- Notifications Off
- Phone silenced and in DND mode
- Check presenter notes
- Start screen capture

Developing with WatchKit 1.0

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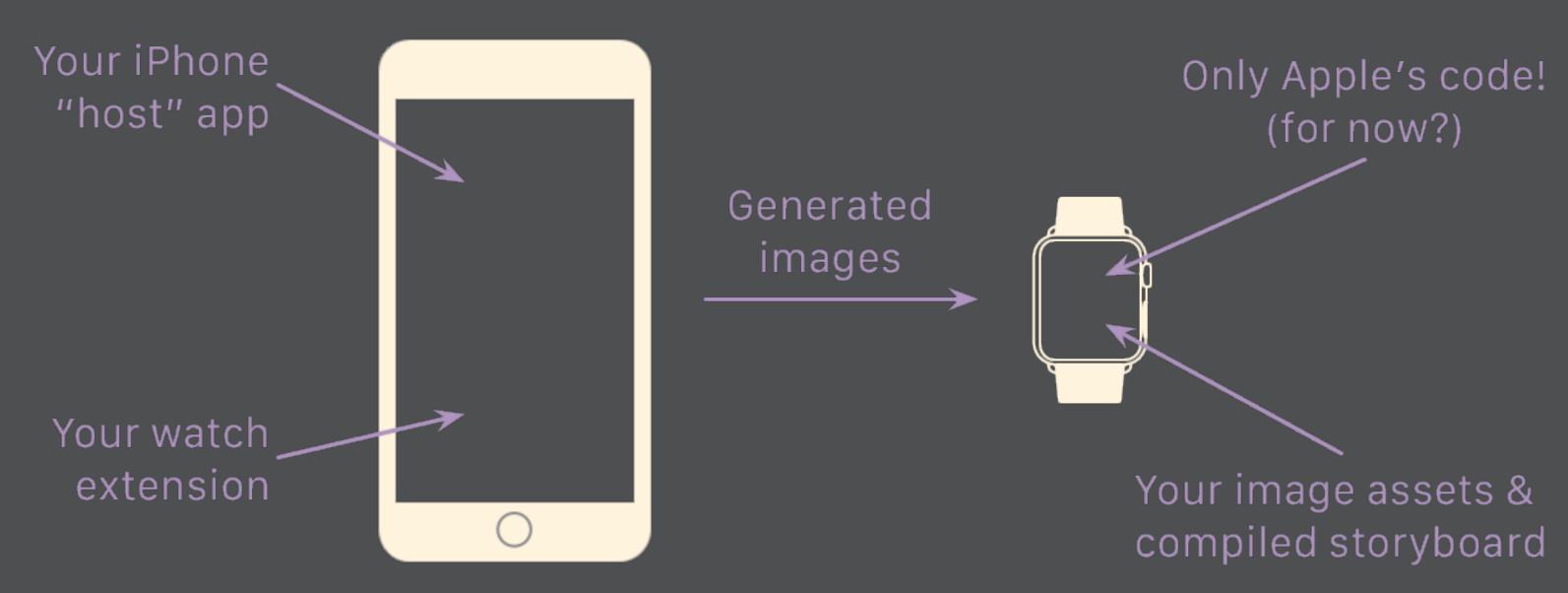
Outline

- Conceptual model
- Sample app
- Syncing data with **≰**Watch
- Debugging ★Watch apps
- Some challenges
- Other resources
- Wish list

Conceptual

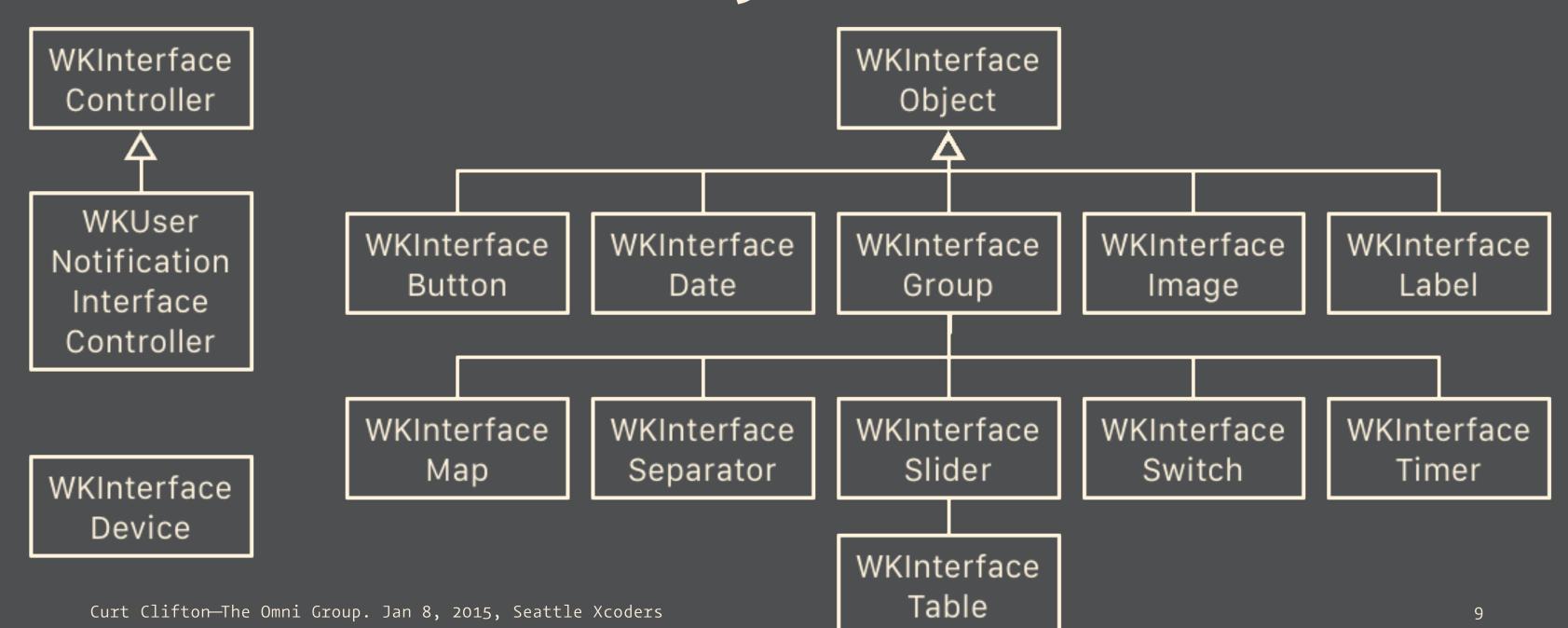
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Your watch extension on iPhone

WKInterface Image

WKInterface Timer WKInterface Label

WKInterface Button



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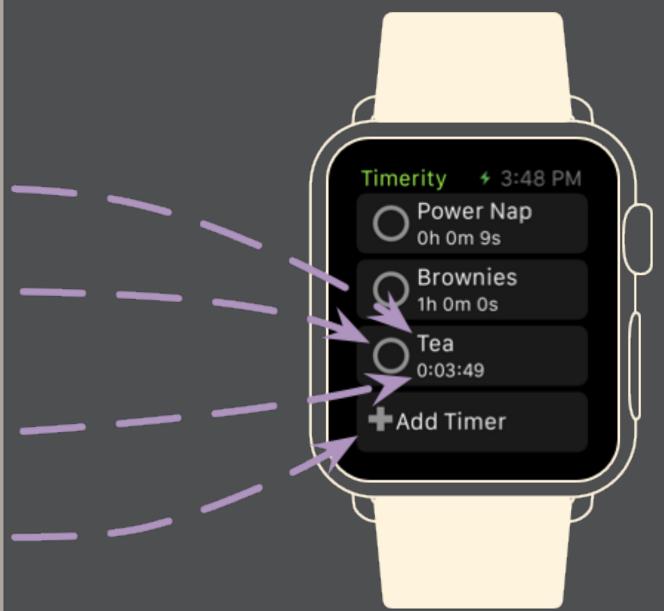
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interfaceProperty

- -setHidden:
- -setAlpha:
- -setWidth:
- -setHeight:
- -setAccessibility...:
- -setText:
- -setTextColor:
- -setAttributedText:

WKInterface Label

WKInterface Button



Conceptual Model

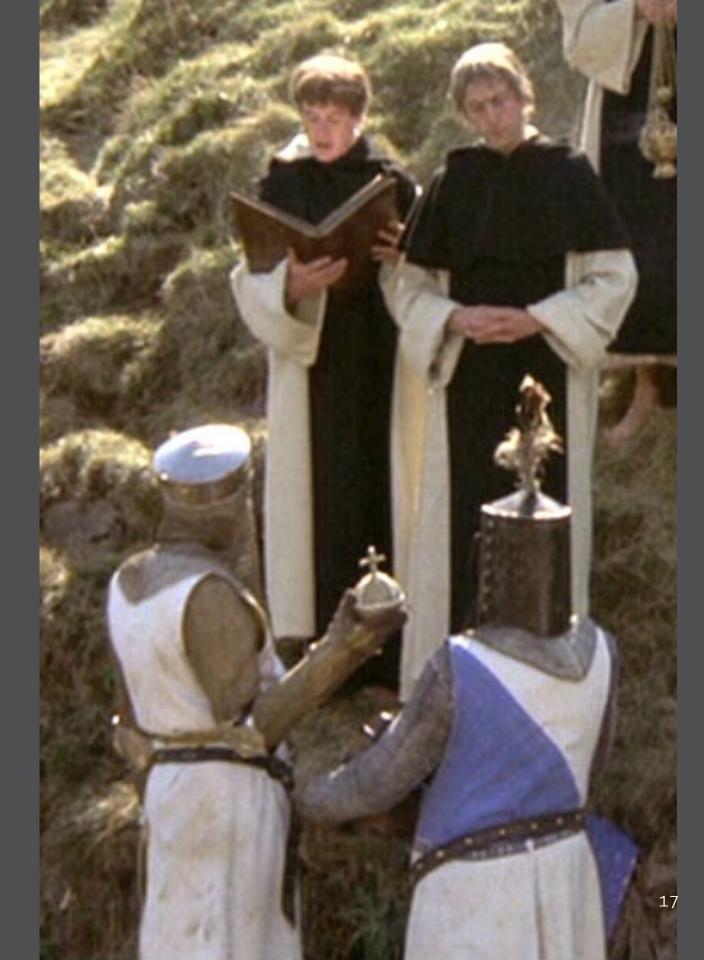
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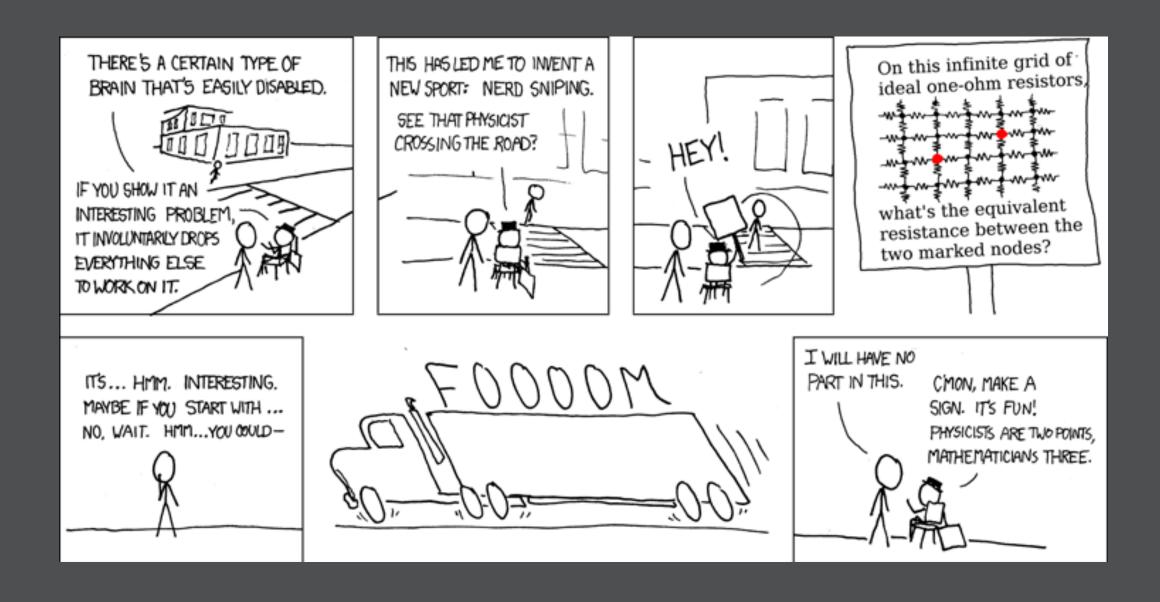
¹ Monty Python and the Holy Grail

What's a developer to do?

- File coordination? Nope.
- App Group entitlement and user defaults
- Shared CoreData database
- Shared SQLite database
- Seed file & callbacks

Cartoon of the Day

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https://xkcd.com/356/

Syncing Using Seed File & Callbacks

iPhone Host App

Watch Extension

writes seed file to app group

(maybe) gets terminated

reads data from seed file gets input from wearer sends user action

+openParentApplication:reply:

system wakes app in background

updates & writes data returns updated data

reply()

updates in-memory data

Syncing Data with **Watch**

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Debugging &Watch Apps

- Run iPhone app first
- Open Watch "external display"
- Launch the WatchKit app
- In the simulator, tap the iPhone app
- In Xcode, connect to the iPhone app
- Use Console to watch Simulator's system log

Challenges

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- Sending UI commands to non-active controls
- Using shared frameworks
- Selecting watch menu items crashes the simulator eventually
- No auto layout?
- Notifications while watch app is running?

Usefull

Resources

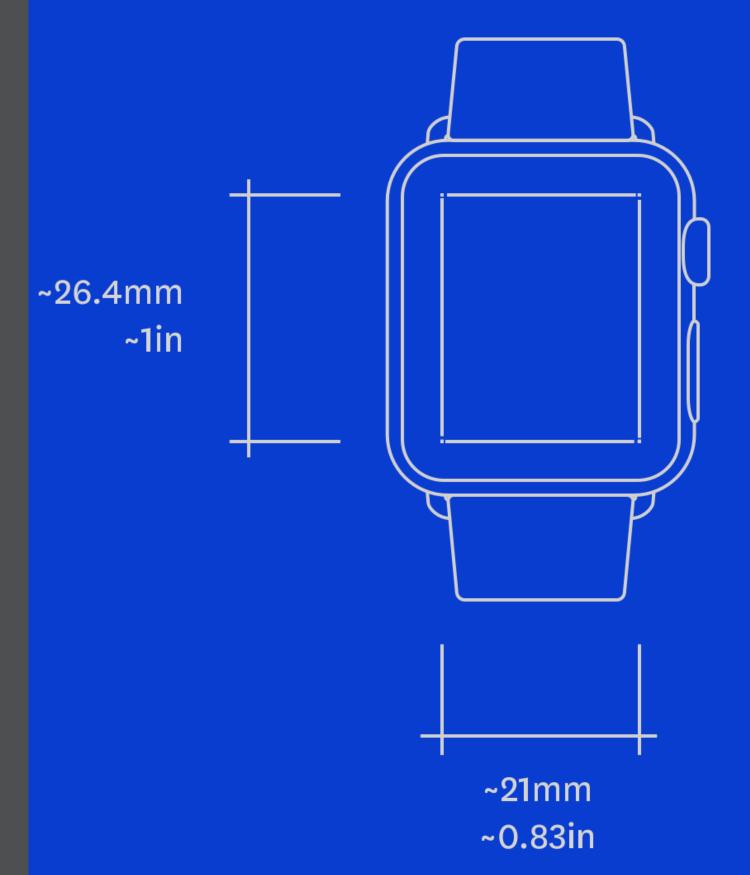
From Apple

- Marketing site
- Dev and design resources

From Others

- "A Day with ★Watch"
 Craig Hockenberry
- "As I Learn WatchKit"

 David Smith
- To-scale ★Watch Mockup PDF
 Thibaut Sailly



Bezel

- Free from Troy Gaul
- Combine with Xscope Mirror



Wish List

- Direct access to the Taptic Engine
- iPhone-free 3rd party code
- API for digital crown
- Animated state changes
- Interactive Glances

Thanks

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