

Keeping Your Watch App Up to Date

Session 218

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12:00PM-1:00PM

Pick up Dad
San Francisco International Airport



Wed

21

CALENDAR

In 60 minutes

Pick up Dad

Where

San Francisco
International
Airport



10:09

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Pick up Dad
San Francisco Inter...



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Pick up Dad

San Francisco International Airport

Overview

Walkthrough

Scheduling

Best Practices

Case Study

Overview

User model



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User model



Waiting for Coffee



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Check Weather



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Find a Lunch Spot



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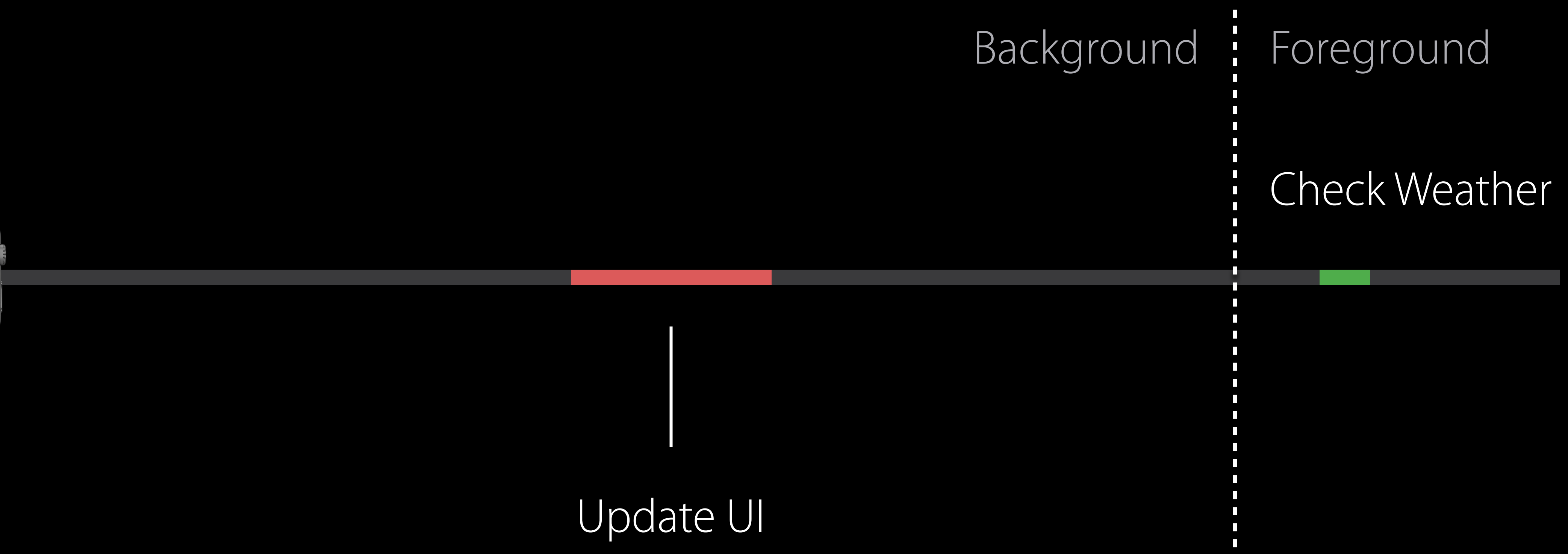
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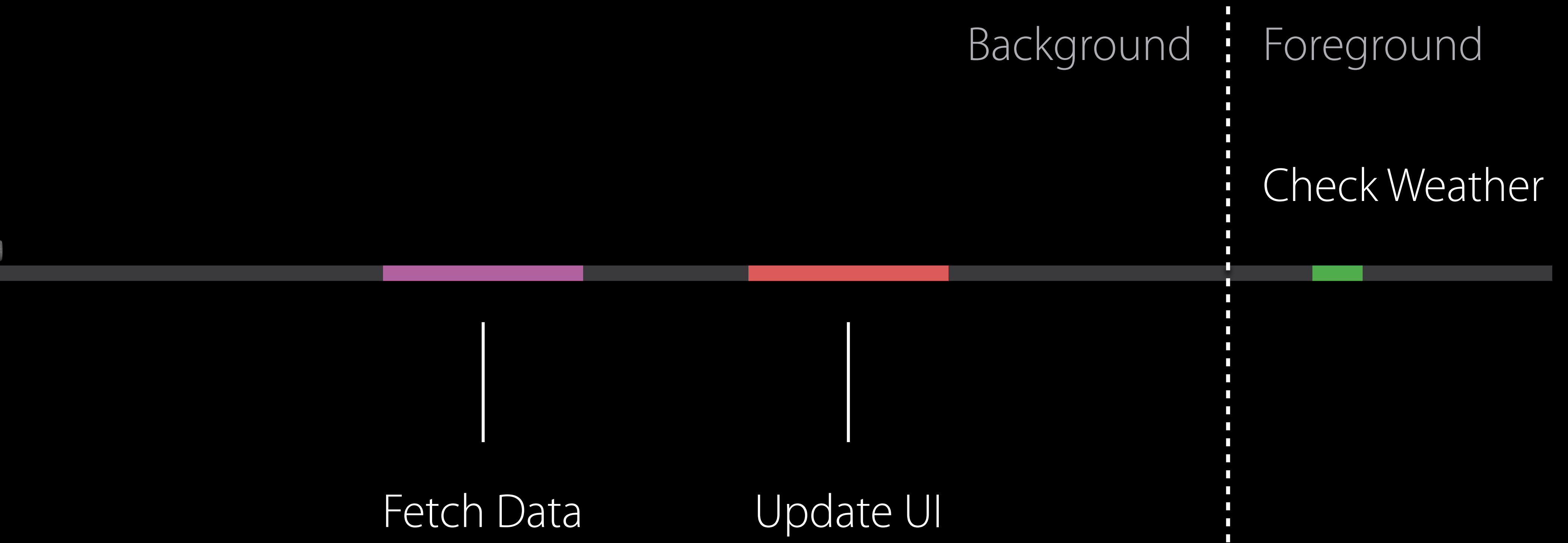
Fetch Data

Update UI

Background

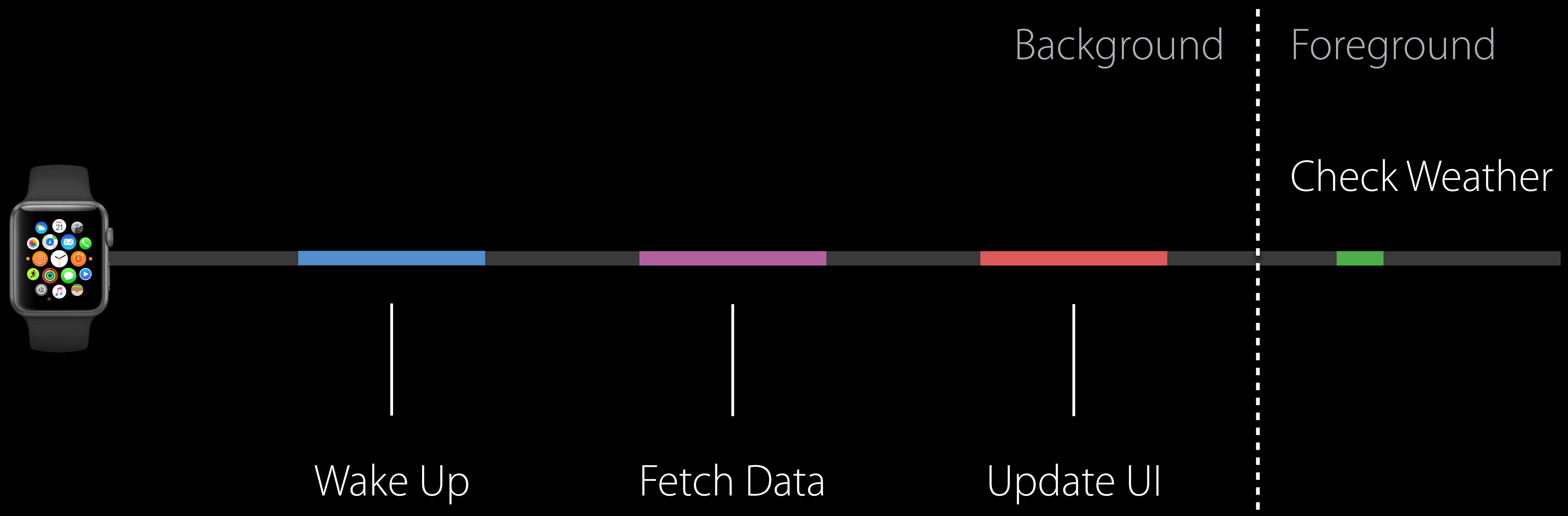
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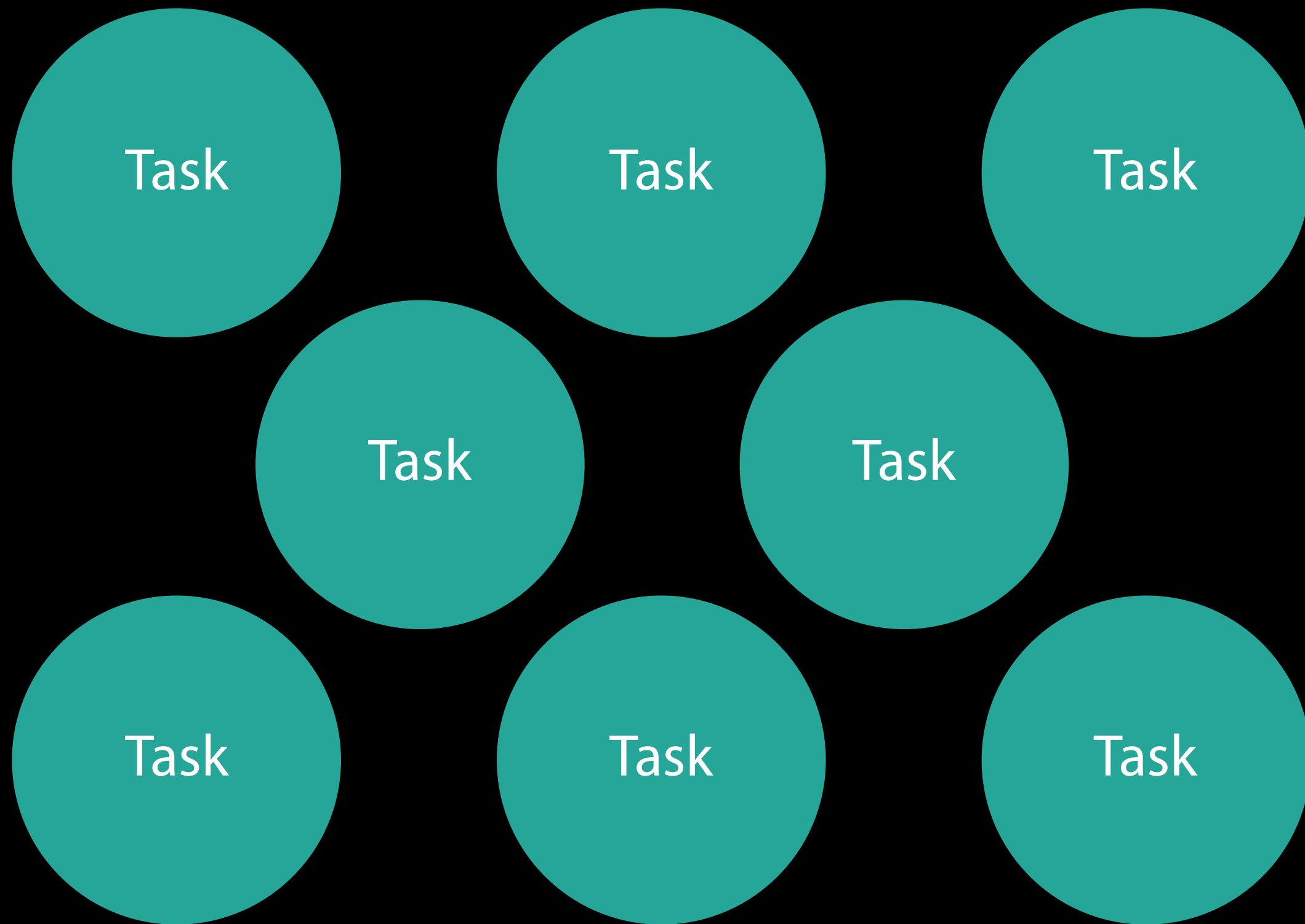
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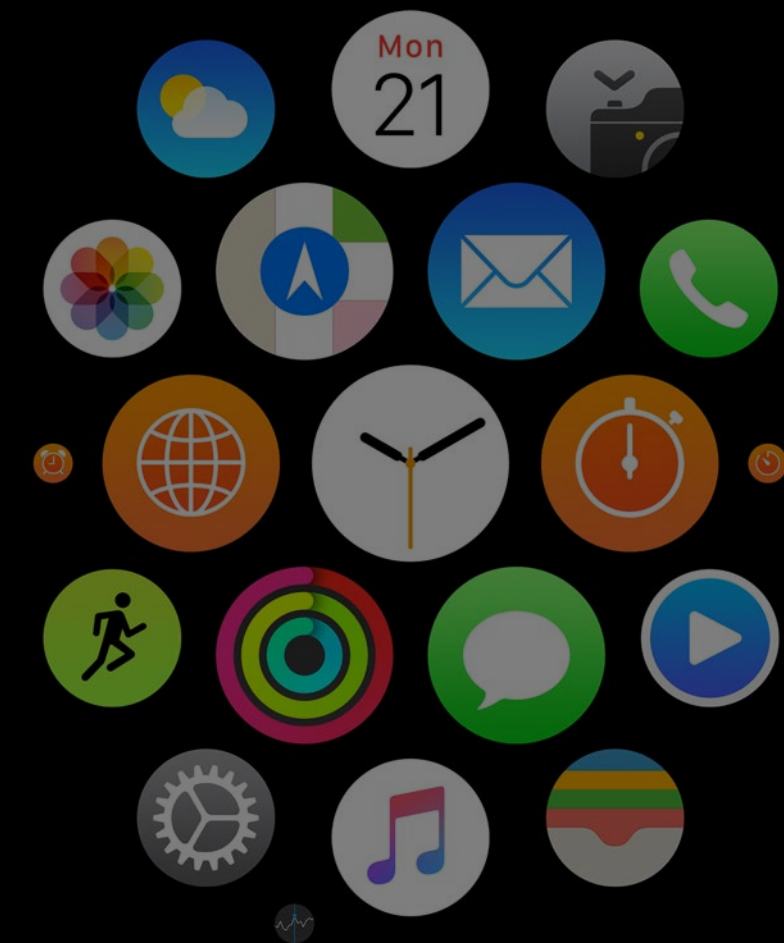


Tasks

watchOS



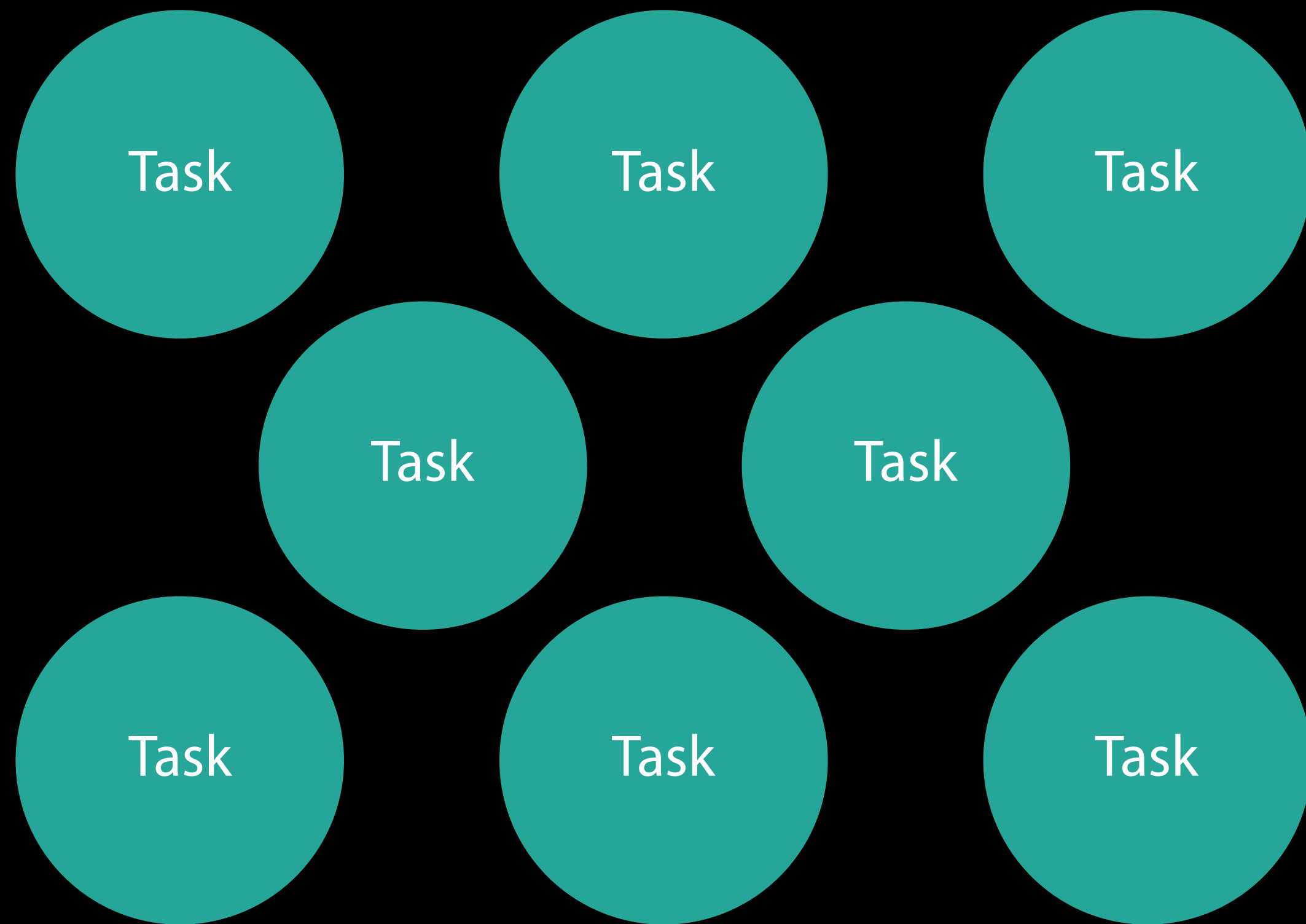
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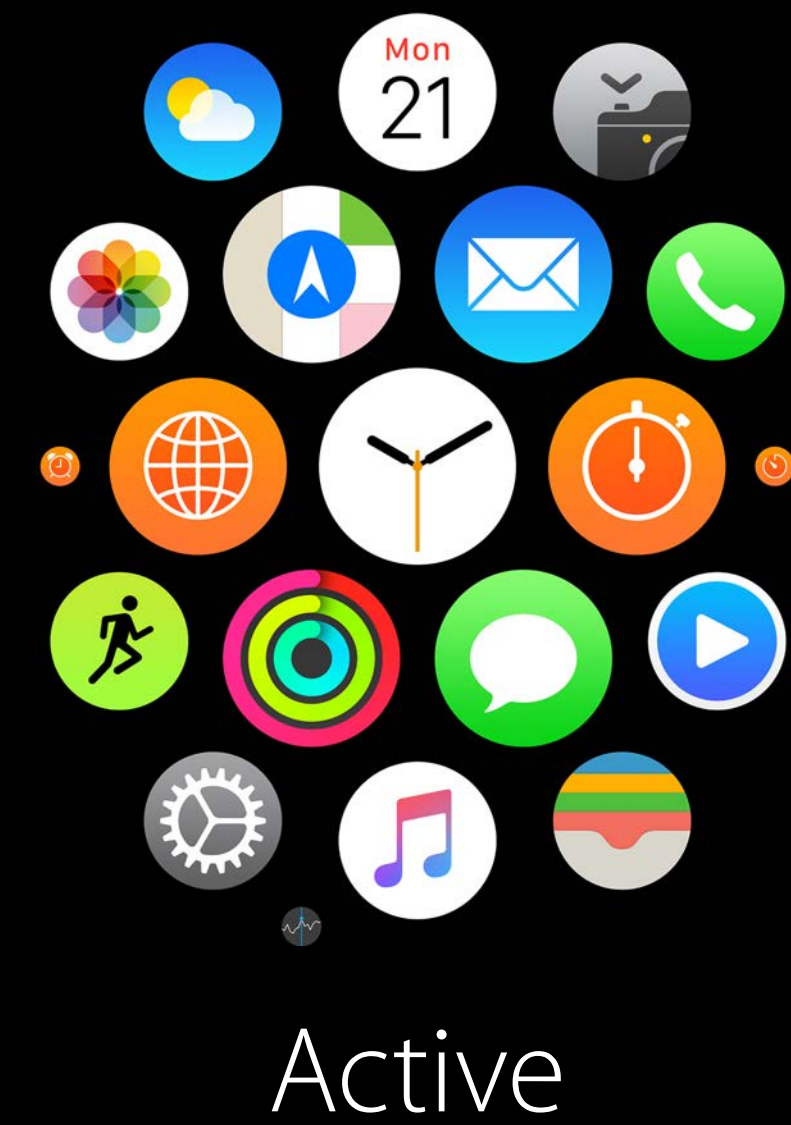
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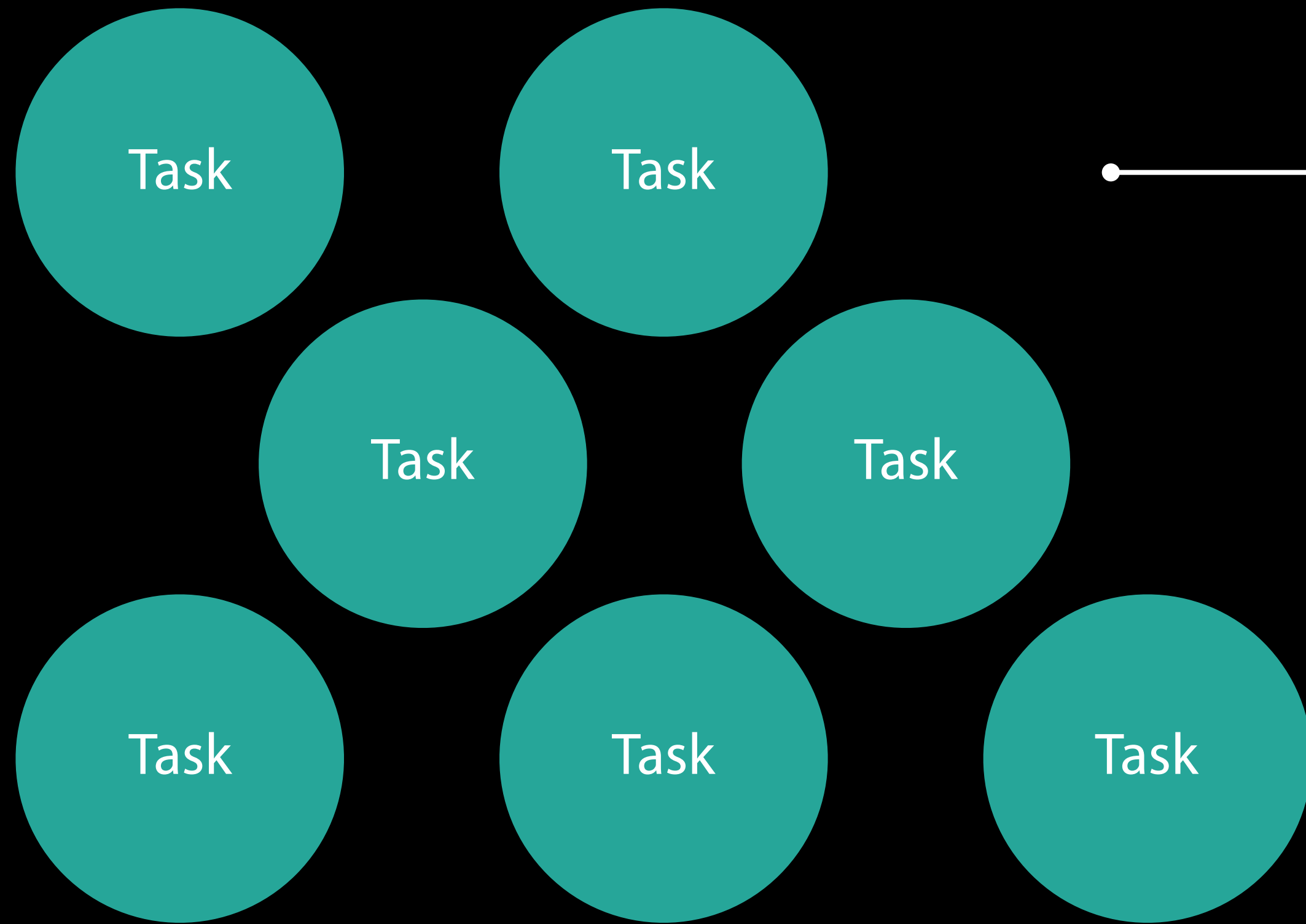


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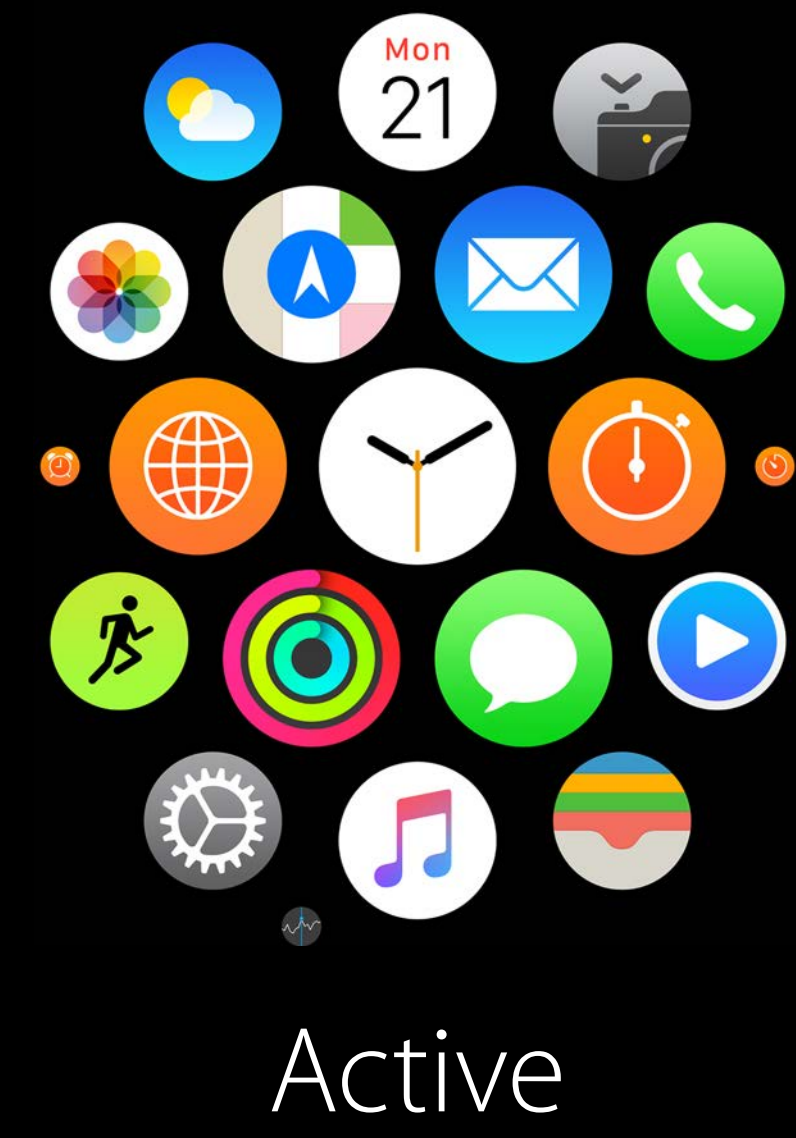


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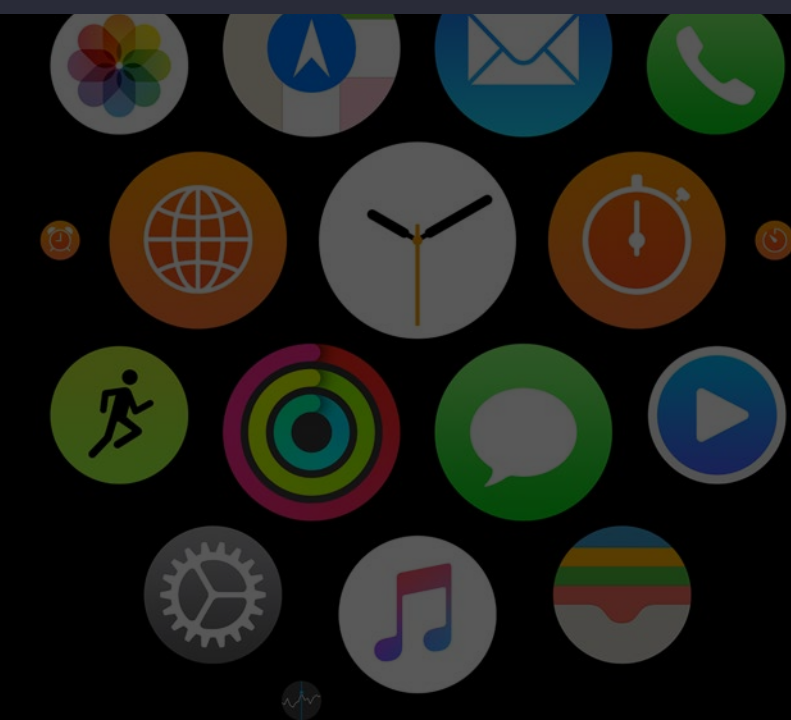
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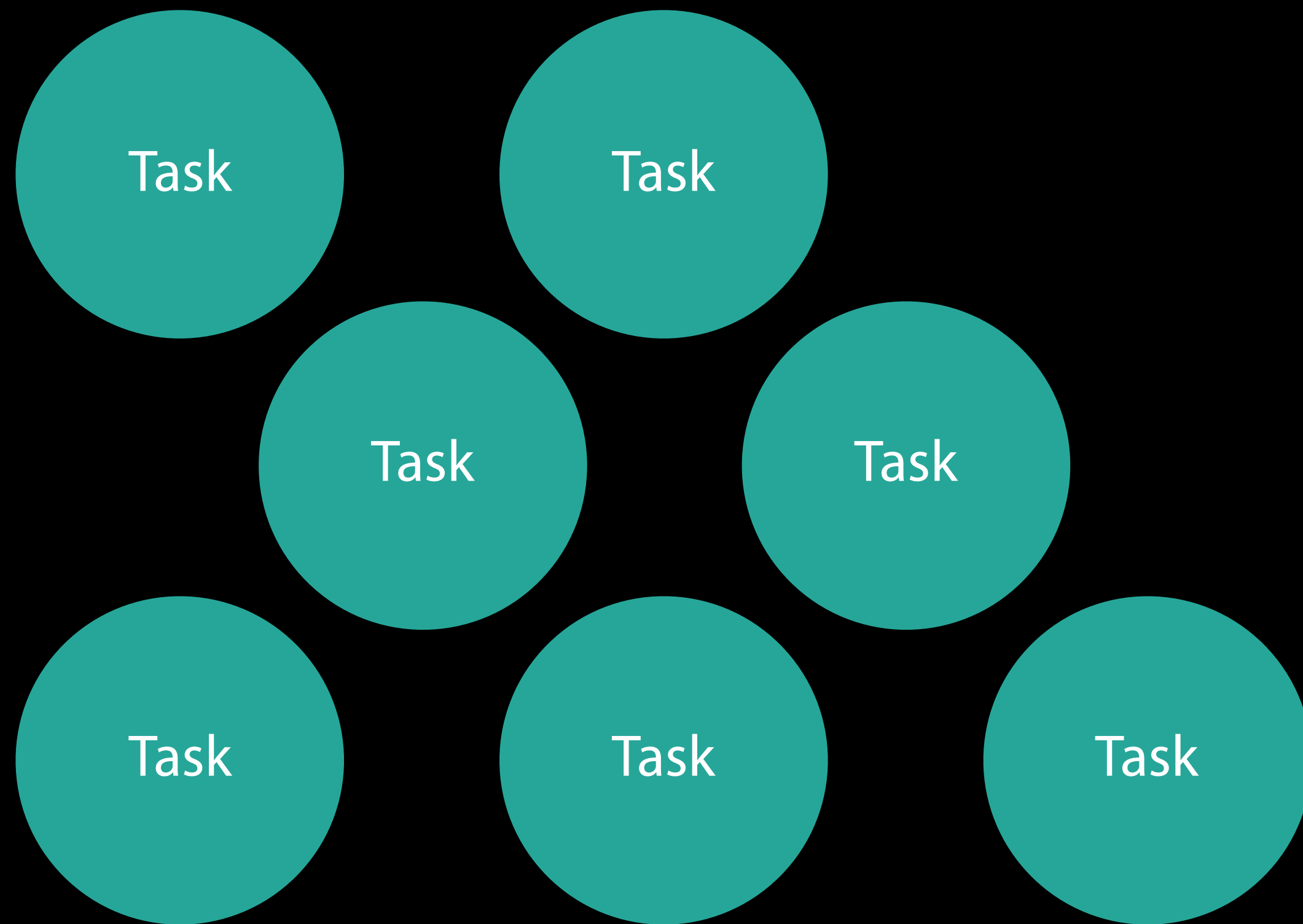
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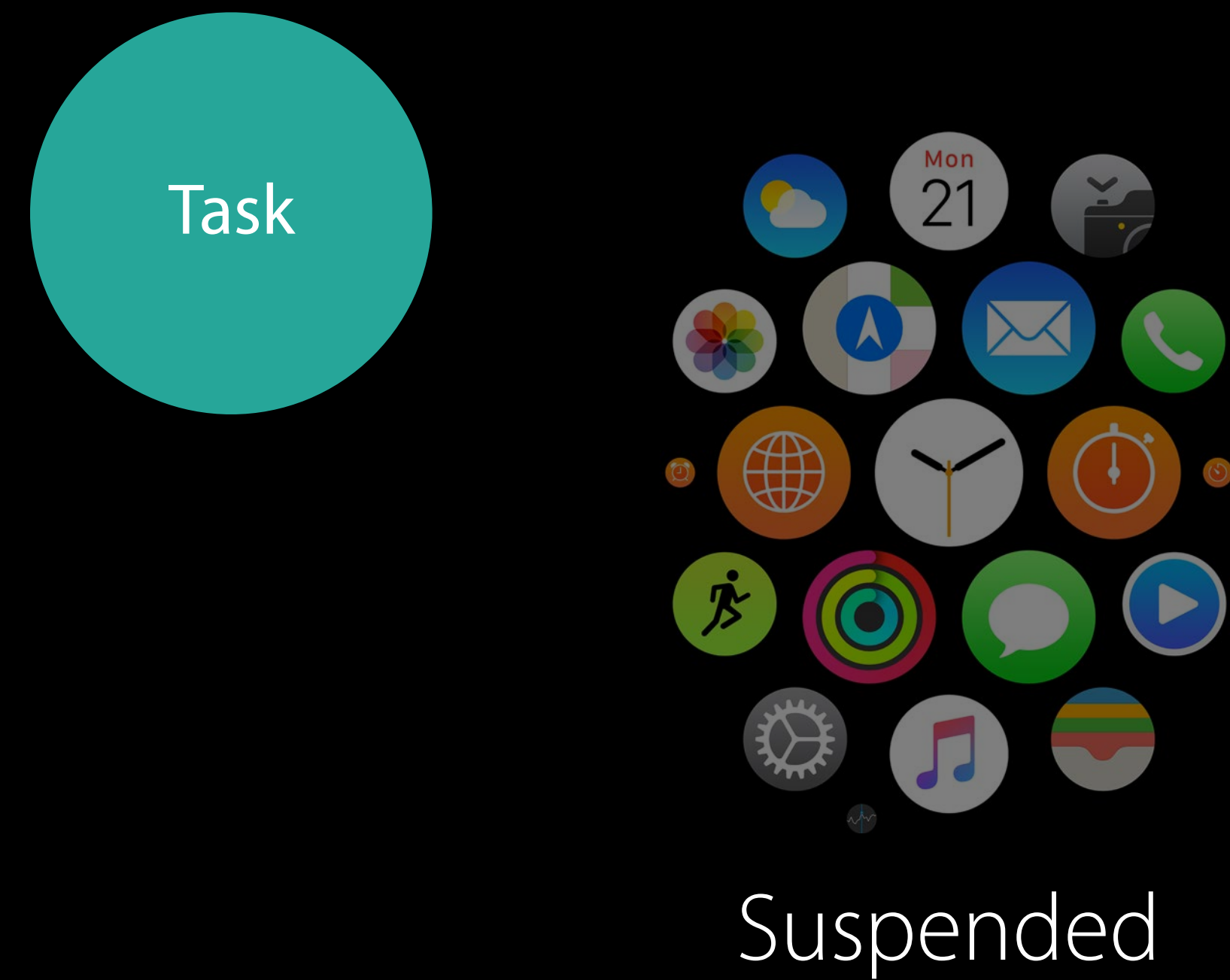
Active

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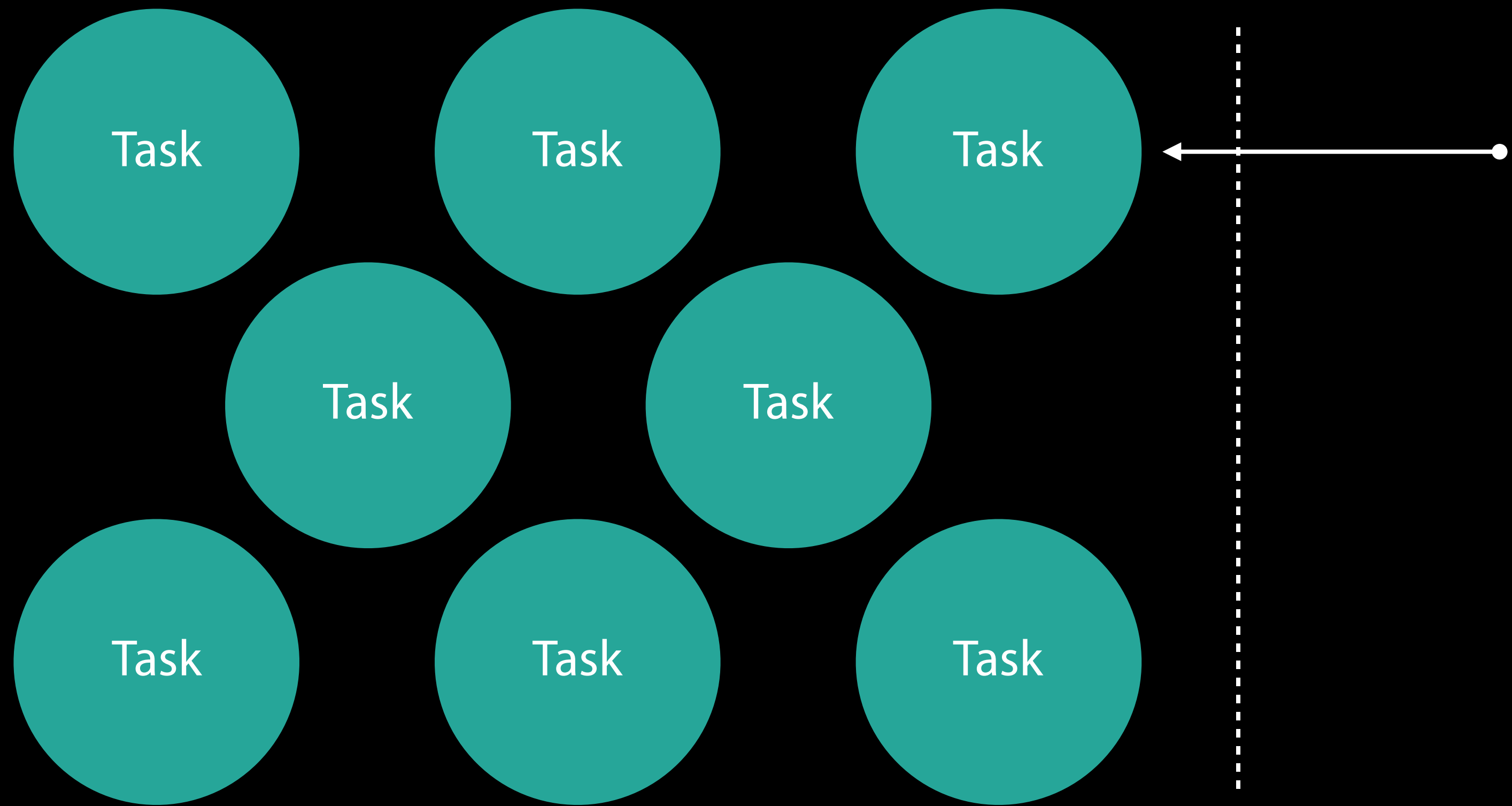


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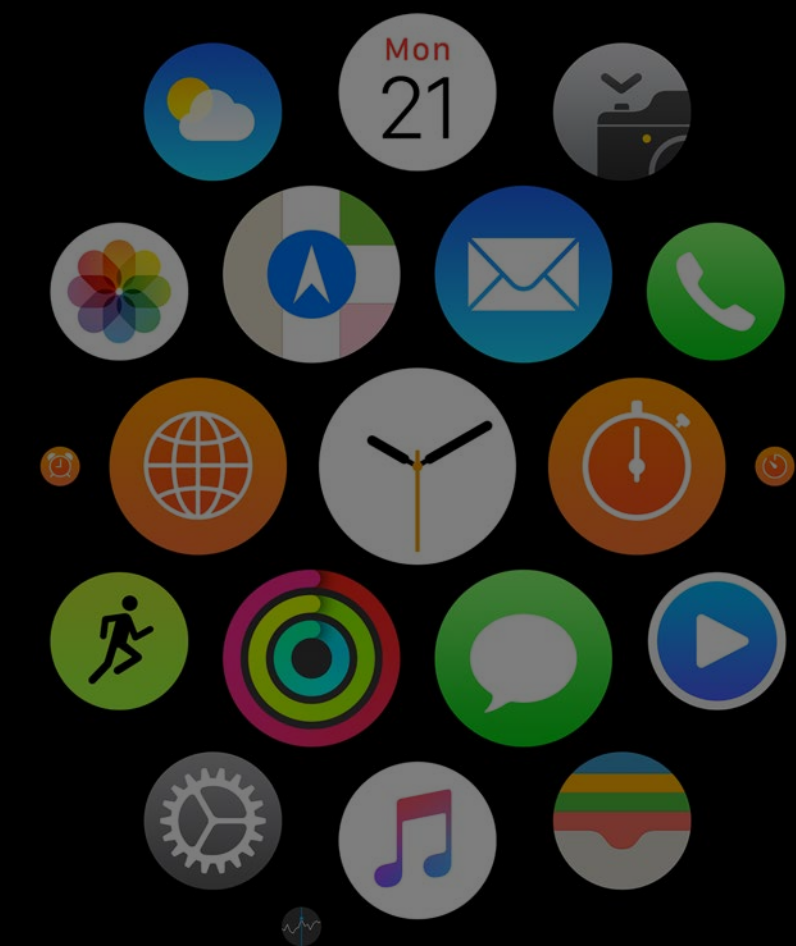


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`WKURLSessionRefreshBackgroundTask`

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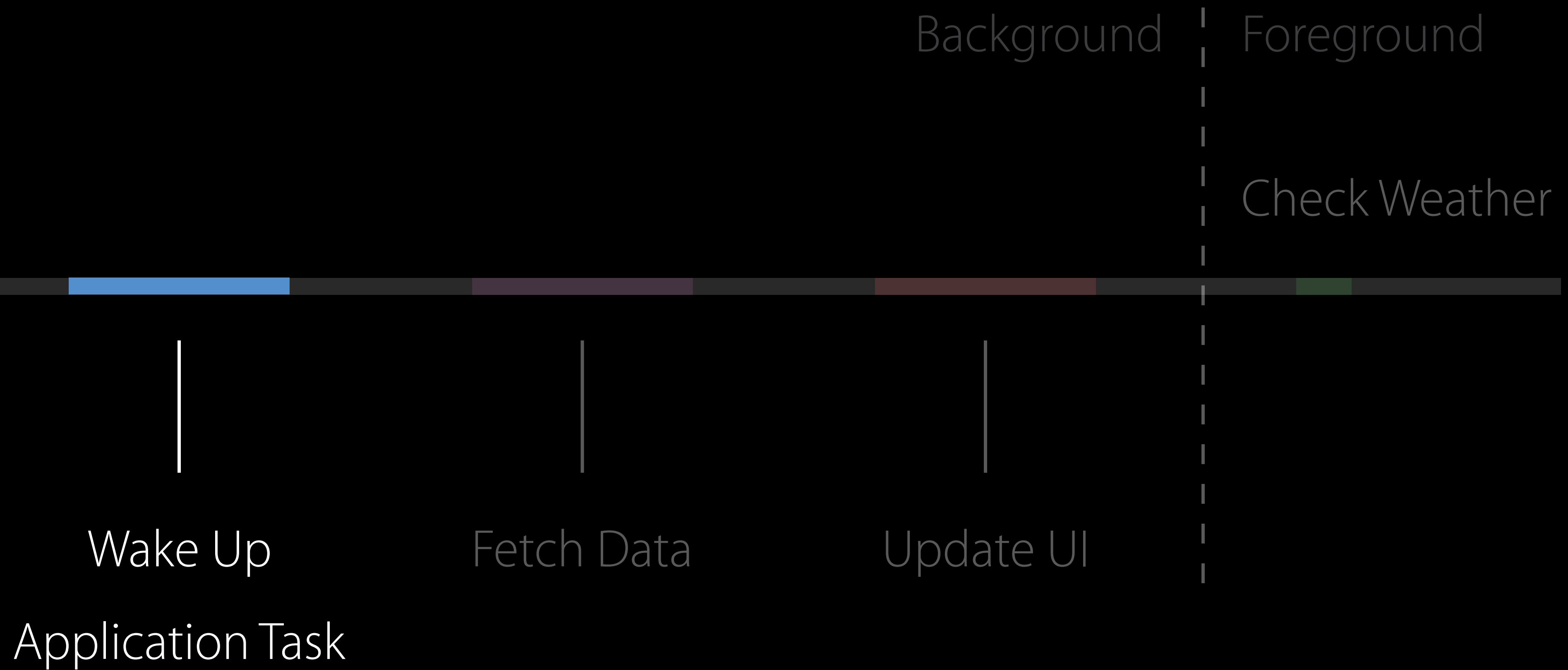
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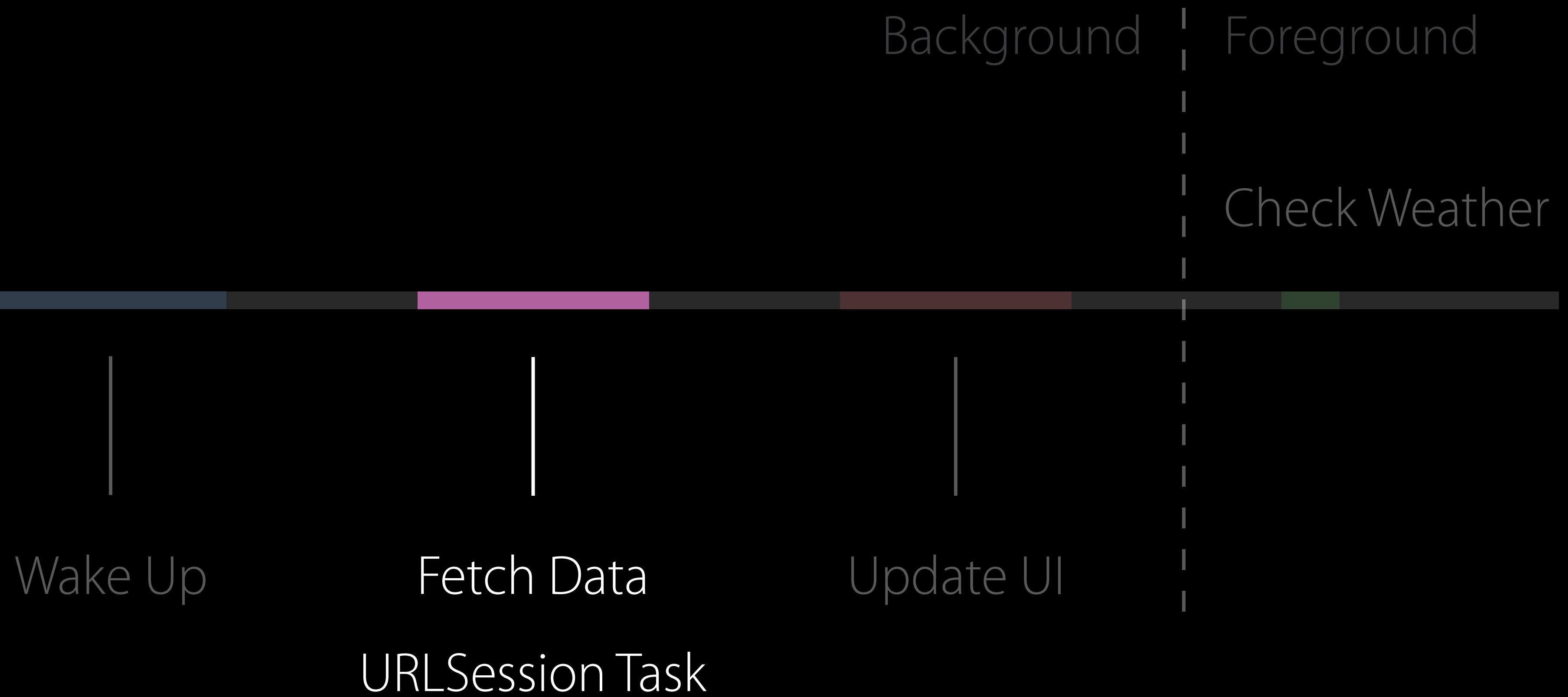
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Wake Up

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Snapshot Task

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Meet expectations



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Optional default state



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Designing Great Apple Watch Experiences

Presidio

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Watch connectivity



Complication

Context

File

User Info



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Watch connectivity

Is Session Active

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Watch connectivity

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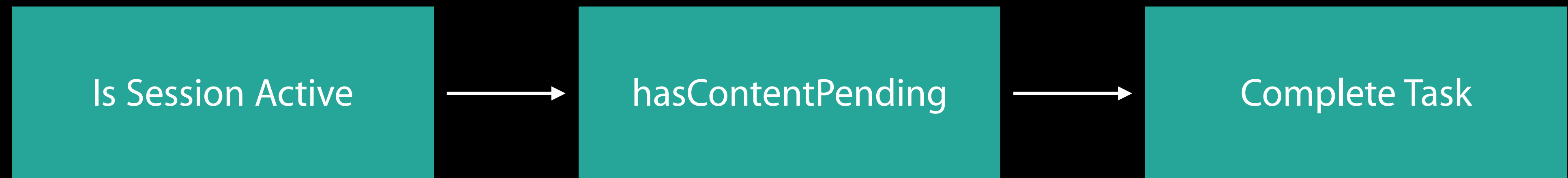
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hasContentPending

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Background
Runtime



Schedule
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Receive
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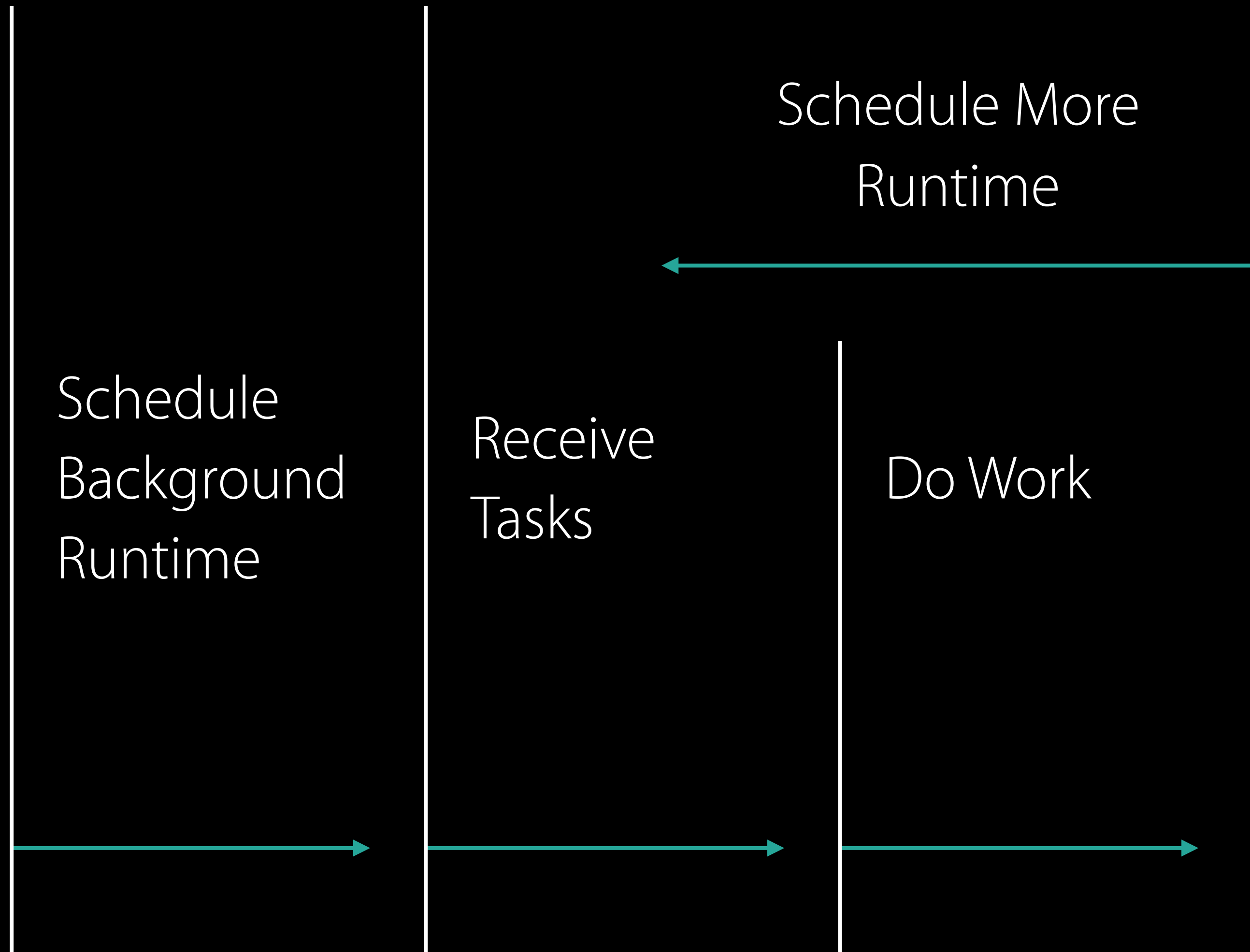


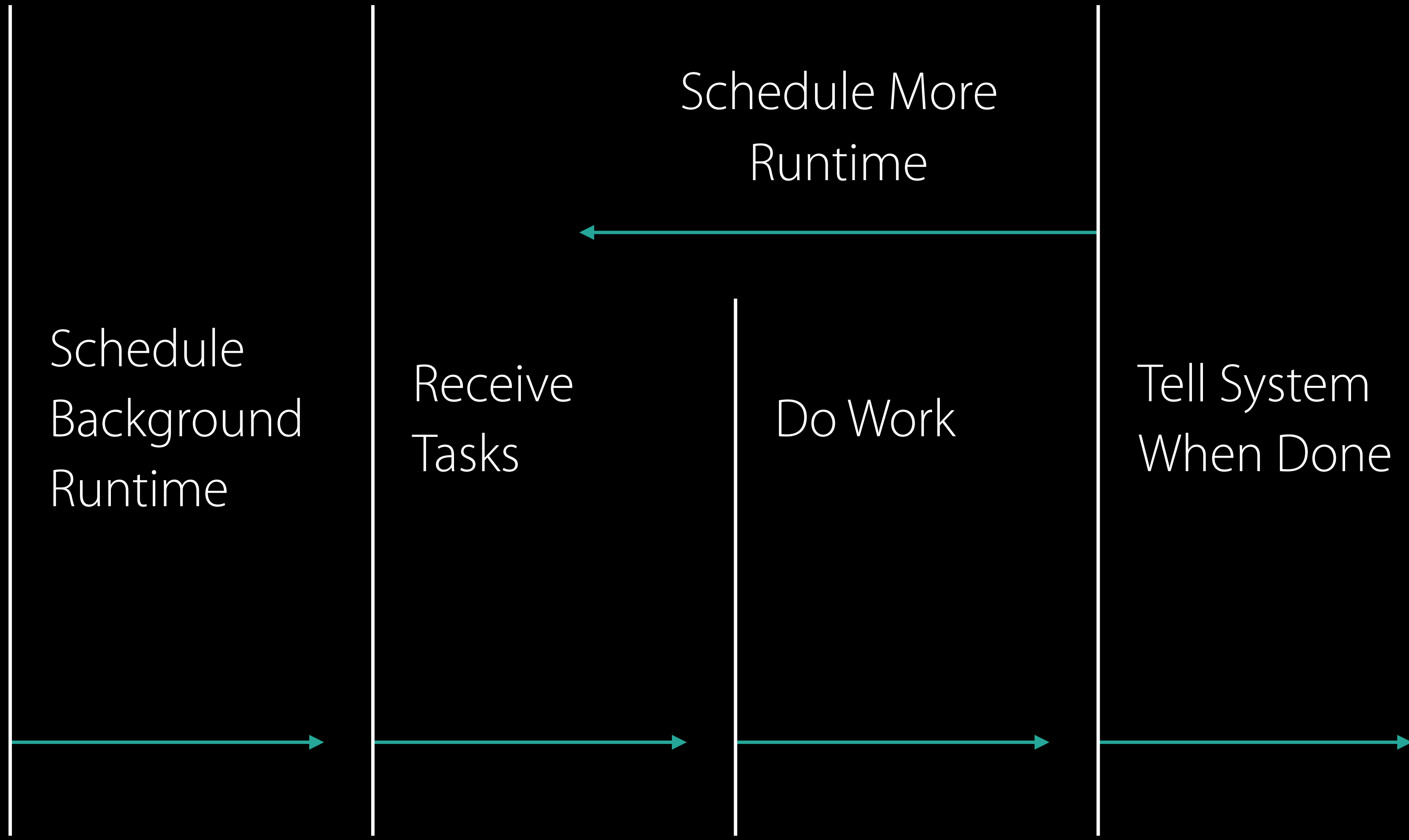
Schedule
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Tasks

Do Work







Be a Good Citizen



Be a Good Citizen



User Launches App



3:00 PM

Be a Good Citizen



User Launches App



Wake Up

3:00 PM

4:00 PM



Be a Good Citizen



User Launches App

Wake Up

3:50 PM

4:00 PM

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User Launches App



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Walkthrough

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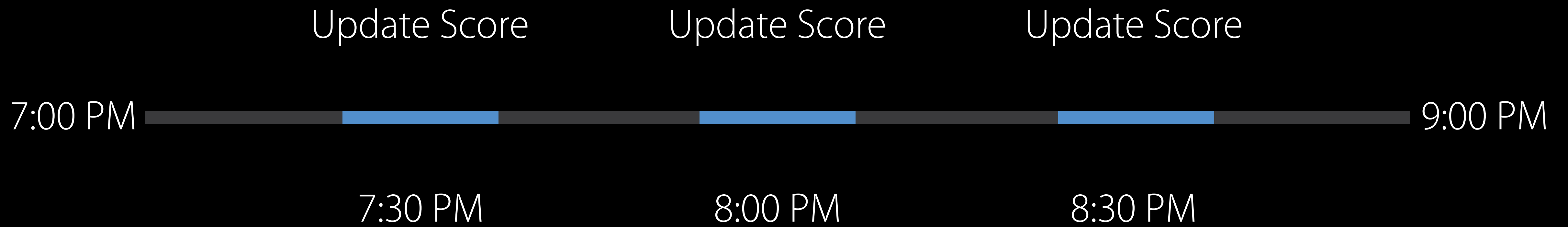
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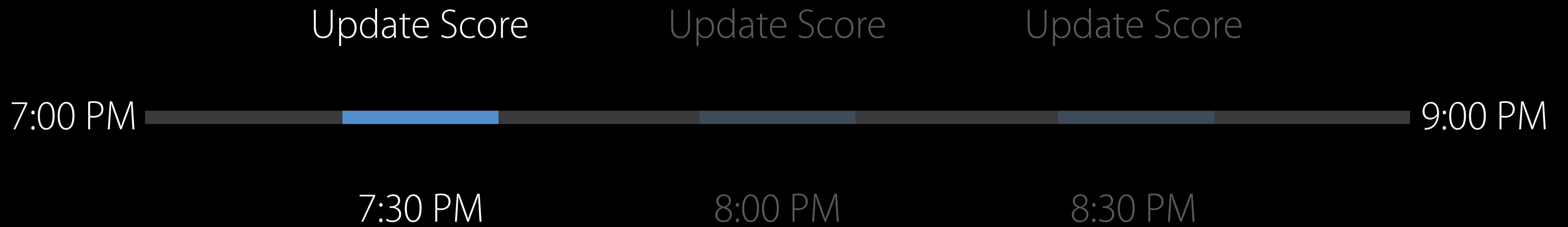
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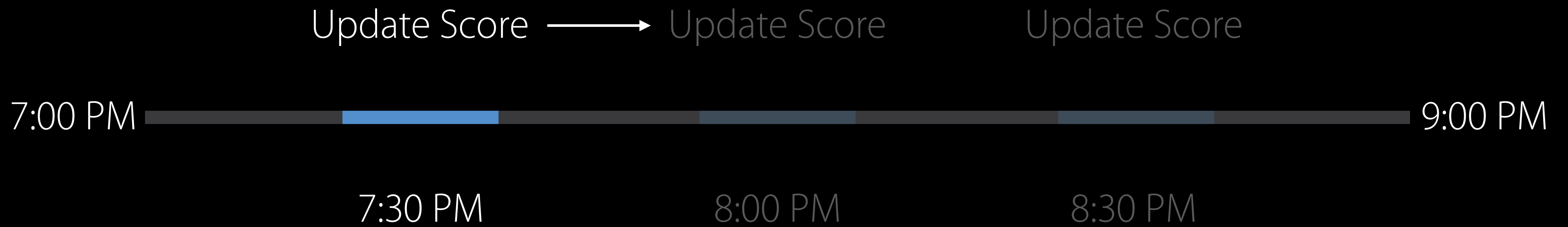
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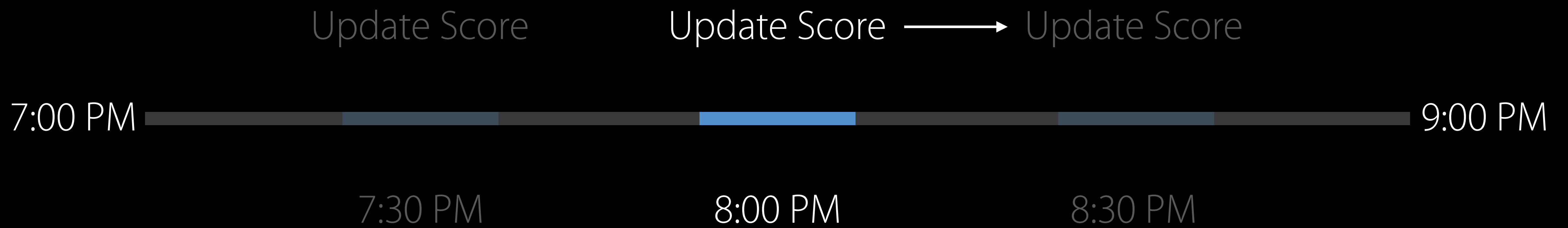
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```
// Scheduling Background Runtime
```

```
func myScheduleNextRefreshTask() {
```

```
    let fireDate = Date(timeIntervalSinceNow: 30 * 60) // 30 minutes from now
```

```
    let userInfo = ["lastActiveDate" : Date(), // optional last active time  
                  "reason" : "scoreUpdate"] // optional reason
```

```
    WKExtension.shared().scheduleBackgroundRefresh(withPreferredDate: fireDate
```

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```
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Wake Up

7:30 PM

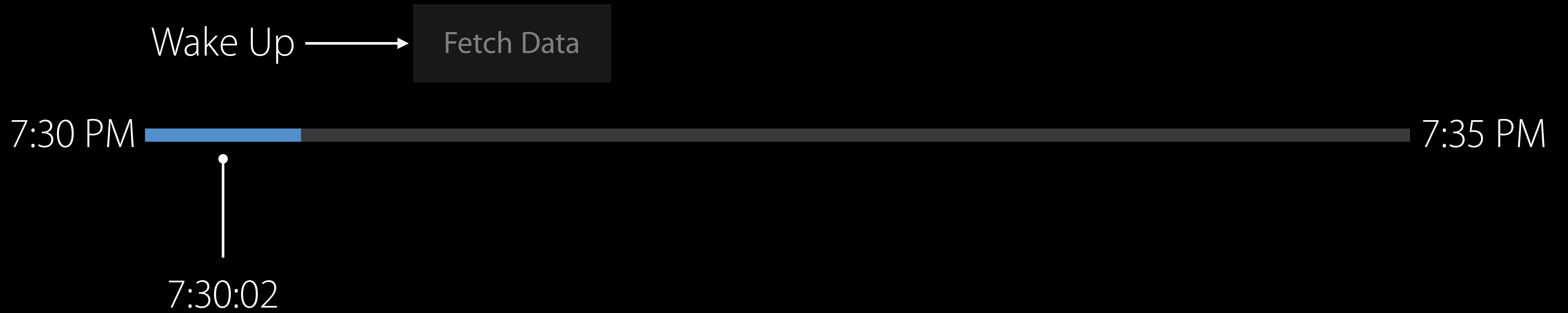
7:35 PM

7:30:00



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```
// Fetching Data in the Background
```

```
func myScheduleURLSession() {  
    let backgroundConfigObject = URLSessionConfiguration.backgroundSessionConfiguration(  
        withIdentifier: "com.example.urlsession")  
    let backgroundSession = URLSession(configuration: backgroundConfigObject)  
  
    let downloadTask = backgroundSession.downloadTask(  
        with: URL(string: "https://example.com/currentScores.json")!)  
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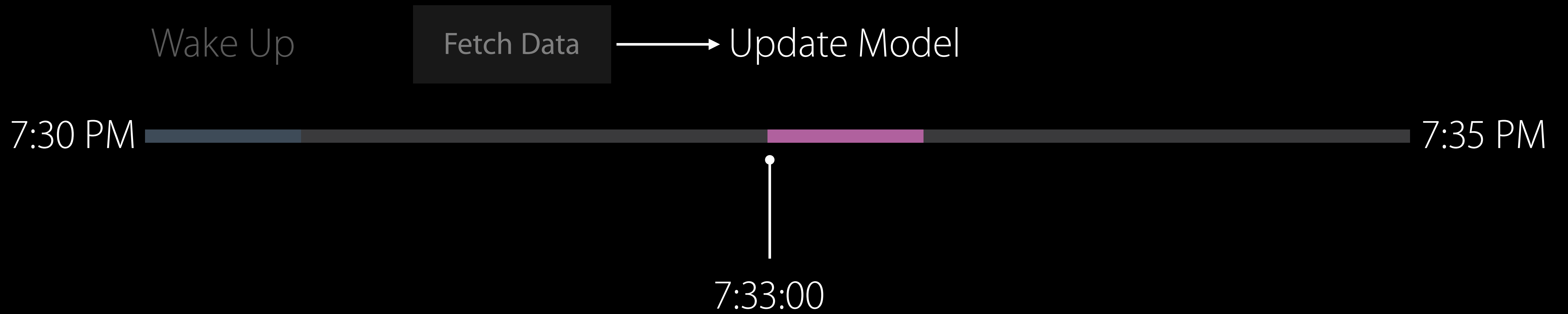
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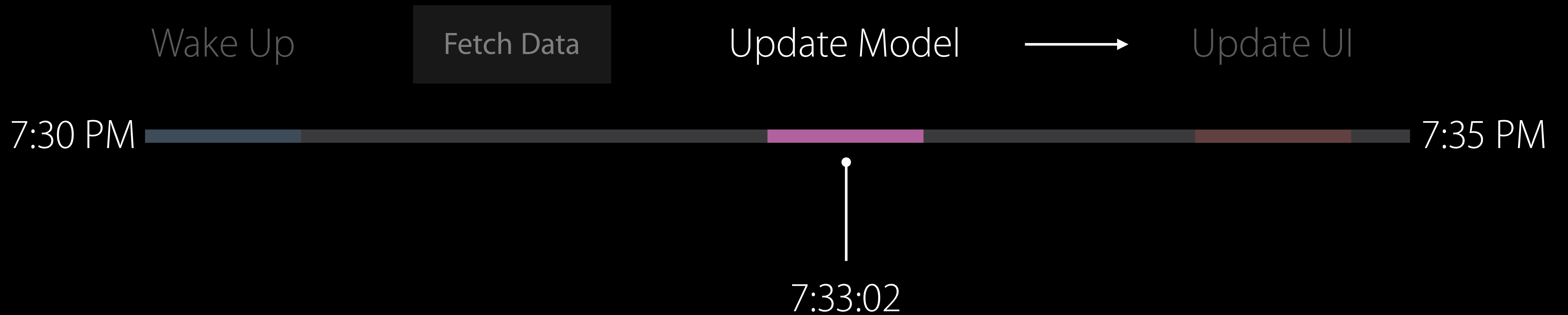
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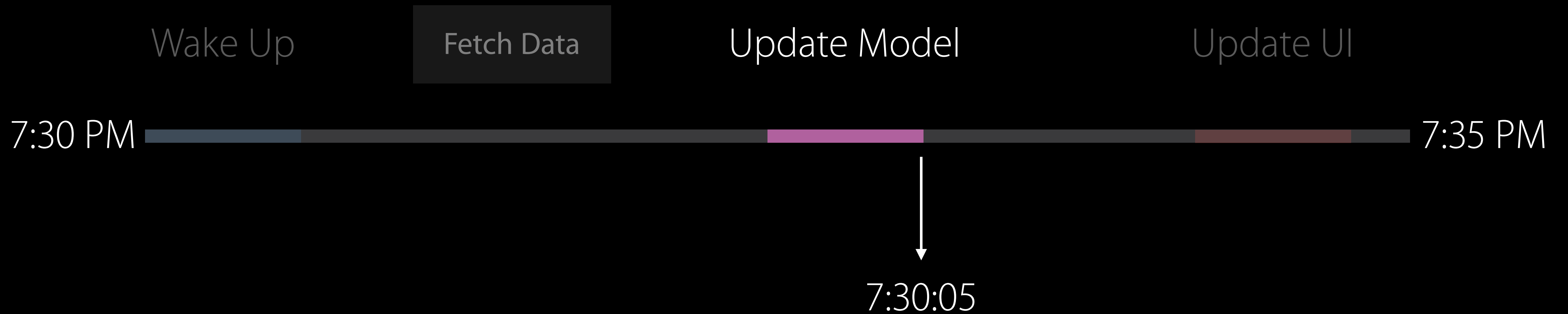
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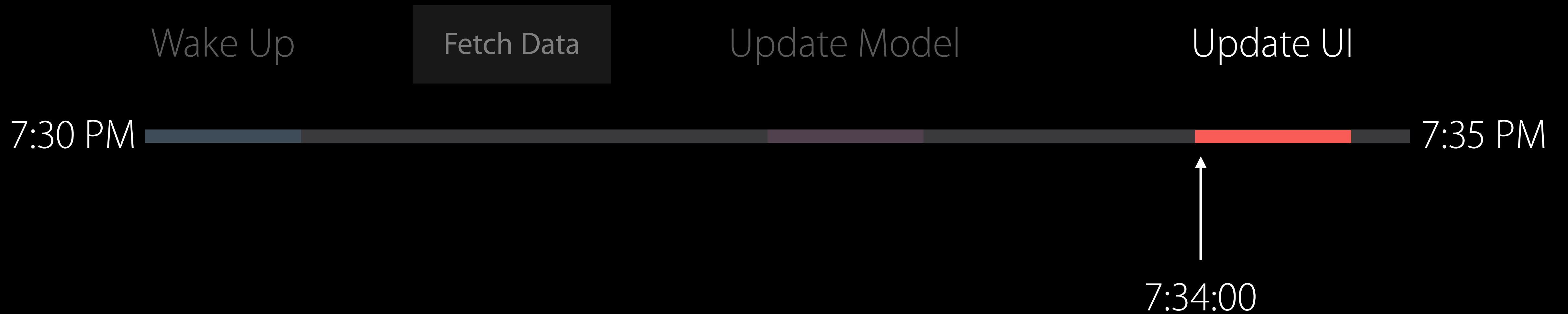
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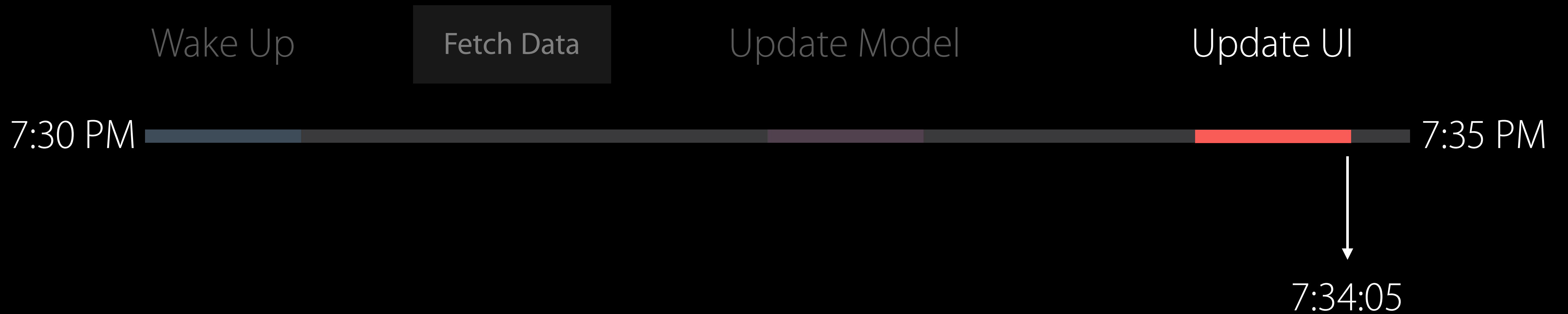
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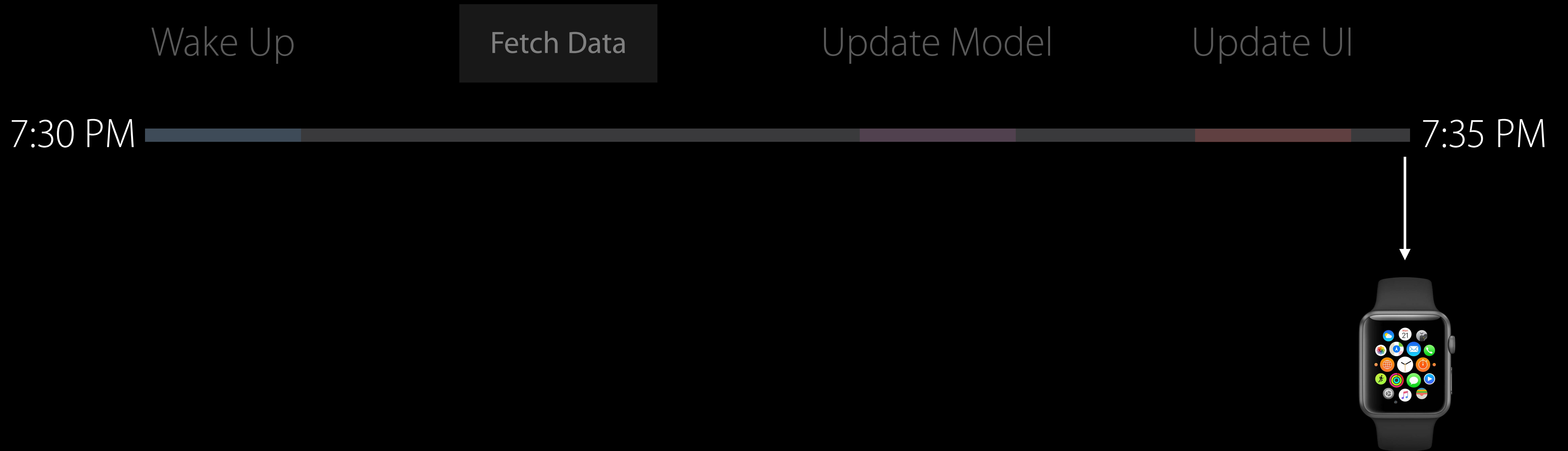
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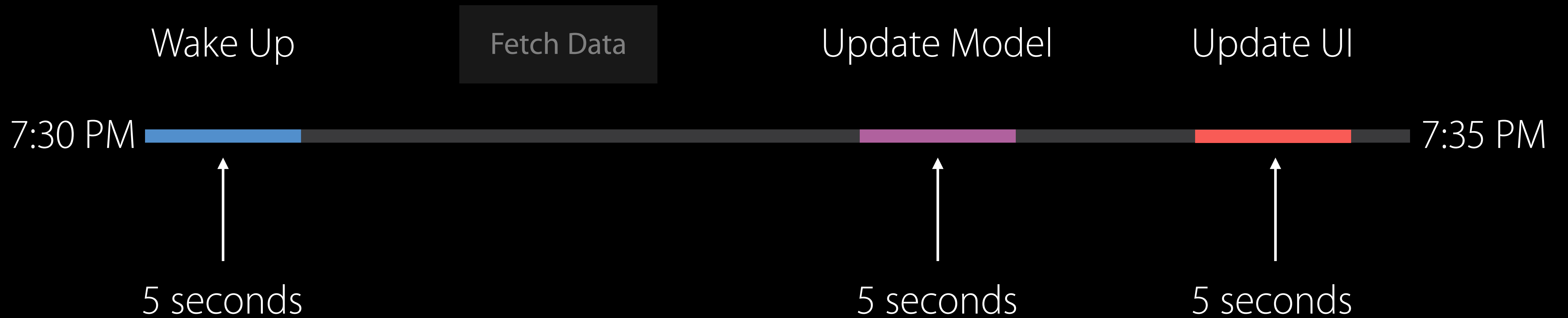
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Scheduling

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Scheduling

Runtime

Scheduling

Runtime

Always scheduled in foreground

Scheduling

Runtime

Always scheduled in foreground

Usually suspended in background

Scheduling

Runtime

Always scheduled in foreground

Usually suspended in background

Targeted runtime for specific tasks

Scheduling

Runtime limits

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Runtime limits

On order of seconds

Scheduling

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- Time and CPU considered

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Different allocations by task

`WKApplicationRefreshBackgroundTask`

`WKURLSessionRefreshBackgroundTask`

Scheduling Complications



Scheduling

Complications

Multiple updates per hour



Scheduling

Complications

Multiple updates per hour

Request updates through `WKExtension`



Scheduling

Complications

Multiple updates per hour

Request updates through **WKExtension**

50 guaranteed pushes



```
// Scheduling
// Complications
```

NEW

```
func modelChangedOniPhone() {
    let session = WCSession.defaultSession()
    let transfers = session.remainingComplicationUserInfoTransfers
    let userInfo // Complication data

    switch transfers {
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        session.transferCurrentComplicationUserInfo(userInfo)
        break;
    case 1...10:
        // Running low on transfers
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```
// Scheduling  
// CLKComplicationDataSource
```

```
optional public func getNextRequestedUpdateDate(handler handler: (NSDate?) -> Void)
```



```
// Scheduling  
// WKExtension
```



```
public func scheduleBackgroundRefresh(withPreferredDate preferredFireDate: Date,  
userInfo: NSSecureCoding?, scheduledCompletion: (NSError?) -> Swift.Void)
```

```
// Scheduling  
// CLKComplicationDataSource
```

```
optional public func requestedUpdateDidBegin()
```



```
// Scheduling  
// WKExtensionDelegate
```

```
optional public func handle(_ backgroundTasks: Set<WKRefreshBackgroundTask>)
```



Scheduling

Dock apps



Scheduling

Dock apps

Minimum one per hour



Scheduling

Dock apps

Minimum one per hour

Distributed budget



Scheduling

Dock apps

Minimum one per hour

Distributed budget



Scheduling

Dock apps

Minimum one per hour

Distributed budget

Kept in memory



Scheduling

Recent app



Scheduling

Recent app

Most Recently Used app in dock



Scheduling

Recent app

Most Recently Used app in dock

- Treated like a favorite app



Scheduling

Recent app

Most Recently Used app in dock

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Home screen apps should not expect regular scheduling



Scheduling

System snapshots

Scheduling

System snapshots

Does not count against budget

Scheduling

System snapshots

Does not count against budget

In addition to app-requested snapshot

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System snapshots

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Triggers

Scheduling

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Triggers

- Complication timeline update

Scheduling

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Consider all runtime opportunities

- Dock and foreground activations
- Notifications
- Complication updates
- Background refresh

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WKApplicationRefreshBackgroundTask

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“Significant content change”

Avoid high-frequency invalidation



Best Practices

Data flow

Best Practices

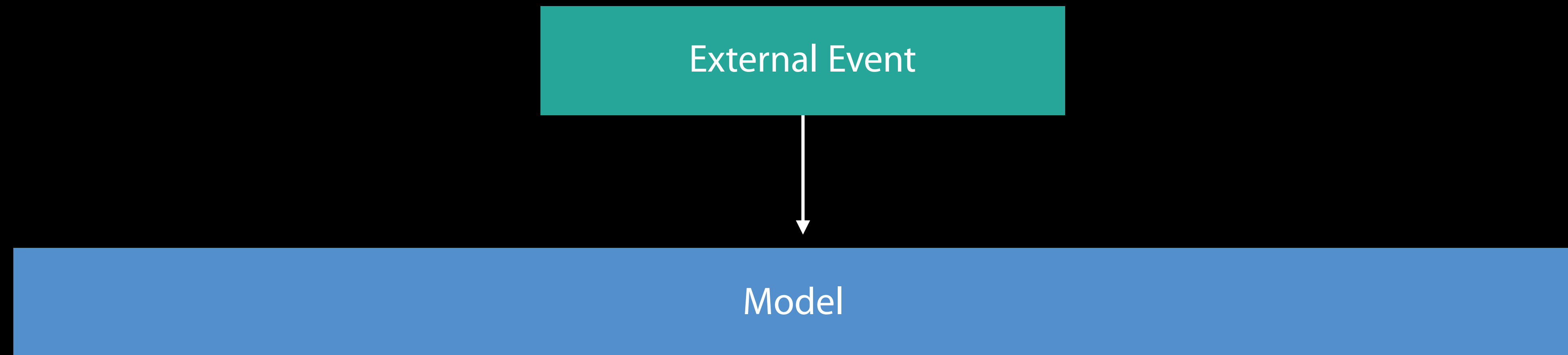
Data flow



External Event

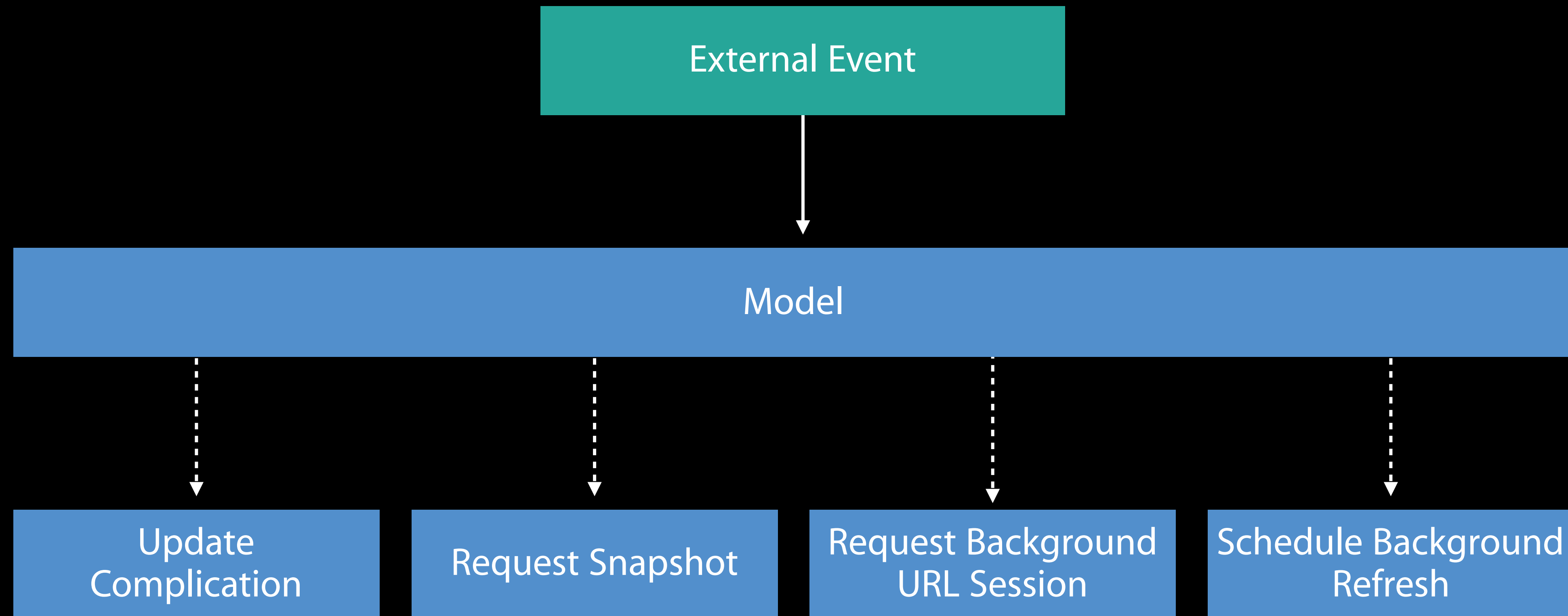
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Data protection

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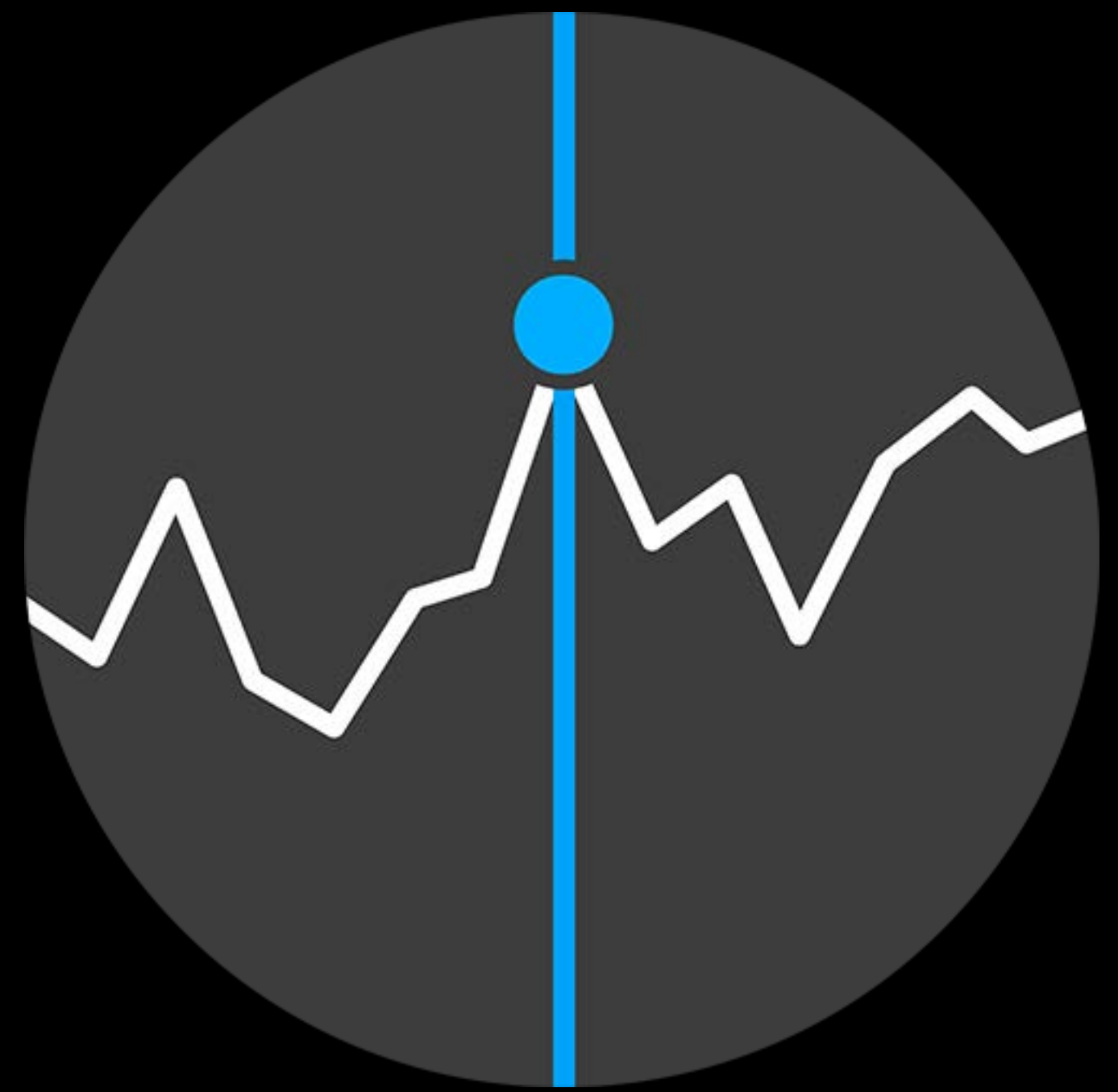
- Vary number of apps in the dock

Case Study

Stocks

Case Study

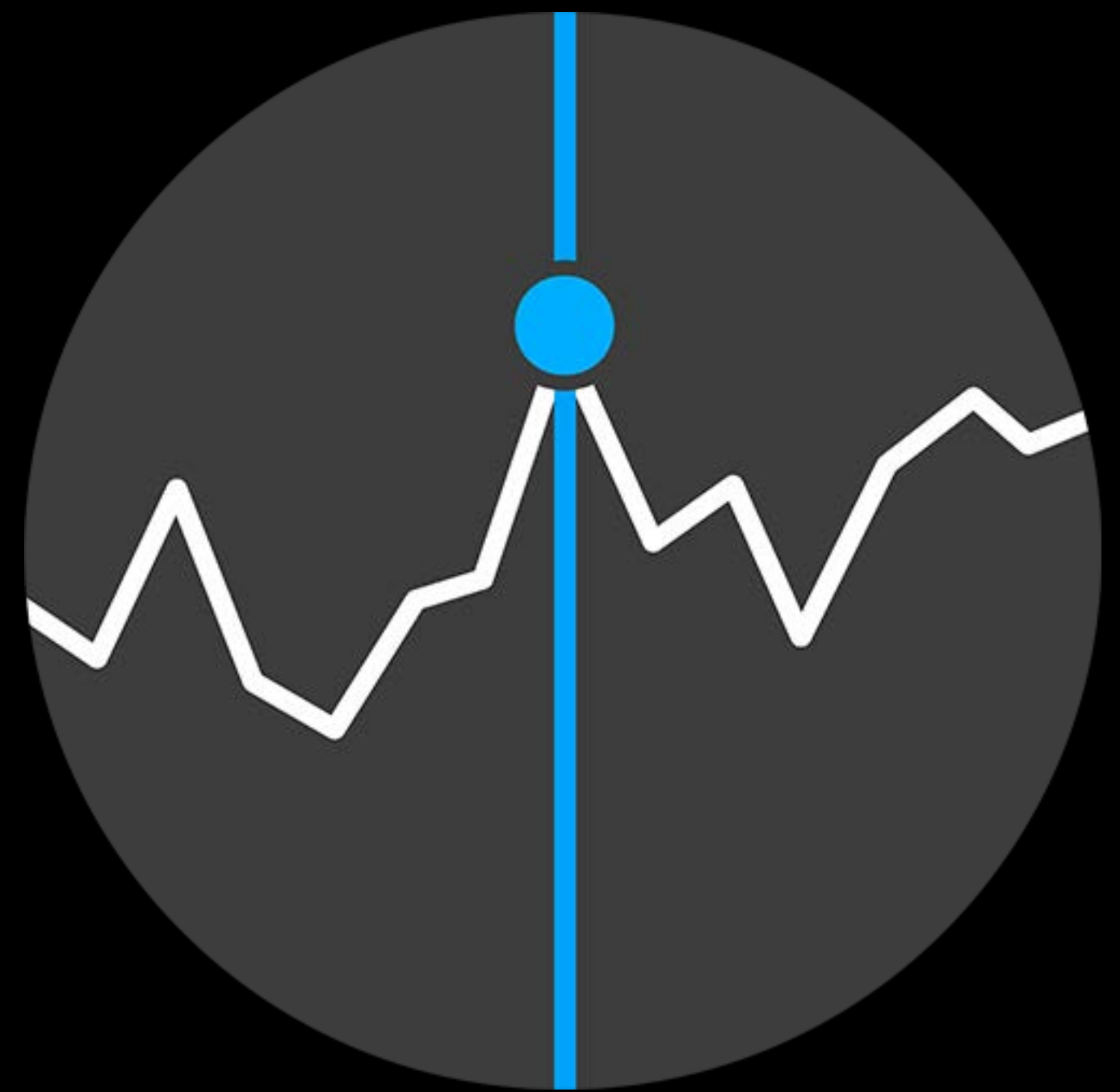
Stocks



Case Study

Stocks

Characteristics

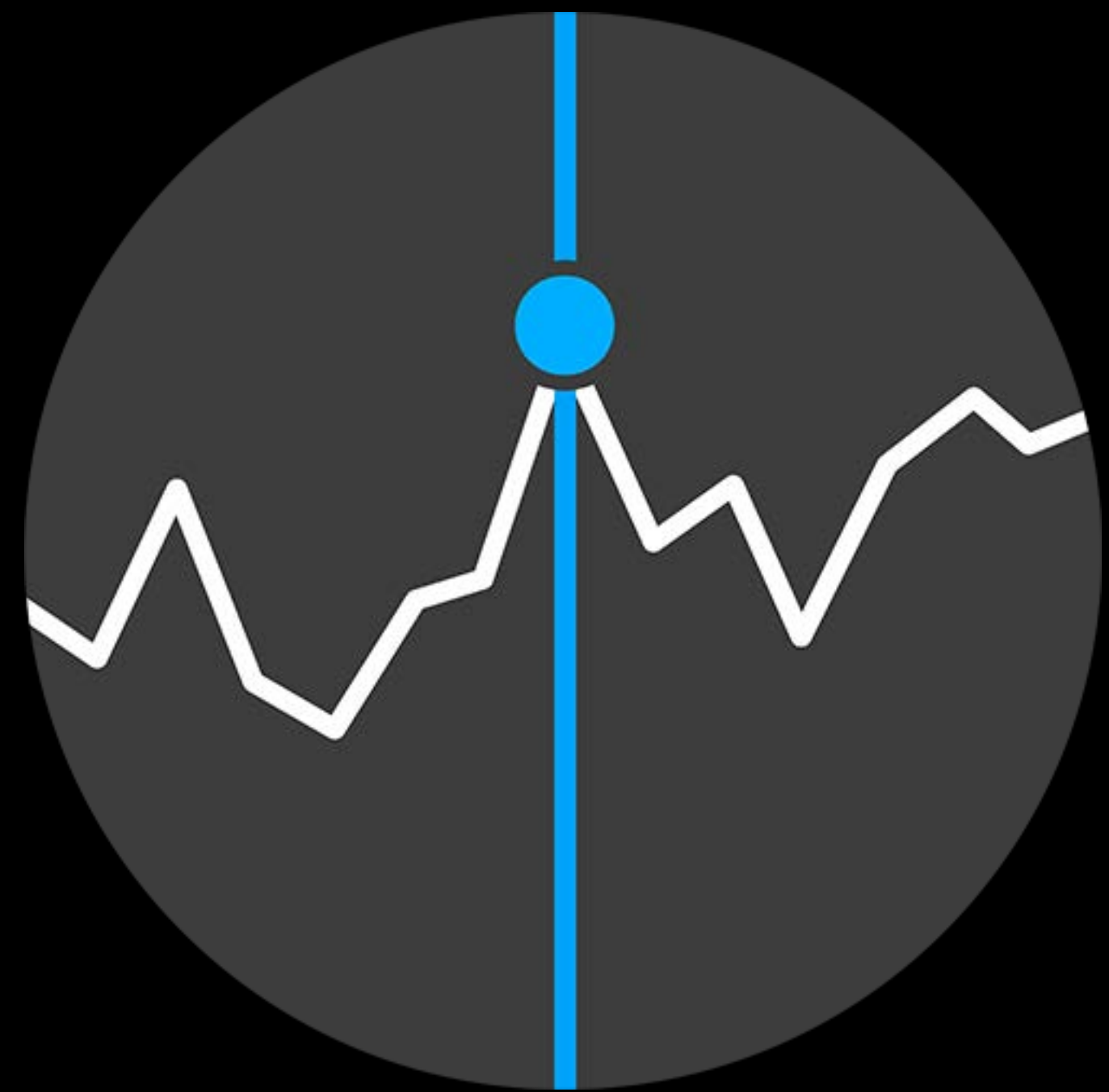


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Stocks

Characteristics

- `NSURLSession` to retrieve server data

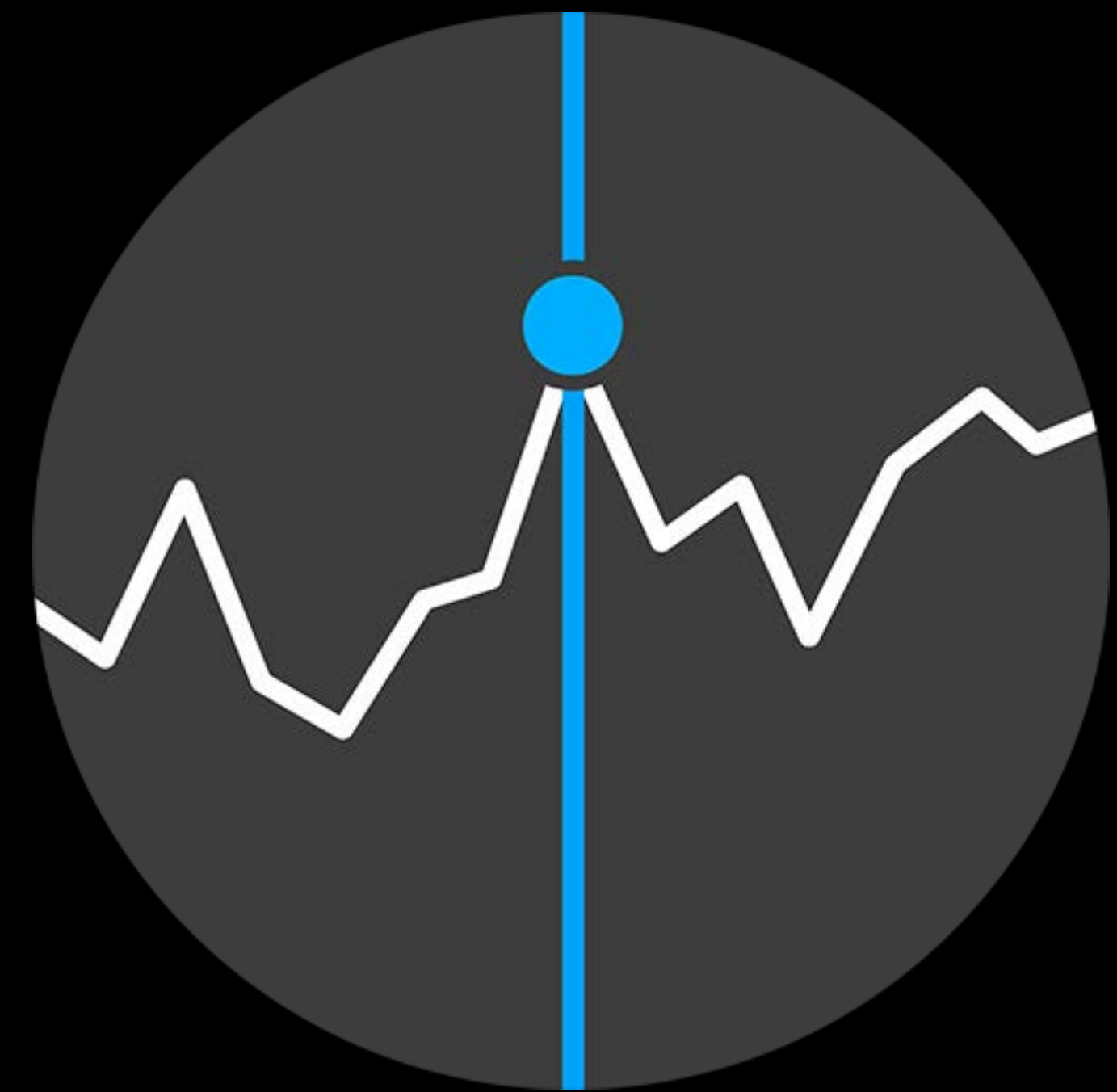


Case Study

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- **NSURLSession** to retrieve server data
- Has a complication

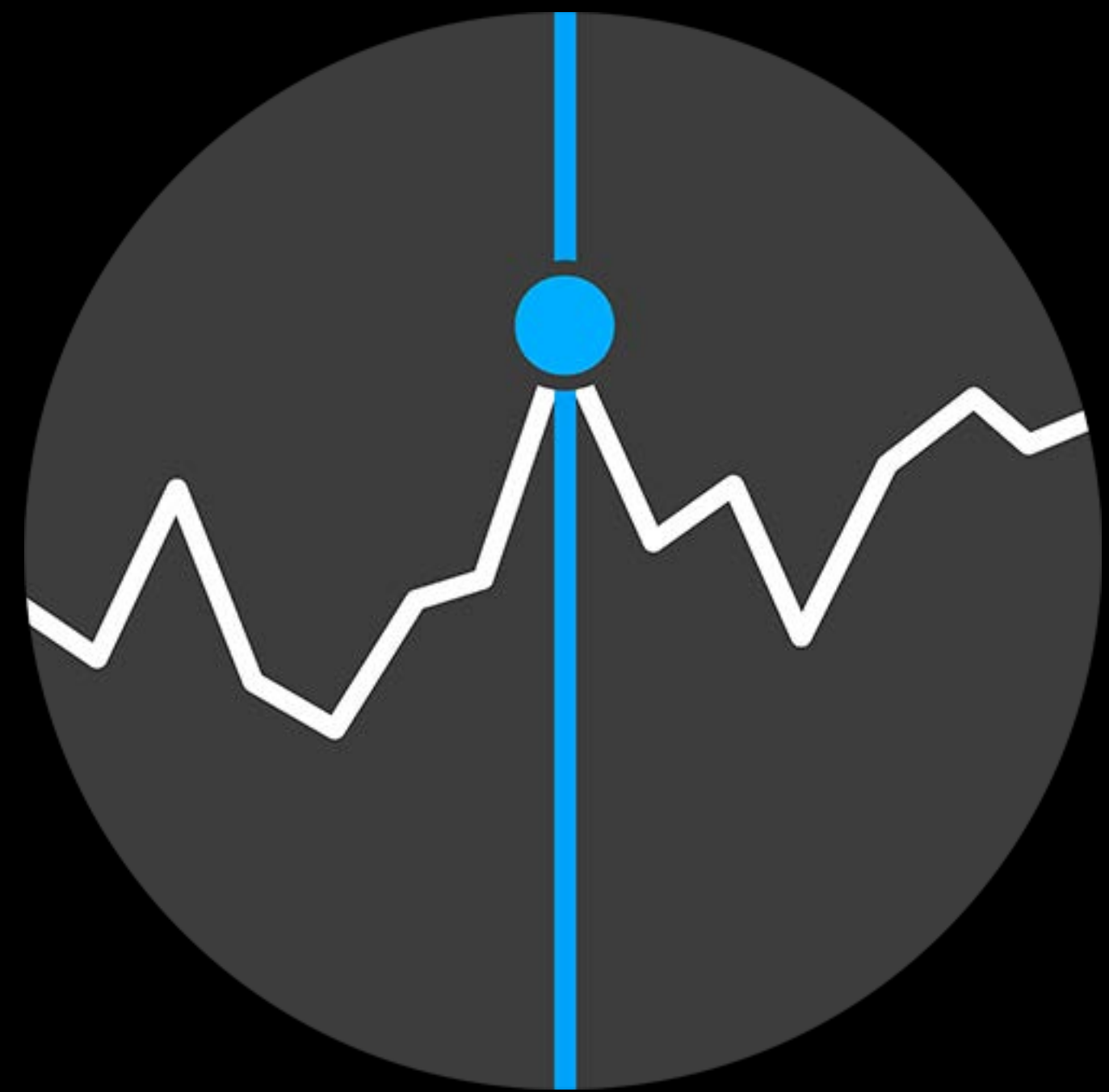


Case Study

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- **NSURLSession** to retrieve server data
- Has a complication
- Periodic cadence for part of the day

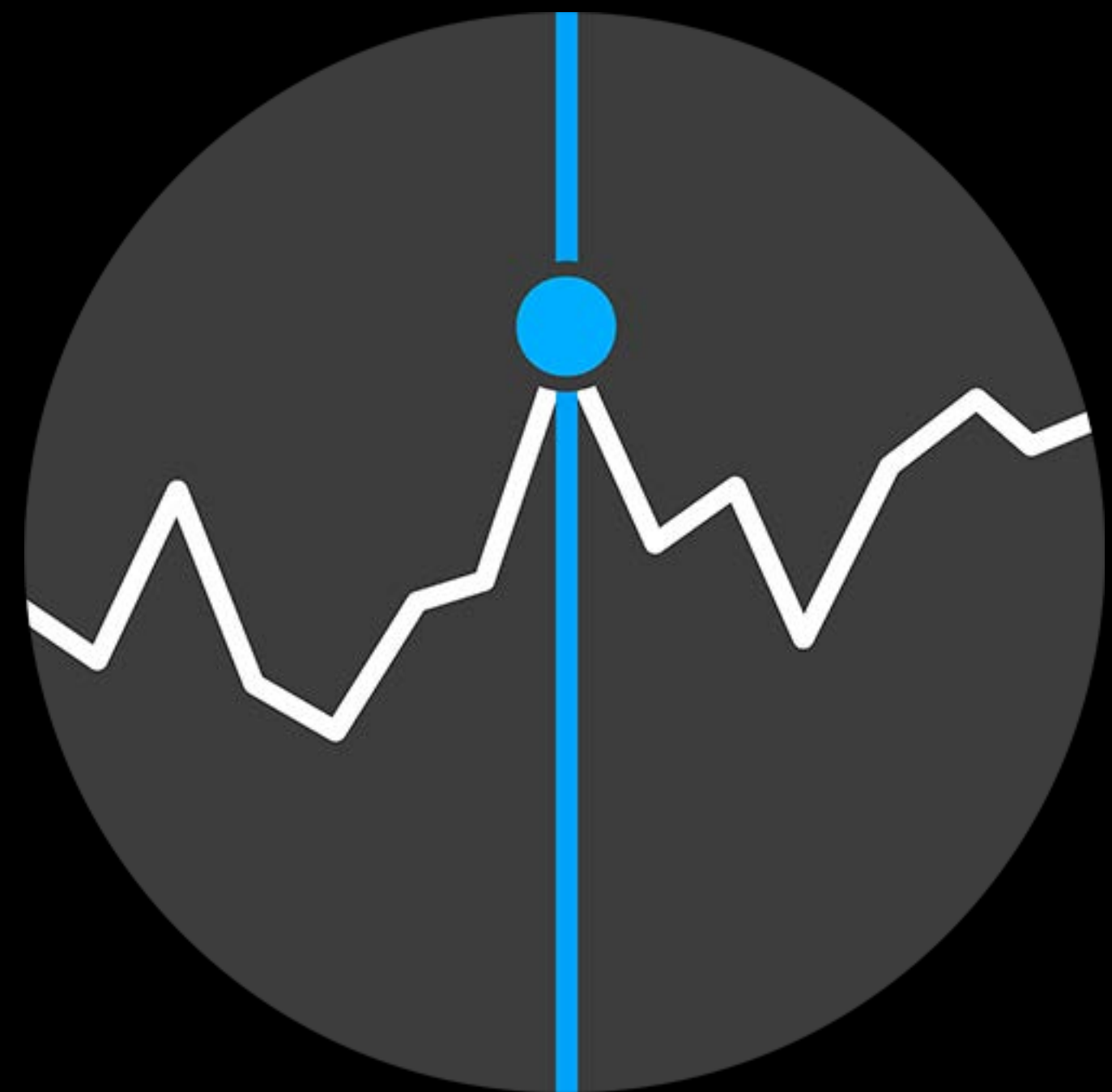


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Stocks

Characteristics

- **NSURLSession** to retrieve server data
- Has a complication
- Periodic cadence for part of the day
- No updates while markets are closed



Case Study

Boot



Case Study

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- Load last data for snapshot



Case Study

Boot

- Load last data for snapshot
- Schedule a background `NSURLSession`



Case Study

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- Load last data for snapshot
- Schedule a background `NSURLSession`
- Use `NSURLSessionDownloadTask`



Case Study

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- Load last data for snapshot
- Schedule a background `NSURLSession`
- Use `NSURLSessionDownloadTask`
- `NSURLSessionDataTask` will fail for background session on app suspension



Case Study

NSURLSession



Case Study

NSURLSession

- Update model



Case Study

NSURLSession

- Update model
 - Trigger a complication update



Case Study

NSURLSession

- Update model
 - Trigger a complication update
 - Request a new snapshot for now



Case Study

NSURLSession

- Update model
 - Trigger a complication update
 - Request a new snapshot for now
 - Request a background refresh for next expected model update time



Case Study

Background refresh



Case Study

Background refresh

- Schedule the next `NSURLSession` download



Case Study

Stocks activated from the dock



Case Study

Stocks activated from the dock

- Use `NSURLSession` to update model



Case Study

Stocks activated from the dock

- Use `NSURLSession` to update model
 - Request complication update



Case Study

Stocks activated from the dock

- Use `NSURLSession` to update model
 - Request complication update
 - Request new snapshot



Case Study

Stocks activated from the dock

- Use `NSURLSession` to update model
 - Request complication update
 - Request new snapshot
 - Schedule background refresh for a later time



Case Study

Last update after market close



Case Study

Last update after market close

- Data has stopped changing for the day



Case Study

Last update after market close

- Data has stopped changing for the day
 - Complete update as normal



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Last update after market close

- Data has stopped changing for the day
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