

# Getting the Most Out of HealthKit

What's new and best practices

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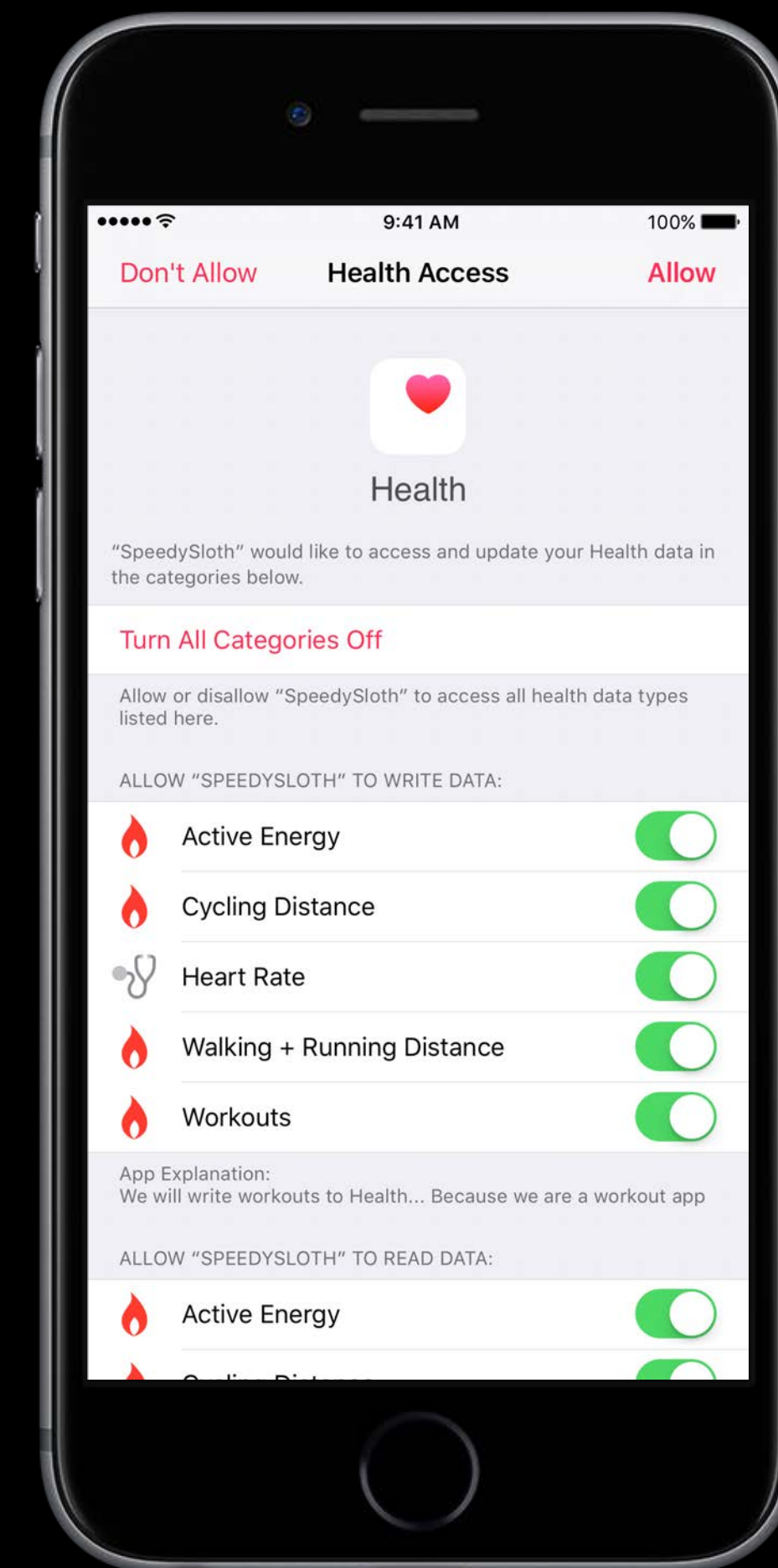
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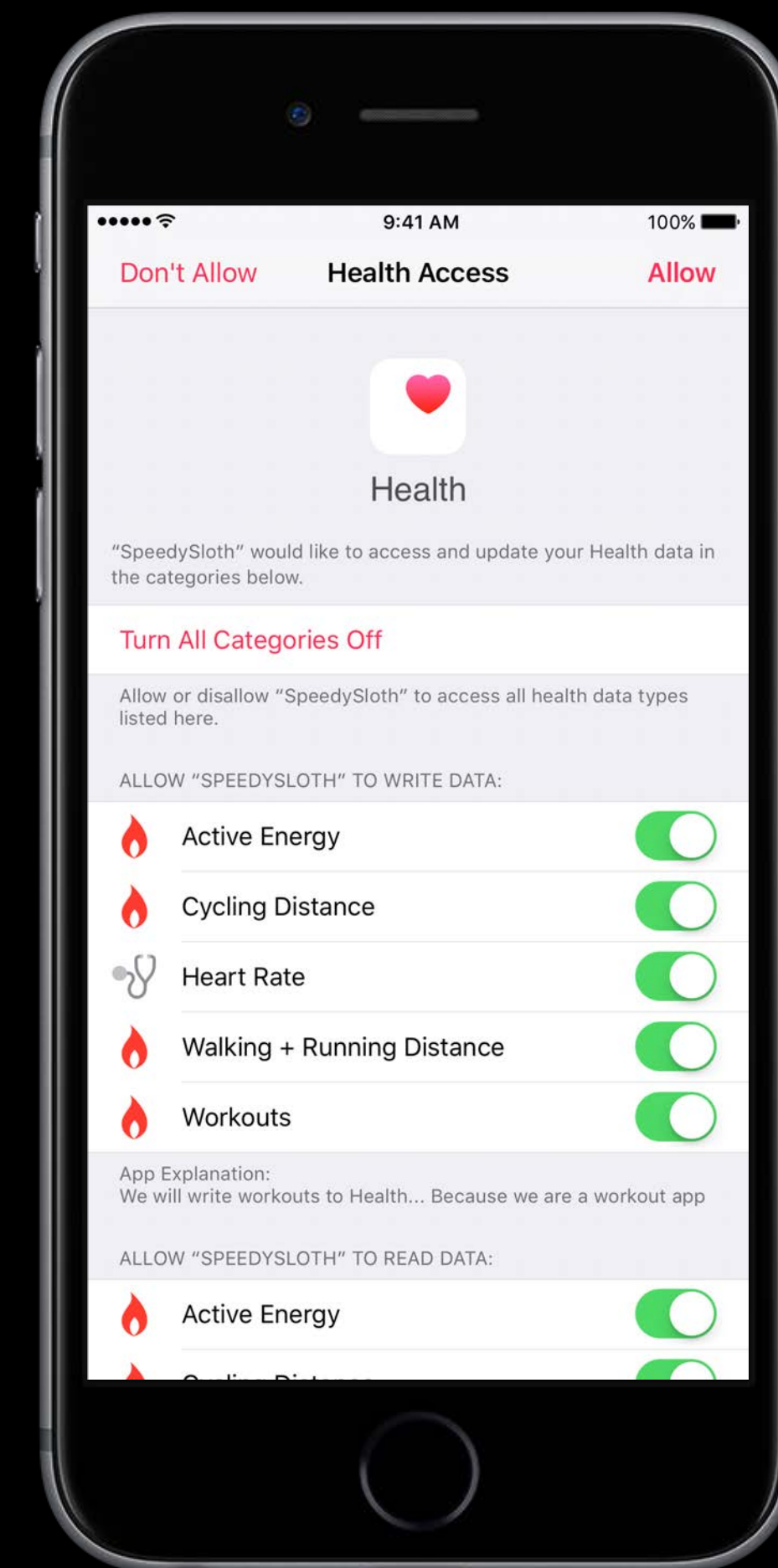
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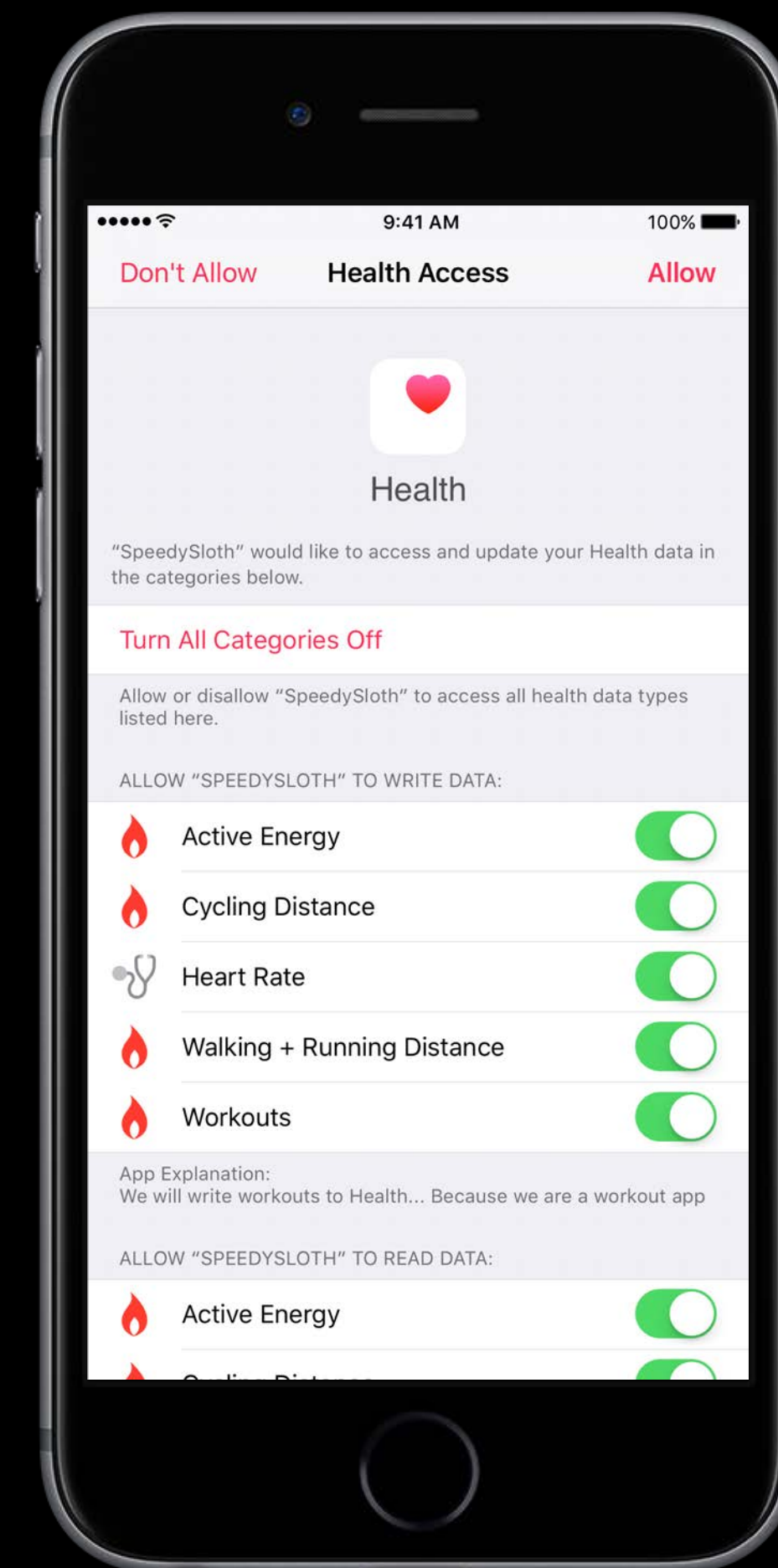
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// Presents authorization sheet to user the first time this is called.
healthStore.requestAuthorization(toShare: shareableTypes,
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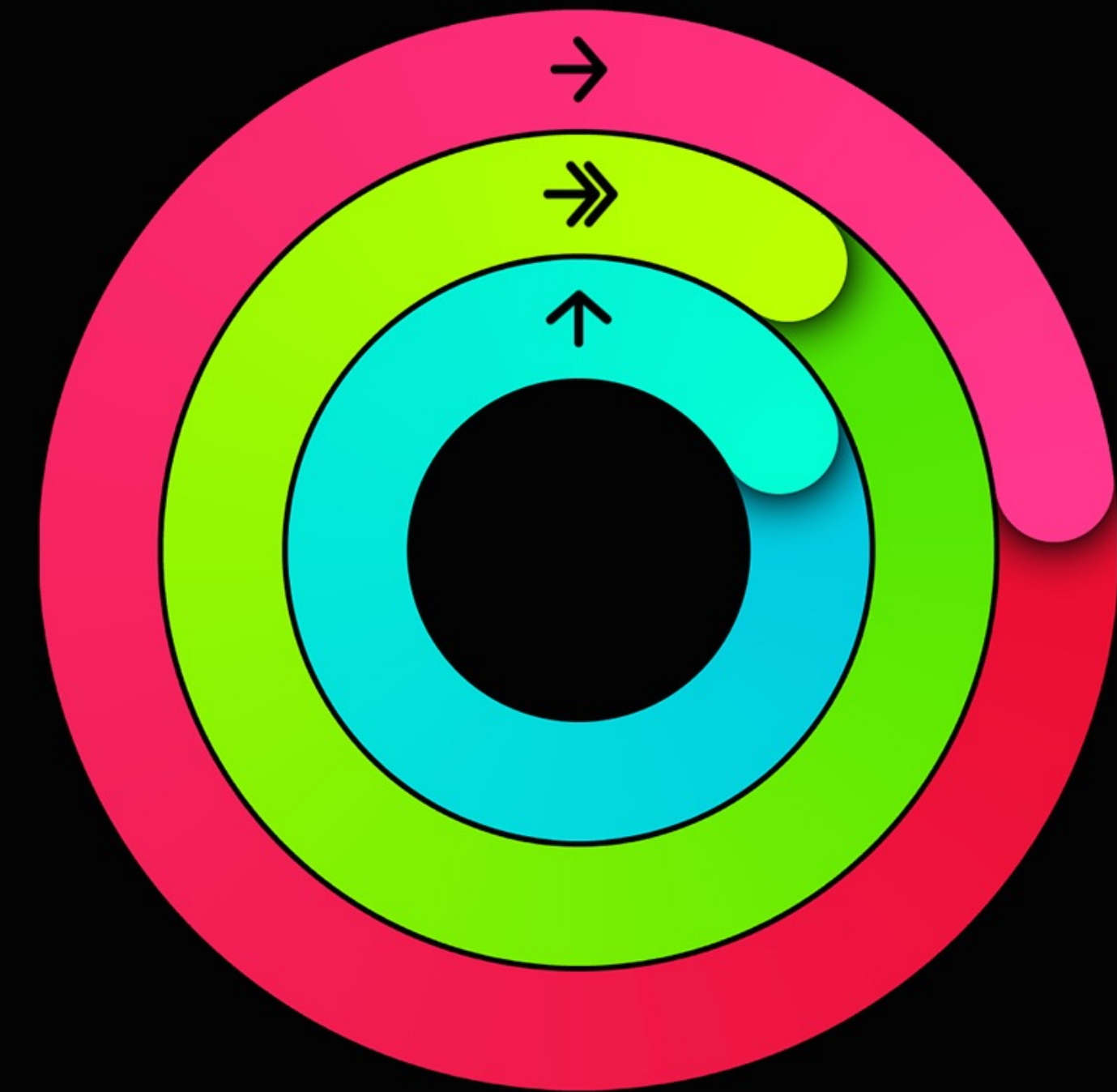
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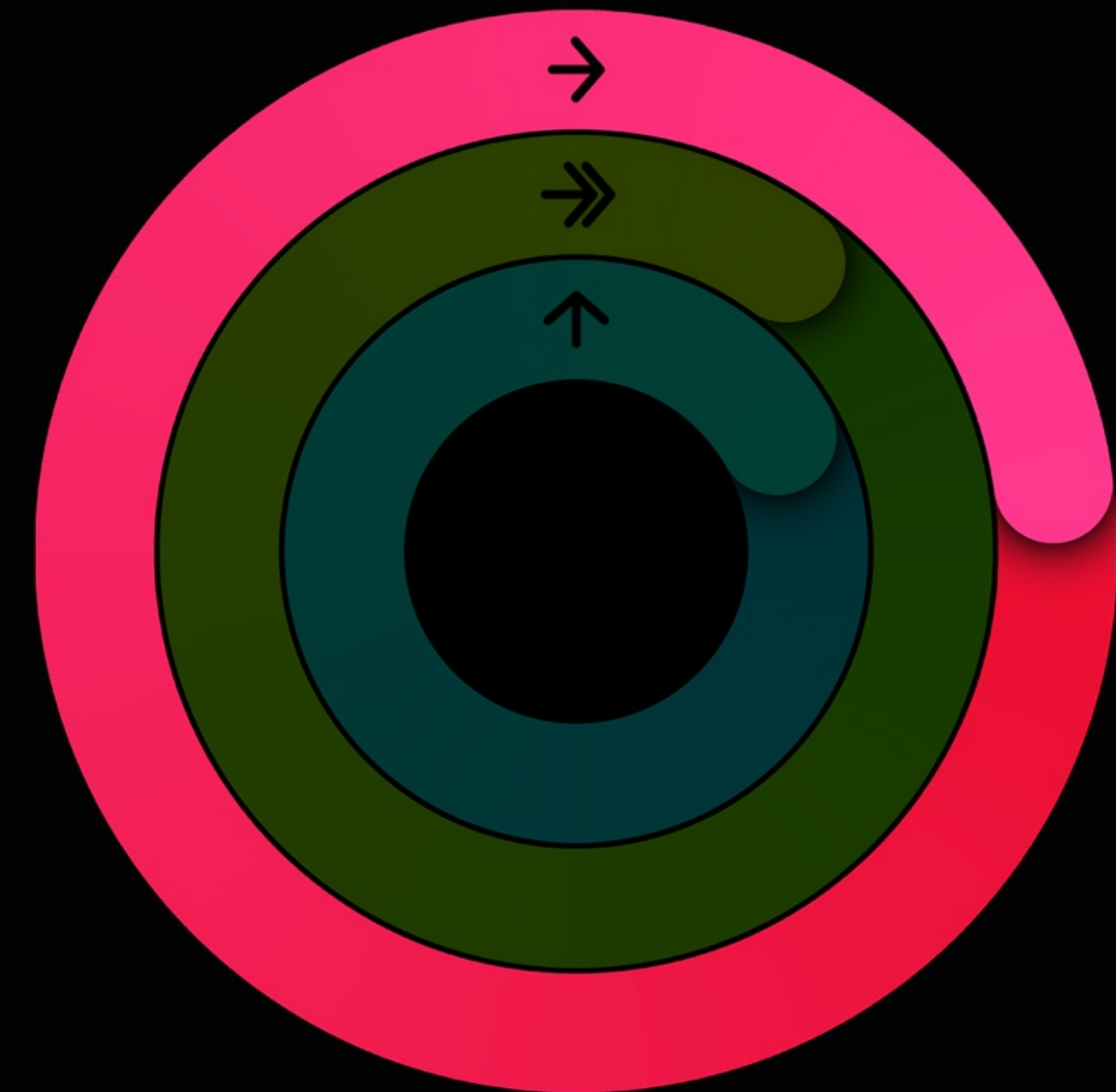


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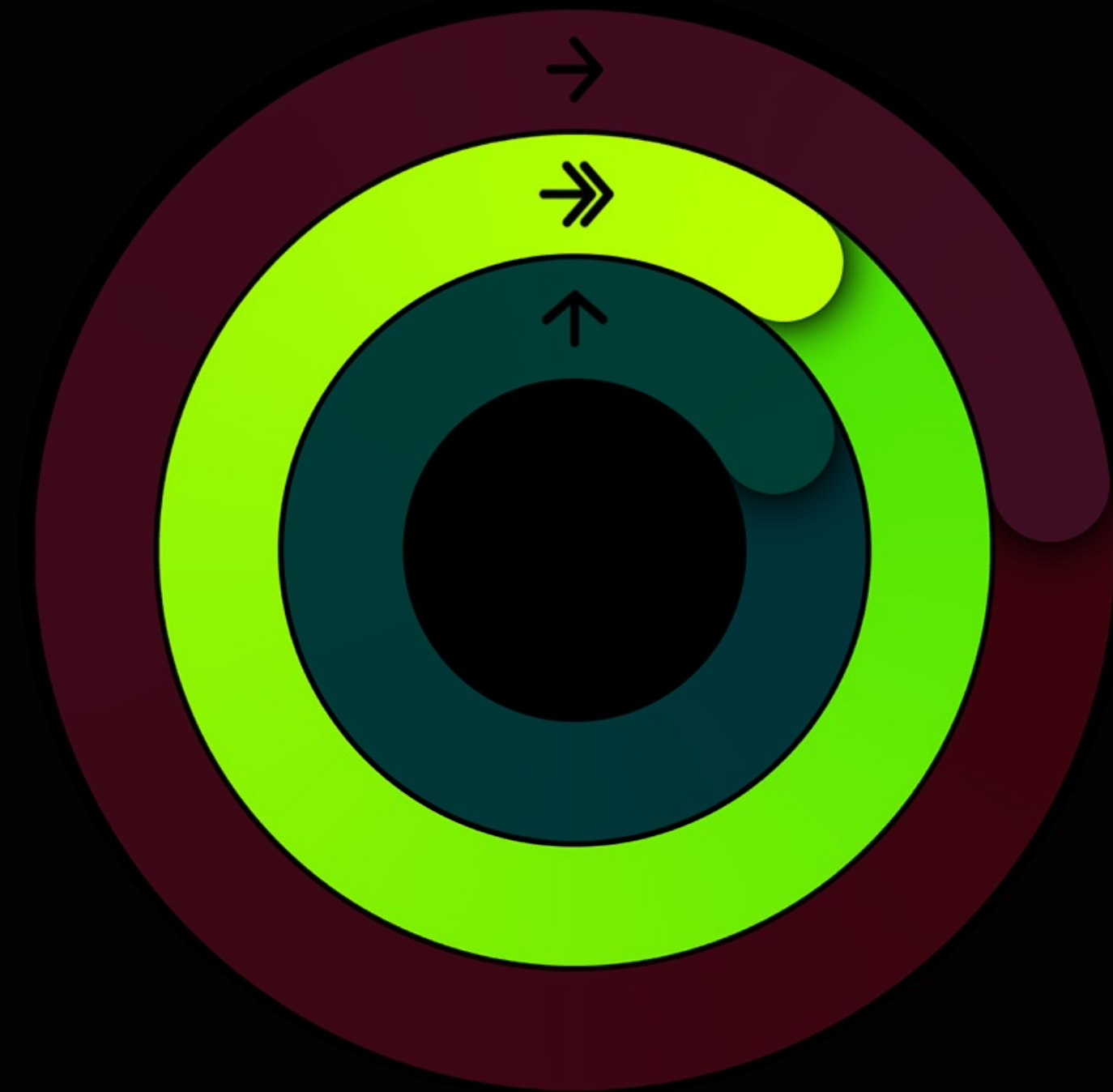


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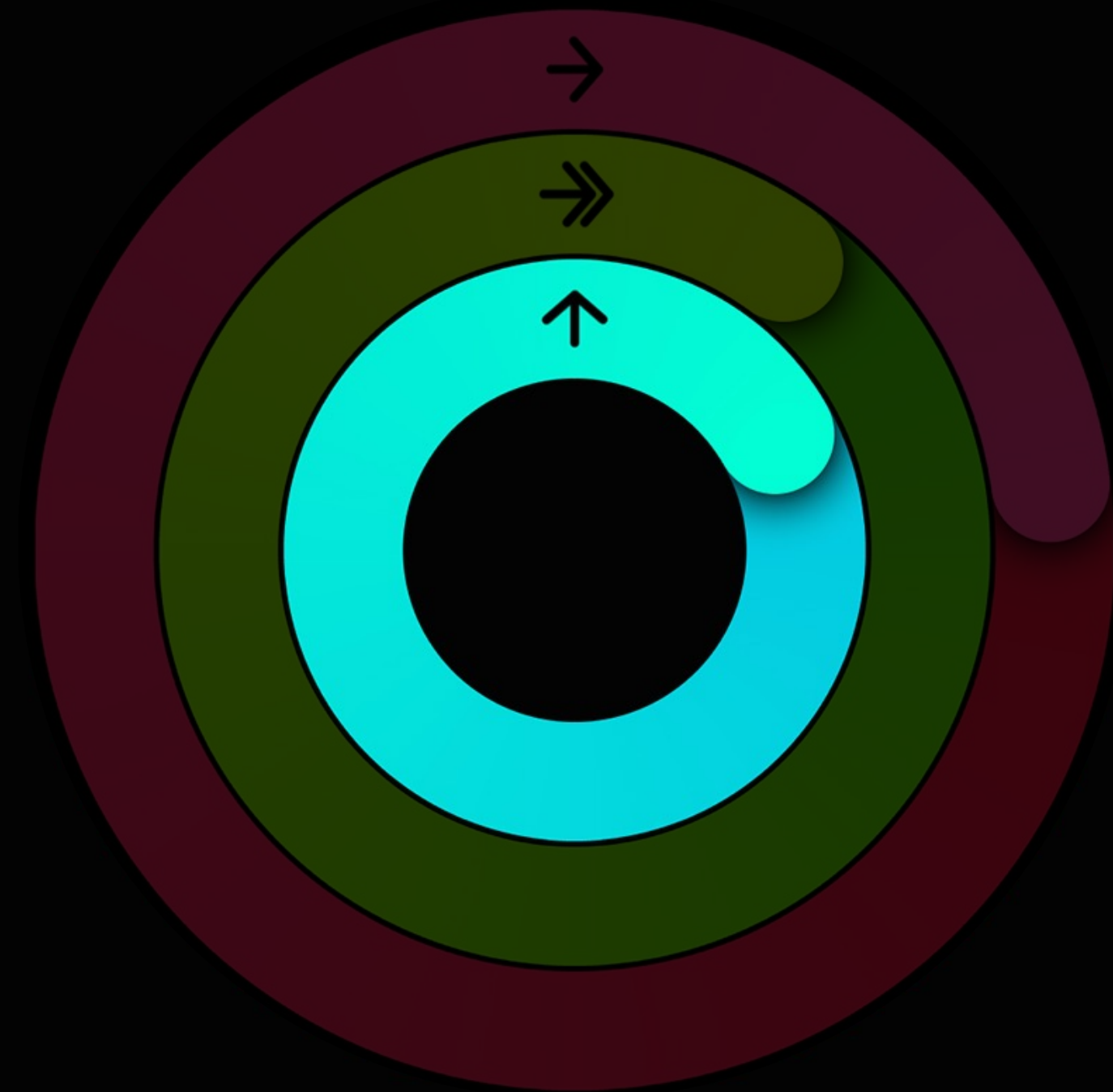


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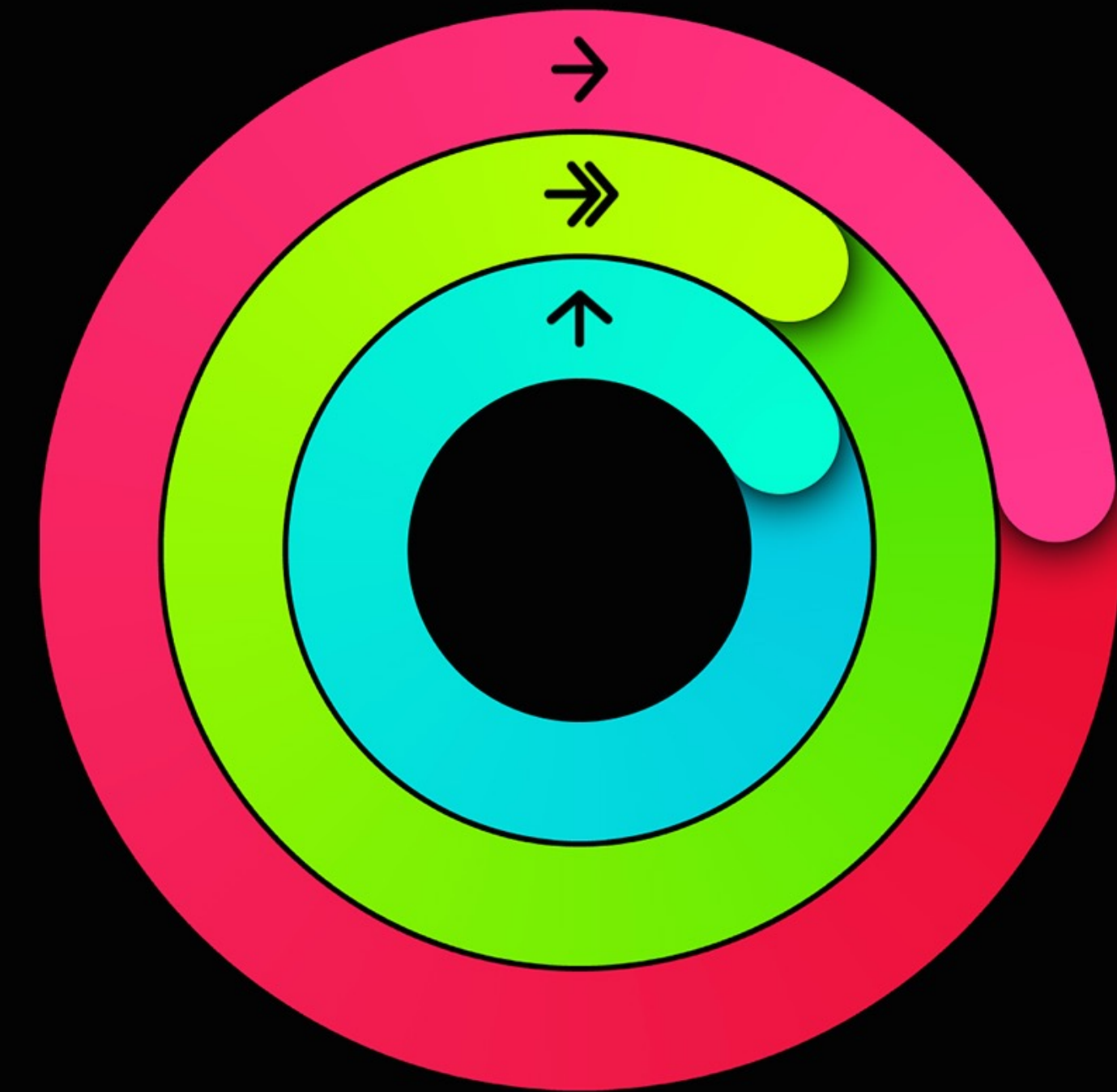
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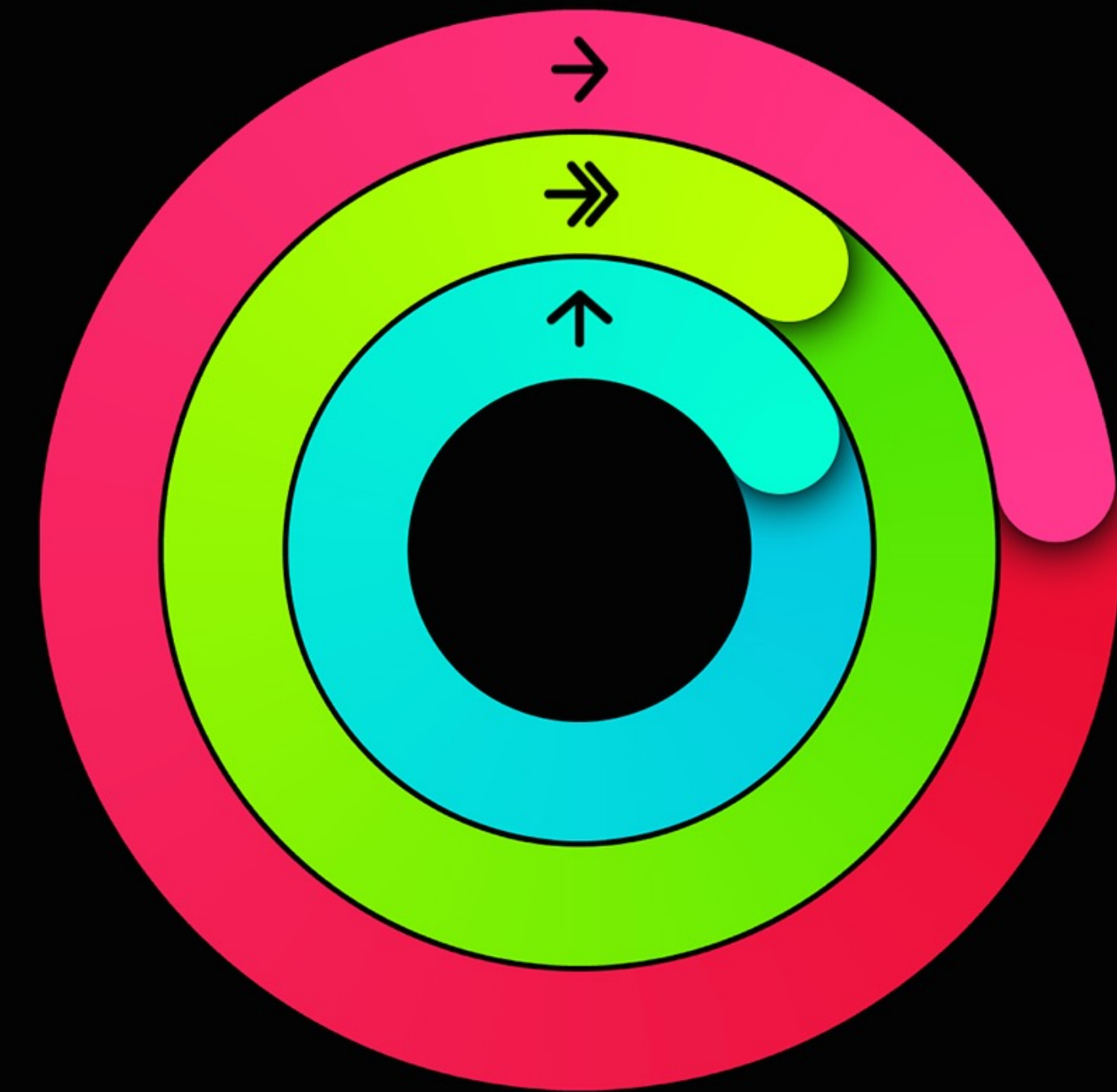
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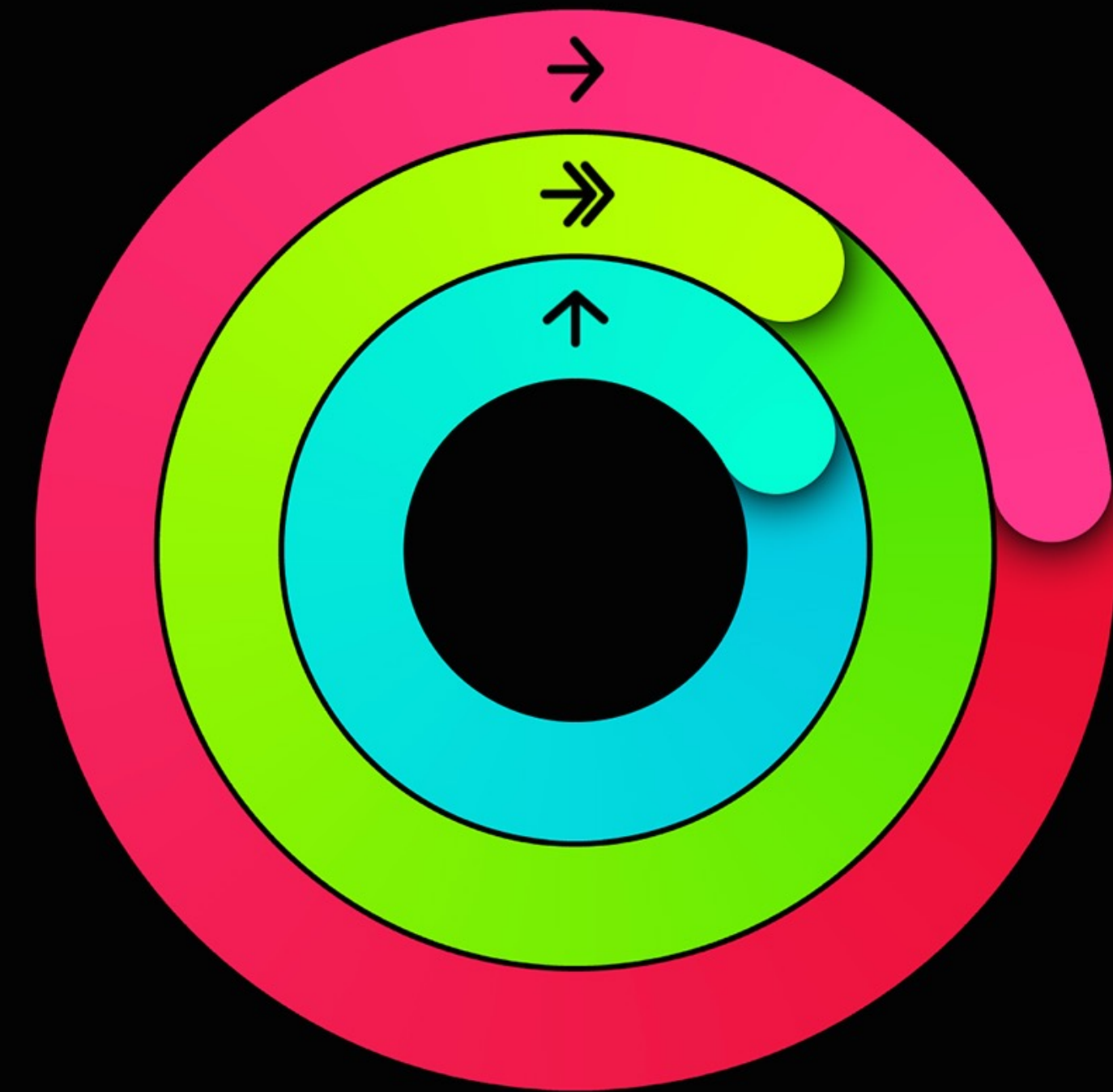


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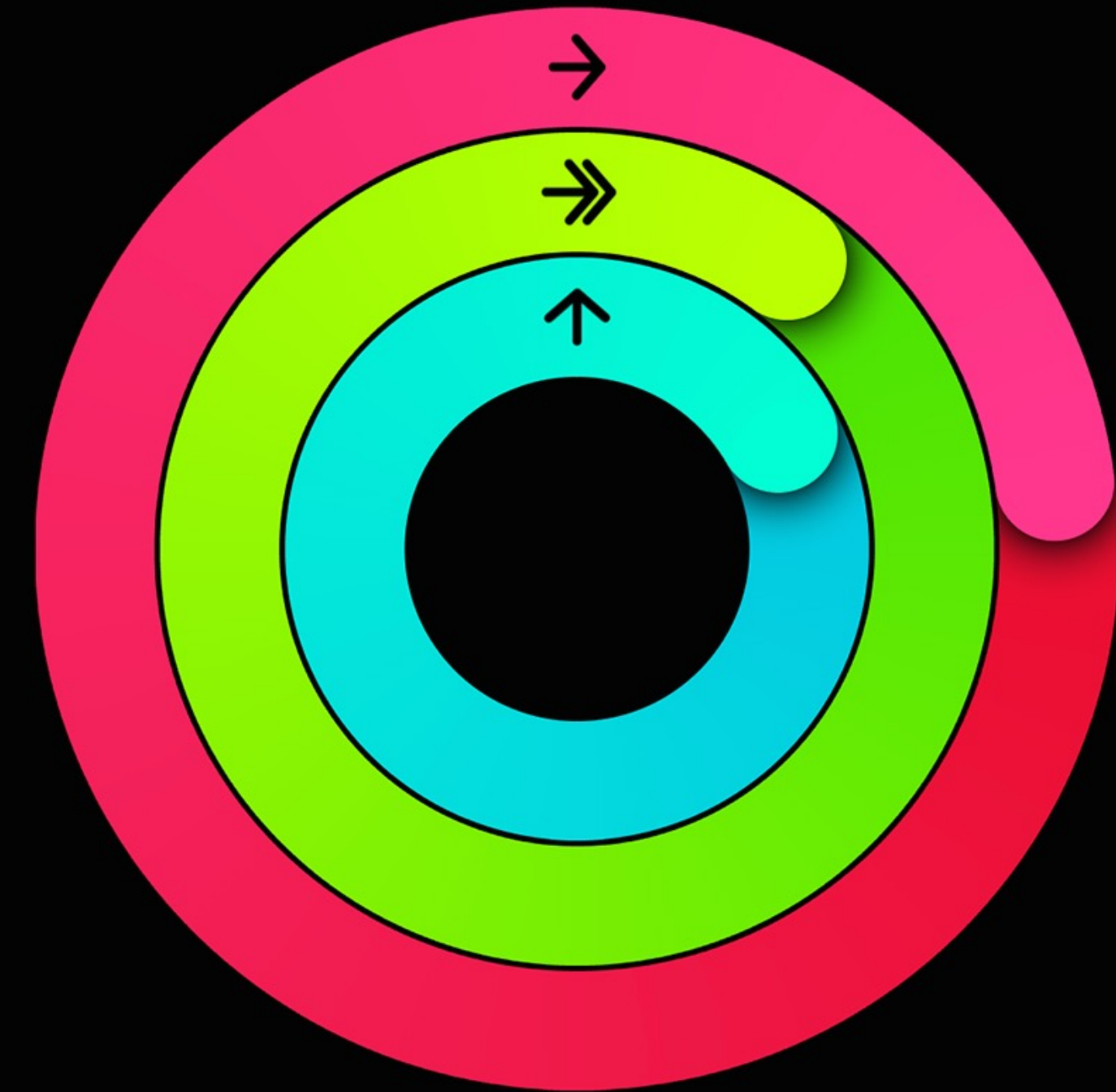
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// HKActivitySummaryQuery

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var components = calendar.components([.era, .year, .month, .day], from:Date())
components.calendar = calendar

let predicate = Predicate(format: "%K = %@", HKPredicateKeyPathDateComponents, components)

let query = HKActivitySummaryQuery(predicate: predicate) { query, summaries, error in
    guard let todayActivitySummary = summaries?.first else { return }
    // Display todayActivitySummary's data.
}

healthStore.execute(query)
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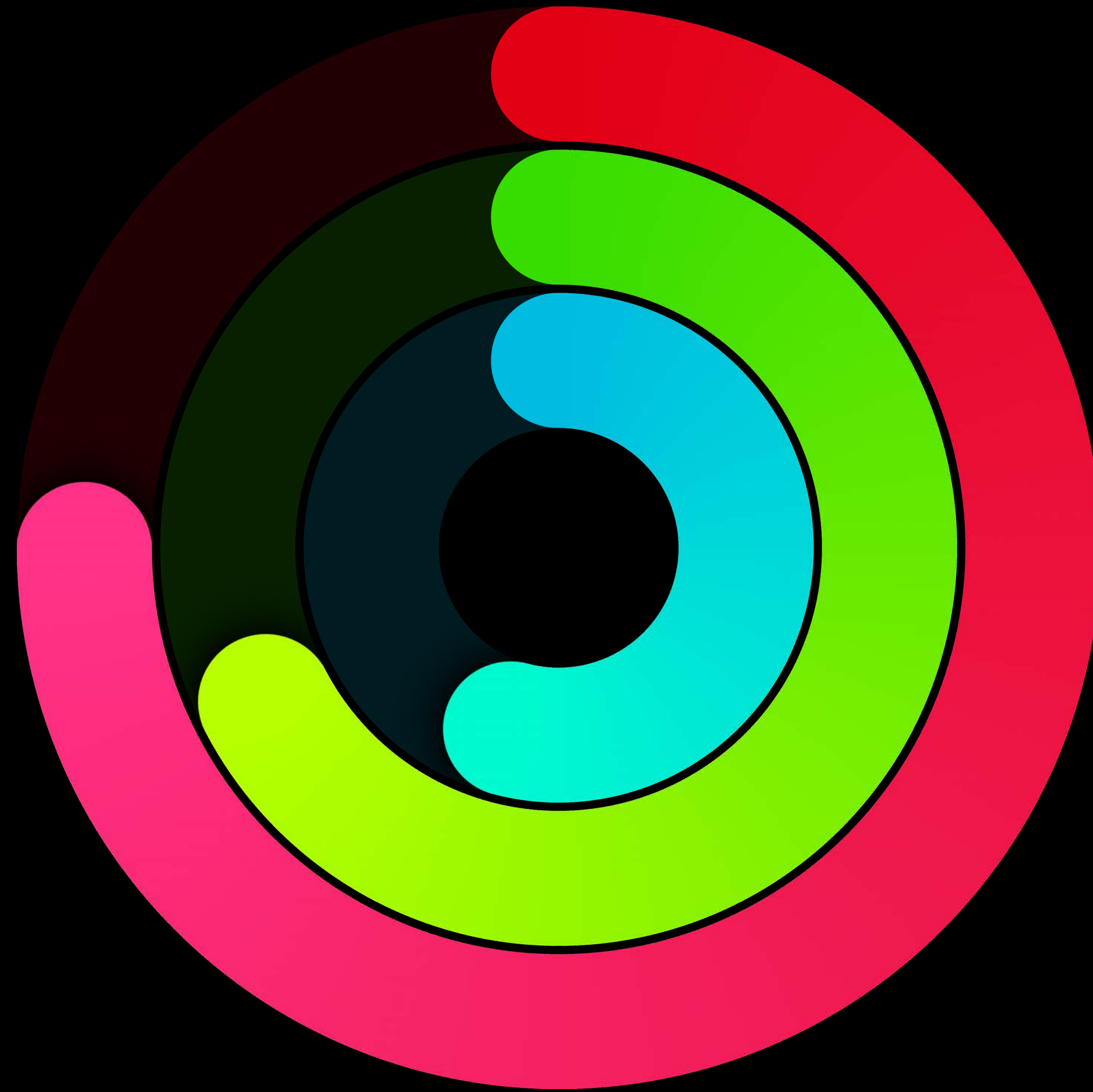
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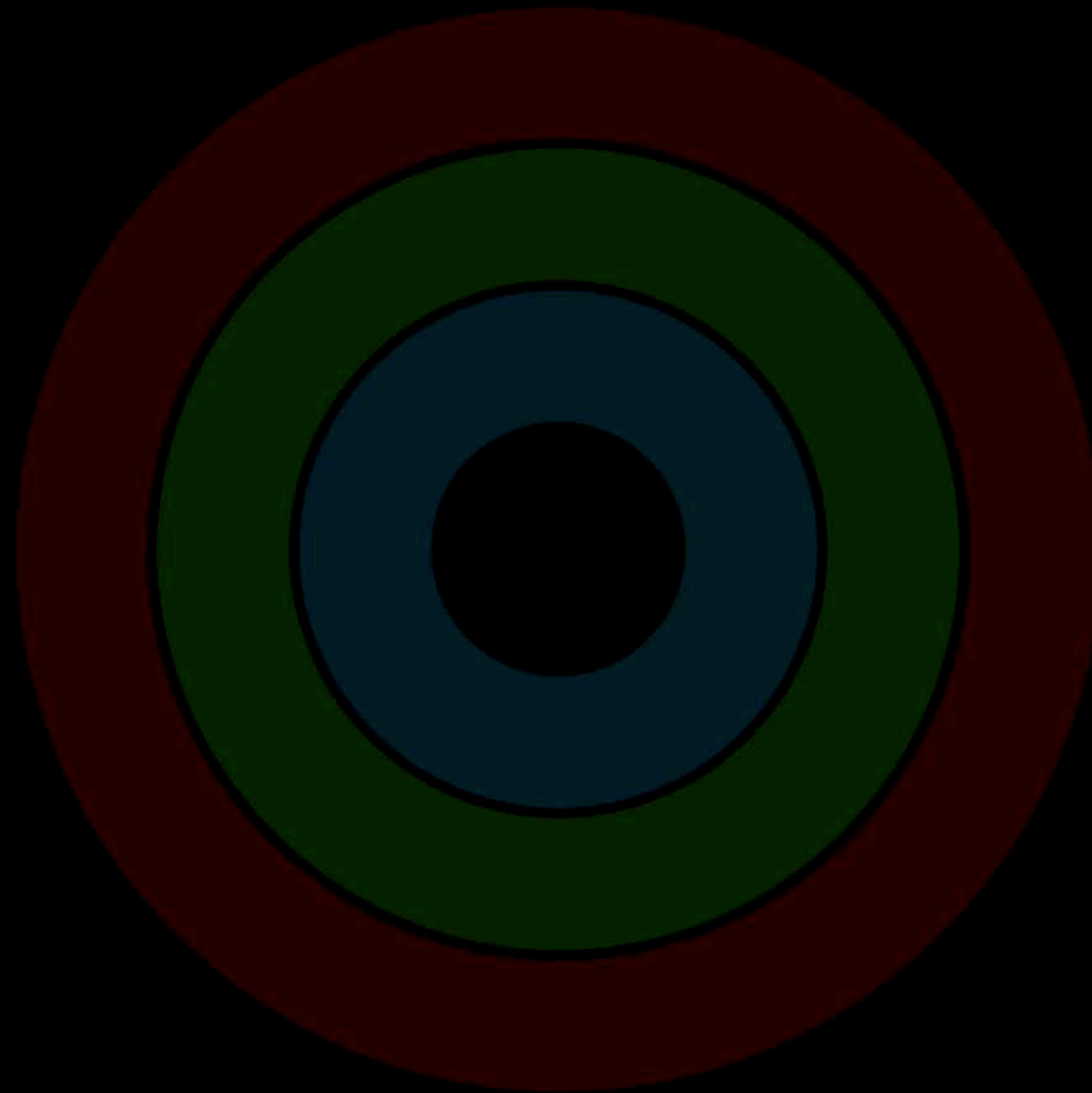
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*Demo*

Authorization and activity rings

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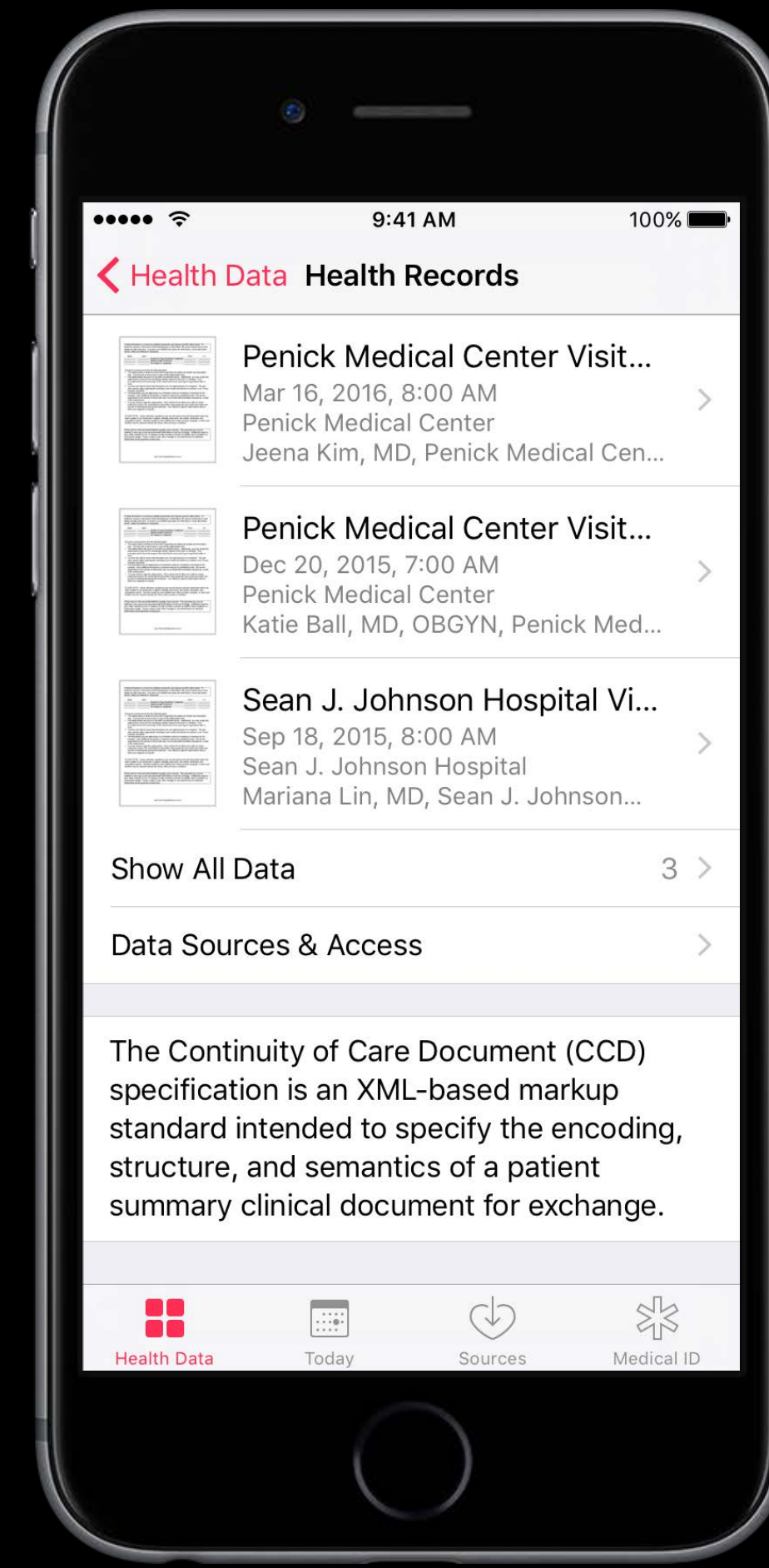
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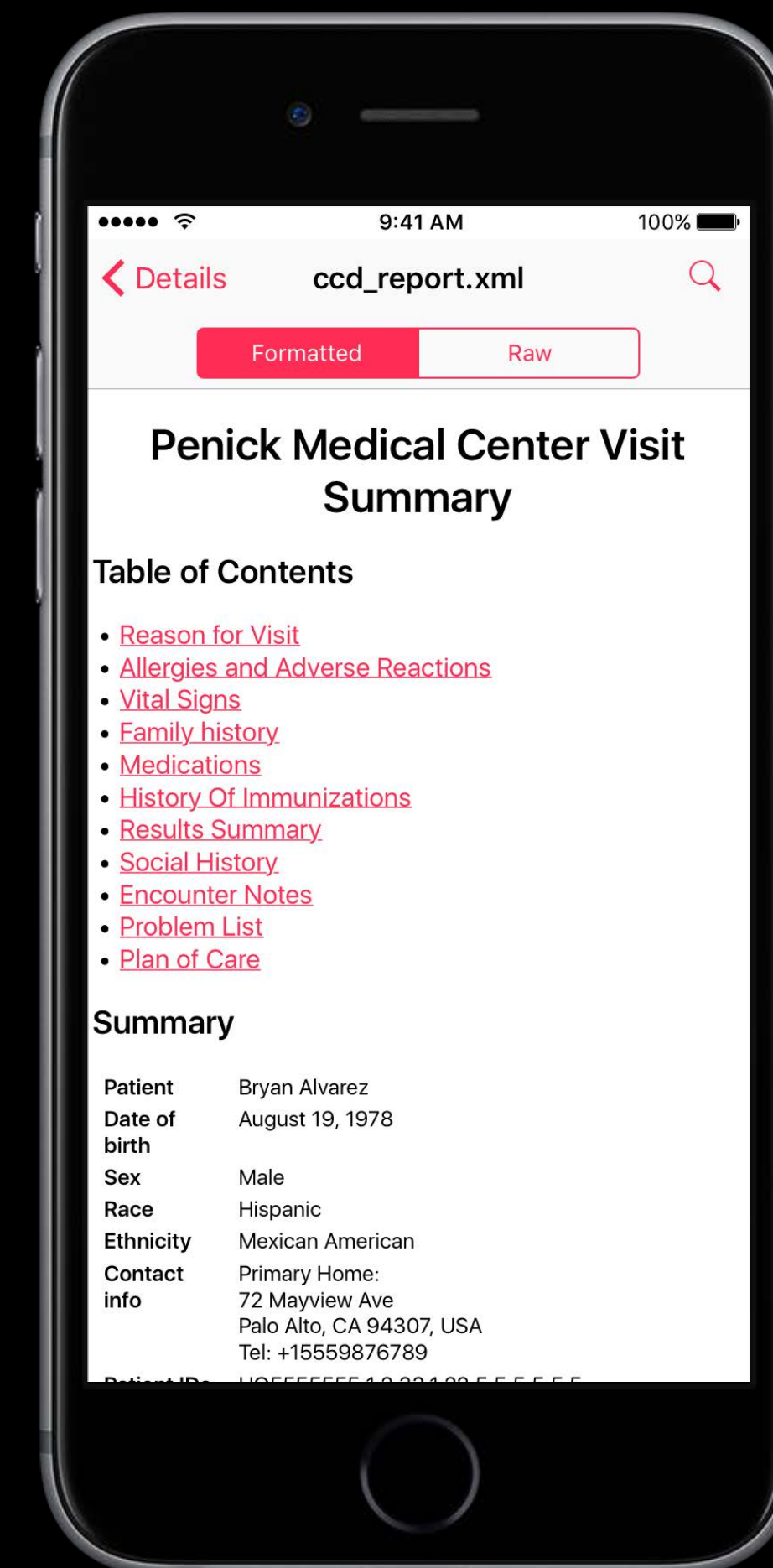
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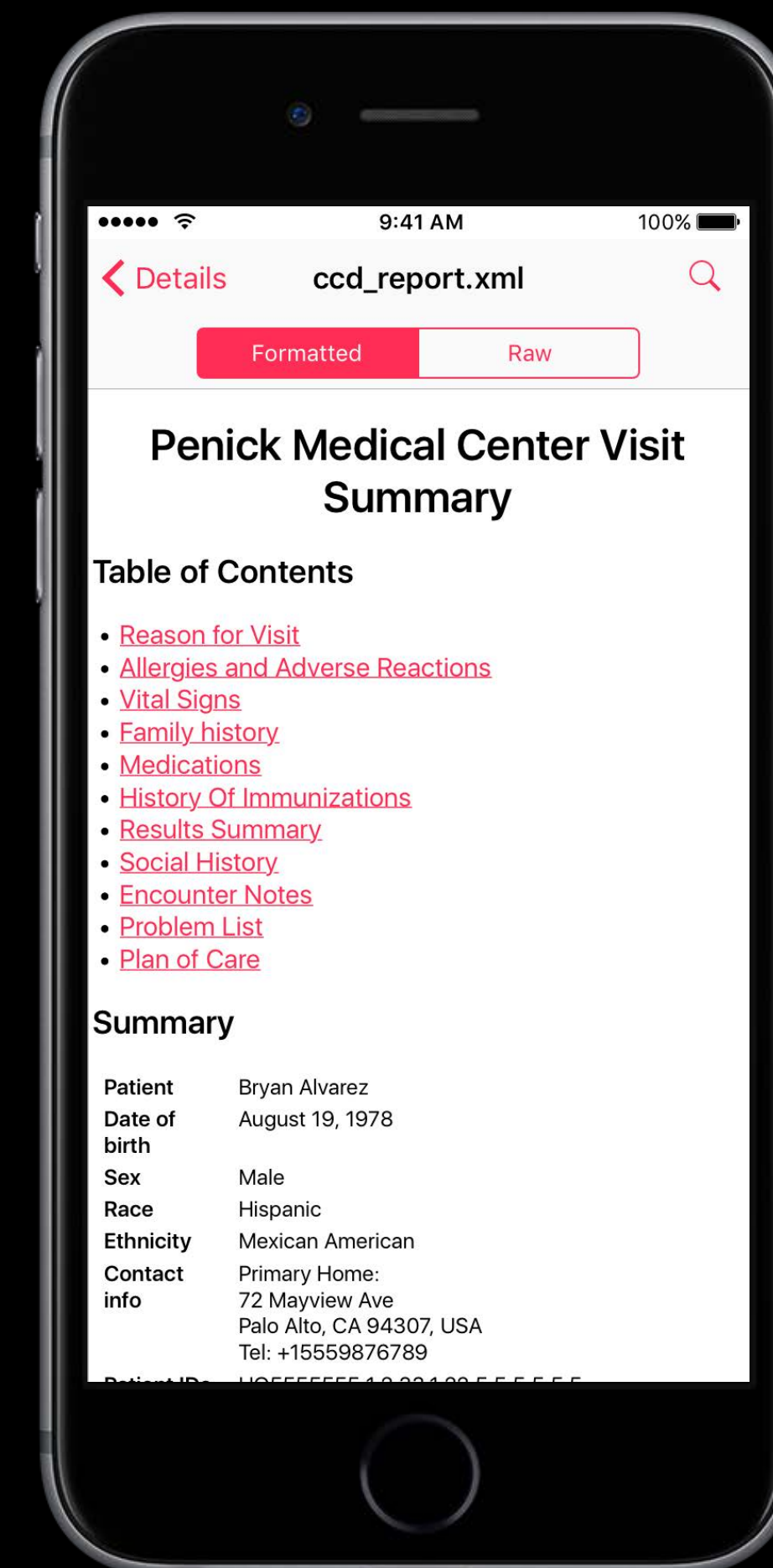
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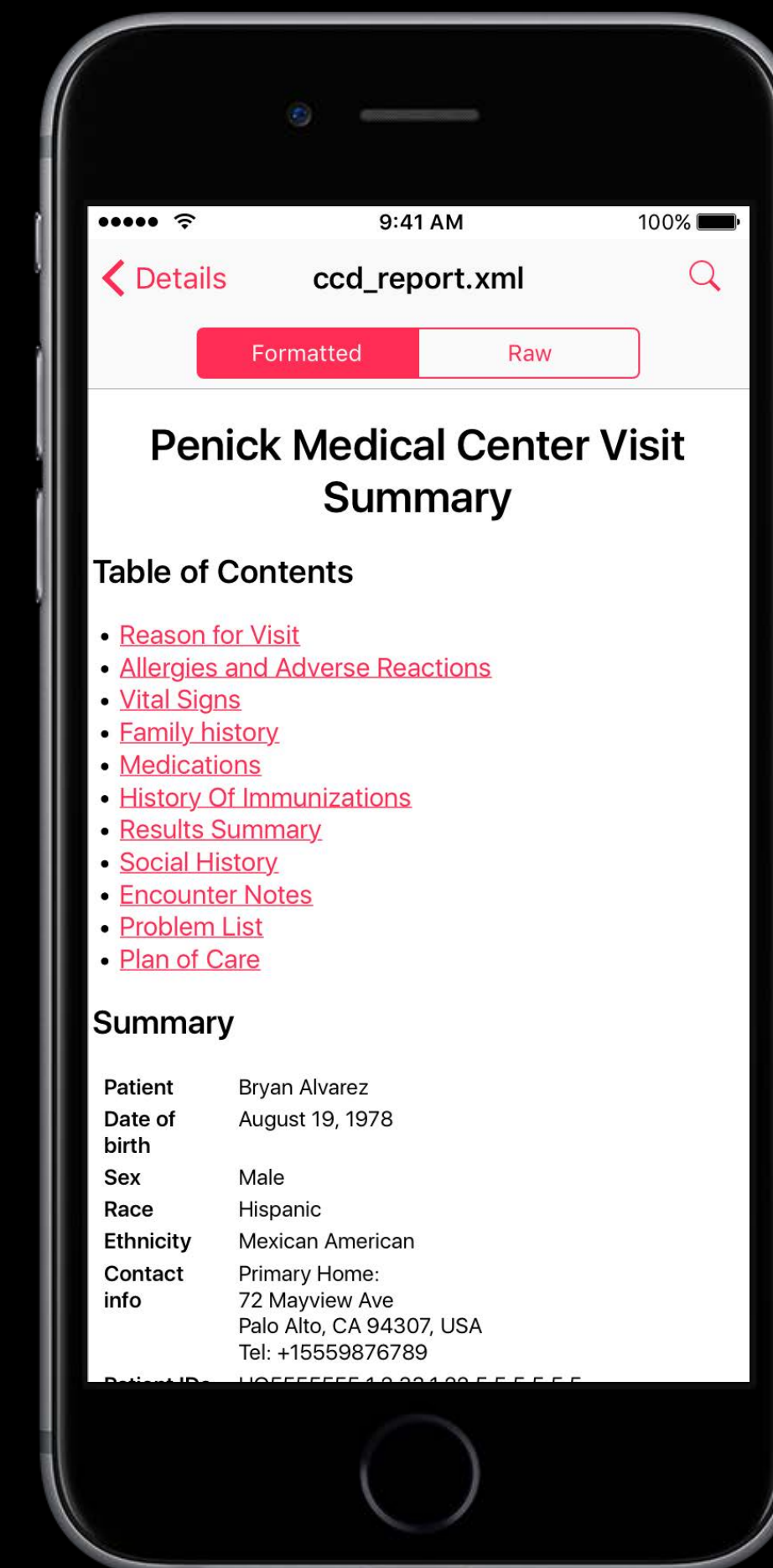


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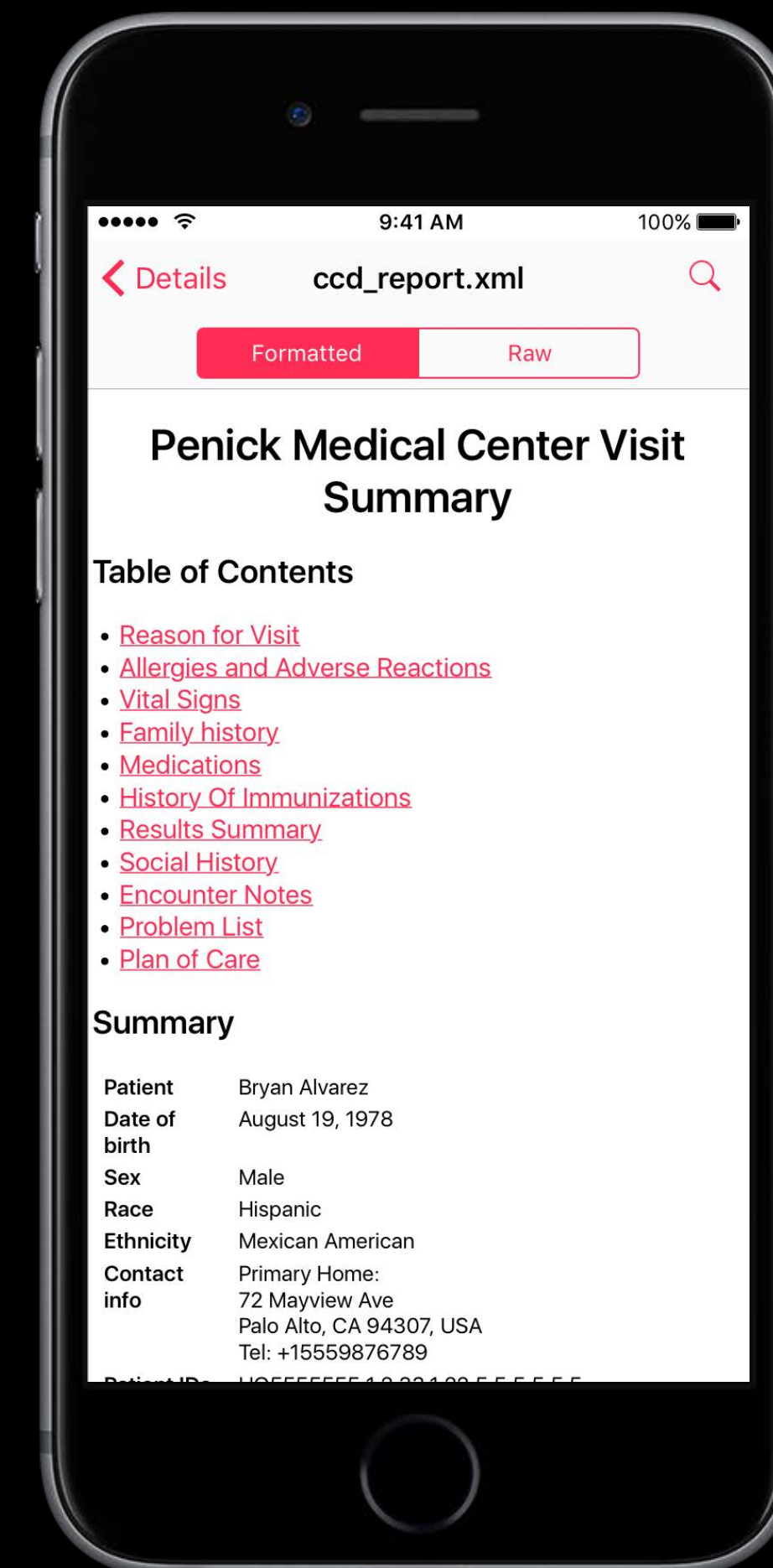
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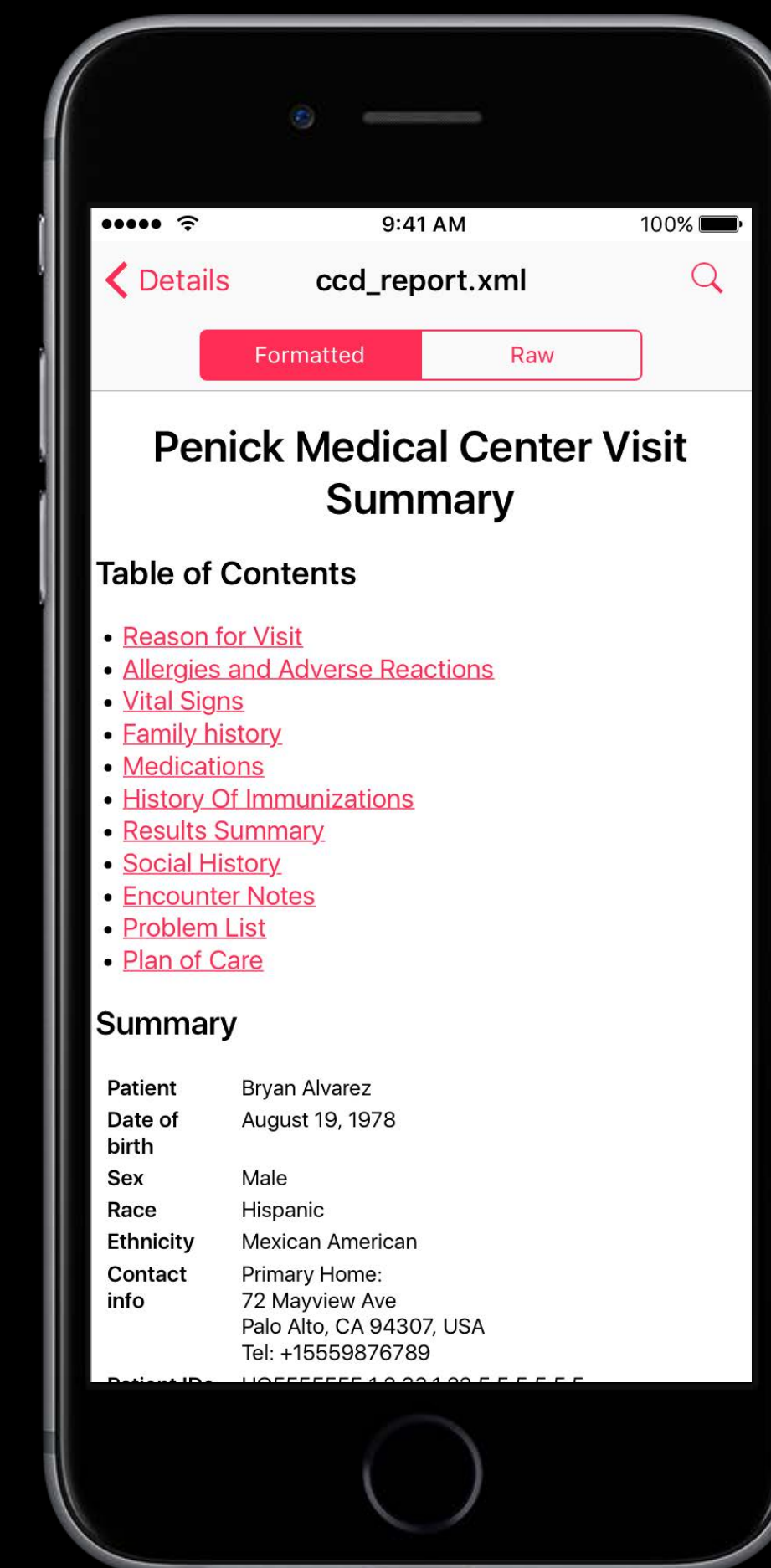
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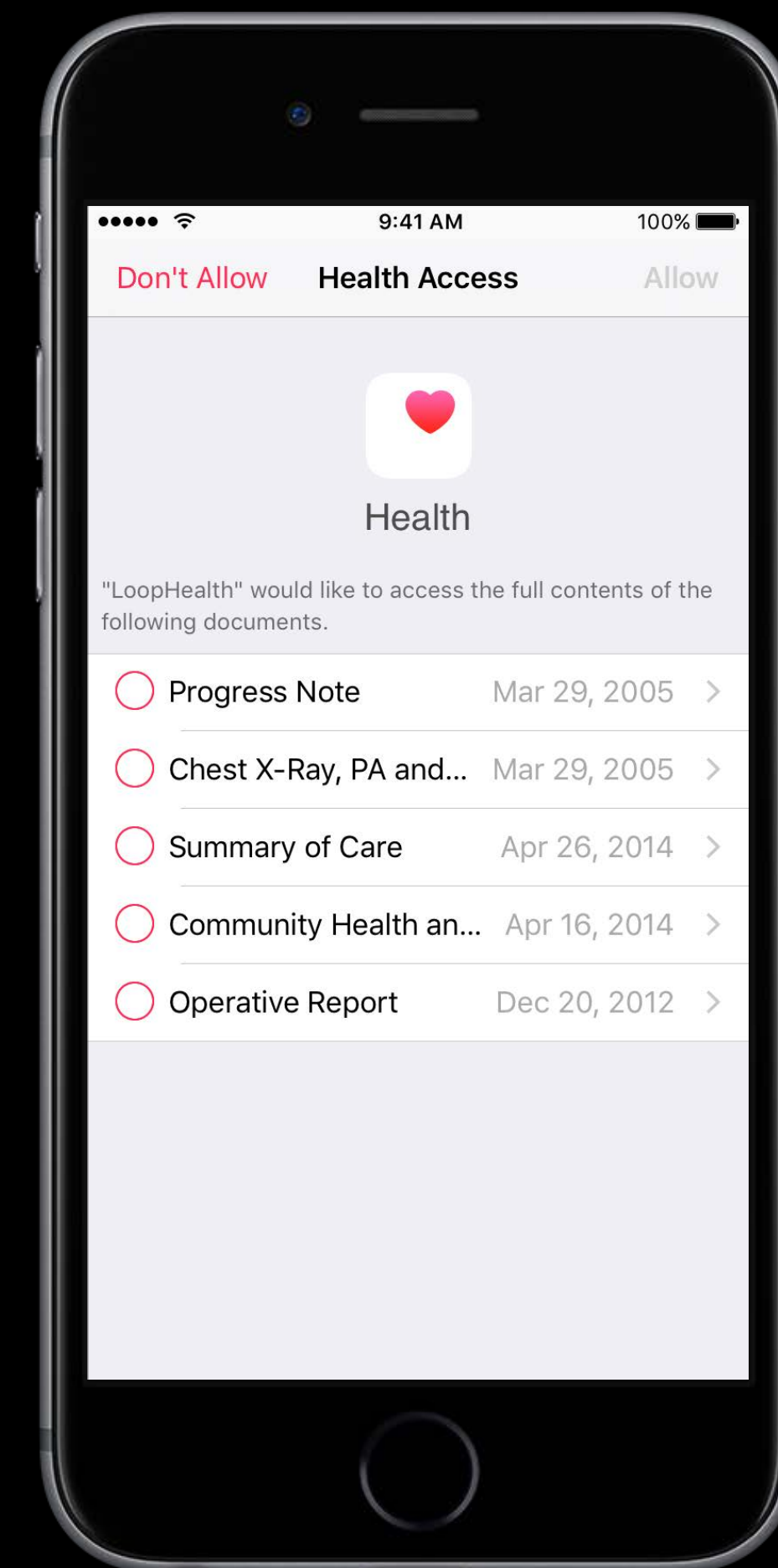
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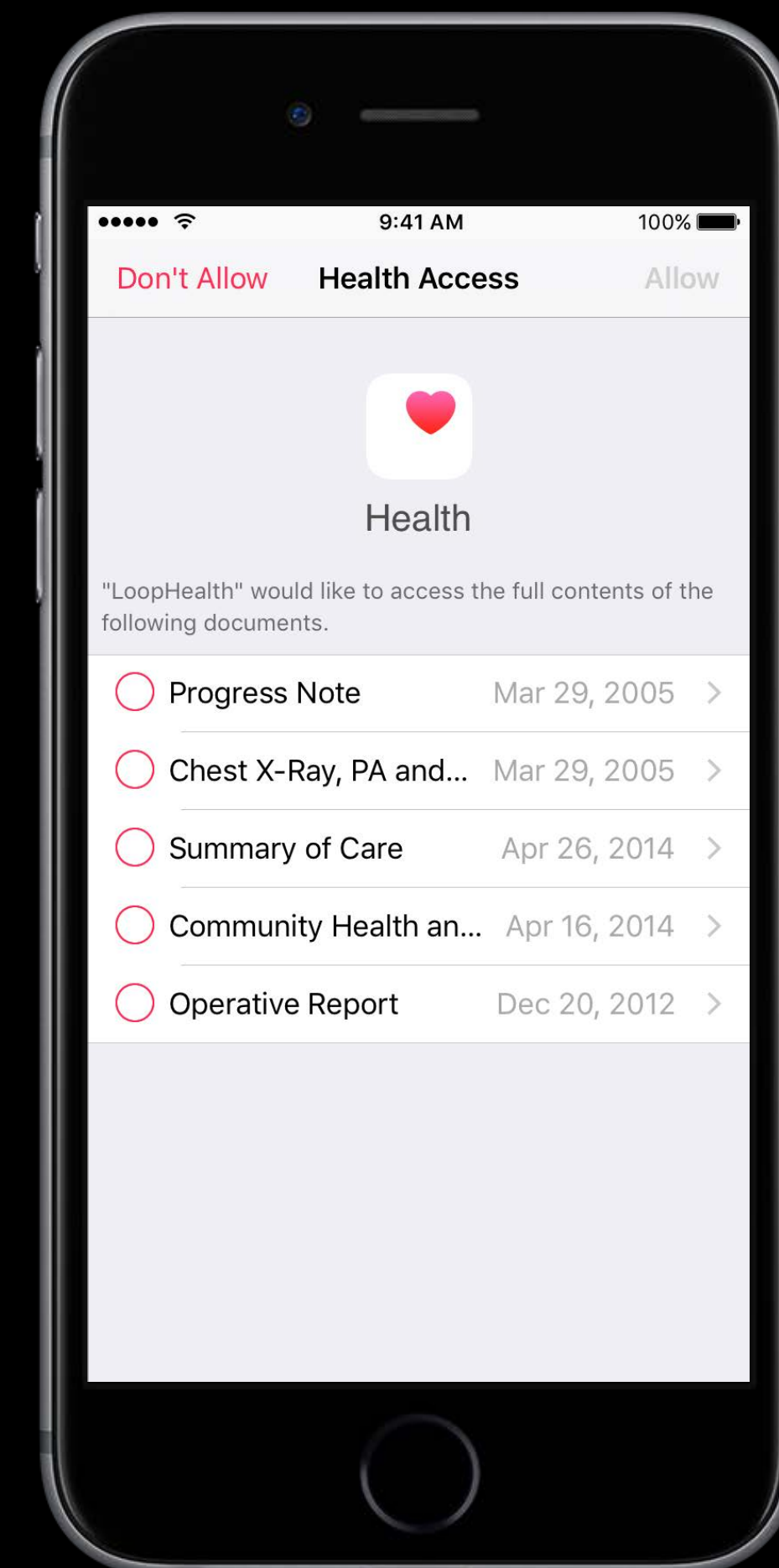
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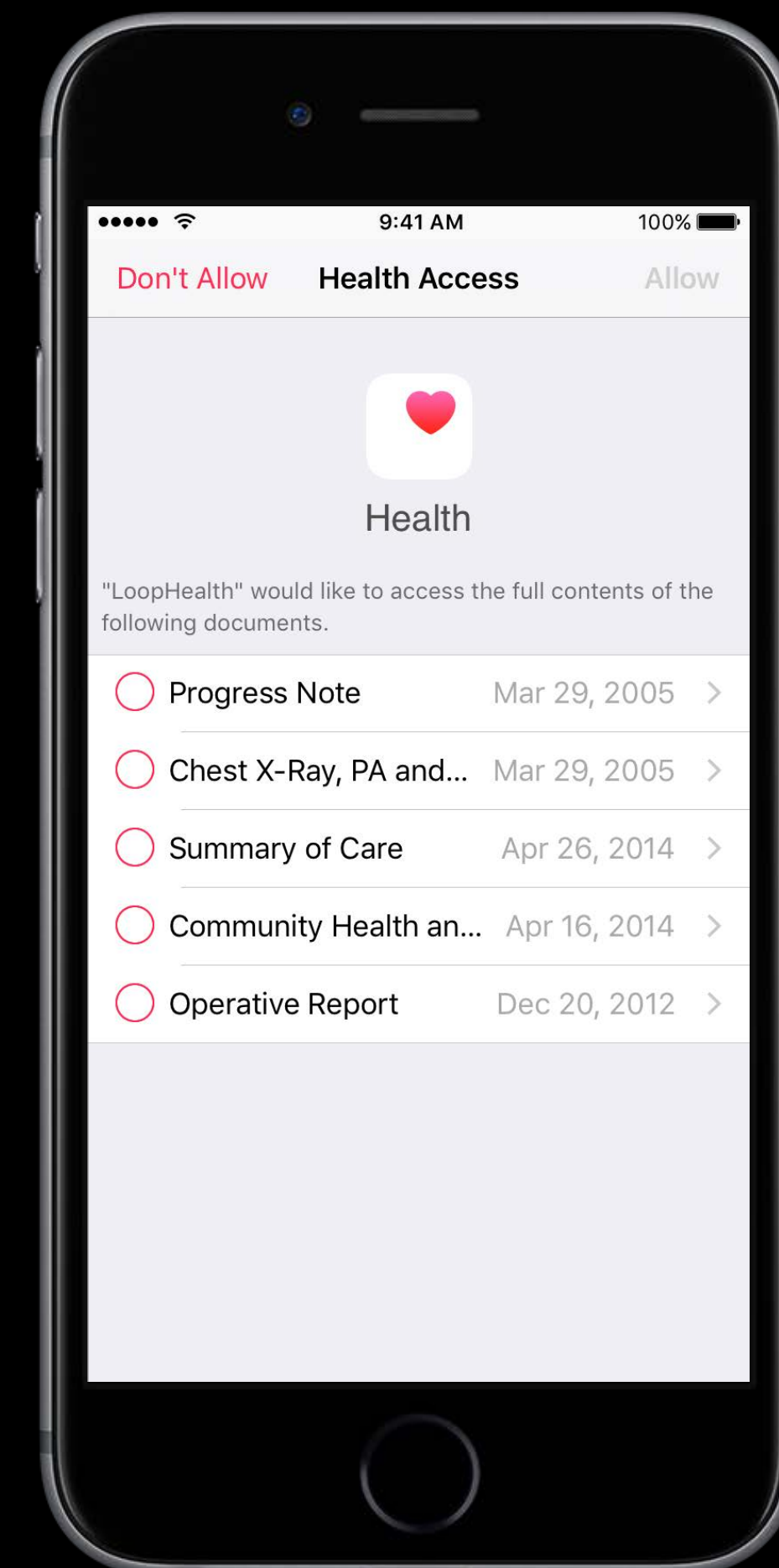
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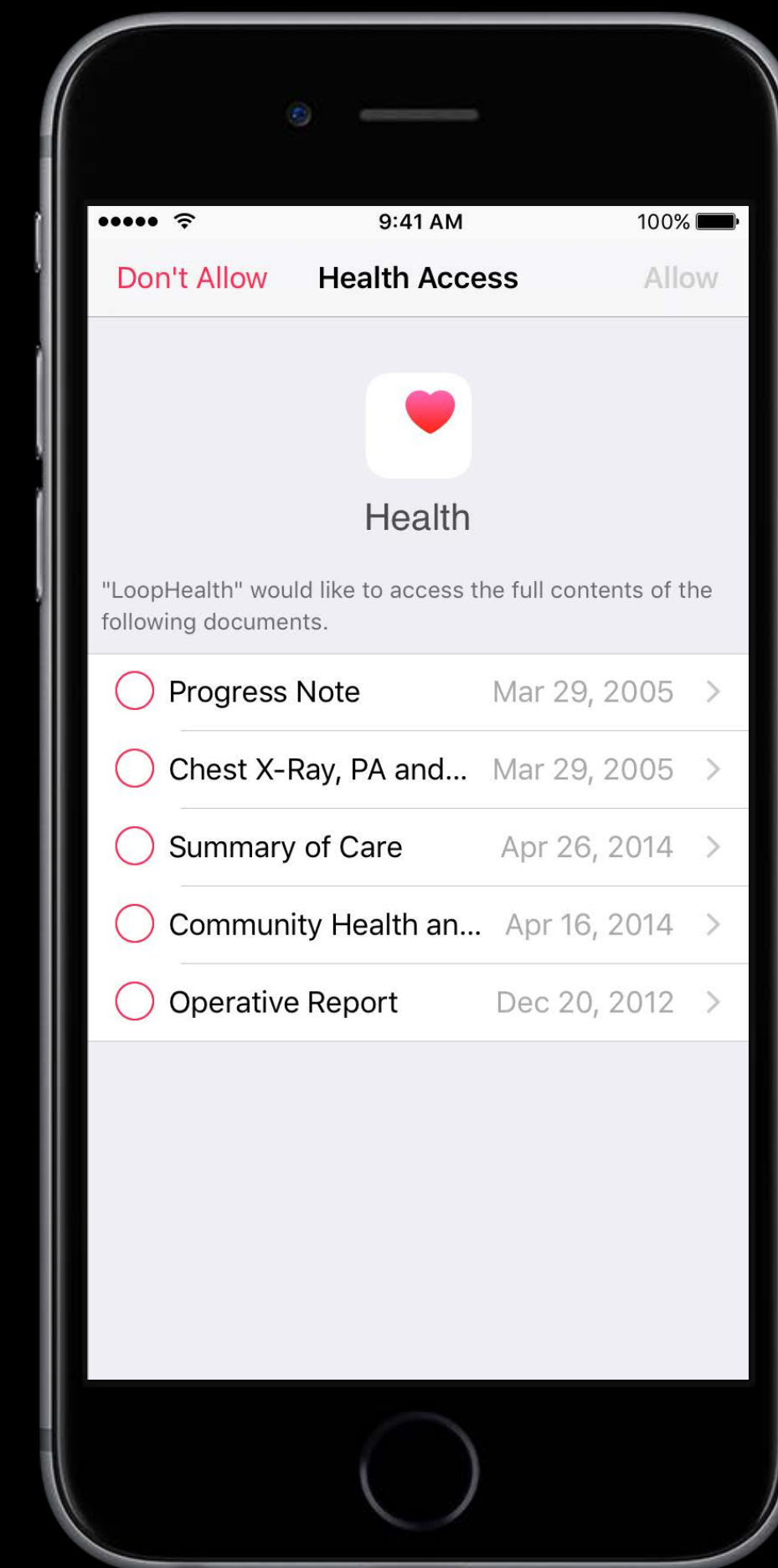
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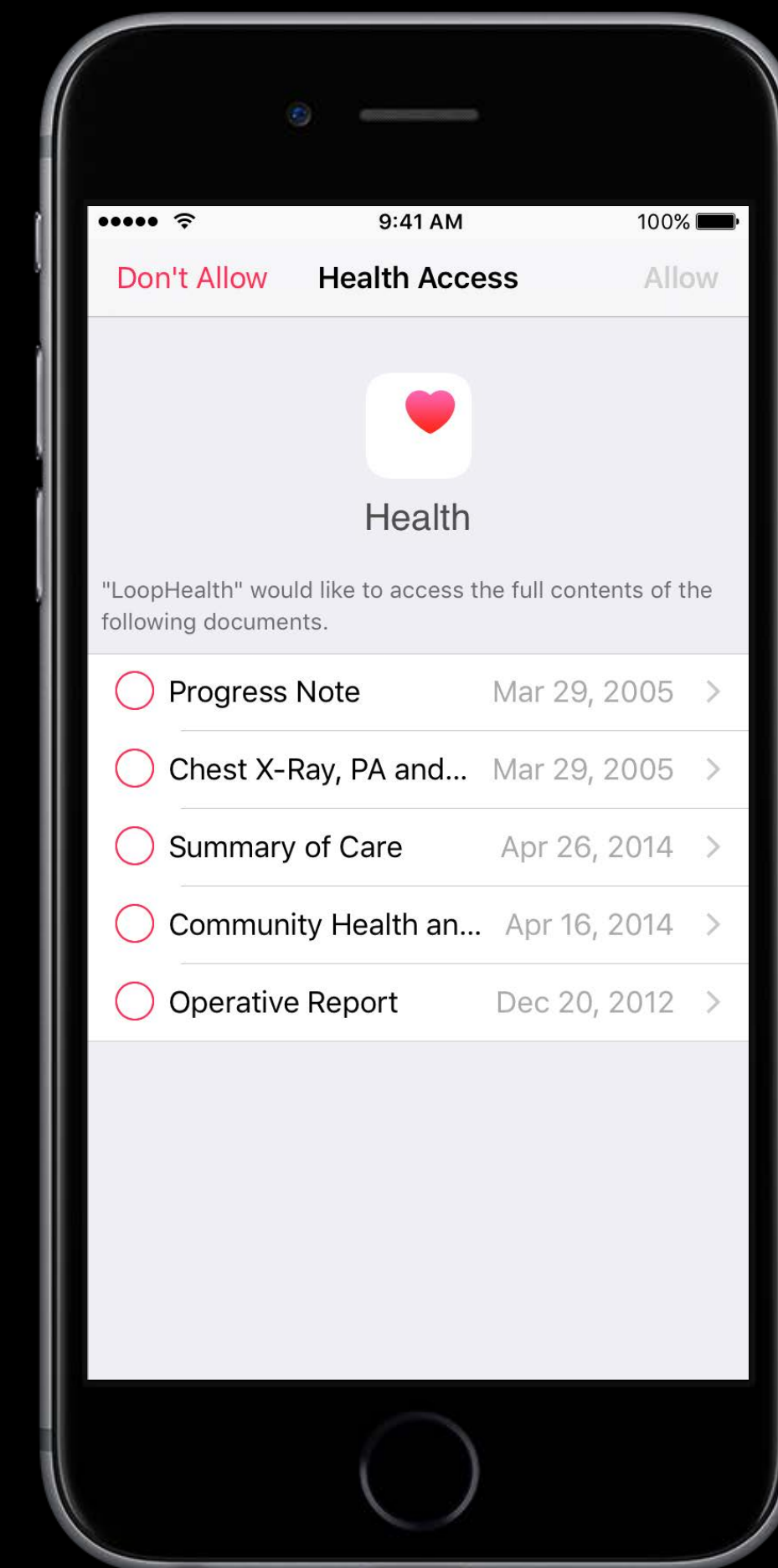
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Title, patient, custodian, and author names extracted automatically

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// Creating a Health Document Using HKCDADocumentSample

let today = Date()

let documentData: Data = ... // XML from health organization server

do {
    let cdaSample = try HKCDADocumentSample.init(data: documentData, start: today, end:
        today, metadata: nil)

    healthStore.save(cdaSample) { success, error in
        // Handle saving error here...
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// Querying for Health Documents Using HKDocumentQuery

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## HL-7 CDA Standard

[http://www.hl7.org/implement/standards/  
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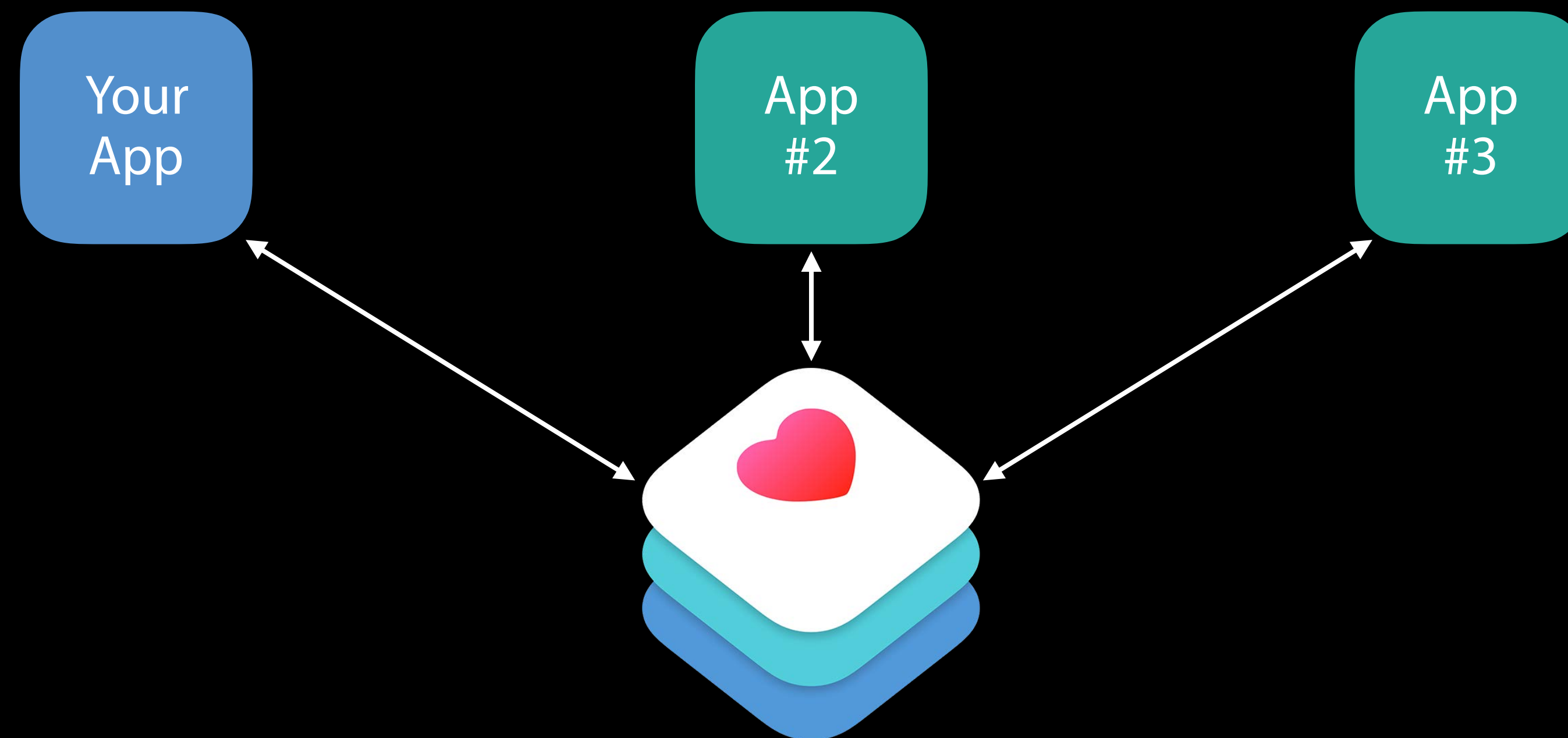
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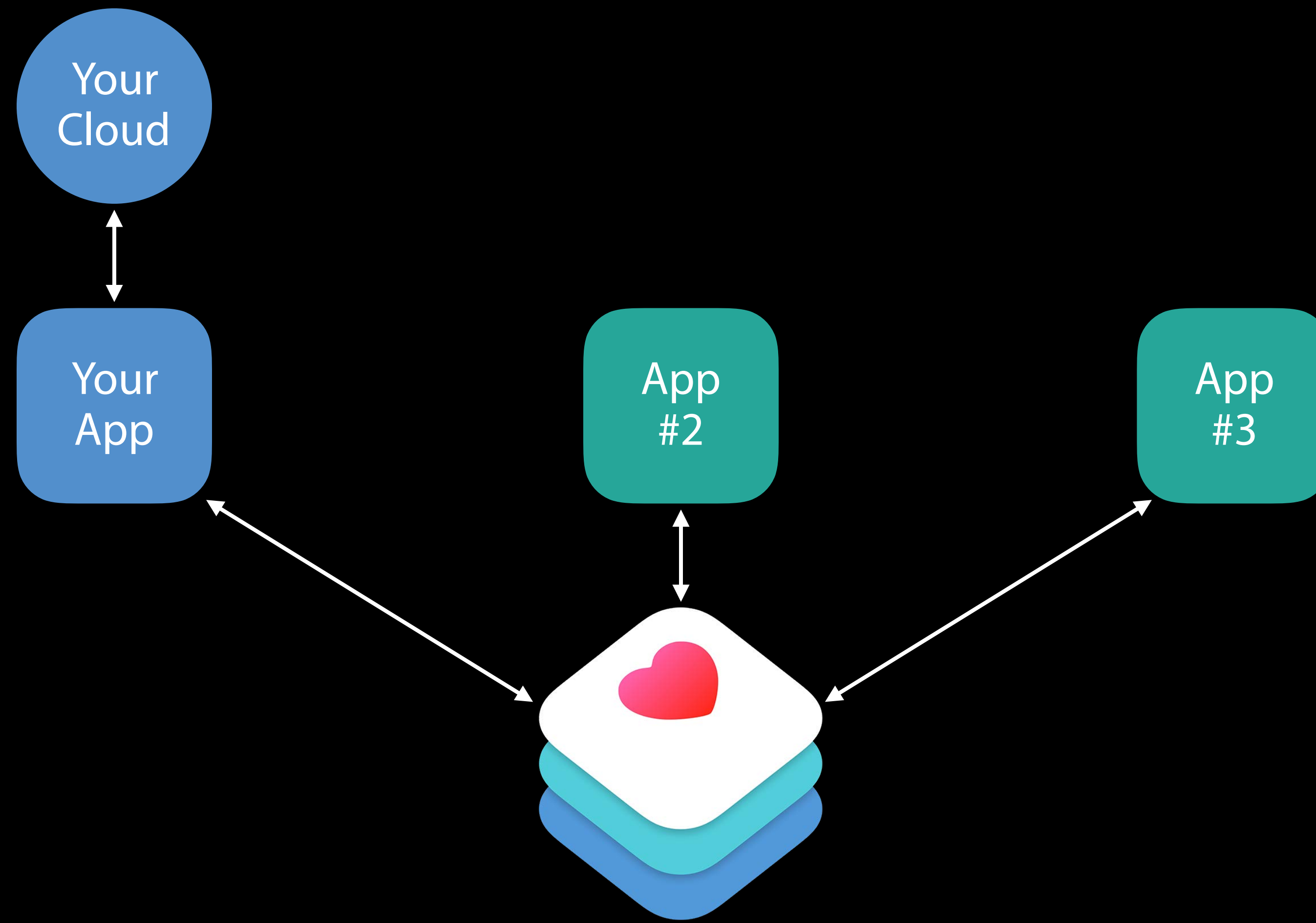
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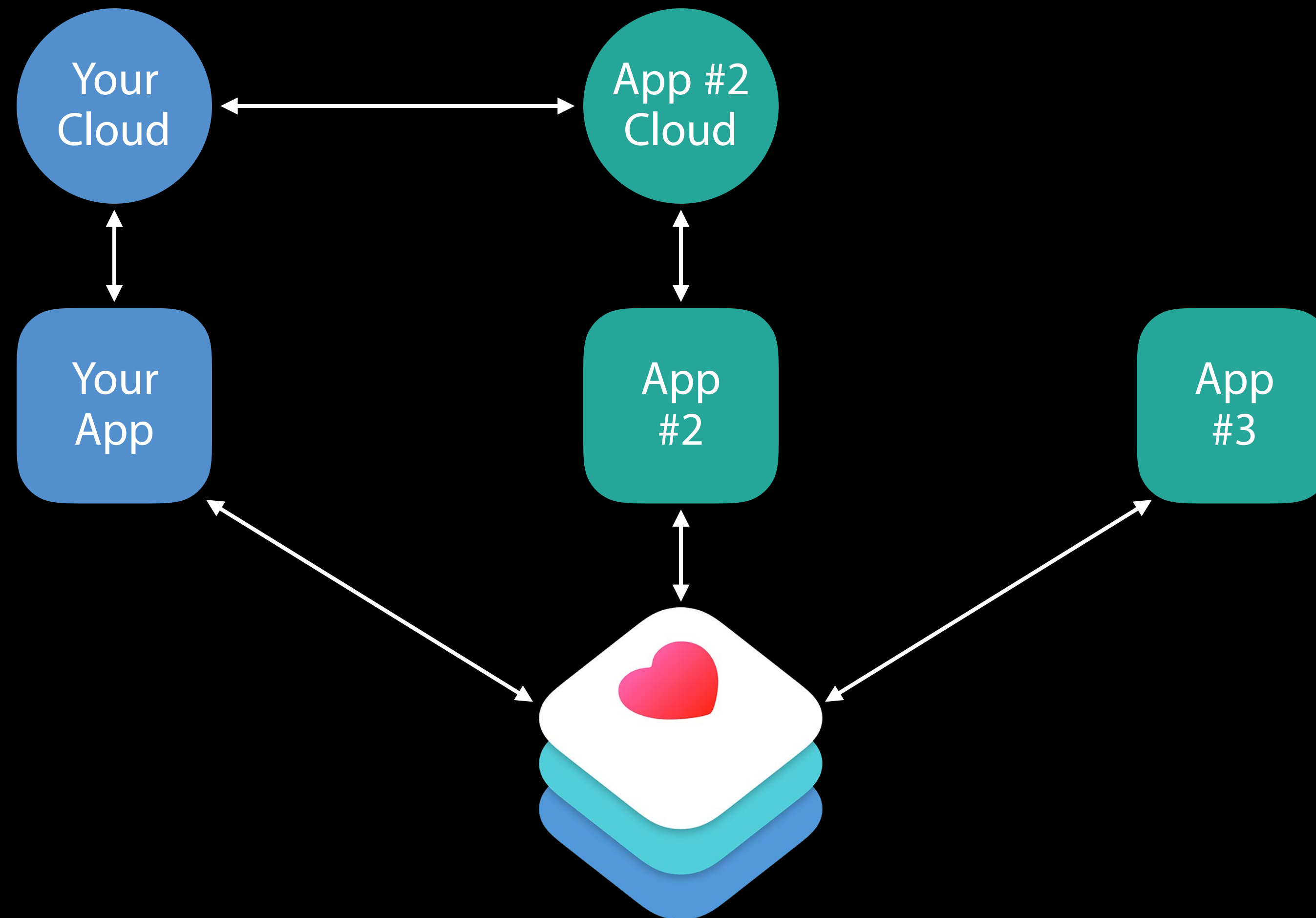
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Setup

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Execution



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## Background updates

1

Register for  
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## Background updates

1

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2

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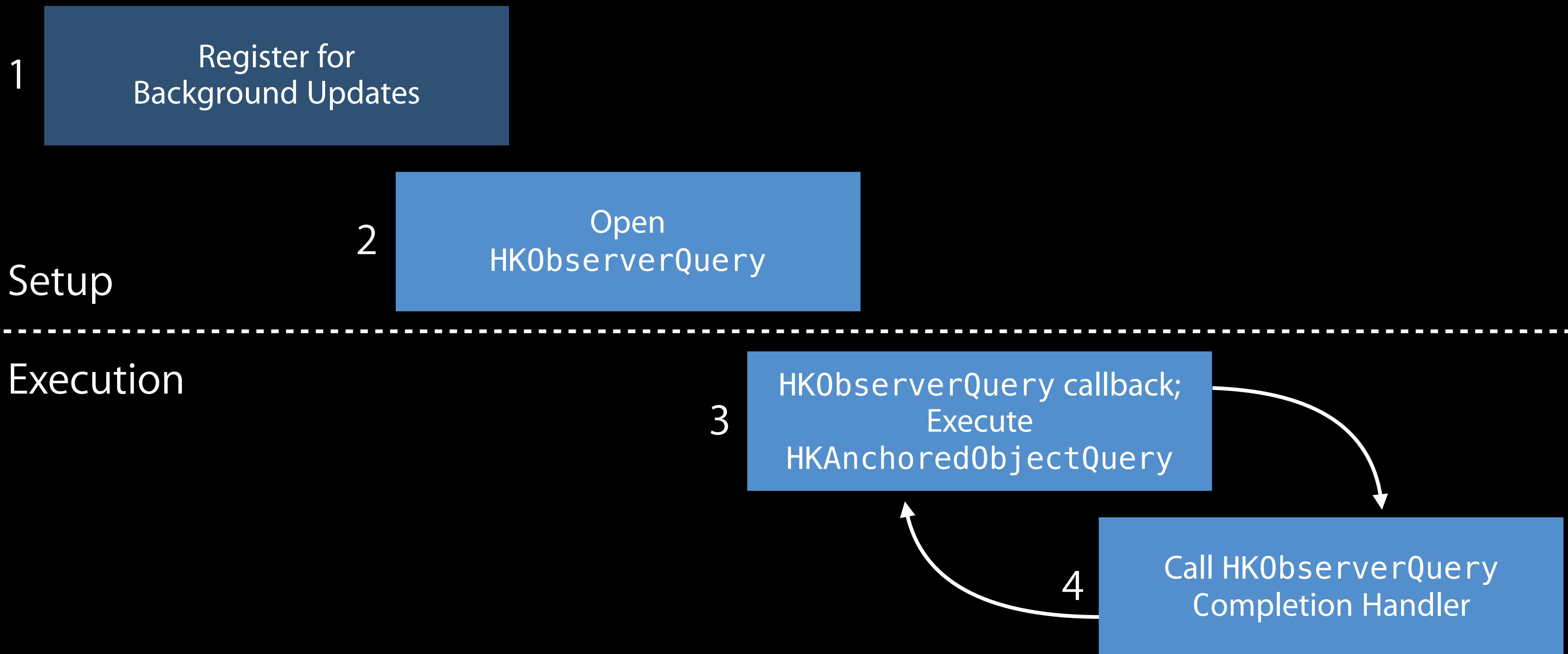
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Call HKObserverQuery  
Completion Handler

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## Background updates



```
// Syncing Data
// 1. Register for background updates

func application(_ application: UIApplication, didFinishLaunchingWithOptions launchOptions:
    [NSObject: AnyObject]?) -> Bool {

    guard let stepsType = HKObjectType.quantityType(forIdentifier: .stepCount) else {
        return true
    }

    healthStore.enableBackgroundDelivery(for: stepsType, frequency: .daily) {
        success, error in
        // Handle enabling background delivery error here...
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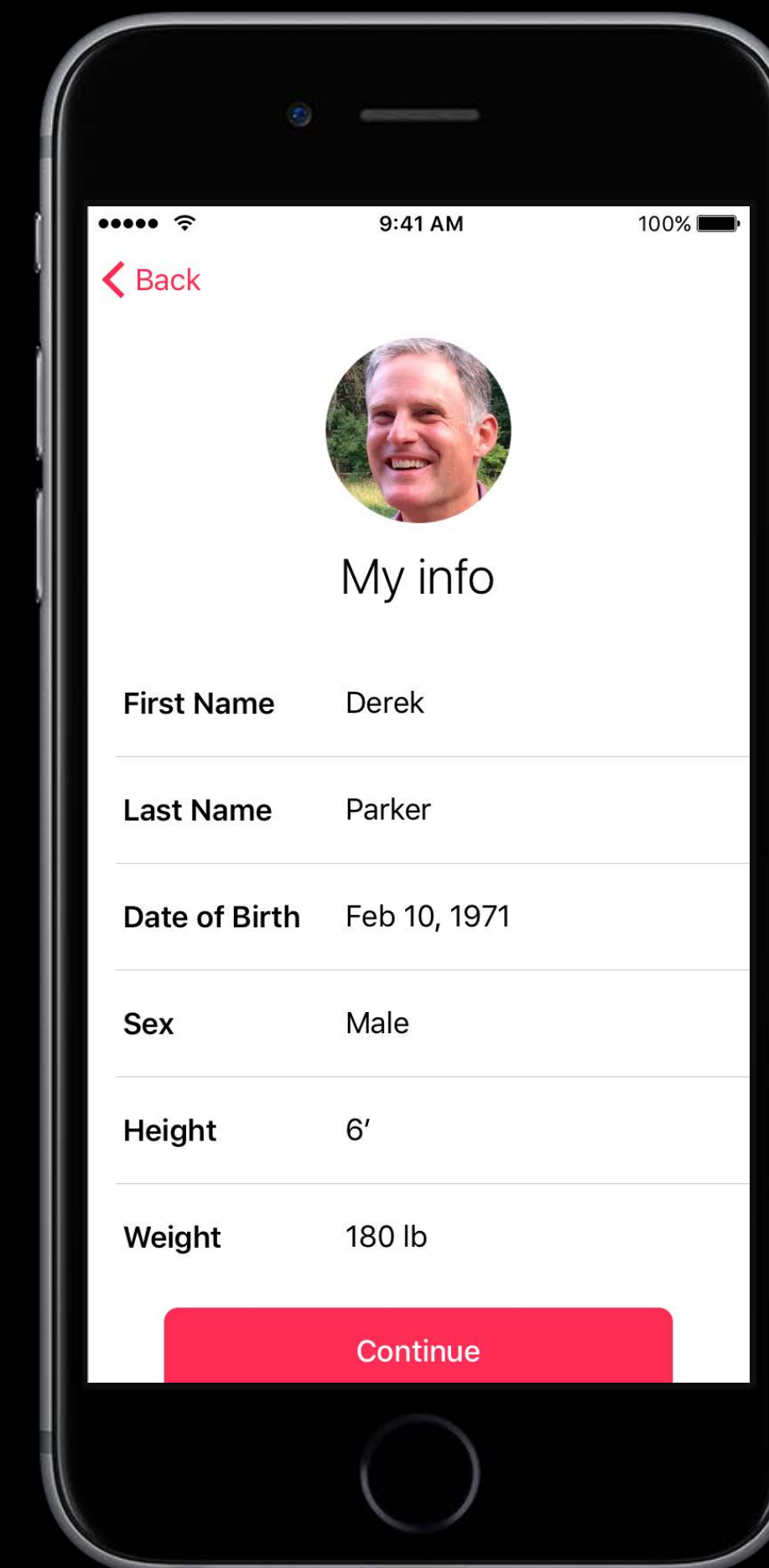
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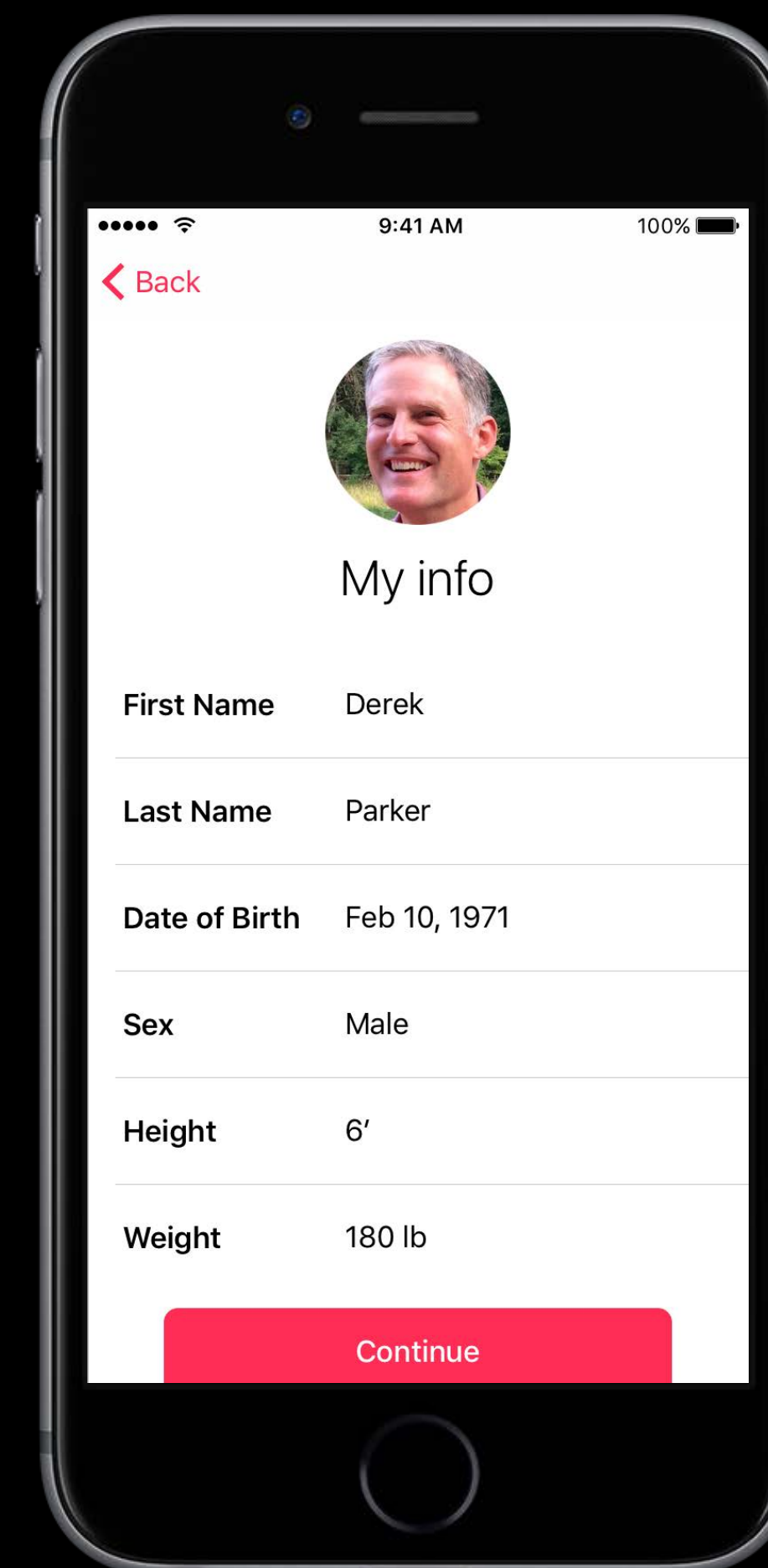


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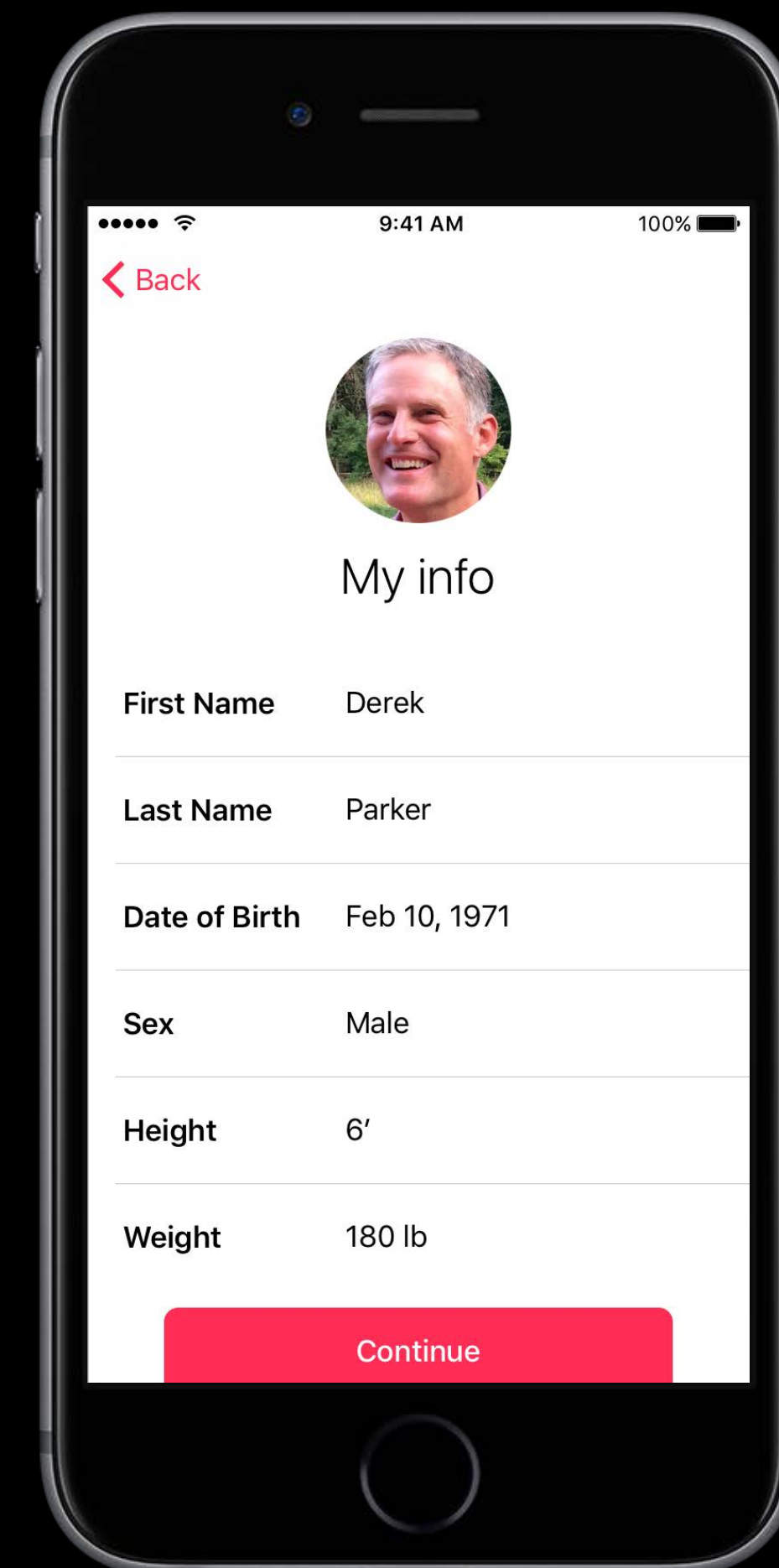
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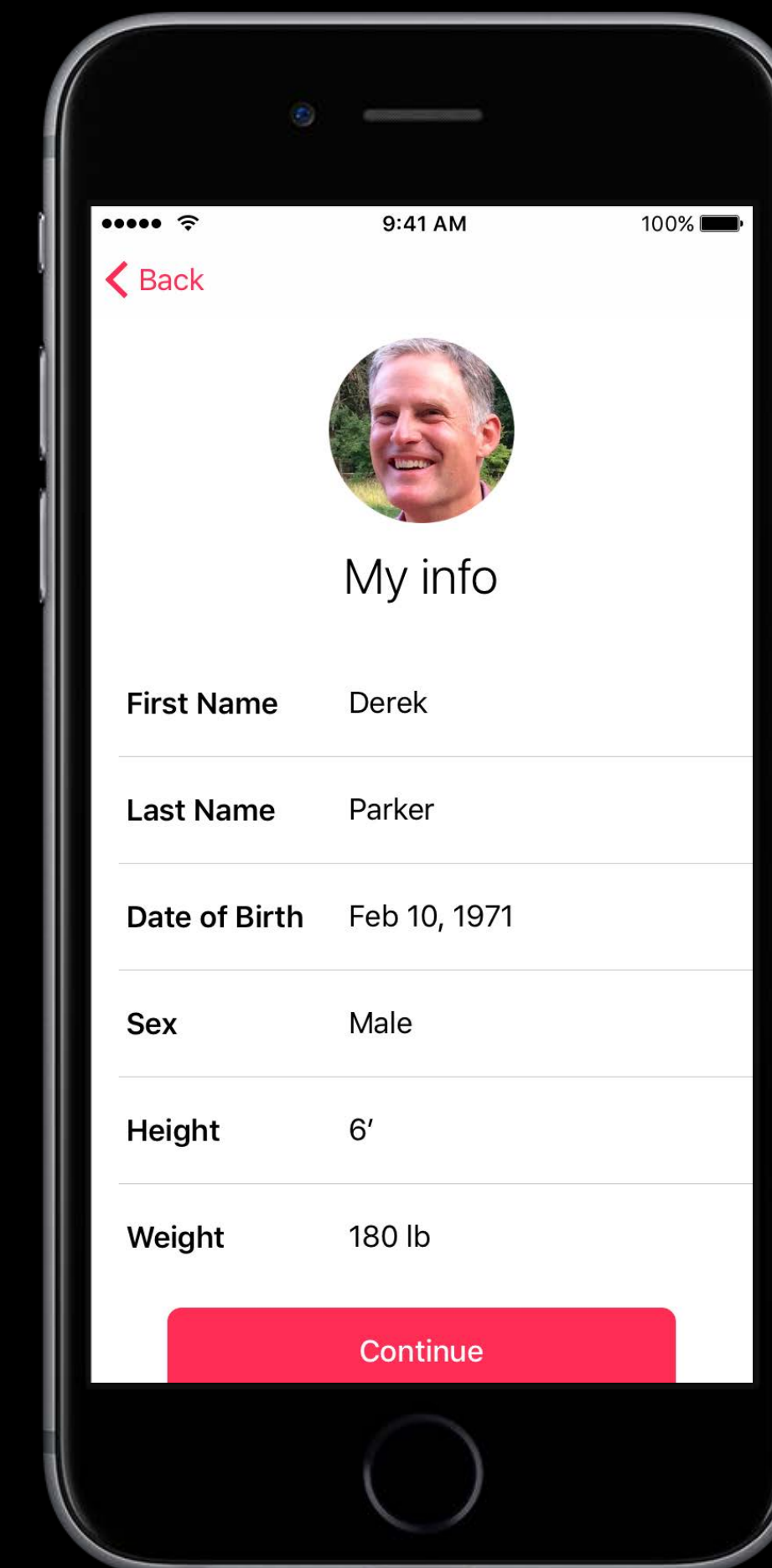
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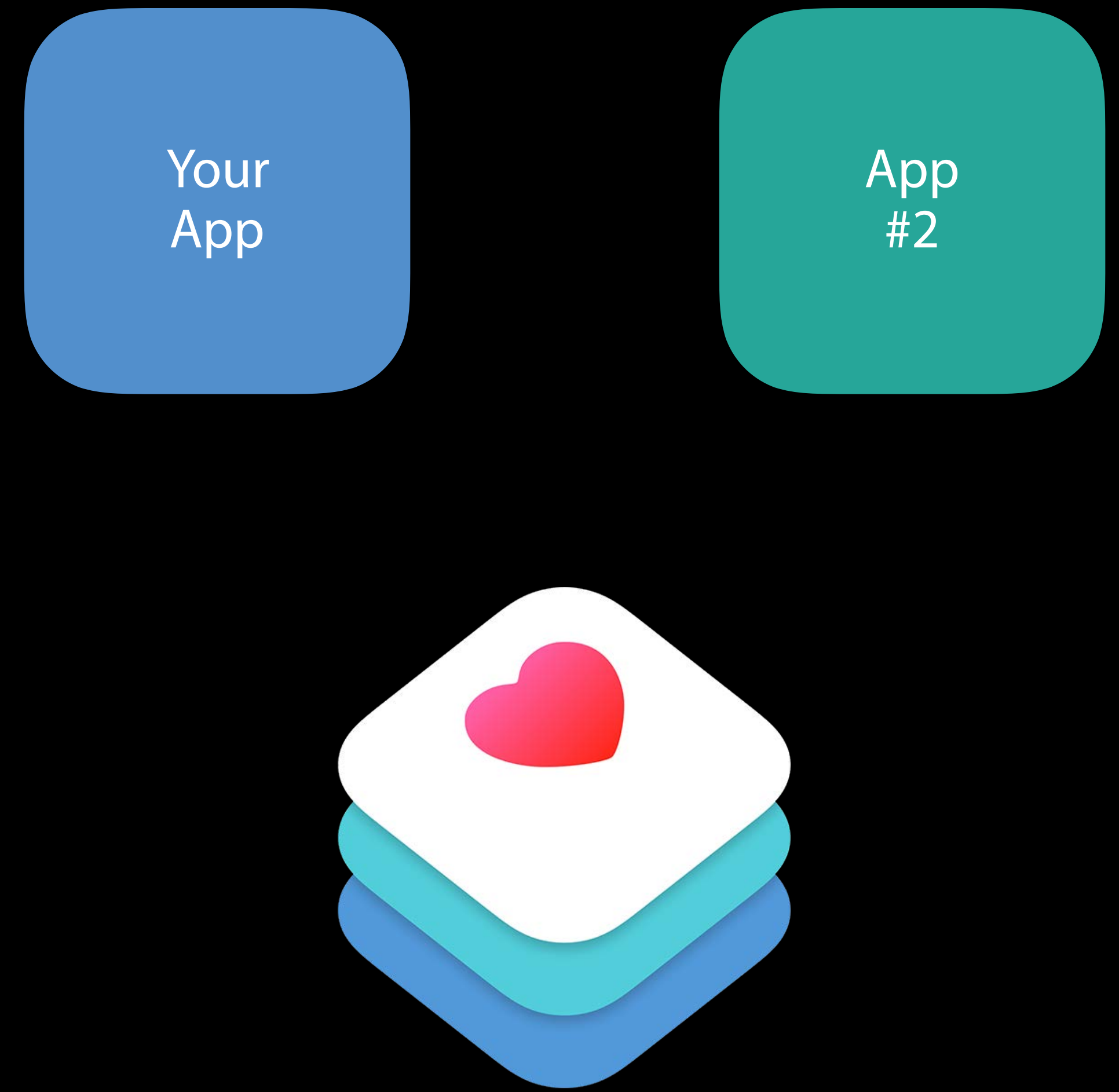
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- Only save data again if this is the user's intent



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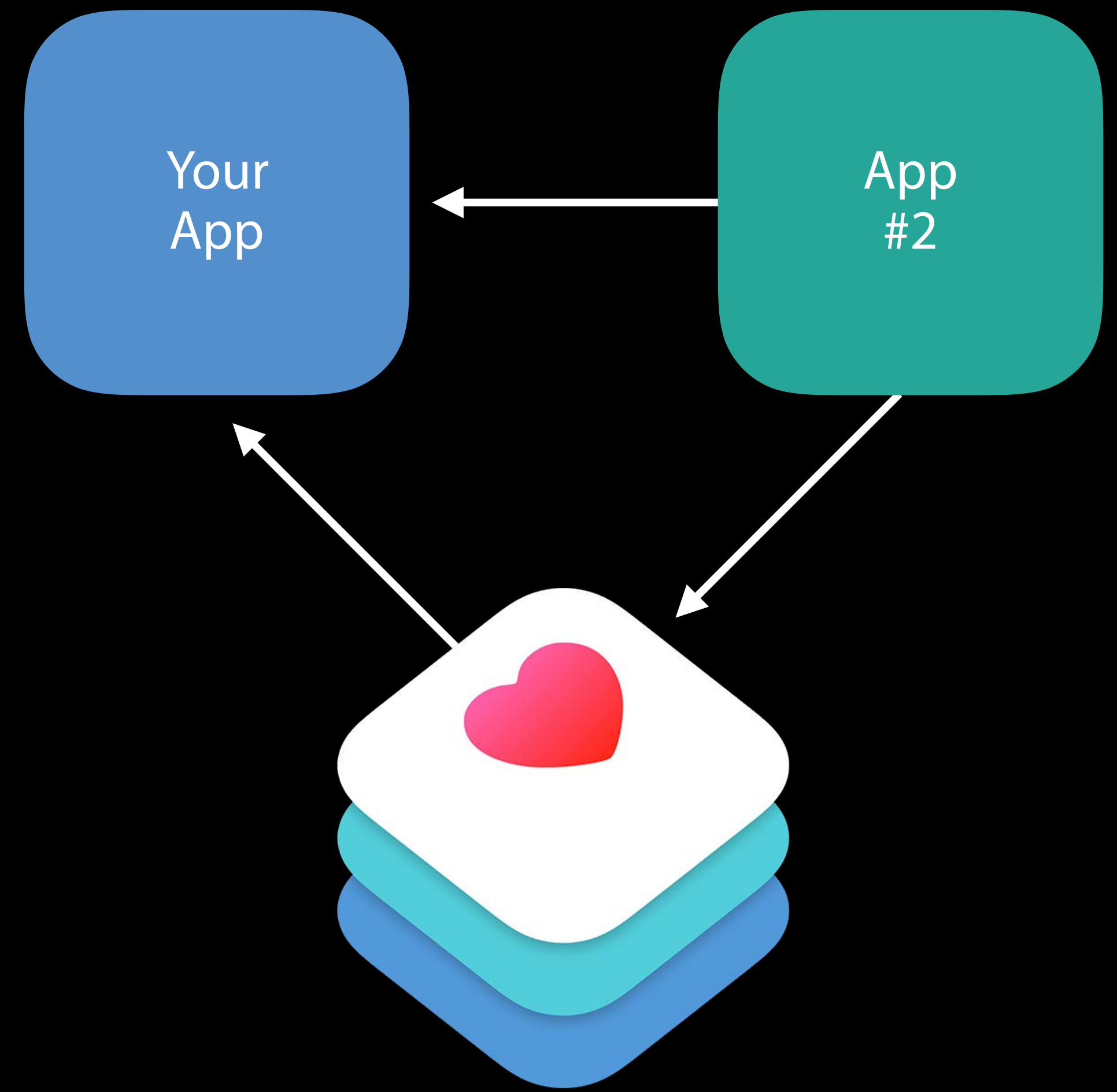




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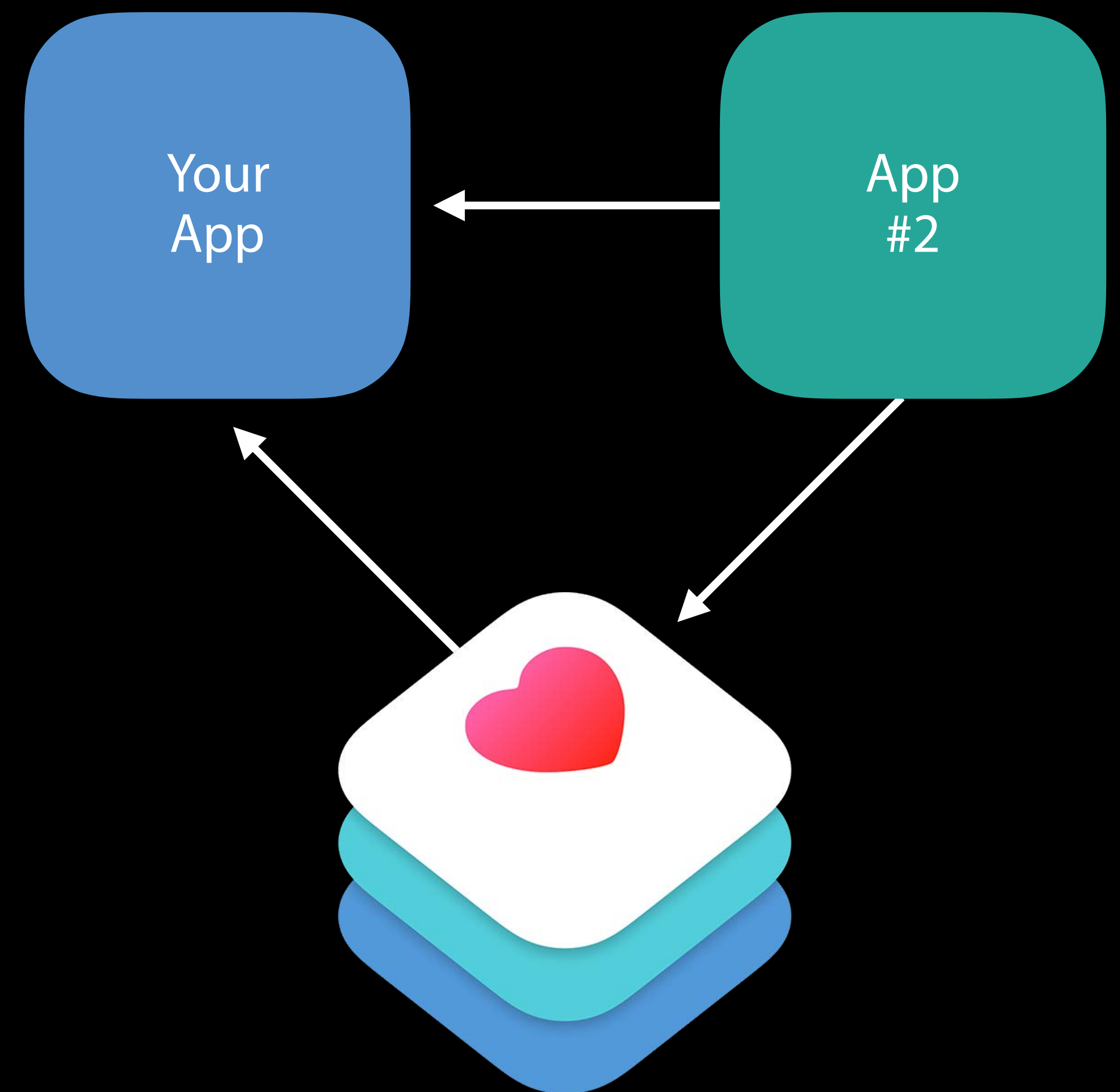


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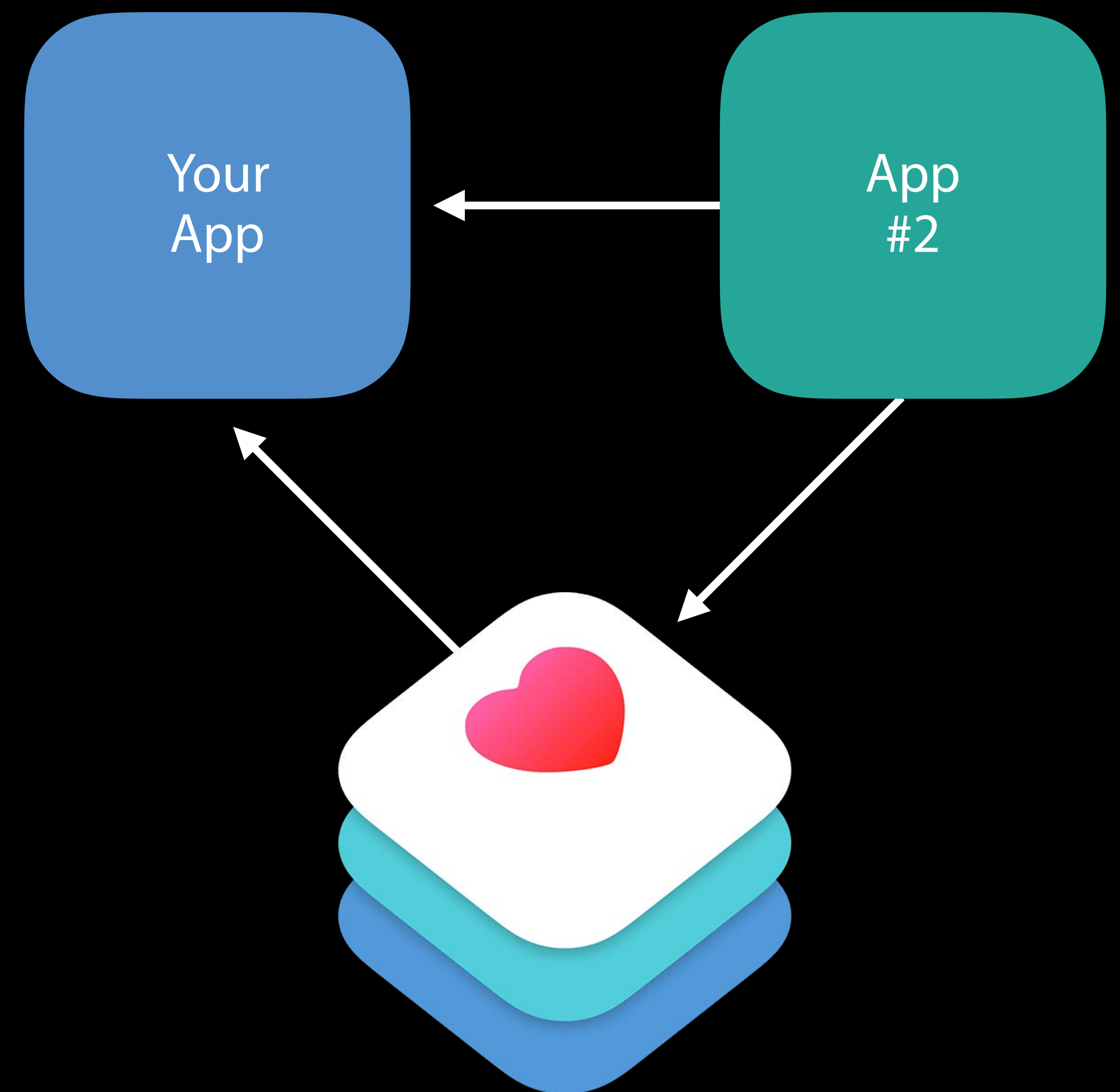


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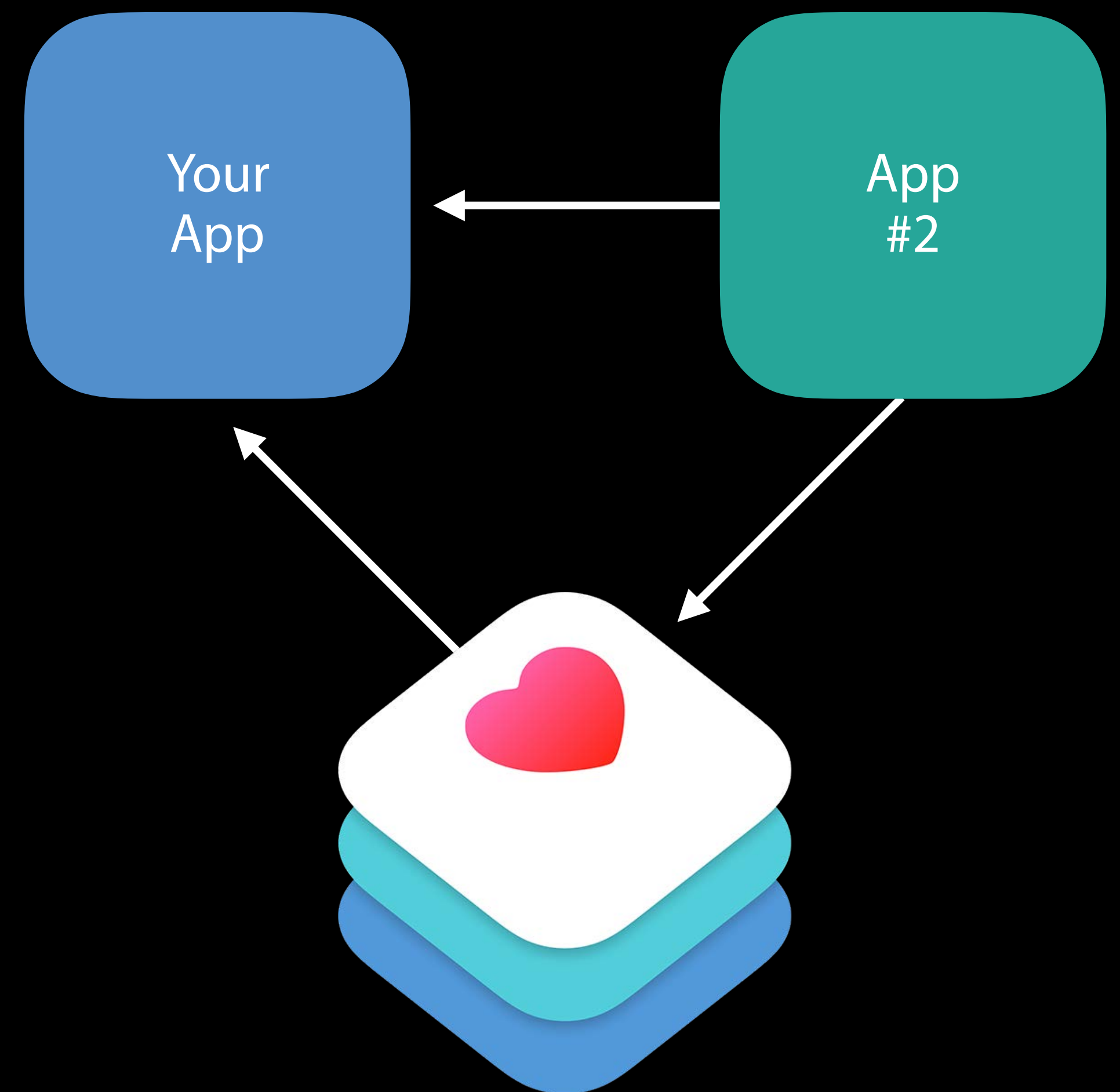


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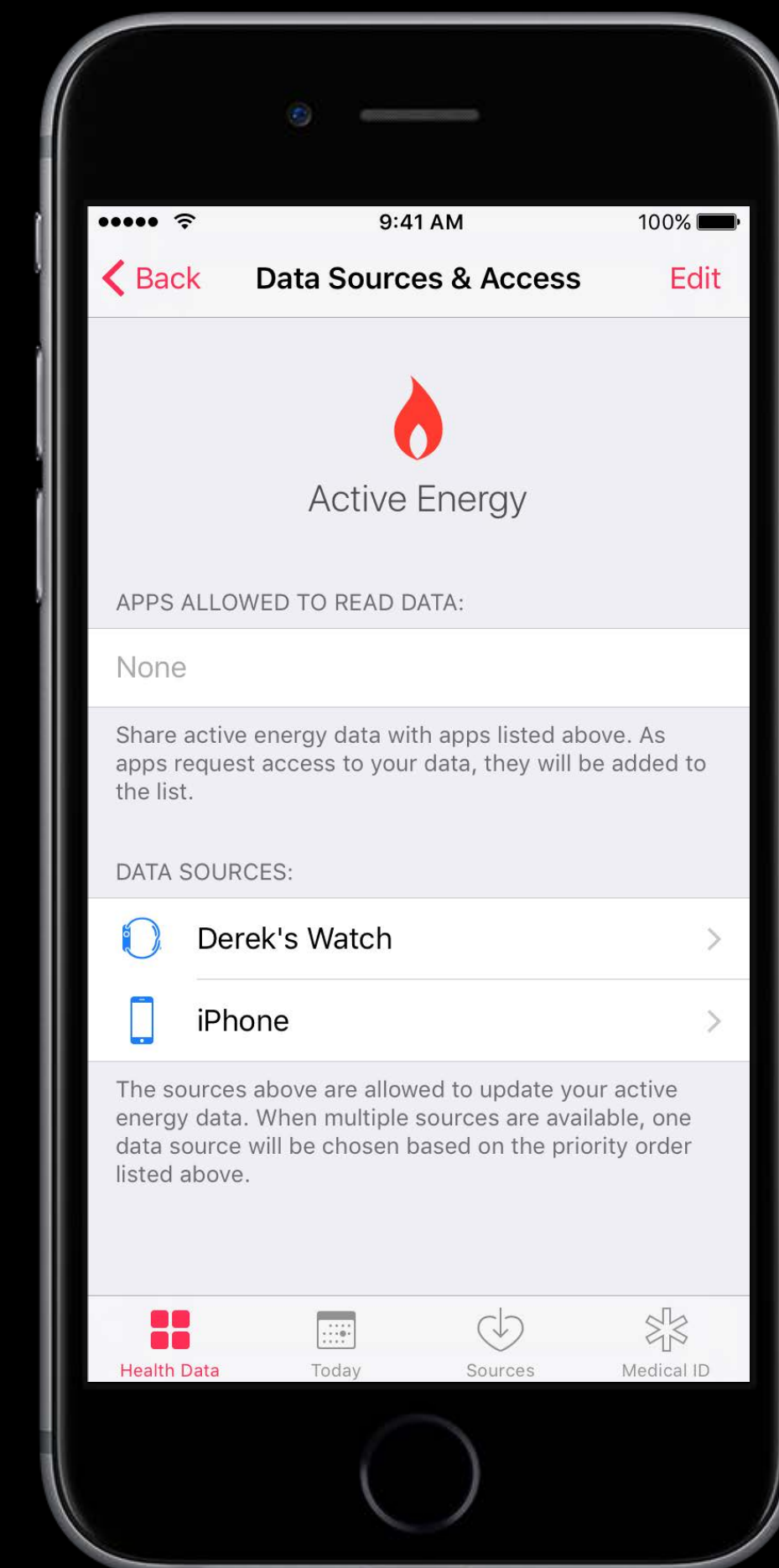
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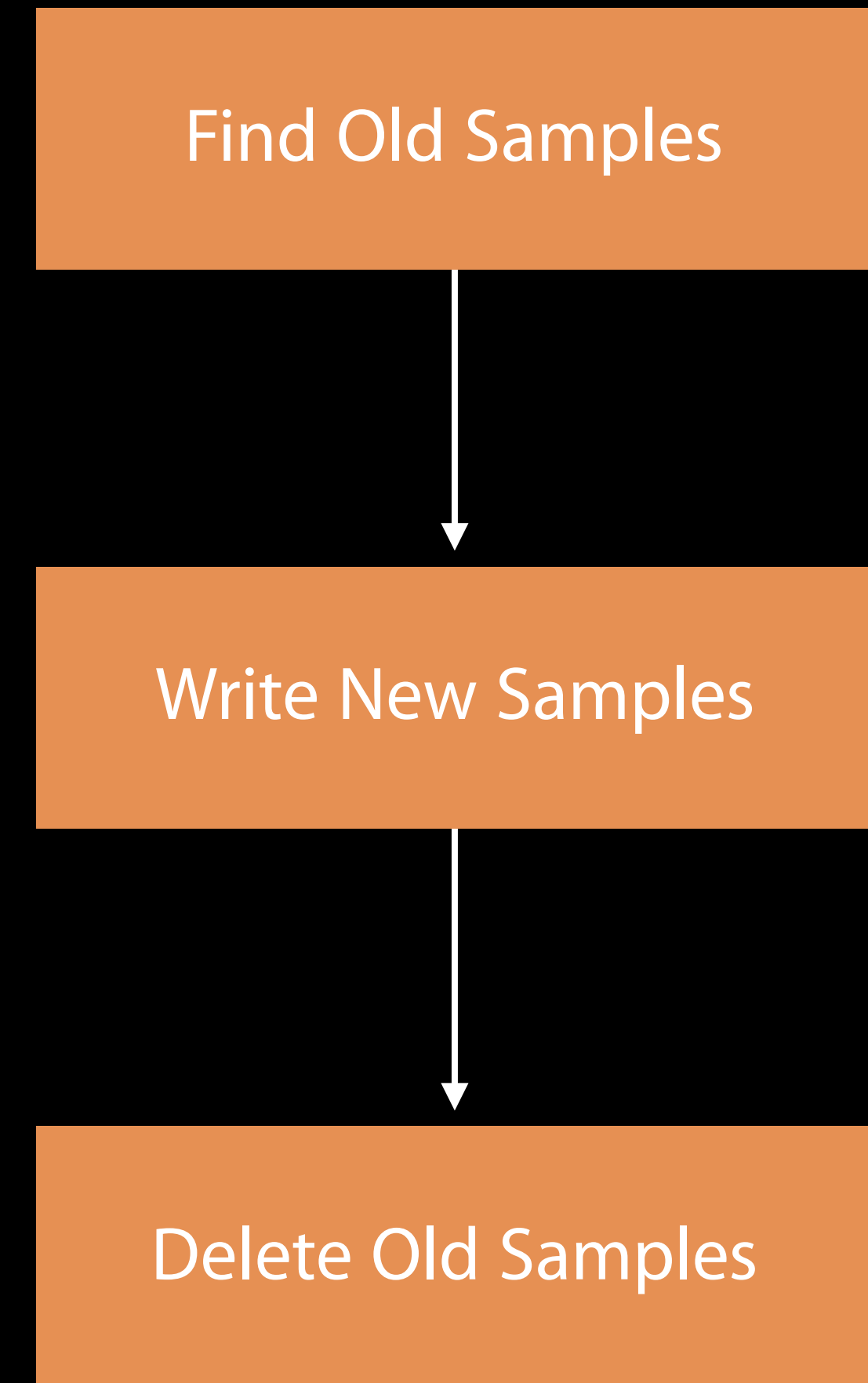


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Flow between iPhone and Apple Watch

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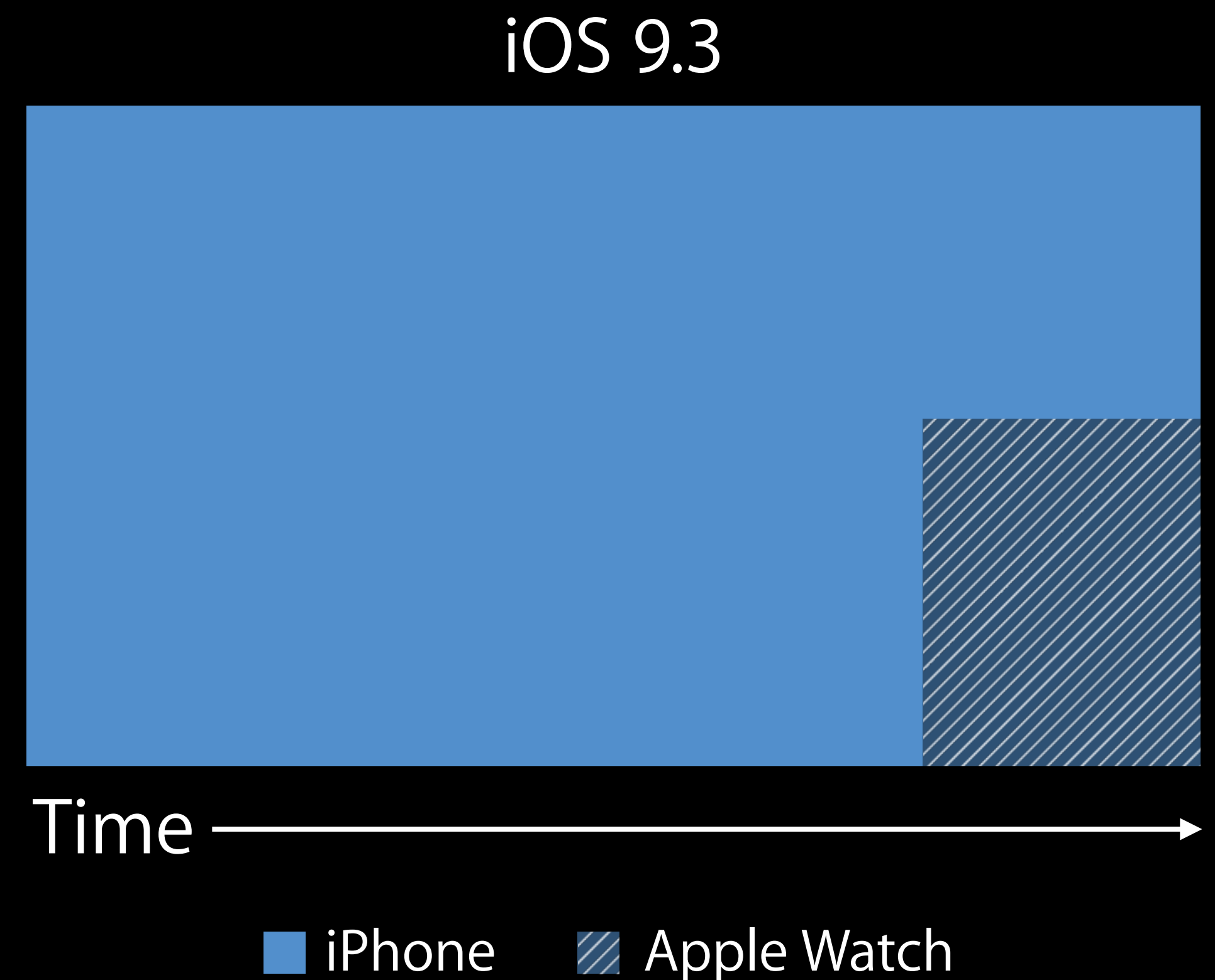


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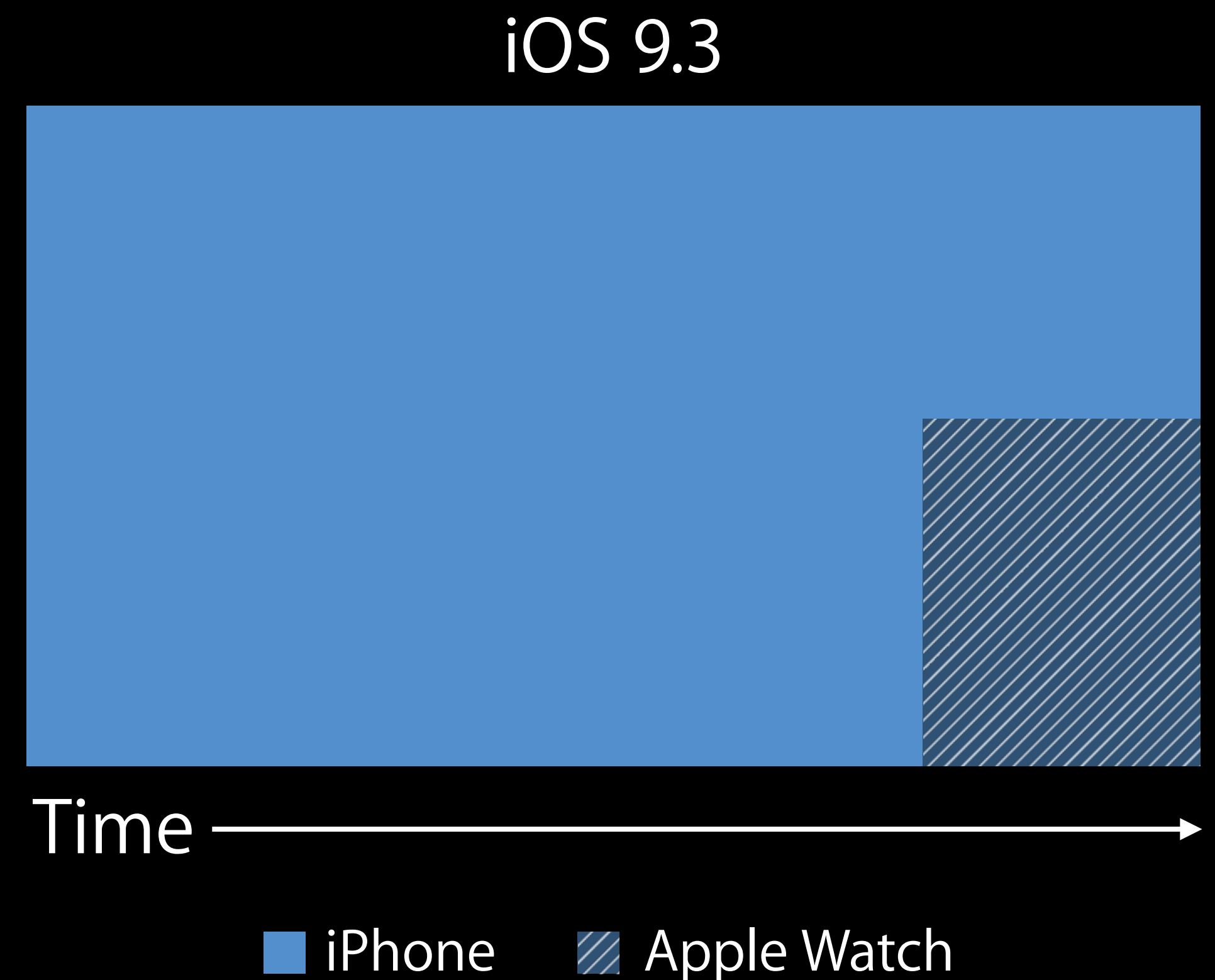
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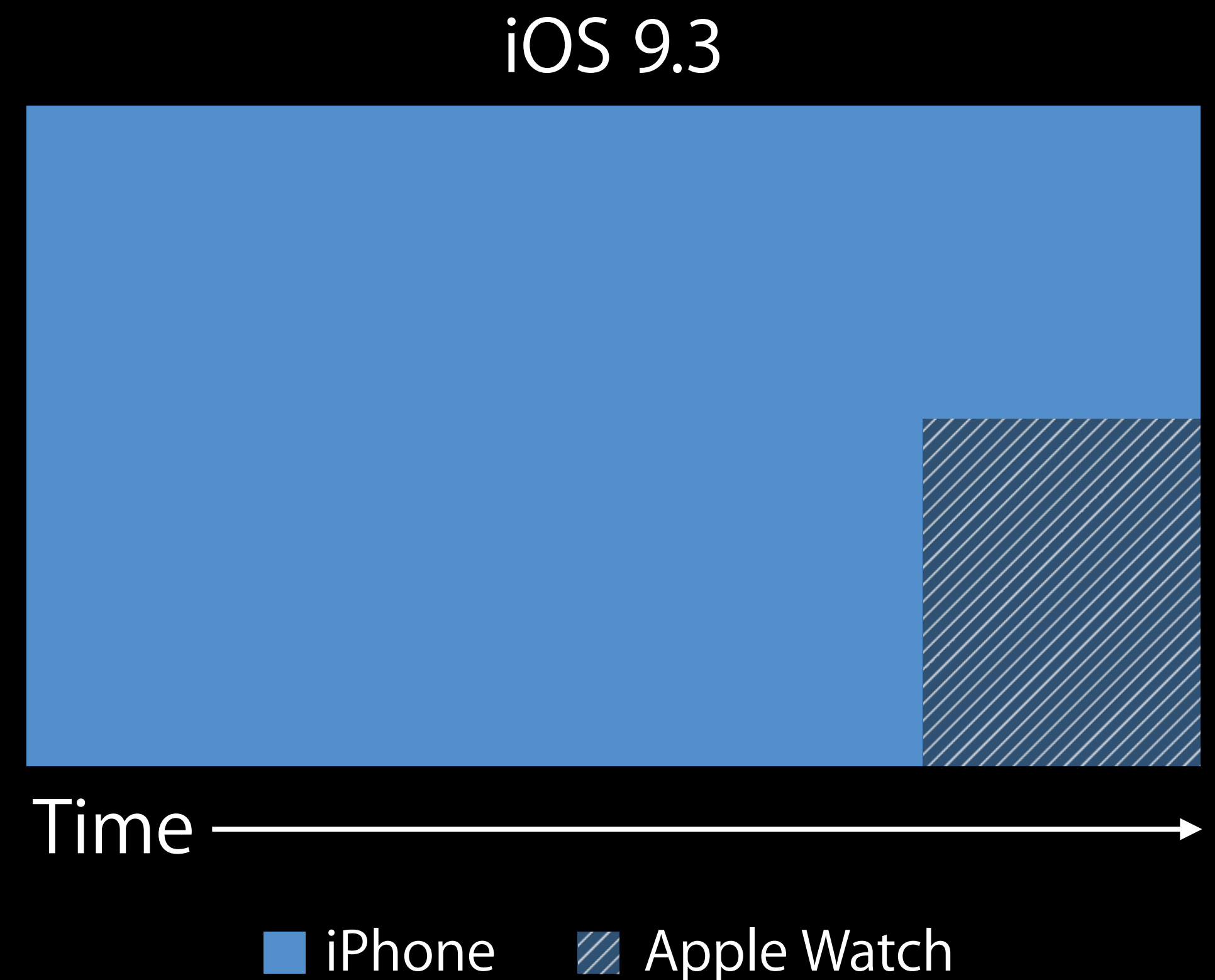
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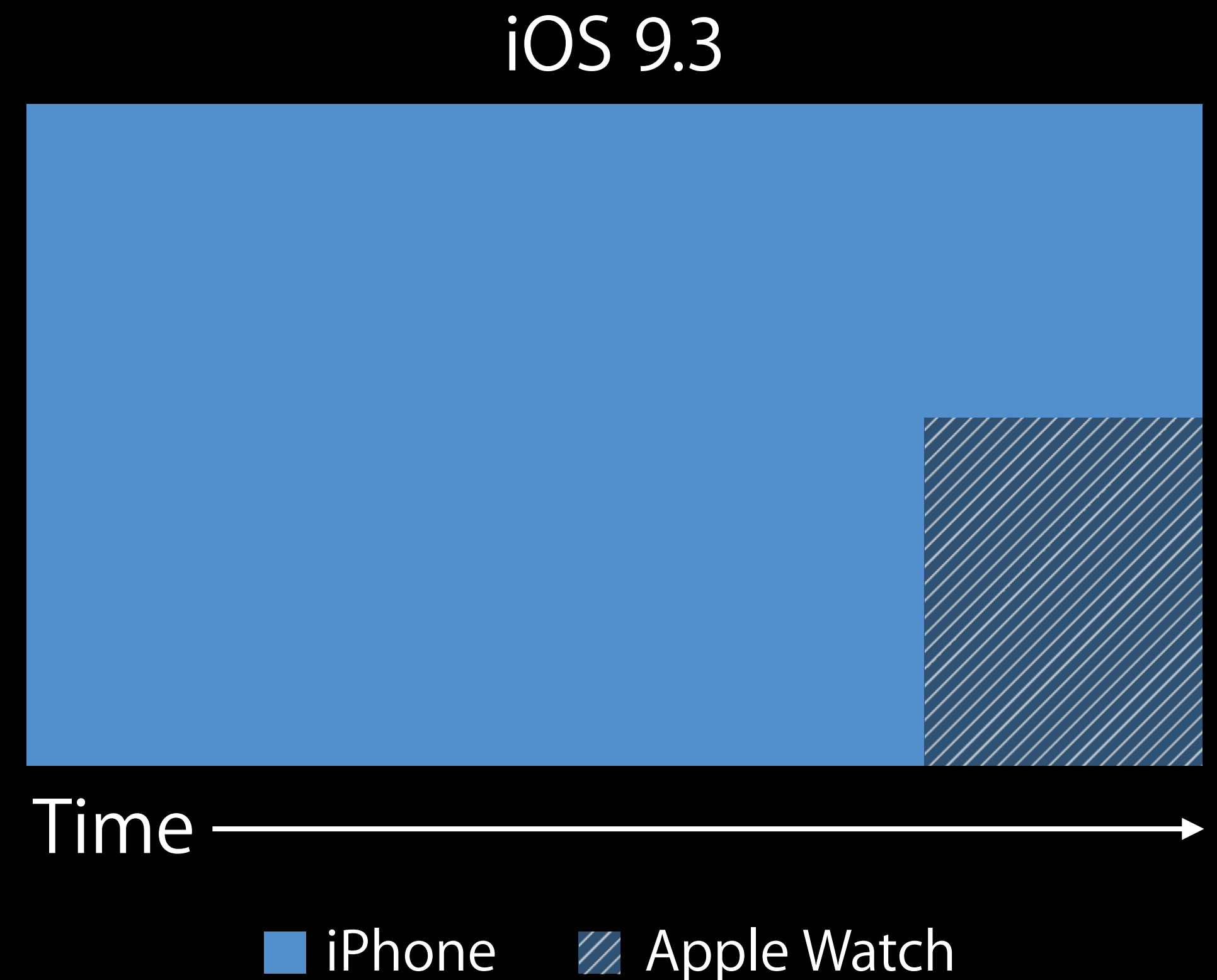
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More Information

<https://developer.apple.com/wwdc16/209>

# Related Sessions

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Health and Fitness with Core Motion

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What's New in ResearchKit

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# Labs

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ResearchKit and CareKit Lab	Fort Mason	Friday 10:30AM
Core Motion Lab	Frameworks Lab D	Friday 12:30PM
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