamIdentifier

authenticationToken	webServiceUrl

Distinguish Test and Production

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Test

pass.json

pass.com.store.giftcard

Production

pass.json

pass.com.store.giftcard

Distinguish Test and Production

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Test

pass.json

pass.com.store.giftcard.test

Production

pass.json

pass.com.store.giftcard

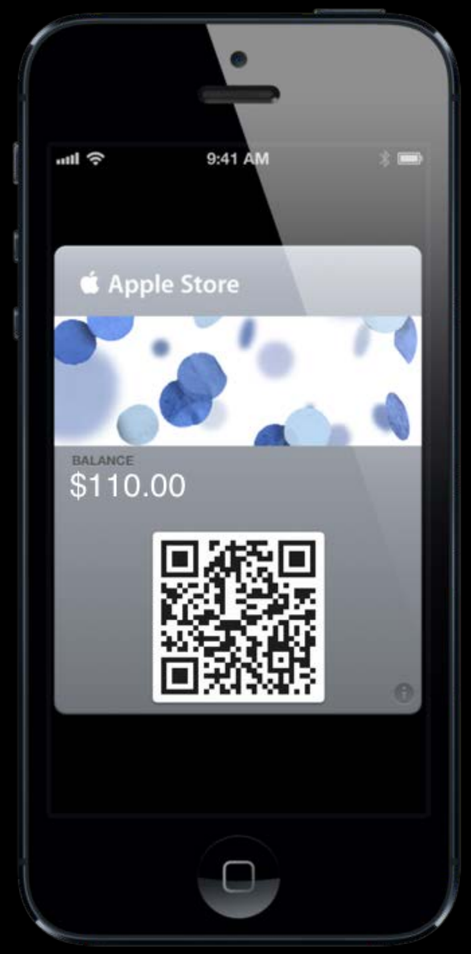
Five—Build in Debugging

Impacts reliability

- Be ready to troubleshoot it in production
- Leverage the back of pass for debug information
- Have a test serial number for production
- Turn on a flag on this test pass
- Display extra information on the back of the pass
  - Host or data center
  - Locations
  - Last updated date

Summary

- Apple Store Gift Card
- Leveraging Existing Systems
- Determining Complexity
- Web Services Tips and Tricks



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Passbook Programming Guide
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