Advanced User Interfaces with Collection Views

An iTunes Connect case study

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New designs for iTunes Connect

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Sample code: AdvancedCollectionView-1.0

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Single loading indicator

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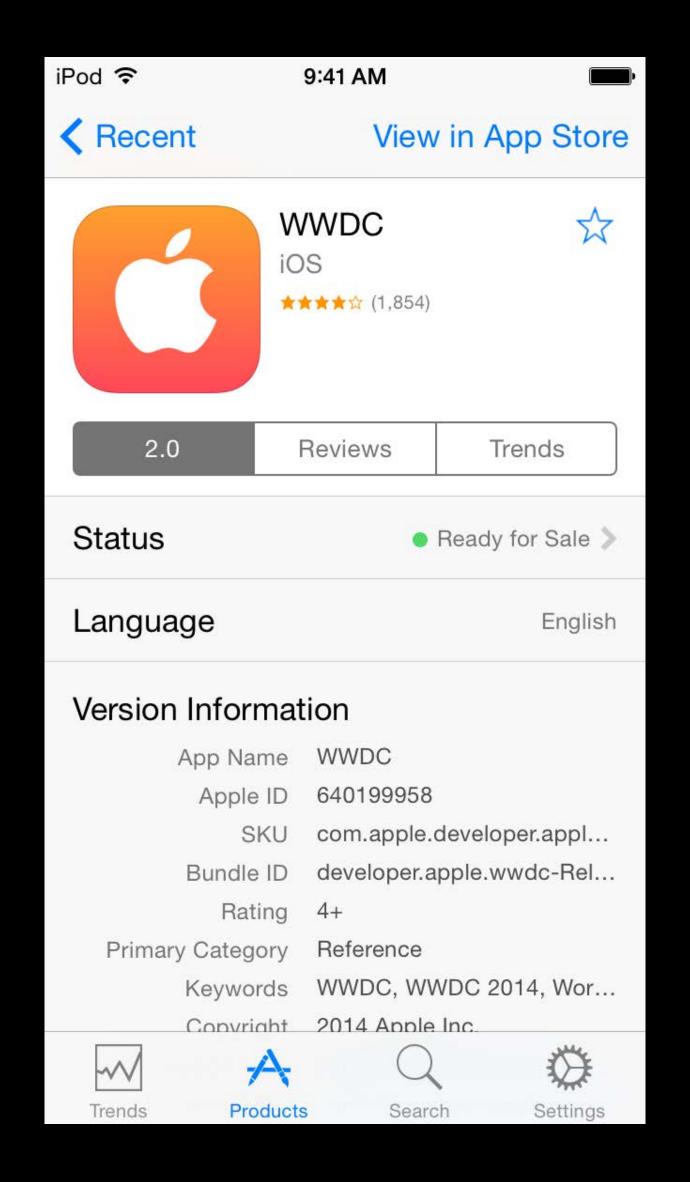
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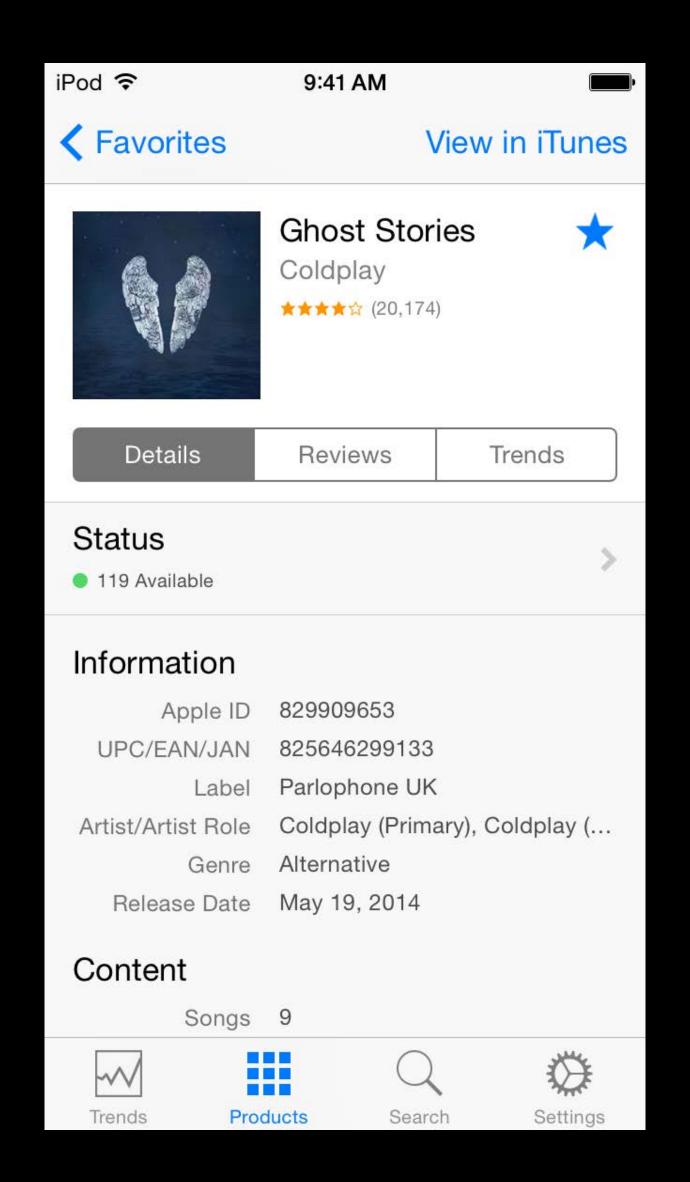
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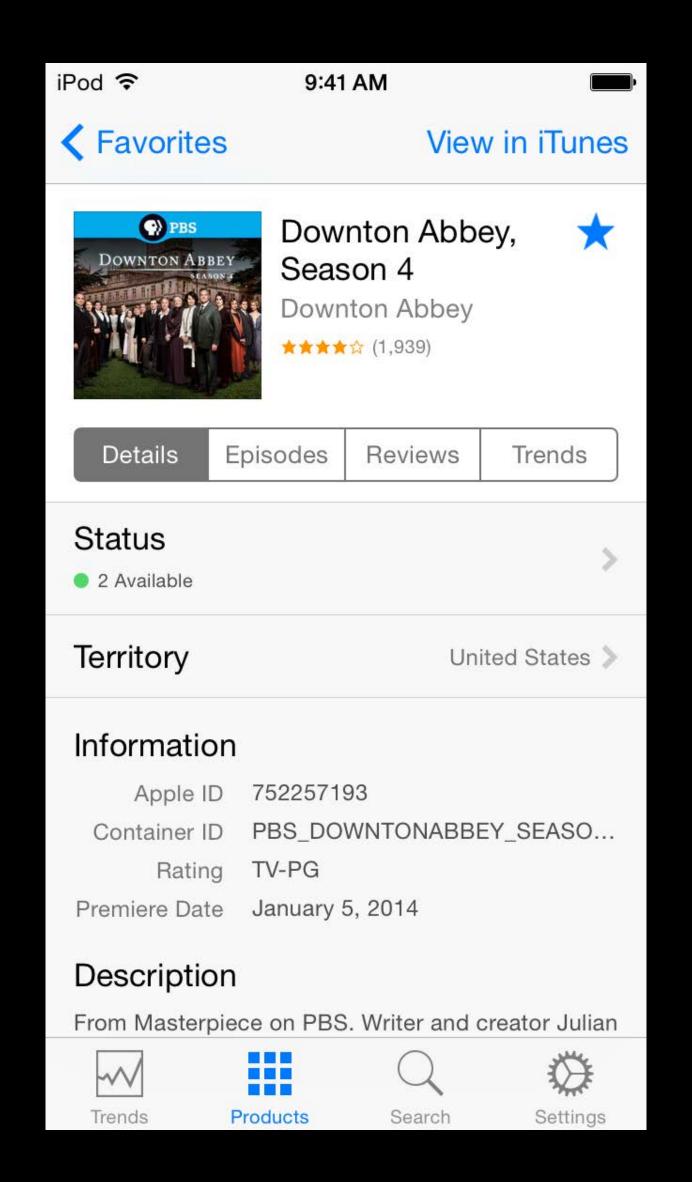
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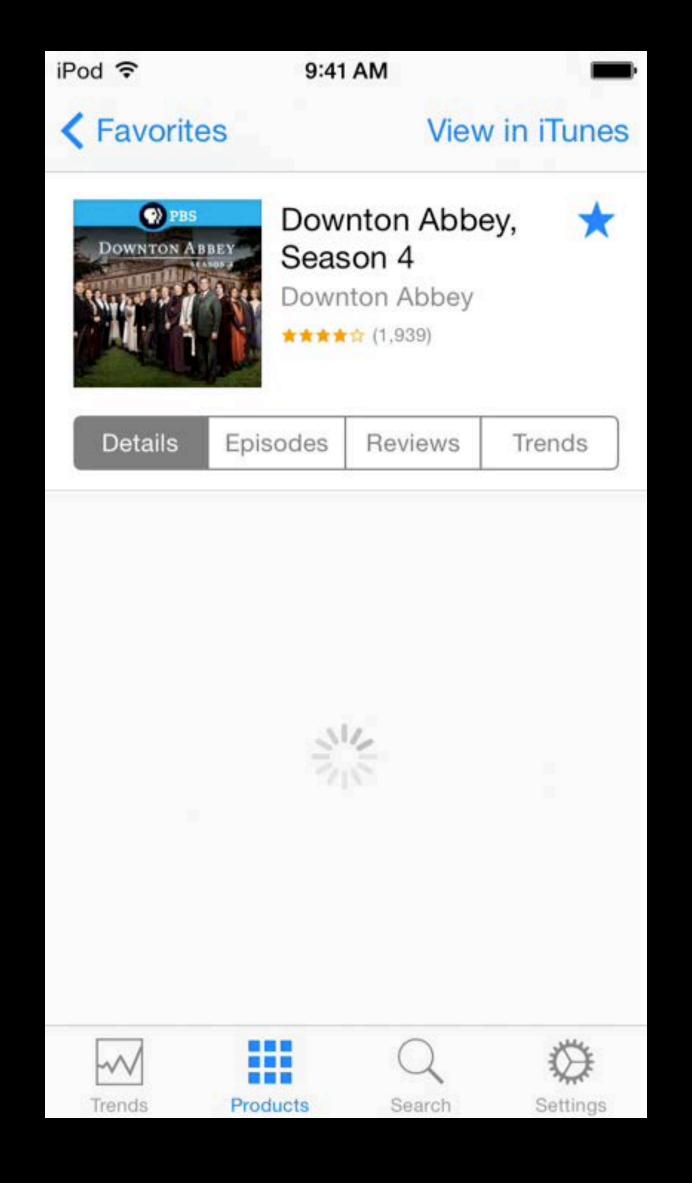
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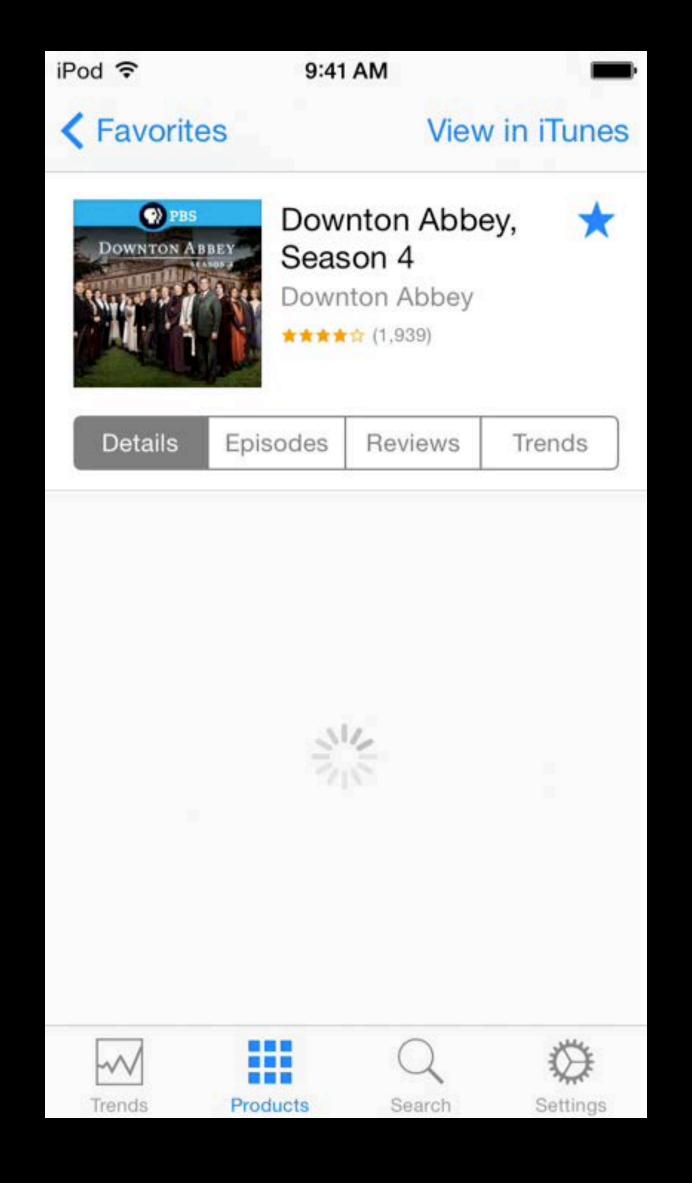
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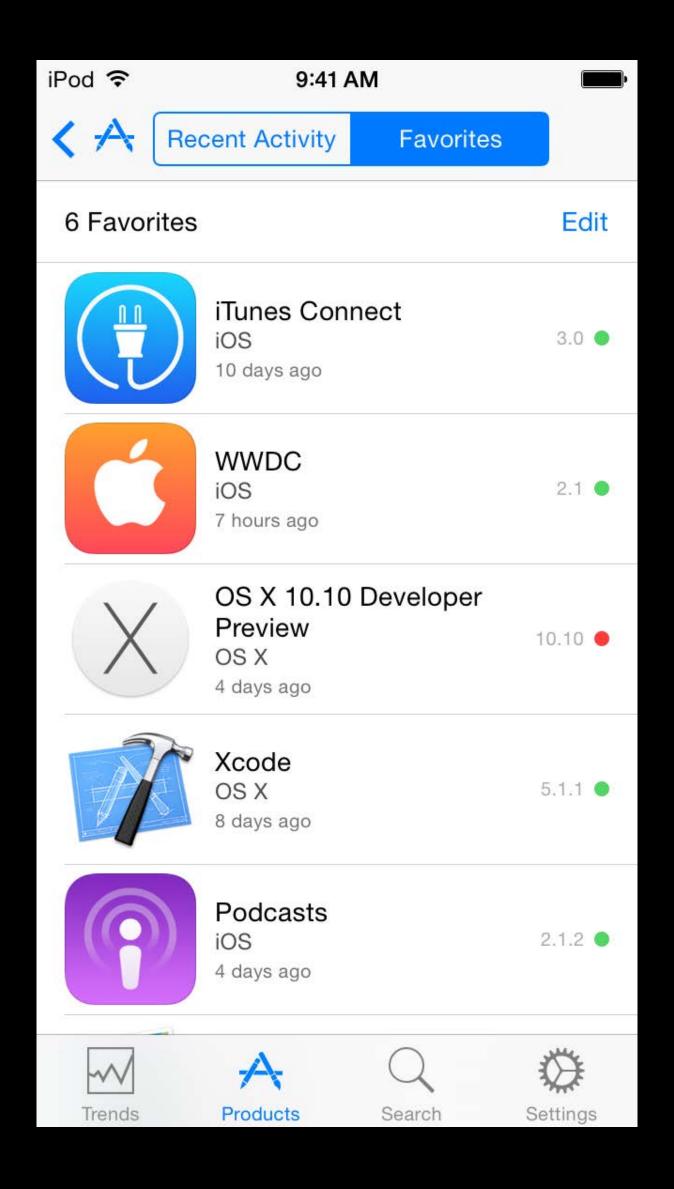
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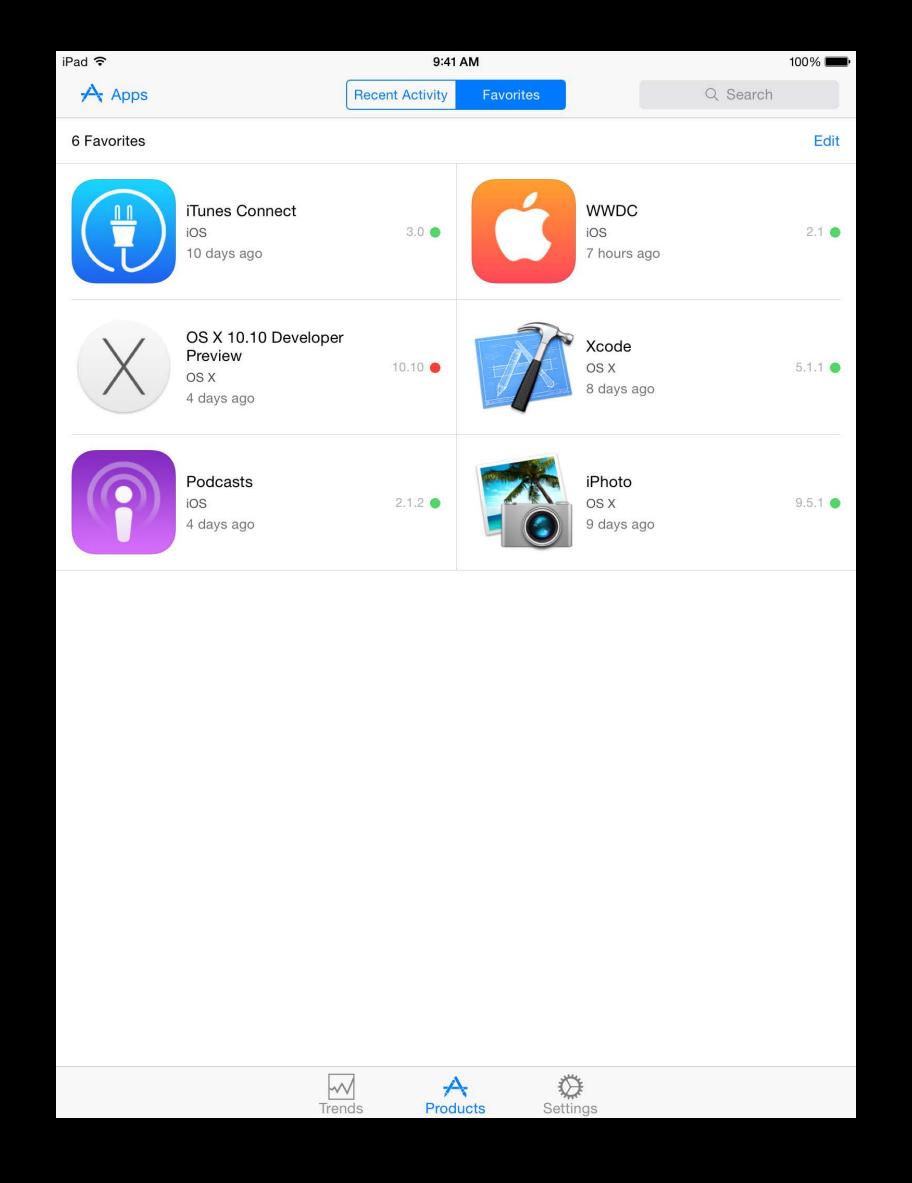
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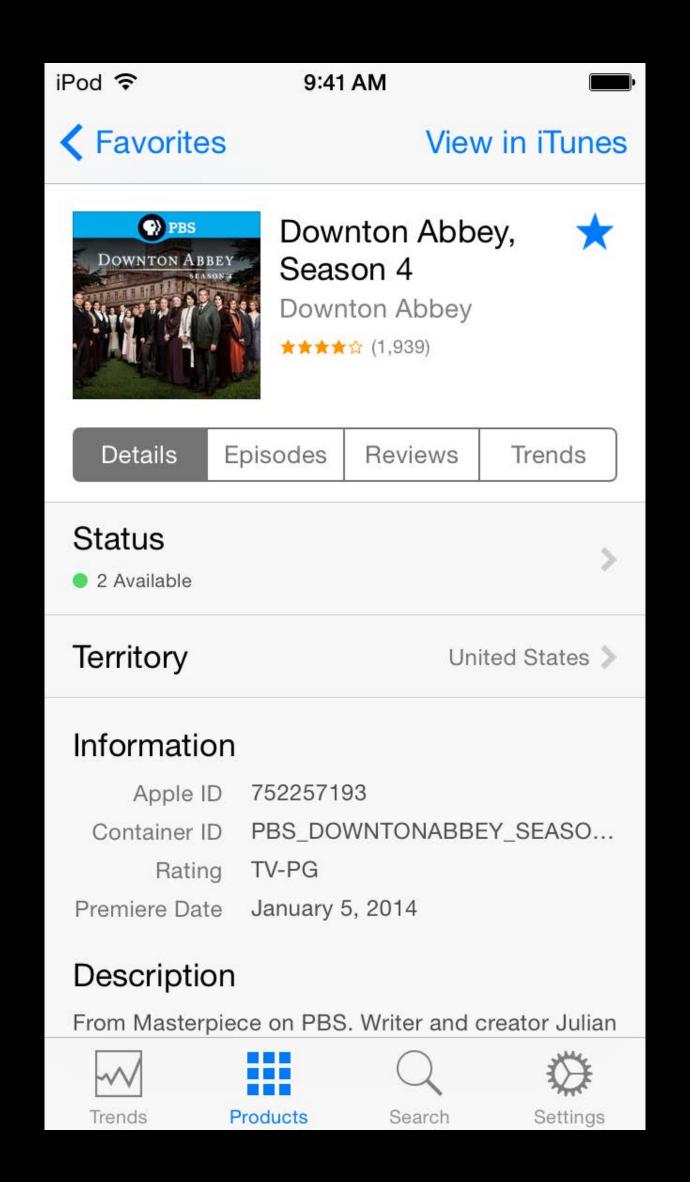
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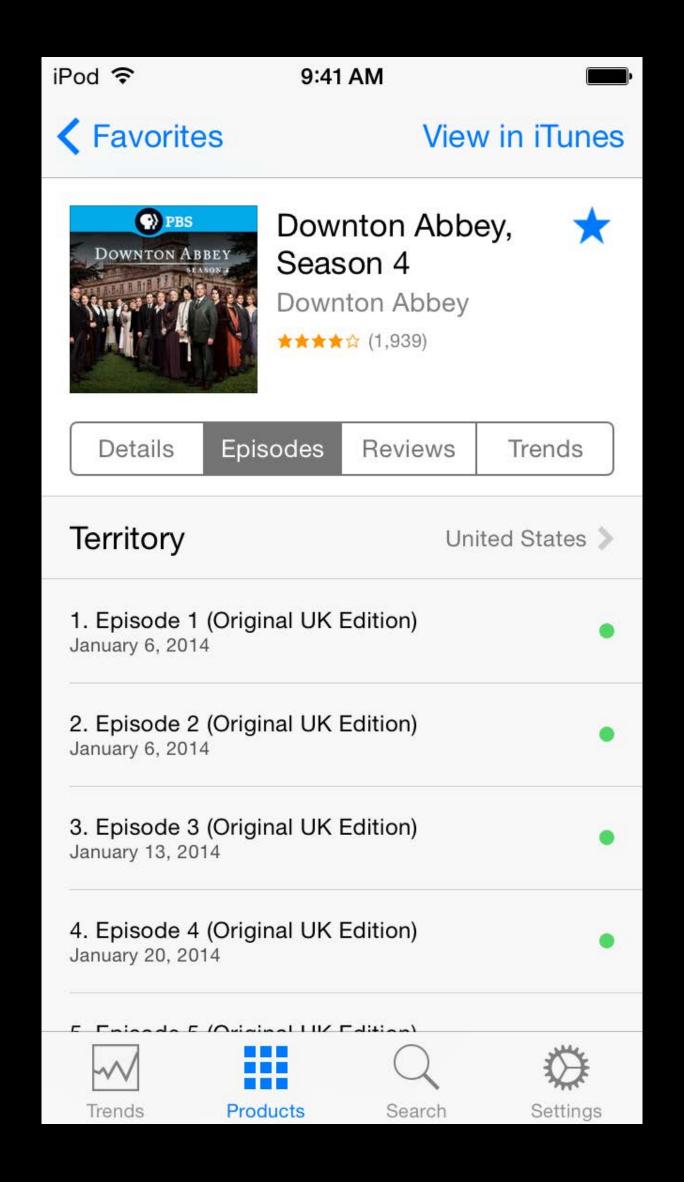
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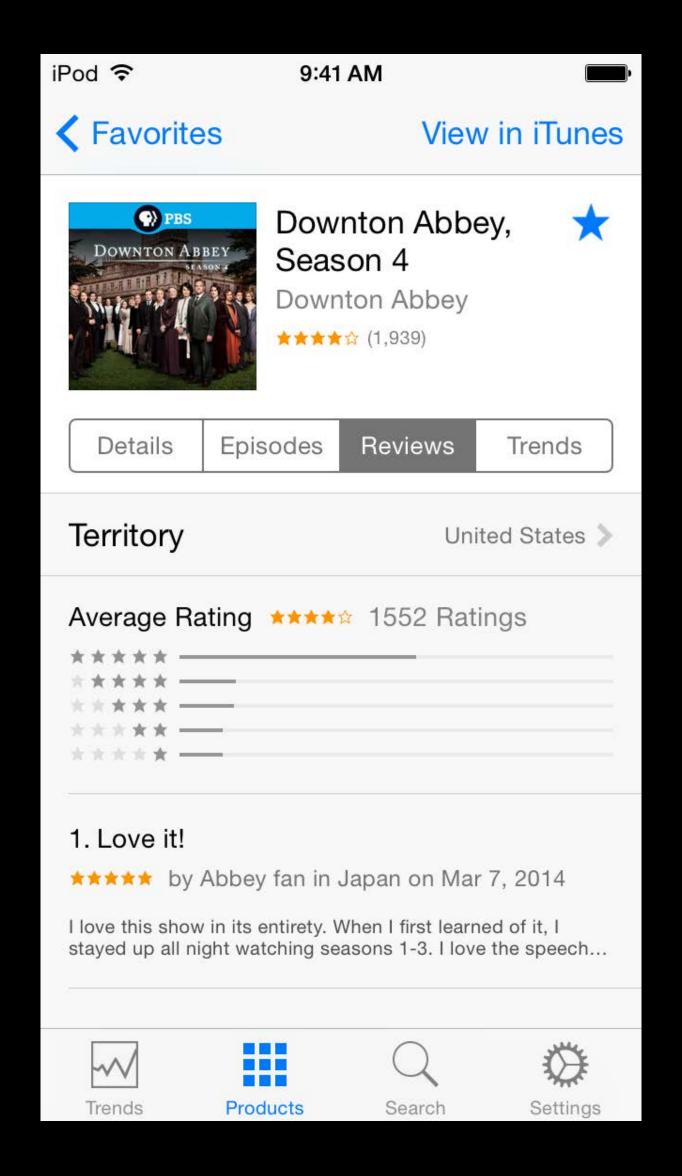
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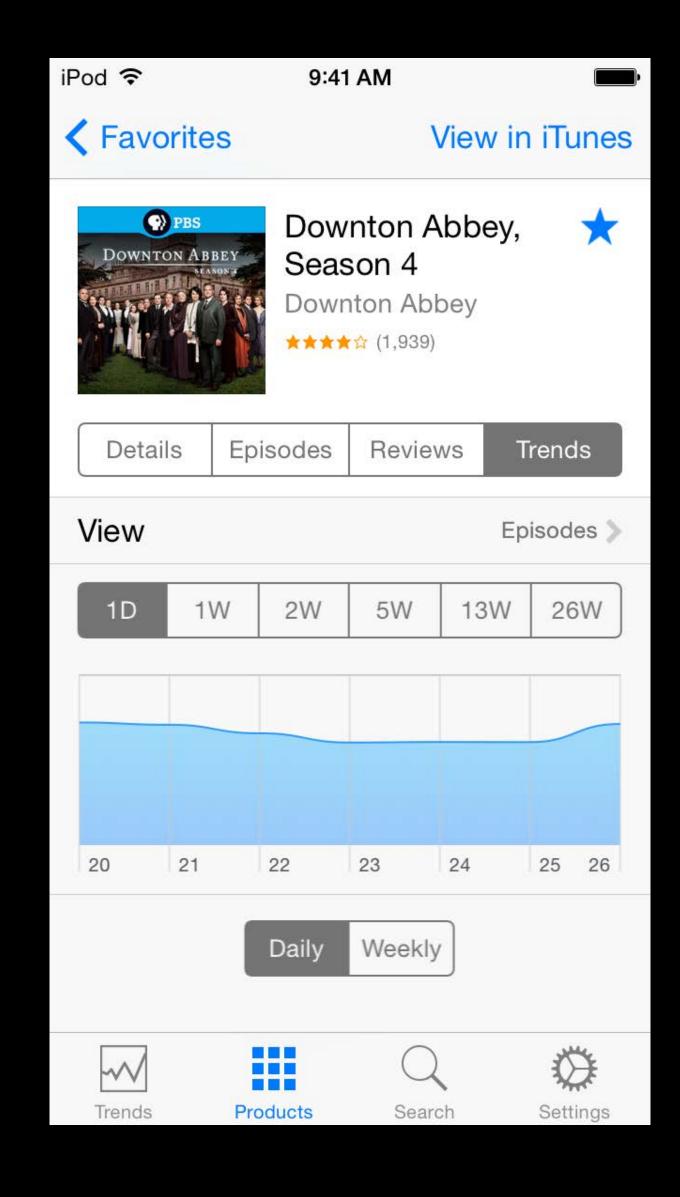
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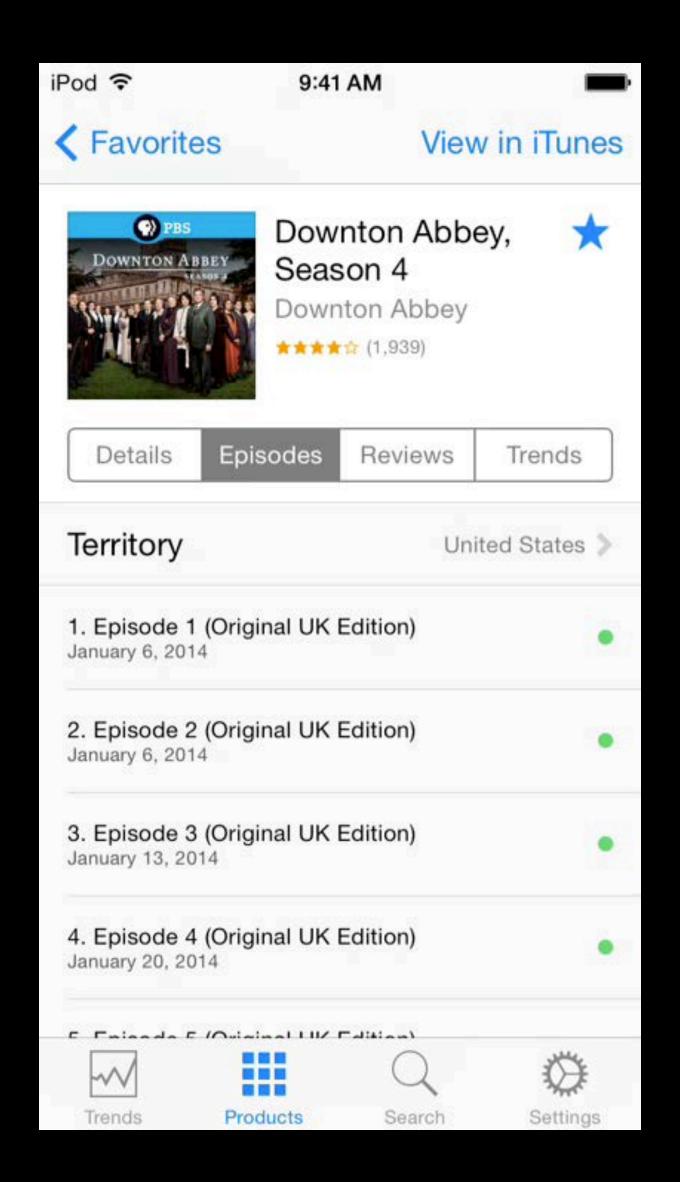
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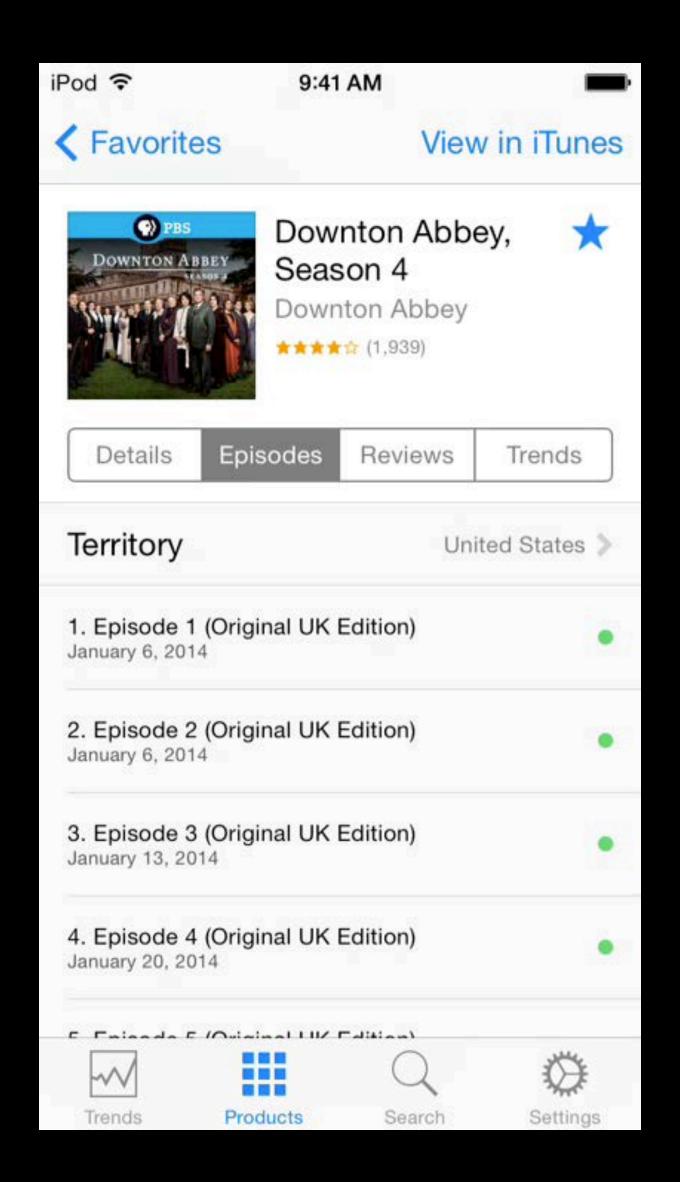
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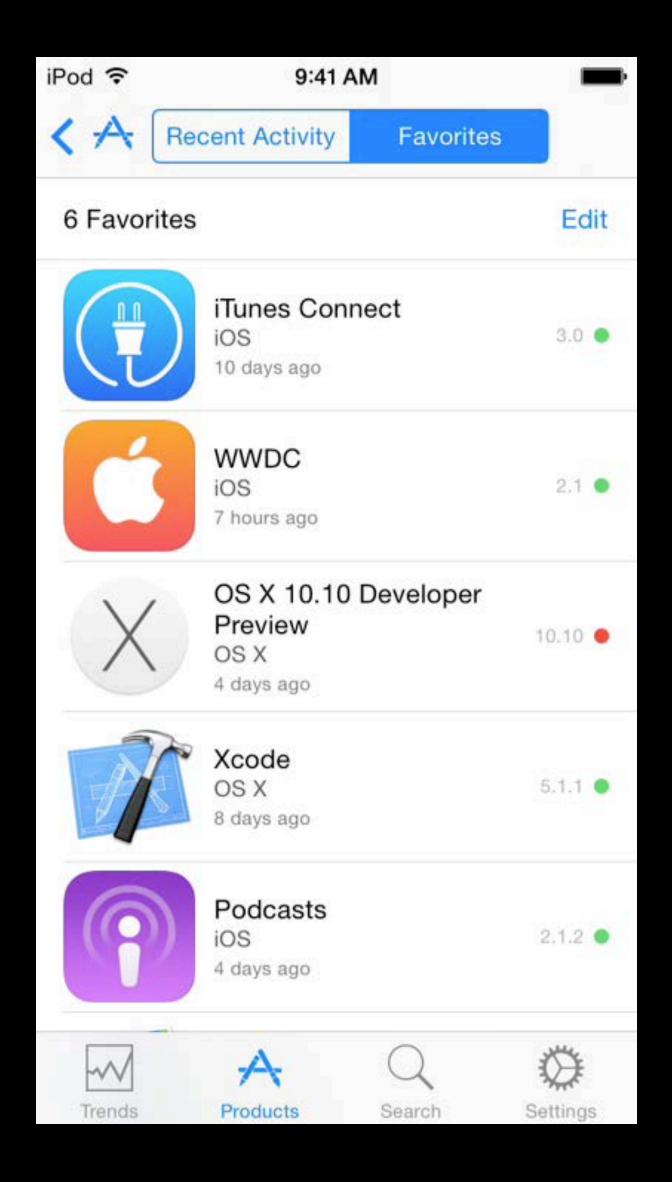
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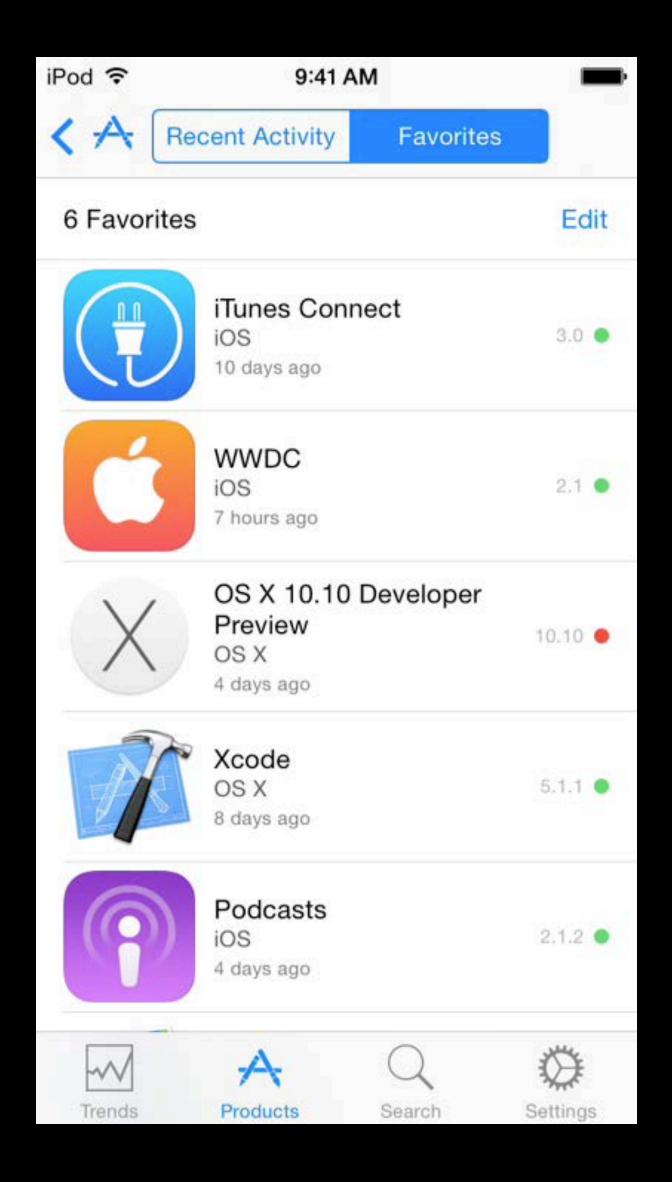
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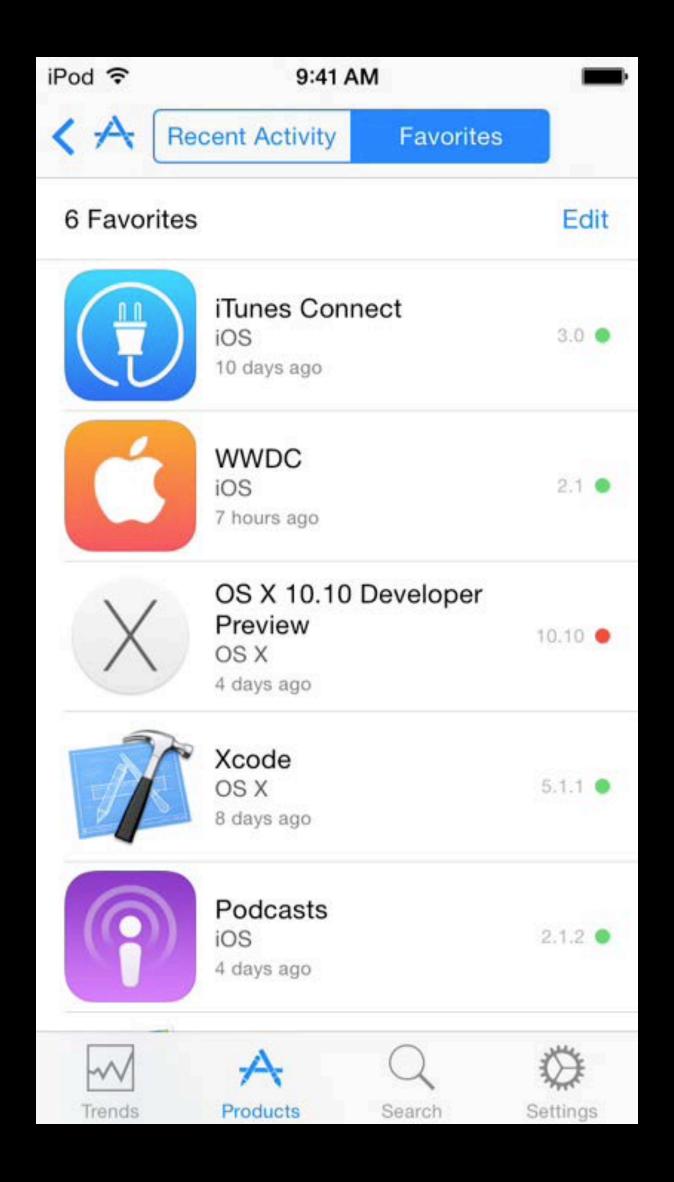
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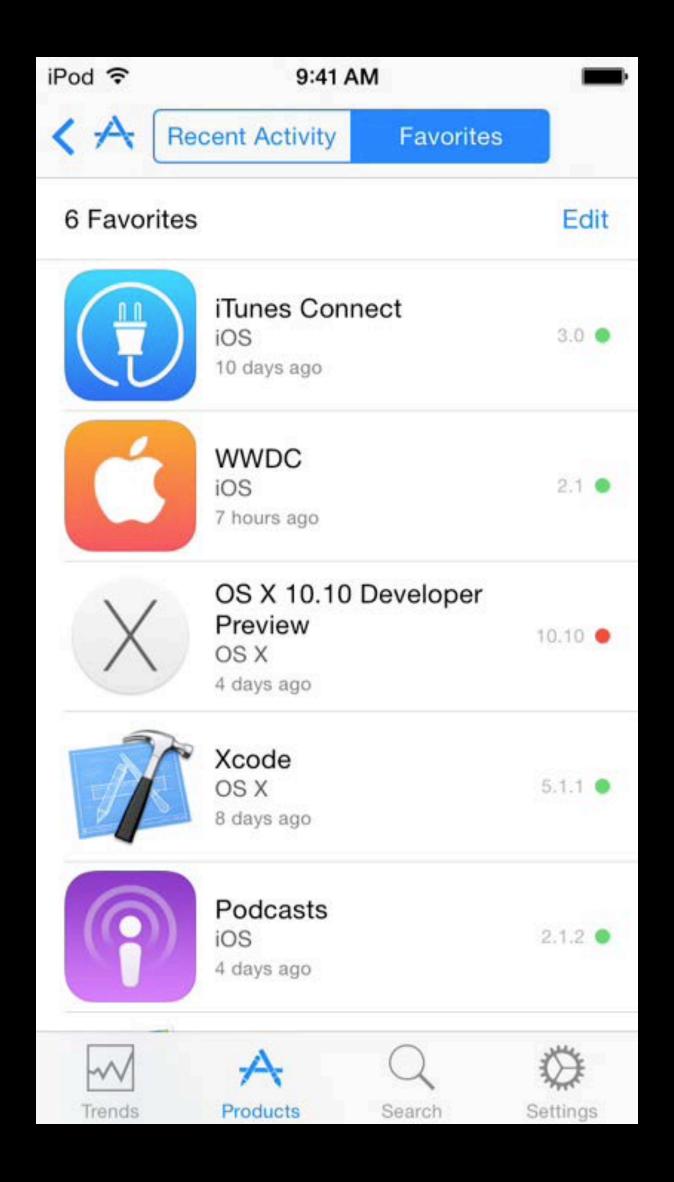
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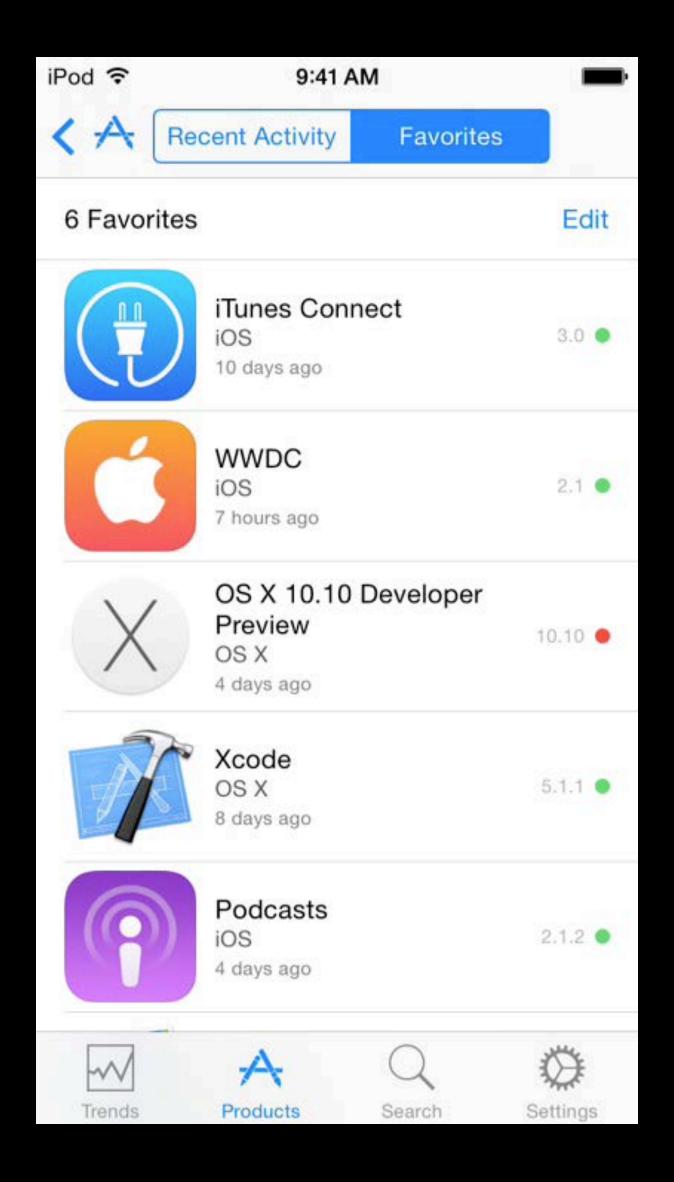
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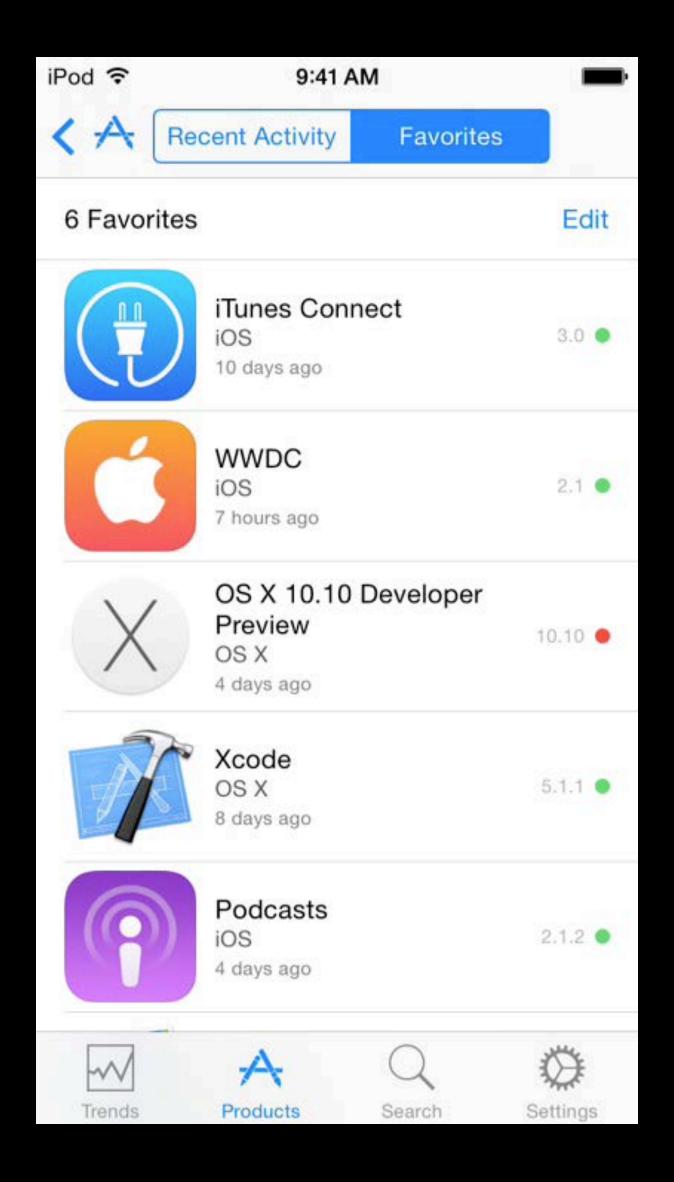
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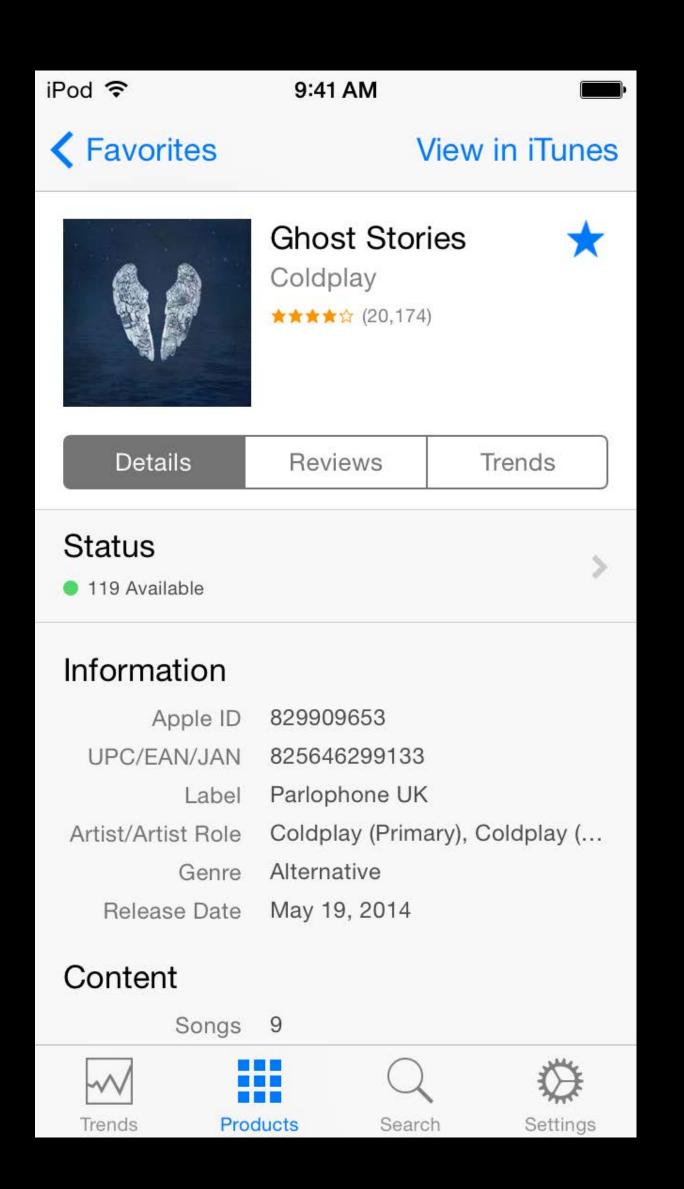
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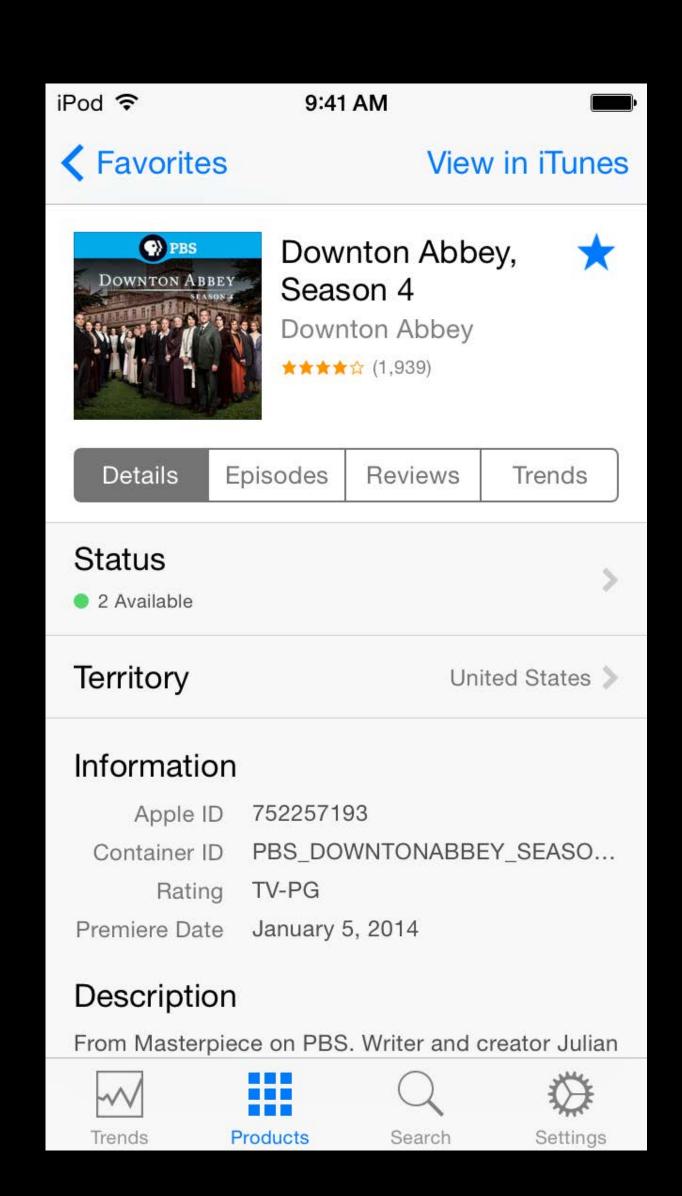
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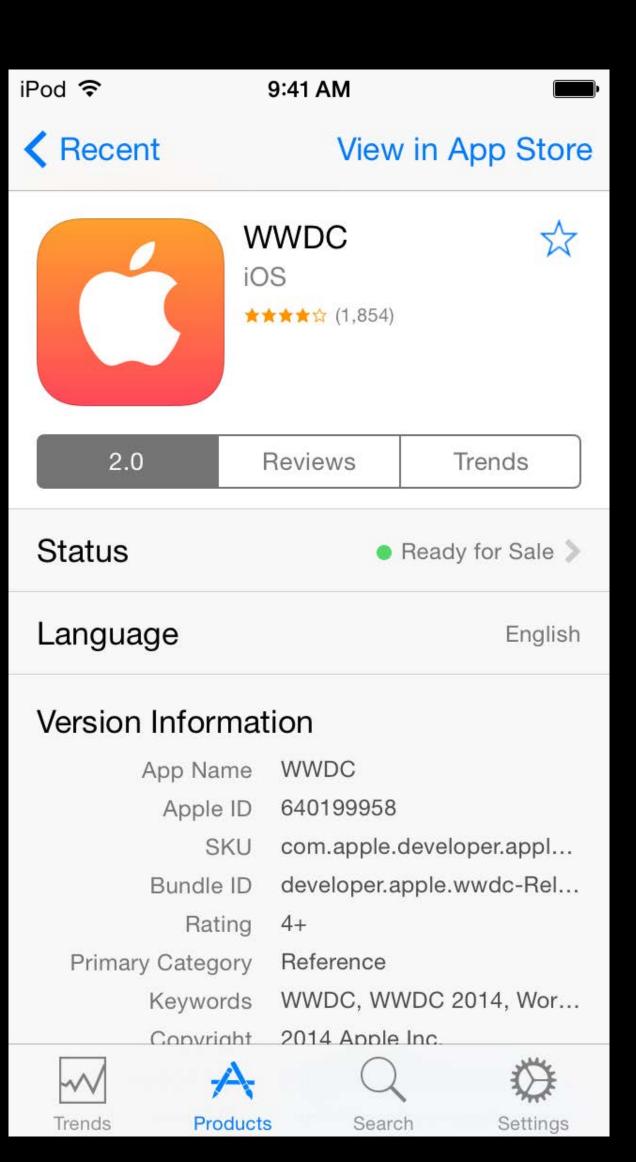


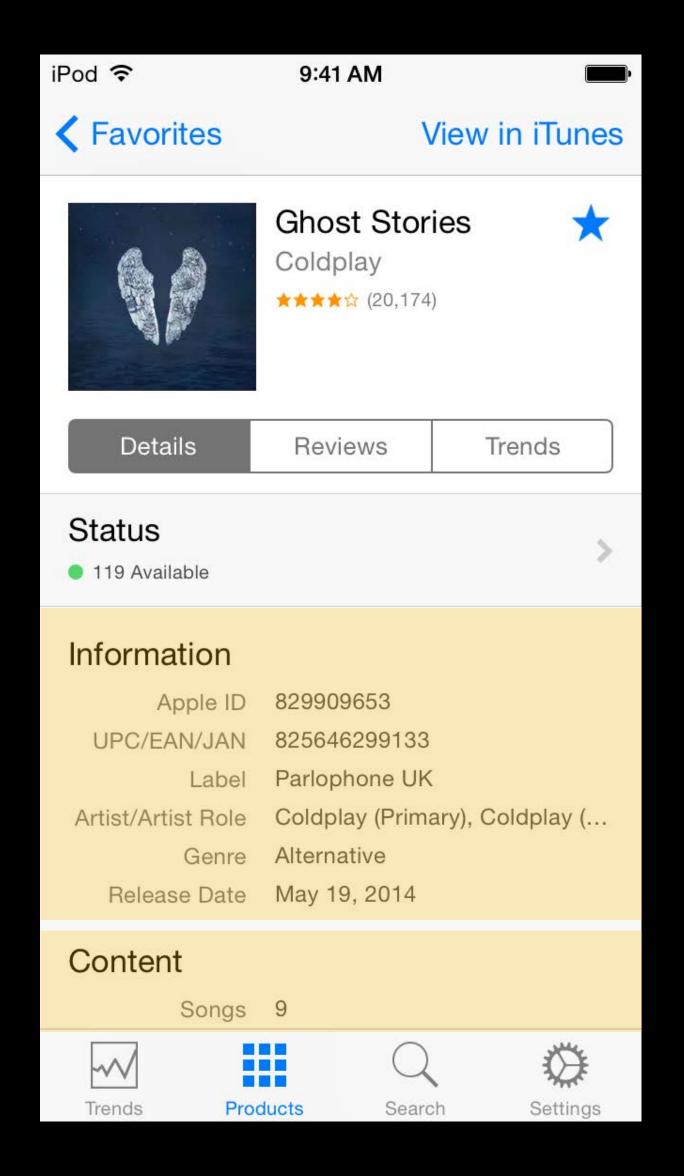
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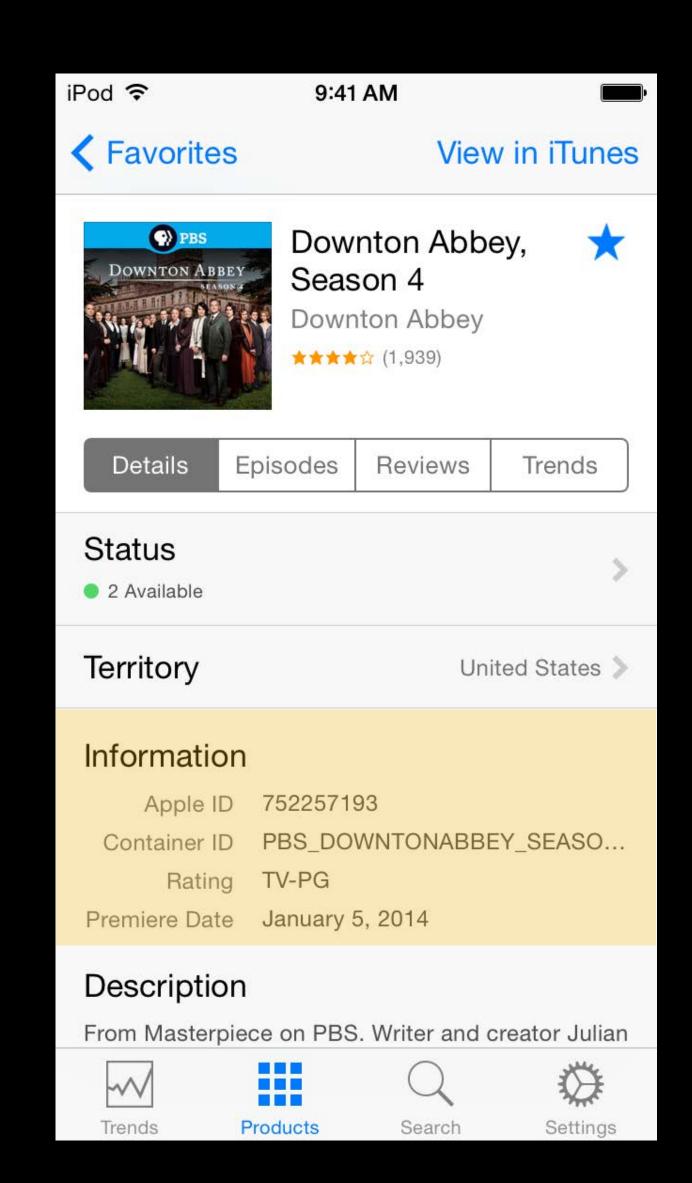
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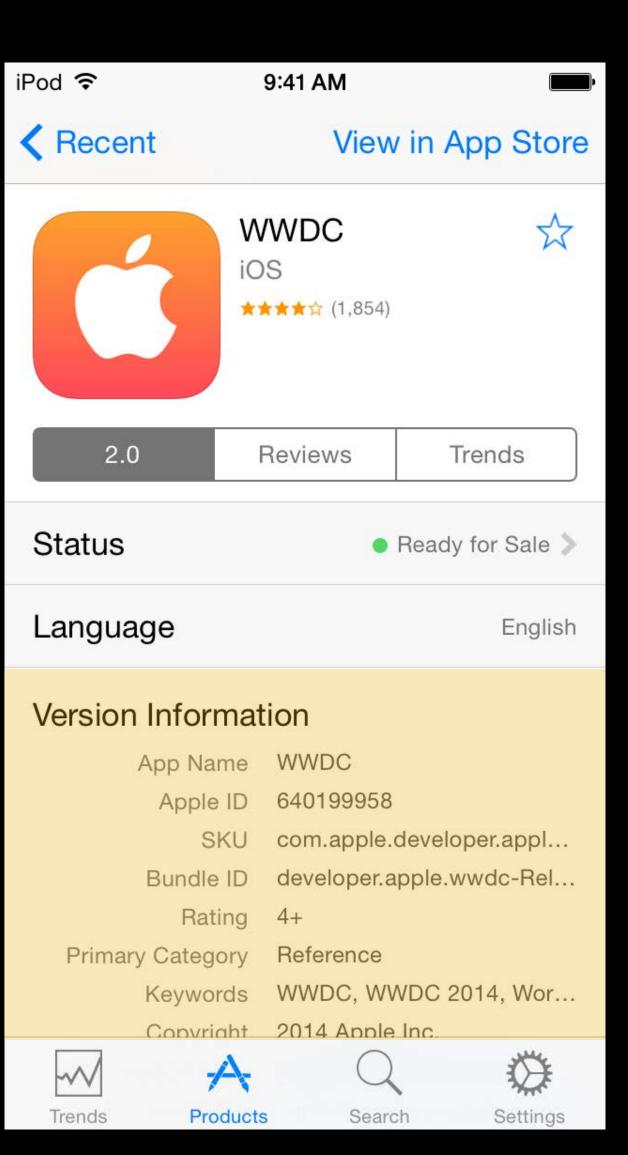


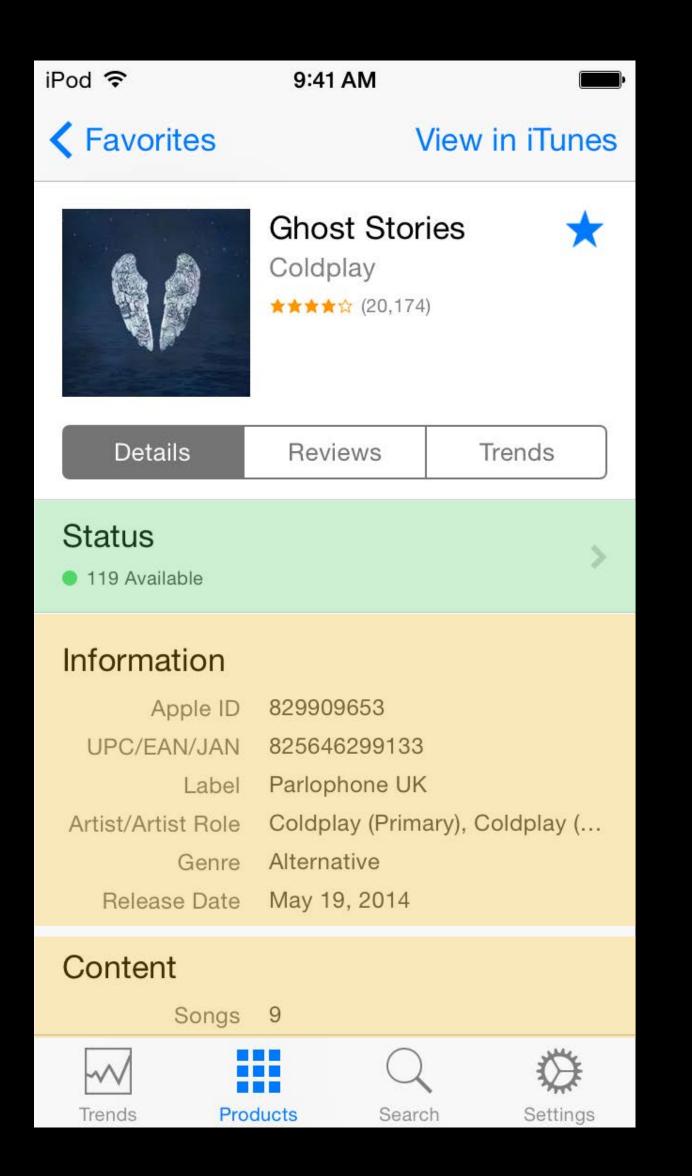


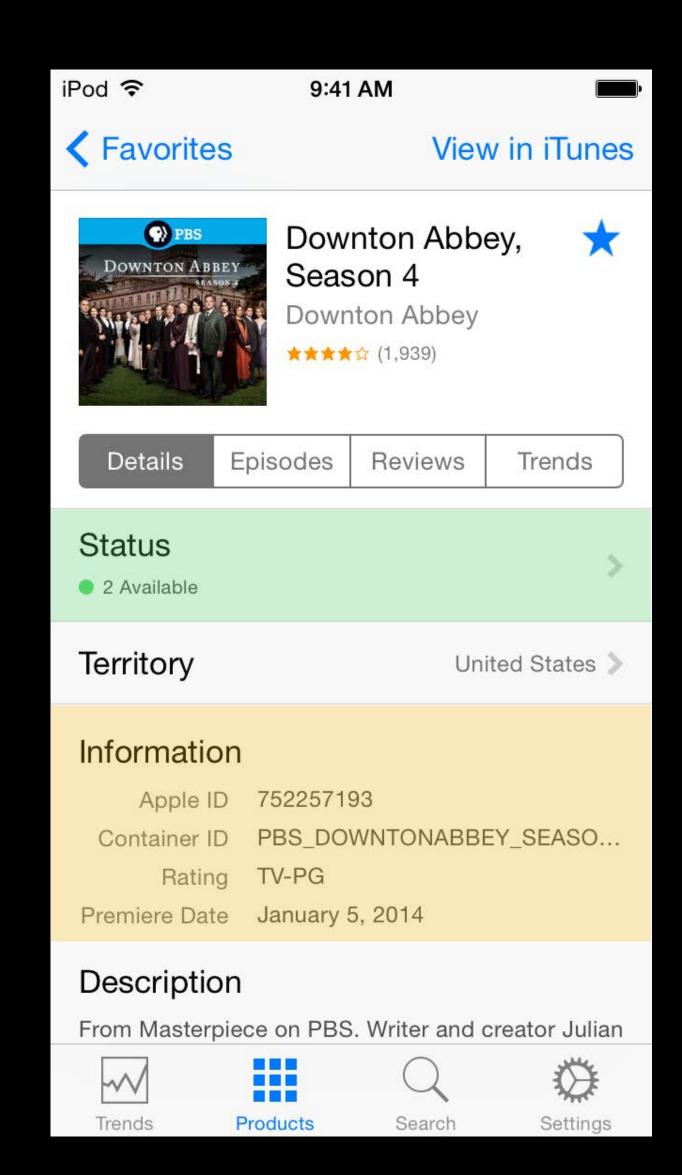


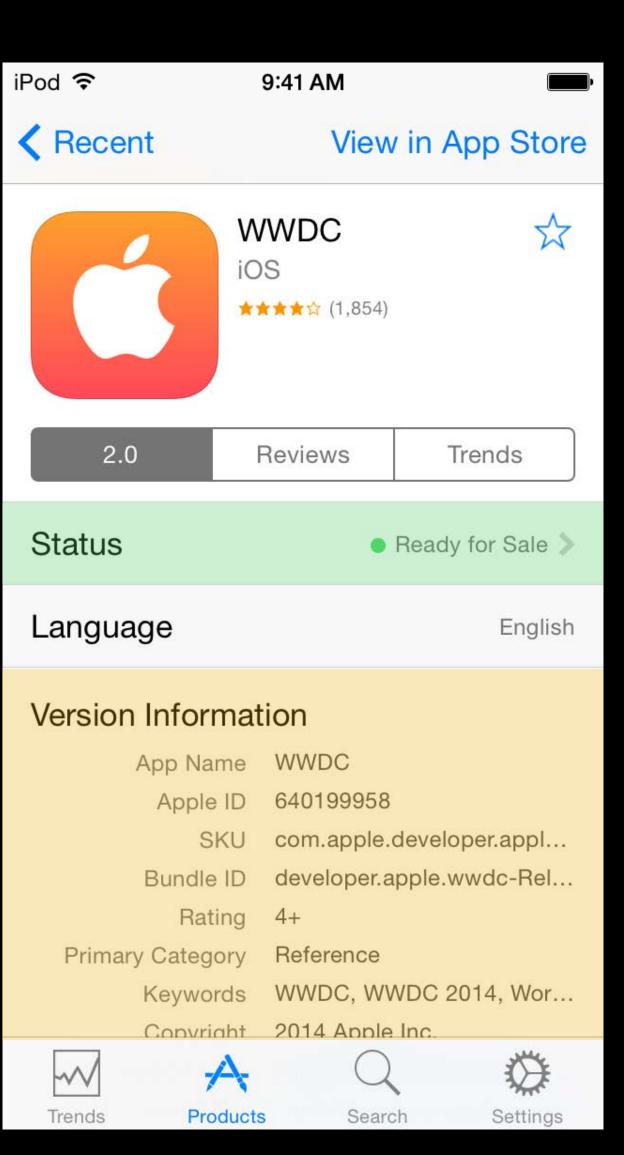












Traditional Data Source

Implemented in UICollectionViewController

Either

- One gigantic controller
- One controller per content type

Doesn't encourage code reuse for similar sections

Aggregate Data Source

Implement data sources as separate objects

Enables code reuse

Single view controller

Aggregate Data Source

AAPLDataSource
The base data source class

AAPLSegmentedDataSource
Multiple children; only one active at a time

AAPLComposedDataSource
Multiple children; all active at once

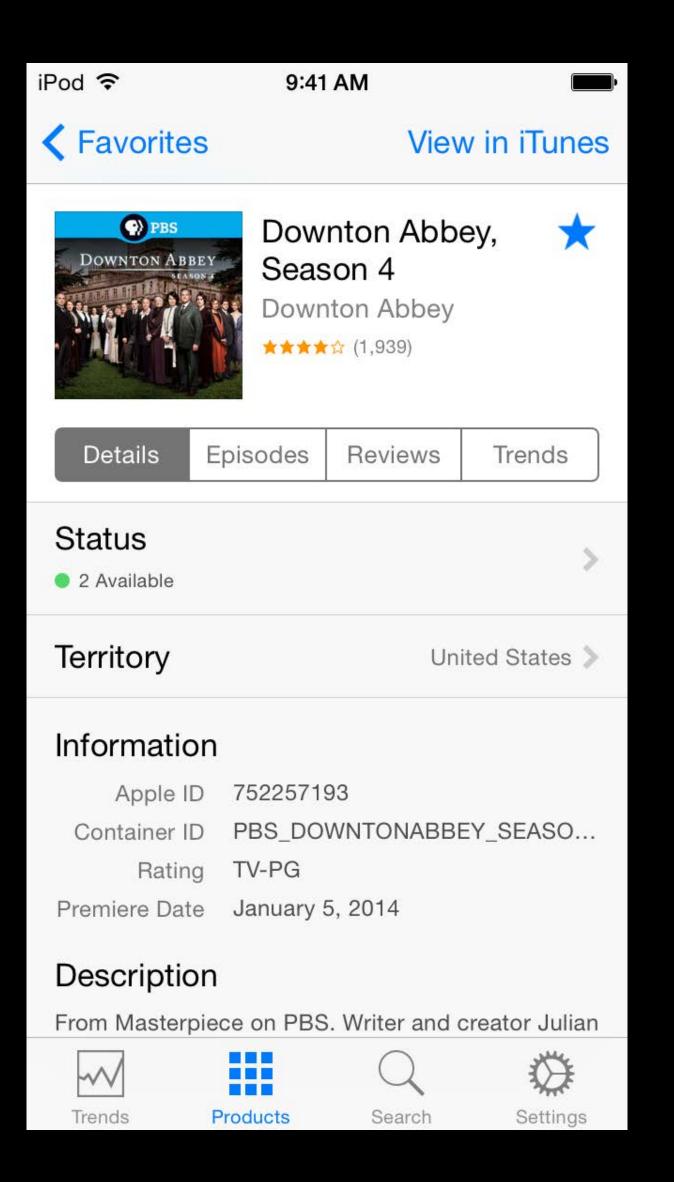
AAPLBasicDataSource
One section; items stored in an NSArray

Segmented Data Source

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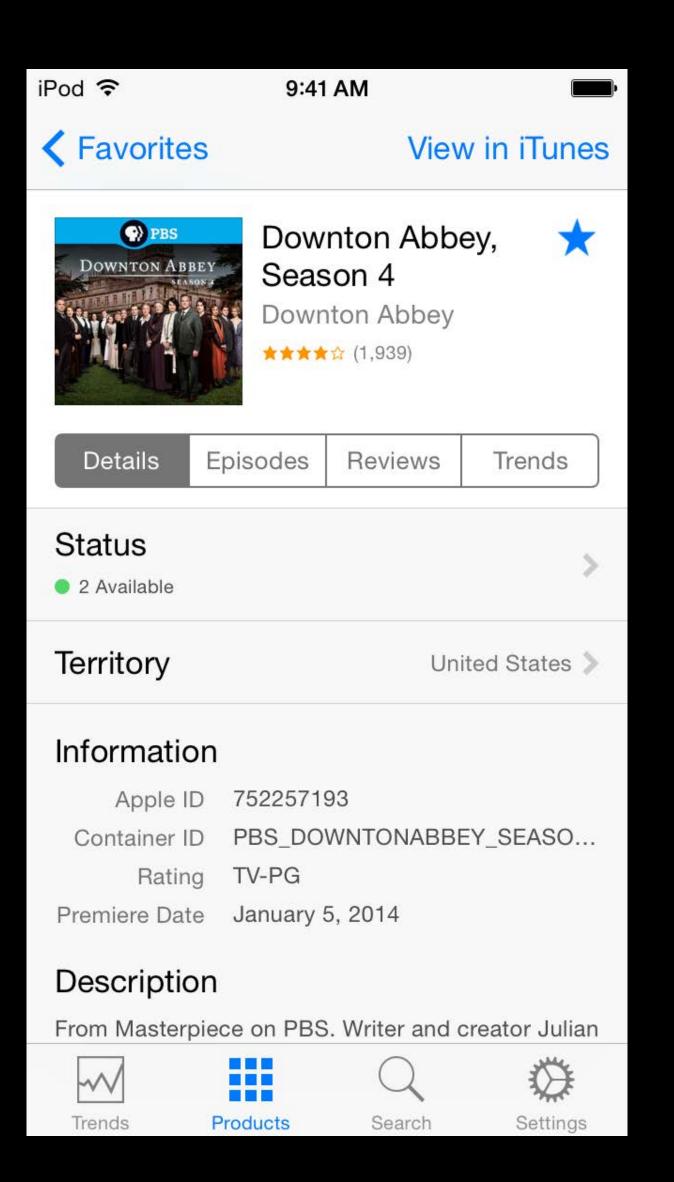
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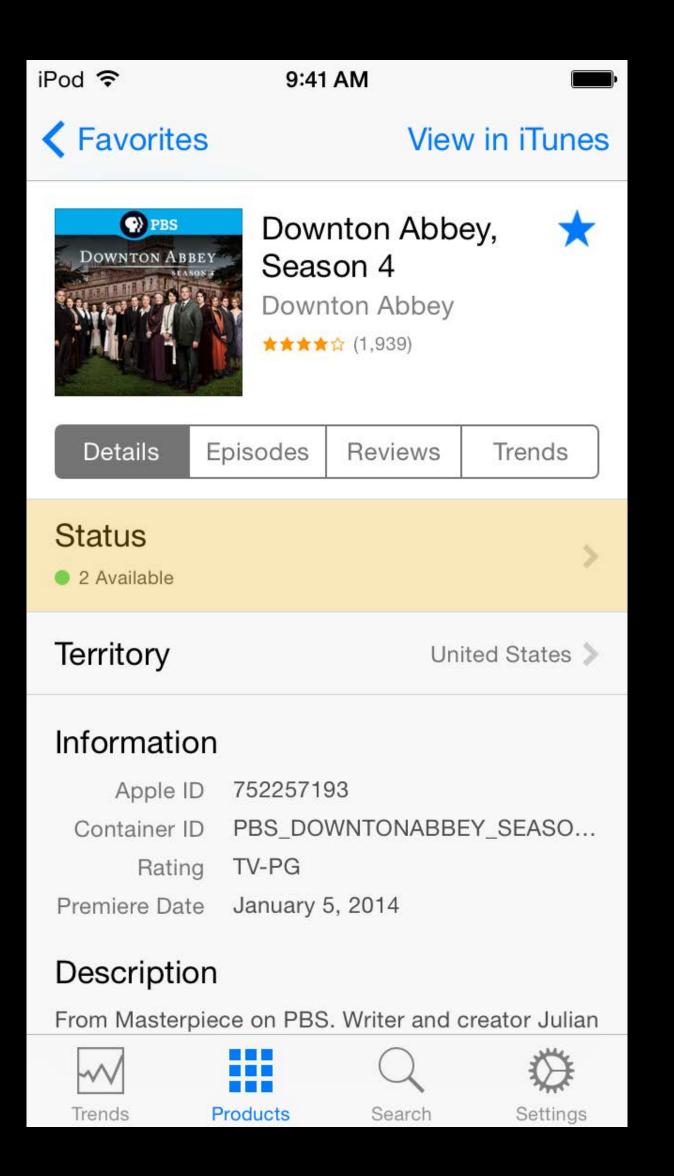


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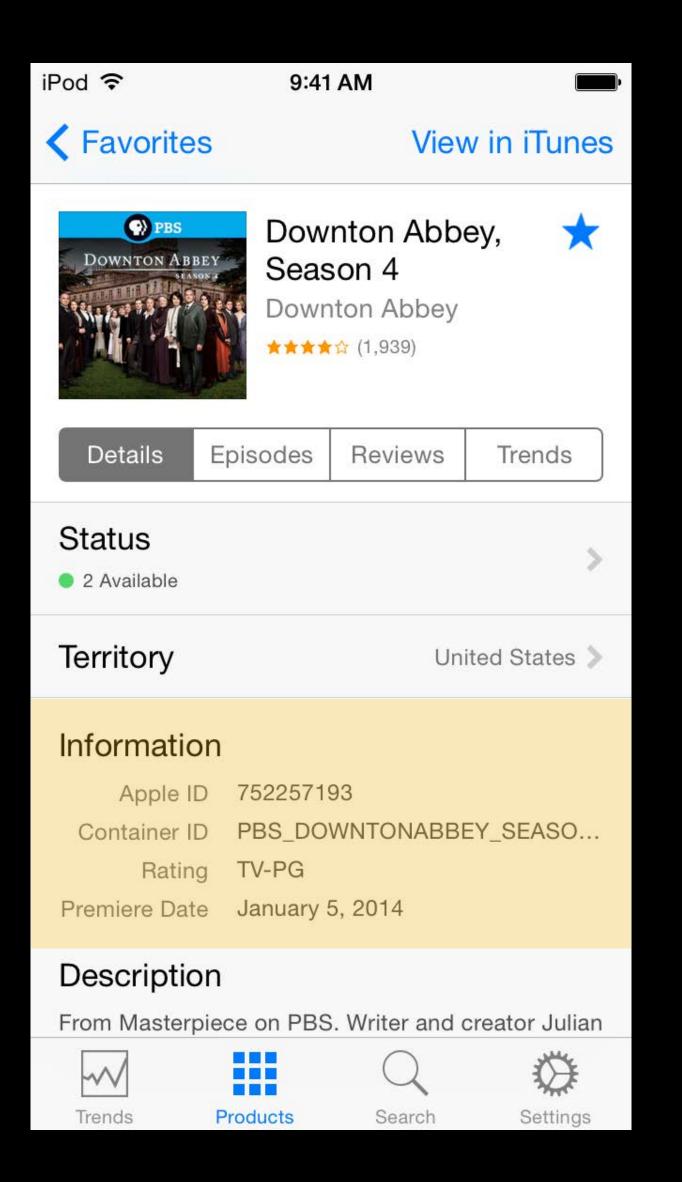


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- Status
- Information

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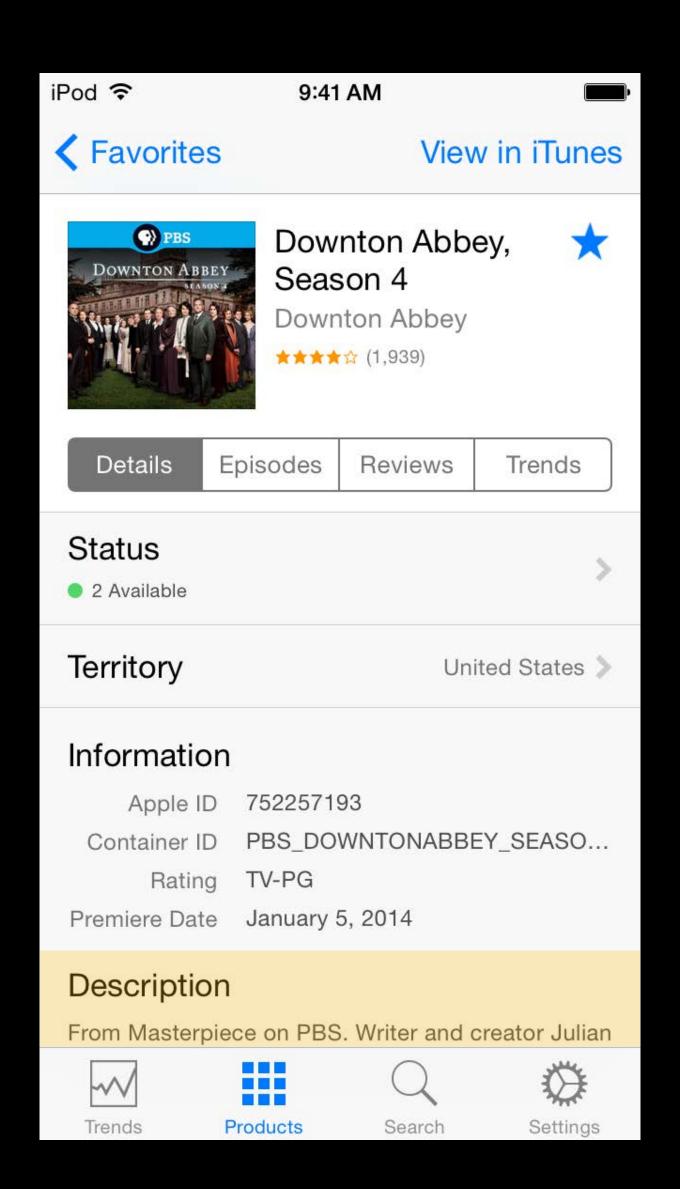


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- Information
- Description

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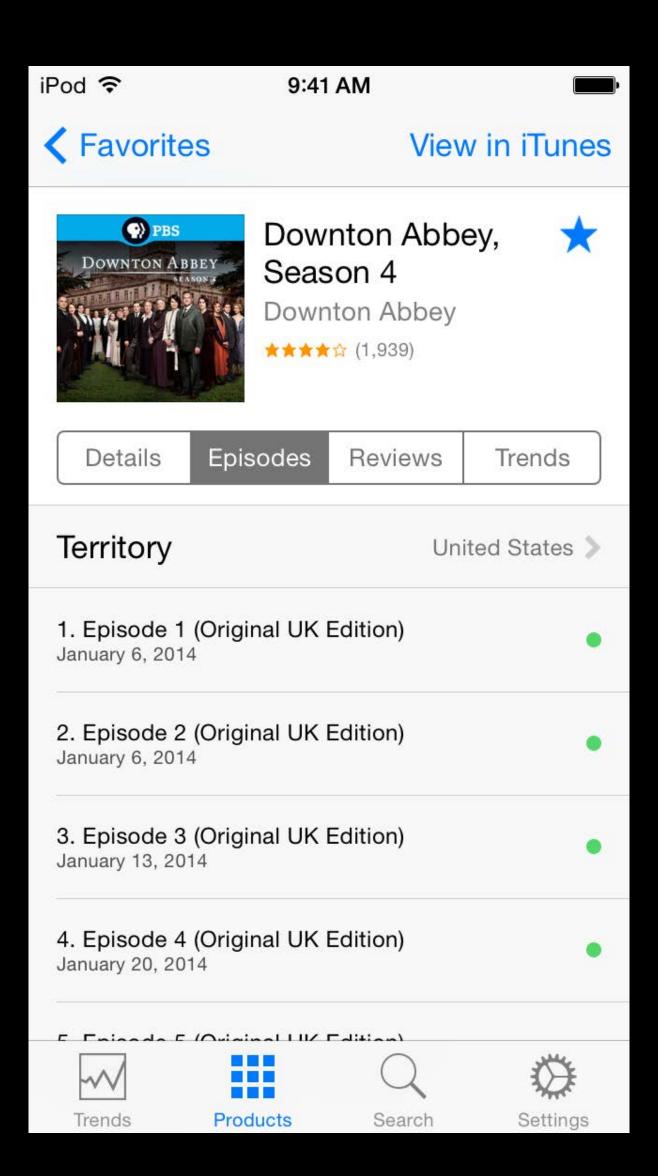


Basic Data Source

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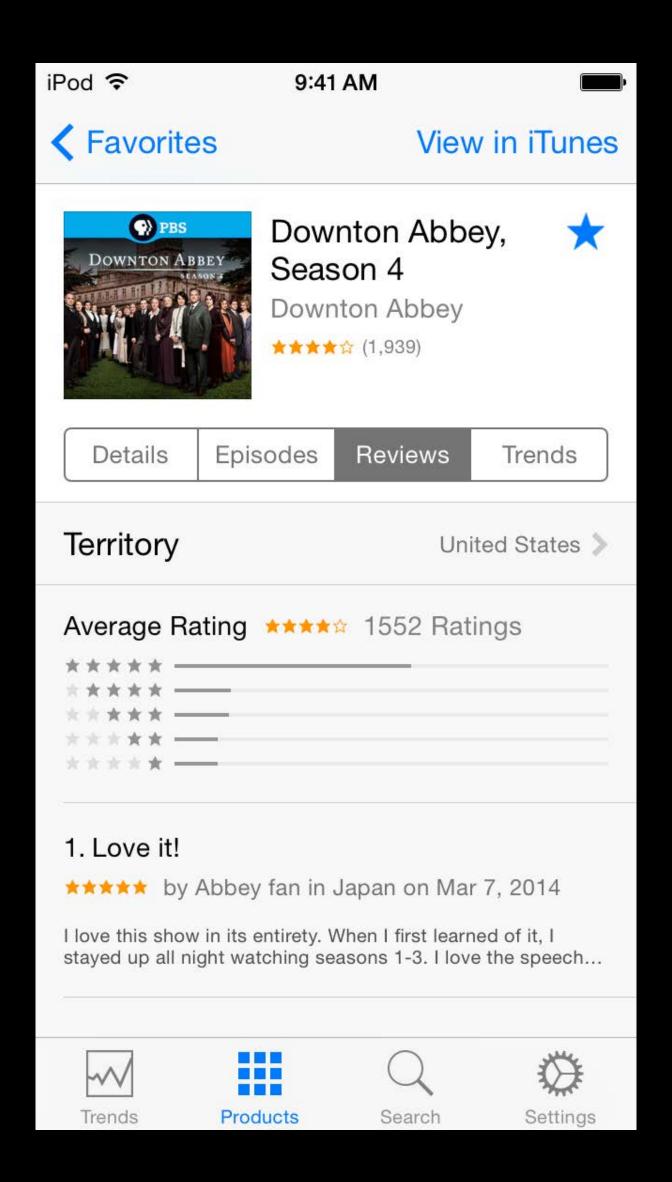


Composed Data Source

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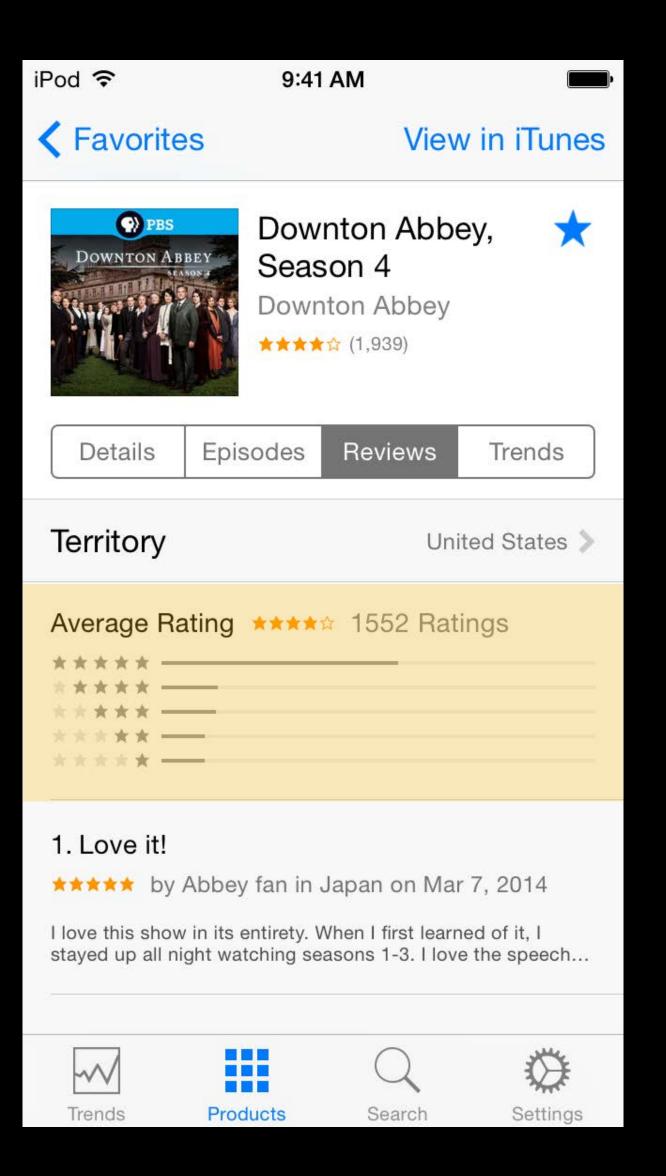
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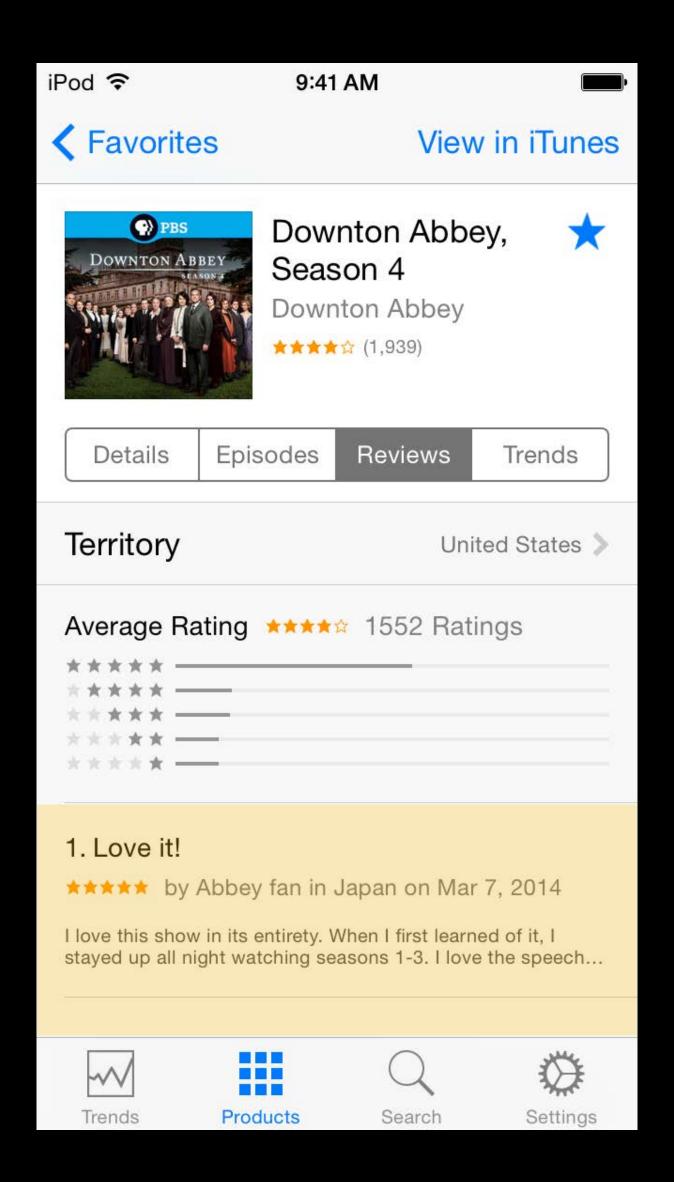
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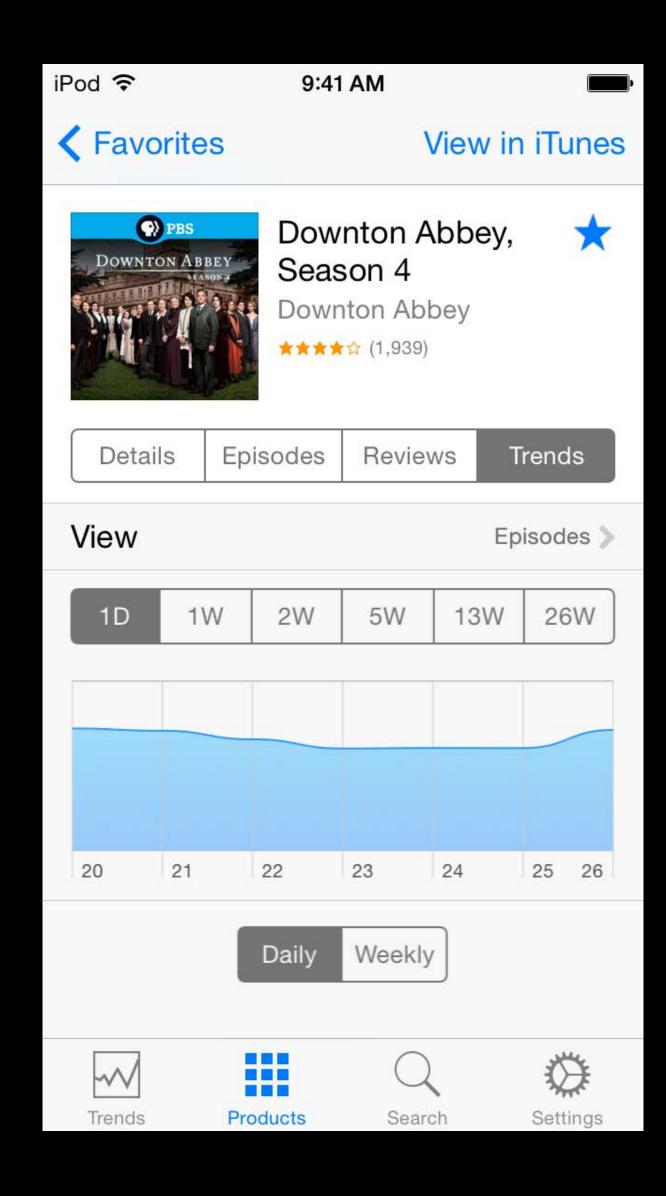


Custom Data Source

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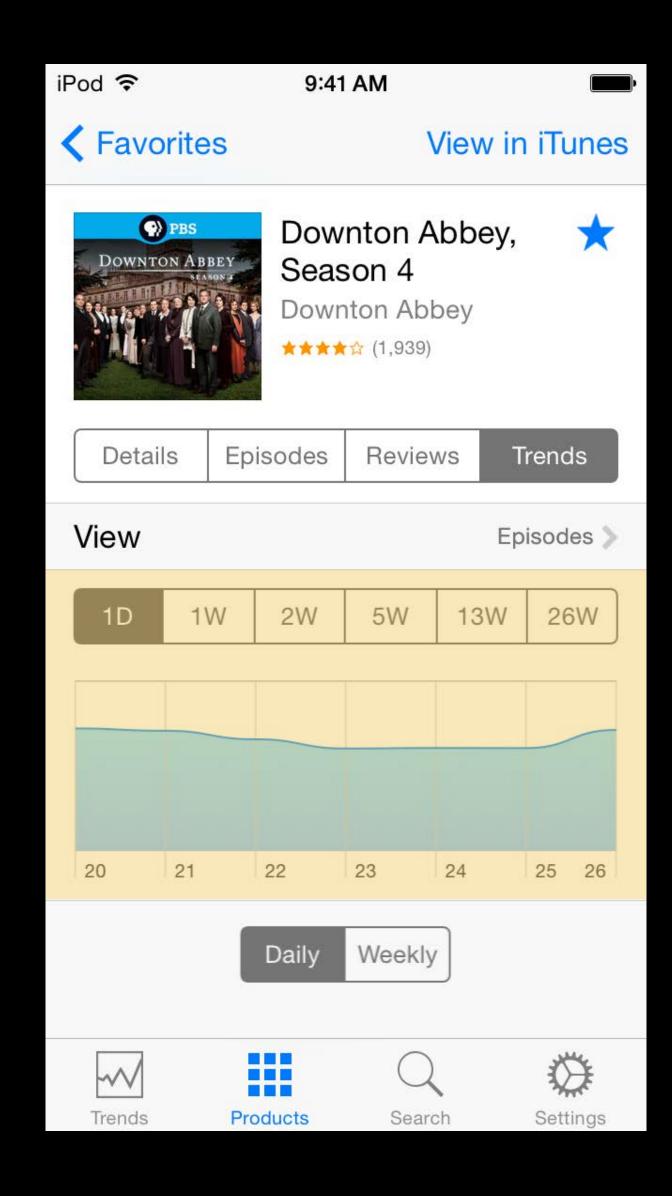
Details

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Trends

Graph



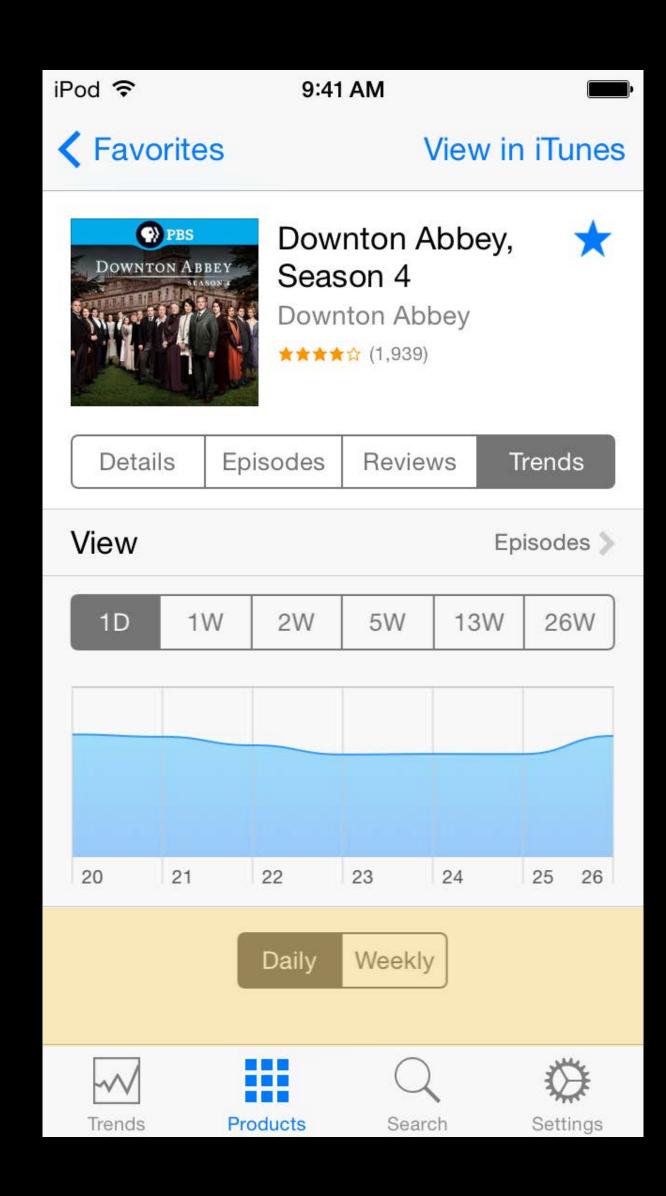
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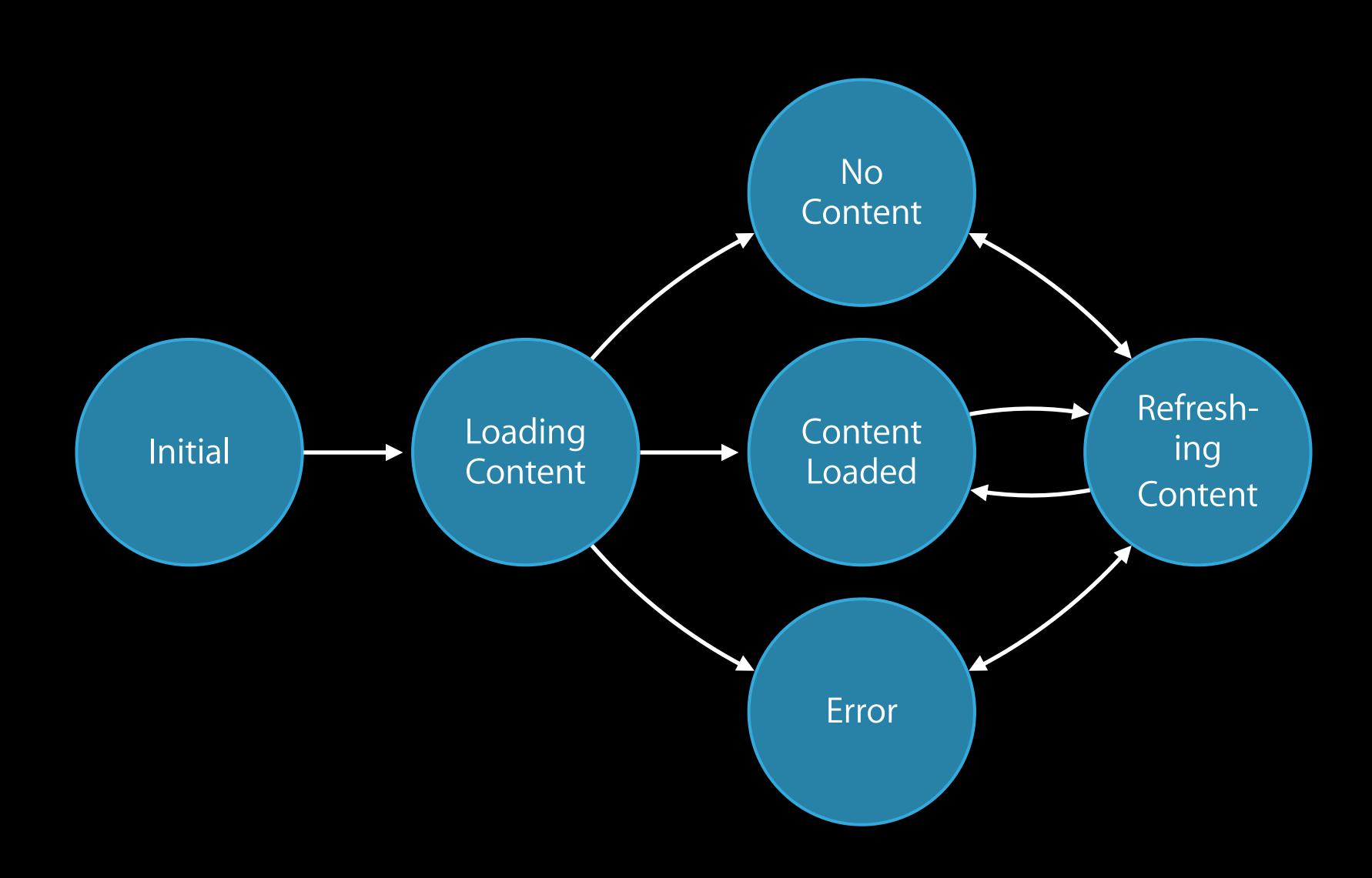
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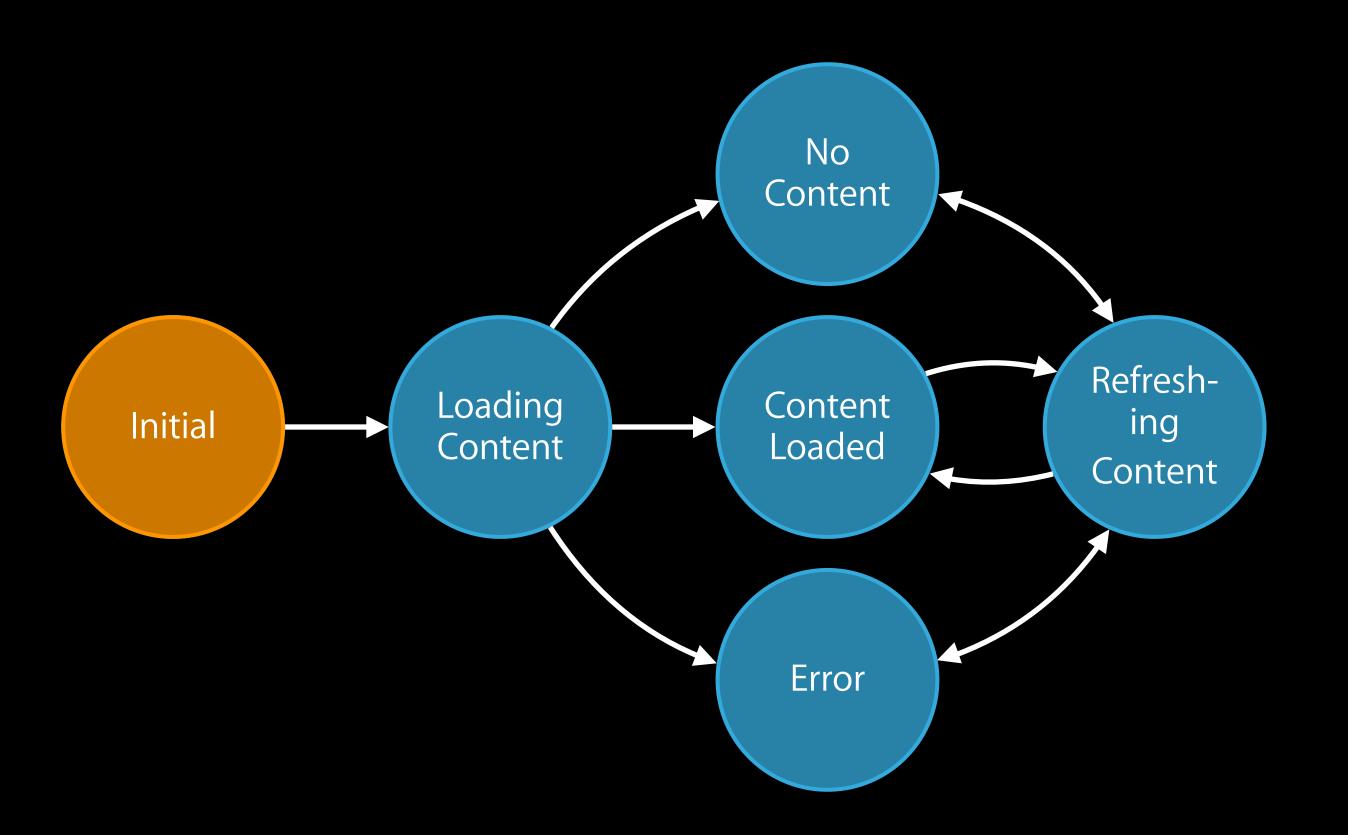
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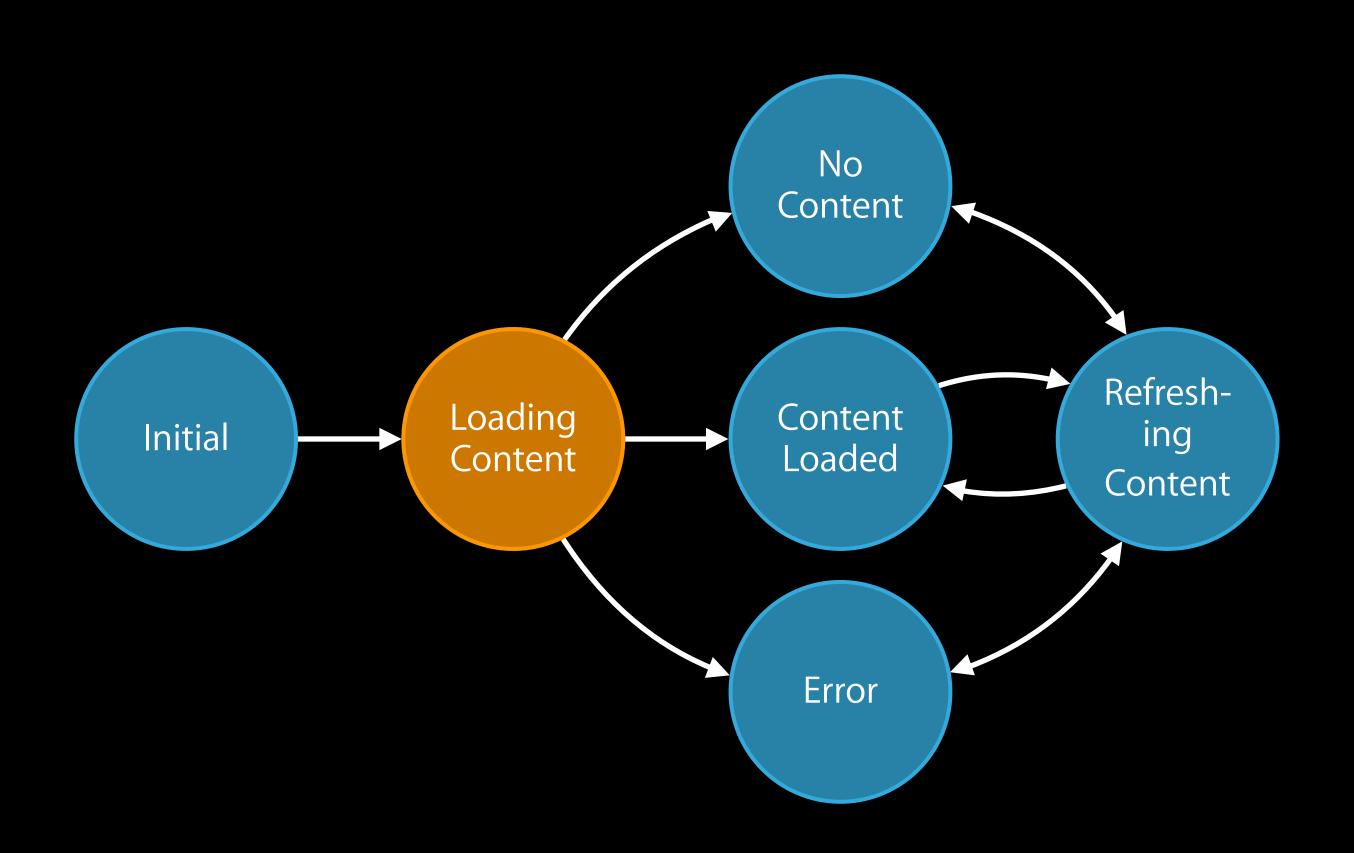
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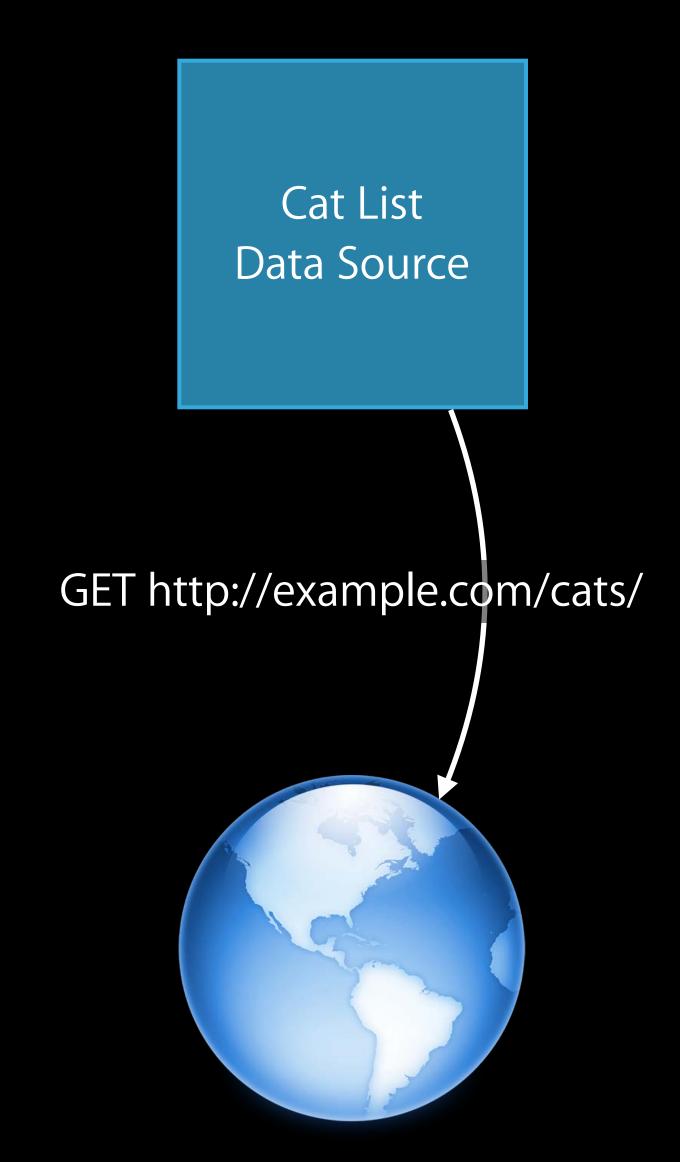


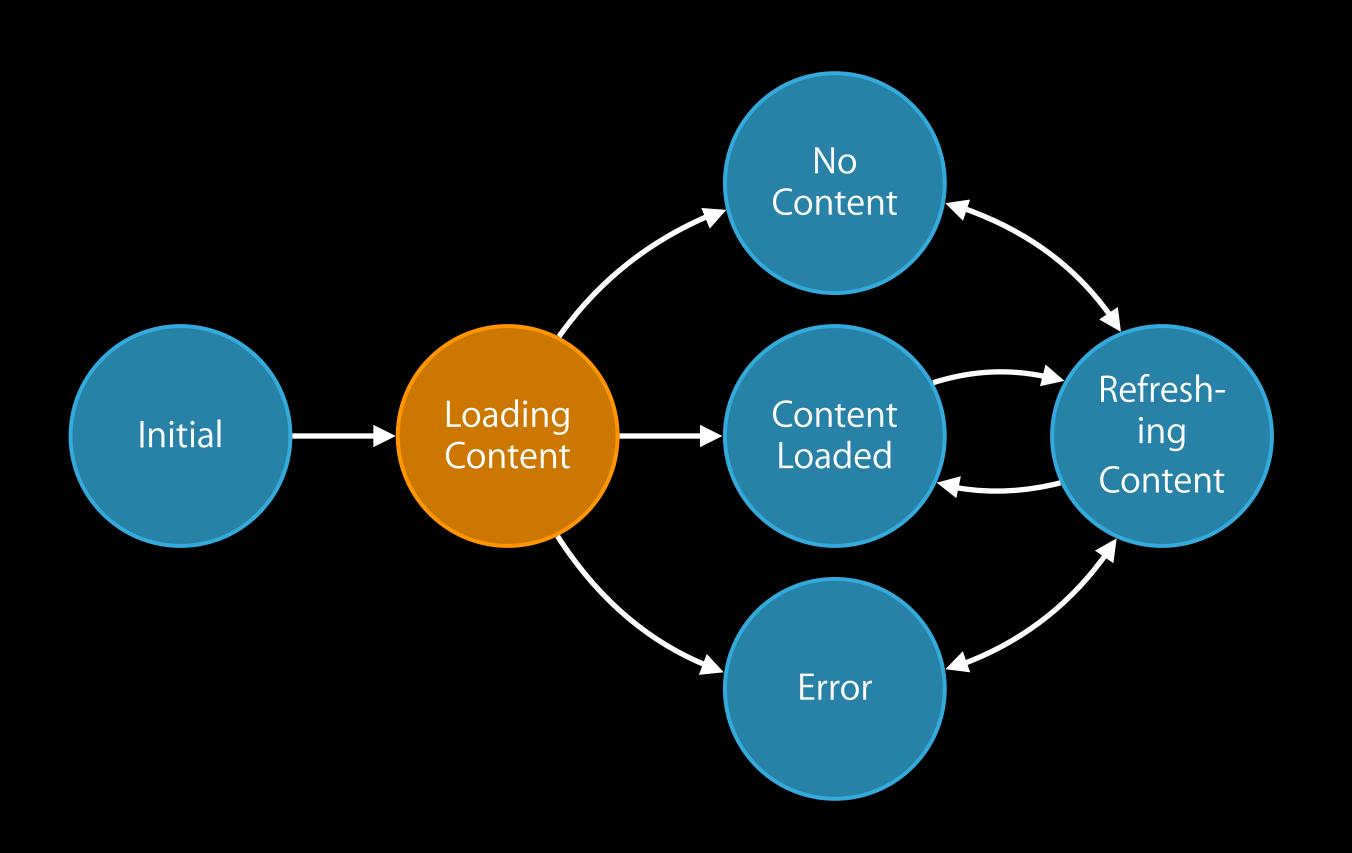


Cat List
Data Source

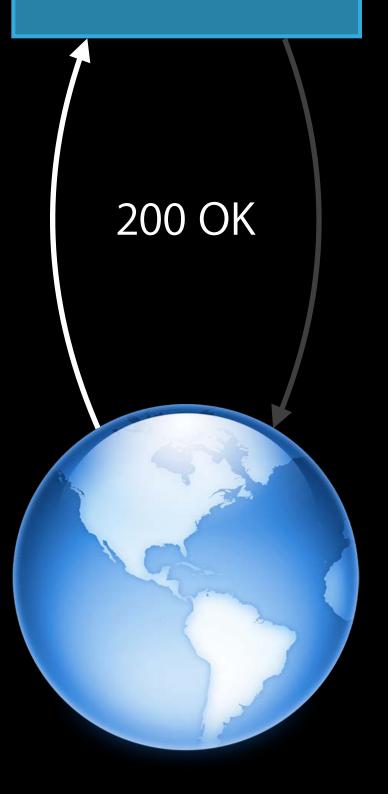


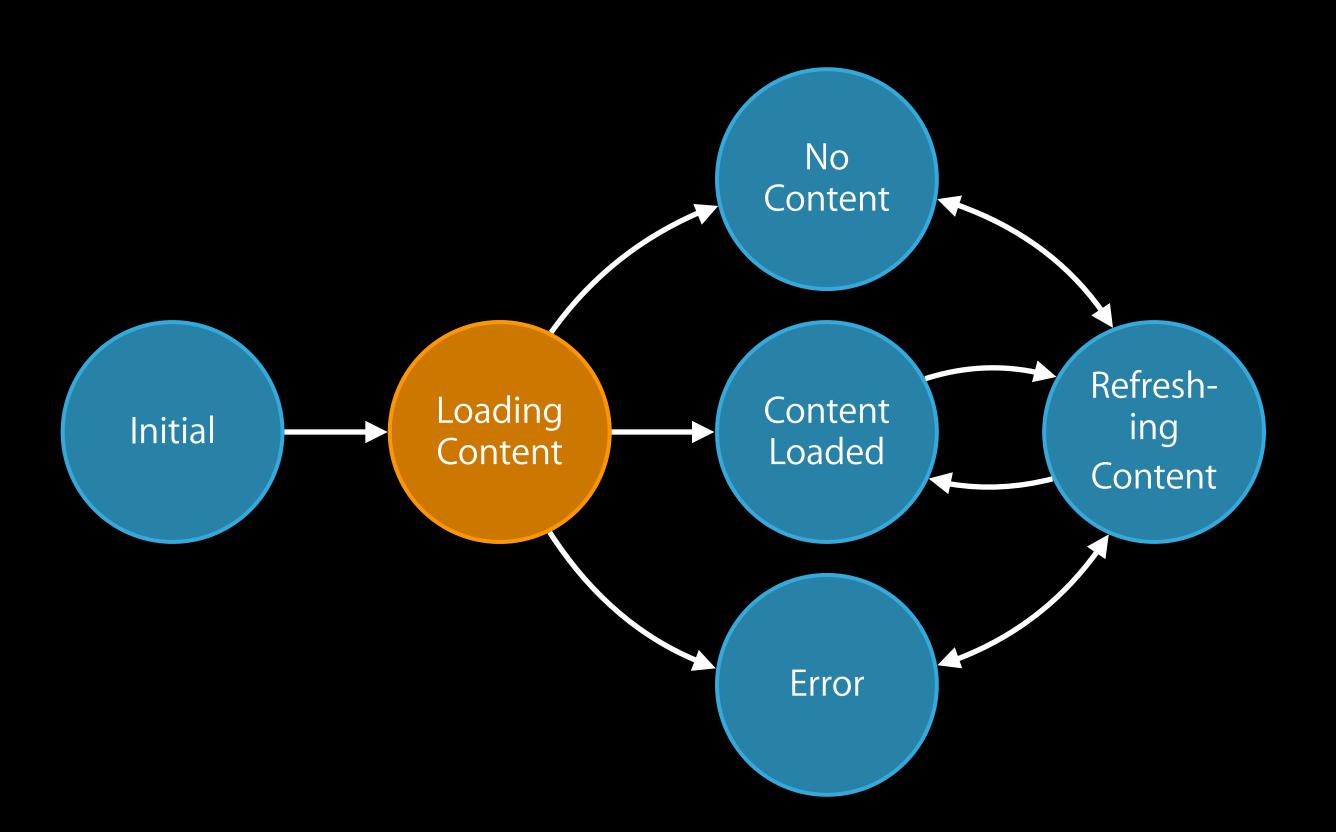


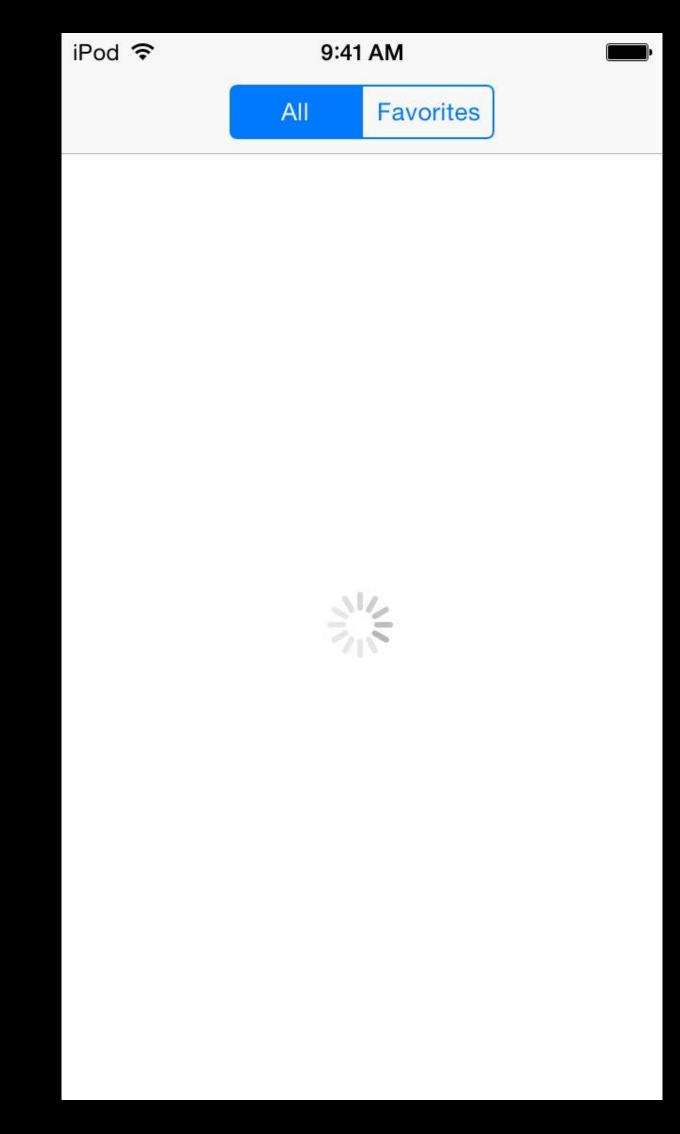


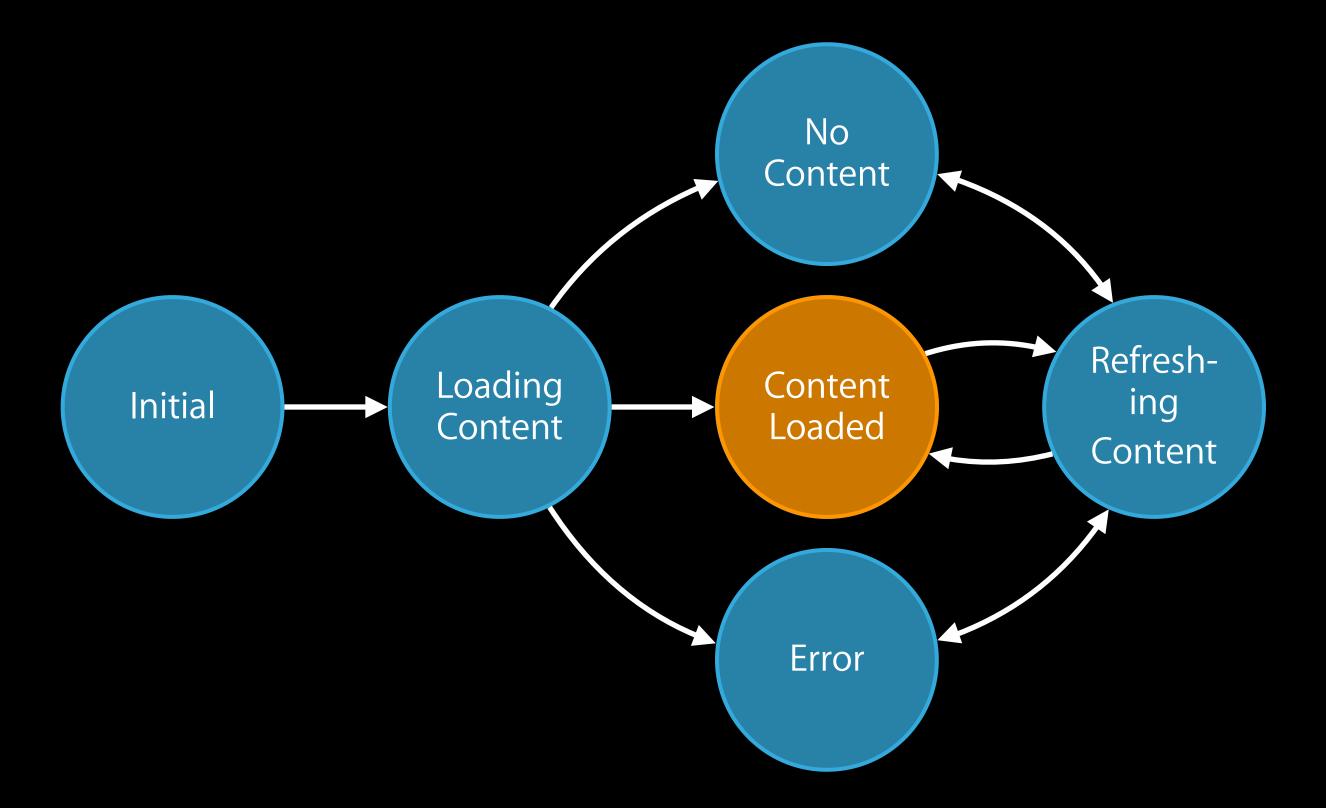


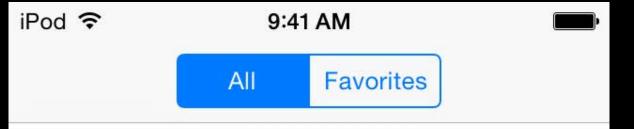
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Bobcat

Bobcats live all over North America.

Caracal

The caracal is also known as the desert lynx.

Cheetah

The cheetah can run faster than any other land animal.

Geoffroy's Cat

The Geoffroy's cat is a wild cat native to southern and centr...

Jaguar

Jaguars enjoy a nice swim from time to time.

Leopard

The leopard is the smallest of the four big cats.

Lion

The male lion is easily recognised by its mane.

Lynx

Lynx have a short tail and characteristic tufts of black hair o...

Margay

Also known as the tree ocelot. They live in S. America.

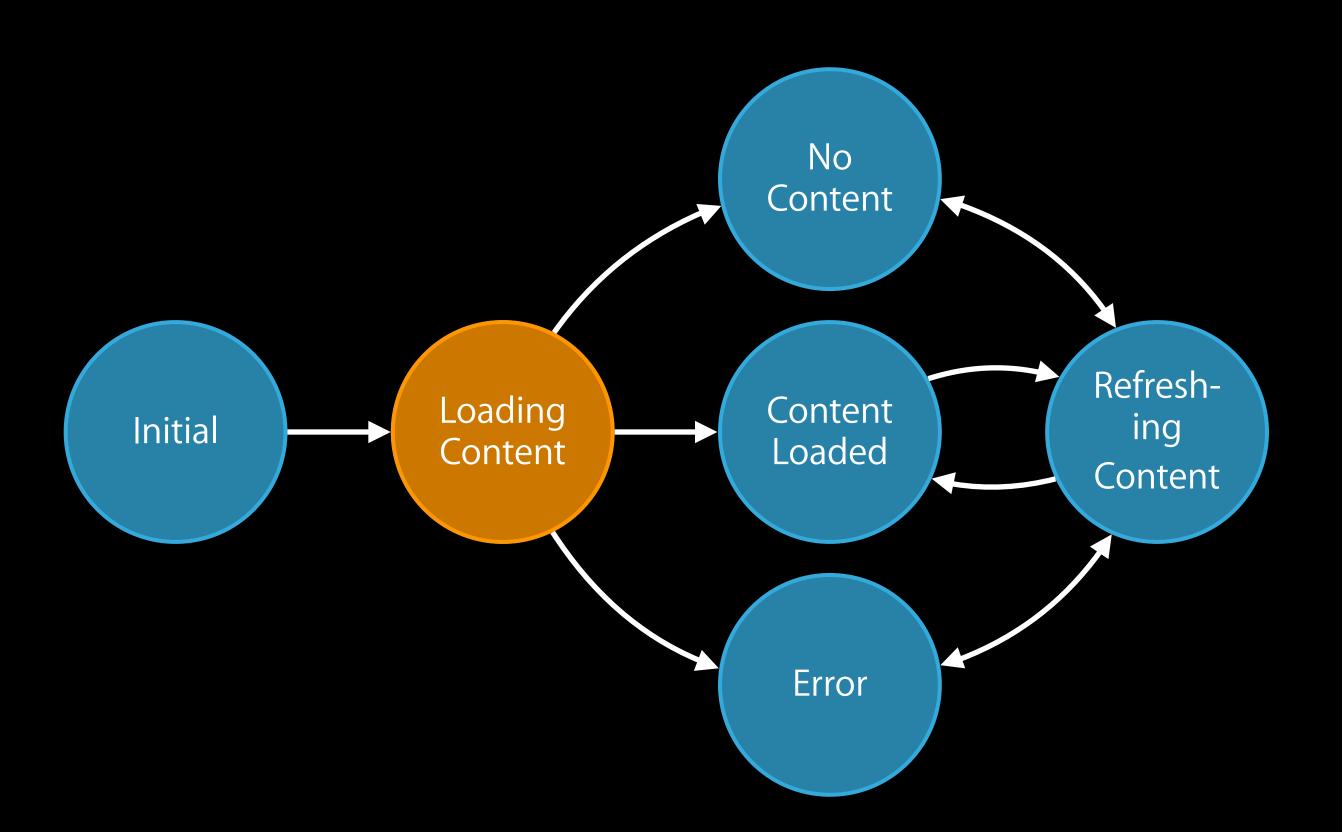
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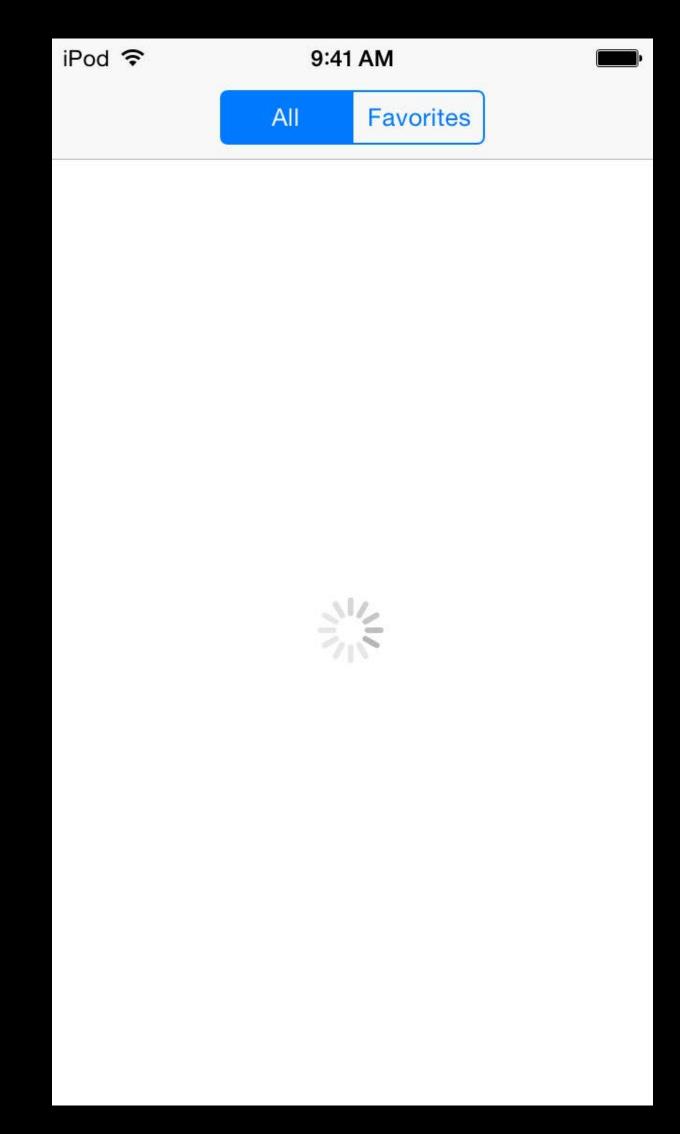
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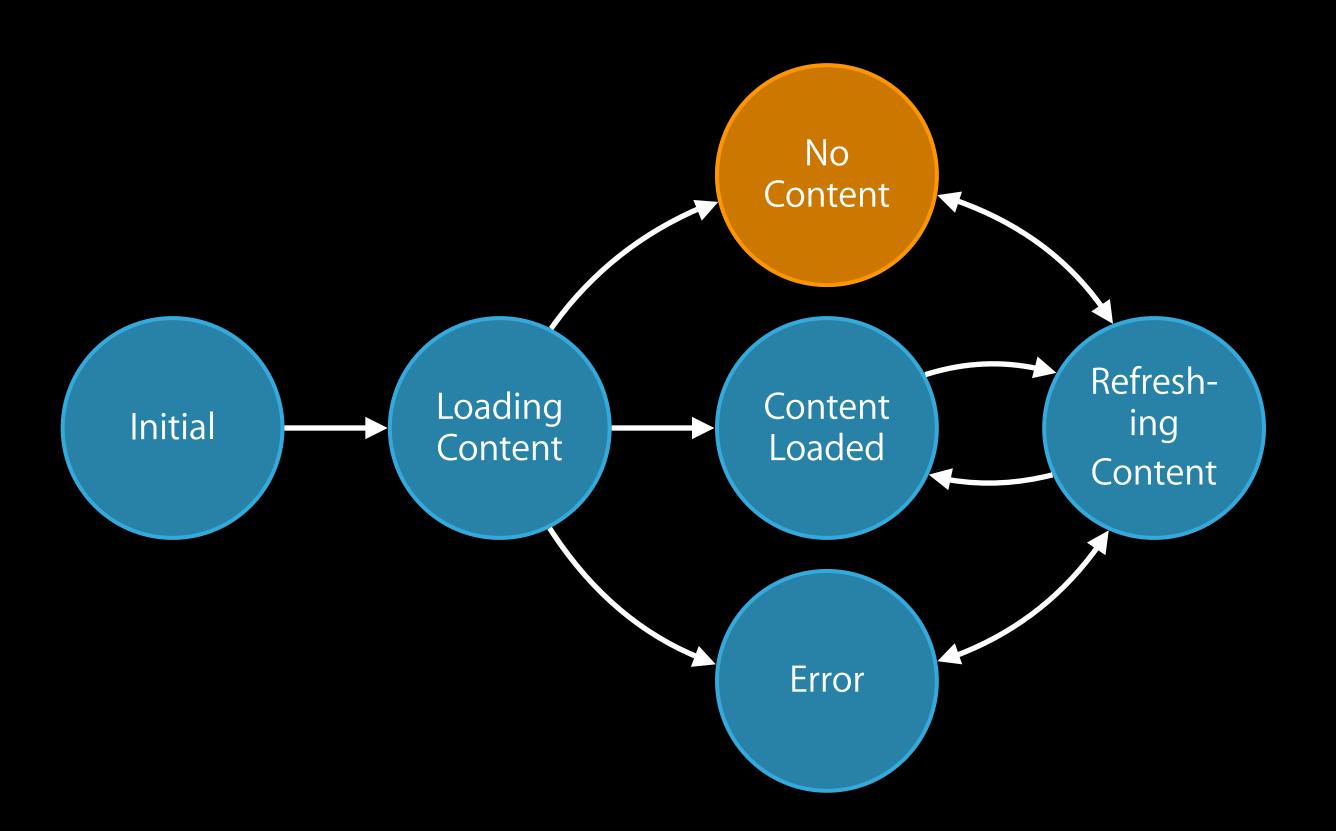
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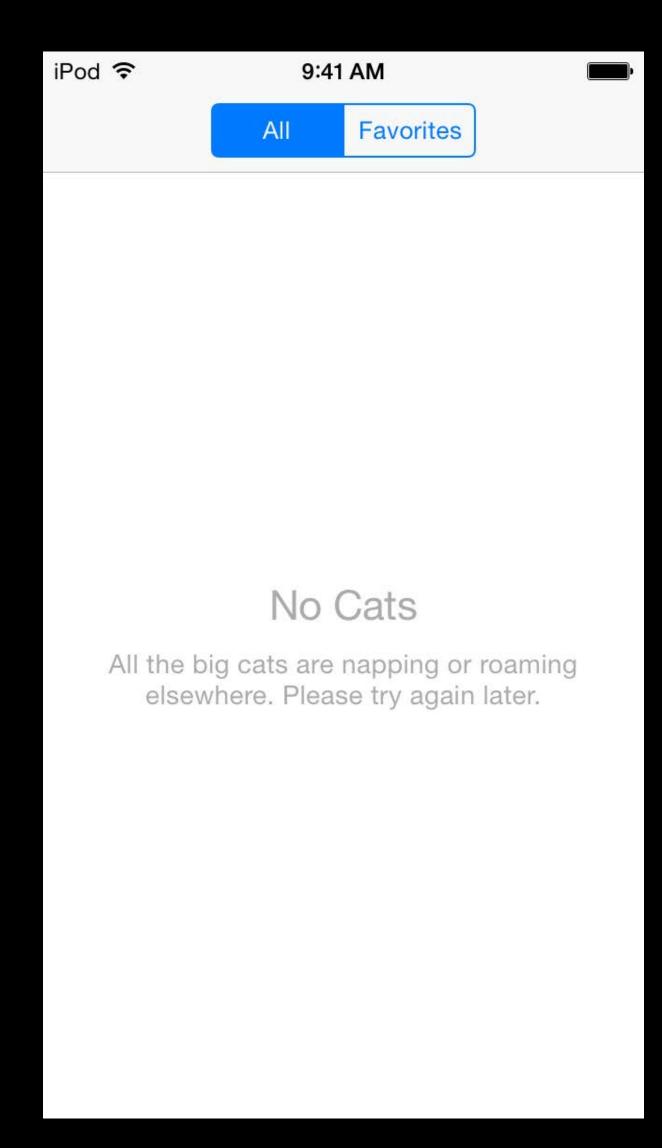
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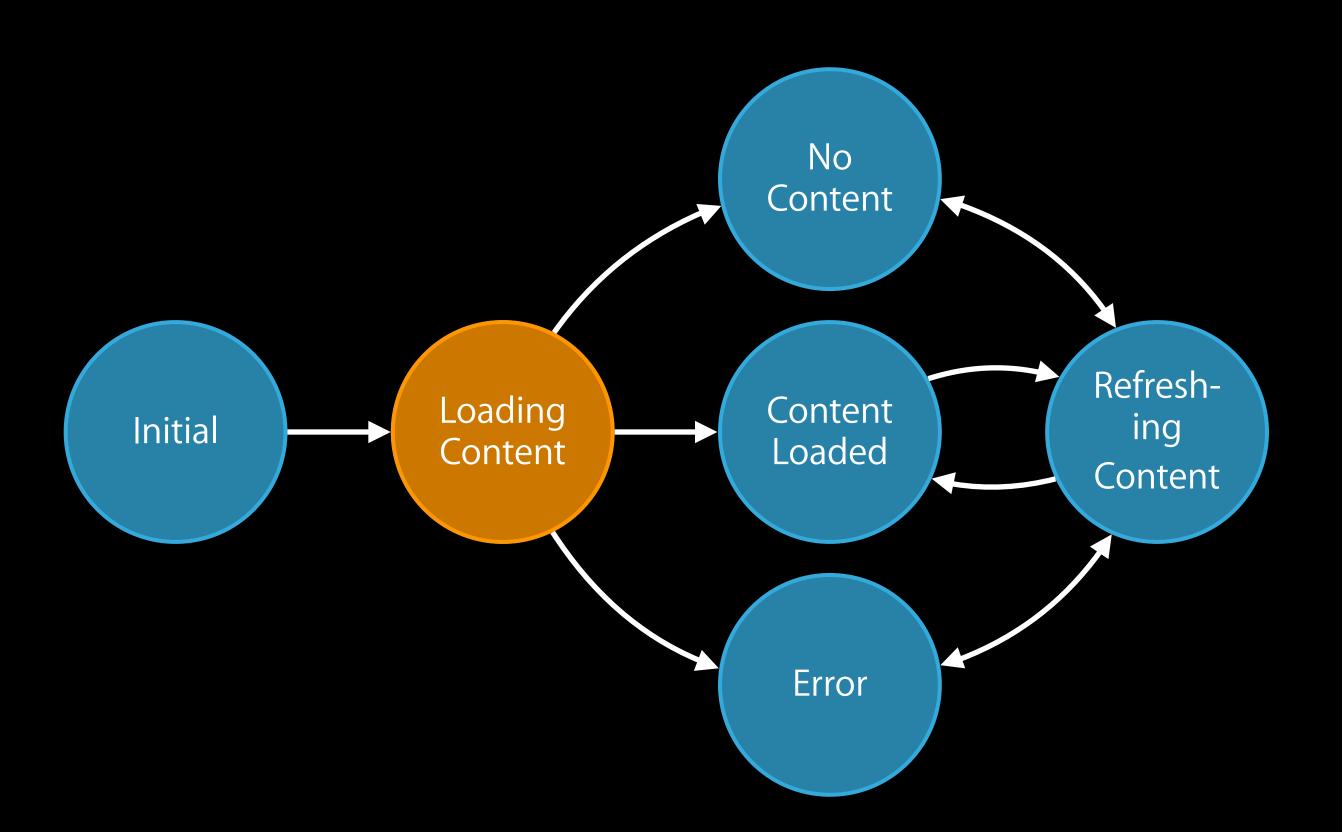
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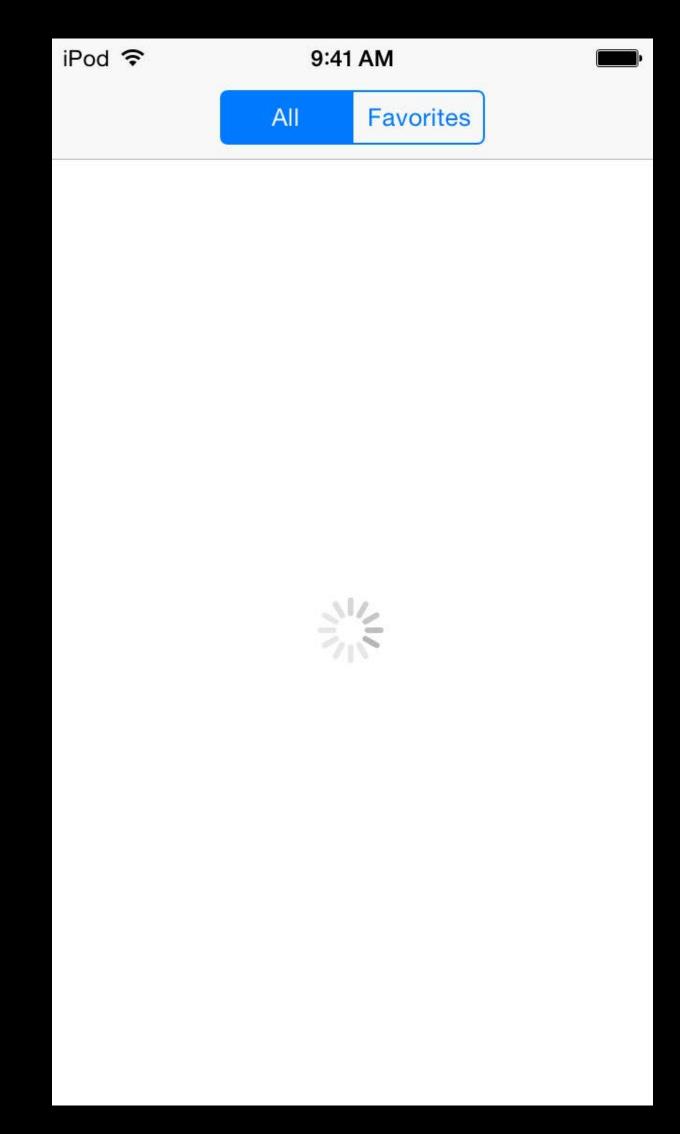


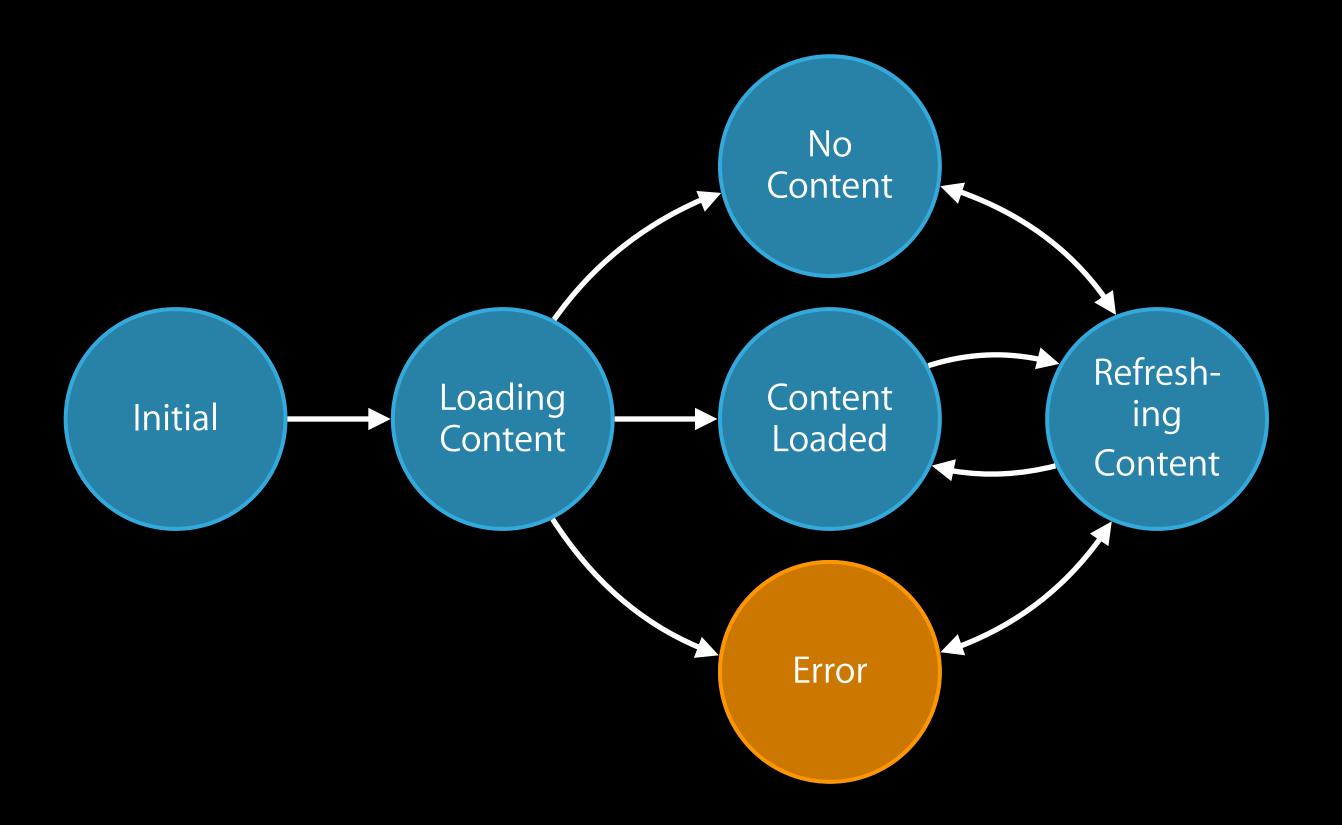


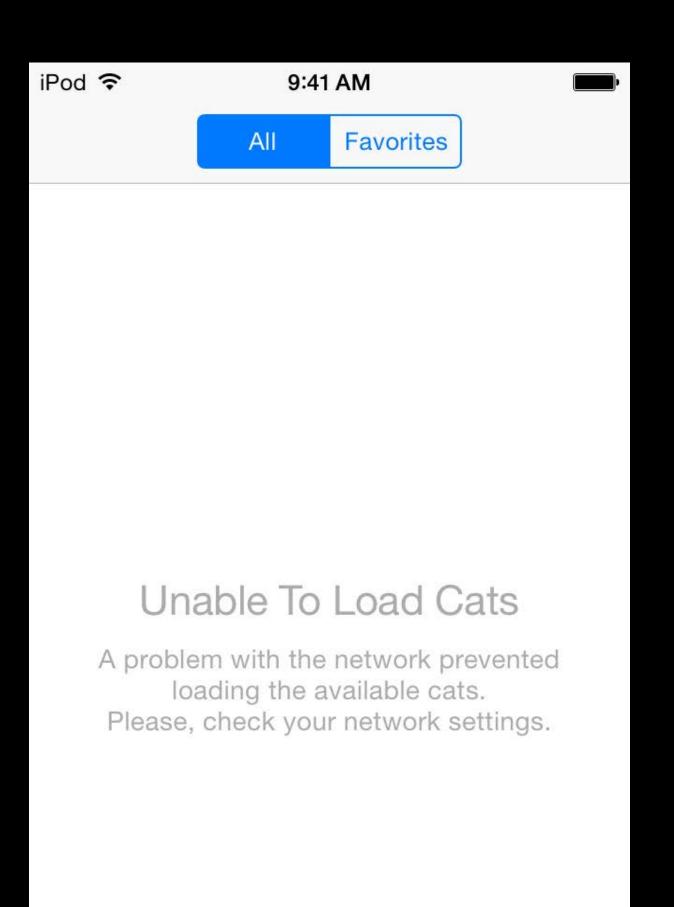


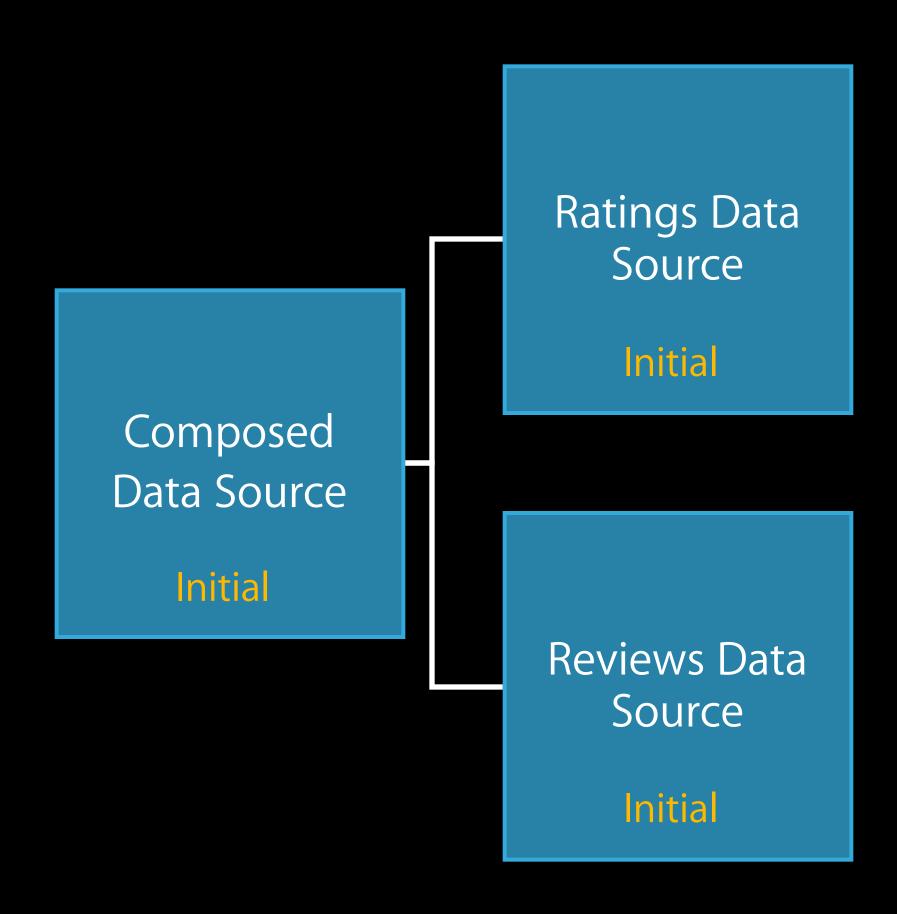




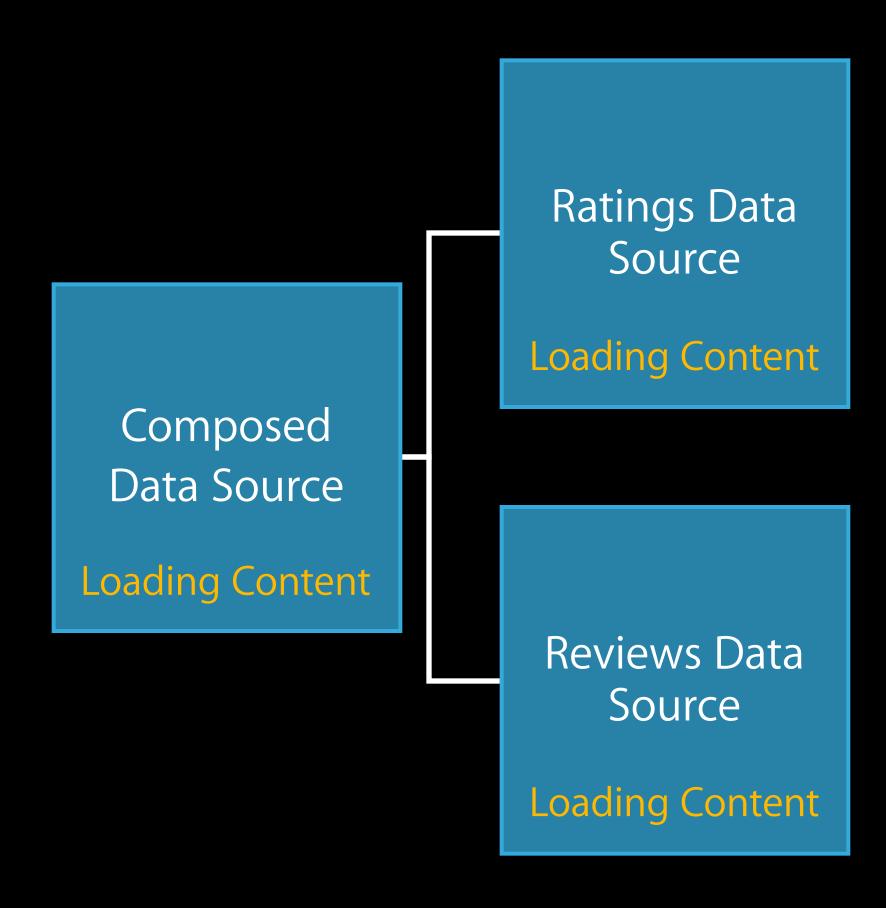




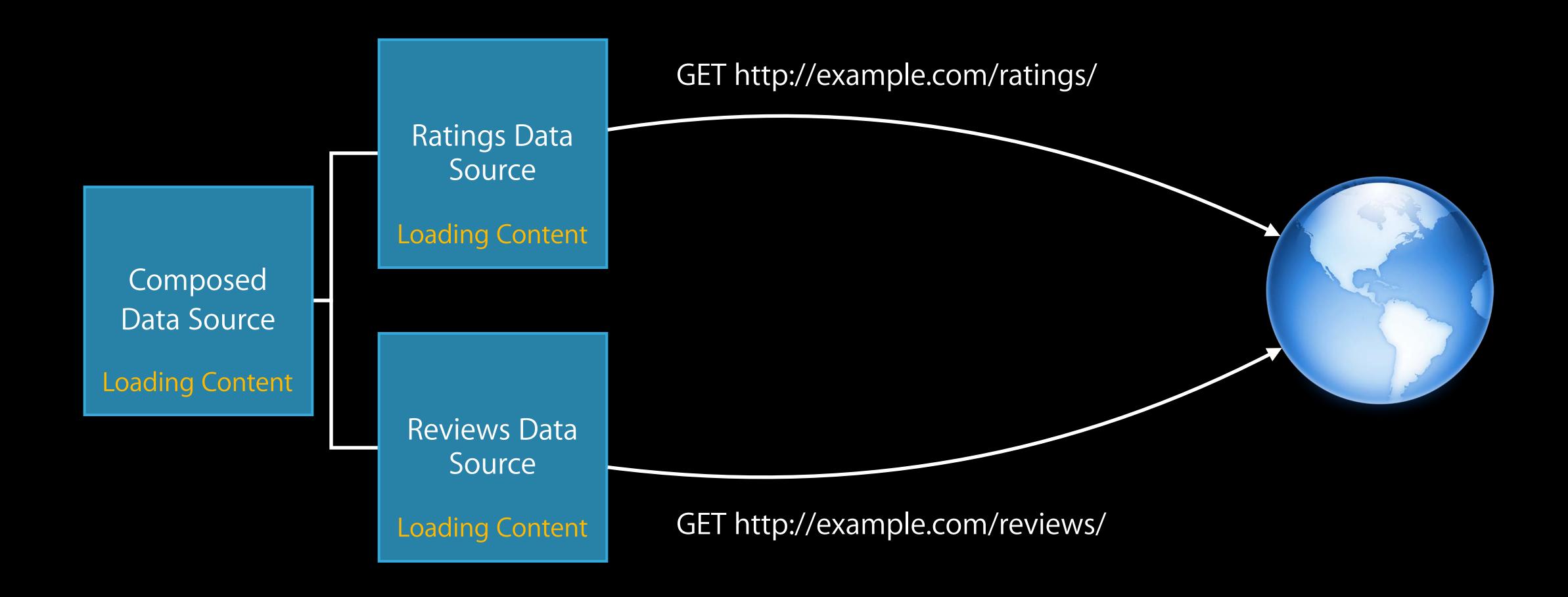


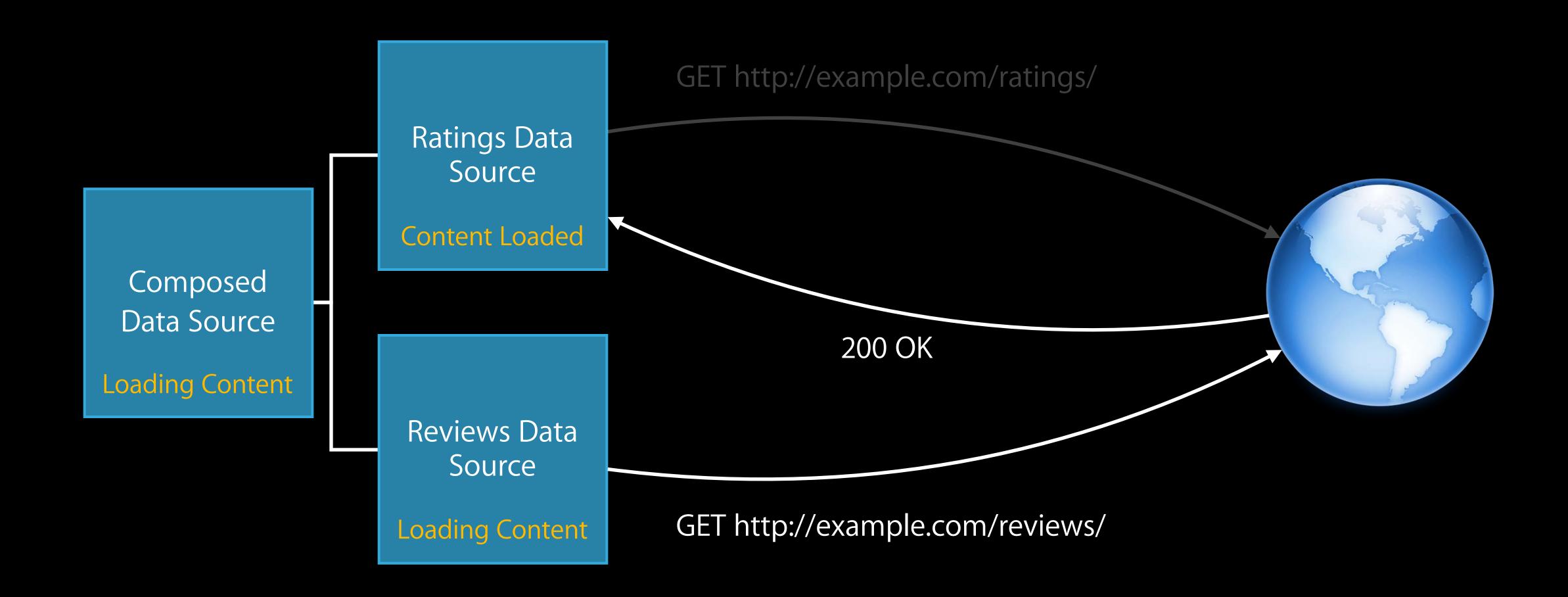


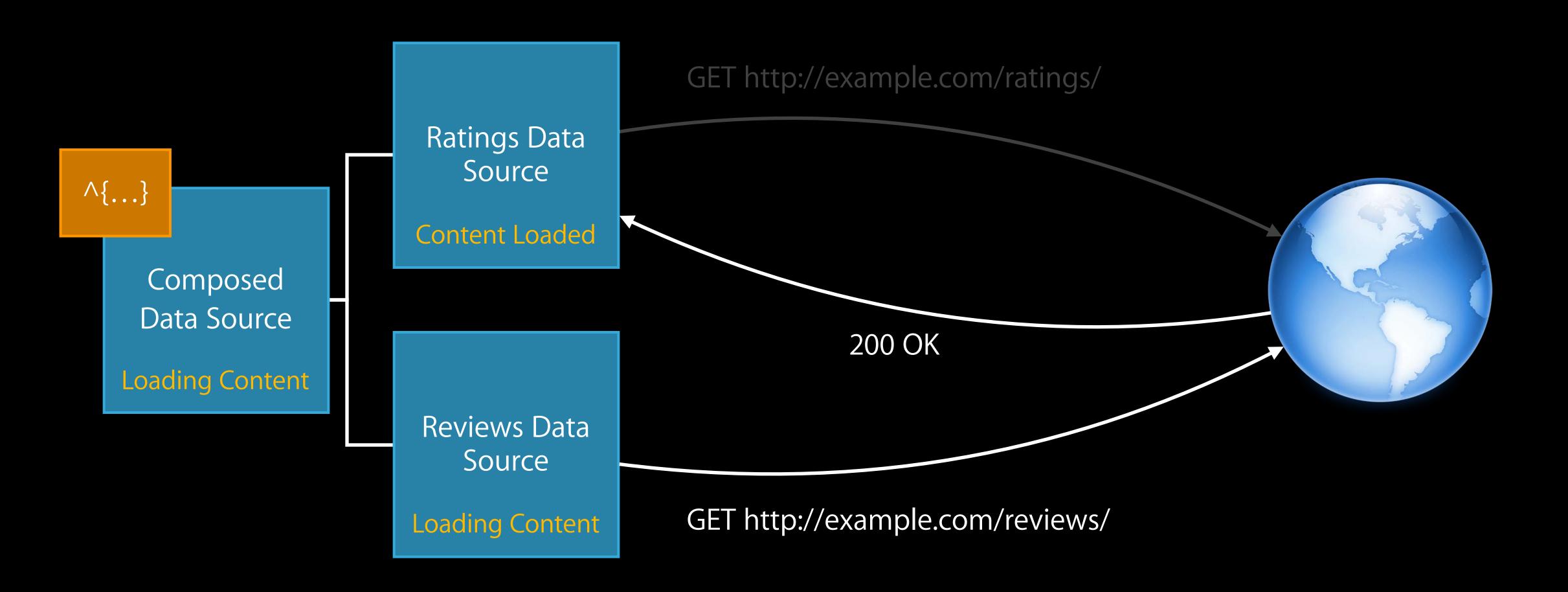


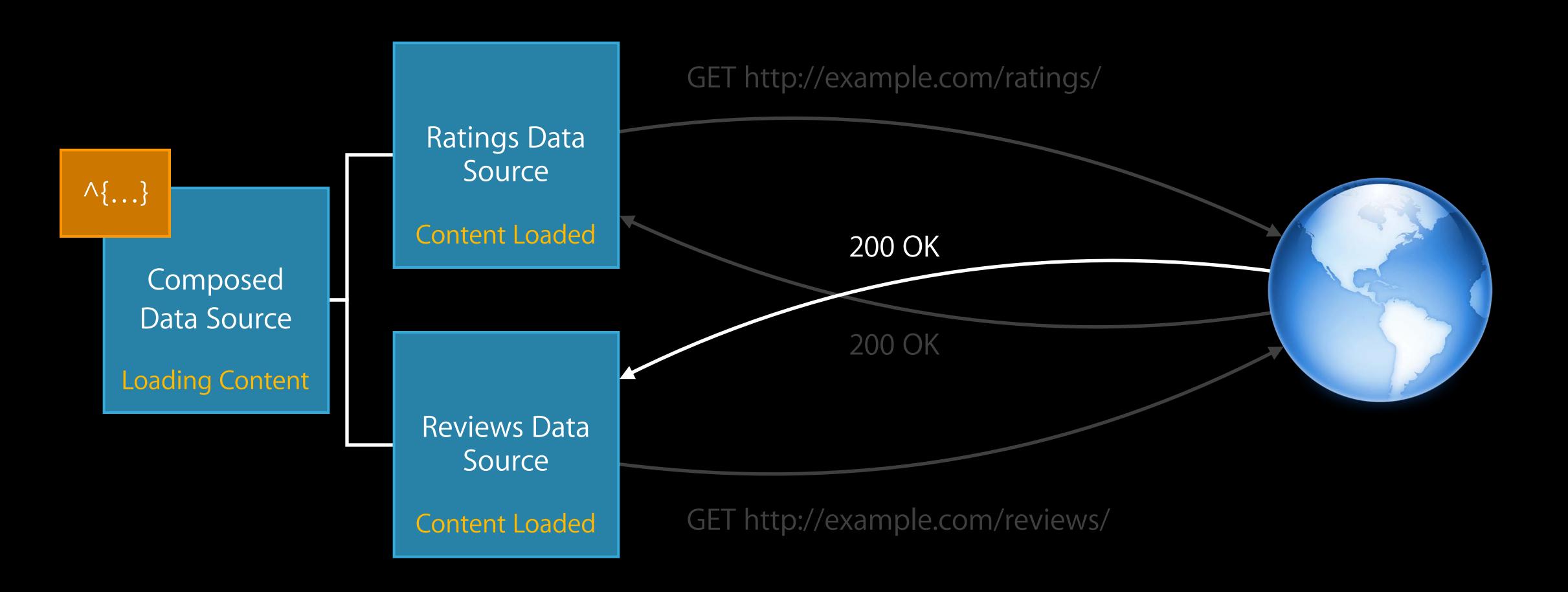


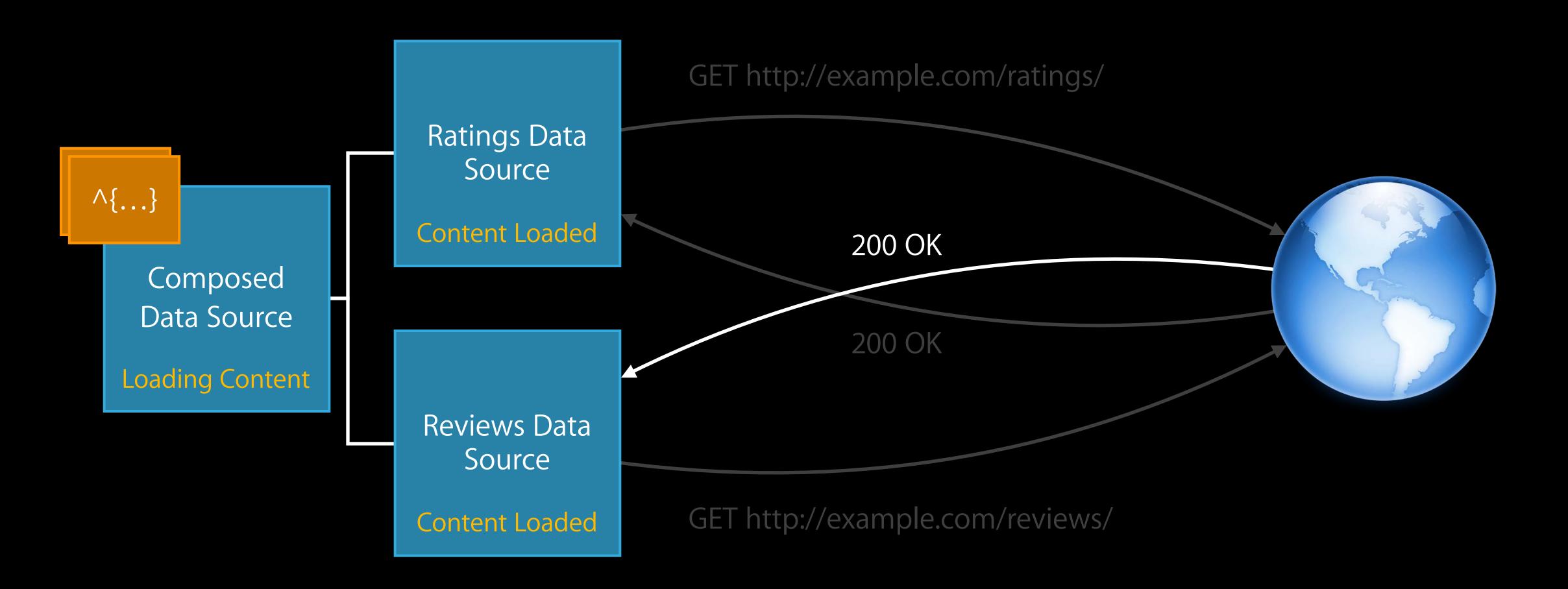




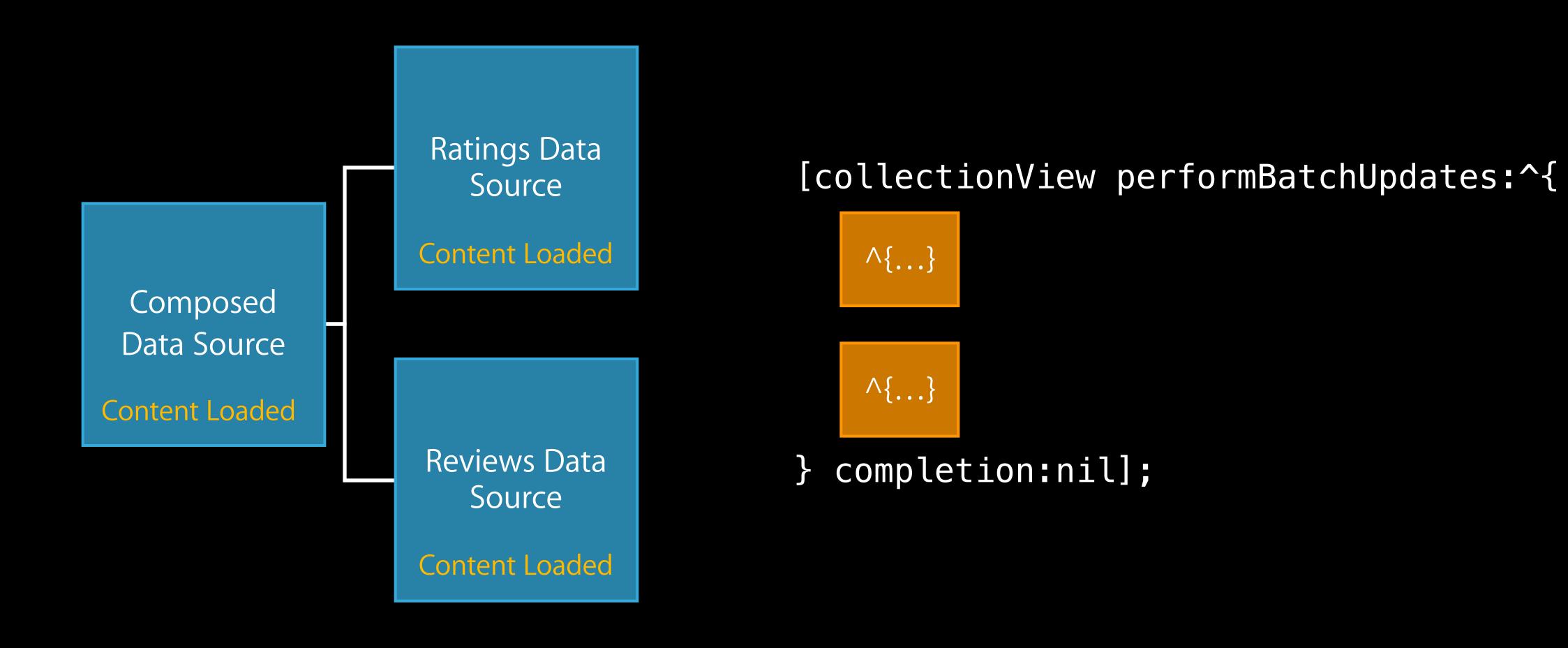












Aggregate Data Sources Recap

Reduce view controller complexity

Promotes code reuse

Isolates task specific logic

Enables unified loading indicator

Our Requirements

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Custom UlCollectionViewLayout

Complete flexibility and power

Design Metrics

What information did we need?

- Per section?
- Per header and footer?

Where does it go?

Section Metrics

Big Cats

See All

Ocelot

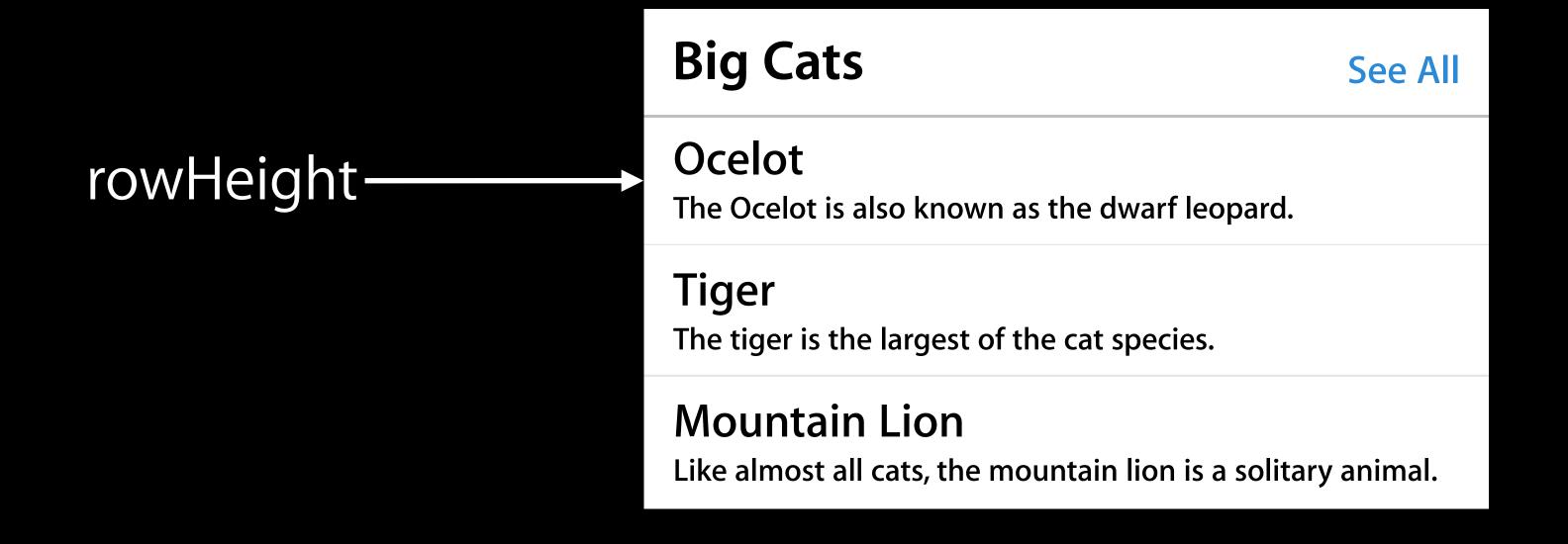
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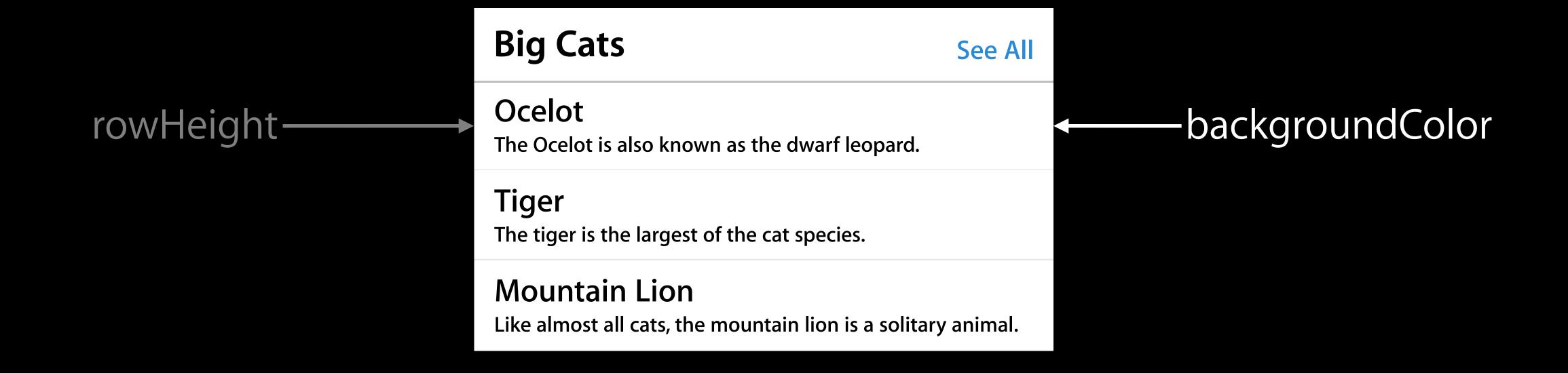
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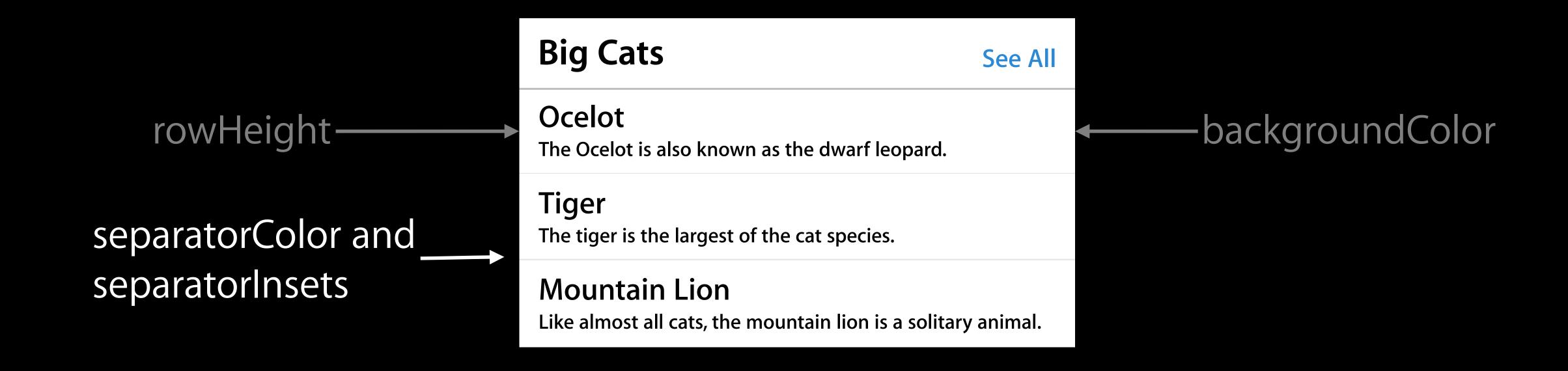
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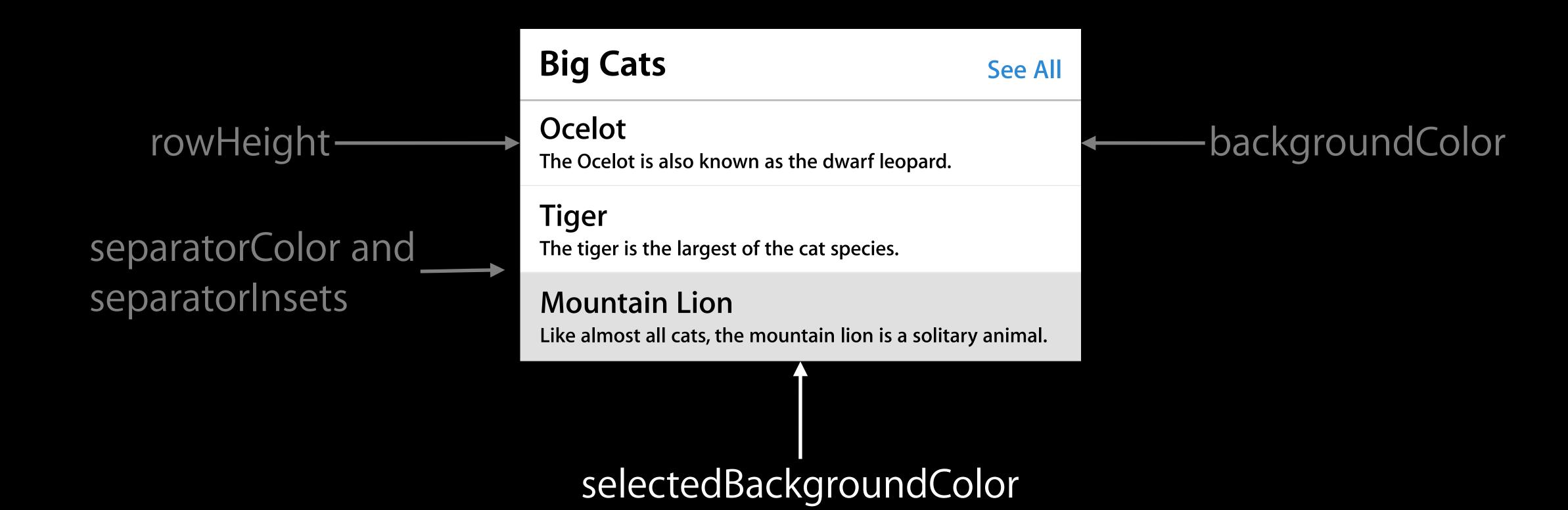
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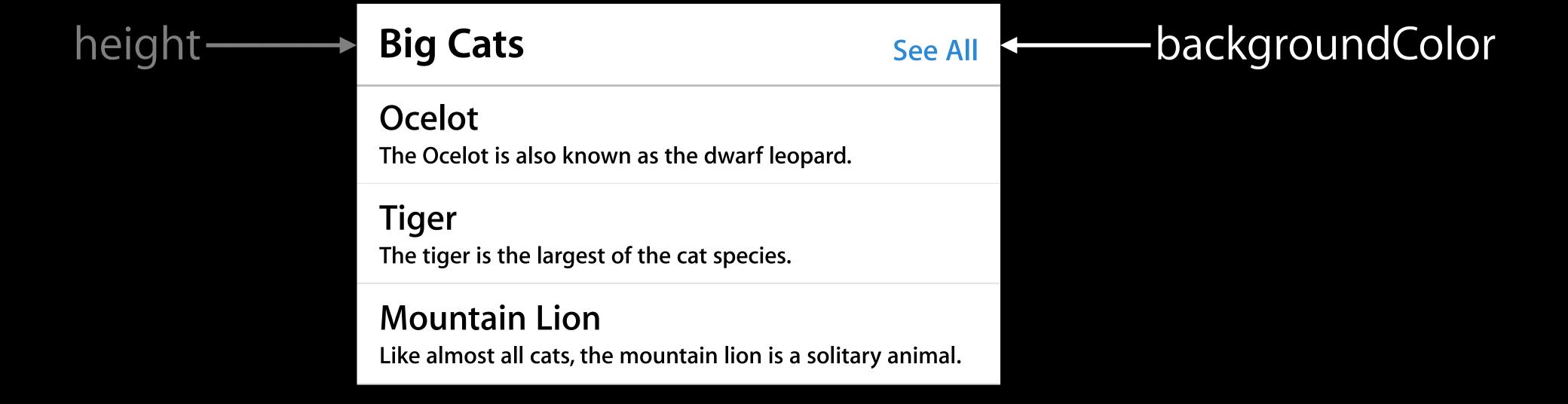
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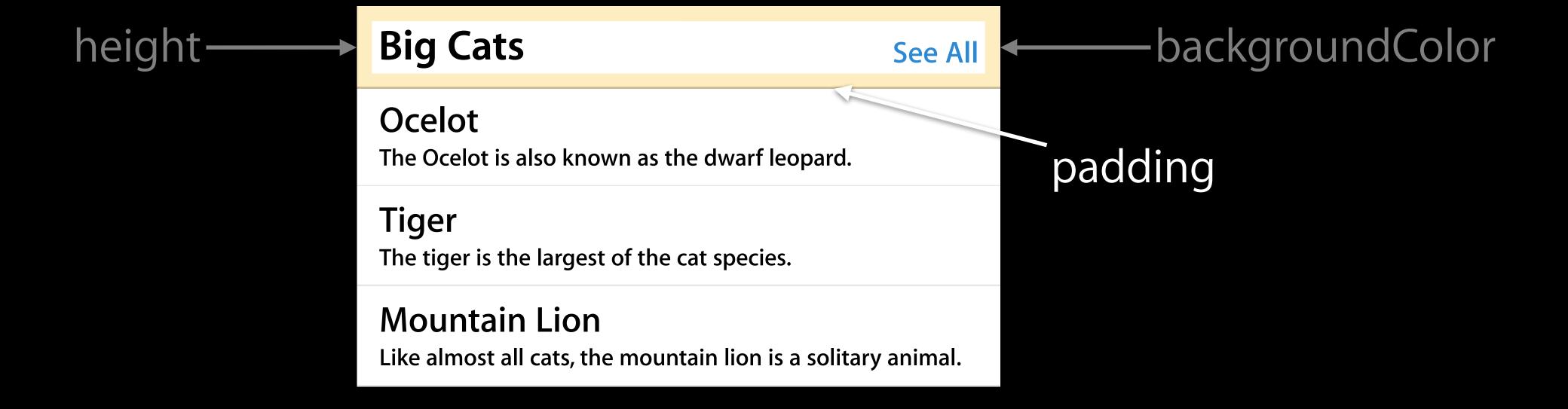
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Custom Attributes

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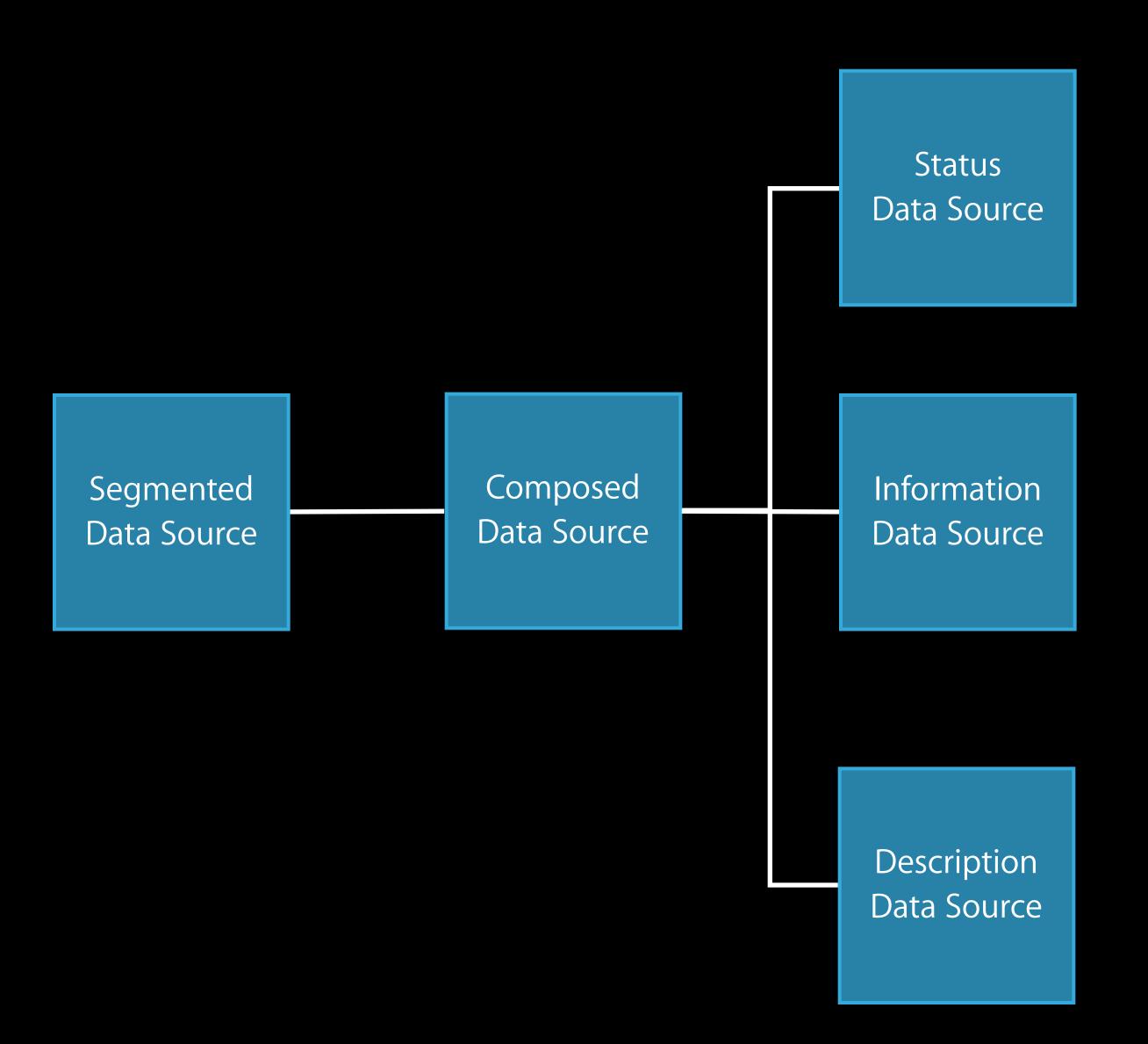
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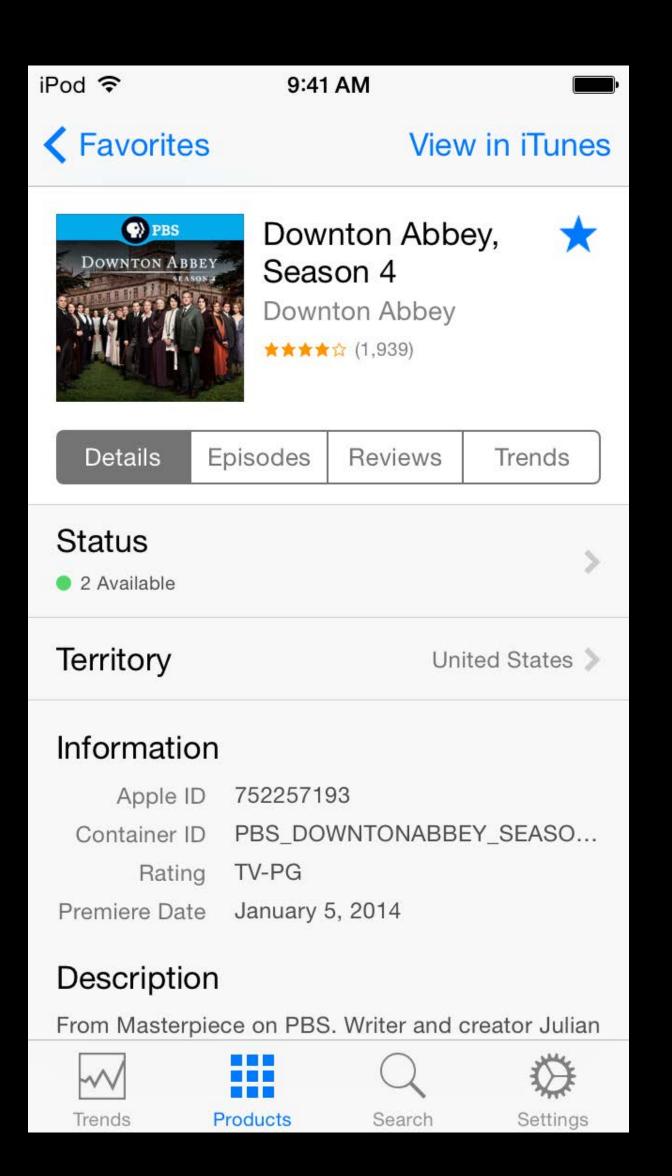
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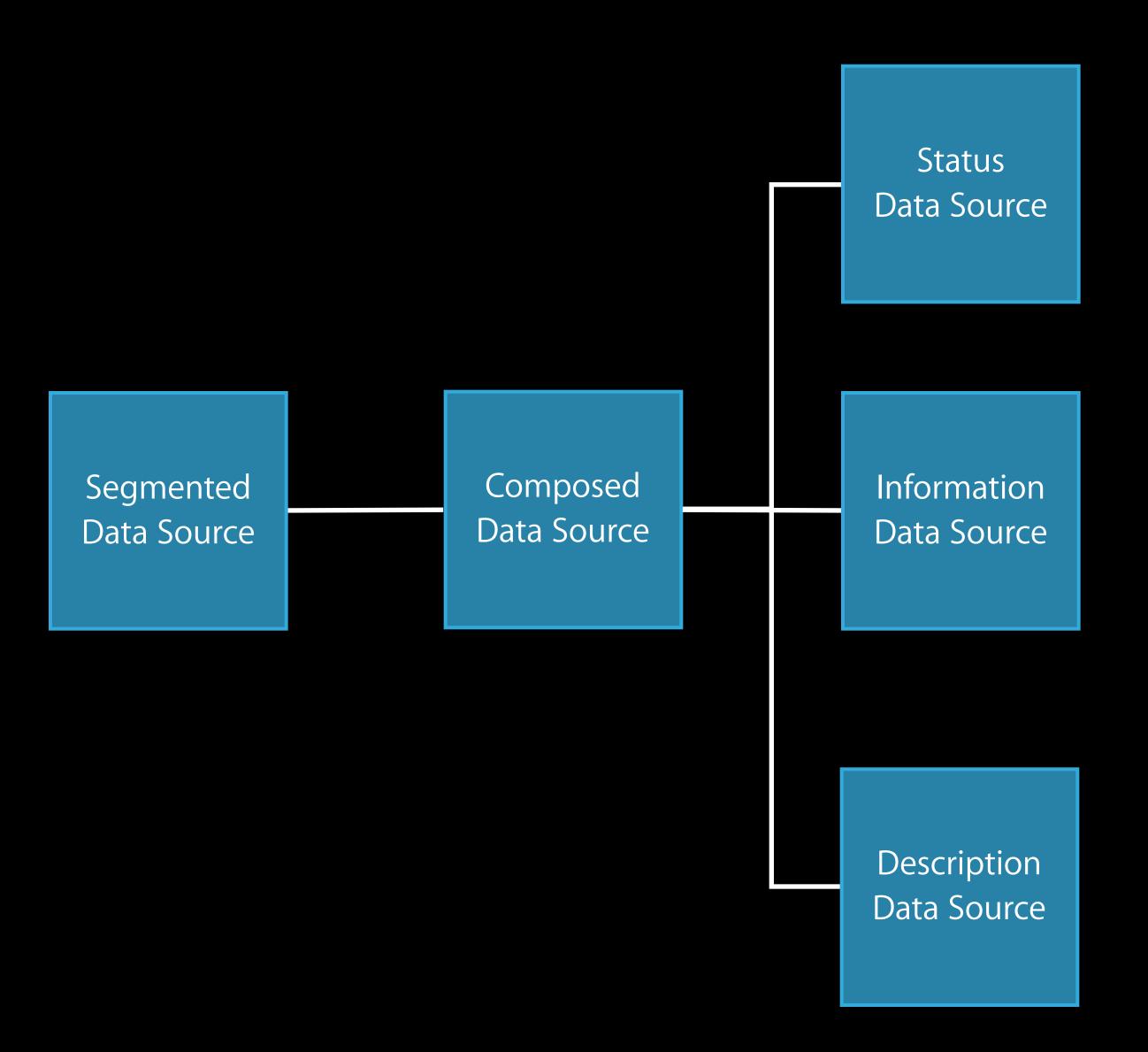
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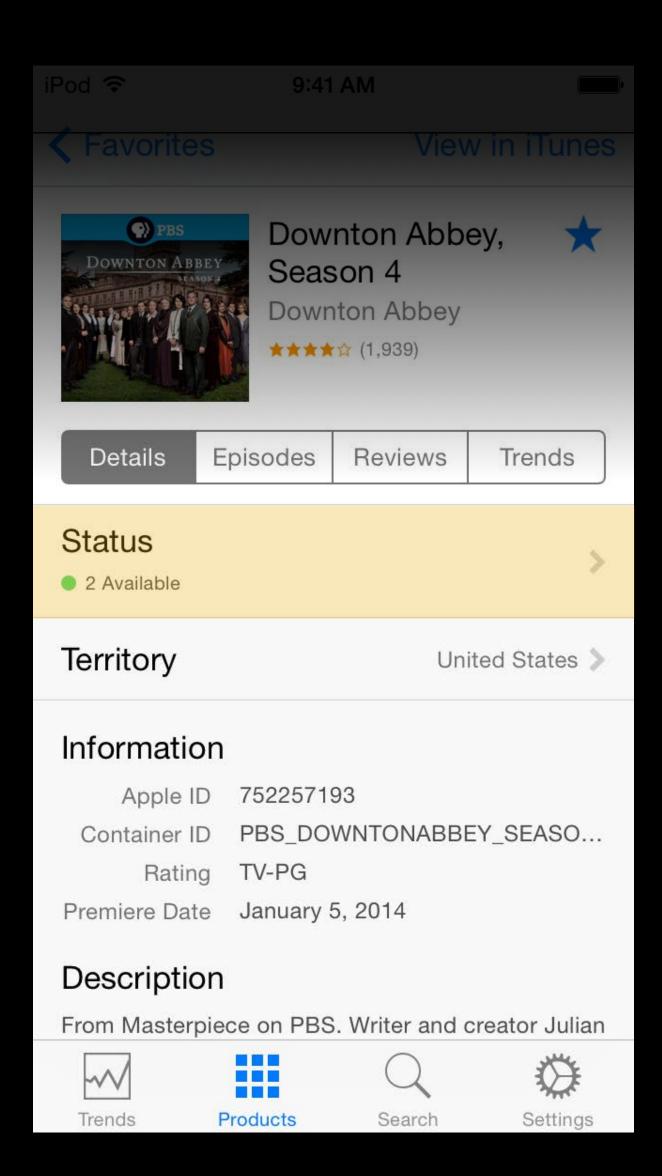
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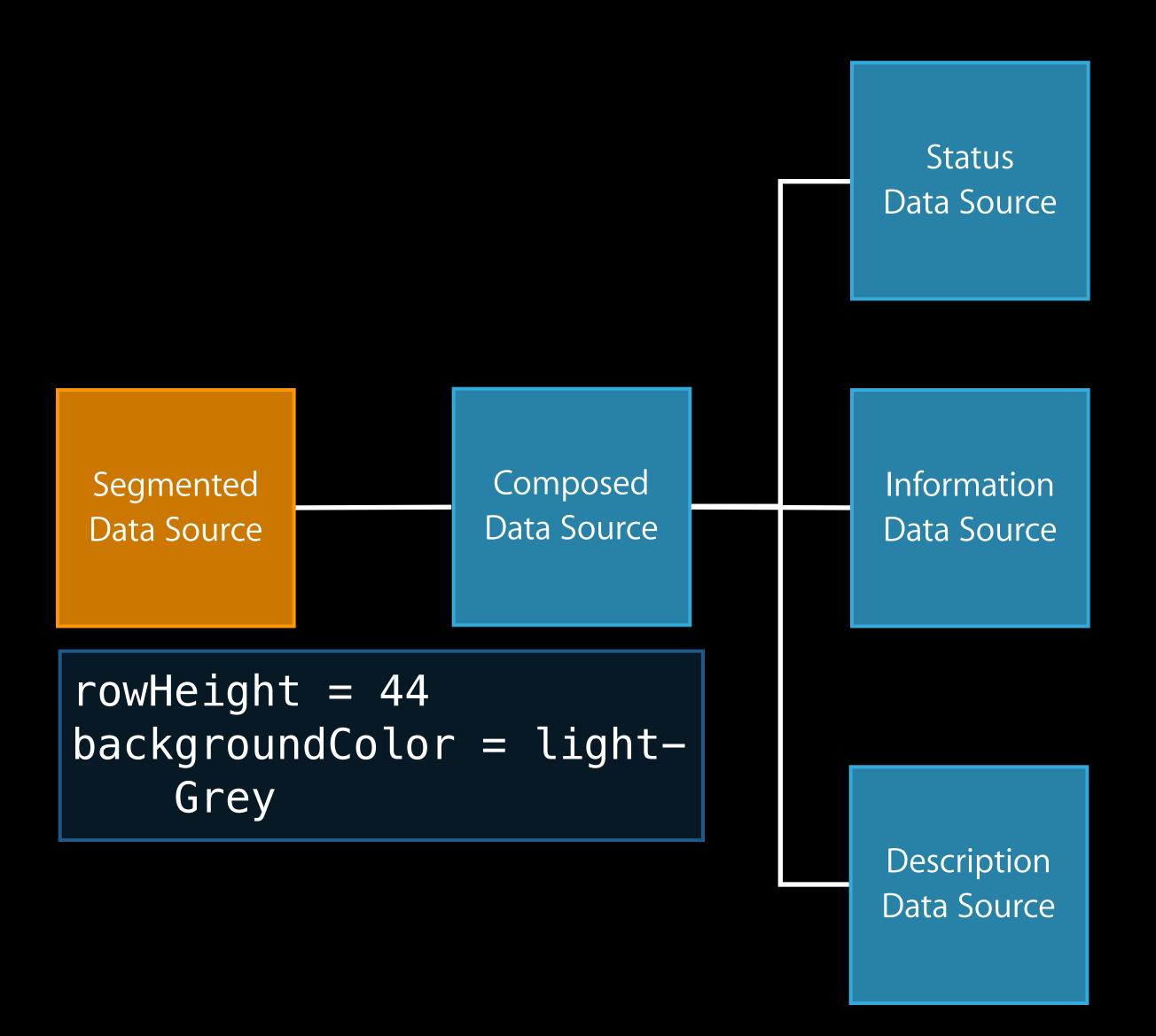




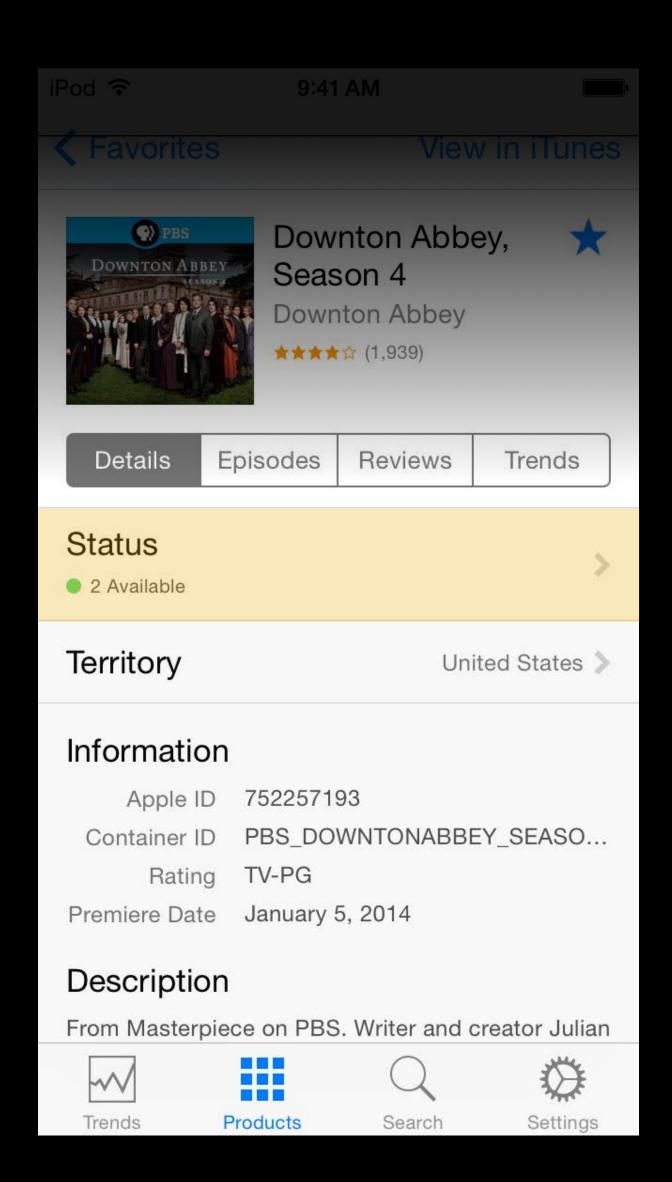


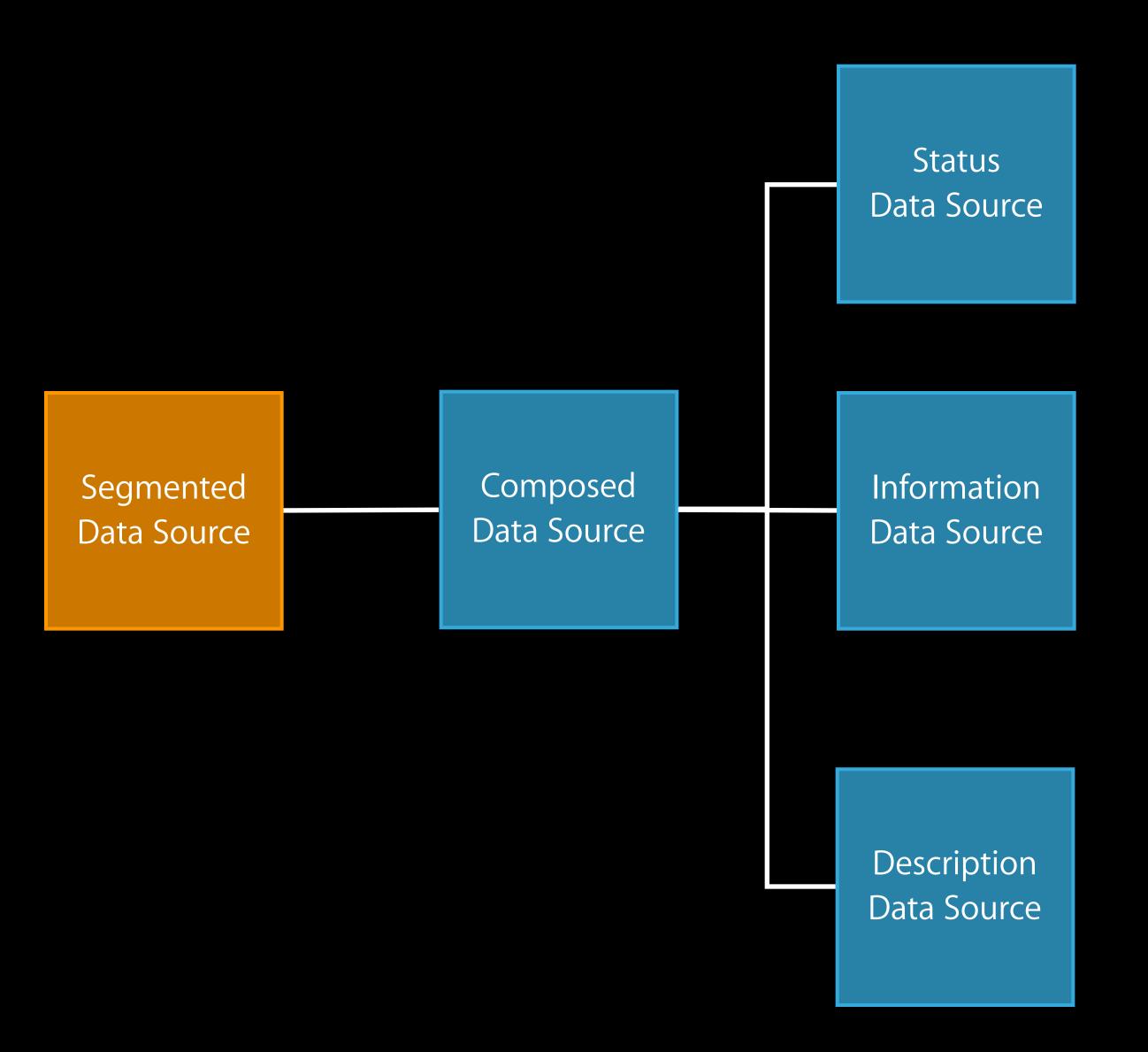
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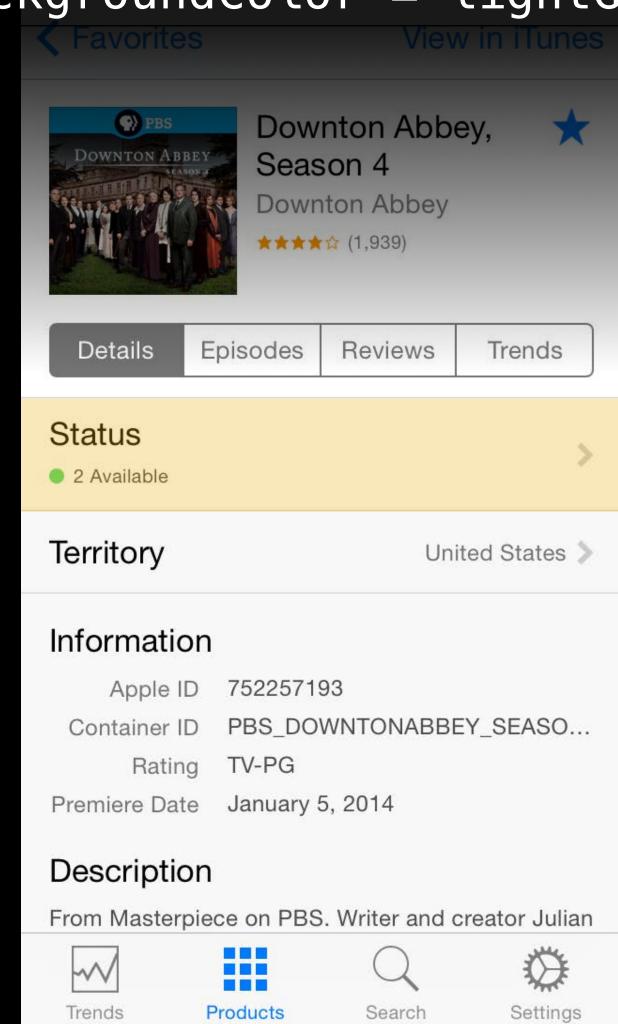
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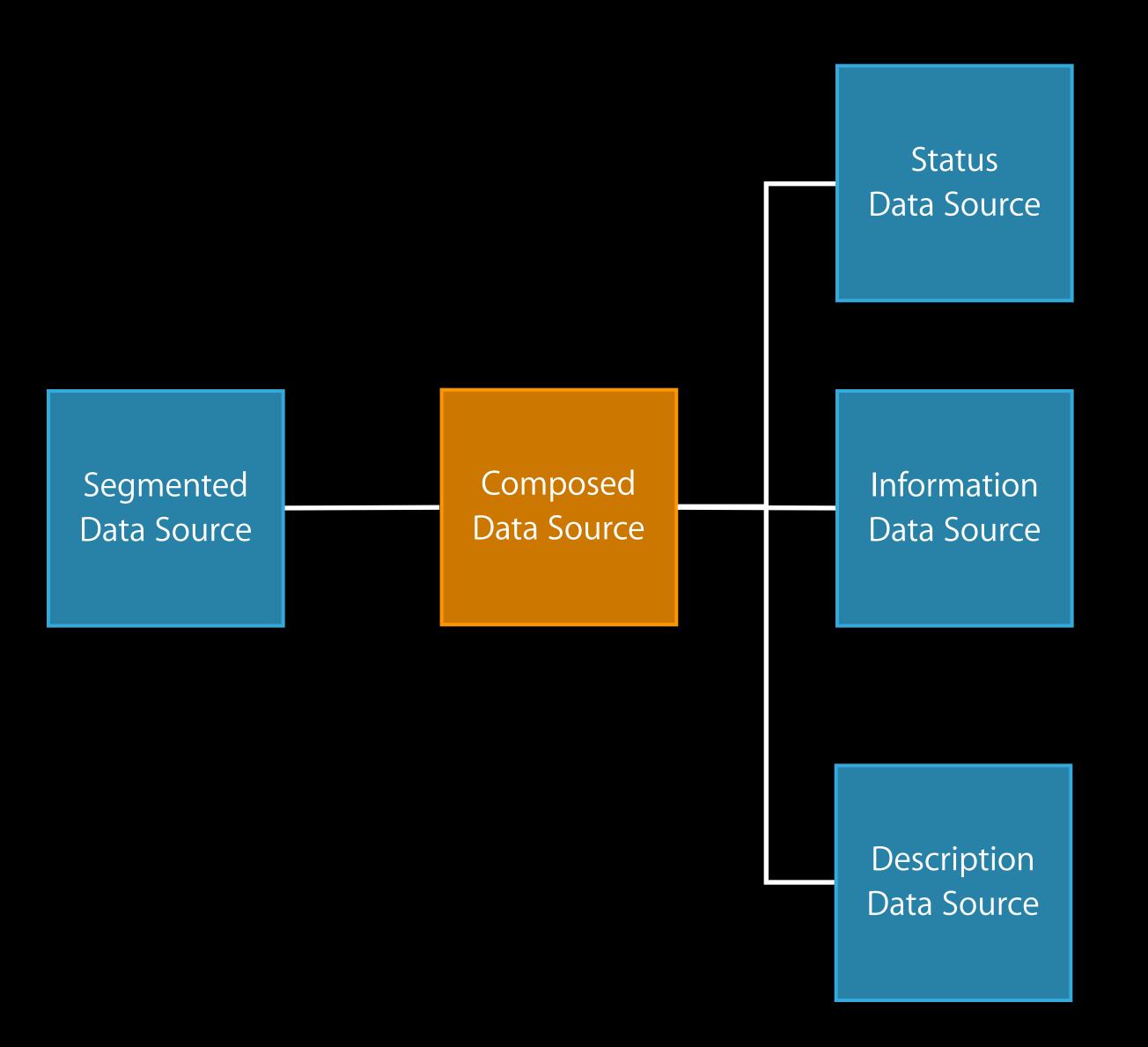




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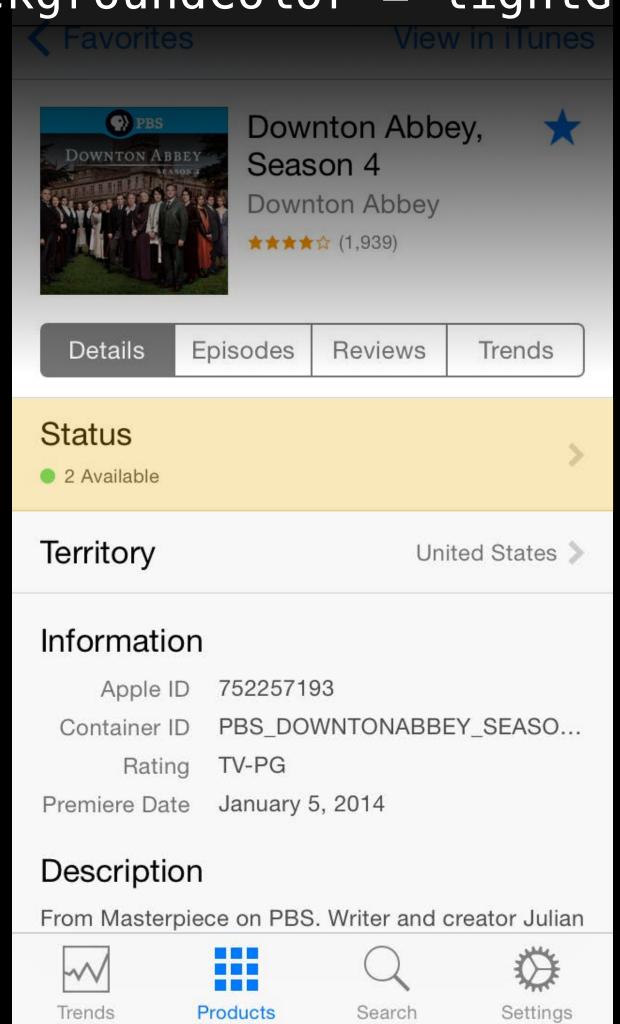
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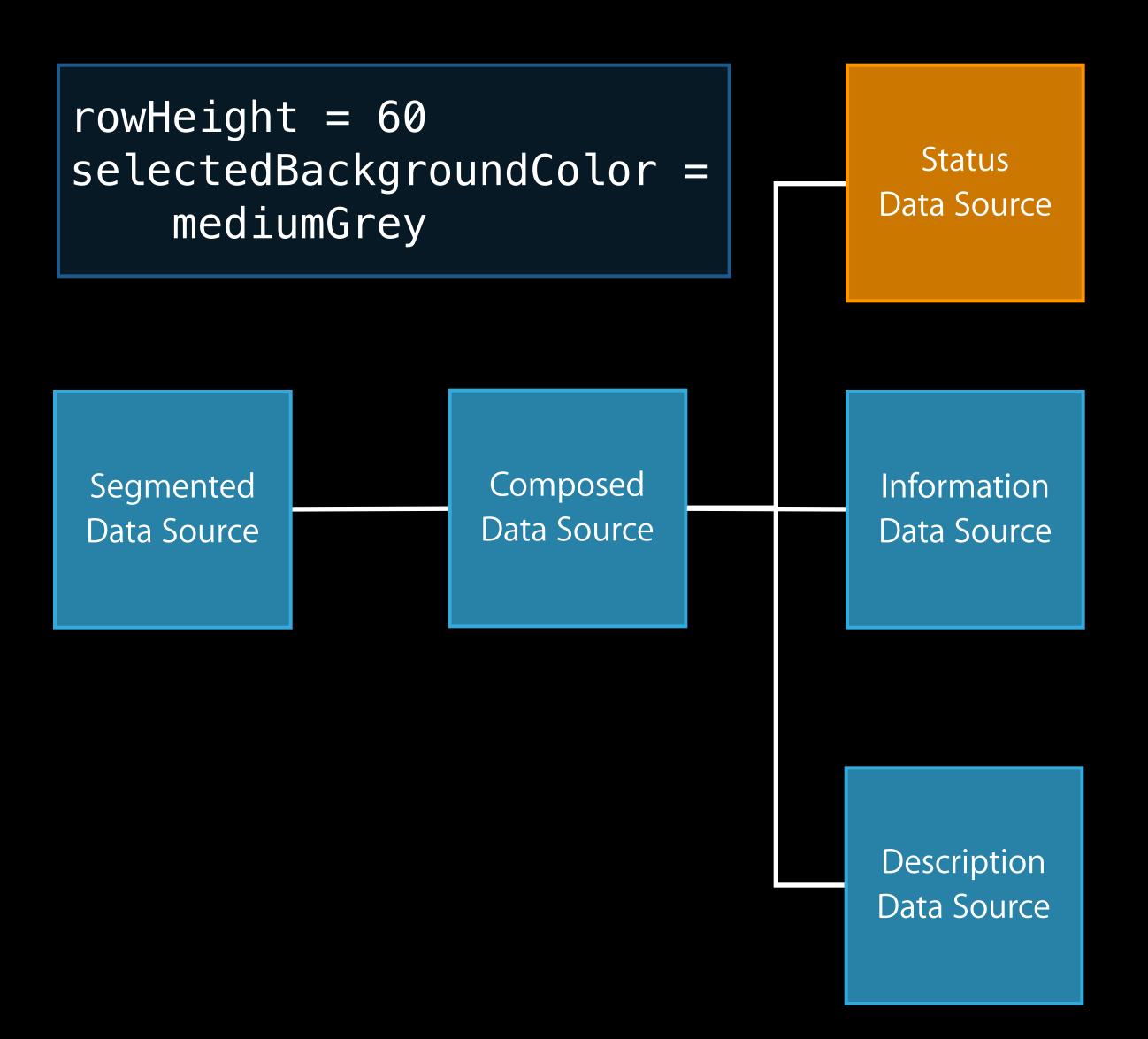




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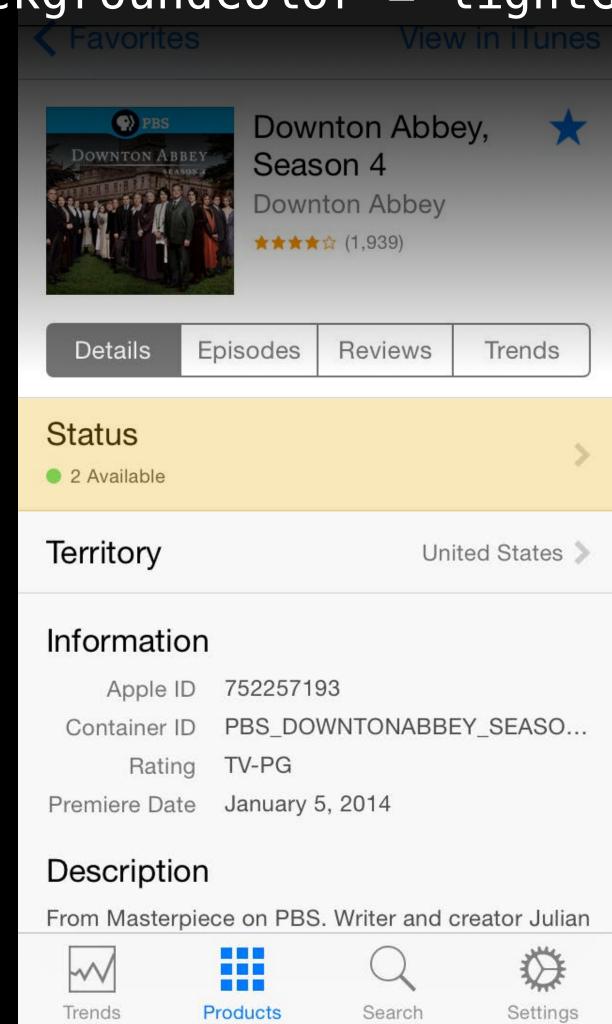
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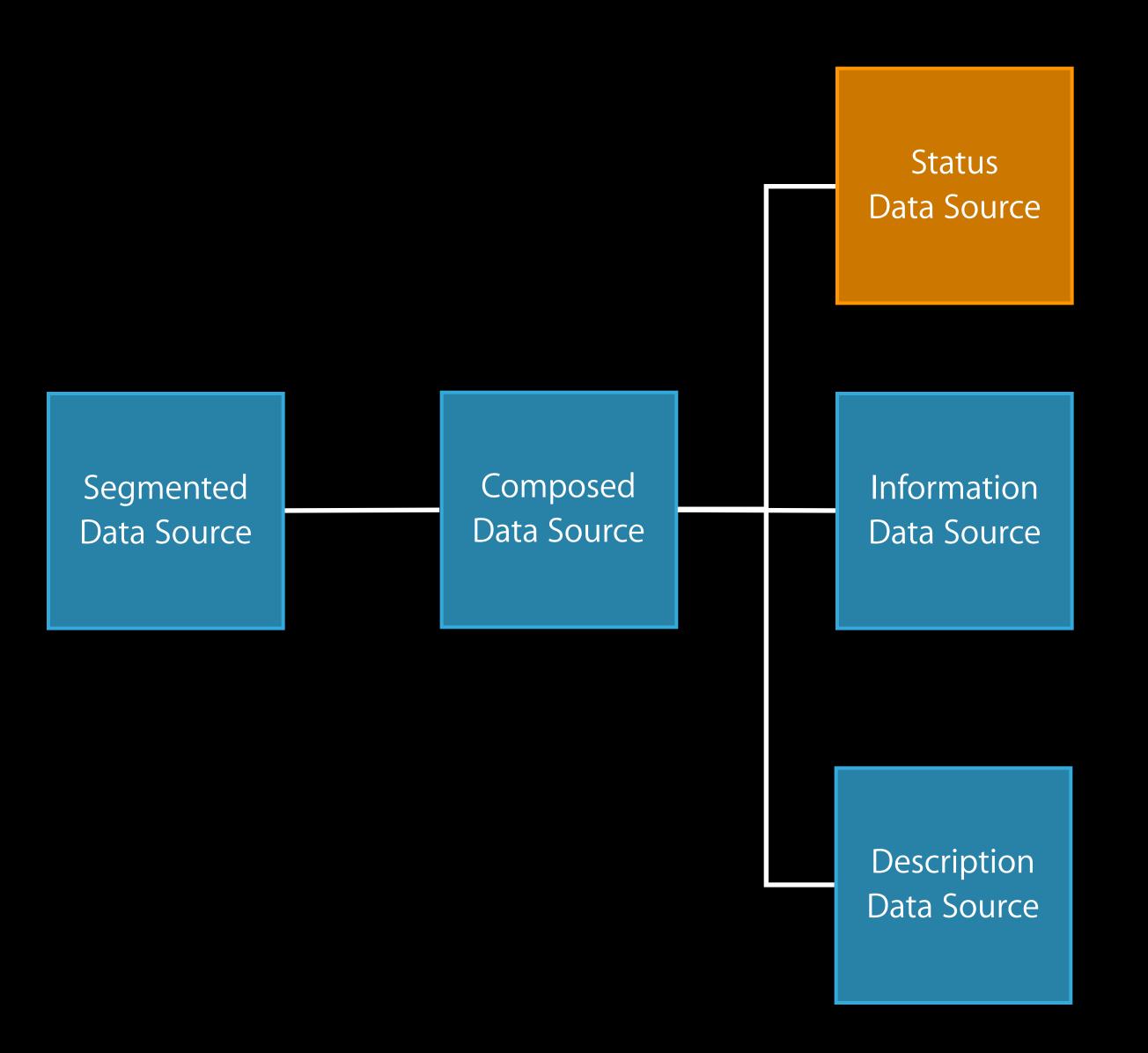




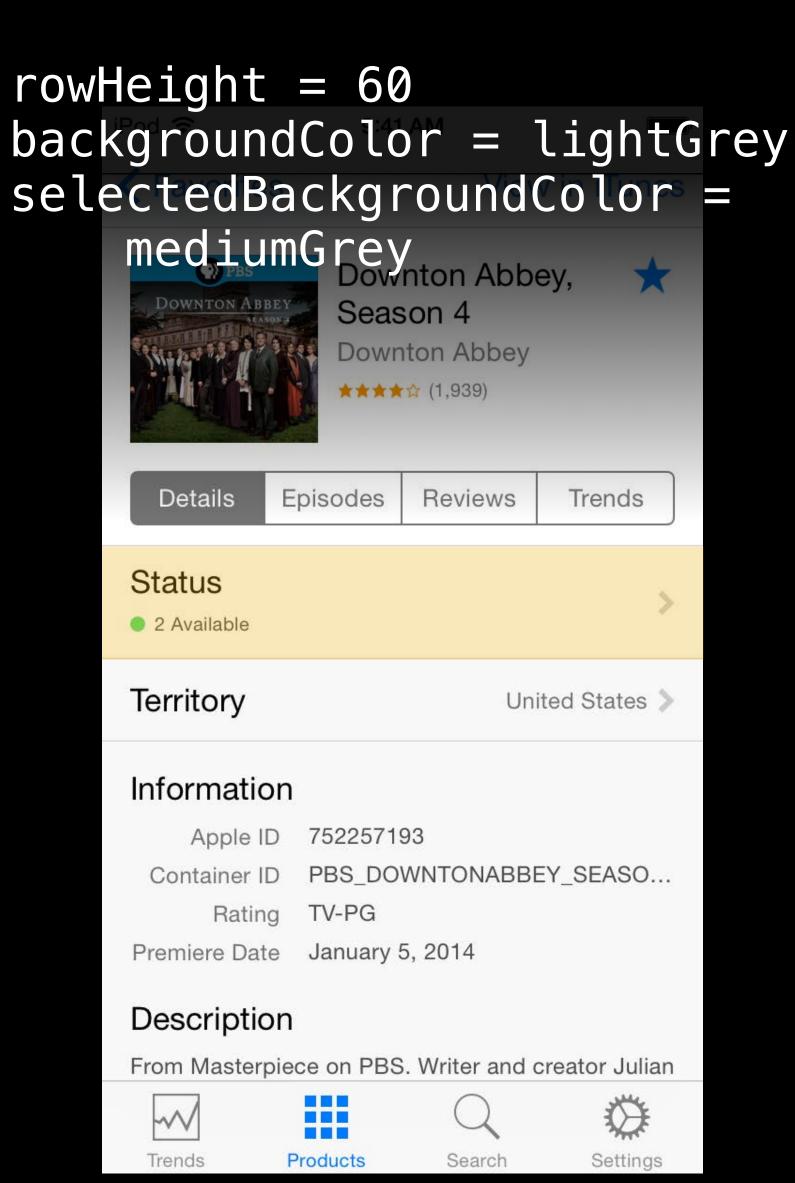
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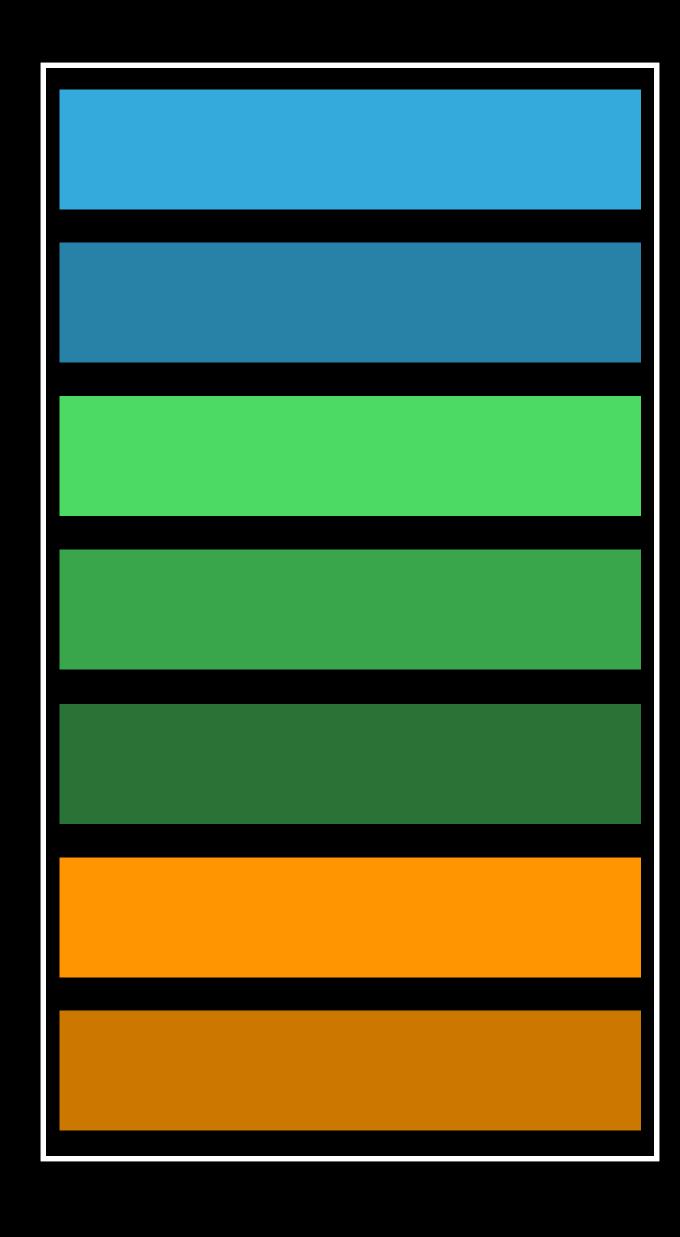
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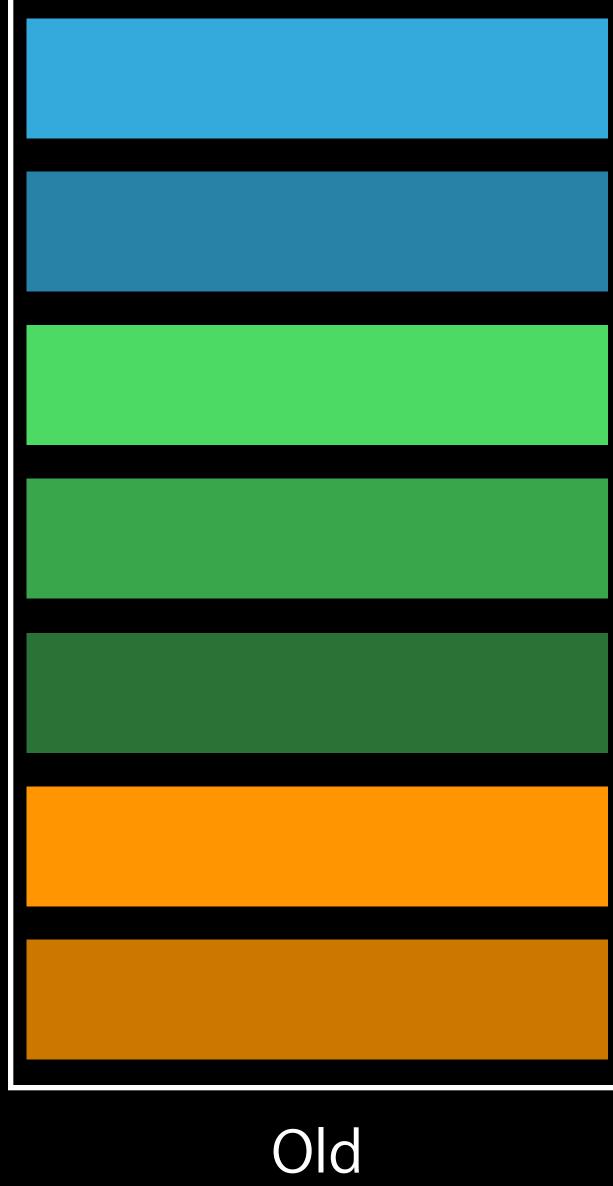
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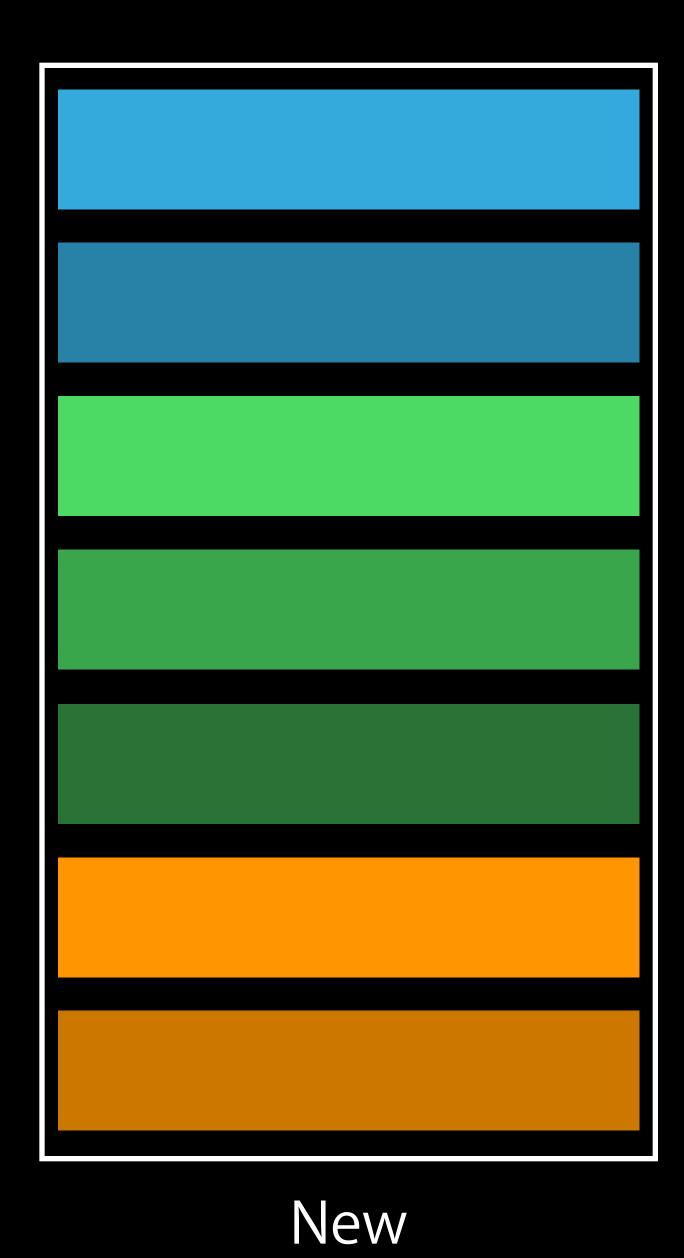
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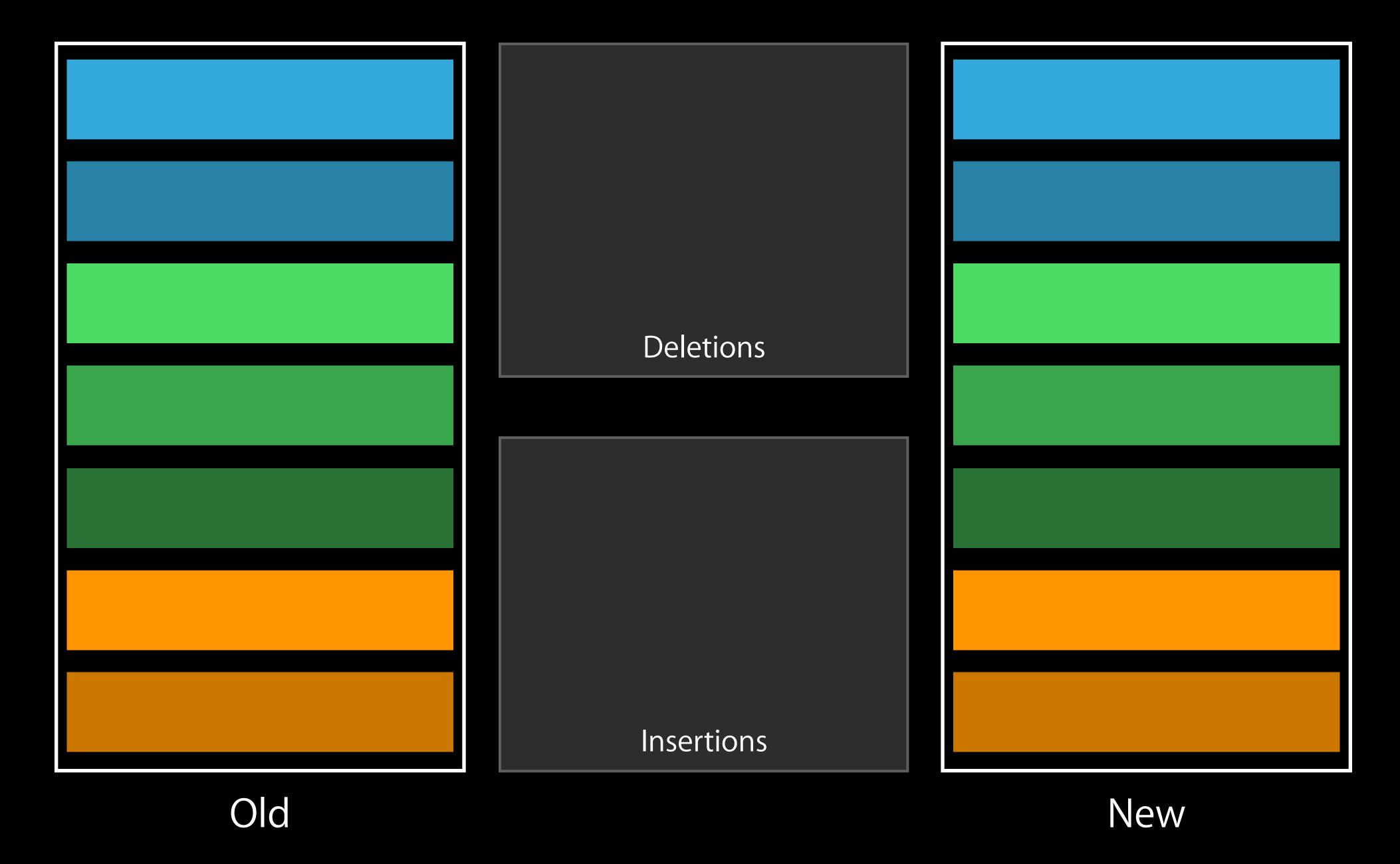
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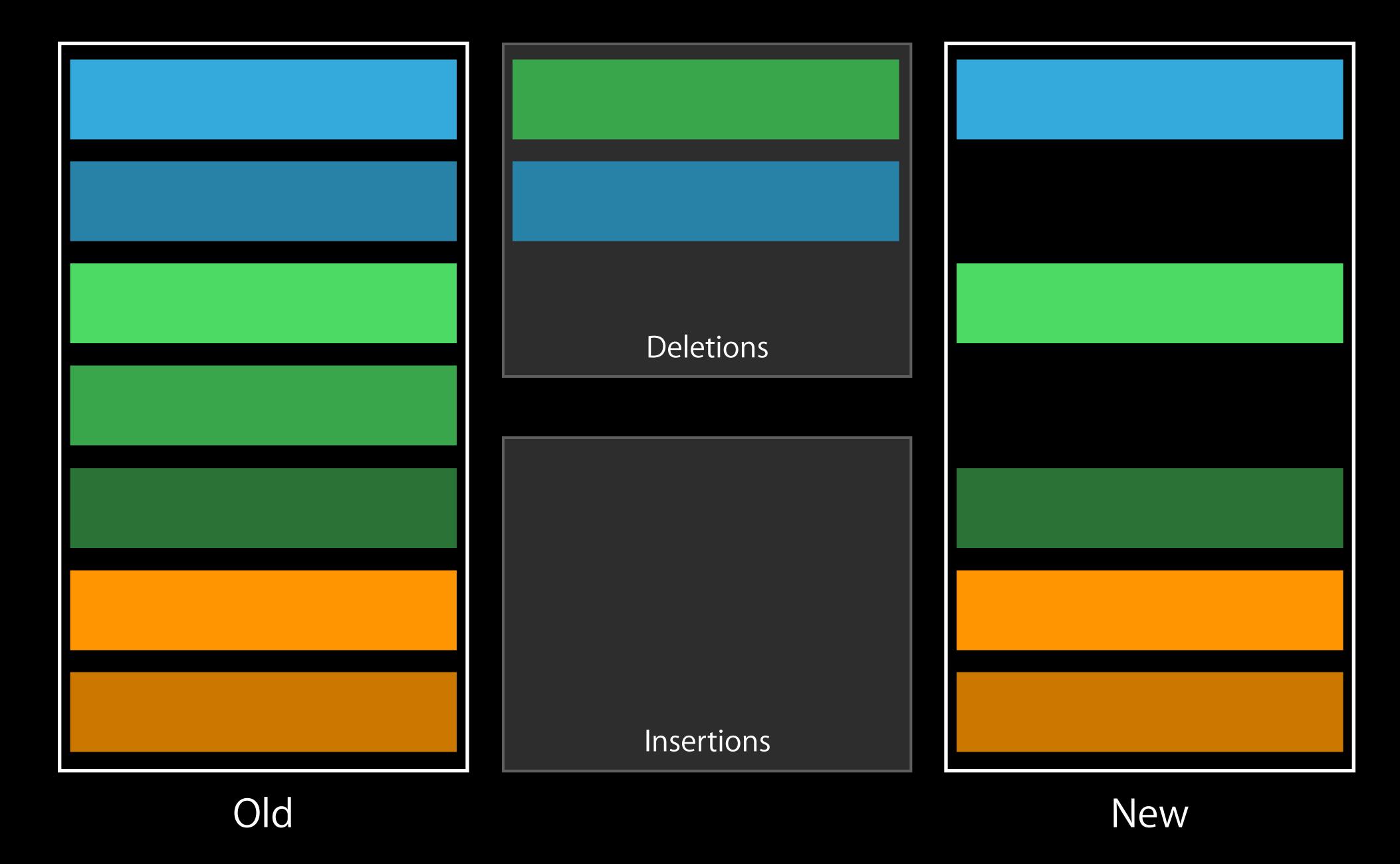


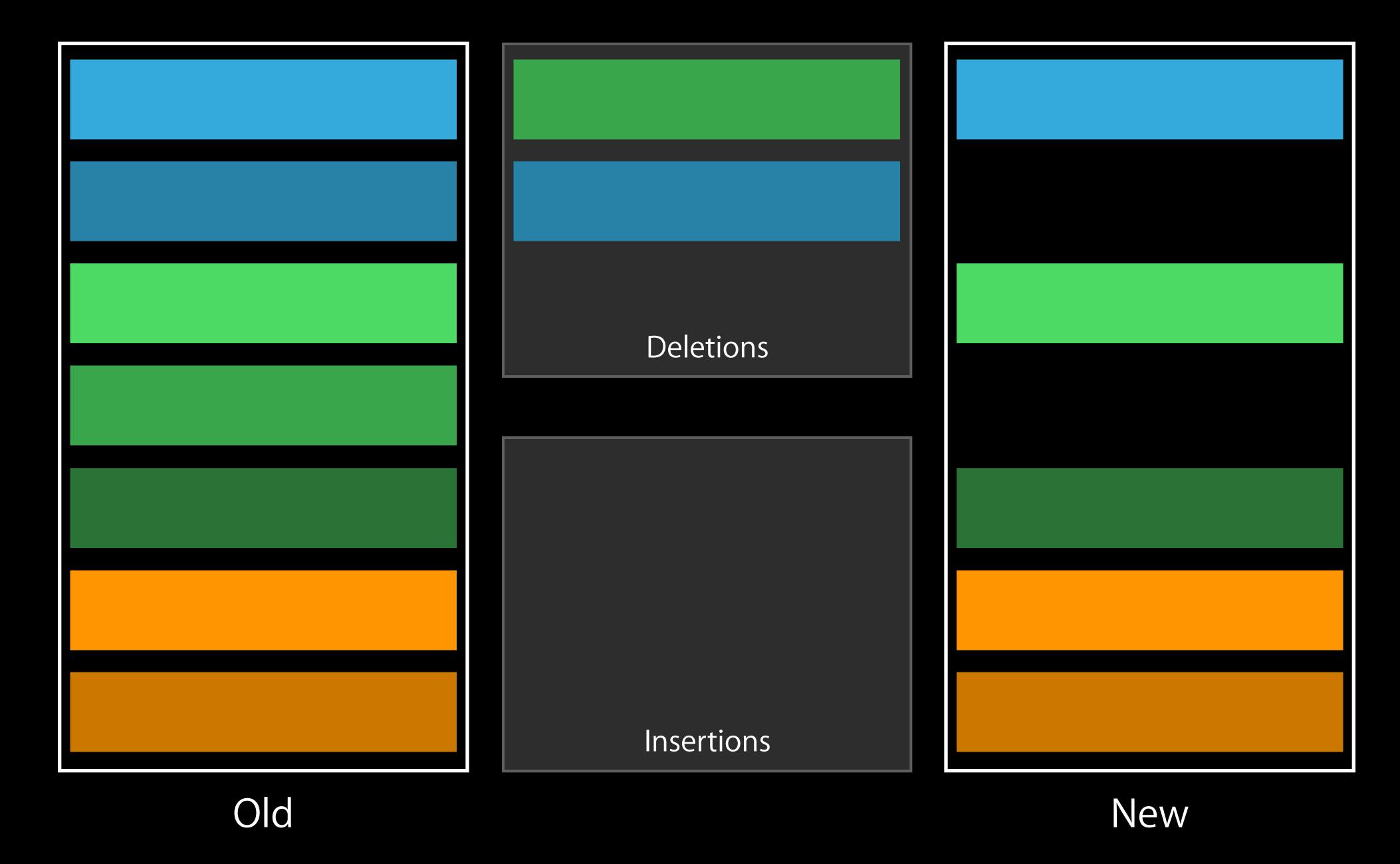
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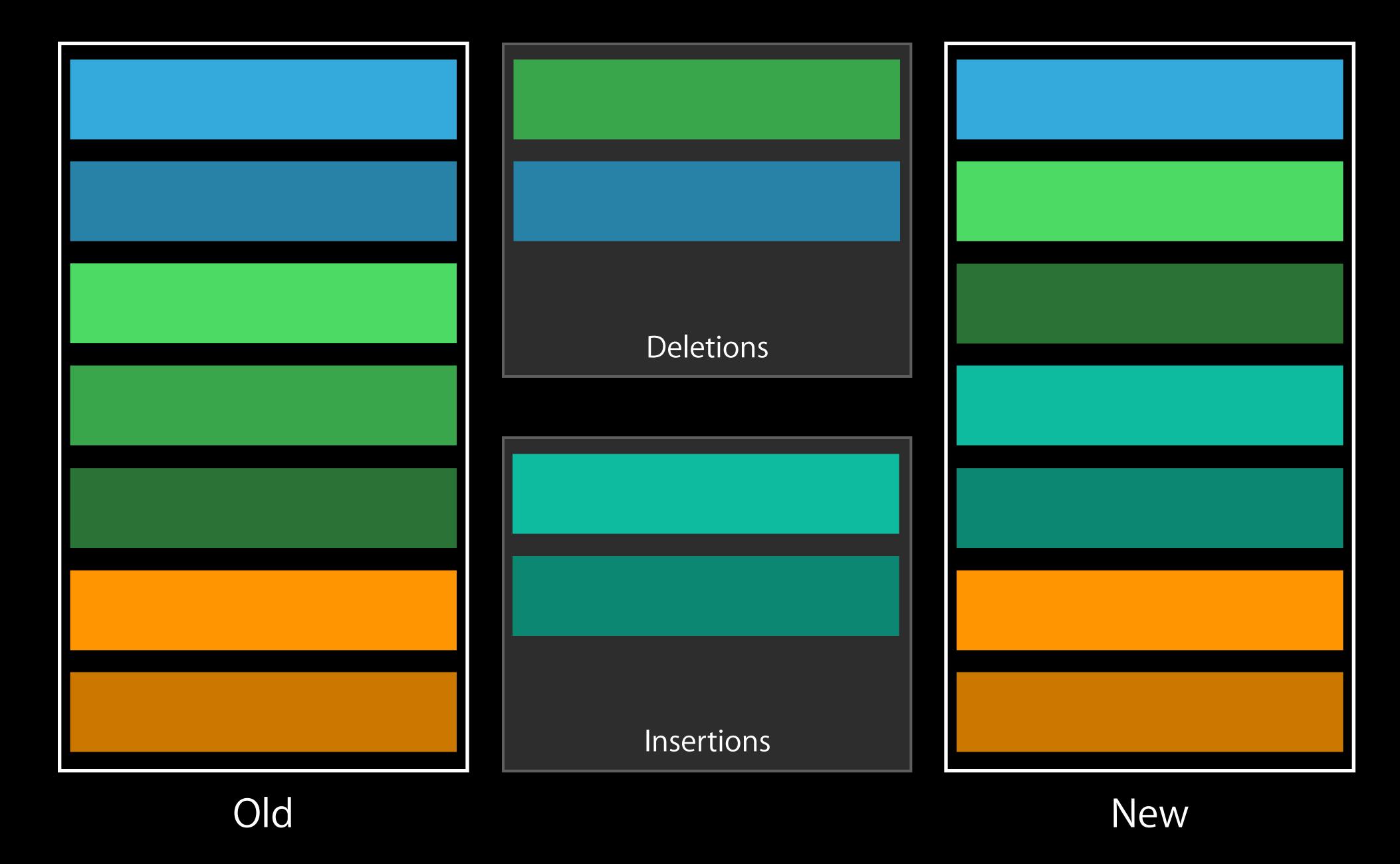












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Get this calculation correct—use it in many places

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Before

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Initial and Final Layout Attributes

-initialLayoutAttributes* and -finalLayoutAttributes*

-initialLayoutAttributes*: called if the view will be on screen after the update
-finalLayoutAttributes*: called if the view was on the screen before the update
Both methods will be called for a view that remains on screen
Simple once update information processed

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Just a little something extra

Swipe to Edit

Add AAPLAction instances to cells

Additional Custom Attributes

columnIndex
editing
movable

Swipe to Edit One column

Ocelot

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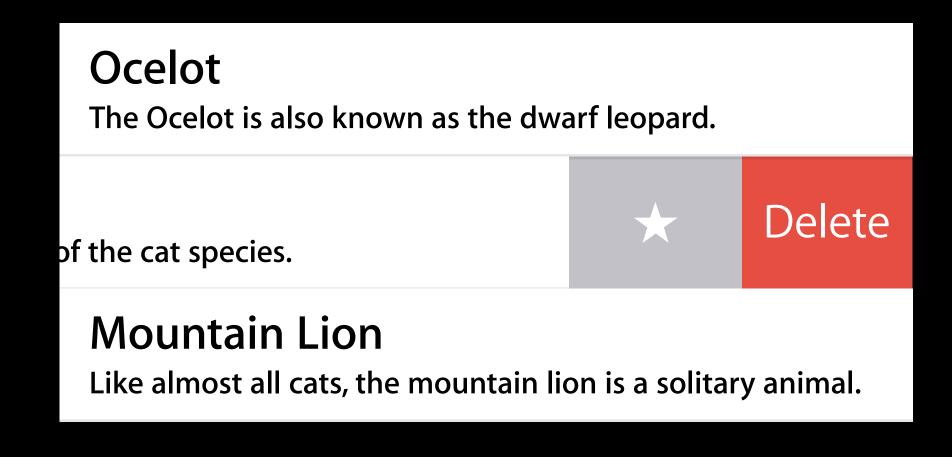
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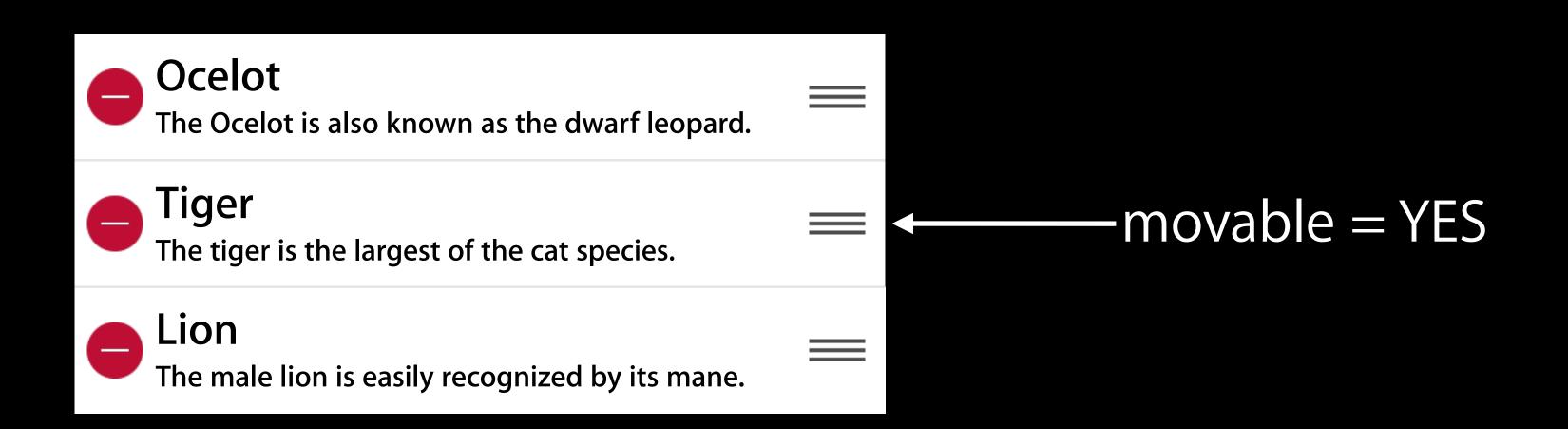
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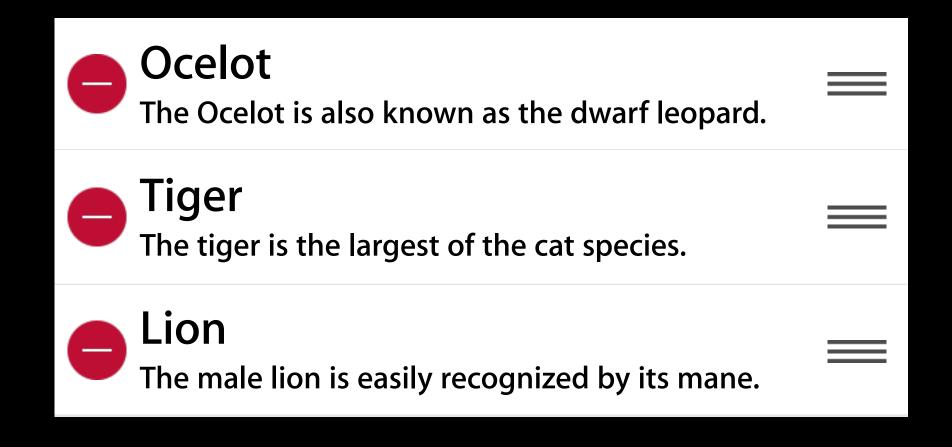
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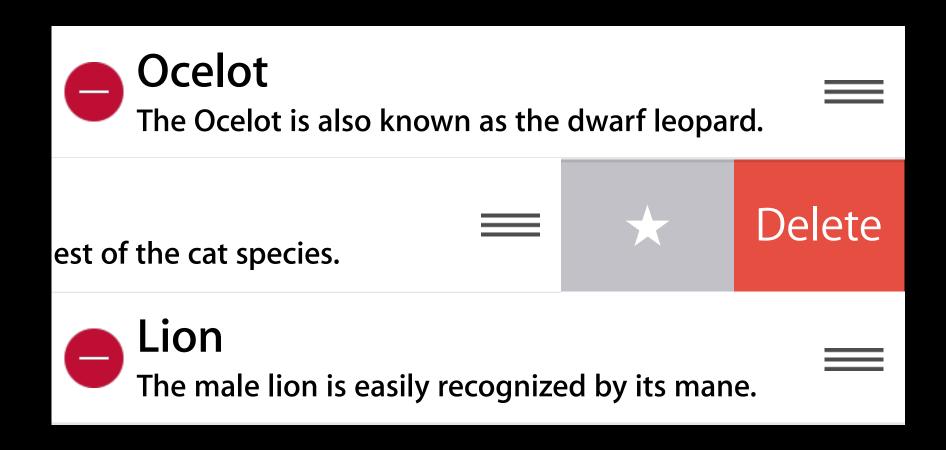
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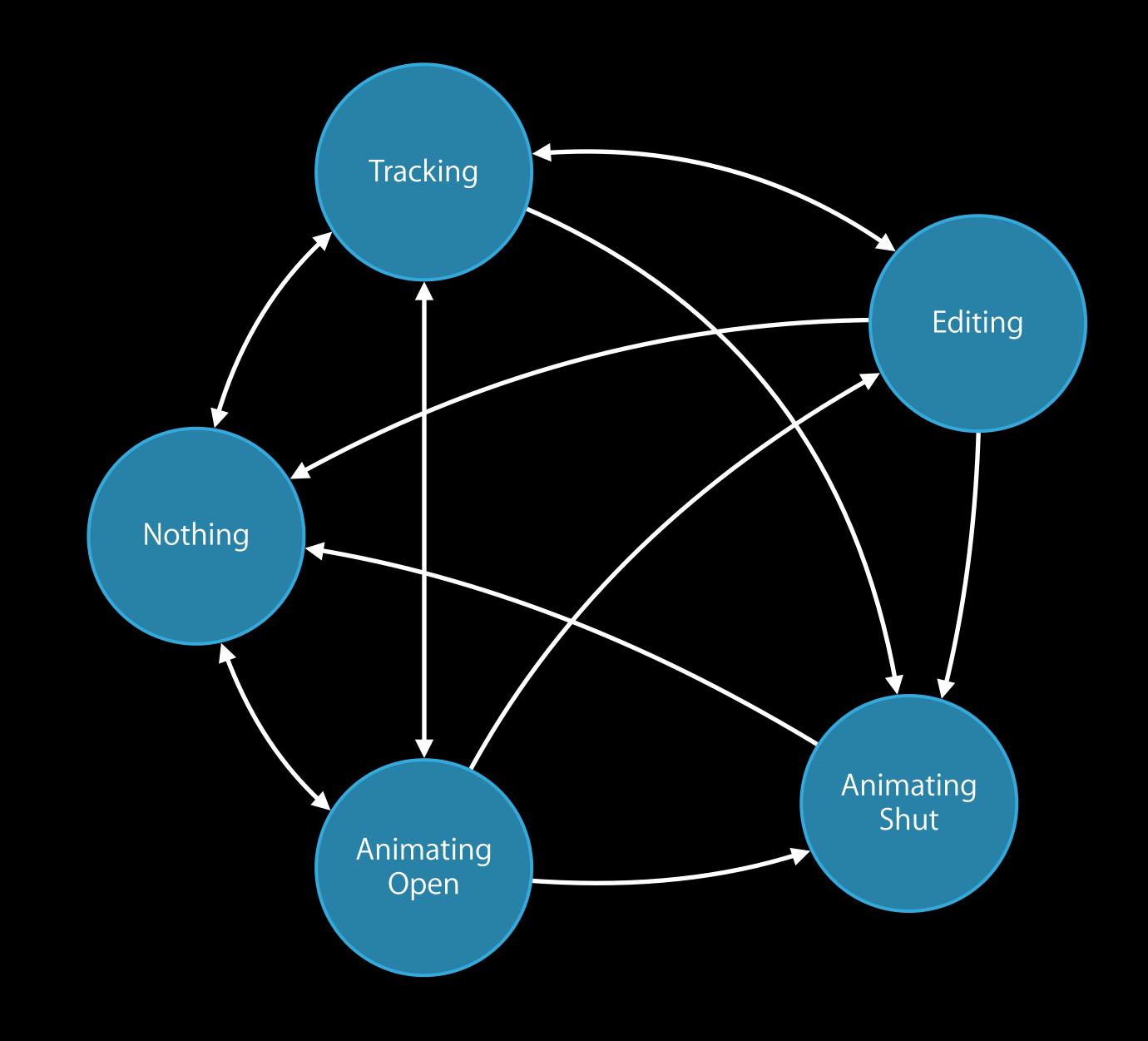




AAPLSwipeToEditStateMachine

Manages gesture recognizers

- UIPanGestureRecognizer
- UILongPressGestureRecognizer
 States are somewhat complex
 Works with our layout and cells



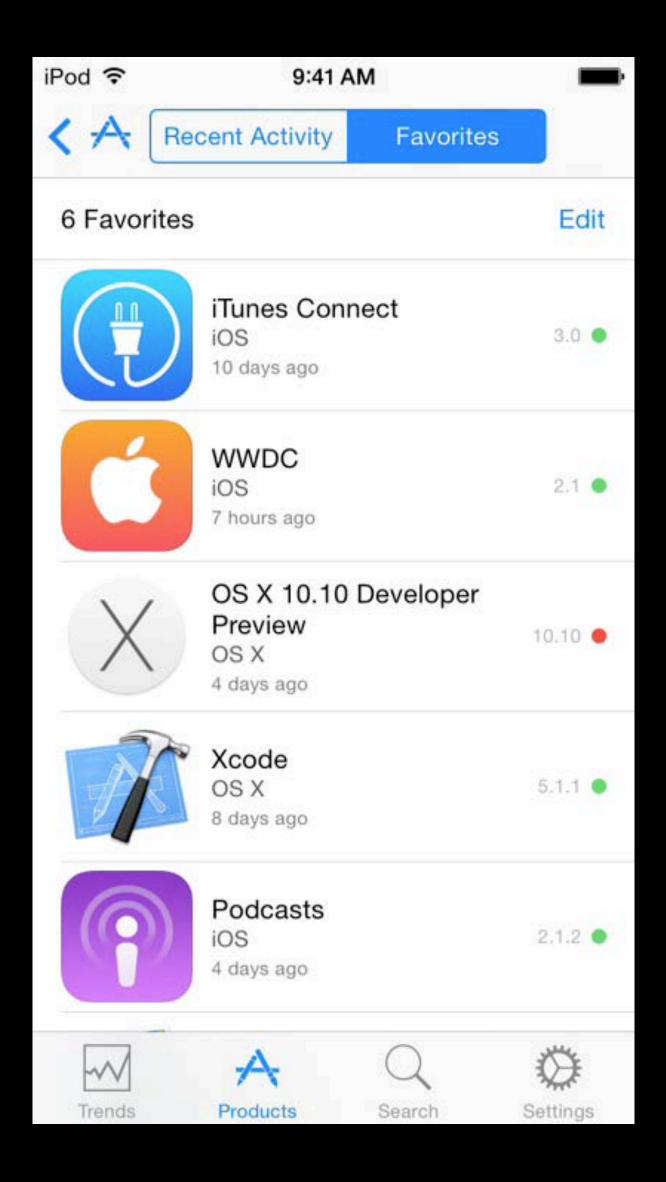
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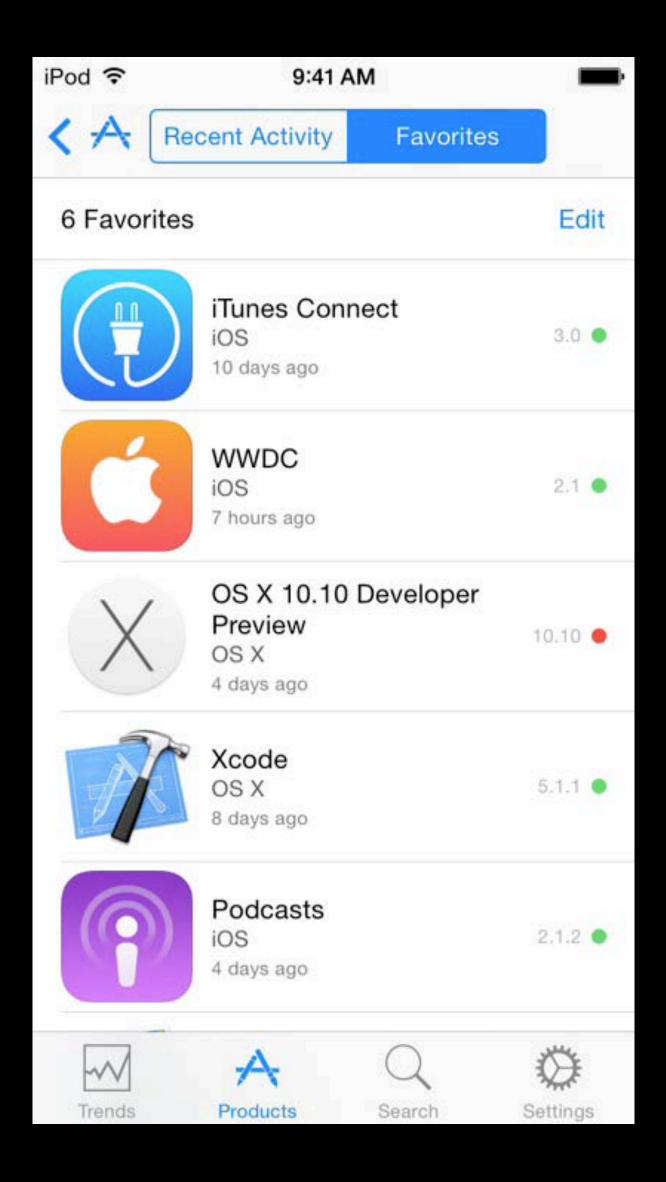
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Summary

Aggregate data sources simplify complex designs

Proper bookkeeping makes UlCollectionViewLayout easy

Swipe to Edit and Drag Reordering are incremental additions

More Information

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Documentation
Collection View Programming Guide for iOS
http://developer.apple.com/ios

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

Related Sessions

What's New in Table and Collection Views

Presidio

Thursday 10:15AM

Labs

Table View and Collection View Lab

Frameworks Lab A Thursday 11:30AM

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