

Going Beyond 2D with SpriteKit

Session 609

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SpriteKit

What is SpriteKit?

2D graphics framework for games

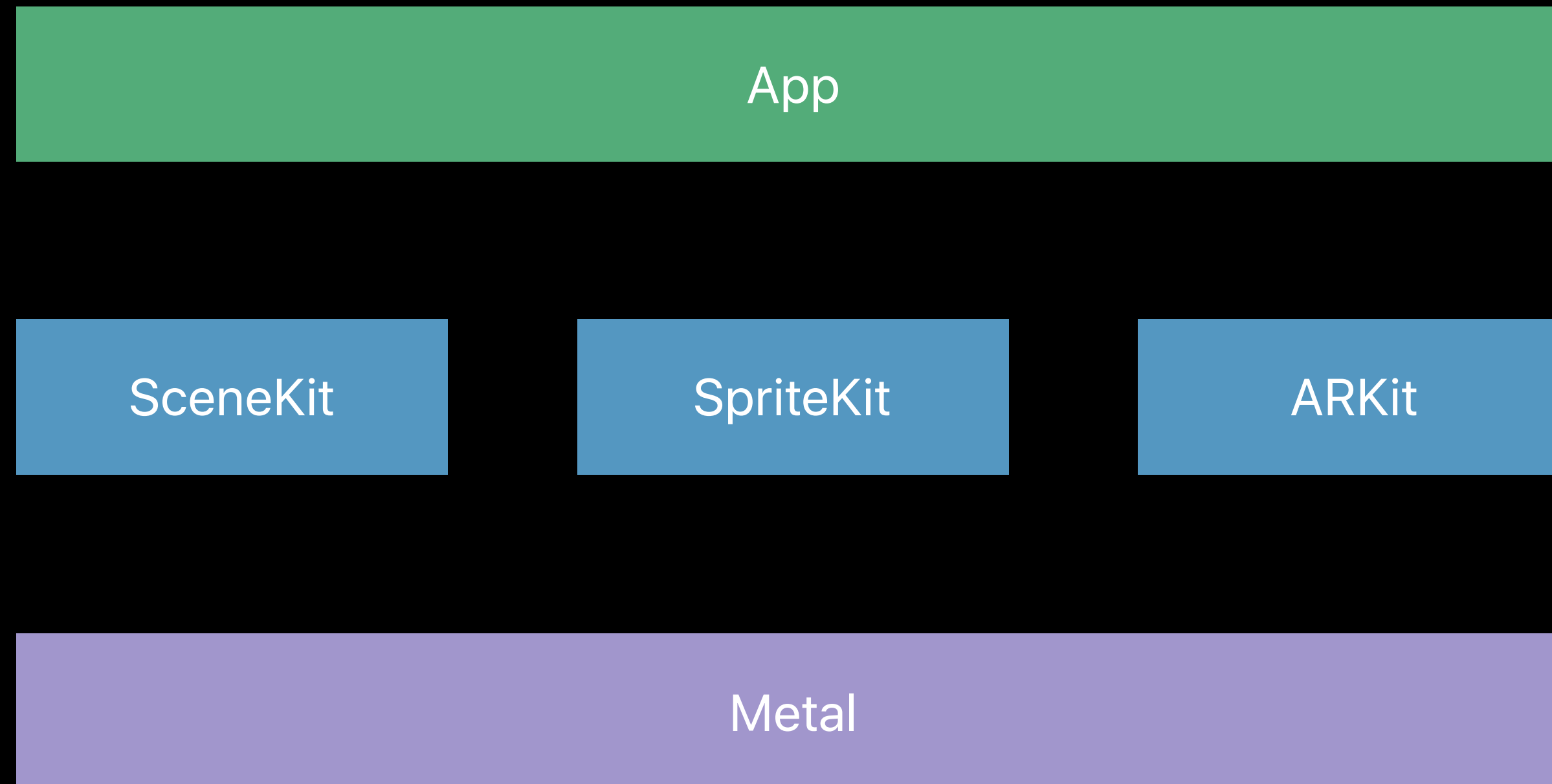
Flexible, fast, easy to use

Supported on iOS, macOS, tvOS, and watchOS

Xcode integrated live editor



Apple Graphics Frameworks



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Rendering content in ARKit with SpriteKit

Using SpriteKit and SceneKit in ARKit

Introduction to SKRenderer

Working with ARKit

What is Augmented Reality?



Working with ARKit

What is ARKit?

ARKit does all the hard work for you

Tracks your device's pose

Provide it content you want to appear in AR

Updates the relative position of your content

See [Introducing ARKit](#) for more info



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Content anchors

Anchors are what makes AR work

3D points tied to real-world features

ARKit uses device hardware to detect them

Easy to create



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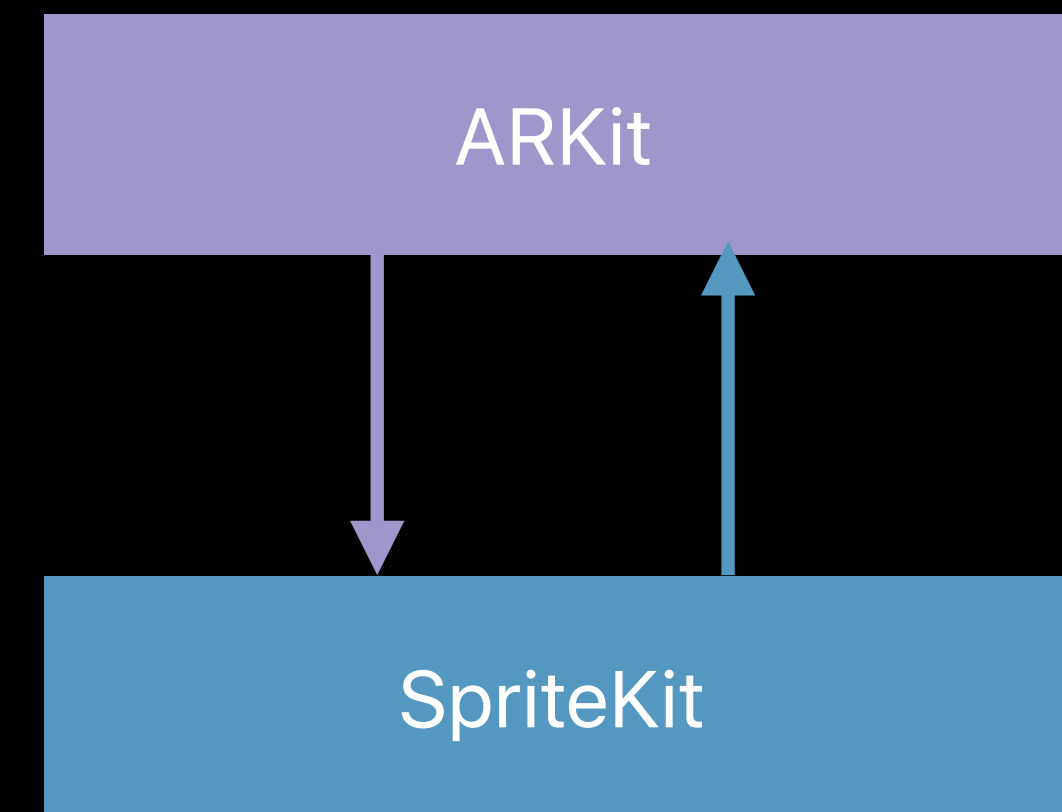
How ARKit works with SpriteKit

ARKit directly interacts with SpriteKit

Asks for nodes it will associate with anchors

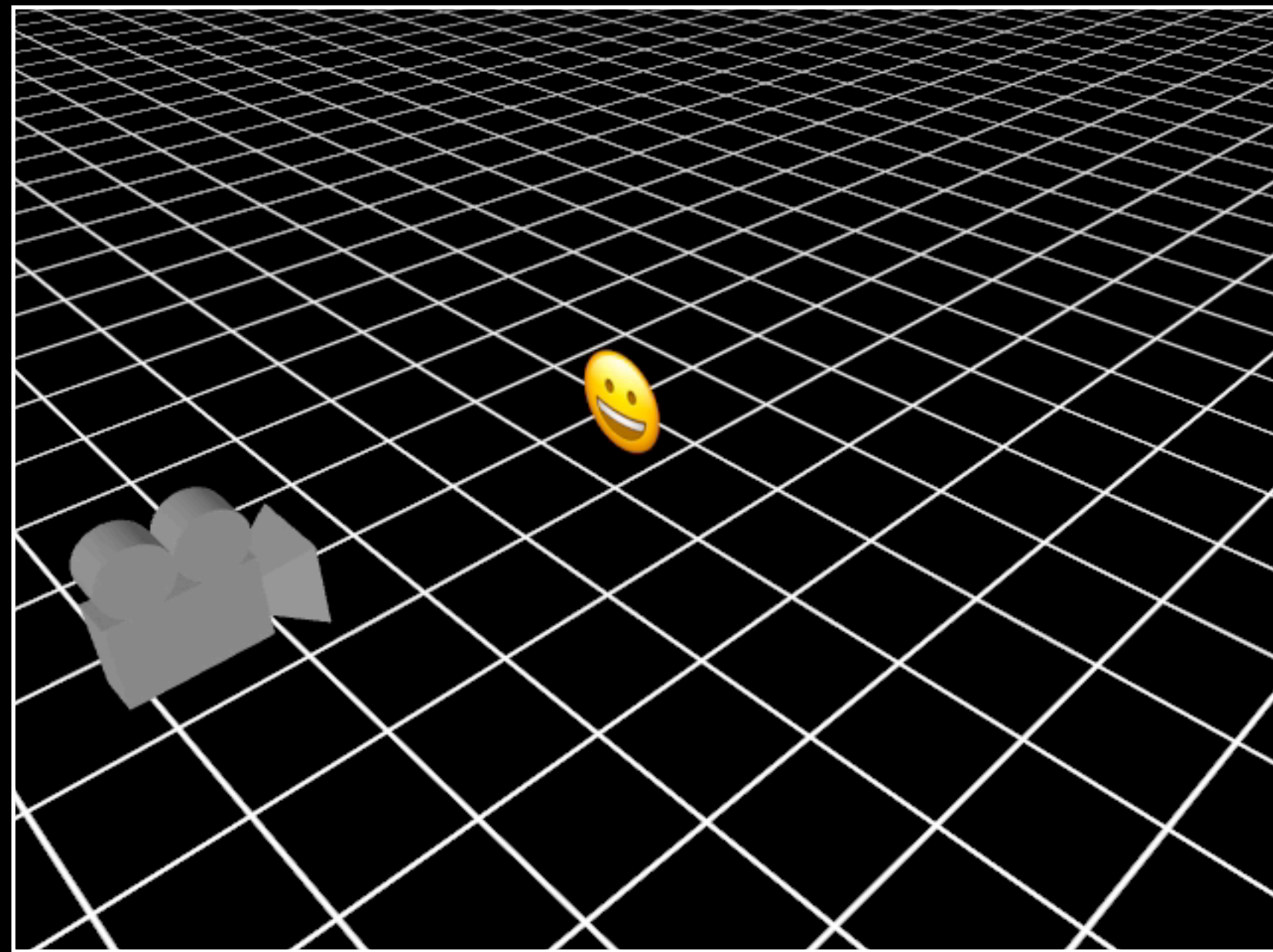
Nodes are updated as the device moves

Sprites always face the camera

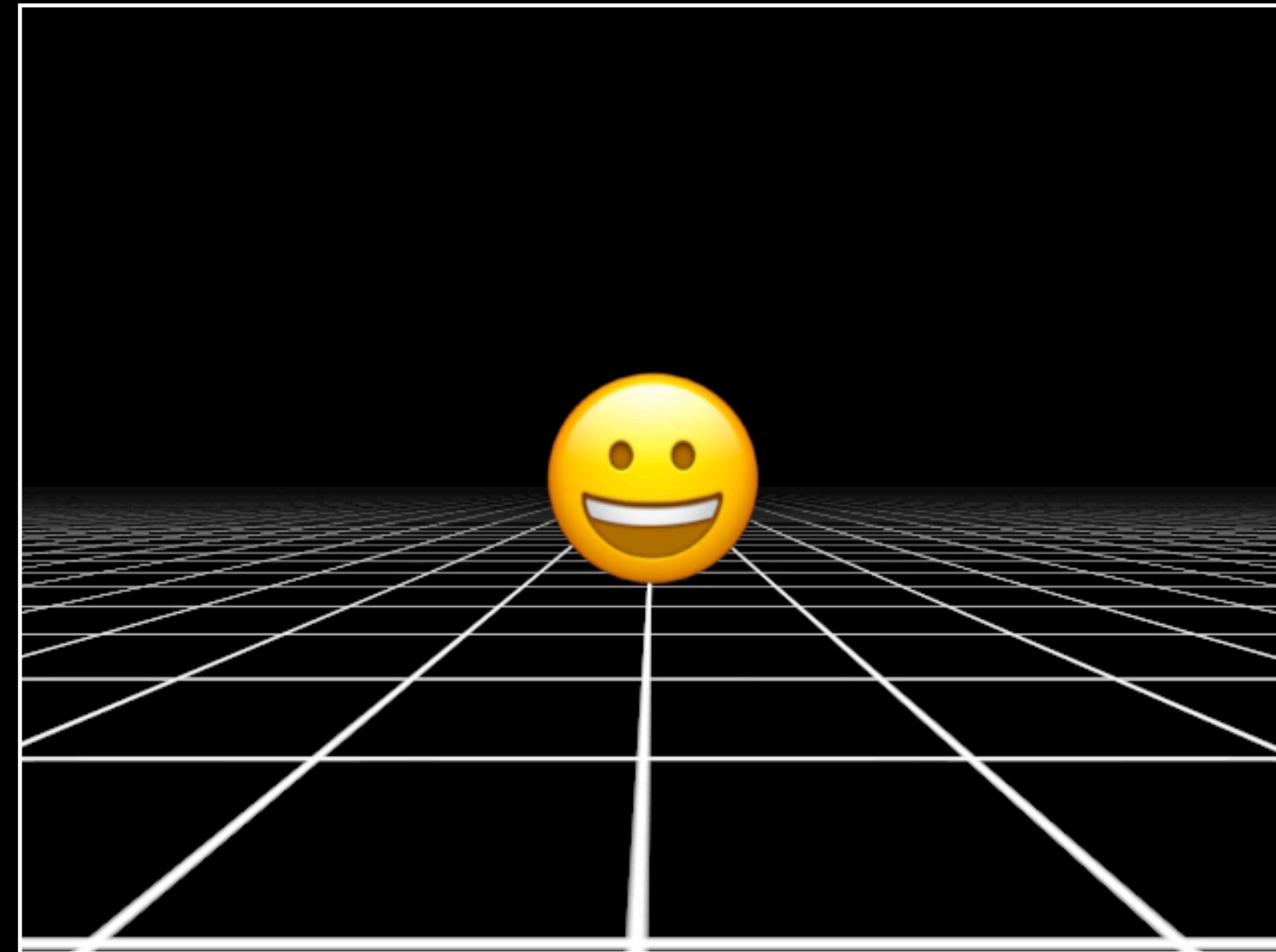


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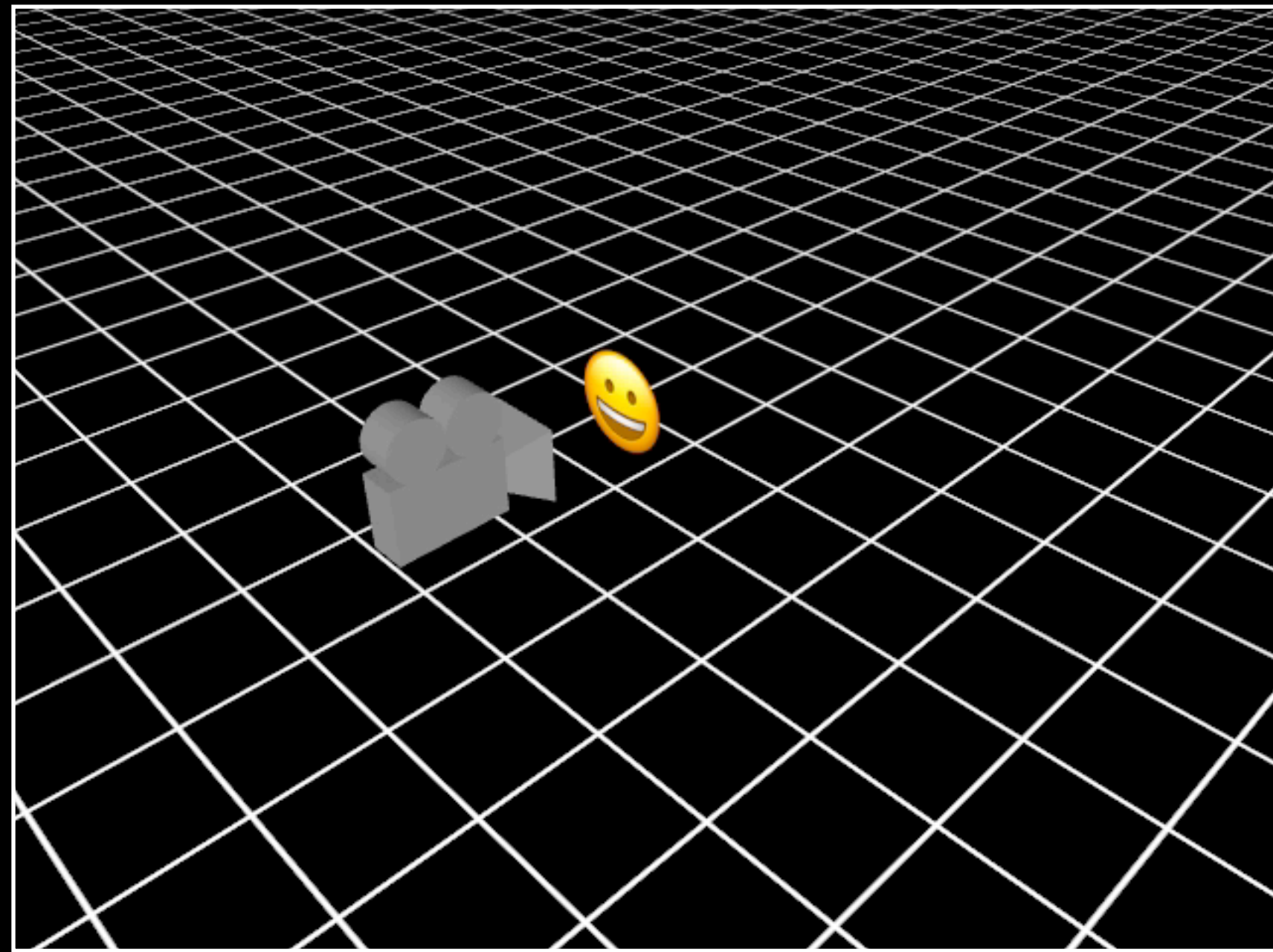
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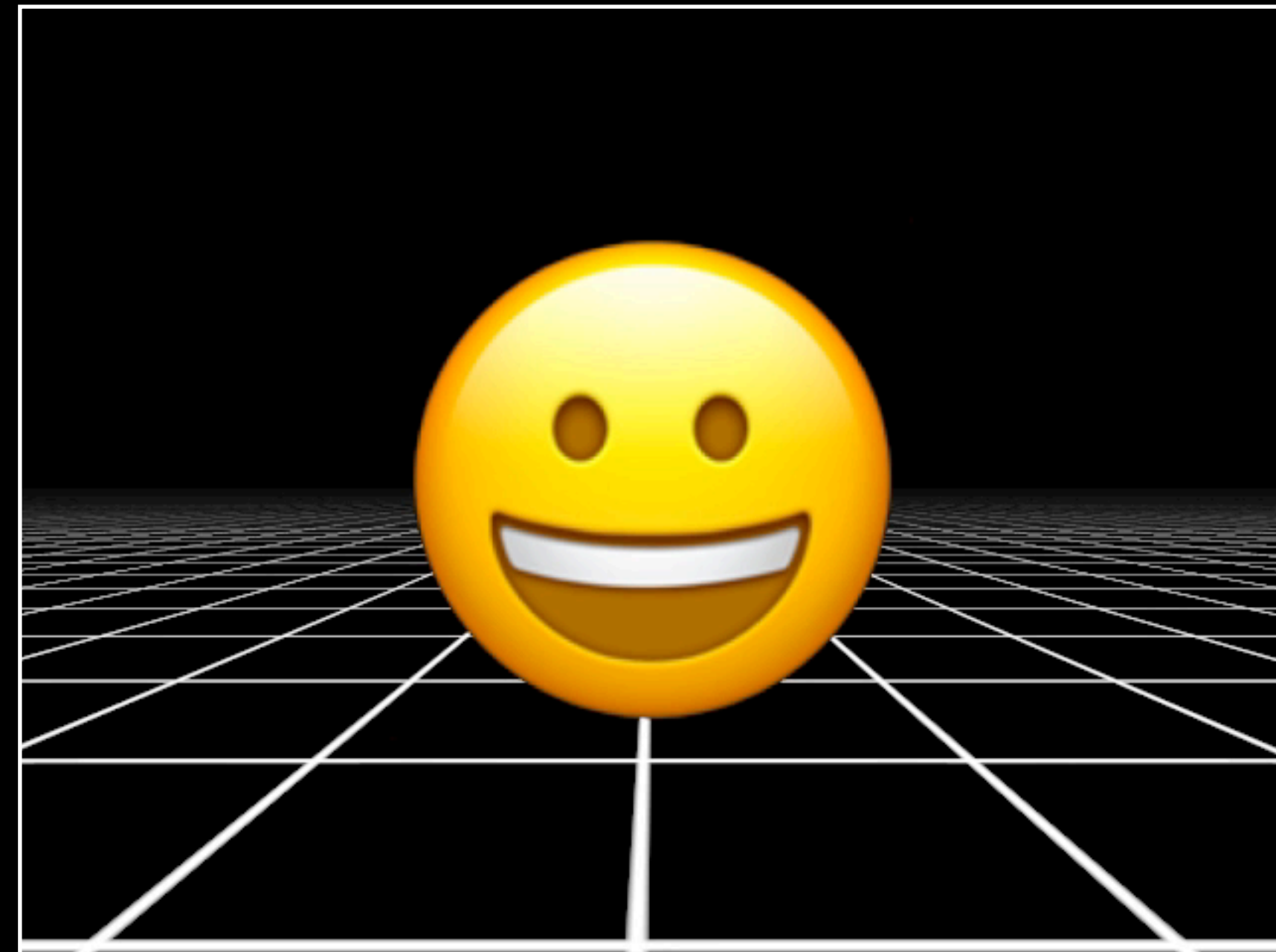
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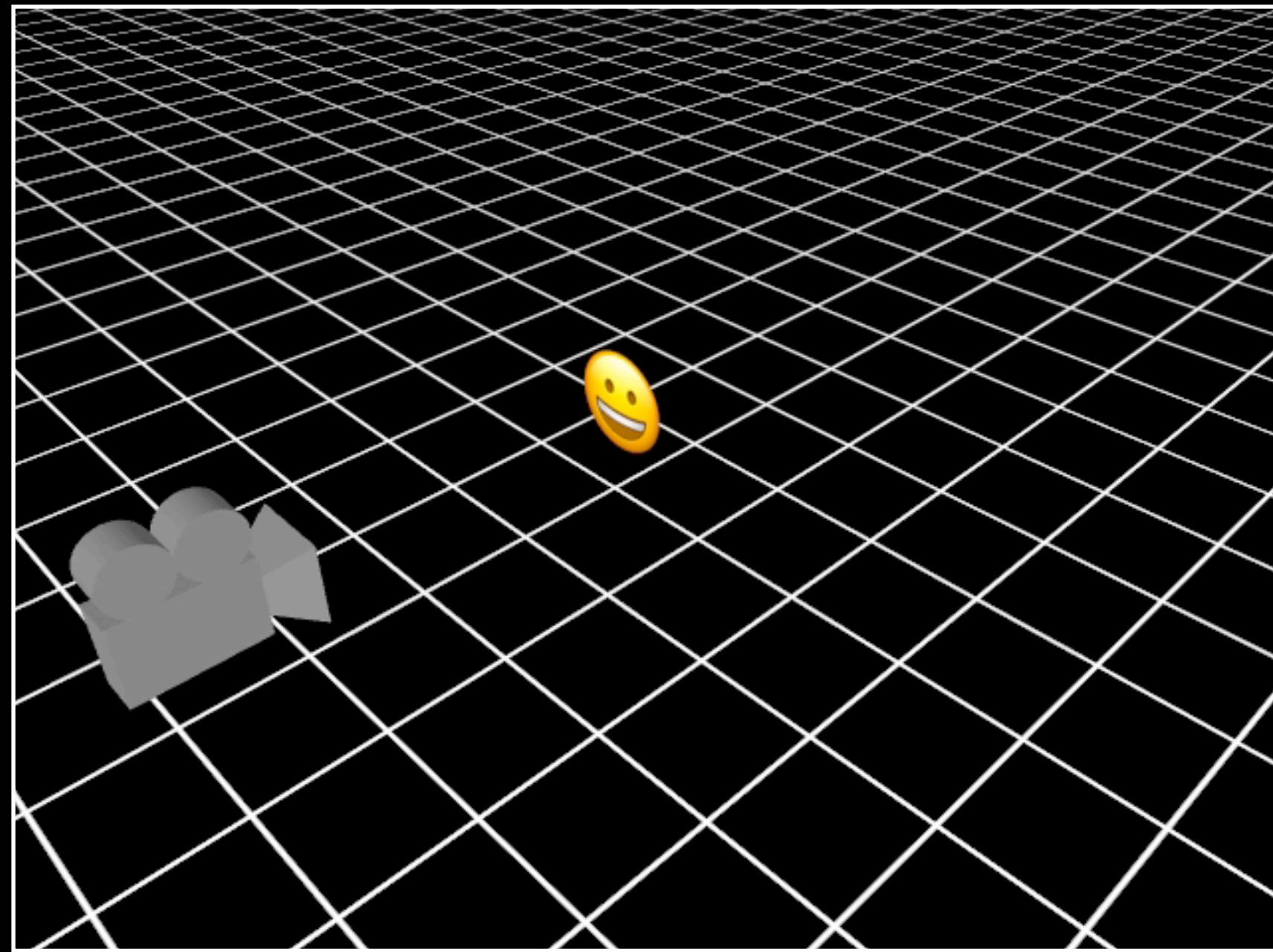
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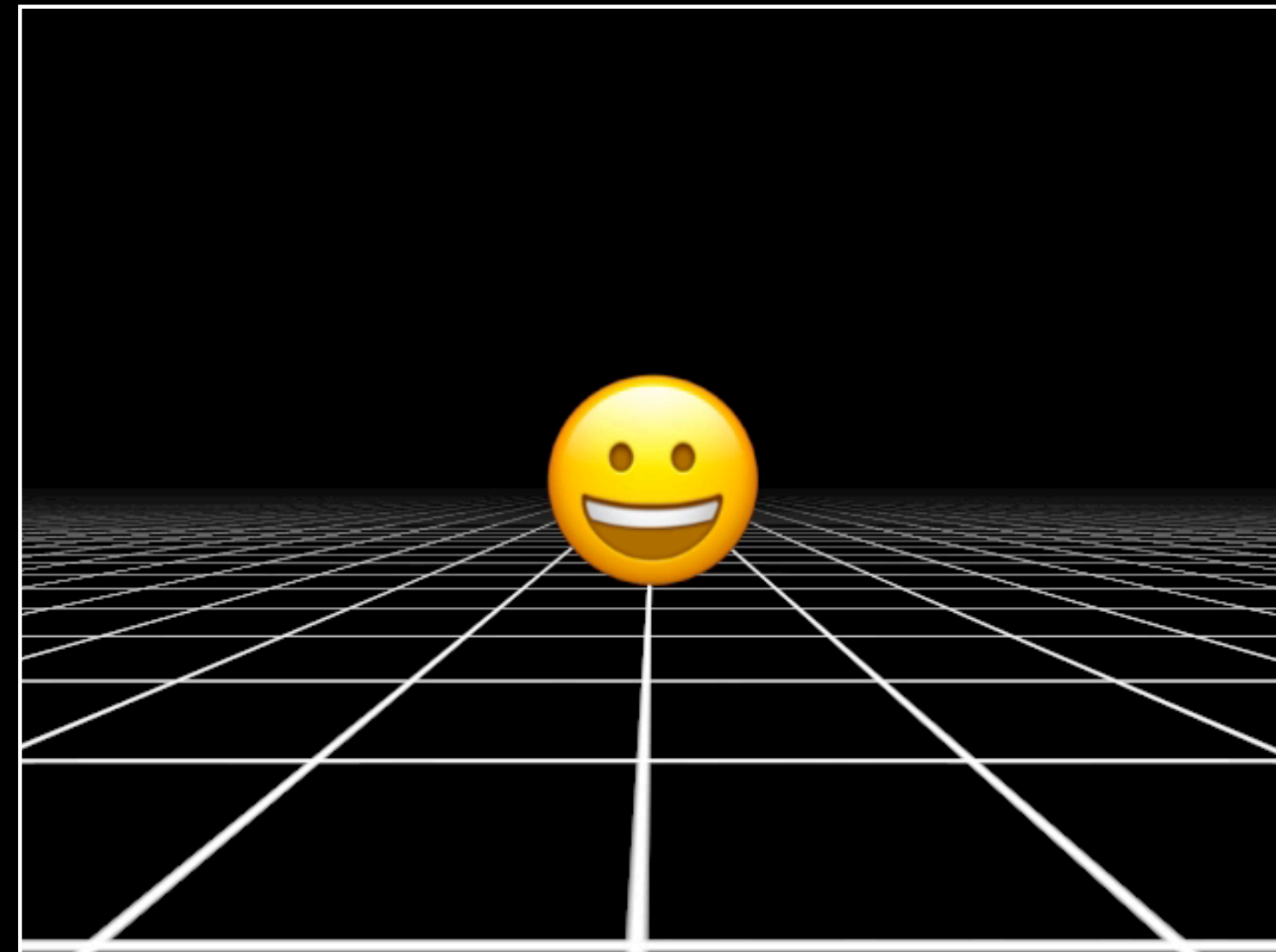
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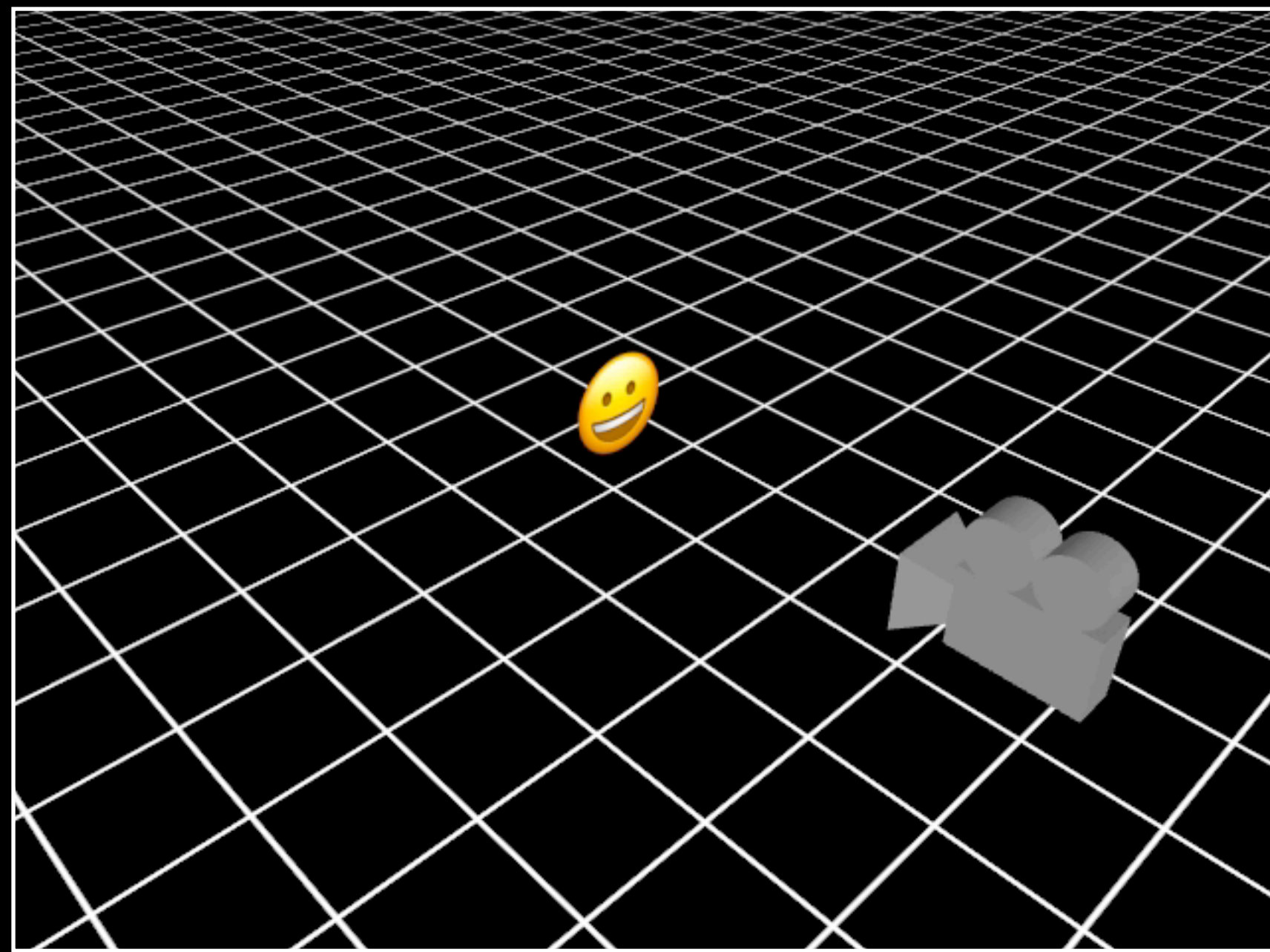
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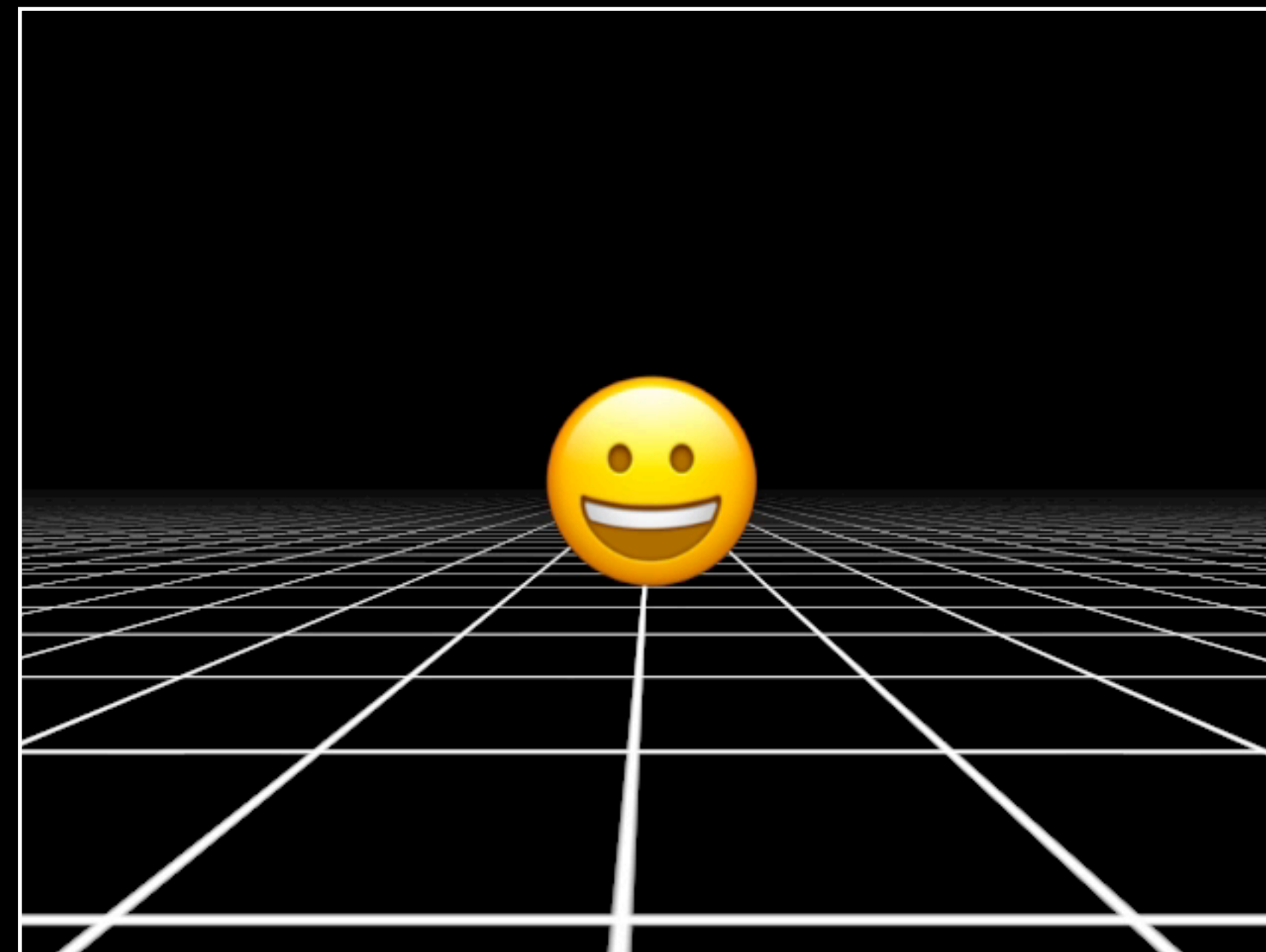
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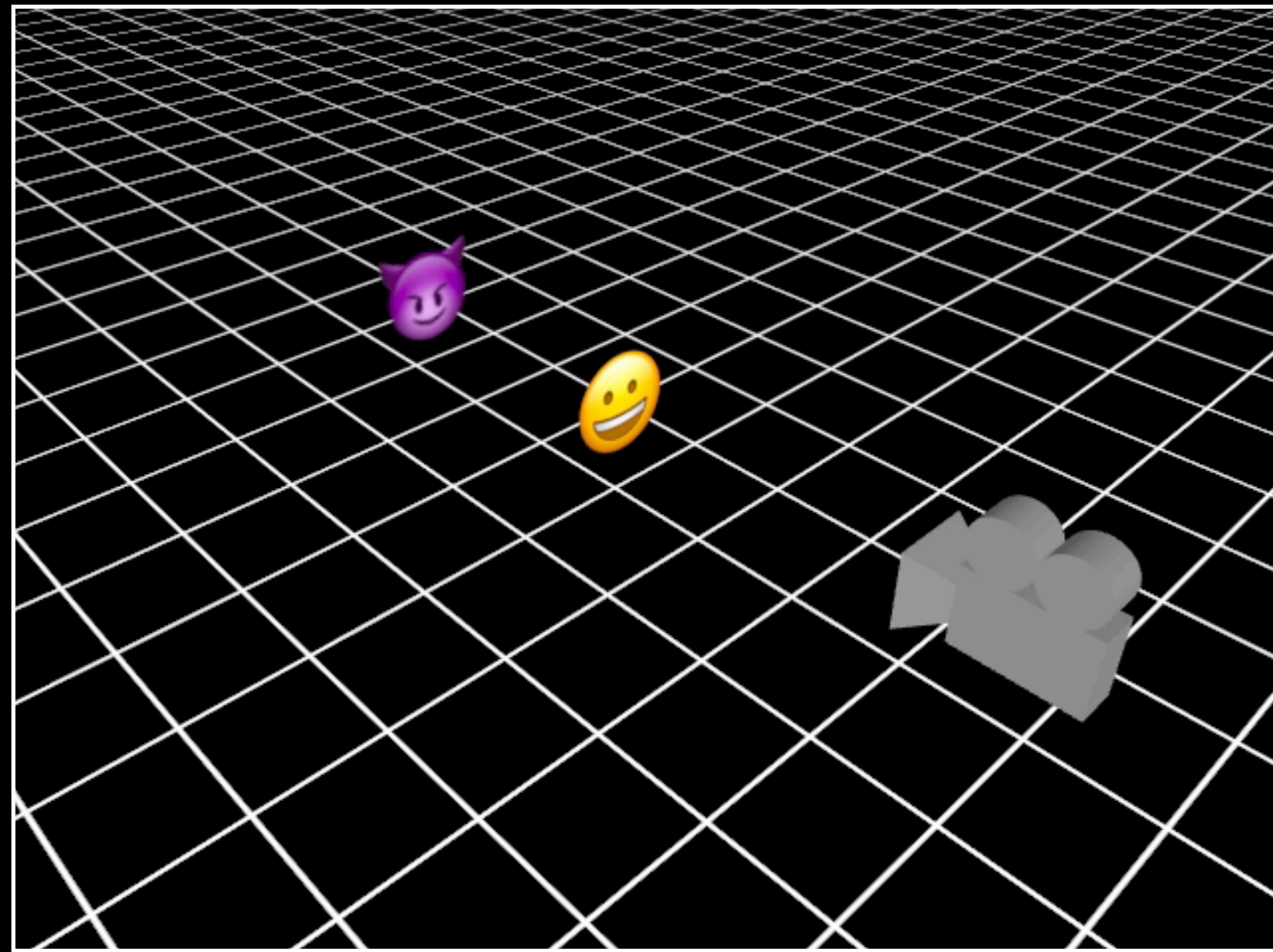
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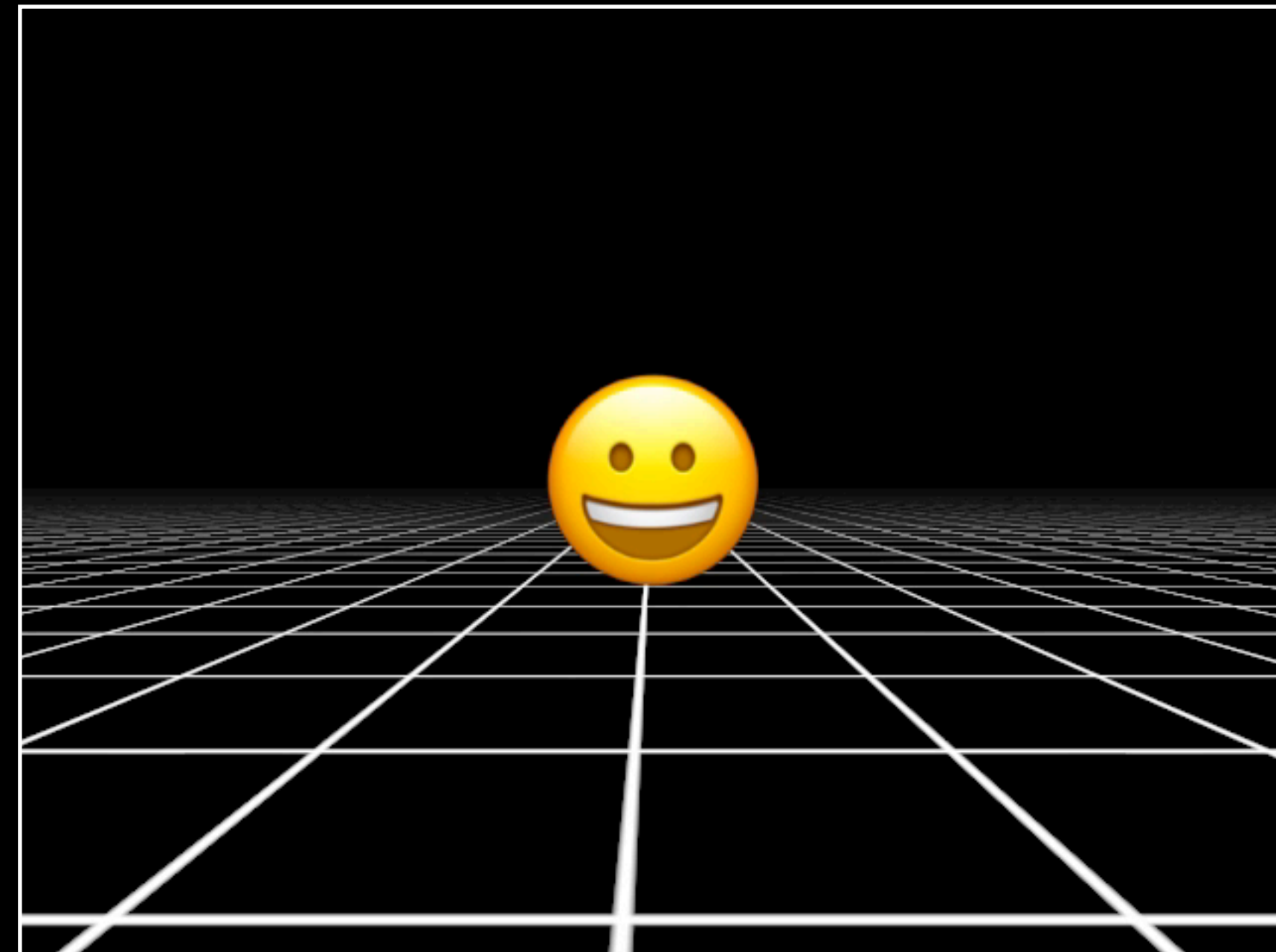
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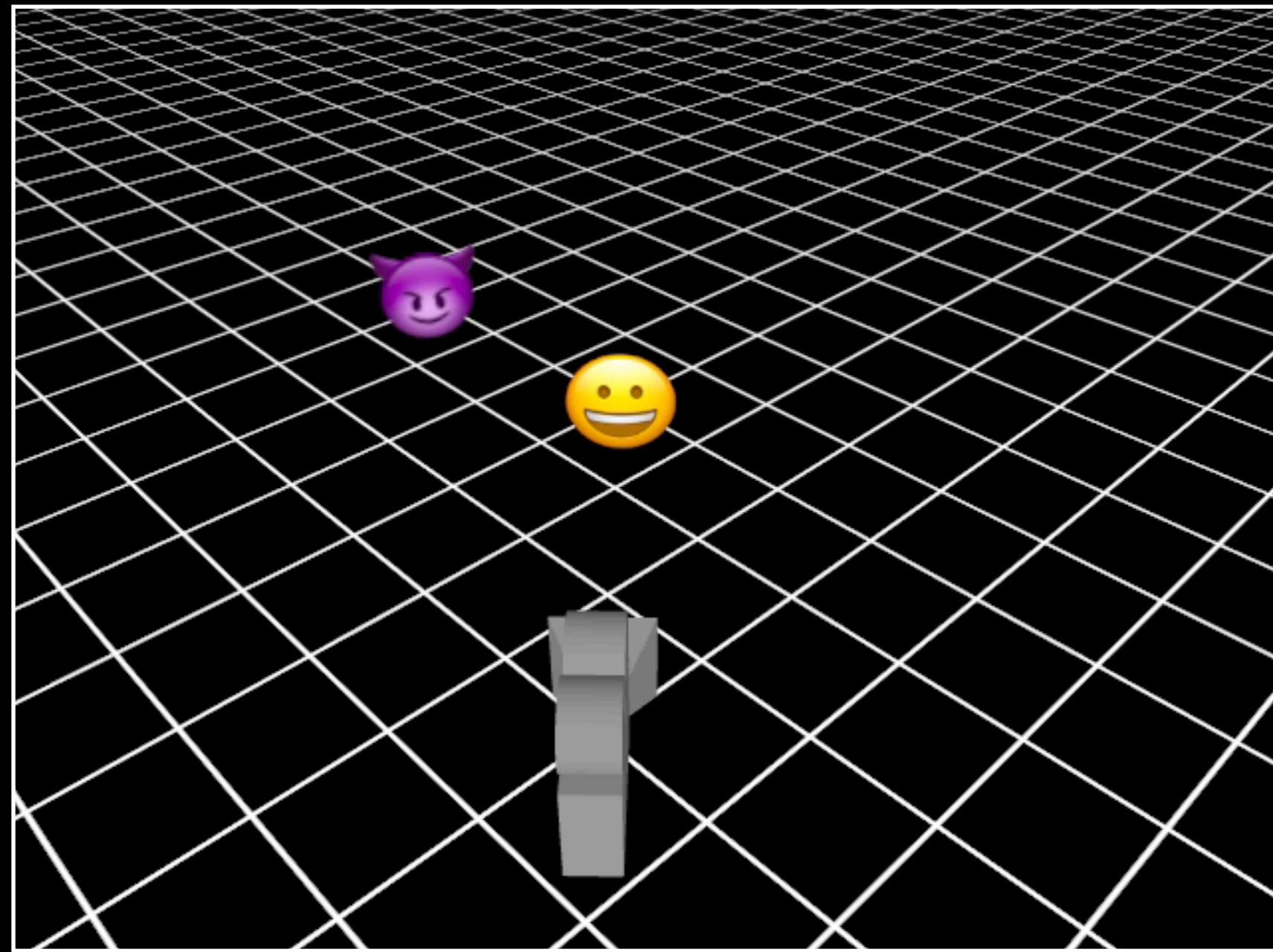
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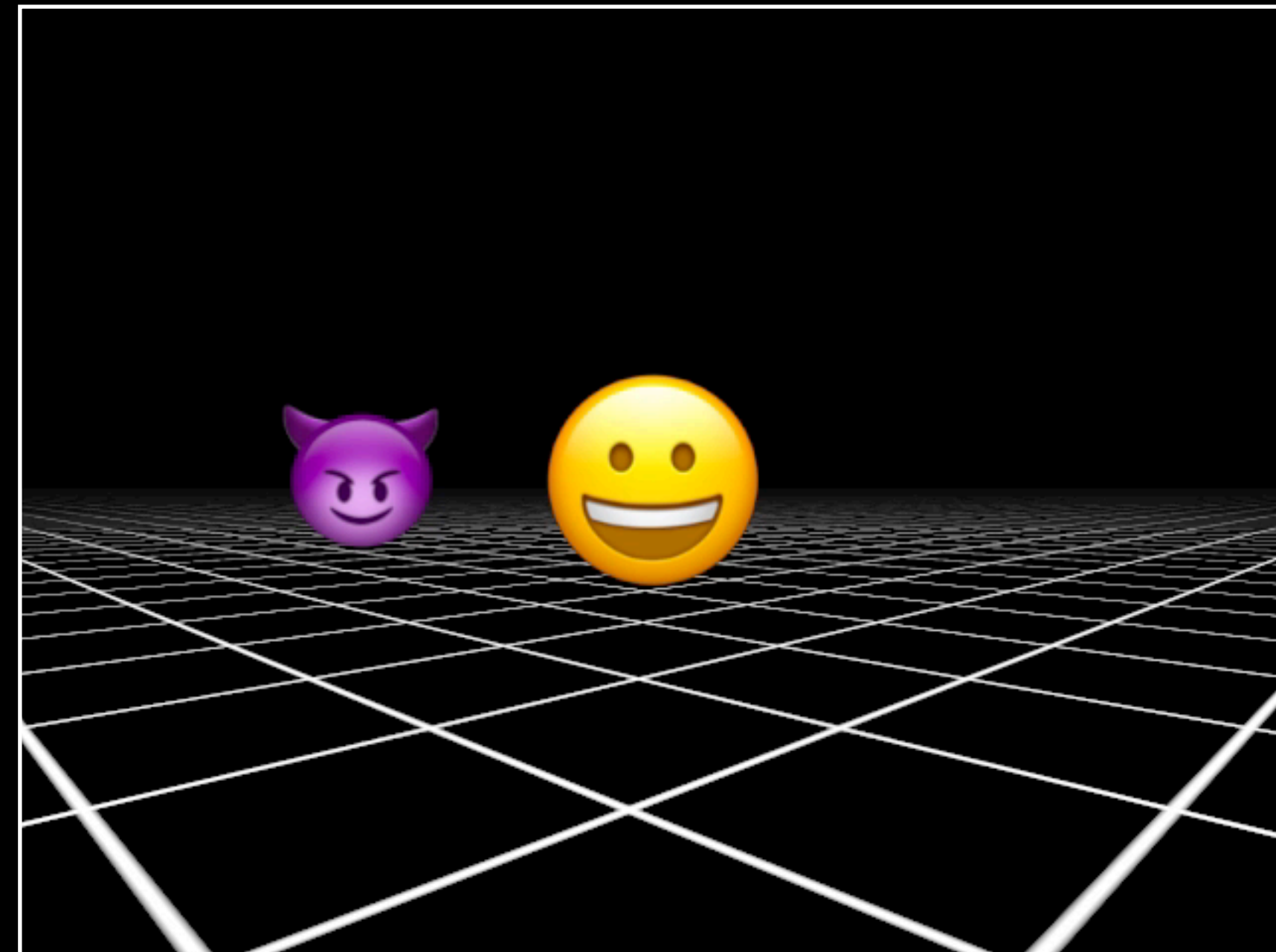
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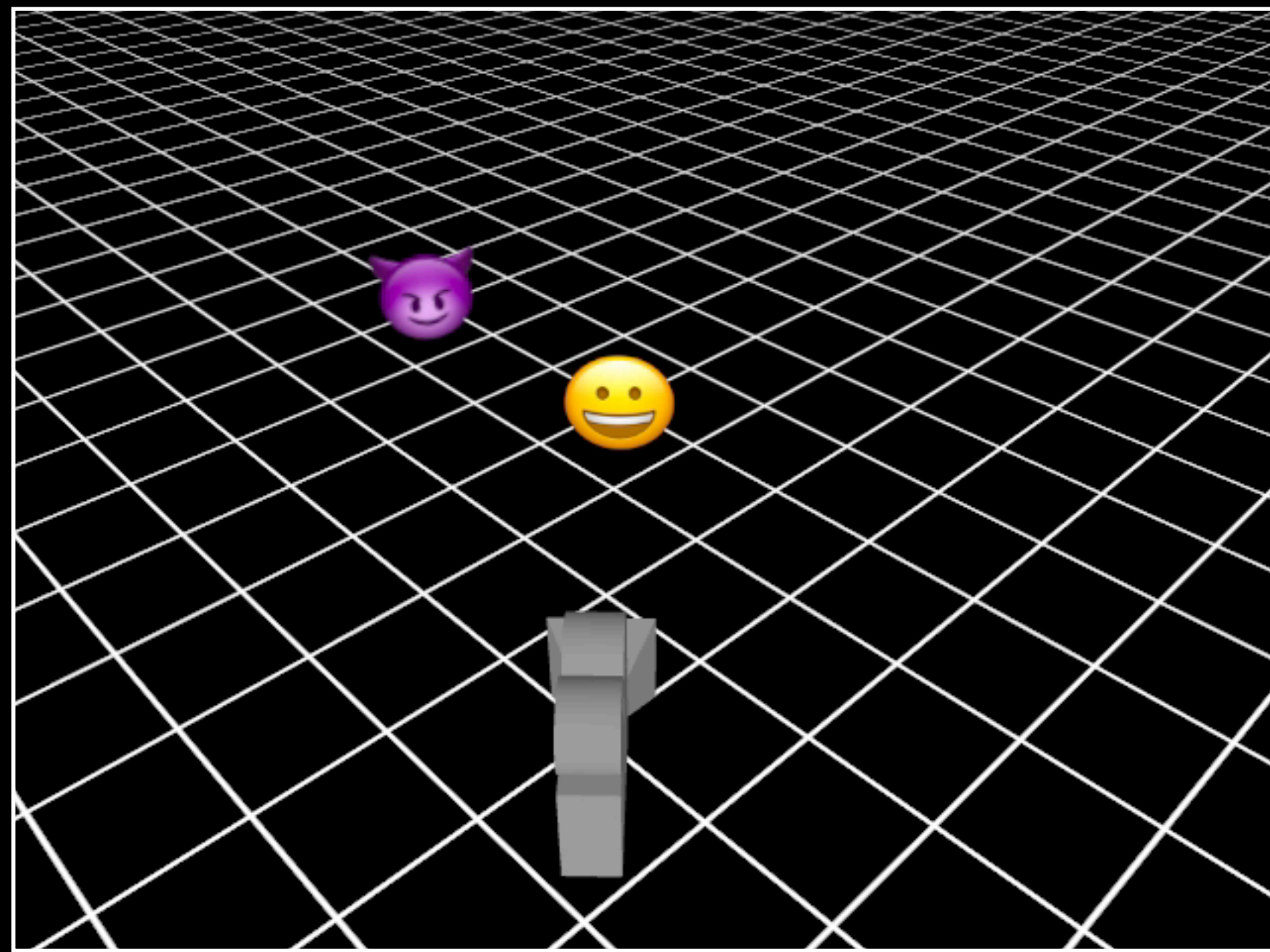
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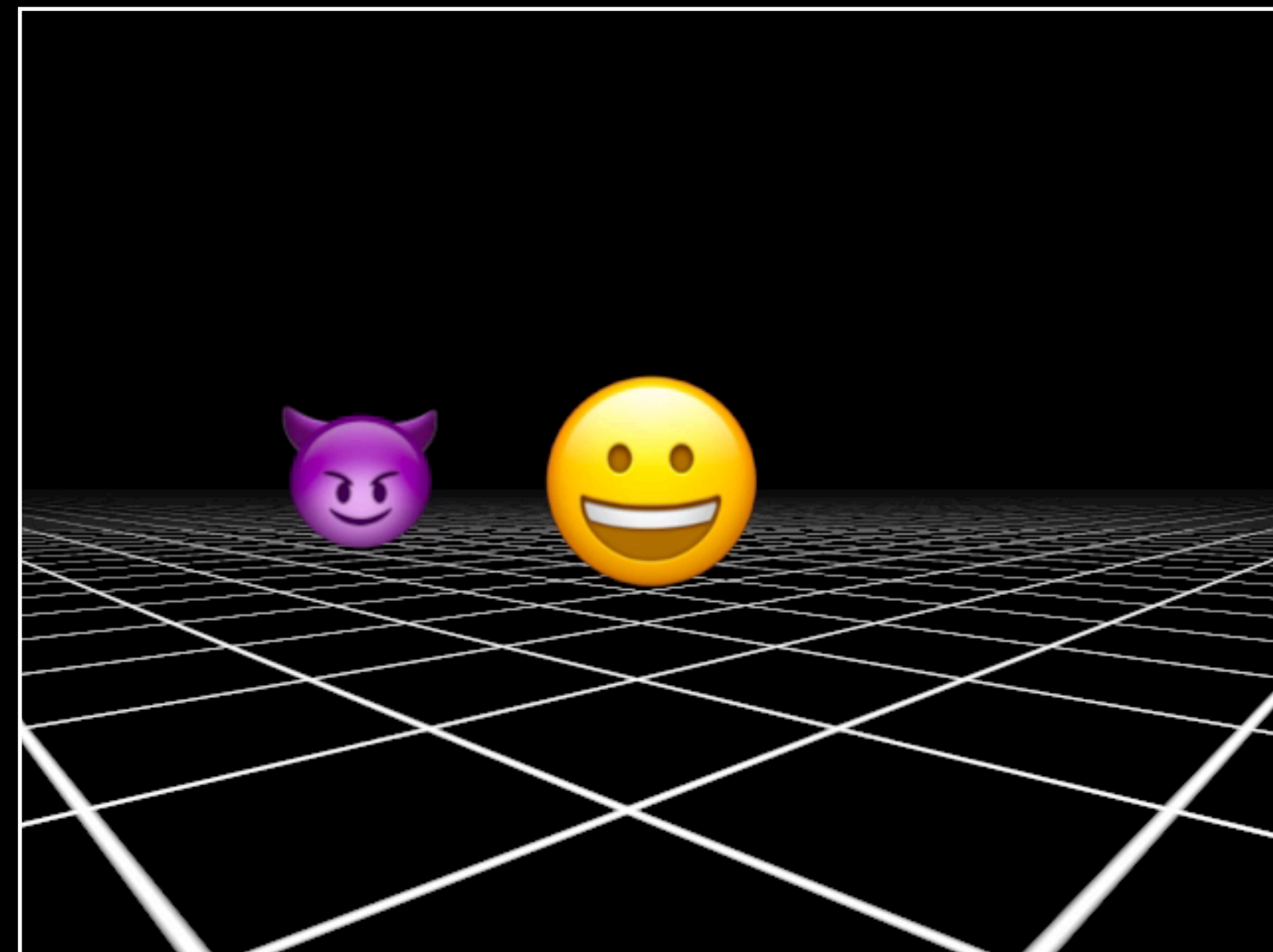
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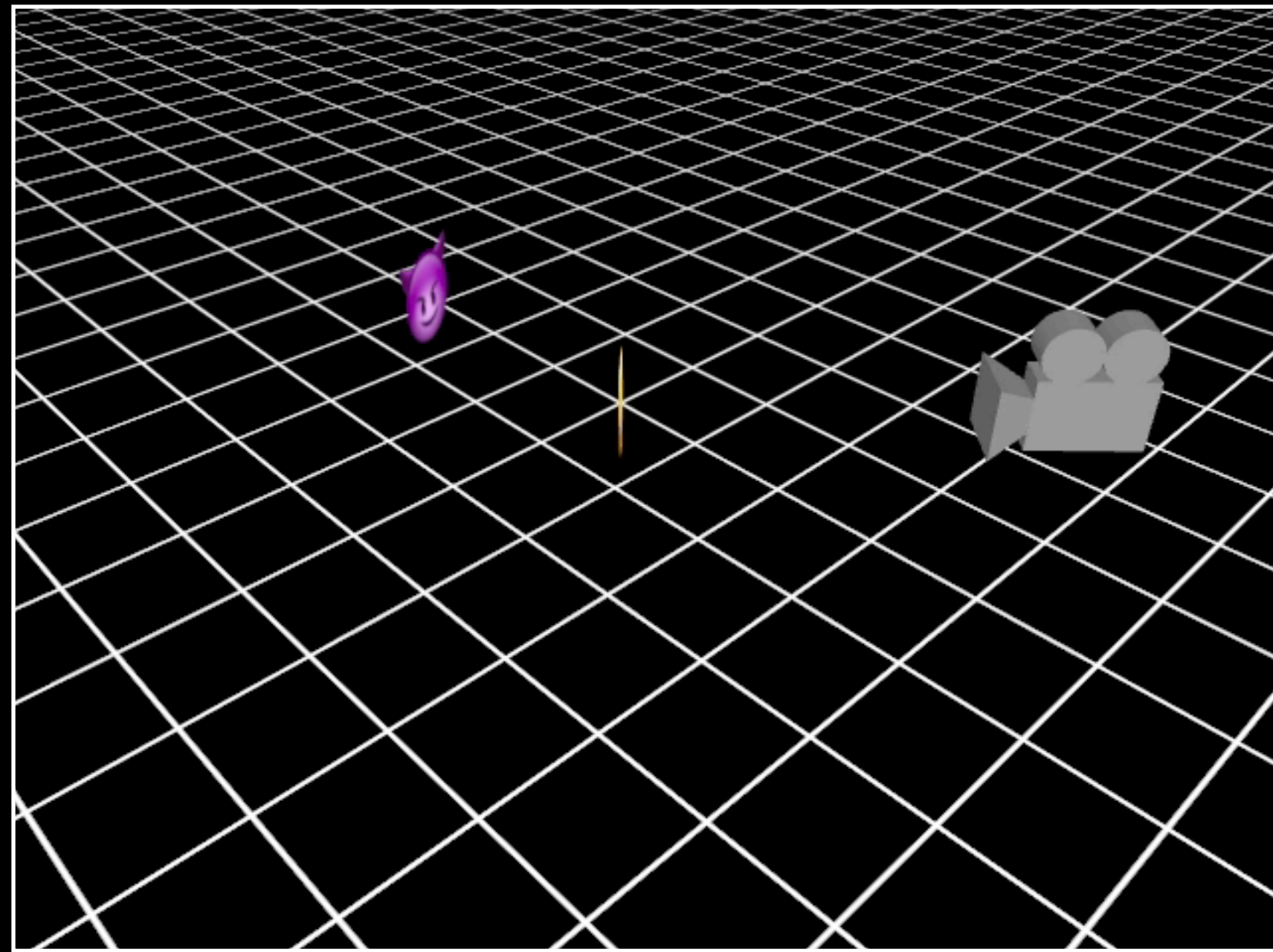
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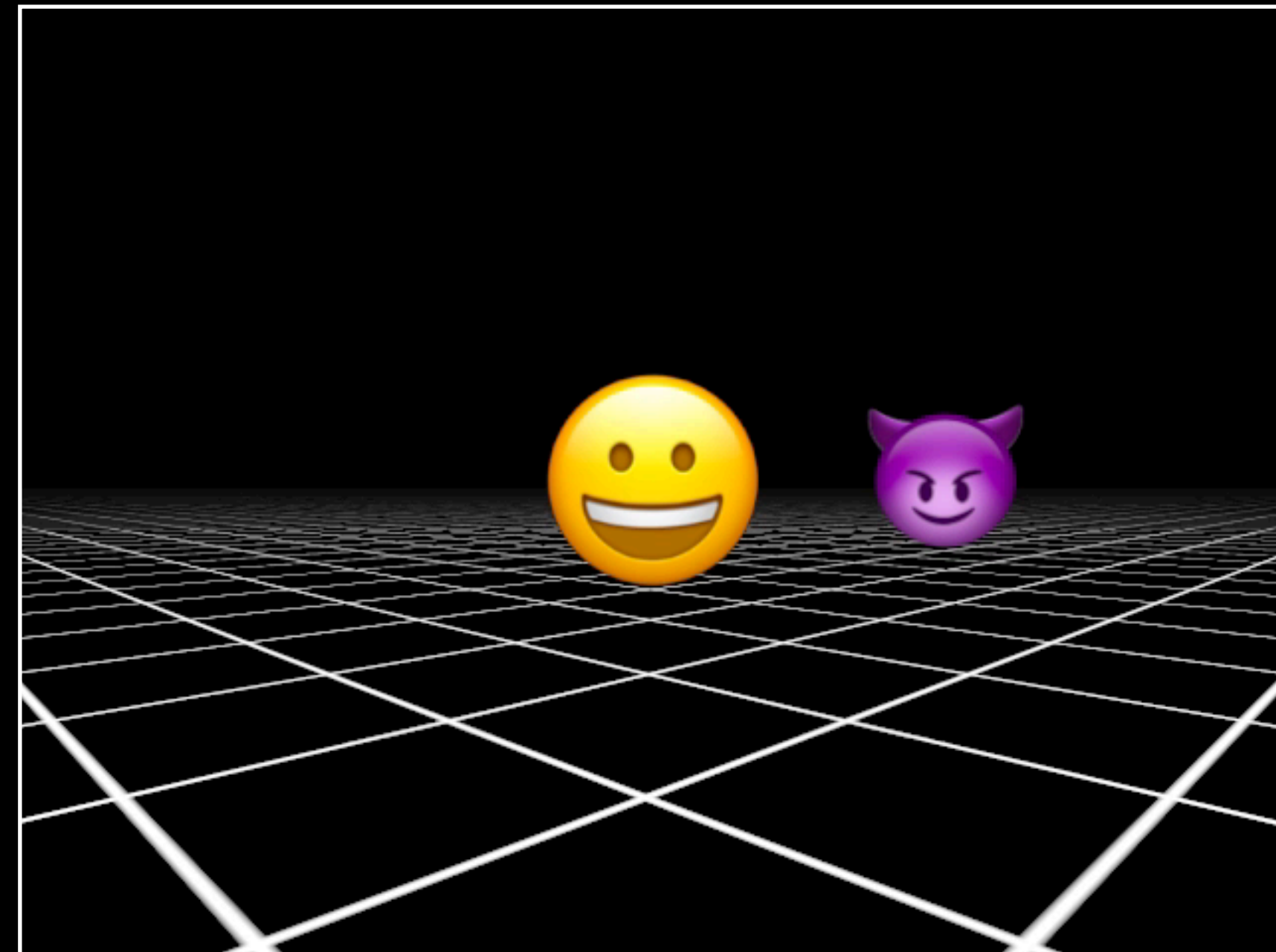
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ARKit Objects

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ARSession

The heart of ARKit

Handles device tracking

Orchestrates interactions with SpriteKit

Methods for adding and removing anchors

Call run method to start

- Requires an ARSessionConfiguration
- Use ARWorldTrackingSessionConfiguration

ARSession

ARAnchor

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ARSKViewDelegate

ARAnchor

Defines real-world feature points

Contains transform data, unique identifier

ARAnchors are mapped to SKNodes

ARSession

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ARSKView

Bridge between SpriteKit and ARKit

Derived from SKView

Creates and contains ARSession

Methods for getting related anchors/nodes

hitTest method for creating anchors

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Callbacks for anchor updates

Protocol derived from SKViewDelegate

All methods are optional

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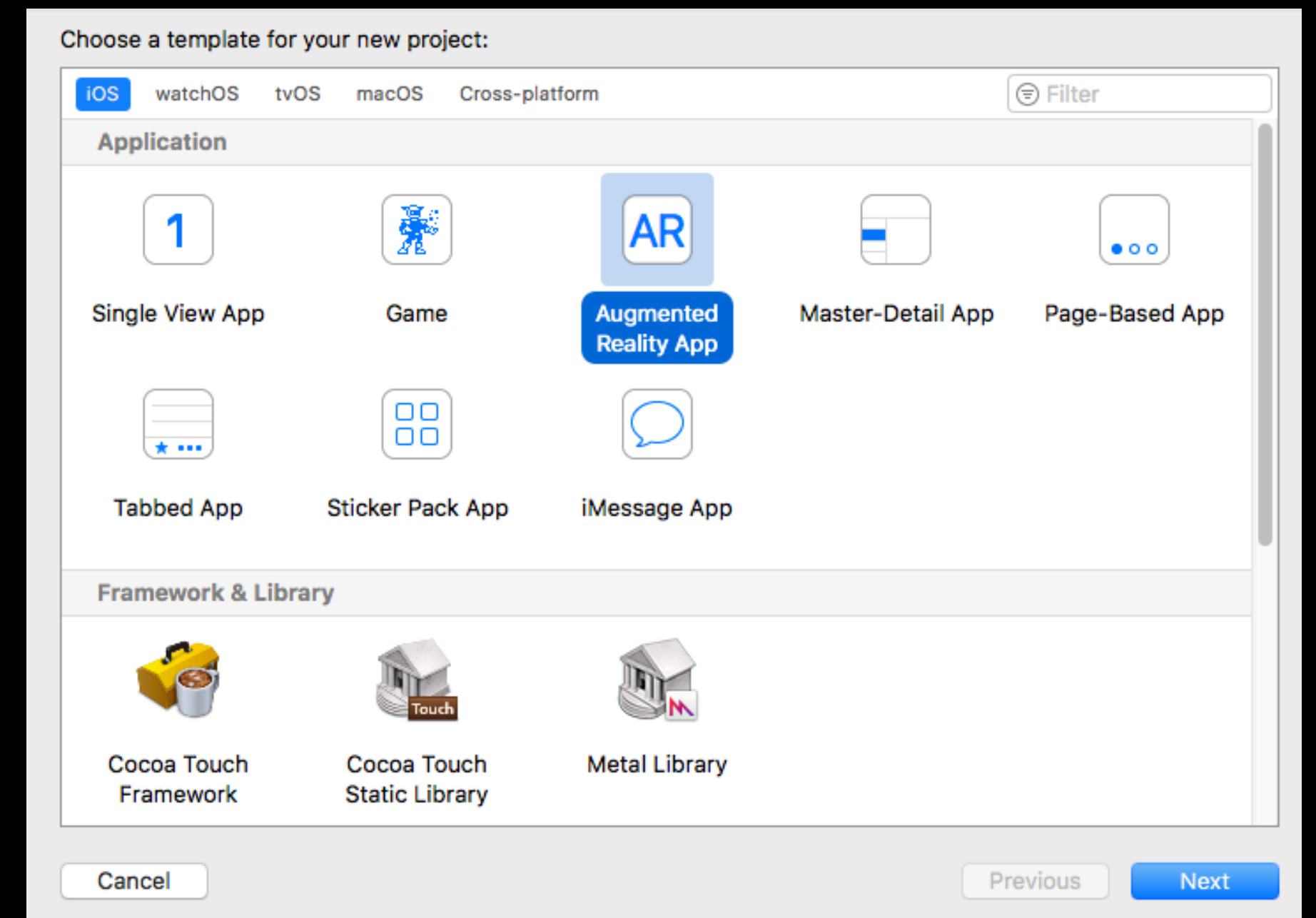
ARSKView

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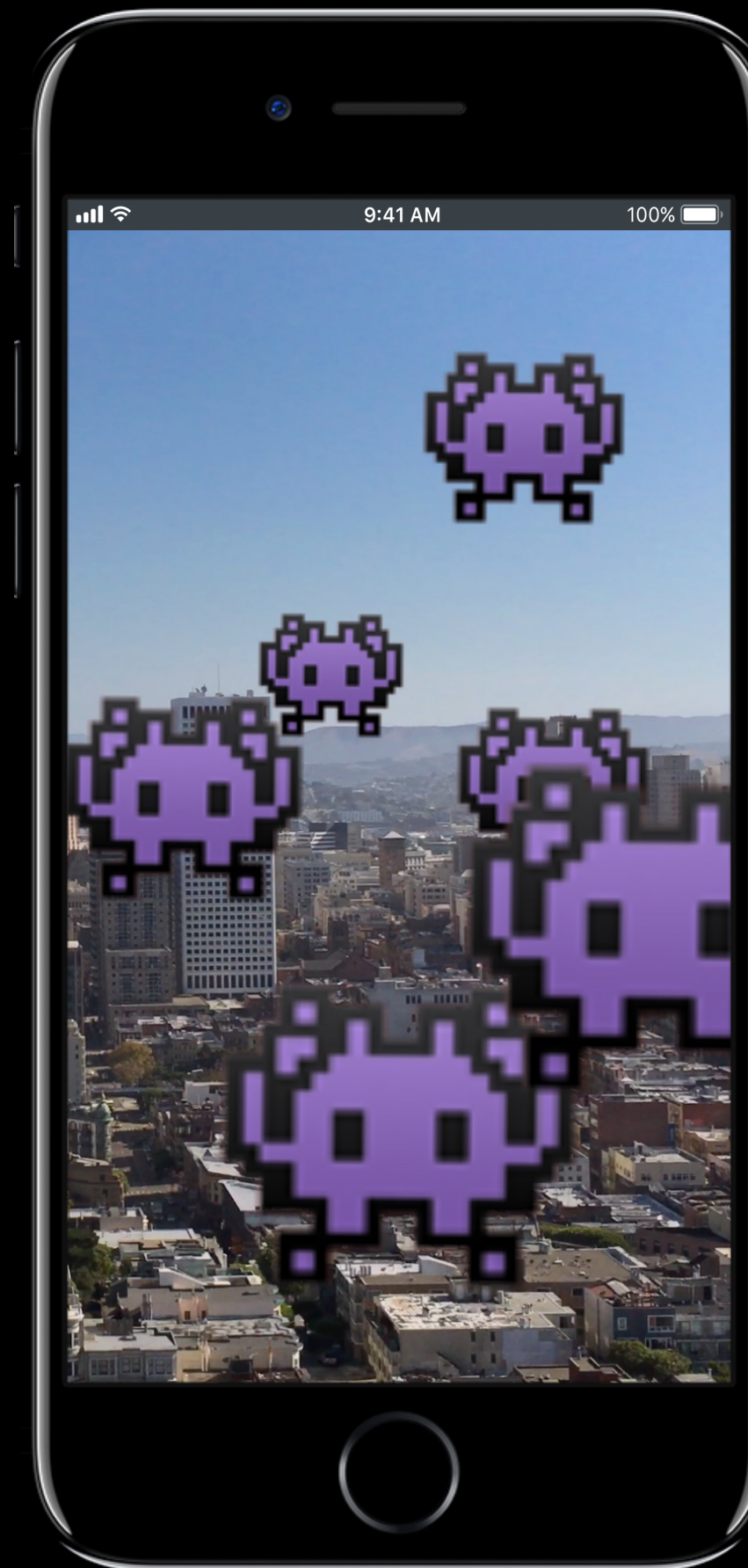
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Ready to enter augmented reality!



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Scene.sks

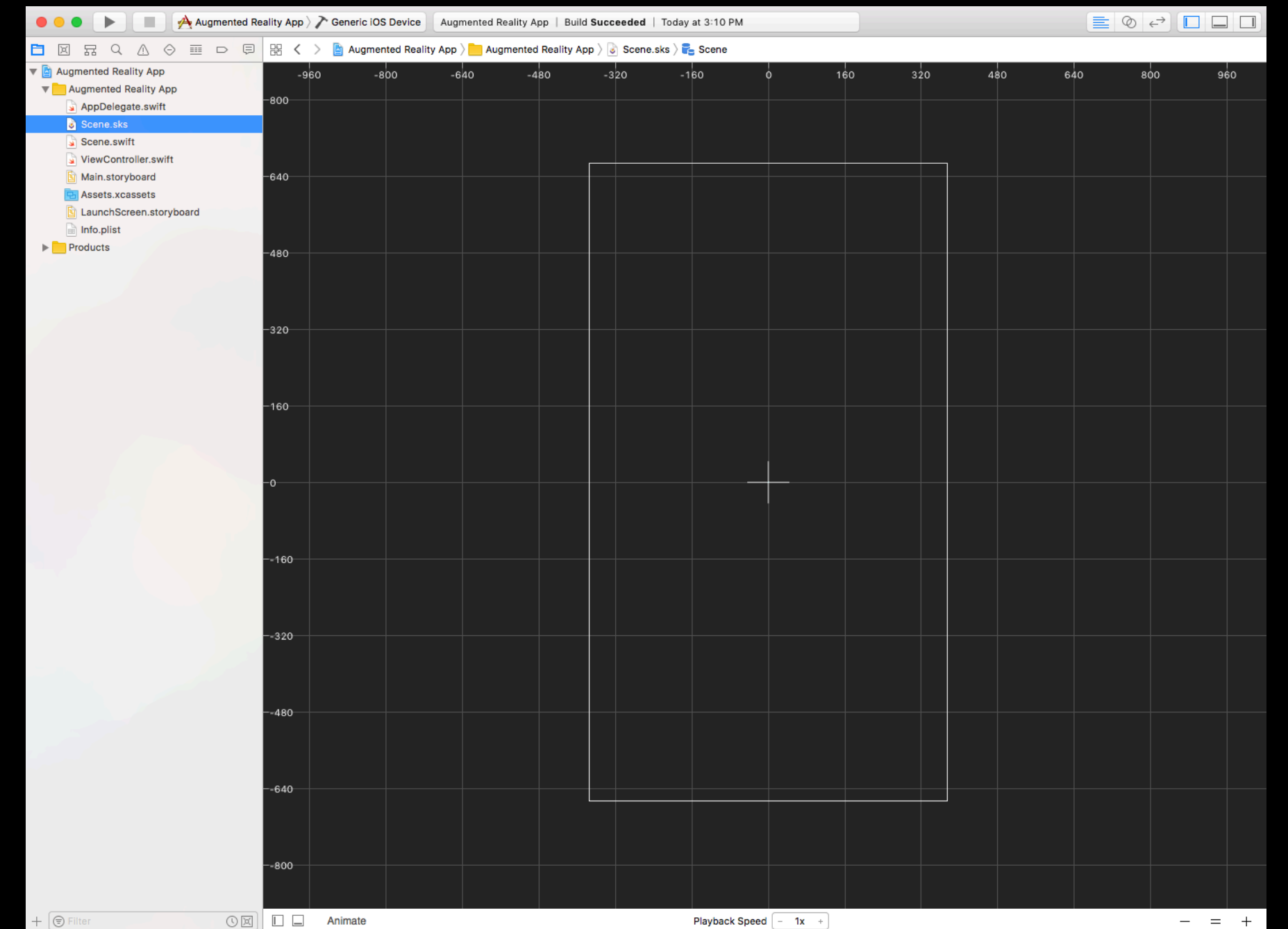
The SpriteKit scene

Add non-AR content here

- Good for HUD, help text, etc.
- $Z \geq 0$ will draw over AR content

AR content is managed by ARKit

- AR content z positions are < 0



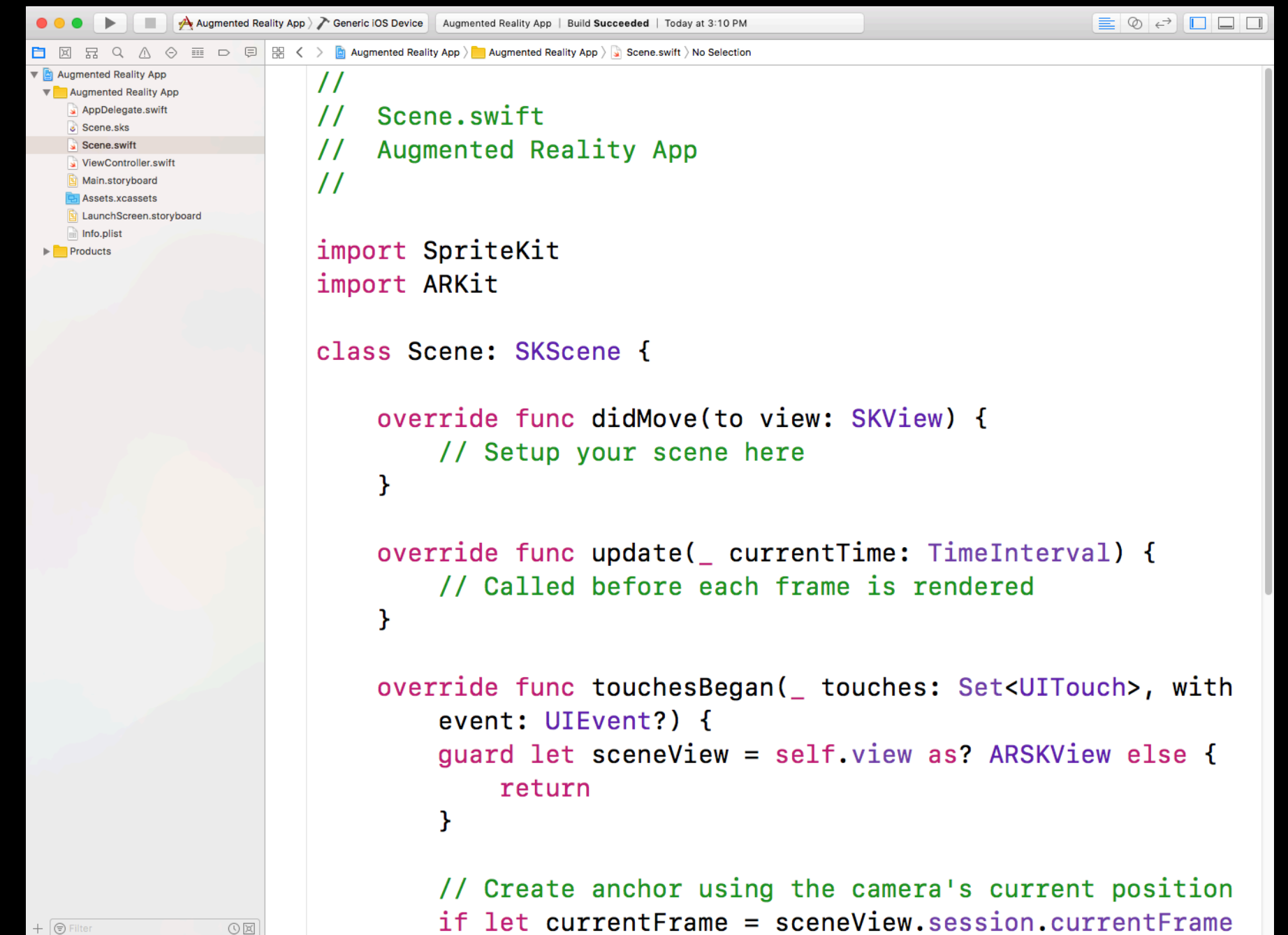
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Scene.swift

The SpriteKit scene's corresponding source file

Put code to manage your scene in here

- Gameplay, logic, etc.



```
//  
// Scene.swift  
// Augmented Reality App  
//  
import SpriteKit  
import ARKit  
  
class Scene: SKScene {  
  
    override func didMove(to view: SKView) {  
        // Setup your scene here  
    }  
  
    override func update(_ currentTime: TimeInterval) {  
        // Called before each frame is rendered  
    }  
  
    override func touchesBegan(_ touches: Set<UITouch>, with  
event: UIEvent?) {  
        guard let sceneView = self.view as? ARSKView else {  
            return  
        }  
  
        // Create anchor using the camera's current position  
        if let currentFrame = sceneView.session.currentFrame
```

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ViewController.swift

App's view controller

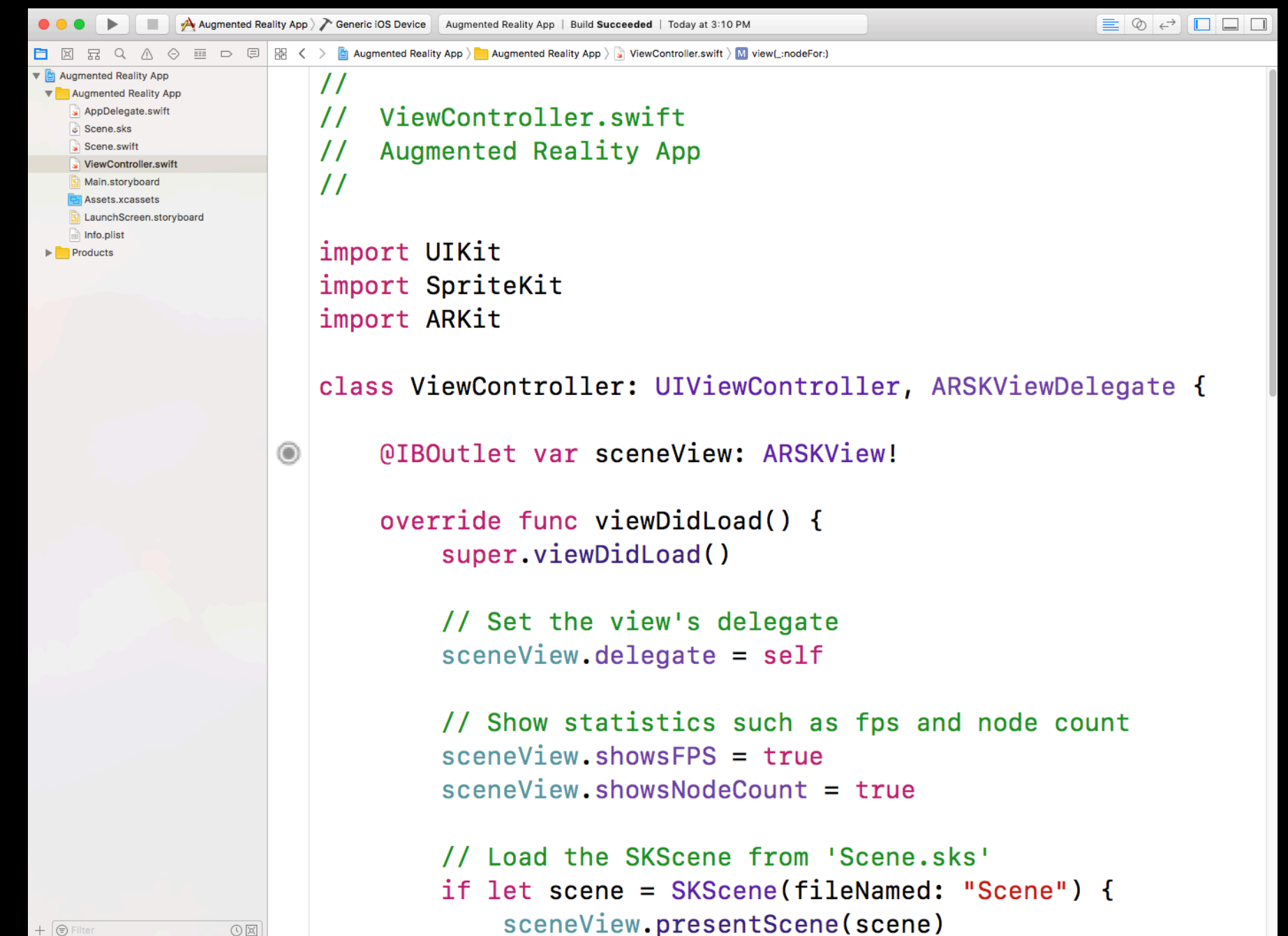
Conforms to ARSKViewDelegate

ARSKView sceneView property

Primary means of ARKit interaction

Calls run on ARSession

Implement delegate methods here



```
//  
// ViewController.swift  
// Augmented Reality App  
//  
import UIKit  
import SpriteKit  
import ARKit  
  
class ViewController: UIViewController, ARSKViewDelegate {  
  
    @IBOutlet var sceneView: ARSKView!  
  
    override func viewDidLoad() {  
        super.viewDidLoad()  
  
        // Set the view's delegate  
        sceneView.delegate = self  
  
        // Show statistics such as fps and node count  
        sceneView.showsFPS = true  
        sceneView.showsNodeCount = true  
  
        // Load the SKScene from 'Scene.sks'  
        if let scene = SKScene(fileName: "Scene") {  
            sceneView.presentScene(scene)  
        }  
    }  
}
```

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Anchor events

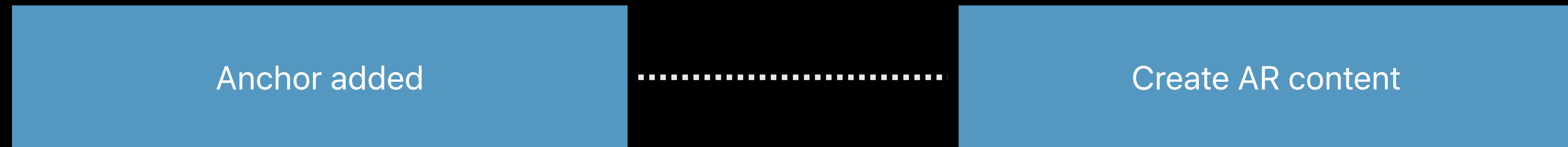
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Anchor added

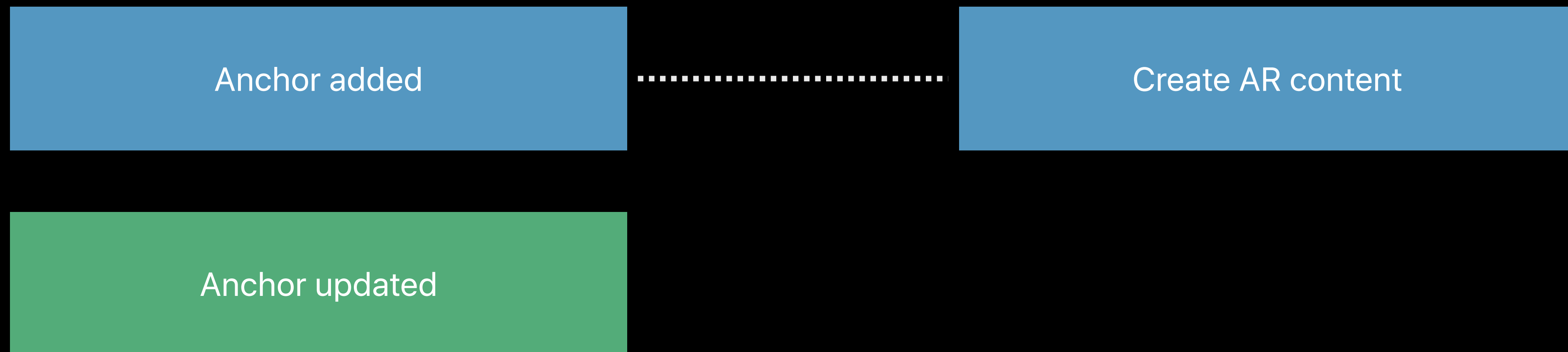
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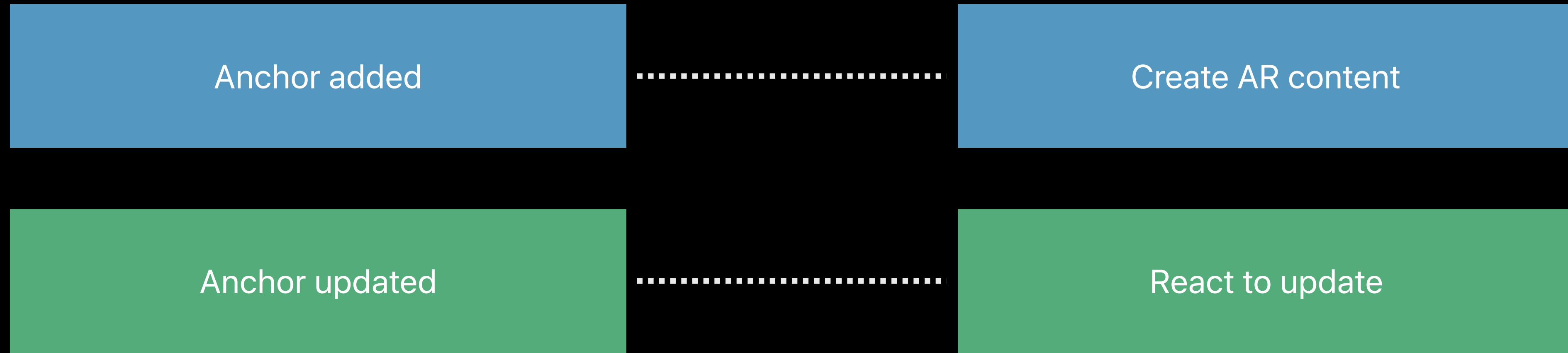
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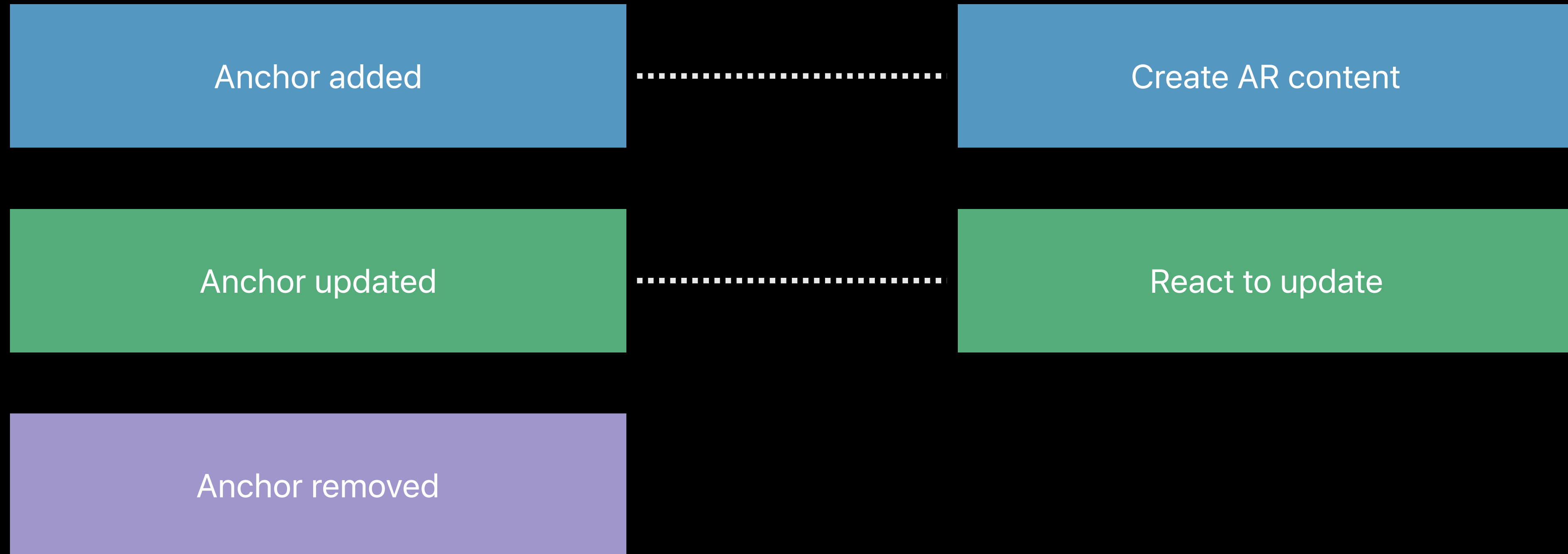
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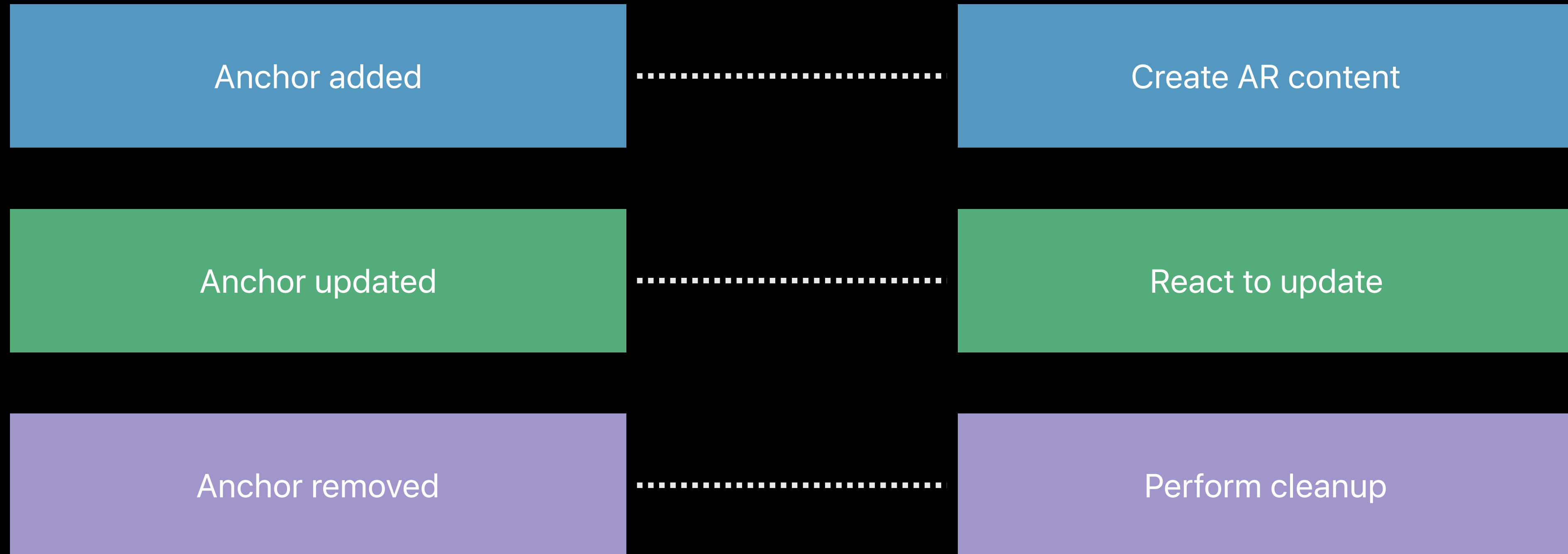
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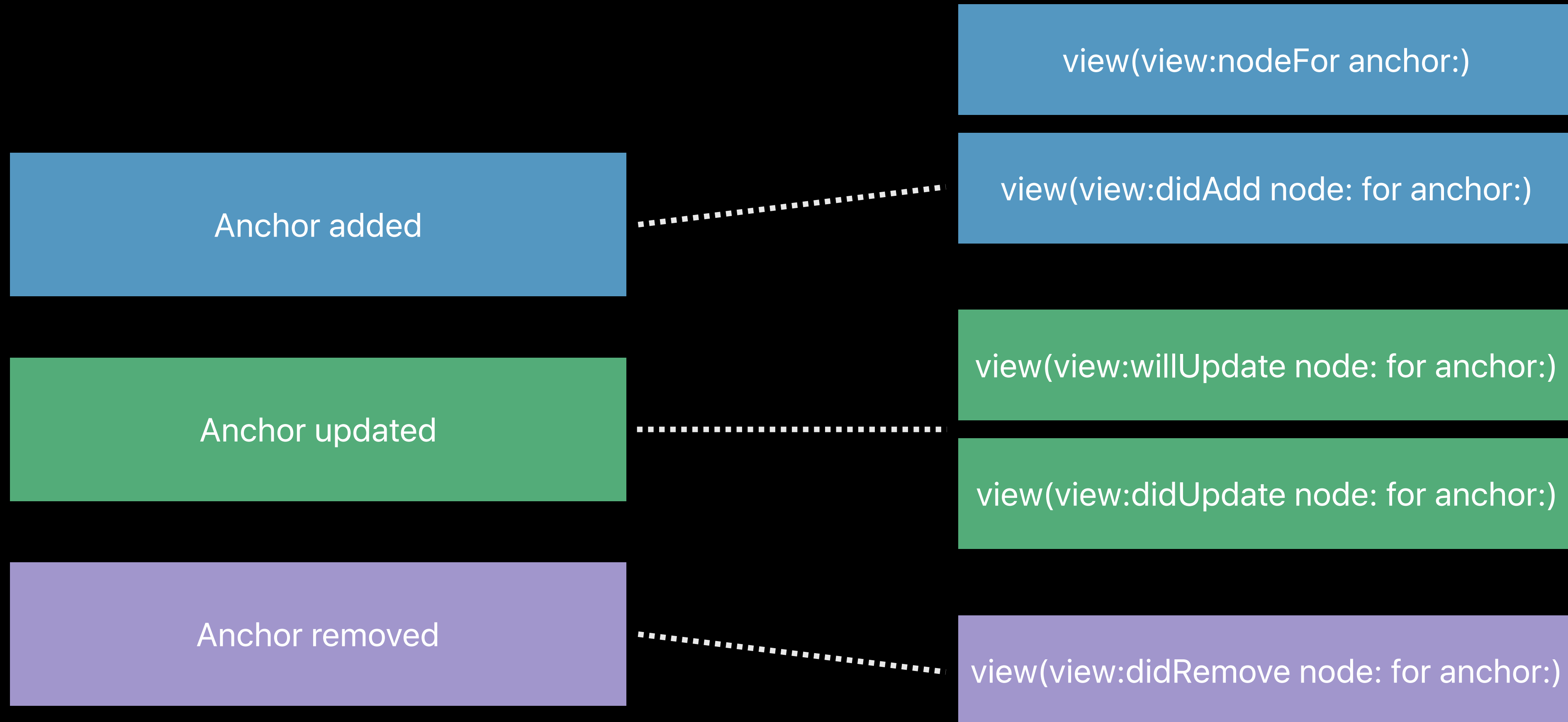
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ARSKViewDelegate Methods

Anchor added

Create a custom node for an anchor

If not implemented, SKNode created for you

Node will be modified by ARKit

Automatically added to the scene graph

```
view(view:nodeFor anchor:)
```

```
view(view:didAdd node: for anchor:)
```

```
view(view:willUpdate node: for anchor:)
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view(view:didUpdate node: for anchor:)
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view(view:didRemove node: for anchor:)
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ARSKViewDelegate Methods

Anchor added

Called after an SKNode is mapped to an anchor

If `view(view:nodeFor anchor:)` implemented

- Node is the result of that method
- Otherwise a default empty node

Add content as children of node

Children won't be modified by ARKit

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ARSKViewDelegate Methods

Anchor updated

Called when node is updated with anchor's data

- willUpdate called before update
- didUpdate called after update

Occurs when device moves & view changes

Node's transform may change

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ARSKViewDelegate Methods

Anchor removed

Called when node removed from scene graph

Occurs on anchor removed from ARSession

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    }

    if let touchLocation = touches.first?.location(in: sceneView) {

        // Create anchor with ARSKView's hitTest method
        if let hit = sceneView.hitTest(touchLocation, types: .featurePoint).first {
            sceneView.session.add(anchor: ARAnchor(transform: hit.worldTransform))
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// Implementation of delegate method
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    node.addChild(labelNode)
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SpriteKit and ARKit

Attributed Strings

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SKTransformNode

NEW

SKNode already has z rotation

SKTransformNode adds x, y rotation

Rotations apply to all children

Uses orthographic projection

Getters and setters for

- Euler angles, rotation matrices, quaternions



View Debugger Support

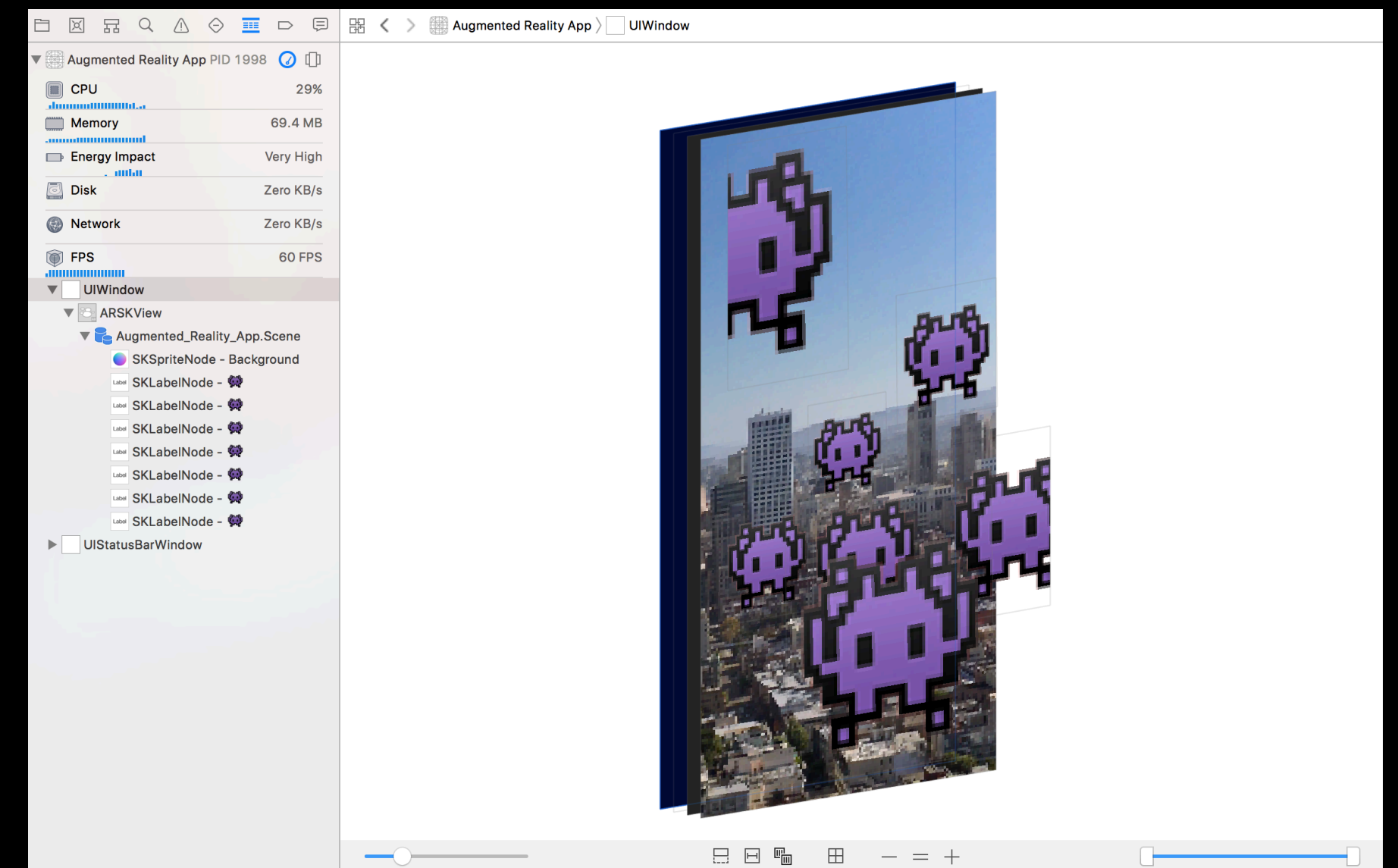
NEW

View debugging now supports SpriteKit content

Displays full scene graph

Inspect node properties

For more info, see [Debugging with Xcode 9](#)



Working with ARKit

Takeaways

Quick and easy to get started

ARKit does all the hard work for you

SpriteKit makes rendering AR content a snap

New SpriteKit features give greater flexibility



Working with ARKit

Open questions

What if we don't want billboarded sprites?

What if we want perspective?

What if we want to mix 2D and 3D content in augmented reality?

What if we want to take SpriteKit further into 3D?

SceneKit, SpriteKit, and ARKit

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SceneKit and SpriteKit

SceneKit is SpriteKit's 3D counterpart

Use SpriteKit scenes as material on objects

Allows for 3D transforms and perspective

Mix 2D and 3D content



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Template creates ARSCNView for you

ViewController is ARSCNViewDelegate

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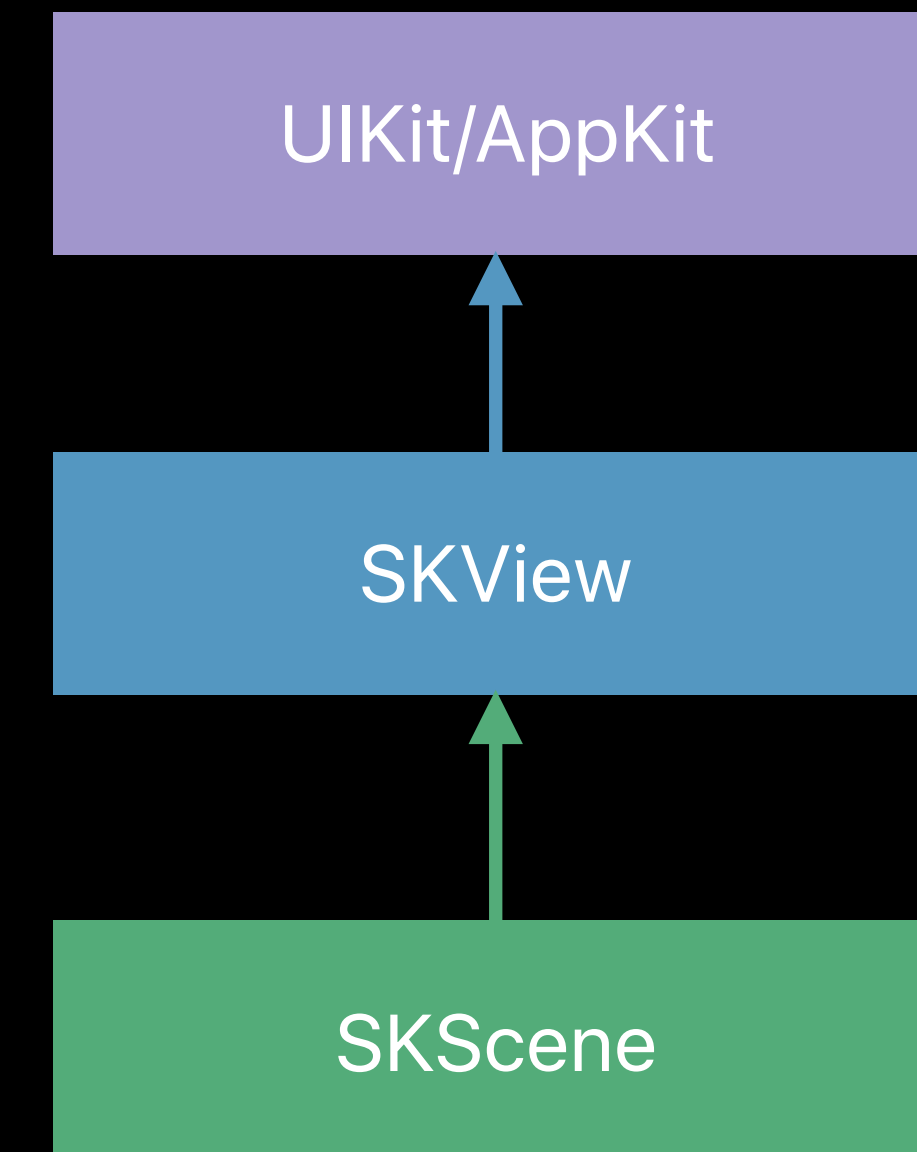
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SpriteKit content in SceneKit

Normal SpriteKit rendering

- Set scene on SKView
- Works with UIKit/AppKit to render and display

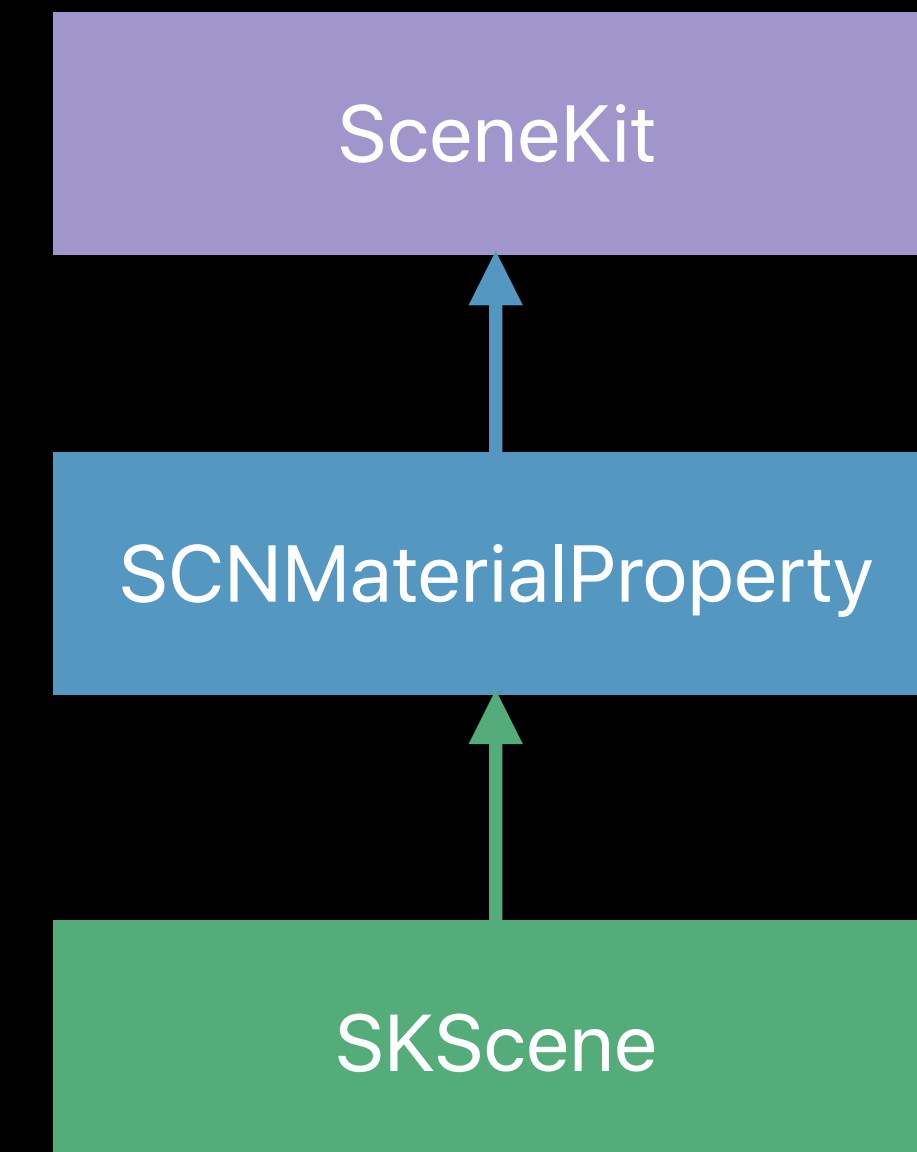


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Rendering SpriteKit content in SceneKit

- Set scene on SCNMaterialProperty
- The material works with SceneKit to render
 - Uses SceneKit's Metal command queue
- SpriteKit texture mapped onto geometry



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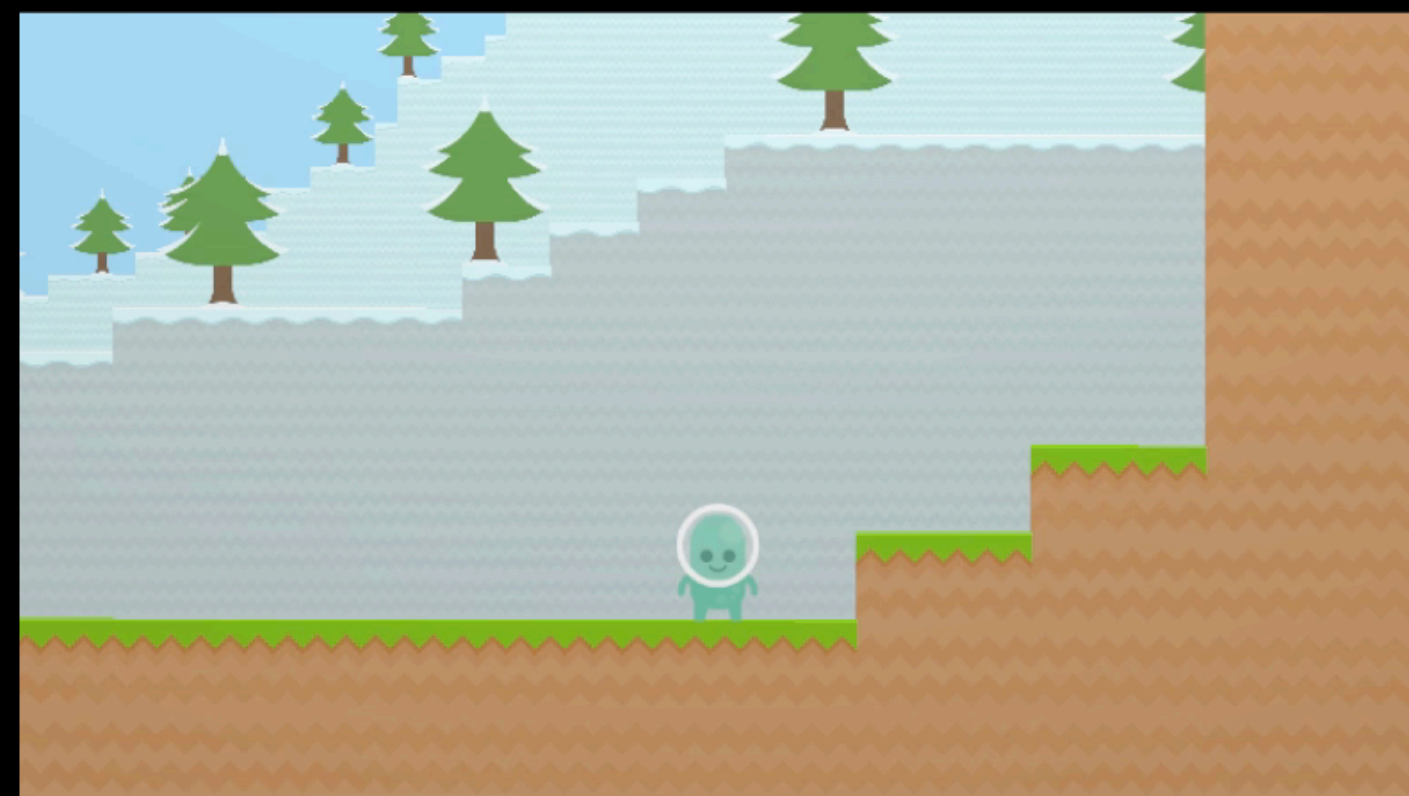
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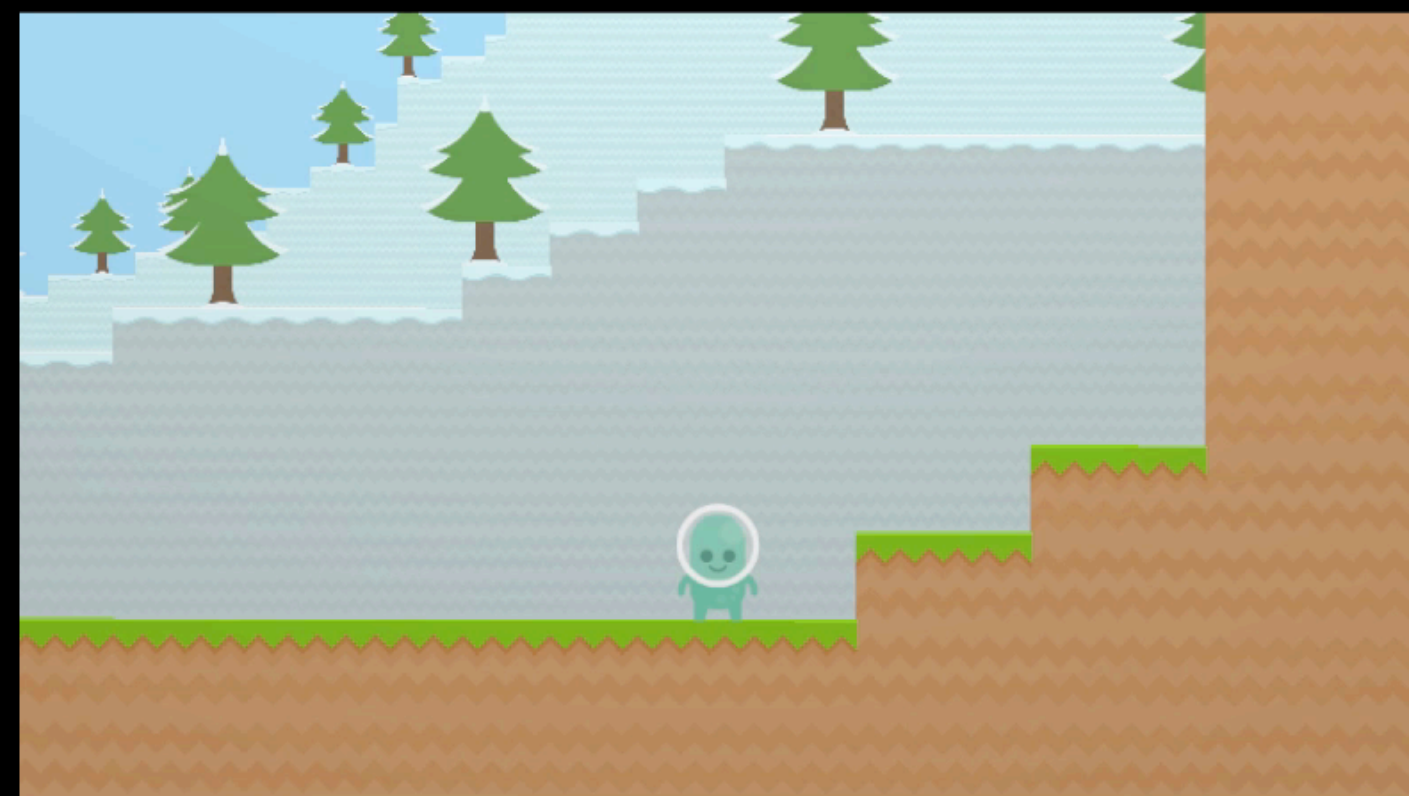
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// Create plane geometry
let plane = SCNPlane(width: 10.0, height: 10.0)

// Set SpriteKit scene on the plane's material
plane.firstMaterial?.diffuse.contents = spriteKitScene

// If material double-sided, SpriteKit scene will show up on both sides of the plane
plane.firstMaterial?.isDoubleSided = true

// Create a SceneKit node for the plane
let sceneKitNode = SCNNode(geometry: plane)

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let plane = SCNPlane(width: 10.0, height: 10.0)

// Set SpriteKit scene on the plane's material
plane.firstMaterial?.diffuse.contents = spriteKitScene

// If material double-sided, SpriteKit scene will show up on both sides of the plane
plane.firstMaterial?.isDoubleSided = true

// Create a SceneKit node for the plane
let sceneKitNode = SCNNode(geometry: plane)

// Add the SceneKit node to the SceneKit scene
scene.rootNode.addChildNode(sceneKitNode)
```

Demo

ARKit with SceneKit and SpriteKit

SceneKit, SpriteKit, and ARKit

Takeaways

Allows for full 3D transforms, perspective

Can mix 2D and 3D content

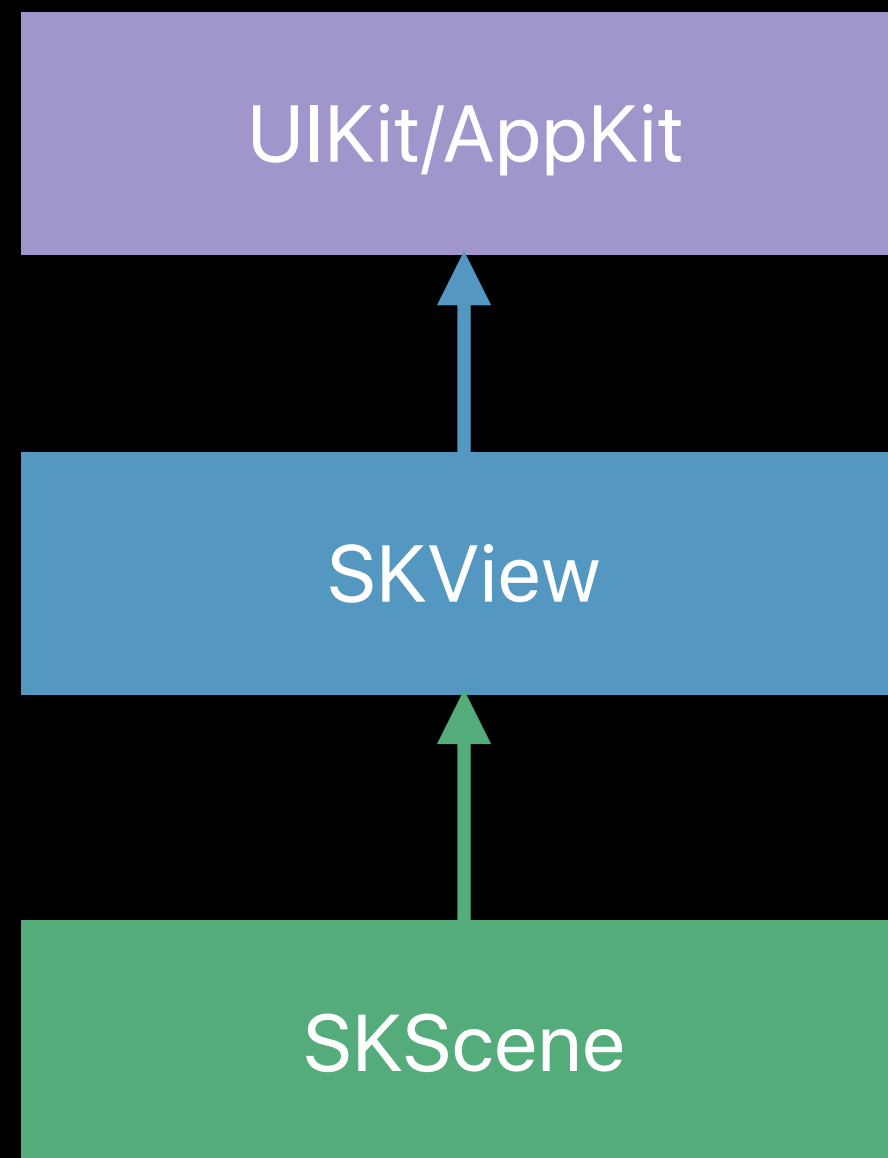
Works with ARKit, or in general 3D apps



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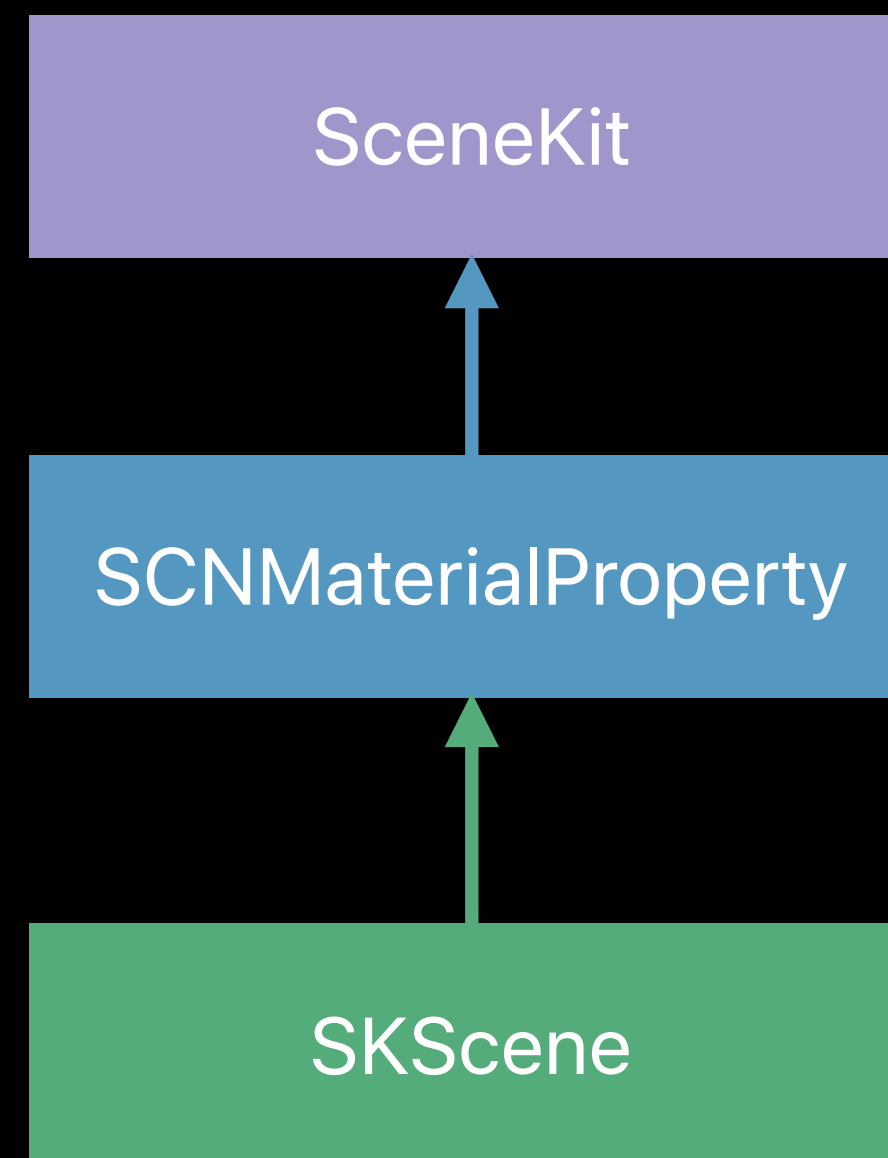
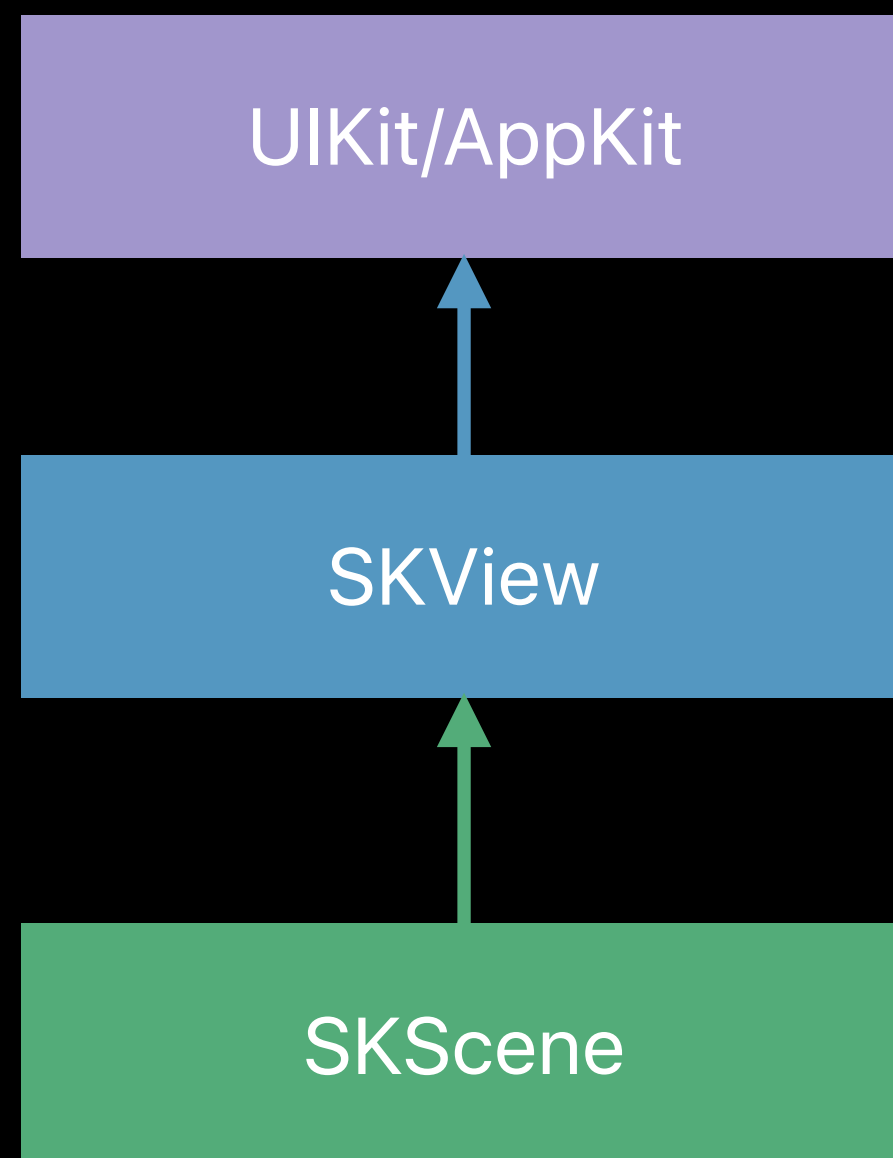
How SpriteKit Works

Normal usage



How SpriteKit Works

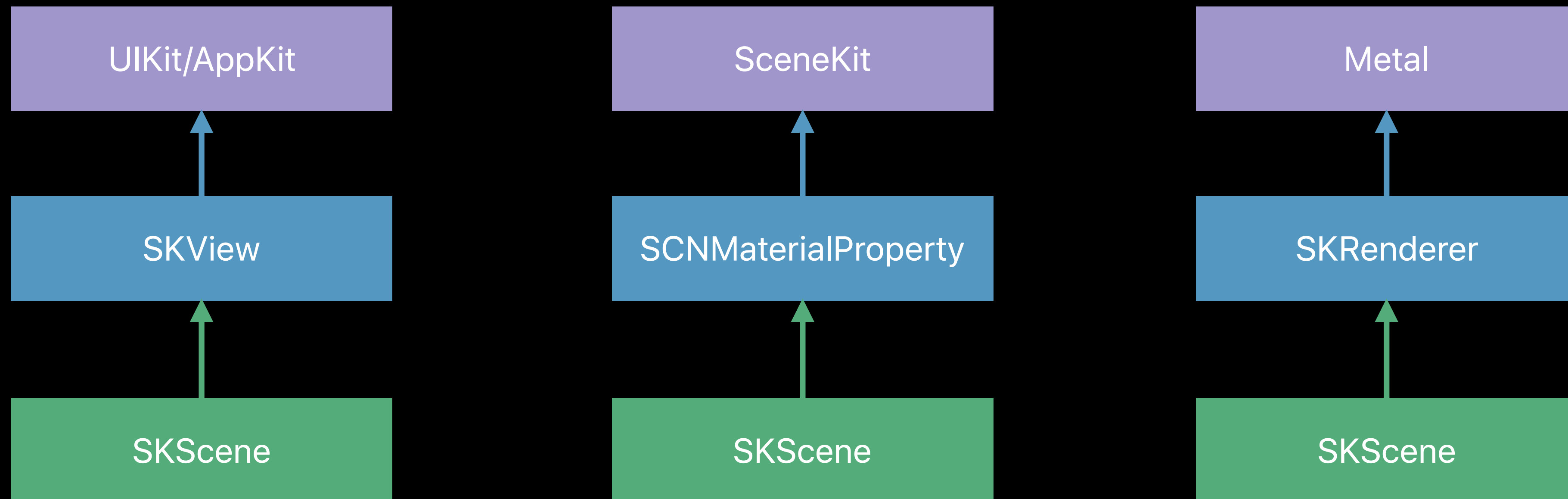
SpriteKit with SceneKit



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Control update and render

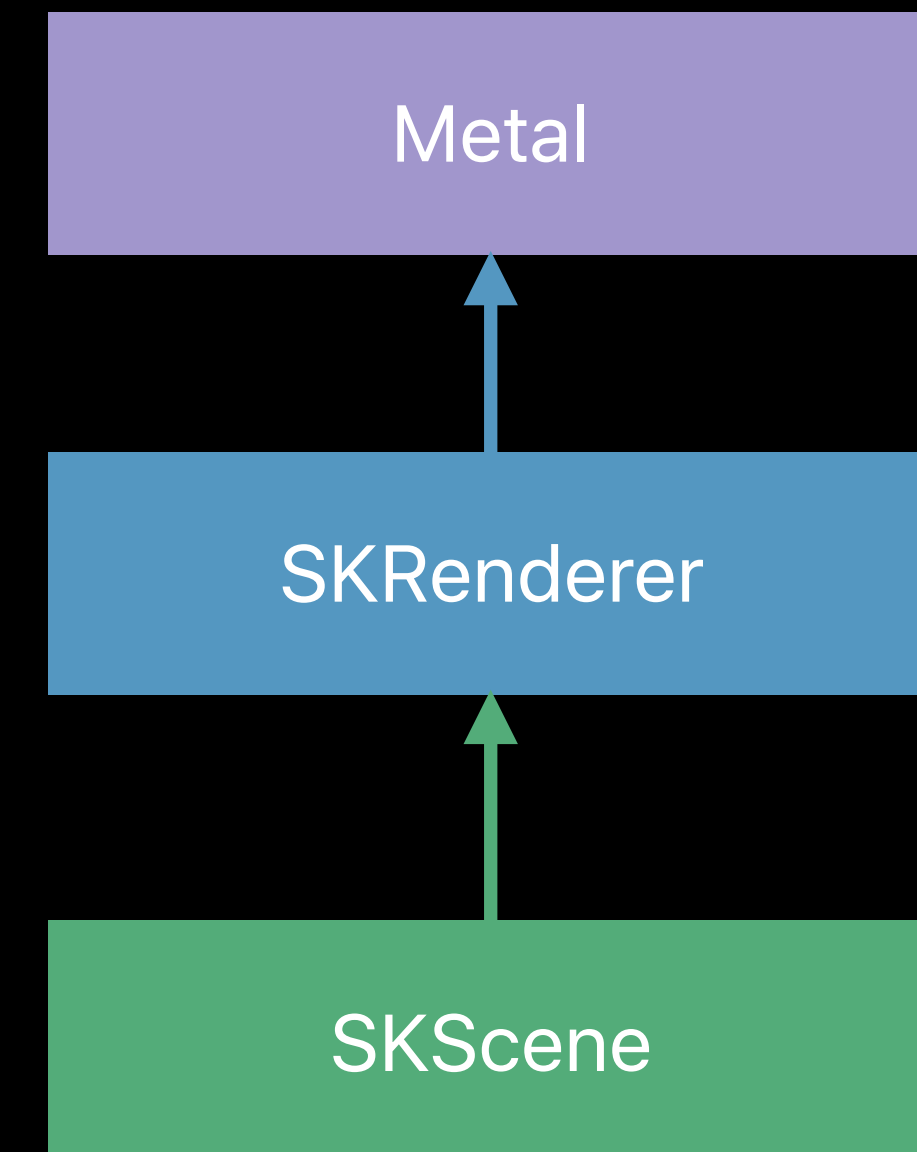
Use instead of SKView

Control update and render

Works directly with Metal

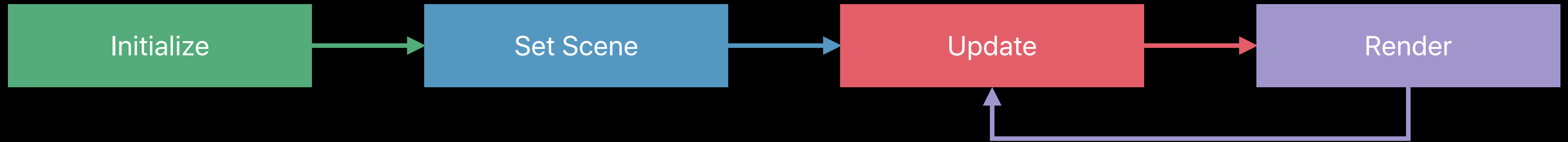
SceneKit uses to render SpriteKit content

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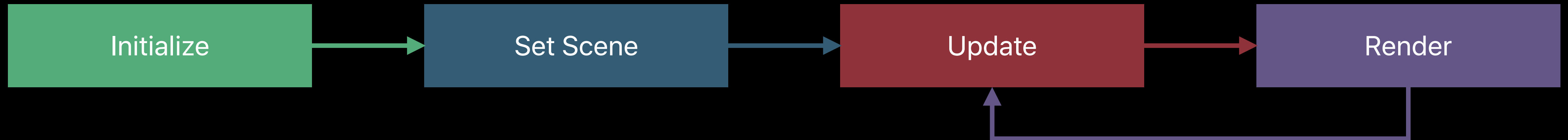
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Using SKRenderer



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Initialization



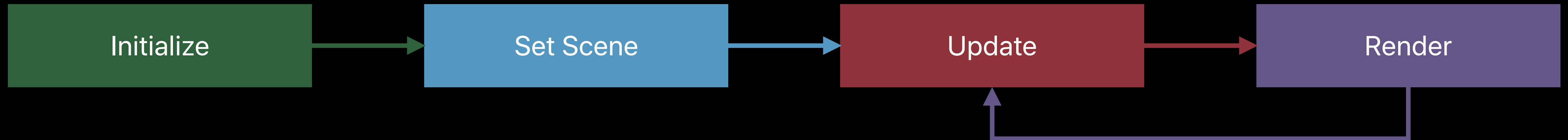
```
var device: MTLDevice! = nil
var renderer: SKRenderer! = nil
var skScene: SKScene! = nil
var commandQueue: MTLCommandQueue! = nil
```

...

```
device = MTLCreateSystemDefaultDevice()
commandQueue = device.makeCommandQueue()
renderer = SKRenderer(device: device)
```

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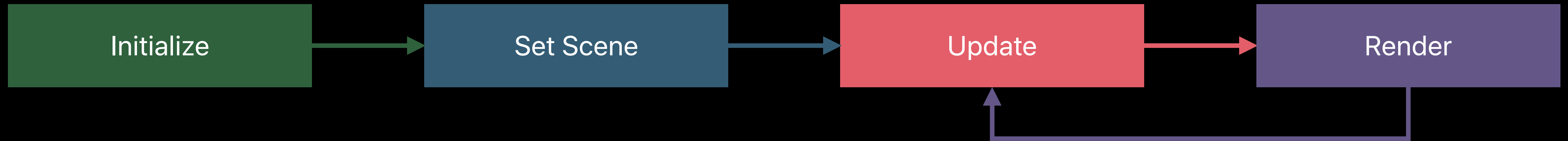
Setting the scene



```
if let scene = SKScene(fileName: "GameScene") {  
    skScene = scene  
    renderer.scene = skScene  
}
```

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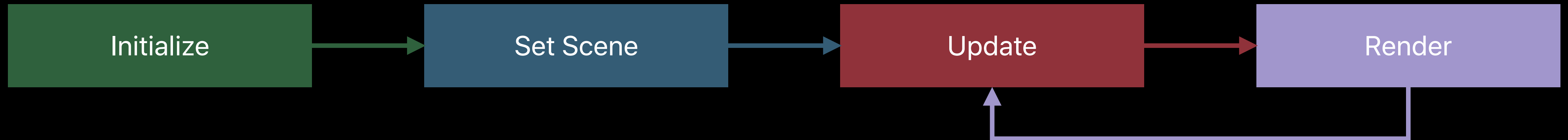
Updating



```
let currentTime = CACurrentMediaTime()  
renderer.update(atTime: currentTime)
```

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Rendering

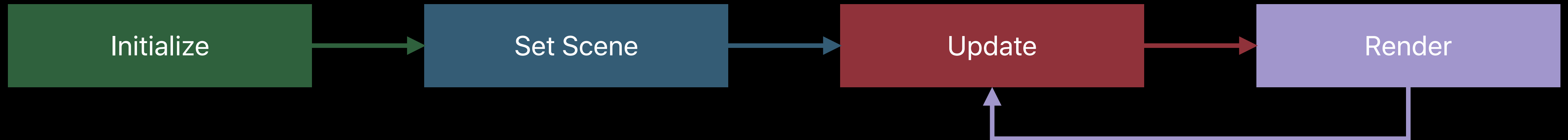


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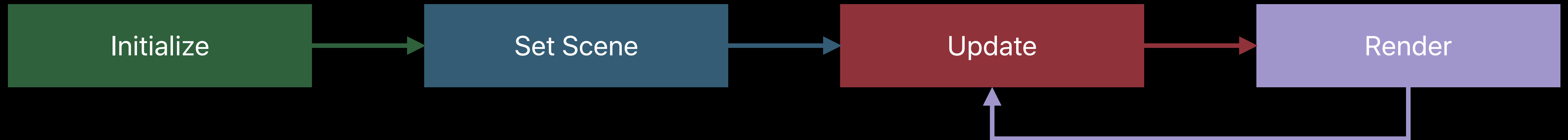


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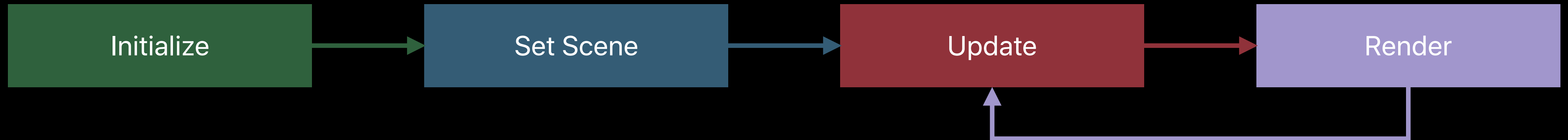


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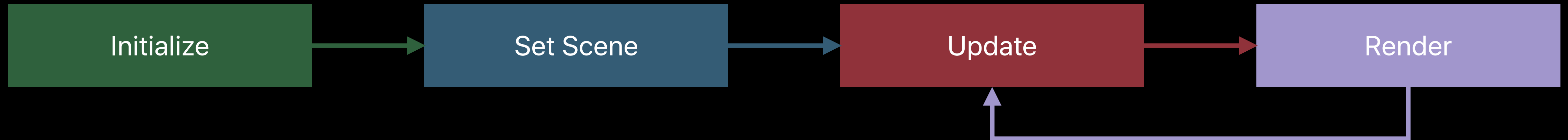


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Demo

Drawing SpriteKit content in 3D with Metal

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Takeaways

SKRenderer gives more control over SpriteKit

Update and render exactly when you want

Use with Metal however you see fit



Summary

SpriteKit is useful in both 2D and 3D

Plays nice with SceneKit, Metal, and ARKit

New features give you more control than ever



More Information

<https://developer.apple.com/wwdc17/609>

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