### Adopting Handoff on iOS and OS X

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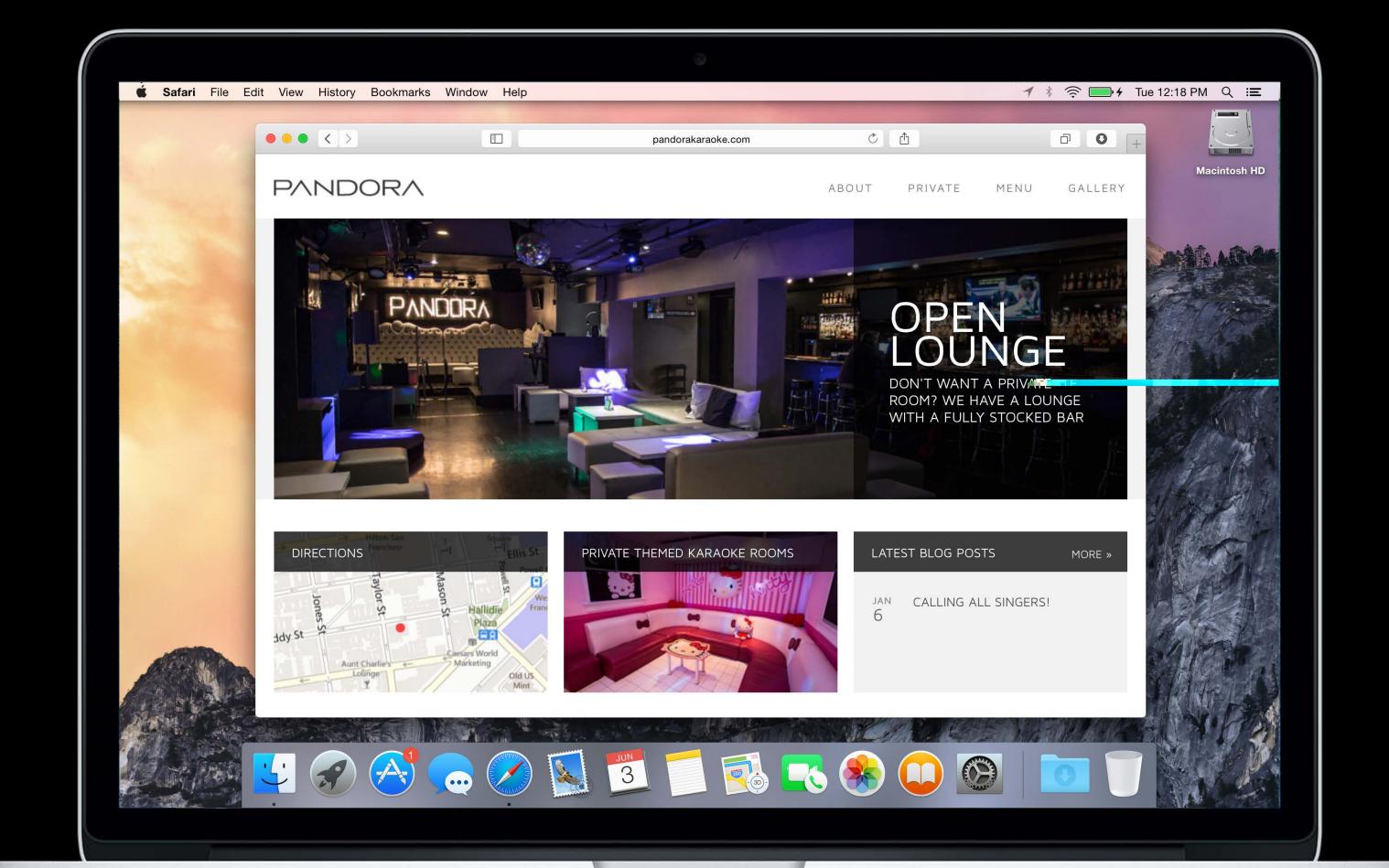
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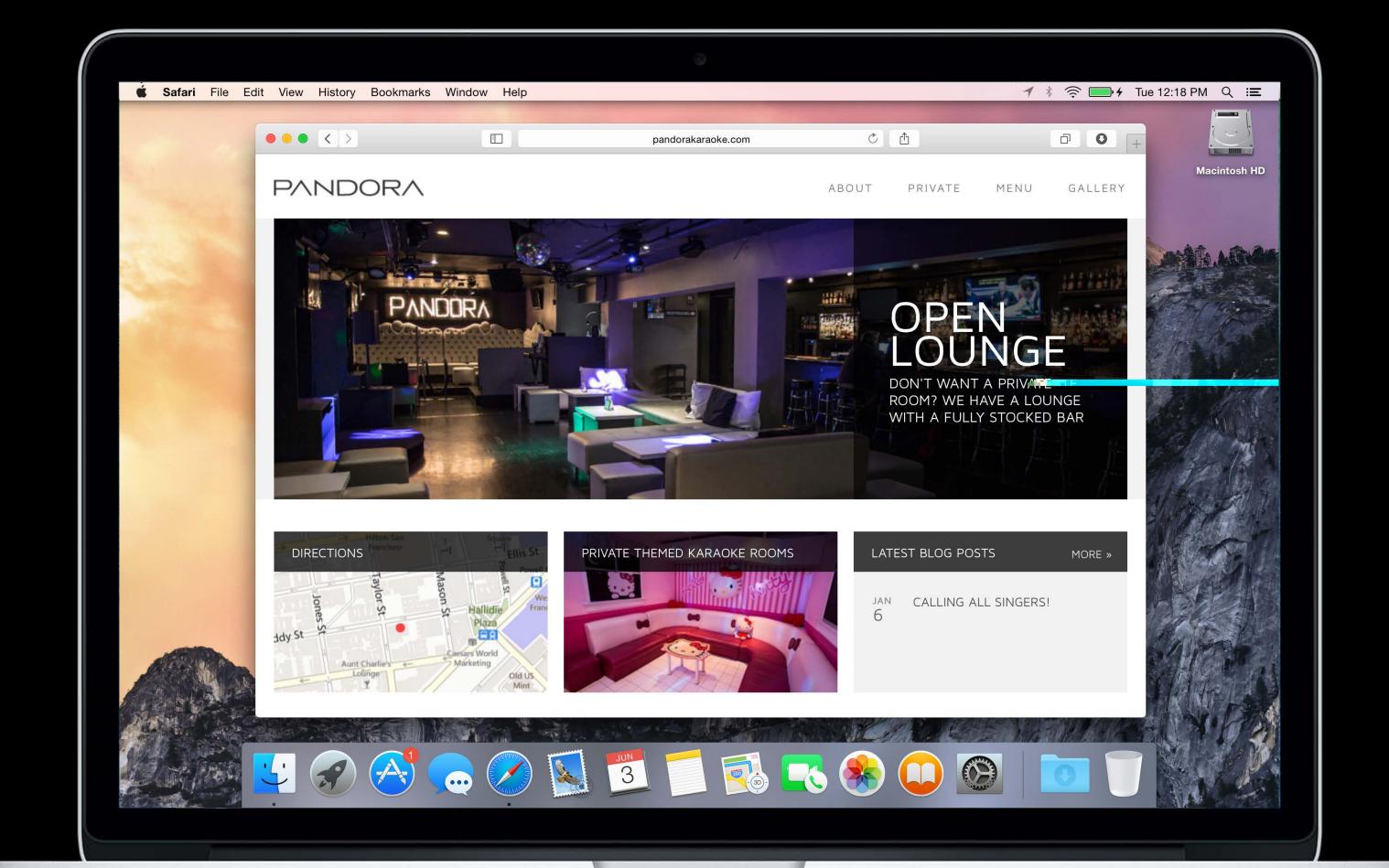
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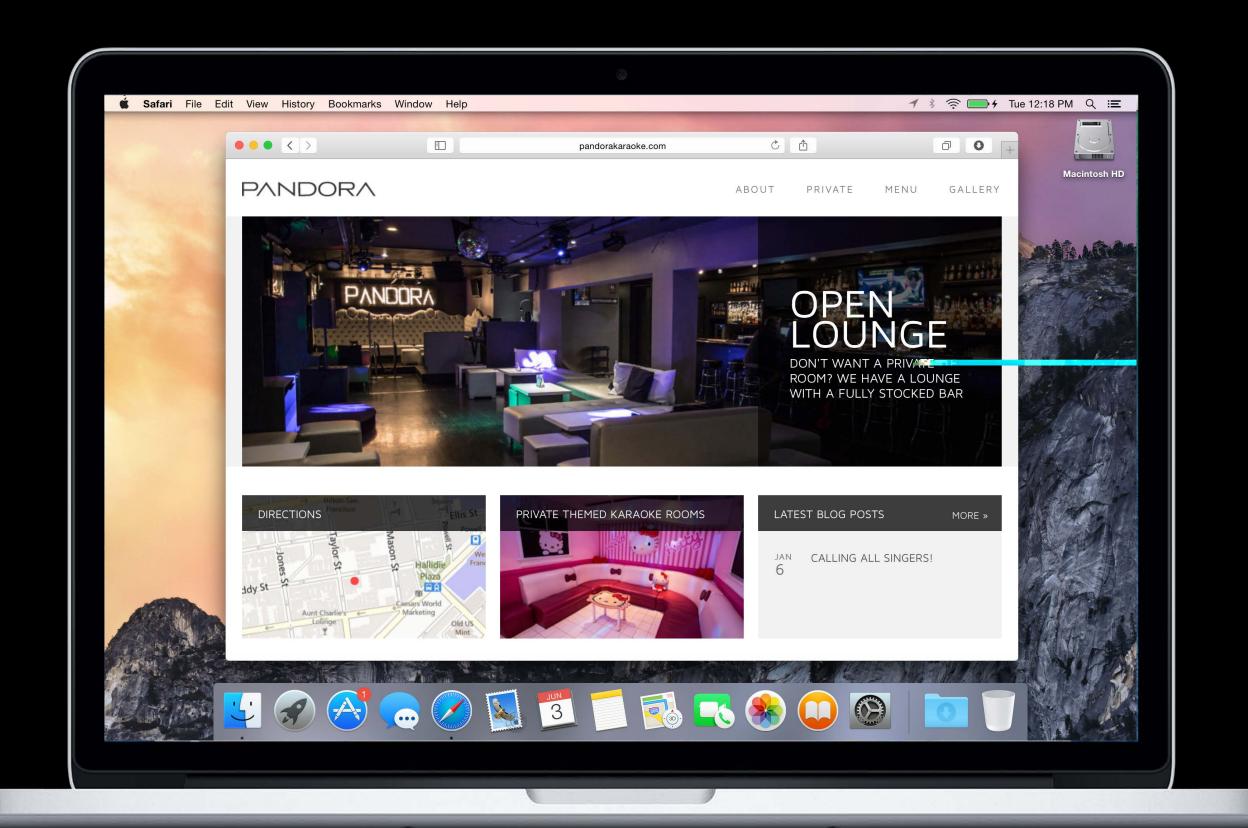
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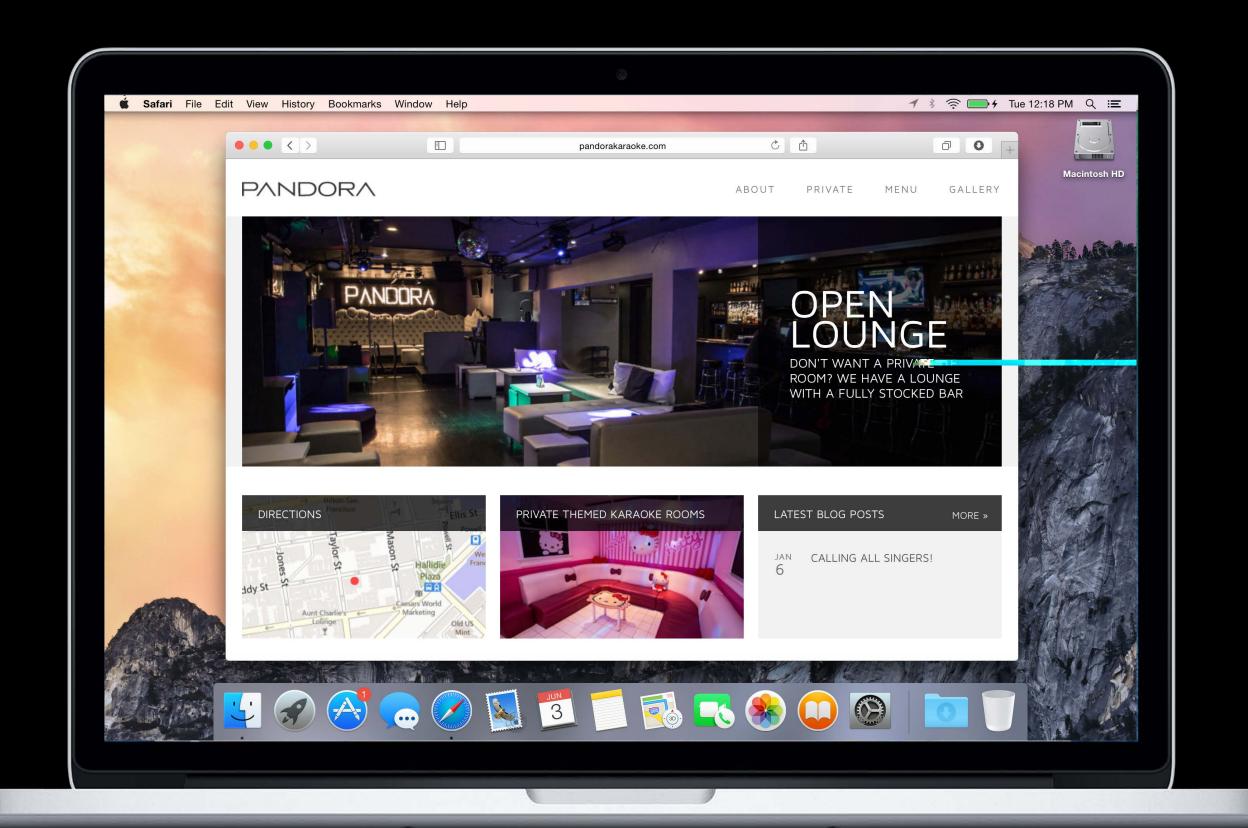
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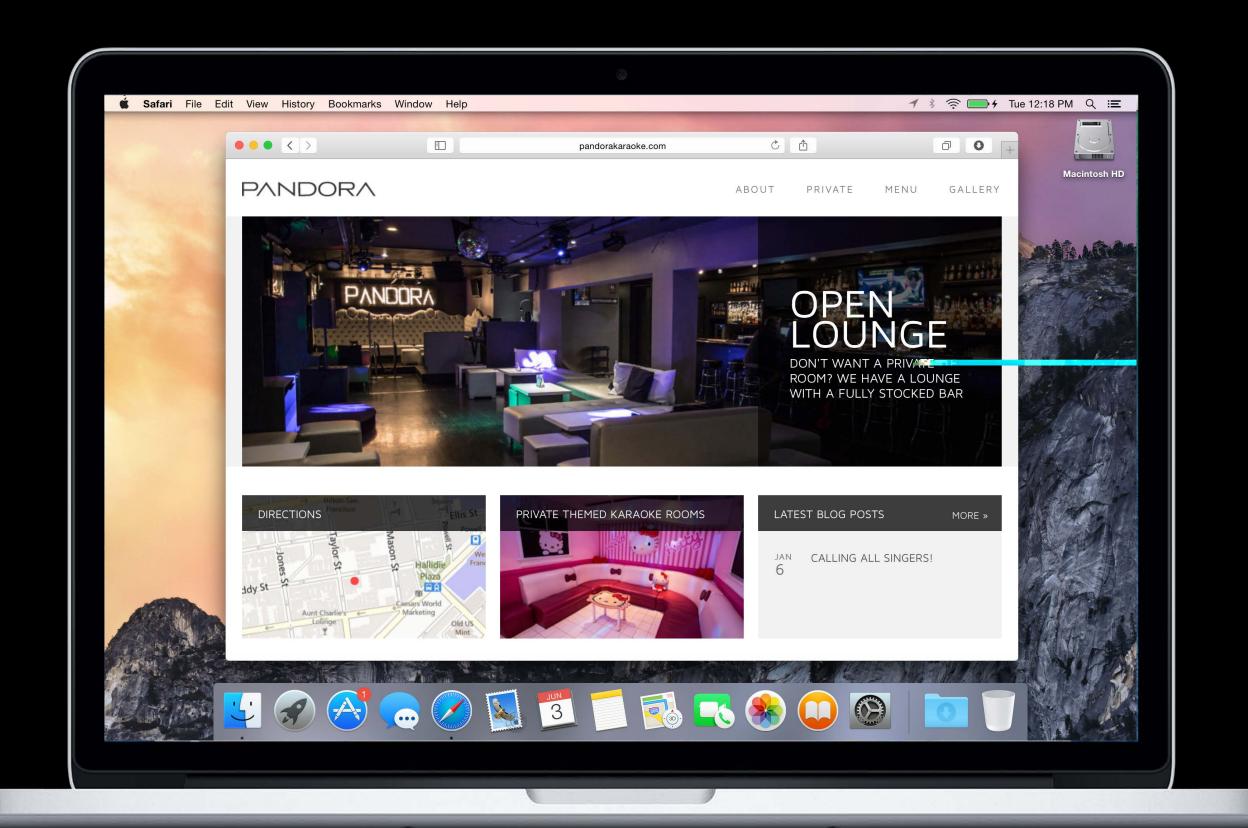
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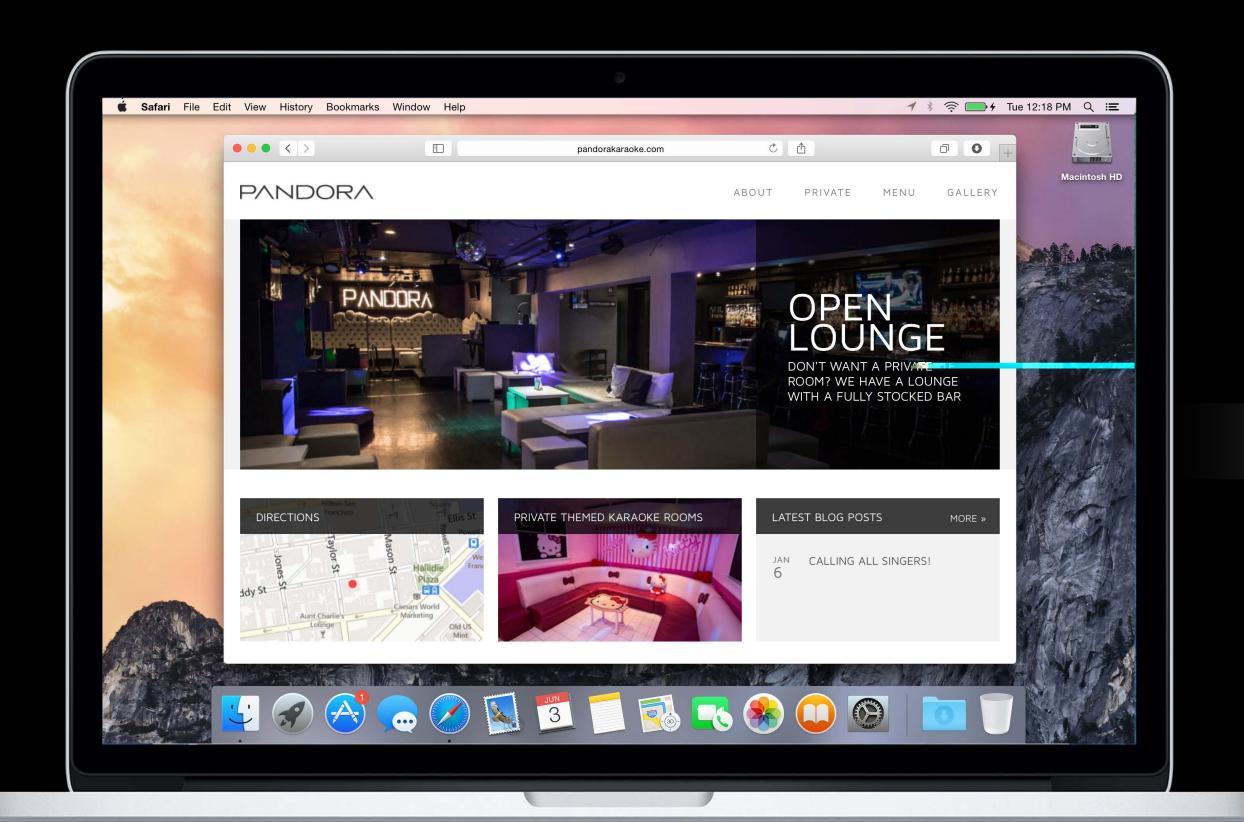


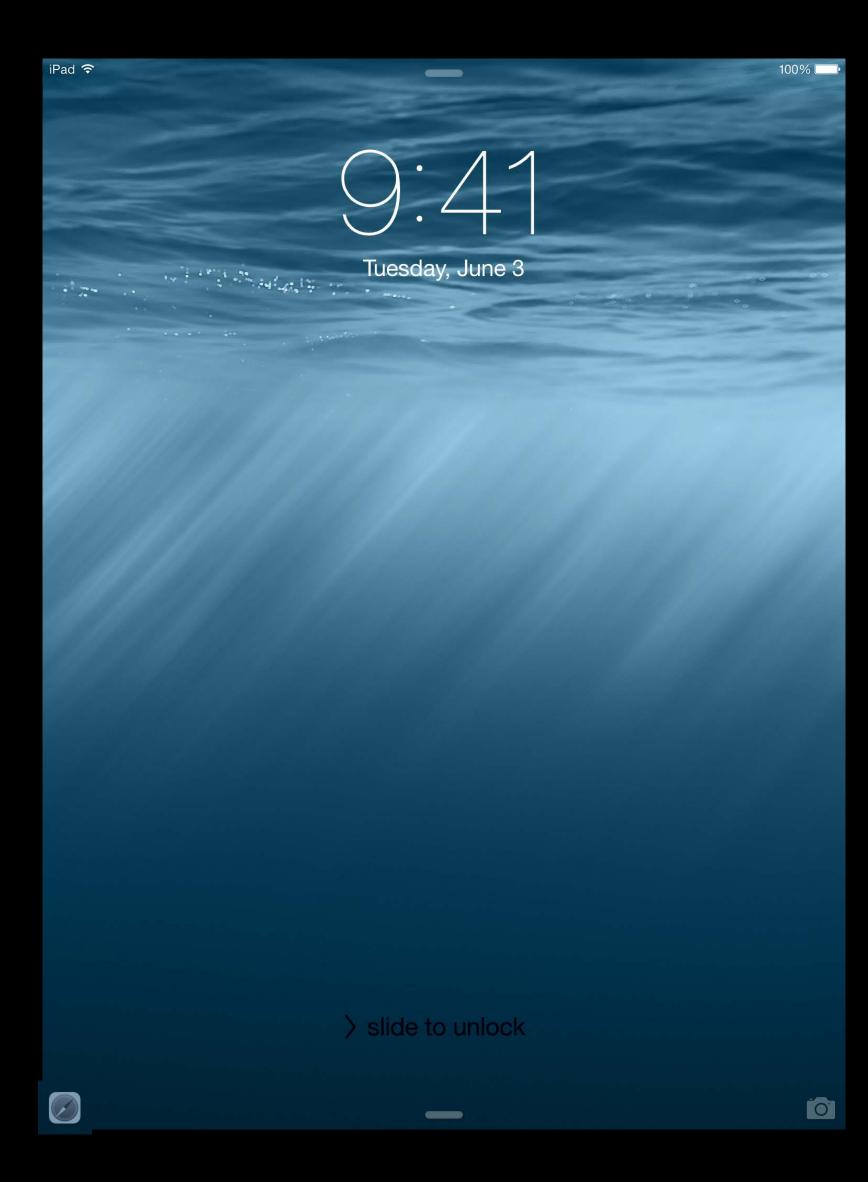


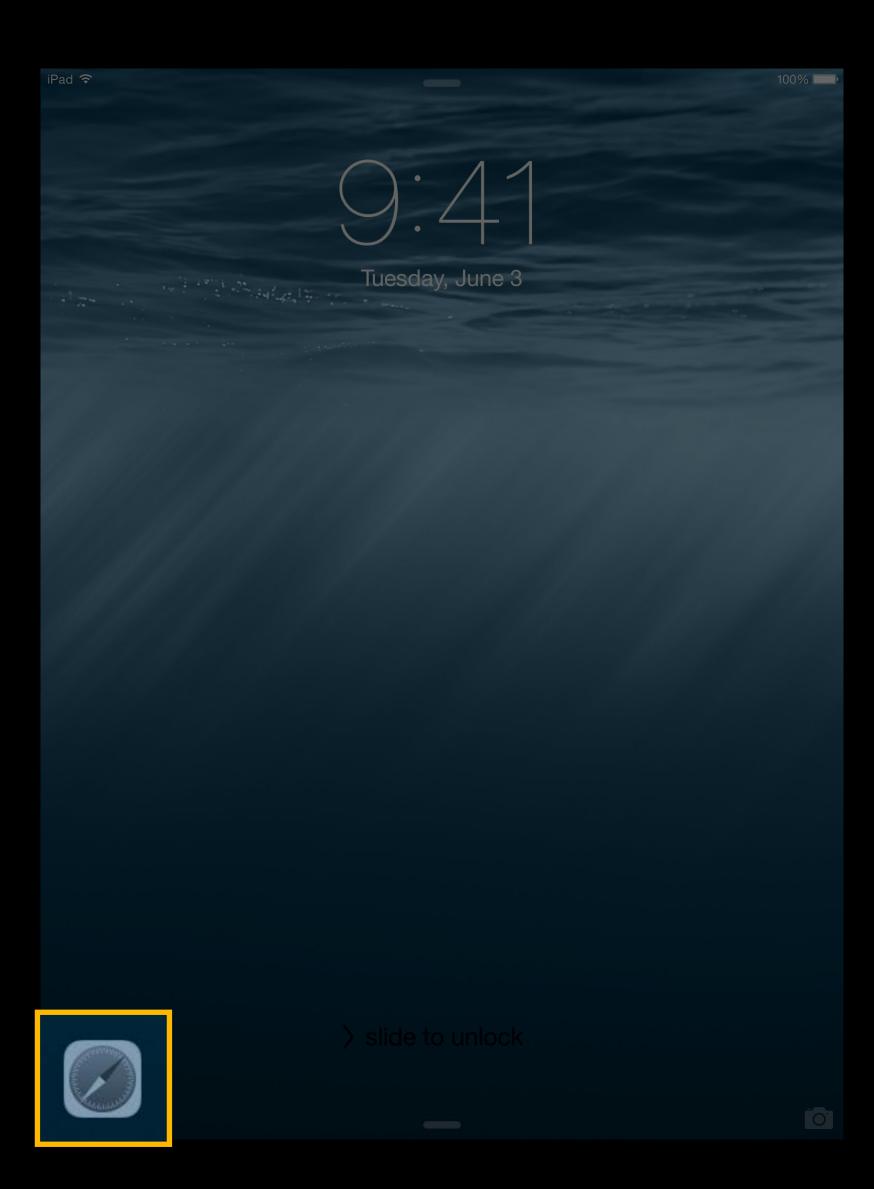


















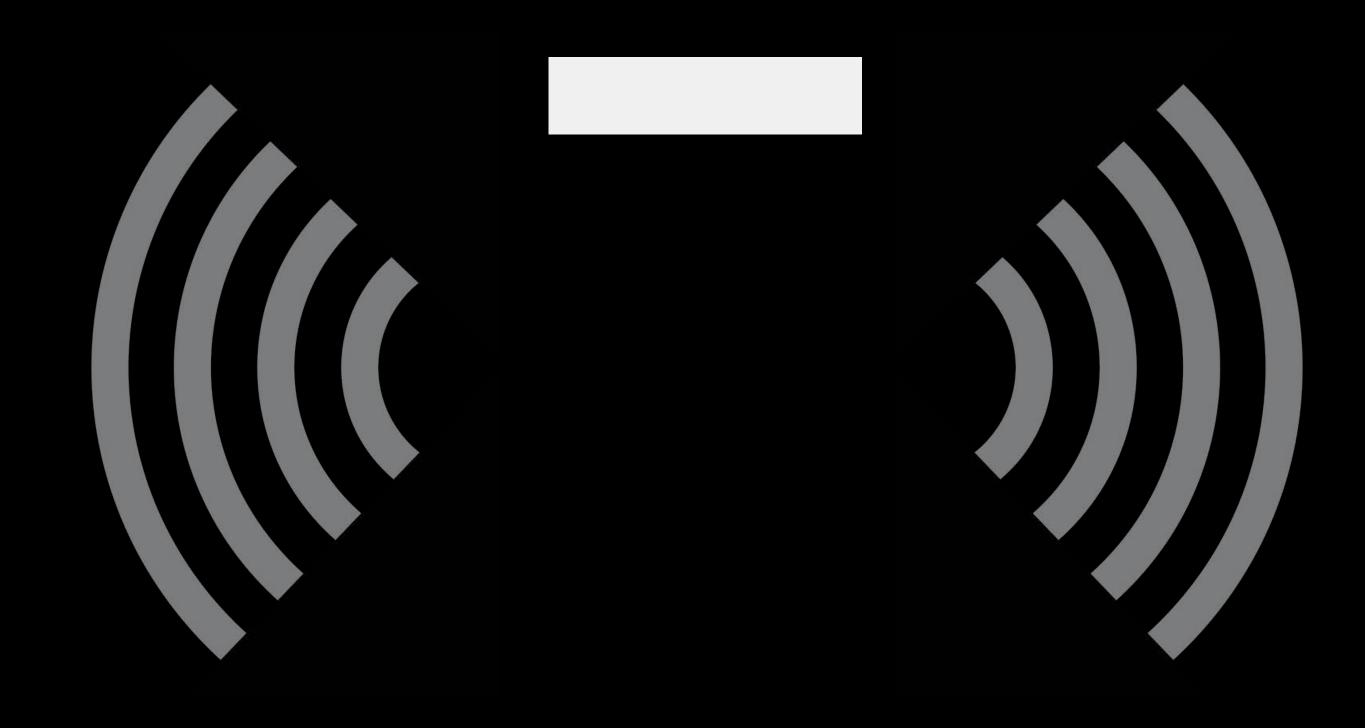
### Adopting Handoff

Decide which activities to support in your app
Create activities in specific parts of your app
Handle continuing incoming activities in your app

Activity

NSUserActivity

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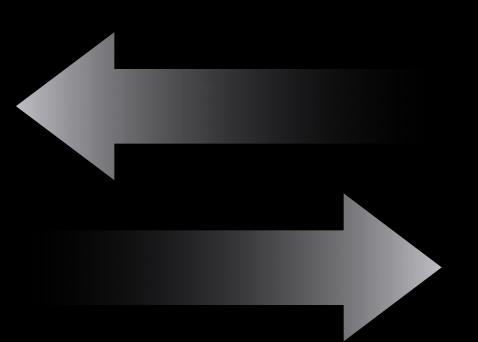




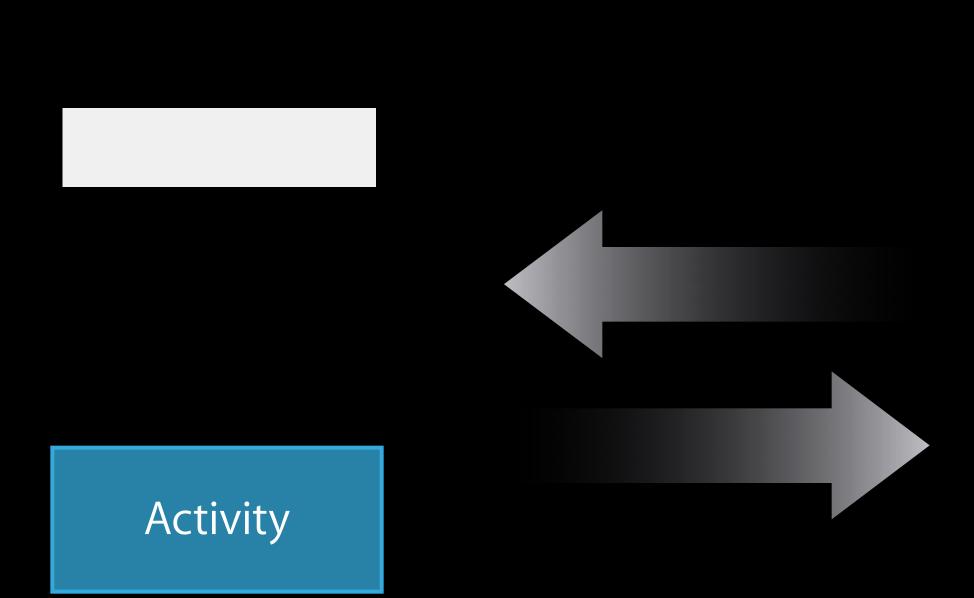




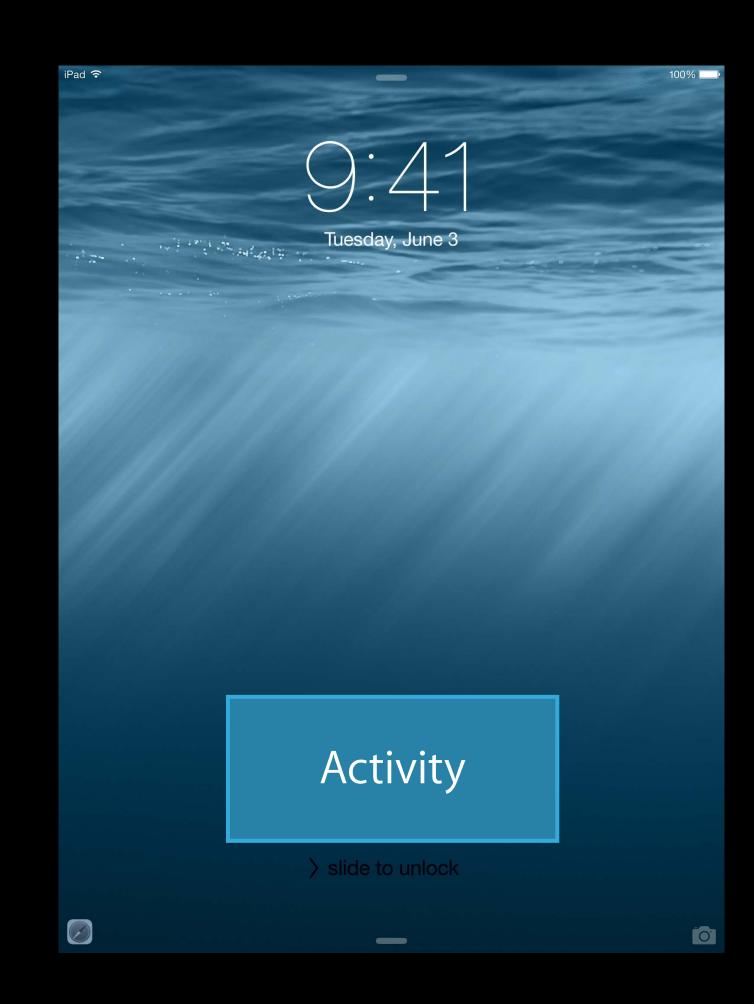


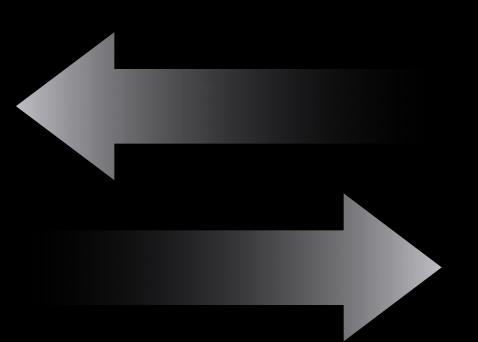














### Additional Handoff Support

Streams between applications in two devices

Handoff between native app and website you own

### Agenda

AppKit and UlKit support for adopting Handoff
Working with NSUserActivity directly
Native app to website Handoff
Using continuation streams between apps

## Adopting Handoff in Your App

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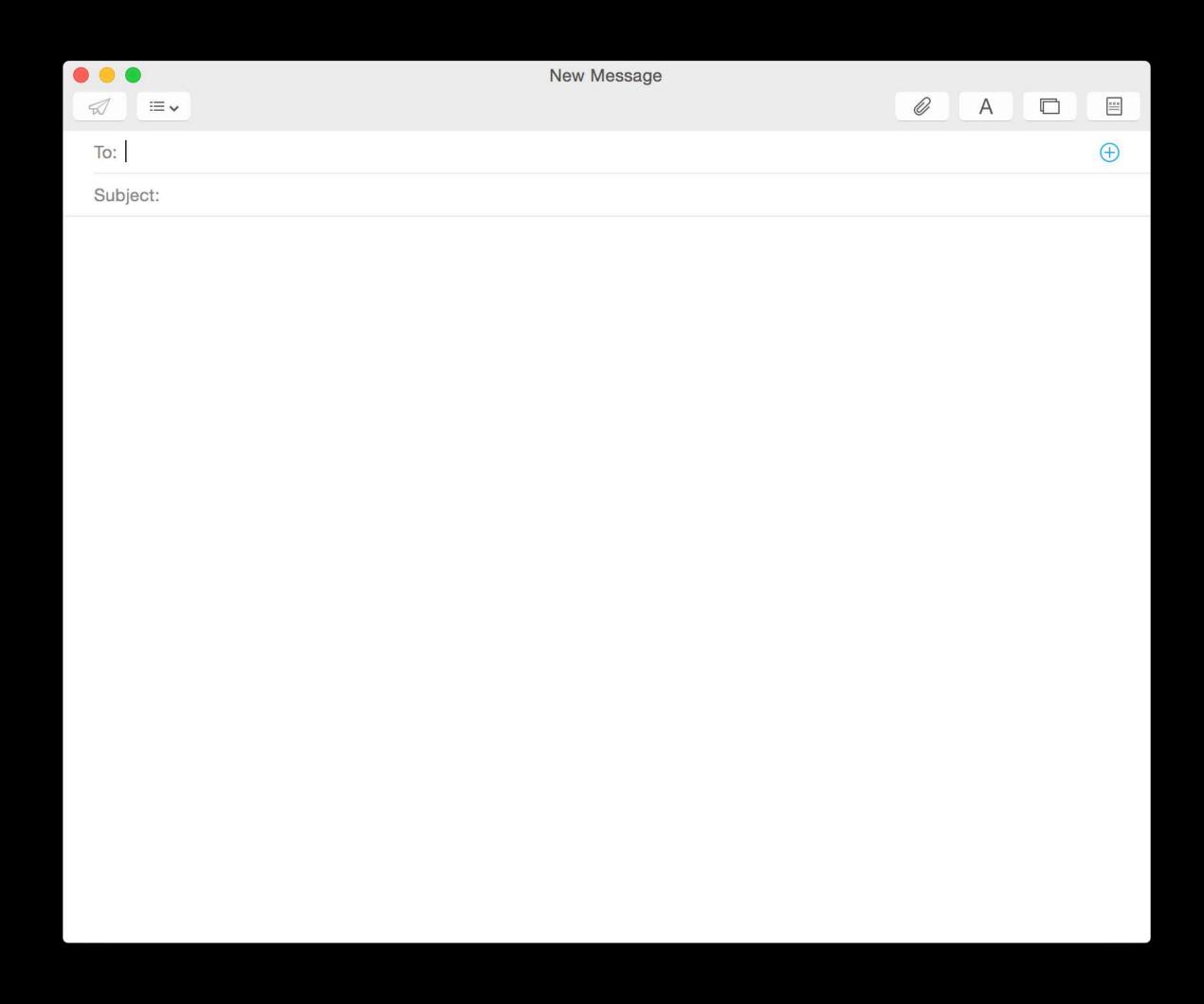
AppKit/UlKit support for Handoff

Creating

Updating

Continuing

# Creating User Activities

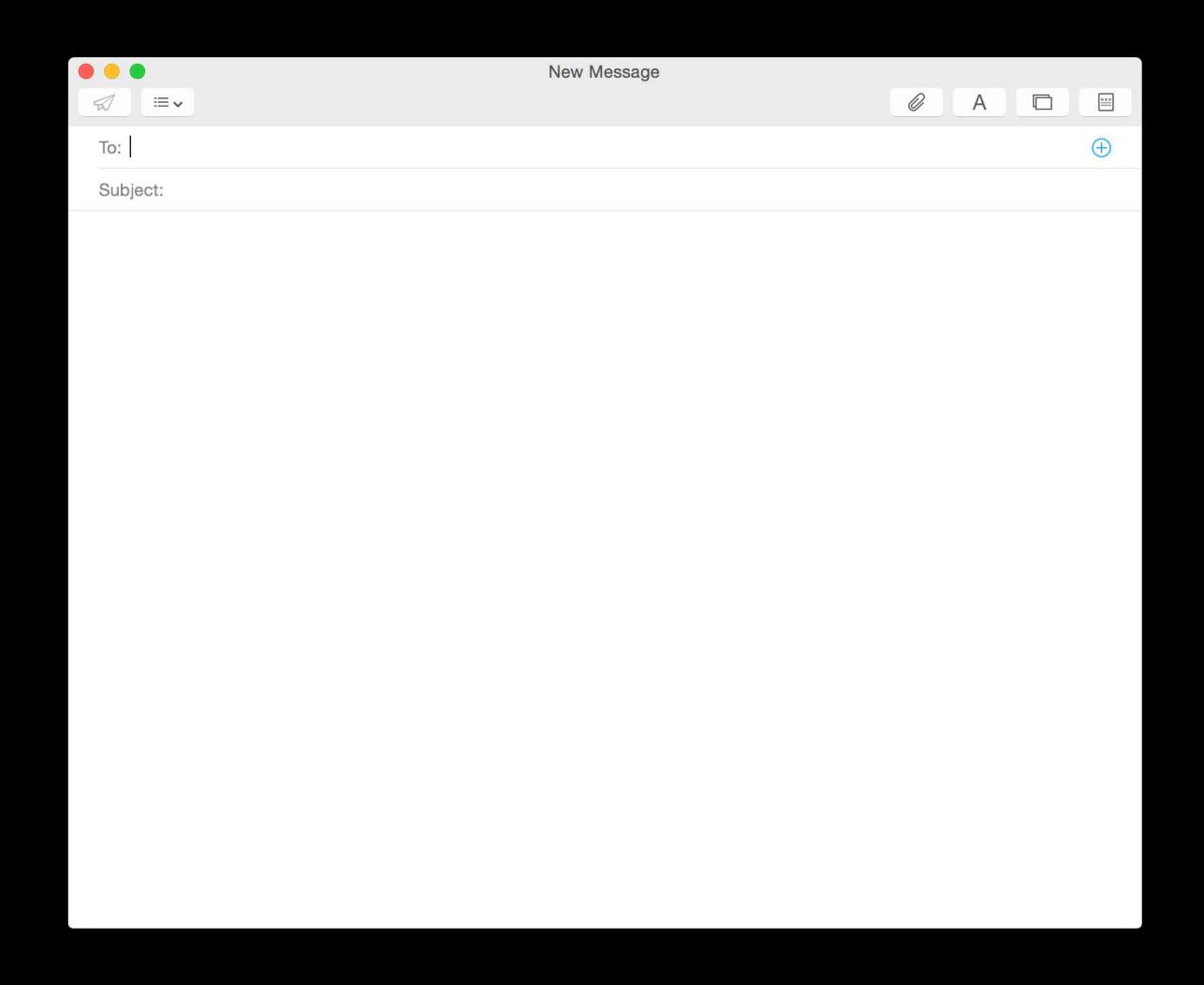


# Creating User Activities What do users do in your app?

Reading messages

Picking an item from a list

Editing a document



Documents and Responders

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You can set it like this:

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NSUserActivity *userActivity = [[NSUserActivity alloc]
    initWithActivityType:@"com.company.viewing-message"];
userActivity.title = @"Viewing Message";
document.userActivity = userActivity;
```

Document-based apps

# Creating User Activities Document-based apps

Add NSUbiquitousDocumentUserActivityType to each CFBundleDocumentTypes entry

Key		Туре	Value	
▼ Information Property List		Dictionary	(15 items)	
Localization native development region	<b>‡</b>	String	en	<b>\$</b>
▼ Document types	<b>‡</b>	Array	(1 item)	
▼ Item 0 (DocumentType)		Dictionary	(7 items)	
▶ CFBundleTypeExtensions	<b>‡</b>	Array	(1 item)	
Icon File Name	<b>‡</b>	String		
Document Type Name	<b>‡</b>	String	DocumentType	
▶ Document OS Types	<b>‡</b>	Array	(1 item)	
Role	<b>\$</b>	String	Editor	<b>‡</b>
Cocoa NSDocument Class	\$	String	Document	
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Executable file	<b>*</b>	String		\${EXECUTABLE_NAME}	
Bundle identifier	<b></b>	String		com.company.\${PRODUCT_NAME:rfc1034identifier}	
InfoDictionary version	<b></b>	String		6.0	
▼ NSUserActivityTypes	0	Array	<b>\$</b>	(2 items)	
Item 0		String		com.company.viewing-message	
Item 1		String		com.company.composing-message	
Bundle name	<b>‡</b>	String		\${PRODUCT_NAME}	

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- If the view controller's view is in the window hierarchy

becomeCurrent on iOS

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```
Share the userActivity:
[document openWithCompletionHandler:^(B00L success) {
    viewController.userActivity = document.userActivity;
...
}];
```

becomeCurrent on OS X

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We'll reevaluate when appropriate

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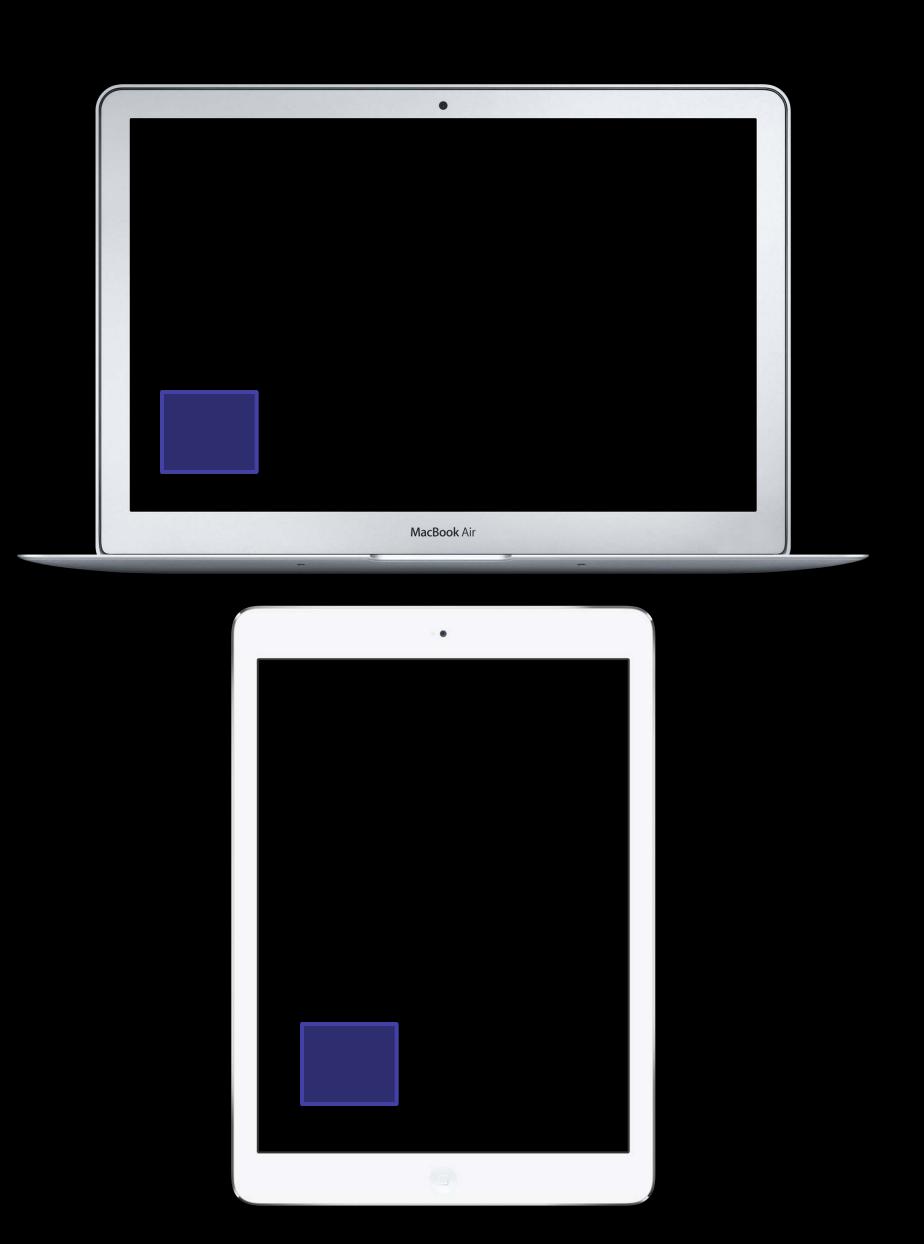
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- We call becomeCurrent
- We call invalidate

# Creating User Activities

NSUserActivity invalidate





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# Updating User Activities Documents and Responders

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The userInfo is emptied each time

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### Something like this:

```
- (void)updateUserActivityState:(NSUserActivity *)userActivity {
    [super updateUserActivityState:userActivity];

    [userActivity addUserInfoEntriesFromDictionary:@{
        @"messageID": self.messageID,
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}
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When your info is stale: userActivity.needsSave = YES;

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File URLs in iCloud or from a document provider are OK

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- NS/UIDocument will add its fileURL with NSUserActivityDocumentURLKey

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Maybe something like:
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### App Delegate

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Use this to show the user what's being continued

```
- (BOOL)application: (NS/UIApplication *)application
       willContinueUserActivityWithType:(NSString *)activityType {
   if ([activityType isEqual:@"com.company.viewing-message"]) {
      id vc = [[MessageViewController alloc] init];
     vc.showLoadingIndicator = YES;
      [self showMessageViewController:vc];
      return YES;
   return NO;
```

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Call the restorationHandler, passing it an array of documents or responders that present the user activity

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Here's an example:
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  NSString *activityType = activity activityType;
   if ([activityType isEqual:@"com.company.viewing-message"]) {
      id vc = [[MessageViewController alloc] init];
      restorationHandler(@[vc]);
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```

```
@implementation MessageViewController
 (void)restoreUserActivityState:(NSUserActivity *)activity {
   [super restoreUserActivityState:activity];
   [self setMessageID:activity.userInfo[@"messageID"]];
  id cvc = [[ConversationViewController alloc] init];
   [cvc restoreUserActivityState:activity];
@end
```

```
@implementation ConversationViewController
- (void)restoreUserActivityState:(NSUserActivity *)activity {
   [super restoreUserActivityState:activity];
  NSString *version = activity.userInfo[@"handoffVersion"]
   BOOL isOldVersion = [self isOldVersion:version];
  NSString *recipientKey = isOldVersion ? @"to" : @"rcptID";
   self.recipient = activity.userInfo[recipientKey];
   [self updateRecipientImage];
```

```
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```
- (void)application:(NS/UIApplication *)application
    didFailToContinueUserActivityWithType:(NSString *)activityType
    error:(NSError *)error;
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Can be NSUserCancelledError!

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# Continuing User Activity Document-based app

On OS X, AppKit can use NSDocumentController restoreUserActivityState:









application:willContinueUserActivityWithType:





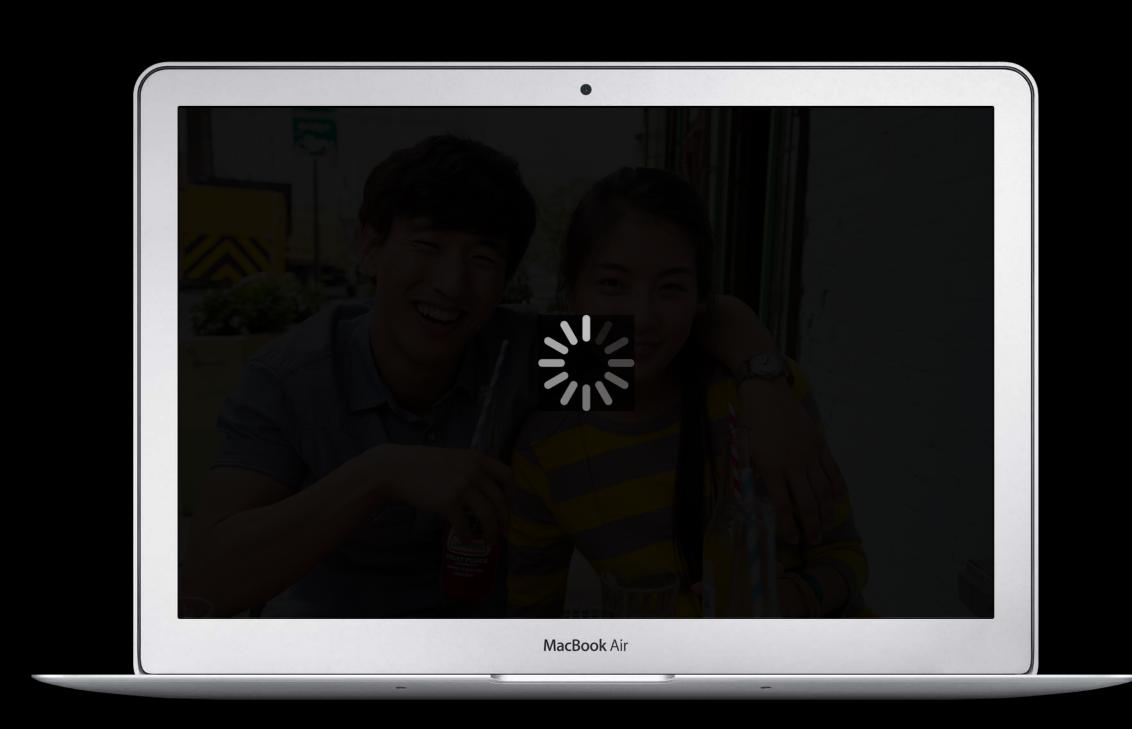
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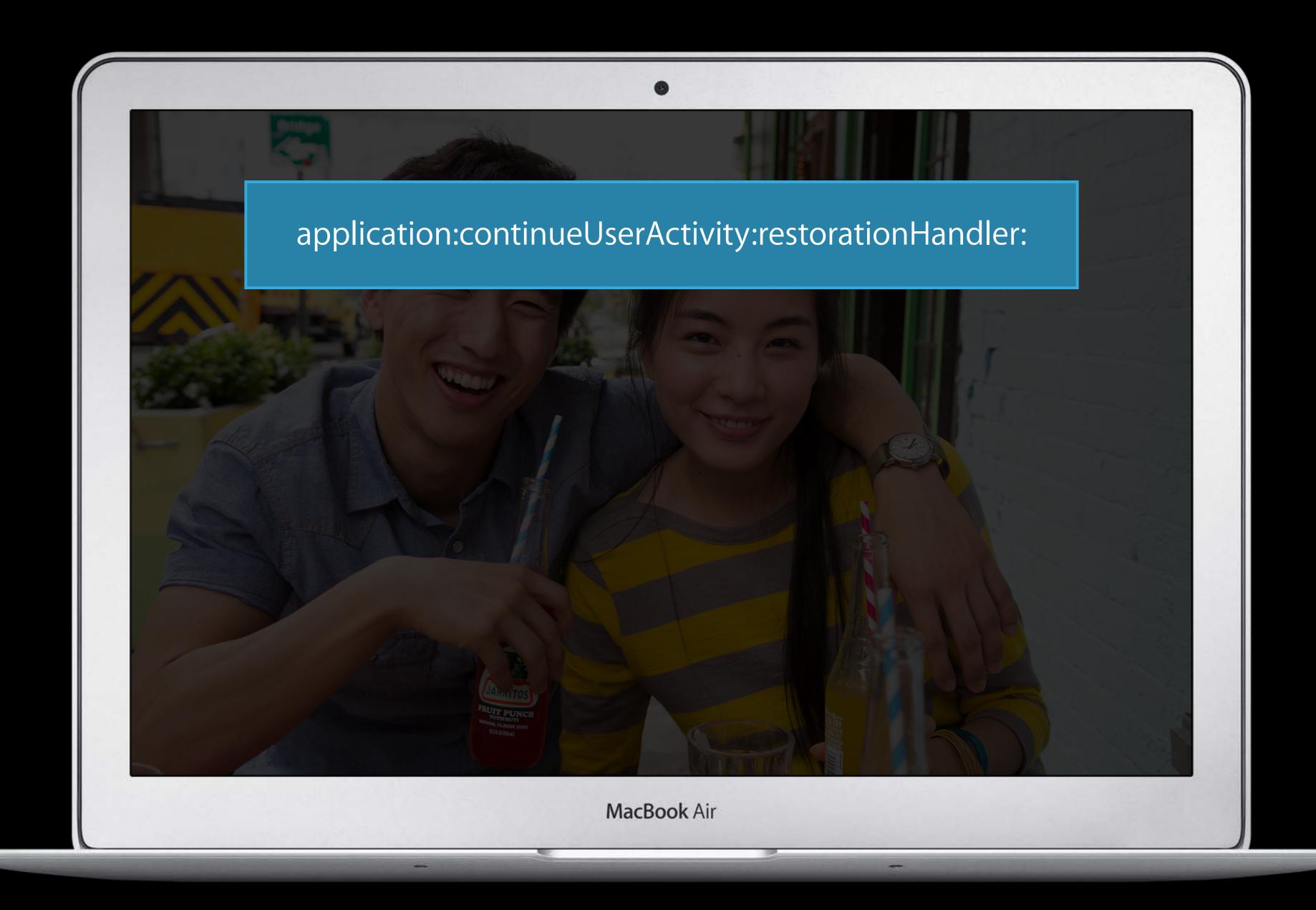


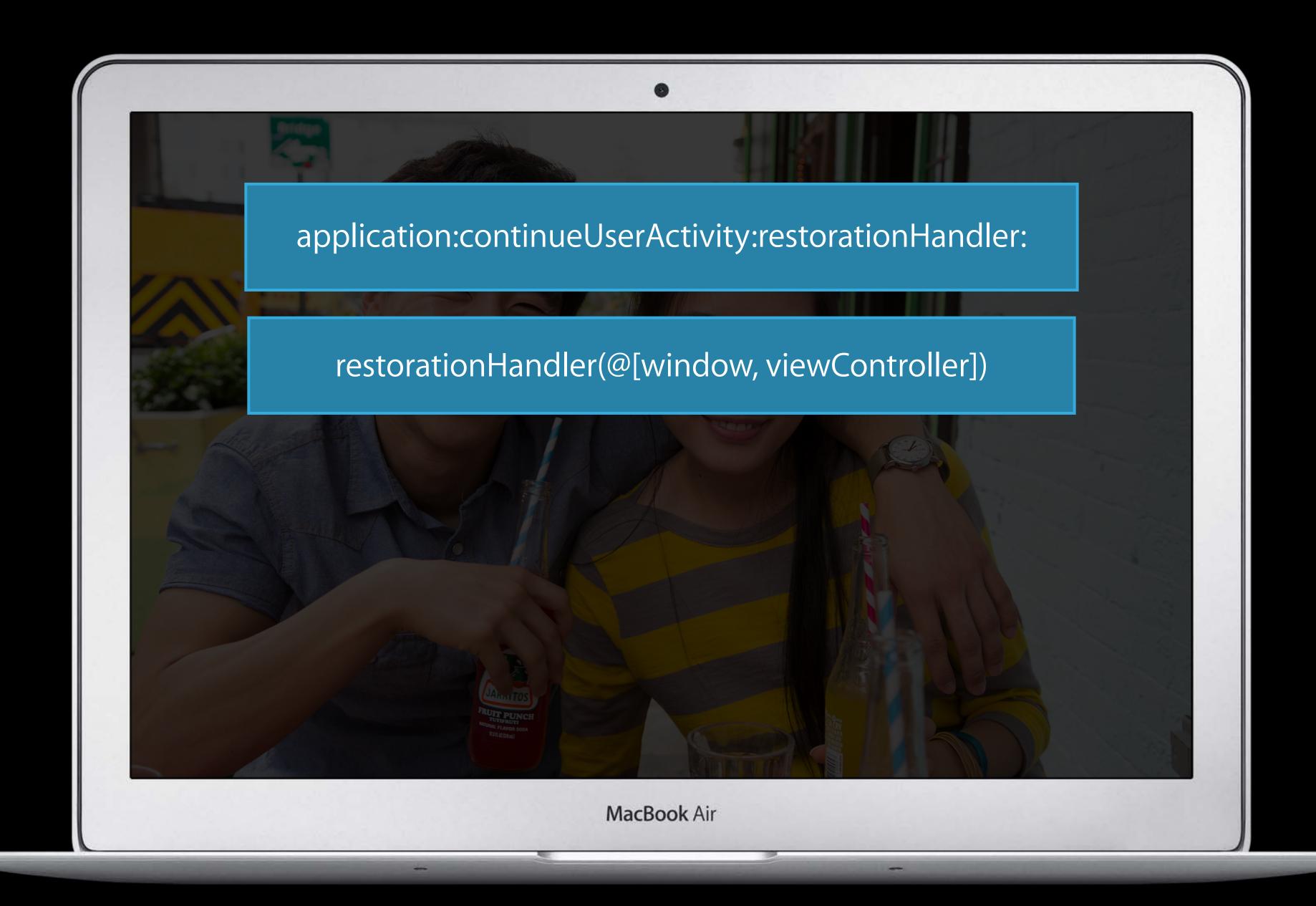




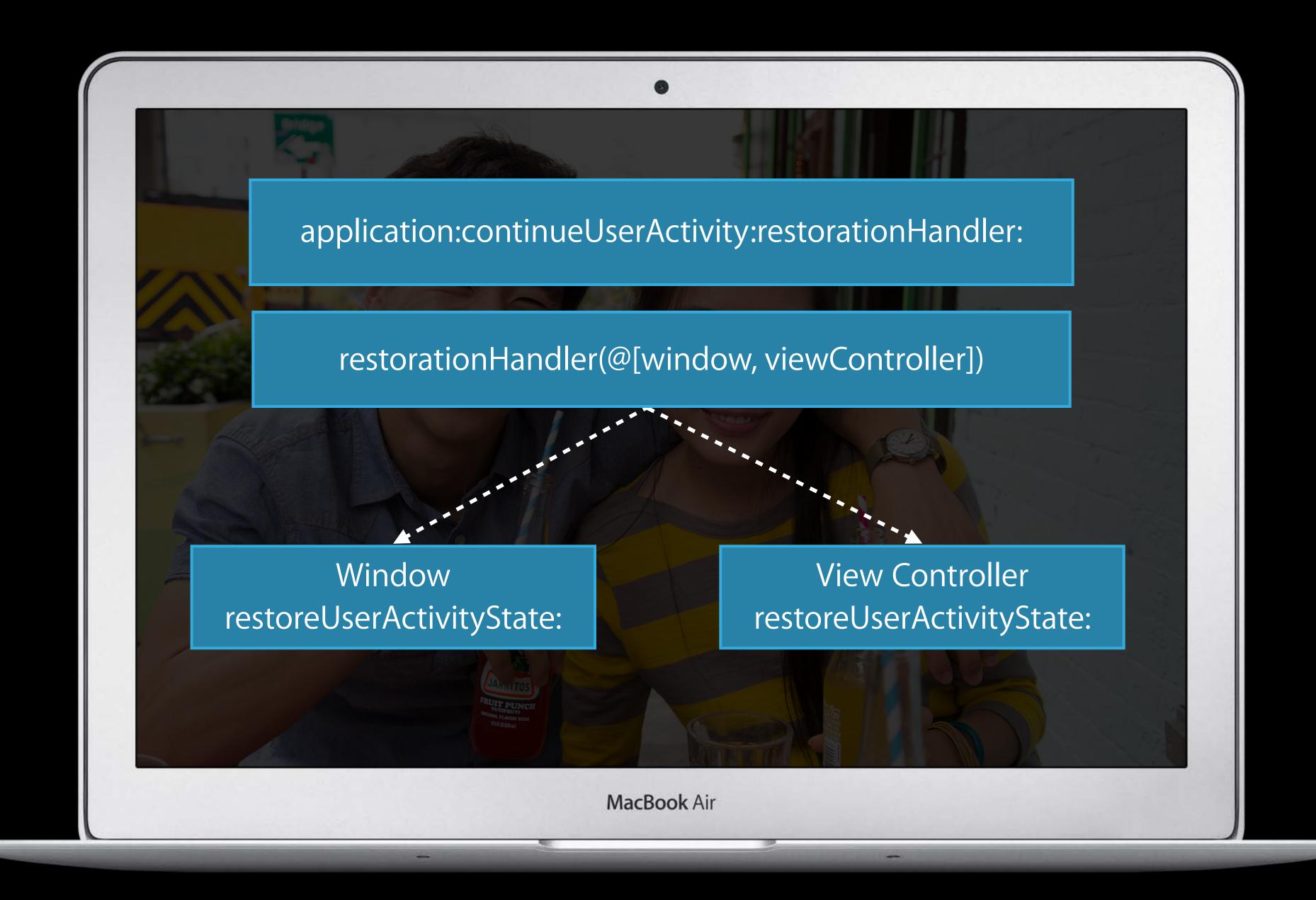
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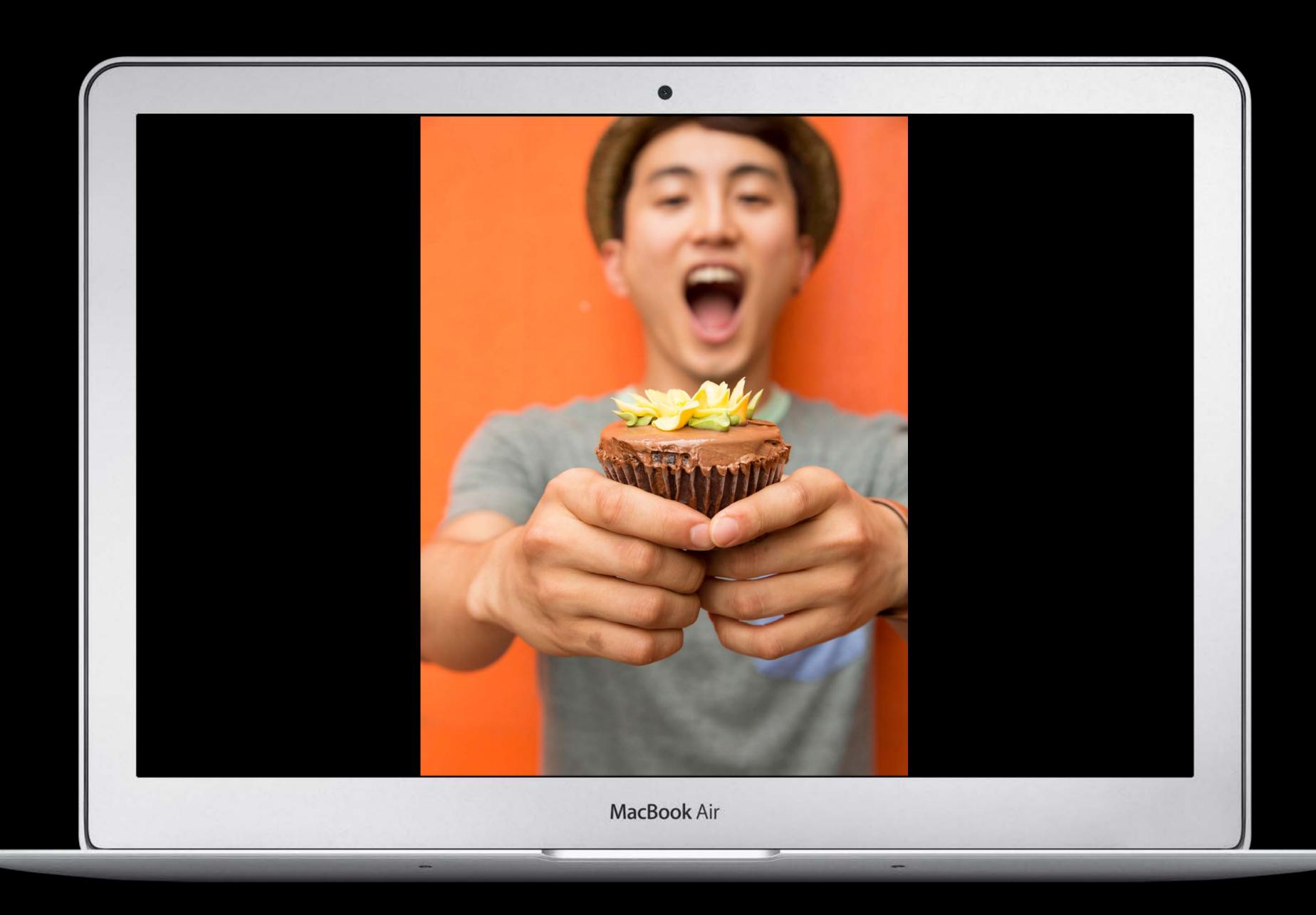
















# NSUserActivity In-depth

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Your application creates an activity with an activity type string [[NSUserActivity alloc] initWithActivityType:@"com.company.edit.foo"];

# Activity Type Strings

NSUserActivity

Applications which want to receive activities claim them in their Info.plist Either in NSUserActivityTypes or in CFBundleDocumentTypes

▼ Document types	<b>‡</b>	Array	(13 items)
▼ Item 0 (NSRTFPboardType)		Dictionary	(8 items)
Icon File Name	<b>‡</b>	String	rtf.icns
NSUbiquitousDocumentUserActivit	:00	String	com.apple.TextEdit.Editing
Document Type Name	<b>‡</b>	String	NSRTFPboardType
▶ Document Content Type UTIs	<b>‡</b>	Array	(1 item)

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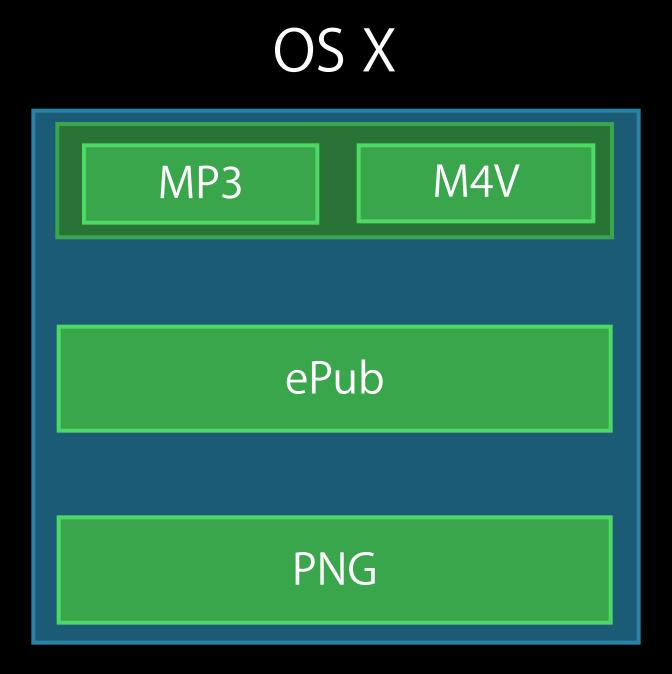
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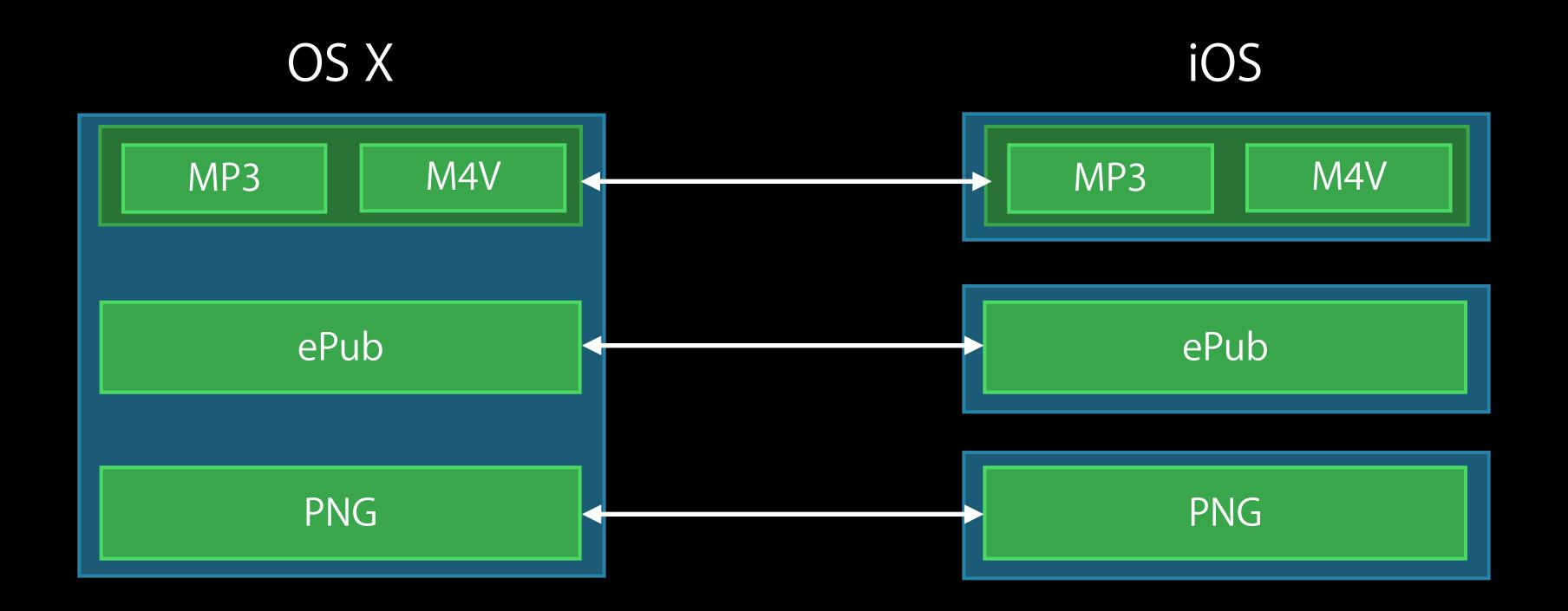
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```
activity.title = @" ... "
activity.userInfo = @{ ... }
    [activity addUserInfoEntriesFromDictionary: @{ ... }]
[activity becomeCurrent]
[activity invalidate]
```

NSUserActivityDelegate

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```
activity.delegate = self;
...
activity.needsSave = YES;
Then, when the system needs information from your activity
```

- (void)userActivityWillSave:(NSUserActivity \*)userActivity

NSUserActivityDelegate

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When continued from another device:

- (void)userActivityWasContinued:(NSUserActivity \*)userActivity

Called when this activity was successfully continued on another device Most applications won't need this at all

Native application to web browser

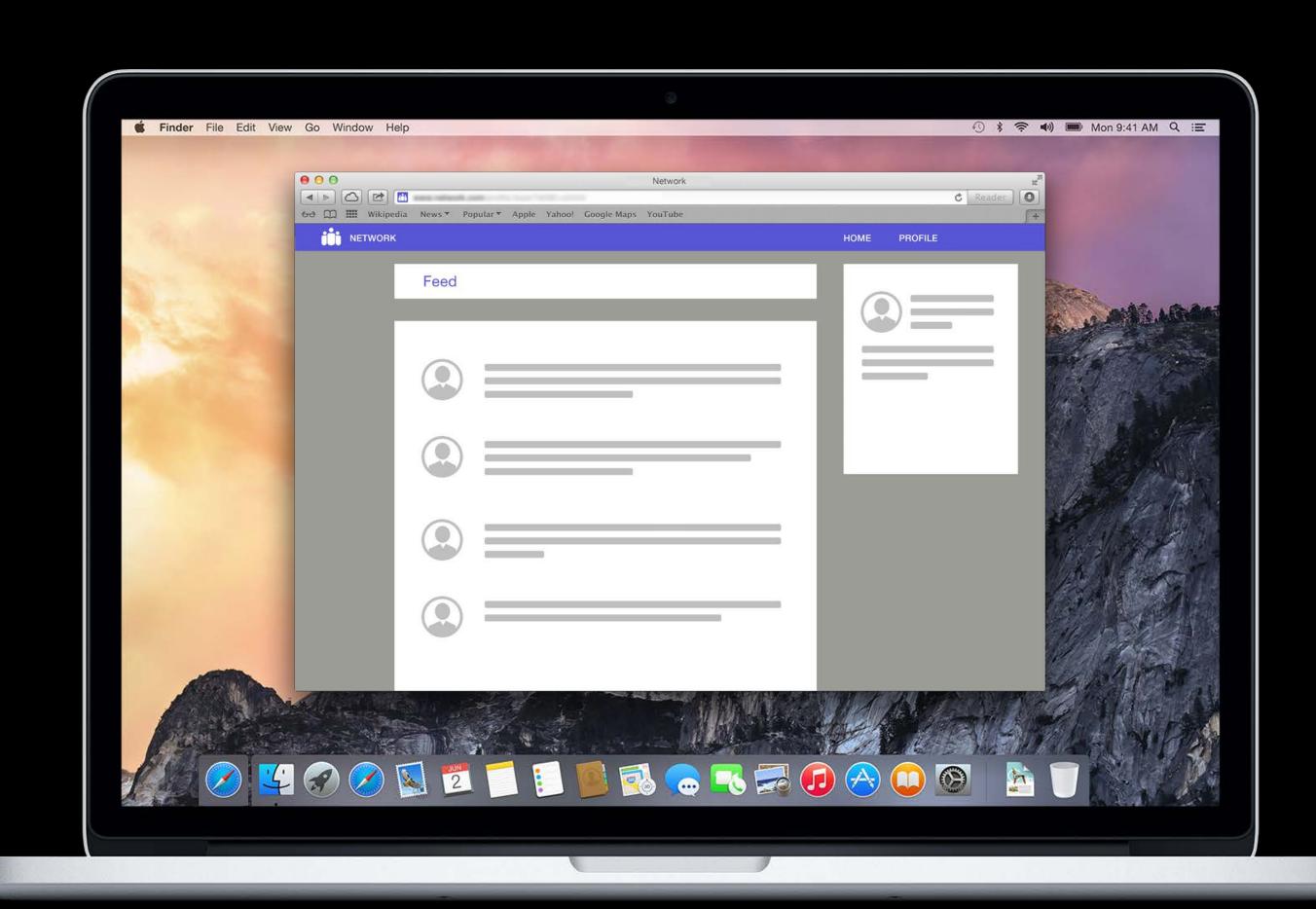


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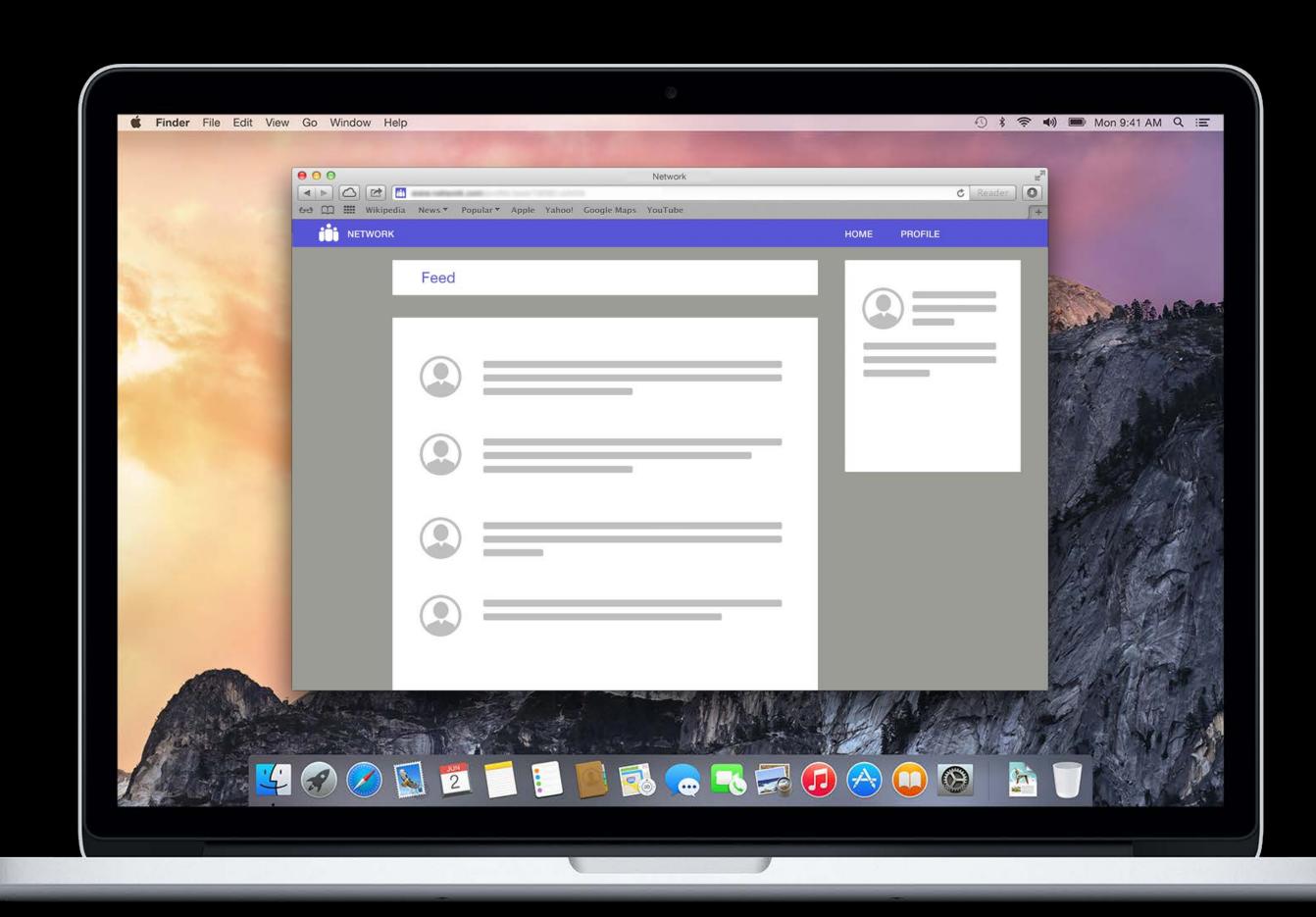
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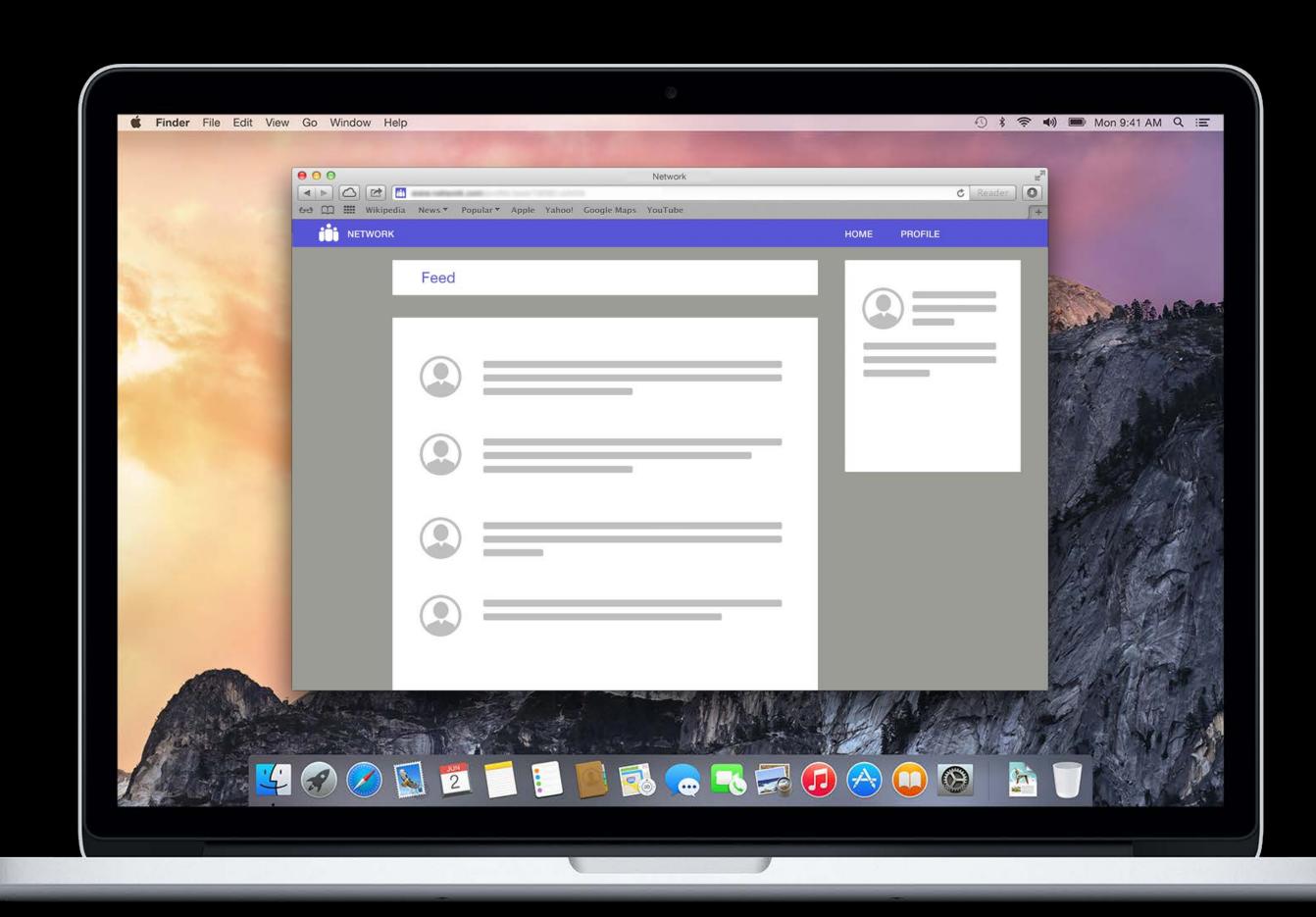


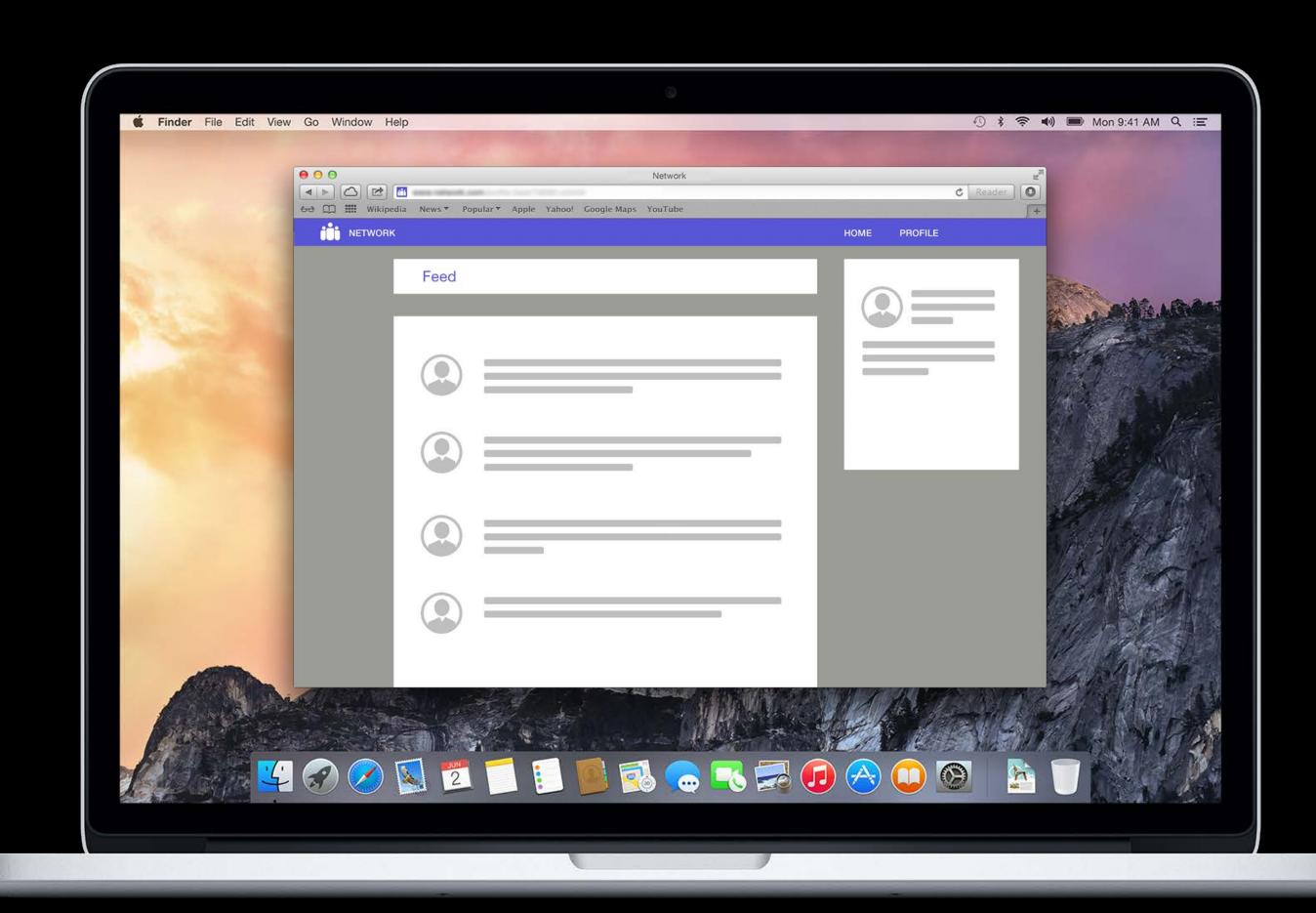
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#### Native application to web browser

```
NSUserActivity* activity = [[NSUserActivity alloc]
initWithActivityType:...];
activity.userInfo = @{ ... }
activity.webpageURL = [NSURL URLWithString: ...];
```

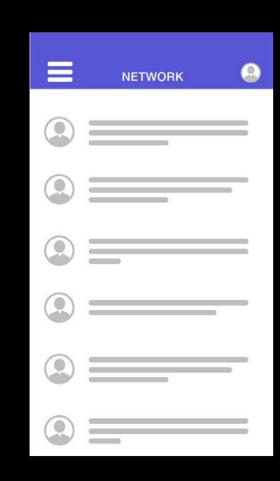




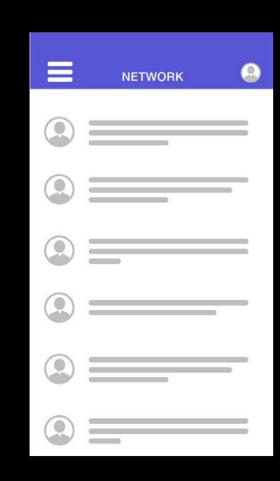


```
application:continueUserActivity:(NSUserActivity*)userActivity
restorationHandler:(void(^)(NSArray
*restorableObjects))restorationHandler {
  if ([userActivity.activityType
        isEqual:NSUserActivityTypeContinuingFromWebBrowser]) {
     /* resume an activity based on the webpageURL */
   } else if ([userActivity isEqual:@"com.company.type12"]) {
```

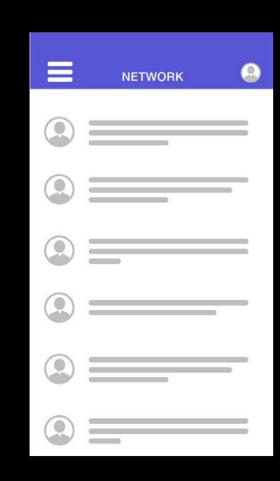
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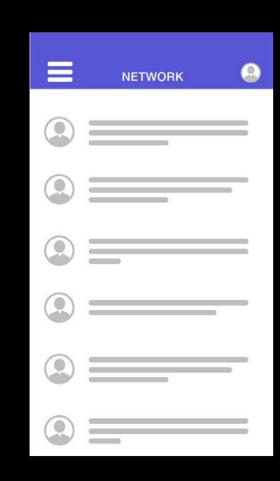
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#### NSUserActivity

```
NSUserActivity* activity = [[NSUserActivity alloc] initWithActivityType: @"com.company.interact"];
activity.userInfo = @{ ... }
activity.delegate = self;
activity.supportsContinuationStreams = YES;
[activity becomeCurrent];
```

NSUserActivity, on the receiving device

```
- application: (NS/UIApplication*) continueUserActivity:
(NSUserActivity*)activity restorationHandler:...
   if (activity supportsContinuationStreams ) {
      [activity getContinuationStreamsWithCompletionHandler:
        ^(NSInputStream* inputstream, NSOutputStream*
           outputstream, NSError* error) {
           if (!error) {
              /* You can send and receive over these streams! */
```

#### ConnectBack

NSUserActivity, back on the initiating device

```
Lastly, this delegate method is called with the streams
```

```
-(void) userActivity:(NSUserActivity *)userActivity
didReceiveInputStream:(NSInputStream *)inputStream outputStream:
(NSOutputStream *)outputStream {
    ...
}
```

### So, you've learned

AppKit/UlKit support
NS/UlDocument support
Continuation streams
Website interoperability

### More Information

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Documentation

Handoff Programming Guide

http://apple.com

Apple Developer Forums http://devforums.apple.com

### Related Sessions

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