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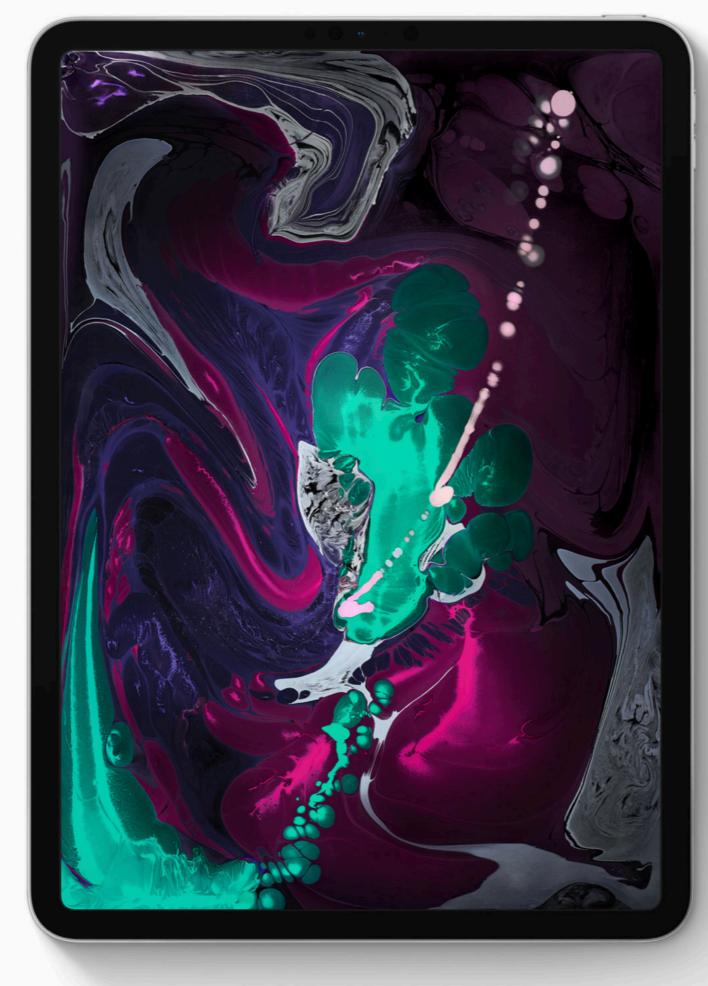
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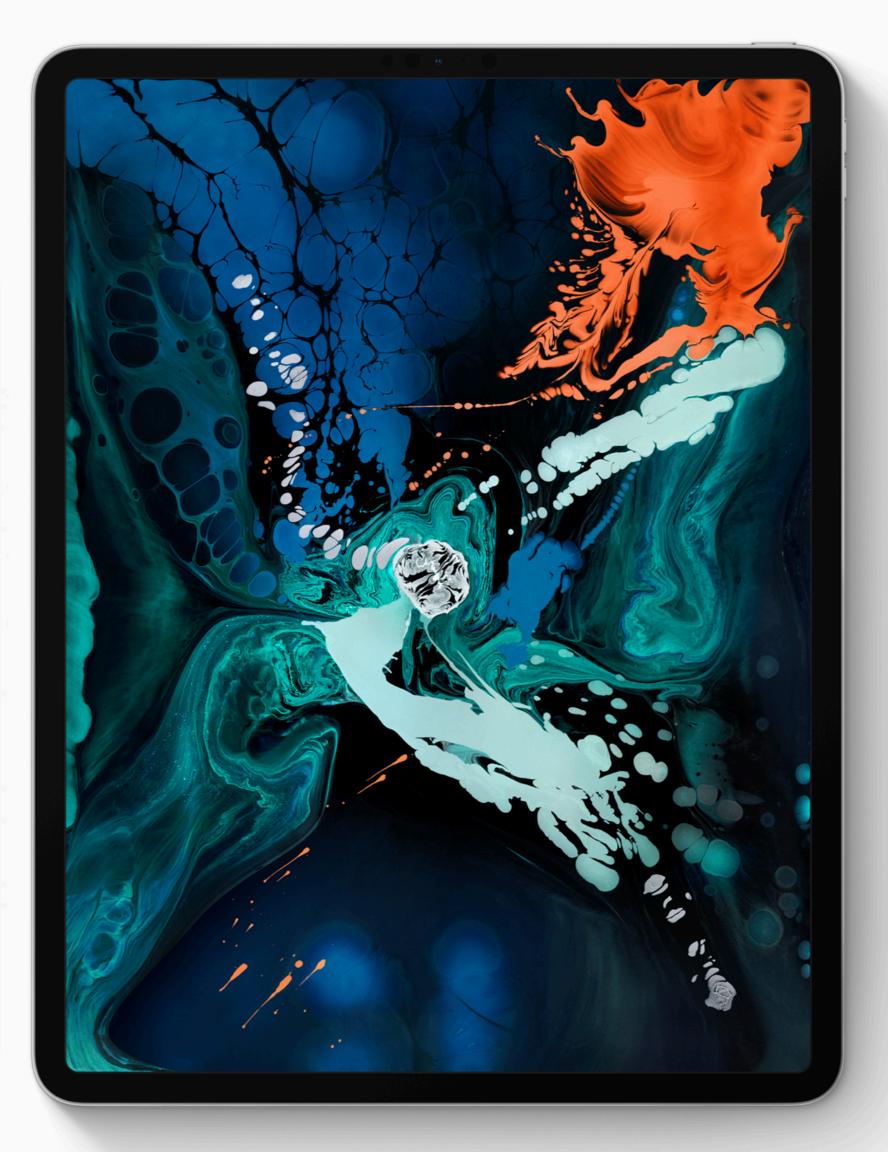
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# Overview

- Goals
- iOS design patterns
- 5 design techniques with basic implementation and examples

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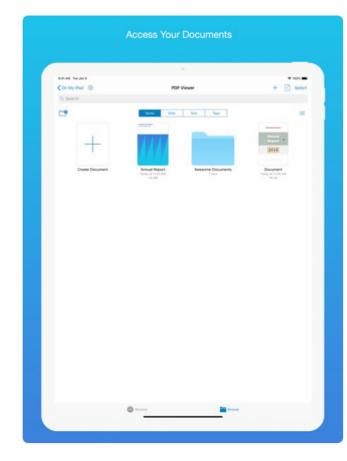


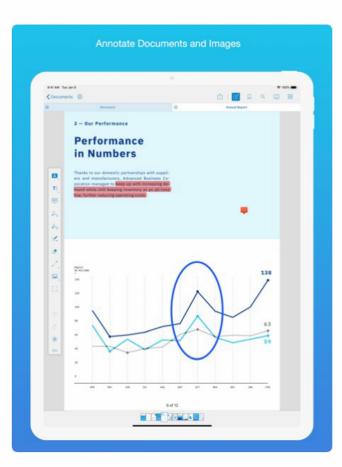
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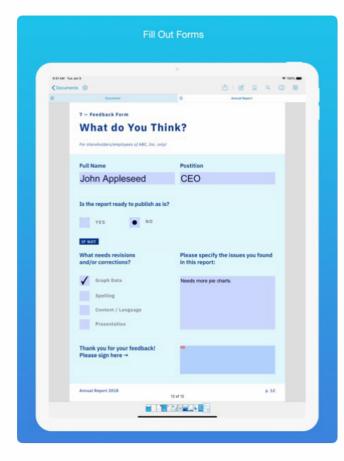
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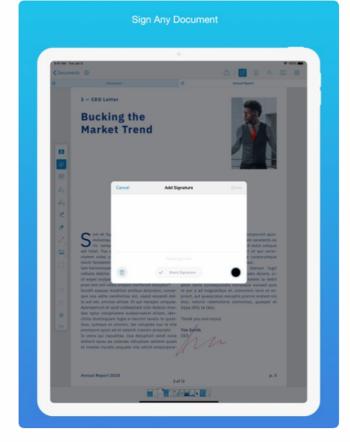
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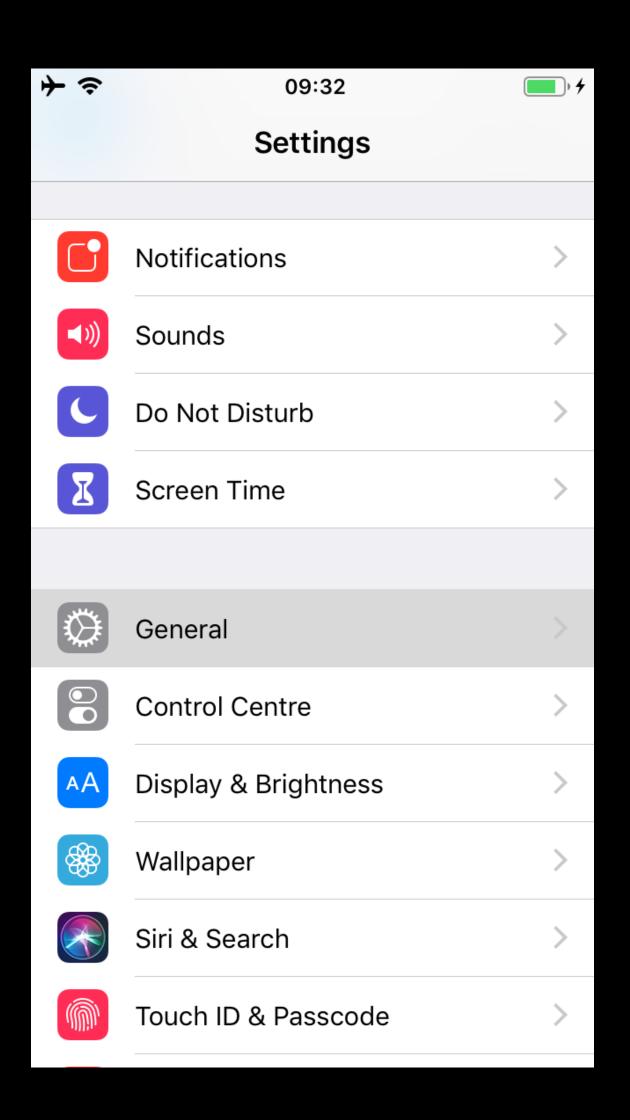


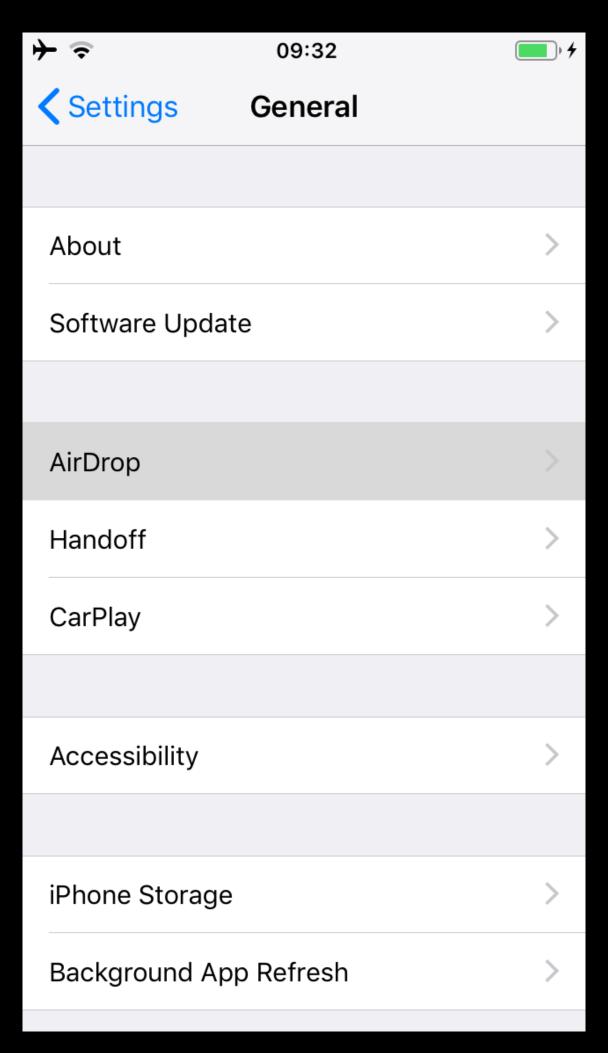


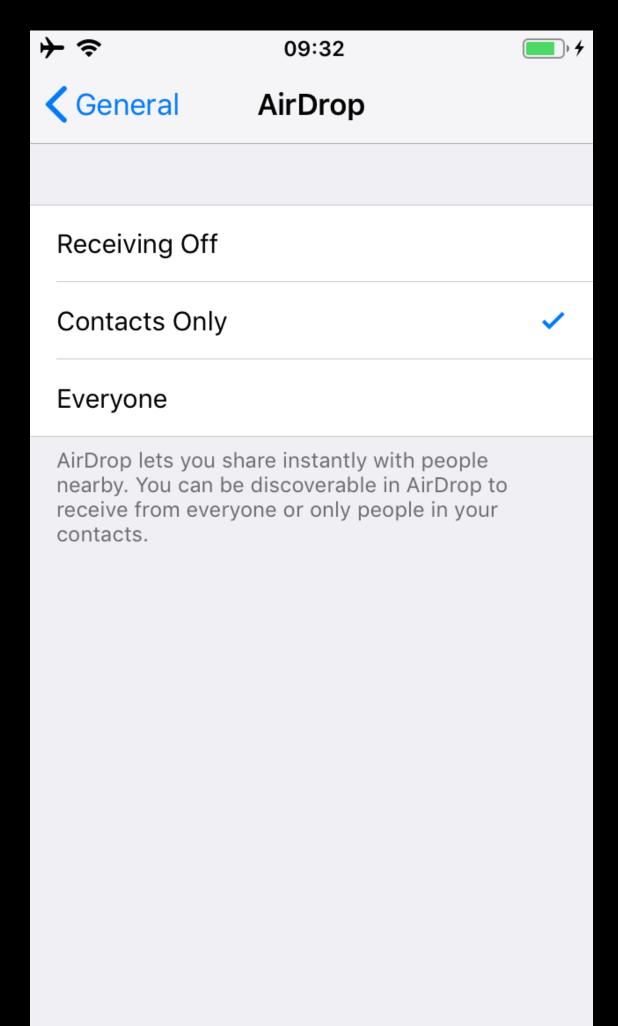
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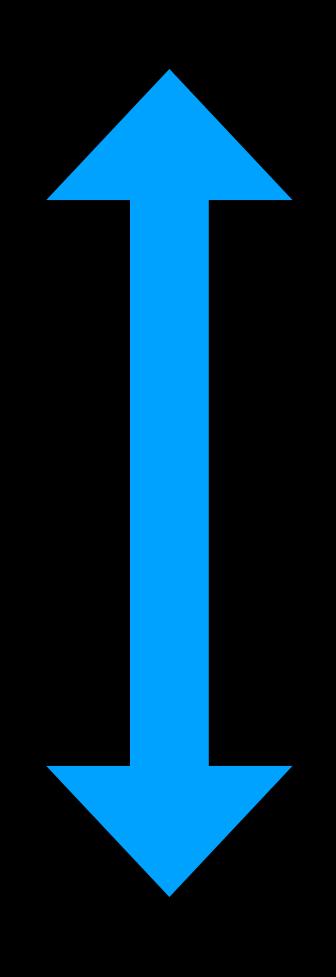
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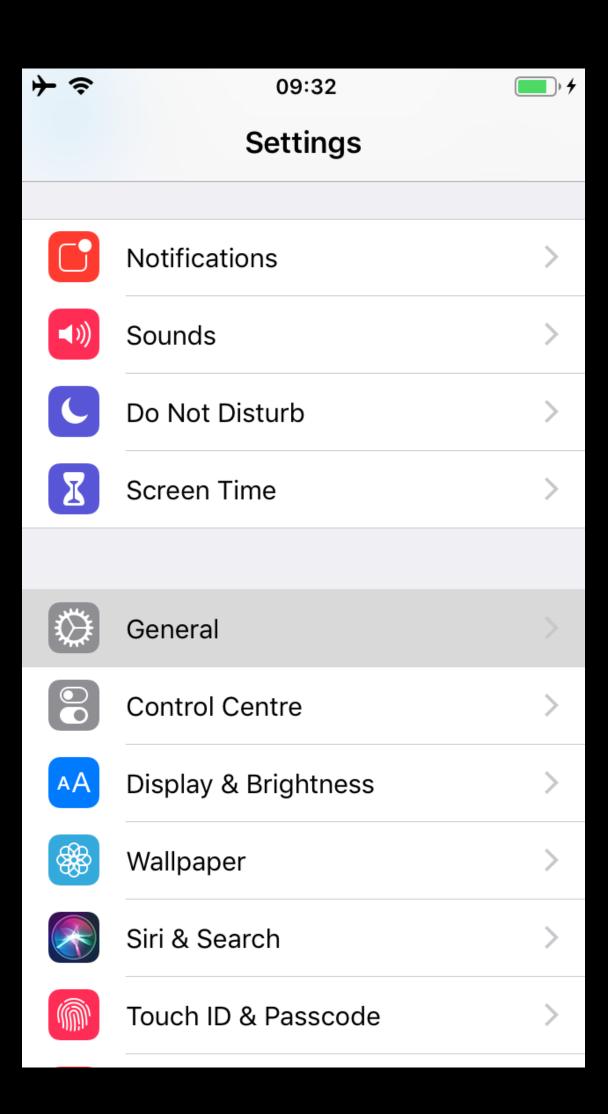
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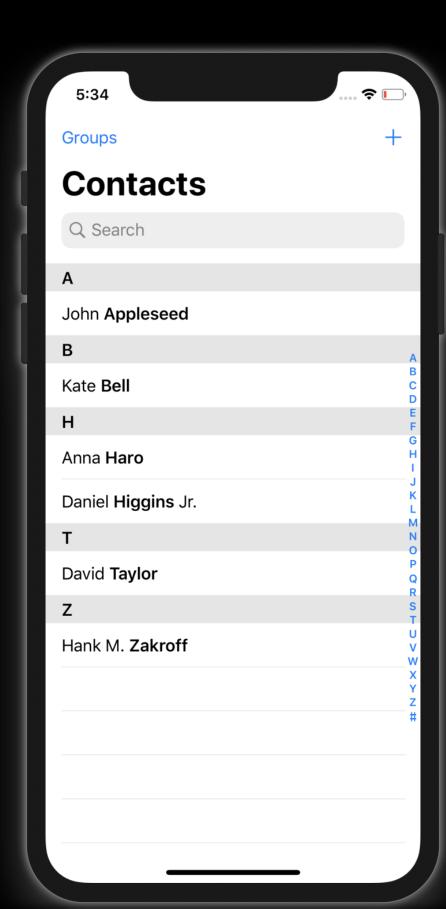


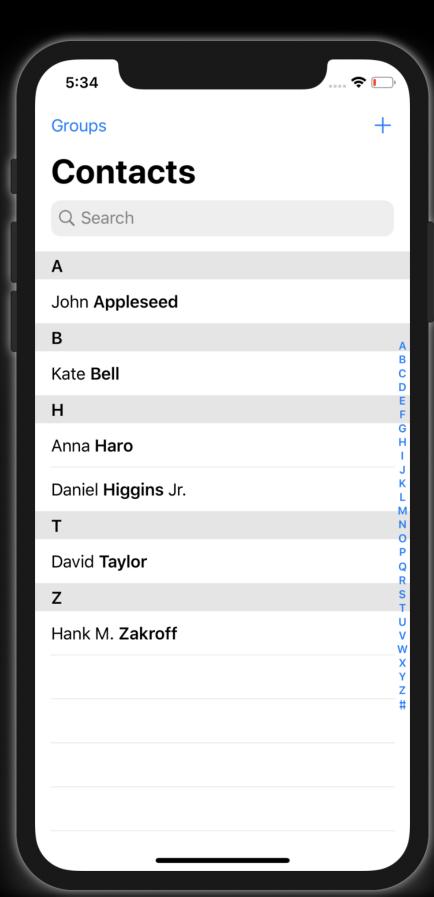
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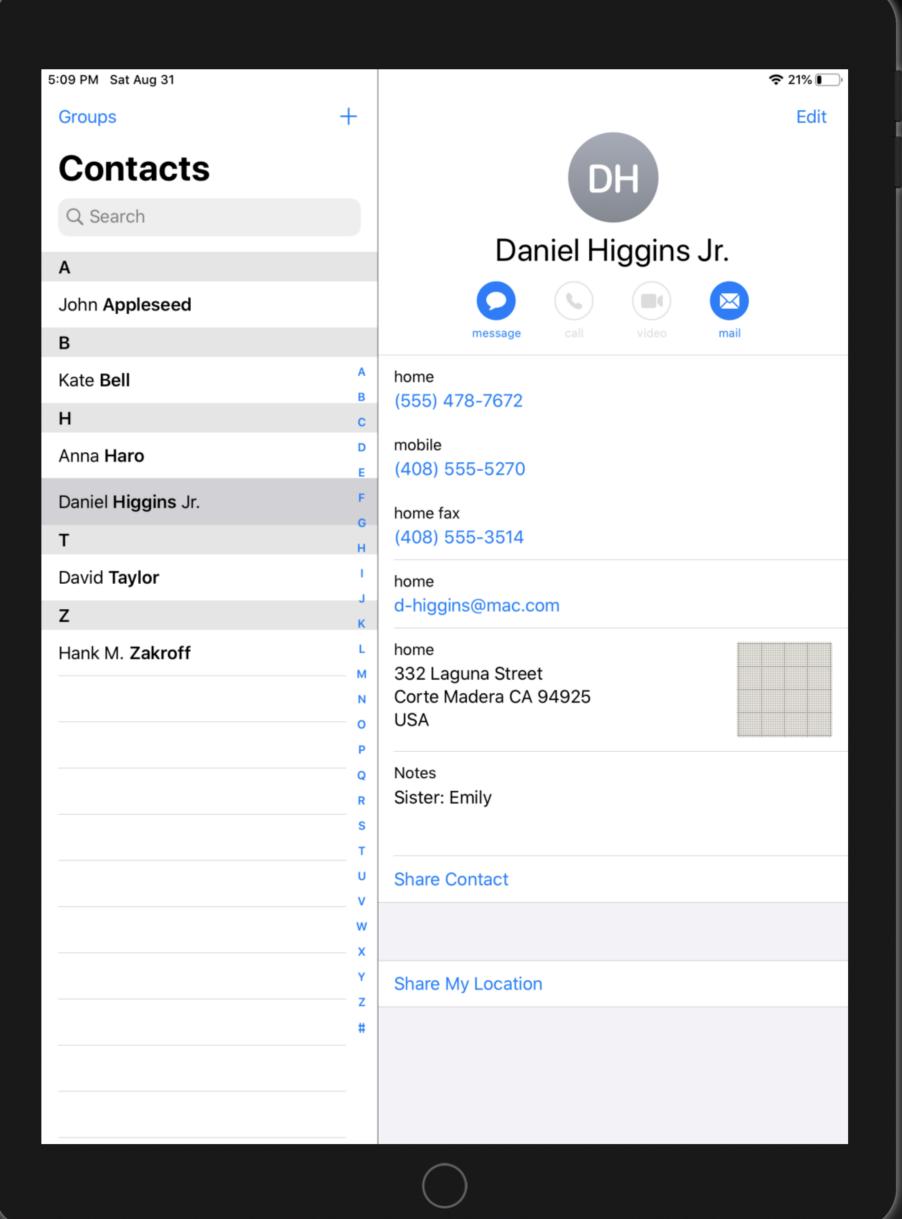


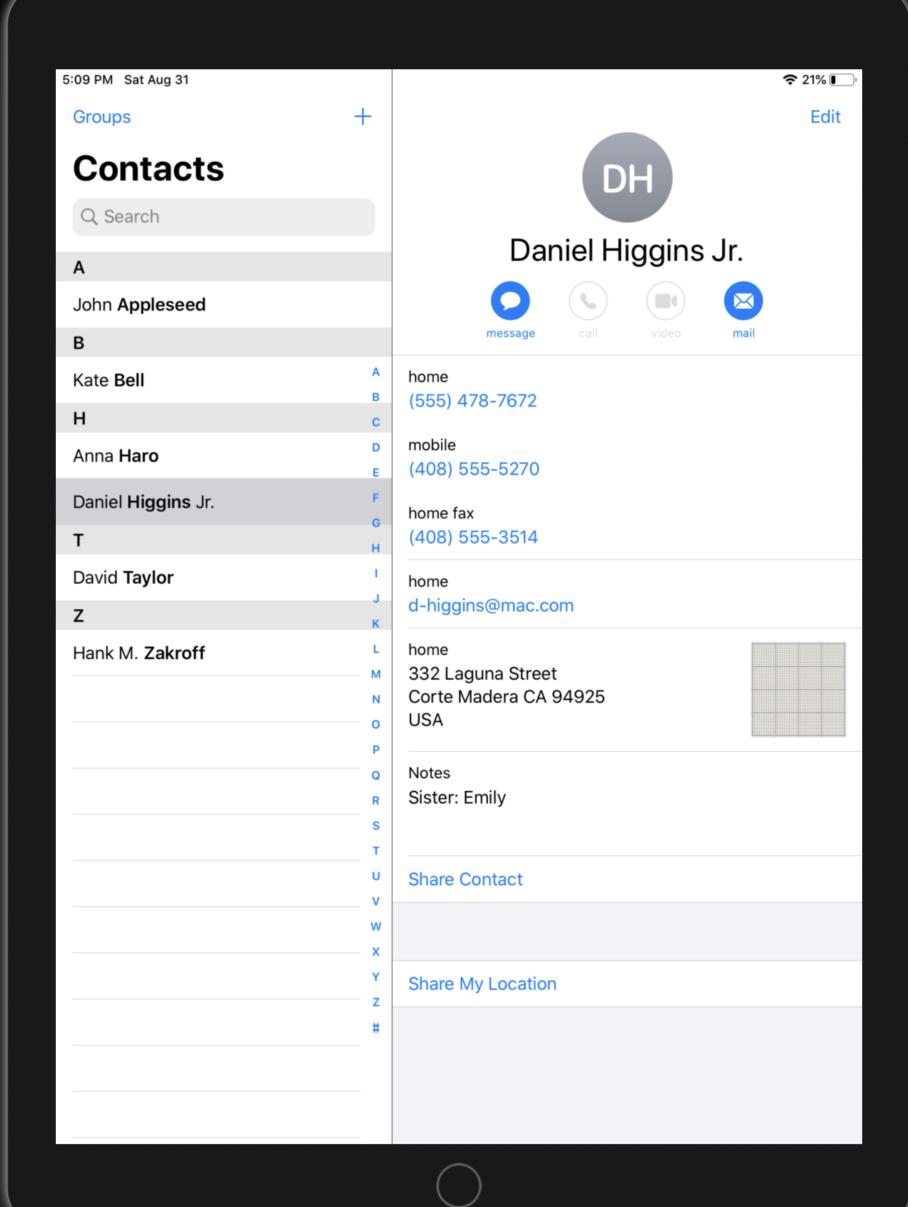
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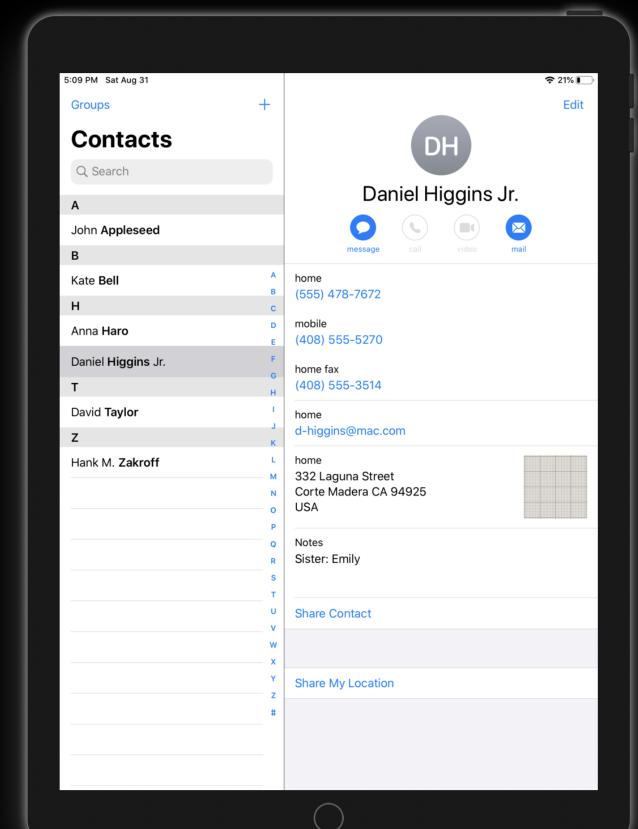
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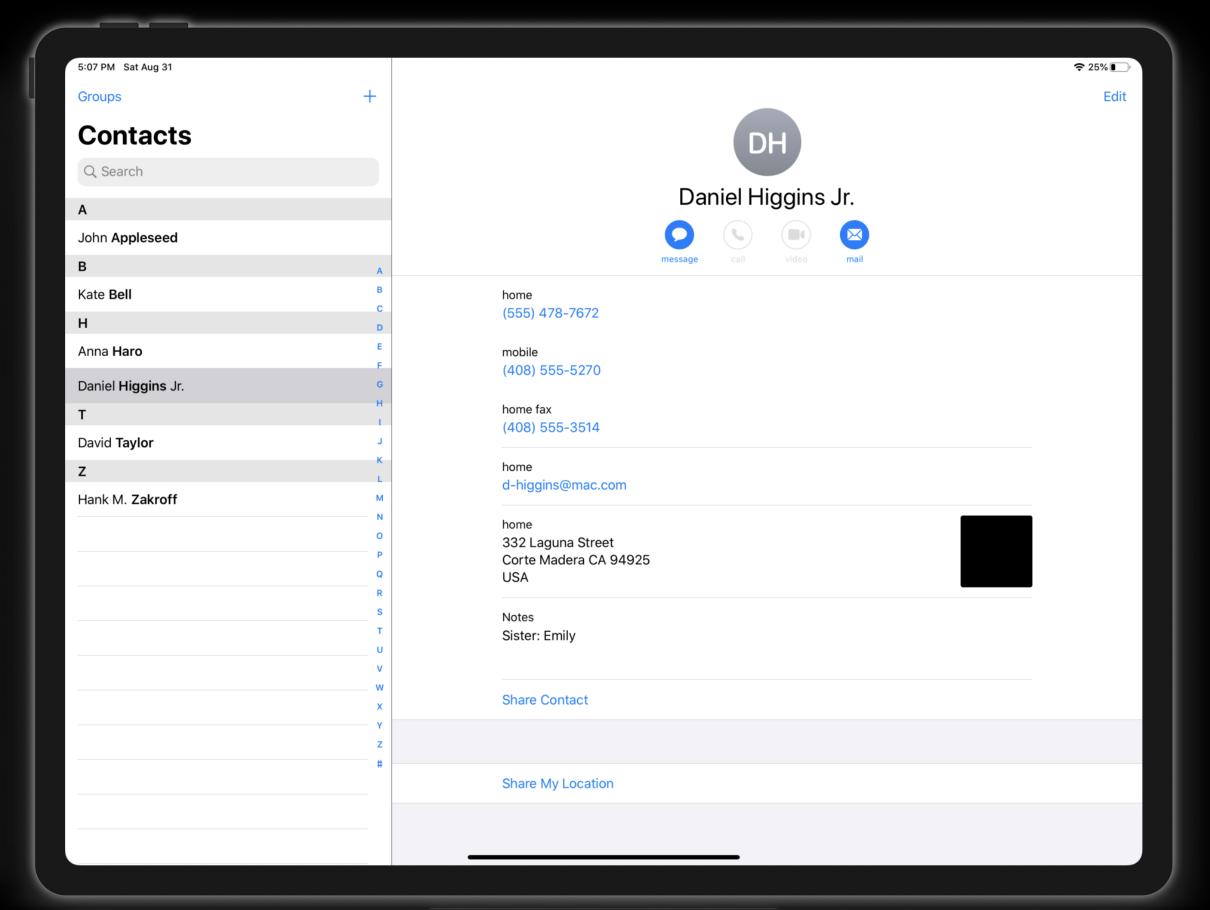




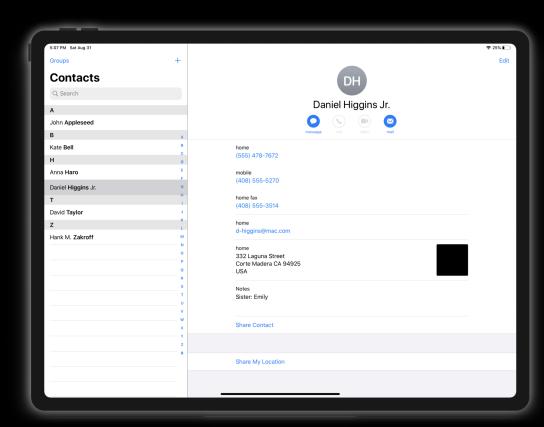






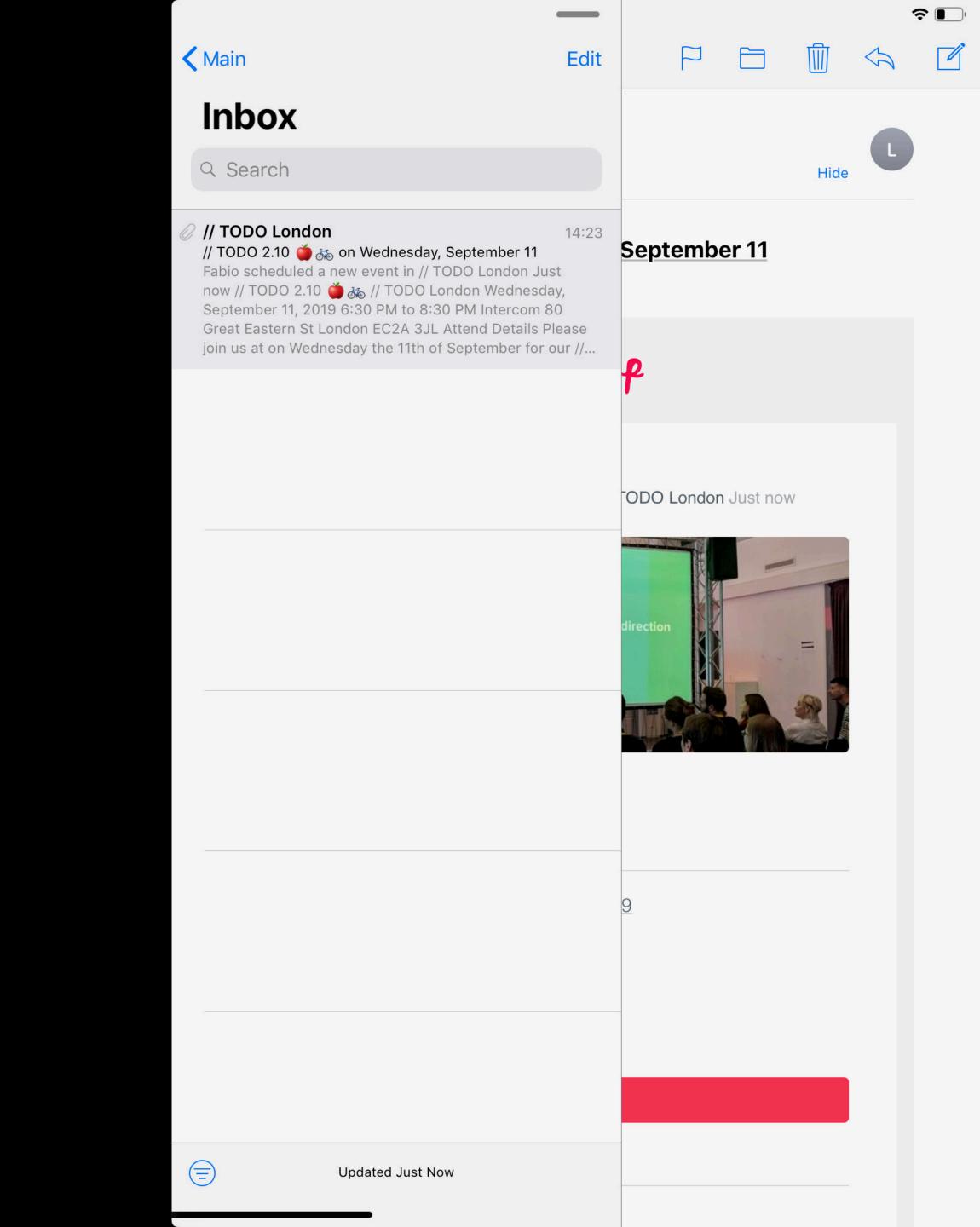


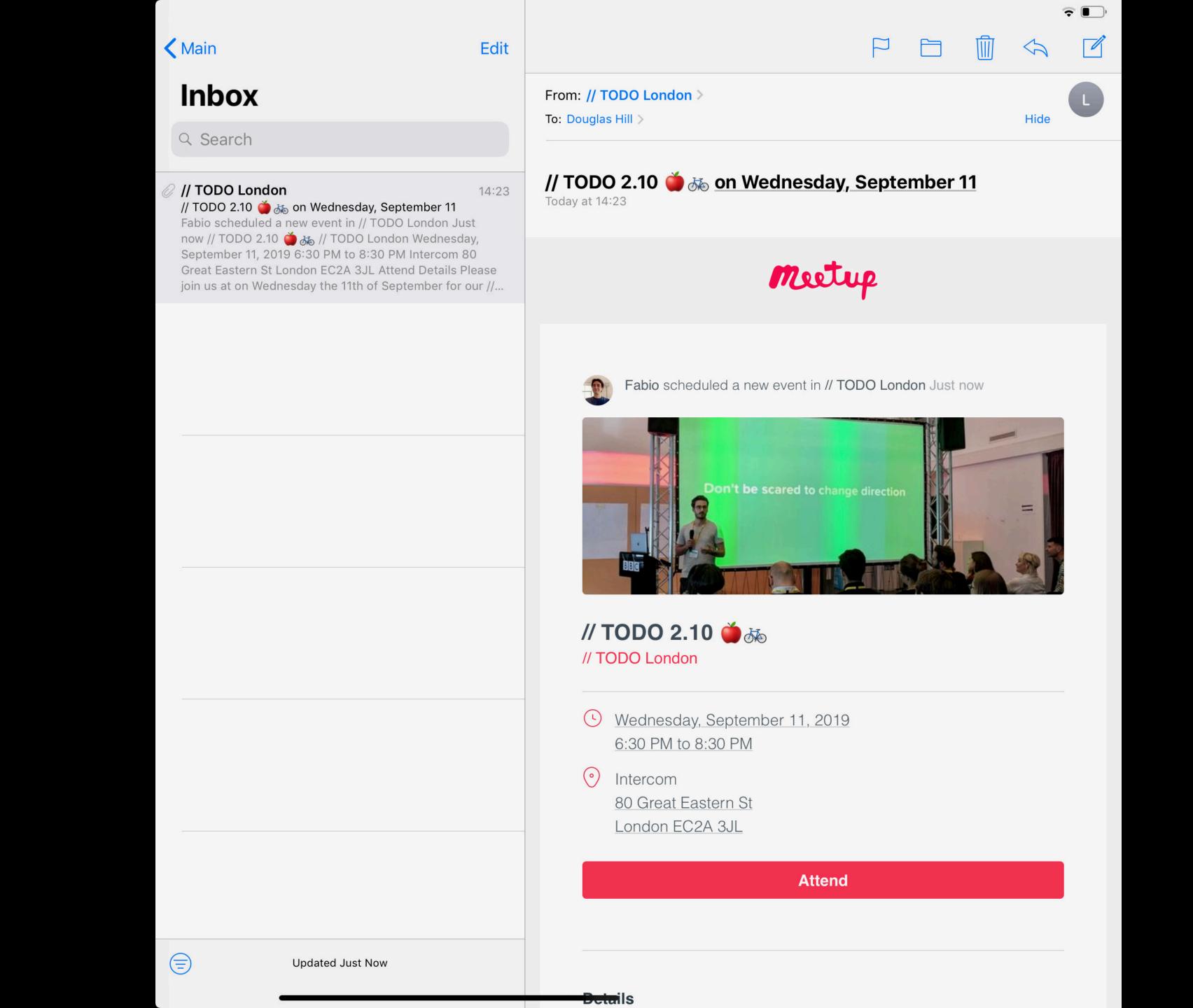


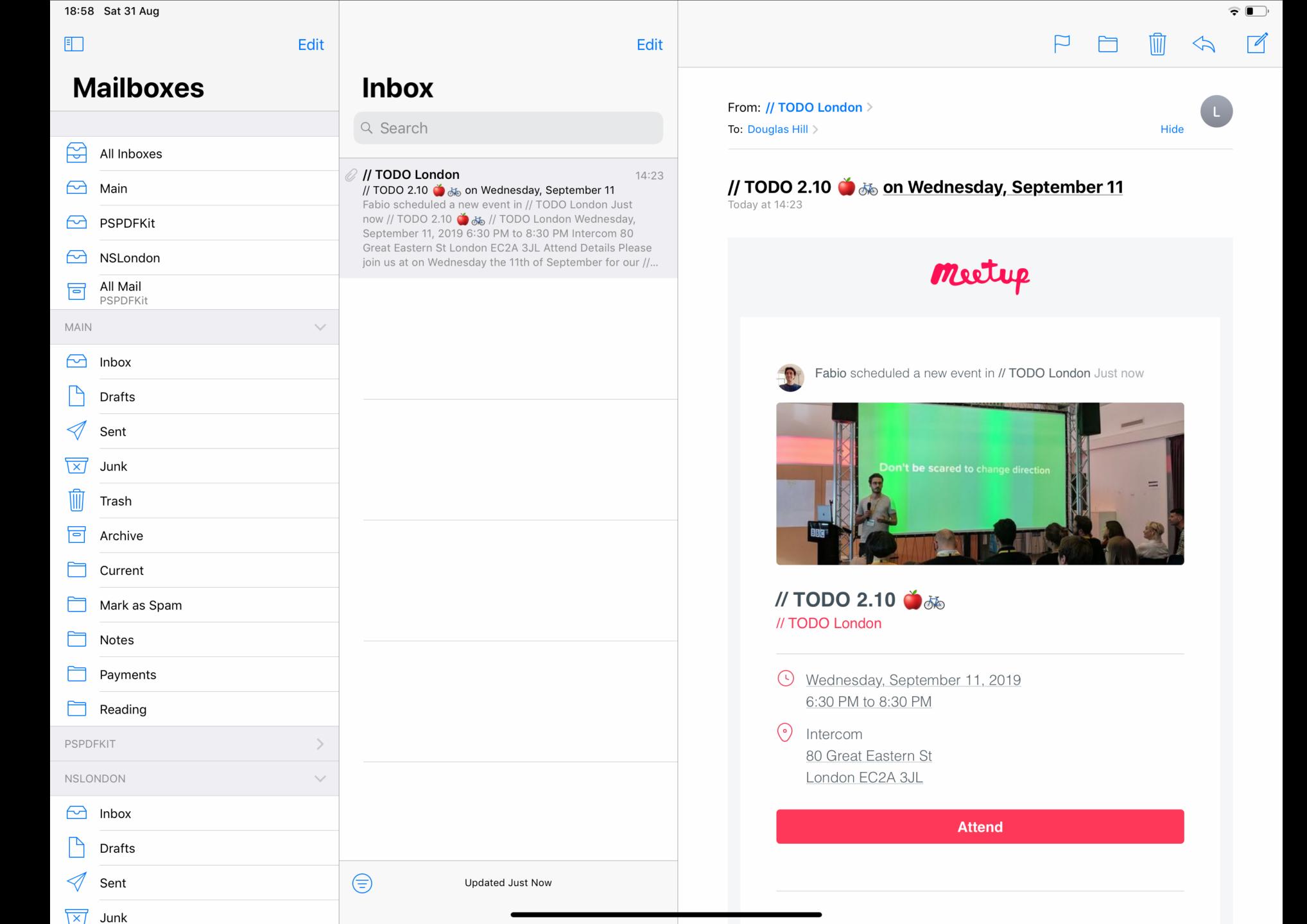


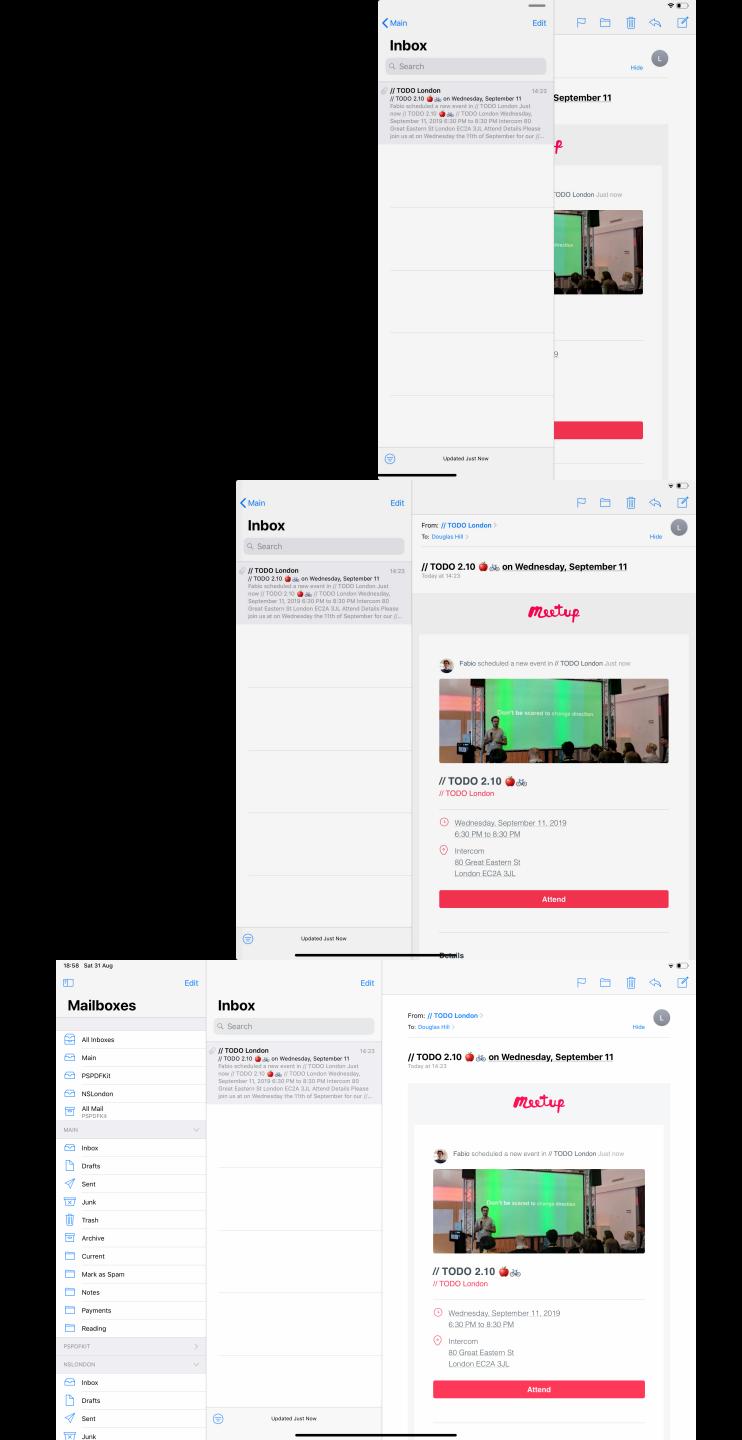


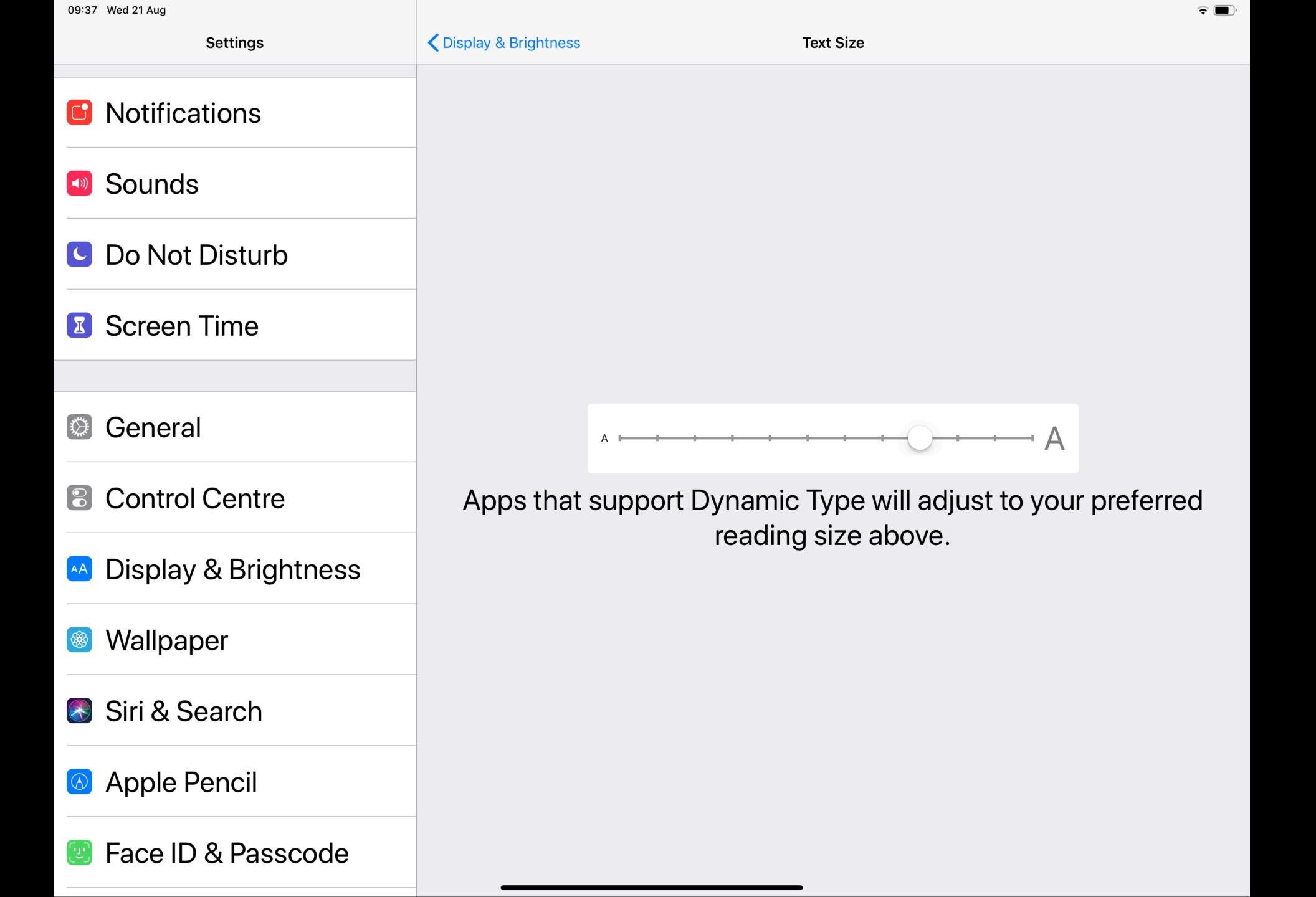


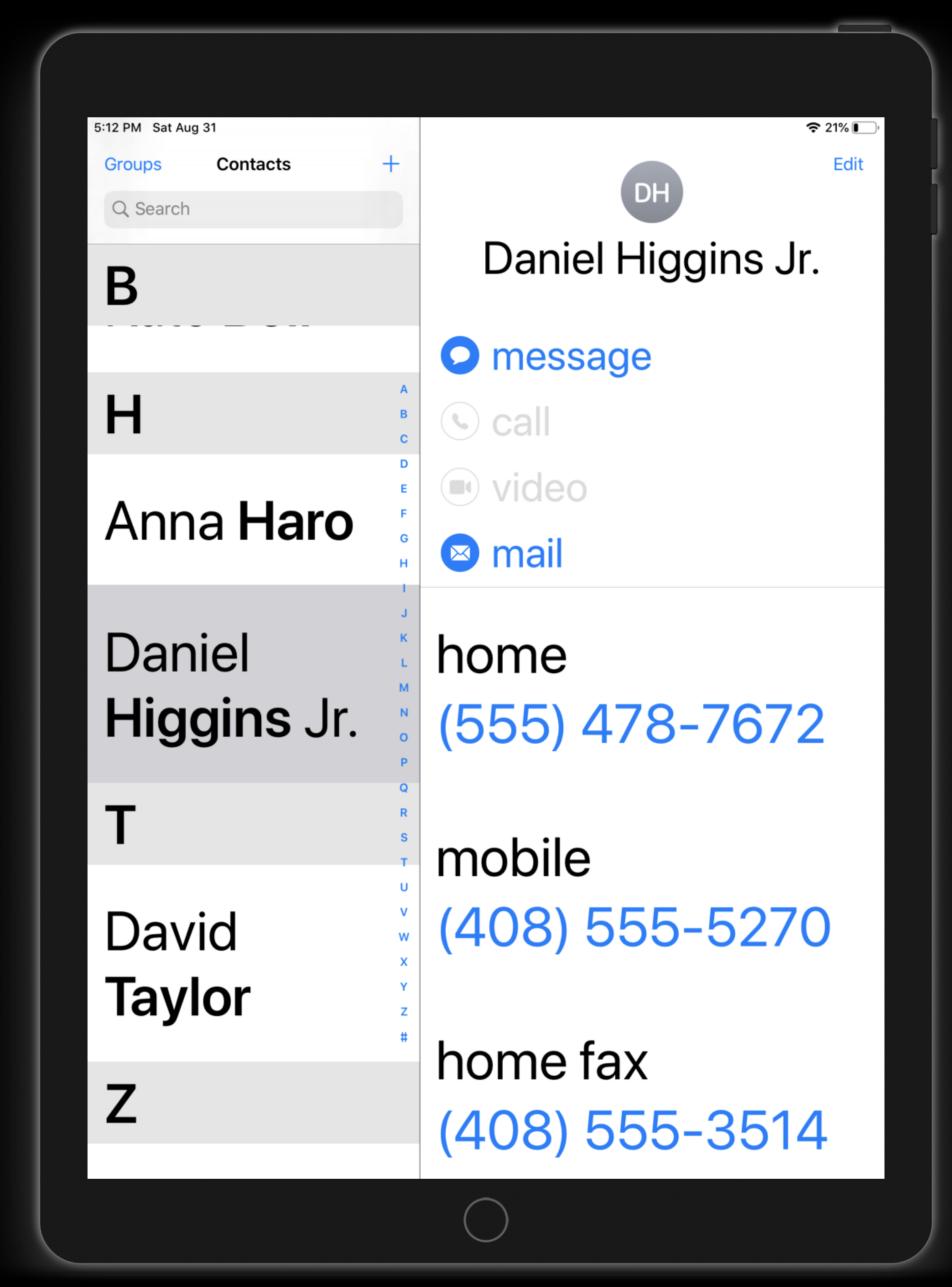












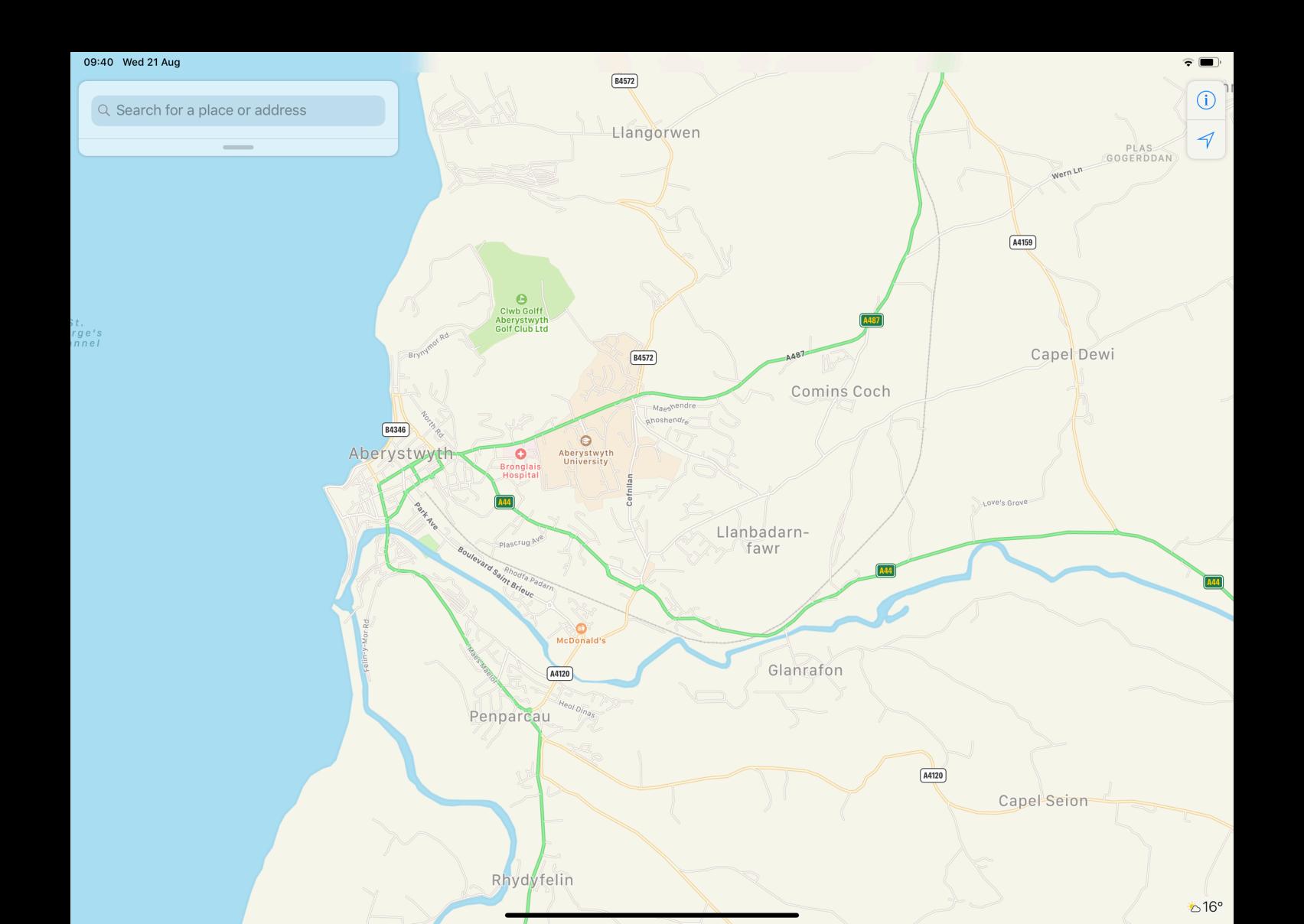
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- Fill the space
- More whitespace
- Grid
- Columns across hierarchy
- Columns within hierarchy

# Fill the space



# More whitespace





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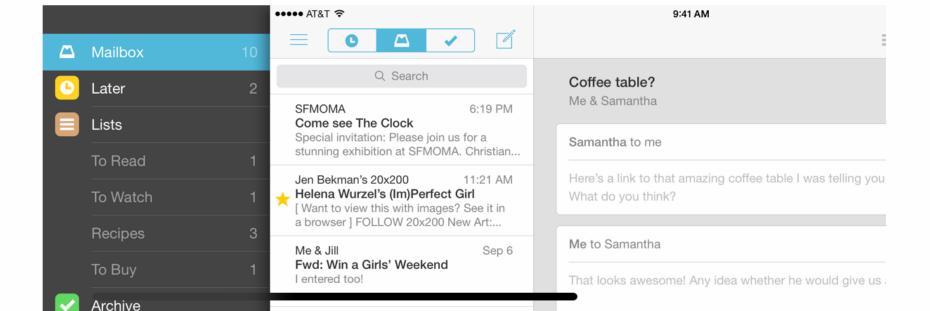
# Designing Unread for iPad Part 5 – Comical Amounts of Negative Space

This is Part 5 in an ongoing series about the design of the iPad version of Unread.

Now that I know how I want the article view to look, I can work backwards through the other screens in the app. Those screens are:

- Article Summaries List This is the second most-viewed screen in Unread. On the iPhone version, it's a long list of article summaries, titles, and image thumbnails.
- Account Dashboard The source list for navigating to an article summaries list. This screen has three sections: Articles, Folders<sup>1</sup>, and Subscriptions.
- Home screen This screen has the list of all your accounts, plus a section for extras like settings or contact options. On the iPhone, this screen also has the UNREAD masthead, to make the app feel more like a magazine.

At this stage in the design process, the quickest way out is to use a split view controller and call it a day. That was how the earliest iPad apps solved the problem. Many others have mimicked it. But I am almost certain that this would be a mistake for Unread.



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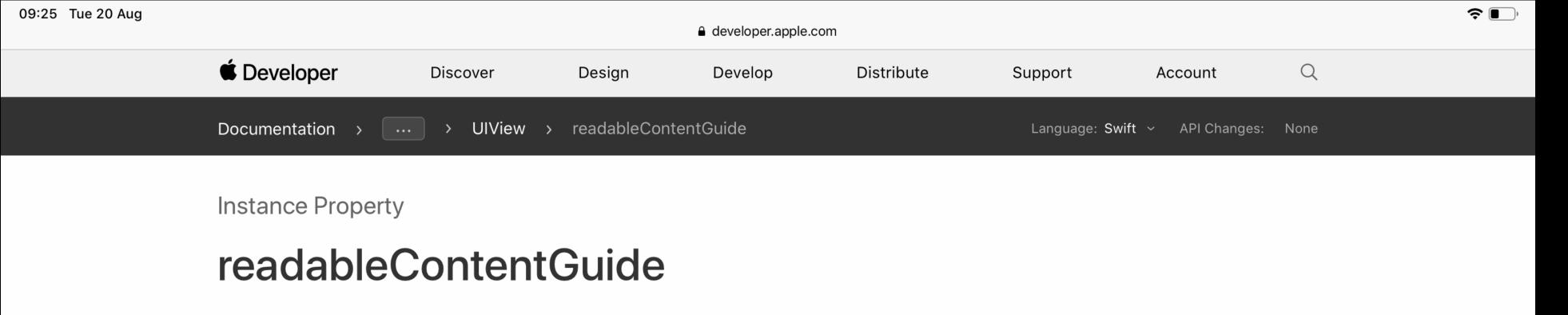
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# Declaration

var readableContentGuide: UILayoutGuide { get }

# Discussion

This layout guide defines an area that can easily be read without forcing users to move their head to track the lines. The readable content area follows the following rules:

A layout guide representing an area with a readable width within the view.

- 1. The readable content guide never extends beyond the view's layout margin guide.
- 2. The readable content guide is vertically centered inside the layout margin guide.
- 3. The readable content guide's width is equal to or less than the readable width defined for the current dynamic text size.

Use the readable content guide to lay out a single column of text. If you are laying out multiple columns, you can use the guide's width to determine the optimal width for your columns.

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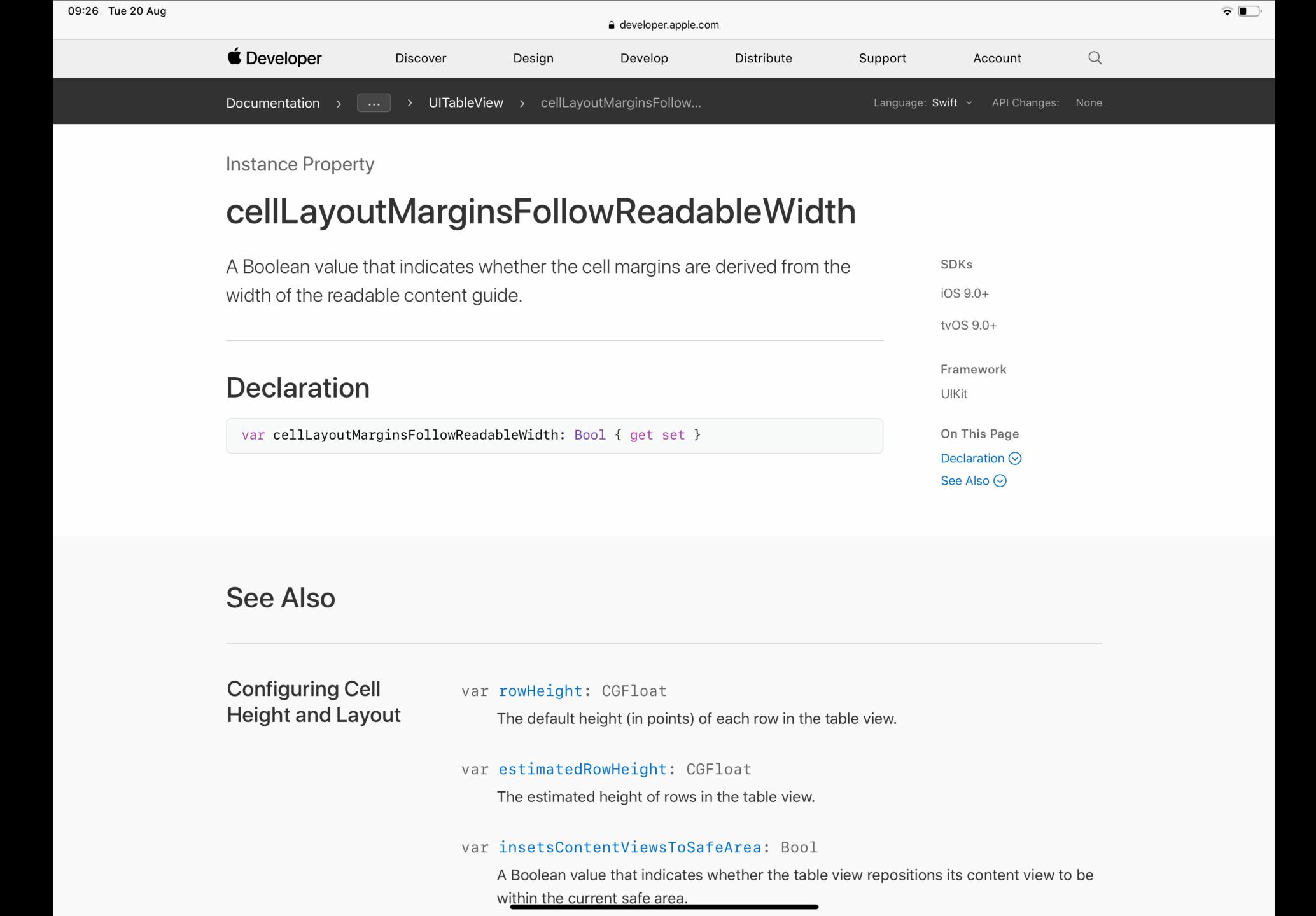
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# See Also



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p, nav, ul, ol {
    max-width: 30em;
}
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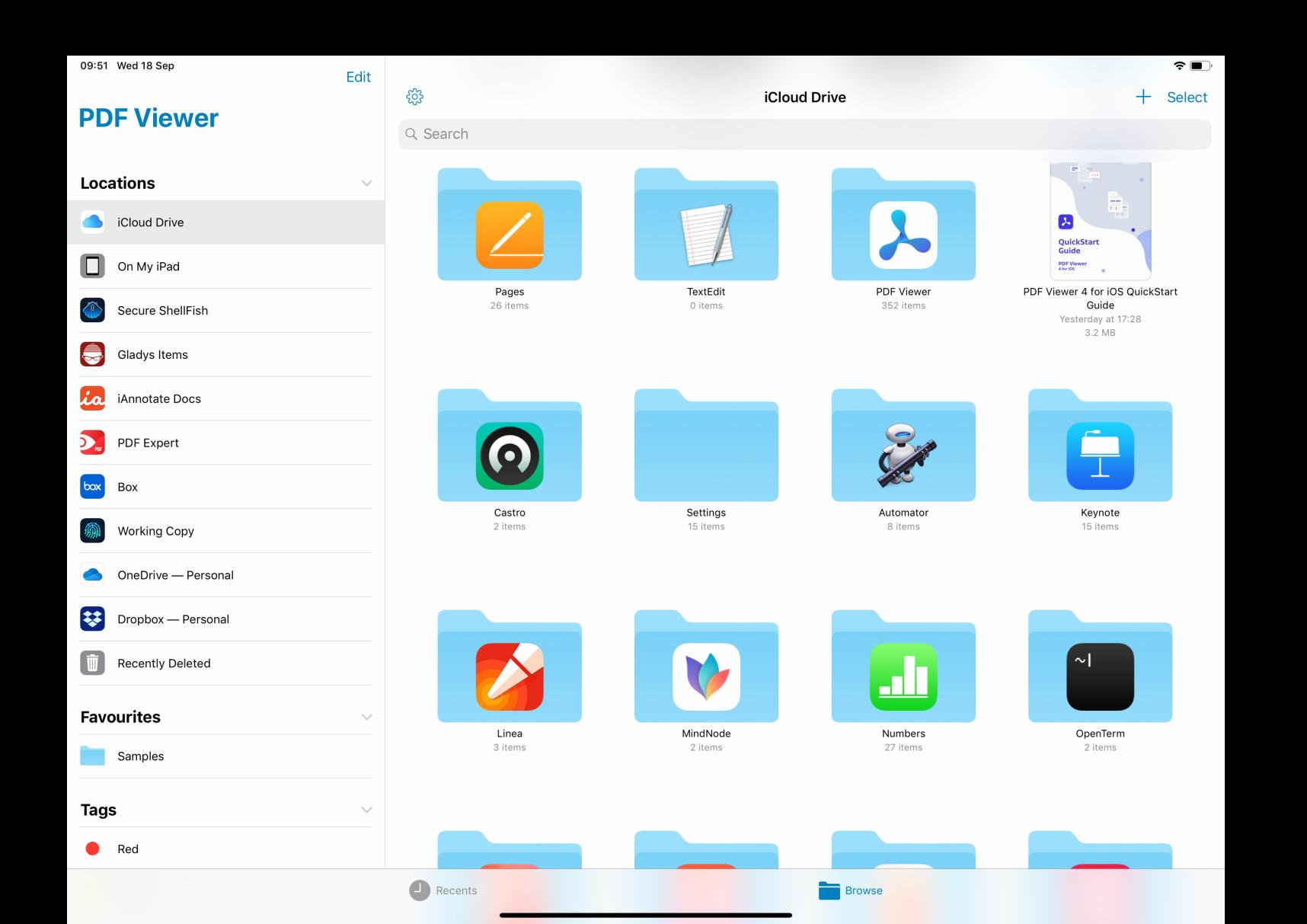
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let maxWidth = font\_pointSize \* 30

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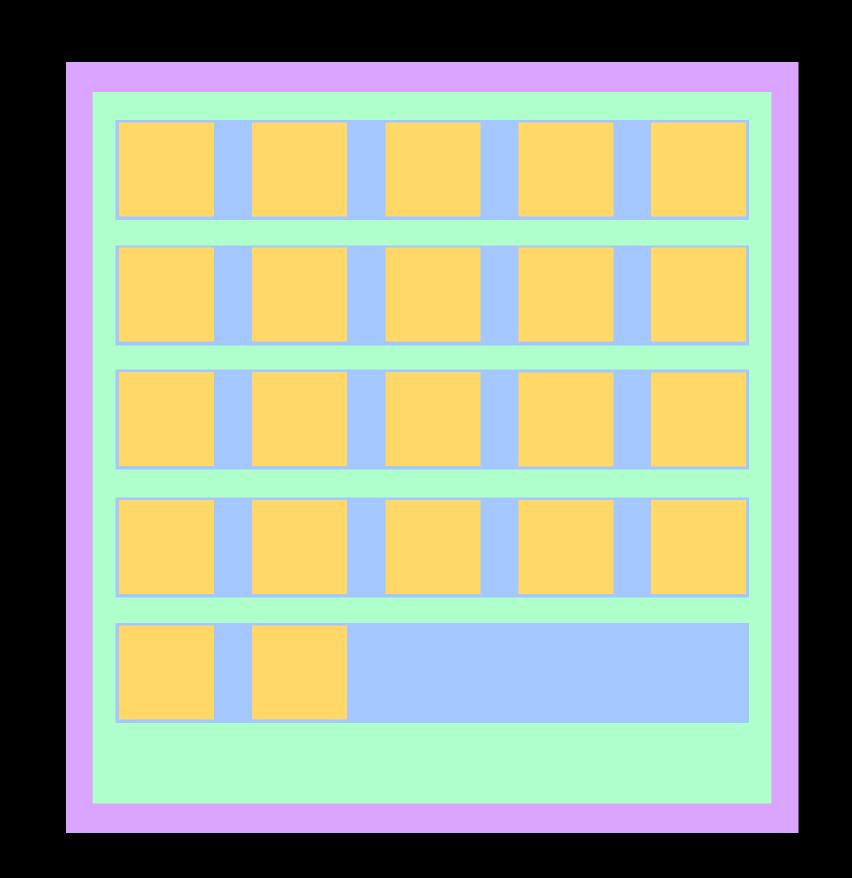
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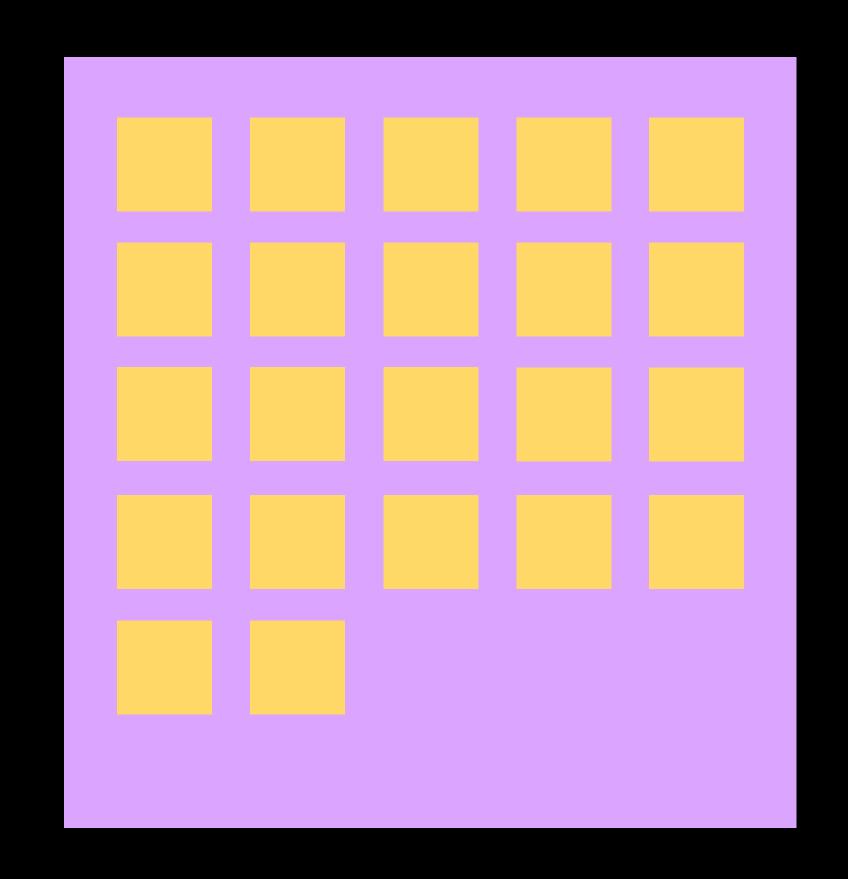
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- Item
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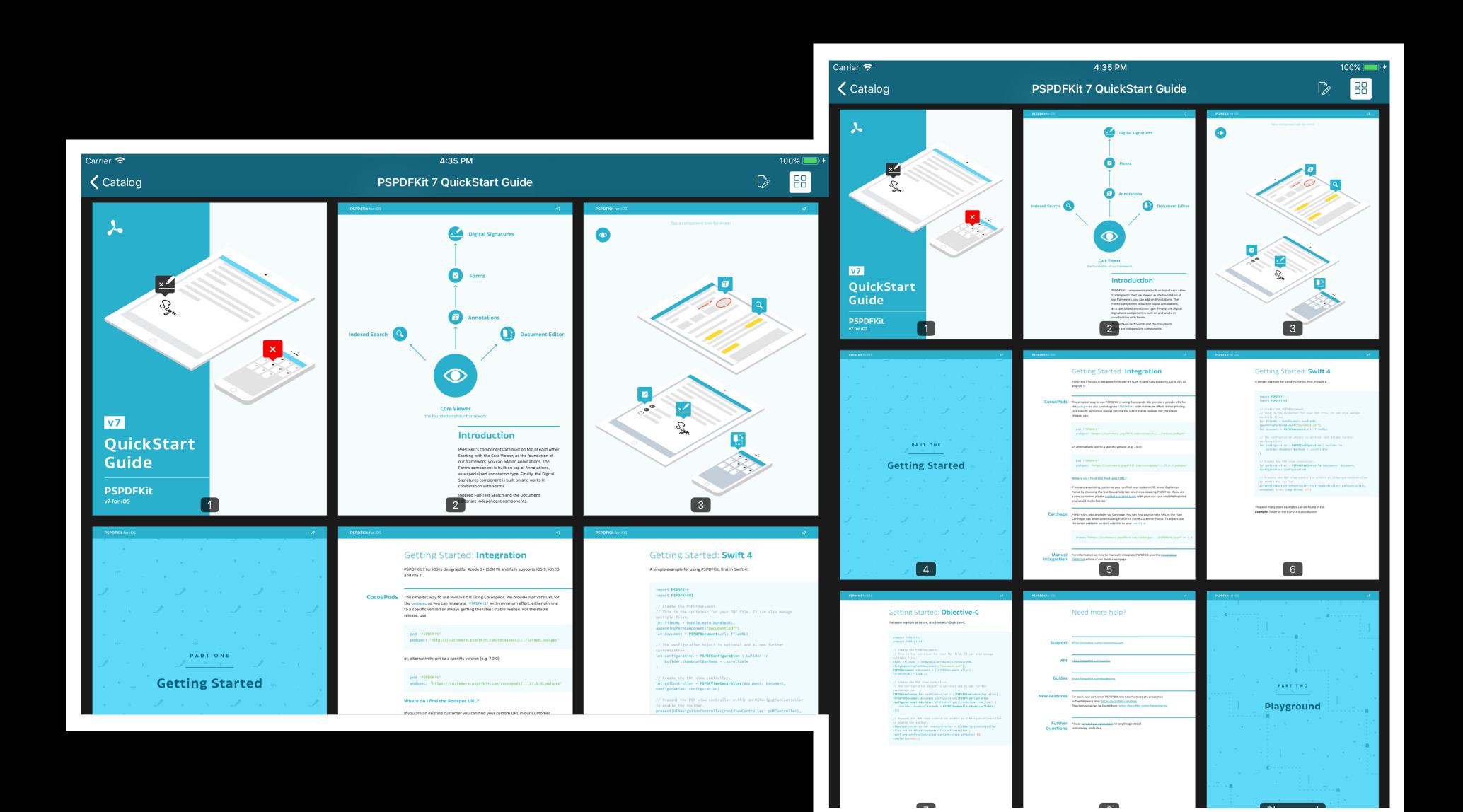
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#### Four column grid of ~squares

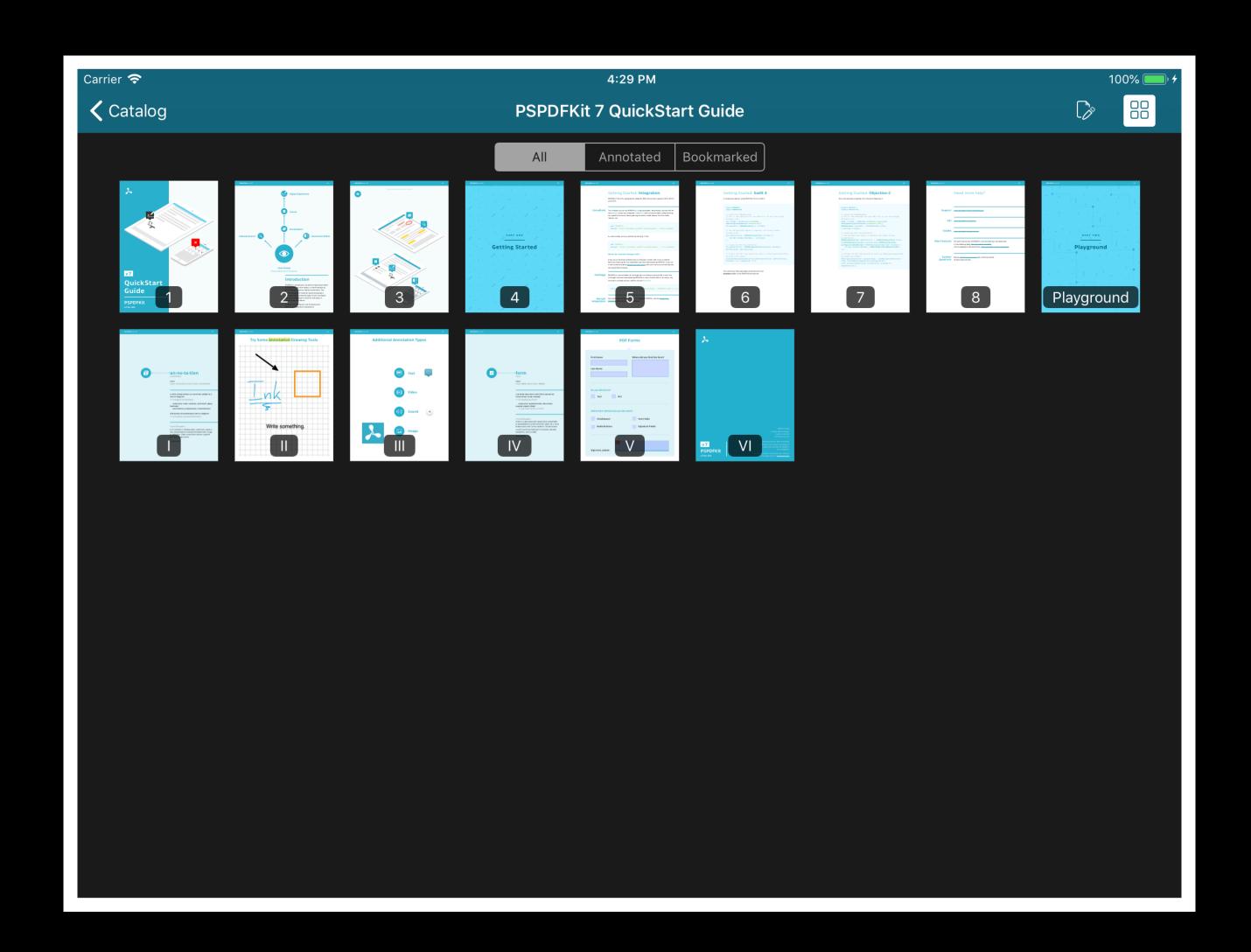
```
let groupSize = NSCollectionLayoutSize(
    widthDimension: .fractionalWidth(1),
    heightDimension: .fractionalWidth(0.25)
)
let group = NSCollectionLayoutGroup.horizontal(
    layoutSize: groupSize,
        subitem: item,
        count: 4
)
```

## Fixed number of columns



## Fixed size

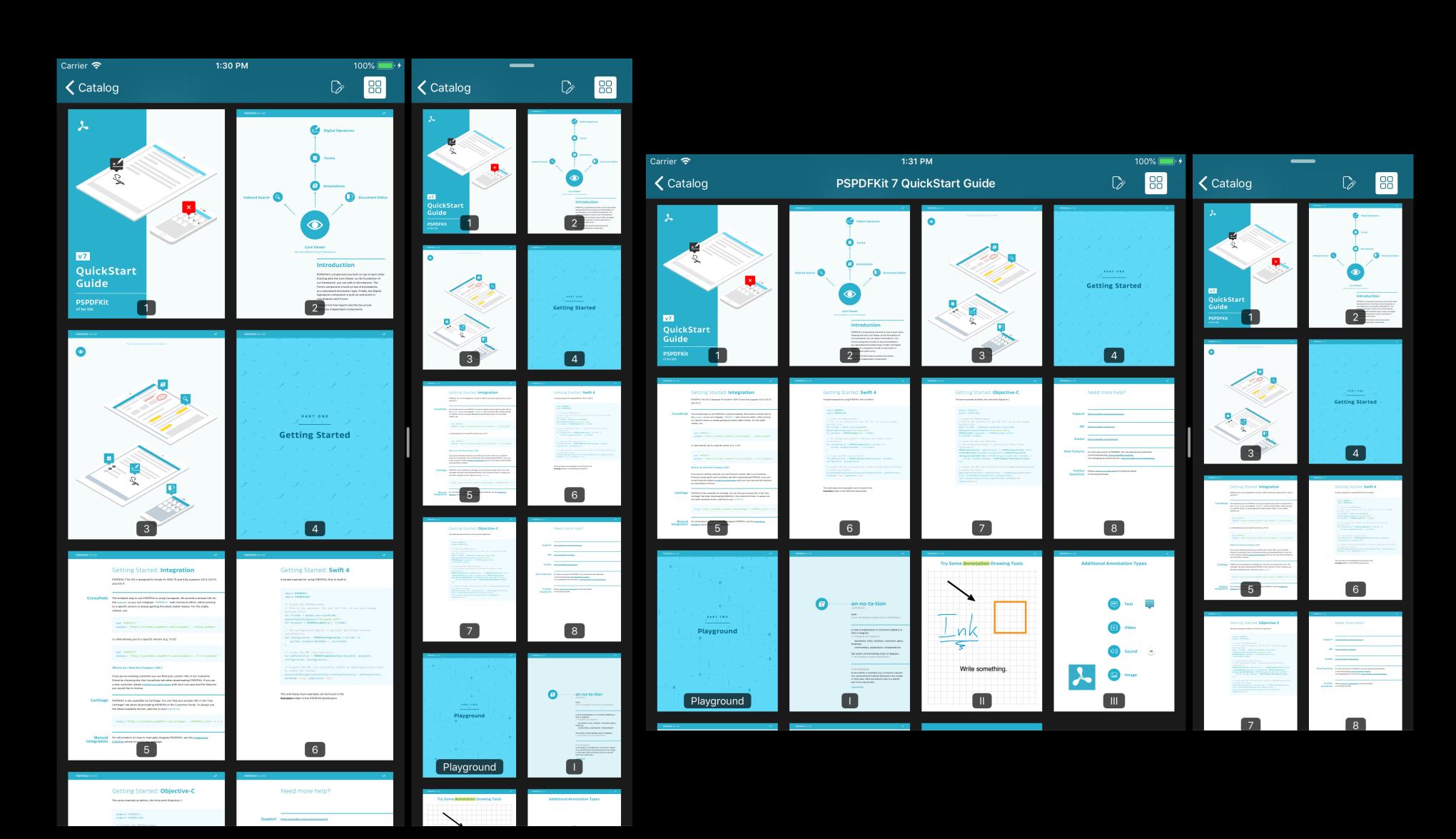






```
// What is the total available area?
let containerArea = containerSize.width * containerSize.height
// 10 thumbnails is useful without being overwhelming.
let approximateNumThumbnails: CGFloat = 10
// Divide the available area by the target number of thumbnails to
get the approximate area per thumbnail.
let approxThumbnailArea = containerArea / approximateNumThumbnails
// We want to handle pages of any aspect ratio.
let pageAspectRatio = pageSize width / pageSize height
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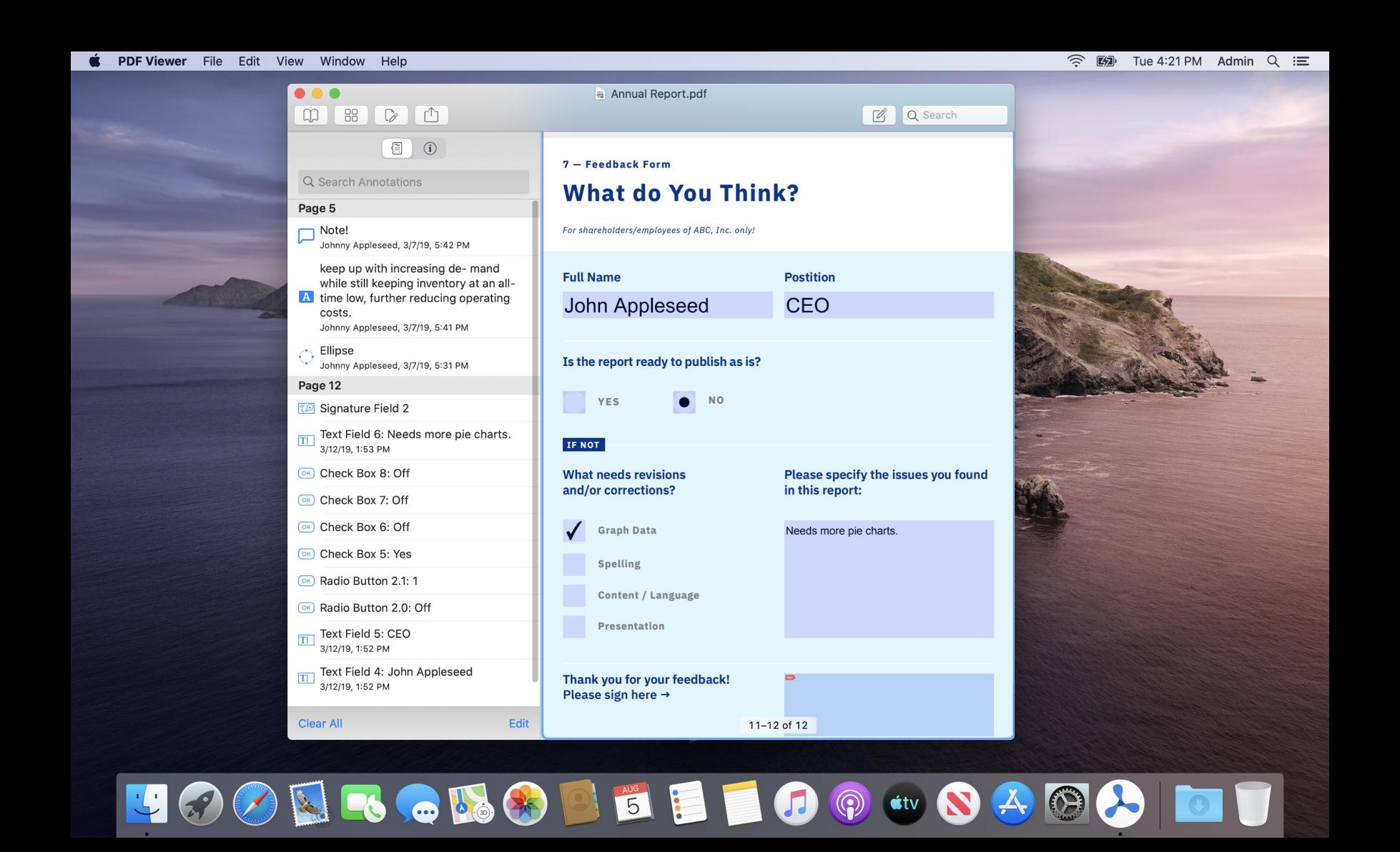
```
// width × height = area
// width / height = aspect ratio
// => width × width = area × aspect ratio
let approxThumbnailWidthSquared = approxThumbnailArea * pageAspectRatio
// Take the square root of the value calculated above to find the
approximate thumbnail width.
let approximateThumbnailWidth = sqrt(approximateThumbnailWidthSquared)
// We need a whole number of columns.
let numberOfColumns = round(containerSize width /
approximateThumbnailWidth)
```



## Columns across the information hierarchy

## Two columns UISplitViewController

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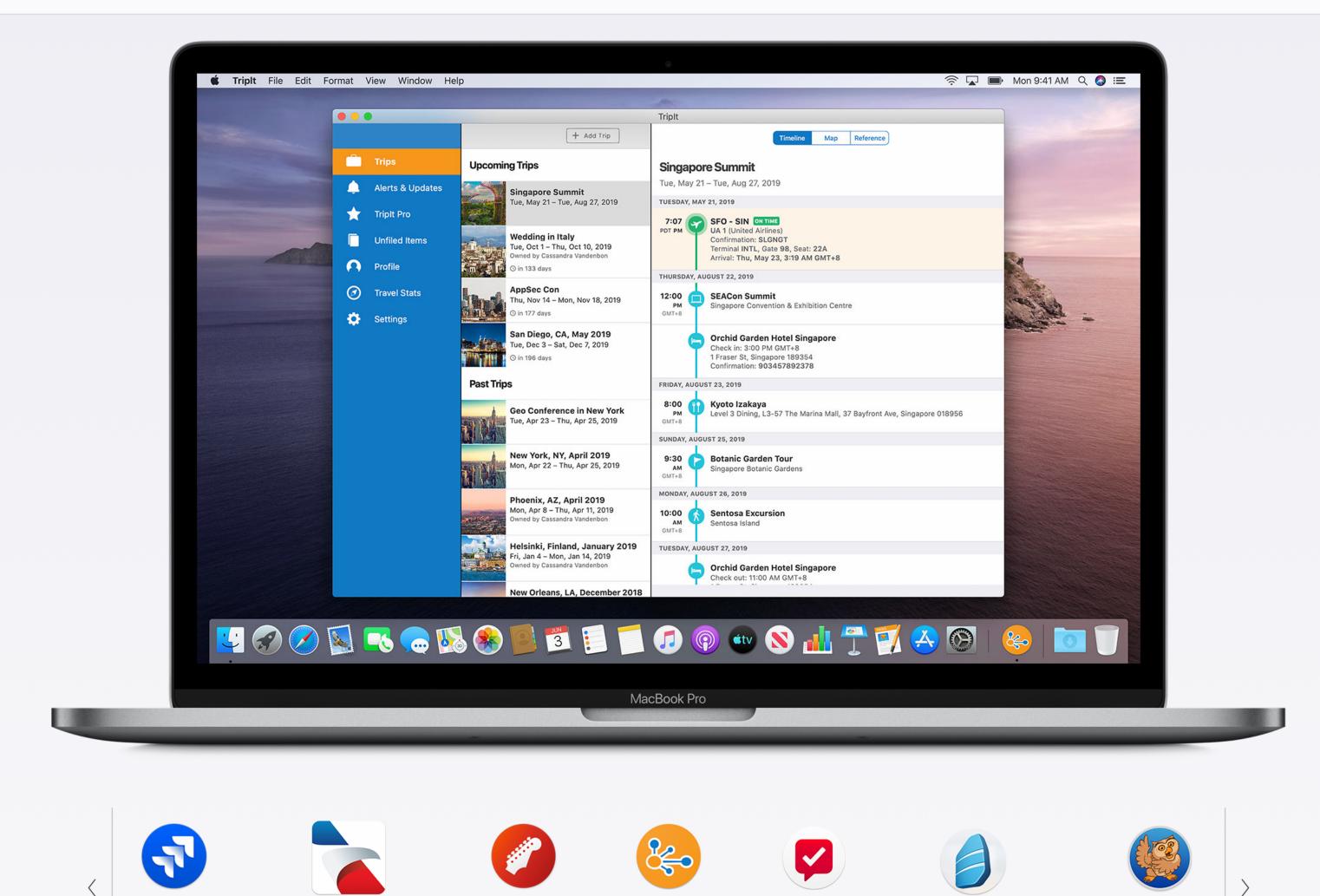


## Three or more columns

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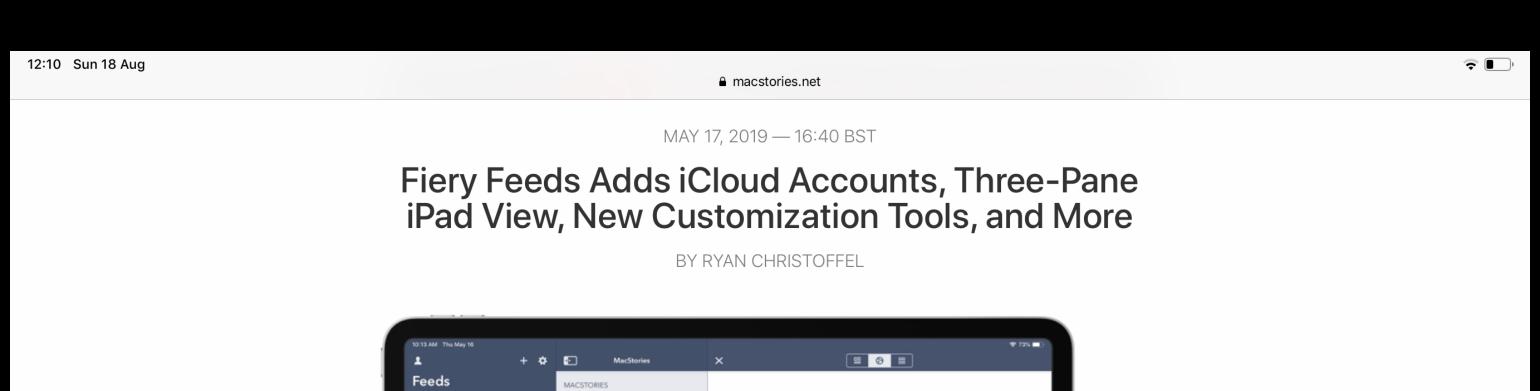
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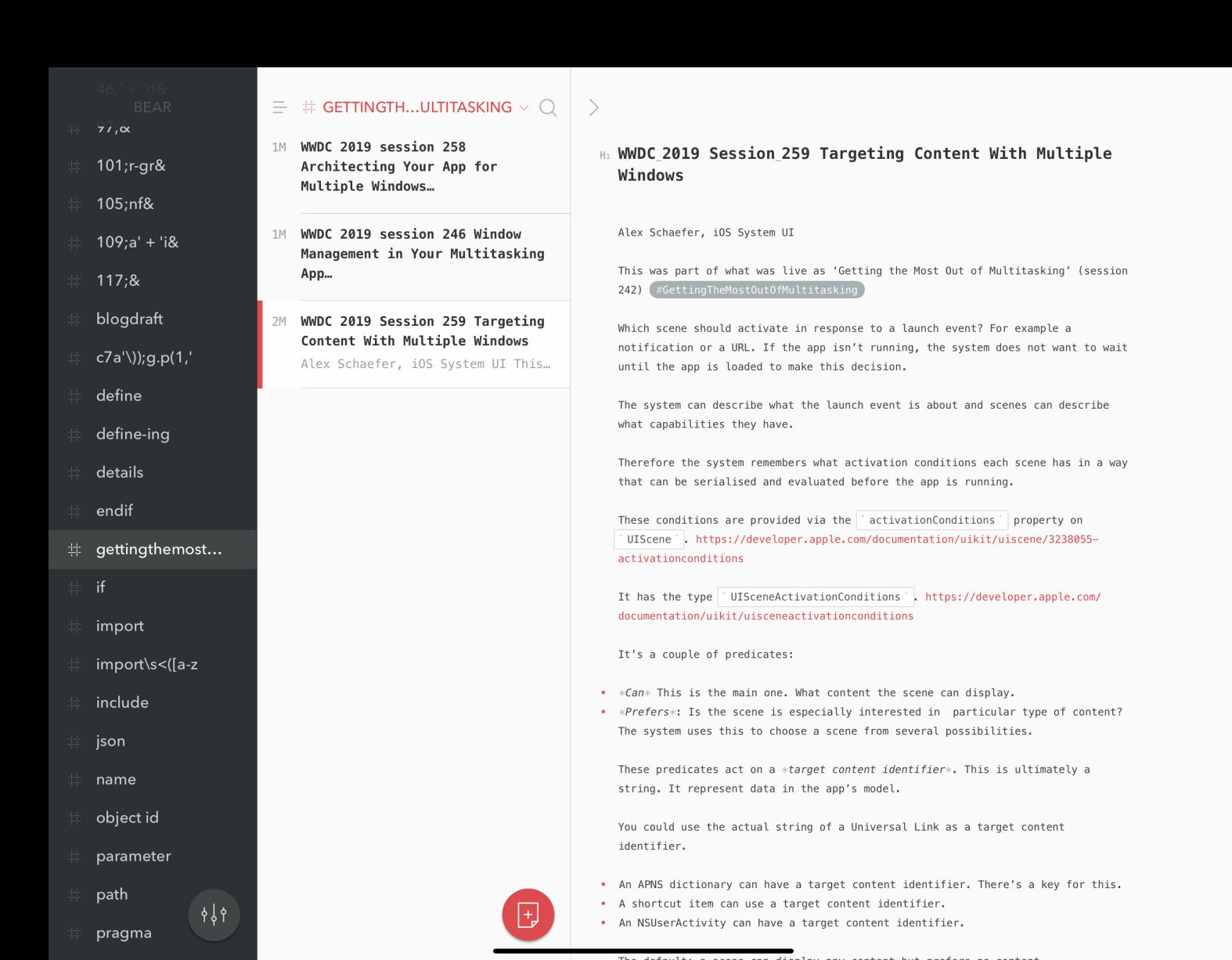
Fiery Feeds, the modern, flexible RSS client for iOS, was updated today with a variety of new features that take the app to new heights: enabling iCloud-based accounts for RSS and Read Later so you don't need third-party services, adding a three-pane layout on iPad, offering new, configurable methods for navigation, and a lot more. There's something for everyone, from users who may be new to RSS to Fiery Feeds veterans who will appreciate the additional power offered here.

#### iCloud Accounts & Sync

"Three-pane layouts were added to the system Notes and Mail apps in iOS 10, but since then the model set by Apple has been adopted by surprisingly few apps. Reducing the need to constantly navigate between menus is always a good thing"

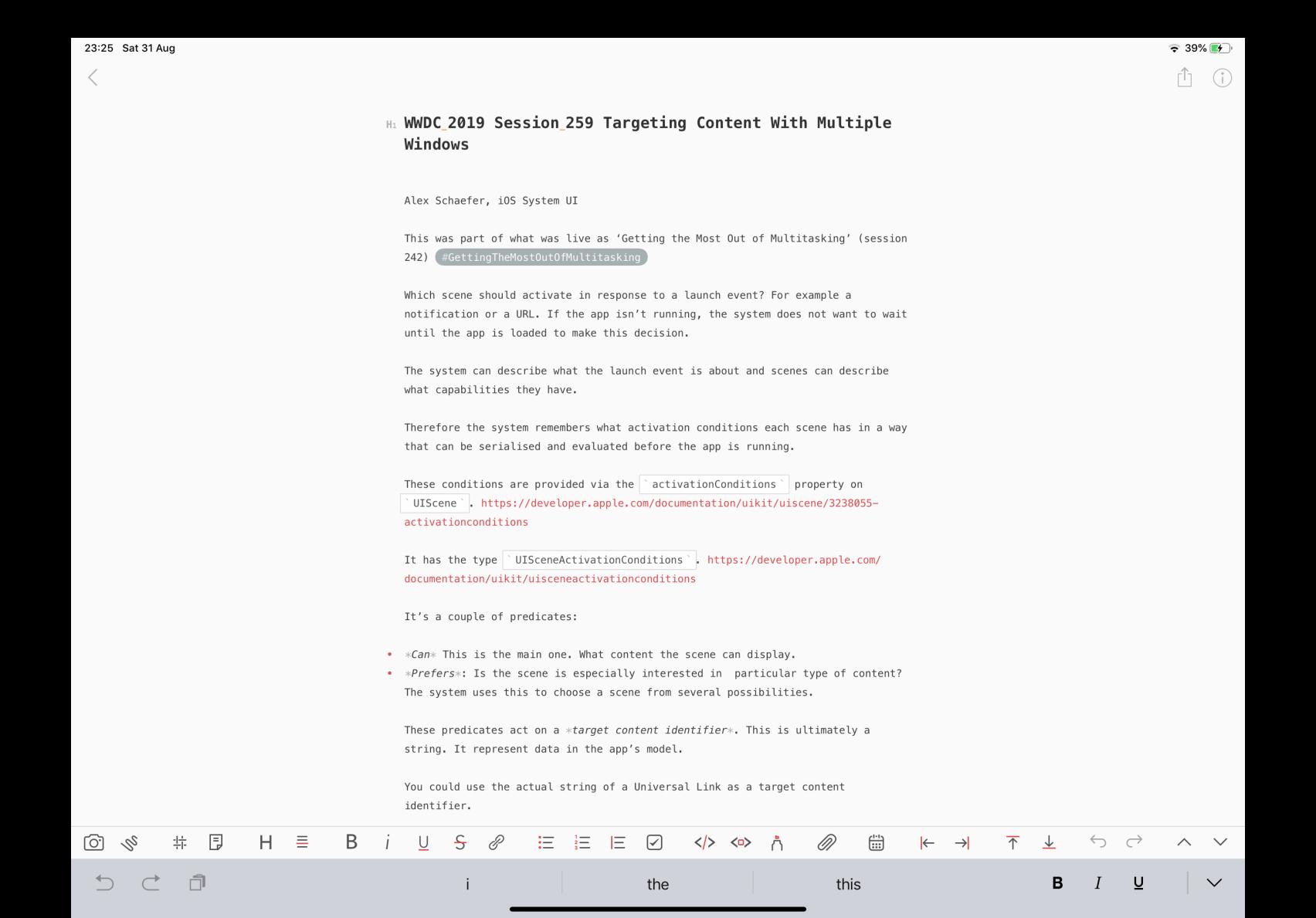
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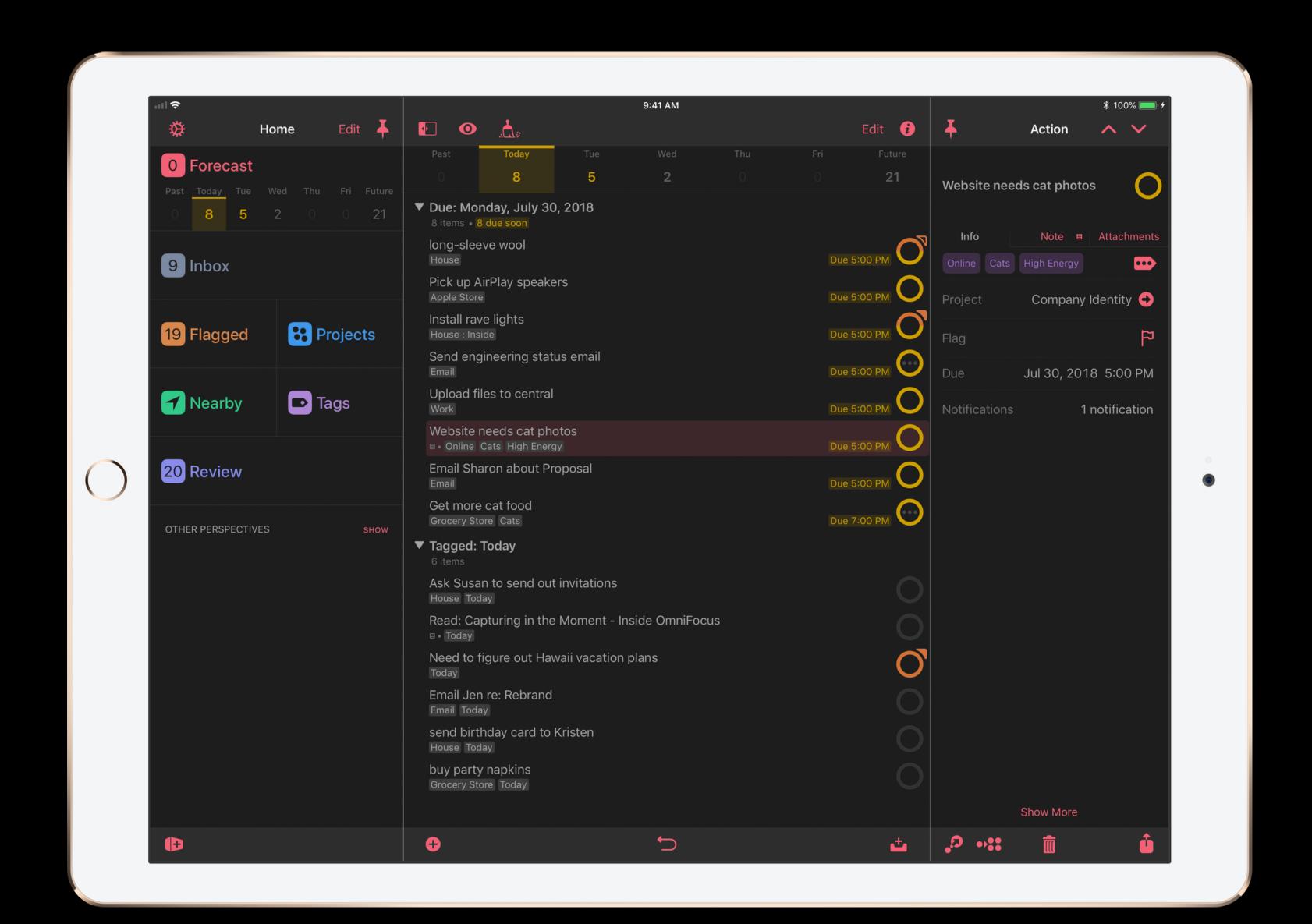


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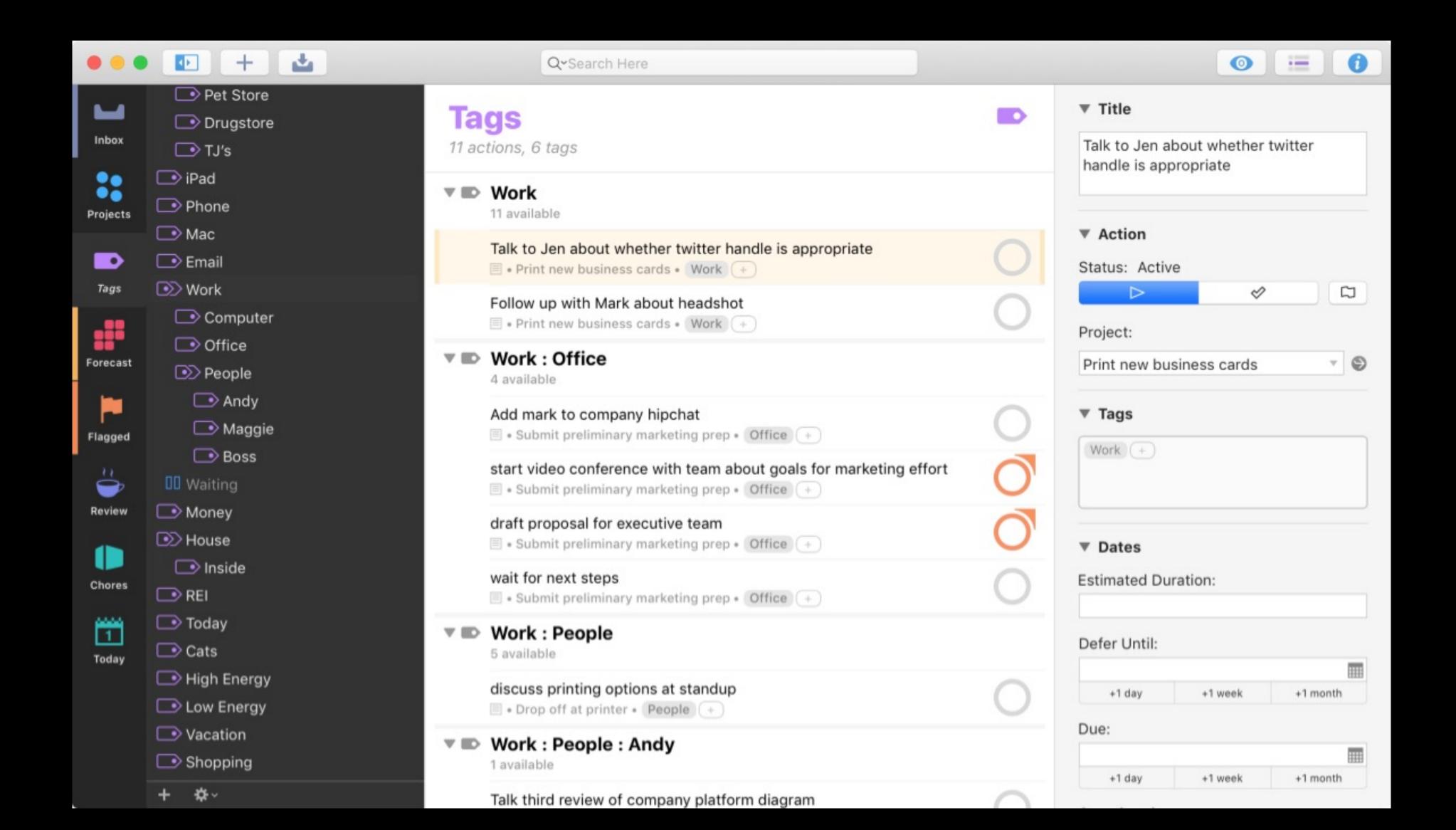
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#### OmniFocus



#### OmniFocus for Mac



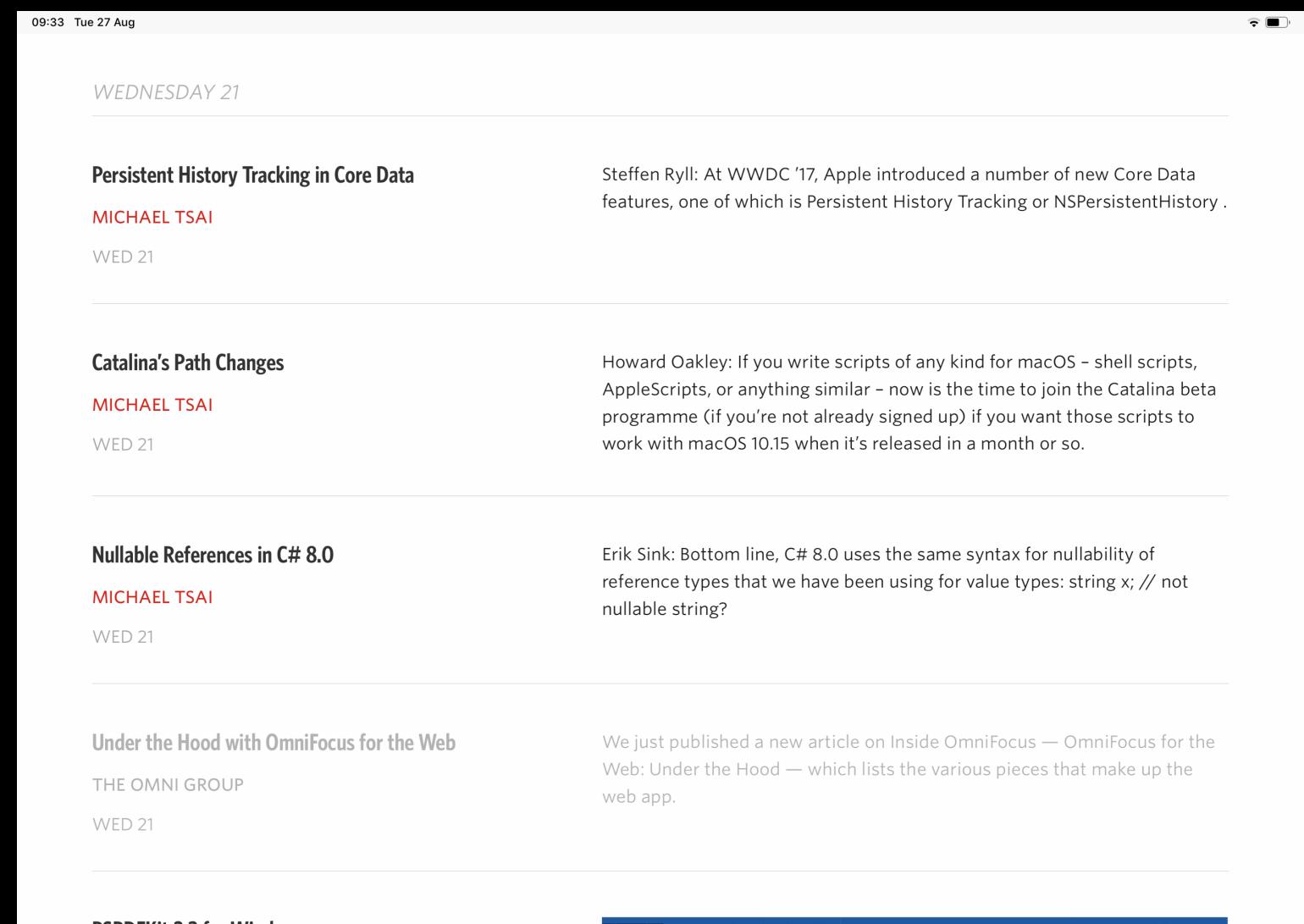
## Implementation

- Use a container view controller
- View appearance callbacks are hard
- Use preferredContentSize to see what fits
- Implement preferredContentSize (obviously)
- Collapse into a UINavigationController when not fitting

# Columns within one level of the information hierarchy

#### Columns within hierarchy

#### Unread



#### Columns within hierarchy

#### PDF Viewer

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If the NoZoom flag is set, the annotation shall always maintain the same fixed size on the screen and shall be unaffected by the magnification level at which the page itself is displayed. Similarly, if the NoRotate flag is set, the annotation shall retain its original orientation on the screen when the page is rotated (by changing the Rotate entry in the page object; see 7.7.3, "Page Tree").

In either case, the annotation's position shall be determined by the coordinates of the upper-left corner of its annotation rectangle, as defined by the **Rect** entry in the annotation dictionary and interpreted in the default user space of the page. When the default user space is scaled or rotated, the positions of the other three corners of the annotation rectangle are different in the altered user space than they were in the original user space. The conforming reader shall perform this alteration automatically. However, it shall not actually change the annotation's **Rect** entry, which continues to describe the annotation's relationship with the unscaled, unrotated user space.

Figure 58 shows how an annotation whose NoRotate flag is set remains upright when the page it is on is rotated 90 degrees clockwise. The upper-left corner of the annotation remains at the same point in default user space; the annotation pivots around that point.

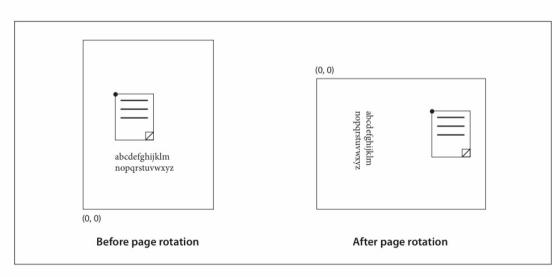


Figure 58 - Coordinate adjustment with the NoRotate flag

#### 12.5.4 Border Styles

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An annotation may optionally be surrounded by a border when displayed or printed. If present, the border shall be drawn completely inside the annotation rectangle. In PDF 1.1, the characteristics of the border shall be specified by the **Border** entry in the annotation dictionary (see Table 164). Beginning with PDF 1.2, the border characteristics for some types of annotations may instead be specified in a *border style dictionary* designated by the annotation's **BS** entry. Such dictionaries may also be used to specify the width and dash pattern for the lines drawn by line, square, circle, and ink annotations. Table 166 summarizes the contents of the border style dictionary. If neither the **Border** nor the **BS** entry is present, the border shall be drawn as a solid line with a width of 1 point.

Table 166 – Entries in a border style dictionary

	Key	Туре	Value
	Туре	name	(Optional) The type of PDF object that this dictionary describes; if present, shall be <b>Border</b> for a border style dictionary.
	w	number	(Optional) The border width in points. If this value is 0, no border shall drawn. Default value: 1.

Table 166 - Entries in a border style dictionary (continued)

Key	Туре	Value
S	name	<ul> <li>(Optional) The border style:</li> <li>S (Solid) A solid rectangle surrounding the annotation.</li> <li>D (Dashed) A dashed rectangle surrounding the annotation. The dash pattern may be specified by the <b>D</b> entry.</li> <li>B (Beveled) A simulated embossed rectangle that appears to be raised above the surface of the page.</li> <li>I (Inset) A simulated engraved rectangle that appears to be recessed below the surface of the page.</li> <li>U (Underline) A single line along the bottom of the annotation rectangle.</li> <li>A conforming reader shall tolerate other border styles that it does not recognize and shall use the default value.</li> </ul>
D	array	(Optional) A dash array defining a pattern of dashes and gaps that shall be used in drawing a dashed border (border style D in the S entry). The dash array shall be specified in the same format as in the line dash pattern parameter of the graphics state (see 8.4.3.6, "Line Dash Pattern"). The dash phase is not specified and shall be assumed to be 0.  EXAMPLE  A D entry of [3 2] specifies a border drawn with 3-point dashes alternating with 2-point gaps.  Default value: [3].

Beginning with PDF 1.5, some annotations (square, circle, and polygon) may have a **BE** entry, which is a border effect dictionary that specifies an effect that shall be applied to the border of the annotations. Beginning with PDF 1.6, the free text annotation may also have a **BE** entry. Table 167 describes the entries in a border effect dictionary.

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Key	Туре	Value
S	name	<ul> <li>(Optional) A name representing the border effect to apply. Possible values are:</li> <li>S No effect: the border shall be as described by the annotation dictionary's BS entry.</li> <li>C The border should appear "cloudy". The width and dash array specified by BS shall be honored.</li> <li>Default value: S.</li> </ul>
I	number	(Optional; valid only if the value of $\bf S$ is C) A number describing the intensity of the effect, in the range 0 to 2. Default value: 0.

#### 12.5.5 Appearance Streams

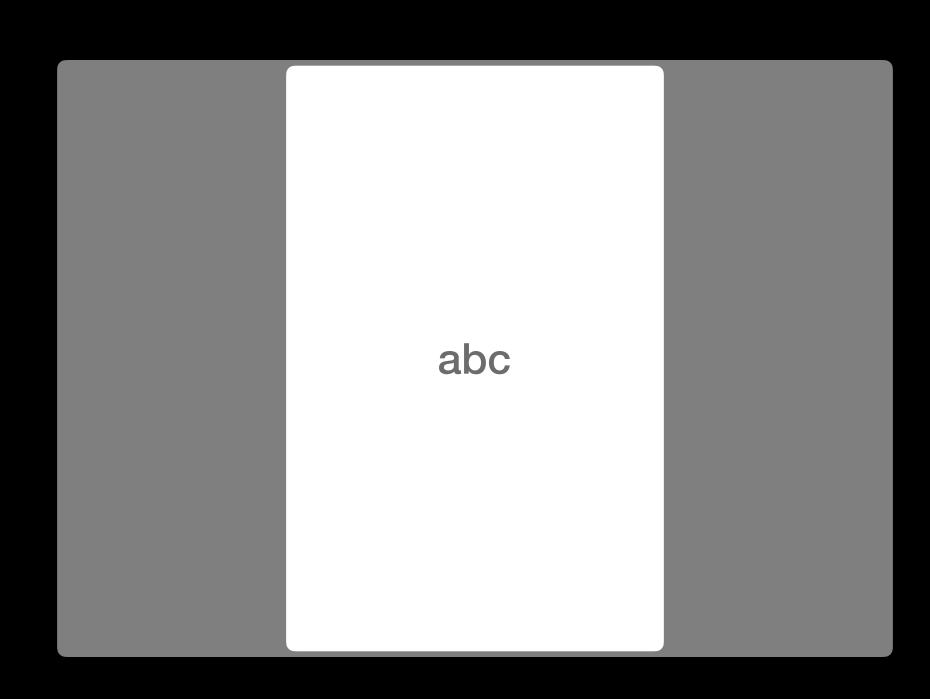
Beginning with PDF 1.2, an annotation may specify one or more *appearance streams* as an alternative to the simple border and colour characteristics available in earlier versions. Appearance streams enable the annotation to be presented visually in different ways to reflect its interactions with the user. Each appearance stream is a form XObject (see 8.10, "Form XObjects"): a self-contained content stream that shall be rendered inside the annotation rectangle.

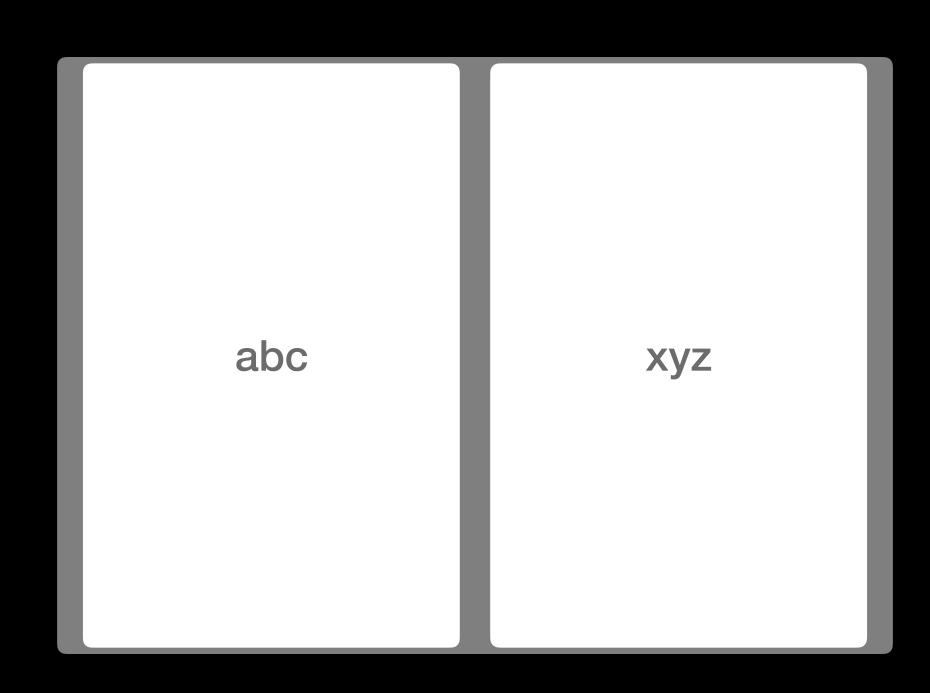
The algorithm outlined in this sub-clause shall be used to map from the coordinate system of the appearance XObject (as defined by its **Matrix** entry; see Table 97) to the annotation's rectangle in default user space:

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```
let pageAspectRatio = pageSize.width / pageSize.height
let viewAspectRatio = bounds.width / bounds.height
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let isDoublePageMode = viewAspectRatio > pageAspectRatio \* 1.8

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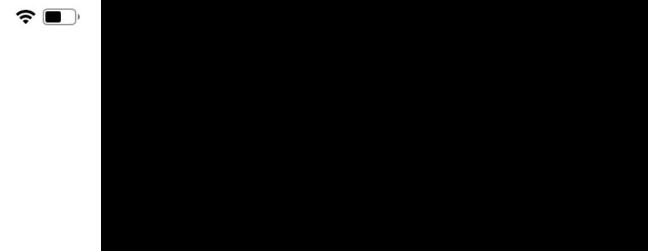
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- WWDC 2019 Session 230: Making Apps with Core Data
- <u>Consuming Relevant Store Changes</u>
- Persistent History

Here are some things I figured out by exploring:

- The history is stored directly in the same SQLite database(s) as the persistent store.
- It uses tables that look kind of like Core Data tables, only with a different prefix.
- But you couldn't create them yourself using Core Data, since the same column can store the primary key for different types of entities (you would think NSObjectIDAttributeType could do that, but it actually can't be used in stores), and likewise for the columns that store the tombstone values.
- The tables are updated using SQLite triggers, which are again not directly exposed in Core Data (though this year's new

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#### Michael Tsai - Blog - Persistent History Tracking in Core Data

#### Steffen Ryll:

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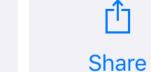
#### Update (2019-08-22): <u>Deeje Cooley</u>:

I incorporated Persistent History Tracking into <u>CloudCore</u>, an open-source CoreData-CloudKit sync engine, specifically to support offline sync. Check it out!

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