Ul Testing in Xcode

Session 406

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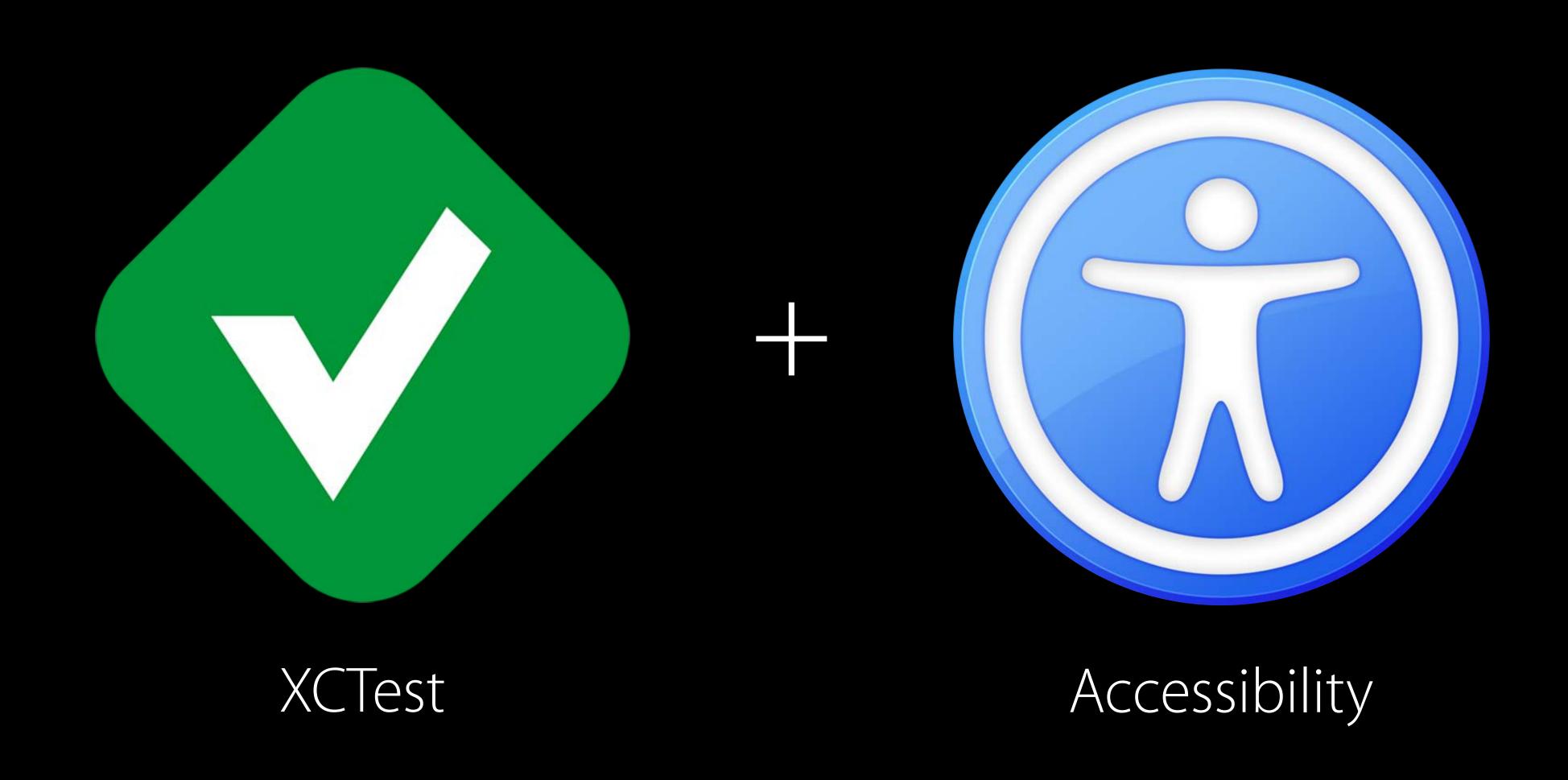
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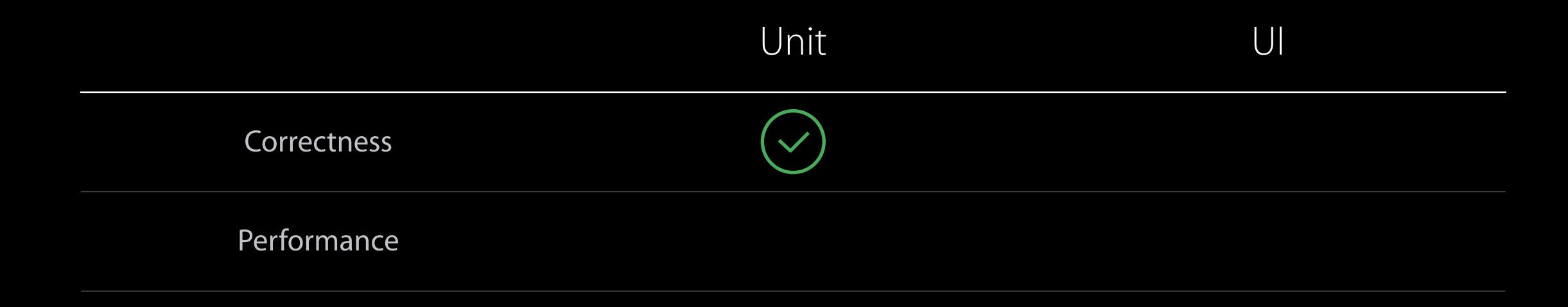
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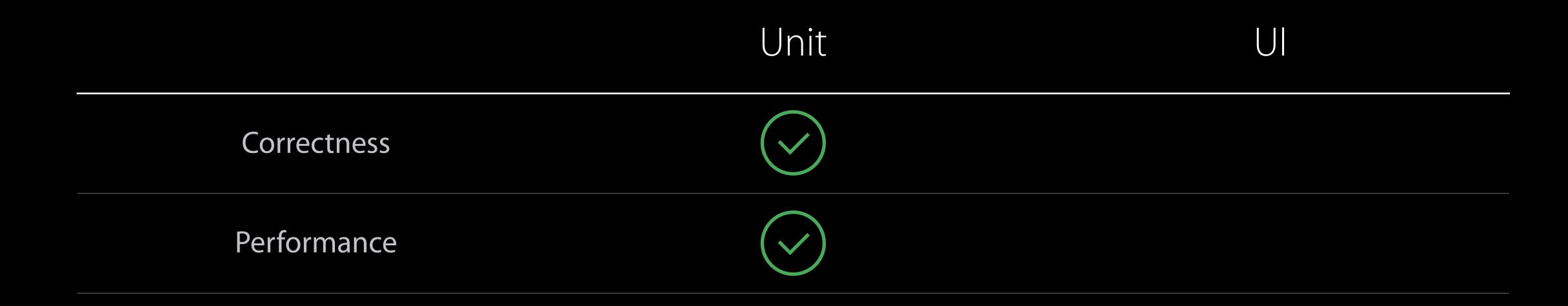
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Testing Matrix



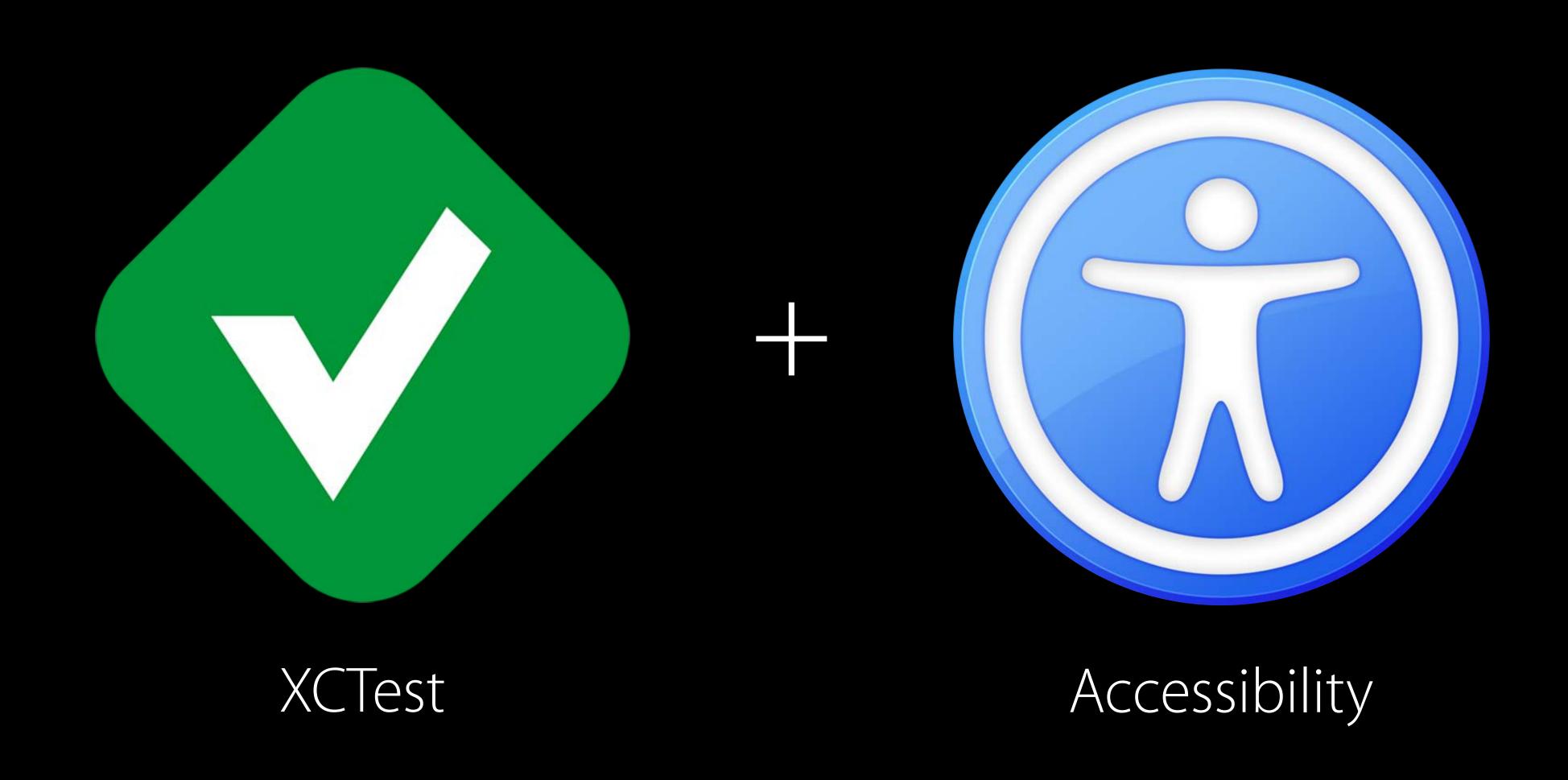
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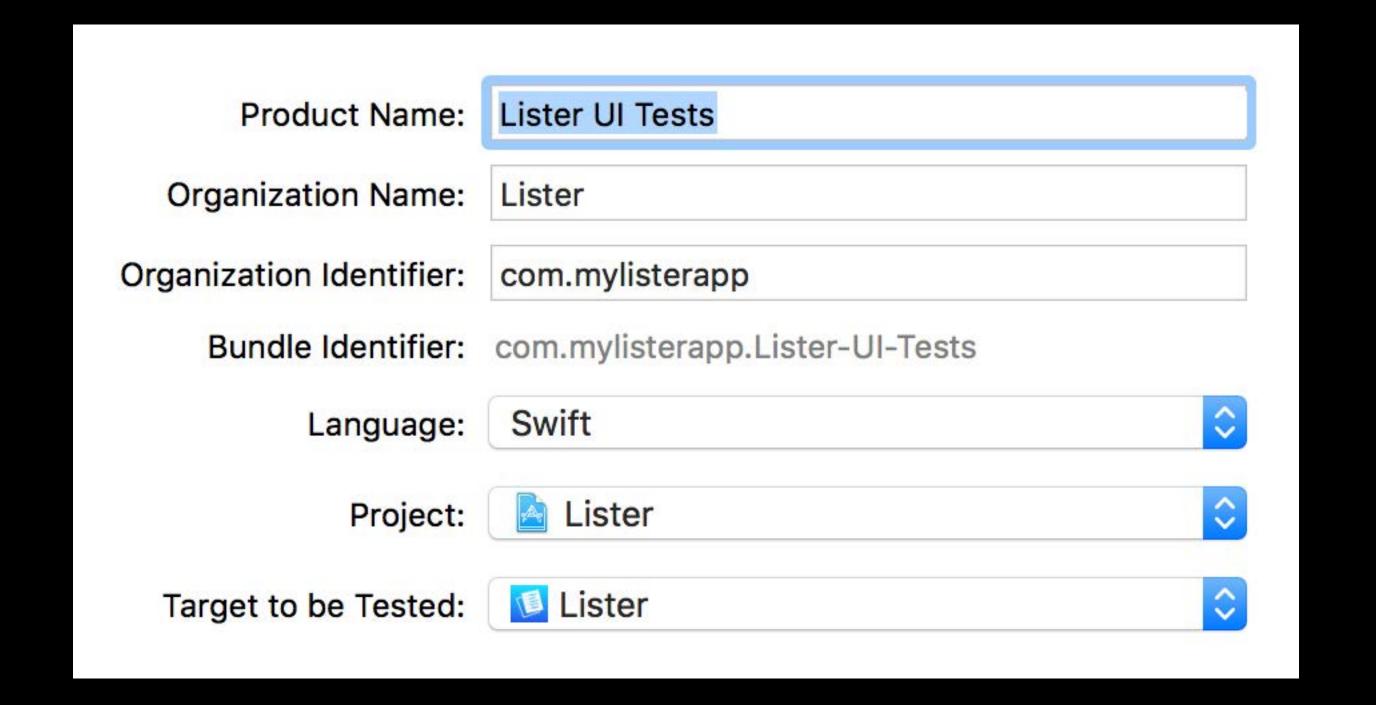
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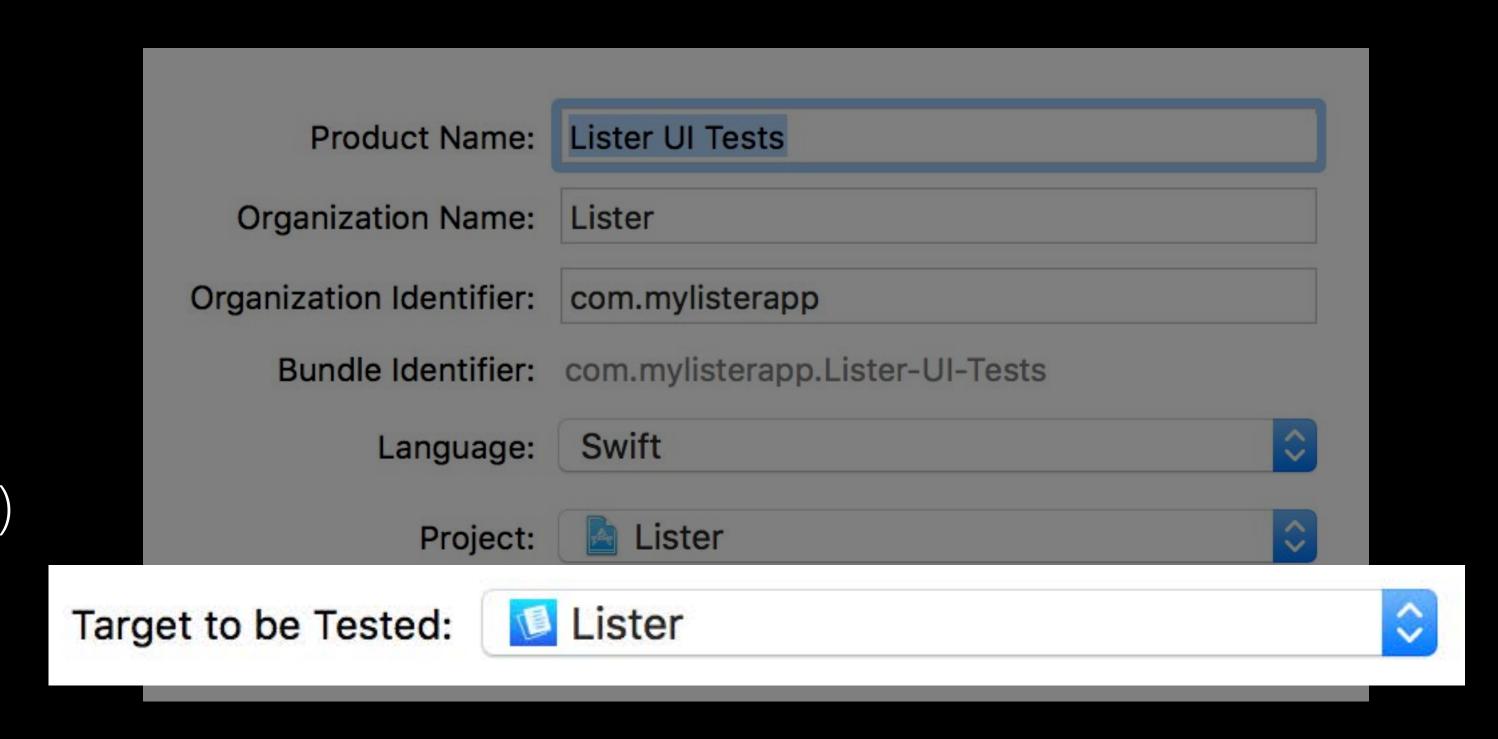
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"Target to be Tested" setting



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Interact with your app

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Create new tests

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- Expand existing tests

Demo

Getting started with UI testing

Adding a UI testing target

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Finding Ul elements

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Adding validation with XCTAssert

XCUIApplication

UITesting API

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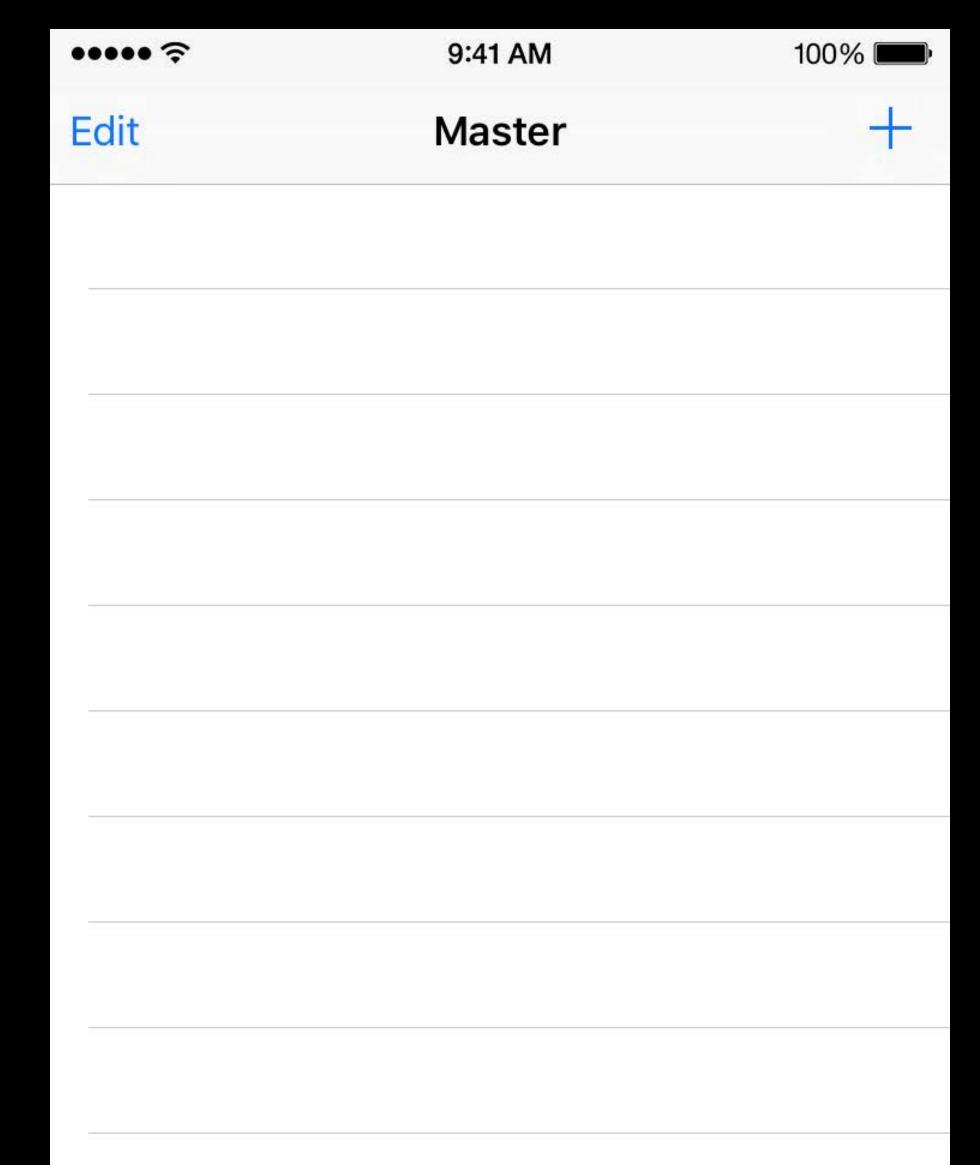
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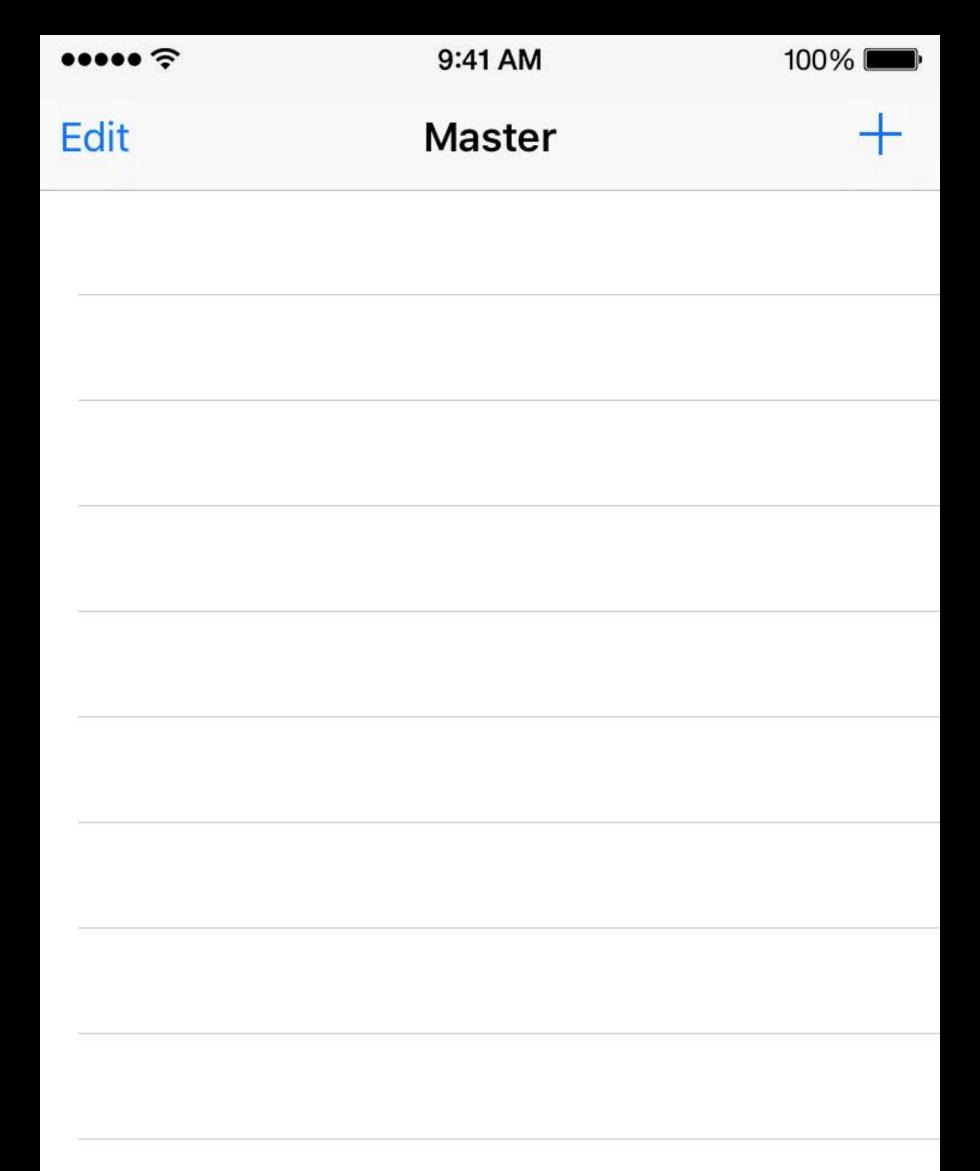
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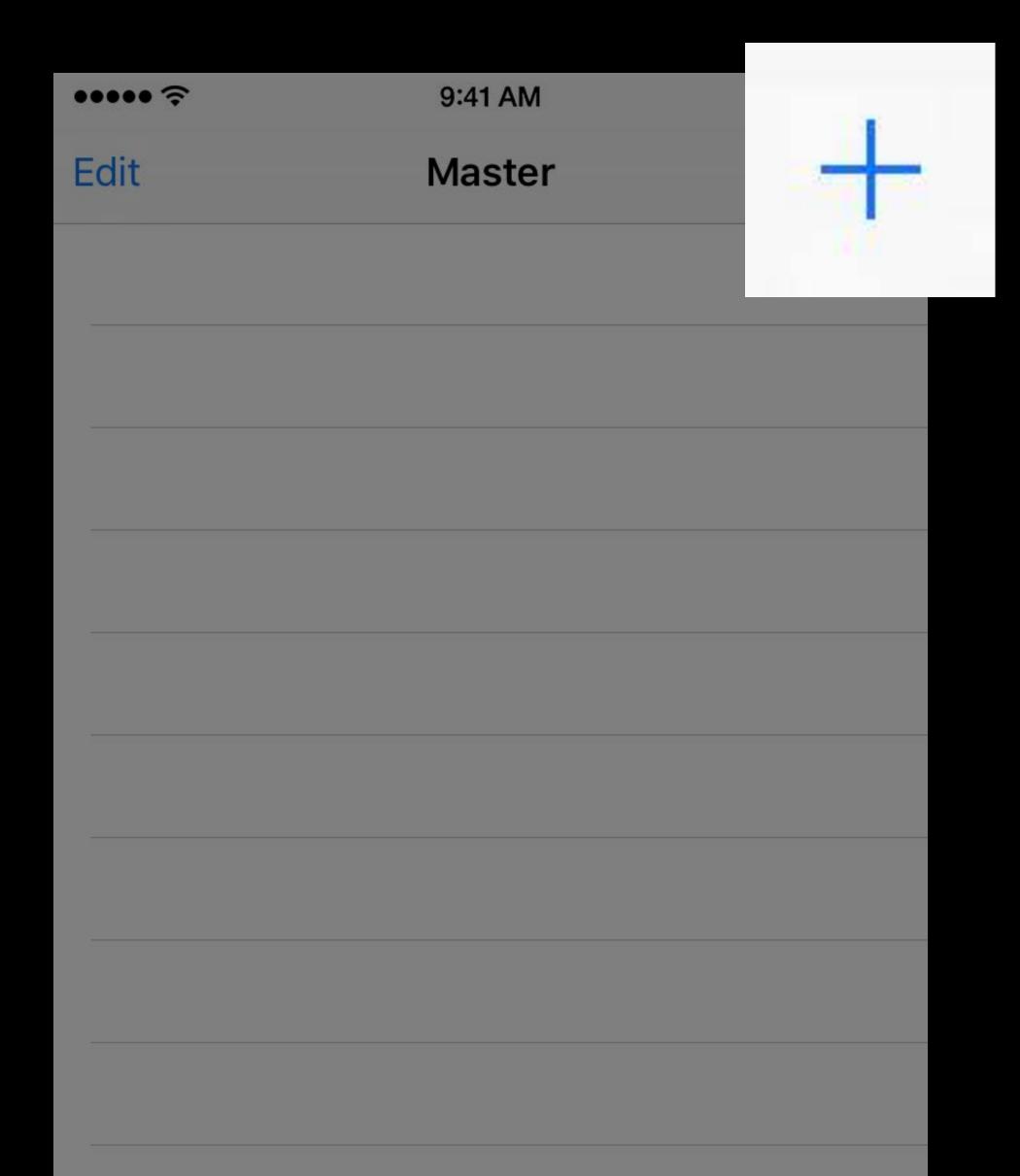
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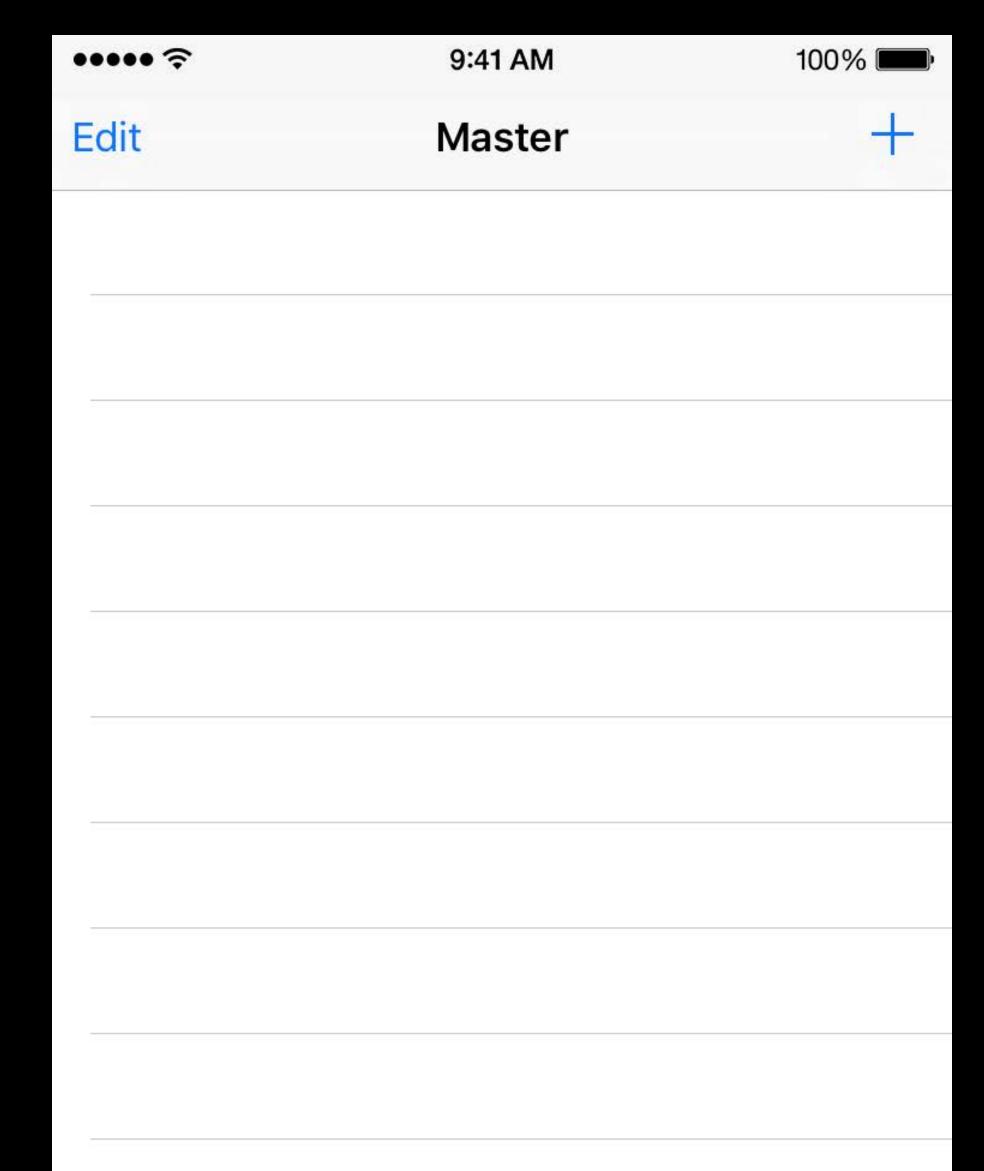
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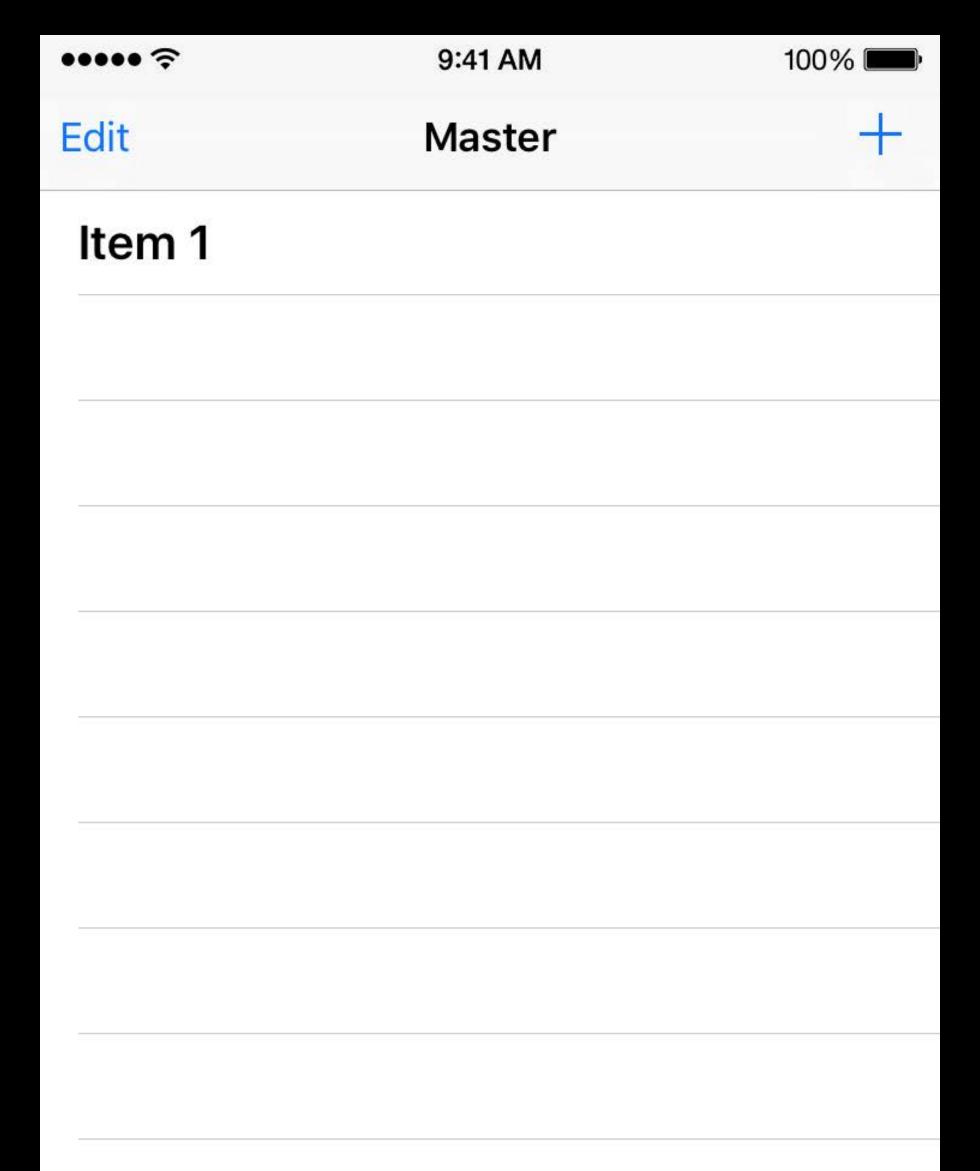
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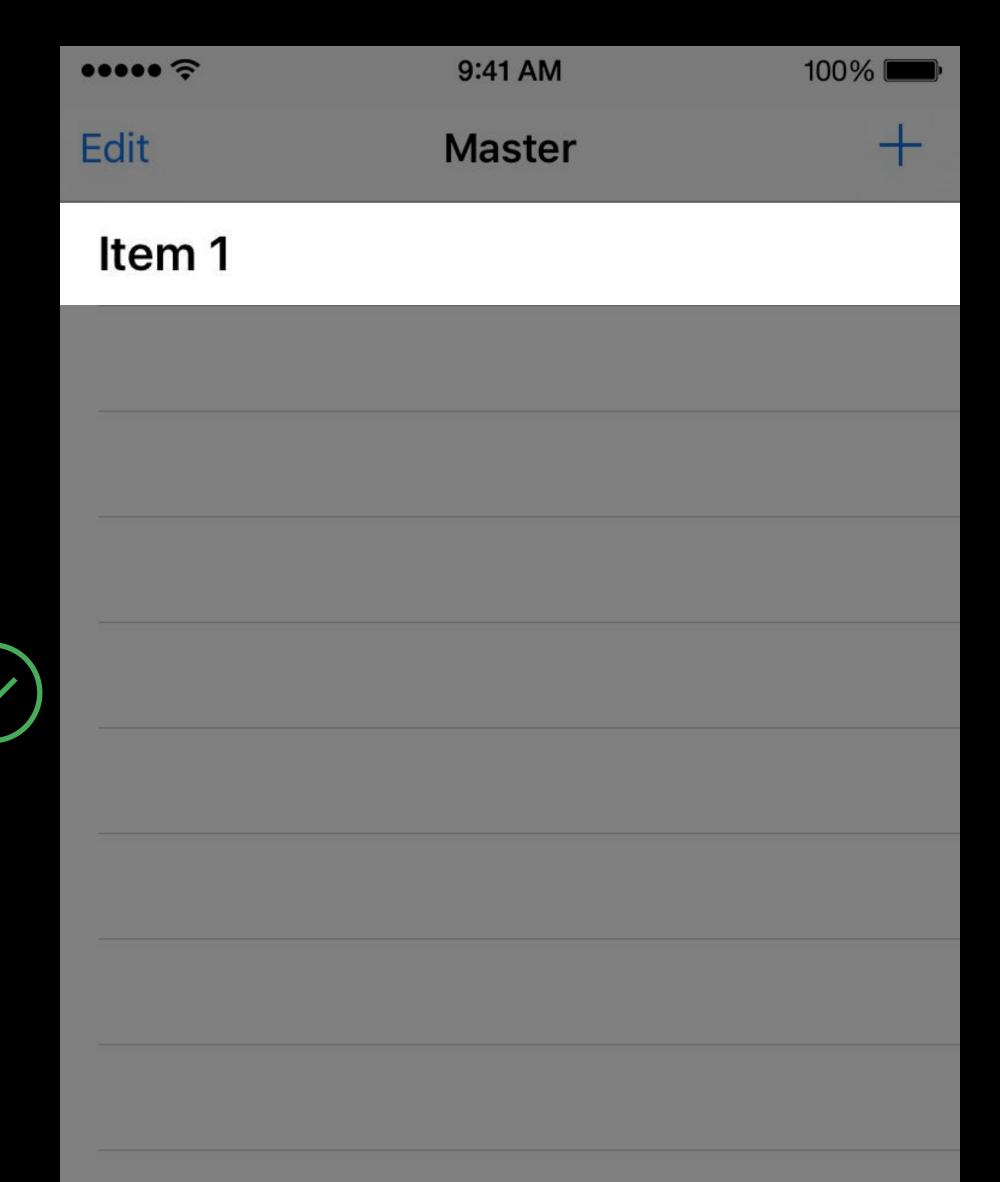
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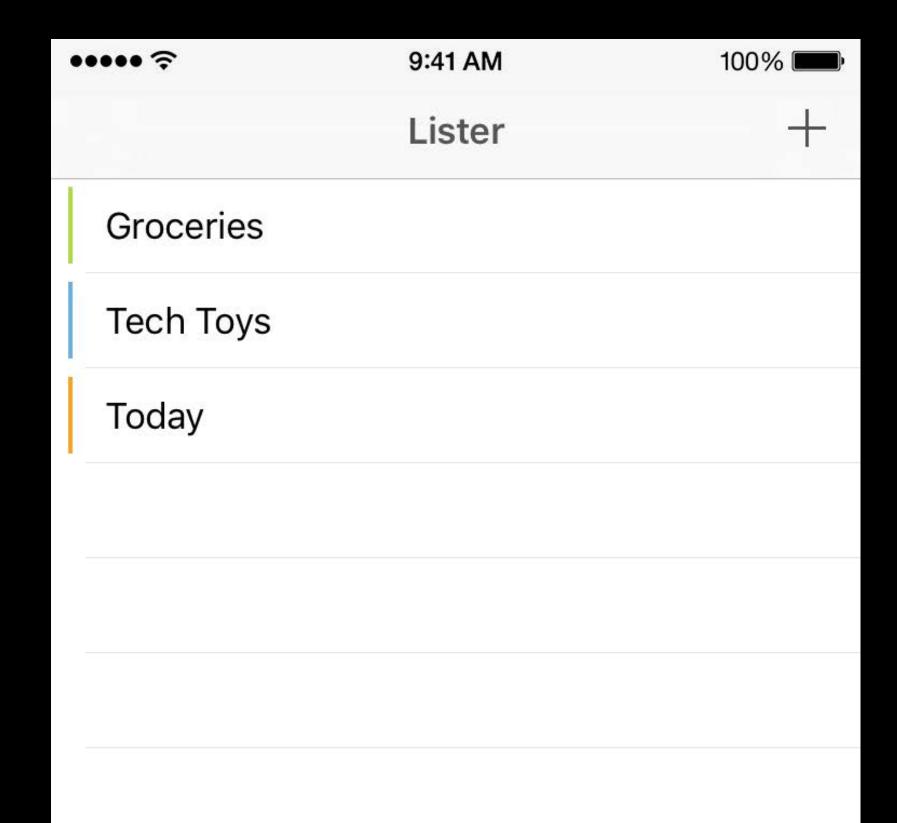
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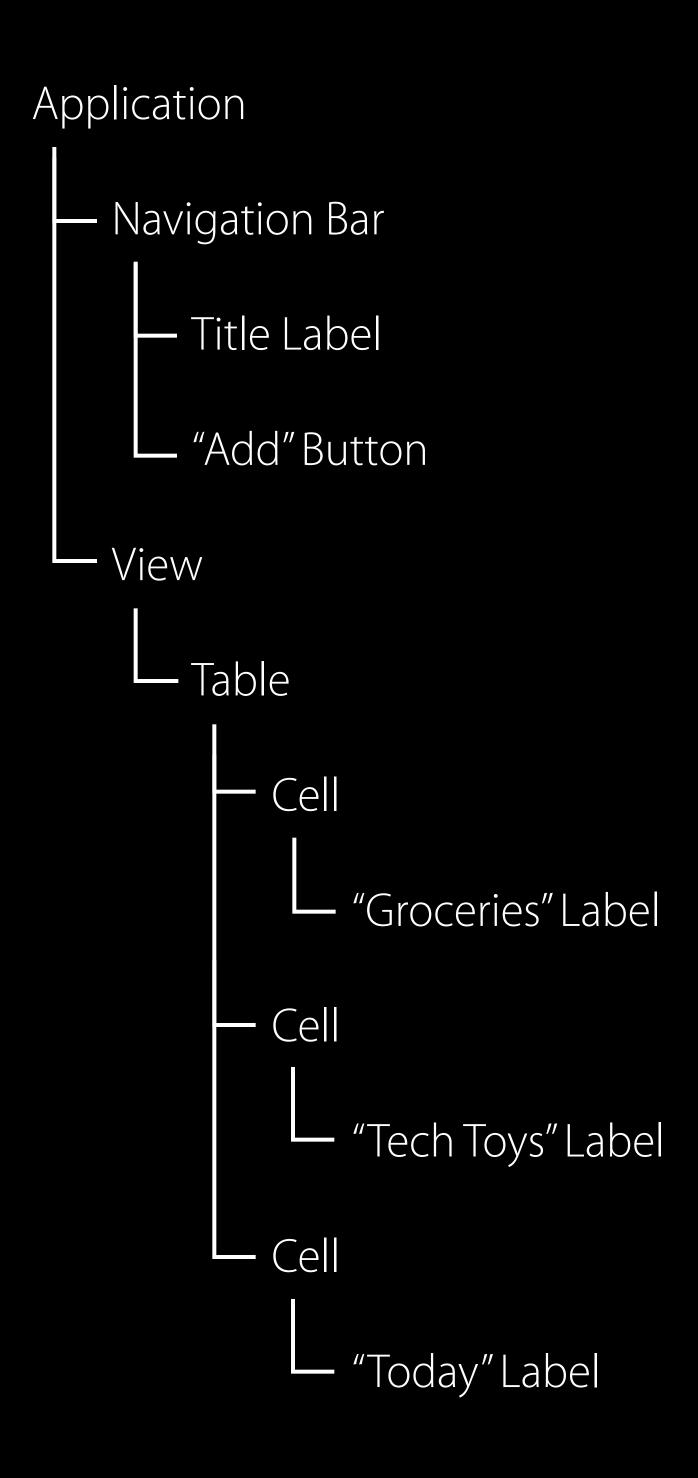
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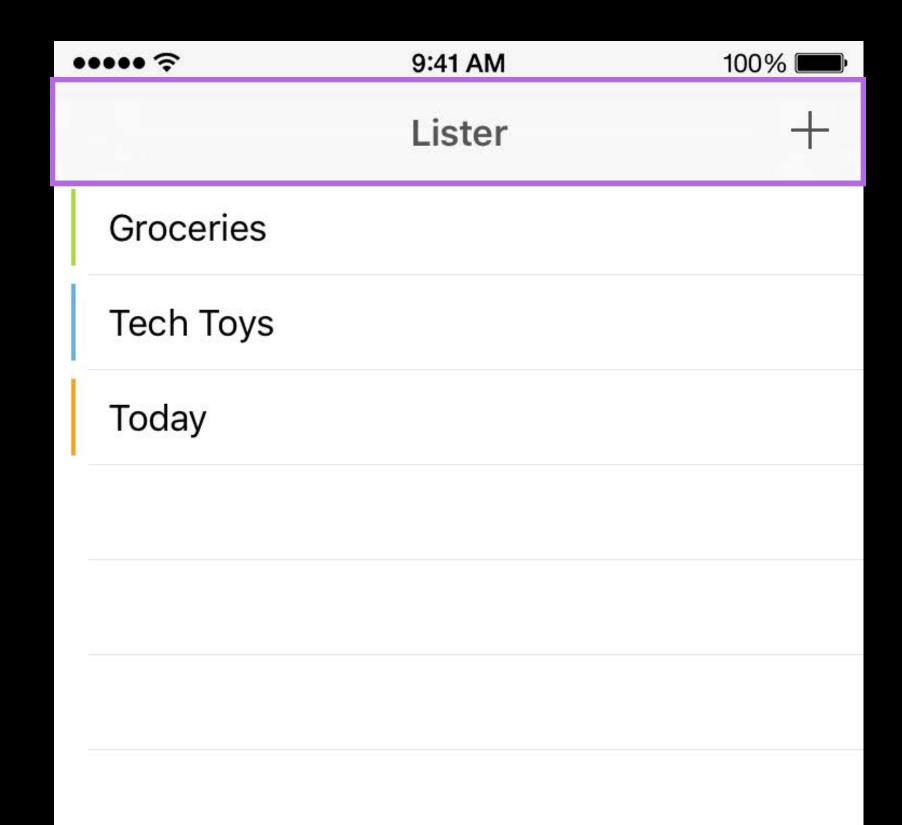
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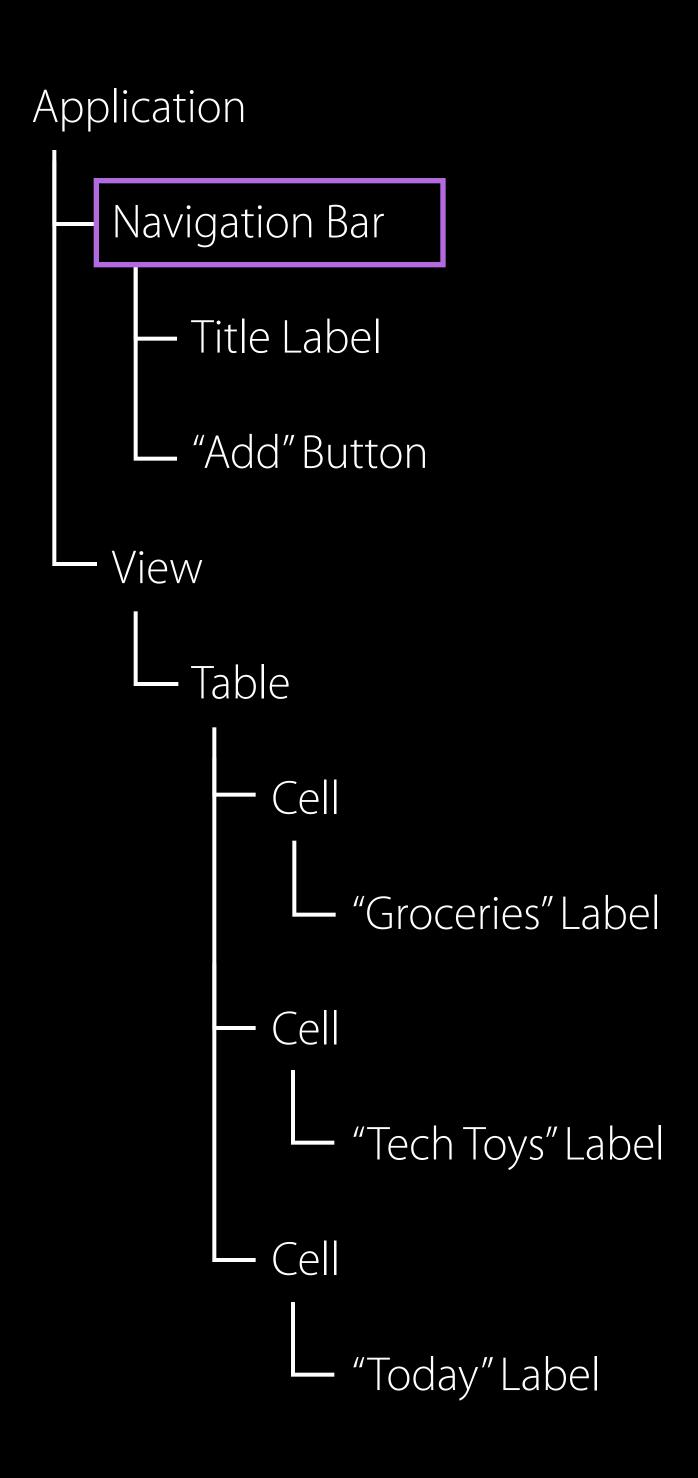
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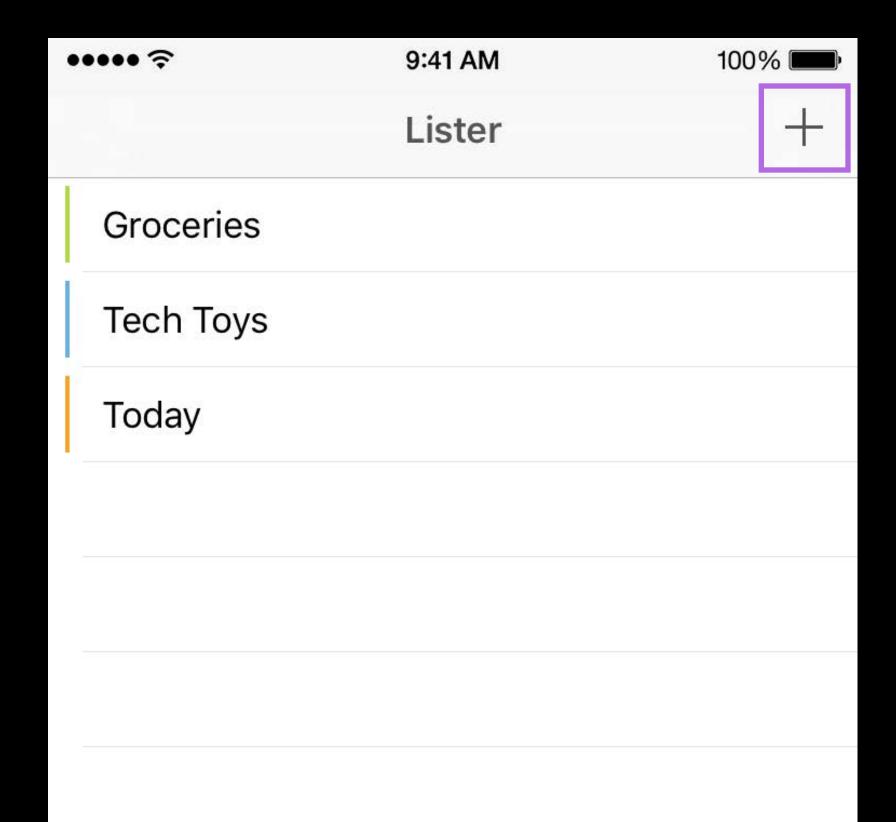
Most elements are found by combining type and identifier

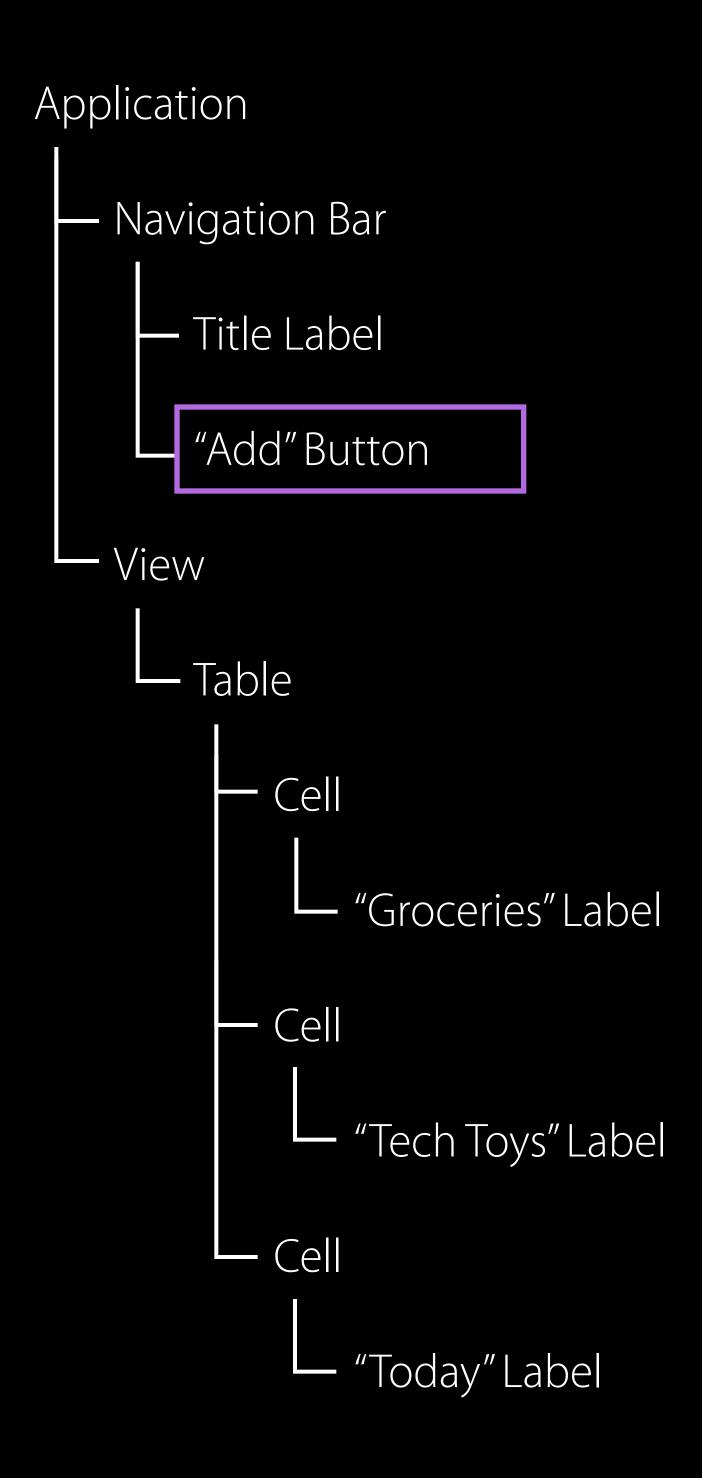


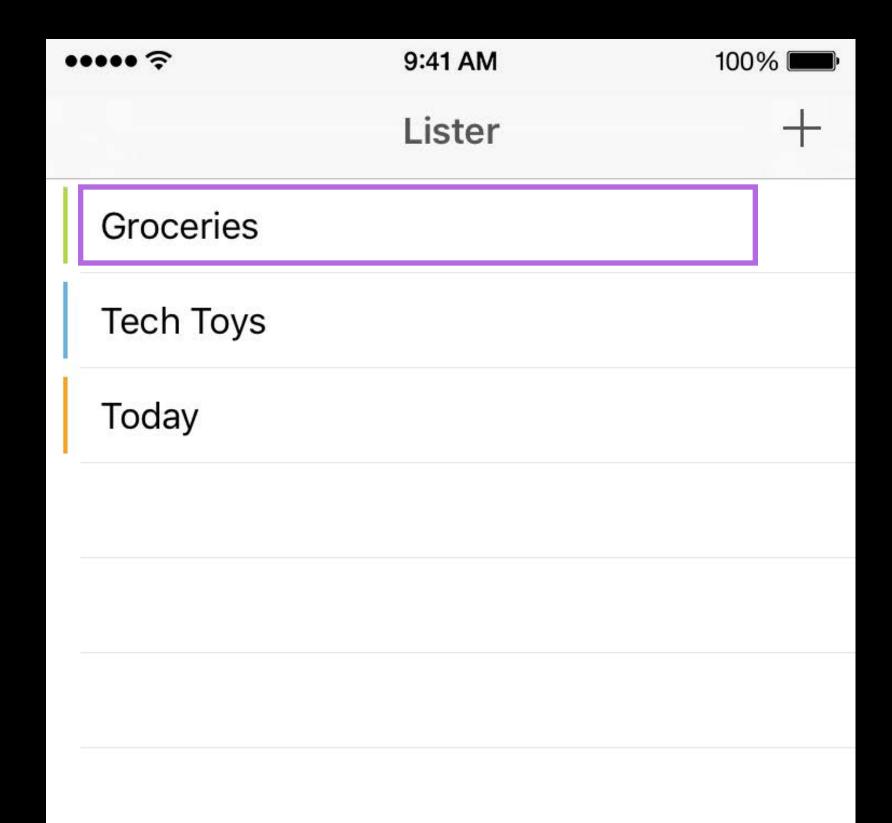


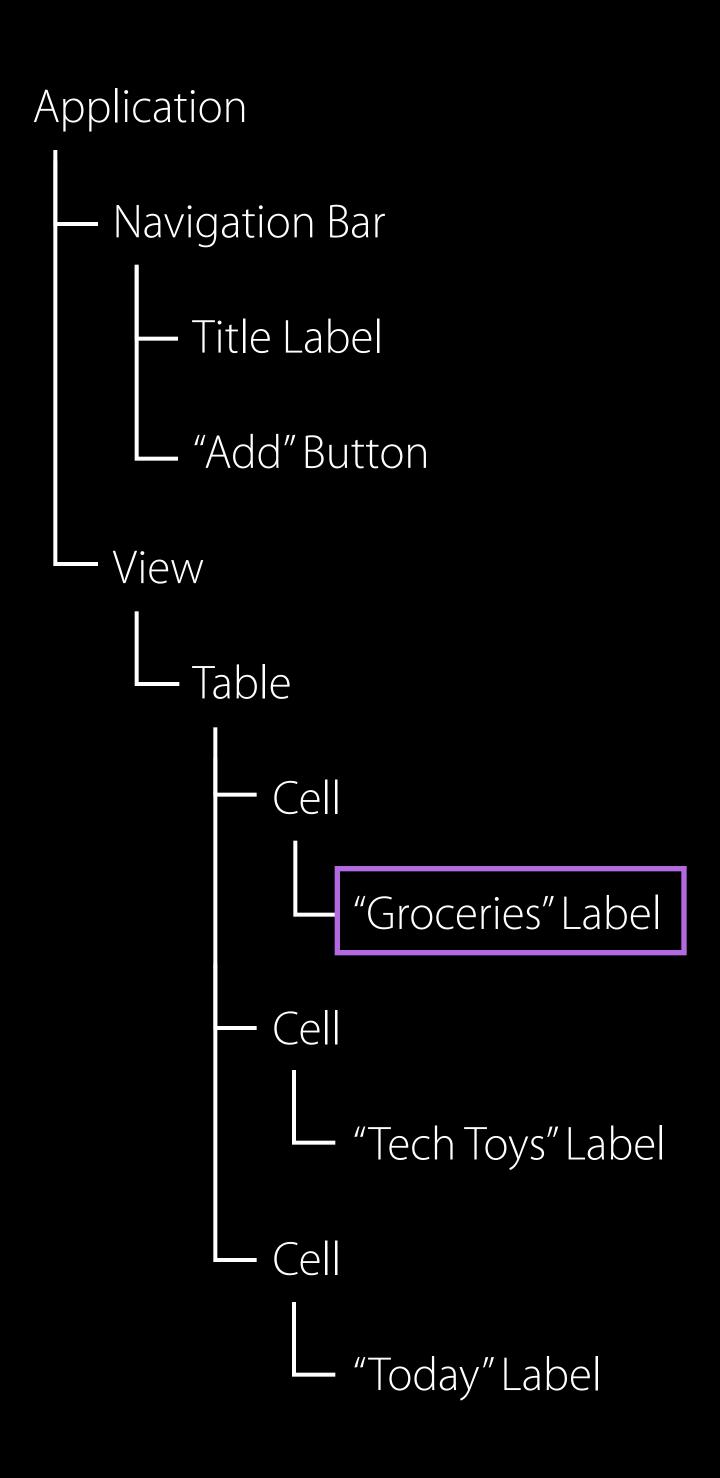




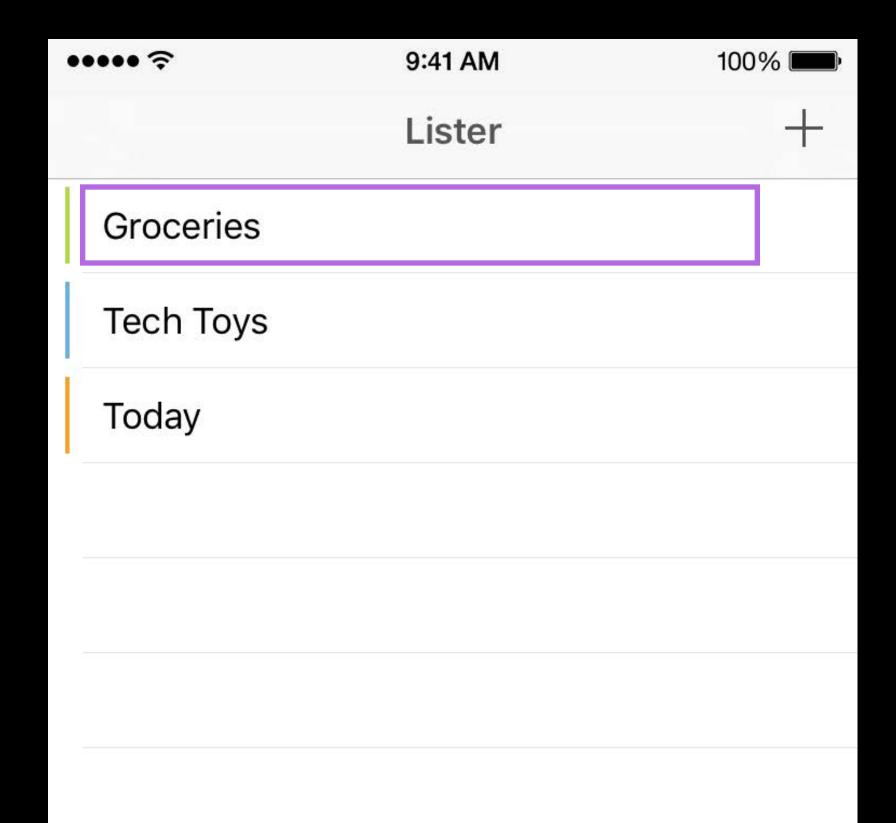


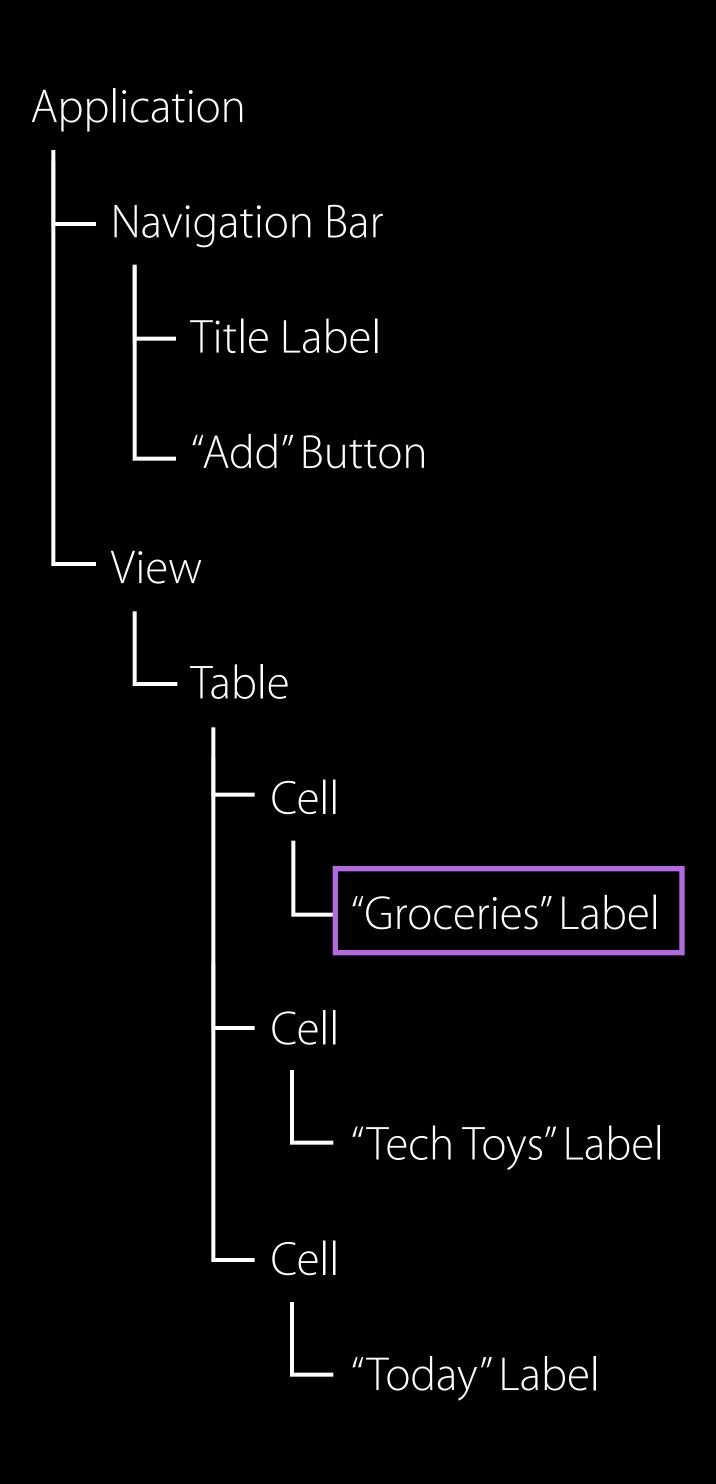






Application is the root of a tree of elements Used by queries with type and identifiers





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textField.typeText("Hello, World!") // iOS & OS X
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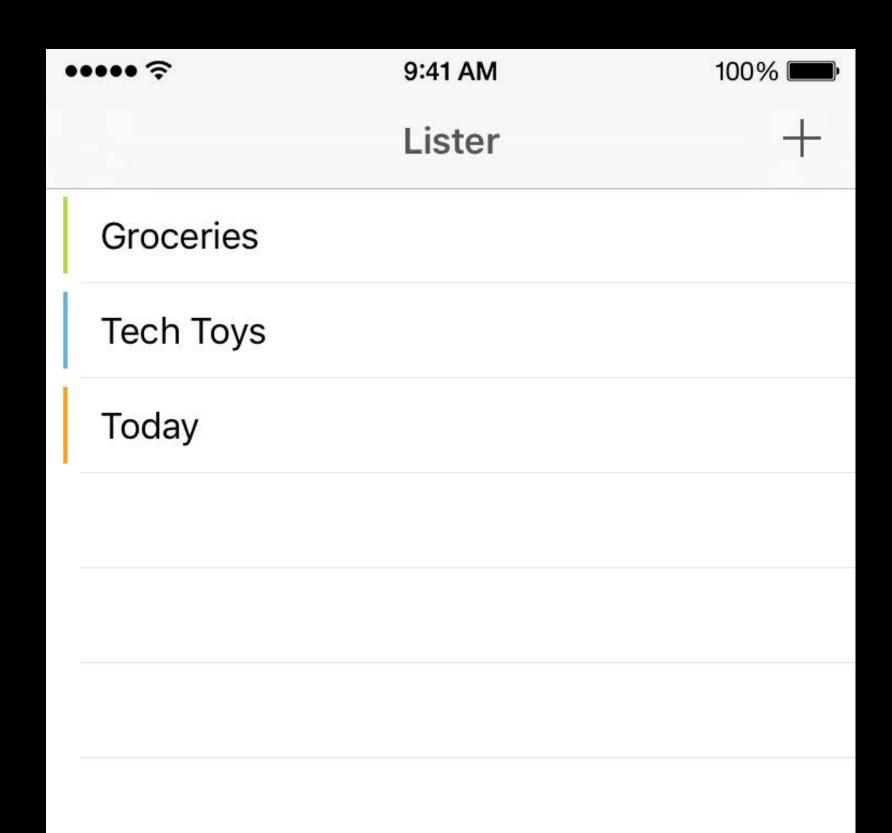
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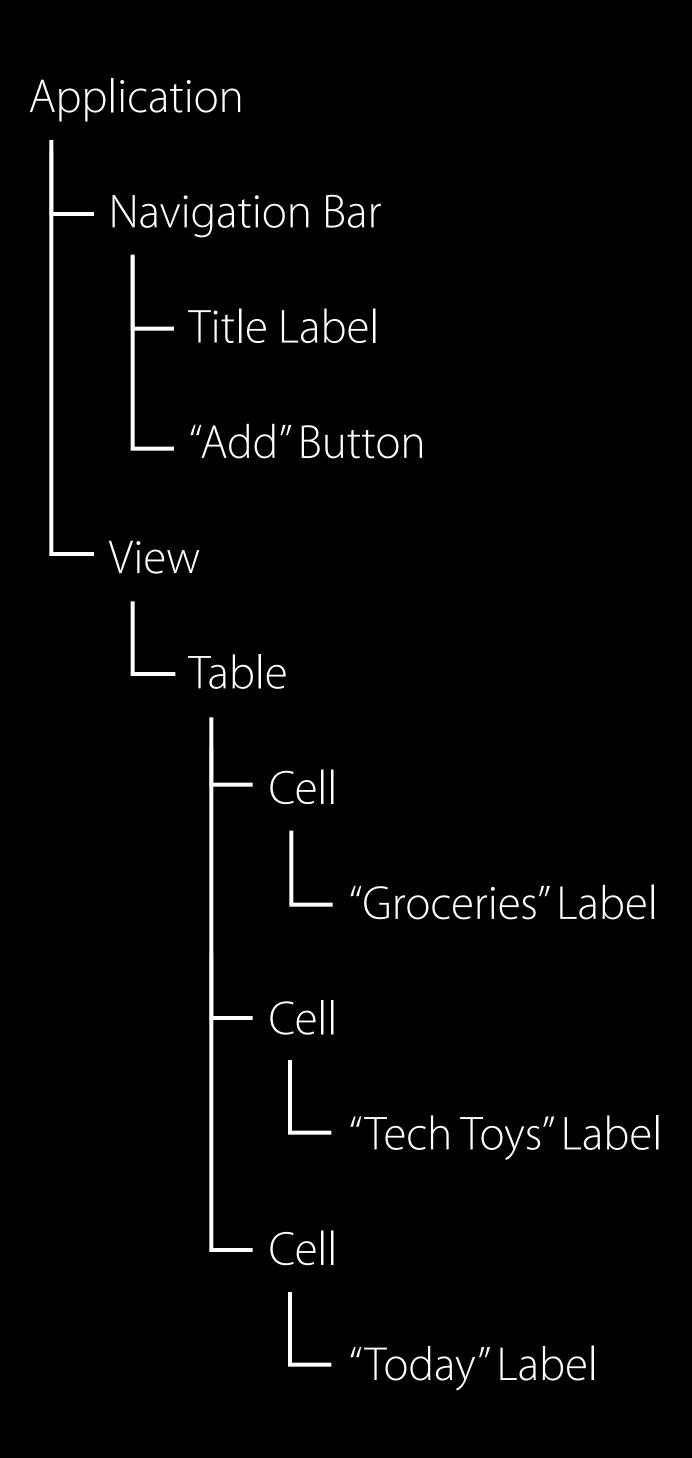
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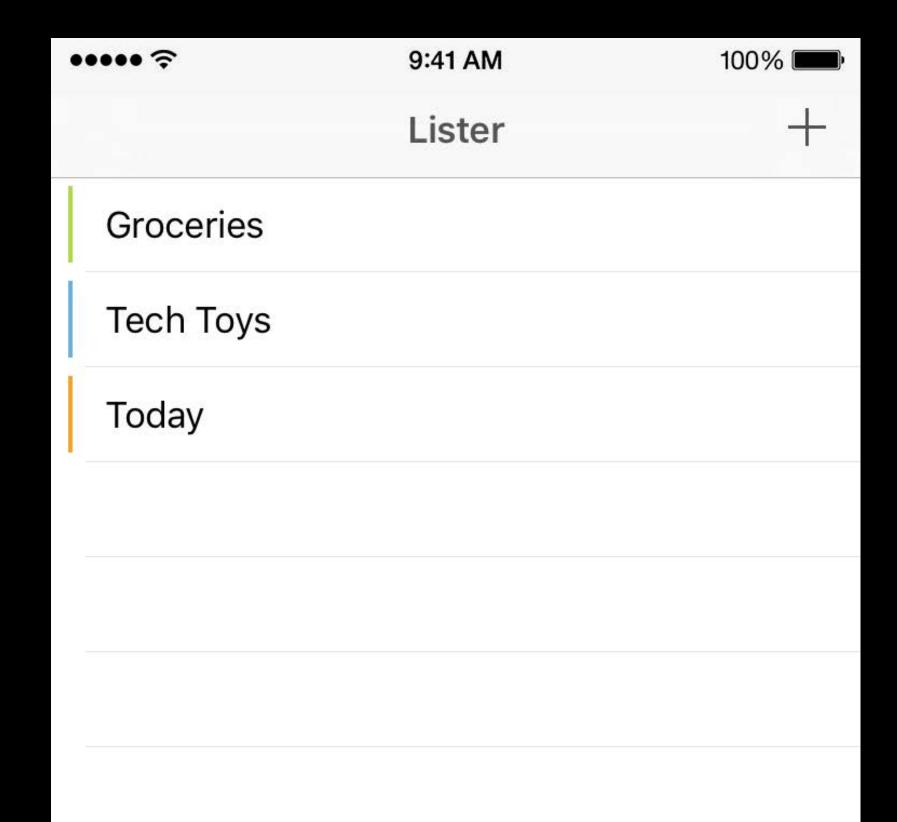
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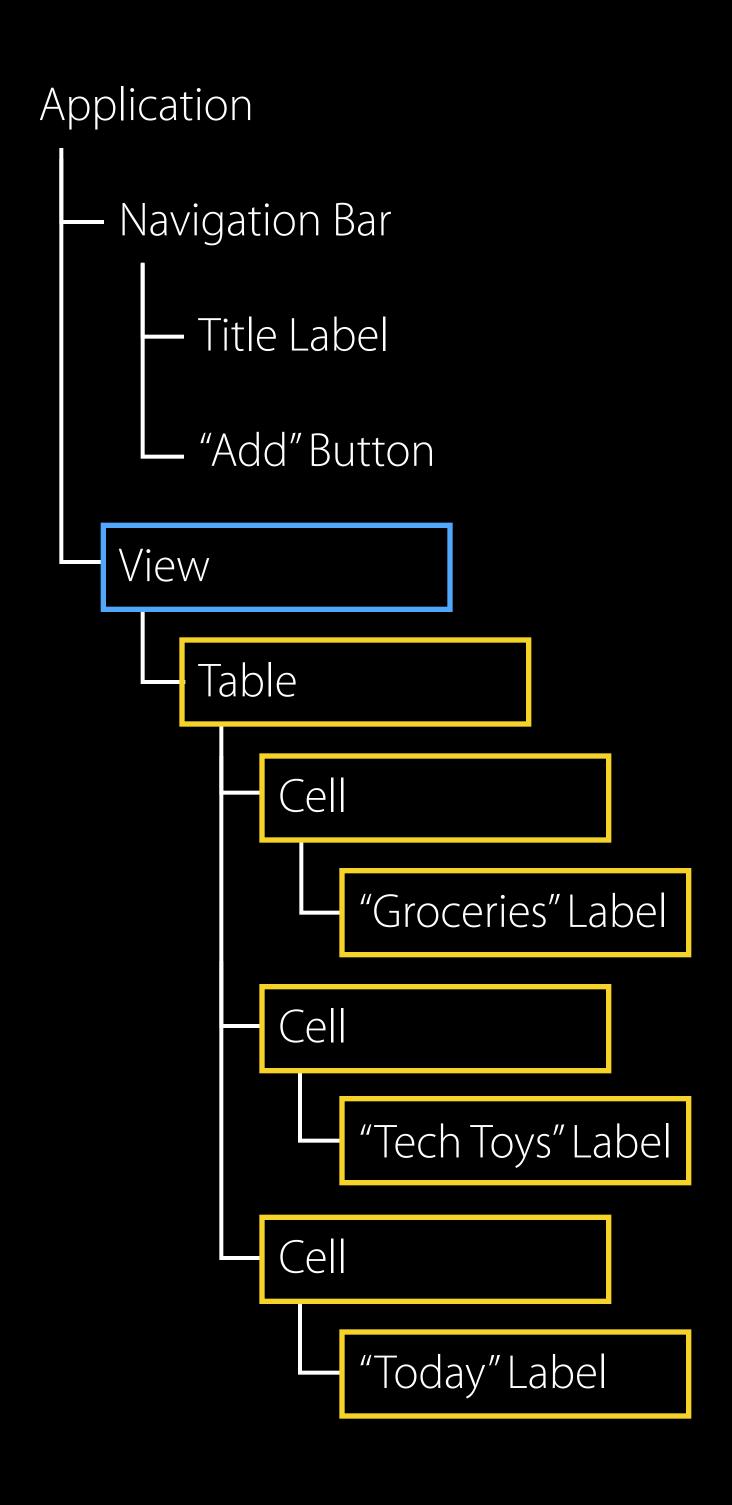




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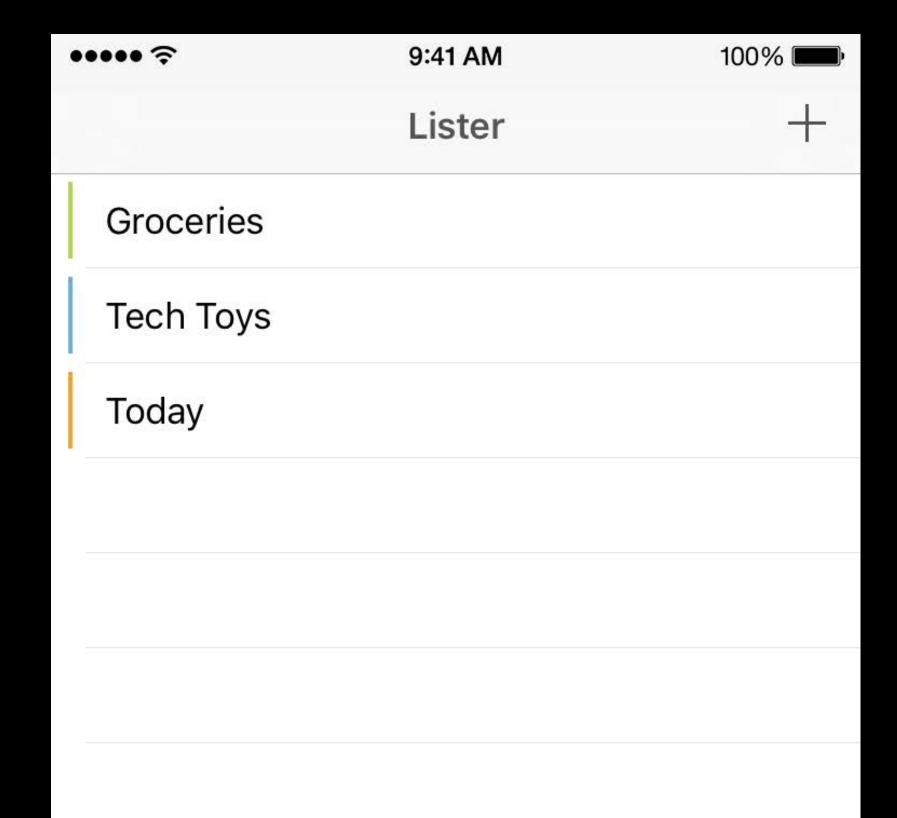


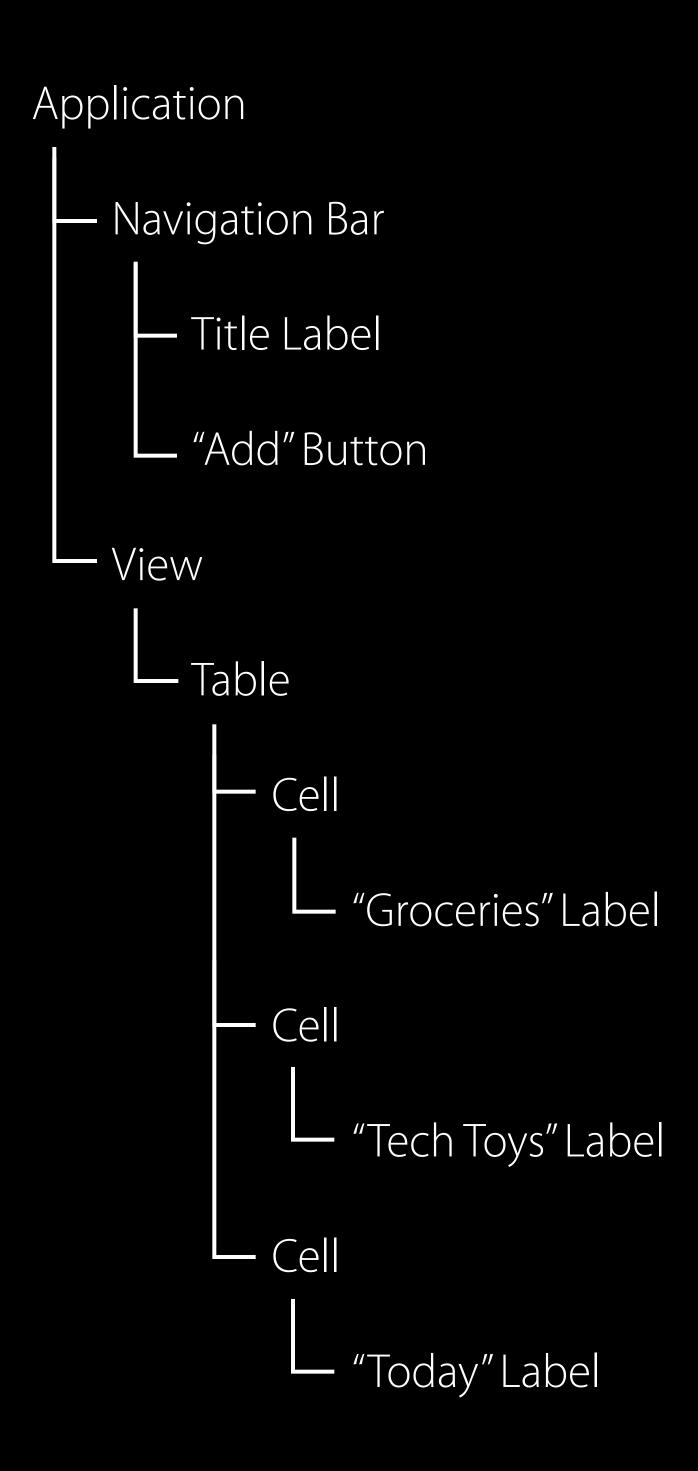


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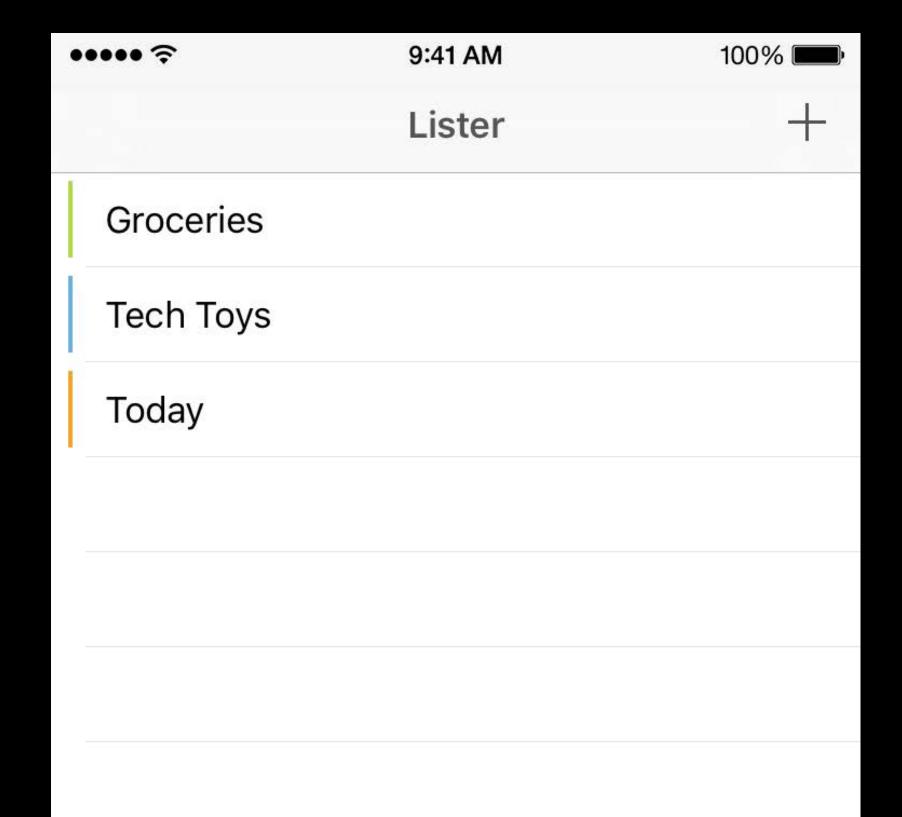


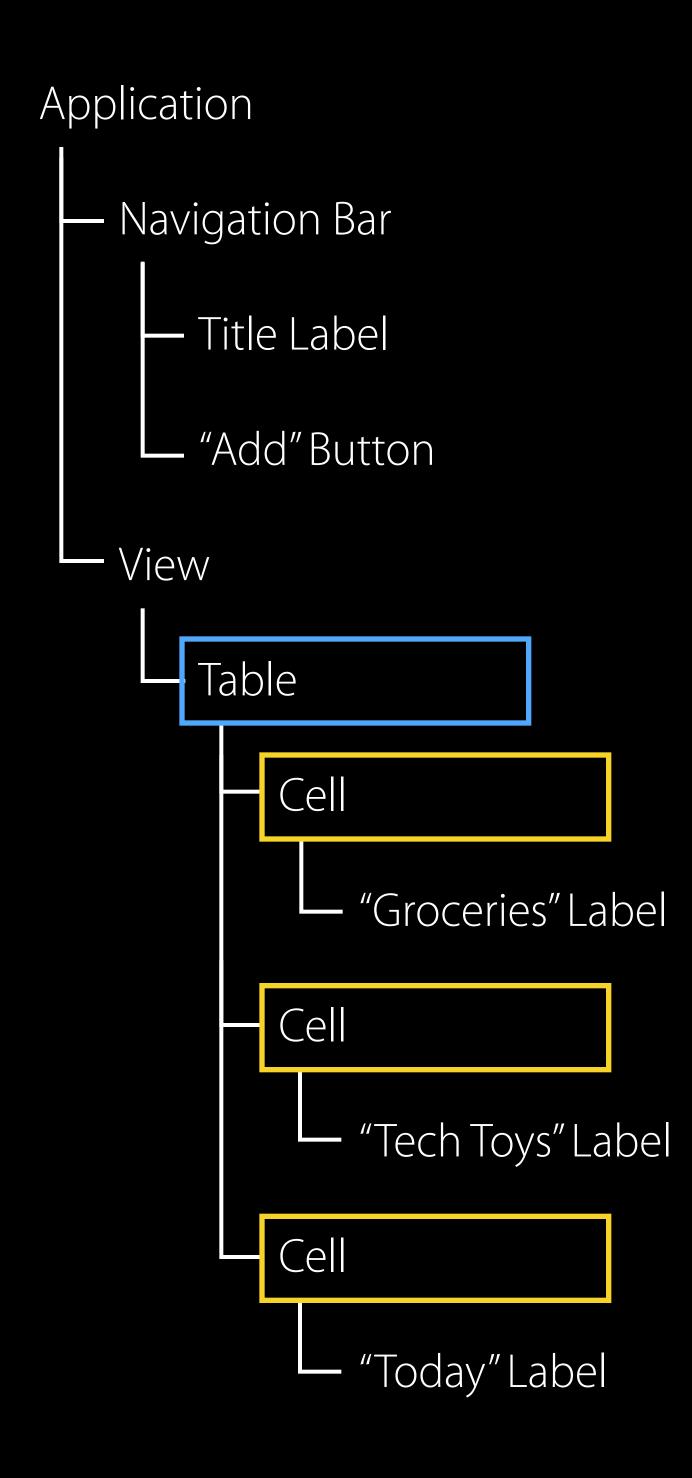


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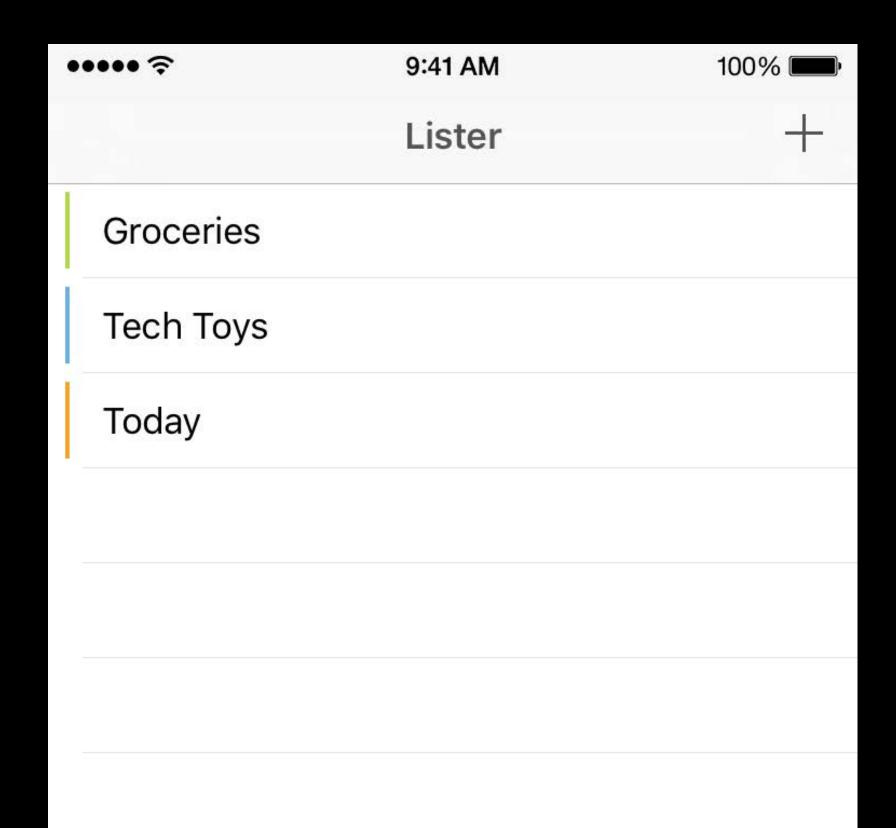


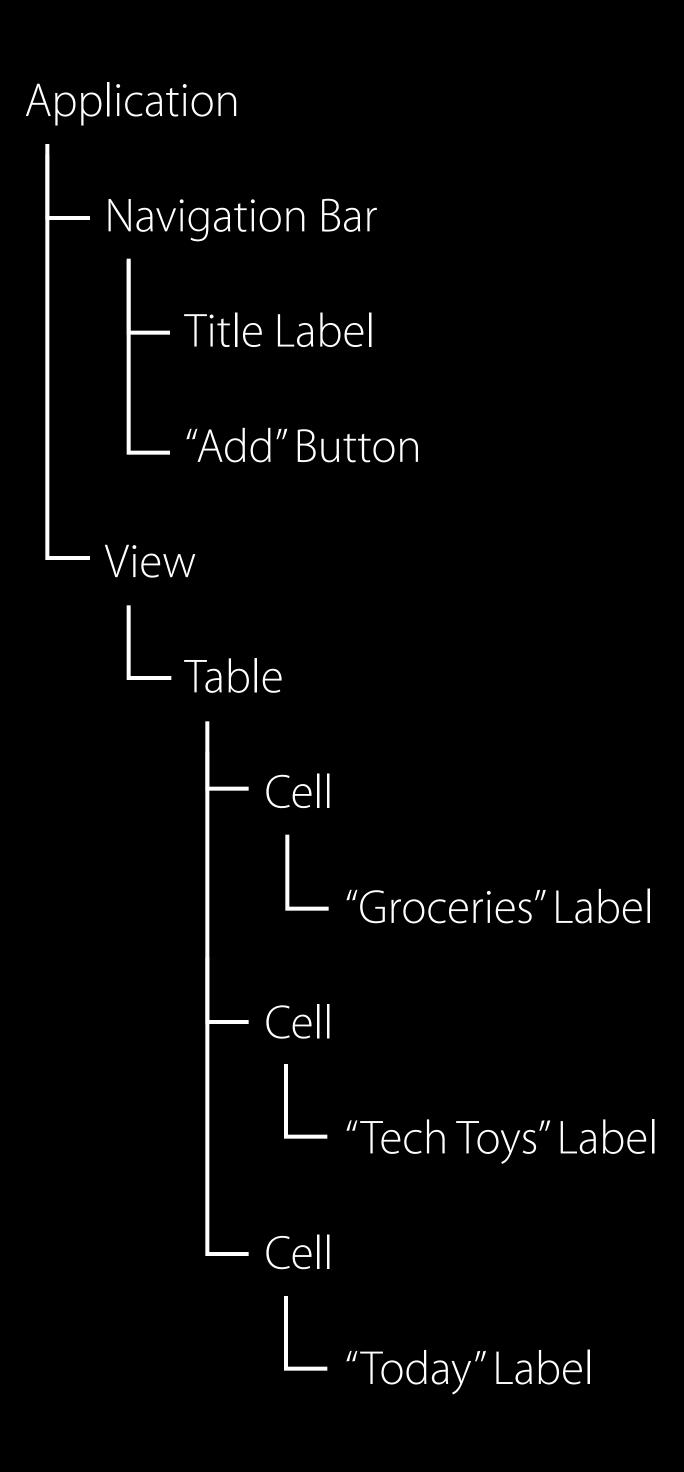
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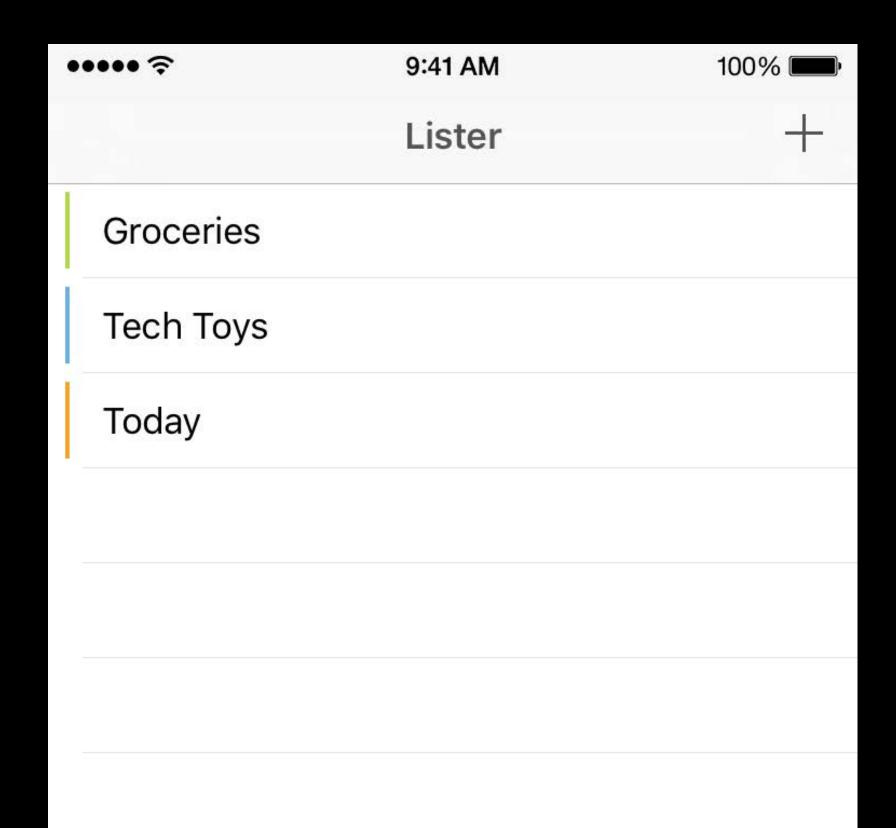


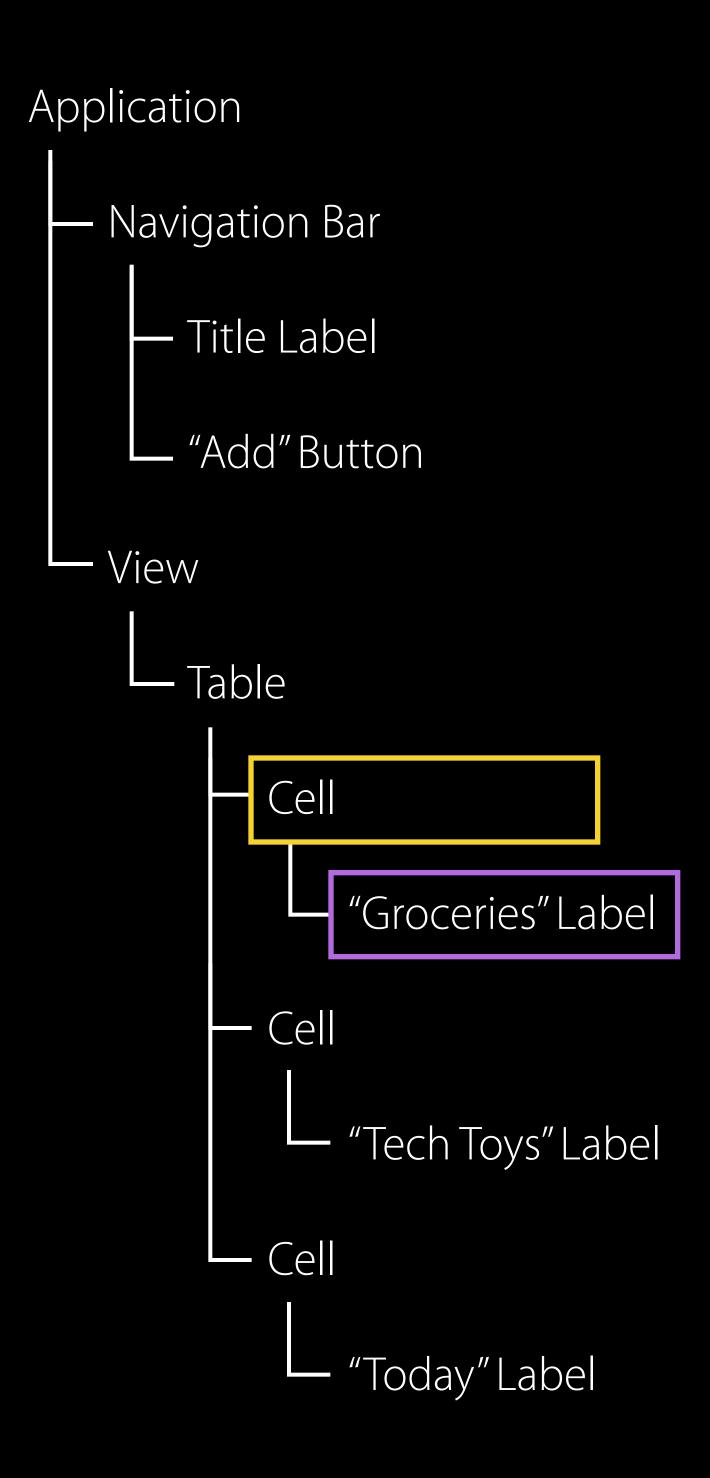
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Predicates

Value, partial matching, etc.

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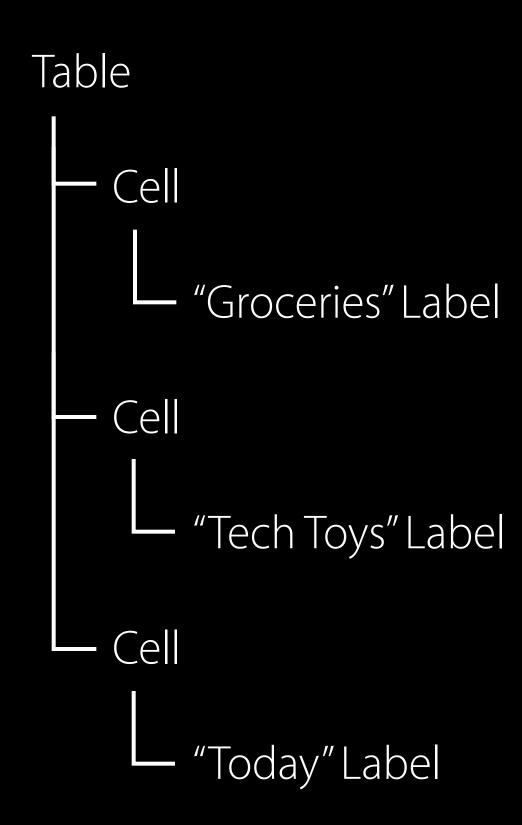
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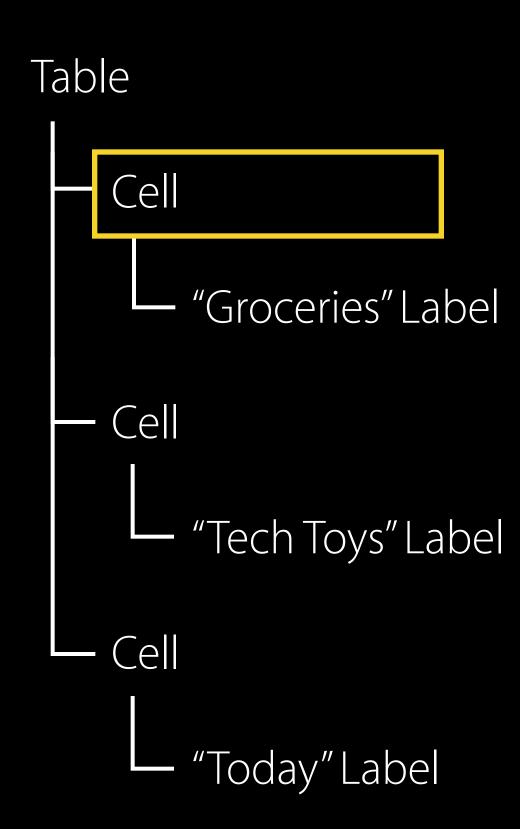
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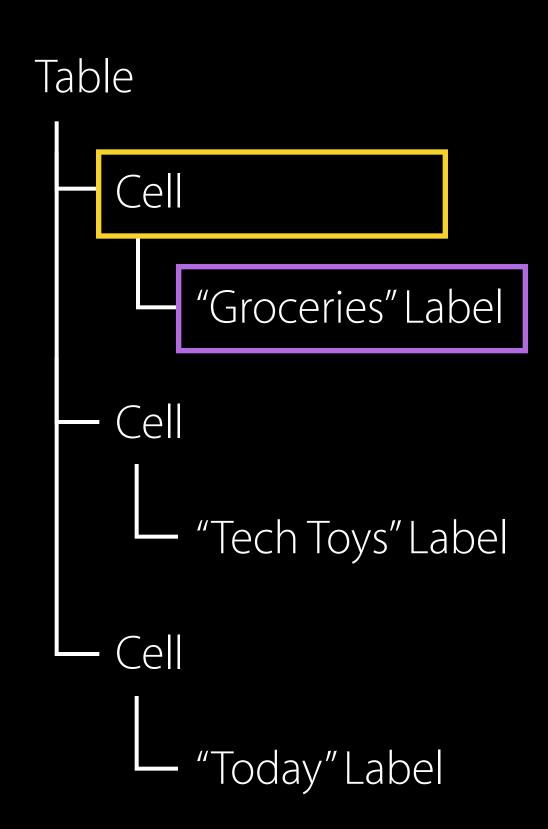
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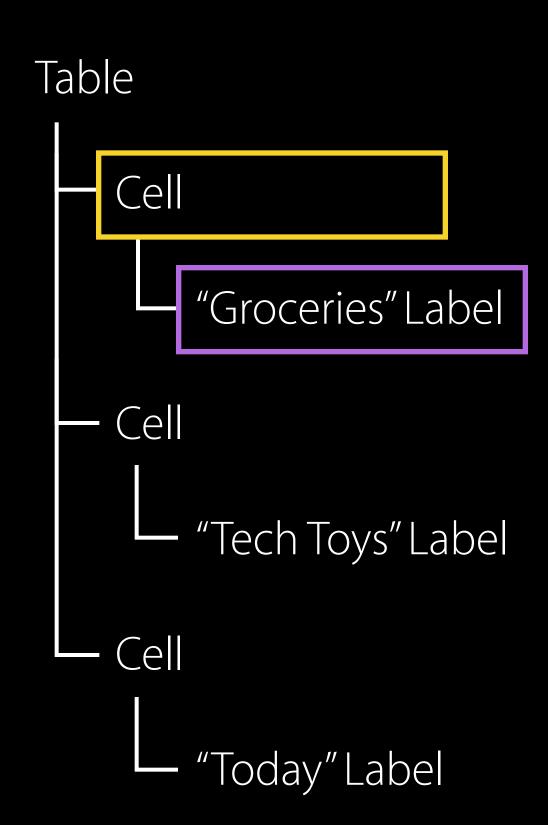






Find elements by describing their descendants

Predicate variant also available



XCUIElementQuery

Combining relationships and filtering

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childrenMatchingType()
containingType()
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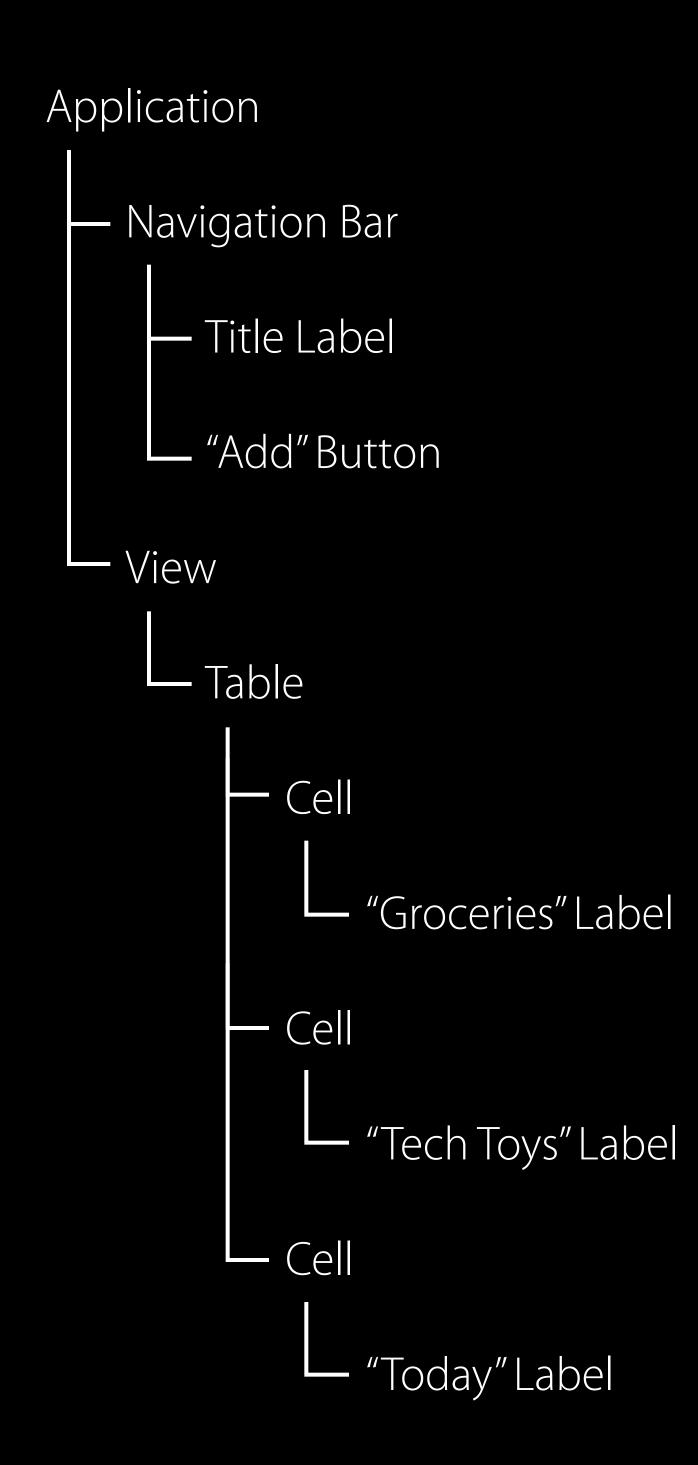
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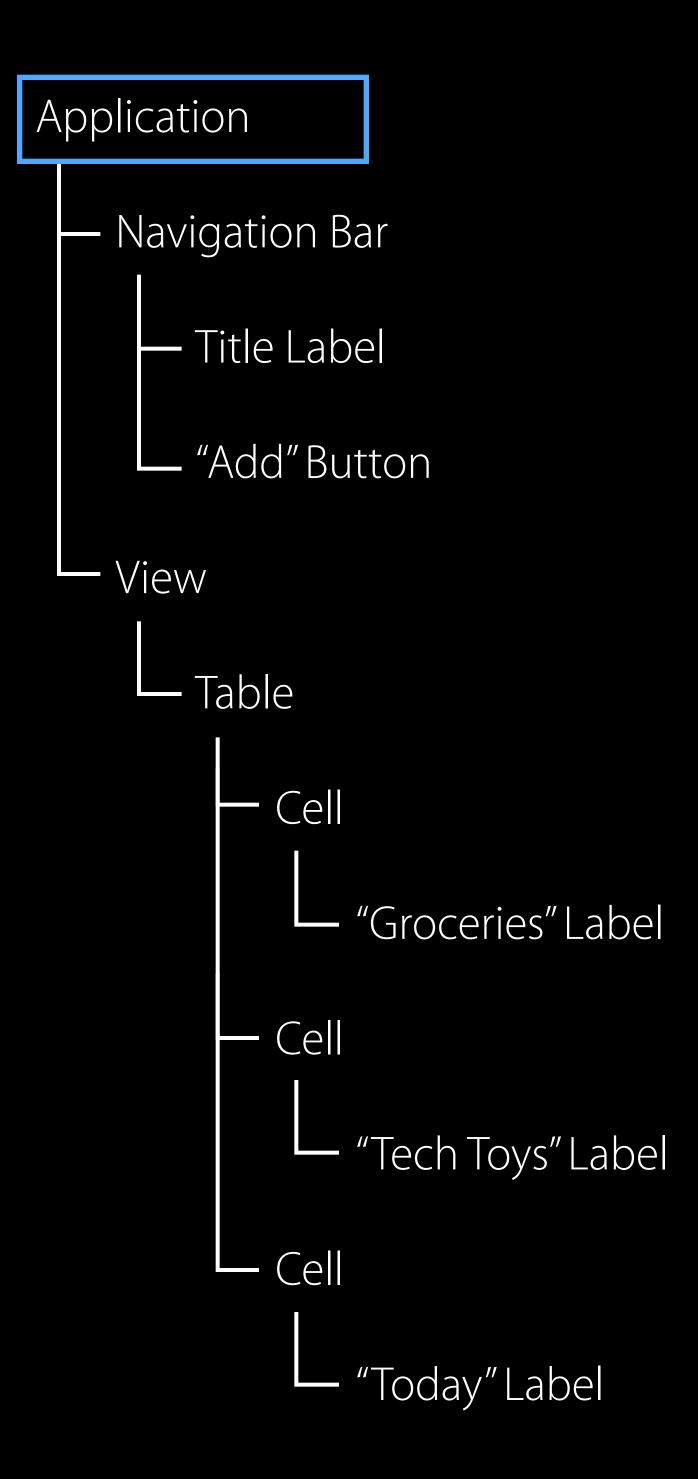
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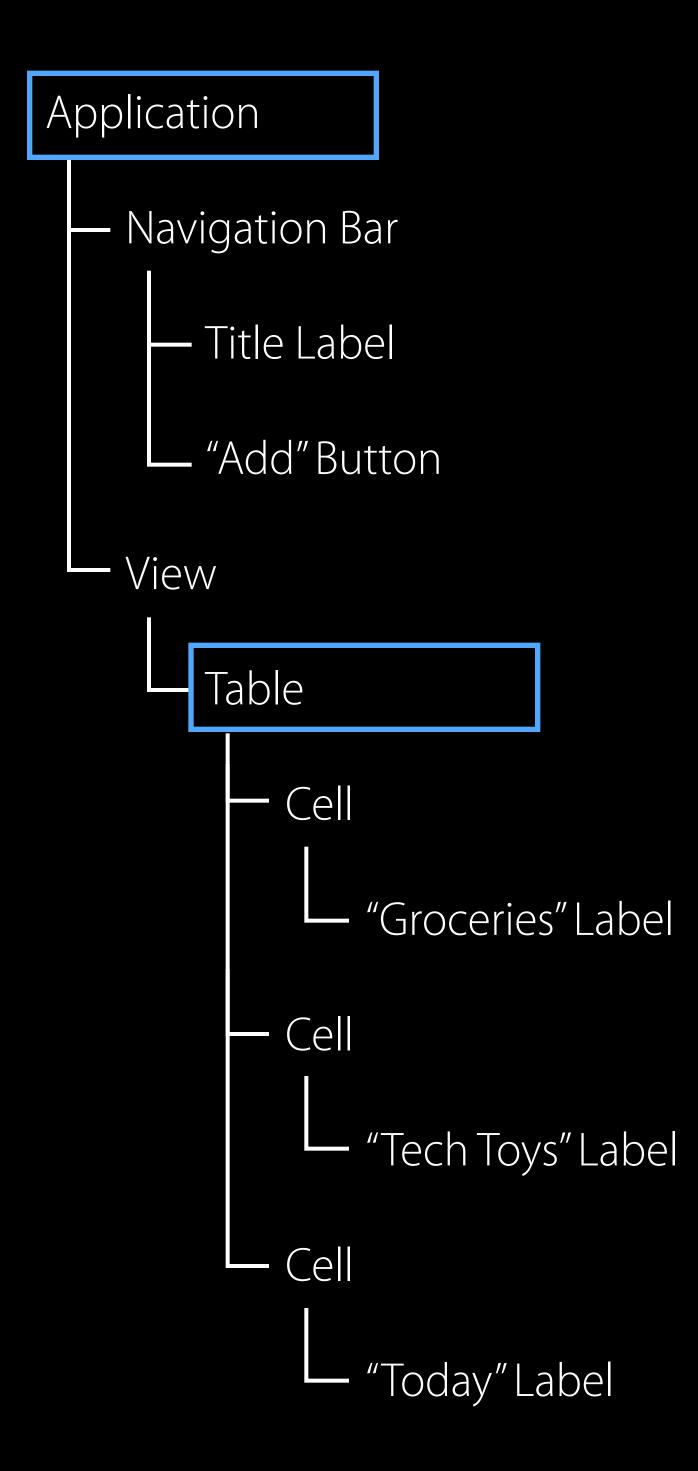
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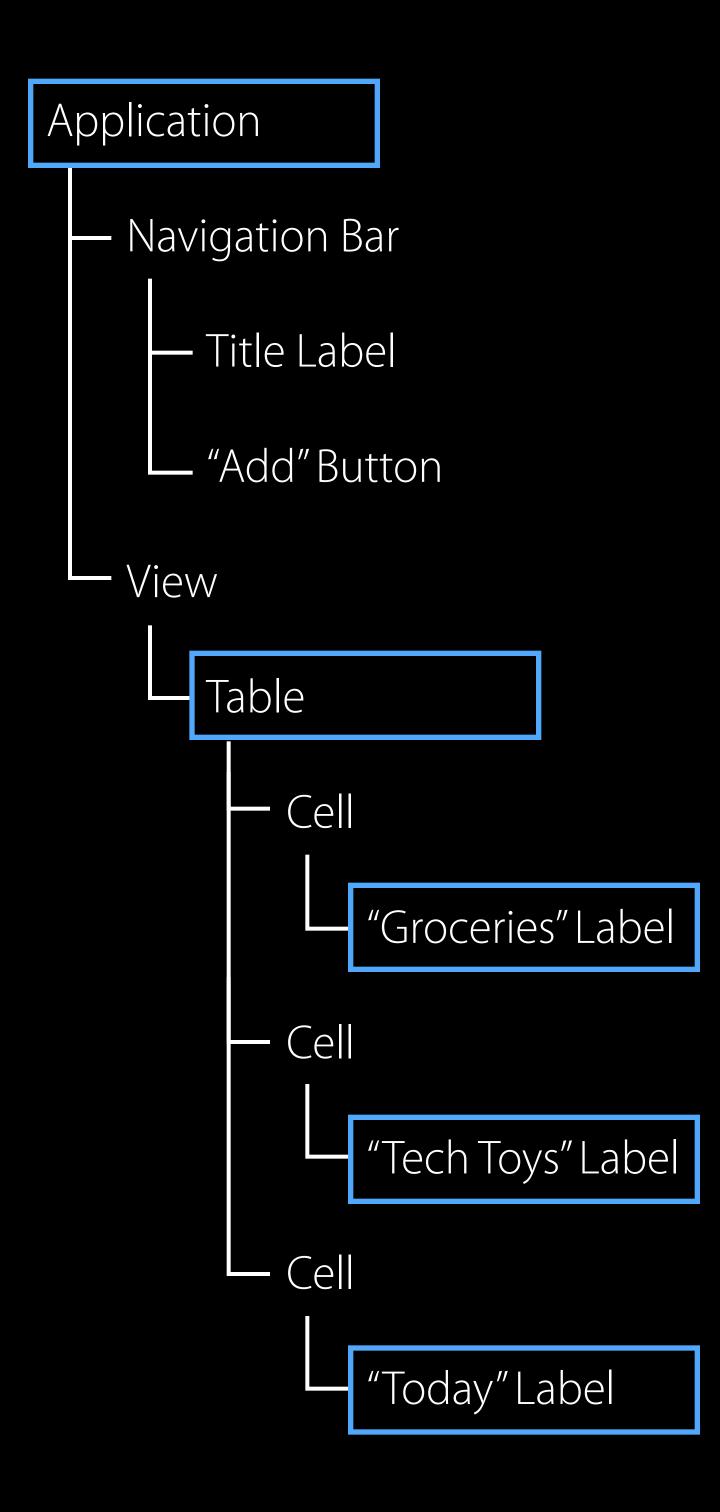
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Subscripting

table staticTexts ["Groceries"]

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API Recap

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Accessibility and Ul Testing

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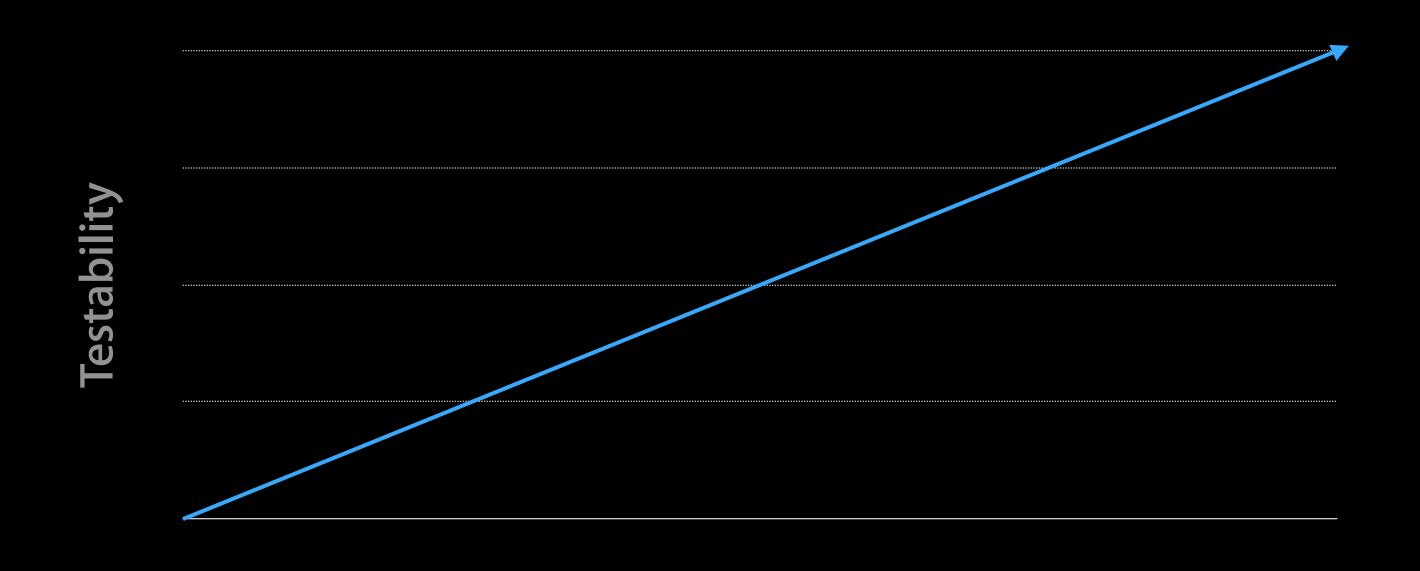
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Quality of Accessibility Data





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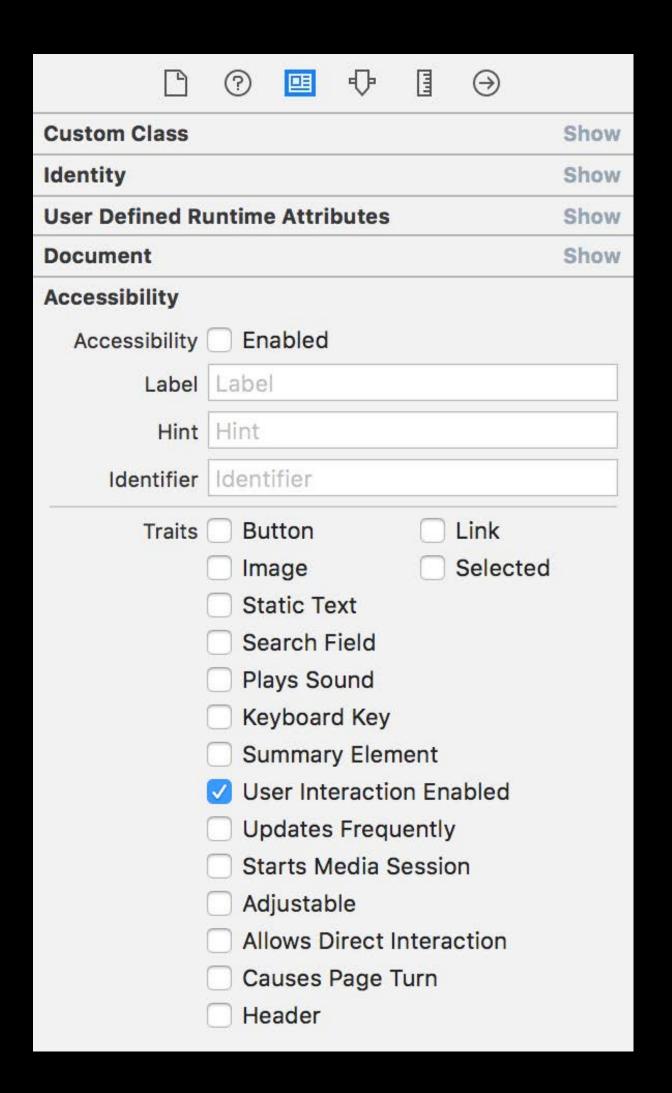
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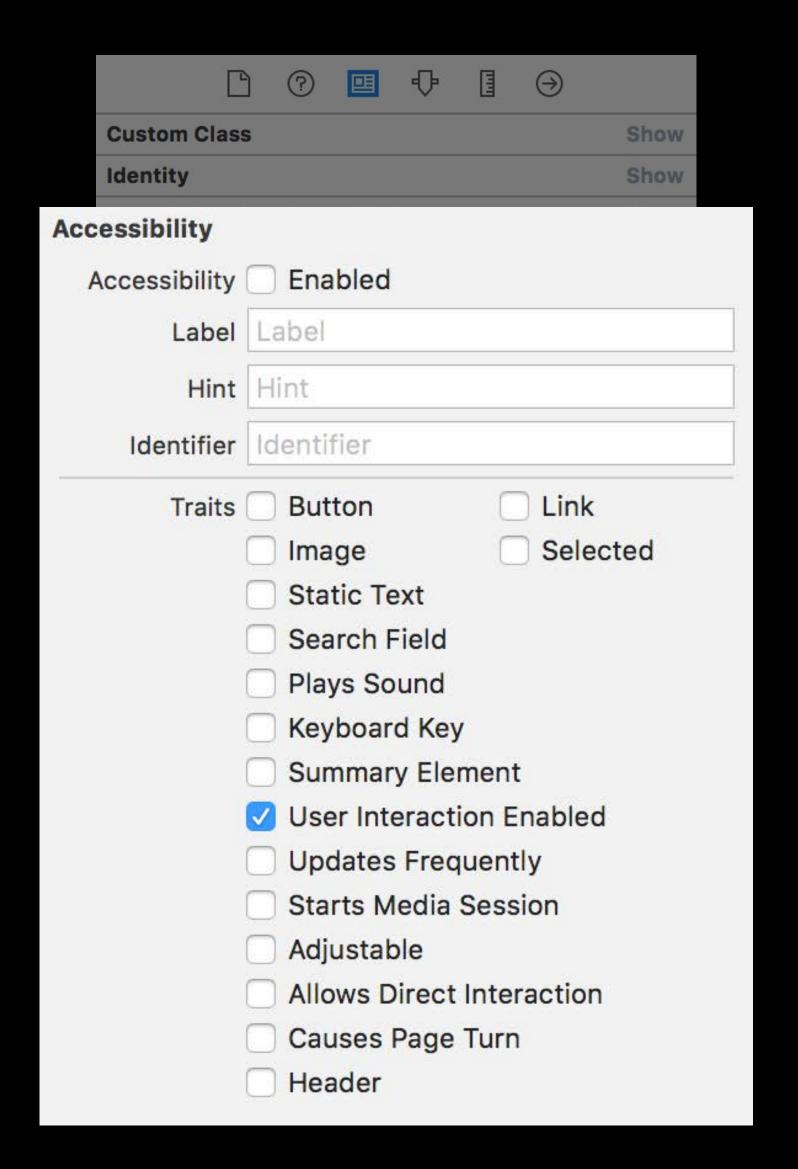
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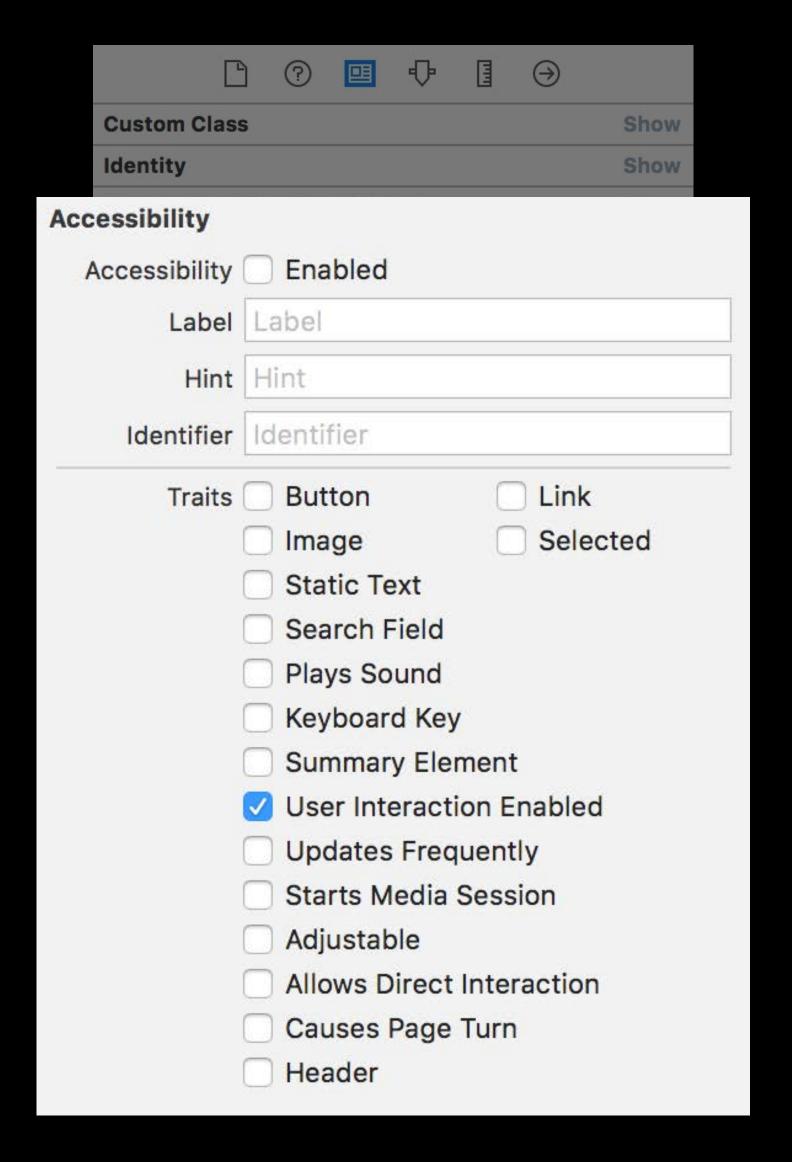
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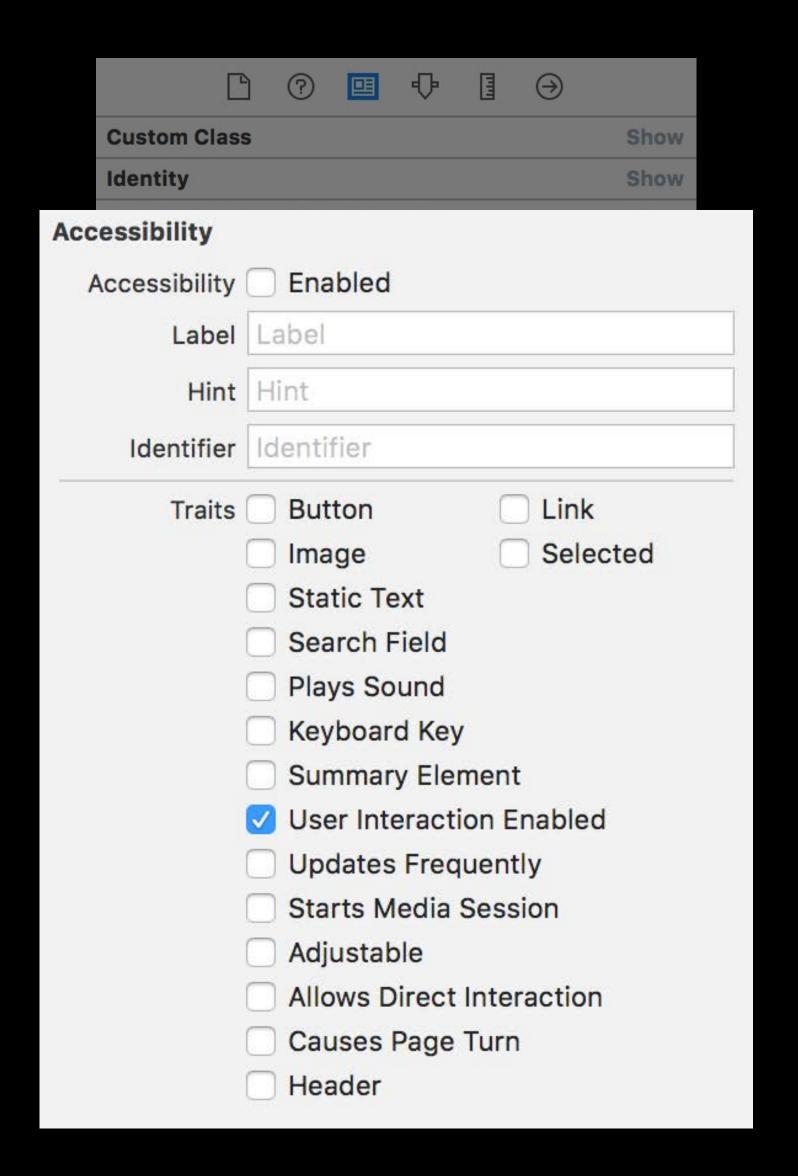
Interface Builder inspector API



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API

- UlAccessibility (iOS)
- NSAccessibility (OS X)



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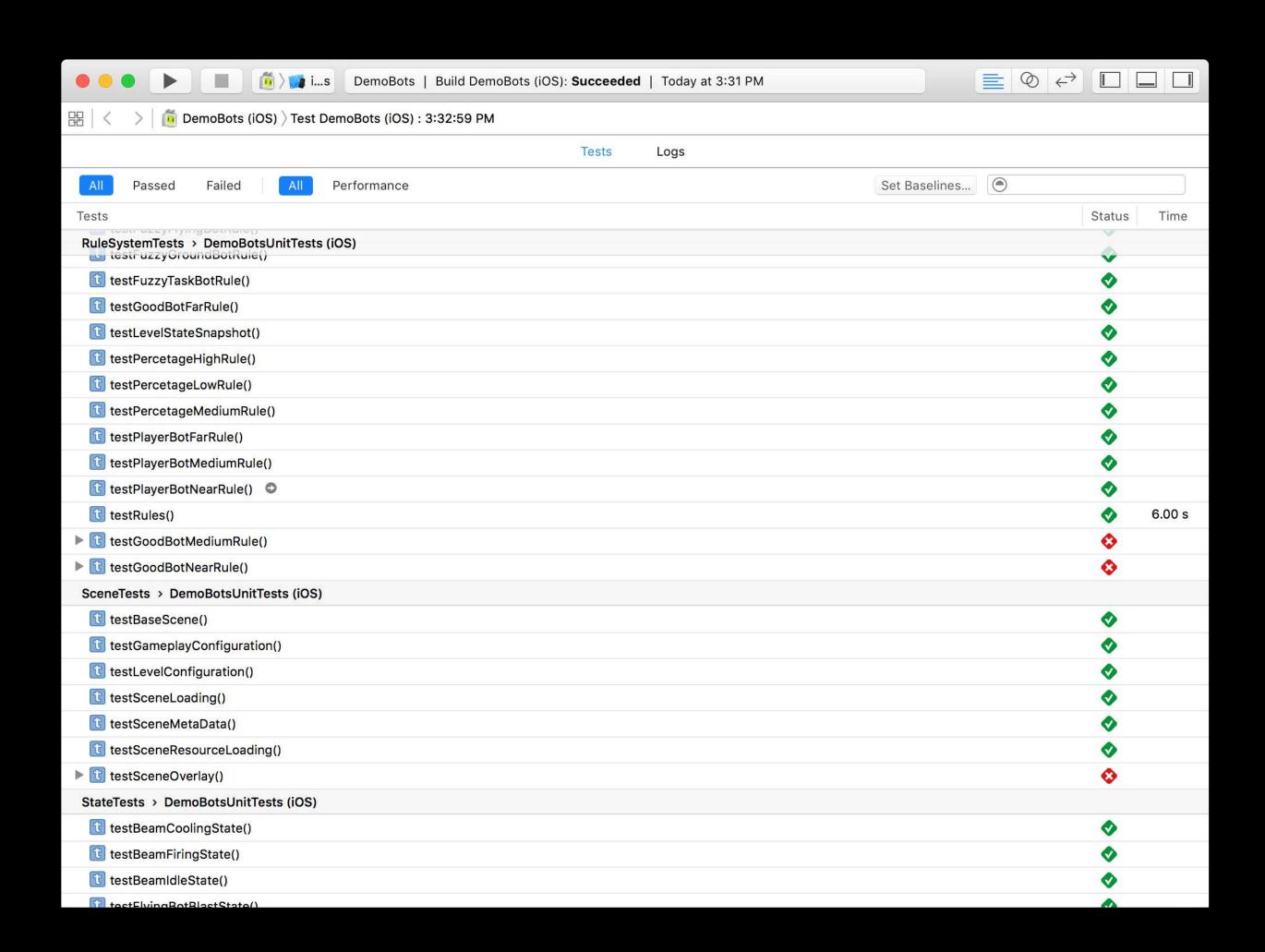
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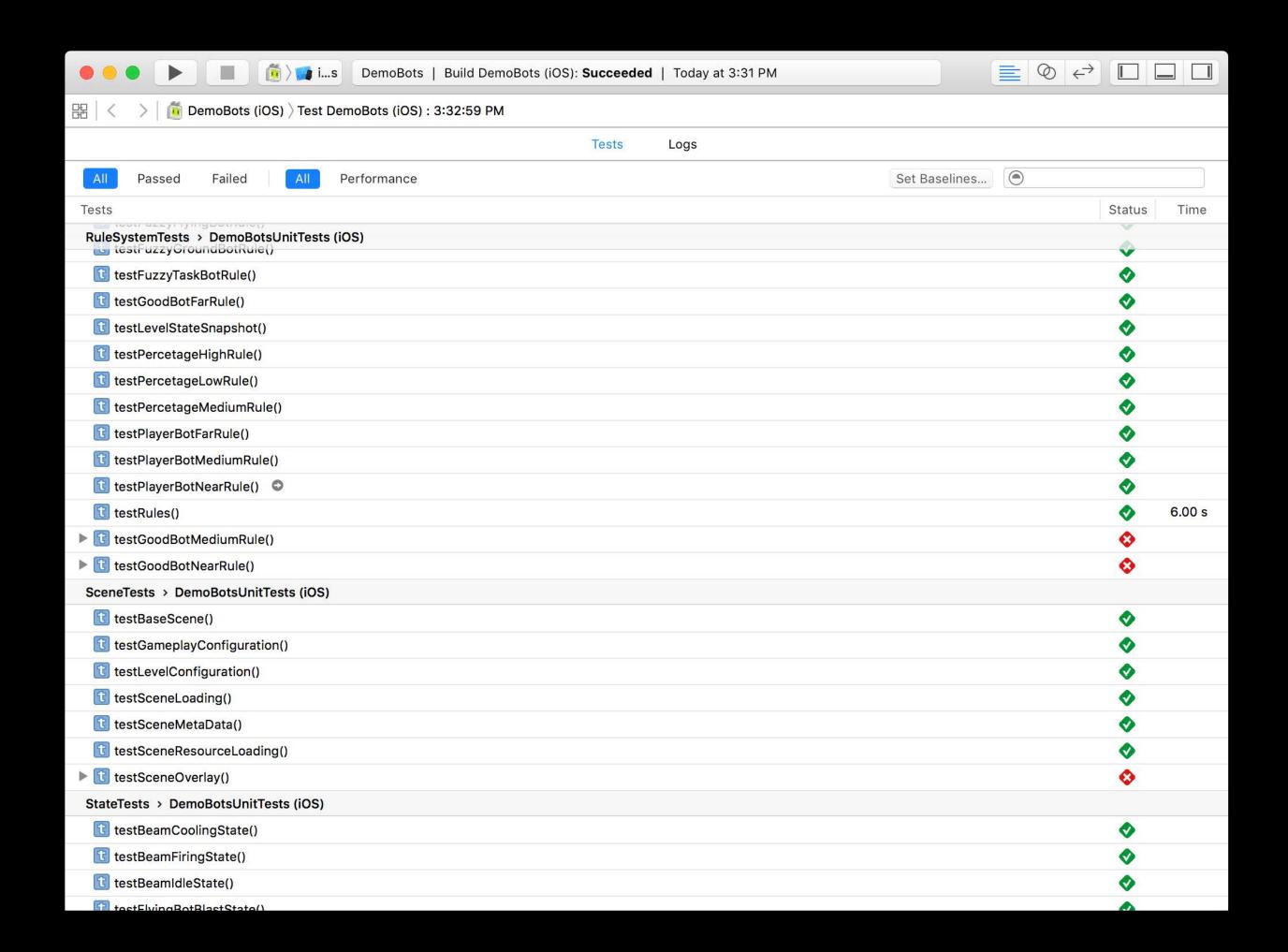
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UI Refresh

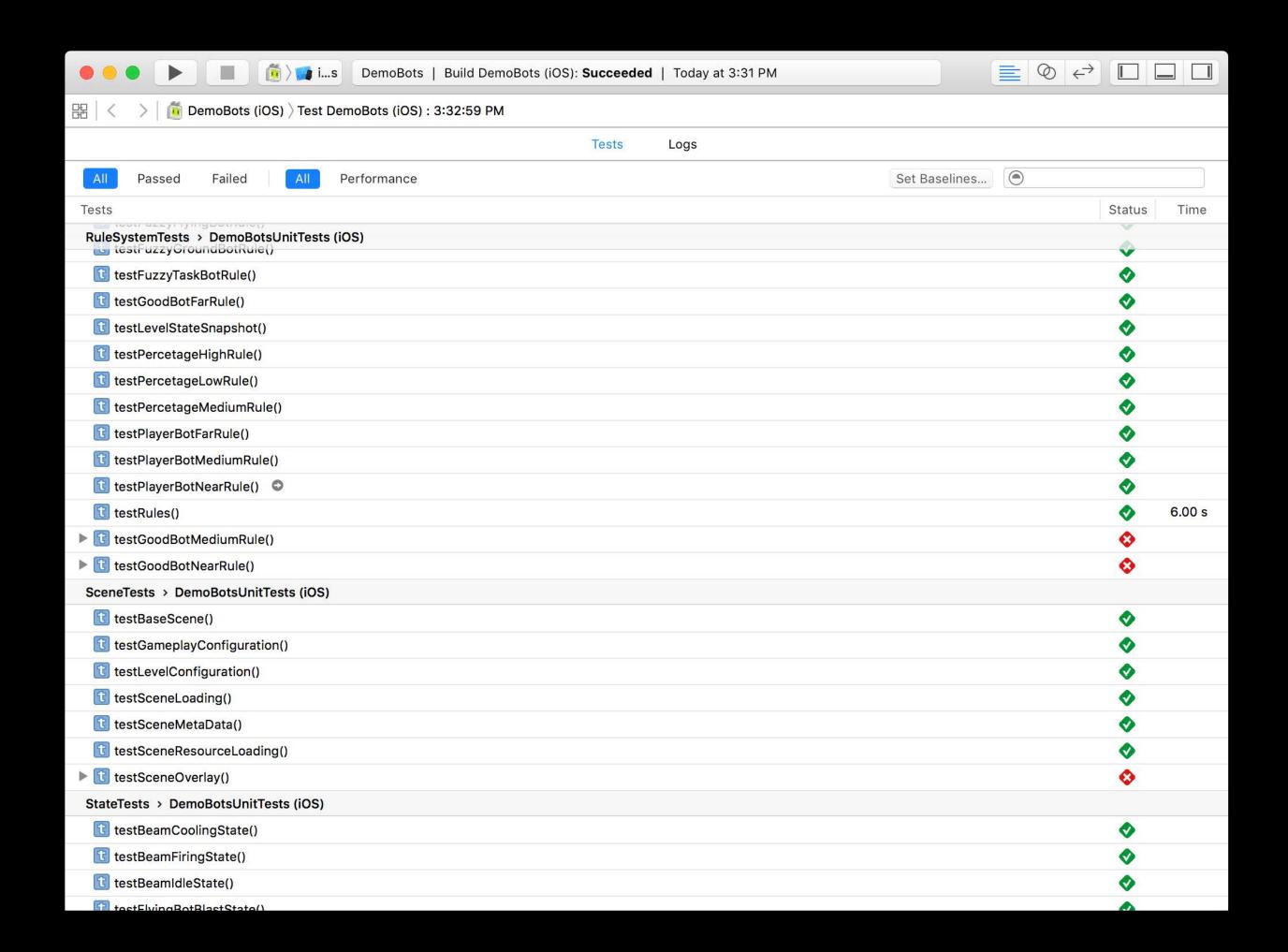


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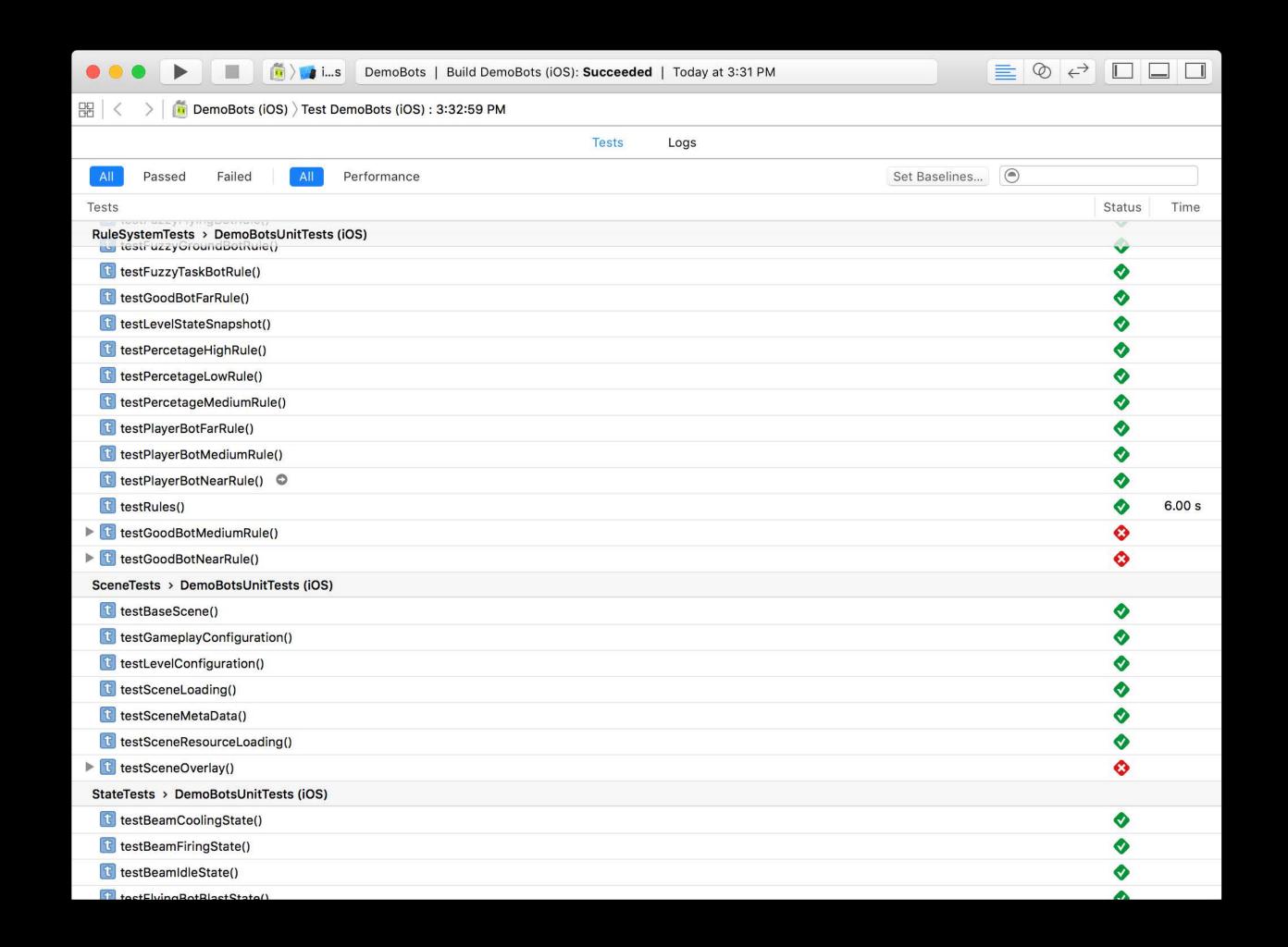
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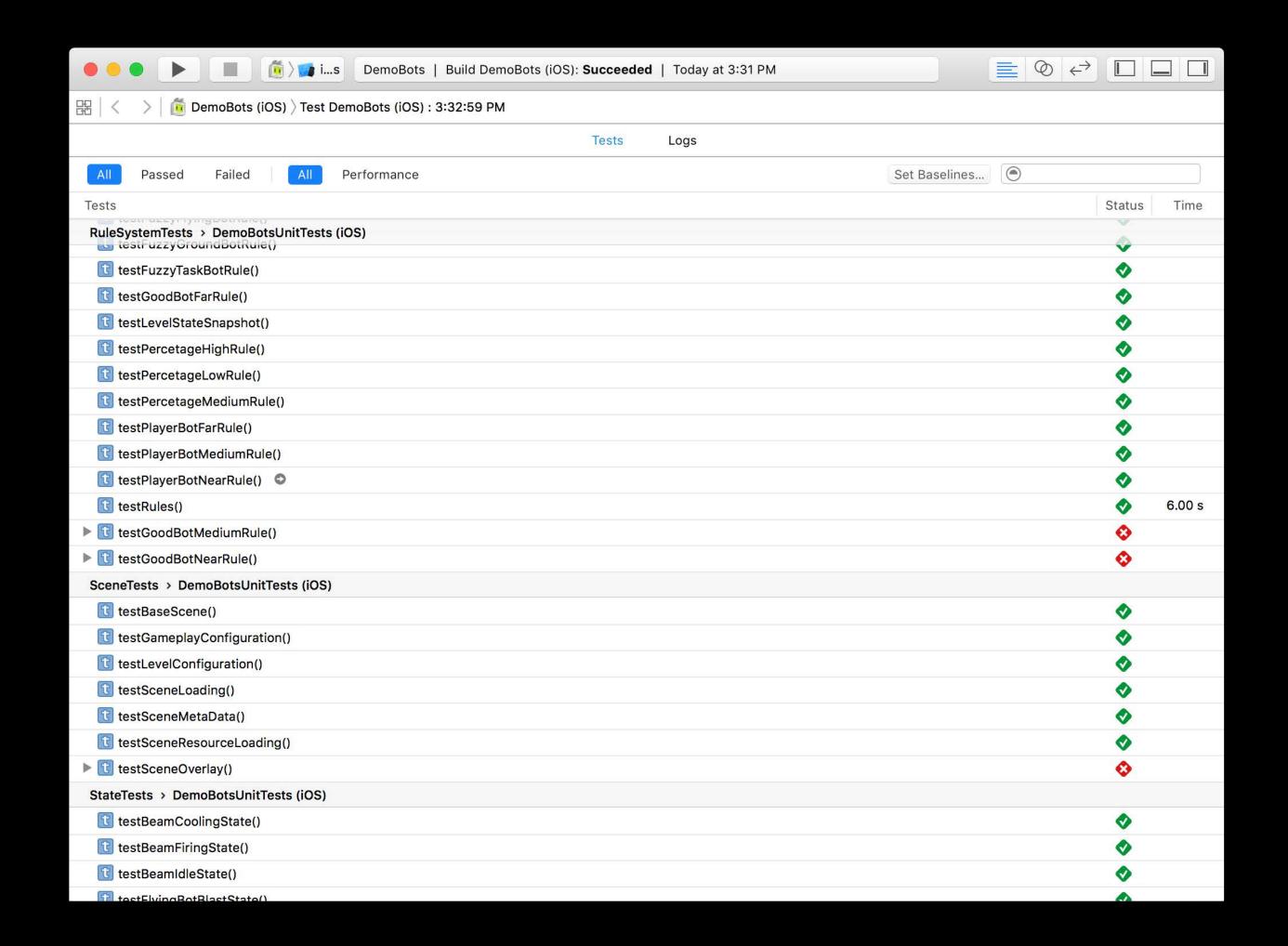
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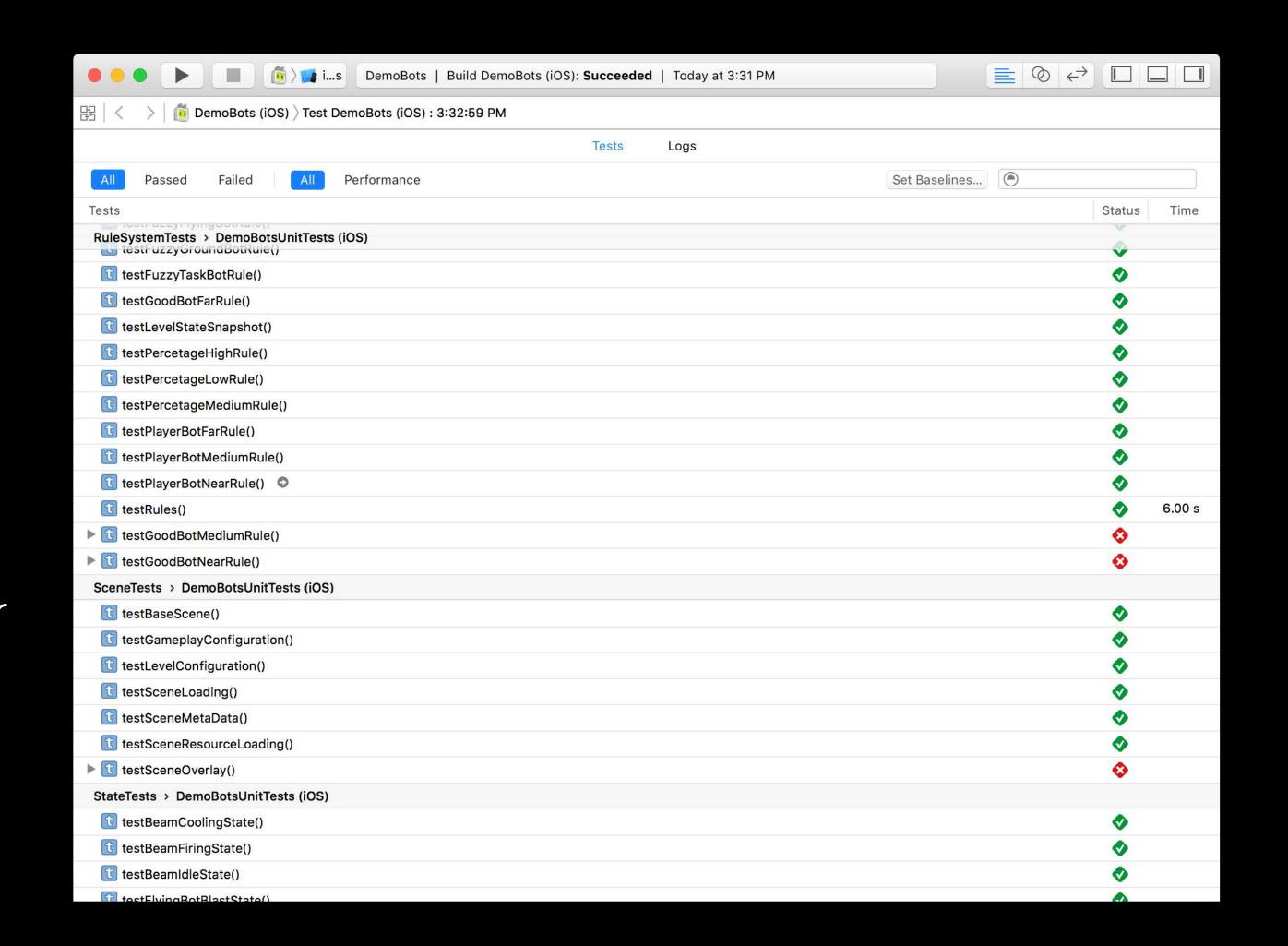
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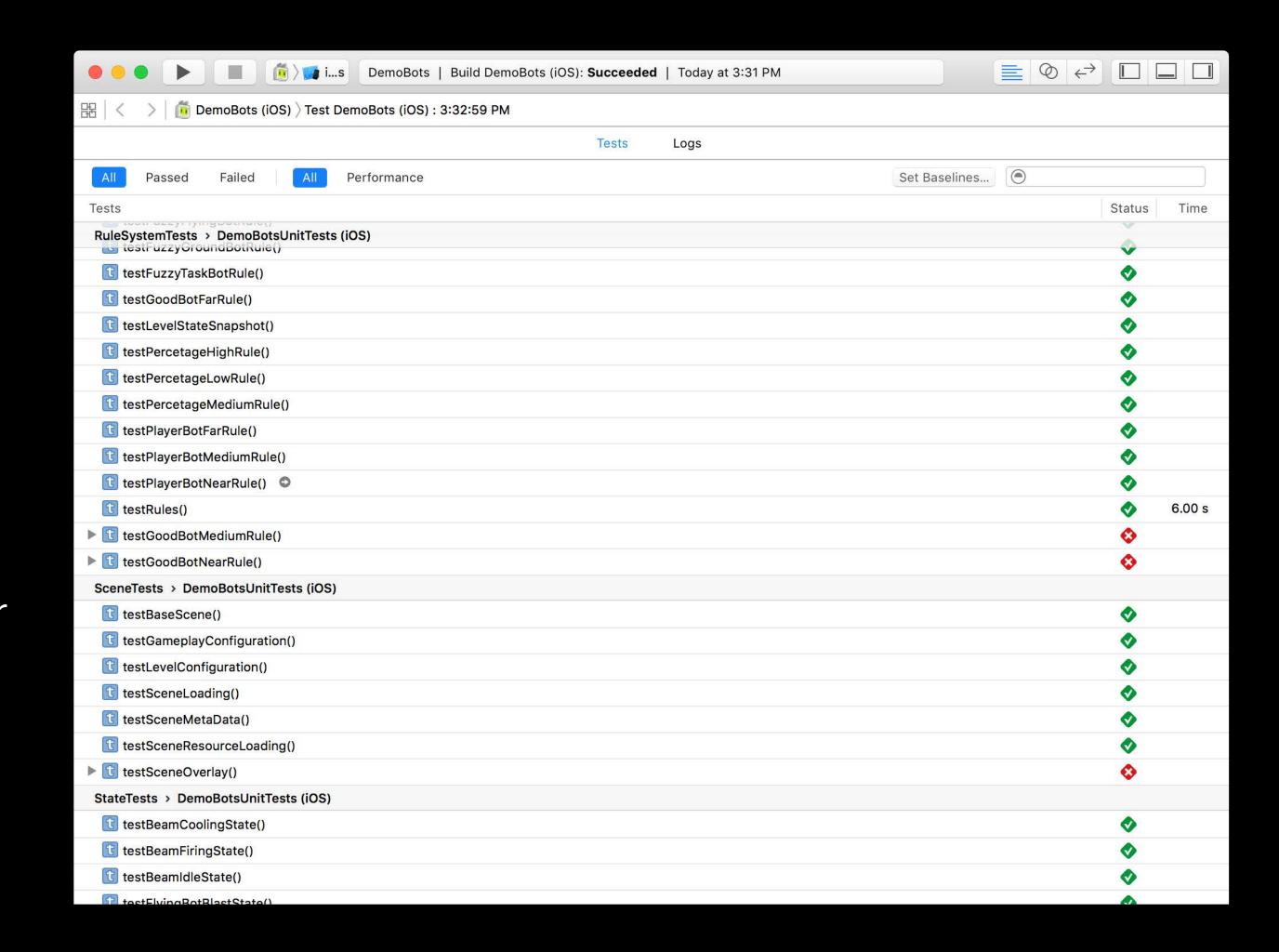


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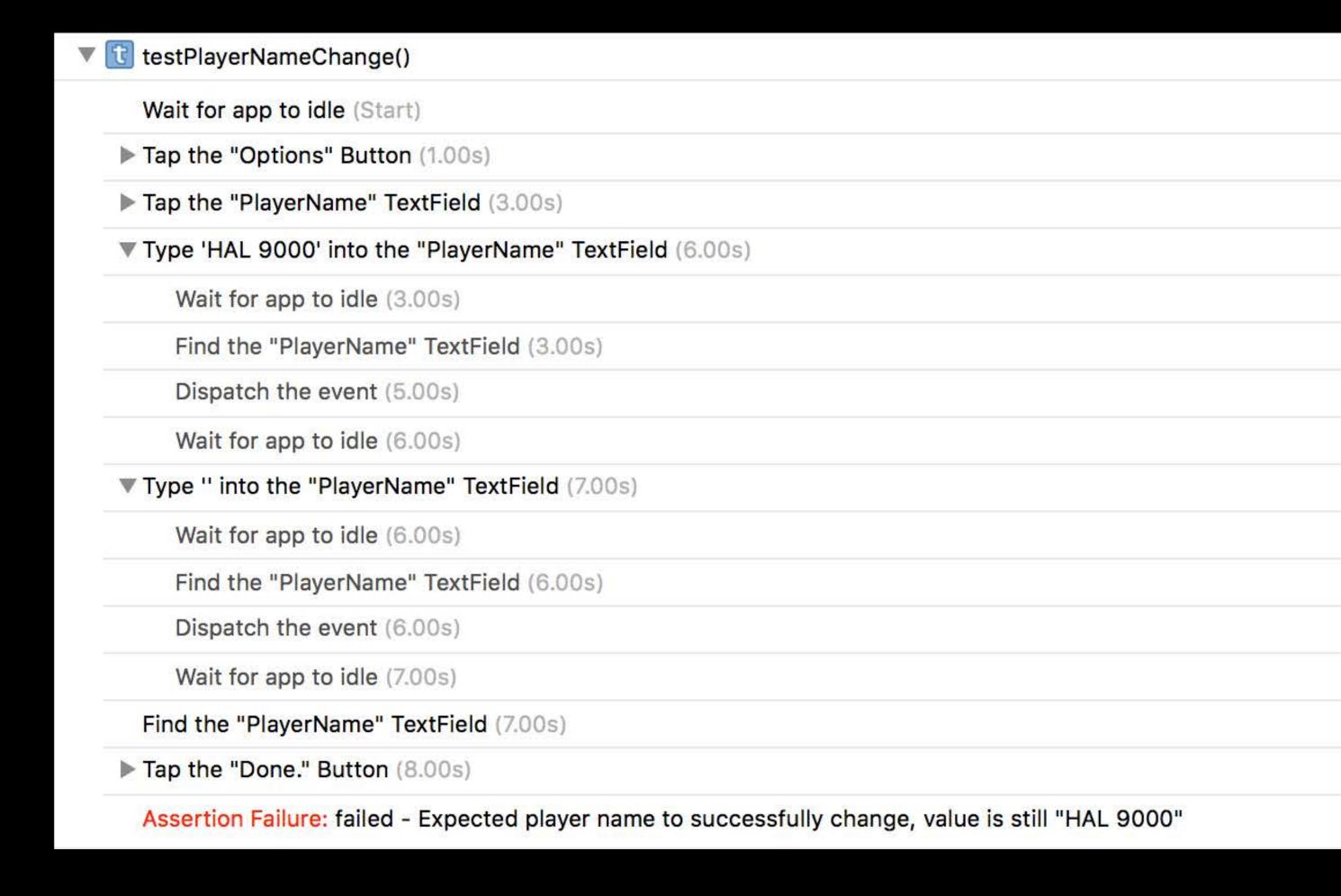
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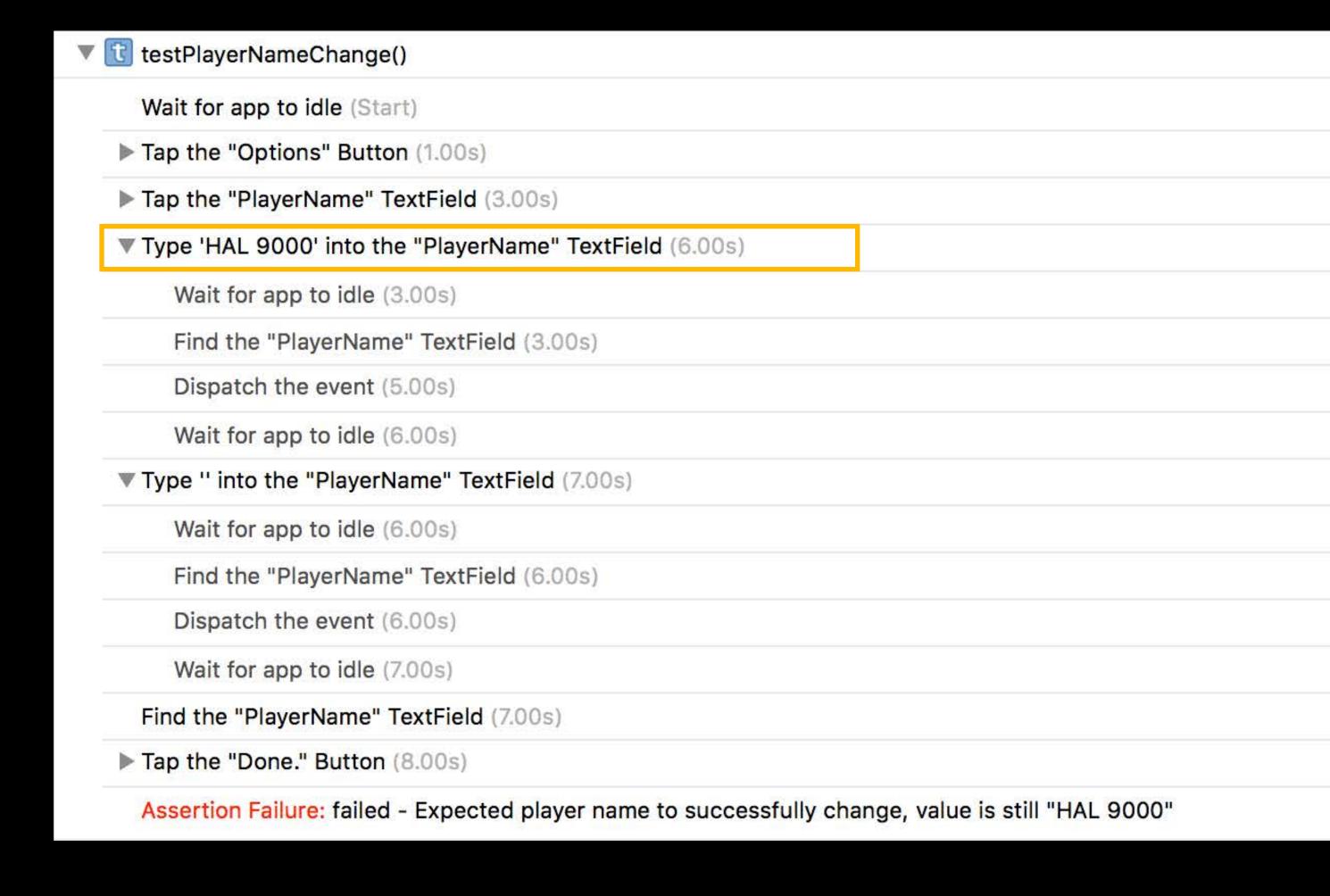
Nested activities

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▼ testPlayerNameChange()
     Wait for app to idle (Start)
   ► Tap the "Options" Button (1.00s)
   ► Tap the "PlayerName" TextField (3.00s)
   ▼ Type 'HAL 9000' into the "PlayerName" TextField (6.00s)
        Wait for app to idle (3.00s)
        Find the "PlayerName" TextField (3.00s)
        Dispatch the event (5.00s)
        Wait for app to idle (6.00s)
   ▼ Type " into the "PlayerName" TextField (7.00s)
        Wait for app to idle (6.00s)
        Find the "PlayerName" TextField (6.00s)
        Dispatch the event (6.00s)
        Wait for app to idle (7.00s)
     Find the "PlayerName" TextField (7.00s)
   ► Tap the "Done." Button (8.00s)
     Assertion Failure: failed - Expected player name to successfully change, value is still "HAL 9000"
```

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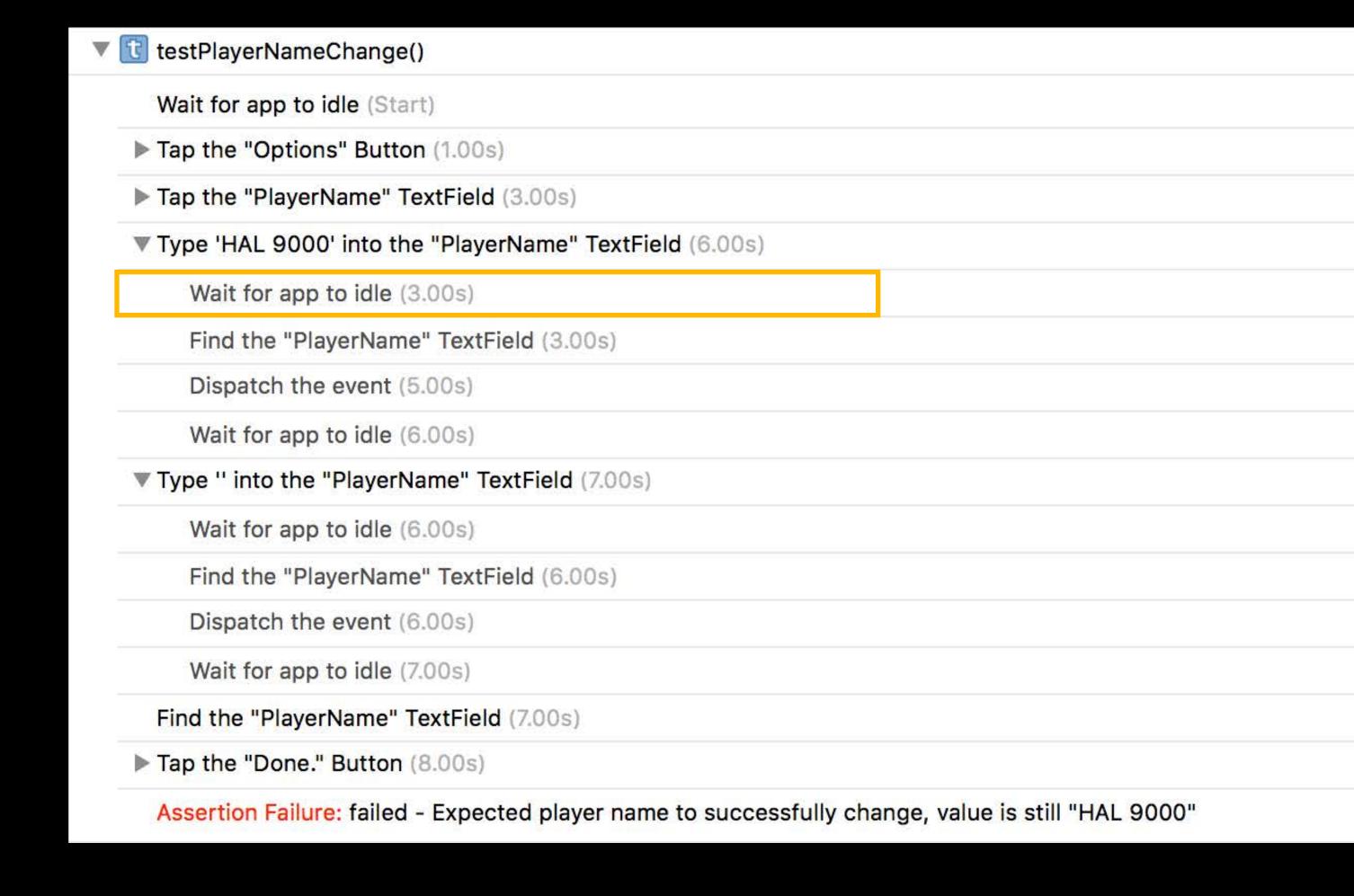


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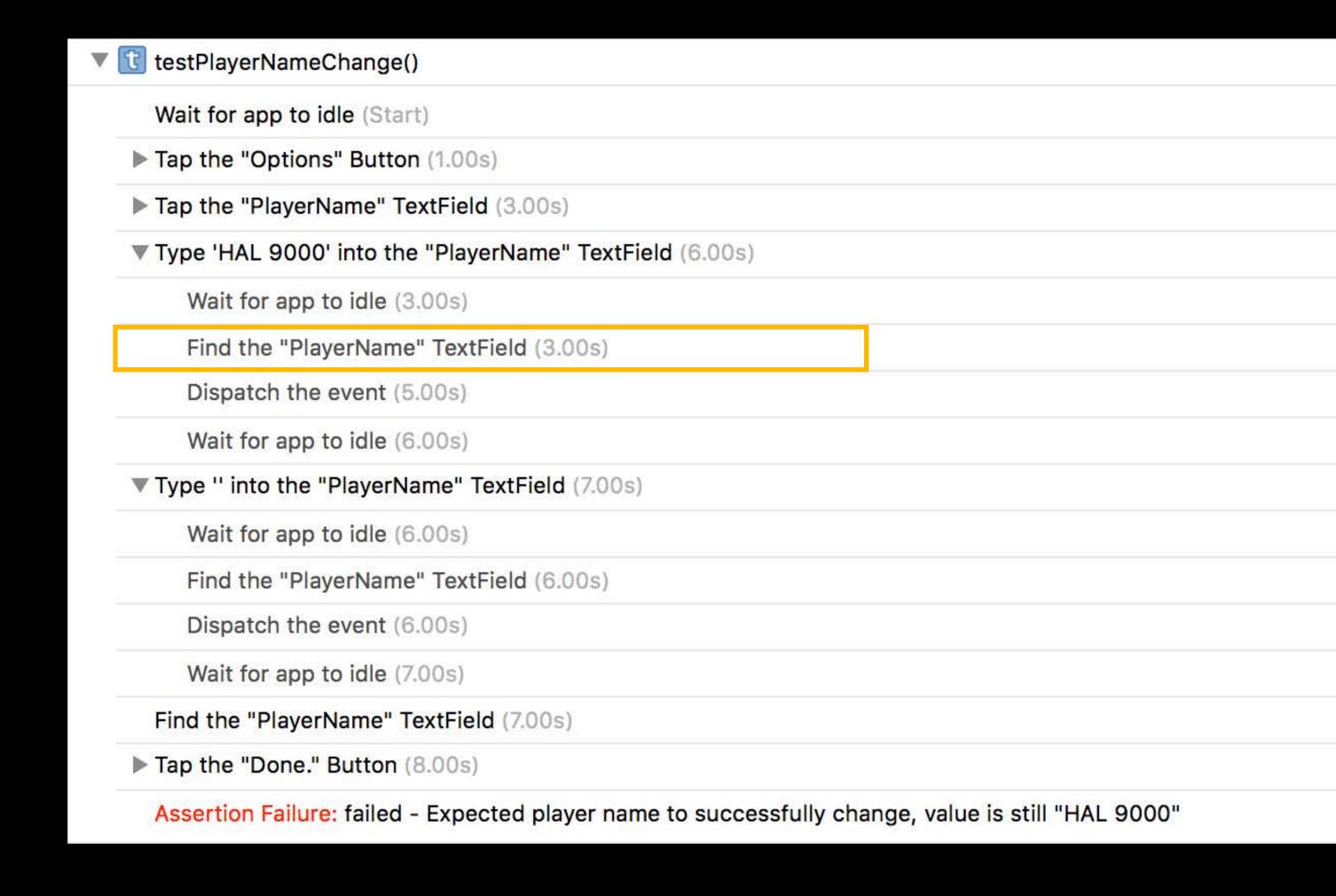
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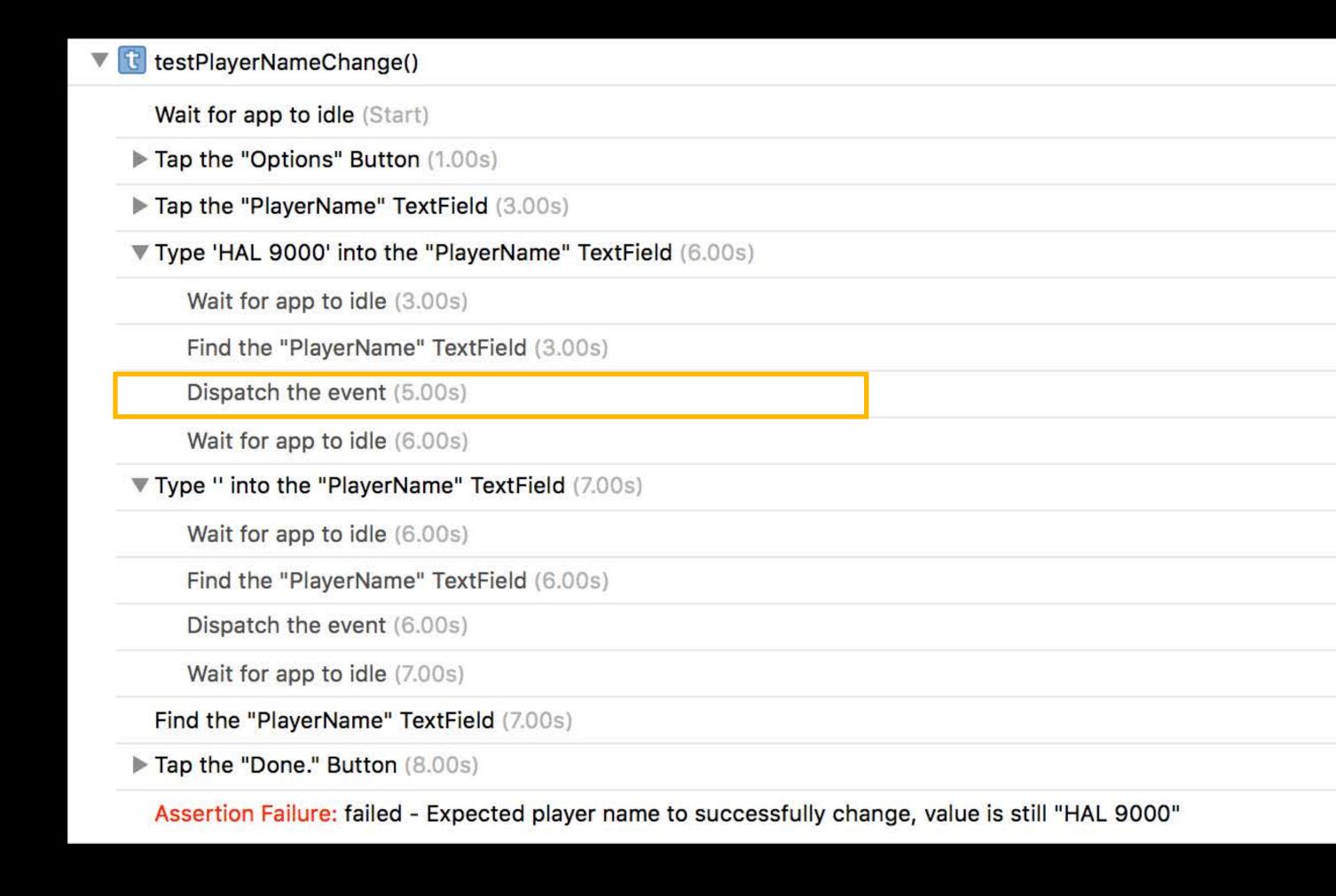


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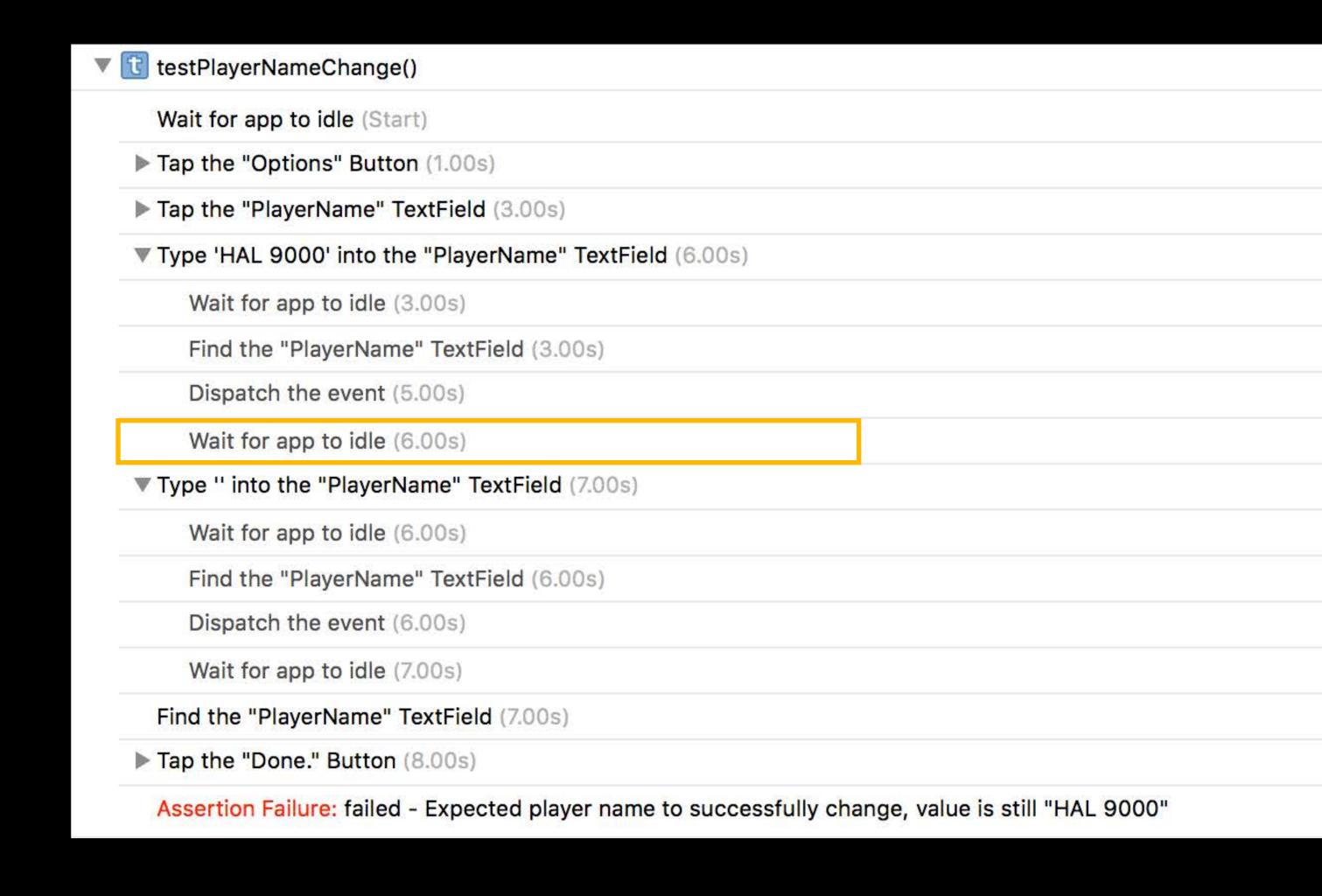
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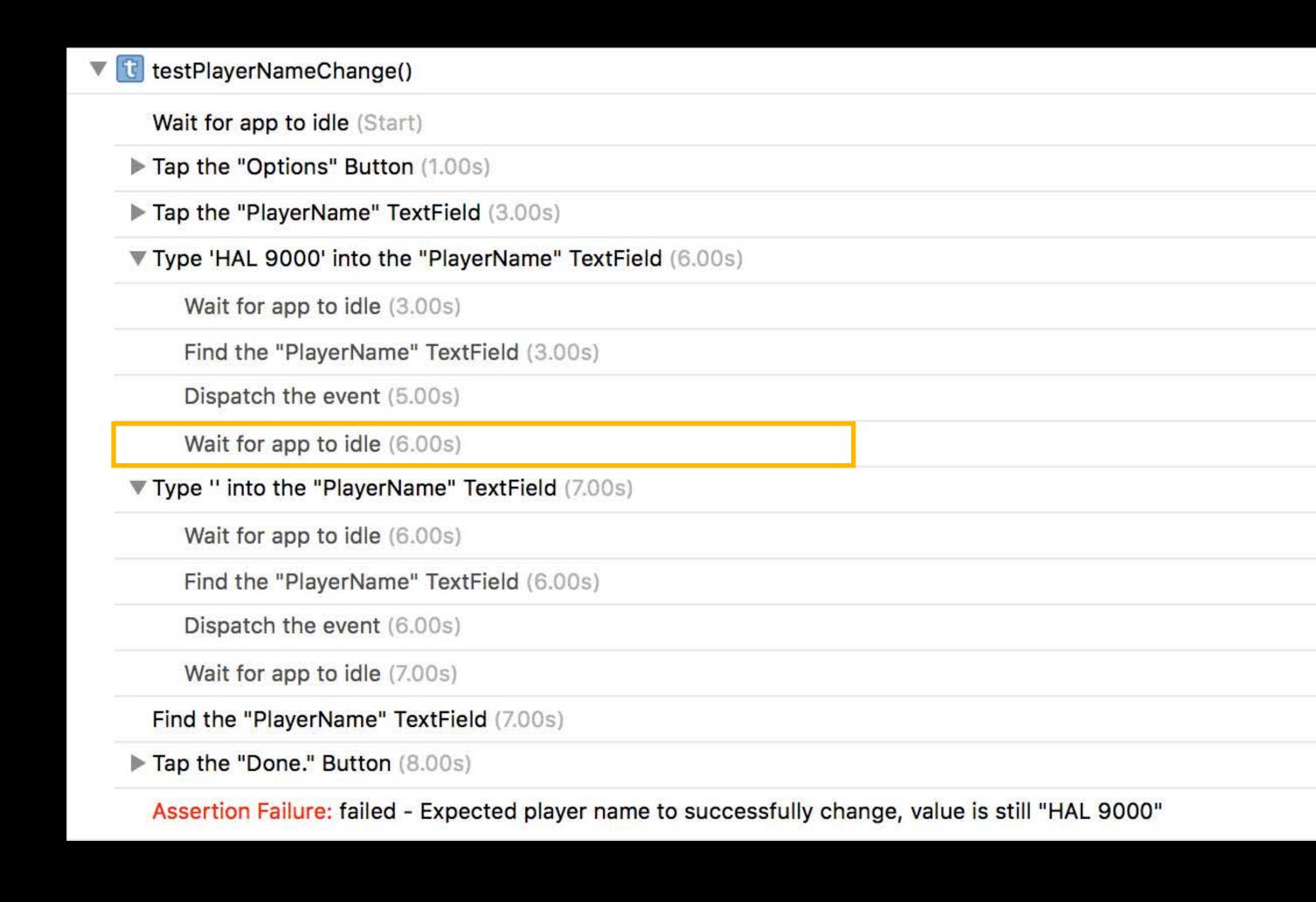
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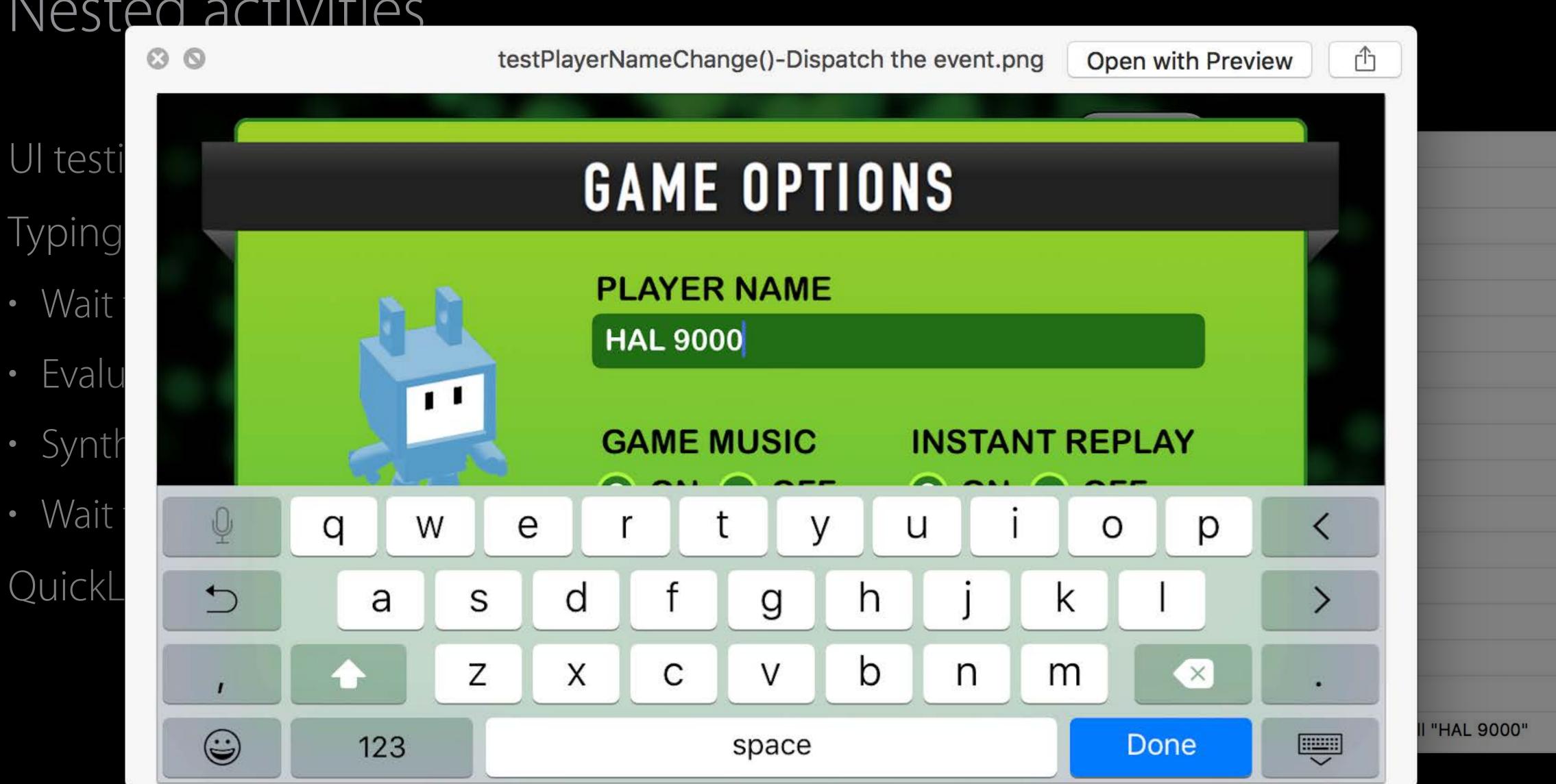
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QuickLook for screenshots



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More Information

Testing in Xcode Documentation http://developer.apple.com/testing

Accessibility for Developers Documentation http://developer.apple.com/accessibility

Apple Developer Forums

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Related Sessions

iOS Accessibility	Pacific Heights	Tuesday 9:00 AM
Continuous Integration and Code Coverage in Xcode	Presidio	Thursday 10:00 AM

Labs

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