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Optimizing In-App Purchases Using StoreKit

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StoreKit

In-App Purchases

- Consumables and non-consumable
- Subscriptions

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Store Product Sheet

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Receipt renewal

What's New



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New transaction state—Deferred

Ask to Buy feature of Family Sharing





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- Let StoreKit handle the interaction





Child



Parent





Child

Attempts In-App Purchase



Parent





Messages Calendar Photos Camera

Weather Clock Maps Videos

Notes Reminders Stocks Game Center

Newsstand ITunes Store App Store Passbook

Compass Settings

Music

Child
Attempts In-App
Purchase

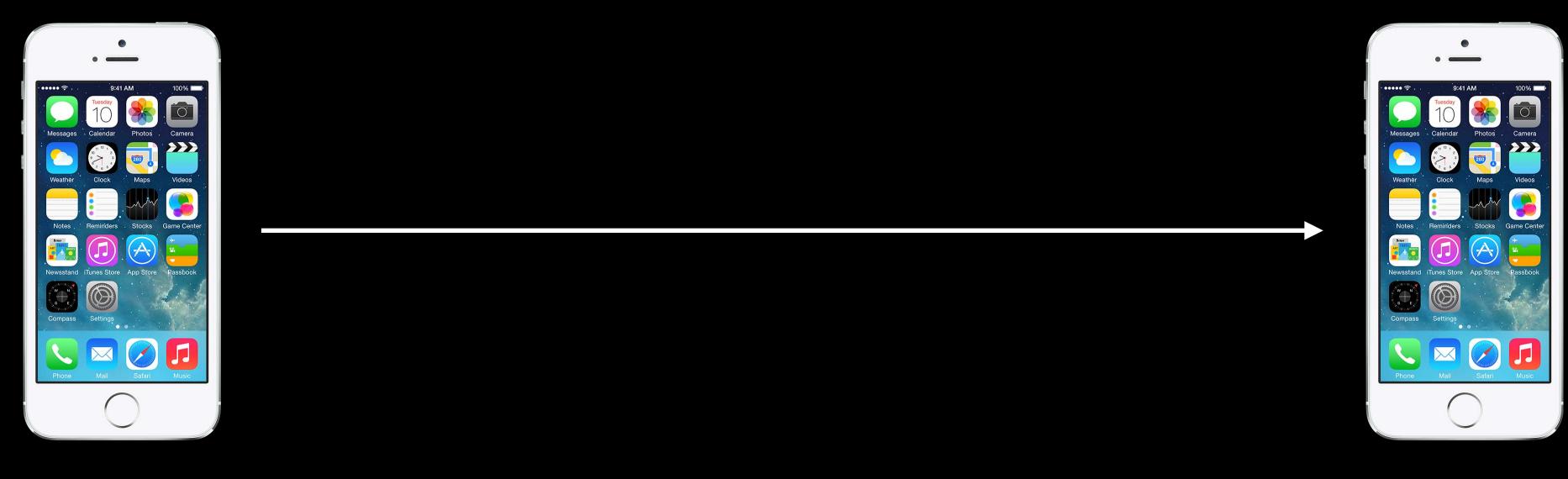
Parent
Notified of request

Deferred Transaction State

Ask to Buy



SKPaymentTransactionStateDeferred



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Attempts In-App
Purchase

Parent
Notified of request





Child



Parent





Child



Parent
Approves or declines

Transaction updated



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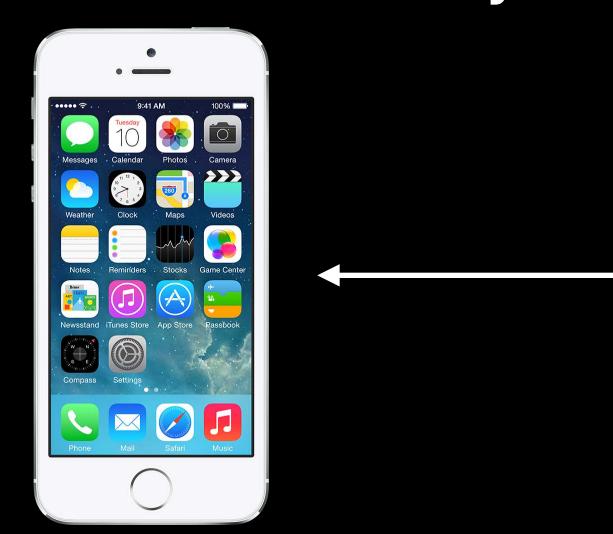


Deferred Transaction State

Ask to Buy



SKPaymentTransactionStatePurchased SKPaymentTransactionStateFailed





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Optimizing In-App Purchases







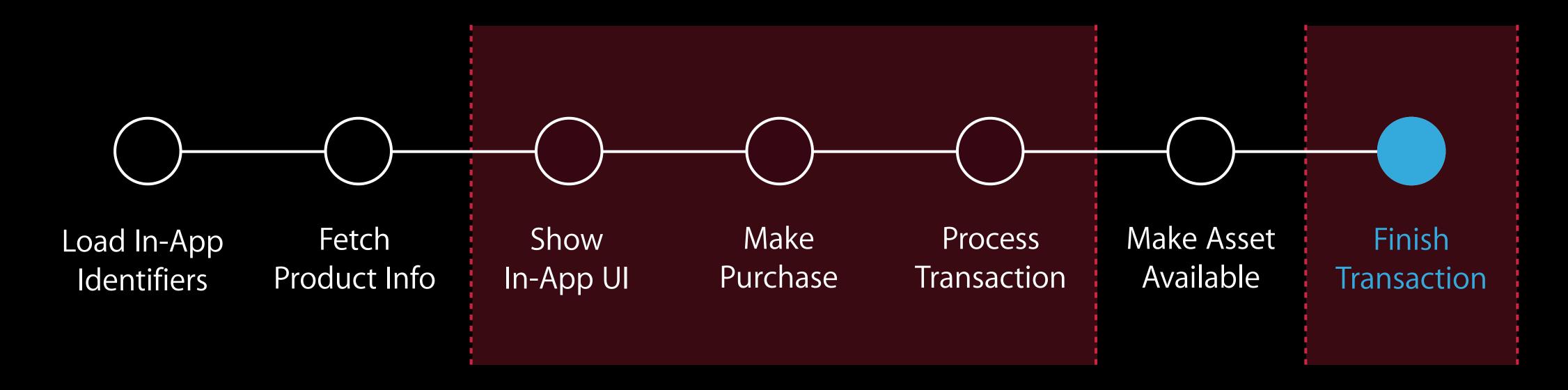






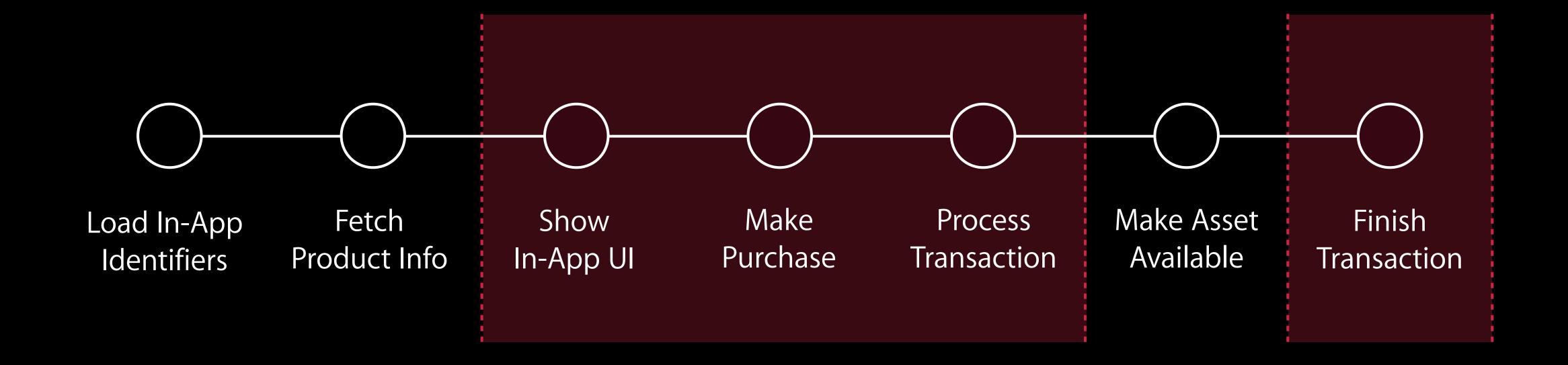


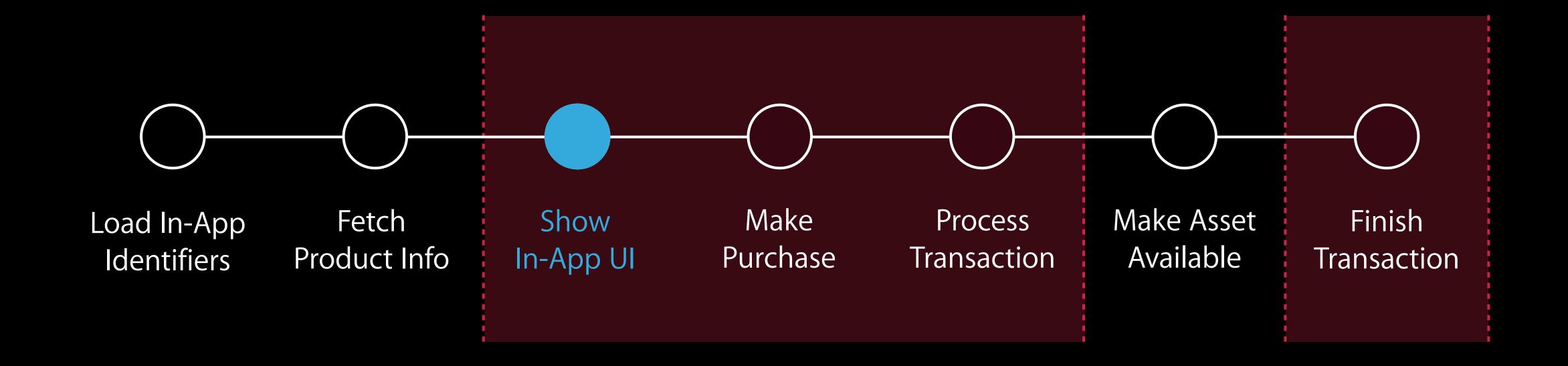




Danger Zones

User Interaction





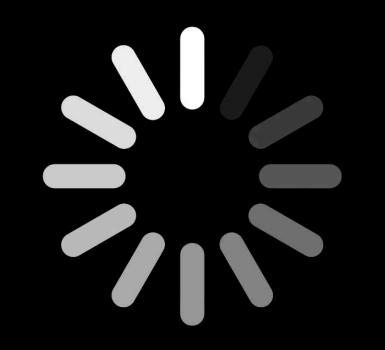
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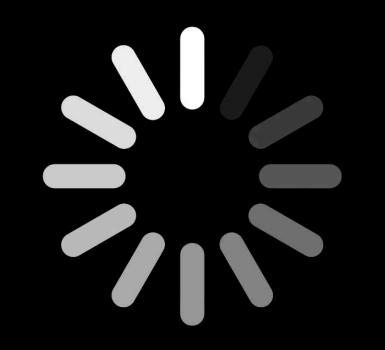
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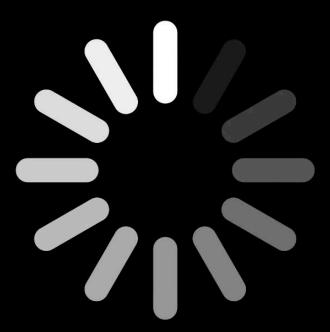
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Not the way to start an In-App Purchase

Product Information

Fetch the product information using StoreKit

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Anticipate the presentation

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Fetch product info just-ahead-of-time

SKProduct Object

SKProduct properties

- Localized title and description
- Price and locale
- Content size and version (hosted)

1.234,56 €

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£1,234.56

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NSNumberFormatter *numberFormatter = [[NSNumberFormatter alloc] init];
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[numberFormatter setNumberStyle:NSNumberFormatterCurrencyStyle];
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[numberFormatter setLocale:product.priceLocale];
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NSNumberFormatter *numberFormatter = [[NSNumberFormatter alloc] init];
[numberFormatter setNumberStyle:NSNumberFormatterCurrencyStyle];
[numberFormatter setLocale:product.priceLocale];
NSString *formattedString = [numberFormatter stringFromNumber:product.price];
```

Showing localized price

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[numberFormatter setLocale:product.priceLocale];
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```

Do not perform currency conversion!

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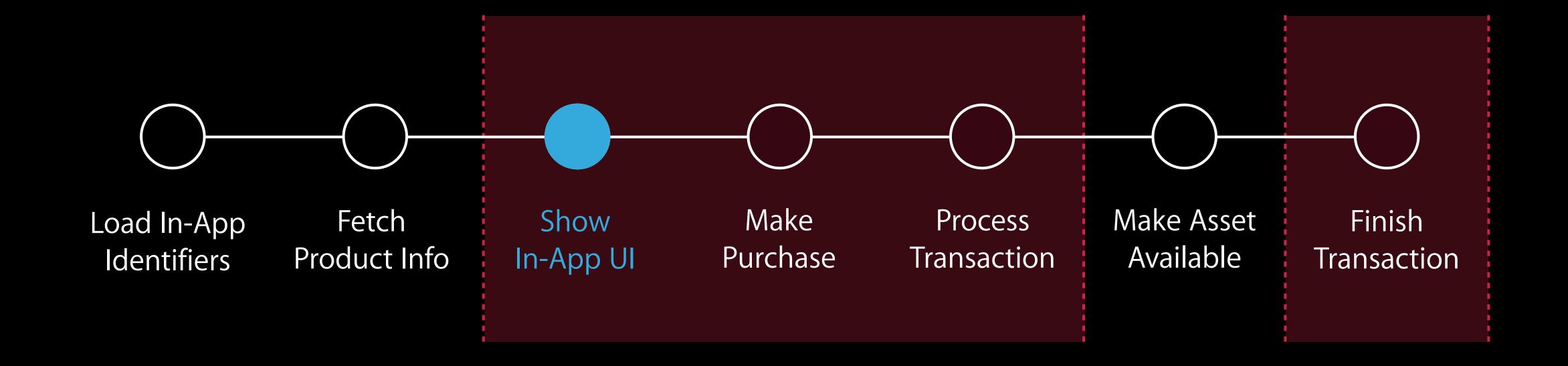
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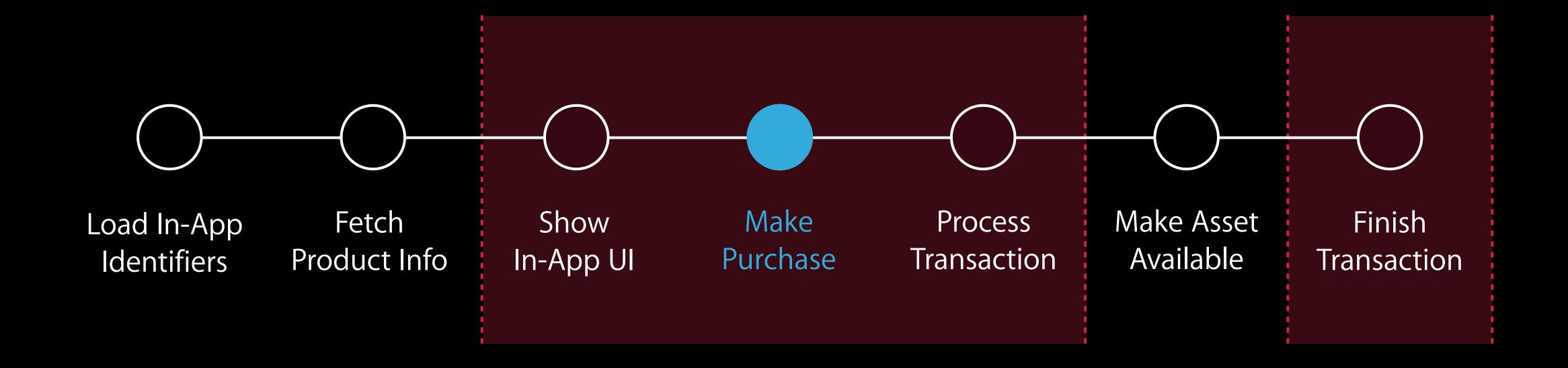
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Let StoreKit handle the transaction flow as much as possible

Making the Purchase





The Payment Queue

Observe it, always

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The center of your In-App Purchase implementation

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- For transactions in progress
- Payment status updates
- Download status

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Any and all transactions in the queue are valid and real

On Launch

Start observing the payment queue

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[[SKPaymentQueue defaultQueue] addTransactionObserver:yourObserver];

Example Fetch product info

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Get information about your products from the store

NSSet* identifierSet = [NSSet setWithArray:productIdentifiers];

Fetch product info

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Example Add payment to queue

Start the payment transaction

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```
SKPayment* payment = [SKPayment paymentWithProduct:product];
```

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```
SKPayment* payment = [SKPayment paymentWithProduct:product];
[[SKPaymentQueue defaultQueue] addPayment:payment];
```

Example Handle events

- (void)paymentQueue:(SKPaymentQueue *)queue
updatedTransactions:(NSArray *)transactions

```
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updatedTransactions:(NSArray *)transactions
{
   for (SKPaymentTransaction* transaction in transactions)
```

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            case SKPaymentTransactionStatePurchased:
```

```
- (void)paymentQueue:(SKPaymentQueue *)queue
 updatedTransactions:(NSArray *)transactions
       (SKPaymentTransaction* transaction in transactions)
      switch(transaction.transactionState) {
          case SKPaymentTransactionStatePurchased:
             NSURL* receiptURL = [[NSBundle mainBundle] appStoreReceiptURL];
             NSData* receipt = [NSData dataWithContentsOfURL:receiptURL];
             // Process the transaction
```

```
case SKPaymentTransactionStatePurchased:
   // Get the local state for this transaction
```

```
case SKPaymentTransactionStatePurchased:
    // Get the local state for this transaction
    SKPayment *payment = myCachedPayments[transaction.payment.productIdentifier];
```

```
case SKPaymentTransactionStatePurchased:
    // Get the local state for this transaction
    SKPayment *payment = myCachedPayments[transaction.payment.productIdentifier];
    if (!payment)
    {
```

Tracking your own state or payment cache is unnecessary

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The transaction is just as valid

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               // Allow the user to continue to use the app
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            case SKPaymentTransactionStateDeferred:
               // Allow the user to continue to use the app
                  It may be some time before the transaction is updated
               // Do not get stuck in a modal "Purchasing..." state!
```

Finish the transaction

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- (void)finishTransaction:(SKPaymentTransaction *)transaction

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Tells the store that your app has finished processing the transaction

The transaction will be removed from the queue

SKPaymentQueue Tips

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@property(nonatomic, readonly) NSArray *transactions;

No need for you to keep track of transactions in-flight, trust the queue

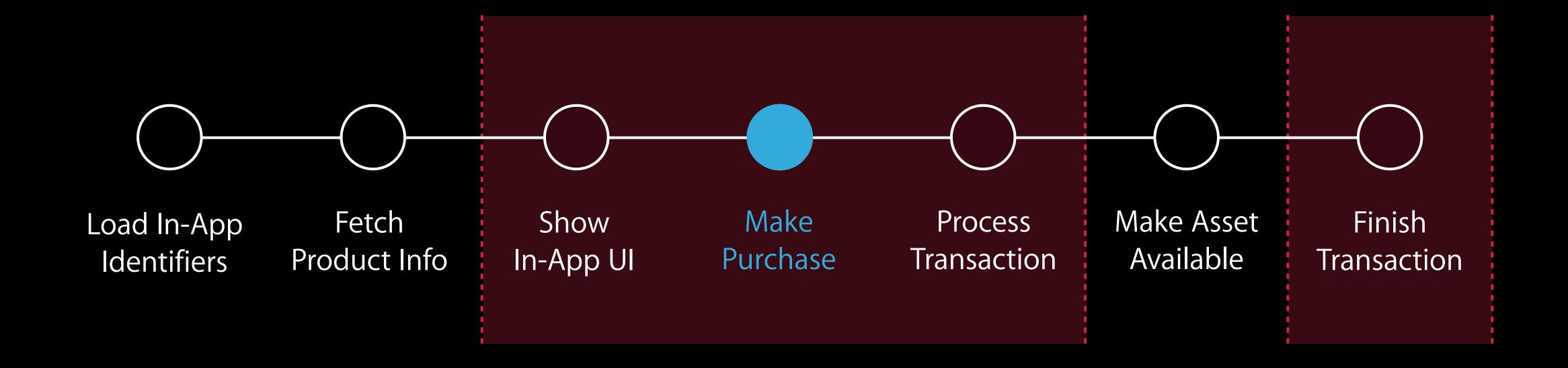
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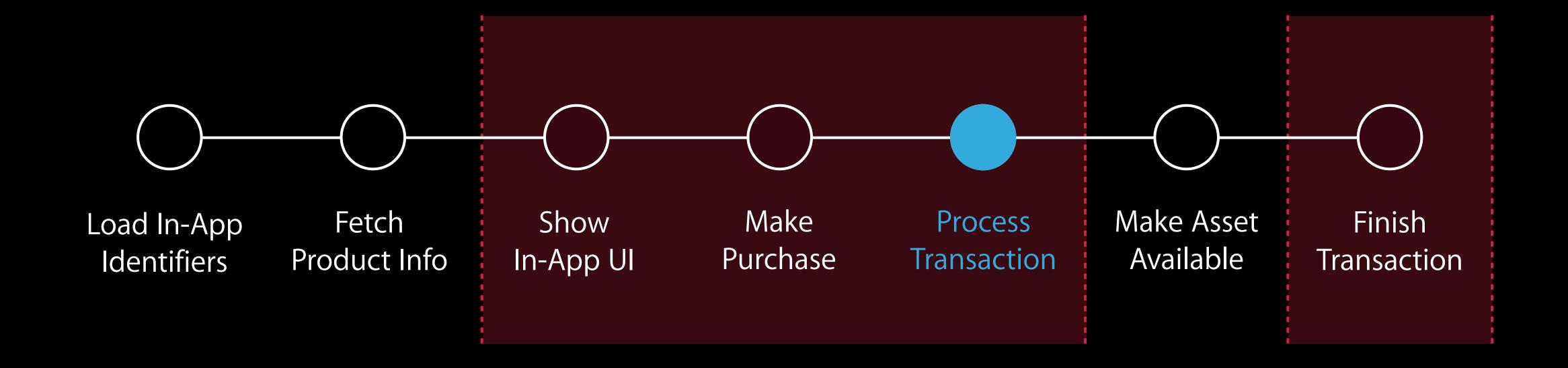
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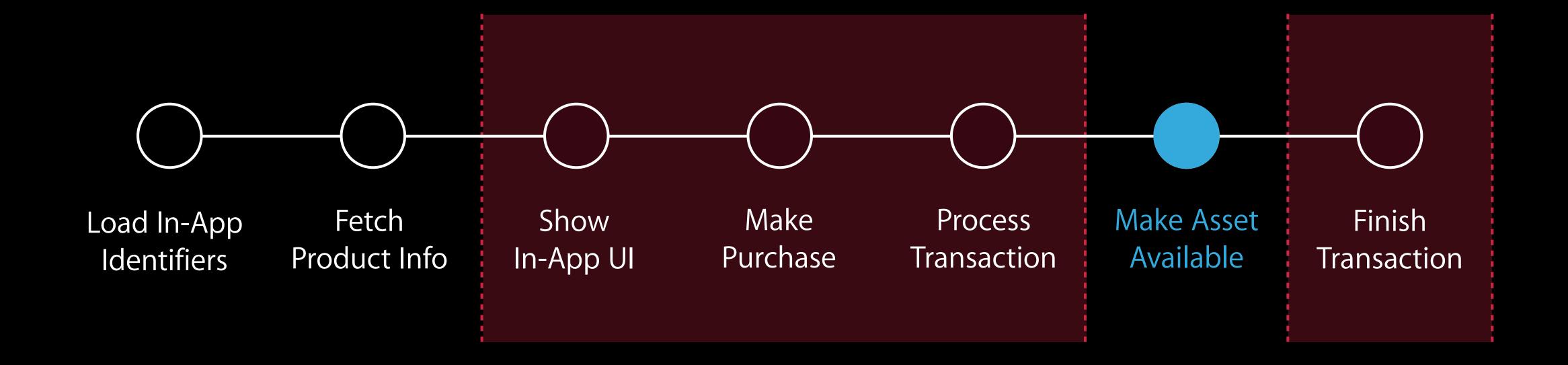
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- + (BOOL)canMakePayments
- Known if In-App Purchases have been restricted

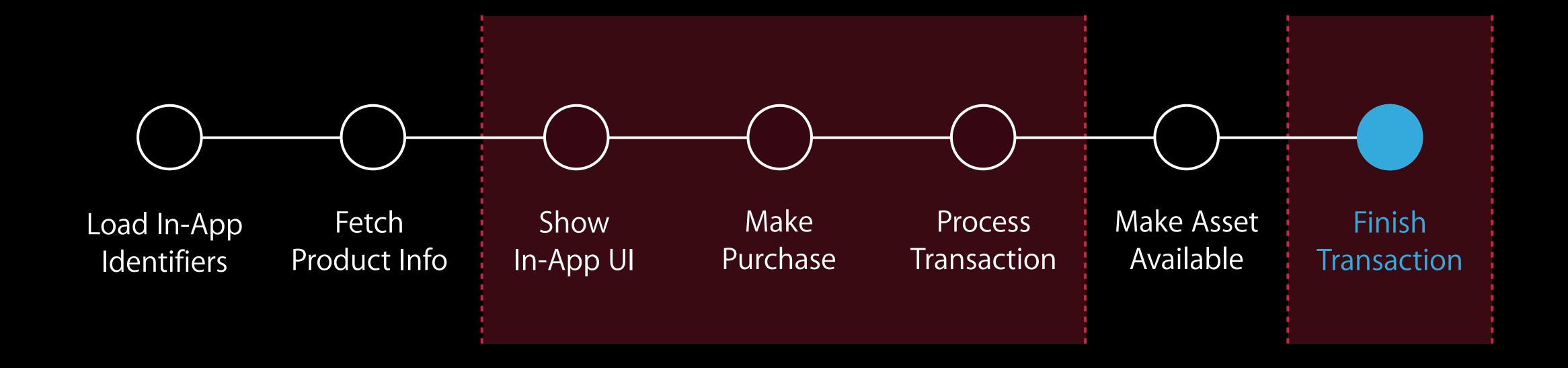
Demo

Trouble free In-App Purchase









Validate the purchase

Receipt verification on-device or server-to-server

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Download content

- Hosted In-App Purchase content
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Persisting and restoring transactions

On-device validation

Unlock features and content within the app

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Server-to-server validation

Restrict access to downloadable content



Do not use online validation directly from the device!

iOS 6 APIs for receipt validation are deprecated

Hosted In-App Purchase content

Hosted on Apple's servers

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- Scalable and reliable

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Start download

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```
- (void)paymentQueue:(SKPaymentQueue *)queue
updatedDownloads:(NSArray *)downloads;
```

```
- (void)paymentQueue:(SKPaymentQueue *)queue
      updatedDownloads:(NSArray *)downloads;
        download.progress
        download.timeRemaining
        download.state
        download.error
        When download.state is SKDownloadStateFinished
          download.contentURL
```

Self-Hosted Content

Self-hosted downloadable content

Use background download APIs

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Self-hosted downloadable content

- Use background download APIs
 - Content is downloaded even when your app is not active
 - Using class NSURLConnection APIs has limitations

NSURLSessionDownloadDelegate

Download progress

NSURLSession

Reconnect to session on launch

```
- (void)application:(UIApplication *)application
        handleEventsForBackgroundURLSession:(NSString *)identifier
        completionHandler:(void (^)())completionHandler
     NSURLSessionConfiguration *config = [NSURLSessionConfiguration
                backgroundSessionConfiguration:identifier];
     NSURLSession *session = [NSURLSession sessionWithConfiguration:config
                                  delegate:self delegateQueue:queue];
     self.completionHandler = completionHandler; // call when done
```

Downloading Content

When the content is downloaded, finish the transaction

[[SKPaymentQueue defaultQueue] finishTransaction:transaction];

Otherwise, the payment will stay in the queue

Restore Transactions

Restoring transactions allows the user to restore

- Non-consumable in-app purchases
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You must persist the state!

[[SKPaymentQueue defaultQueue] restoreCompletedTransactions]

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Observe the queue

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- paymentQueue: restoreCompletedTransactionsFailedWithError:

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Inspect the receipt and unlock content and features accordingly

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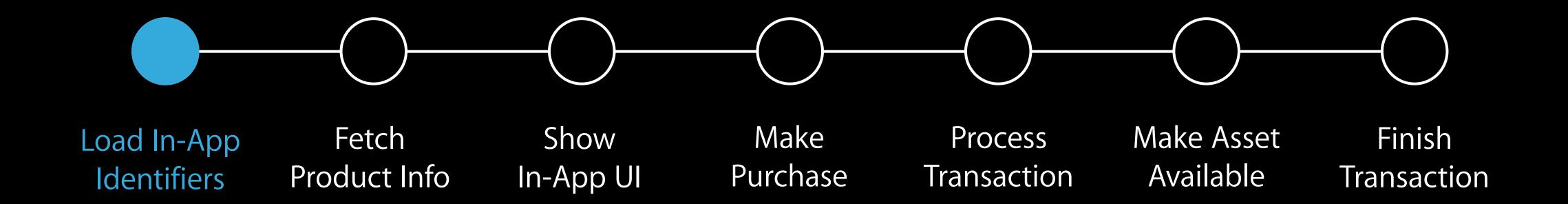
Your app must offer to restore transactions

But do not call try to restore unless requested by the user

Summary

Recipe for trouble-free In-App Purchases

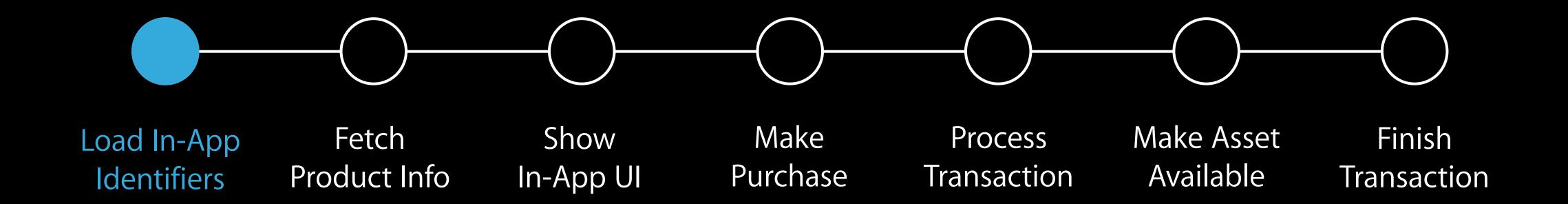






Server fetch of product identifiers

- Cache appropriately
- Avoid delay in presenting products







Fetch only the products you need Fetch just ahead of time

Avoid delay in presenting products



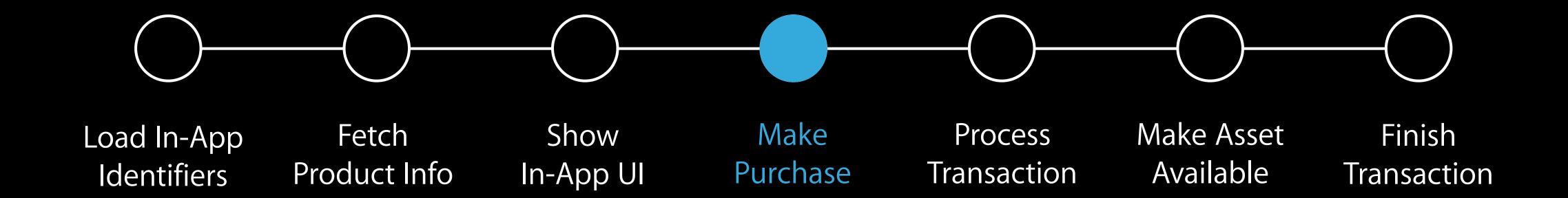


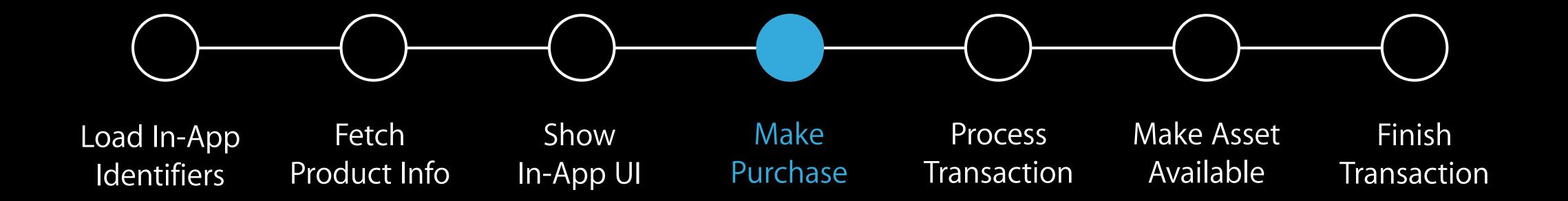


Take care to ensure proper localization

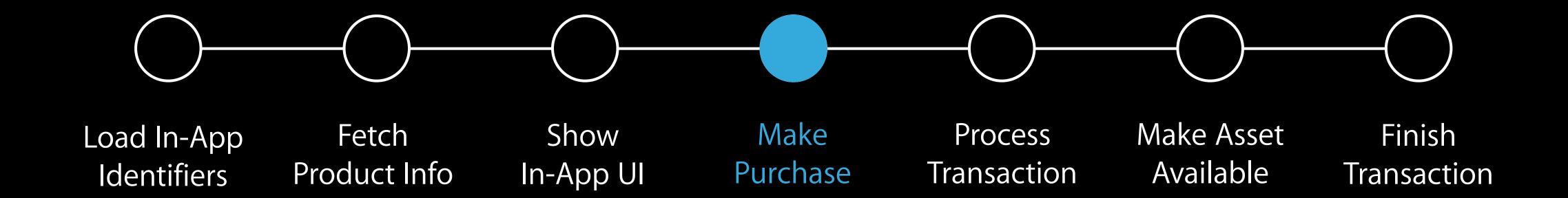
Do not convert currencies

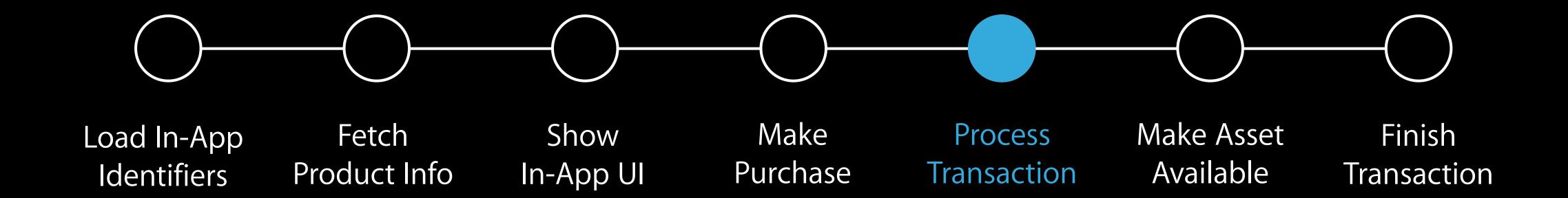






Add the payment to the queue Then obey the queue, always



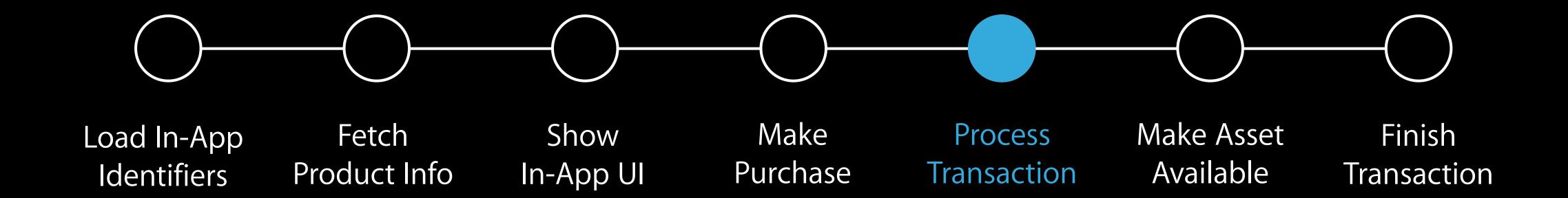




Verify the receipt

Unlock features and content

Avoid deprecated APIs and unsafe verification







Content download

- Host content with Apple
- Use background download APIs







Always finish the transaction! Keep your queue clean

More Information

Evangelism @apple.com

Documentation
In-App Purchases Programming Guide
https://developer.apple.com

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

Related Sessions

 Preventing Unauthorized Purchases with Receipts 	Pacific Heights	Friday 10:15AM
 Designing a Great In-App Purchase Experience 	Nob Hill	Wednesday 11:30AM
 Kids and Apps 	Nob Hill	Thursday 3:15PM

Labs

 StoreKit and Receipts Lab 	Services Lab A	Wednesday 3:15PM
 StoreKit and Receipts Lab 	Services Lab A	Friday 10:15AM
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