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Measuring Performance Using Logging Signposts and Instruments

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Your mission: Improve performance

Introducing Signposts



Signposts

- Part of the os_log family
- Performance-focused time markers

Instruments

- Aggregate and analyze signpost data
- Visualize activity over time



Application



Instruments

Logging

```
let logHandle = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.widget", category: "Setup")
```

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os_log(.info, log: logHandle, "Hello, %{public}s!", world)
```

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let logHandle = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.widget", category: "Setup")
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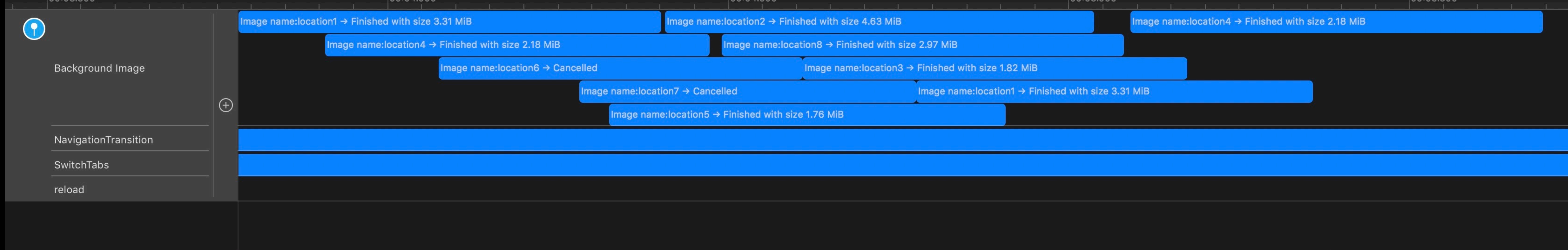
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Signposts created for investigating performance

- Built for performance use case and integration with developer tools



os_signpost Summary: Intervals

Category / Name / Start Message / End Message	Count	Duration	Min Duration	Avg Duration	Std Dev Du...	Max Durati...
* All *	53	50.55 s	42.29 μs	953.80 ms	3.08 s	11.62 s
Networking	50	27.33 s	327.98 ms	546.52 ms	196.57 ms	664.89 ms
Background Image	50	27.33 s	327.98 ms	546.52 ms	196.57 ms	664.89 ms
Image name:location4	7	3.87 s	343.83 ms	552.34 ms	182.17 ms	617.52 ms
Finished with size 2.18 MiB	5	2.95 s	561.64 ms	589.09 ms	25.57 ms	617.52 ms
Cancelled	2	920.90 ms	343.83 ms	460.45 ms	164.93 ms	577.07 ms
Image name:location1	7	3.85 s	332.42 ms	549.56 ms	216.70 ms	645.32 ms
Finished with size 3.31 MiB	5	3.02 s	577.88 ms	603.09 ms	28.39 ms	645.32 ms
Cancelled	2	831.49 ms	332.42 ms	415.74 ms	117.83 ms	499.06 ms
Image name:location2	6	3.52 s	482.89 ms	586.27 ms	236.64 ms	638.81 ms
Cancelled	3	1.61 s	482.89 ms	538.16 ms	50.89 ms	583.09 ms
Finished with size 4.63 MiB	3	1.90 s	627.61 ms	634.38 ms	5.95 ms	638.81 ms
Image name:location7	6	3.34 s	367.65 ms	556.17 ms	197.08 ms	664.89 ms
Finished with size 3.60 MiB	3	1.88 s	604.40 ms	625.65 ms	34.02 ms	664.89 ms
Cancelled	3	1.46 s	367.65 ms	486.69 ms	116.19 ms	599.82 ms
Image name:location5	6	3.24 s	416.43 ms	539.80 ms	193.35 ms	580.93 ms
Finished with size 1.76 MiB	4	2.26 s	554.22 ms	565.89 ms	11.43 ms	580.93 ms
Cancelled	2	975.23 ms	416.43 ms	487.61 ms	100.68 ms	558.80 ms
Image name:location6	6	3.11 s	327.98 ms	517.77 ms	179.66 ms	640.97 ms
Finished with size 3.06 MiB	3	1.80 s	572.91 ms	598.64 ms	36.94 ms	640.97 ms
Cancelled	3	1.31 s	327.98 ms	436.90 ms	102.89 ms	532.47 ms
Image name:location8	6	3.22 s	360.63 ms	536.83 ms	217.94 ms	588.37 ms
Cancelled	3	1.46 s	360.63 ms	486.30 ms	108.84 ms	549.26 ms
Finished with size 2.97 MiB	3	1.76 s	586.15 ms	587.37 ms	1.13 ms	588.37 ms
Image name:location3	6	3.19 s	348.95 ms	531.94 ms	184.26 ms	615.47 ms
Finished with size 1.82 MiB	4	2.31 s	561.82 ms	577.57 ms	25.38 ms	615.47 ms
Cancelled	2	881.36 ms	348.95 ms	440.68 ms	129.72 ms	532.41 ms
KeyboardSignposts	1	42.29 μs	42.29 μs	42.29 μs	n/a	42.29 μs
UINavigationController	1	11.61 s	11.61 s	11.61 s	3.42 s	11.61 s
UITabBarController	1	11.62 s	11.62 s	11.62 s	3.42 s	11.62 s

Recording Info

Target Name: iPhone
 Target Model: iPhone8 (Model A1863, A1905, A1906, A1907)
 Target iOS: 12.0 (16A5288e)

Host Name: Demo's MacBook Pro
 Host Model: MacBook Pro
 Host macOS: 10.14 (18A293t)

Start Time: Jun 5, 2018 at 2:49:39 PM
 End Time: Jun 5, 2018 at 2:49:51 PM
 Duration: 11 seconds
 End reason: User pressed Stop

Instruments: 10.0 (10L176w)

Recording Settings

Target: Trailblazer
 Recording Mode: Immediate
 Time Limit: 12 hours

Adopting signposts

Overlapping operations

Adding metadata

Controlling signposts

Investigating with Instruments



Measuring Intervals with Signposts



★★★★★
534 Reviews

Details



★★★★☆
957 Reviews

Details



★★★★☆
703 Reviews

Details

Fetch Asset X

Fetch Asset Y

Fetch Asset Z

Time

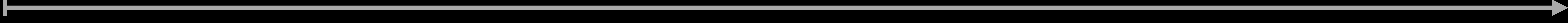


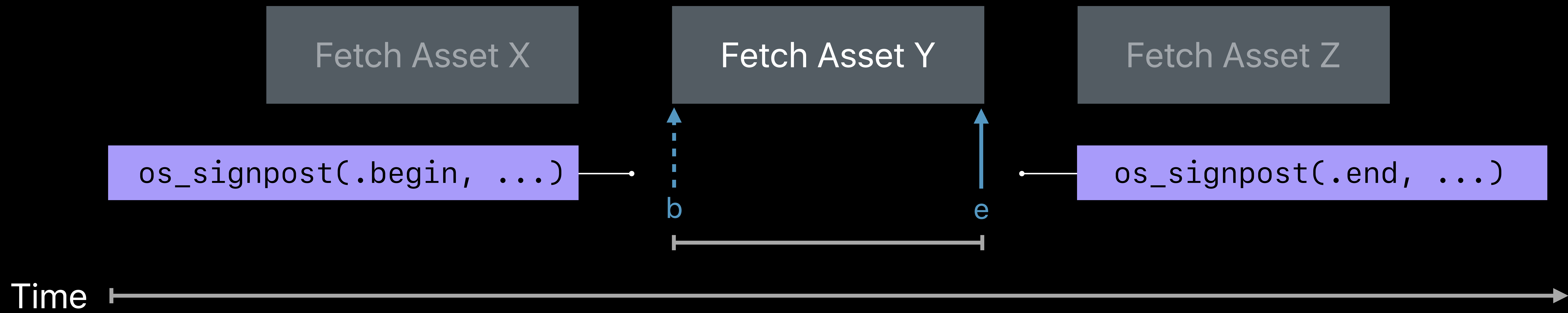
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Time






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import os.signpost
```

```
for element in panel.elements {
```

```
    fetchAsset(for: element)
```

```
}
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Category: Use for grouping



```
let refreshLog = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.your-app", category: "RefreshOperations")
```

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```
    fetchAsset(for: element)
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NEW

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```
for element in panel.elements {
```

```
    os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
```

```
    fetchAsset(for: element)
```

```
    os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
```

```
}
```

Signpost name: A string literal
that identifies interval

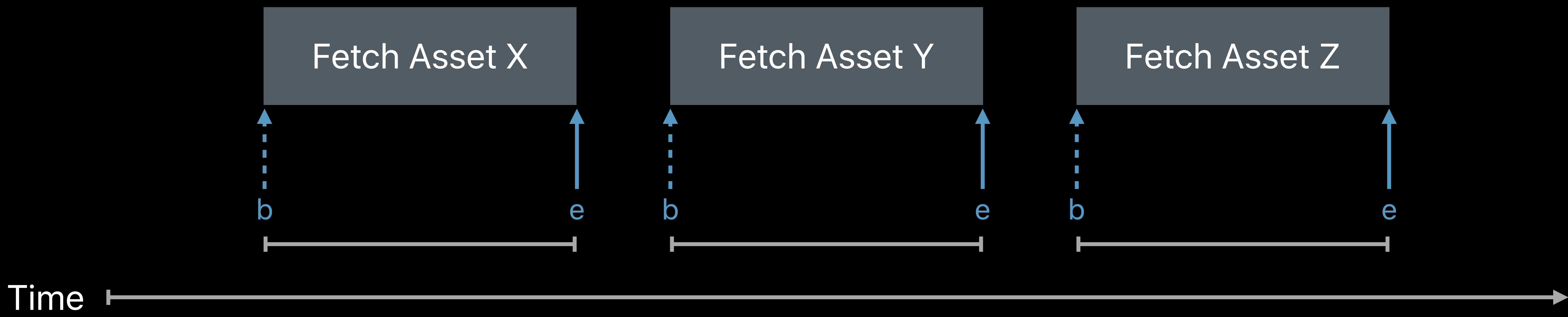
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```

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let refreshLog = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.your-app", category: "RefreshOperations")
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```
os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")
```

```
for element in panel.elements {
```

```
    os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
```

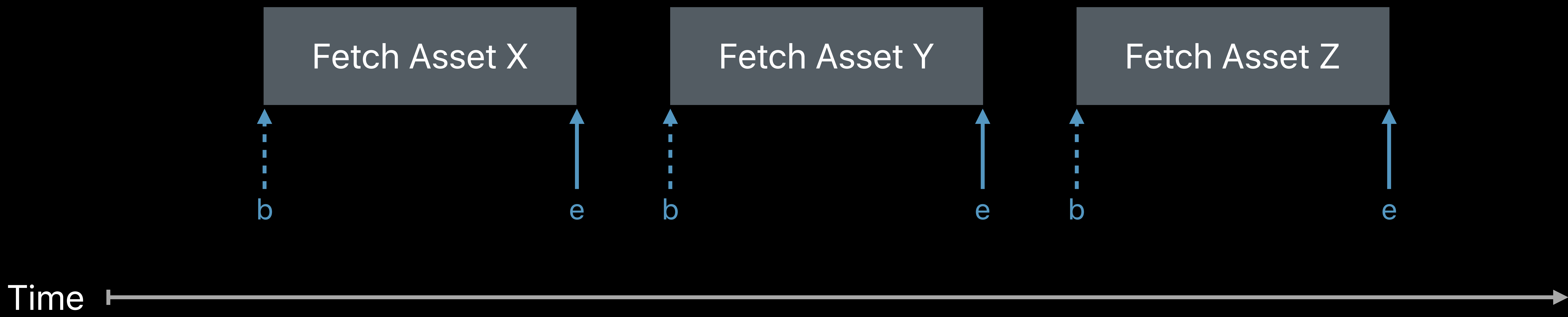
```
    fetchAsset(for: element)
```

```
    os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
```

```
}
```

```
os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")
```

A different signpost name
for this different interval





Measuring Asynchronous Intervals

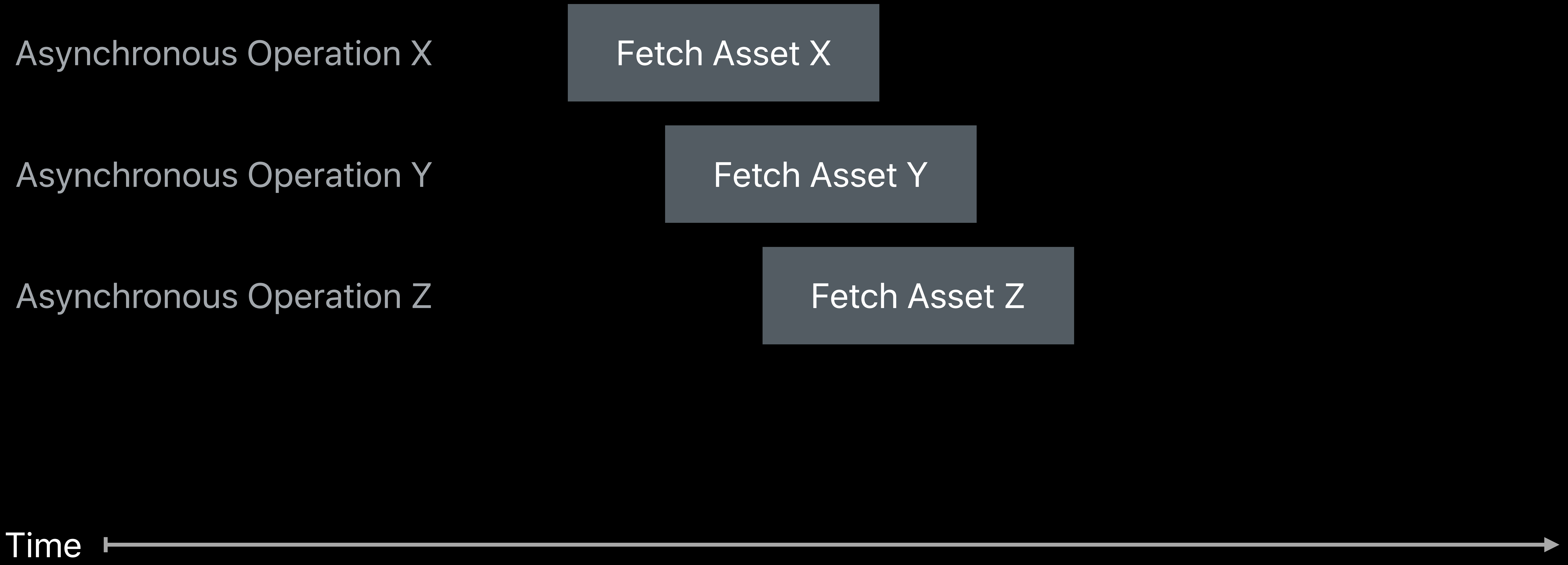
Fetch Asset X

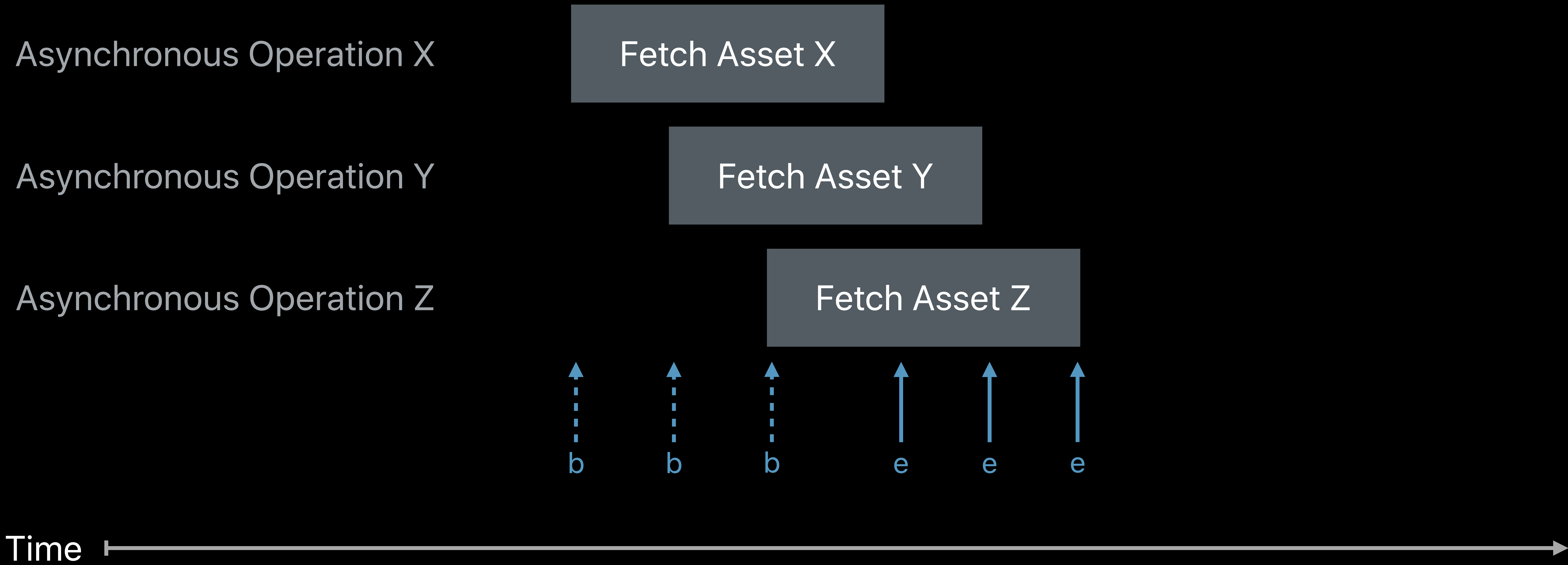
Fetch Asset Y

Fetch Asset Z

Time







Signpost Names

```
os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
```

```
os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
```

The string literal identifies signpost intervals

The name must match at `.begin` and `.end`

Signpost IDs

```
let spid = OSSignpostID(log: refreshLog)
os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset", signpostID: spid)
```

```
os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset", signpostID: spid)
```

Use signpost IDs to tell overlapping operations apart

While running, use the same IDs for each pair of `.begin` and `.end`

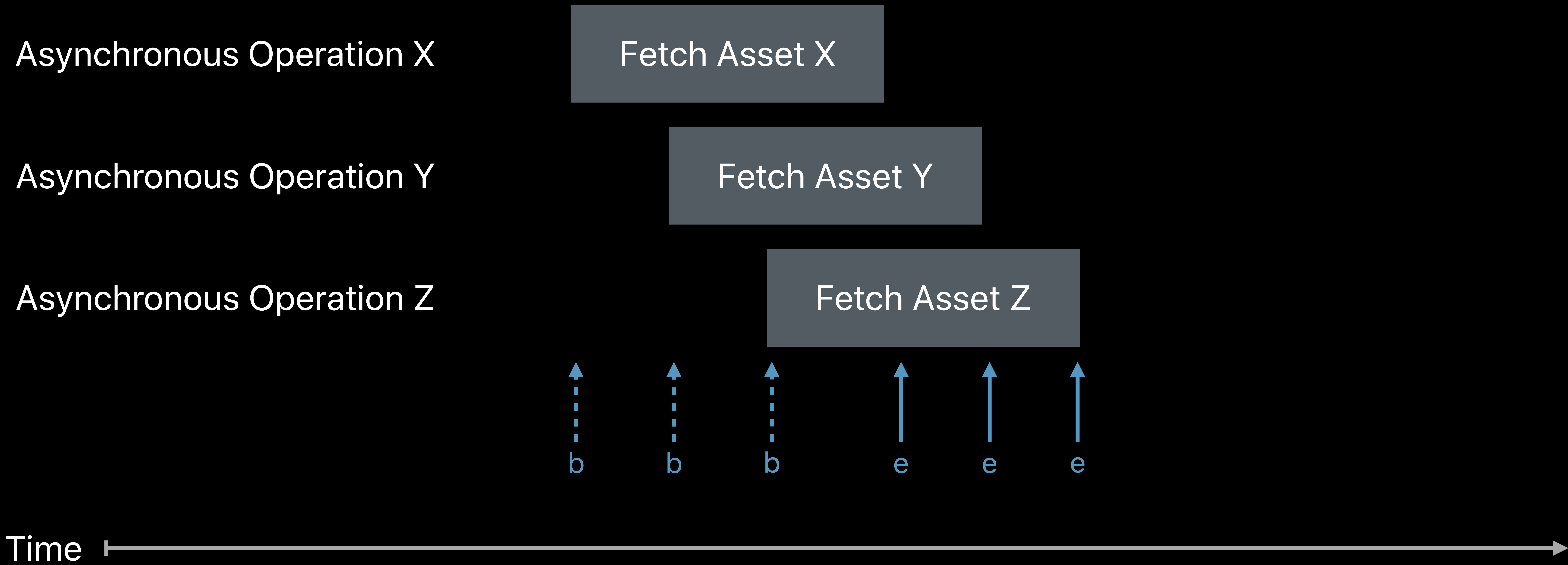
Making Signpost IDs

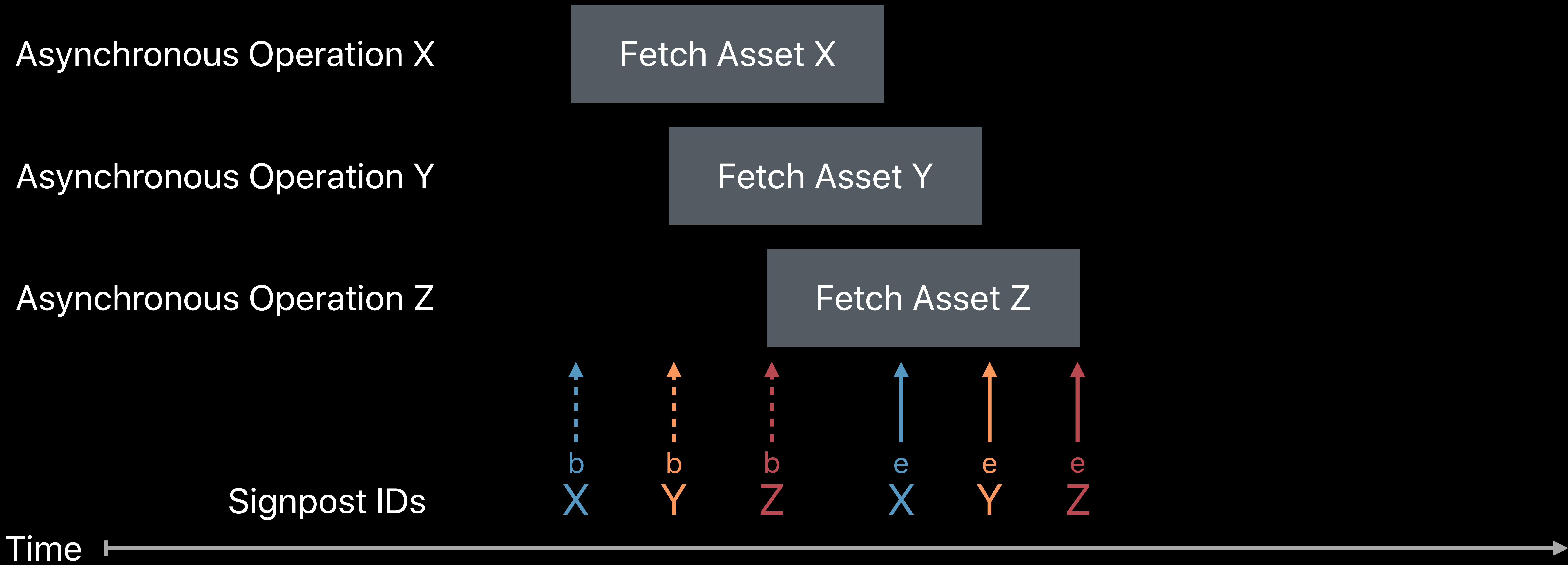
```
let spid = OSSignpostID(log: refreshLog)
```

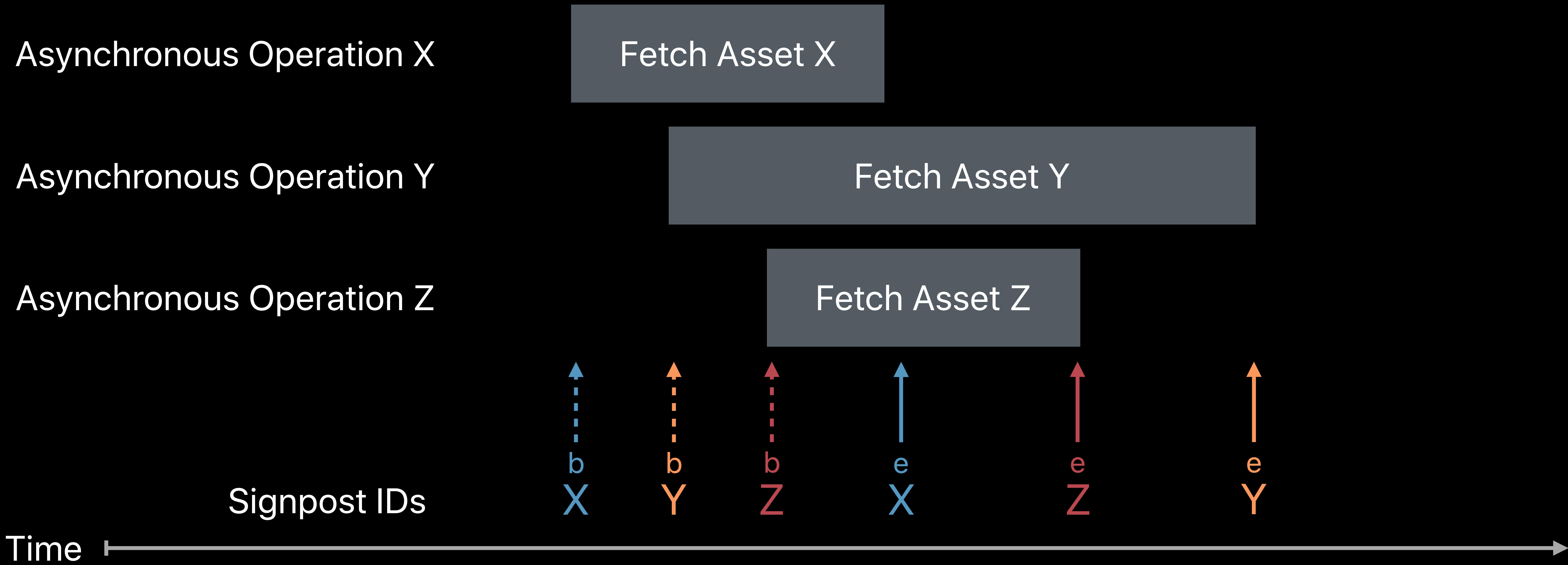
```
let spid = OSSignpostID(log: refreshLog, object: element)
```

Signpost IDs are process-scoped

Making from object is convenient if you have the same object at `.begin` and `.end`








```
let refreshLog = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.your-app", category: "RefreshOperations")

os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")

for element in panel.elements {

    os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
    fetchAsset(for: element)
    os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")

}

os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")
```

```
let refreshLog = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.your-app", category: "RefreshOperations")
```

```
os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")
```

```
for element in panel.elements {
```

```
    os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
```

```
    fetchAssetAsync(for: element) {
```

```
        os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
```

Completion handler for one asset

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
notifyWhenDone {
```

```
    os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")
```

Completion handler for all assets

```
}
```

```
let refreshLog = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.your-app", category: "RefreshOperations")
```

```
let spidForRefresh = OSSignpostID(log: refreshLog)
```

```
os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")
```

```
for element in panel.elements {
```

```
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```

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```

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```

```
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```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
notifyWhenDone {
```

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```

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}
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    }
}
notifyWhenDone {
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}
```

Organizing Signposts: A Hierarchy

```
log = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.your-app", category: "RefreshOperations")
```

```
os_signpost(.begin, log: log, name: "Fetch Asset", signpostID: spid)
```

Log category

Signpost name

Signpost ID

	Example	Represents
Log category	"RefreshOperations"	Related operations
Signpost name	"Fetch Asset"	An operation to measure
Signpost ID	spid	Single interval

Adding Metadata to Signposts

Custom Metadata in Signpost Arguments

```
os_signpost(.begin, log: log, name: "Compute Physics")
```

Custom Metadata in Signpost Arguments

```
os_signpost(.begin, log: log, name: "Compute Physics",  
            "for particle")
```

Add context to the `.begin` and `.end`

Custom Metadata in Signpost Arguments

```
os_signpost(.begin, log: log, name: "Compute Physics",  
            "%d %d %d %d",  
            x1, y1, x2, y2)
```

Add context to the `.begin` and `.end`

Pass arguments with `os_log` format string literal

Custom Metadata in Signpost Arguments

```
os_signpost(.begin, log: log, name: "Compute Physics",  
            "%.1f %.1f %.2f %.1f %.1f",  
            x1, y1, m, x2, y2)
```

Add context to the `.begin` and `.end`

Pass arguments with `os_log` format string literal

Pass many arguments with different types

Custom Metadata in Signpost Arguments

```
os_signpost(.begin, log: log, name: "Compute Physics",  
            "%{public}s %.1f %.1f %.2f %.1f %.1f",  
            description, x1, y1, m, x2, y2)
```

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Custom Metadata in Signpost Arguments

```
os_signpost(.begin, log: log, name: "Compute Physics",  
            "for %{public}s at (%.1f, %.1f) with mass %.2f and velocity (%.1f, %.1f)",  
            description, x1, y1, m, x2, y2)
```

Add context to the `.begin` and `.end`

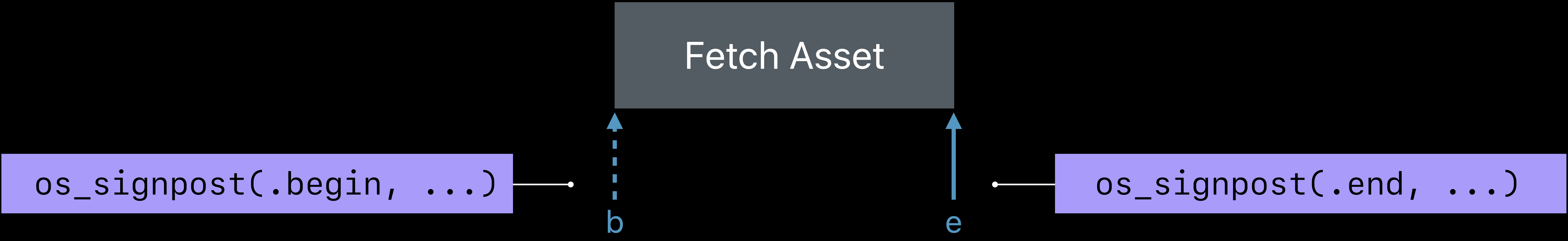
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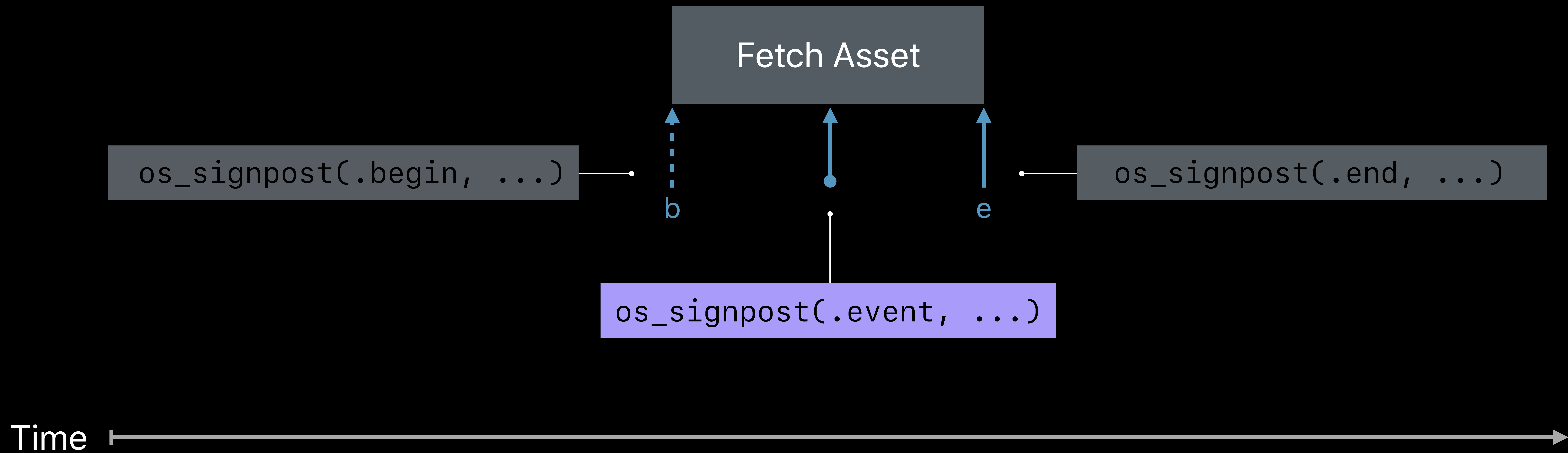
Pass dynamic strings

The format string is a fixed cost, so feel free to be descriptive!

Adding Independent Events



Time →

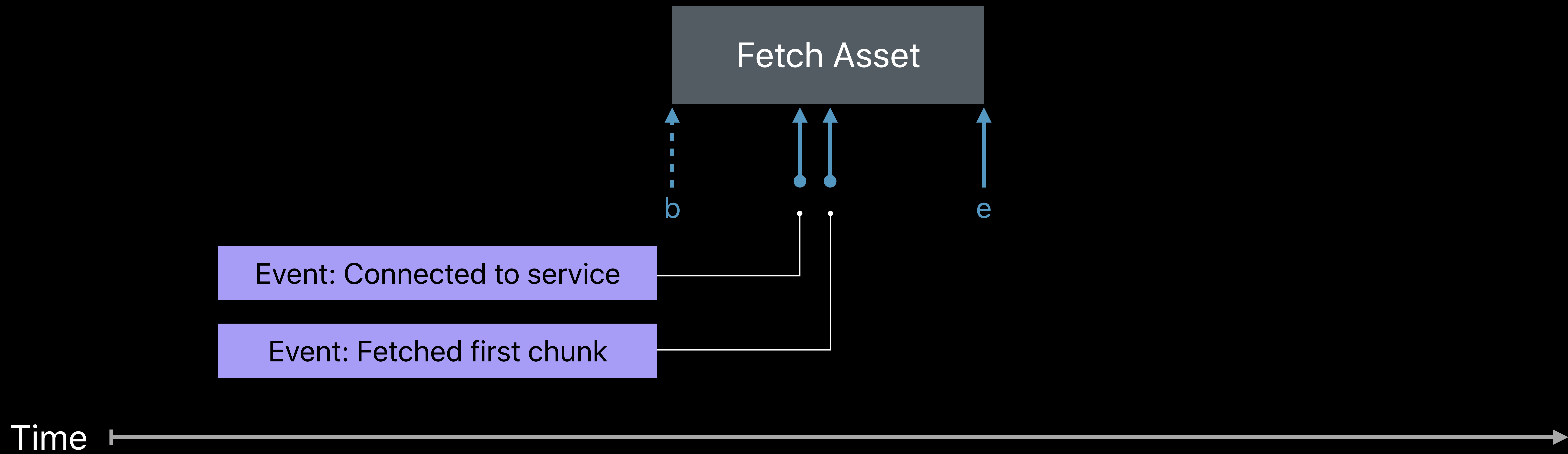


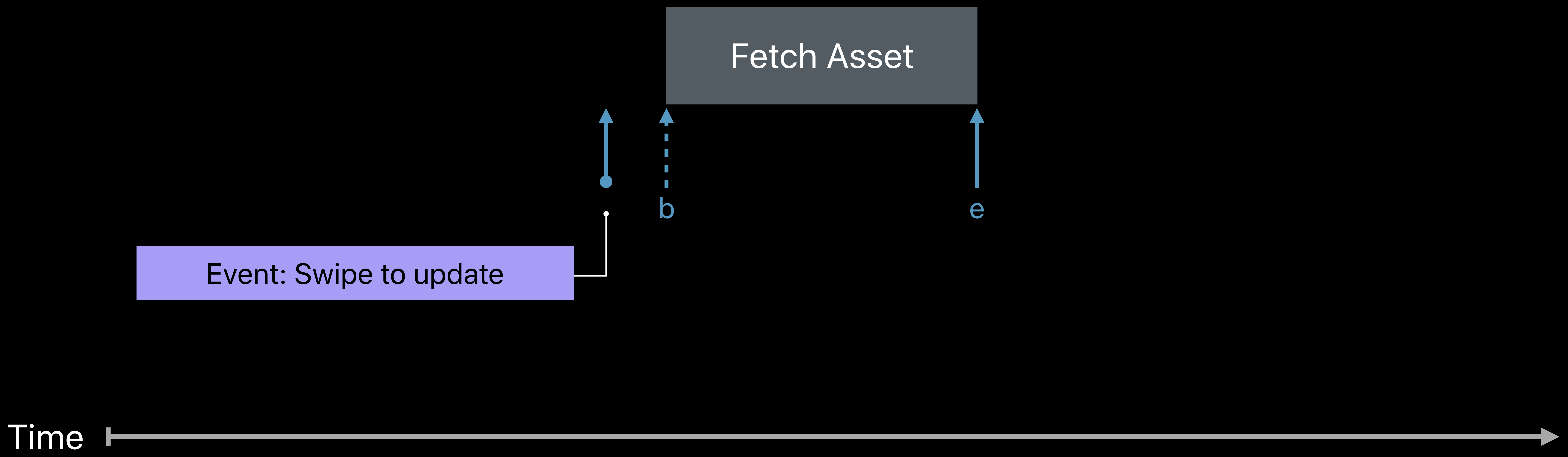
Signpost Events

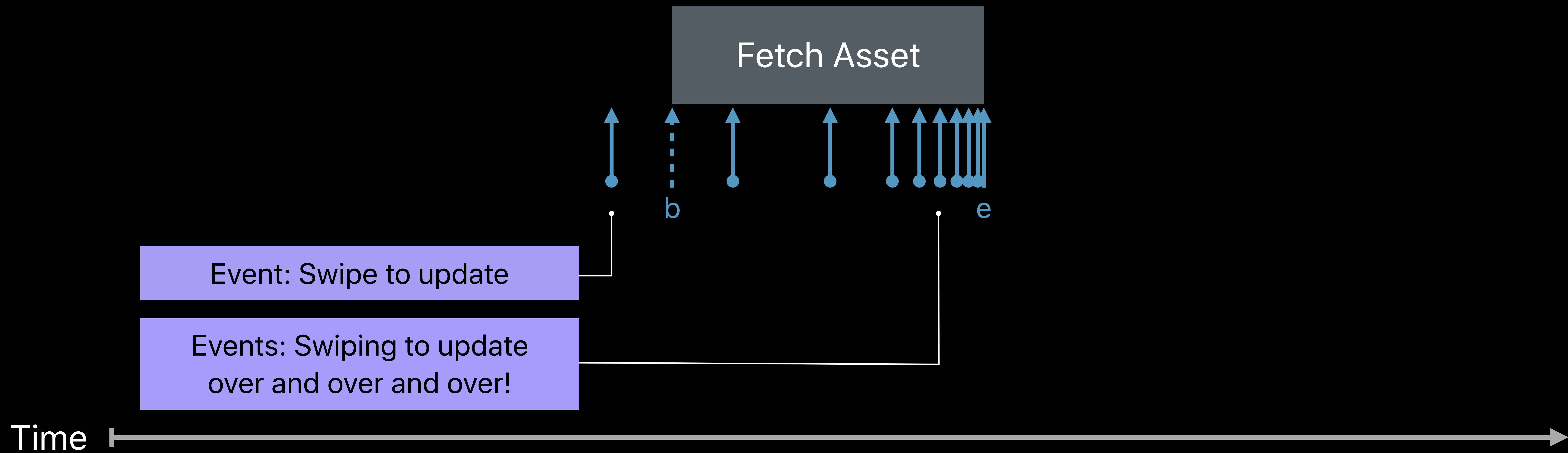
```
os_signpost(.event, log: log, name: "Fetch Asset",  
            "Fetched first chunk, size %u", size)
```

```
os_signpost(.event, log: log, name: "Swipe",  
            "For action 0x%x", actionCode)
```

Marking a single point in time







Conditionally Enabling Signposts

Signposts Are Lightweight

Built to minimize observer effect

Built for fine-grained measurement in a short time span

Enabling and Disabling Signpost Categories

```
OSLog.disabled
```

Take advantage of special log handle

Just change the handle—can leave calling sites alone

```
let refreshLog = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.your-app", category: "RefreshOperations")

os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")
for element in panel.elements {
    os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
    fetchAsset(for: element)
    os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
}
os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")
```



```
let refreshLog: OSLog
if ProcessInfo.processInfo.environment.keys.contains("SIGNPOSTS_FOR_REFRESH") {
    refreshLog = OSLog(subsystem: "com.example.your-app", category: "RefreshOperations")
} else {
    refreshLog = .disabled
}
```

```
os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")
for element in panel.elements {
    os_signpost(.begin, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
    fetchAsset(for: element)
    os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Fetch Asset")
}
os_signpost(.end, log: refreshLog, name: "Refresh Panel")
```


Instrumentation-Specific Code

```
if refreshLog.signpostsEnabled {  
    let information = copyDescription()  
    os_signpost(..., information)  
}
```

For additional expensive code that is only useful for the signpost

Signposts in C

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Swift

```
import os.signpost
```

OSLog

```
.disabled
```

```
os_signpost(.begin, ...)
```

```
os_signpost(.end, ...)
```

```
os_signpost(.event, ...)
```

```
OSSignpostID
```

C

```
#include <os/signpost.h>
```

```
os_log_t, os_log_create()
```

```
OS_LOG_DISABLED
```

```
os_signpost_interval_begin()
```

```
os_signpost_interval_end()
```

```
os_signpost_event_emit()
```

```
os_signpost_id_t
```

Instruments

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Points of Interest

Custom instruments

Demo

Visualizing signpost data

Summary

Annotate code with signposts

- Easily mark intervals
- Capture metadata of interest

Use Instruments to view signpost data

- Visualize where time is spent
- Understand what program is doing

More Information

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