CloudKit Tips And Tricks

Session 715

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What is it?



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iCloud database



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Large file storage



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Privacy obsessed



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Developer API

Apple applications built on it



CloudKit One year later



No really, what is it?

Introduction to CloudKit	WWDC14
Advanced CloudKit	WWDC14

Awesome with Swift 2!

```
record.setObject(5, forKey: "numberOfClowns")
if let partyDate = record.objectForKey("date") as? NSDate {...}
```

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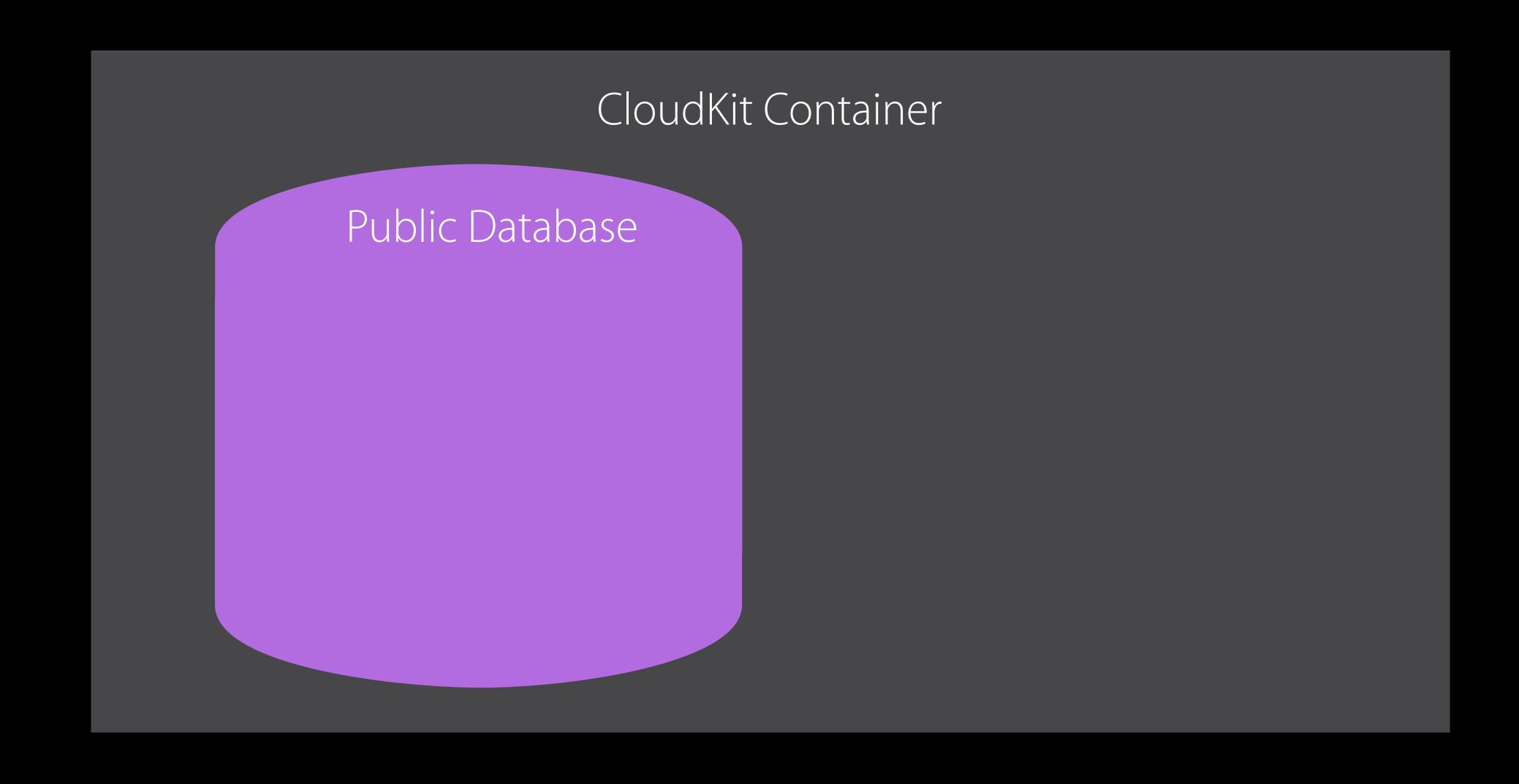
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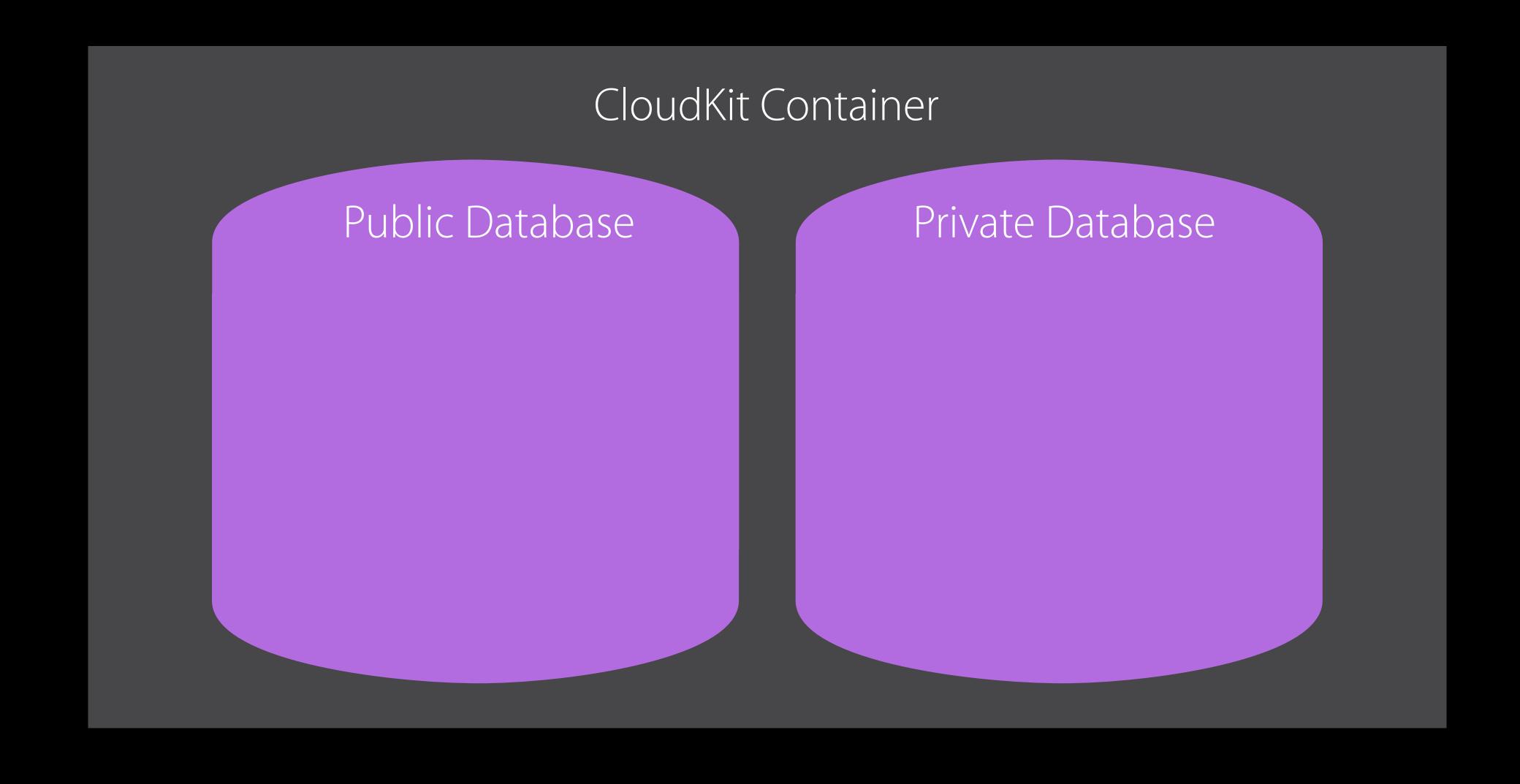
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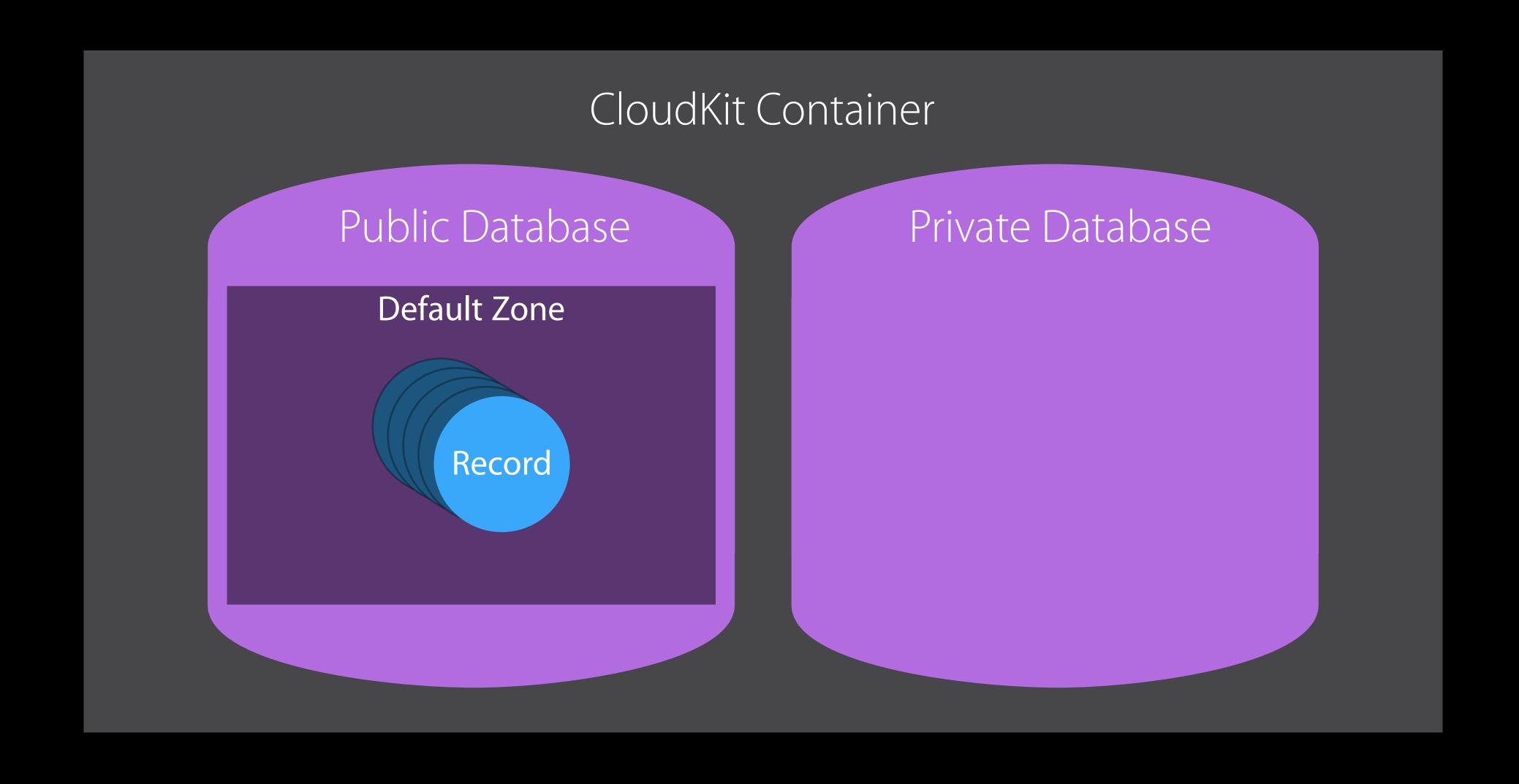
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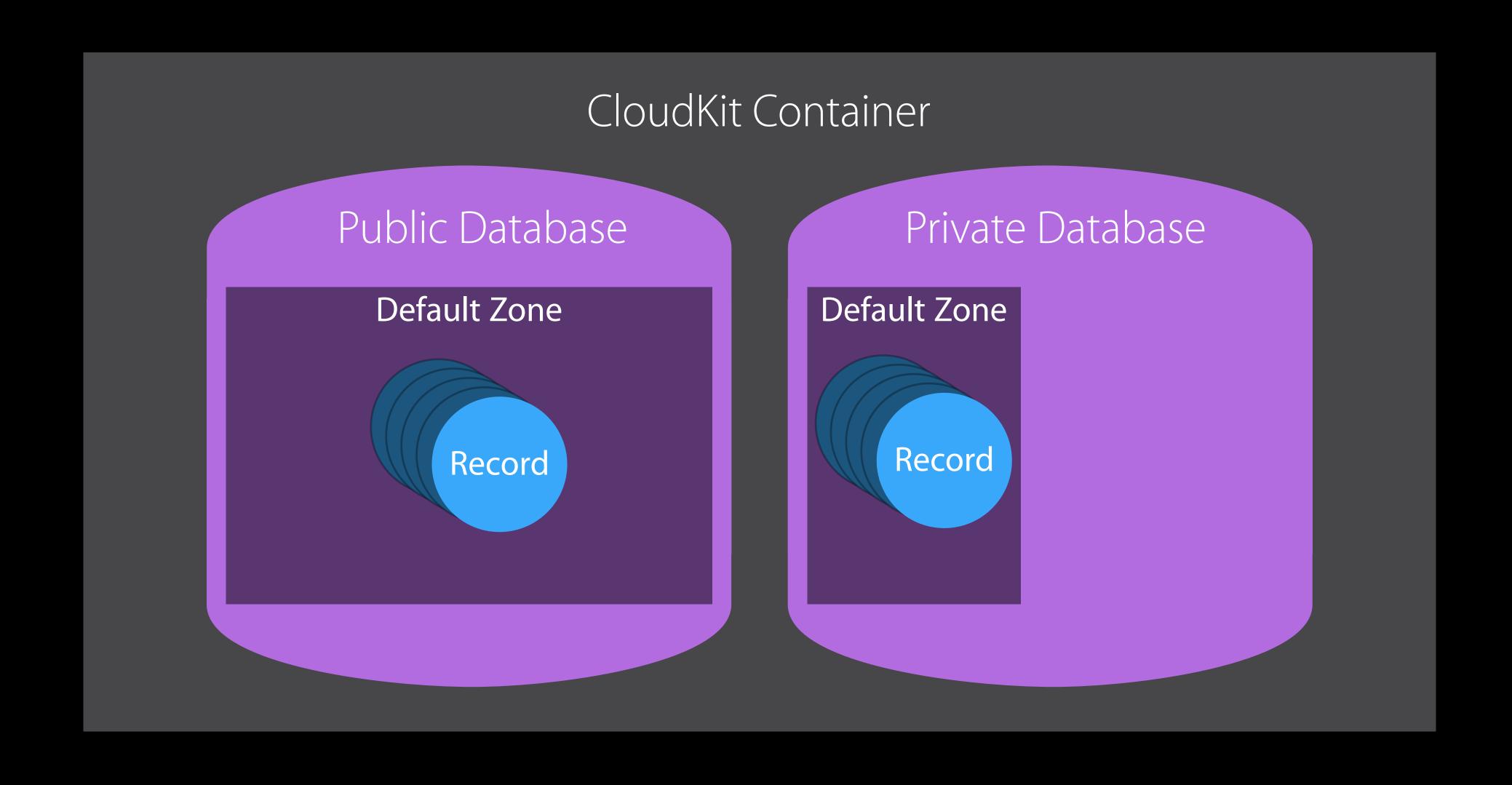
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error: cannot assign a value of type '[String]' to a value of type '[CKRecord]?'
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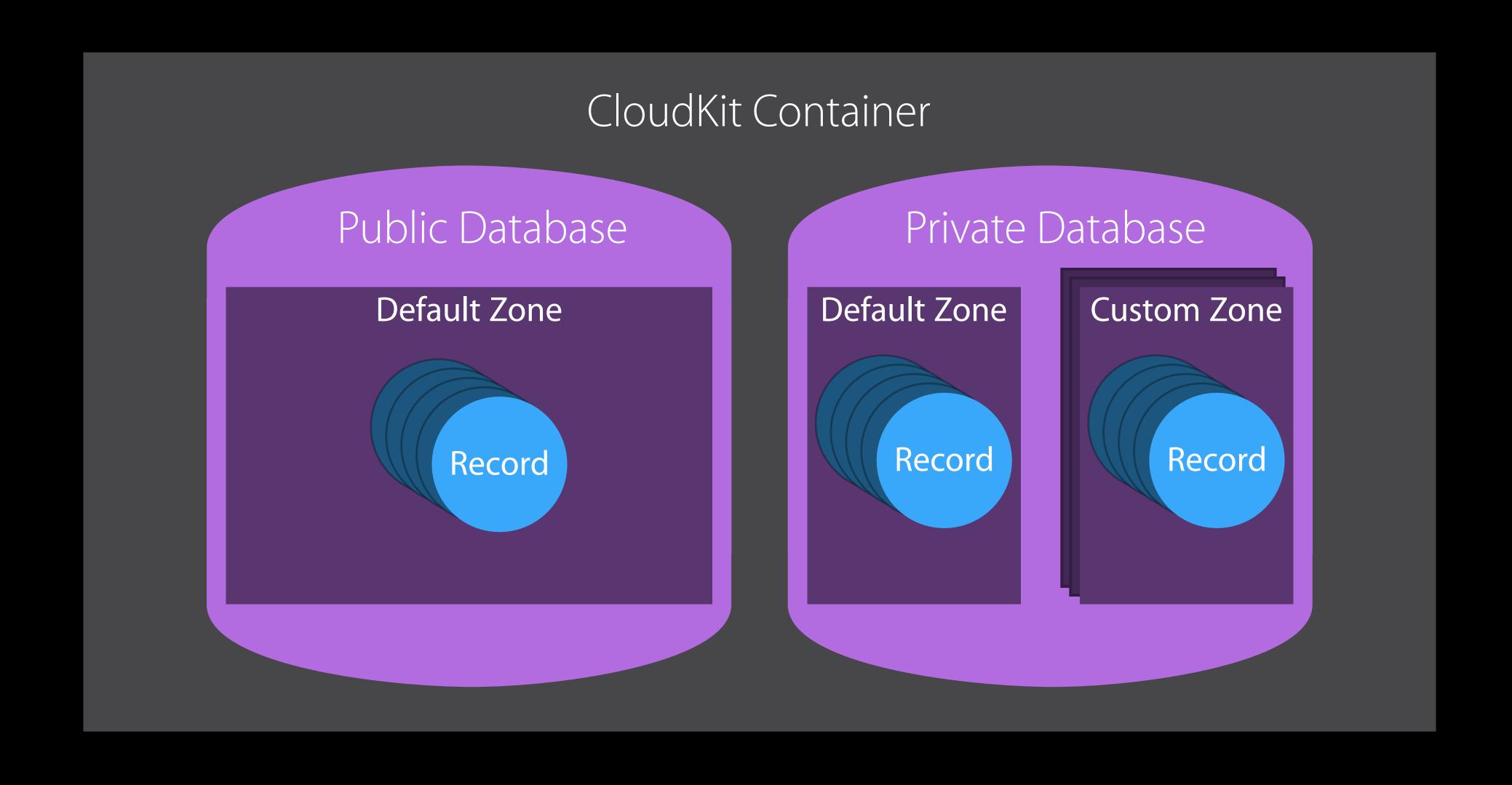






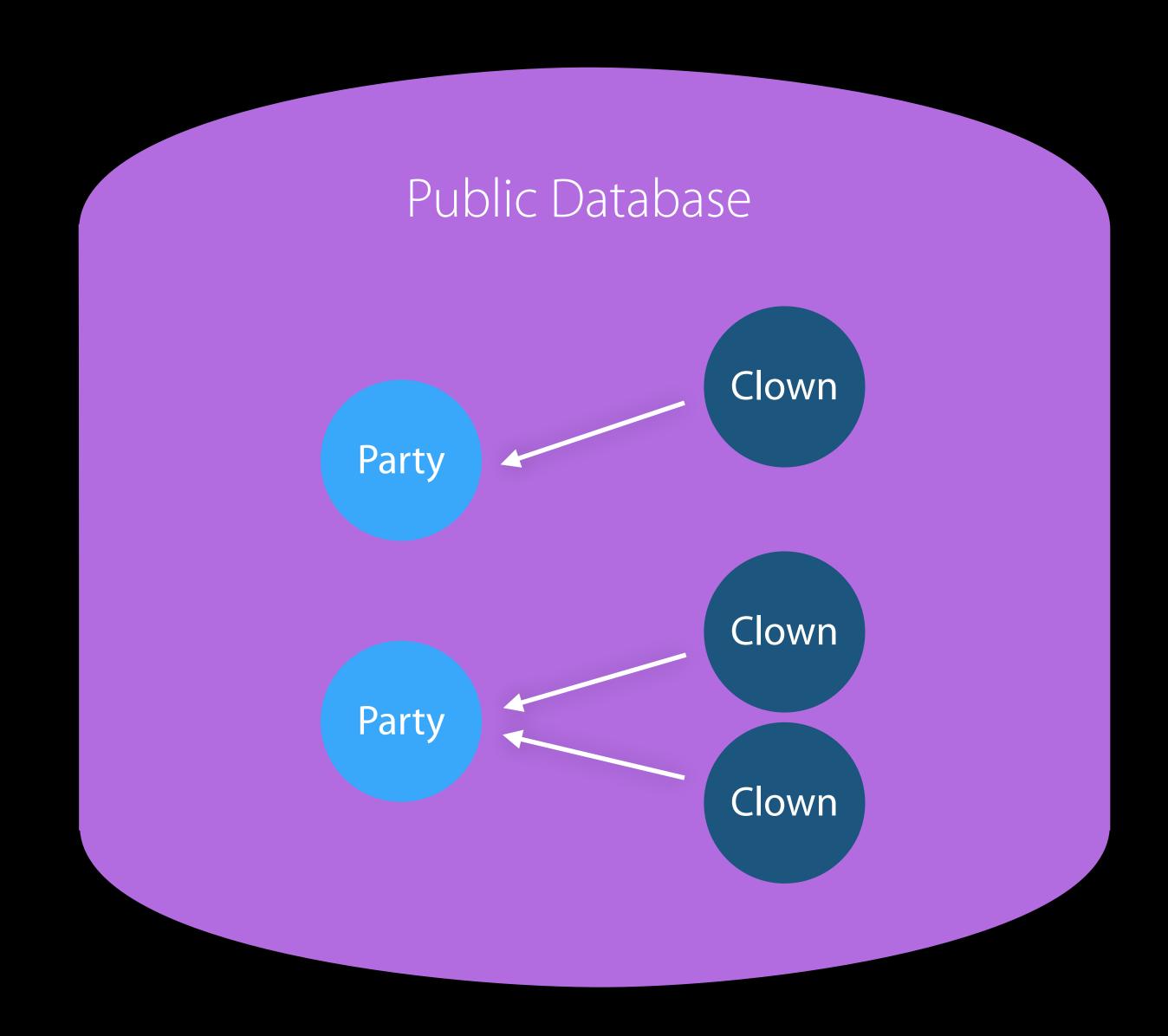






Clown storage app

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ClownCentral

Our best fake clown app yet





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100% ===

Accounts

New



Jimmy Reviewed Nihar's Party

We're blowing up balloons and icing the cake! There's a big birthday party that we hope you can make! We're not clowning around so circle the date for Nihar's Party.



Nihar Hosted His 10th Party!



Susan Reviewed Nihar's Party



Dan Reviewed Nihar's Party



John Hosted His 3rd Party!



Alice Hosted her 6th Party!

News Parties Photos Reviews

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Performance

Error Handling with CloudKit

As important as any feature!

ClownCentral requires iCloud account

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Private database access

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Public database write access

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```
container.accountStatusWithCompletionHandler { accountStatus, error in
...
}
```

CKErrorNotAuthenticated

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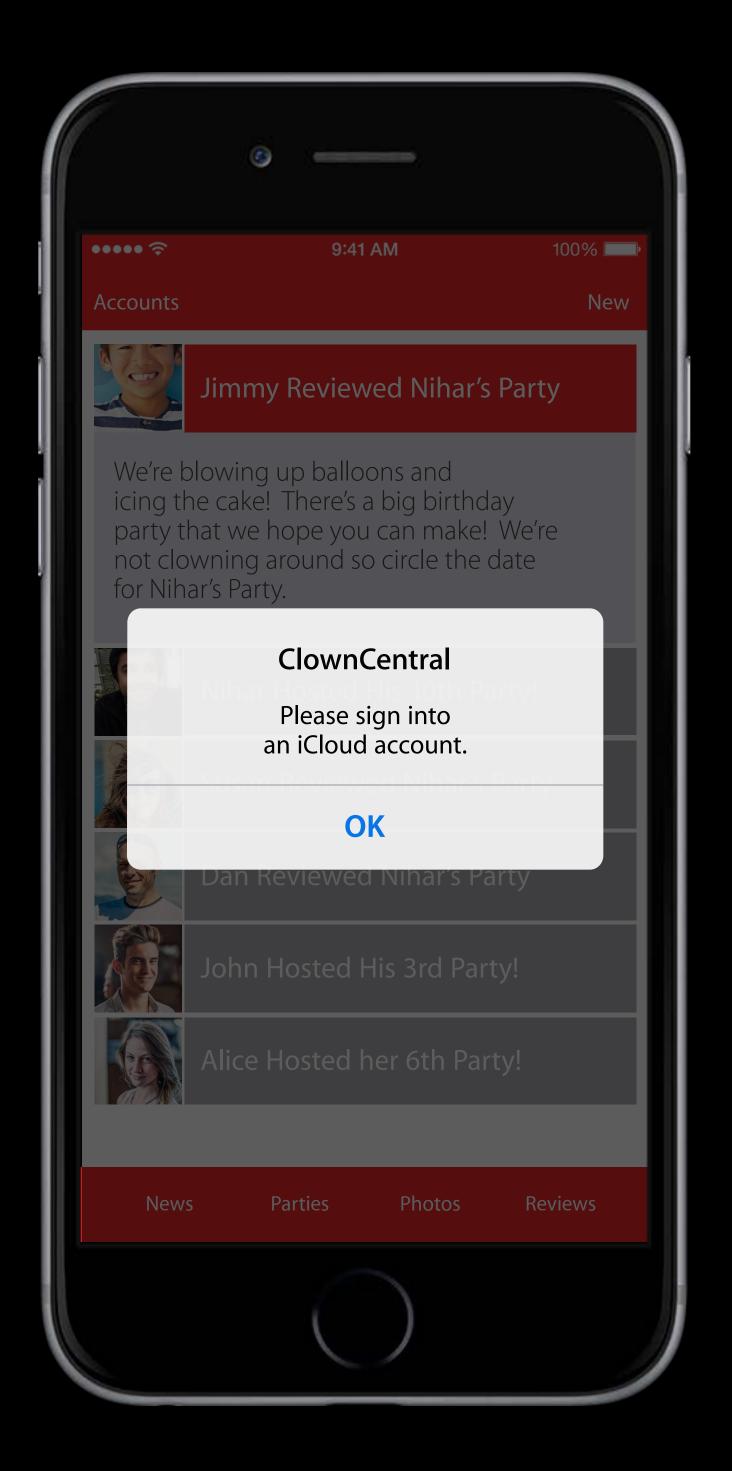
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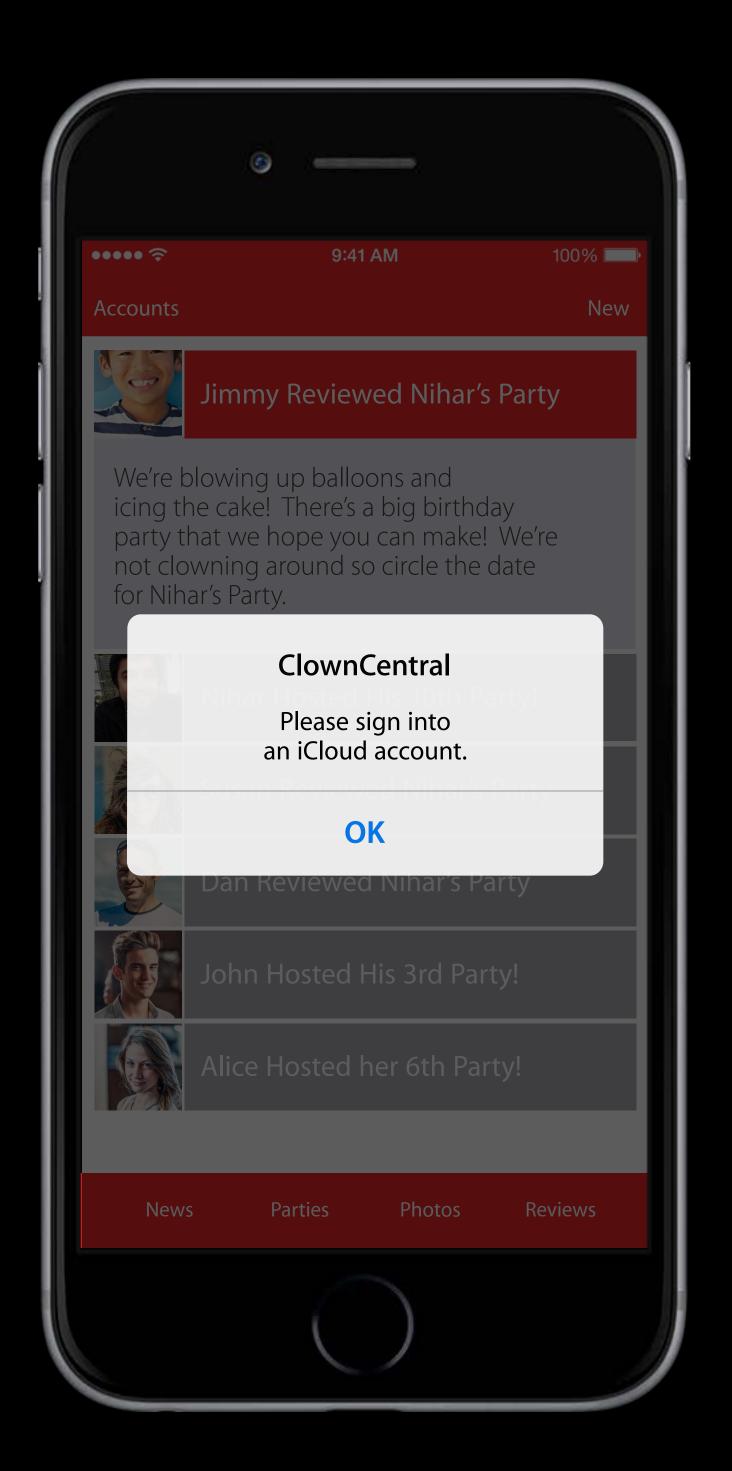
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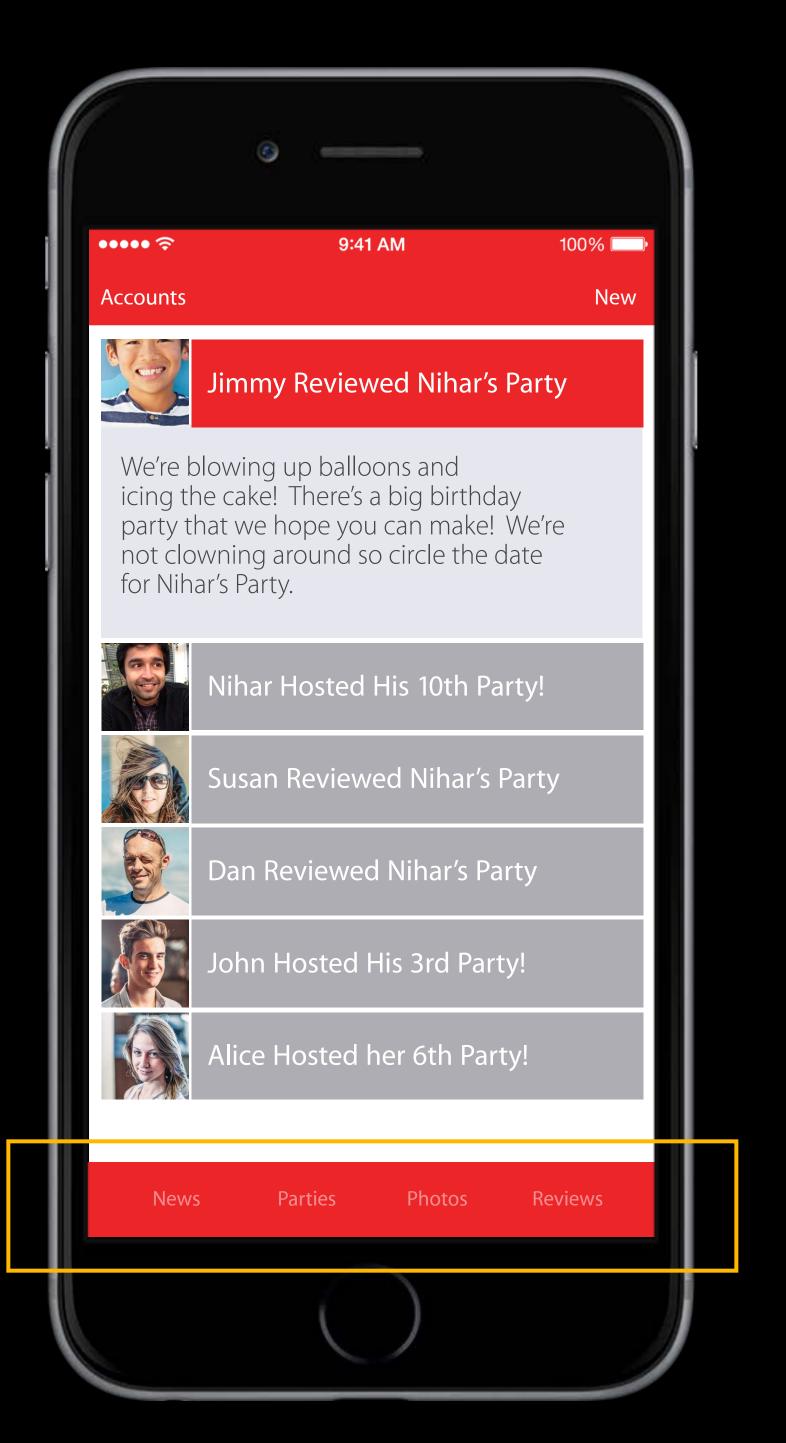




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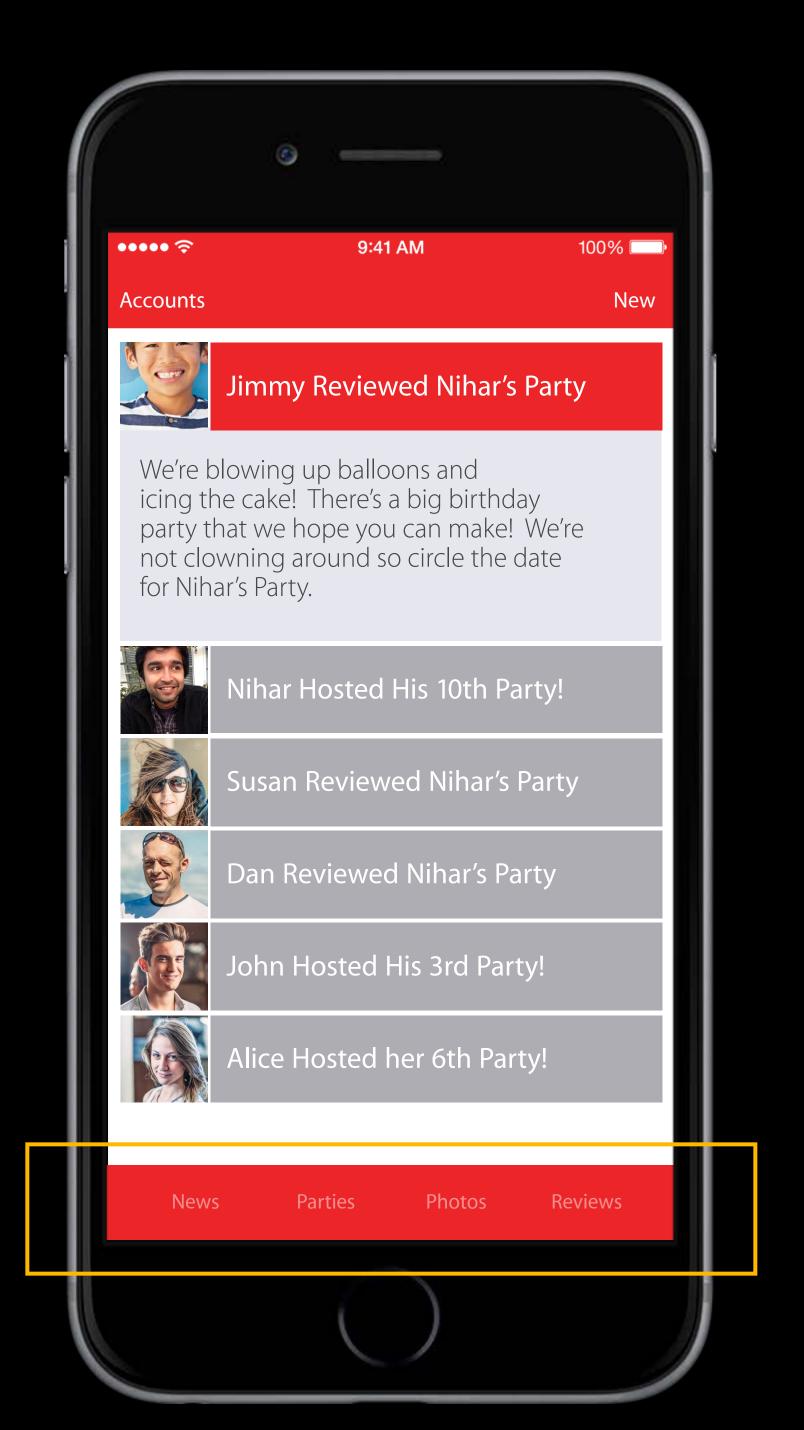
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Poor network conditions

CKErrorNetworkFailure

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Busy servers

- CKErrorServiceUnavailable
- CKErrorZoneBusy

CKErrorRetryAfterKey

```
if let retryAfterValue = error.userInfo[CKErrorRetryAfterKey] as? Double {
   let retryAfterDate = NSDate(timeIntervalSinceNow: retryAfterValue)
}
```

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Client-side throttle

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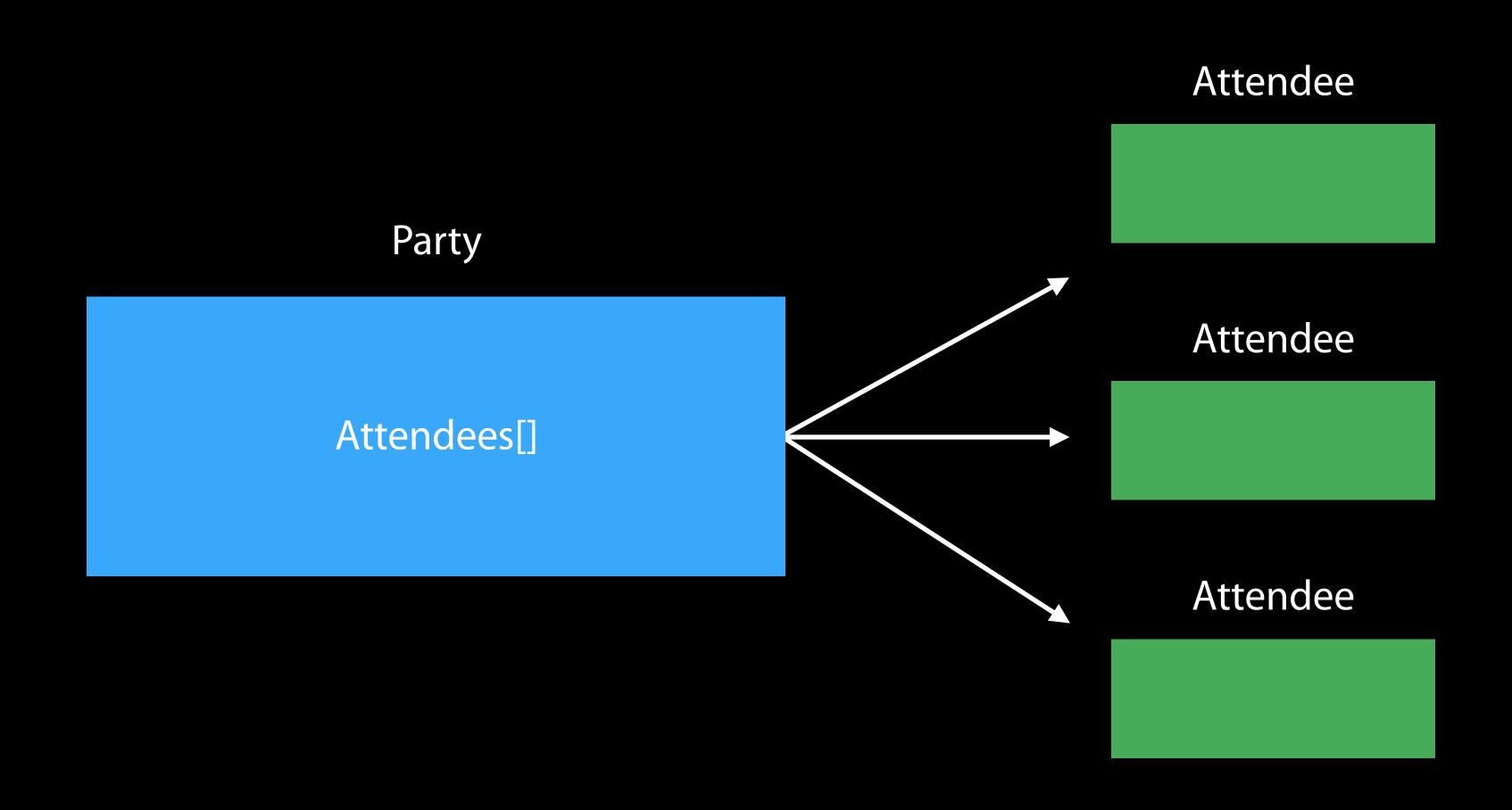
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CKErrorRetryAfterKey

Party

Attendees[]





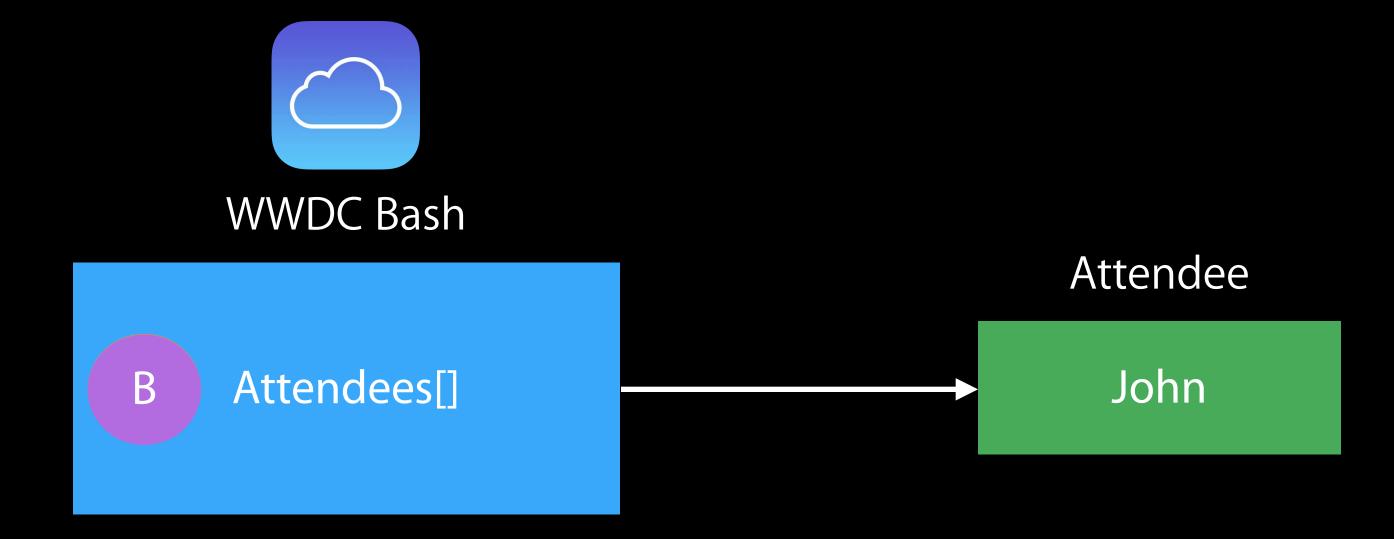


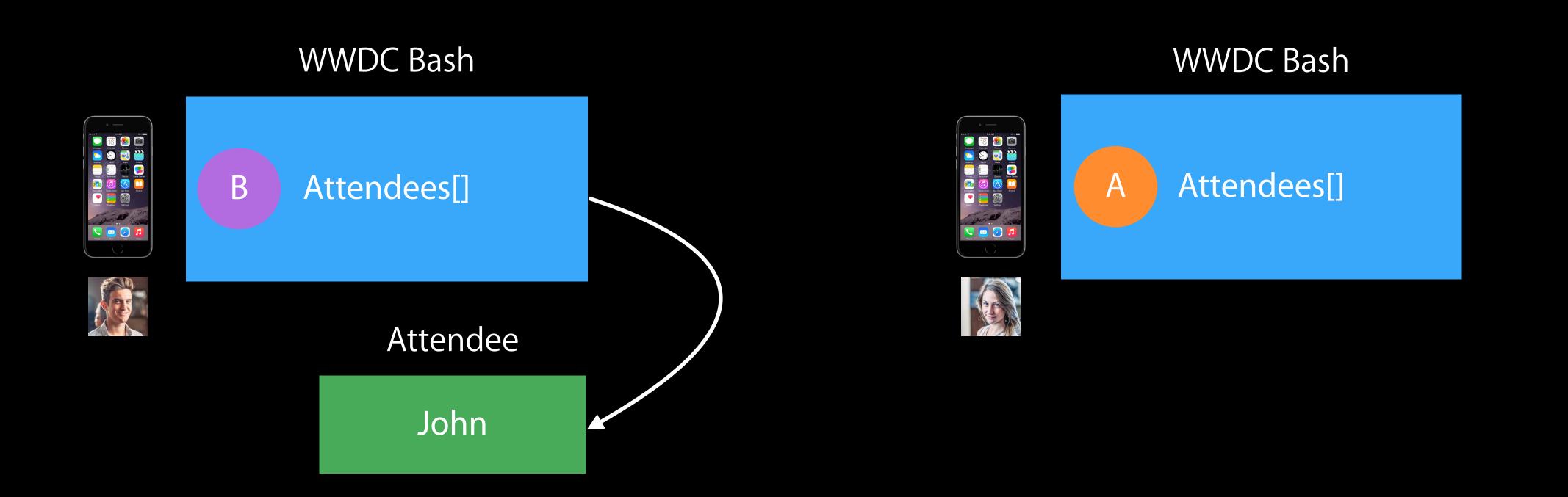


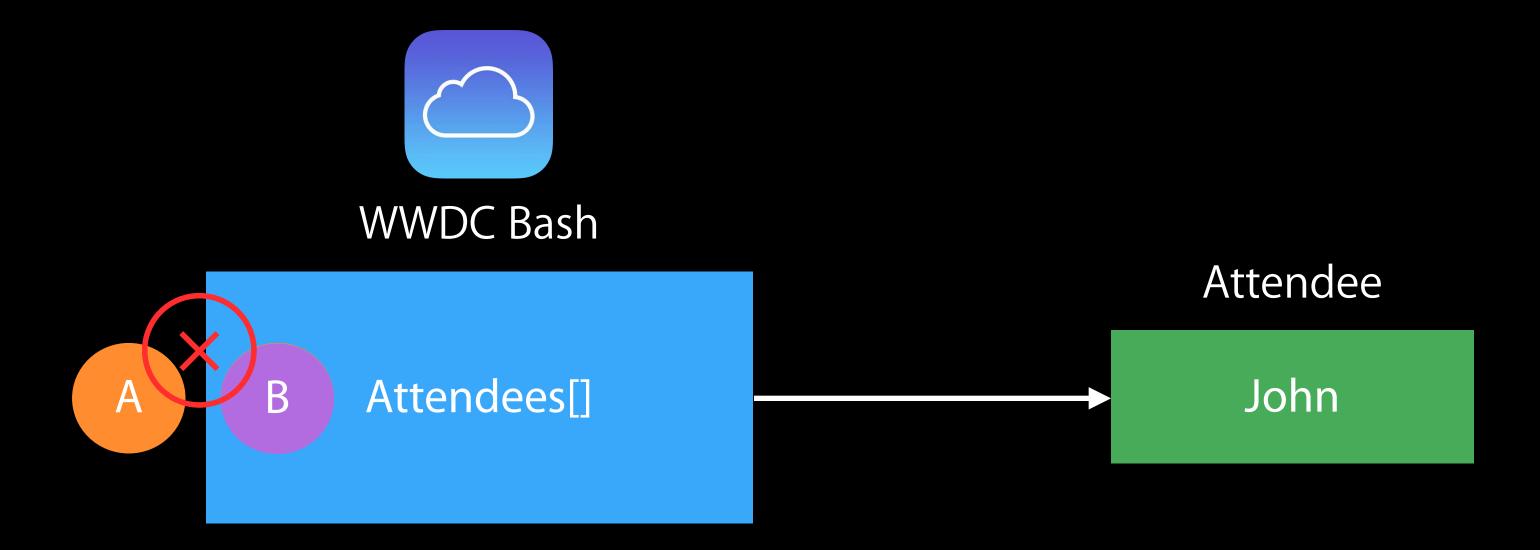


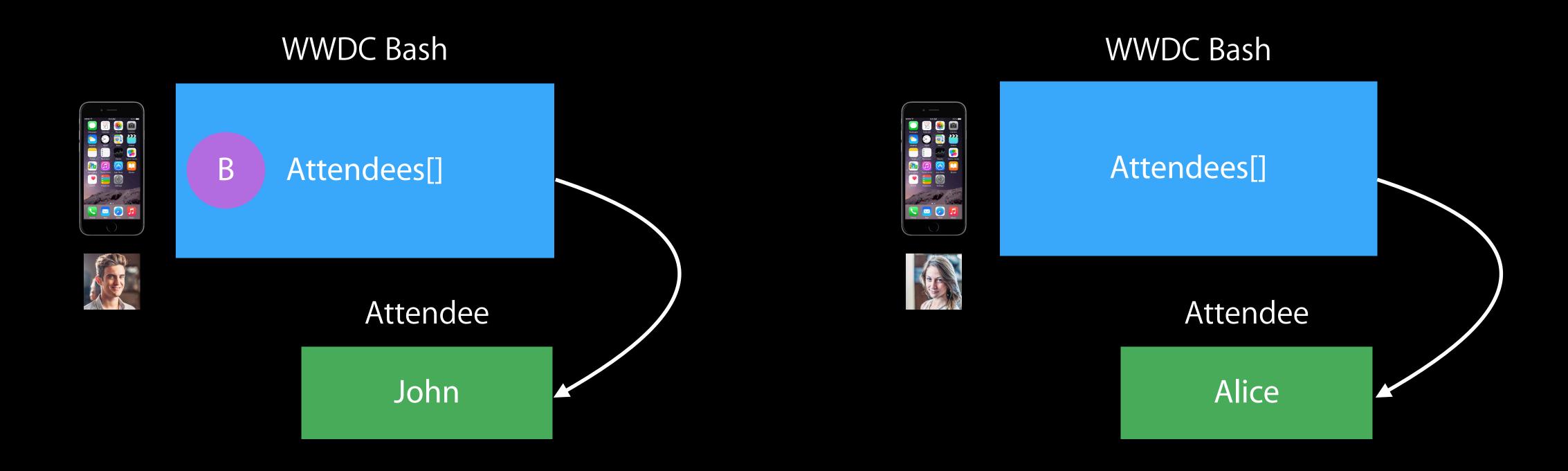












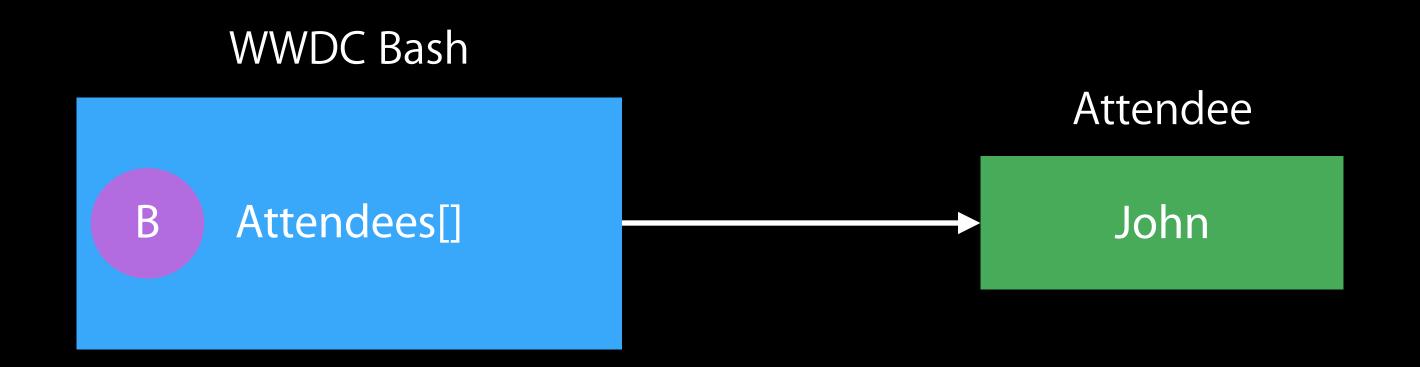
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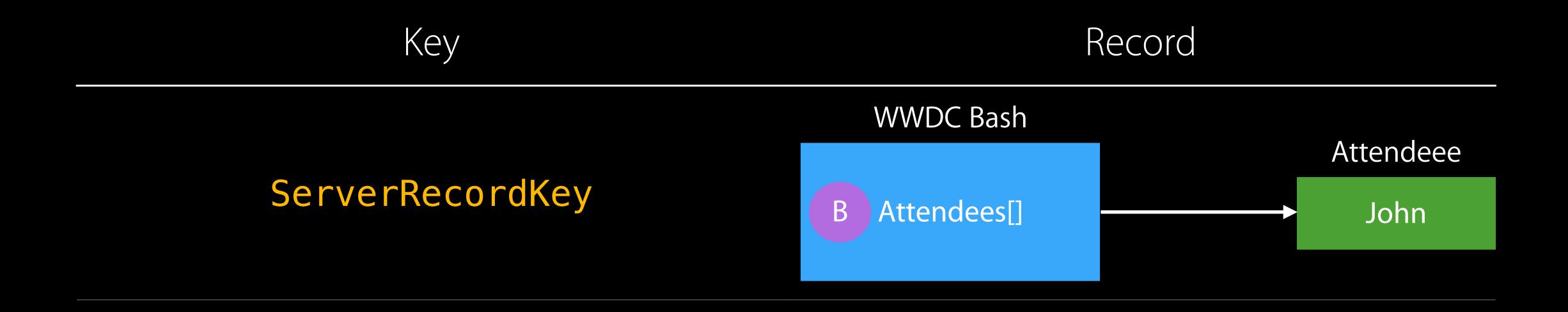
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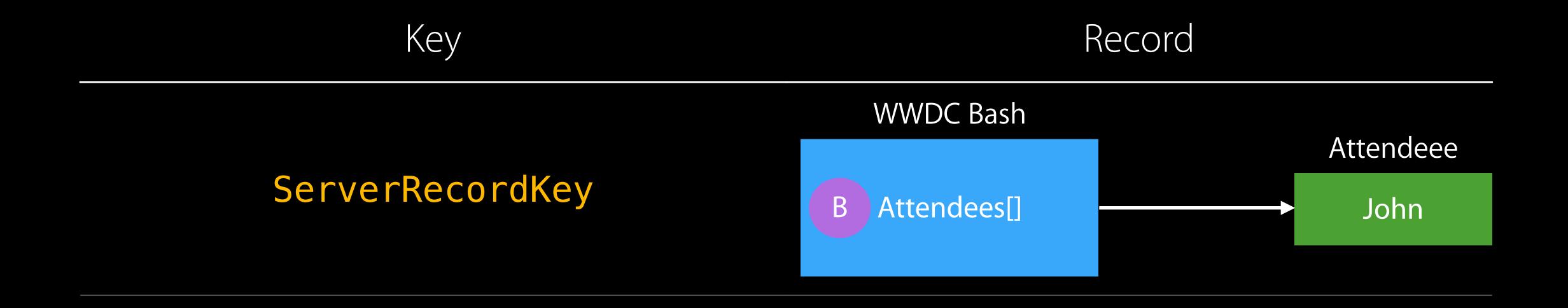
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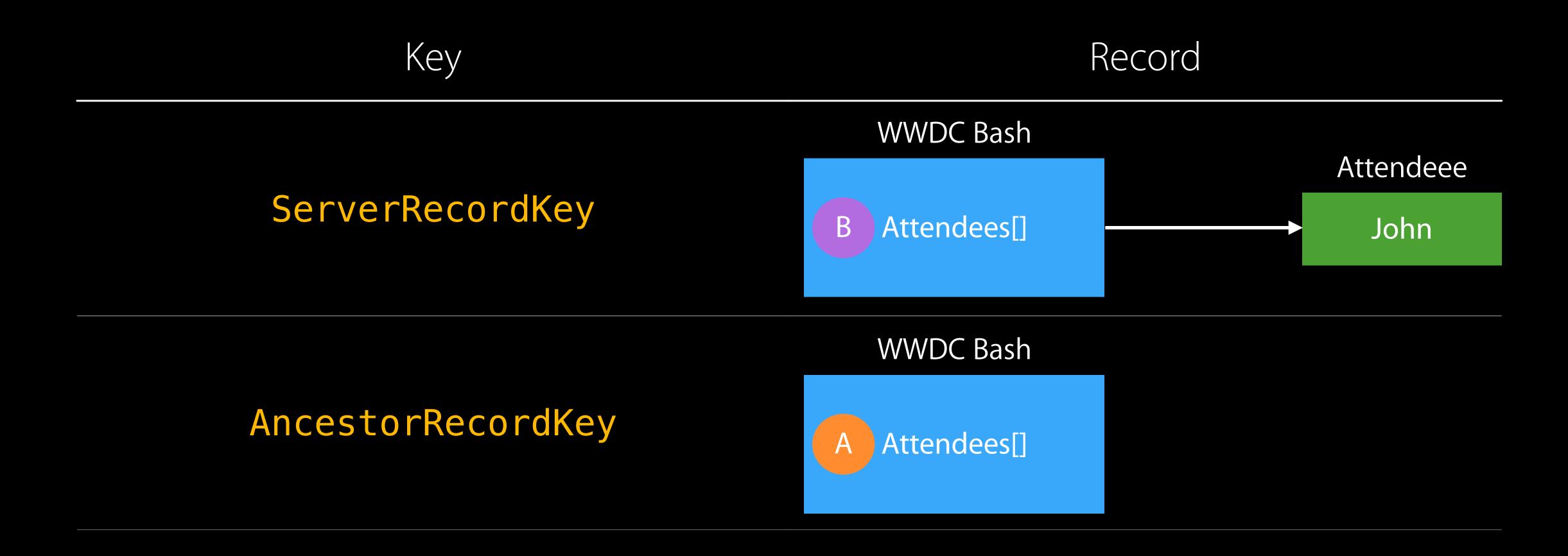


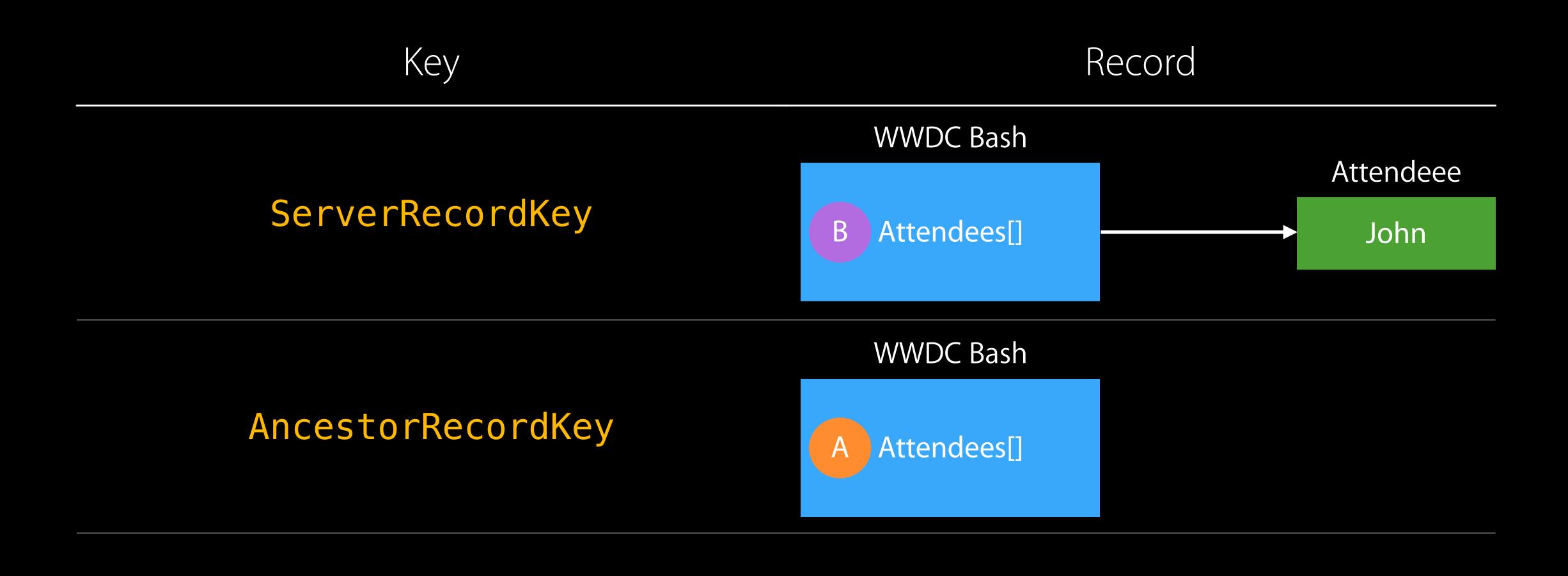
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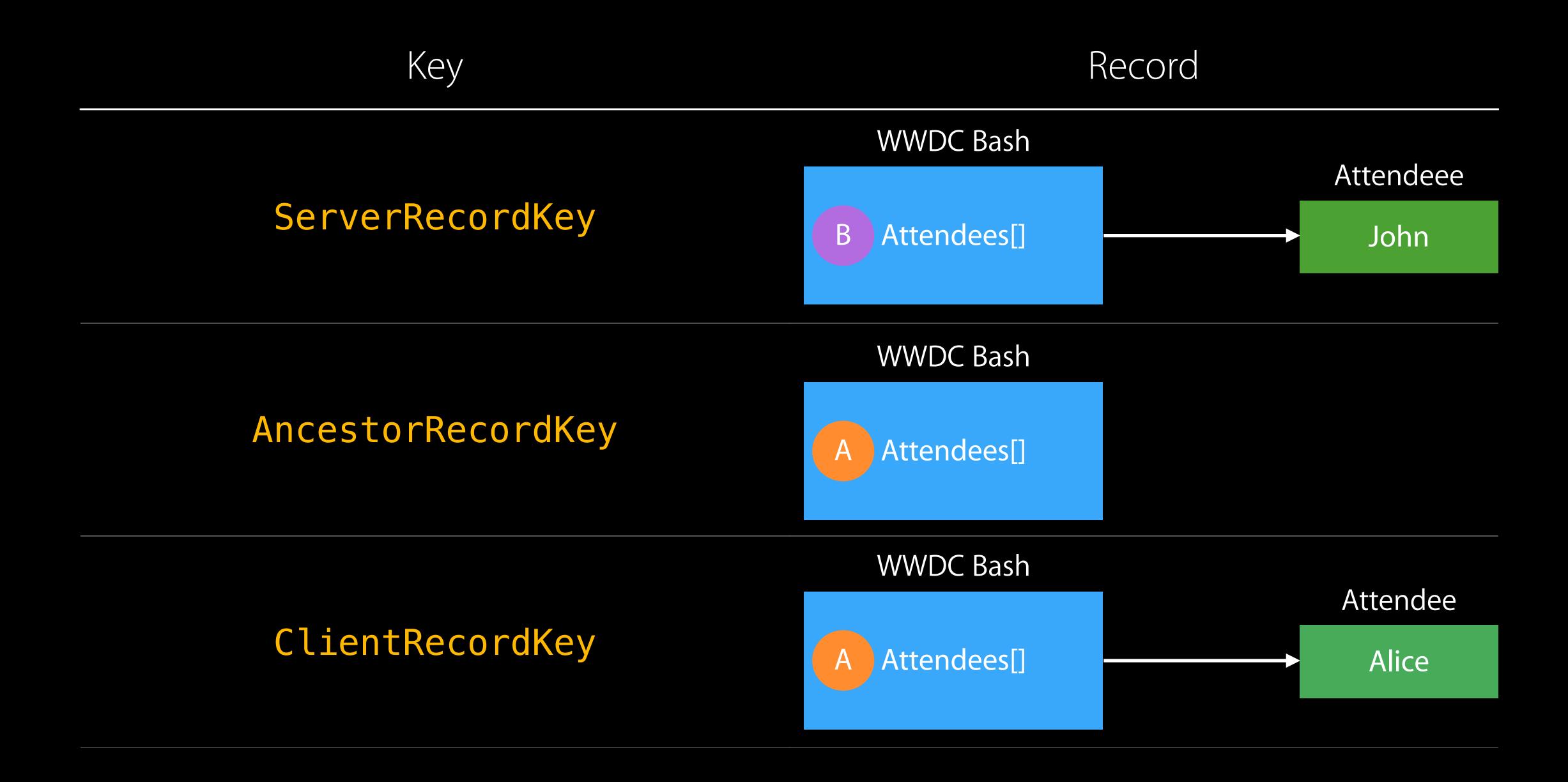


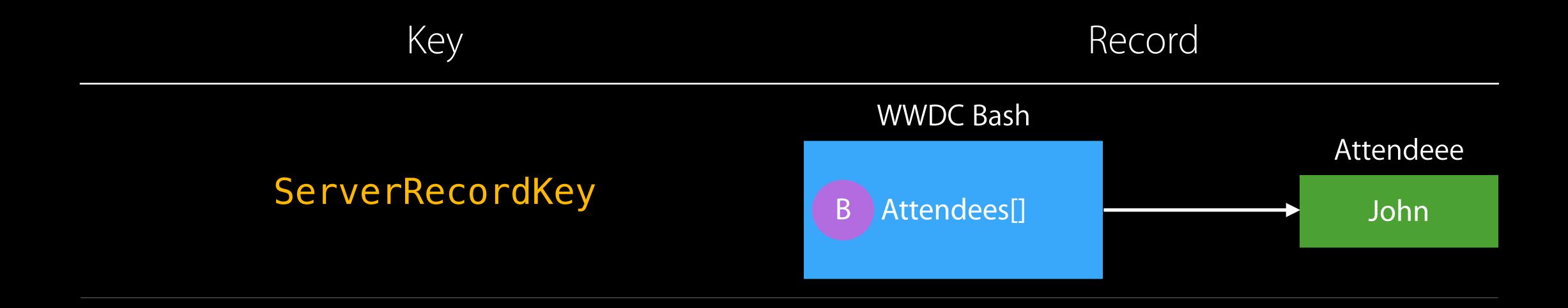
AncestorRecordKey

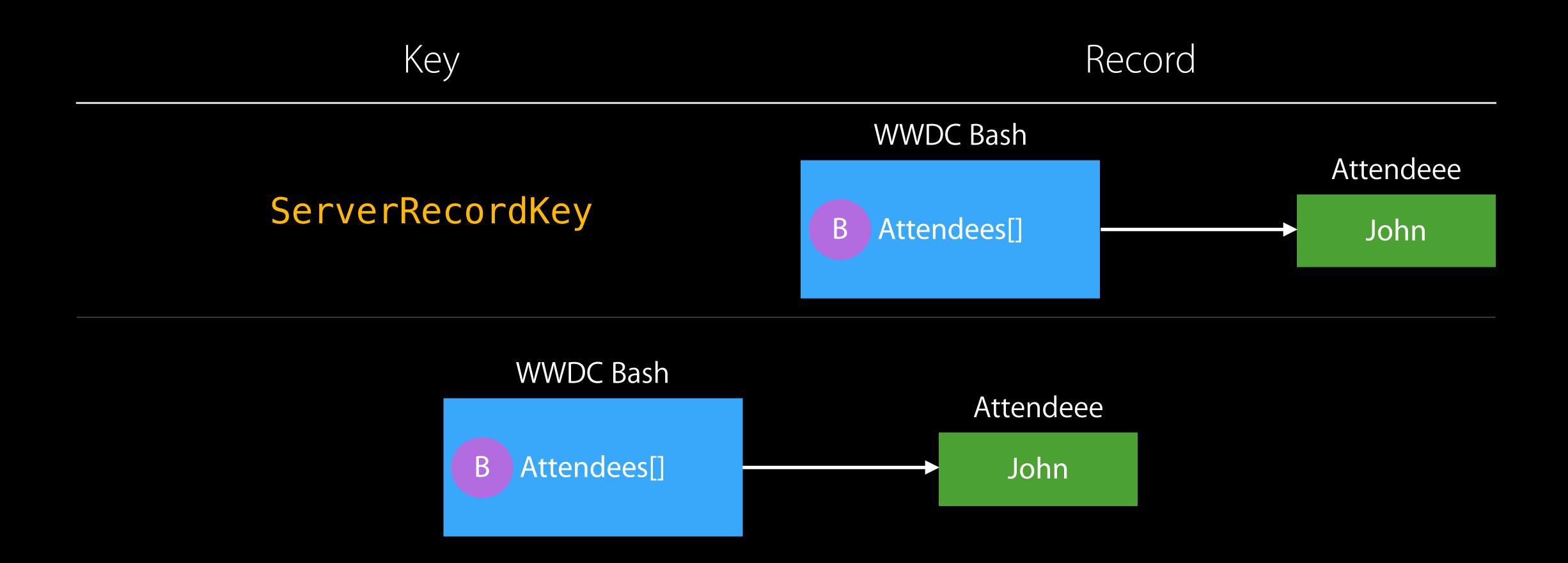


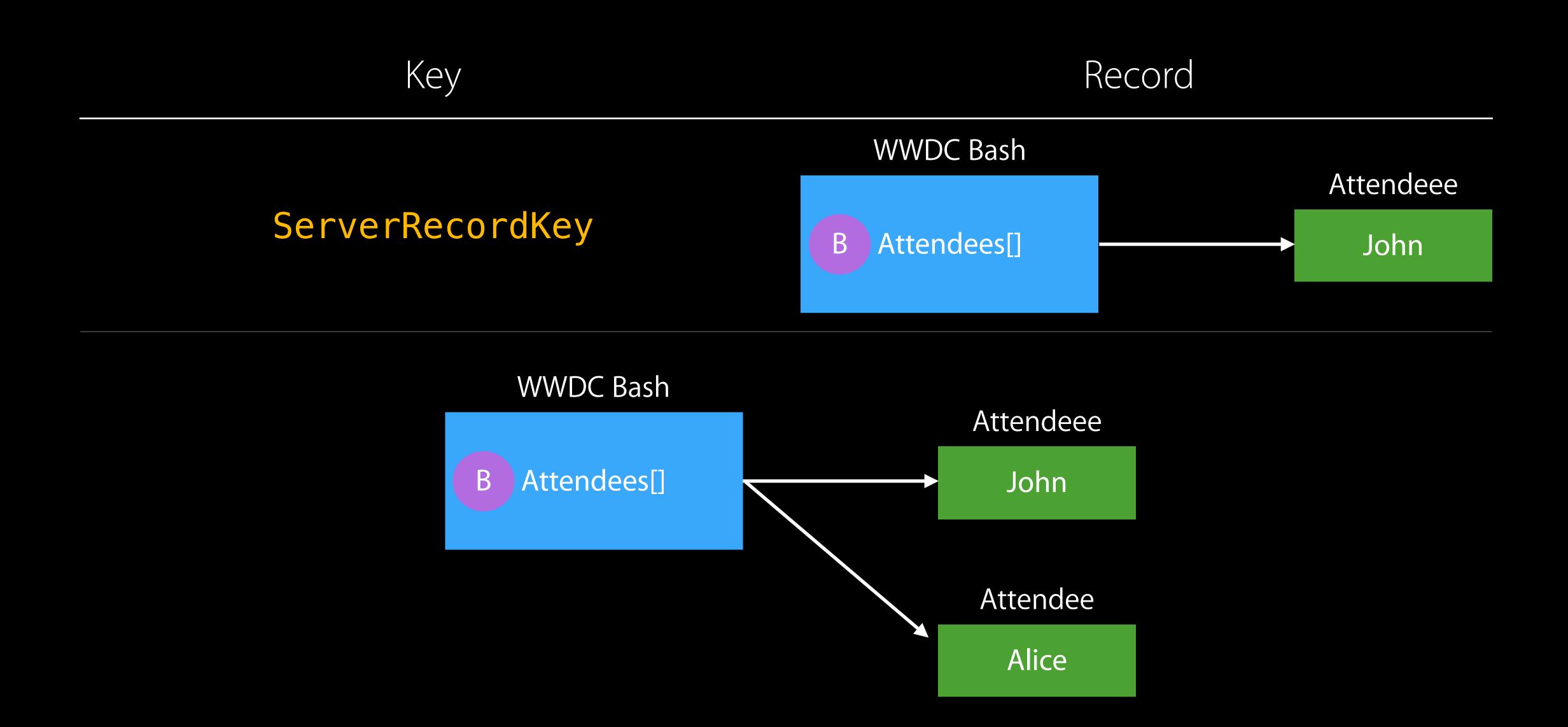


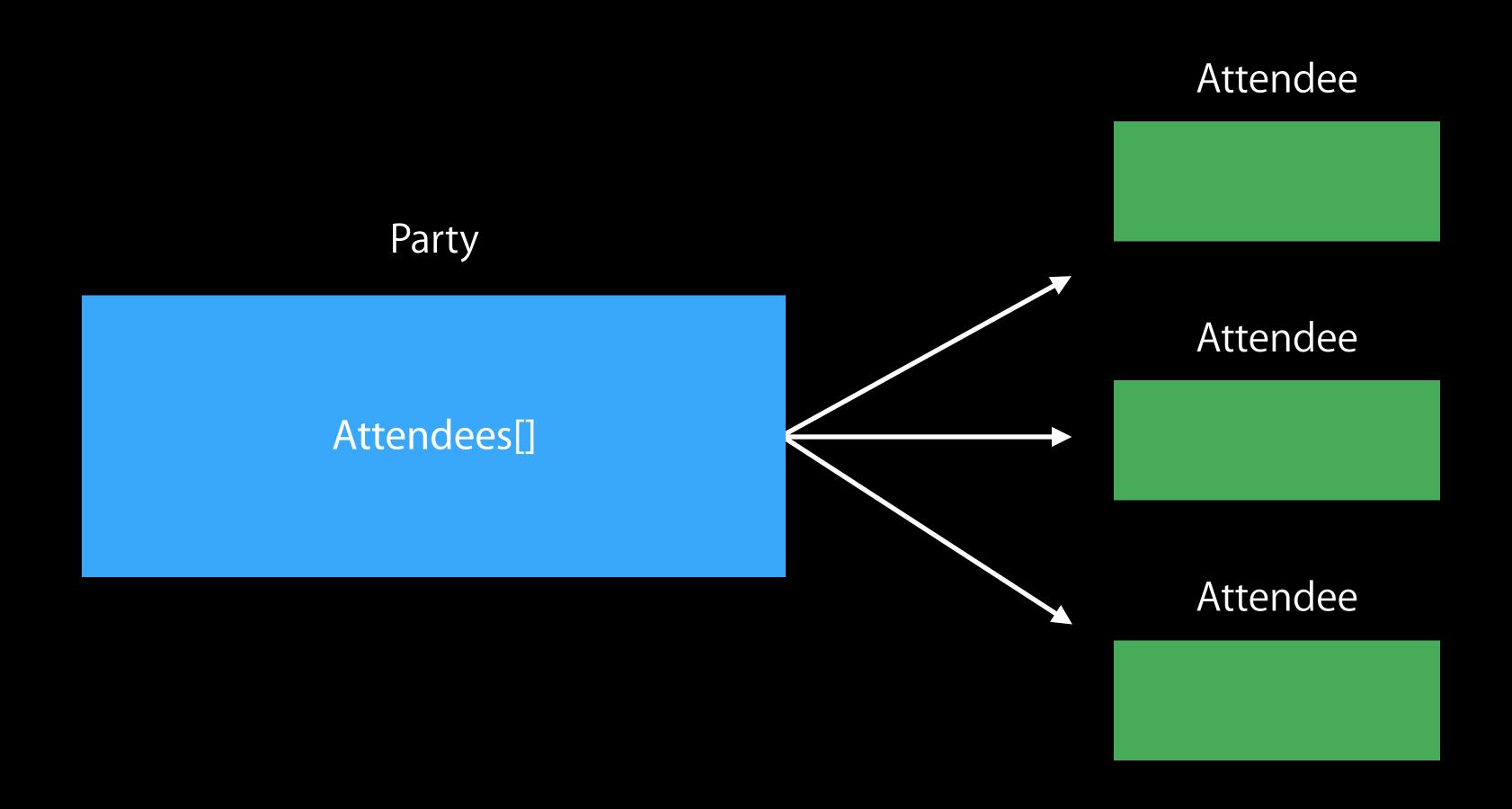
ClientRecordKey



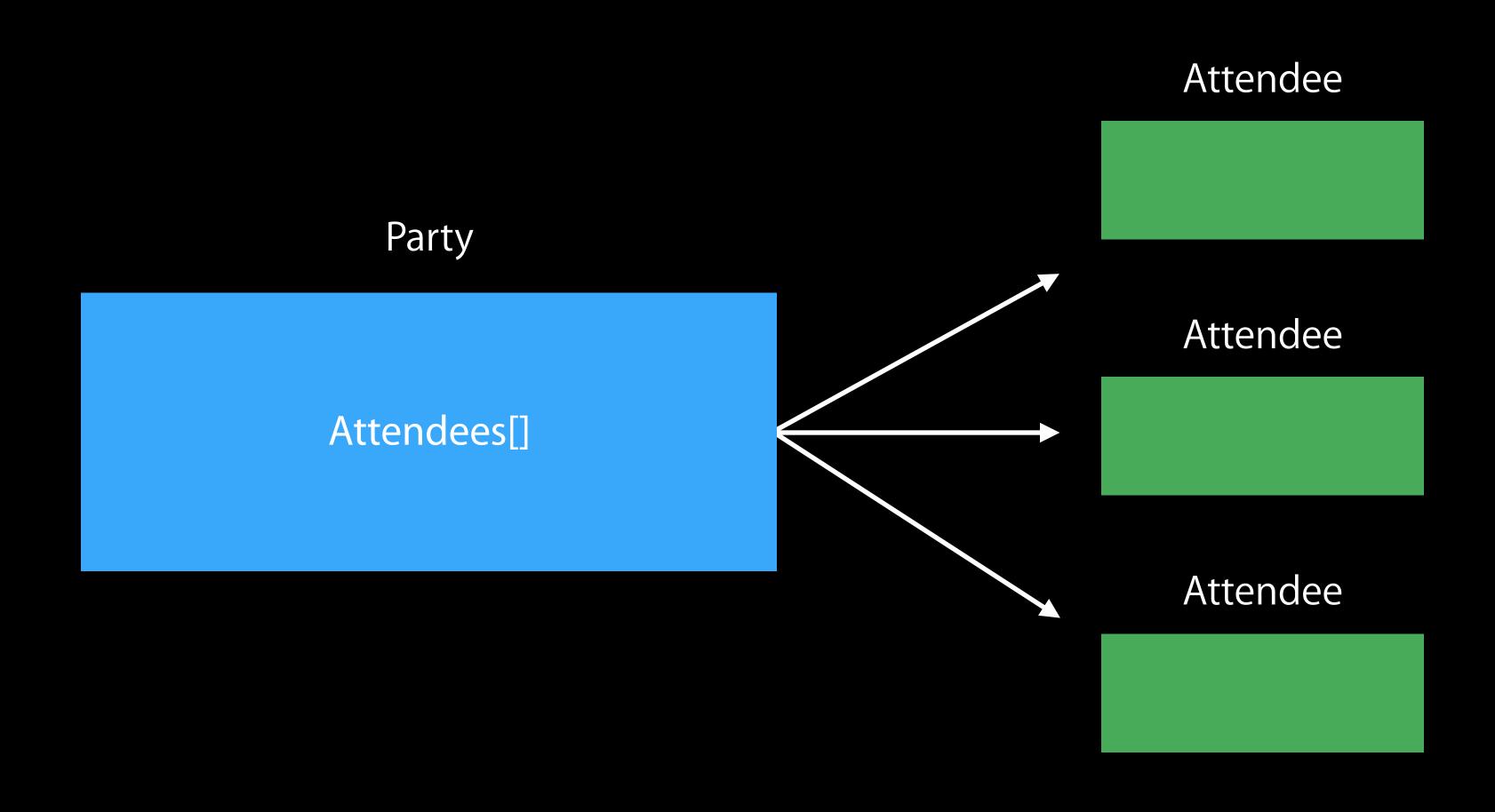






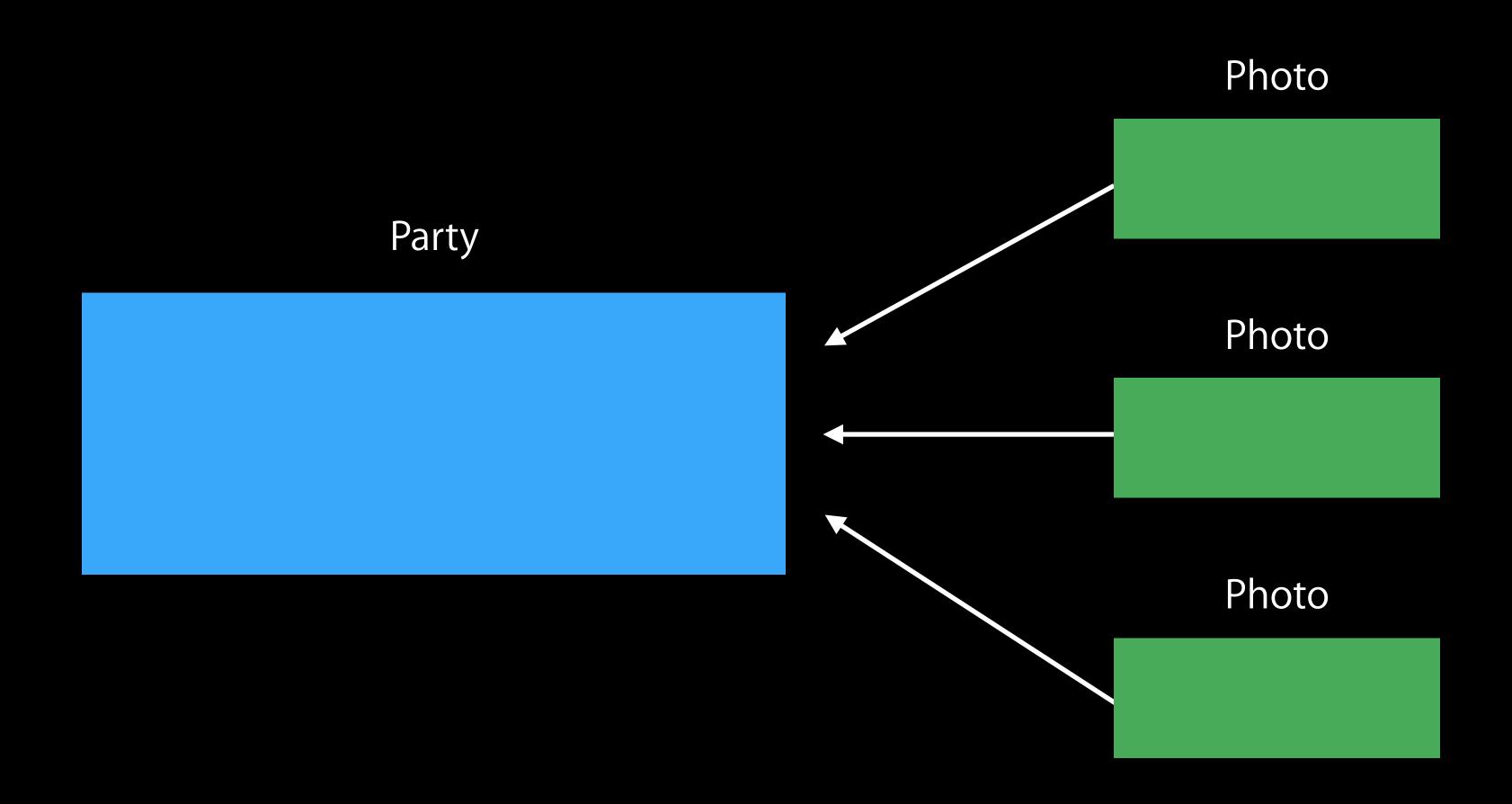




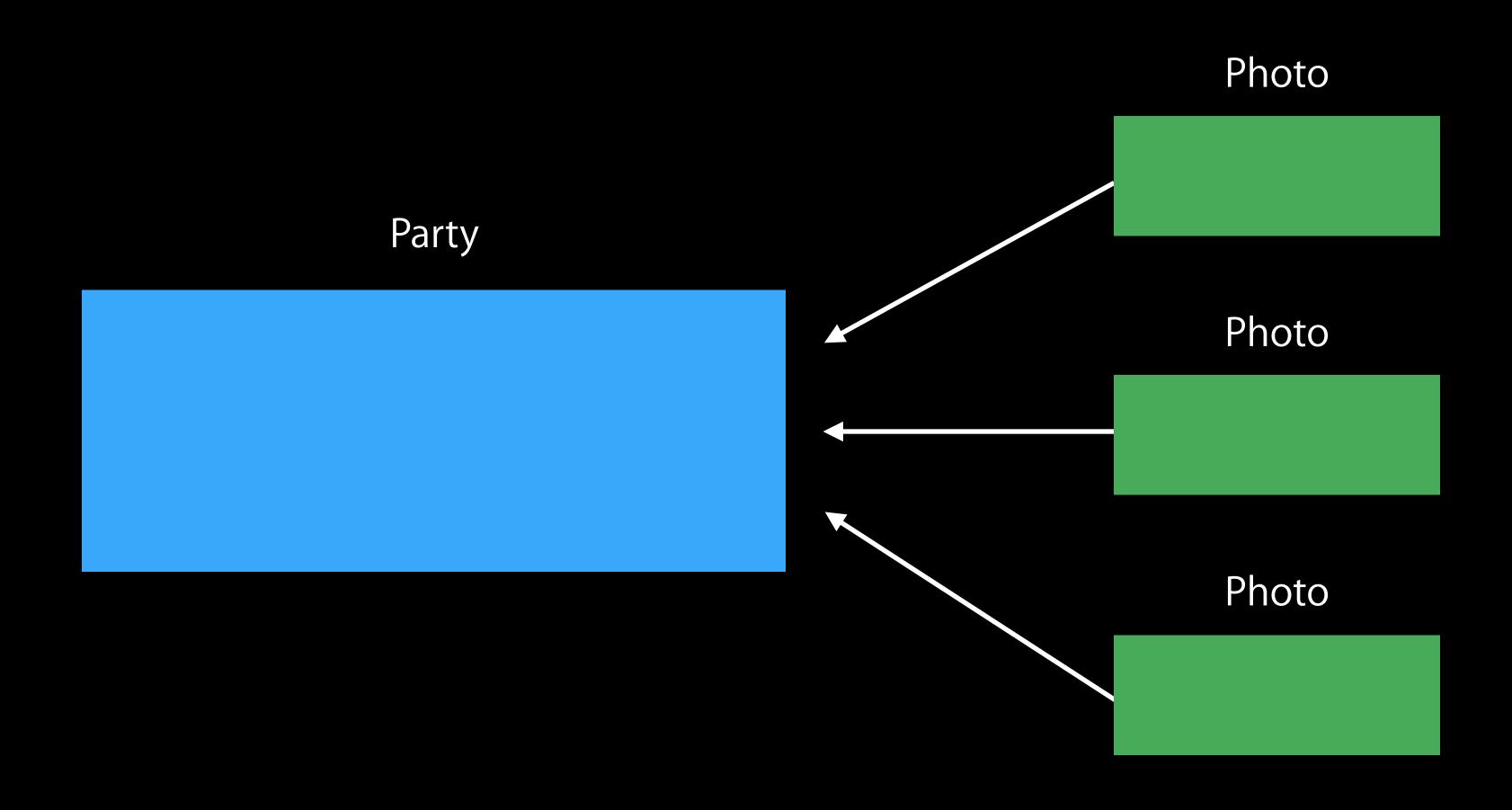


CloudKit Operations







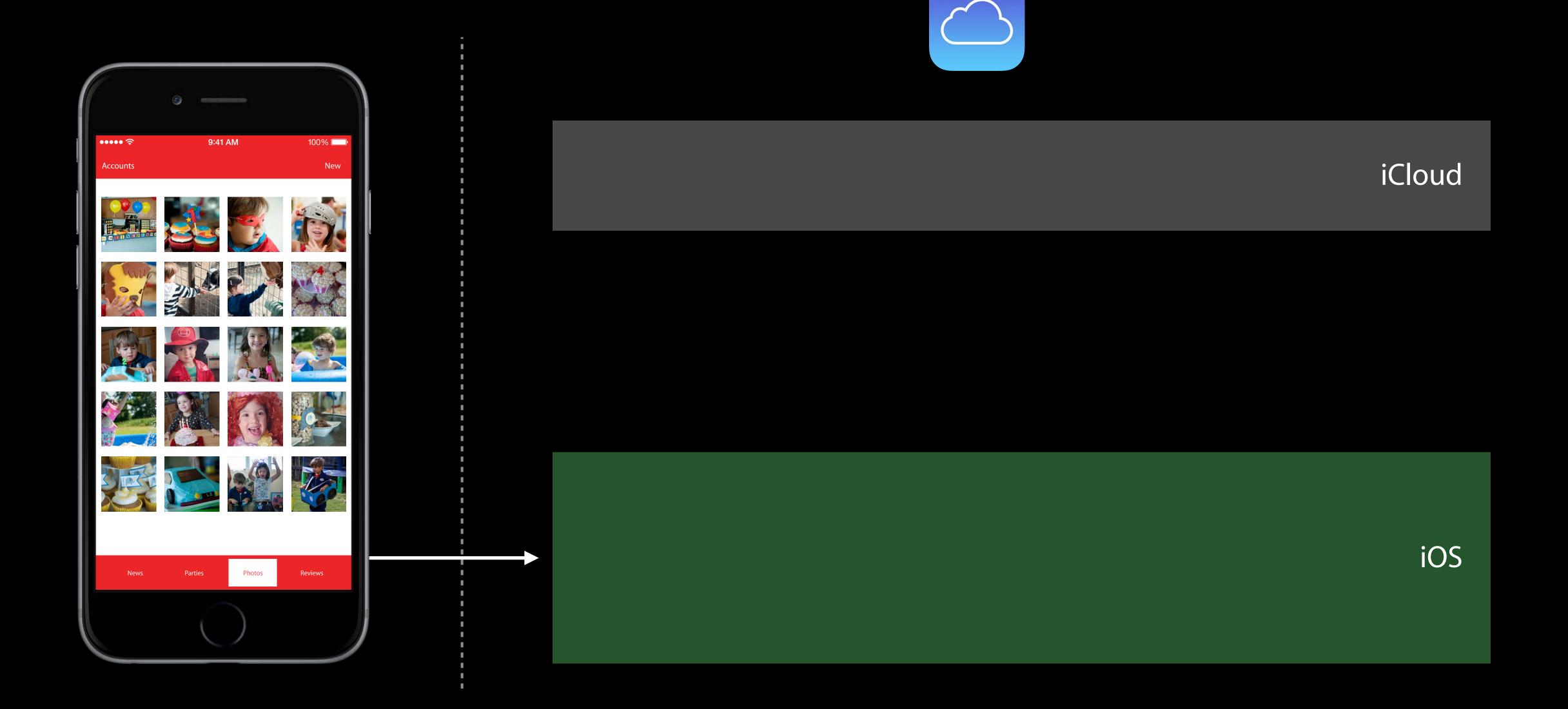


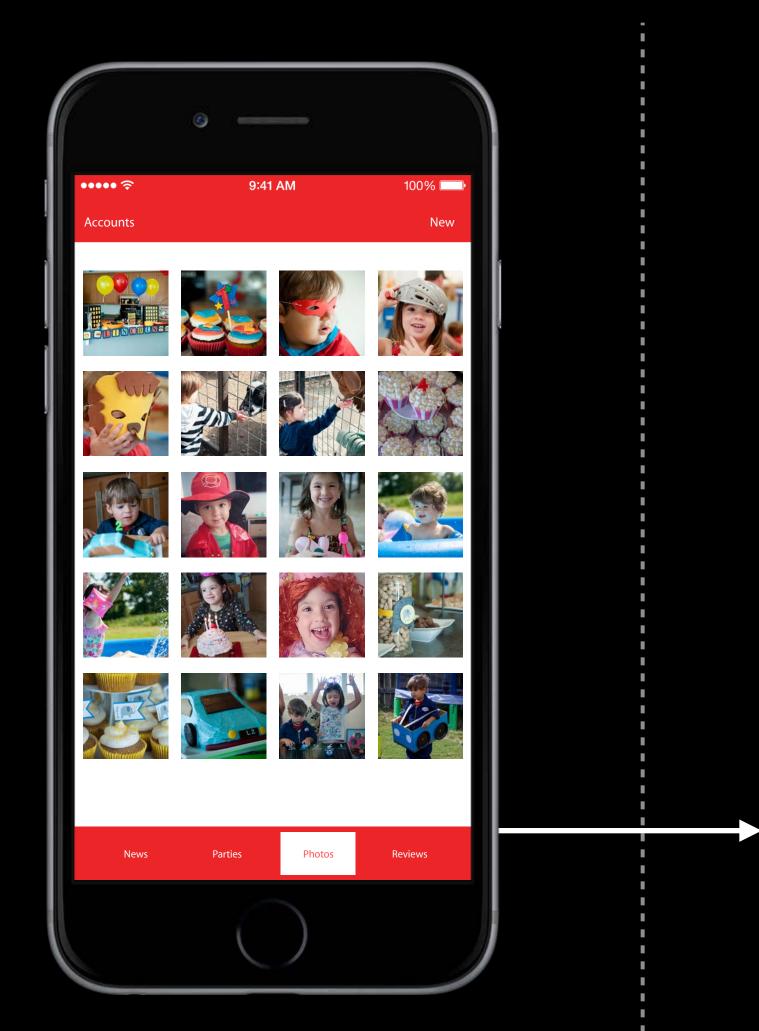
Convenience API Counterpart





iCloud



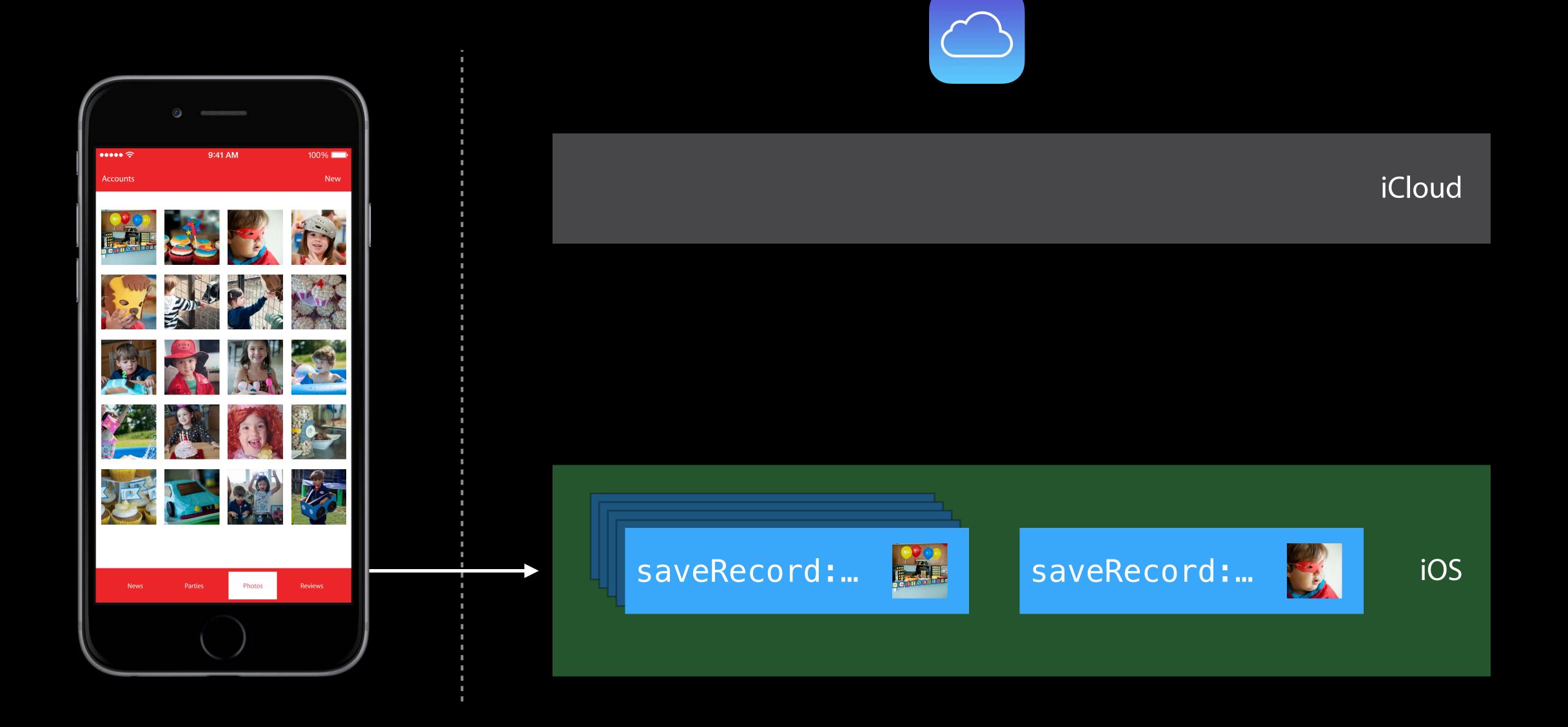


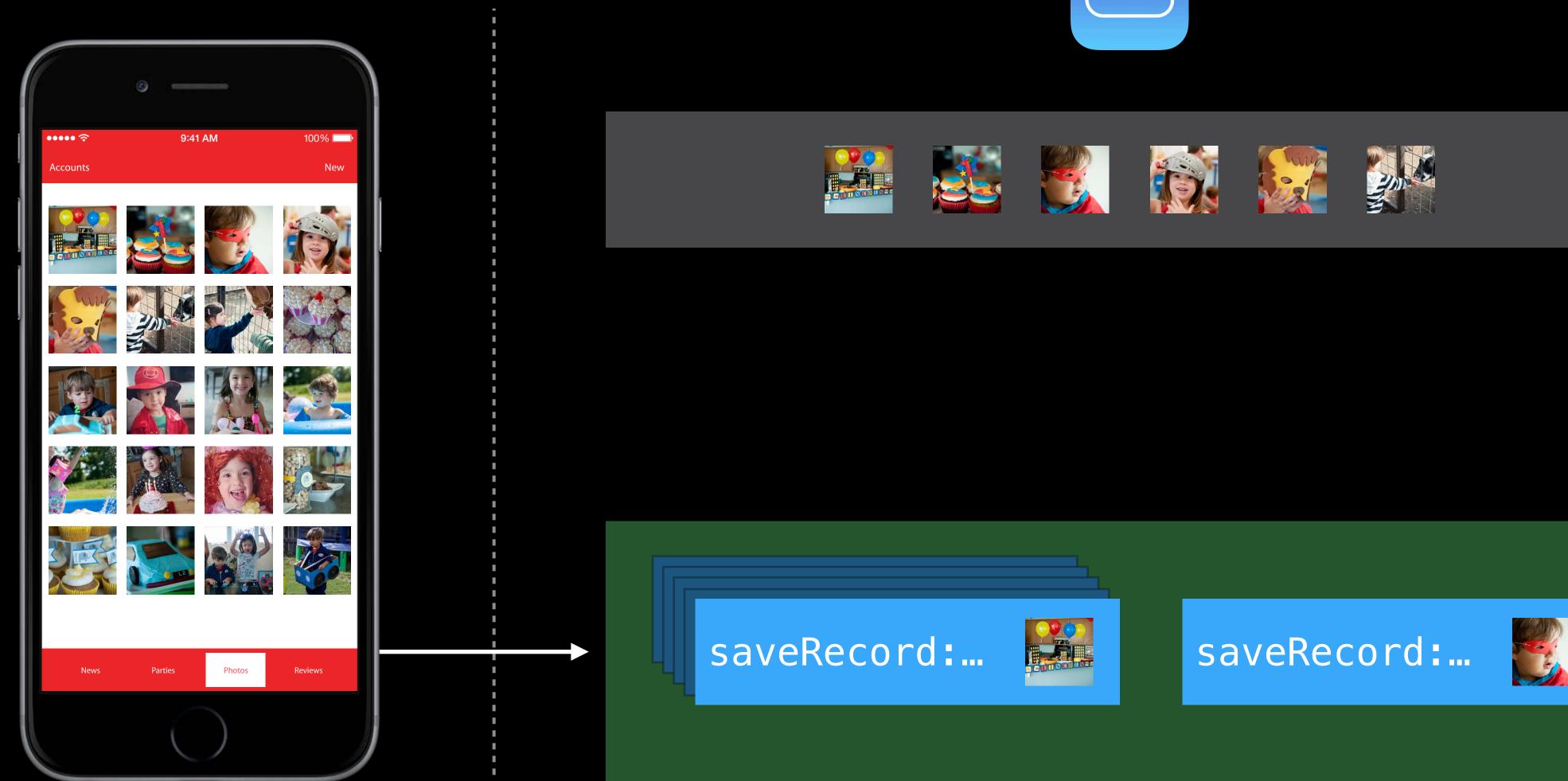


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saveRecord:...





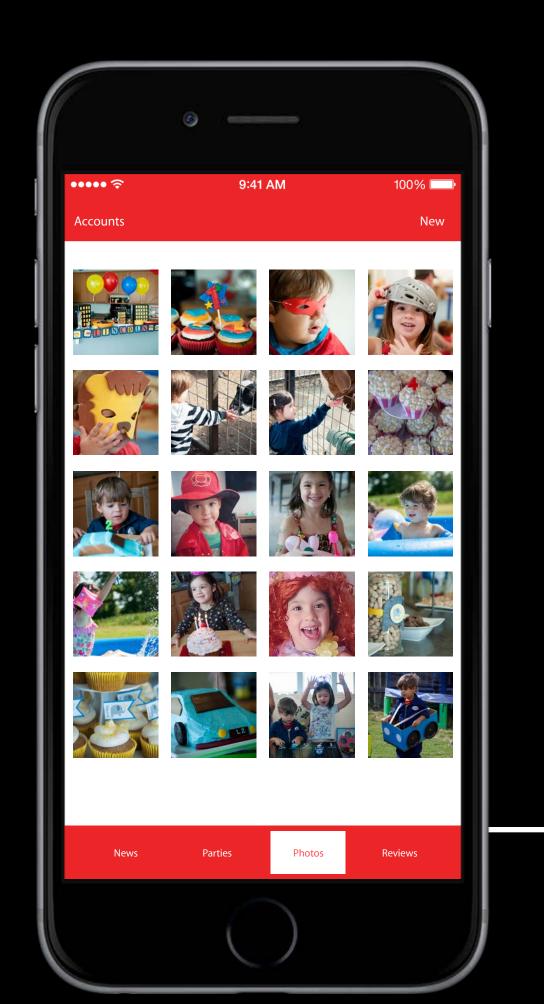




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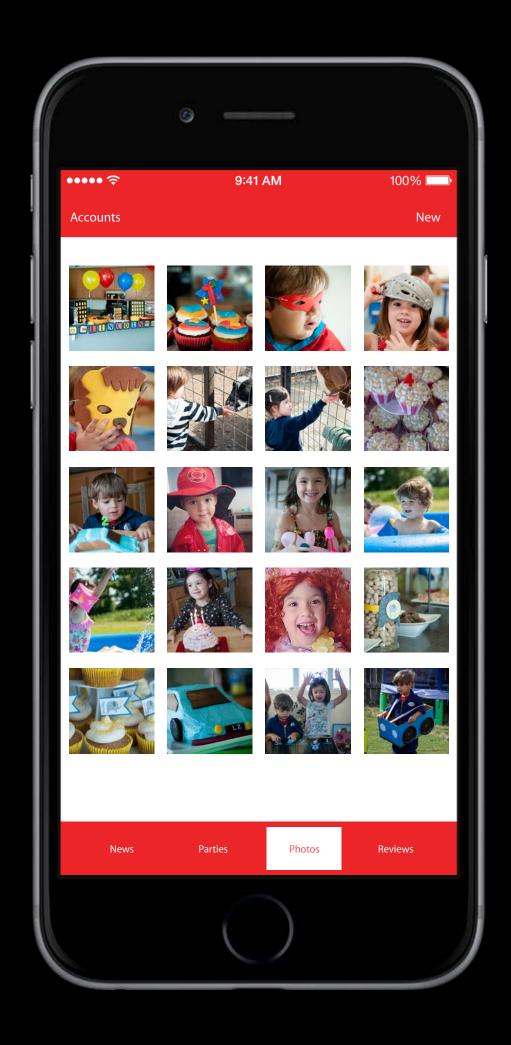
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CKOperation recap

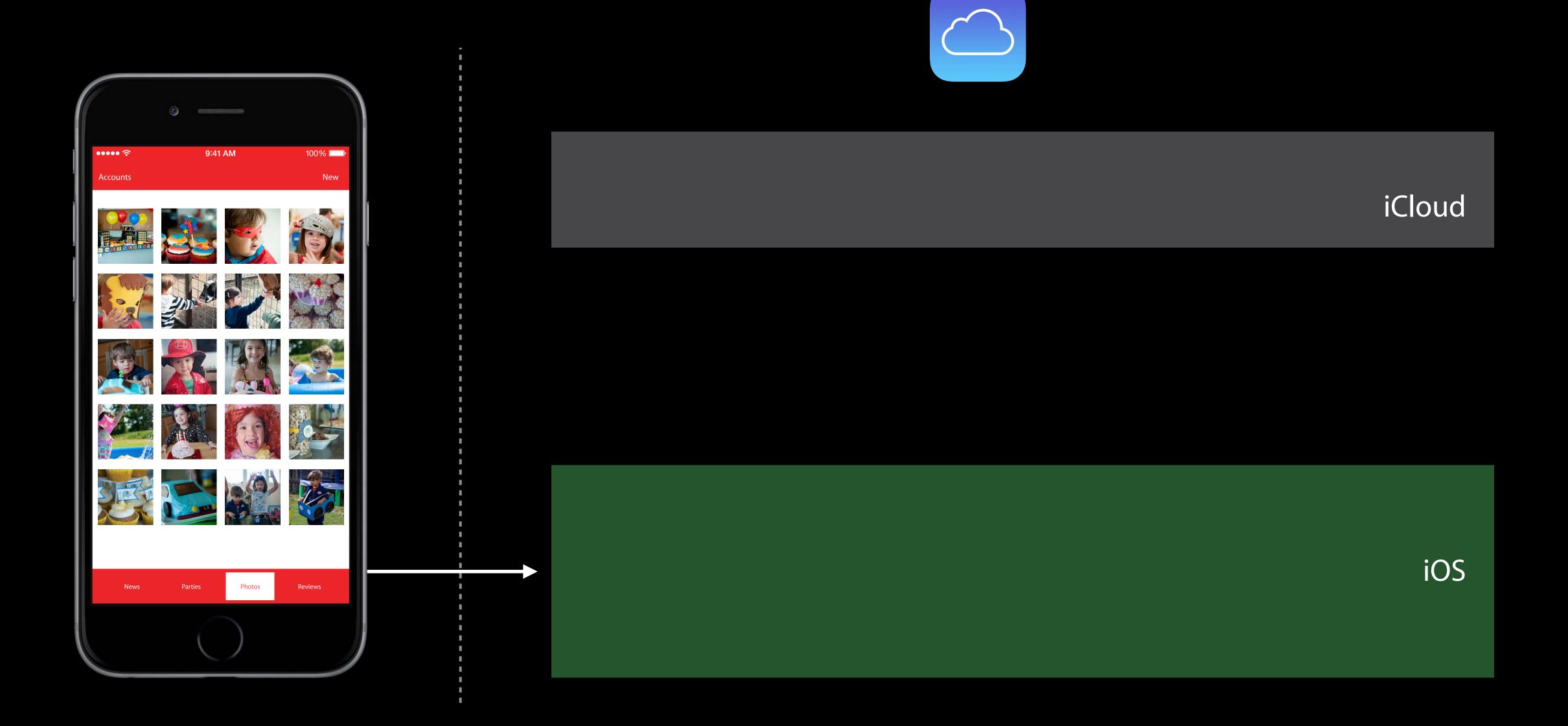
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extension CKDatabase {
   func saveRecord(record: CKRecord,
        completionHandler: (CKRecord?, NSError?) -> Void)
...
}
```

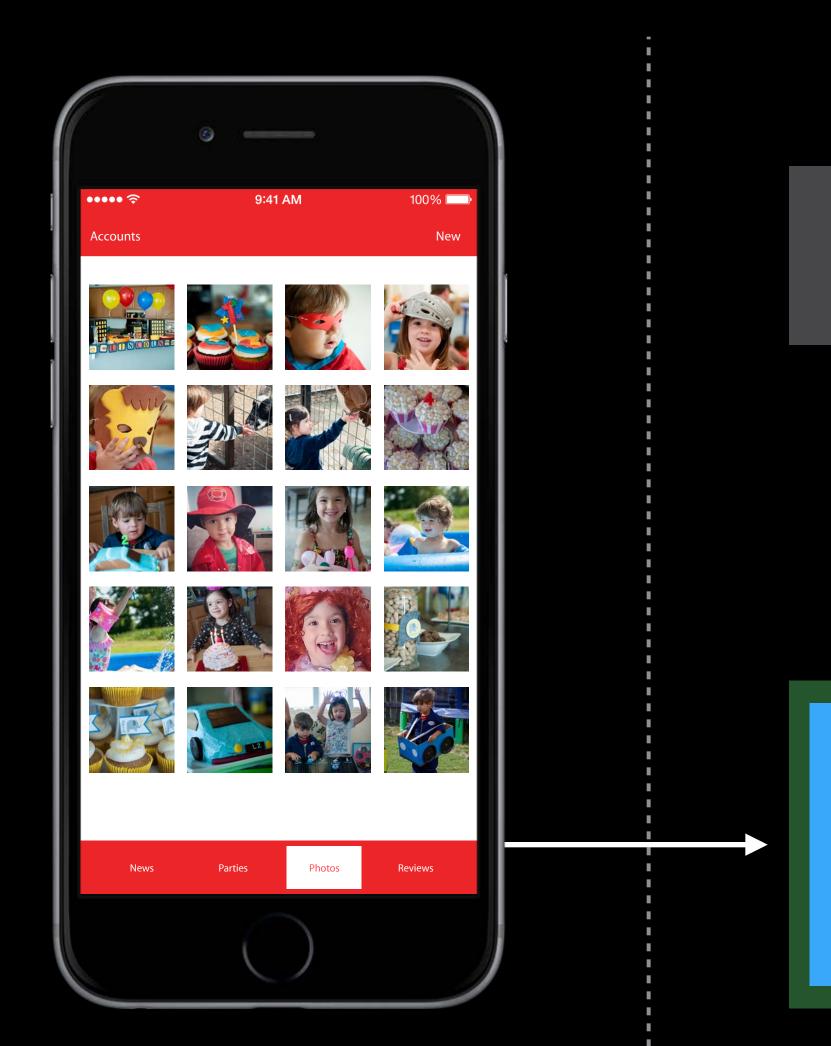
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CKOperation recap
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iCloud



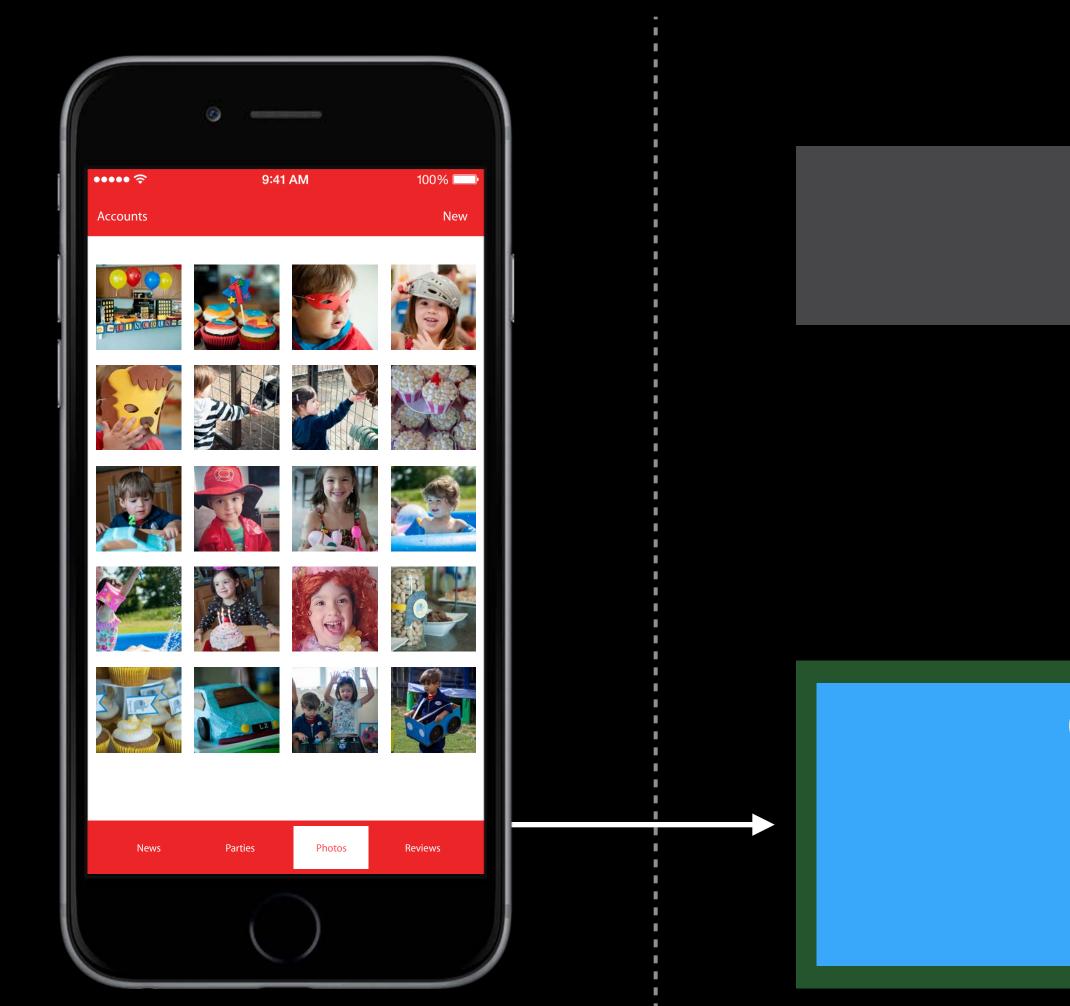




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CKModifyRecordsOperation







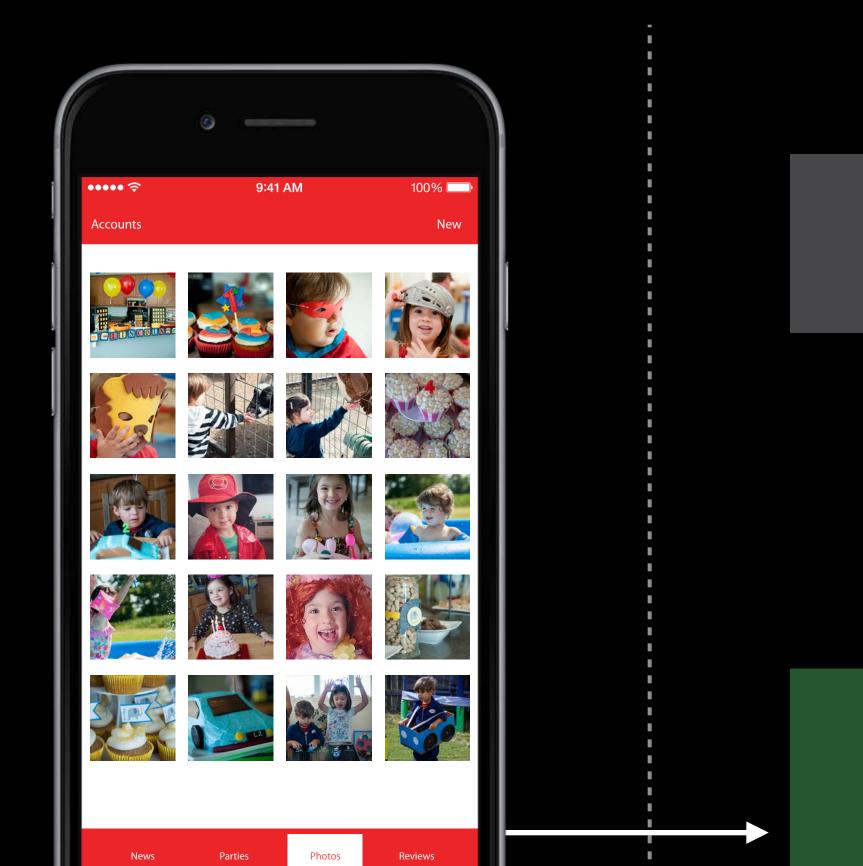


iCloud

CKModifyRecordsOperation











iCloud

Batch size limits

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CKErrorLimitExceeded

Partial errors

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CKErrorPartialFailure

Partial errors

CKRecordID : CKError?

CKRecordID : CKErrorInvalidArguments

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CKRecordID : CKError?

Partial errors with atomic updates

CKRecordID : CKErrorBatchRequestFailed CKRecordID : CKErrorInvalidArguments CKPartialErrorsByItemIDKey CKErrorPartialFailure —— CKRecordID : CKErrorBatchRequestFailed

Queries

Parties may have a lot of photos

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Optimize download with CKQueryOperation

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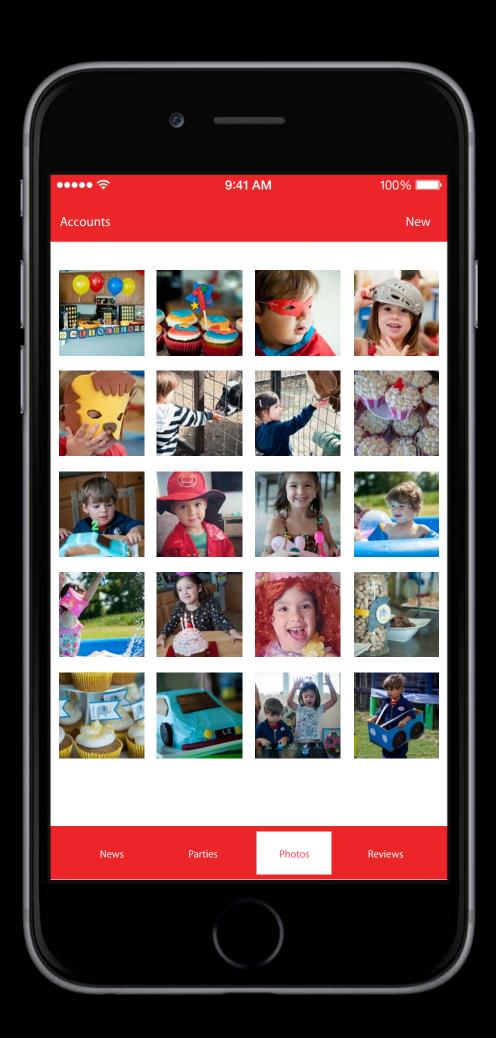


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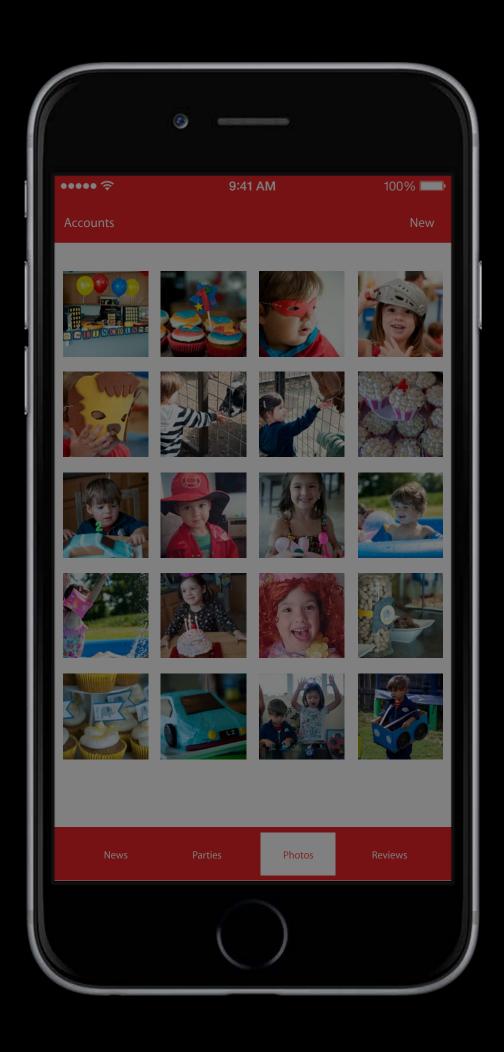
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- CKFetchNotificationChangesOperation

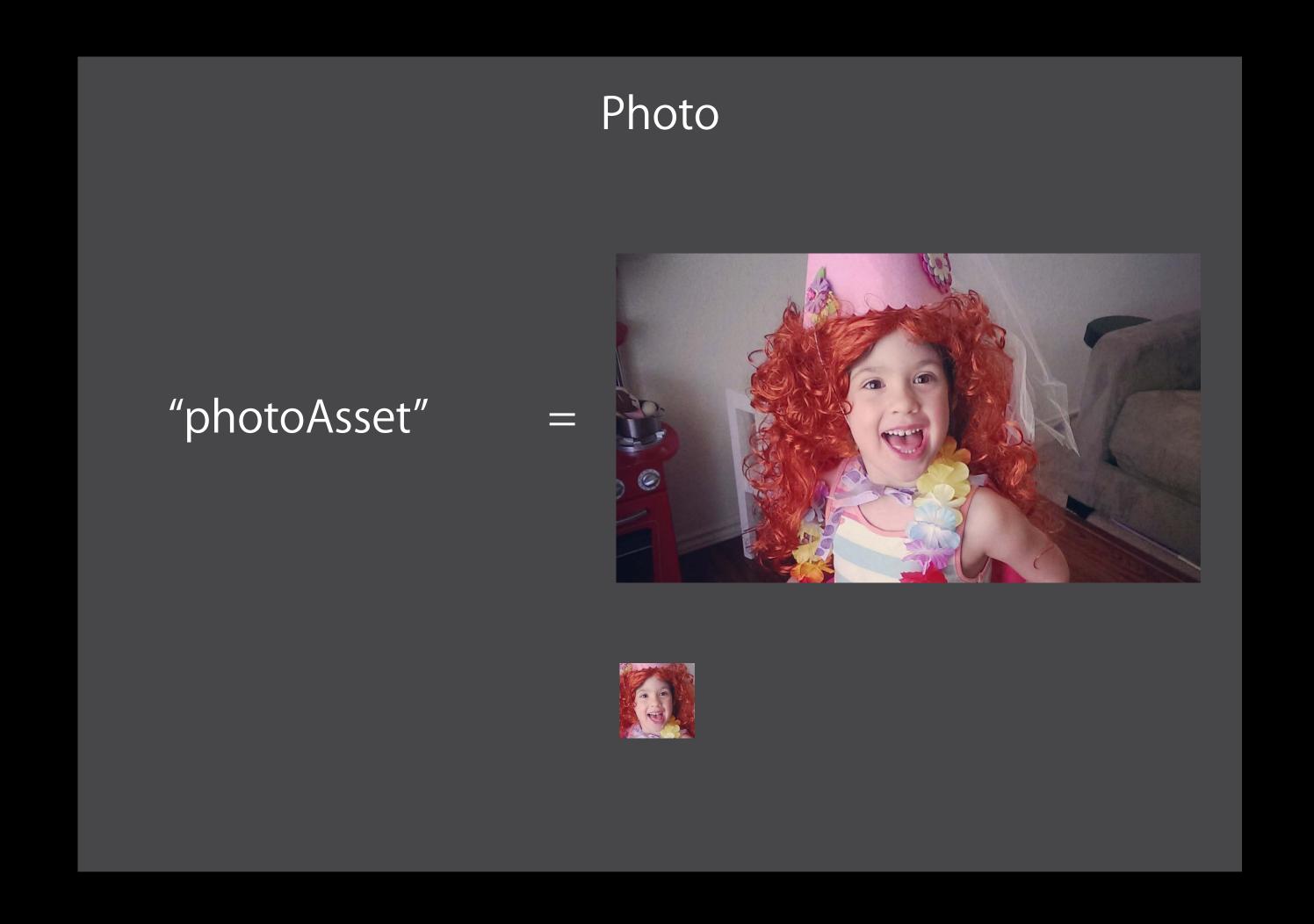




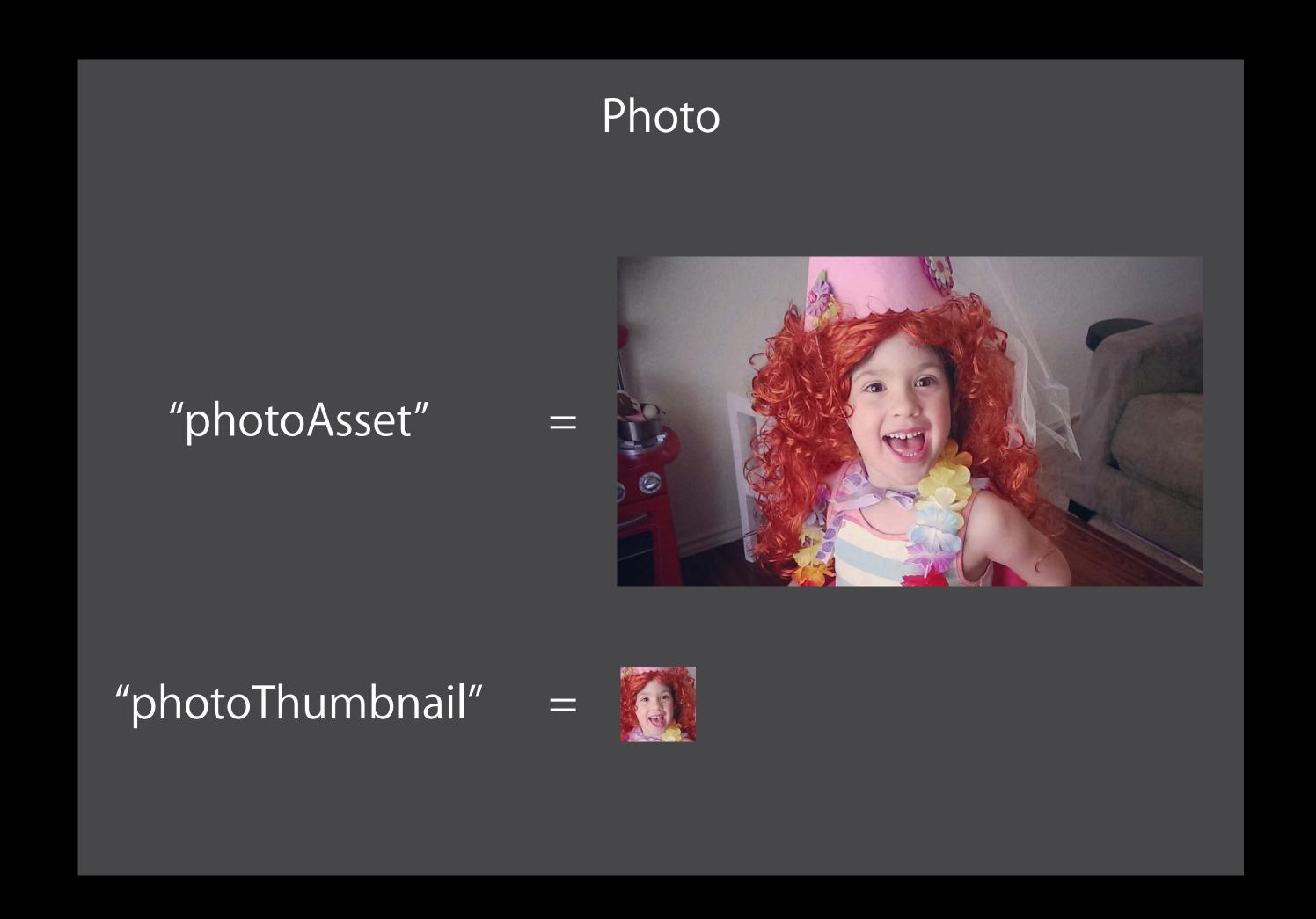










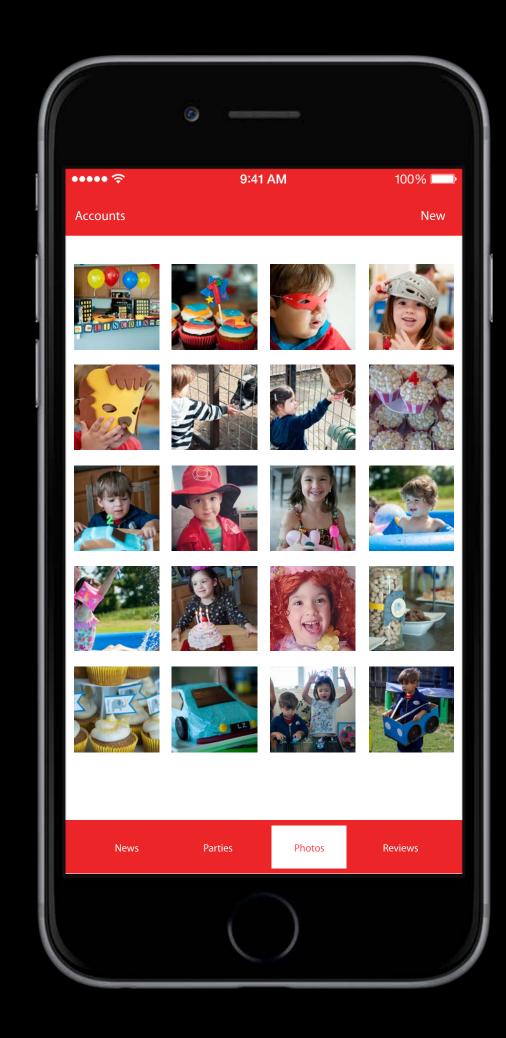






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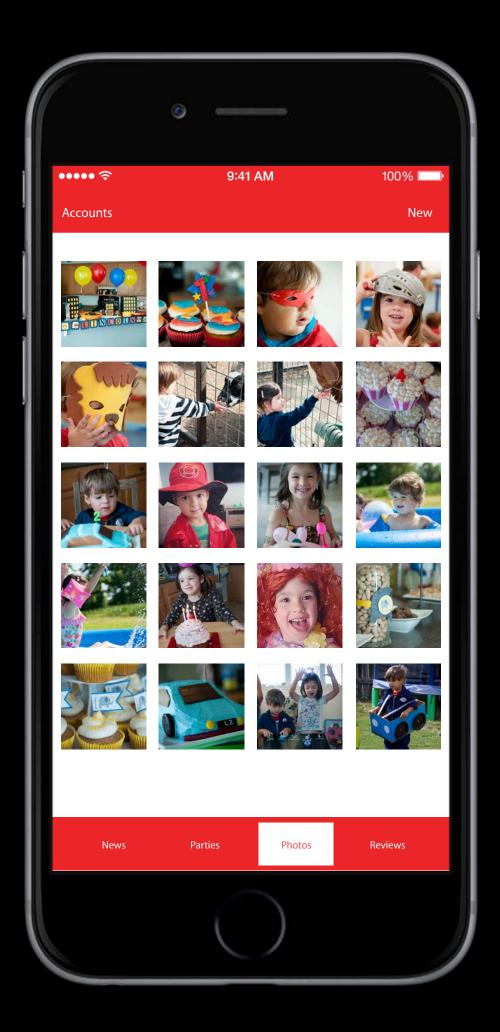


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Fetching in order



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System field sort



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Configure via iCloud Dashboard

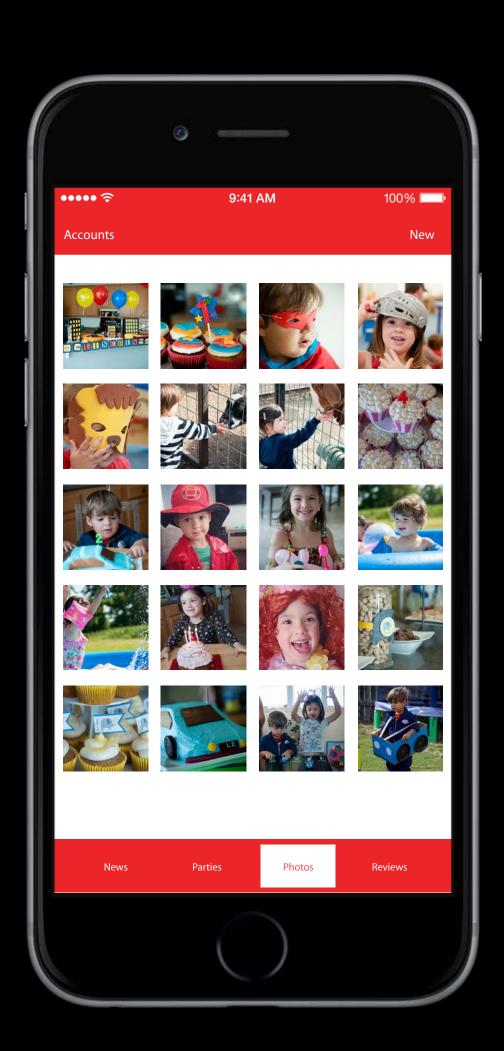


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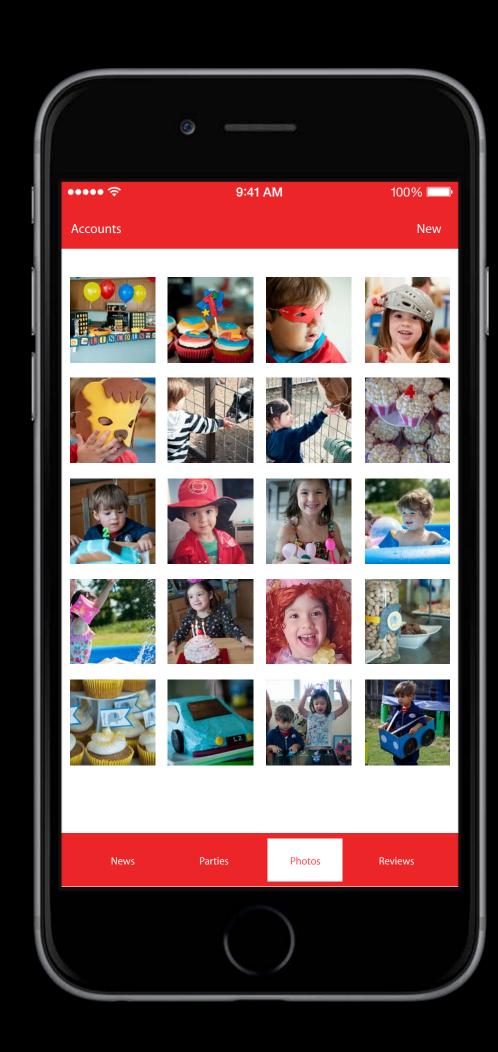
Pagination



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Pagination

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var queryCompletionBlock:
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convenience init(cursor: CKQueryCursor)
```



Maintaining a Local Cache

Personal notes for parties

Personal notes for parties

Private database

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- Private database
- Offline use

Personal notes for parties

- Private database
- Offline use
- Small amount of data needed on all devices

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Storing Data Locally

App objects

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Storing Data Locally CKRecord

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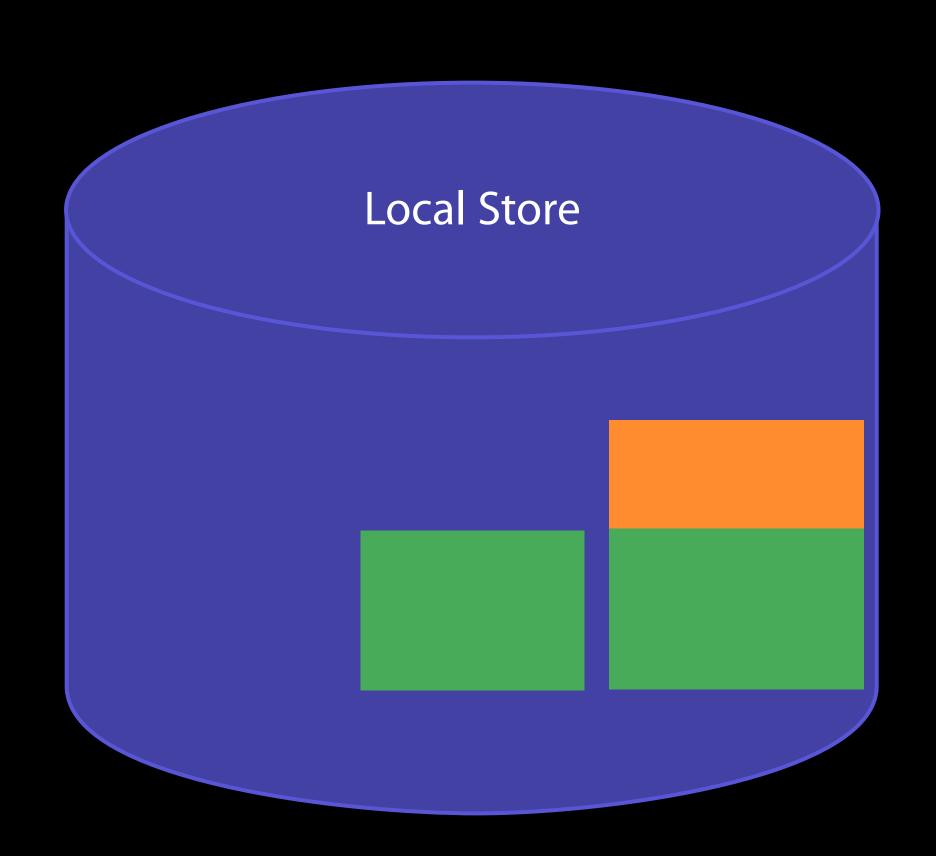
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let record = ...

let archivedData = NSMutableData()
let archiver = NSKeyedArchiver(forWritingWithMutableData: archivedData)
archiver.requiresSecureCoding = true
record.encodeSystemFieldsWithCoder(archiver)
archiver.finishEncoding()
```

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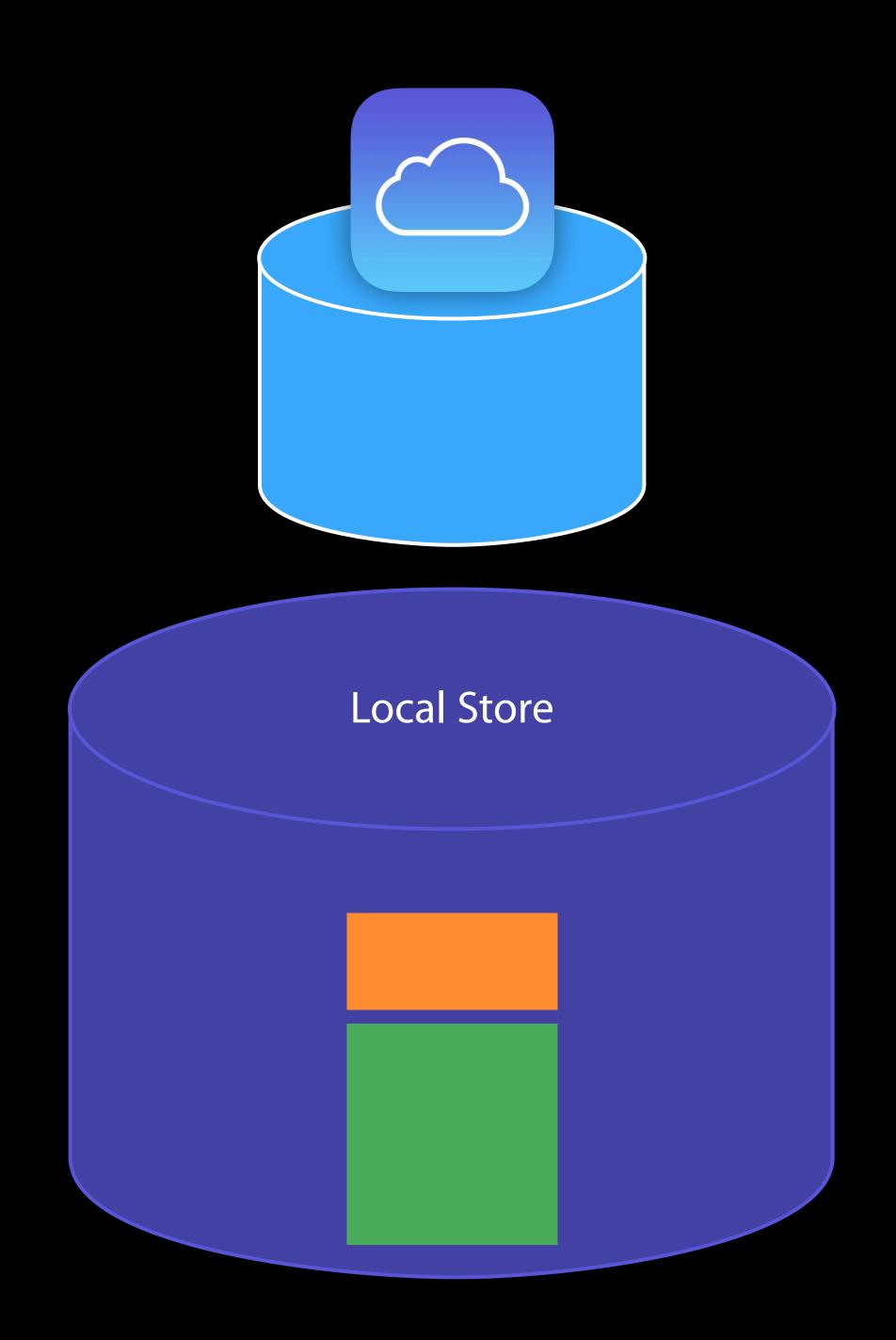
```
let unarchiver = NSKeyedUnarchiver(forReadingWithData: archivedData)
unarchiver.requiresSecureCoding = true
let unarchivedRecord = CKRecord(coder: unarchiver)
```

Unarchiving system fields

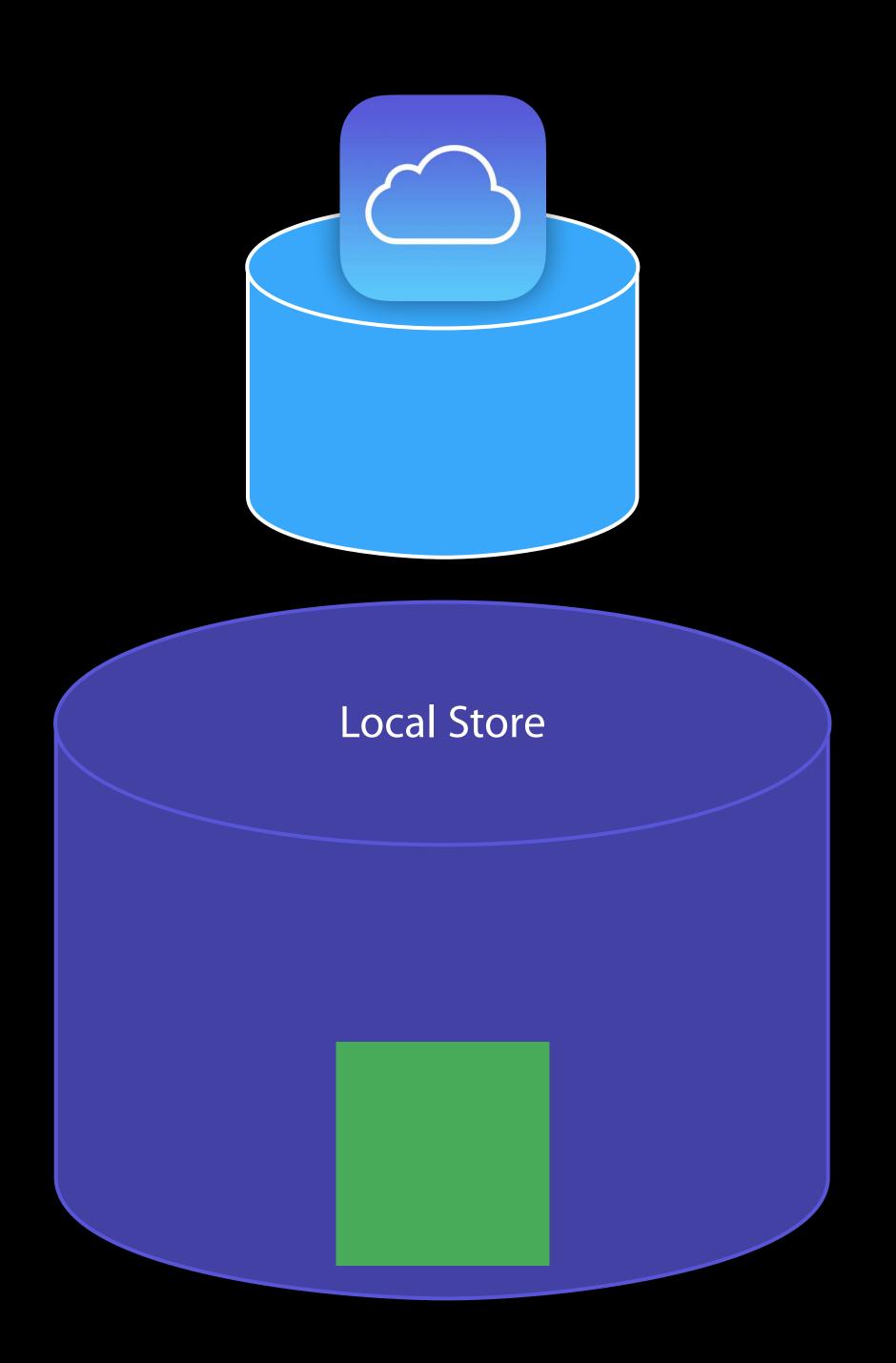
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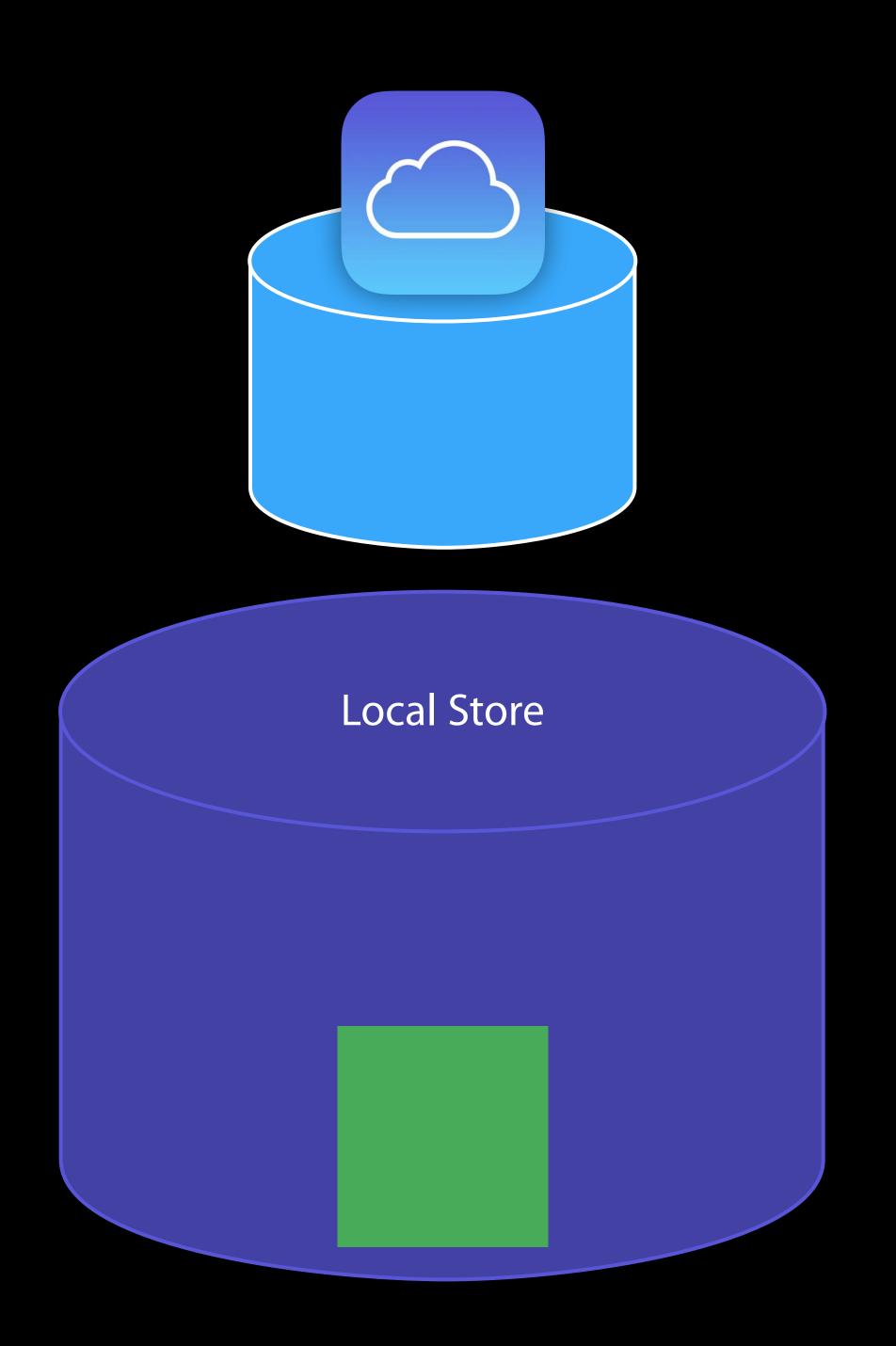
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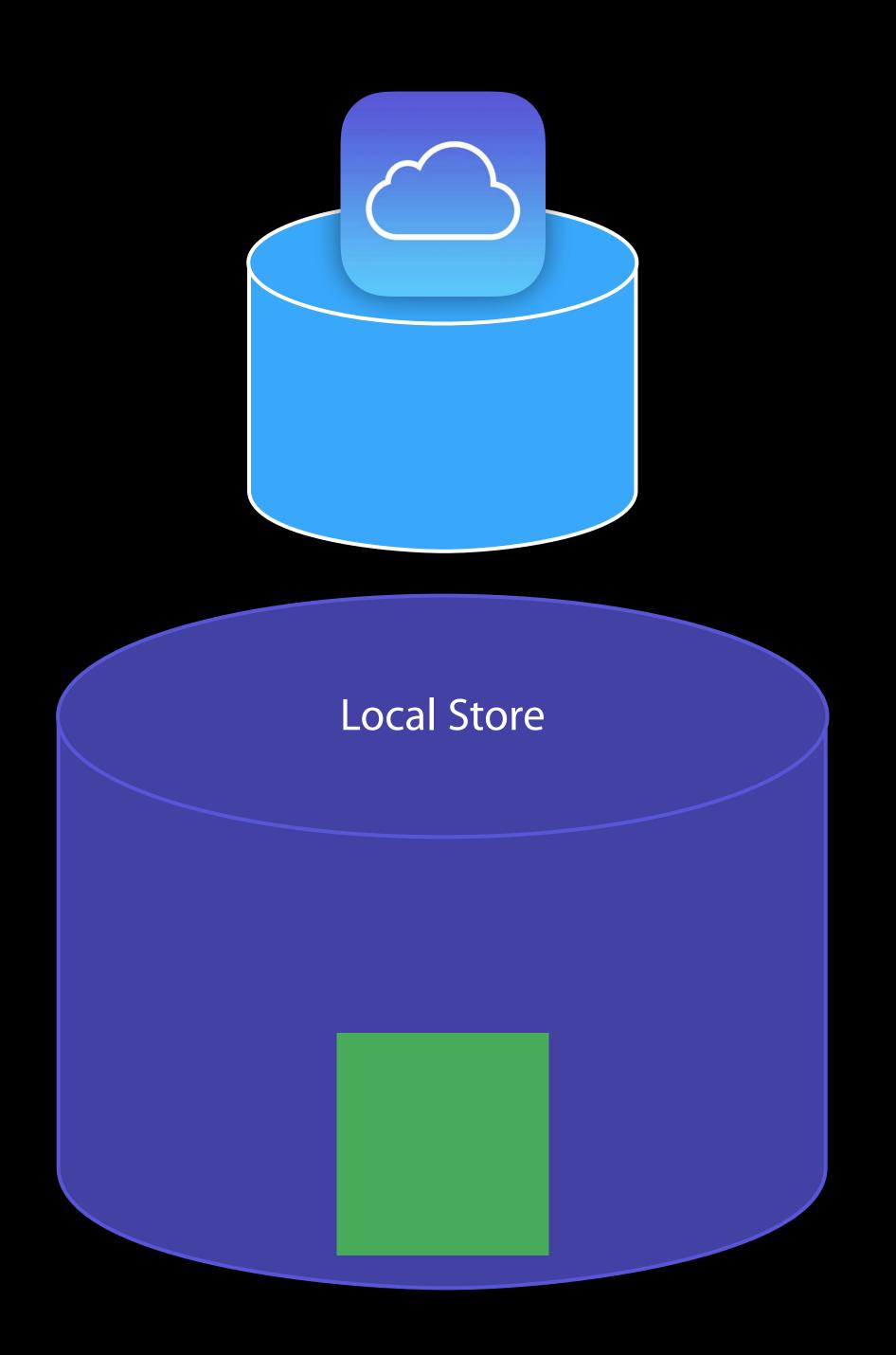
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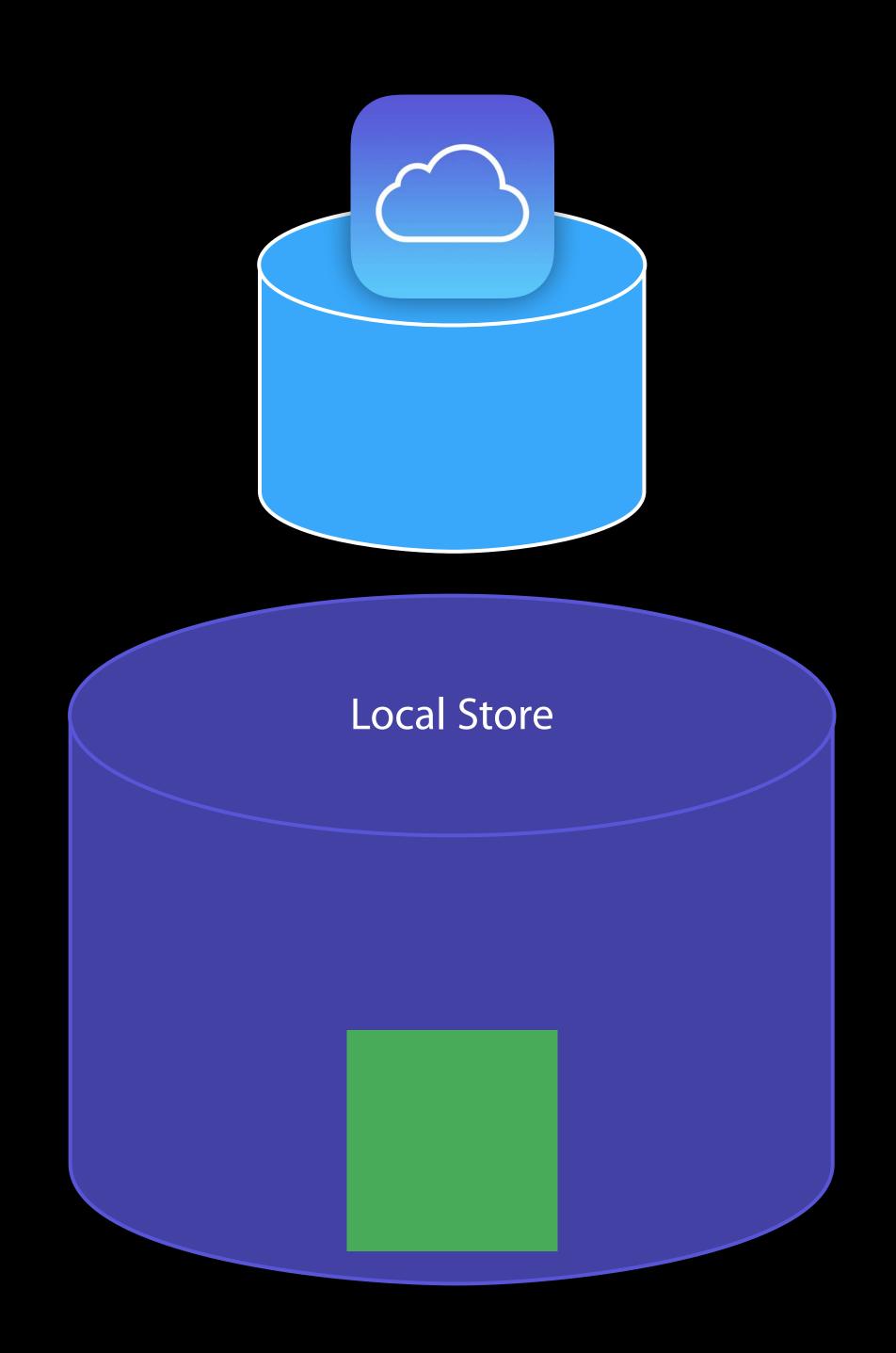
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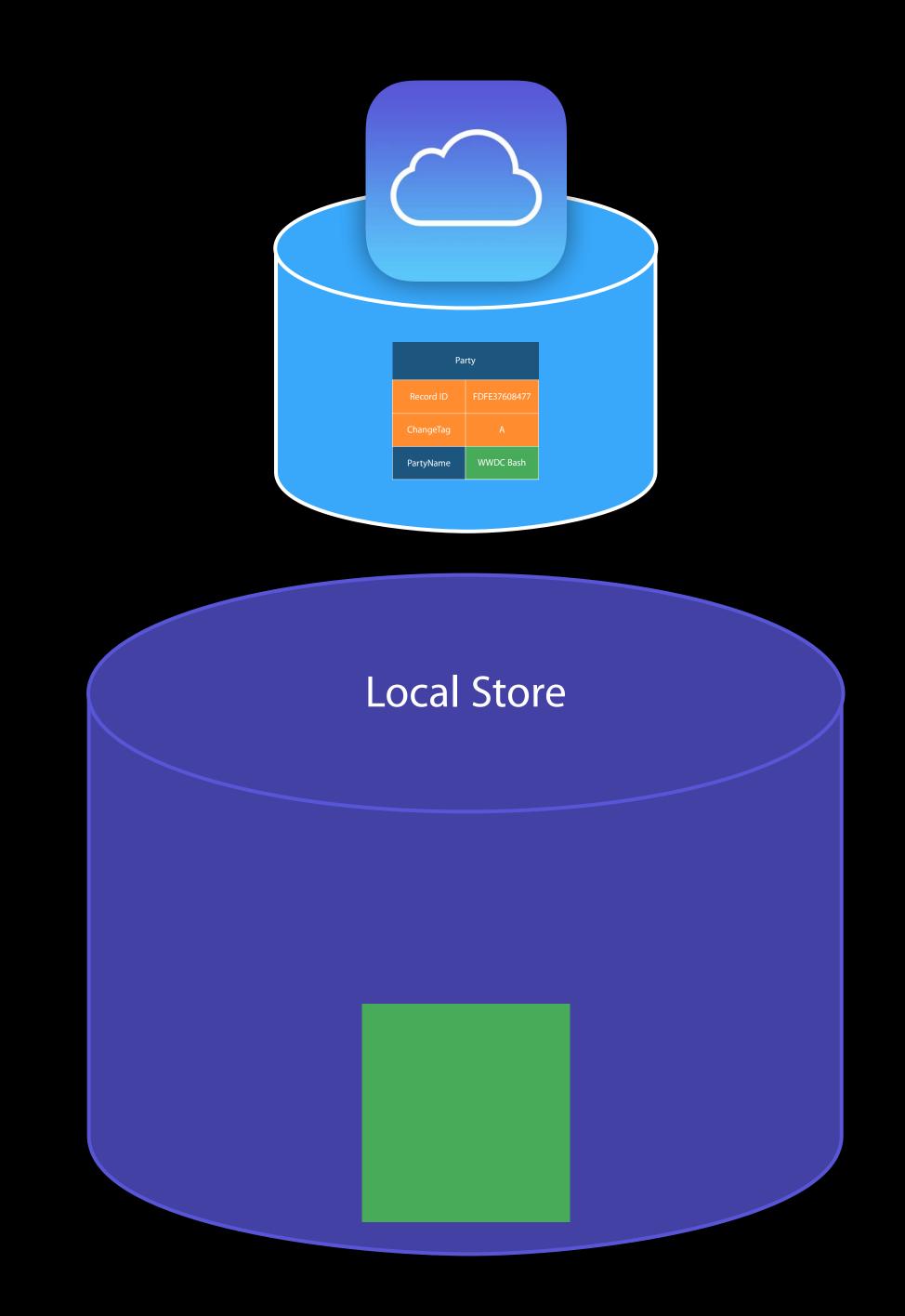


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CKFetchRecordChangesOperation

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Notifications using CKSubscription

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Notifications using CKSubscription

Silent notifications

Subscriptions

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Persistent queries on the server



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Persistent queries on the server

Remote notification per relevant change



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Remote notification per relevant change

Query subscriptions



What is it?

Persistent queries on the server

Remote notification per relevant change

- Query subscriptions
- Zone subscriptions



APS capability managed from Developer Portal

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```
registerForRemoteNotifications()
registerUserNotificationSettings(notificationSettings:
UIUserNotificationSettings)
```

High priority push if **CKNotificationInfo** sets:

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alertBody

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Medium priority or "silent" otherwise

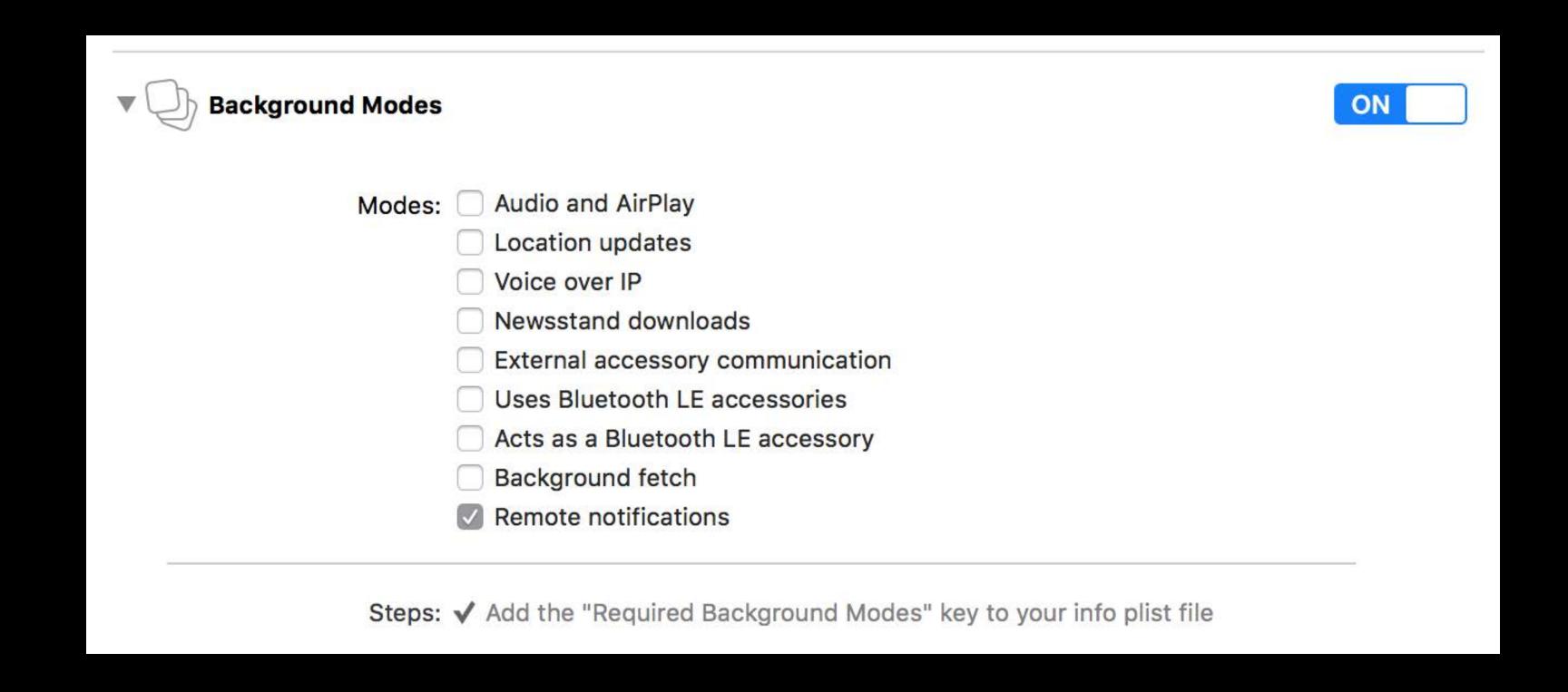
How do I get one?

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1. Remote notification background mode

Silent Push Notifications How do I get one?

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How do I get one?

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```
func application(application: UIApplication,
    didReceiveRemoteNotification: [NSObject : AnyObject],
        fetchCompletionHandler: (UIBackgroundFetchResult) -> Void) {
    ...
}
```

How do I get one?

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3. CKNotificationInfo

How do I get one?

- 3. CKNotificationInfo
- shouldSendContentAvailable = true

How do I get one?

- 3. CKNotificationInfo
- shouldSendContentAvailable = true
- No alertBody, shouldBadge or soundName



System opportune time



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Push delivery is best-effort



System opportune time

Push delivery is best-effort

May get dropped or coalesced



Sync notification collection

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CKFetchNotificationChangesOperation

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Background task API:

Sync notification collection

CKFetchNotificationChangesOperation

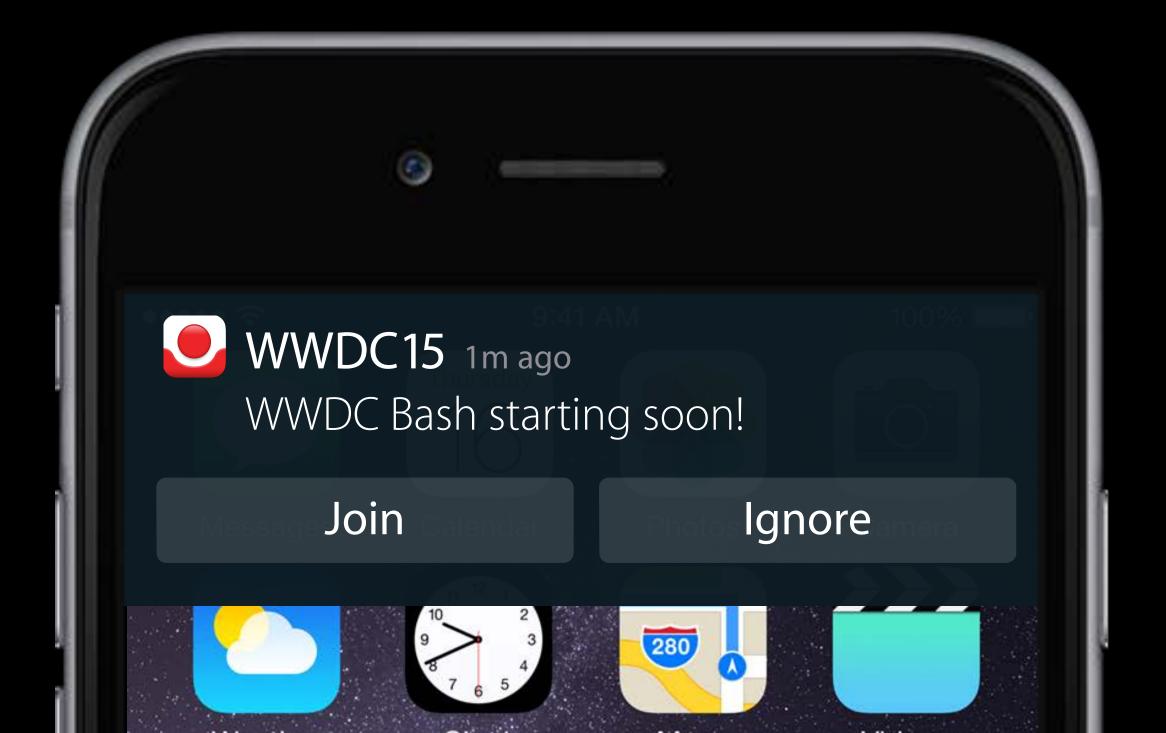
Background task API:

```
class UIApplication : UIResponder {
   func beginBackgroundTaskWithName(taskName: String?,
        expirationHandler: (() -> Void)?) -> UIBackgroundTaskIdentifier
...
}
```





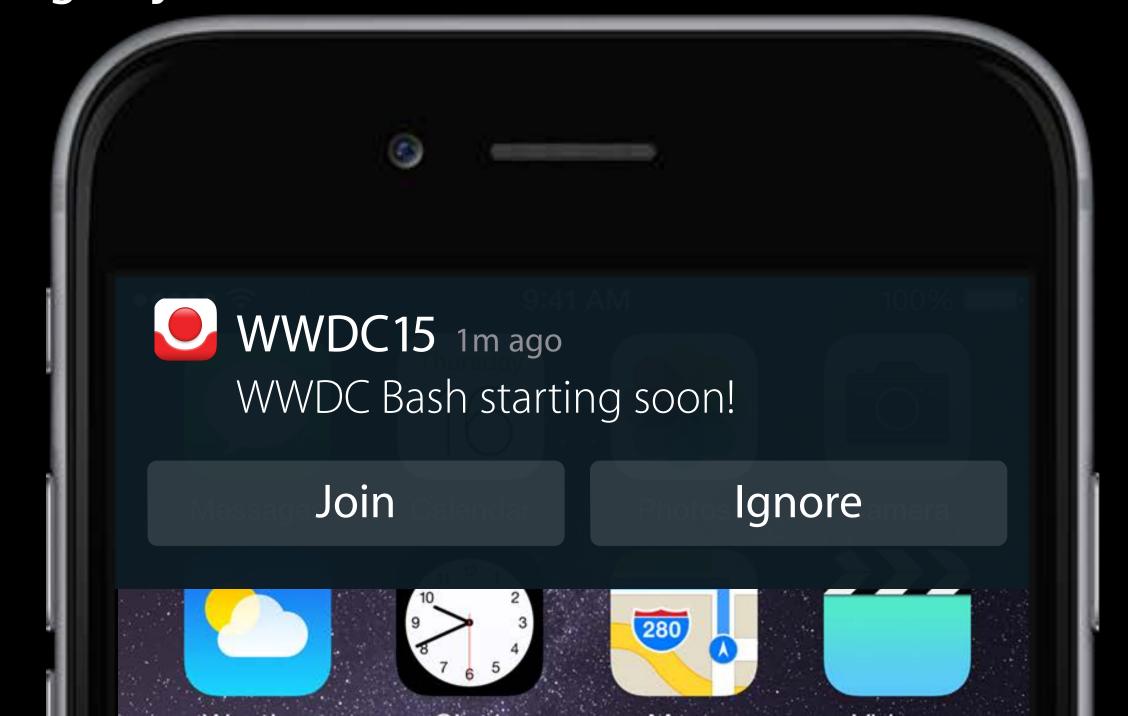
```
class CKNotificationInfo : NSObject, ...{
  var category: String?
...
}
```





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See UIMutableUserNotificationCategory



CloudKit Performance Tips

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```
let sema = dispatch_semaphore_create(0)
database.fetchRecordWithID(recordID, { record, error in
    dispatch_semaphore_signal(sema)
dispatch_semaphore_wait(sema, DISPATCH_TIME_FOREVER)
database.fetchRecordWithID(someOtherRecordID, { otherRecord, otherError in
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```
class NSOperation : NSObject {
    func addDependency(op: NSOperation)
    func removeDependency(op: NSOperation)

    var dependencies: [NSOperation] { get }
...
}
```



```
let firstFetch = CKFetchRecordsOperation(...)
let secondFetch = CKFetchRecordsOperation(...)
...
secondFetch.addDependency(firstFetch)

let queue = NSOperationQueue()
queue.addOperations([firstFetch, secondFetch], waitUntilFinished: false)
```

```
class NSOperation : NSObject {
    @available(iOS 8.0, *)
    var qualityOfService: NSQualityOfService
...
}
```

```
@available(iOS 8.0, *)
    var qualityOfService: NSQualityOfService
enum NSQualityOfService : Int {
    case UserInteractive
    case UserInitiated
    case Utility
    case Background
    case Default
```

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class CKOperation : NSOperation {
   var usesBackgroundSession: Bool
...
}
```

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