

# Optimizing On-Demand Resources

Session 221

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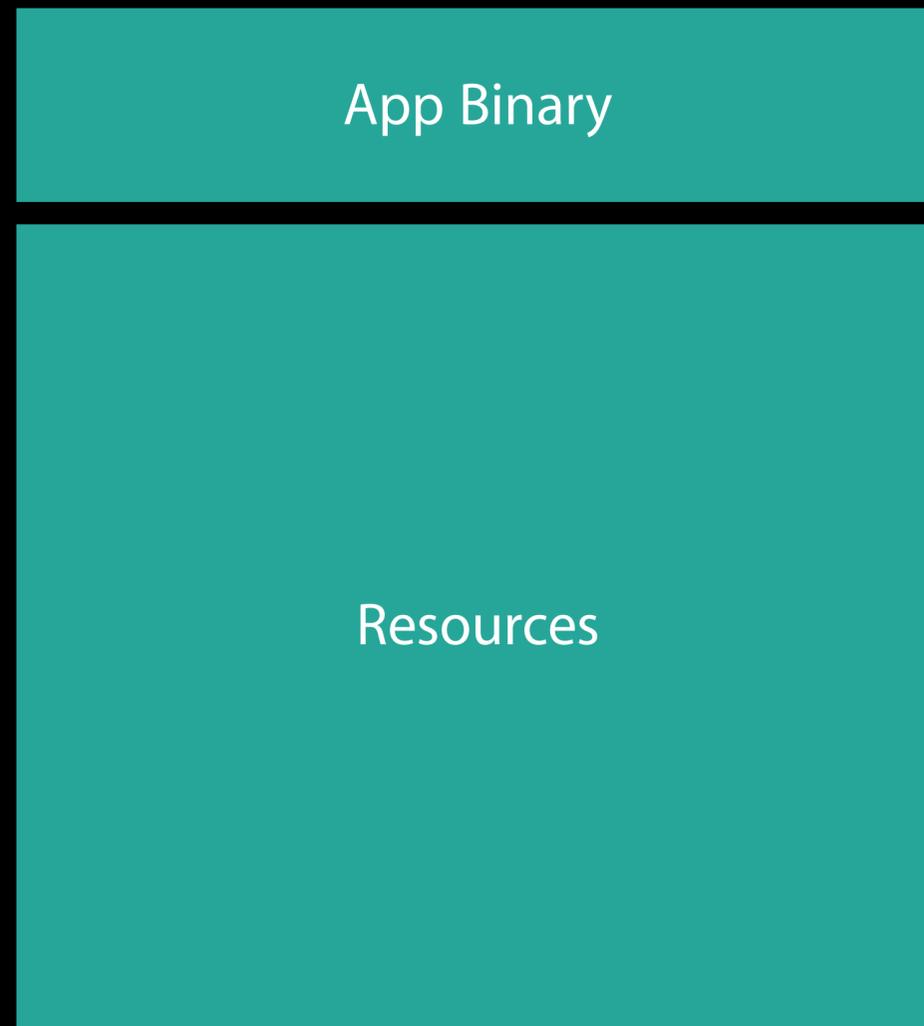
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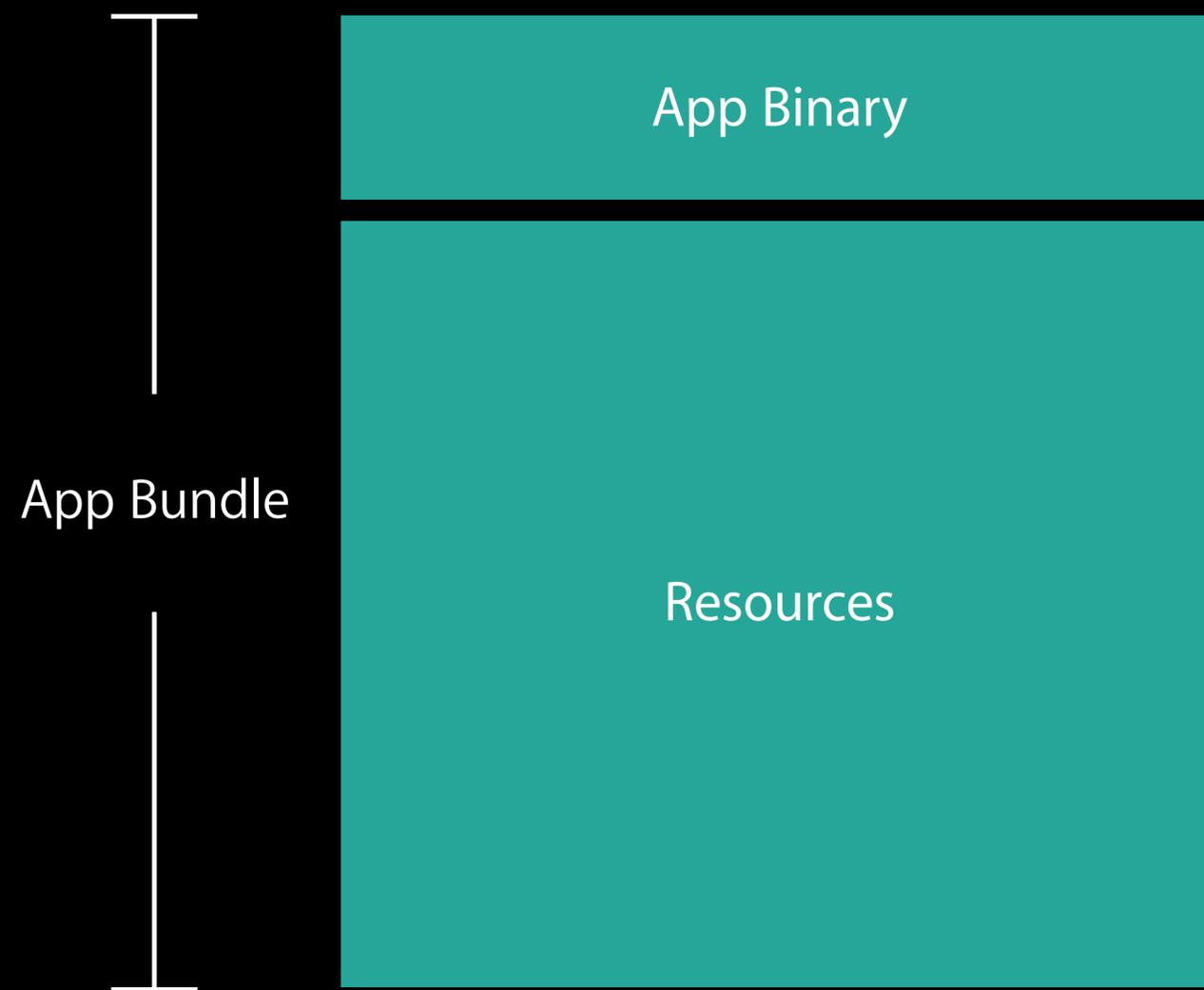
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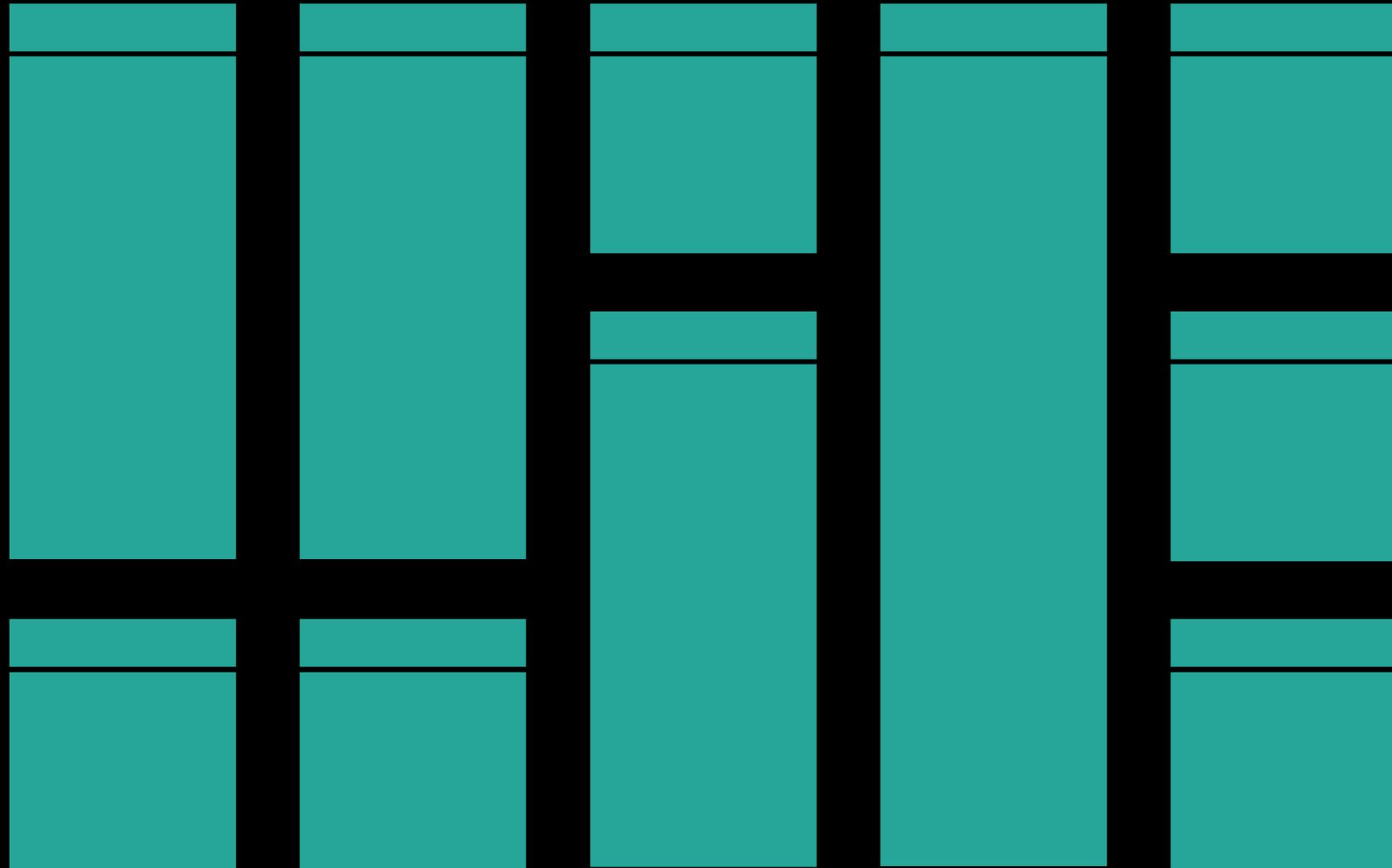
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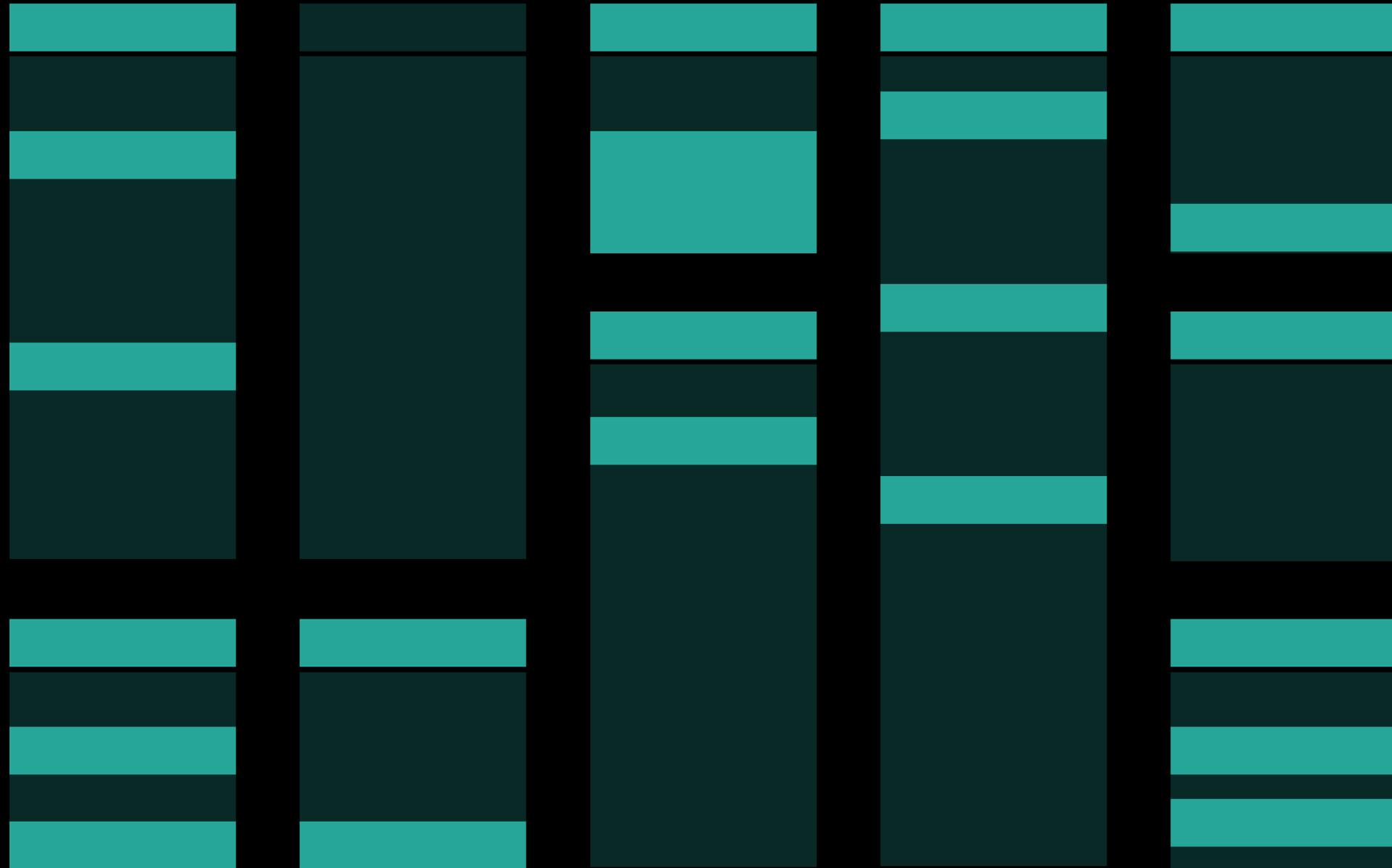
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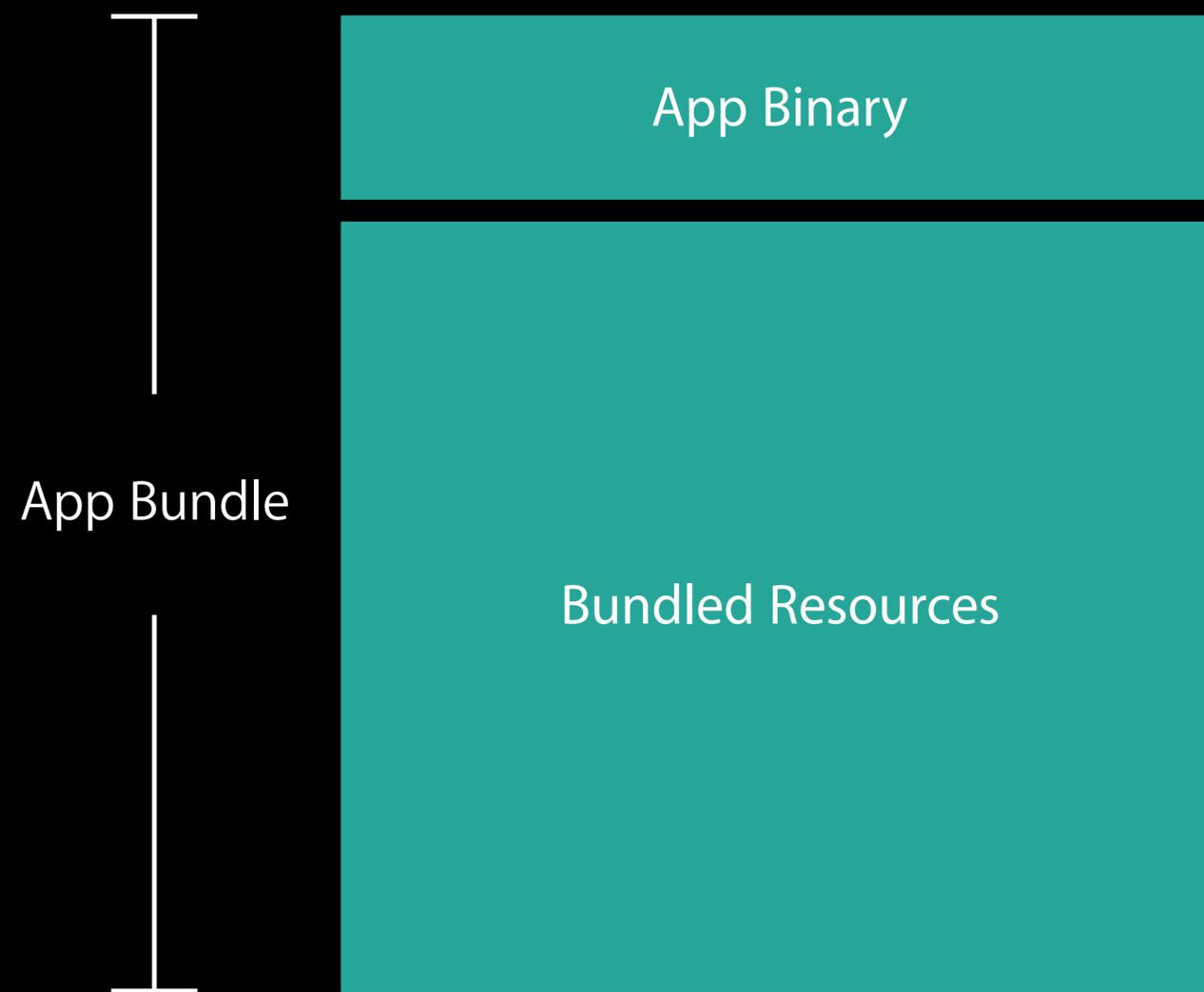
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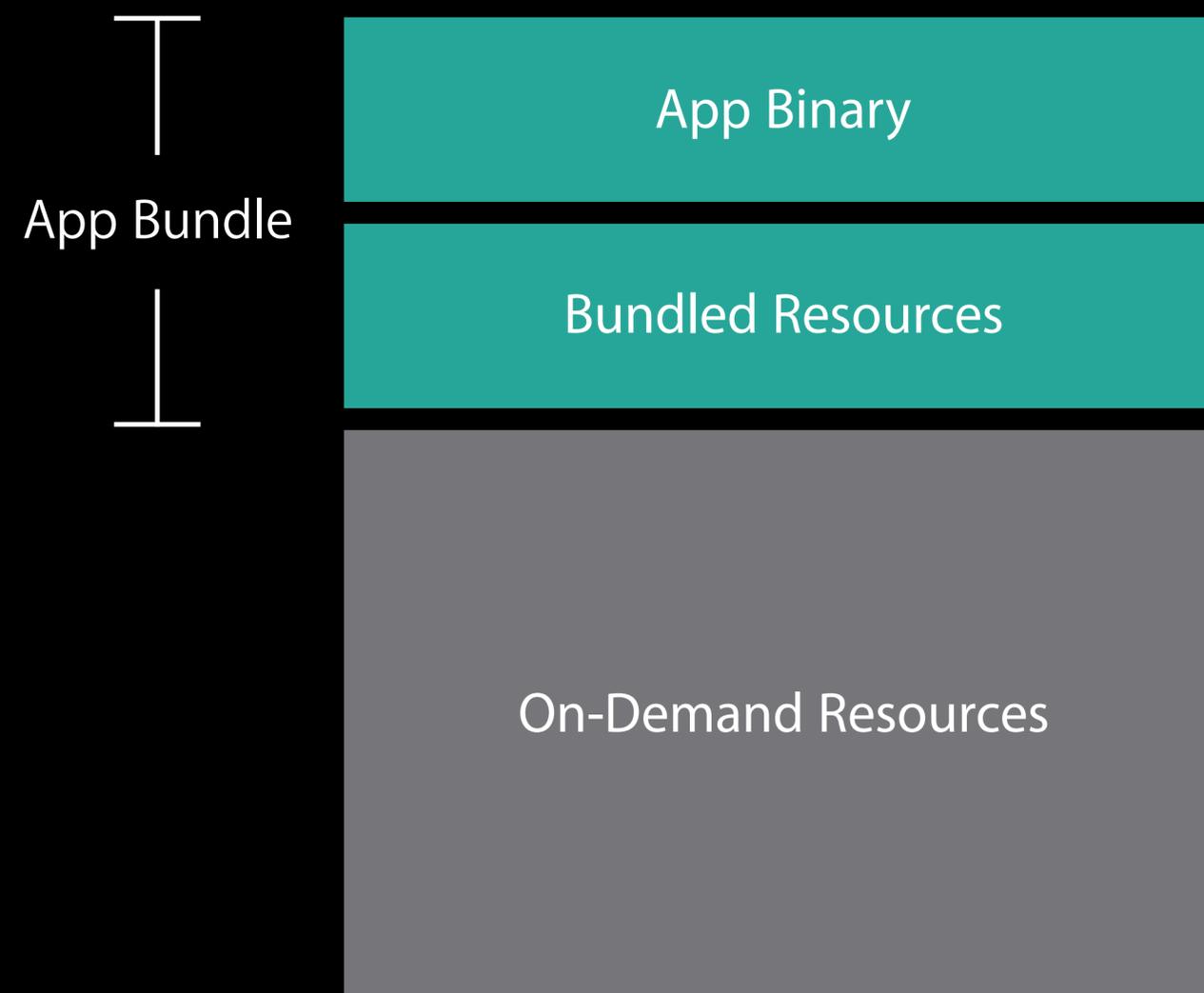
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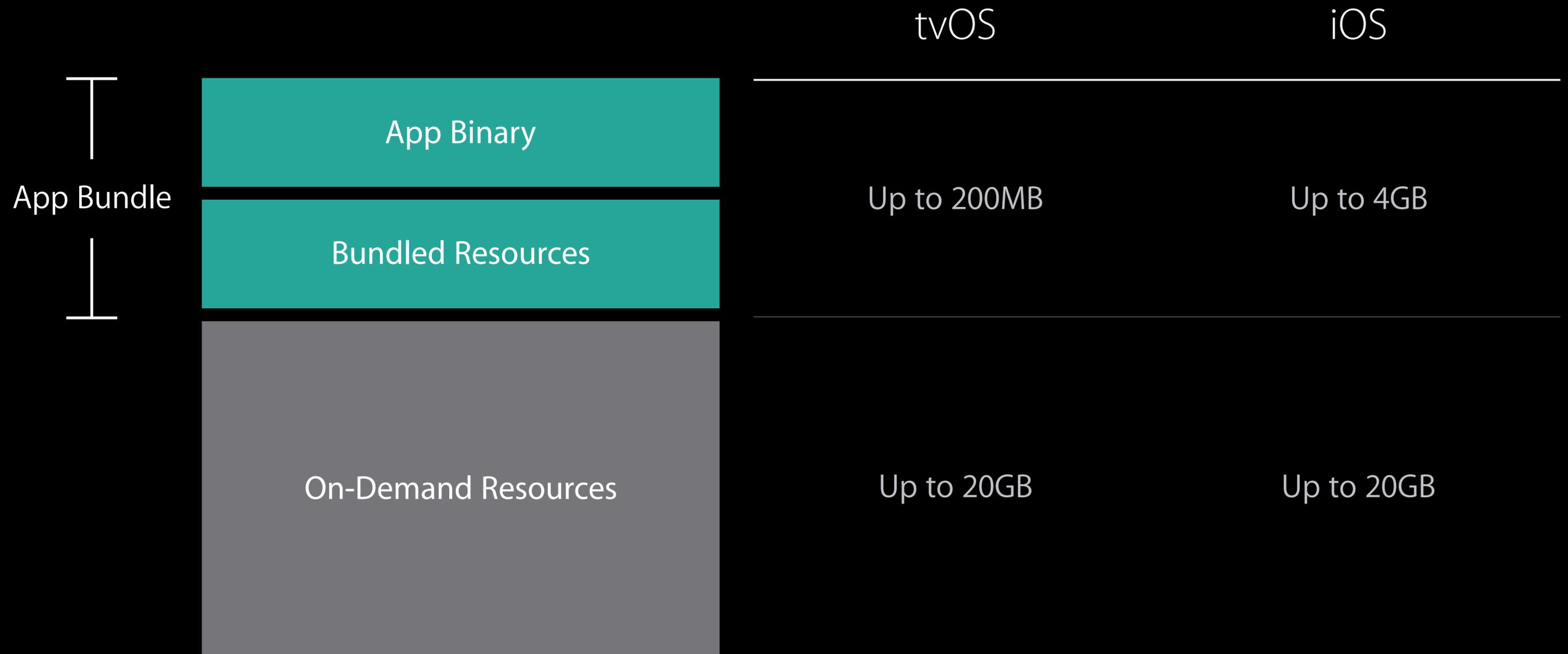
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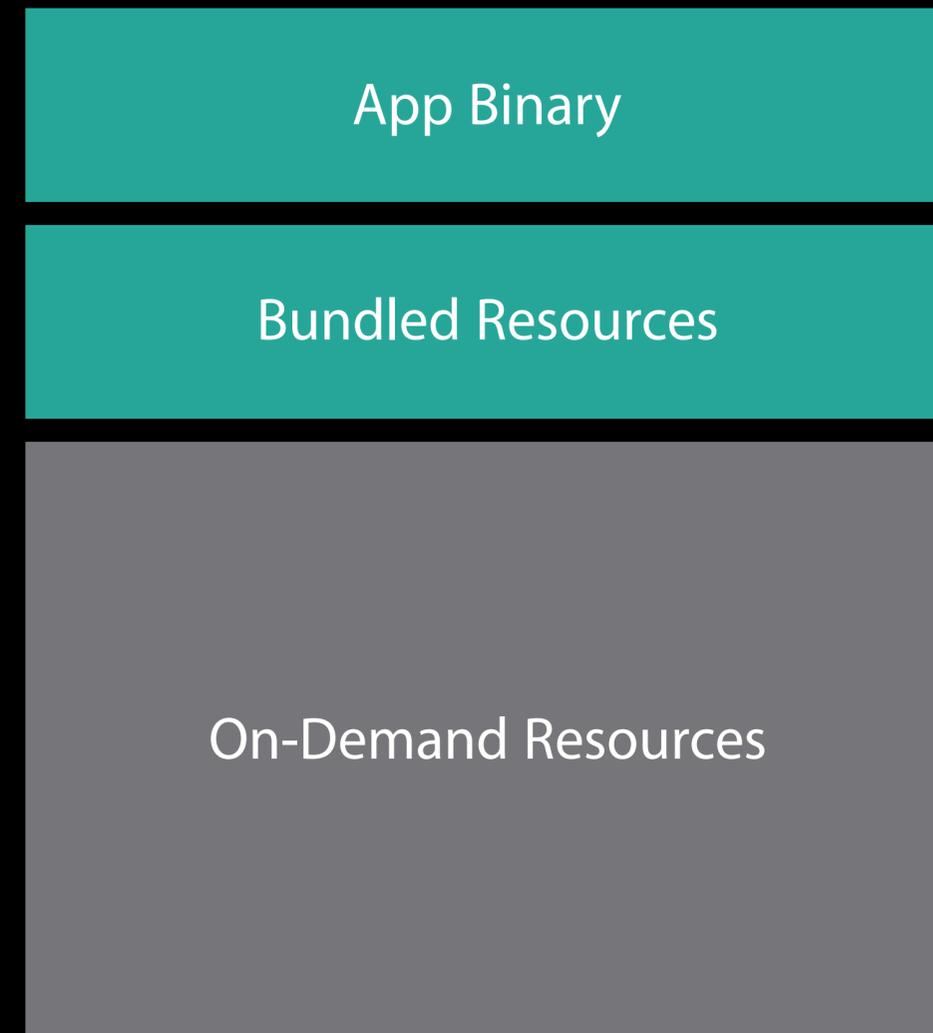


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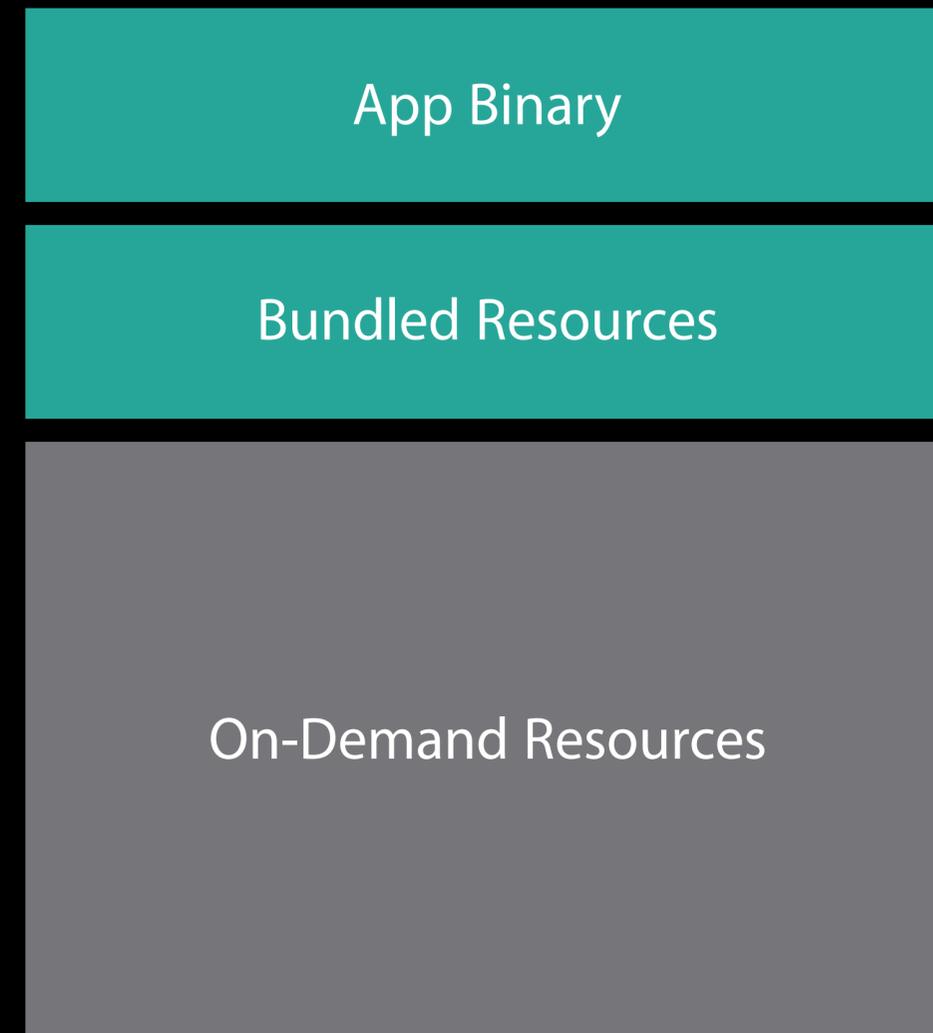
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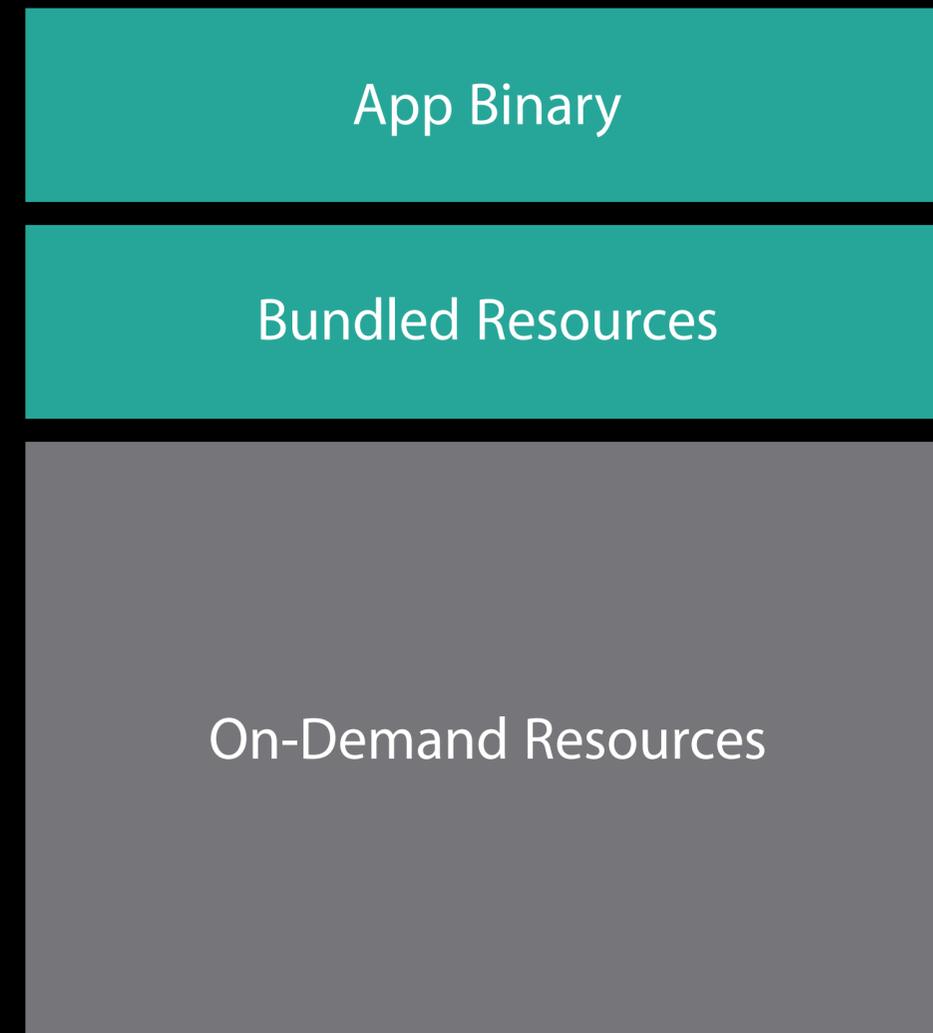
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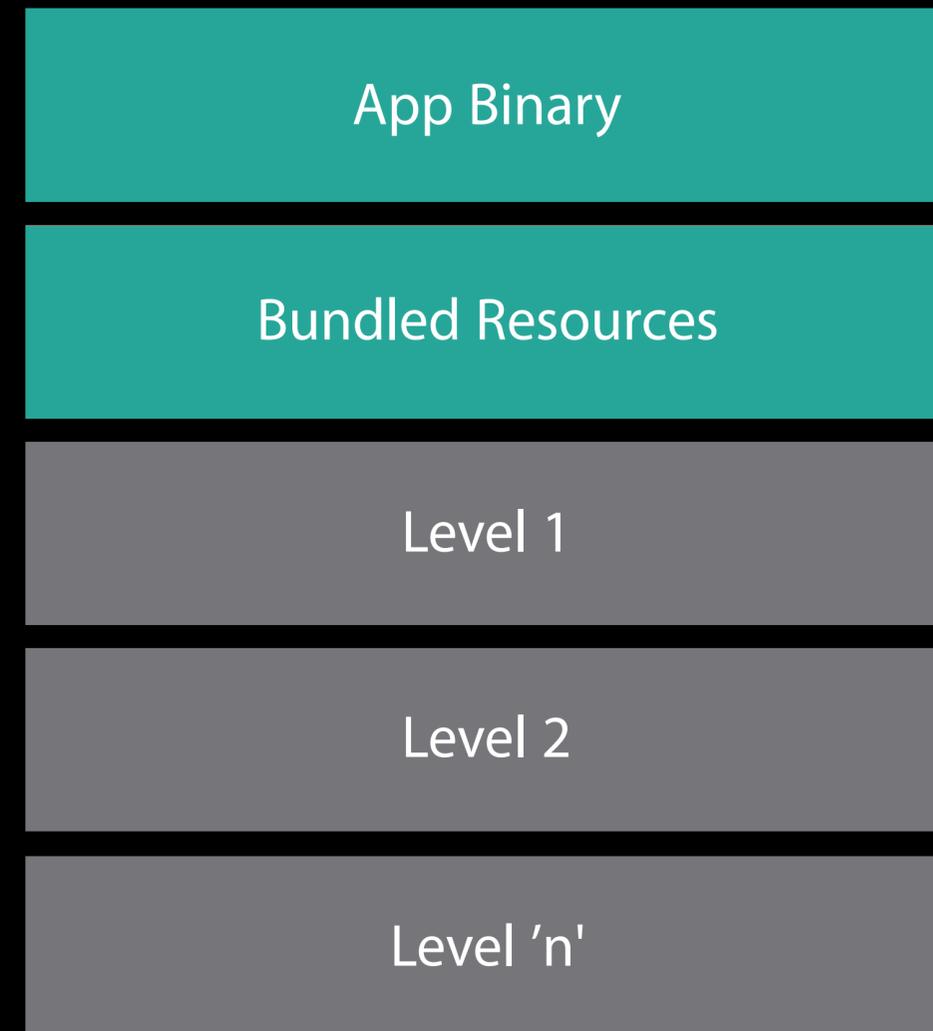
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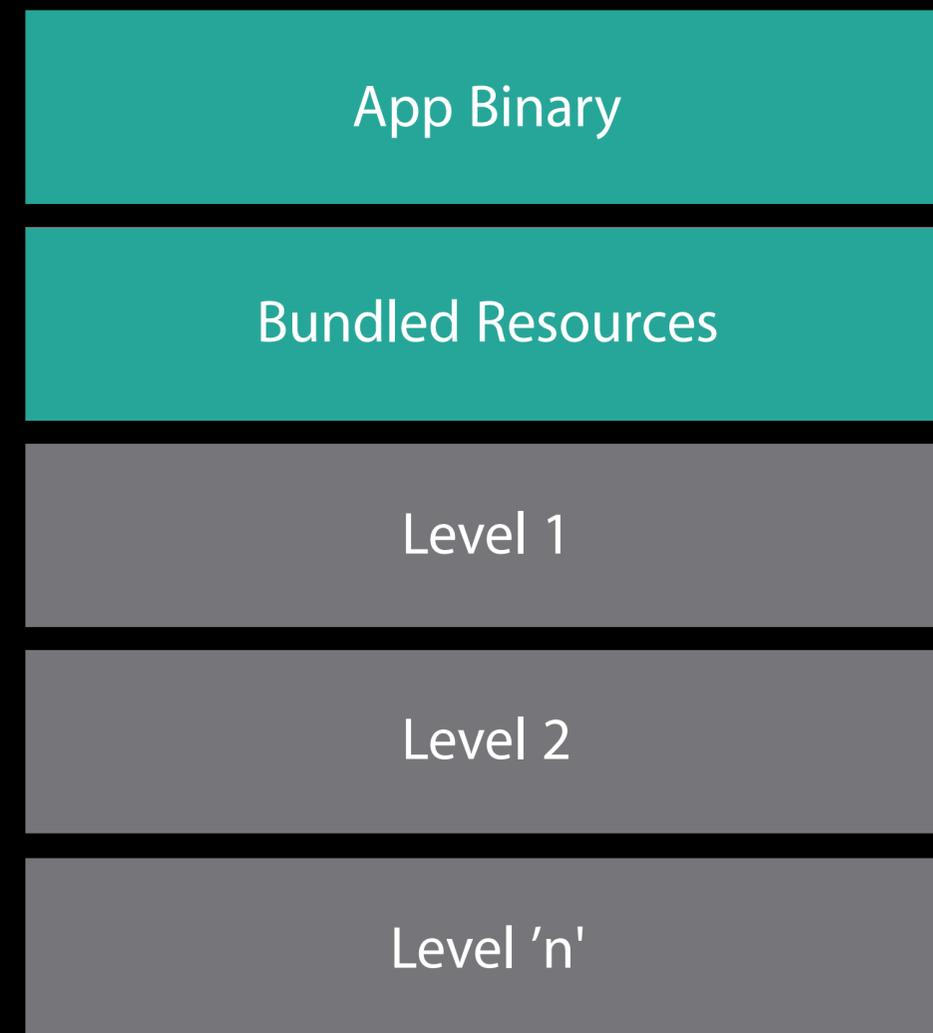
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Apply tags using Xcode

- Like "Level 1"
- Tags are simple strings
- May apply to single assets or entire folders



# Resources

GreatGame.app



The diagram shows a vertical stack of two rectangular boxes. The top box is teal and contains the text 'App Binary'. The bottom box is gray and contains the text 'Resources'. The boxes are separated by a thin white horizontal line.

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- Maximized throughput (and CPU consumption)

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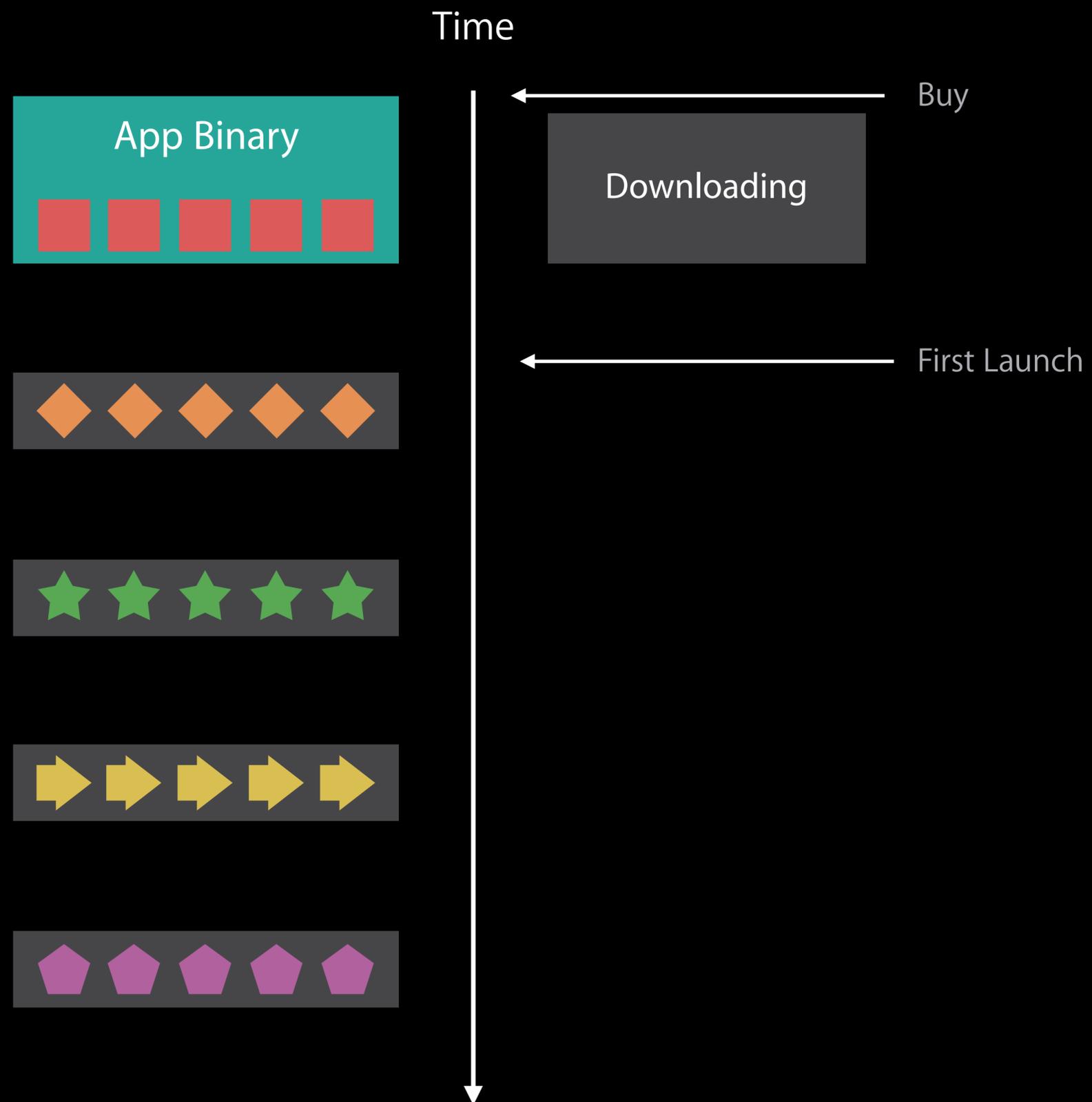
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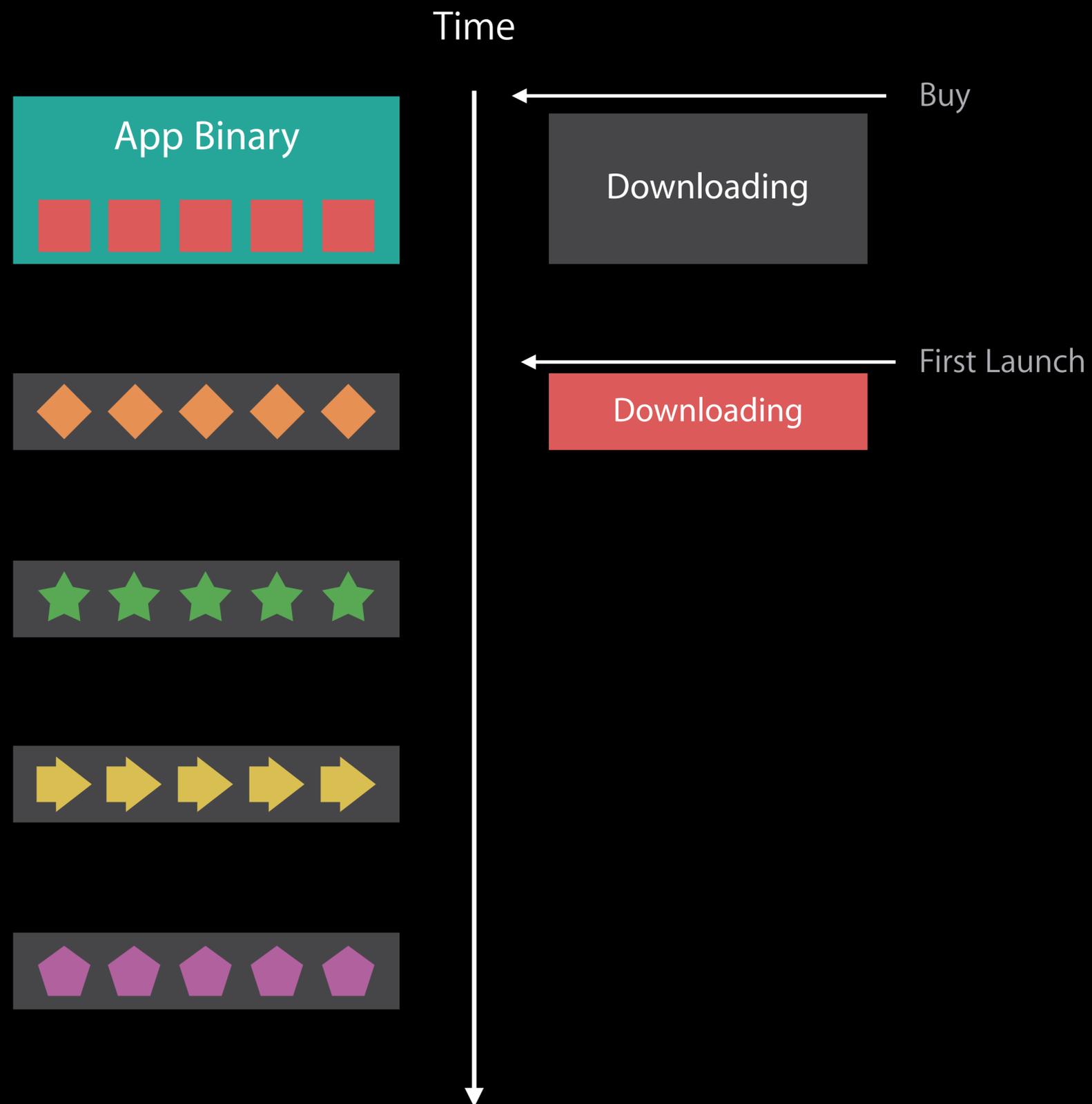
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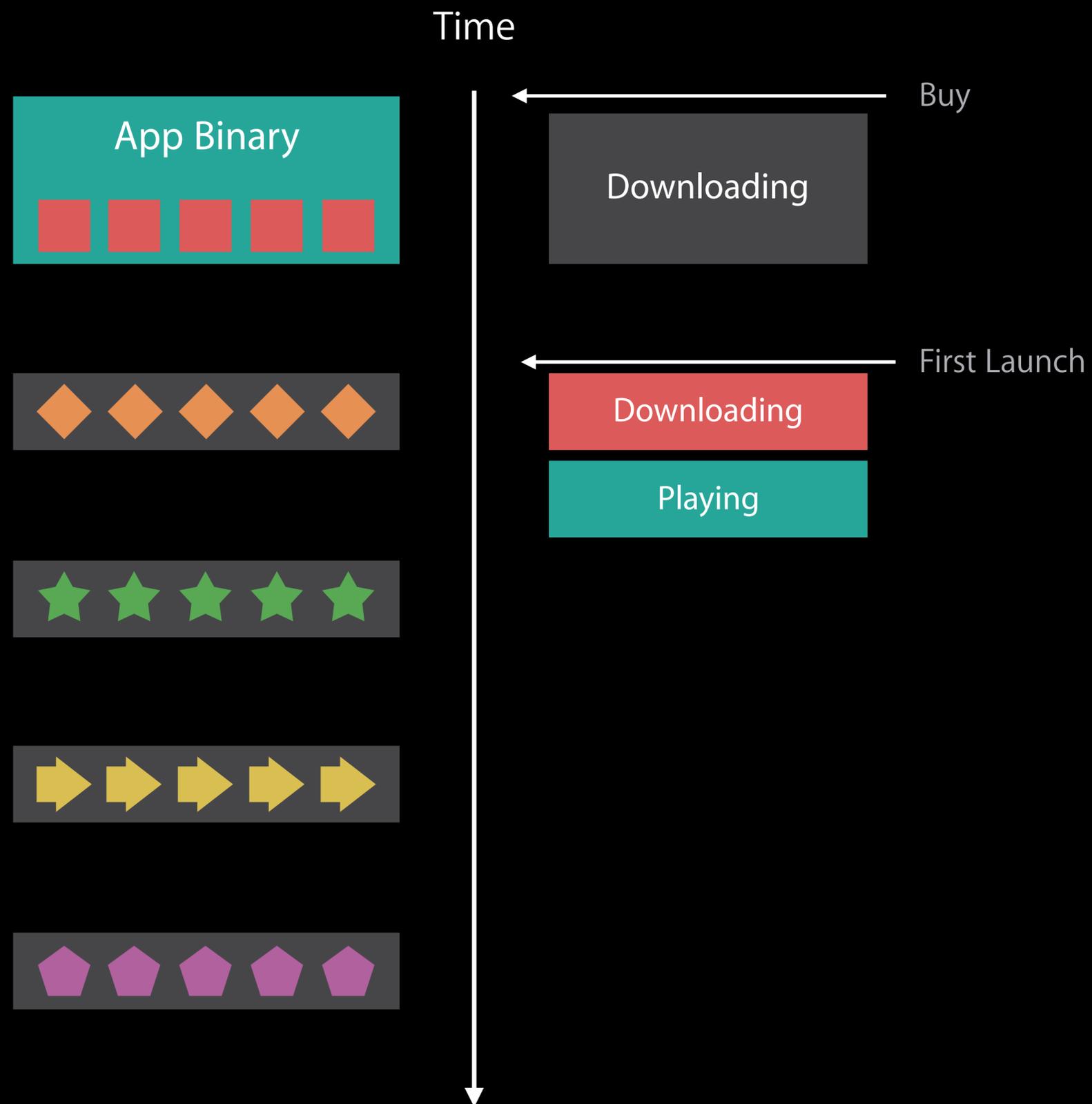
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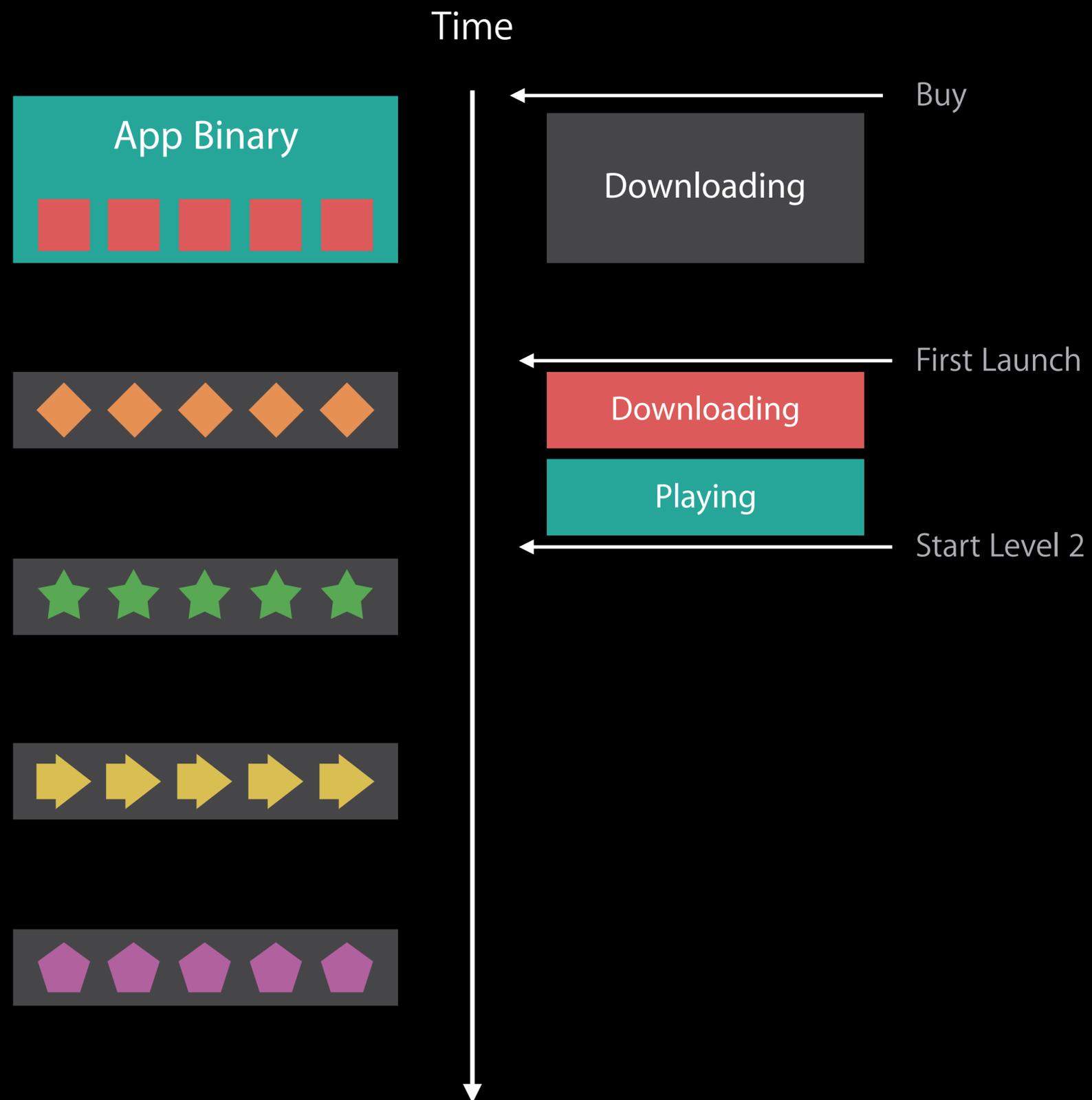
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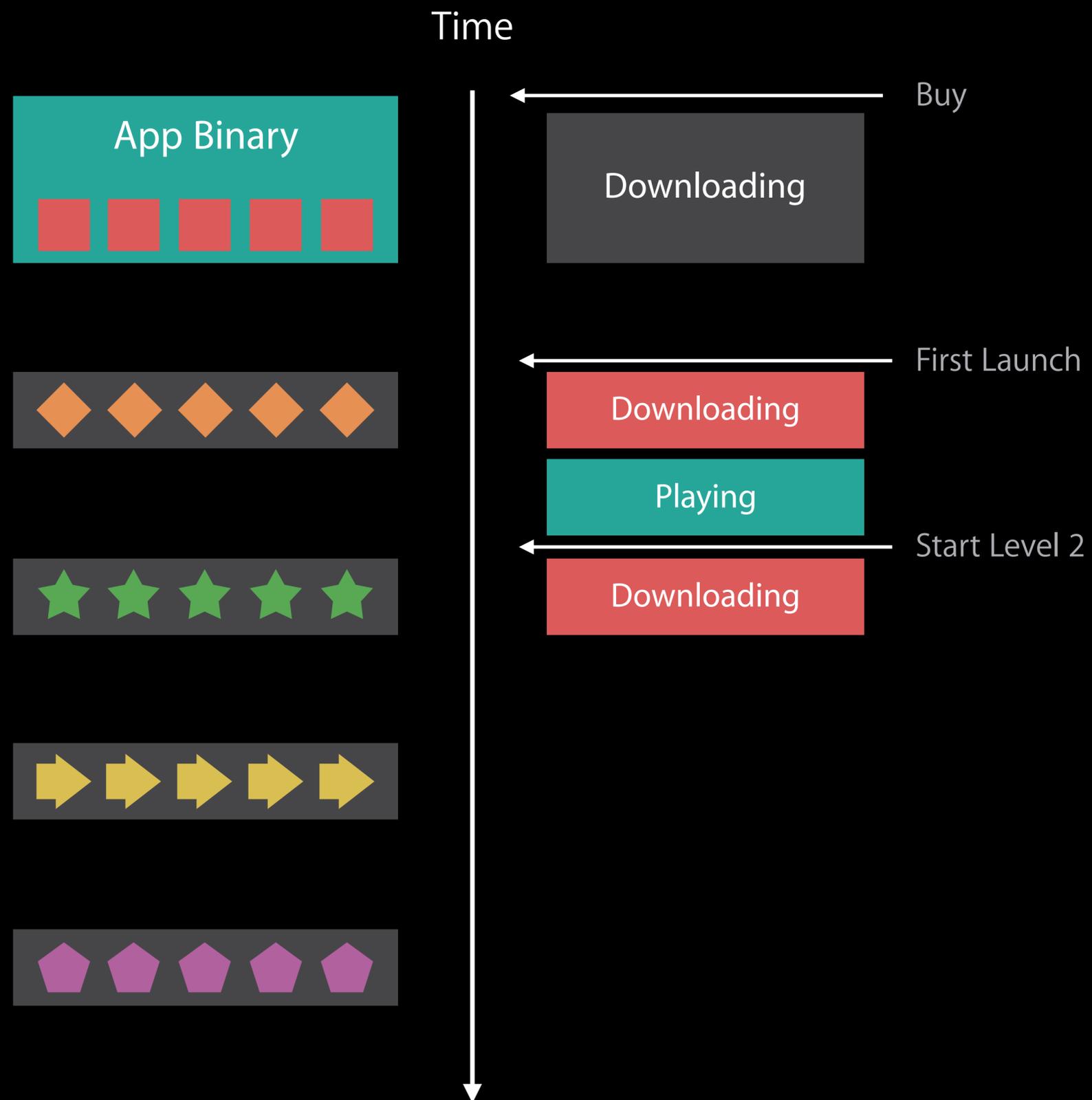
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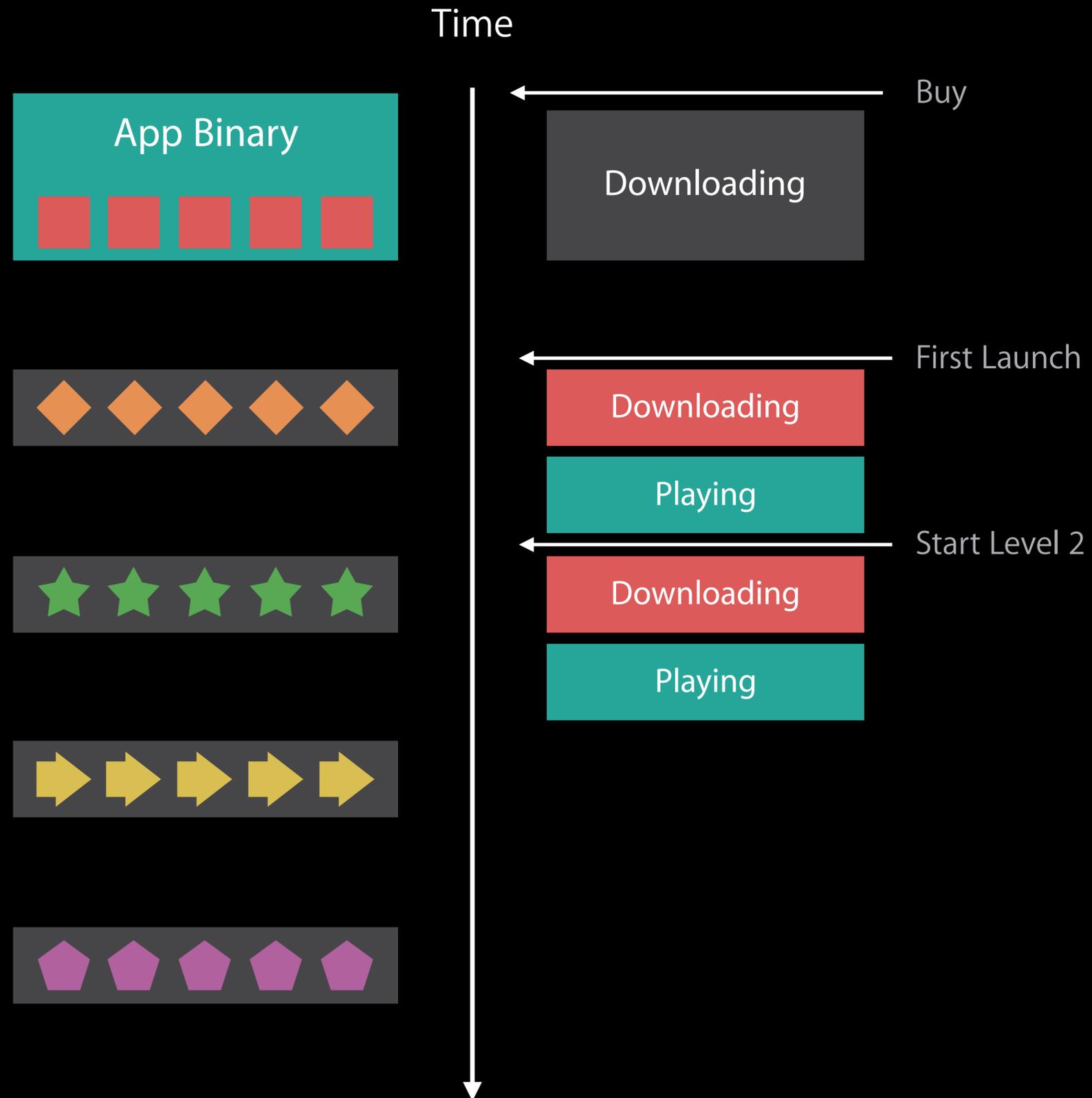
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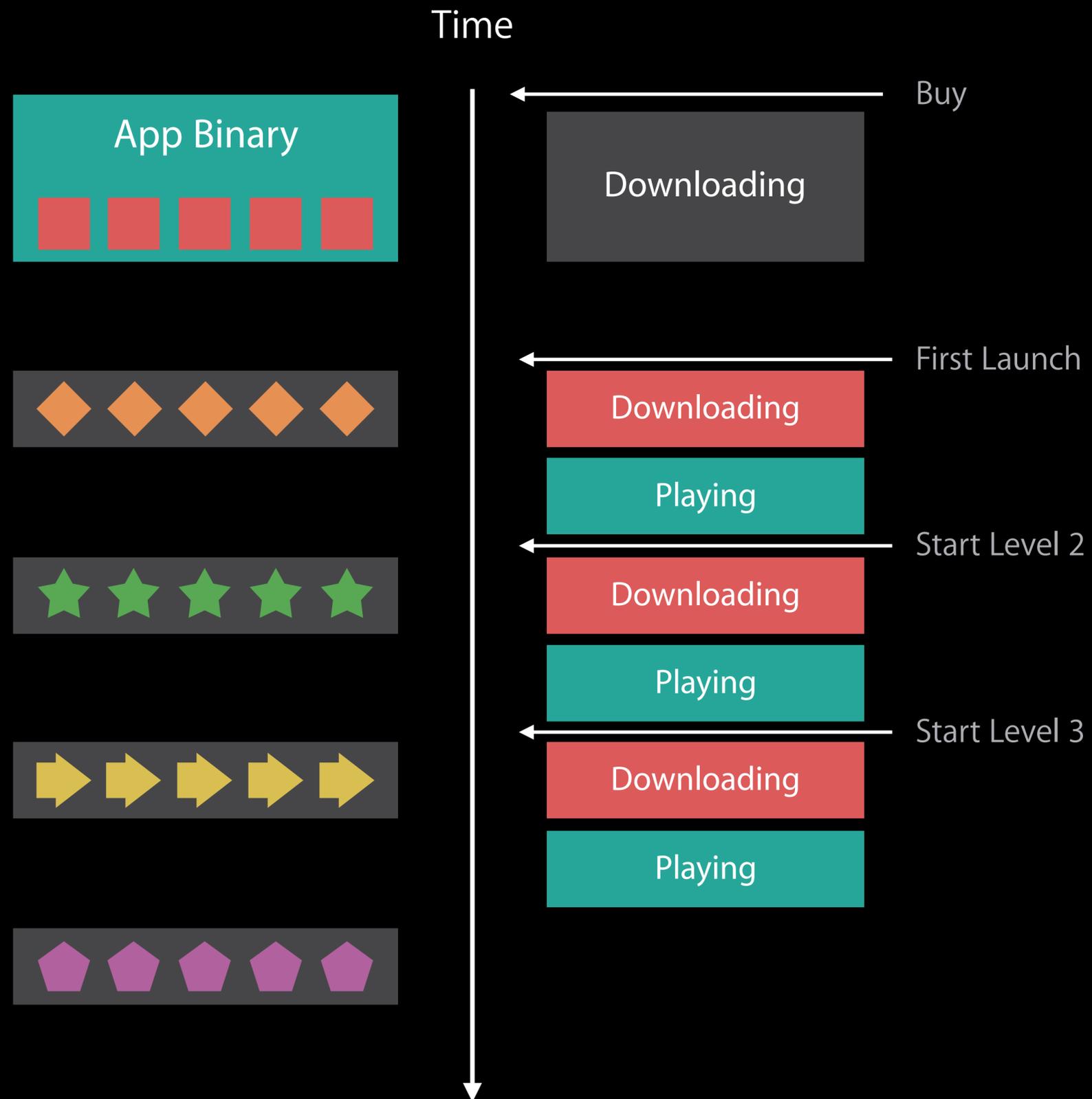
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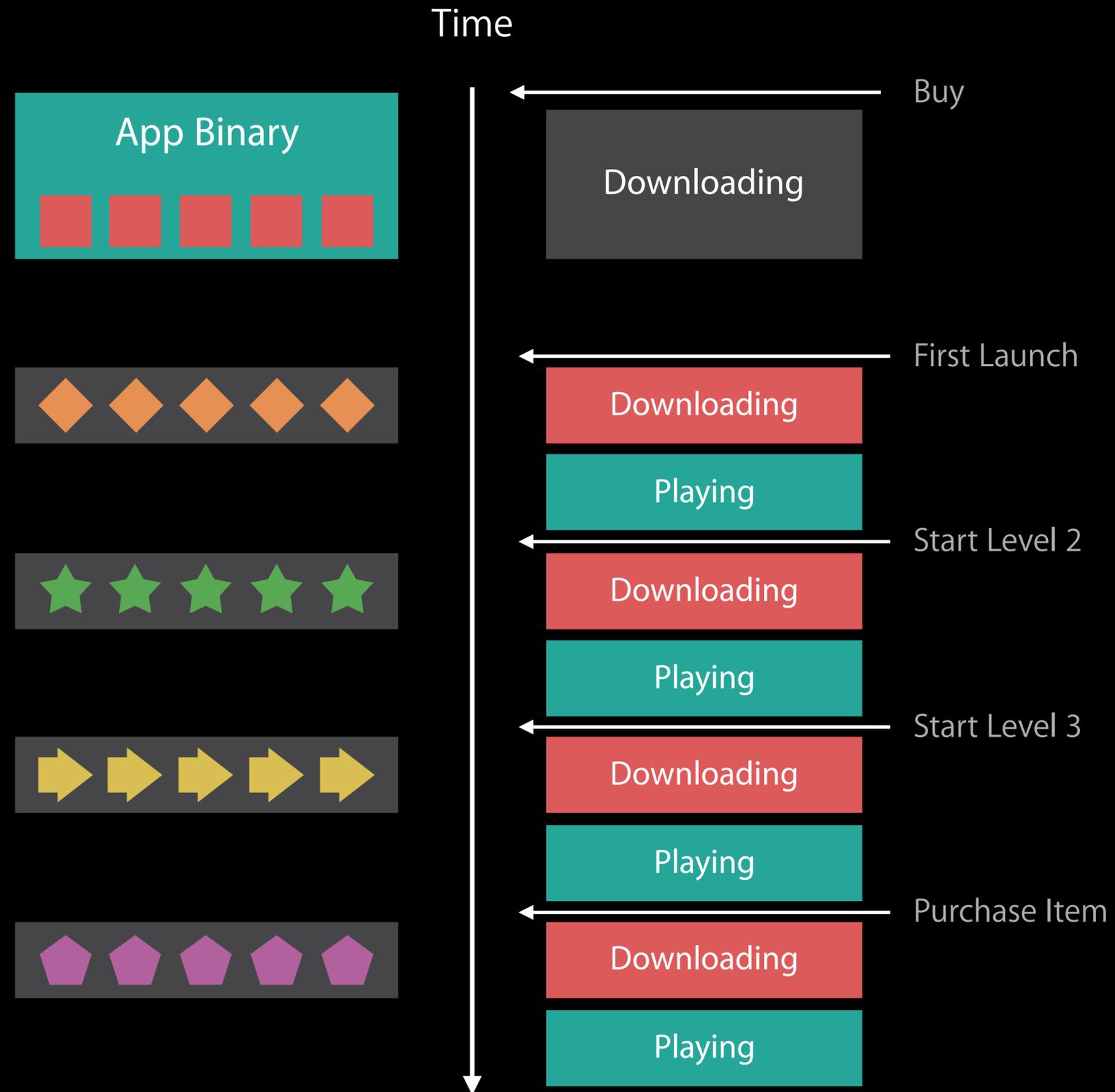
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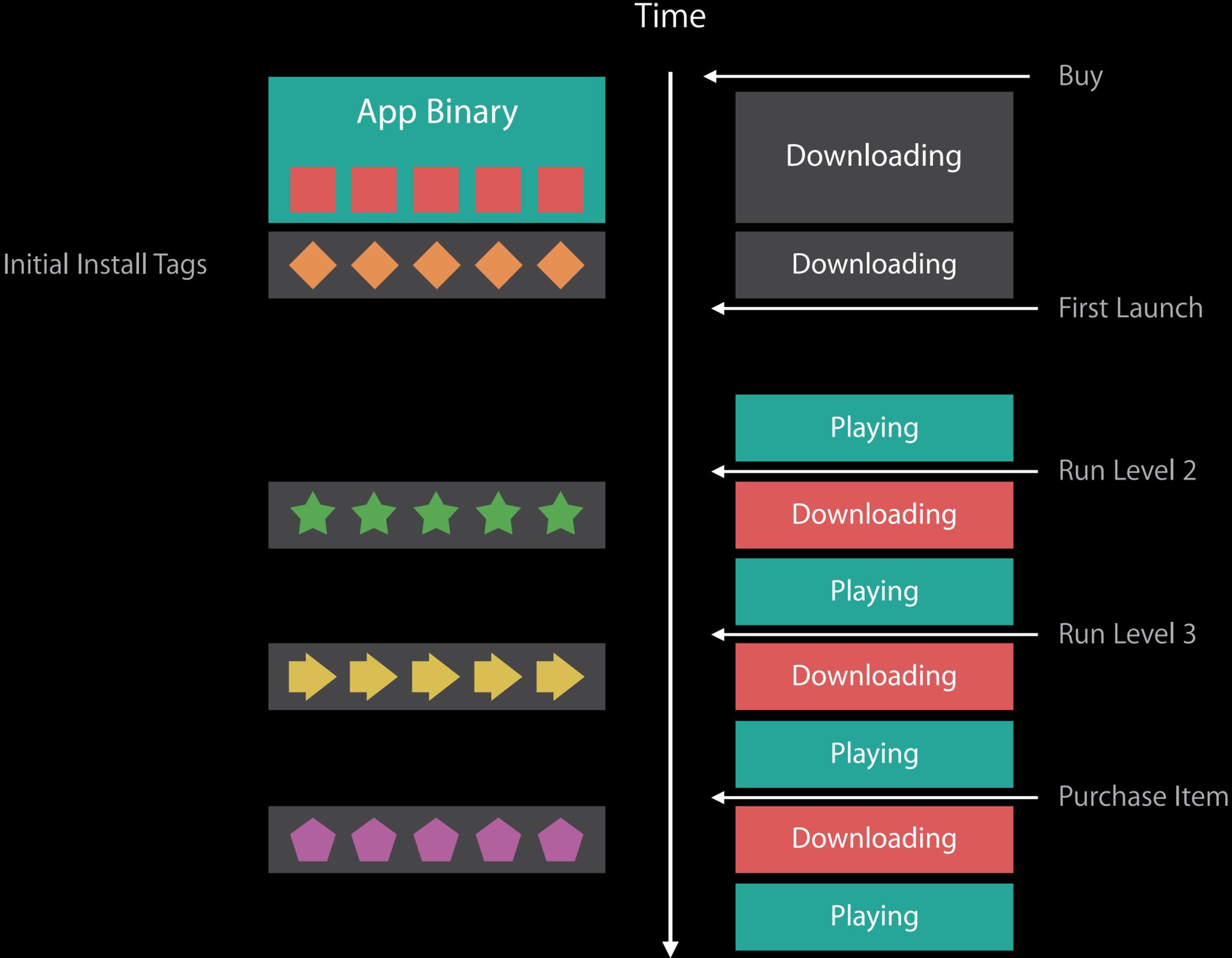
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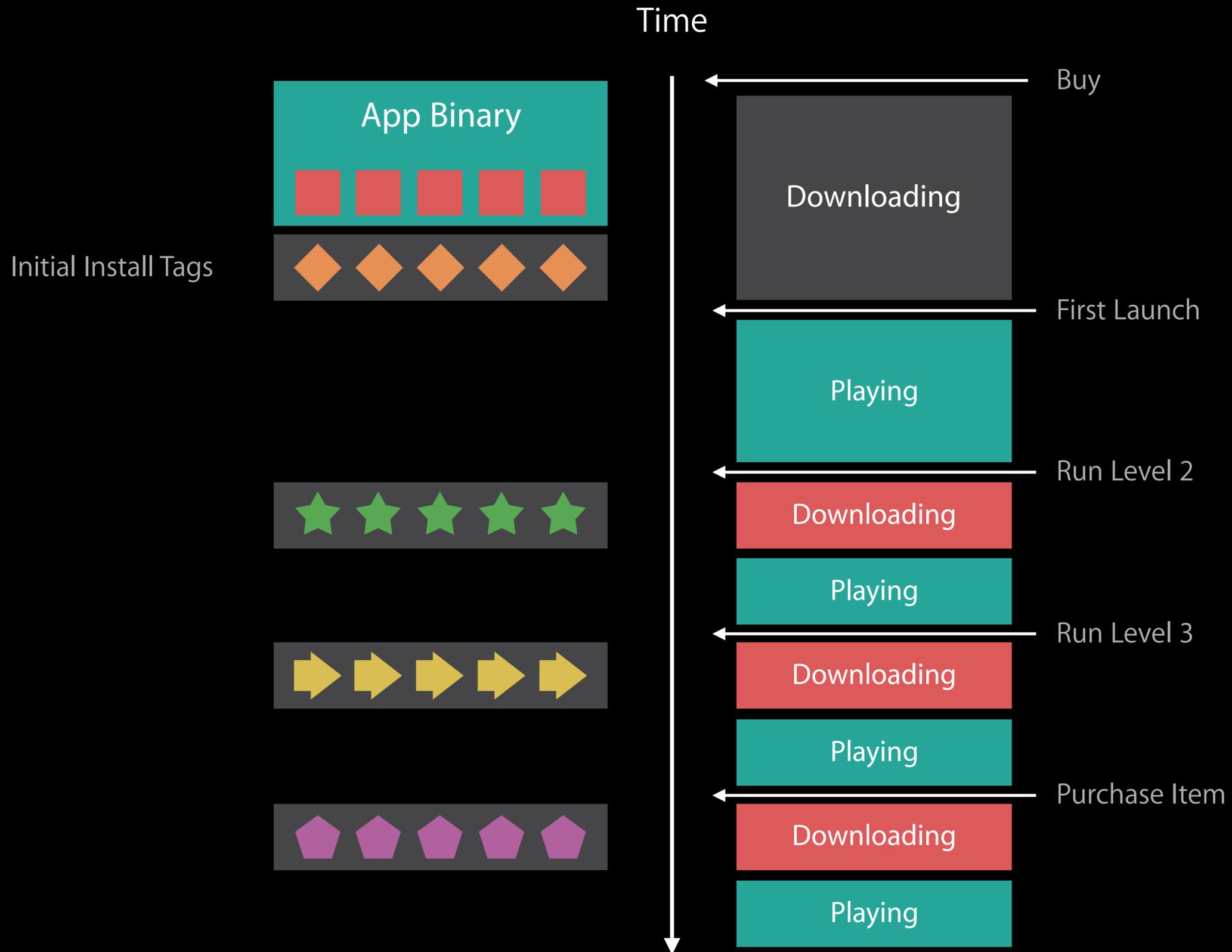
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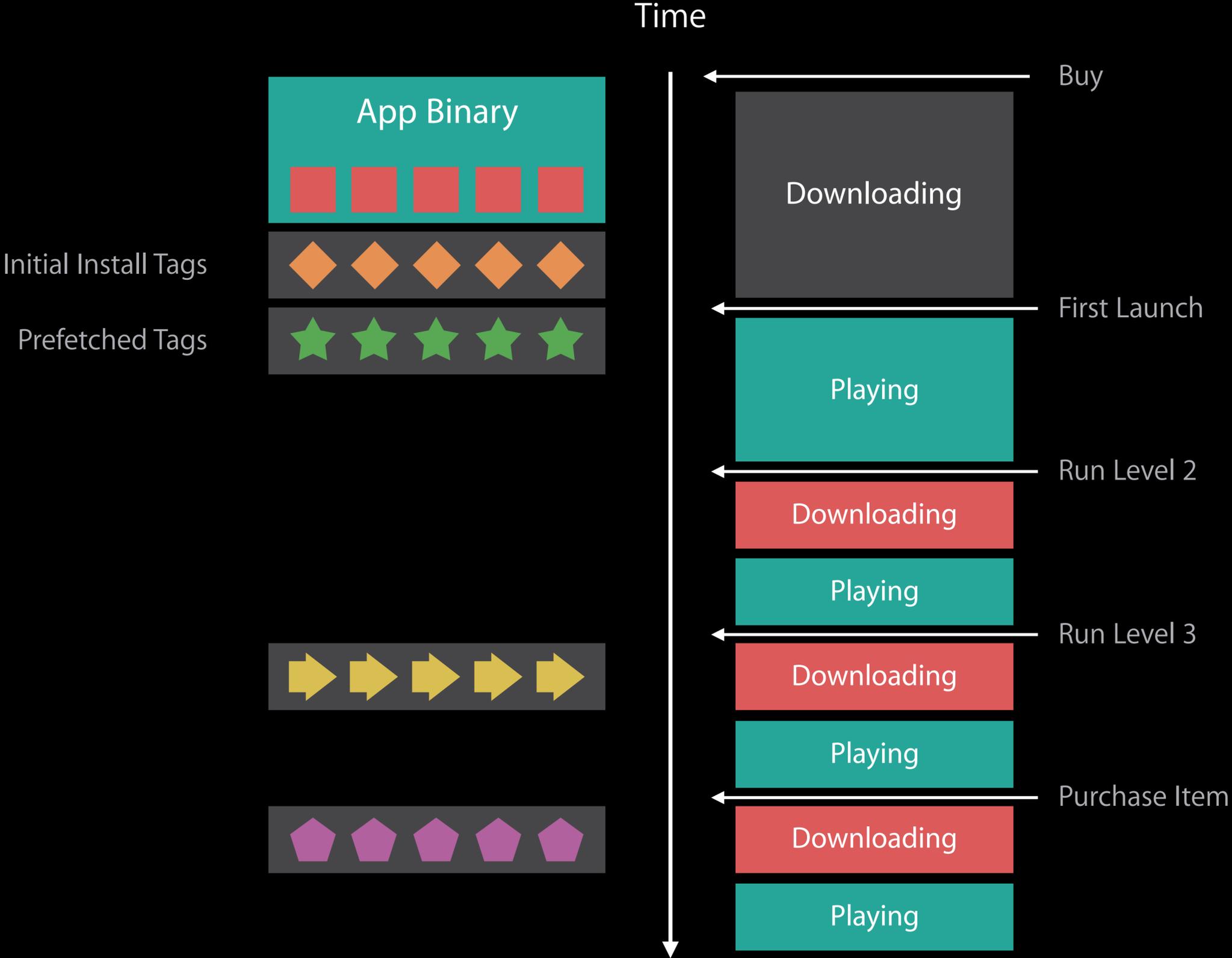
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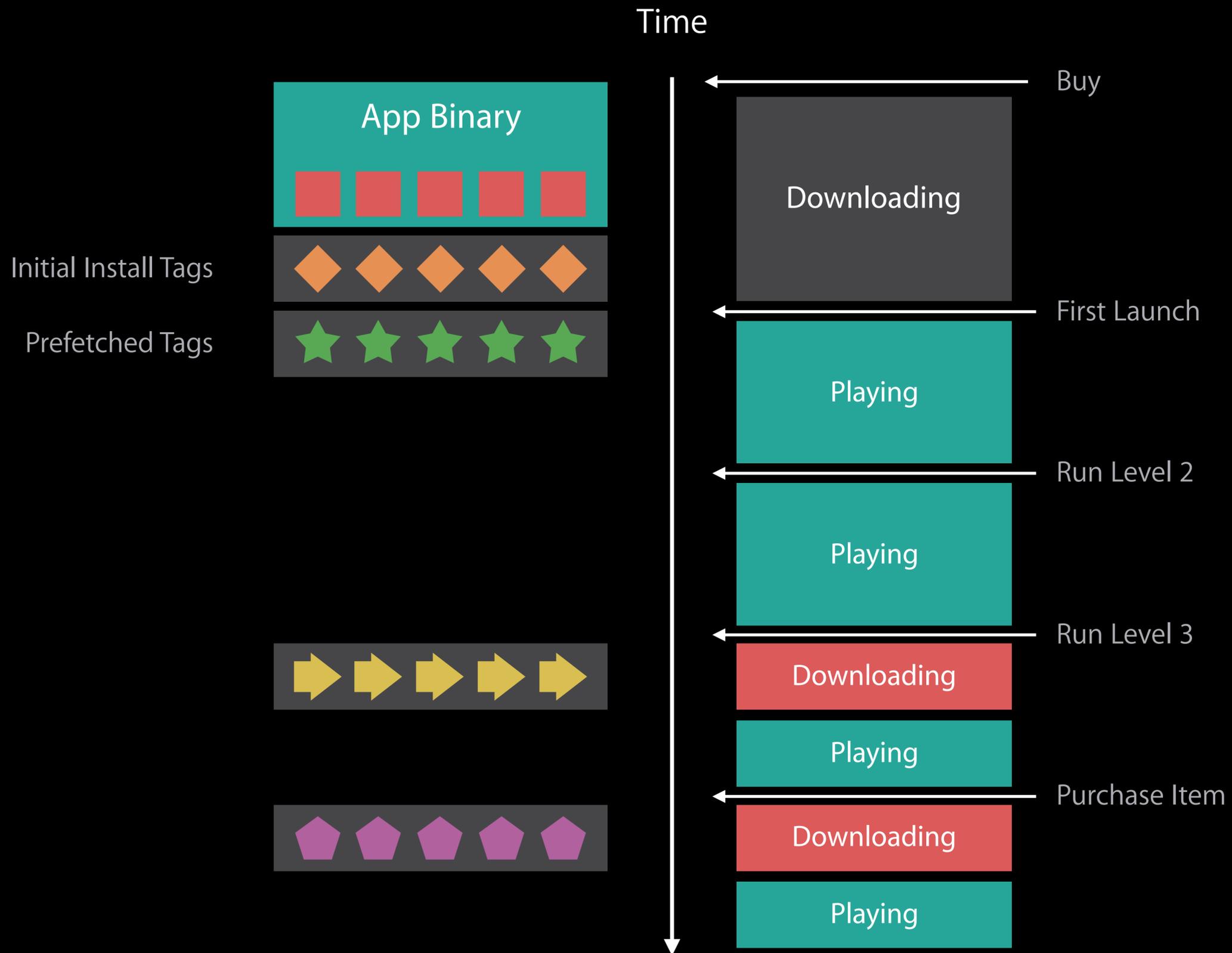
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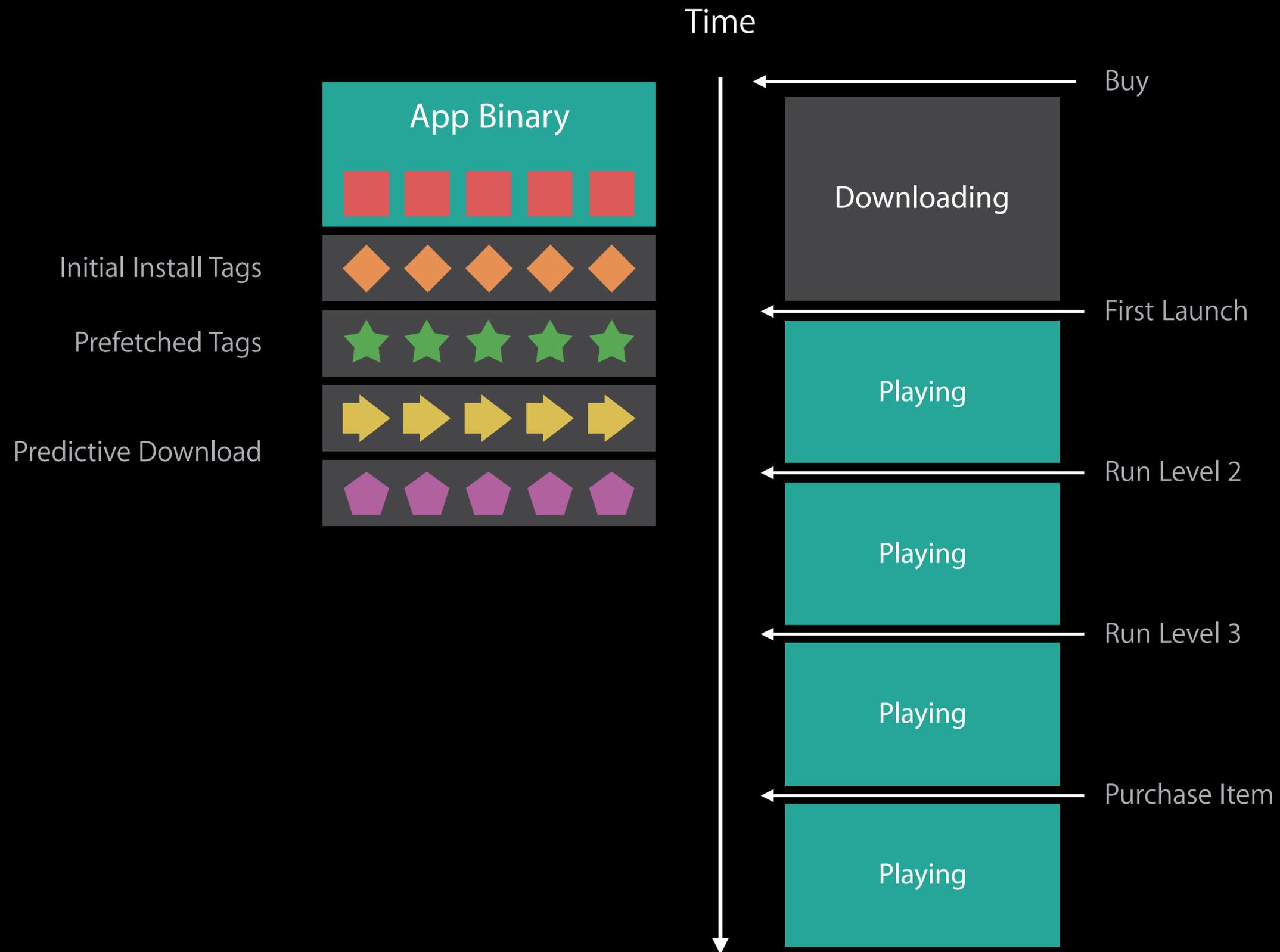
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- Up to 4GB – sizeof(Initial Install Tags)
- Follows order specified in Xcode

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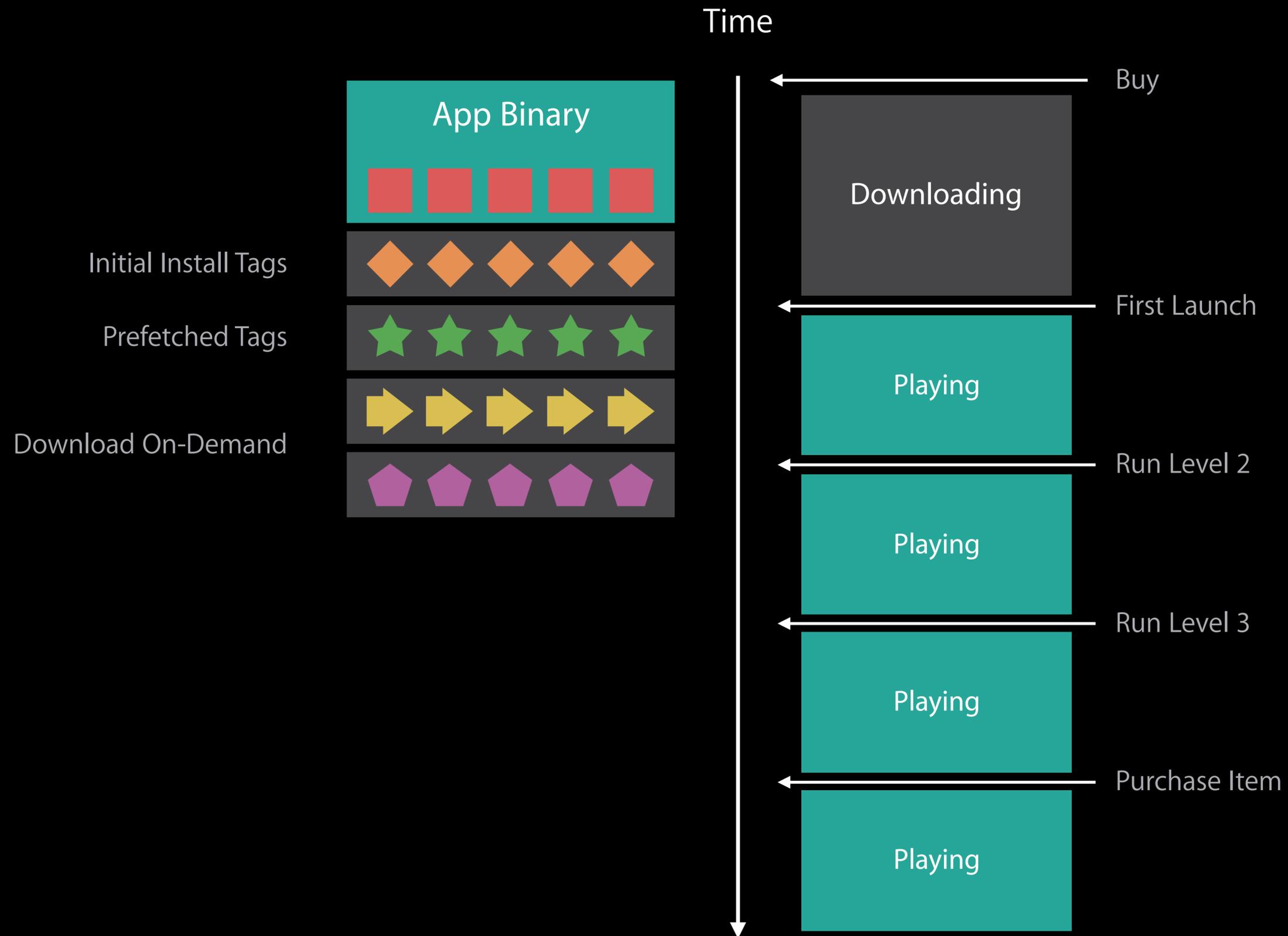
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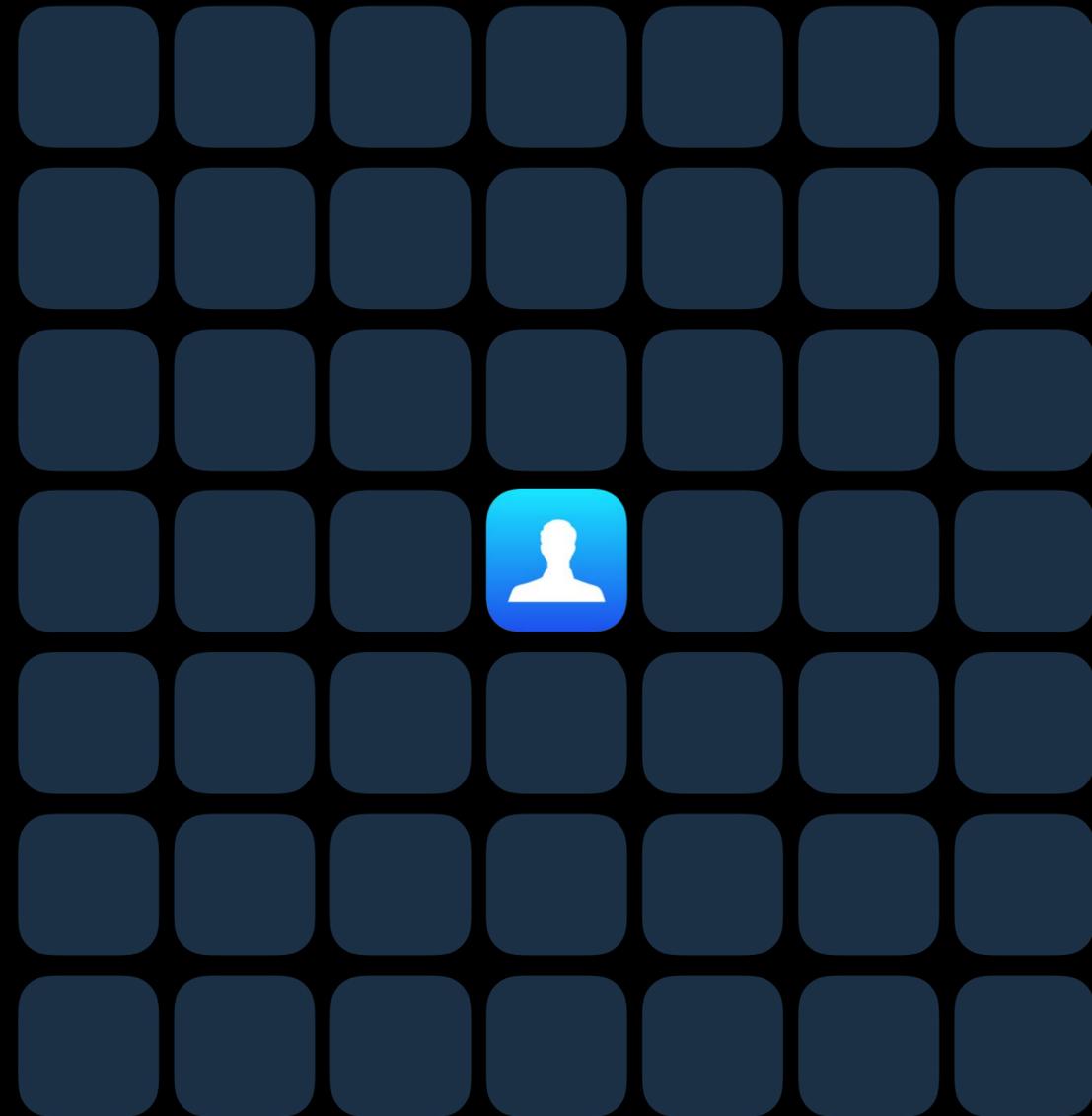


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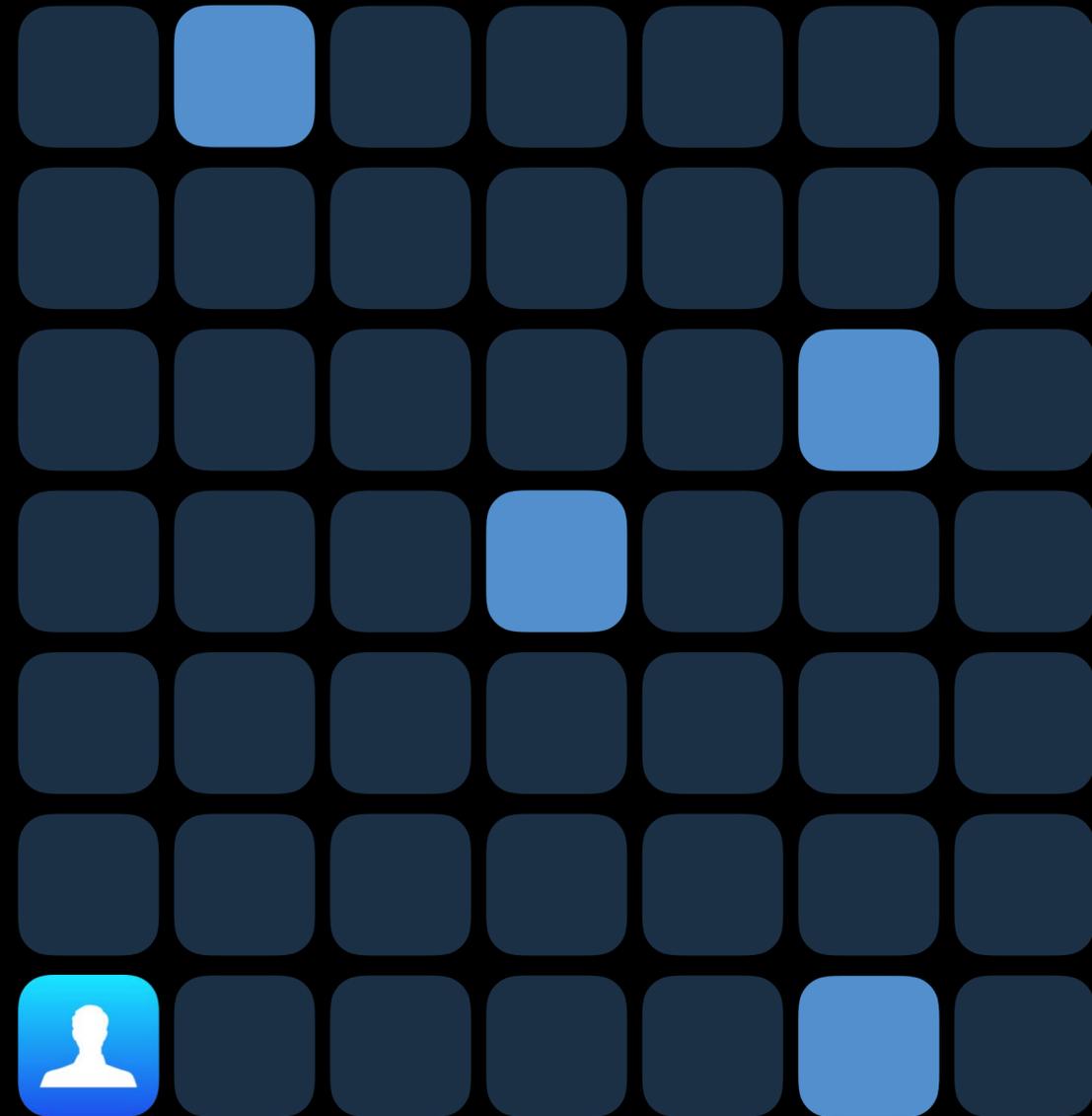


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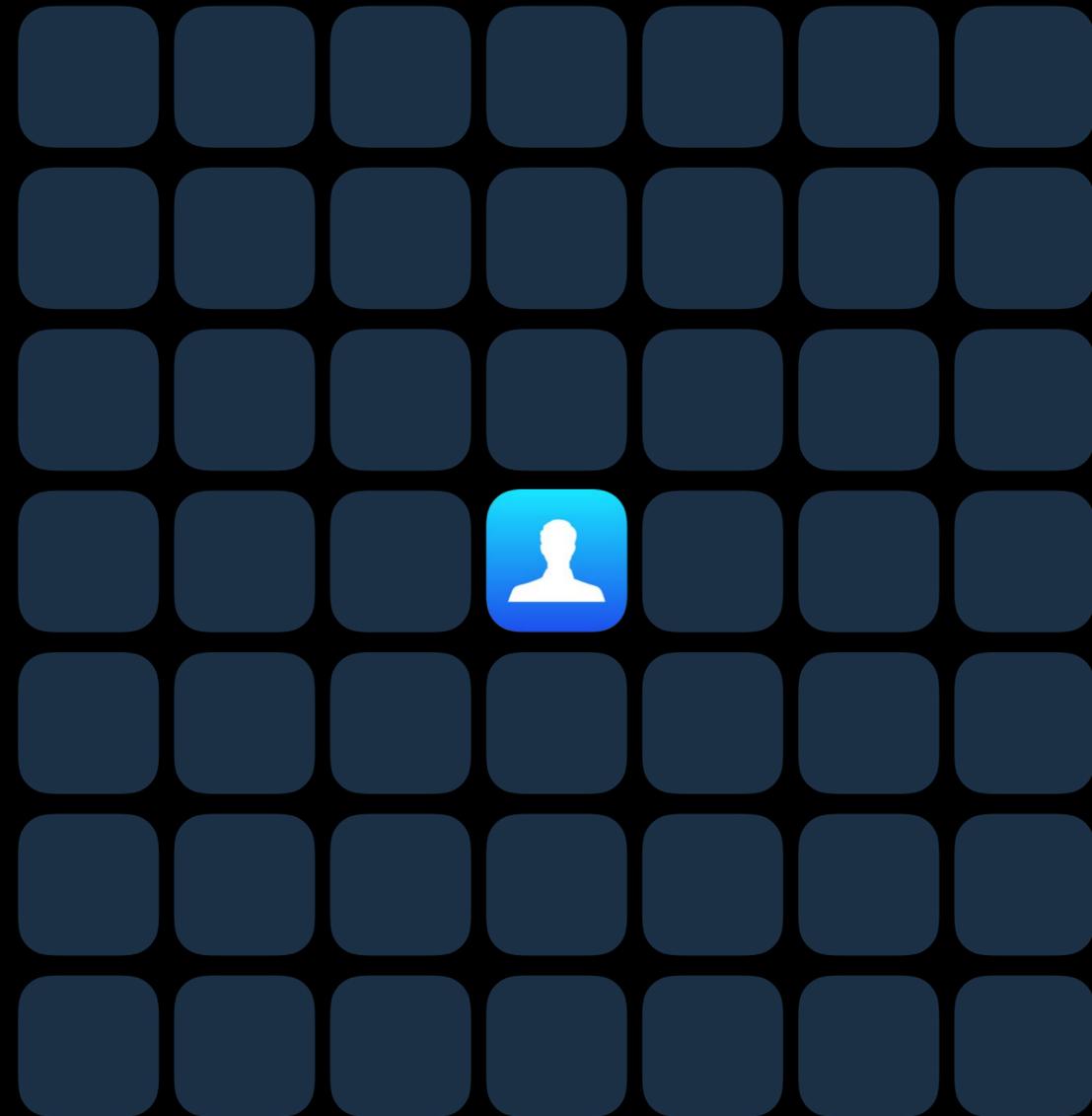
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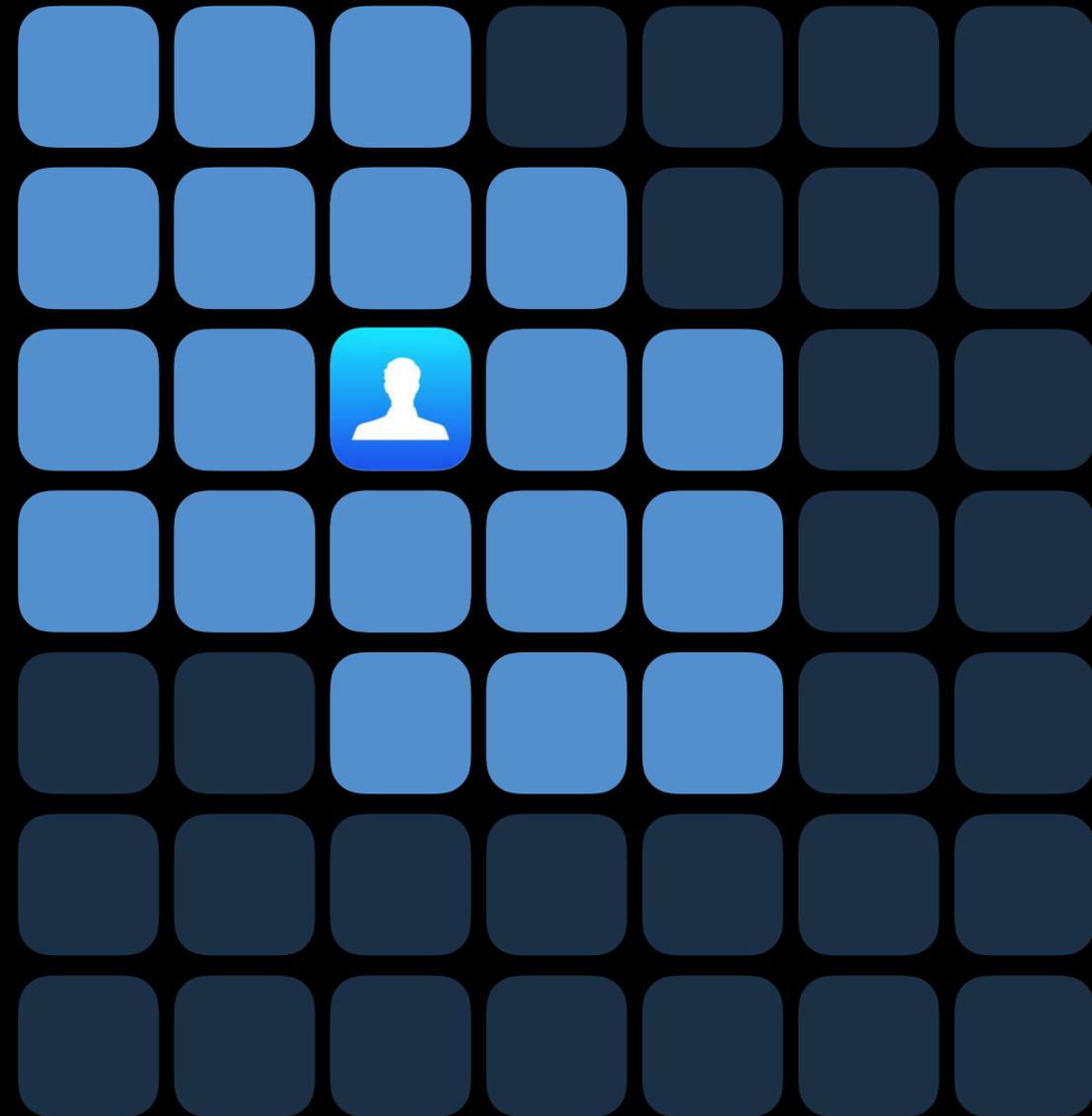
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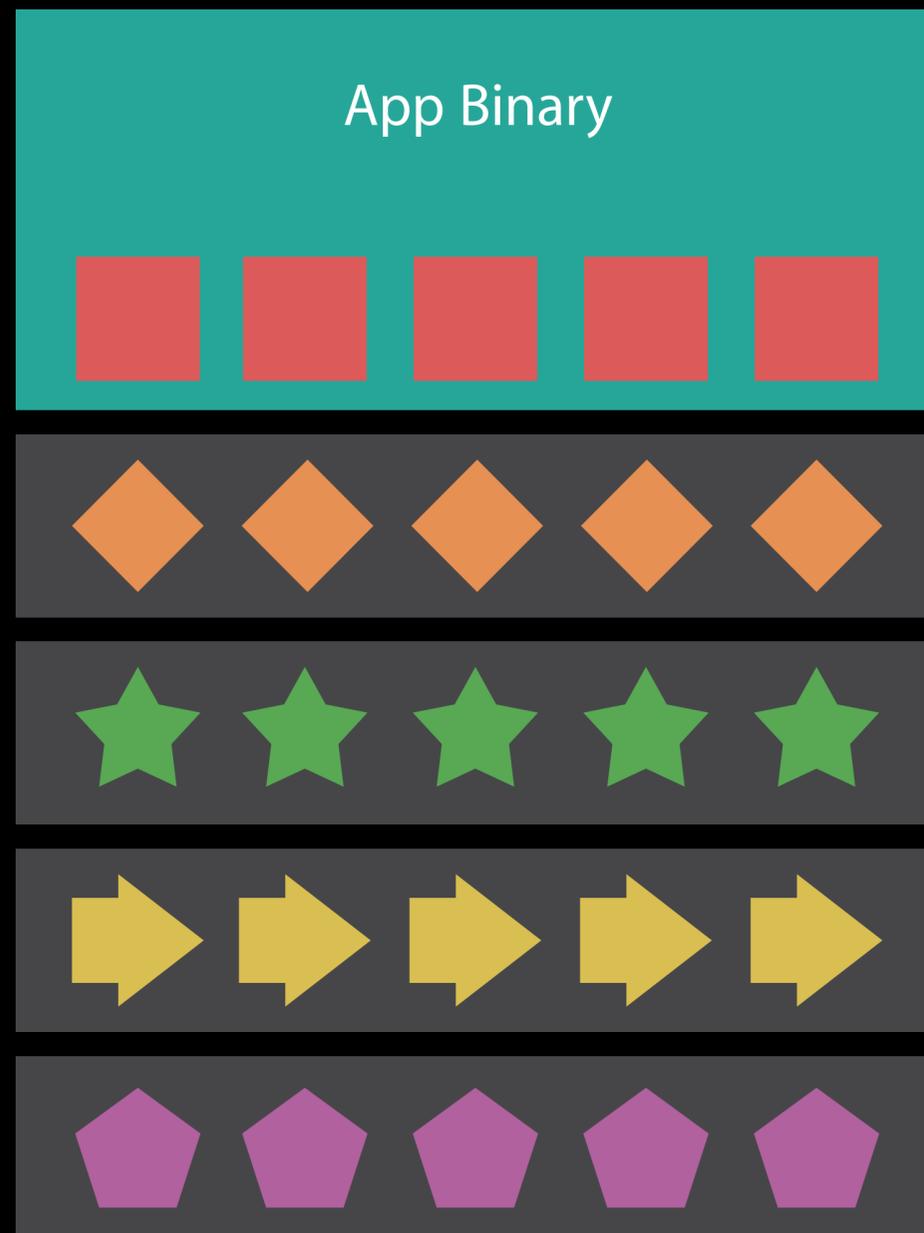
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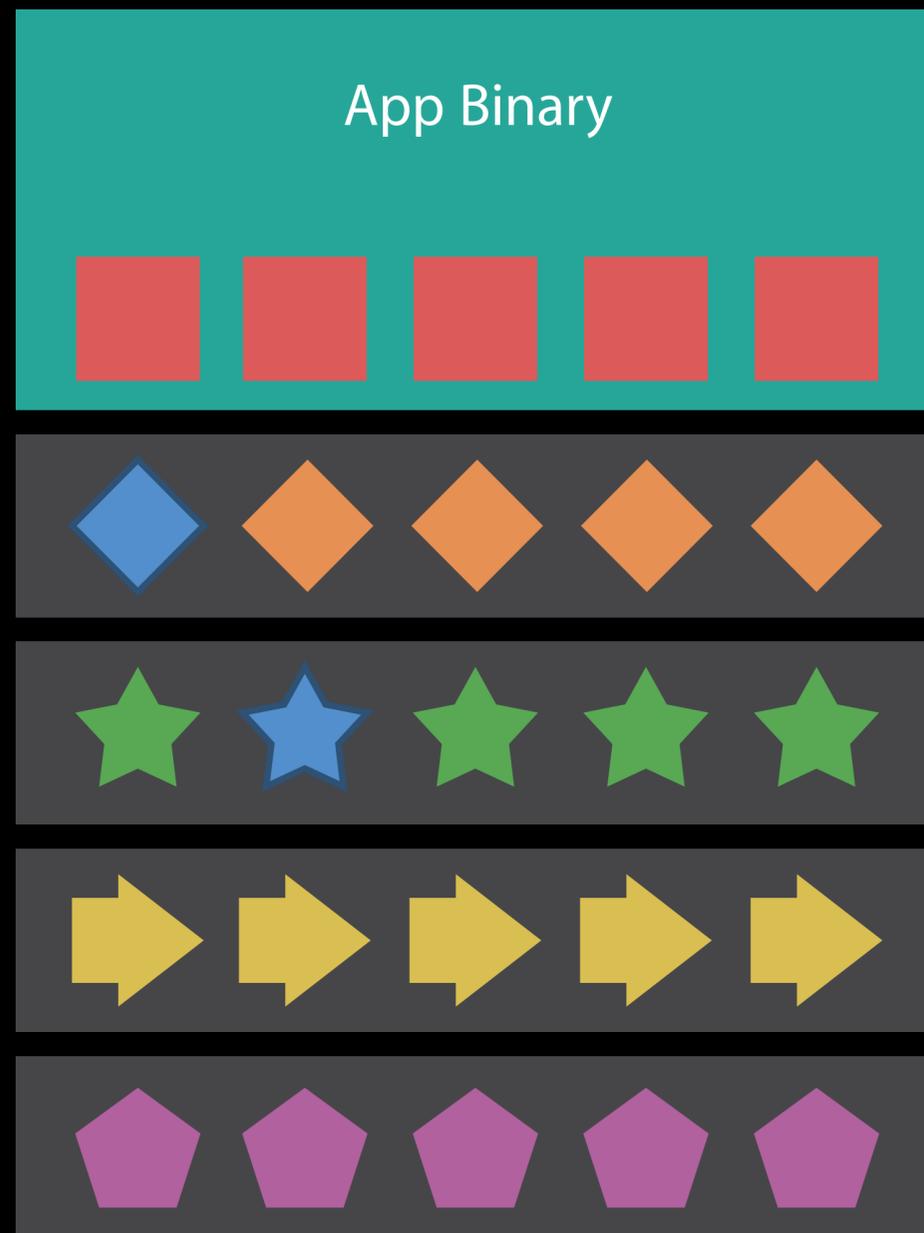
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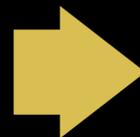
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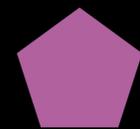
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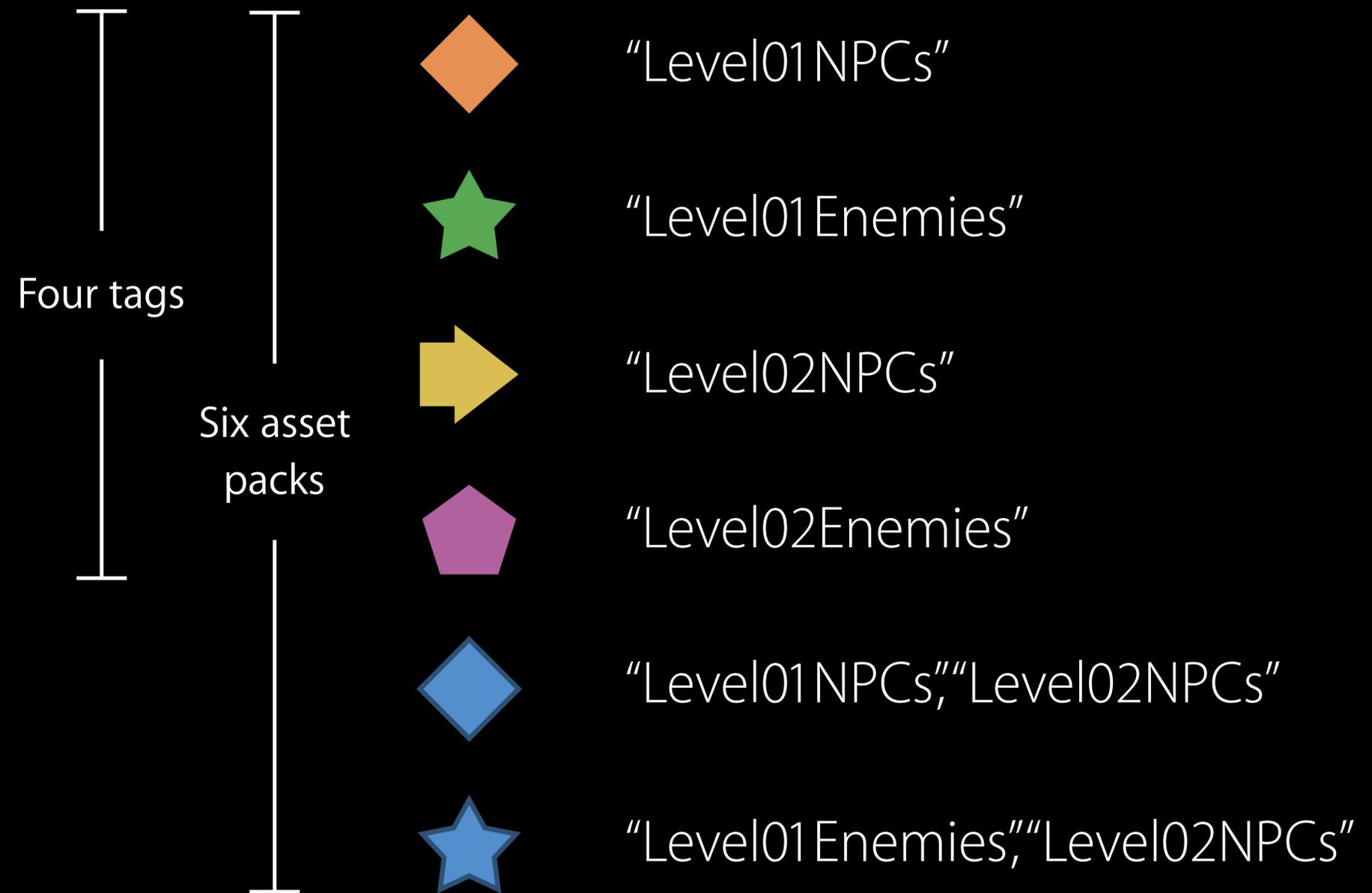
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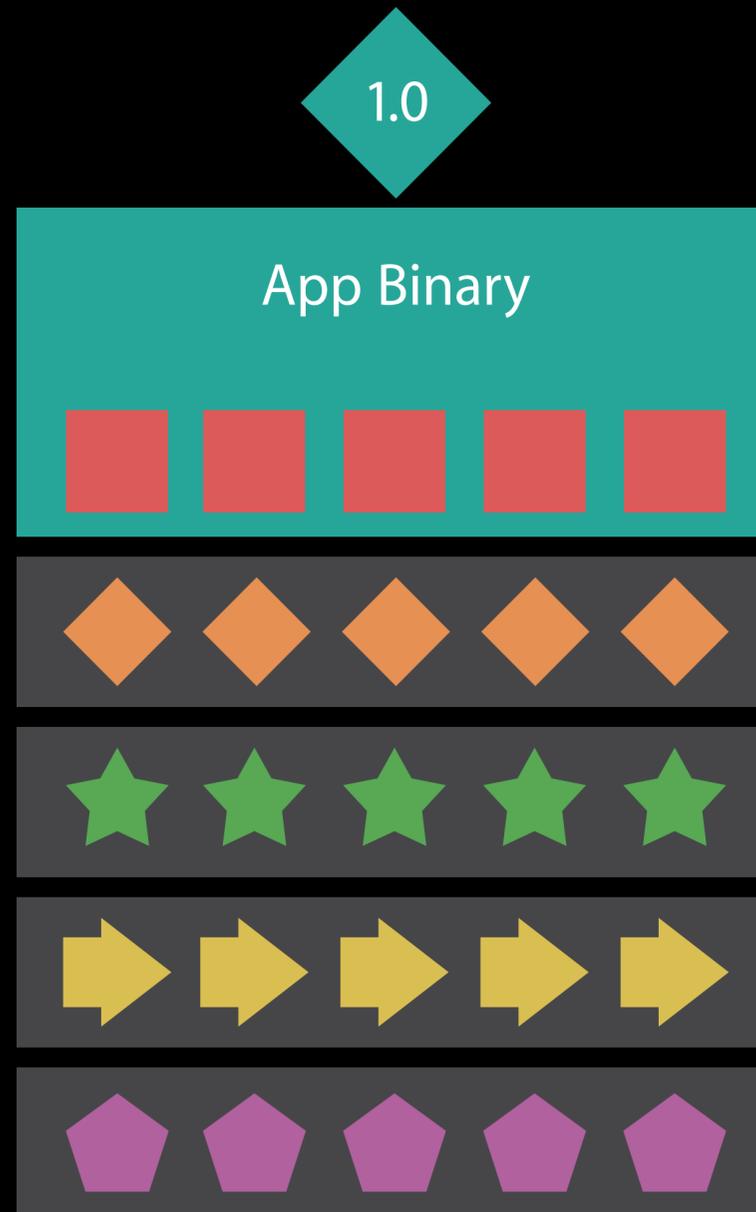
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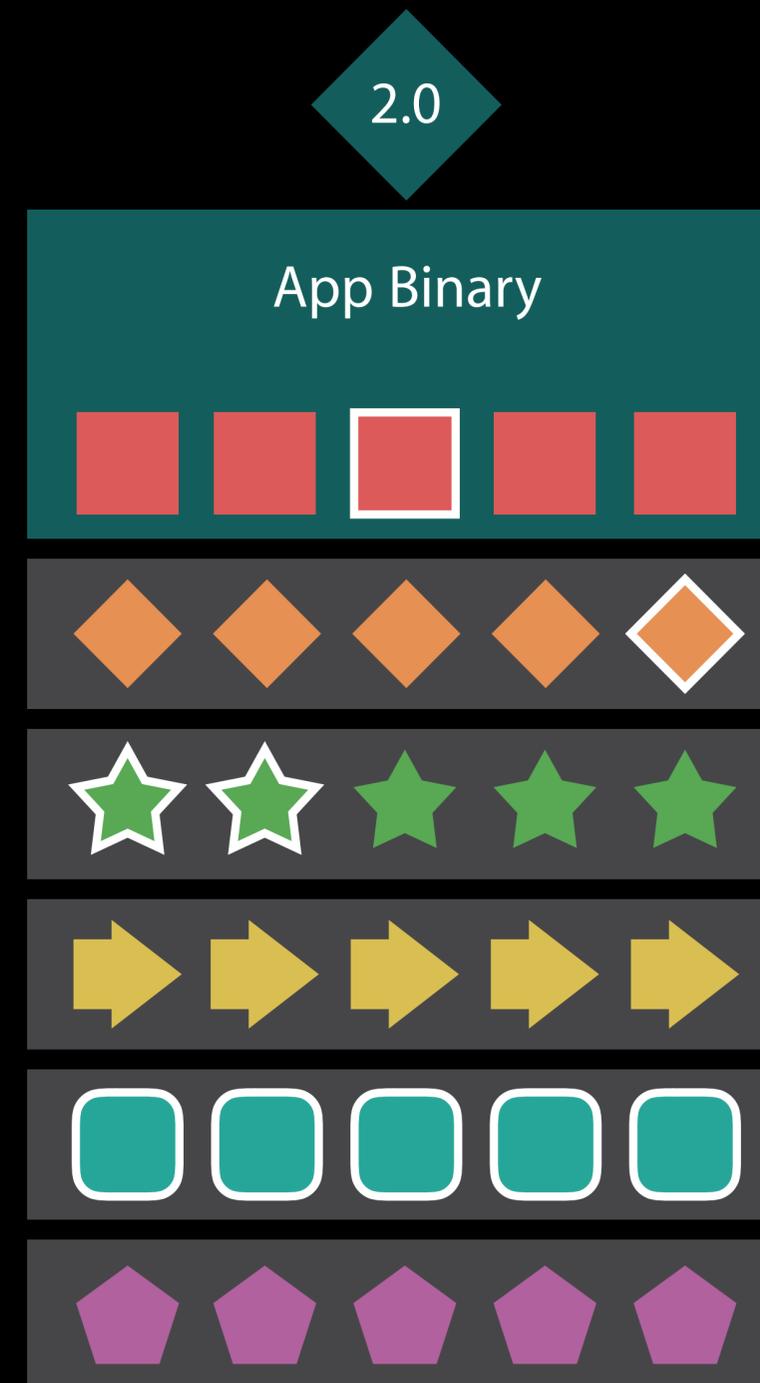
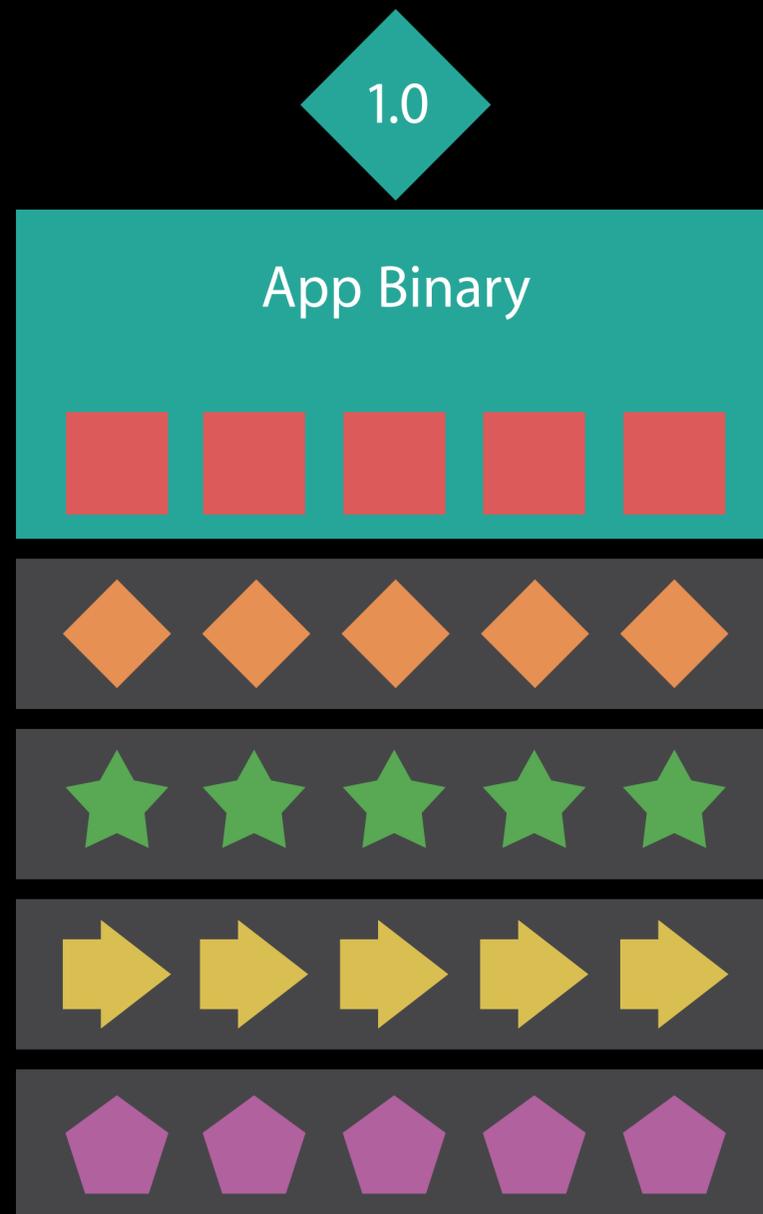
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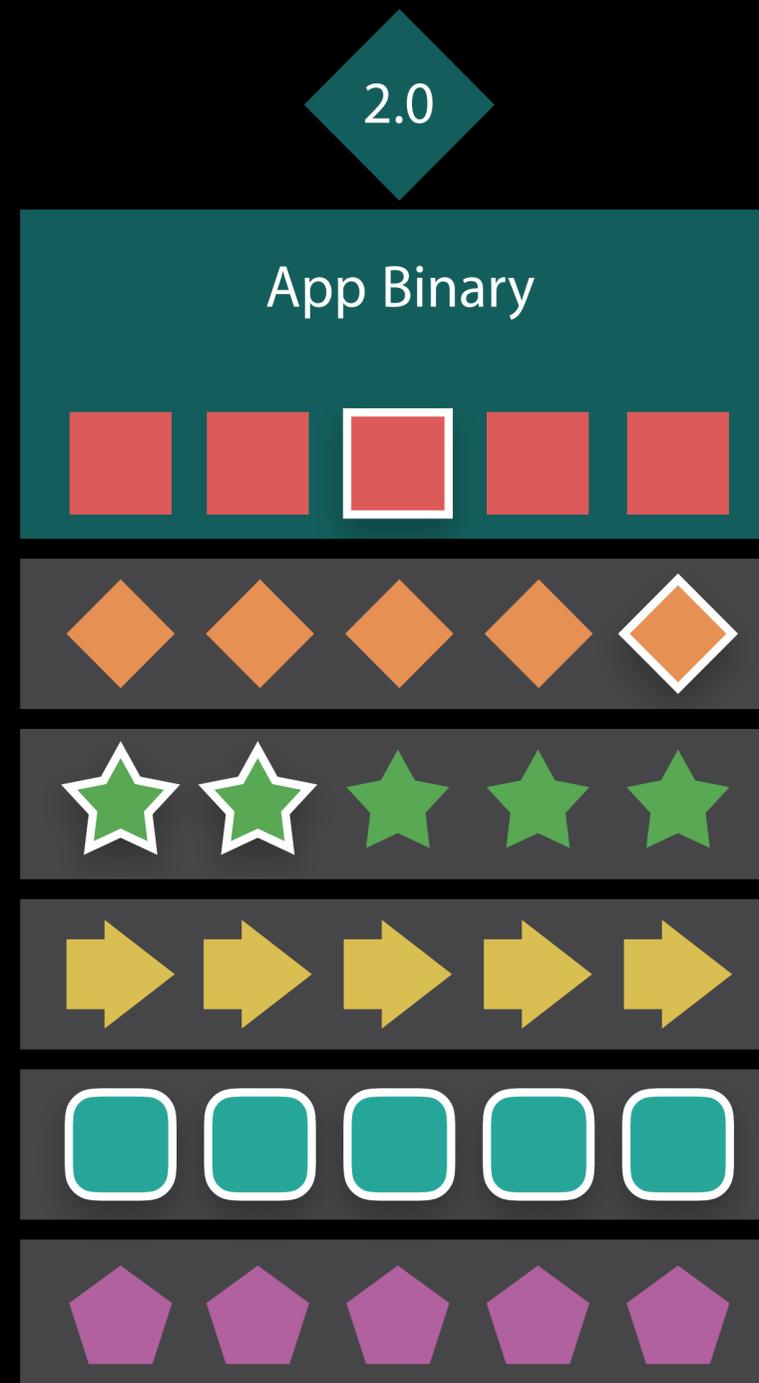
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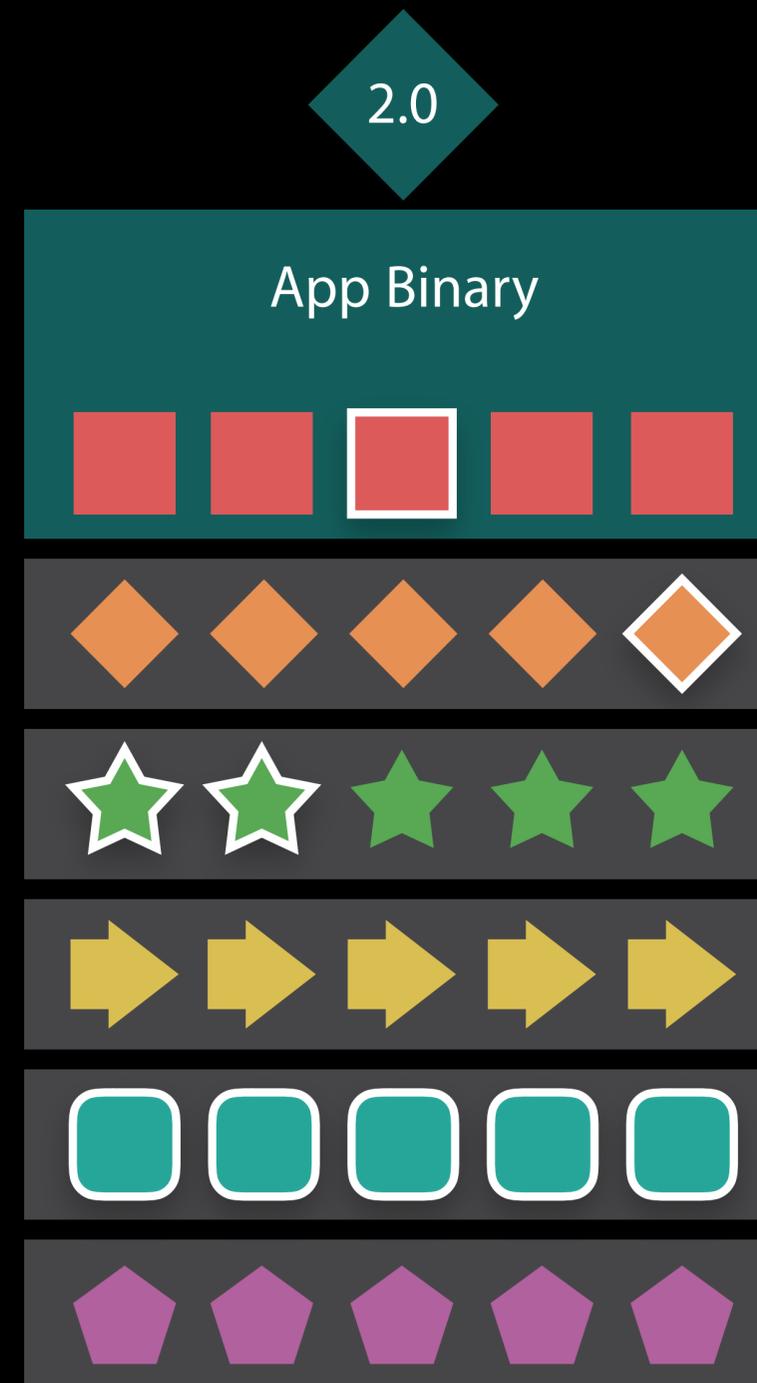


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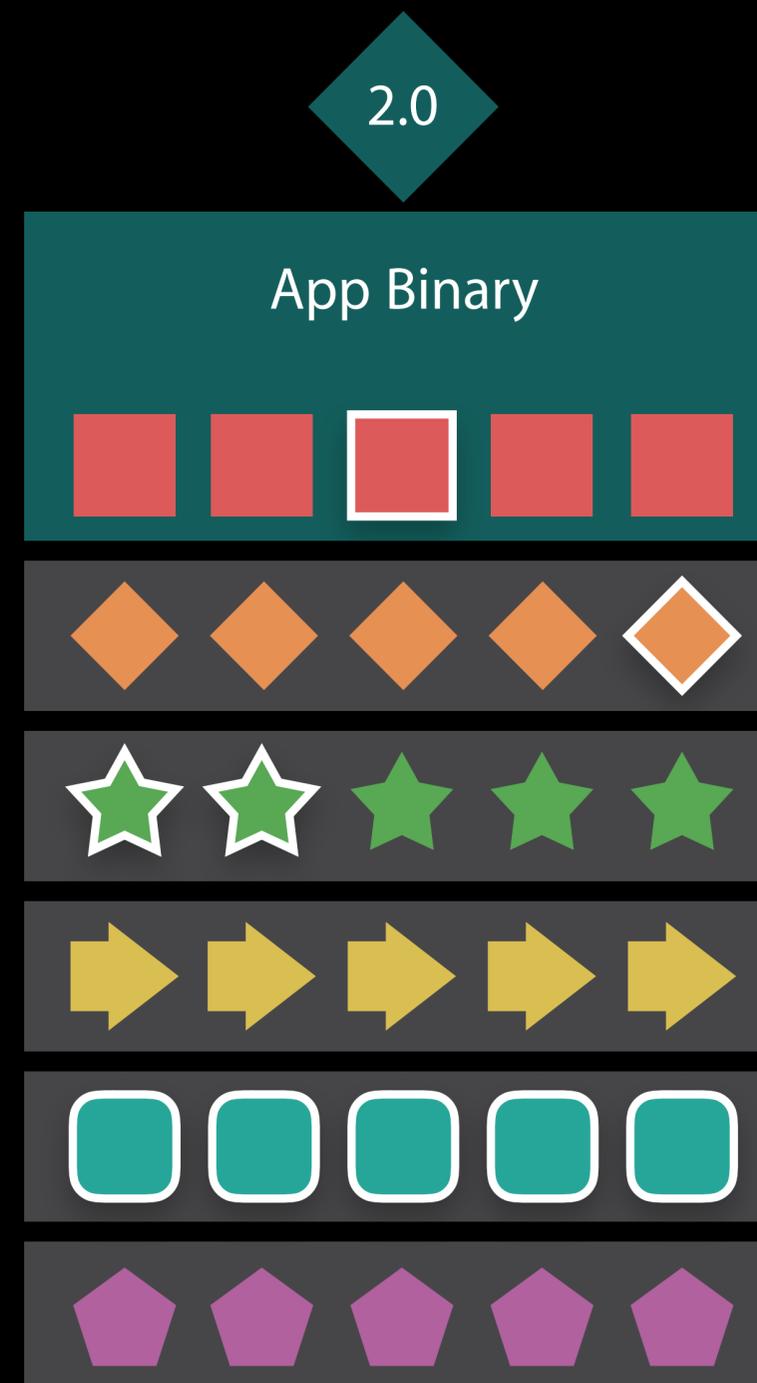
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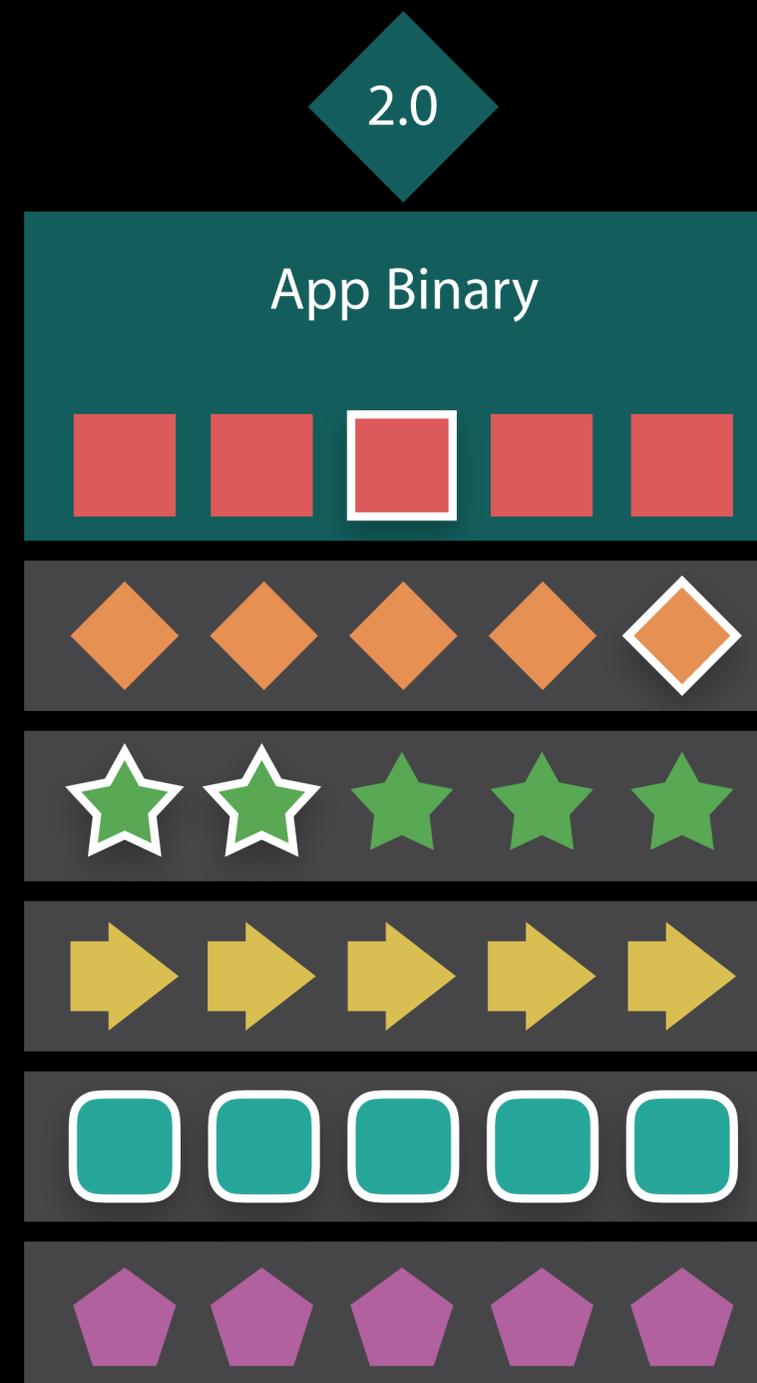
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- Preservation priority
  - Isolated to your application
- Application-running state

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## Variables that inform purge order

- Last used timestamp
- Preservation priority
  - Isolated to your application
- Application-running state

## Don't use tmp or caches

- Purged first. Purged completely.

Conclusion

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