# Building Apps with ResearchKit

Session 213

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## Agenda

What is ResearchKit?

Designing an App-based Study

Building Apps with ResearchKit

Contributing to ResearchKit

## What is ResearchKit?

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github.com/researchkit/researchkit

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### ResearchKit

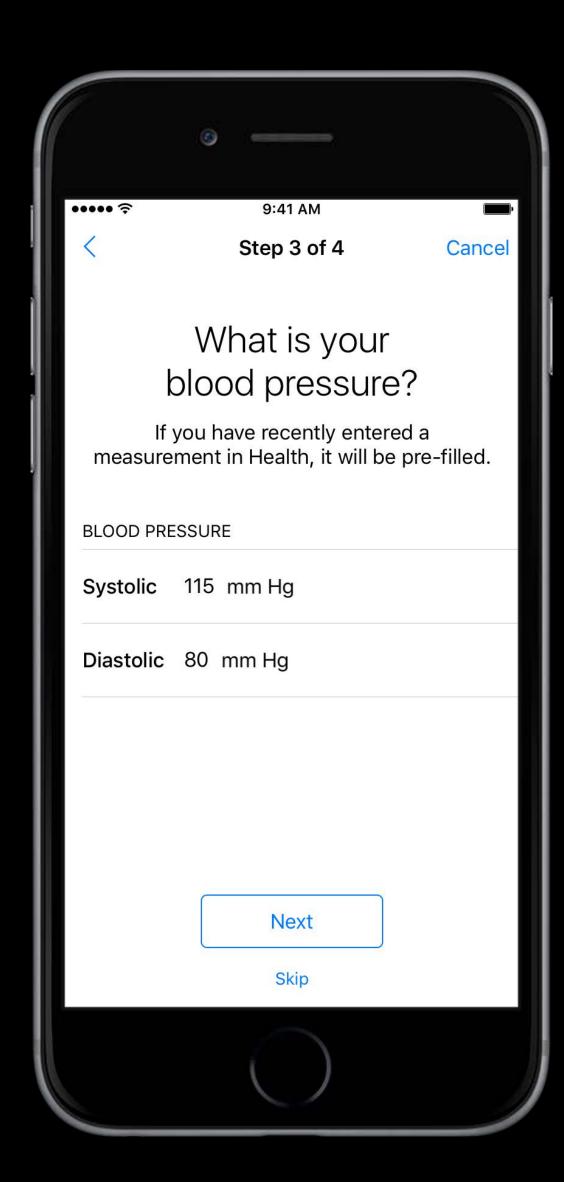
Open source framework

Easily create research apps

Extends HealthKit



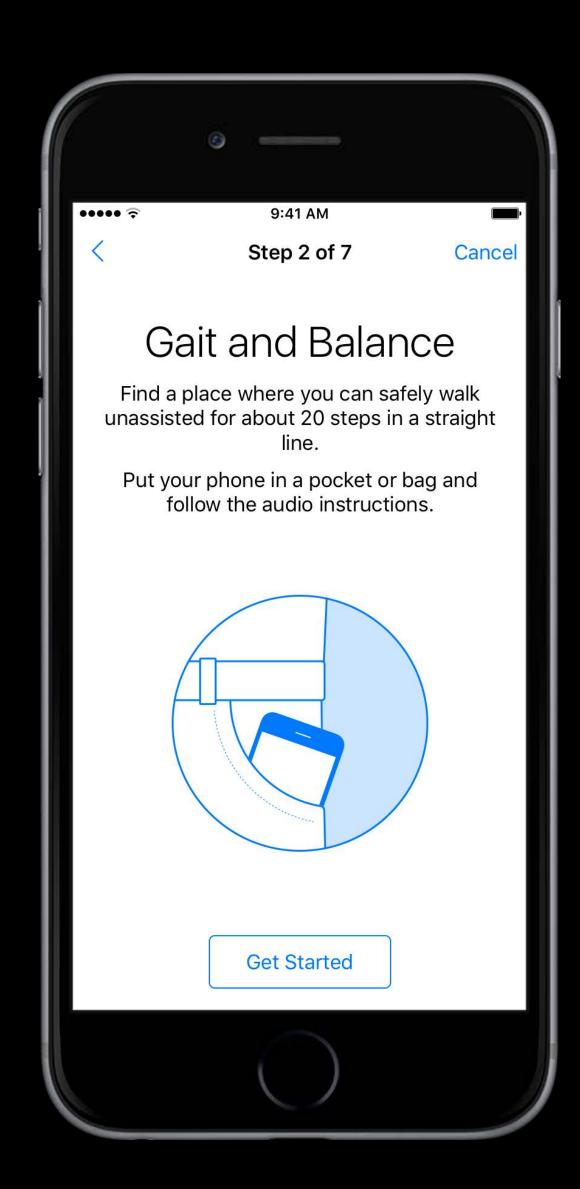
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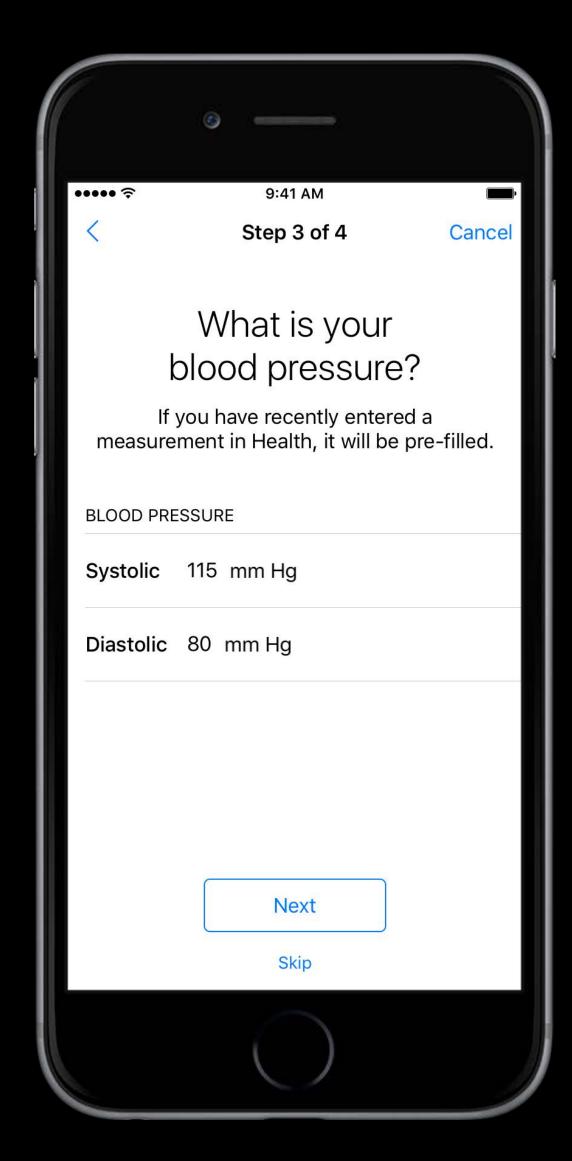
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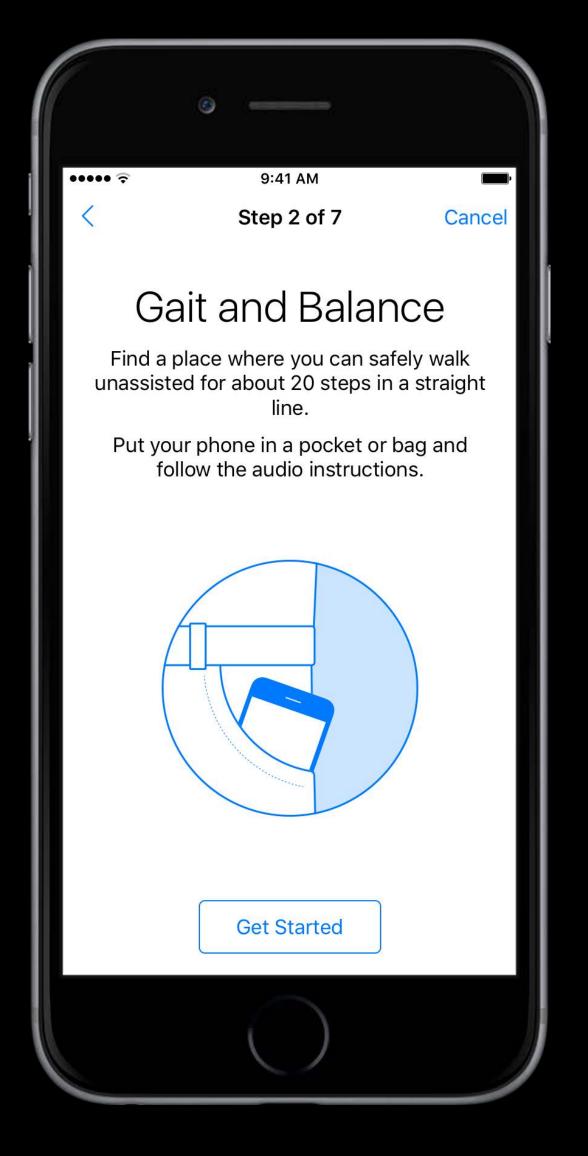
### Active Tasks



### ResearchKit Modules





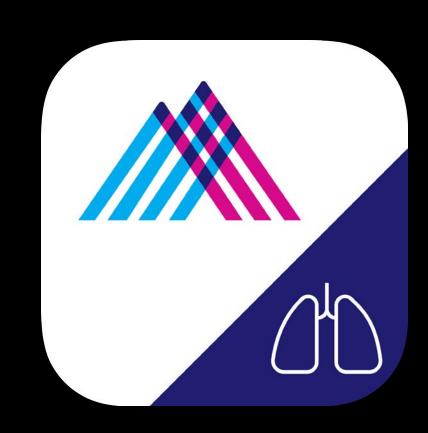


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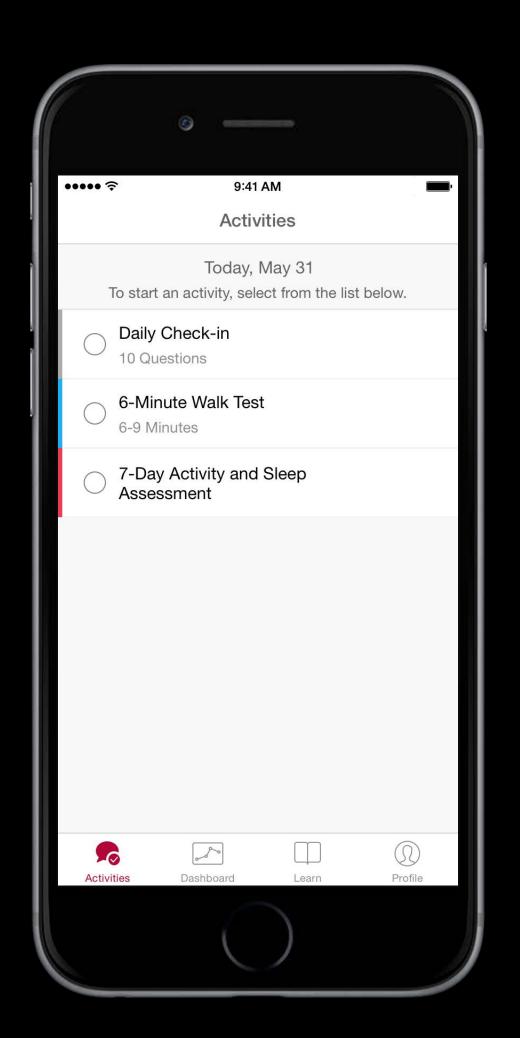




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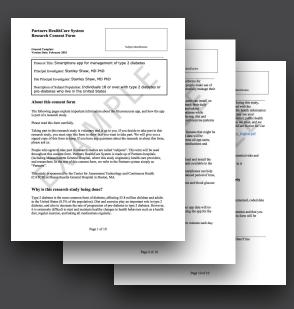
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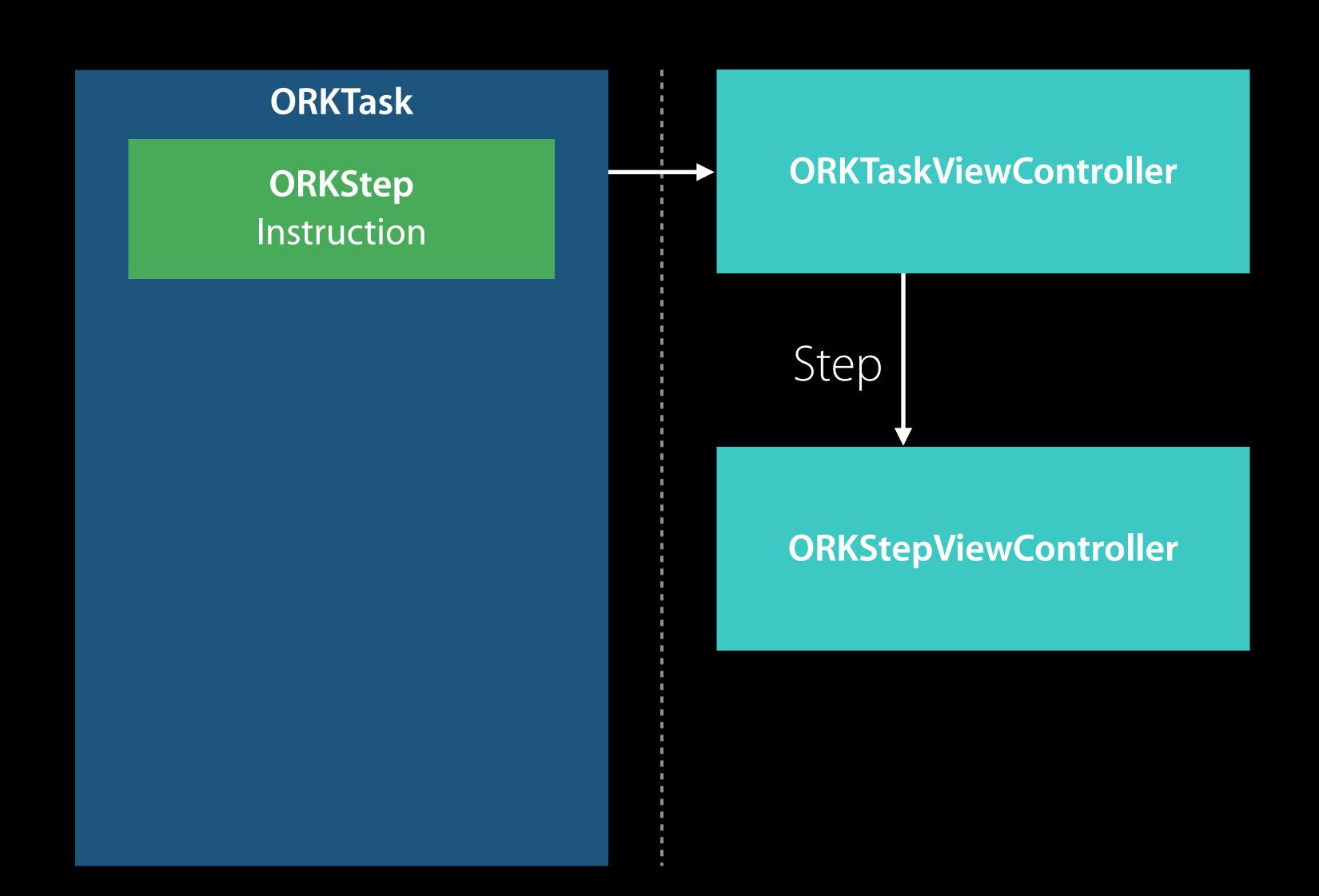
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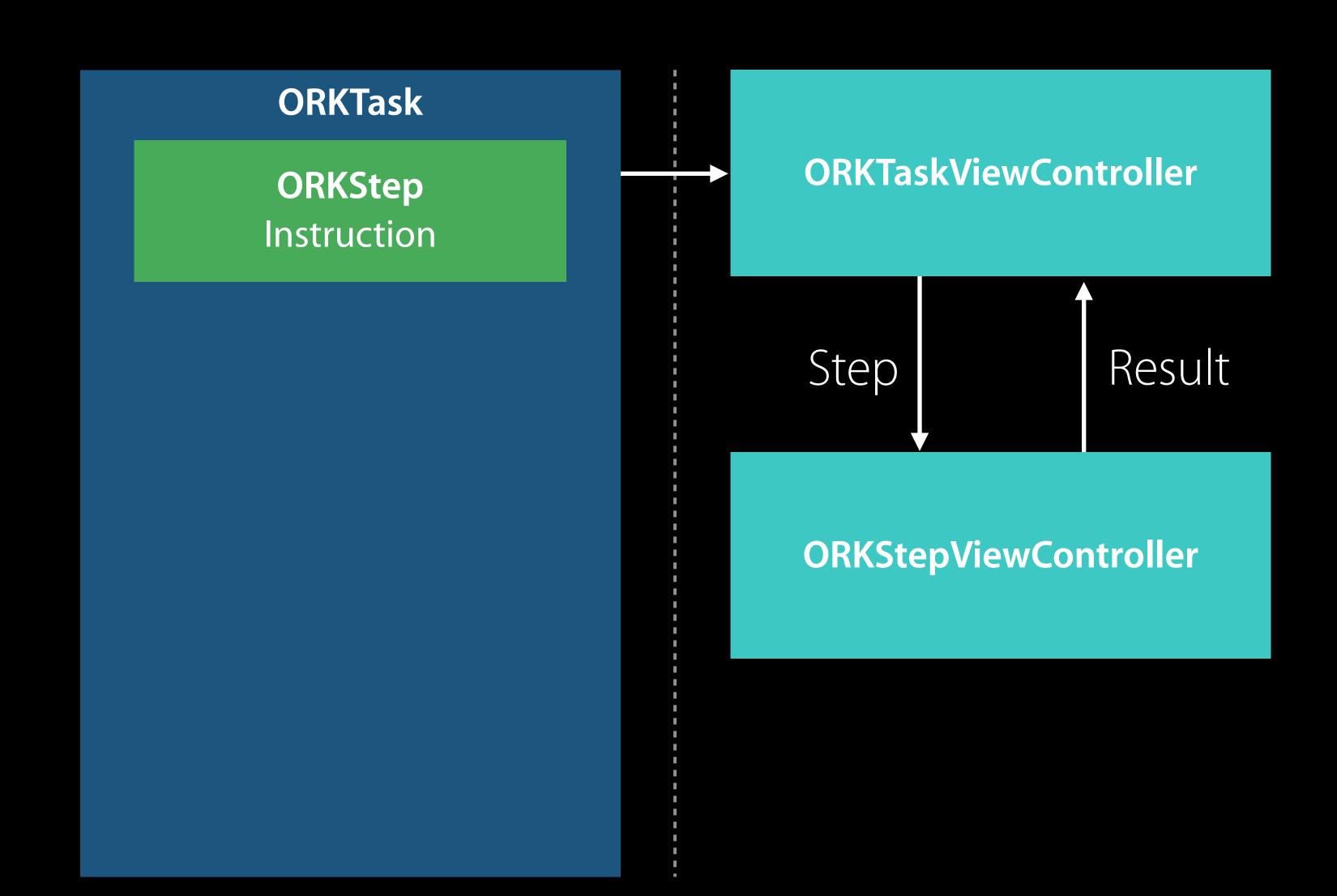
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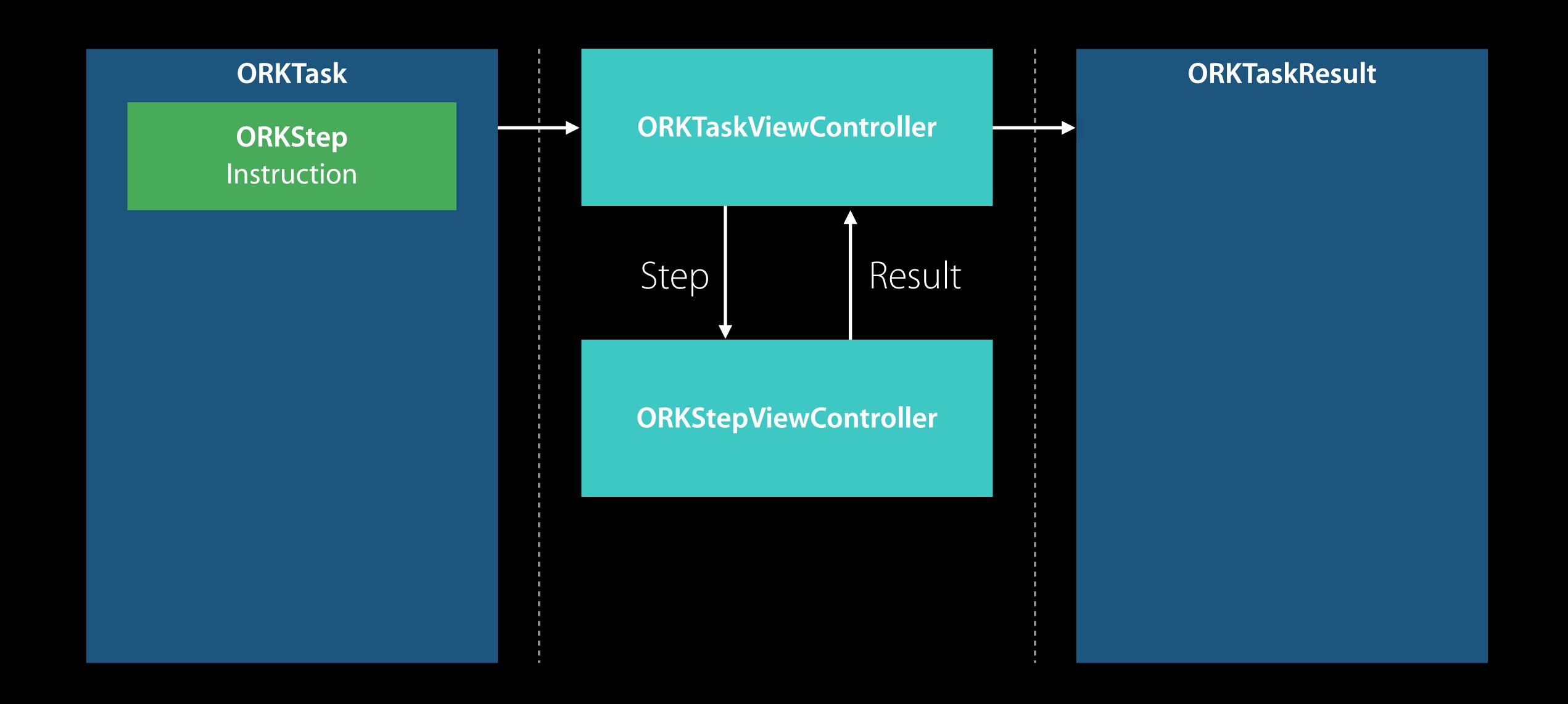
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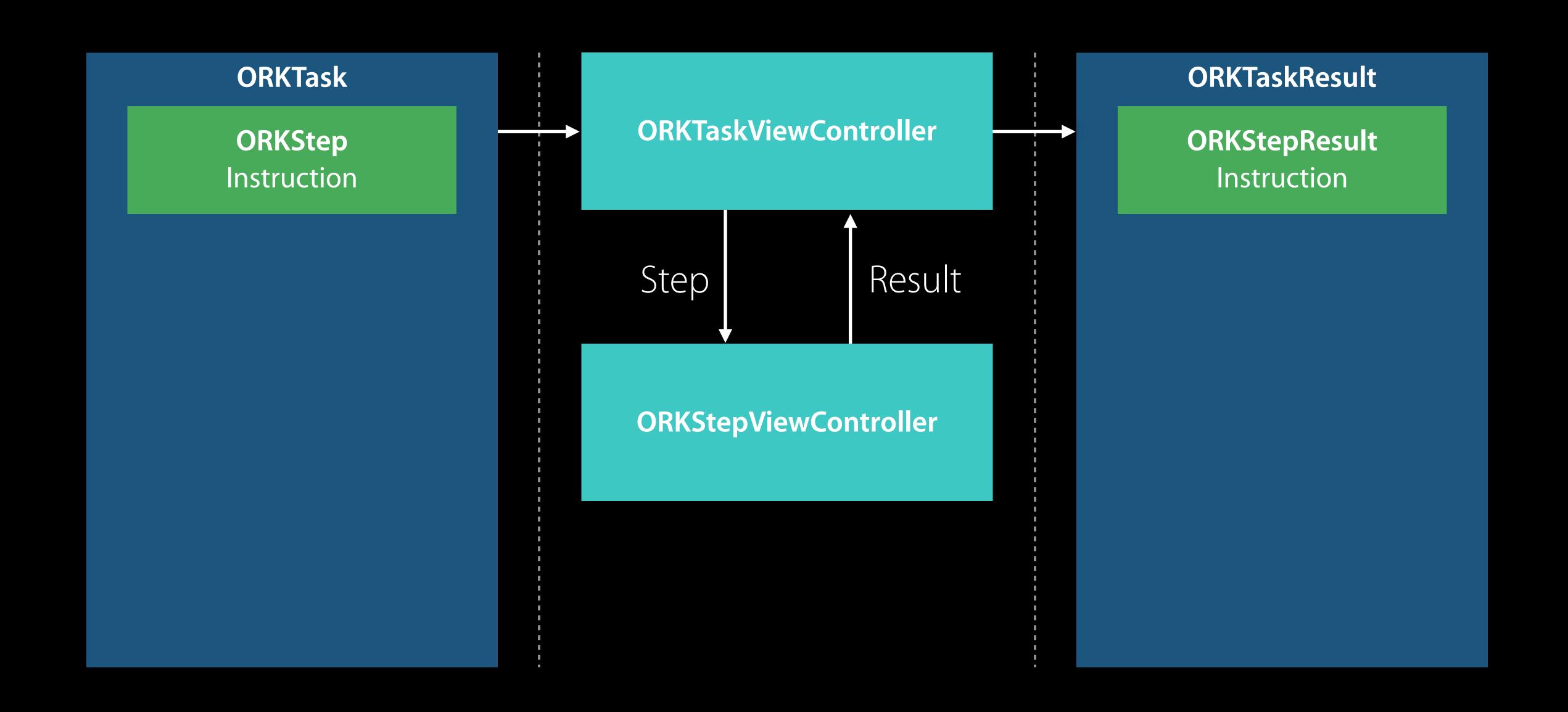
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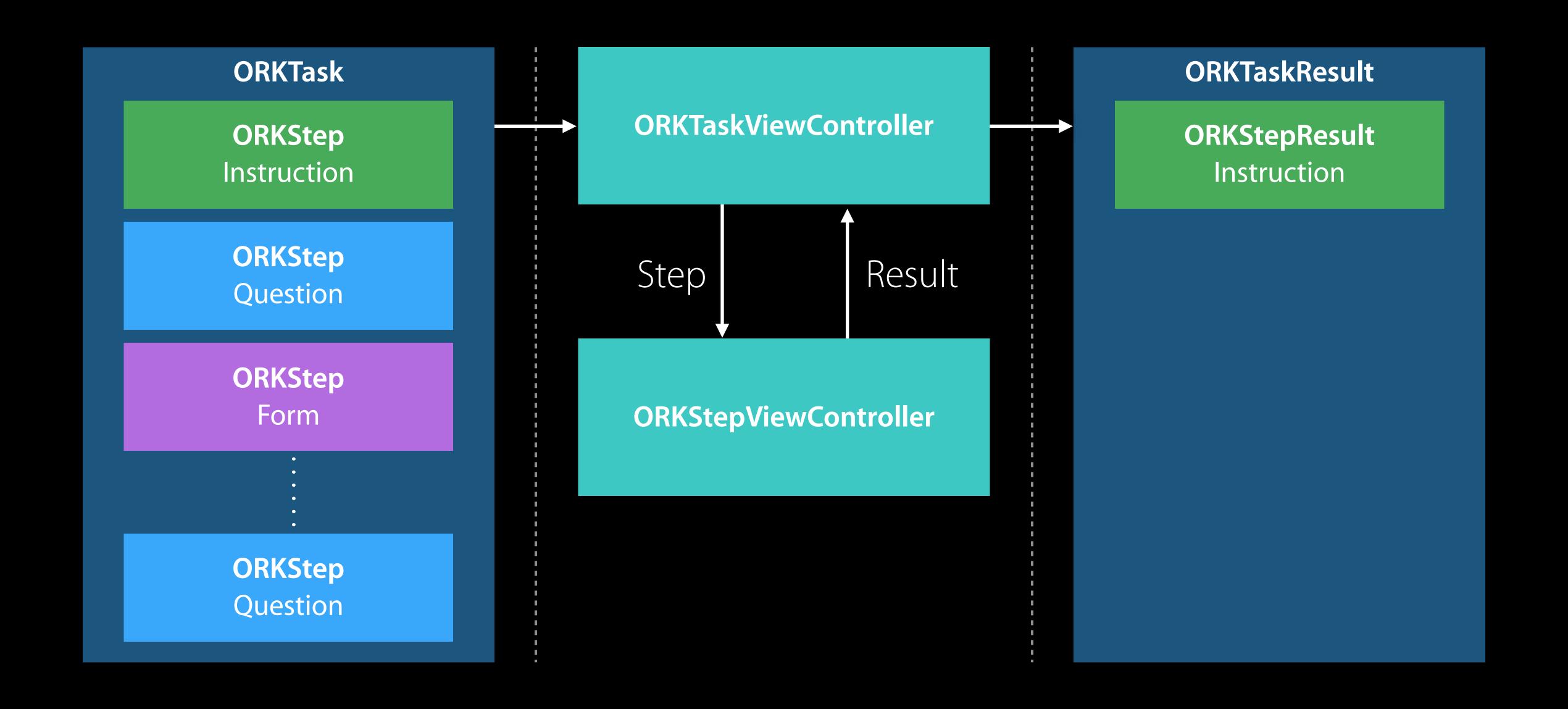
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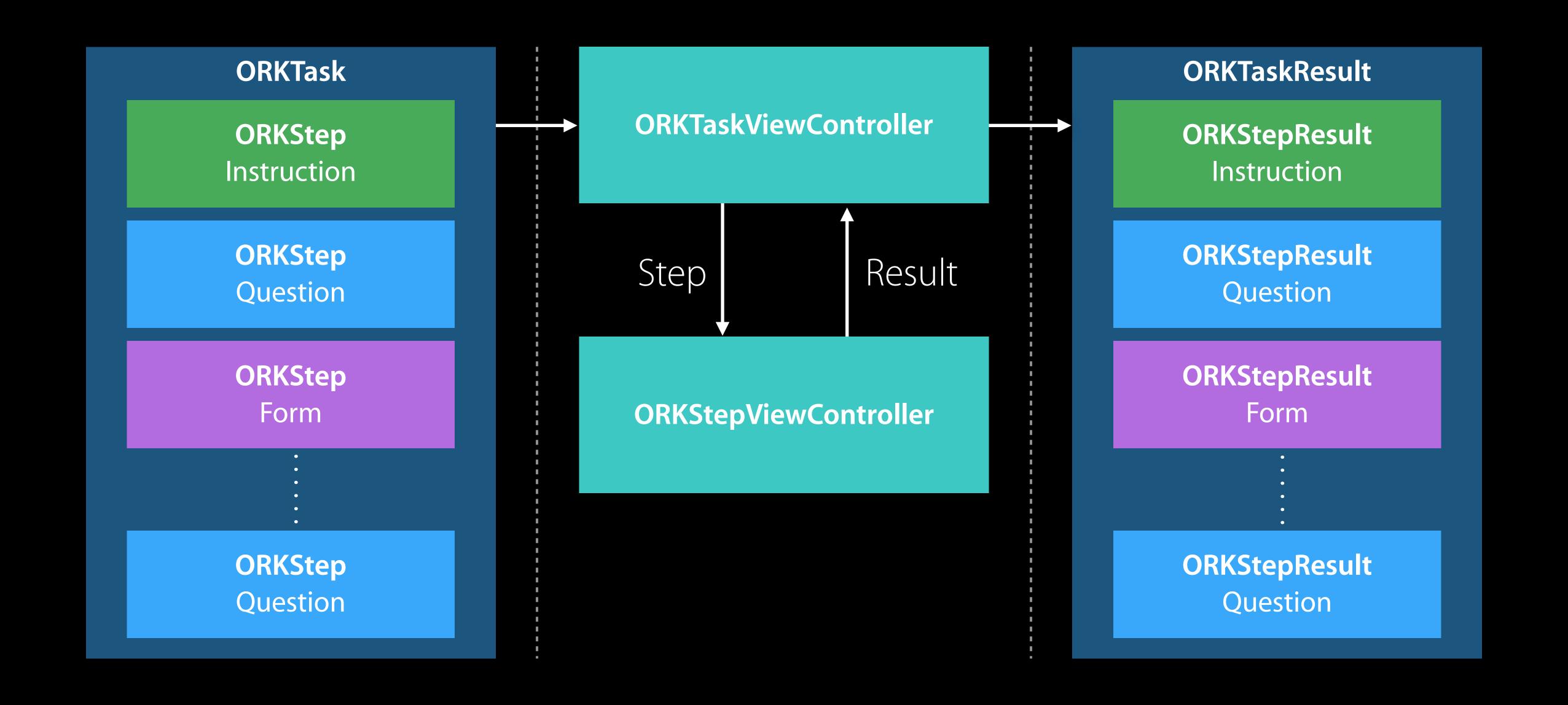


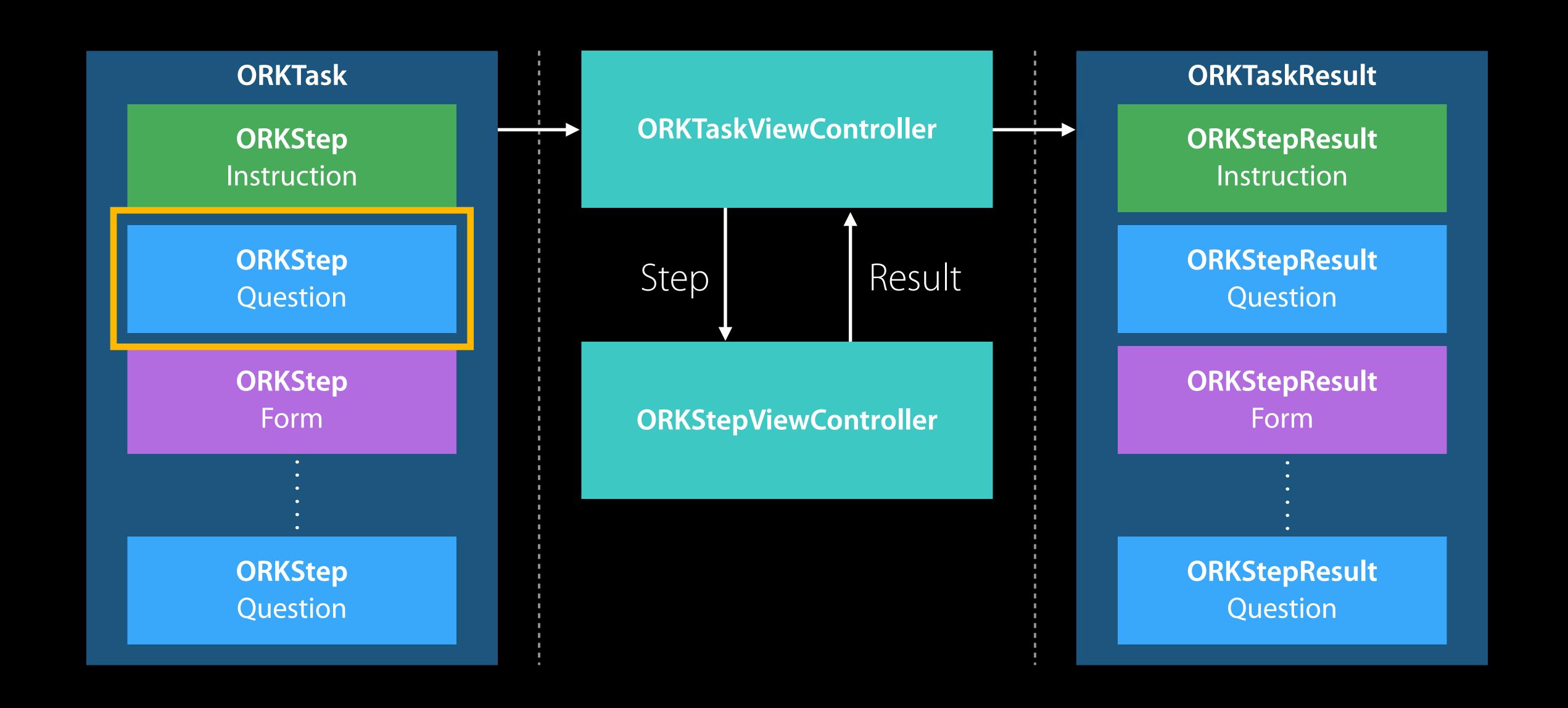








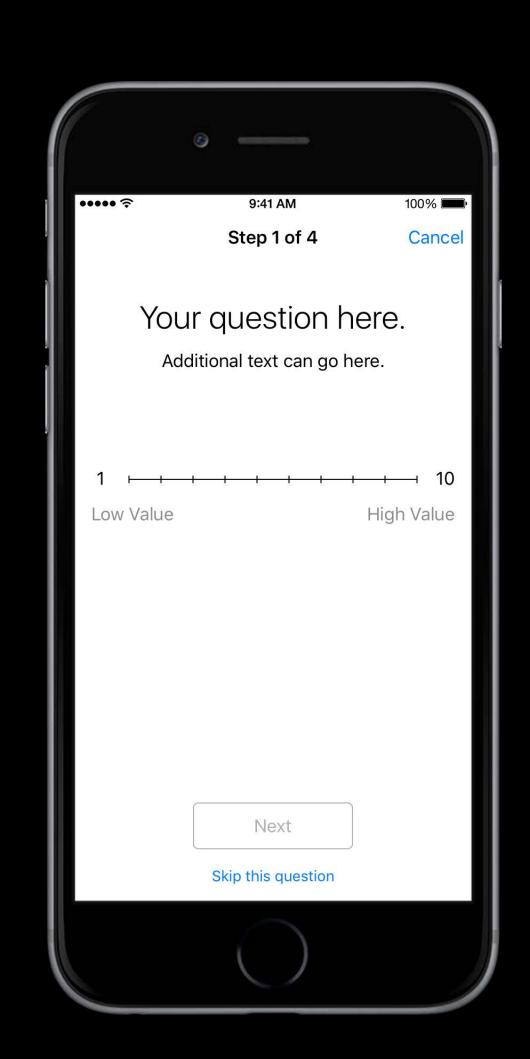




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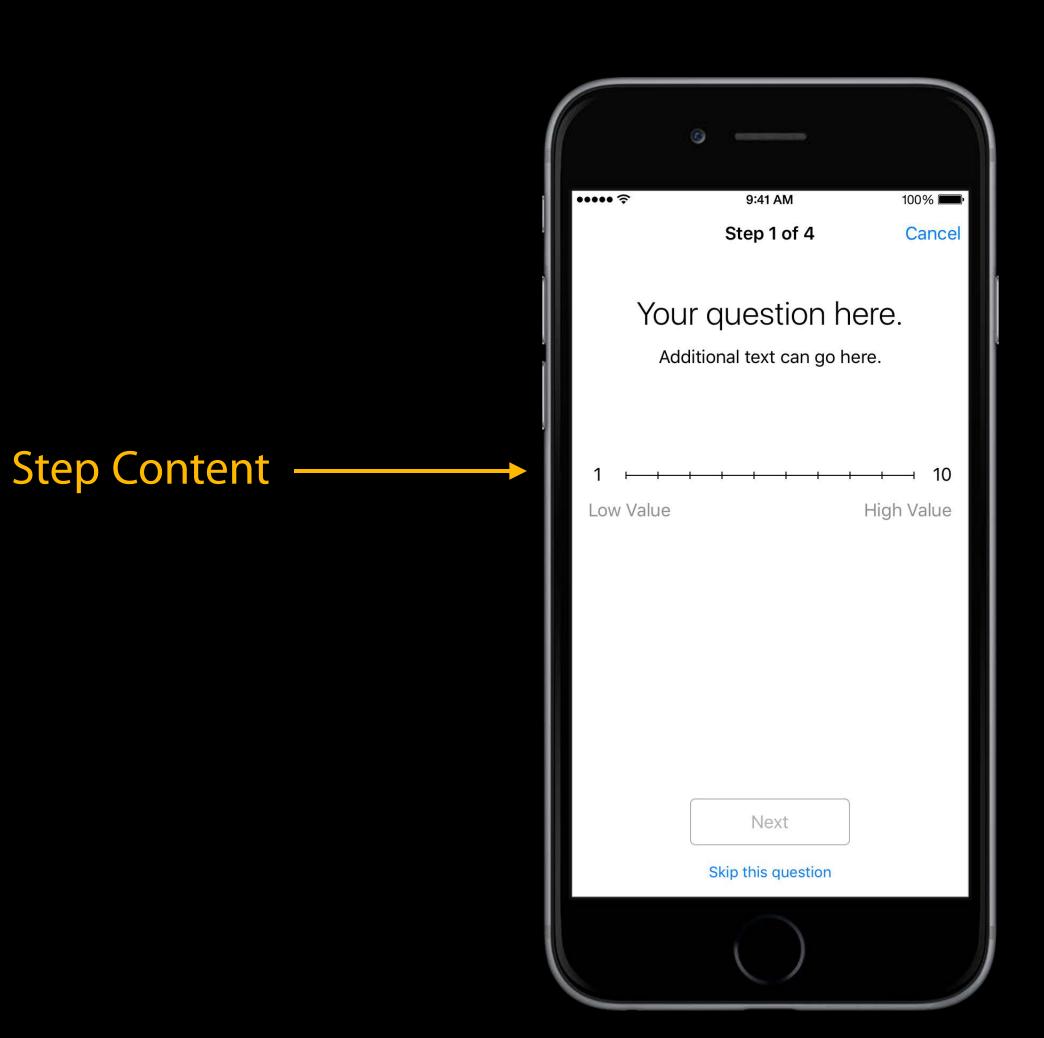
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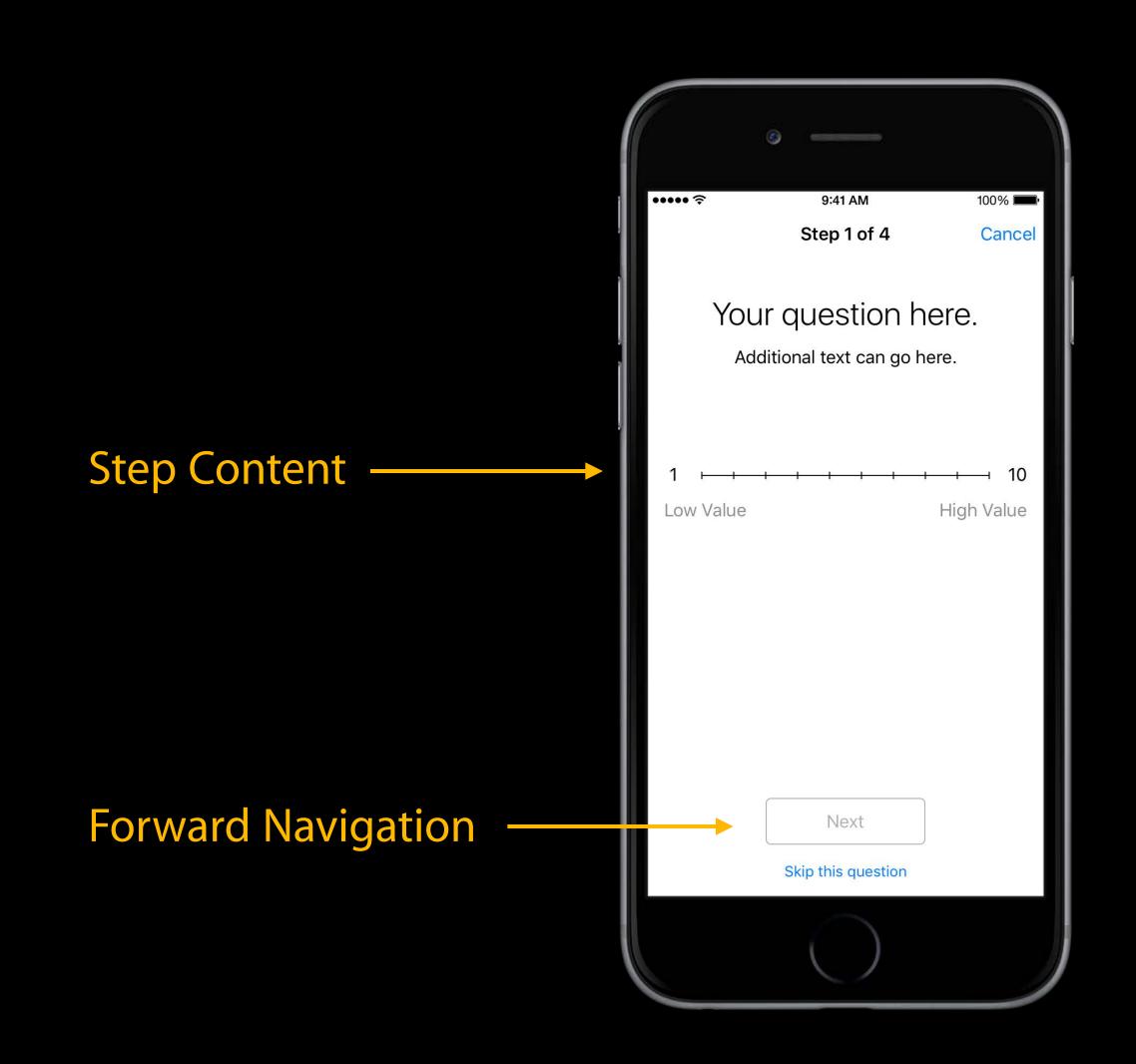
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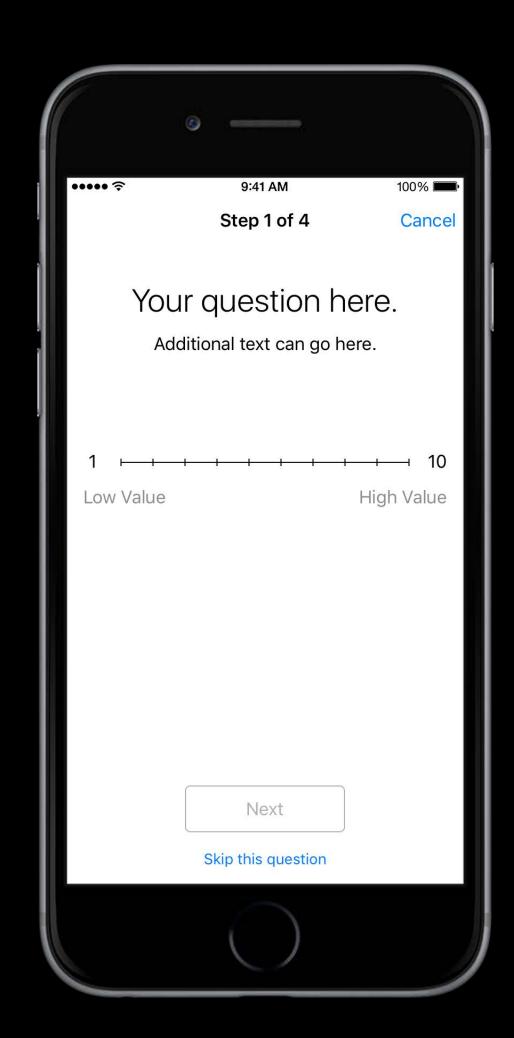
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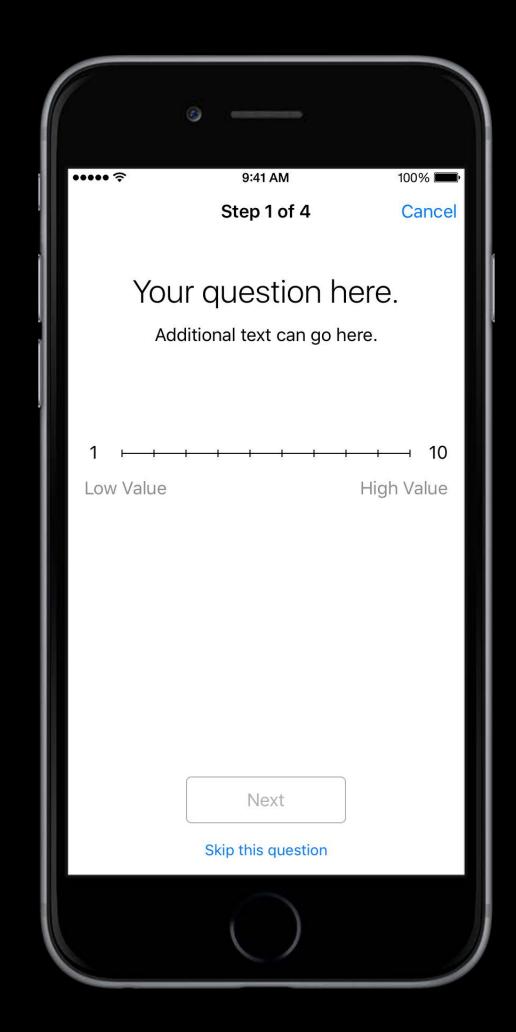
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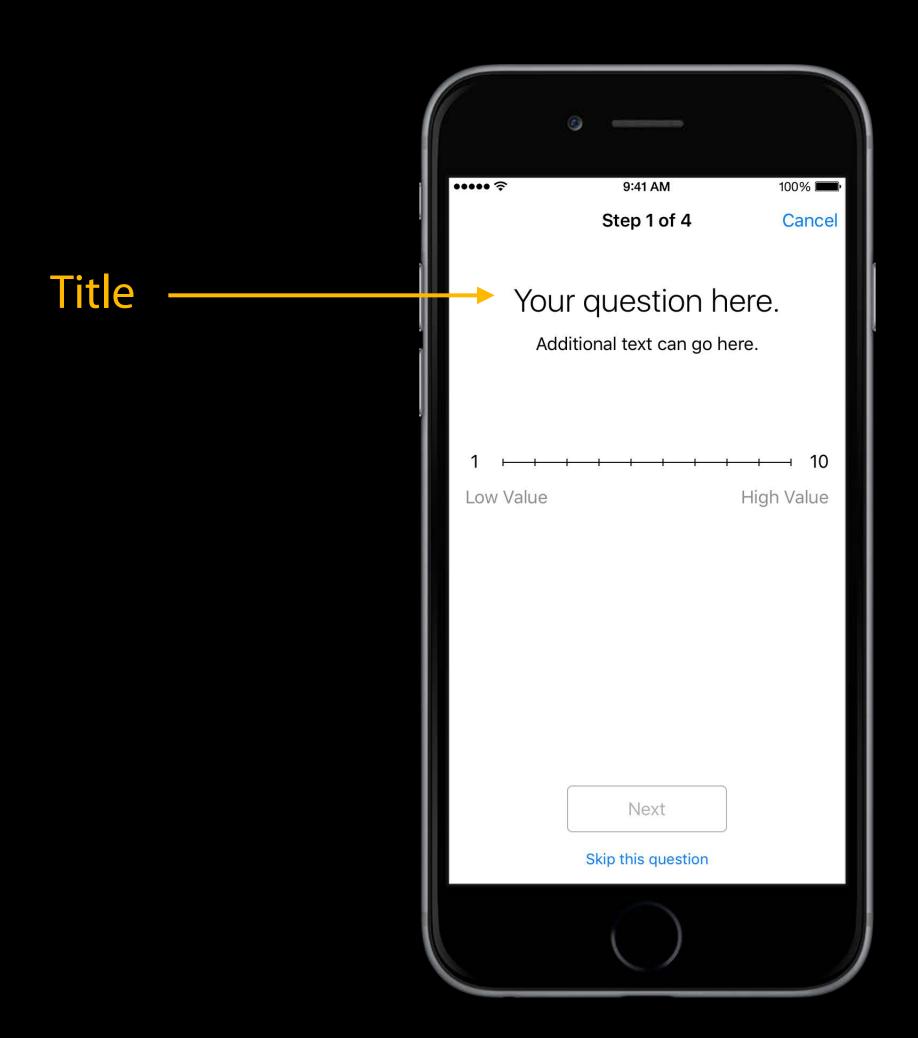
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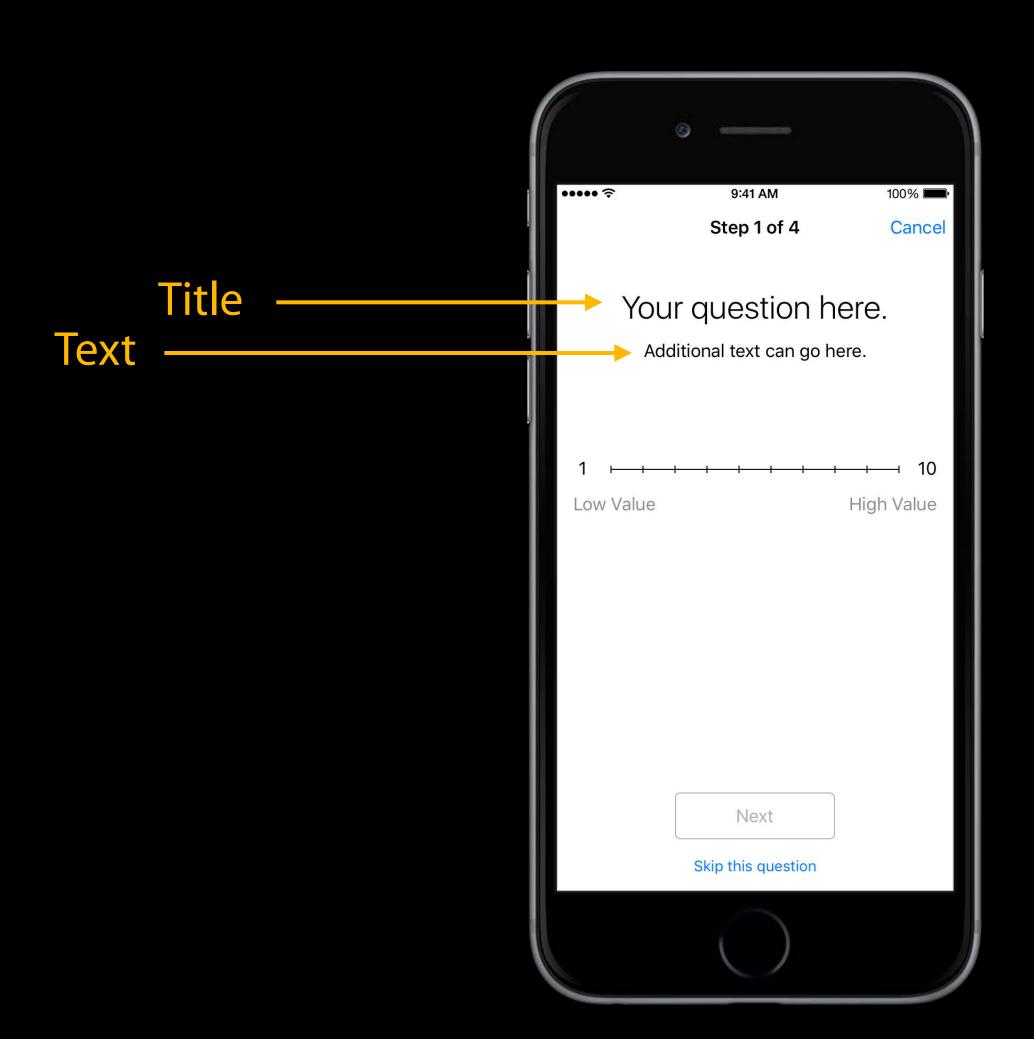
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class ORKStep : NSObject {
  var identifier: String { get }
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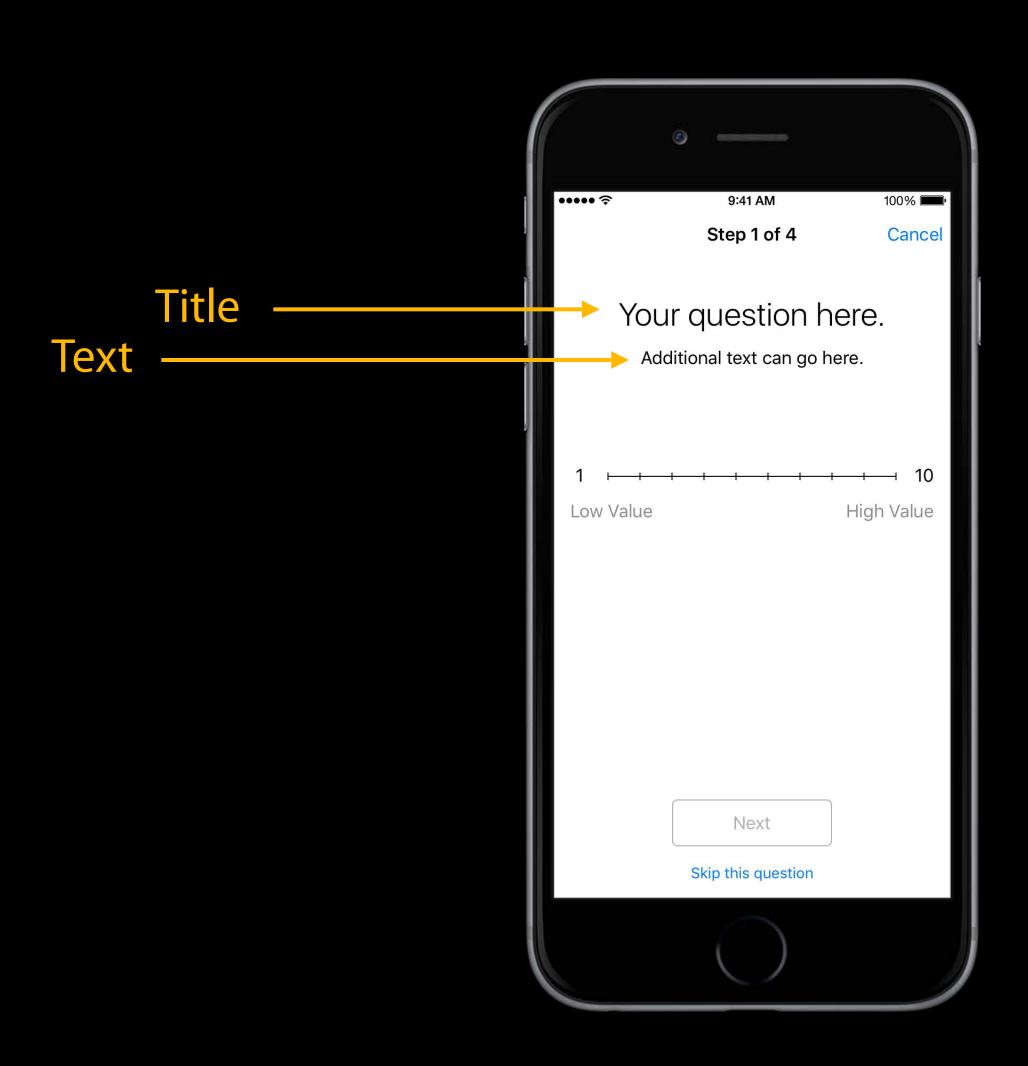
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  var title: String?
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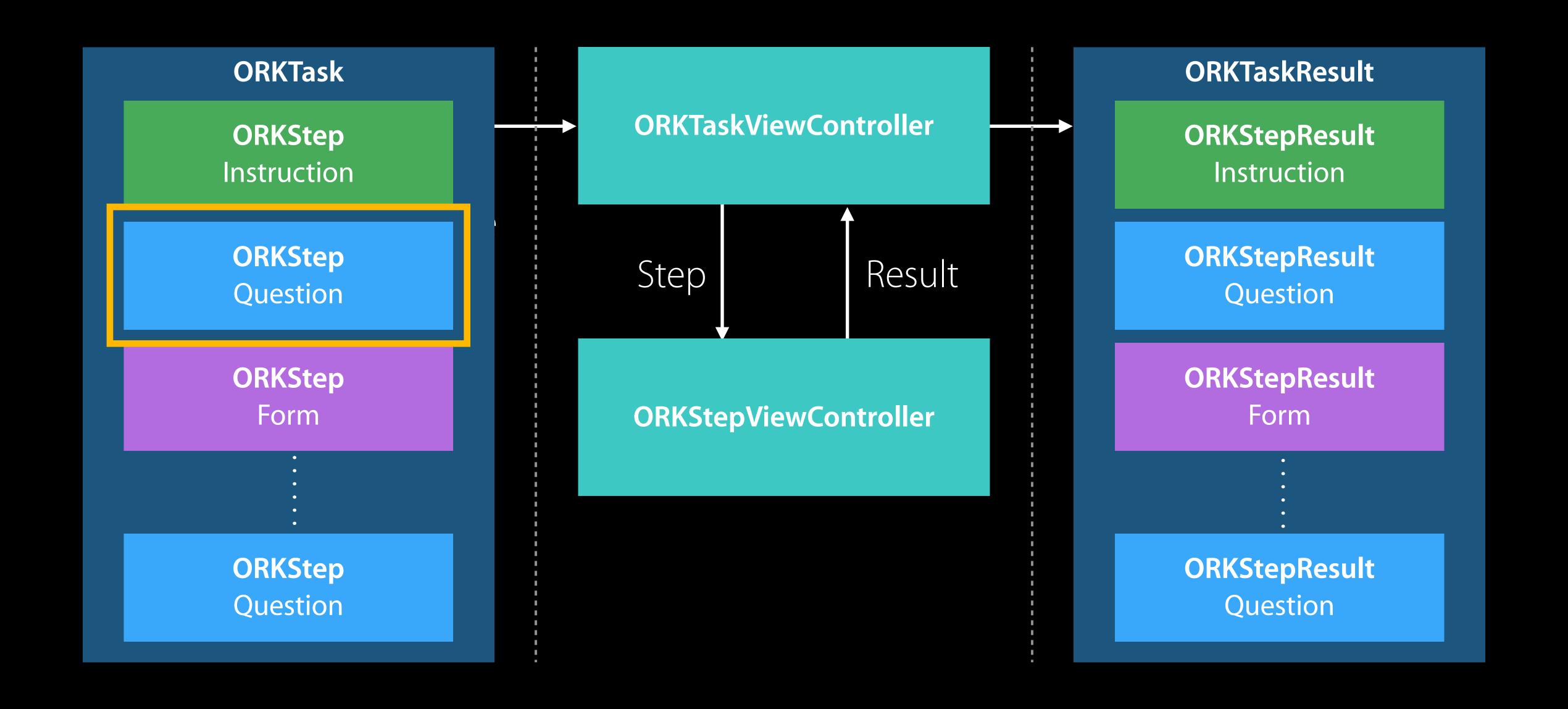


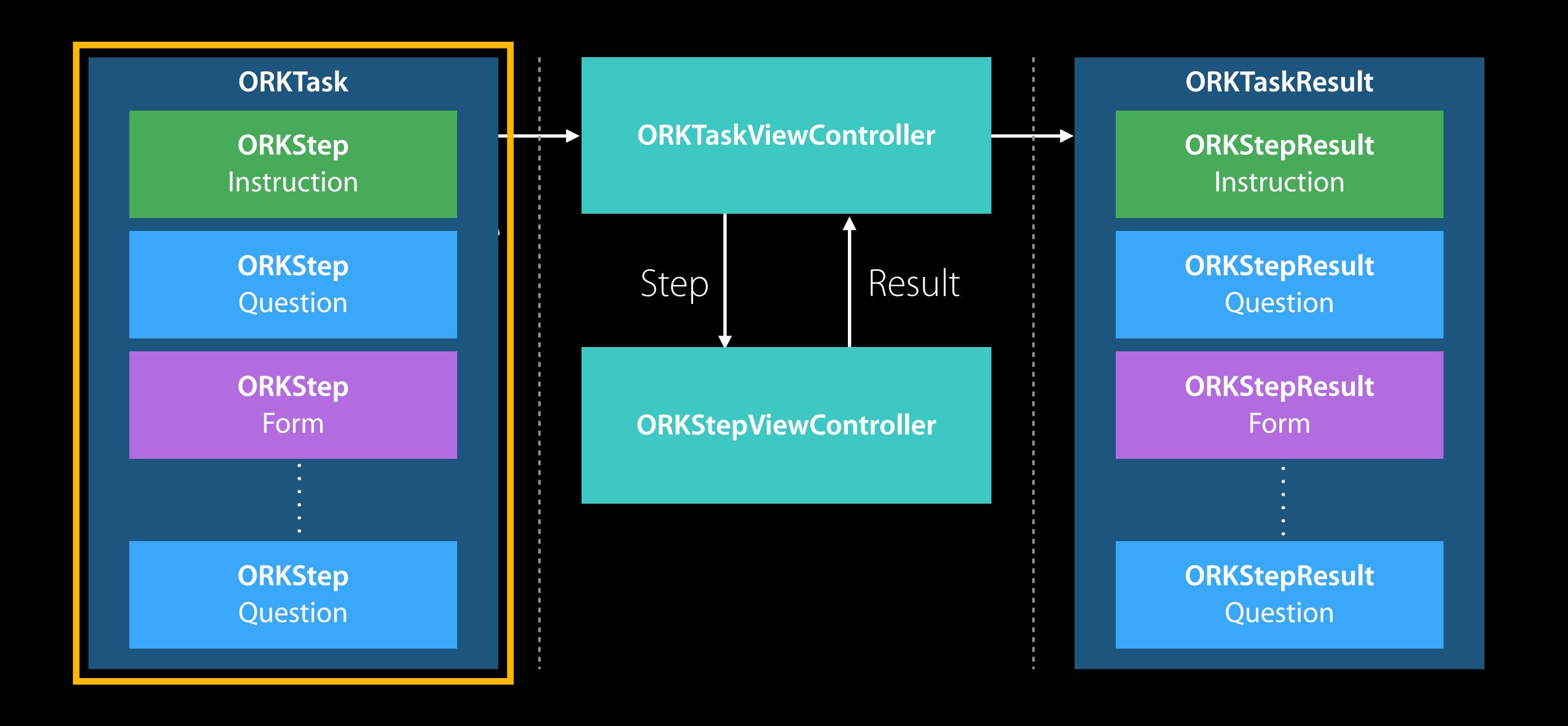
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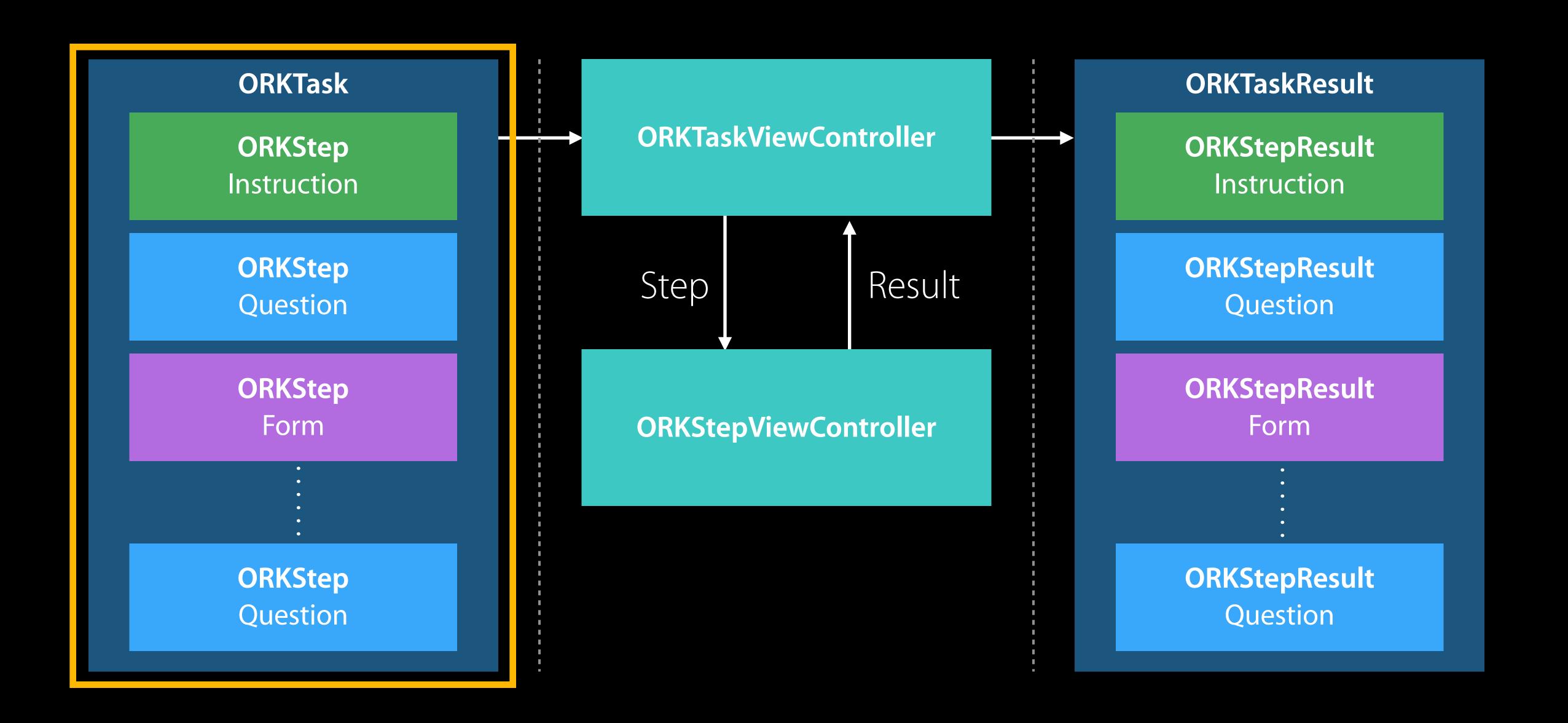
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   var identifier: String { get }
   func stepAfterStep(step: ORKStep?,
      withResult result: ORKTaskResult) -> ORKStep?
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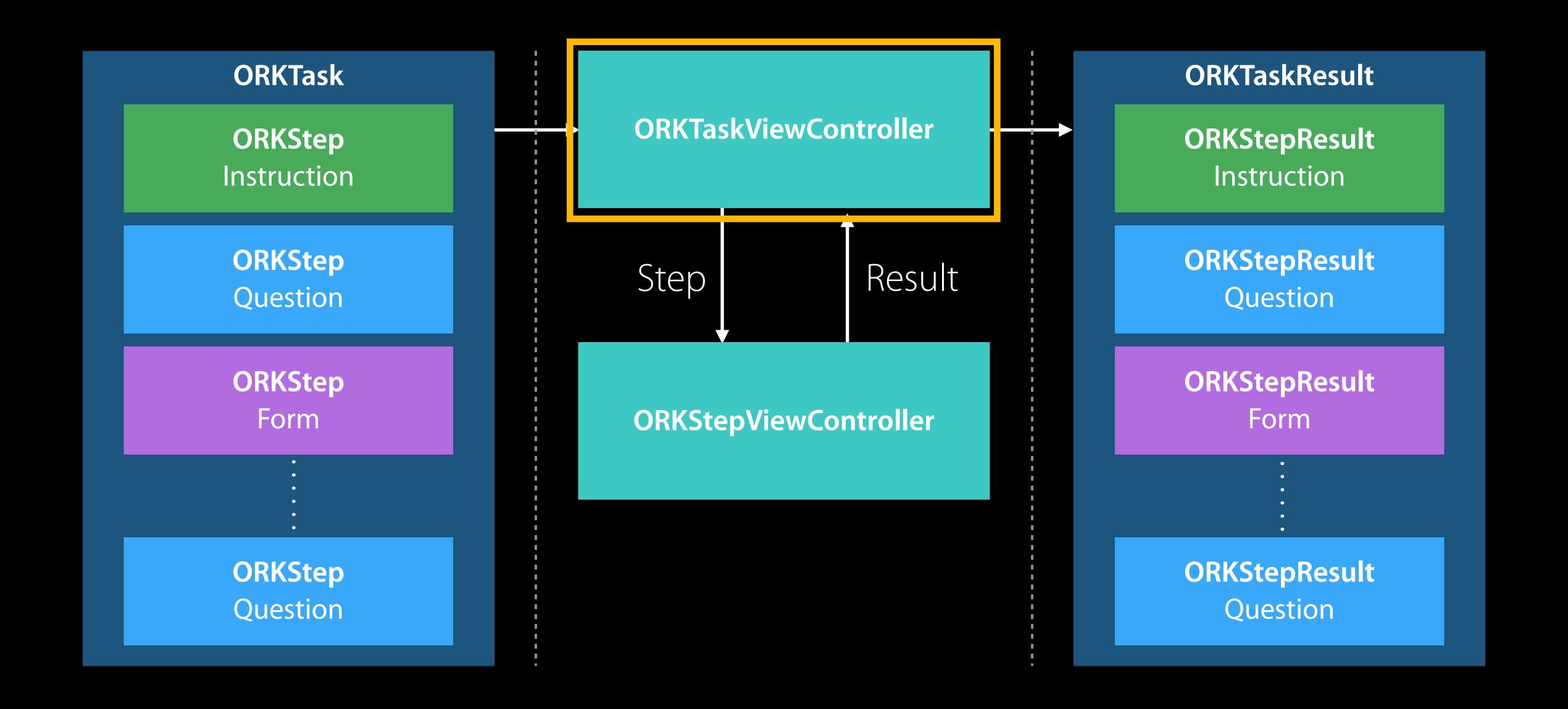
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  func stepBeforeStep(step: ORKStep?,
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  init(identifier: String, steps: [ORKStep])
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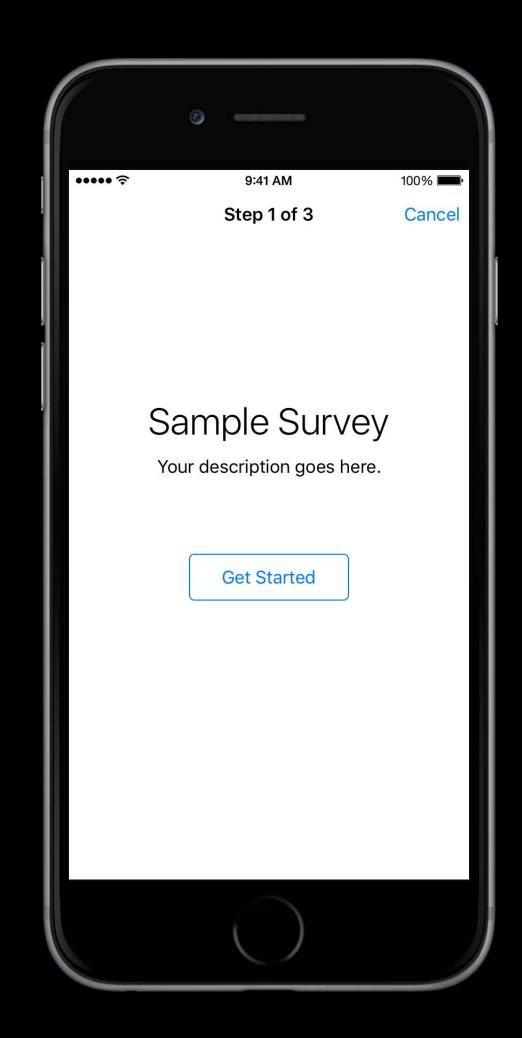
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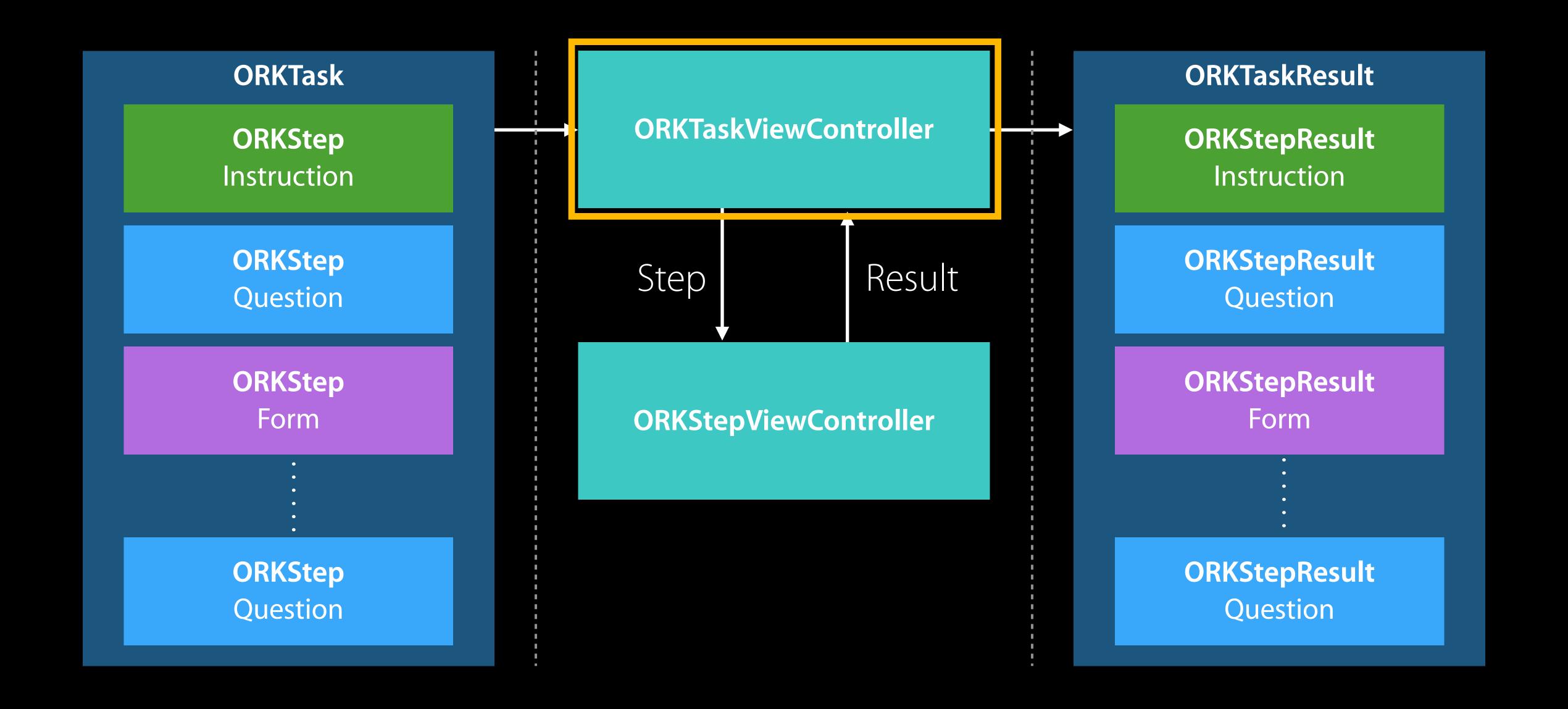
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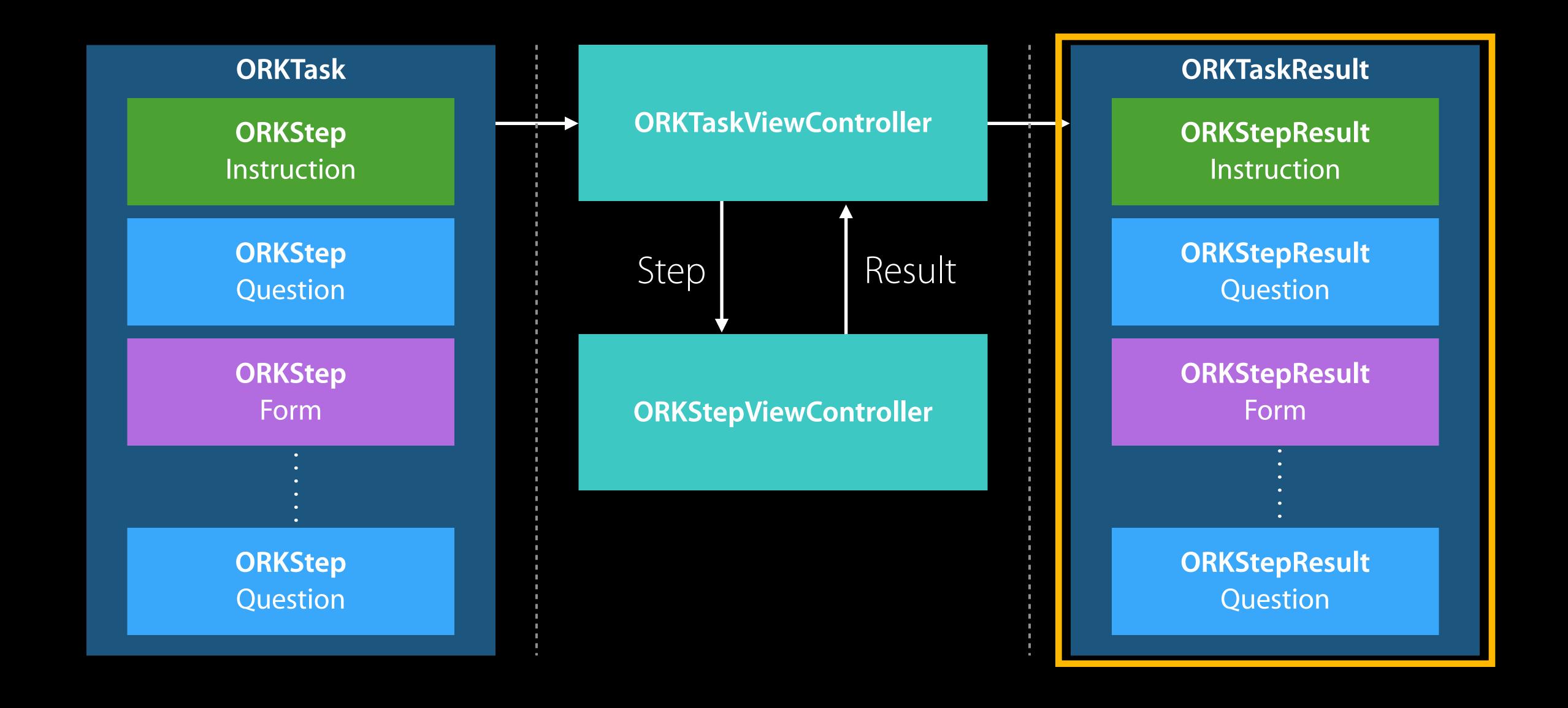
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let task = ...
let taskViewController =
    ORKTaskViewController(task: task,
        taskRunUUID: nil)
taskViewController.delegate = self
taskViewController.outputDirectory = ...
presentViewController(taskViewController,
    animated: true,
    completion: nil)
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let task = ...
let taskViewController =
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taskViewController.delegate = self
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func taskViewController(taskViewController: ORKTaskViewController,
       didFinishWithReason reason: ORKTaskViewControllerFinishReason,
        error: NSError?) {
   if reason == .Saved {
        let restorationData = taskViewController.restorationData
        // Save it for later
        return
    let taskResult = taskViewController.result
   // Do stuff with the taskResult
   taskViewController.dismissViewControllerAnimated(true, completion: nil)
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## Surveys

Instructions

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Forms

## Survey Steps

ORKInstructionStep

ORKQuestionStep

ORKFormStep

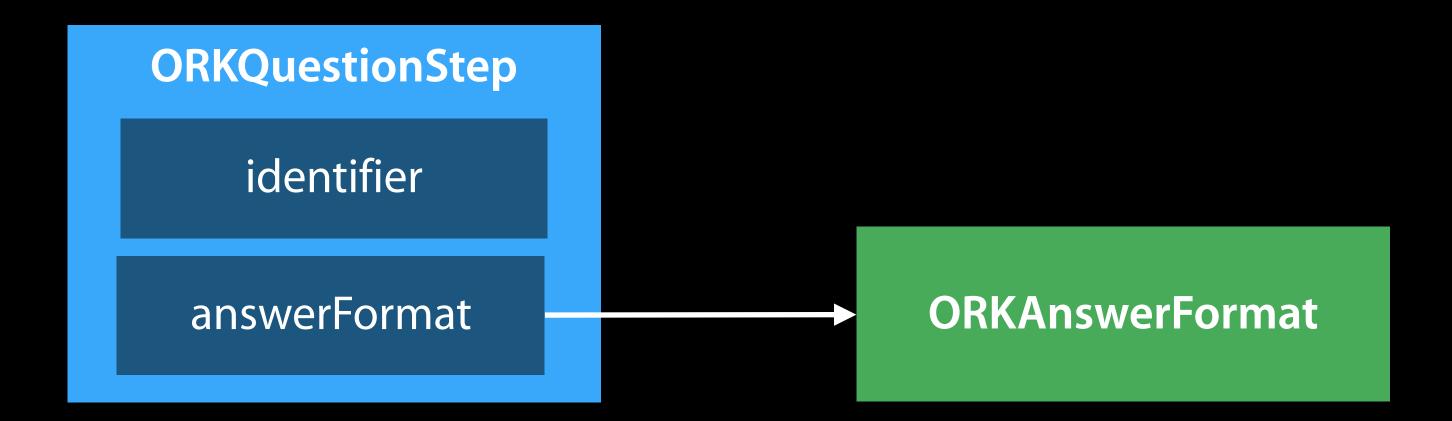
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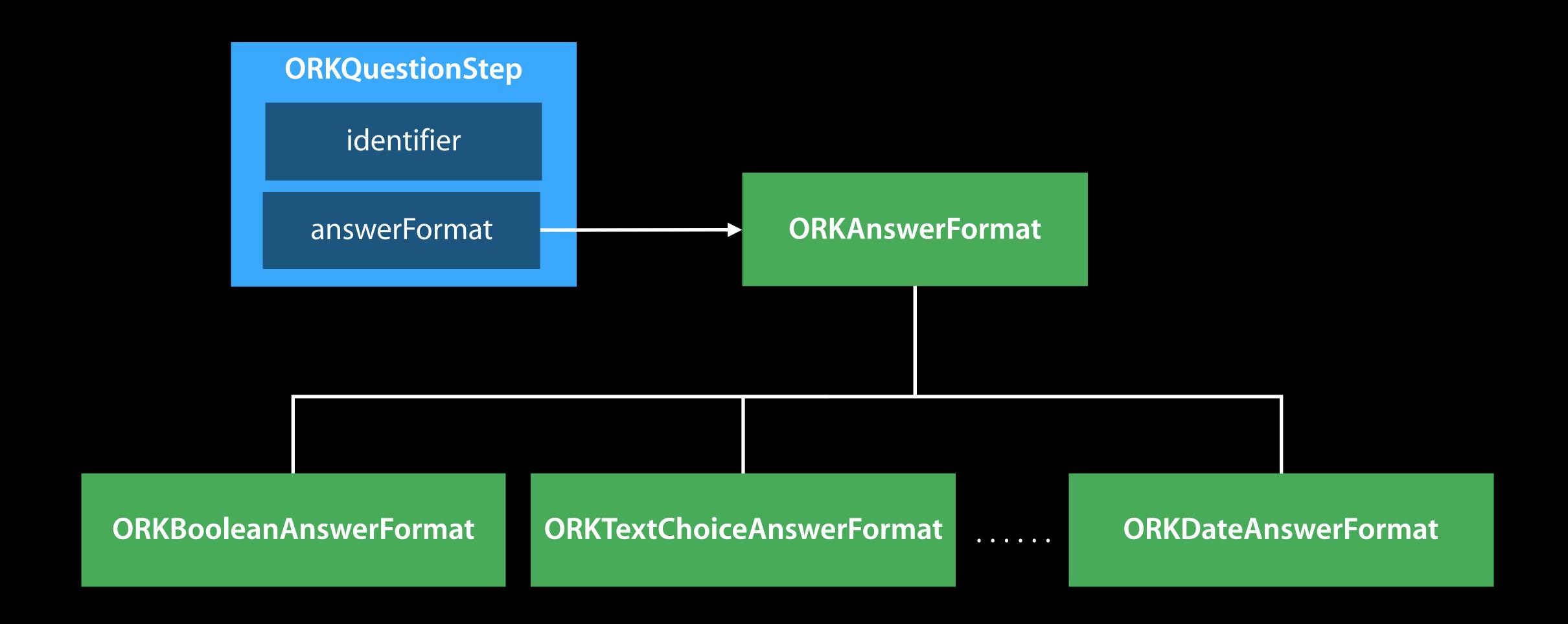
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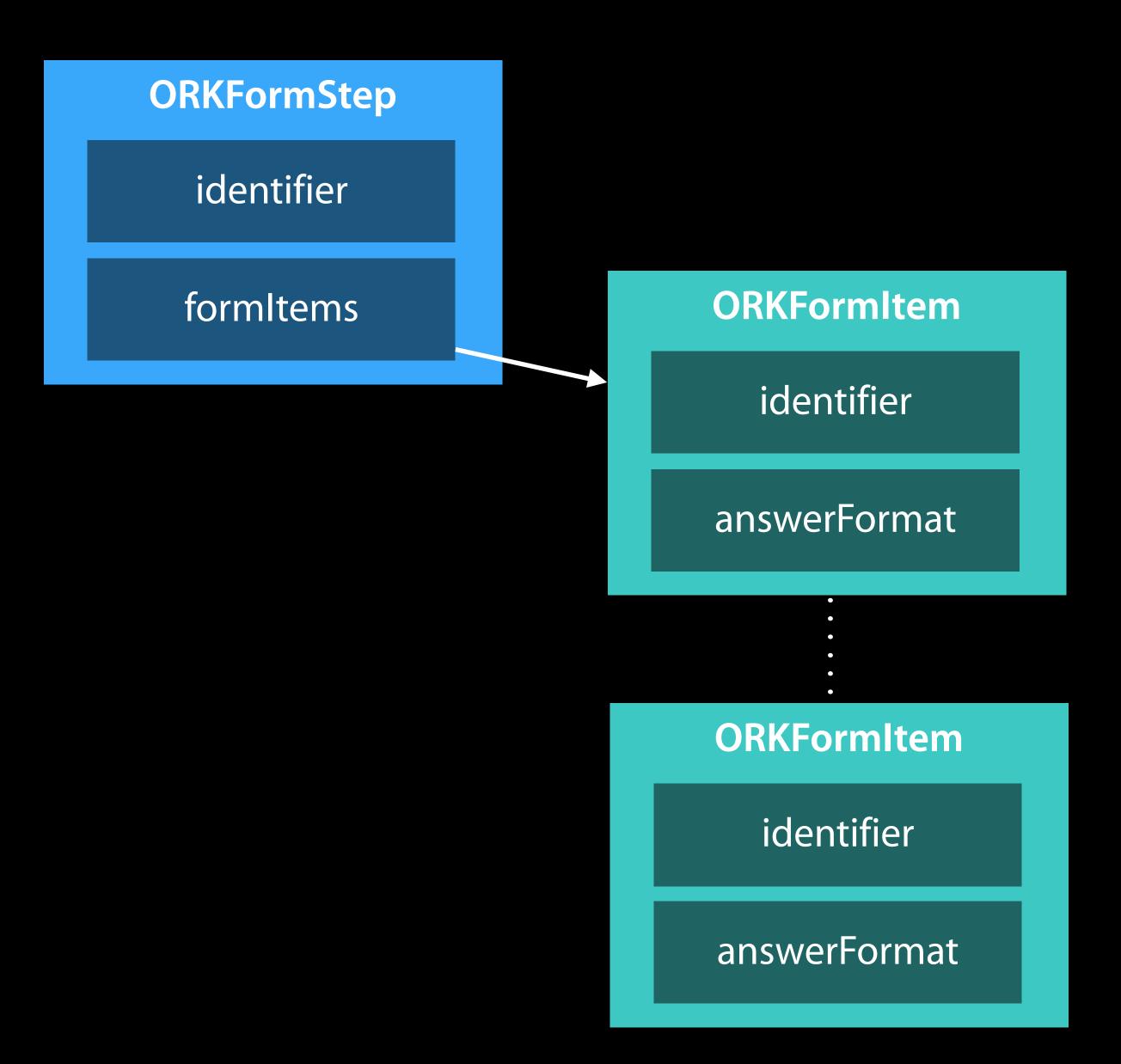


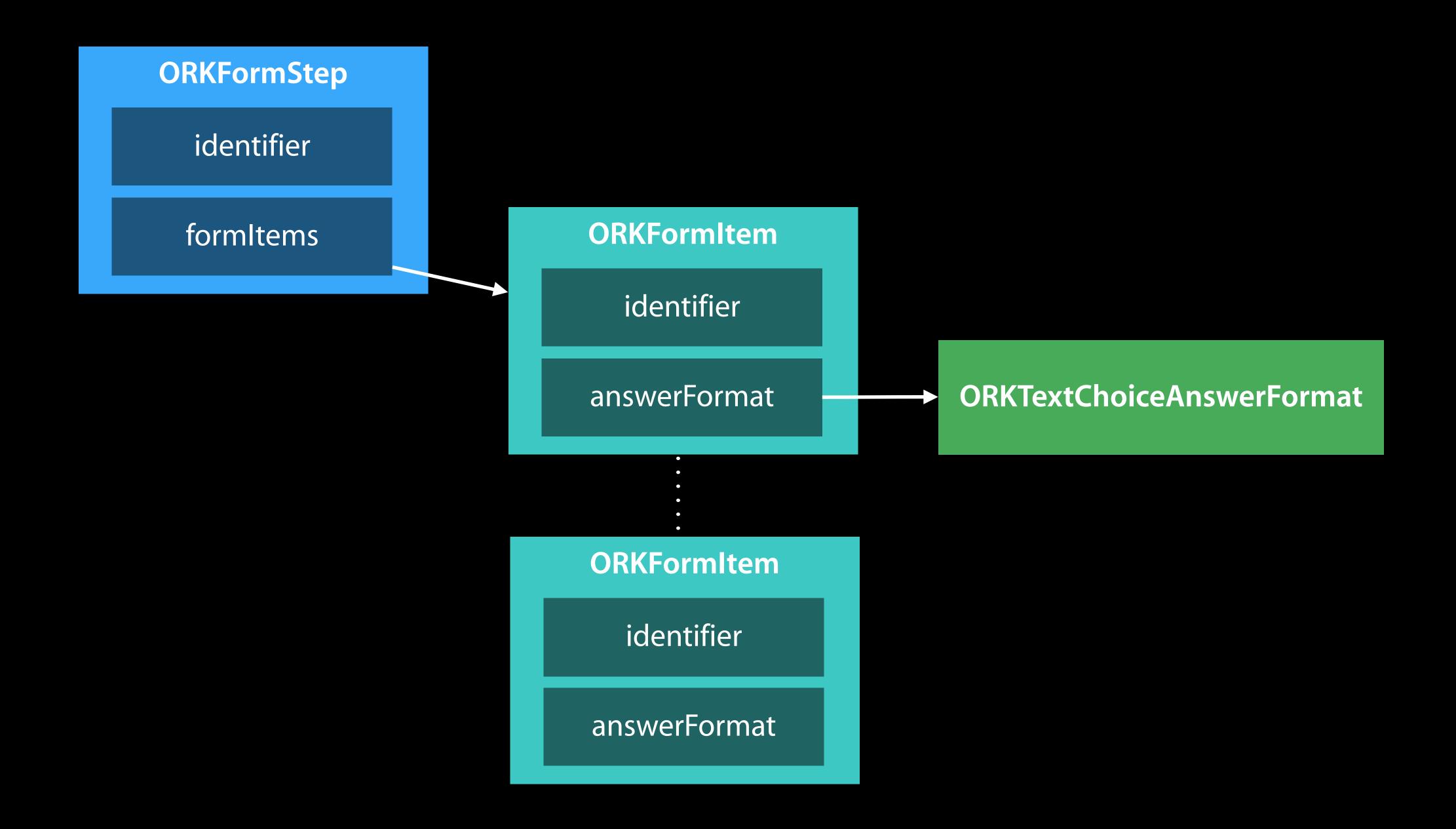


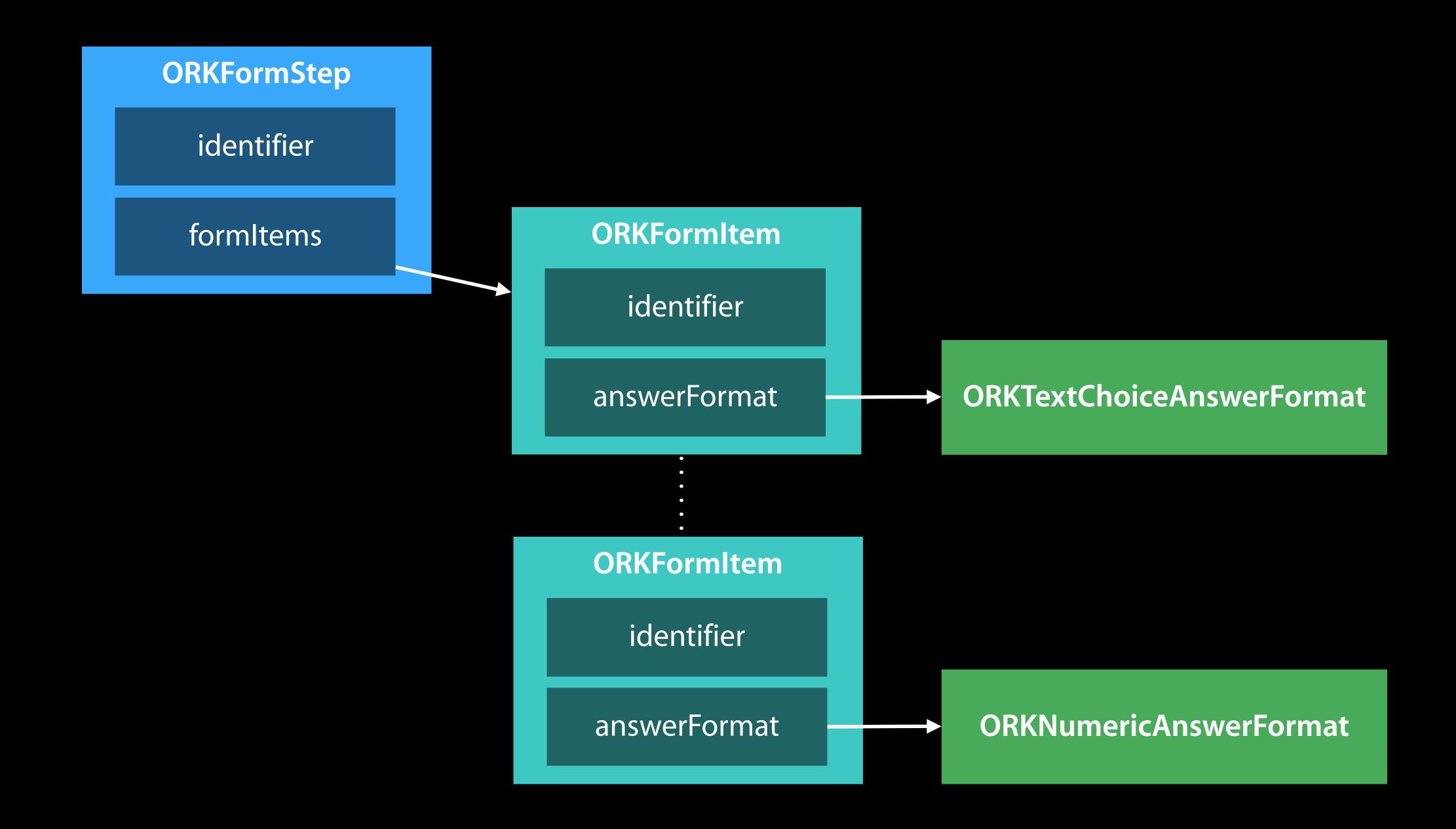
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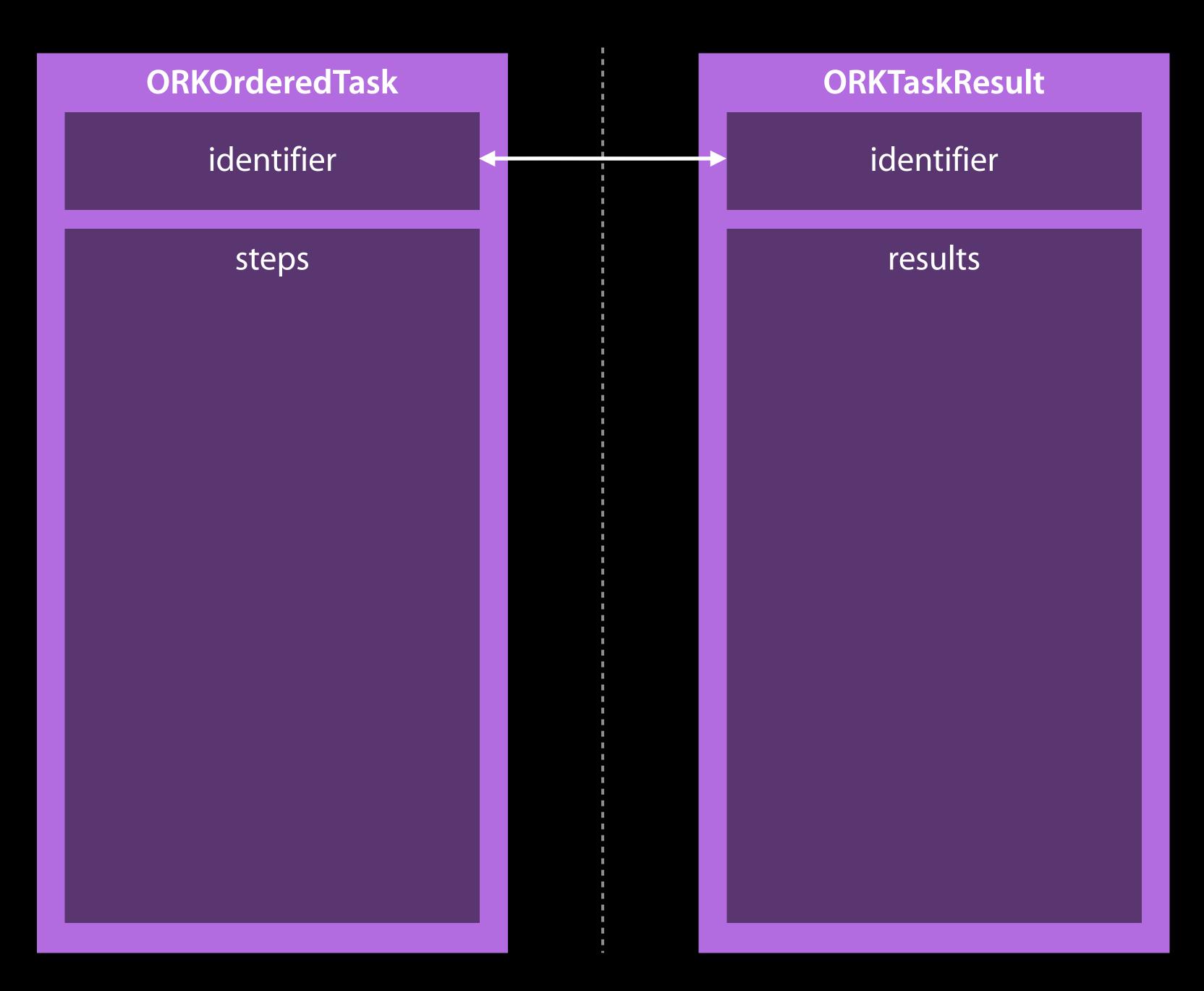
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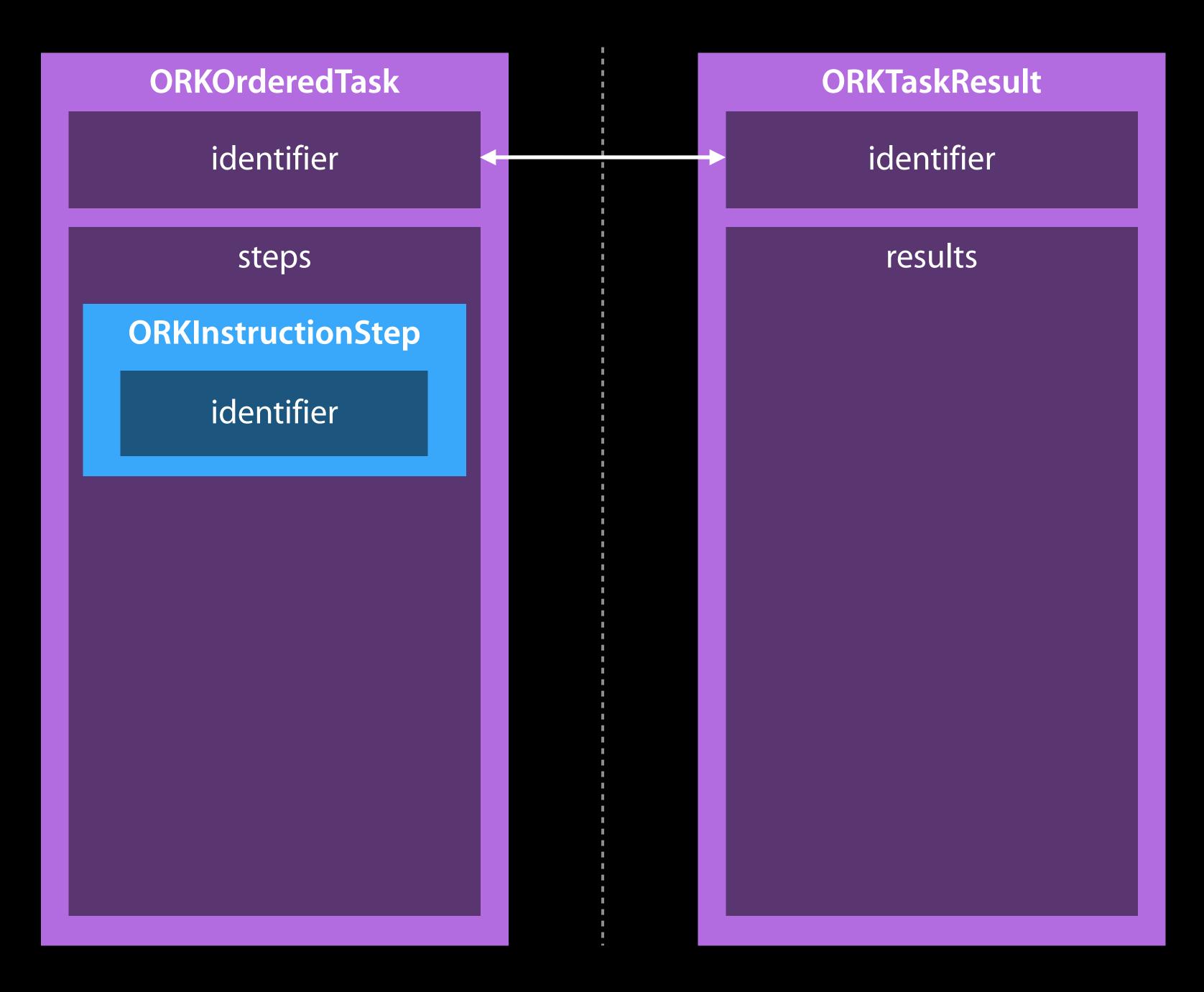
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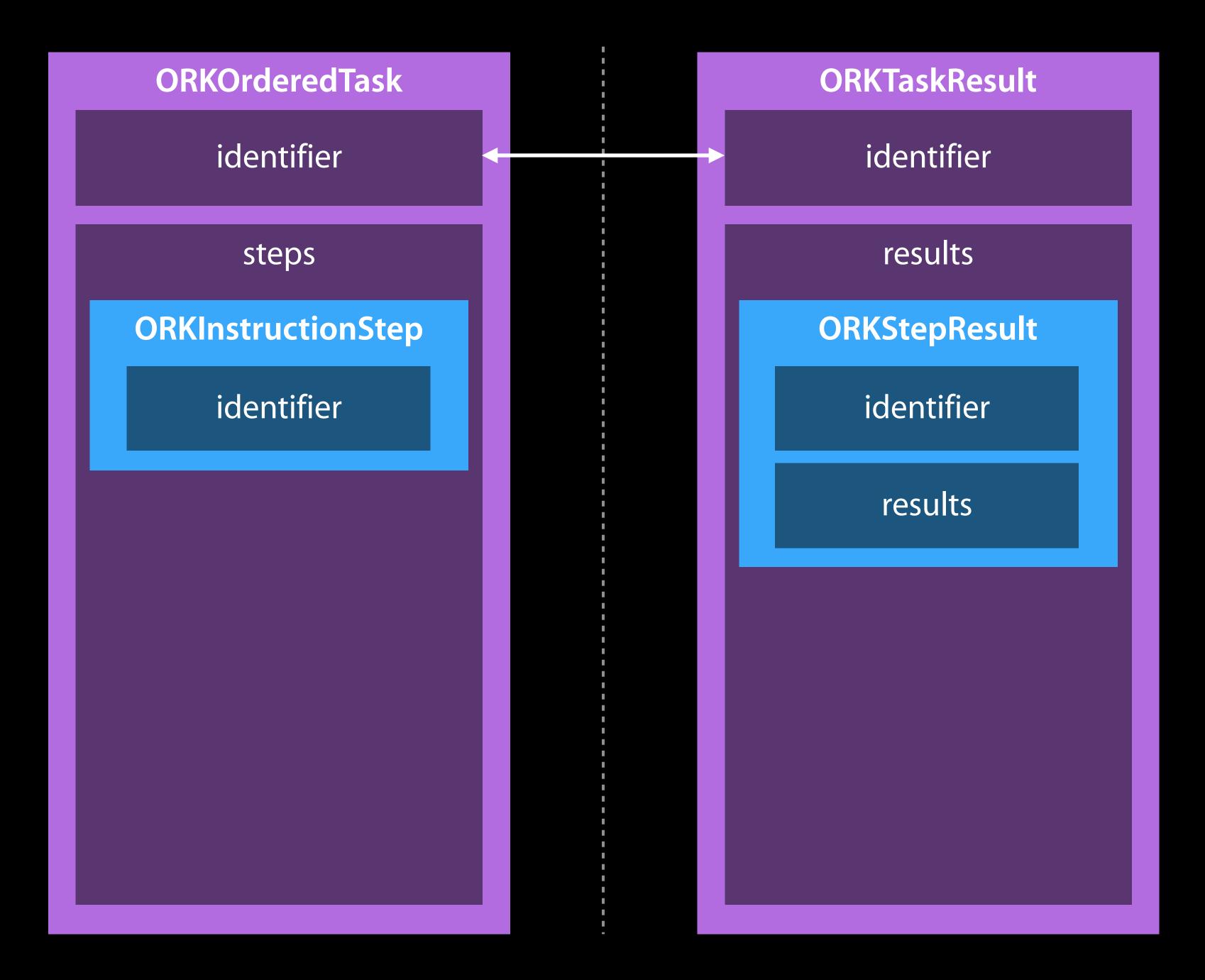
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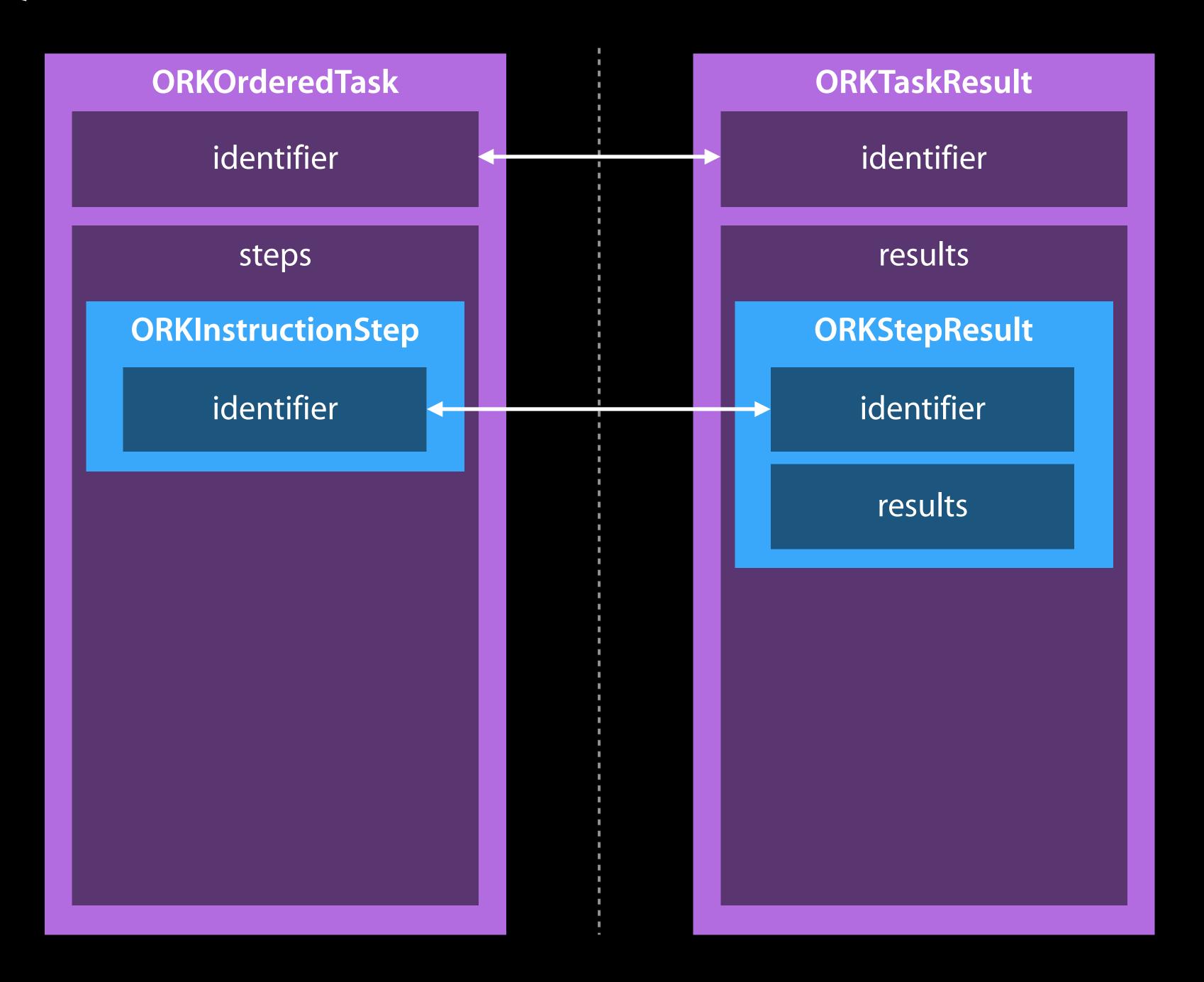
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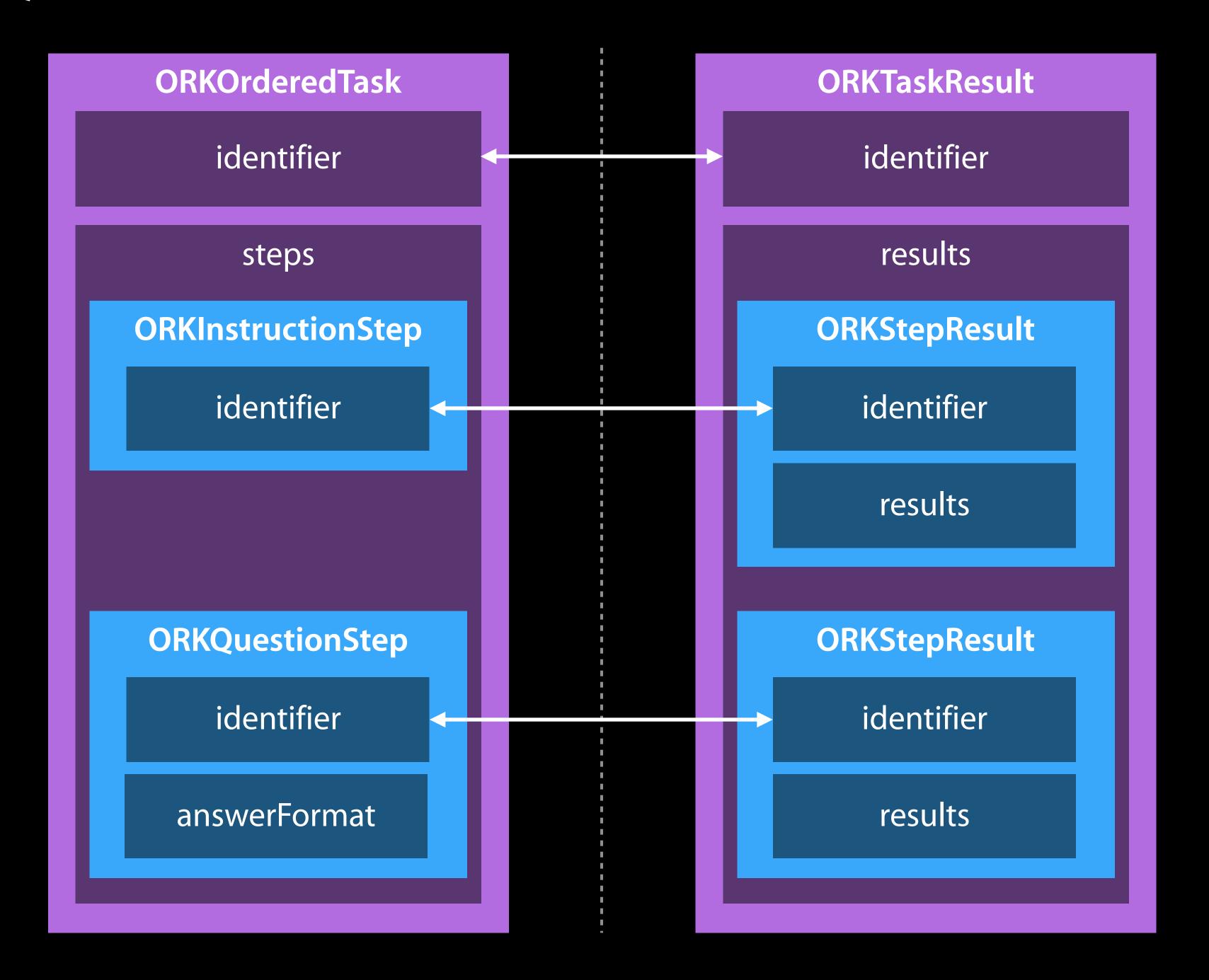
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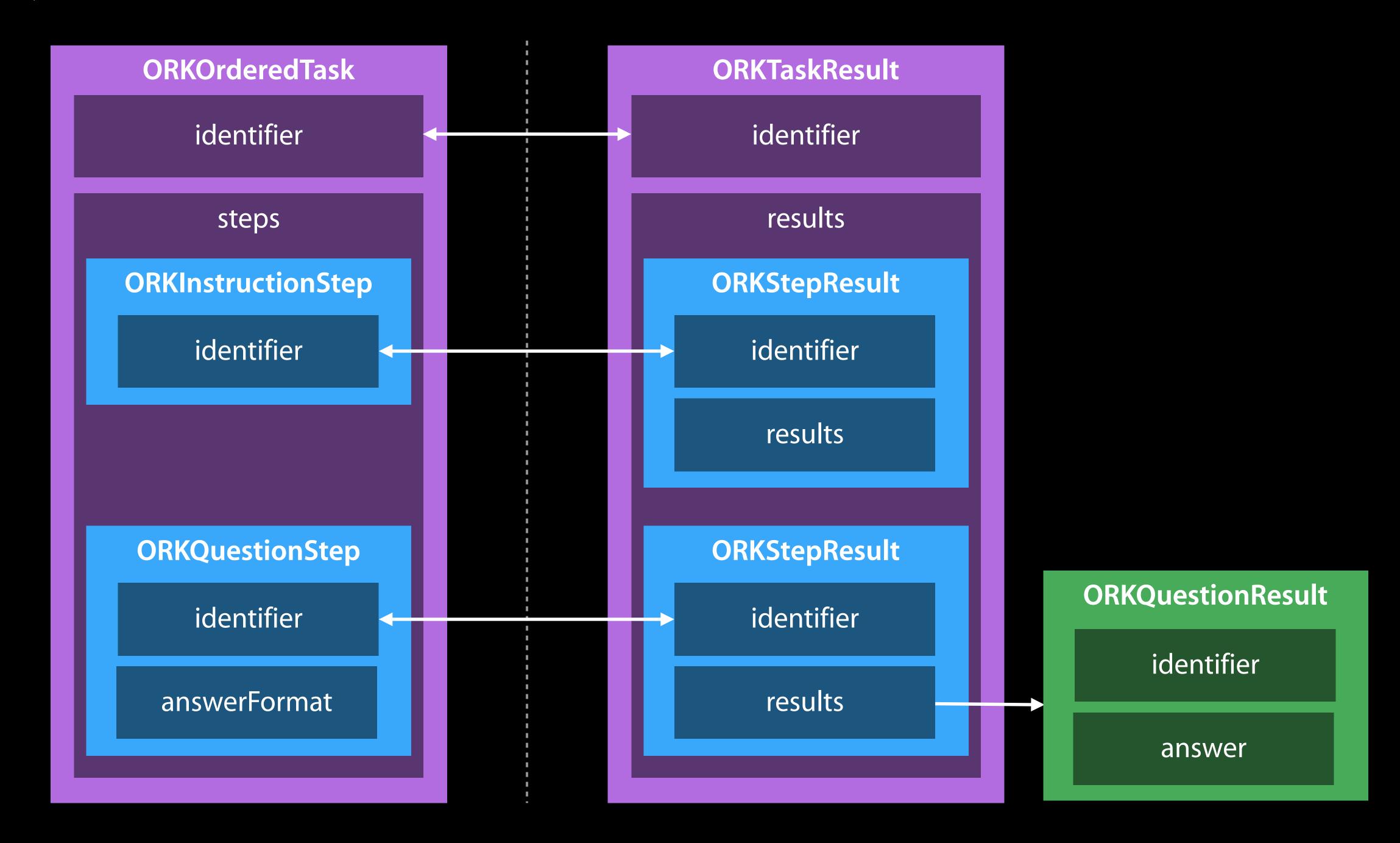


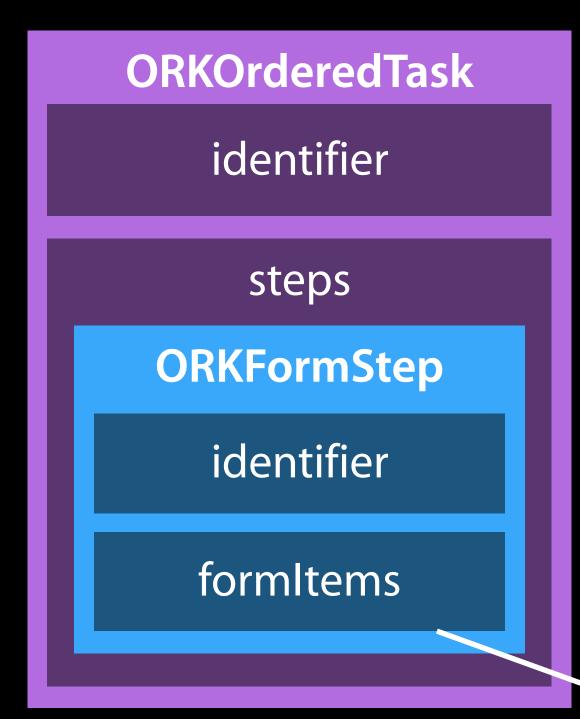












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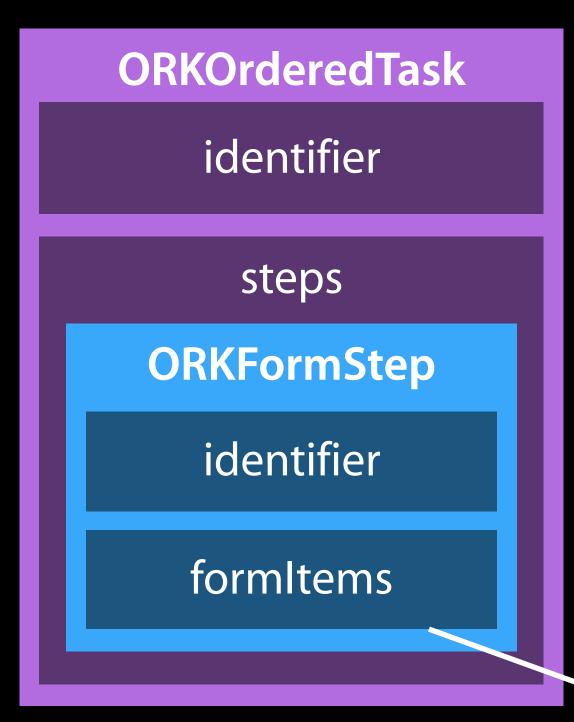
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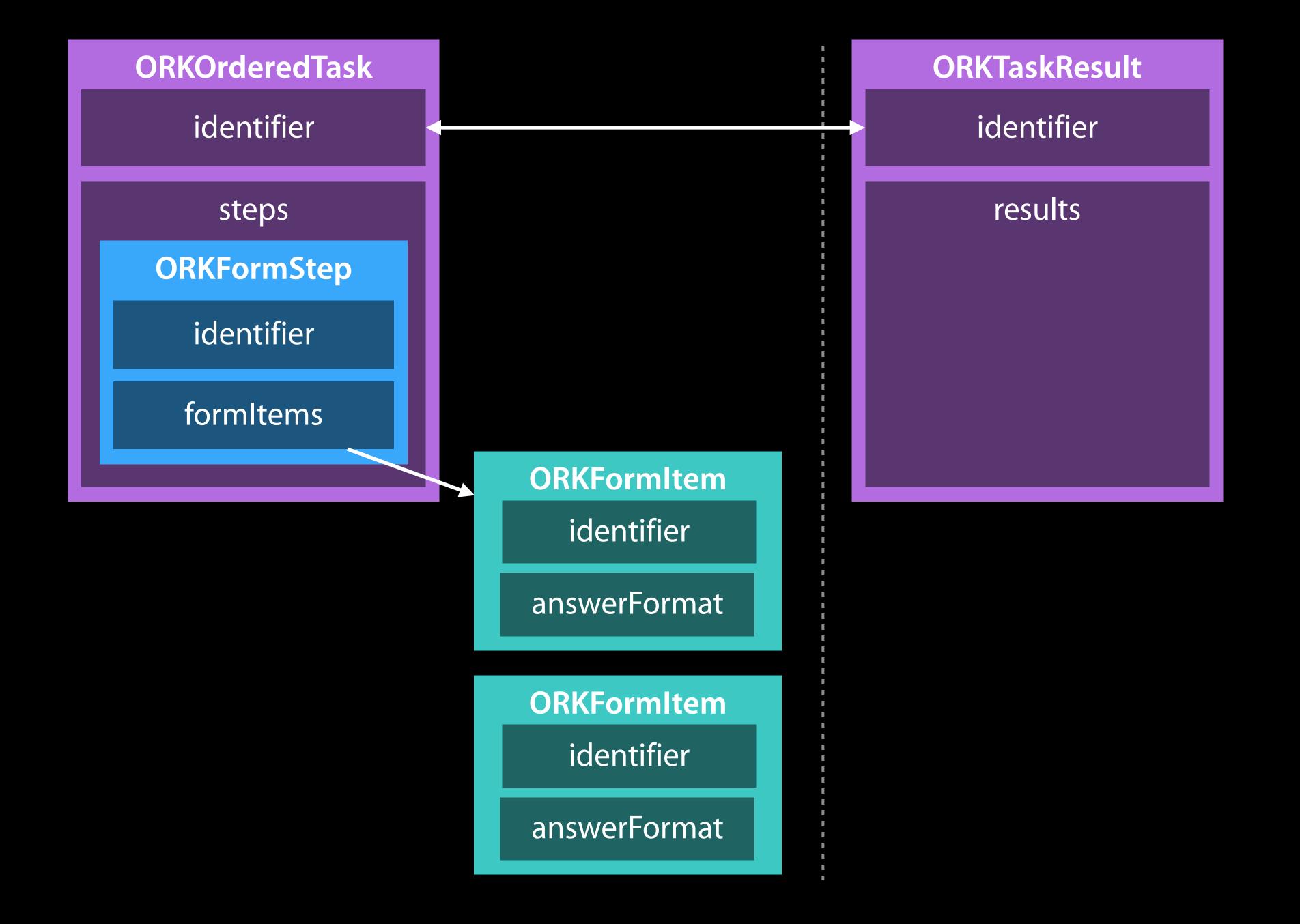
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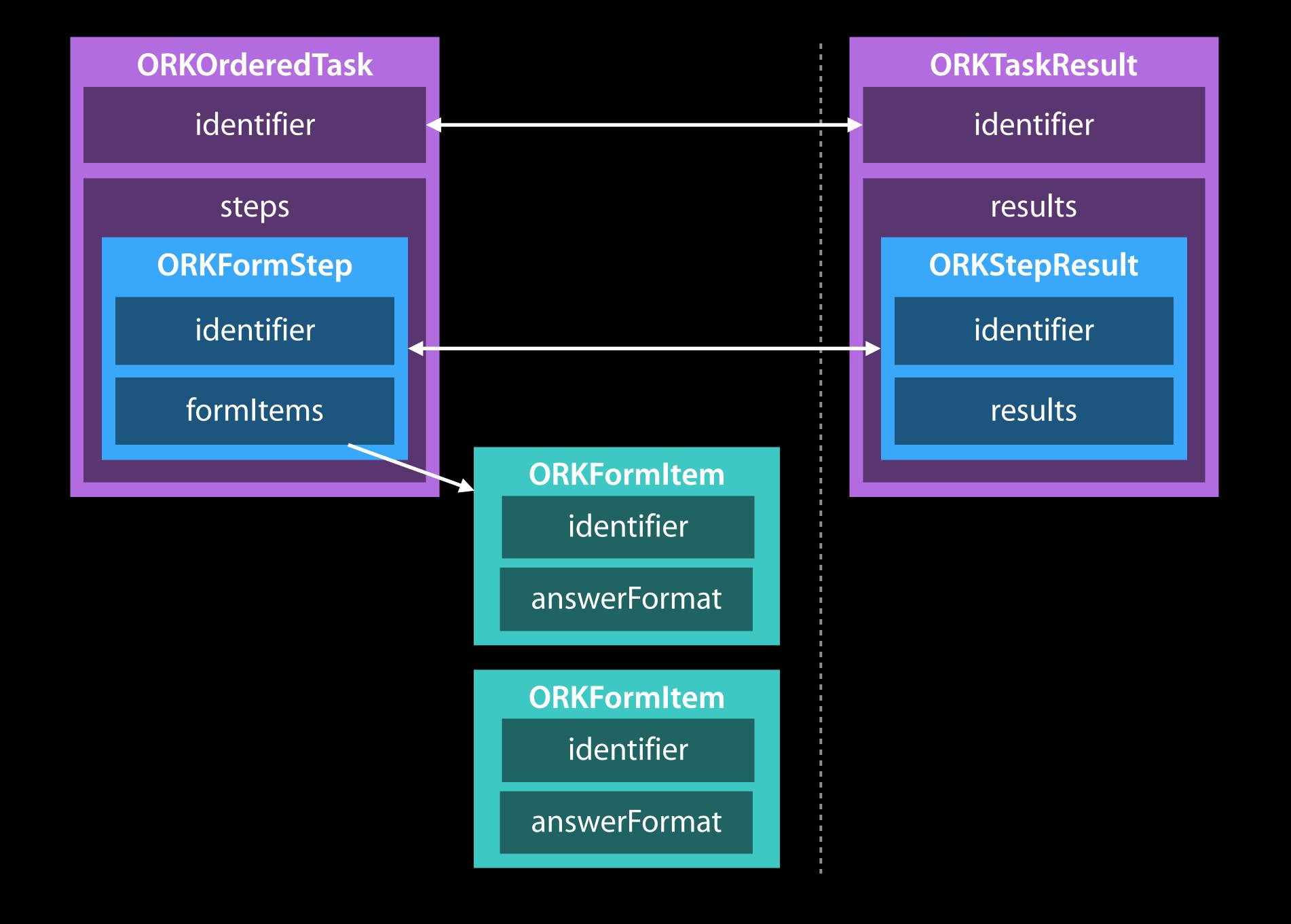
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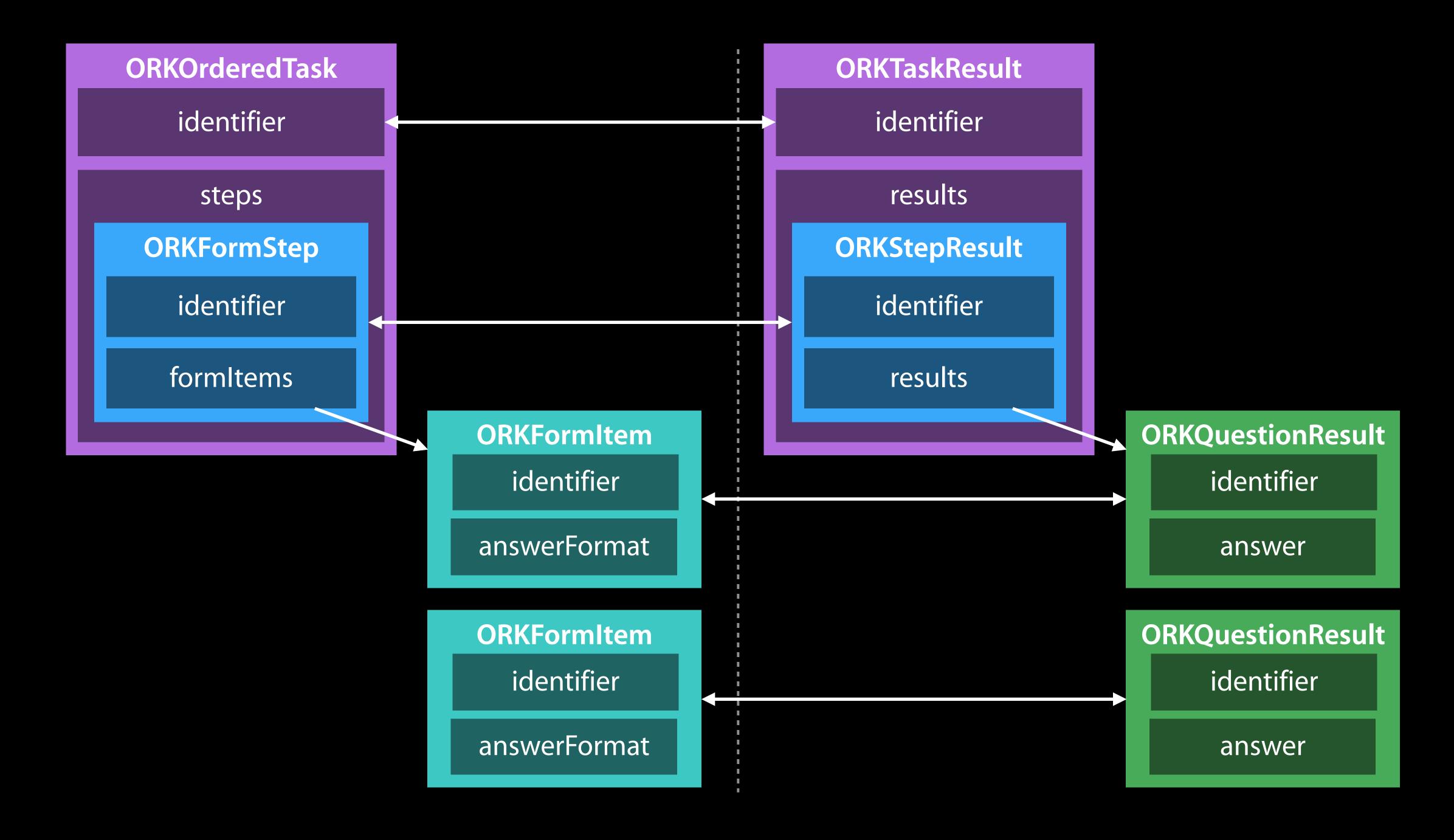
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General Template Version Date: February 2010 Subject Identification

Protocol Title: Smartphone app for management of type 2 diabetes

Principal Investigator: Stanley Shaw, MD PhD

Site Principal Investigator: Stanley Shaw, MD PhD

Description of Subject Population: Individuals 18 or over with type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes who live in the United States

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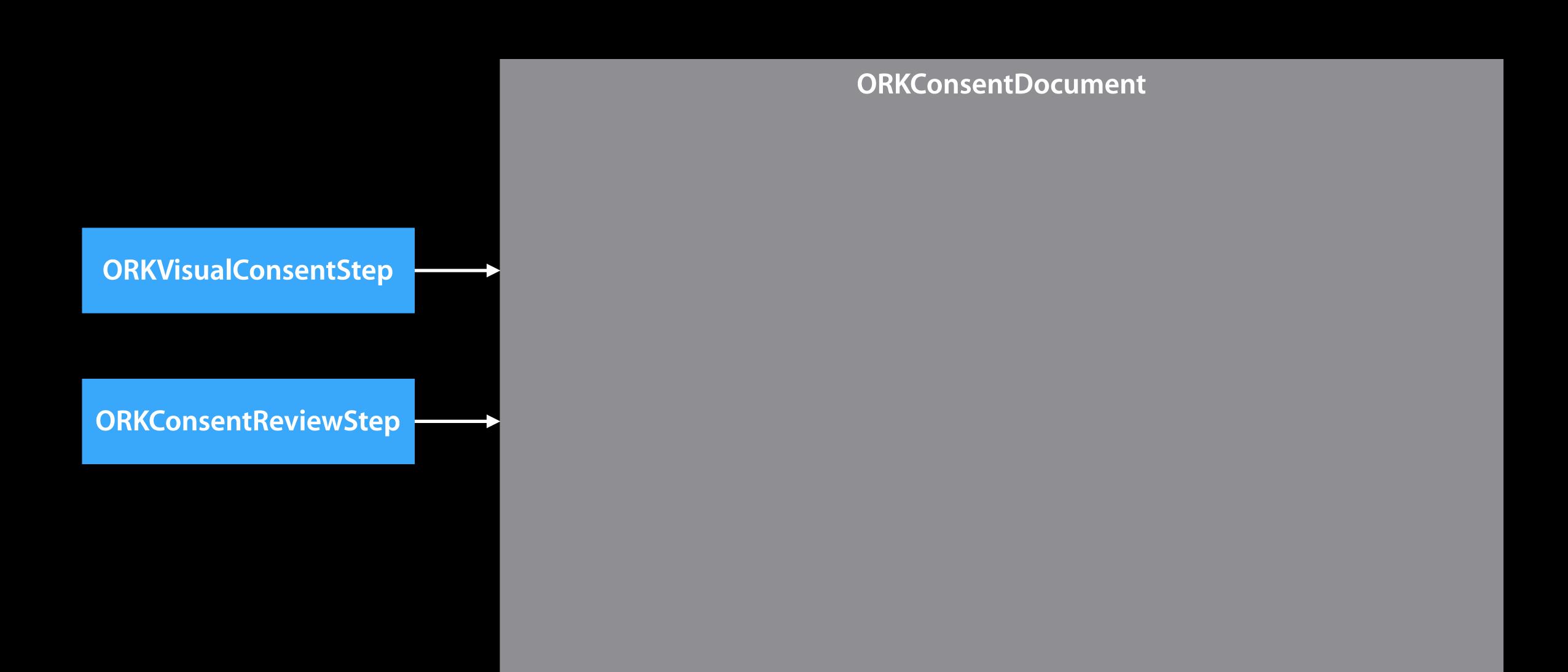
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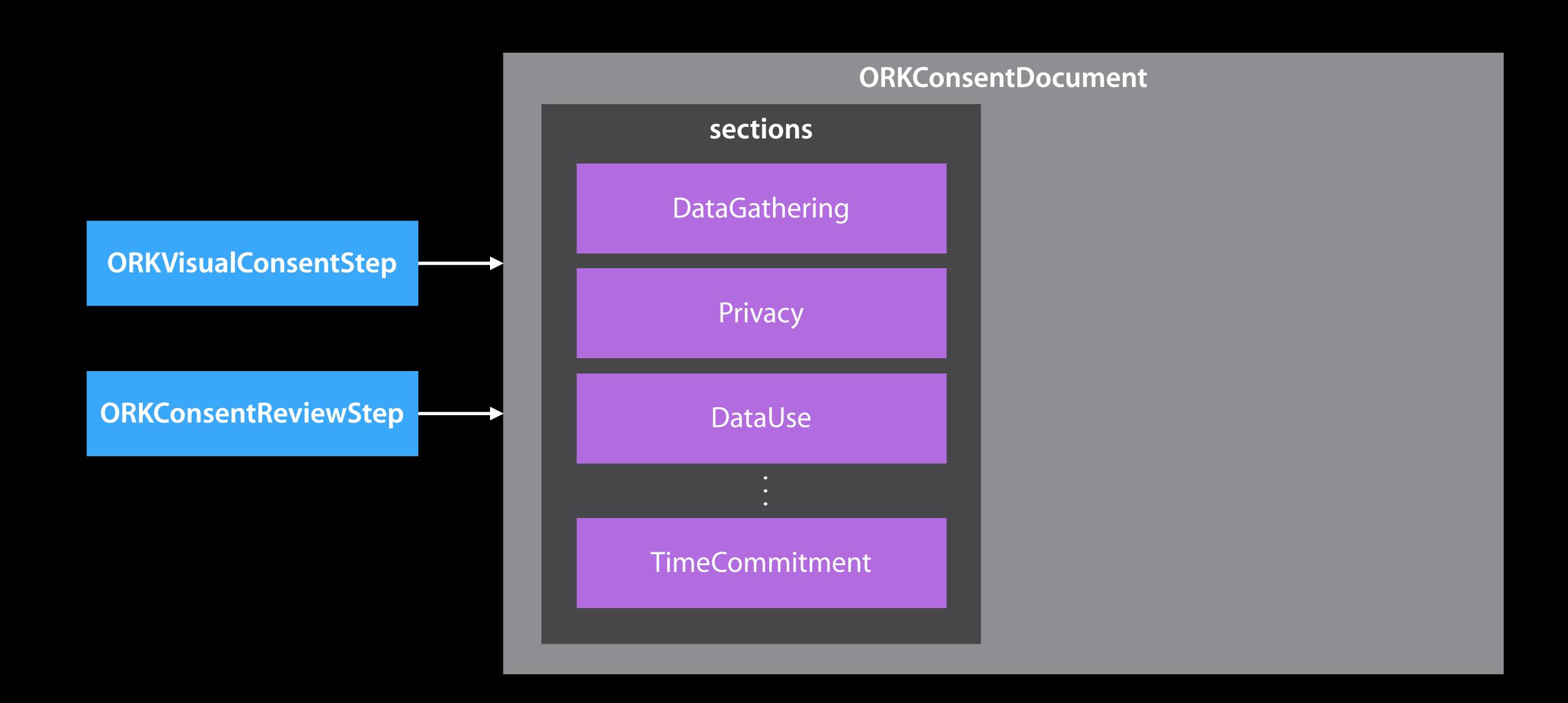
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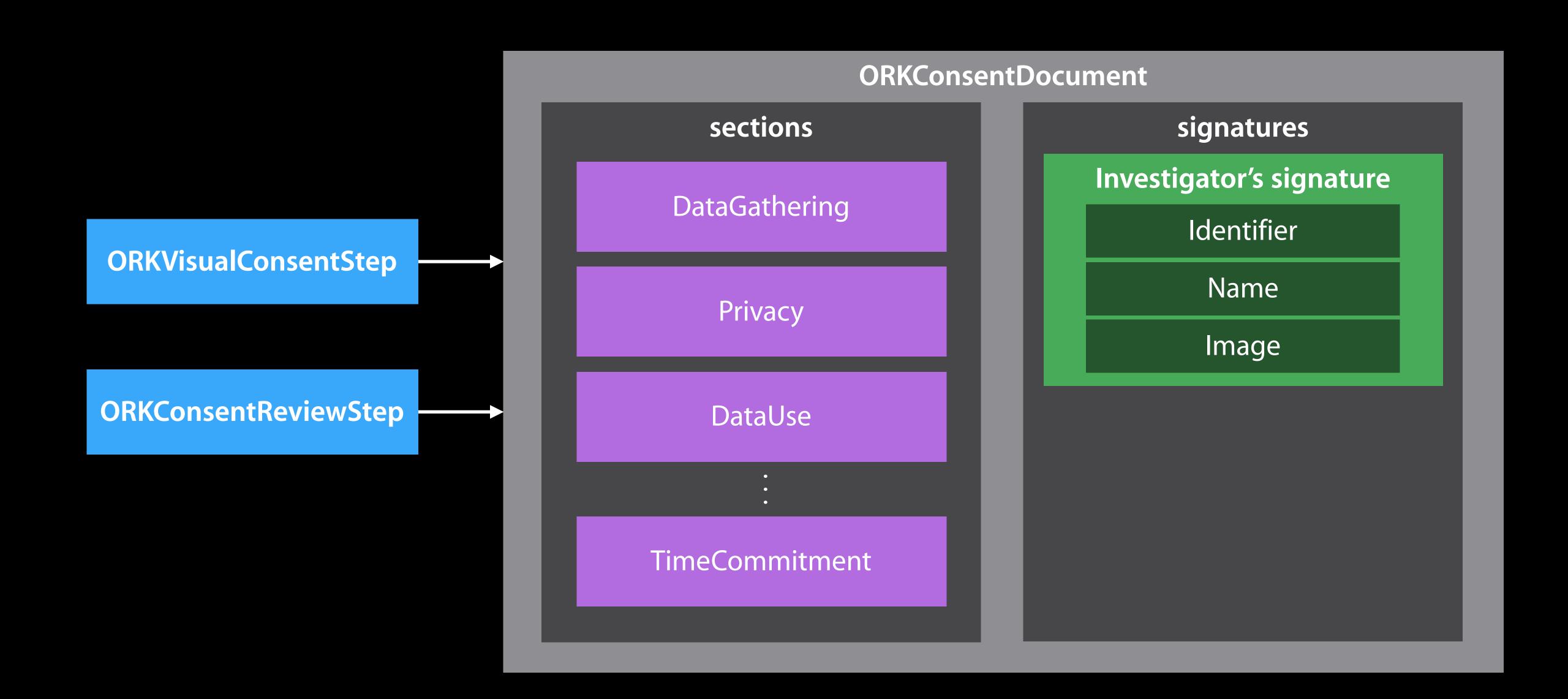
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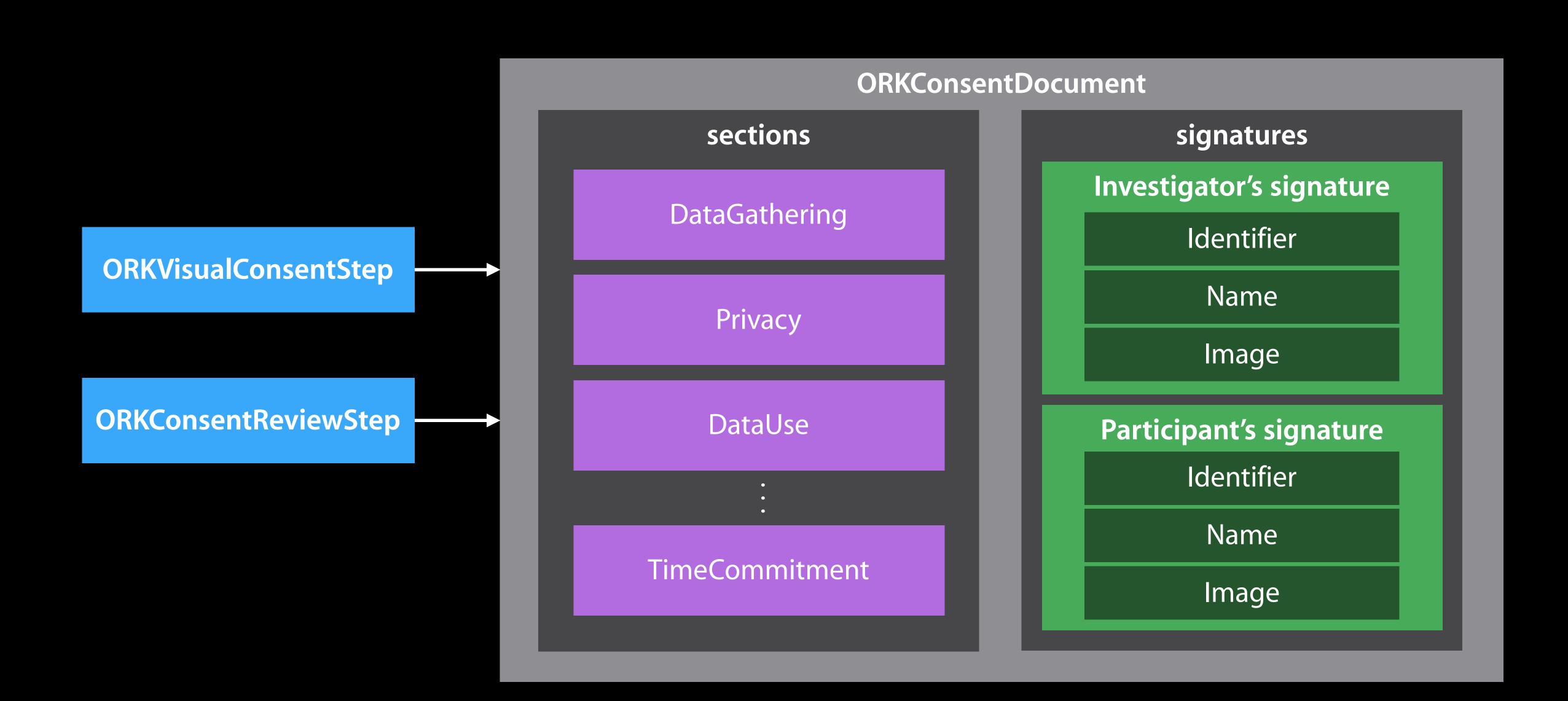
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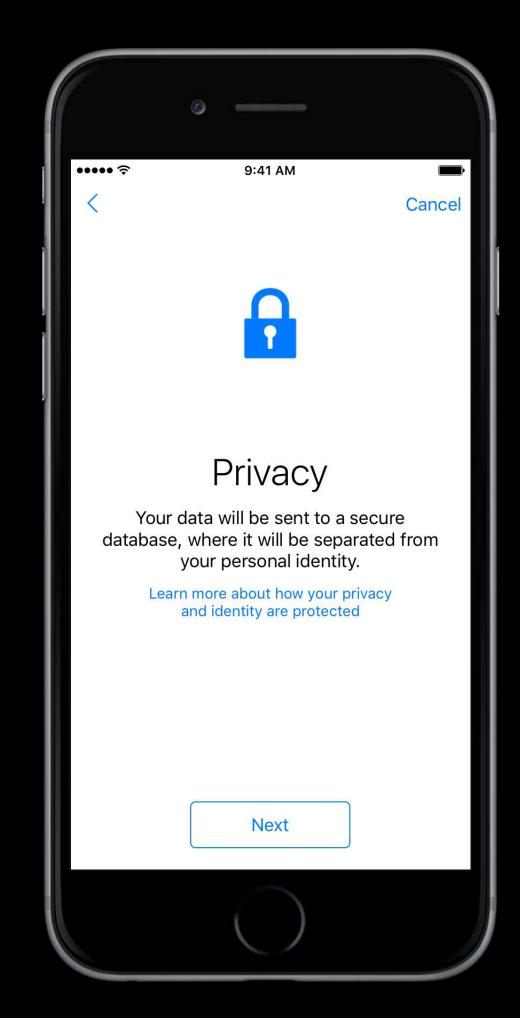


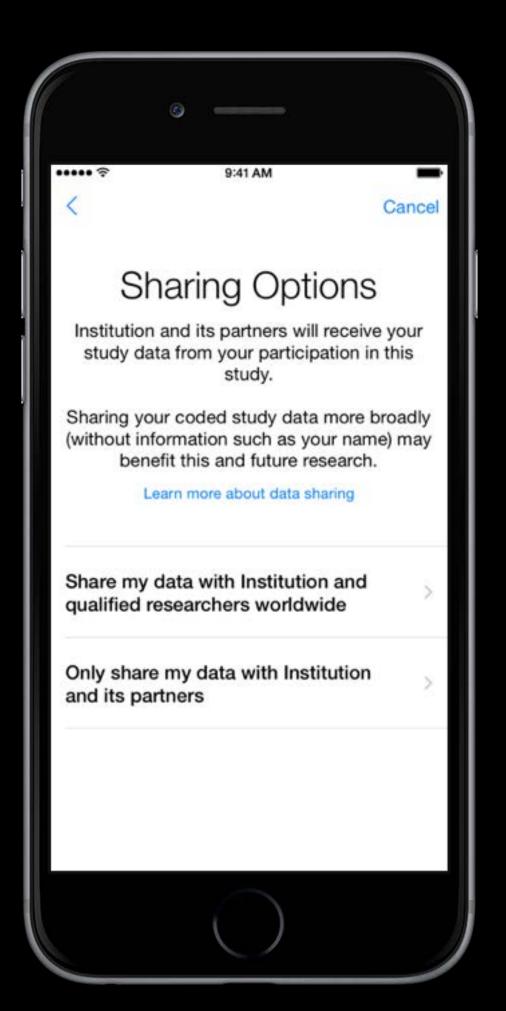


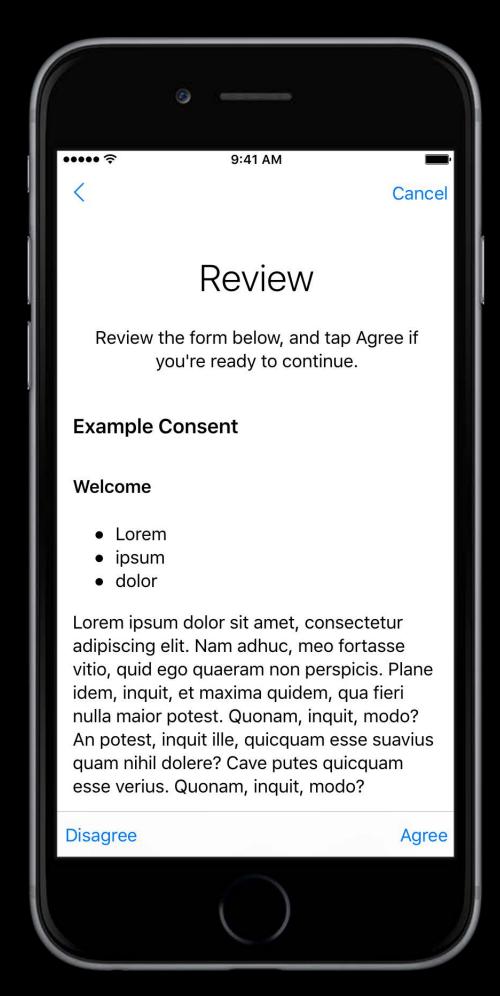




# Informed Consent Steps







One screen per section

Animated transitions

Customizable



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// Create a section
let consentSection = ORKConsentSection(type: DataGathering)
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let consentSection = ORKConsentSection(type: DataGathering)
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consentSection.content = ... // "Learn More" content (+ `htmlContent`)
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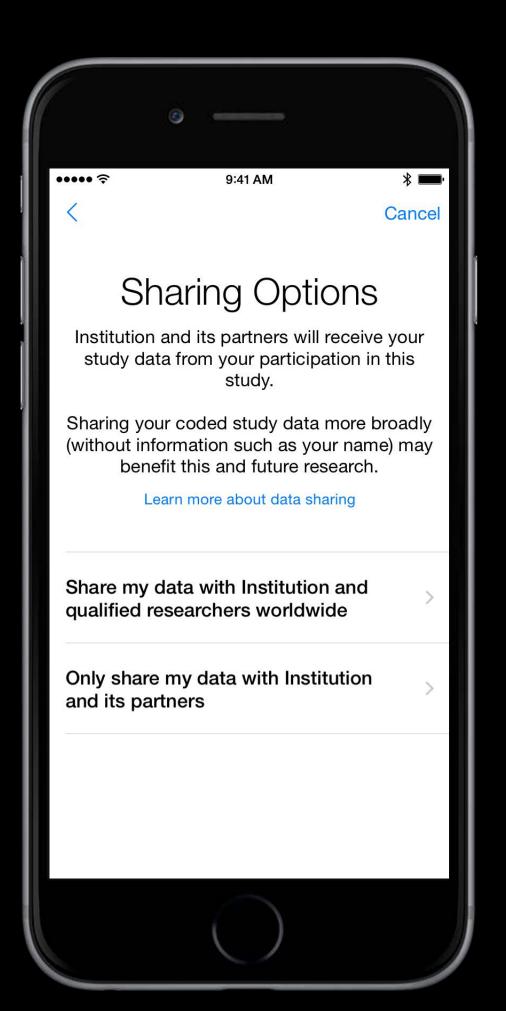
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consentSection.customImage = UIImage(named: "CustomImage")
consentSection.customAnimationURL = ... // File URL to video for transition
let consentDocument = ORKConsentDocument()
consentDocument.sections = [consentSection, ...] // Attach to a document
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let visualConsentStep =
   ORKVisualConsentStep(identifier: "visualConsent",
   document: consentDocument)
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# Sharing Consent Step

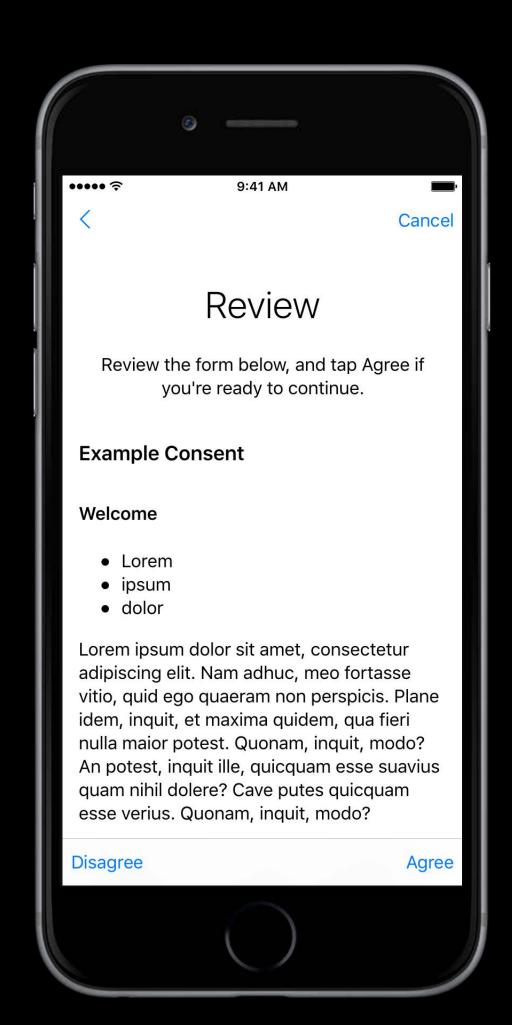
#### Give participants control

- ORKConsentSharingStep
- Supply institution name
- Localized



#### Participant

- Reviews document
- Enters name (optional)
- Signs with touch (optional)



```
let consentDocument = ... // Our consent document from before
```

```
let consentDocument = ... // Our consent document from before
let participantSignature =
   ORKConsentSignature(forPersonWithTitle: "Participant",
       dateFormatString: nil,
        identifier: "participant")
participantSignature.requiresSignatureImage = false
consentDocument.addSignature(participantSignature)
let consentReviewStep =
  ORKConsentReviewStep(identifier: "consentReview",
                        signature: signature,
                        inDocument: consentDocument)
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# Demo

Consent

# Informed Consent

Things to consider

### Informed Consent

#### Things to consider

"Informed"

Form factor

Custom sections

Questions from participants

Comprehension quiz

### Informed Consent

Things to consider

"Informed" "Consent"

Form factor Verifying identity

Custom sections Digital signatures

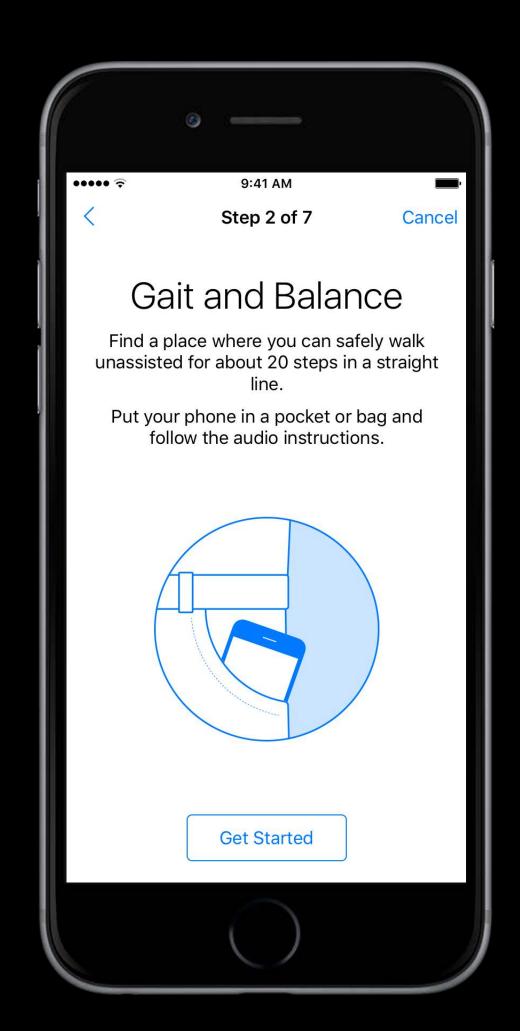
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Comprehension quiz

Interactive

Short

Use Sensors



# Active Task Structure

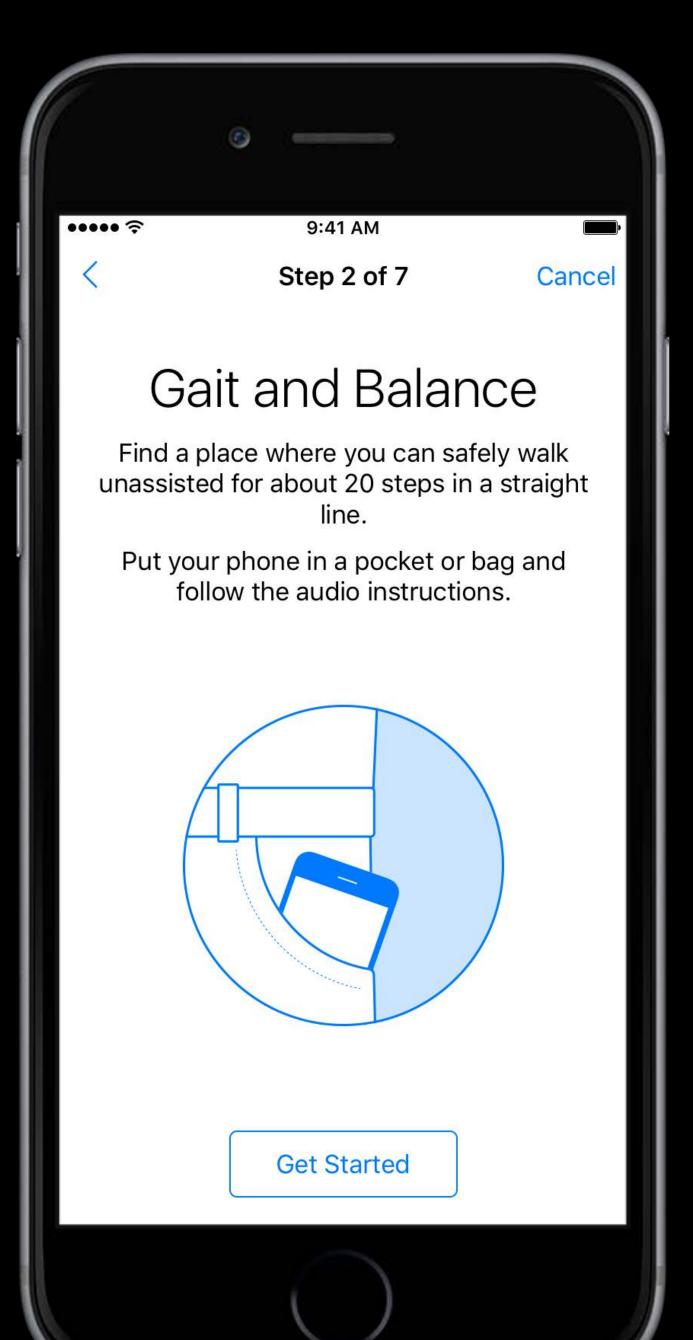
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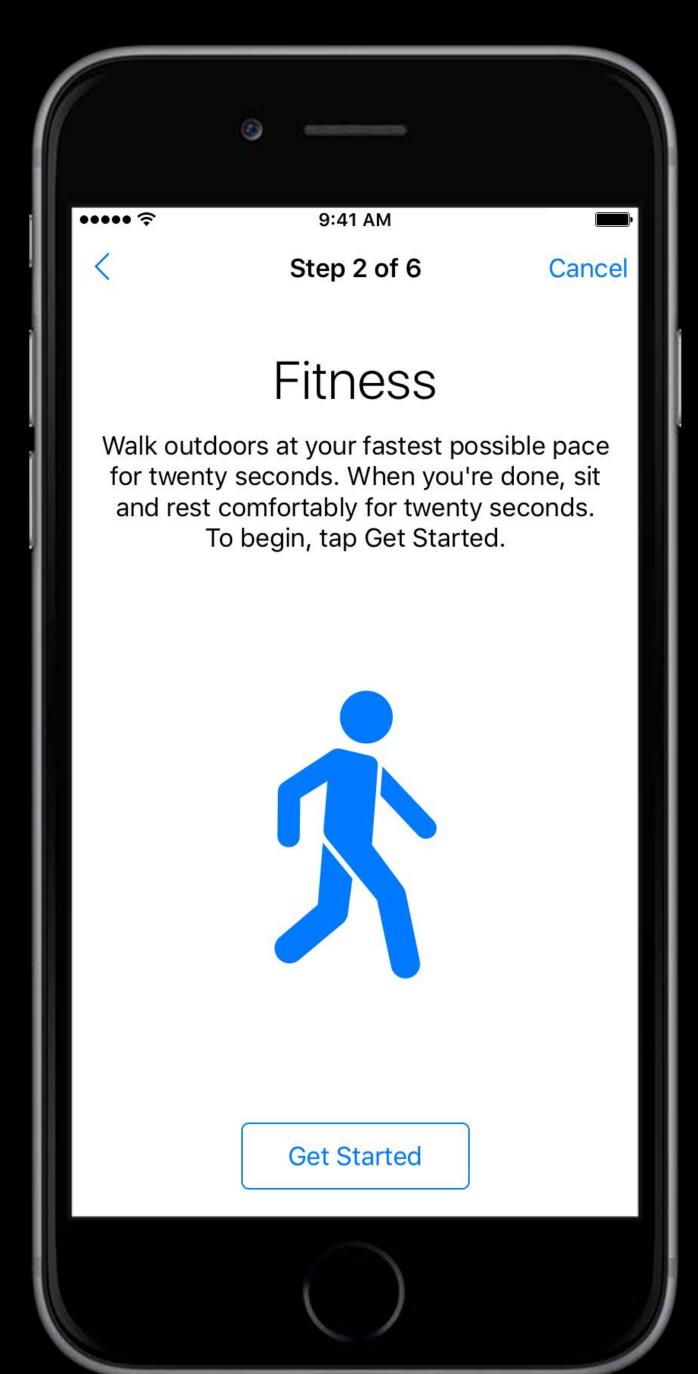
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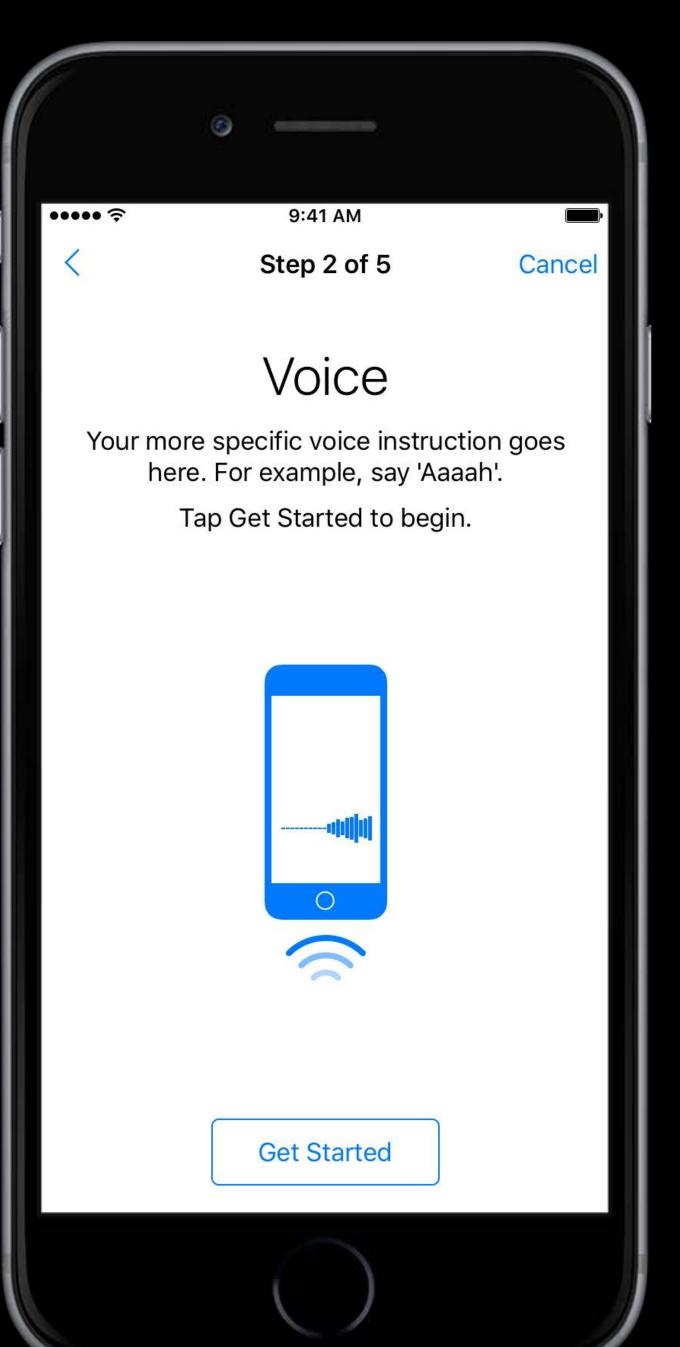
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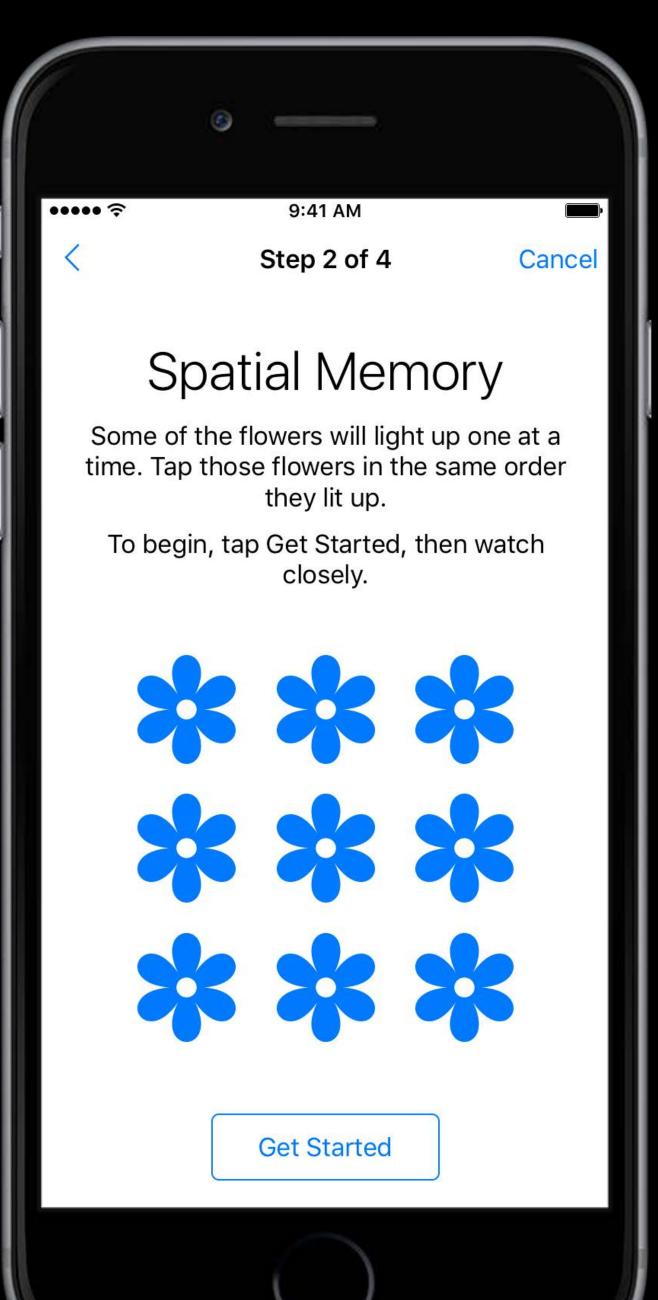
ORKActiveStep
Actual Task

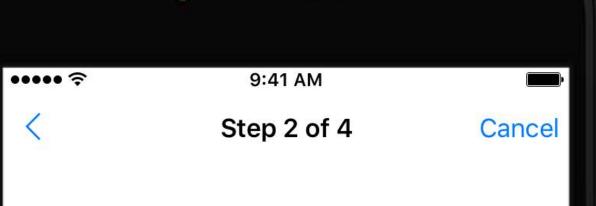
ORKCompletionStep
Encouragement











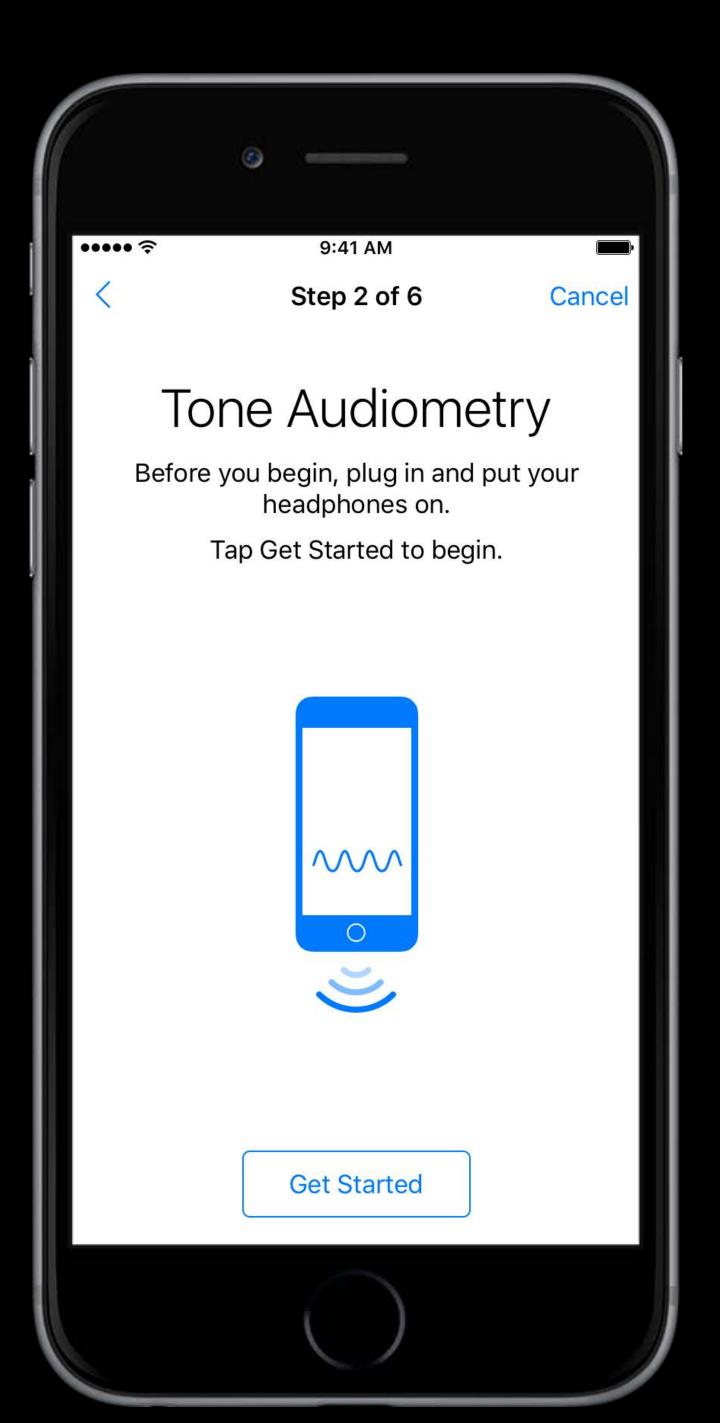
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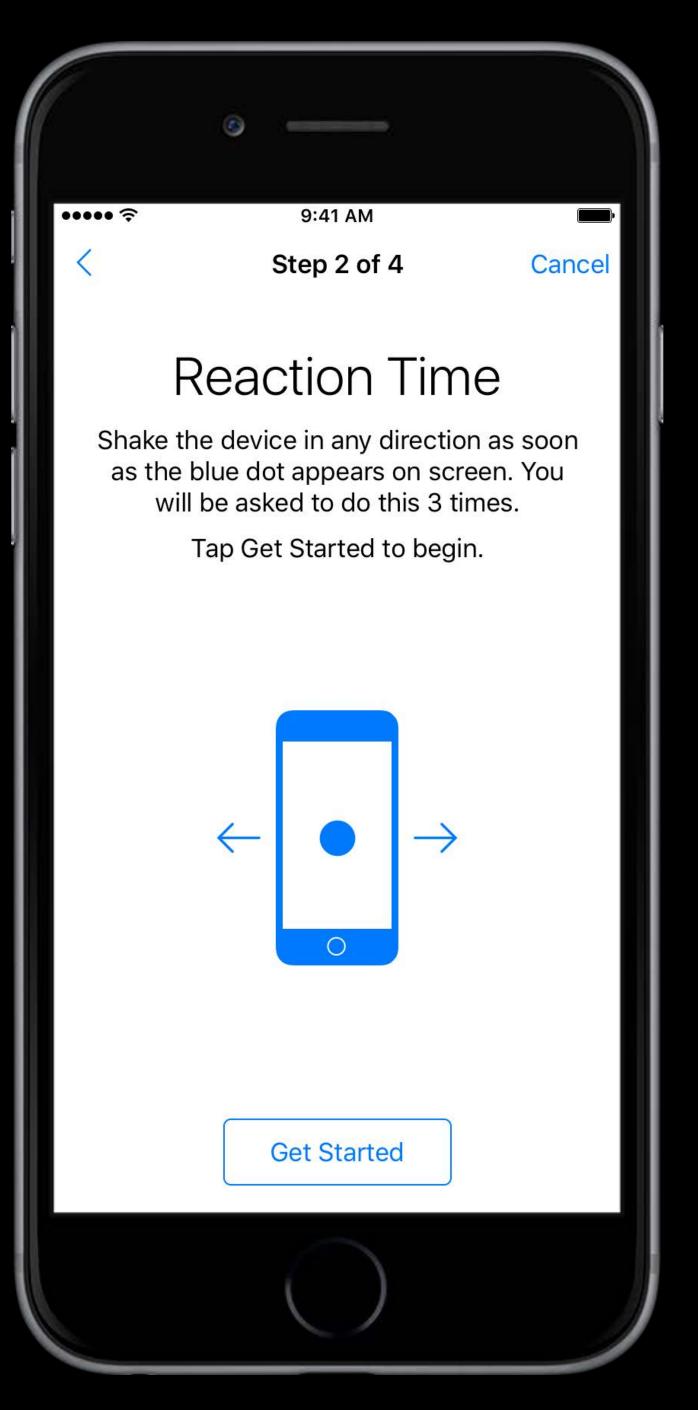
Rest your phone on a flat surface. Two buttons will appear on your screen for 20 seconds. Using two fingers on the same hand, take turns tapping the buttons as quickly as you can.

Tap Get Started to begin.



**Get Started** 





# Demo

Active Tasks

# Contributing to ResearchKit

# ResearchKit Community

Pick or open an issue

Submit a pull request

Work with review team

Change gets merged



# Contributions

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# Recorders

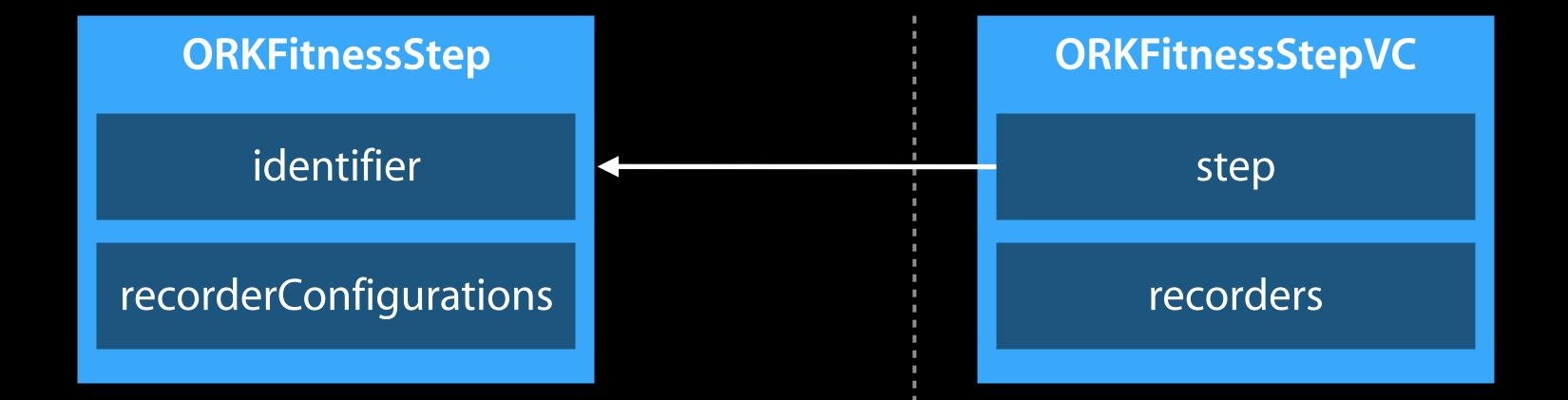
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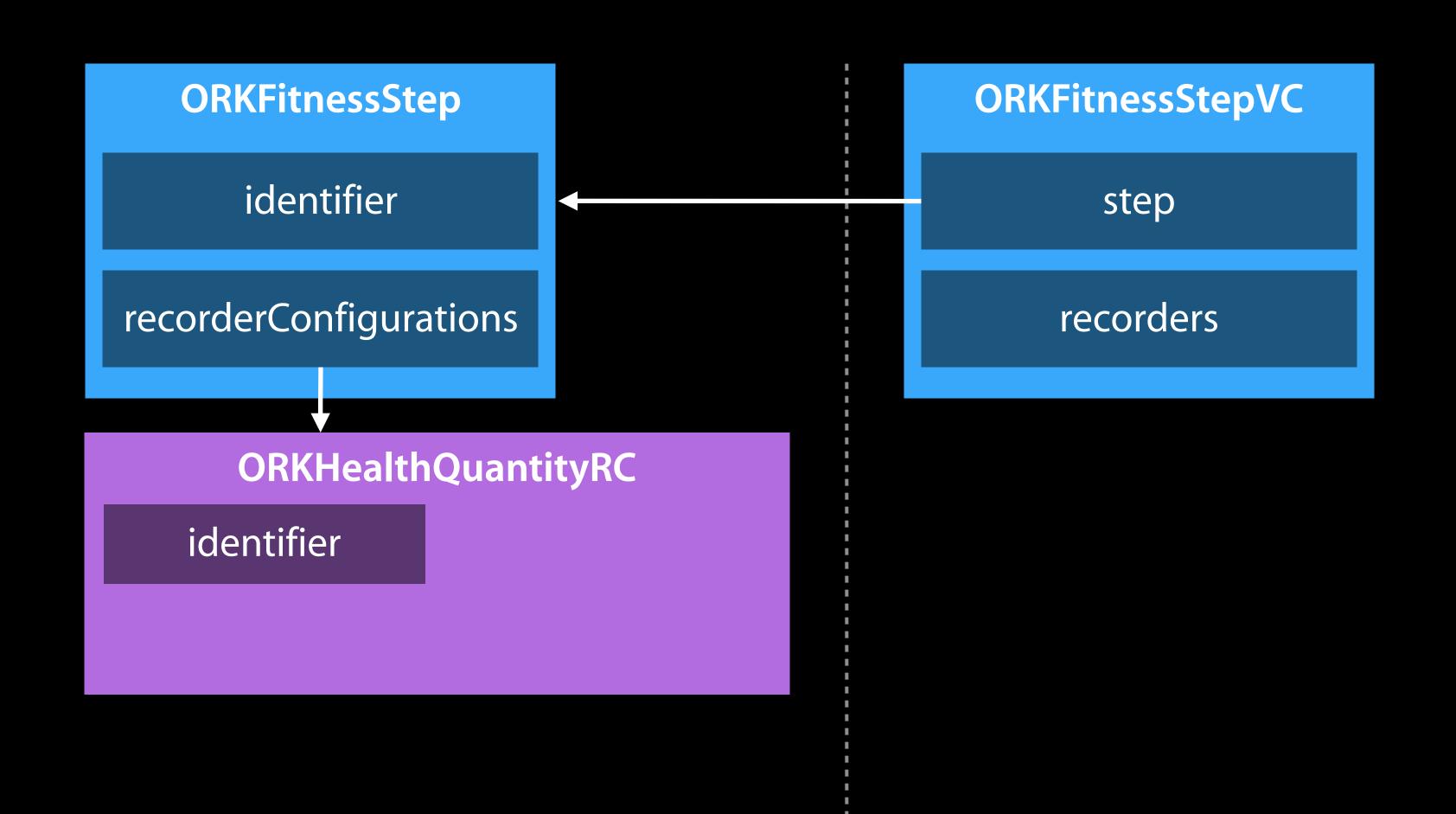
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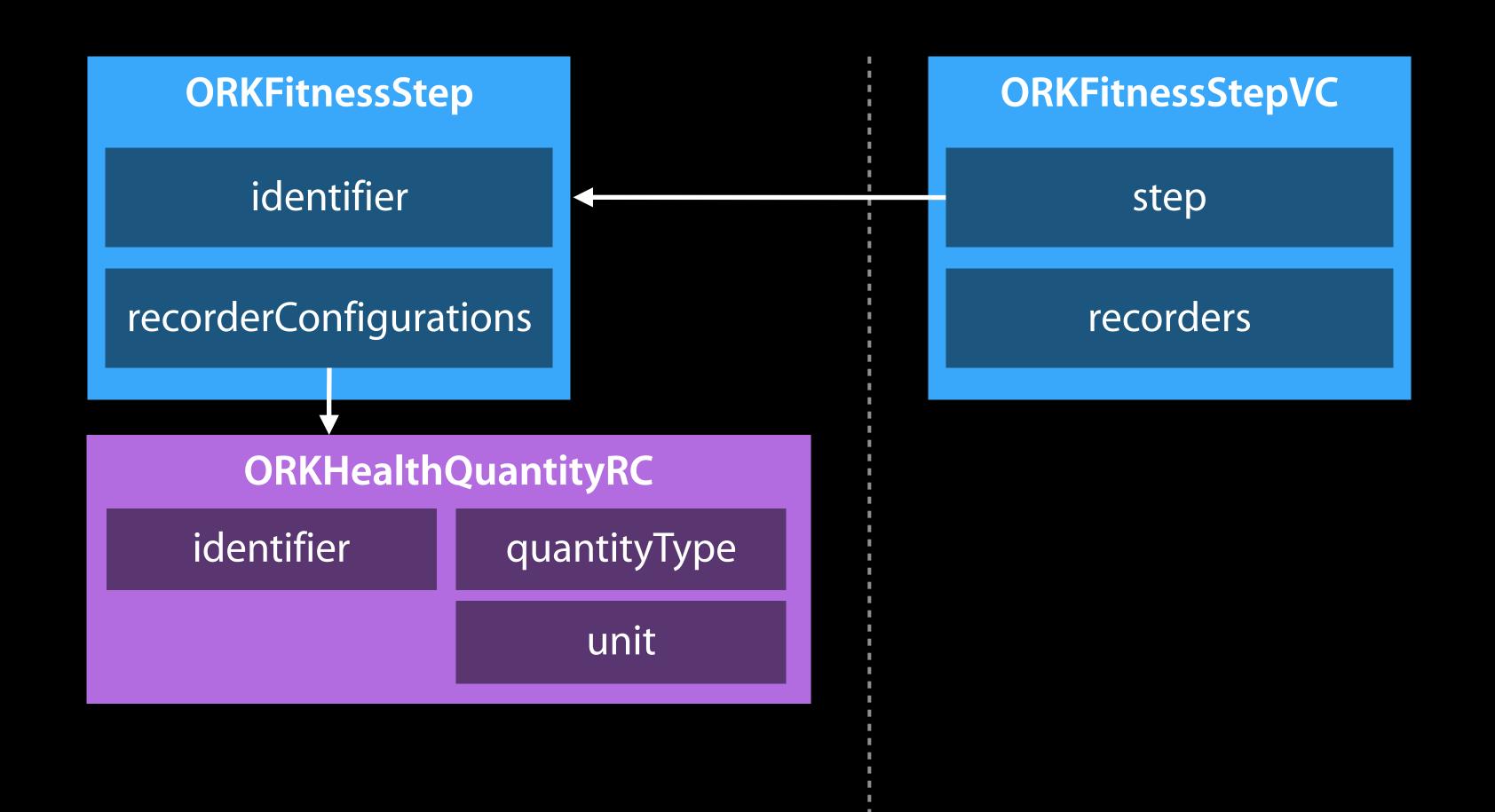
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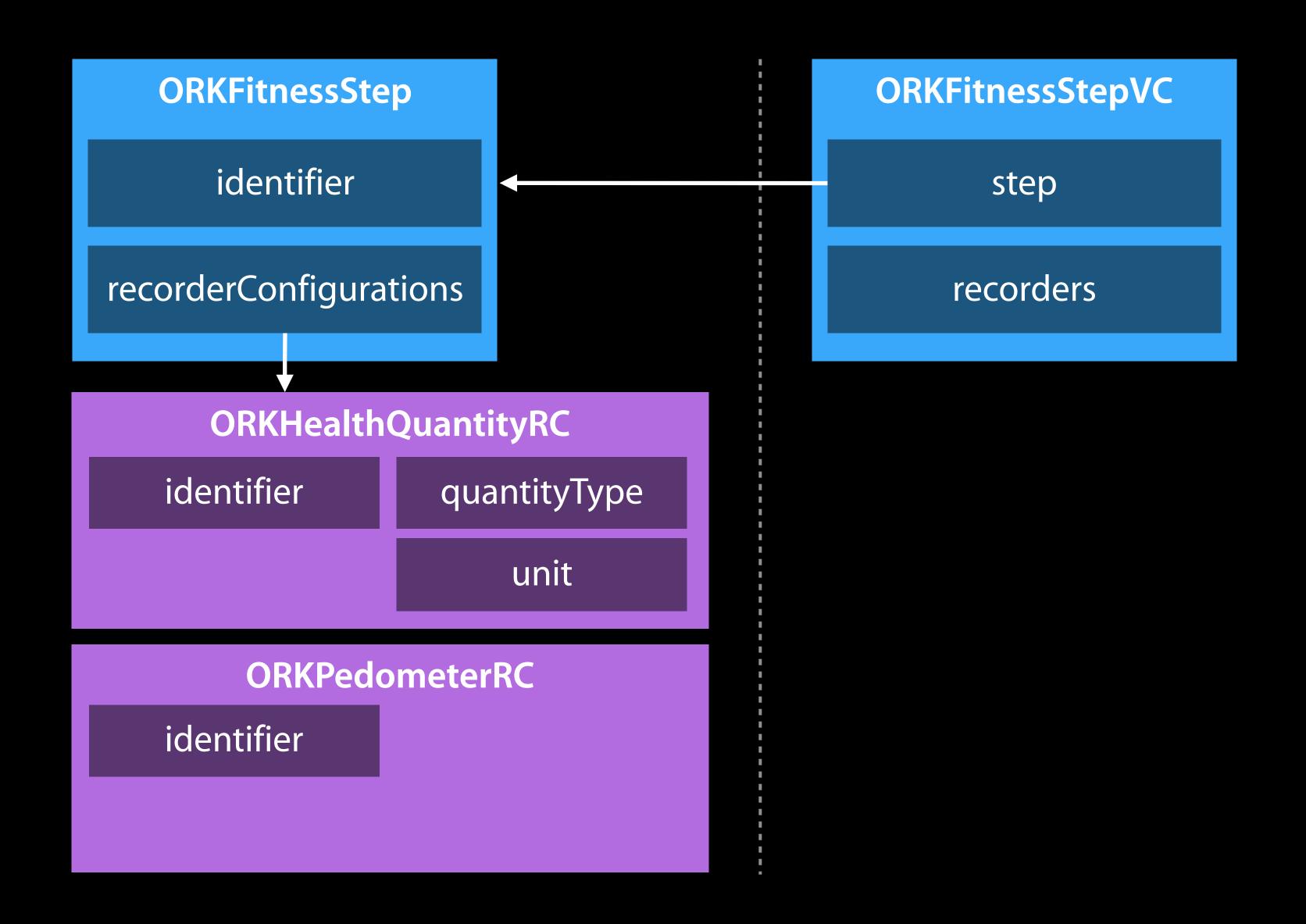
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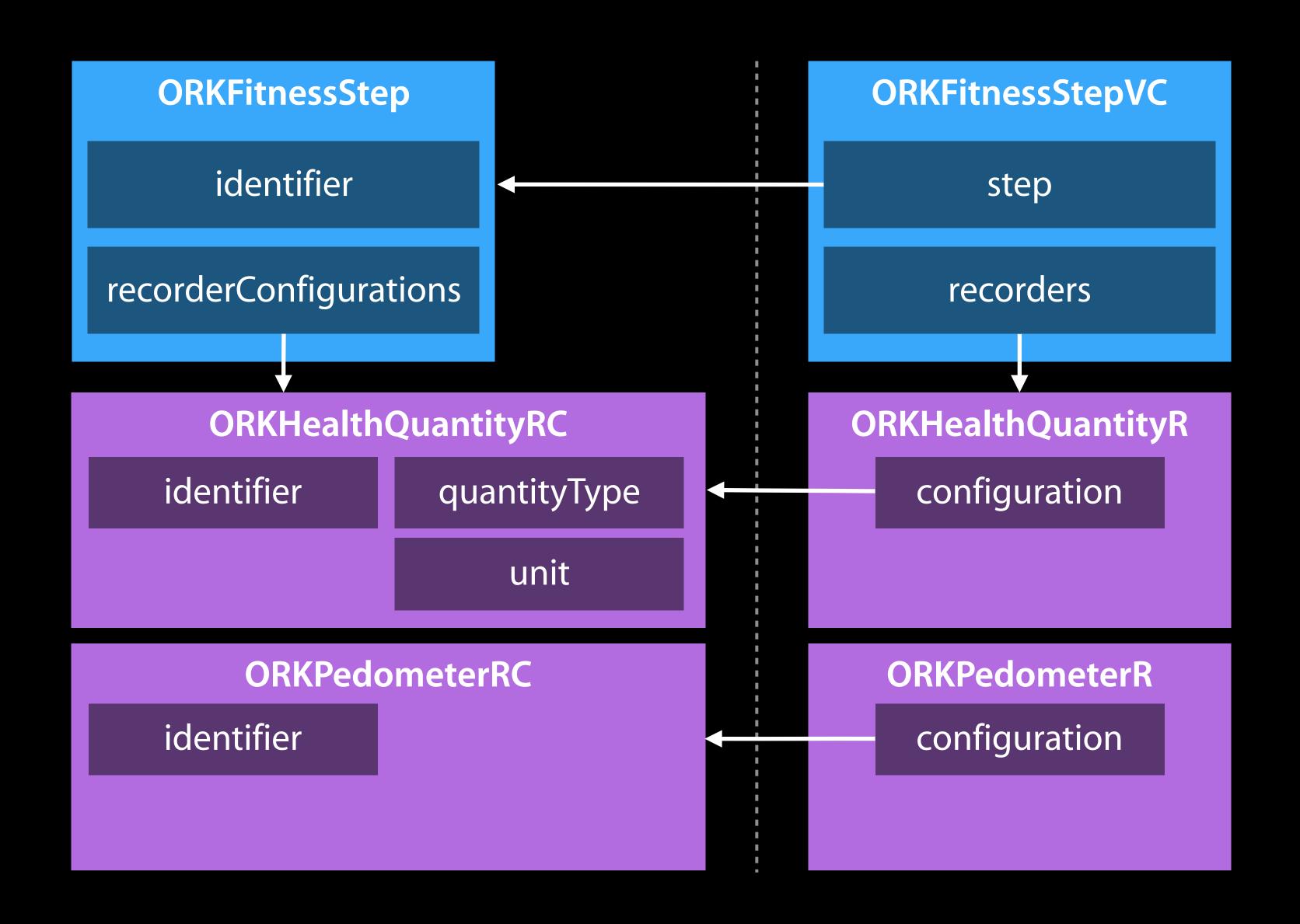
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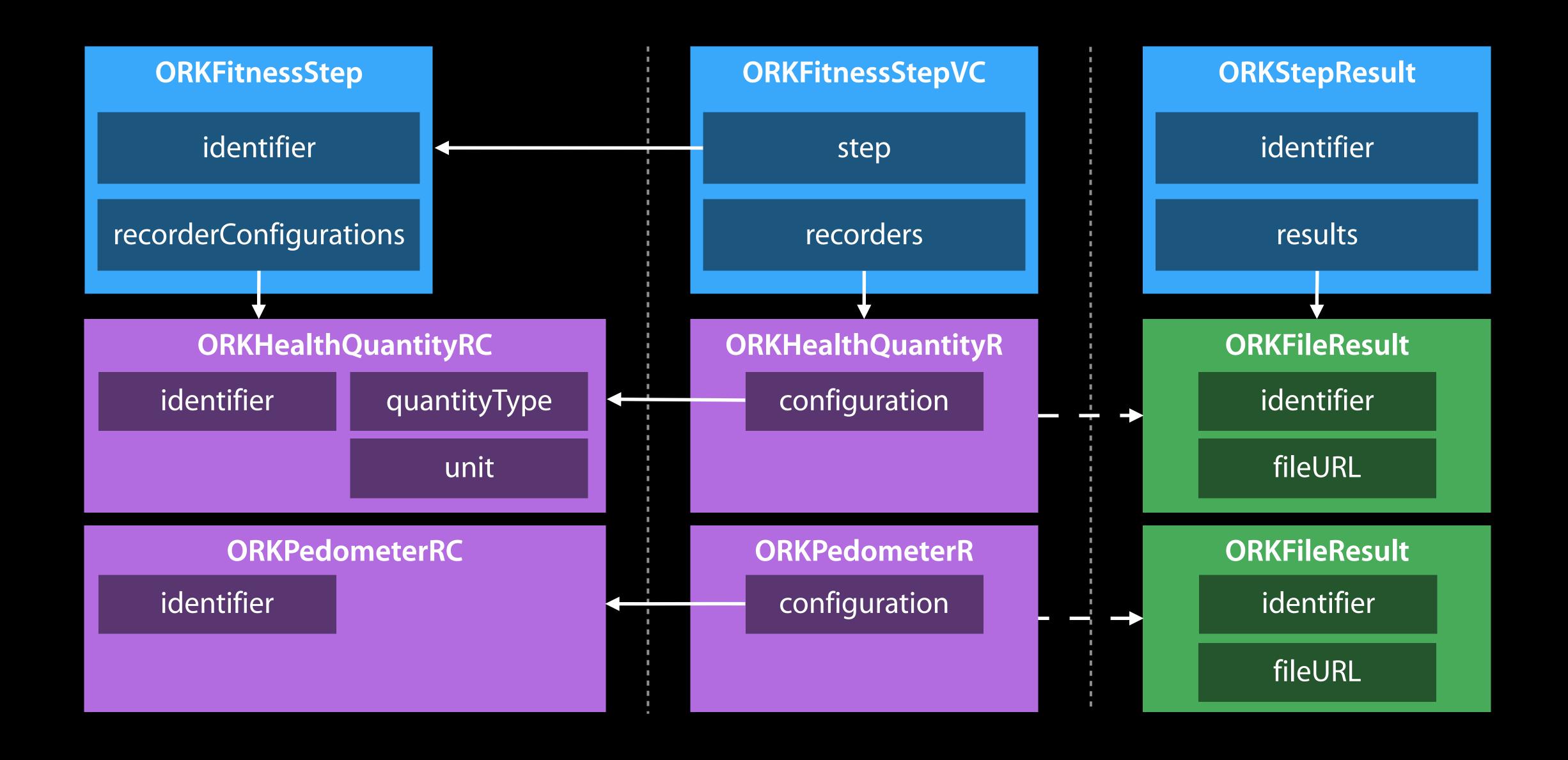












#### Making a Custom Active Step

Subclass ORKActiveStep

Subclass ORKActiveStepViewController

Build UI

Configure recorders (if needed)

Add result classes (if needed)

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#### More Information

ResearchKit

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### Related Sessions

What's New in HealthKit	Pacific Heights	Tuesday 11:00AM
HealthKit and ResearchKit Lab	Frameworks Lab C	Thursday 11:00AM
Health, Fitness and Research Get Together	Buena Vista Park	Wednesday 6:00PM

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