

# iOS Application Development

## Lecture 11: SwiftUI Continued

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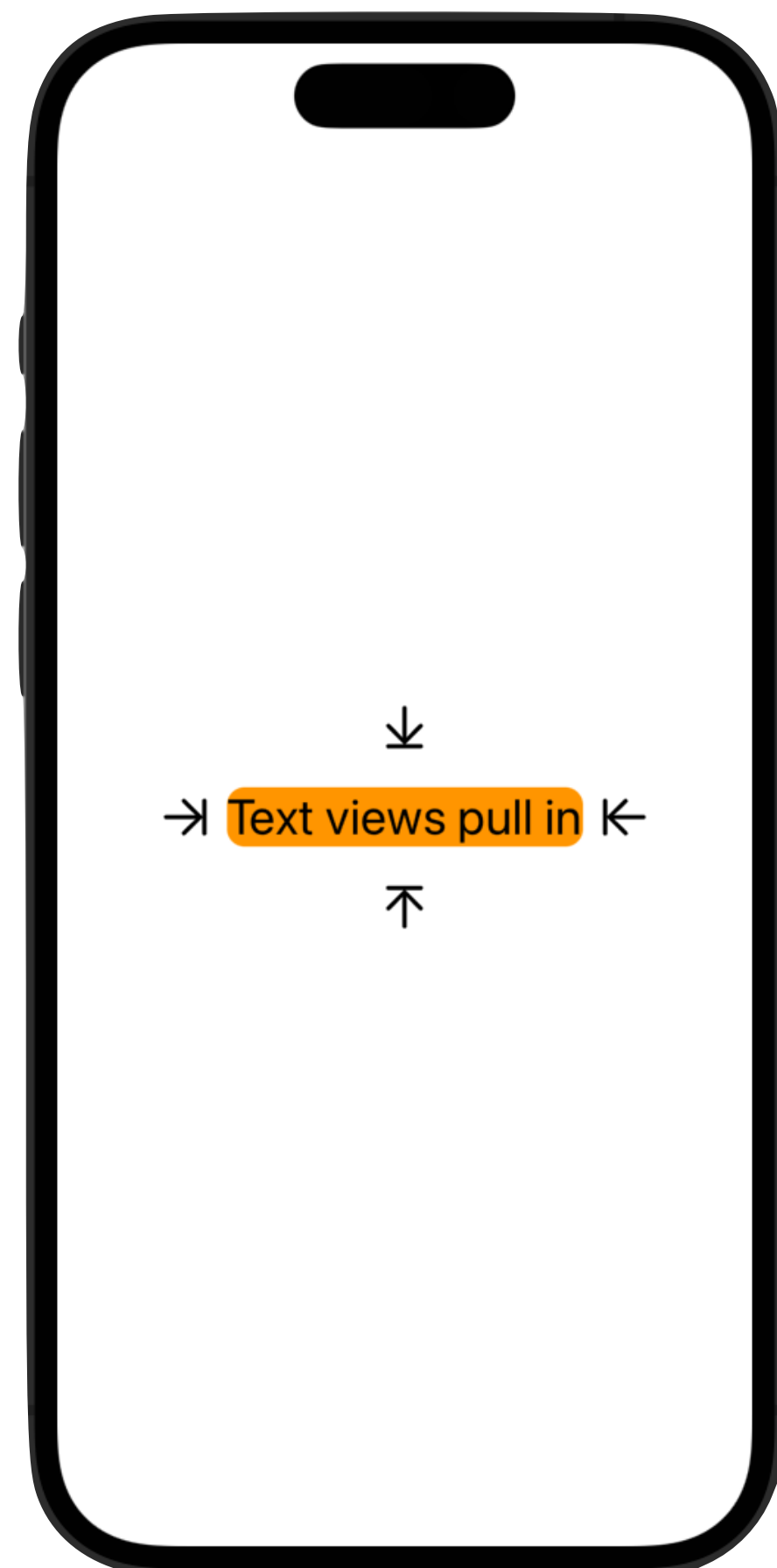


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# Layout Views

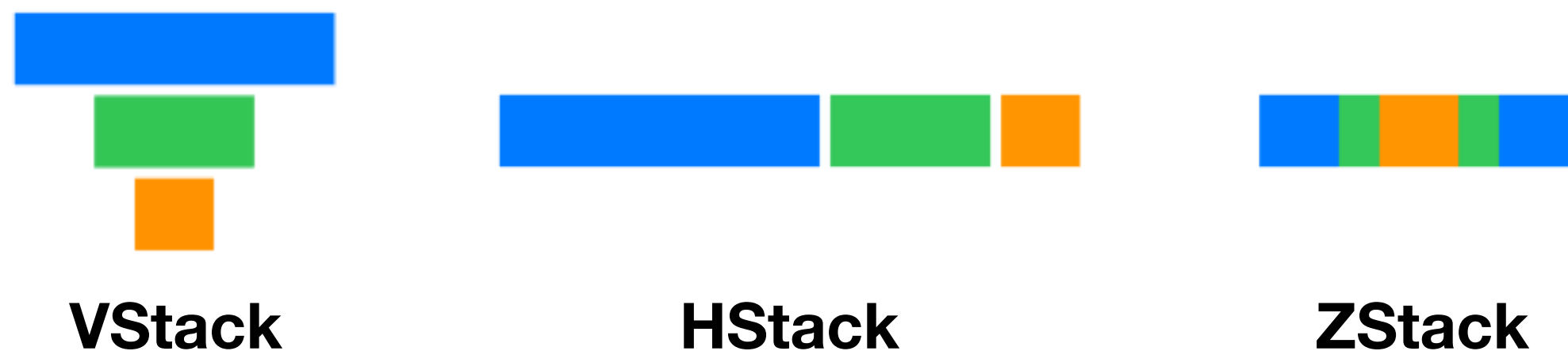
# Layout Behavior

- Two behaviors of views



# VStack, HStack & ZStack

- Pull-in container views
- Like all layout views, can only contain up to 10 items
  - Group{} to create larger lists
- LazyVStack & LazyHStack load items only if visible
  - Push-out containers



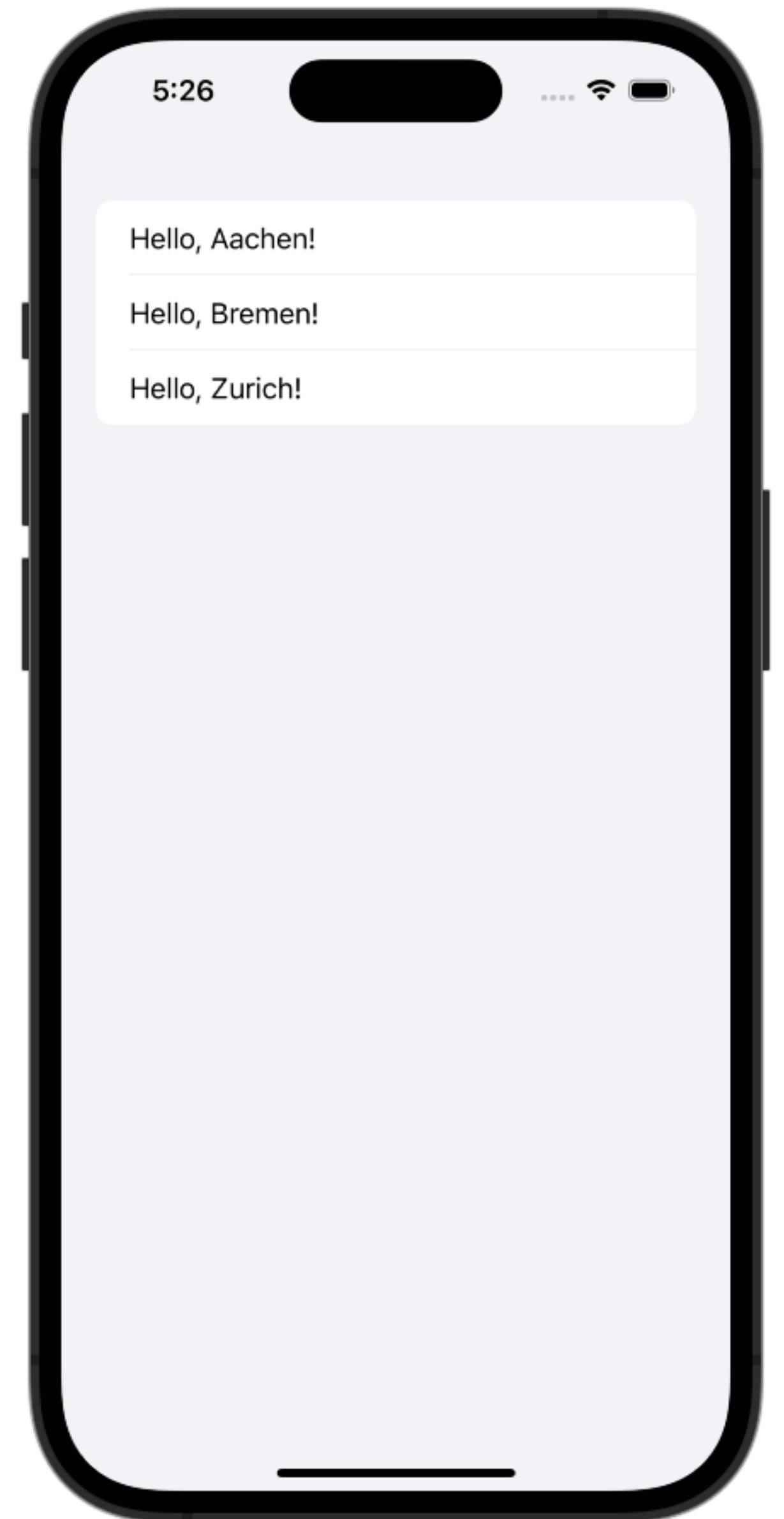
```
// Replace VStack with HStack or HStack here
VStack(alignment: .center, spacing: 5) {
    Text(" ")
        .frame(width: 150)
        .background(.blue)
    Text(" ")
        .frame(width: 75)
        .background(.green)
    Text(" ")
        .frame(width: 37)
        .background(.orange)
}
```



# List

- Vertically scrolling list
- Very efficient
- Items can be different View types
- Multiple selection, Delete via swipe optional
- `Group{}` helps with more than 10 items
- `Section{}` creates a separated group with an optional title

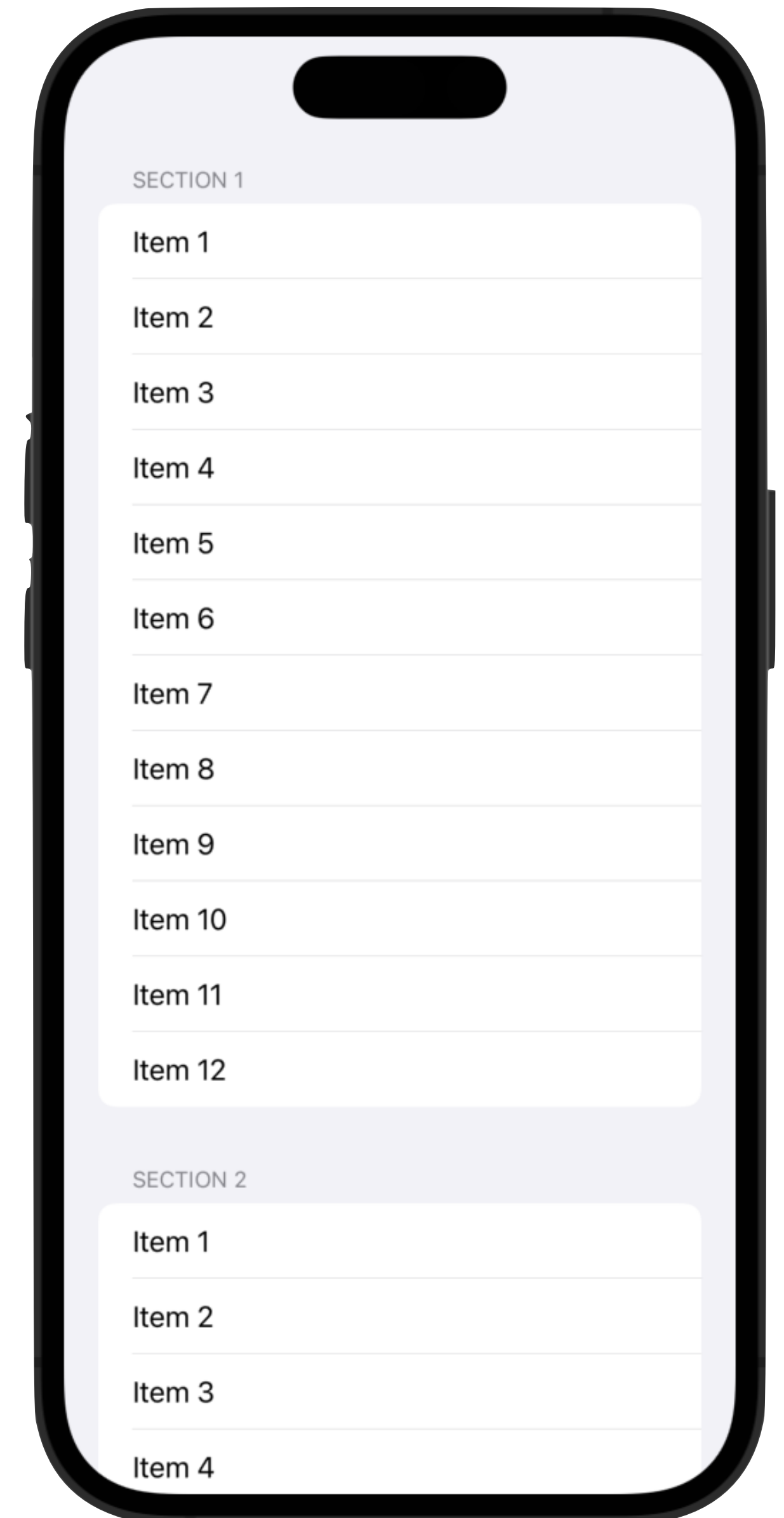
```
struct ContentView: View {  
    var body: some View {  
        List {  
            Text("Hello, Aachen!")  
            Text("Hello, Bremen!")  
            Text("Hello, Zurich!")  
        }  
    }  
}
```



# Form

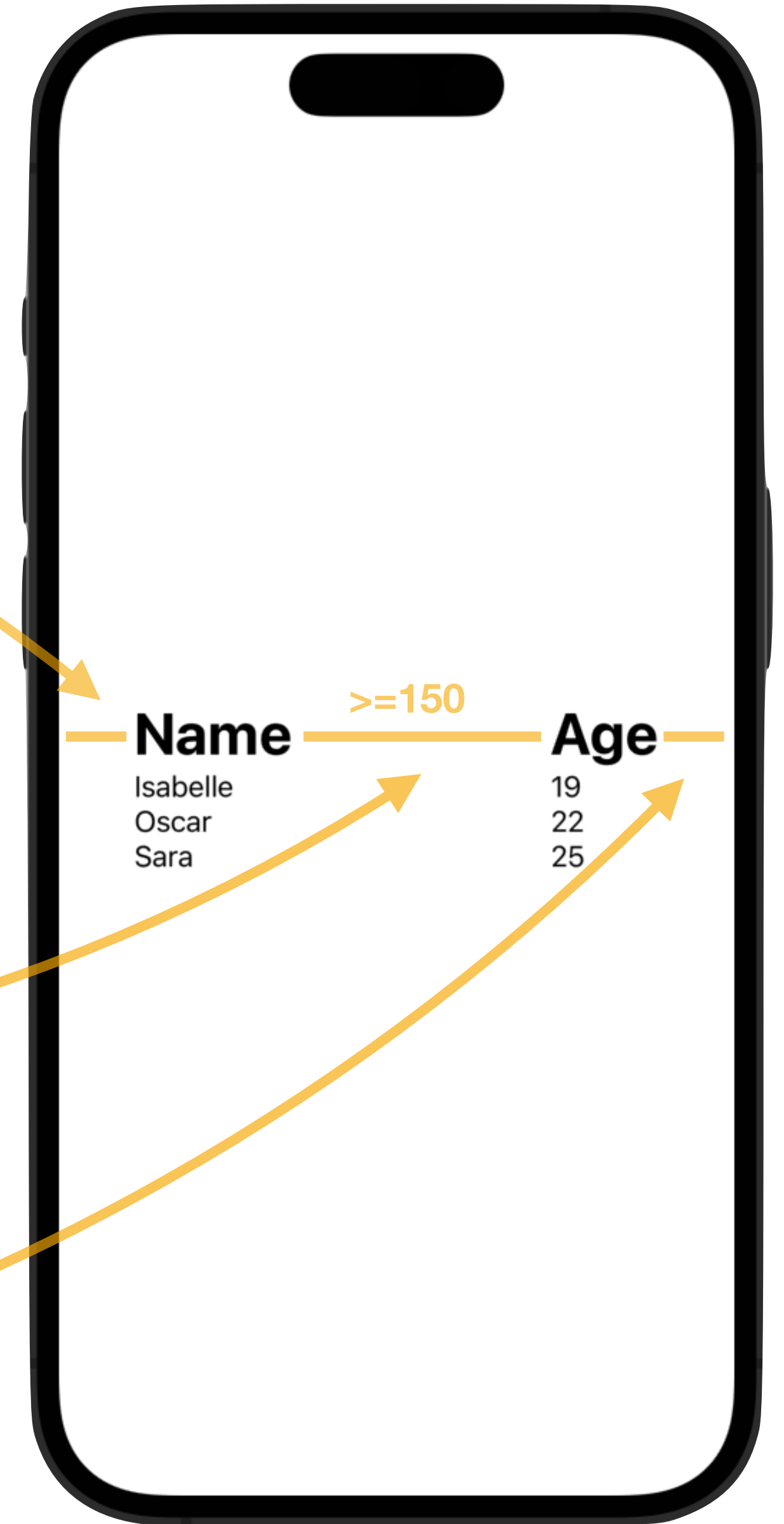
- Similar to List
- Both use UITableView in iOS
- Use Form to group controls used for data entry, like in settings or inspectors
- Used, e.g., in the iOS Settings app

```
struct ContentView: View {
    var body: some View {
        Form {
            Section("Section 1"){
                Group{
                    Text("Item 1")
                    Text("Item 2")
                    Text("Item 3")
                    Text("Item 4")
                    Text("Item 5")
                    Text("Item 6")
                    Text("Item 7")
                    Text("Item 8")
                    Text("Item 9")
                    Text("Item 10")
                }
                Group{
                    Text("Item 11")
                    Text("Item 12")
                }
            }
            Section("Section 2"){
                Text("Item 1")
                Text("Item 2")
                Text("Item 3")
                Text("Item 4")
            }
        }
    }
}
```



# Spacer

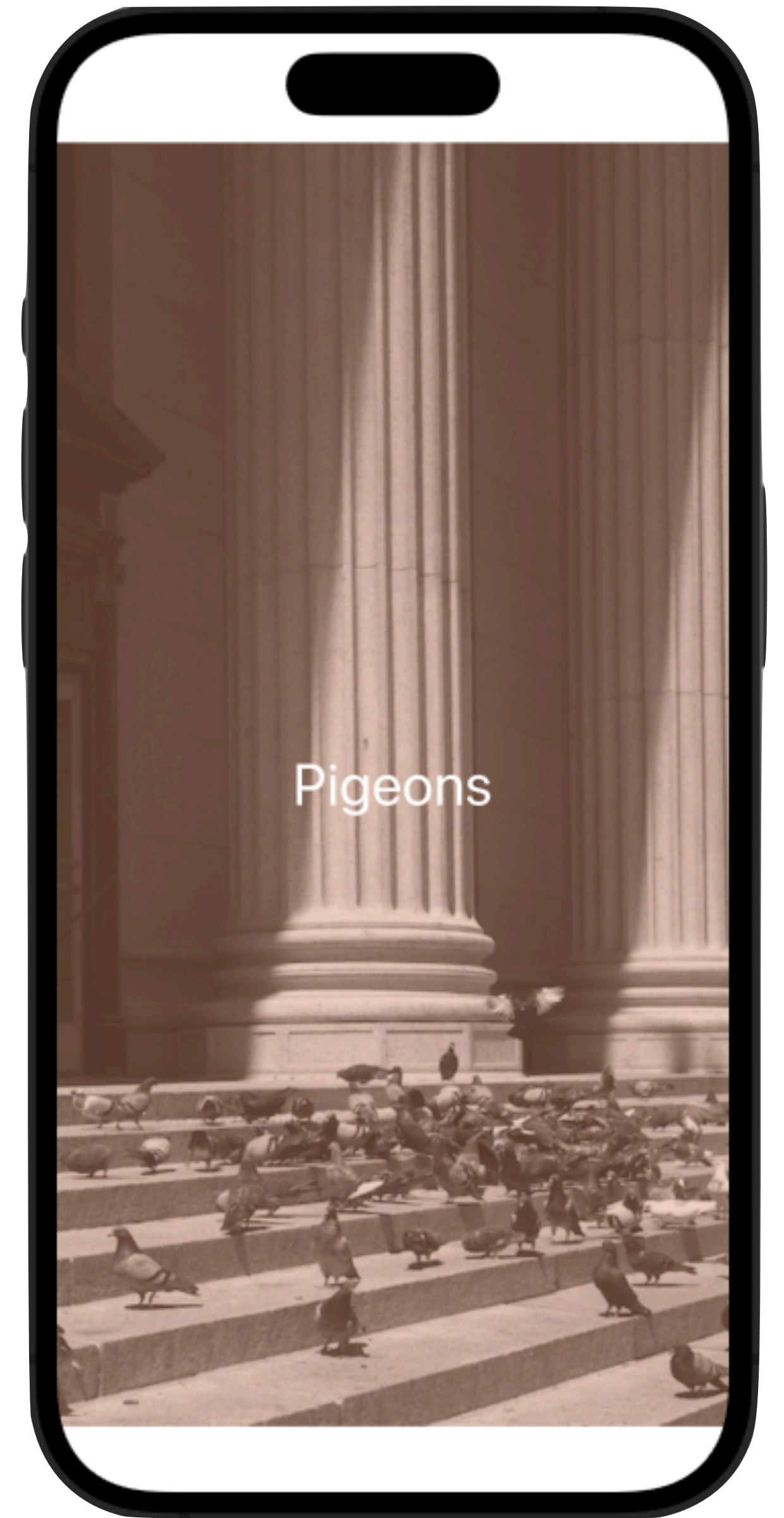
```
struct ContentView: View {  
    var body: some View {  
        HStack {  
            Spacer()  
            VStack(alignment: .leading) {  
                Text("Name")  
                    .font(.largeTitle)  
                    .bold()  
                Text("Isabelle")  
                Text("Oscar")  
                Text("Sara")  
            }  
            Spacer(minLength: 150)  
            VStack(alignment: .leading) {  
                Text("Age")  
                    .font(.largeTitle)  
                    .bold()  
                Text("19")  
                Text("22")  
                Text("25")  
            }  
            Spacer()  
        }  
    }  
}
```



# Layers

- Add layers on top and behind views

```
struct ContentView: View {
    var body: some View {
        Image("pigeons")
            .frame(maxWidth: .infinity)
            .opacity(0.6) // Make image only 60% solid
            .background(Color.red.opacity(0.4)) // Layer behind image
            .background(Color.yellow.opacity(0.4)) // Layer behind red
            .background(Color.blue.opacity(0.4)) // Layer behind yellow
            .overlay(
                Text("Pigeons")
                    .foregroundColor(.white)
                    .font(.largeTitle)
            ) // Layer on top of image
            .clipped()
    }
}
```



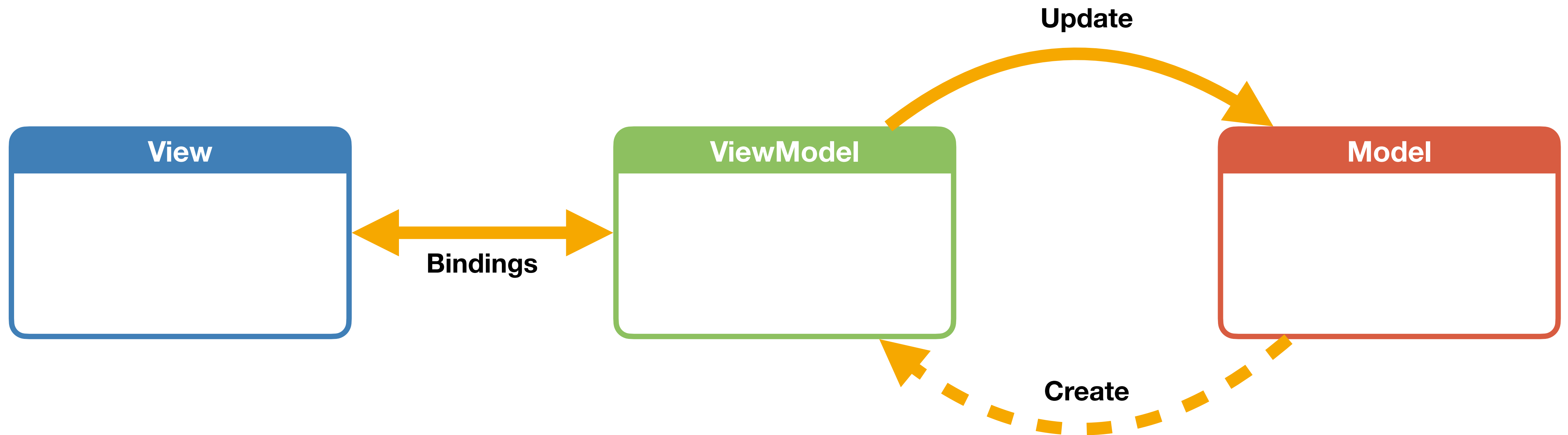


# MVVM: Model / View / ViewModel

- MVC Pros: Separation of concerns, wide adoption, clear data flow
- MVC Cons: "MVC = Massive ViewController", ViewControllers hard to test (UI)
- Solution: Presentation Model [Fowler 2004]: Store app state (ViewModel) independently of UI (View)
- But requires tons of glue code between ViewModel and View
- Solution: **Bindings** (like Cocoa Bindings in Mac OS X since 2003, but not iOS)
- Adopted by Microsoft's Windows Presentation Foundation in 2005 as "MVVM"
- Natural choice for SwiftUI, testability, smaller Views



# MVVM Paradigm

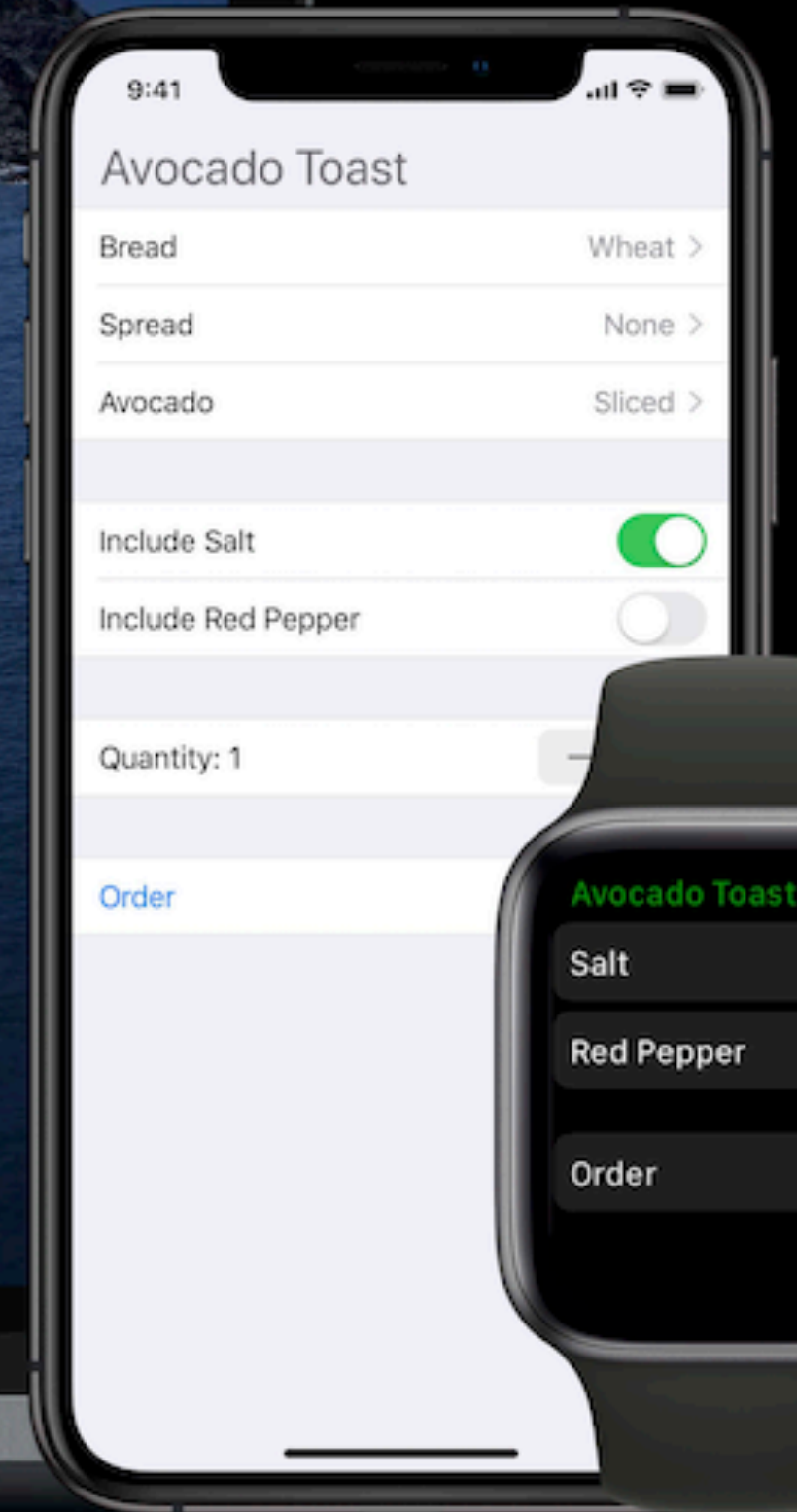


*"MVVM is the modern improvement of MVC for declarative programming"*



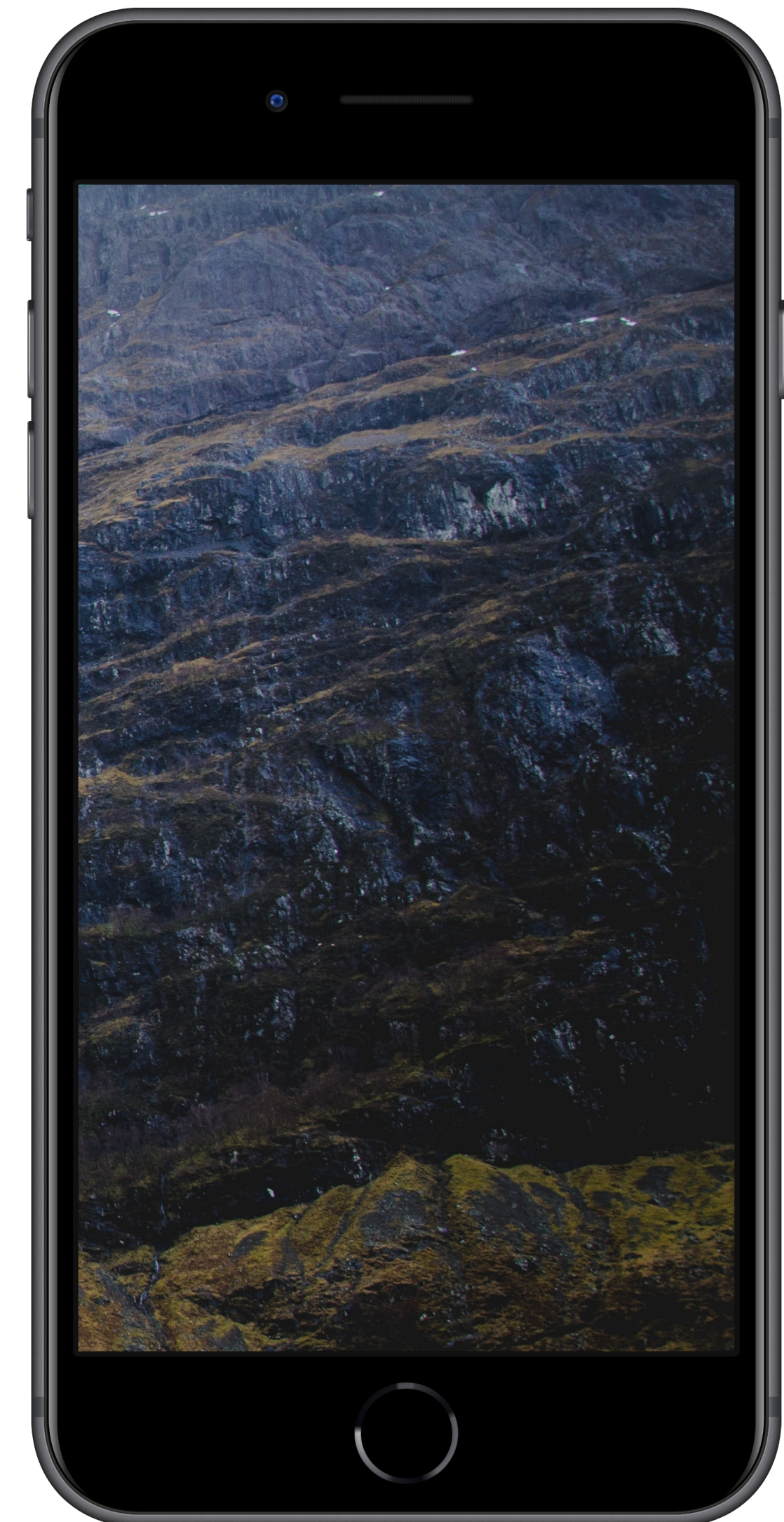
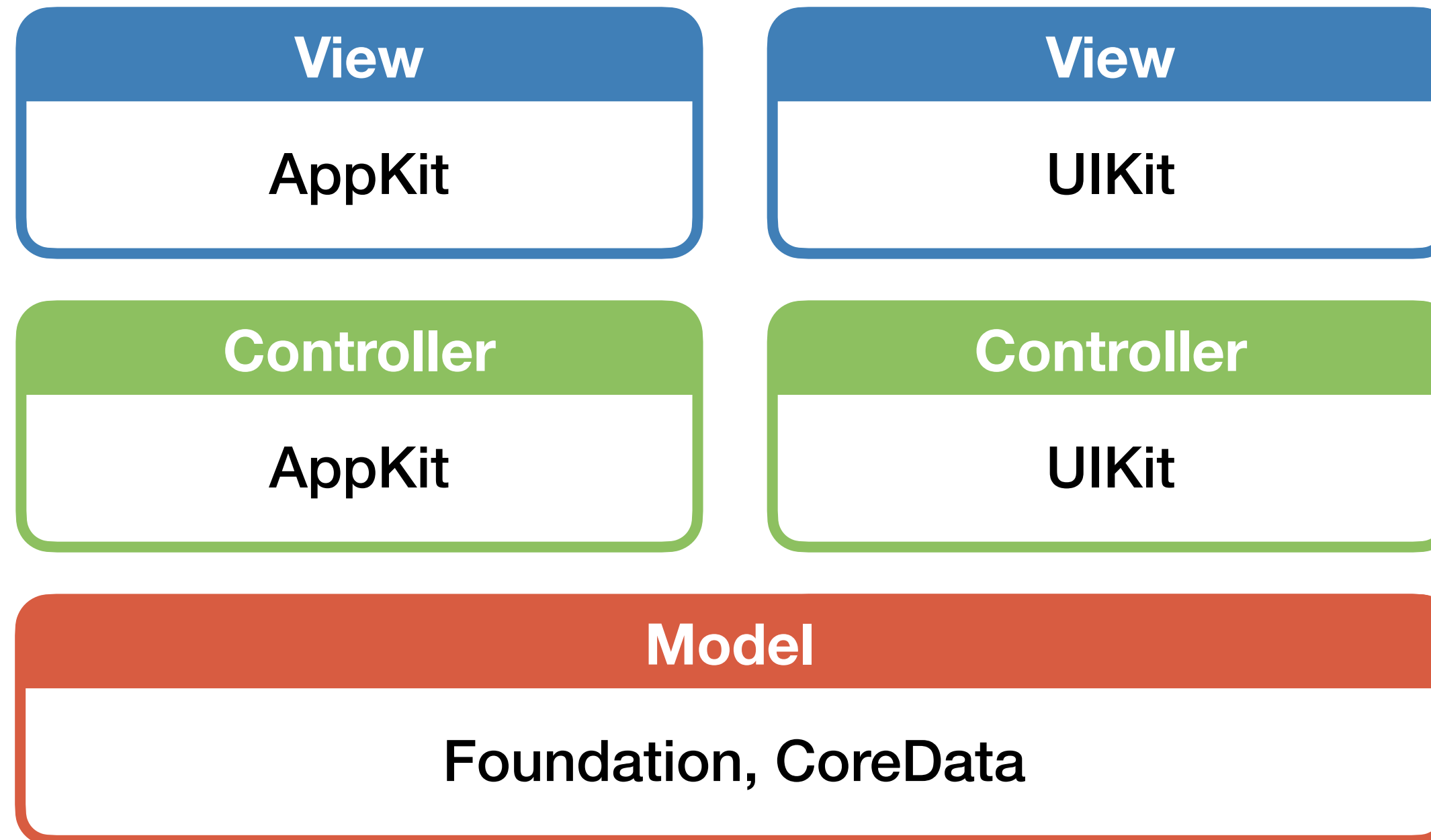


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# Apps on iOS and macOS





# SwiftUI View Names

## UIKit

UITableView

UICollectionView

UILabel

UITextField

UITextField with isSecureTextEntry set to true

UITextView

UISwitch

UISlider

UIButton

UINavigationController

UIAlertController with style .alert

UIAlertController with style .actionSheet

UIStackView with horizontal axis

UIStackView with vertical axis

UIImageView

UISegmentedControl

UIStepper

UIDatePicker

NSAttributedString

## SwiftUI

List

No direct equivalent (alternatives: LazyVStack, LazyHStack,...)

Text

TextField

SecureField

TextEditor

Toggle

Slider

Button

NavigationView (softly deprecated → NavigationStack)

Alert

ActionSheet

HStack

VStack

Image

SegmentedControl

Stepper

DatePicker

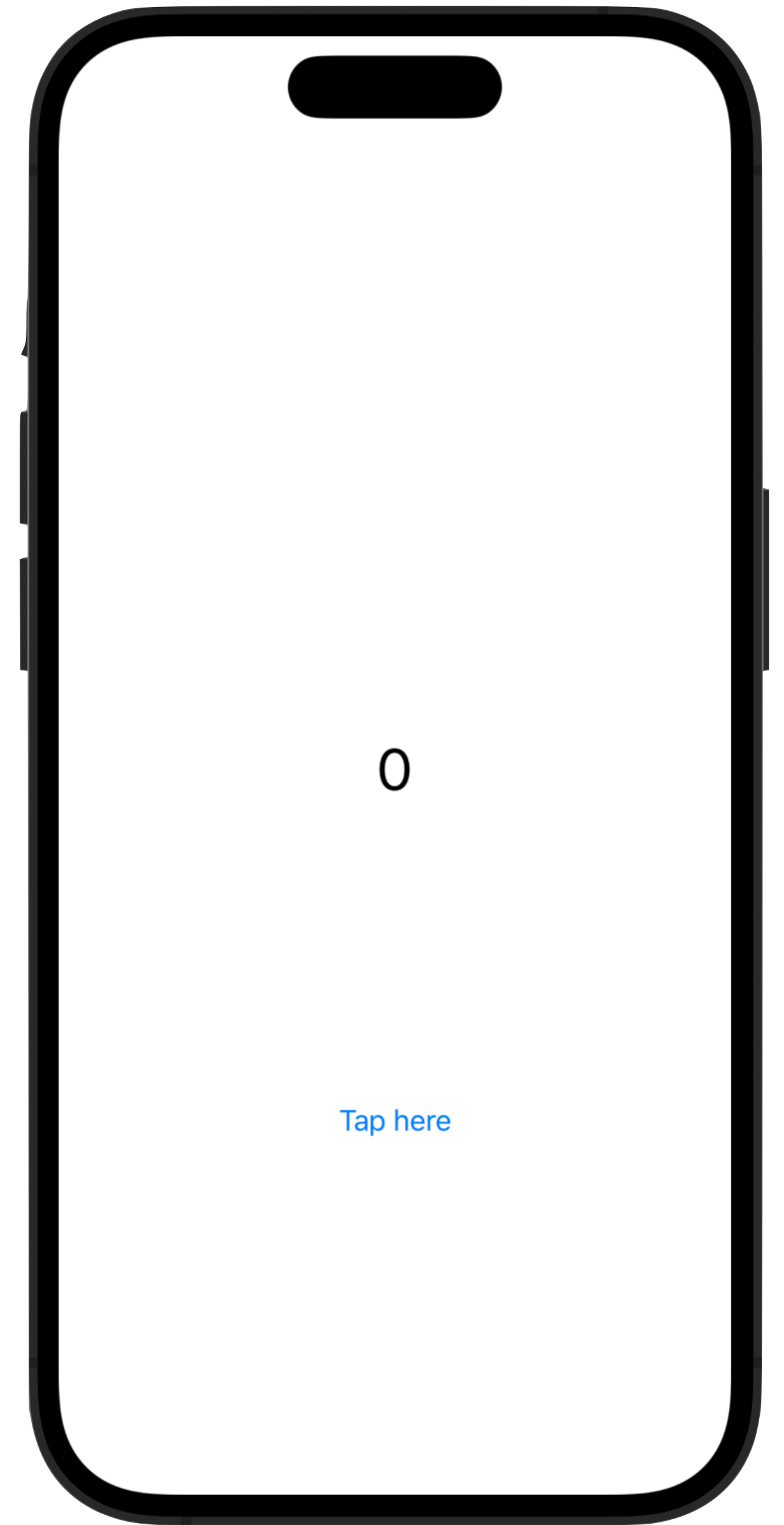
Incompatible with SwiftUI; use Text instead.



# Variables & Loops in SwiftUI

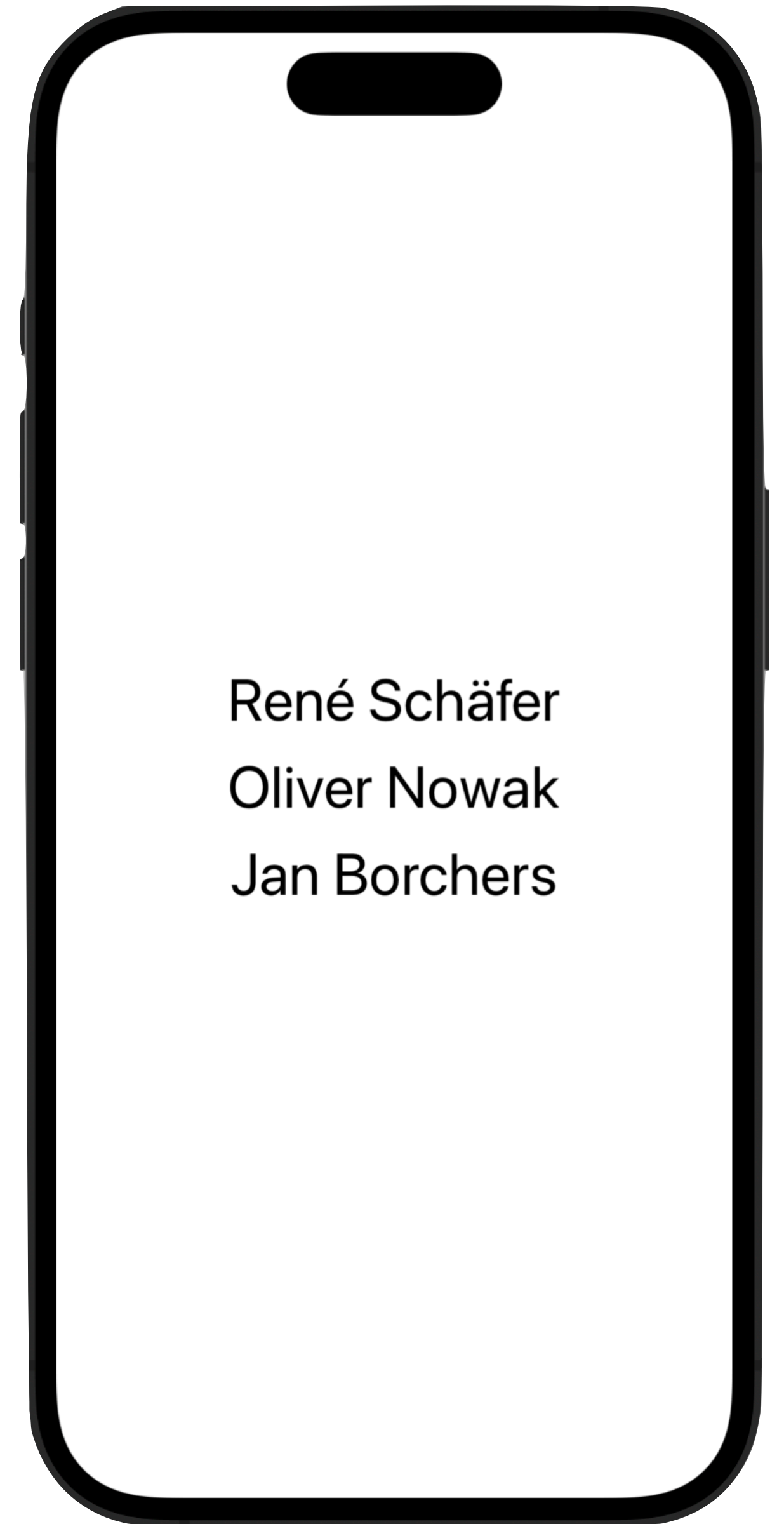
# Variables in SwiftUI

```
struct ContentView: View {  
    var tapCount = 0  
  
    var body: some View {  
        VStack {  
            Spacer()  
            Spacer()  
            Text("\(tapCount)")  
                .font(.largeTitle)  
            Spacer()  
            Button("Tap here") {  
  
            }  
            Spacer()  
        }  
    }  
}
```



# Variables in SwiftUI

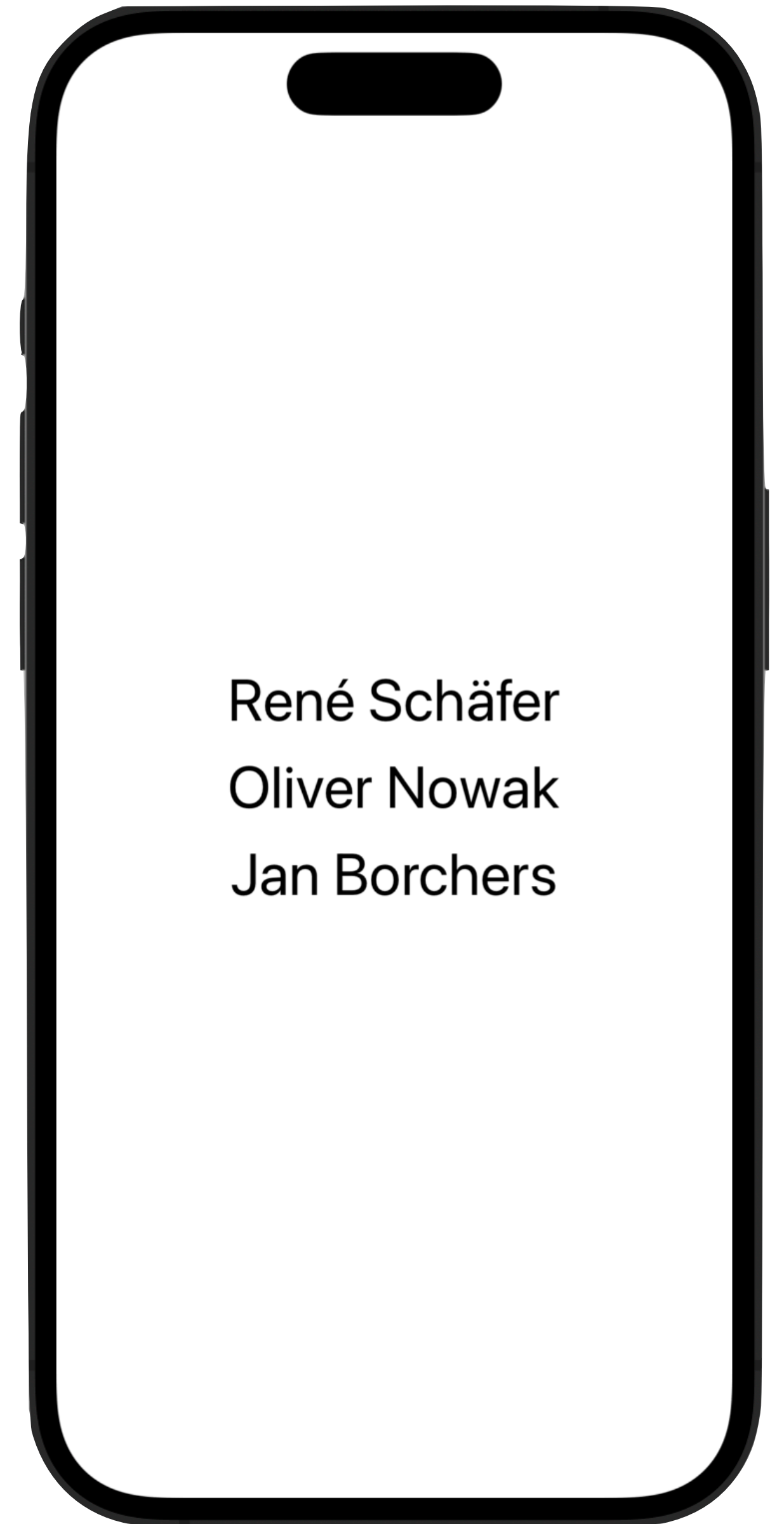
```
struct ContentView: View {  
    let peopleInIOS = ["René Schäfer", "Oliver Nowak",  
                      "Jan Borchers"]  
  
    var body: some View {  
        LazyVStack(spacing: 10) {  
            ForEach(0 ..< 3){ index in  
                Text(peopleInIOS[index])  
                    .font(.largeTitle)  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```





# Variables in SwiftUI

```
struct ContentView: View {  
    let peopleInIOS = ["René Schäfer", "Oliver Nowak",  
                      "Jan Borchers"]  
  
    var body: some View {  
        LazyVStack(spacing: 10) {  
            ForEach(peopleInIOS, id: \.self){ person in  
                Text(person)  
                .font(.largeTitle)  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```



# Customization



# Custom Views

- Create complex views by splitting into smaller views
- Makes views reusable and simpler to exchange
- Keeps the code more readable and easier to understand



# Custom Views

```
struct ContentView: View {
    let peopleInIOS = ["René Schäfer", "Oliver Nowak", "Jan Borchers"]

    var body: some View {
        LazyVStack(spacing: 10) {
            ForEach(peopleInIOS, id: \.self){ person in
                CustomRow(name: person)
            }
        }
    }
}

struct CustomRow: View {
    var name: String

    var body: some View {
        HStack {
            Image(systemName: "checkmark")
            Text(name)
                .font(.largeTitle)
        }.padding()
    }
}
```

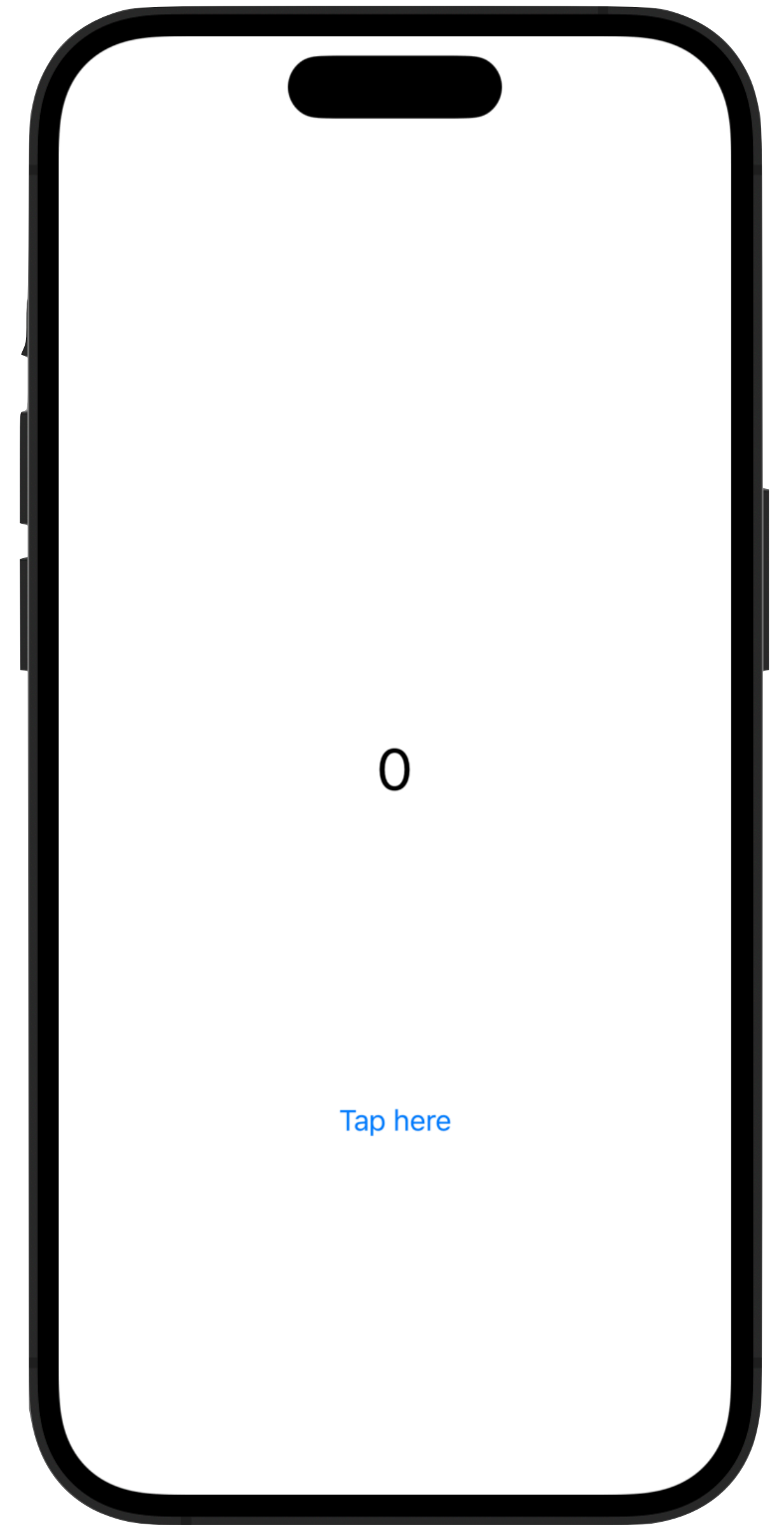




# Controls and Property Wrappers

# Changing Variables

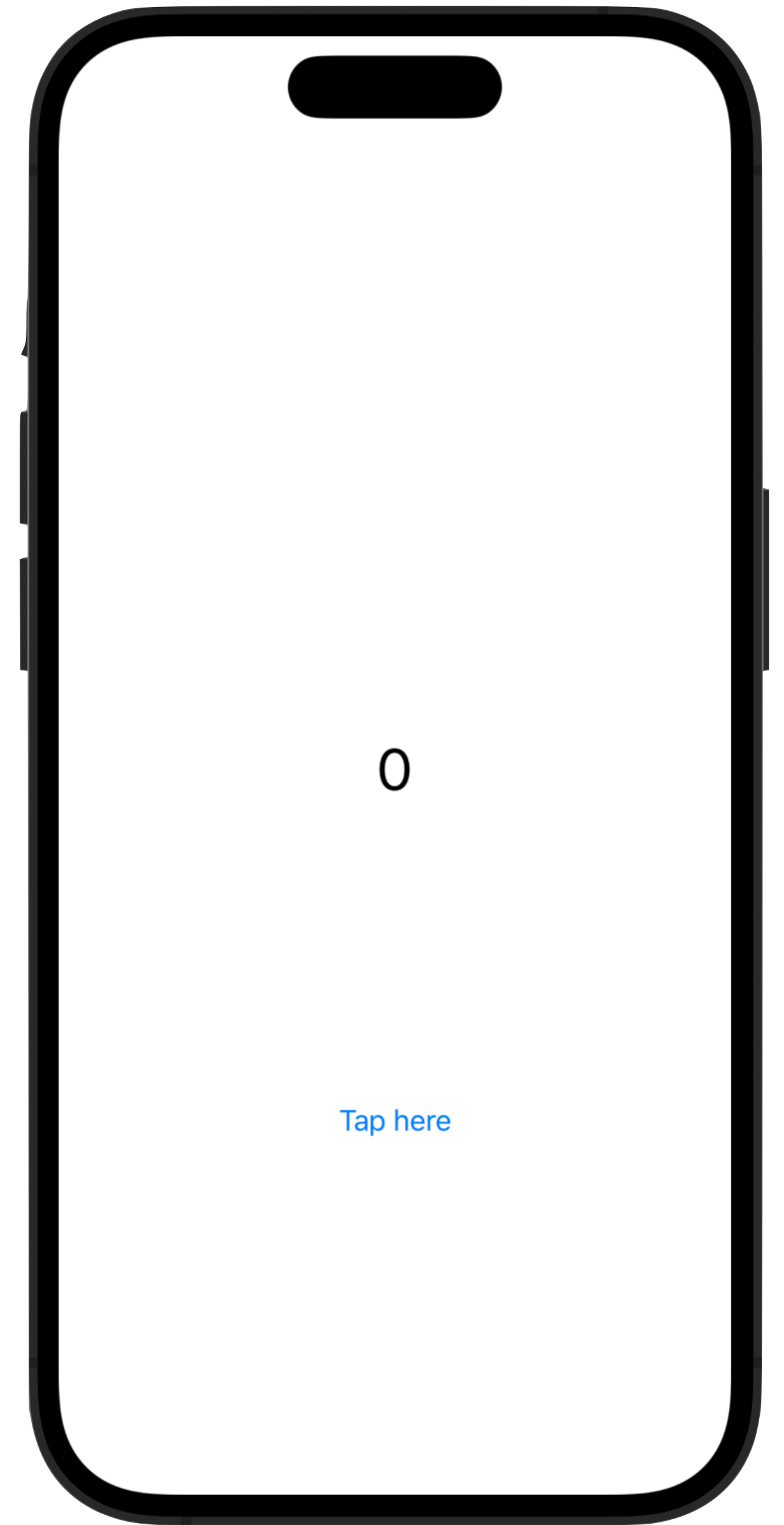
```
struct ContentView: View {  
    var tapCount = 0  
  
    var body: some View {  
        VStack {  
            Spacer()  
            Spacer()  
            Text("\(tapCount)")  
                .font(.largeTitle)  
            Spacer()  
            Button("Tap here") {  
                tapCount += 1  
            }  
            Spacer()  
        }  
    }  
}
```



# Property Wrapper: @State

```
struct ContentView: View {
    @State private var tapCount = 0

    var body: some View {
        VStack {
            Spacer()
            Spacer()
            Text("\(tapCount)")
                .font(.largeTitle)
            Spacer()
            Button("Tap here") {
                tapCount += 1
            }
            Spacer()
        }
    }
}
```

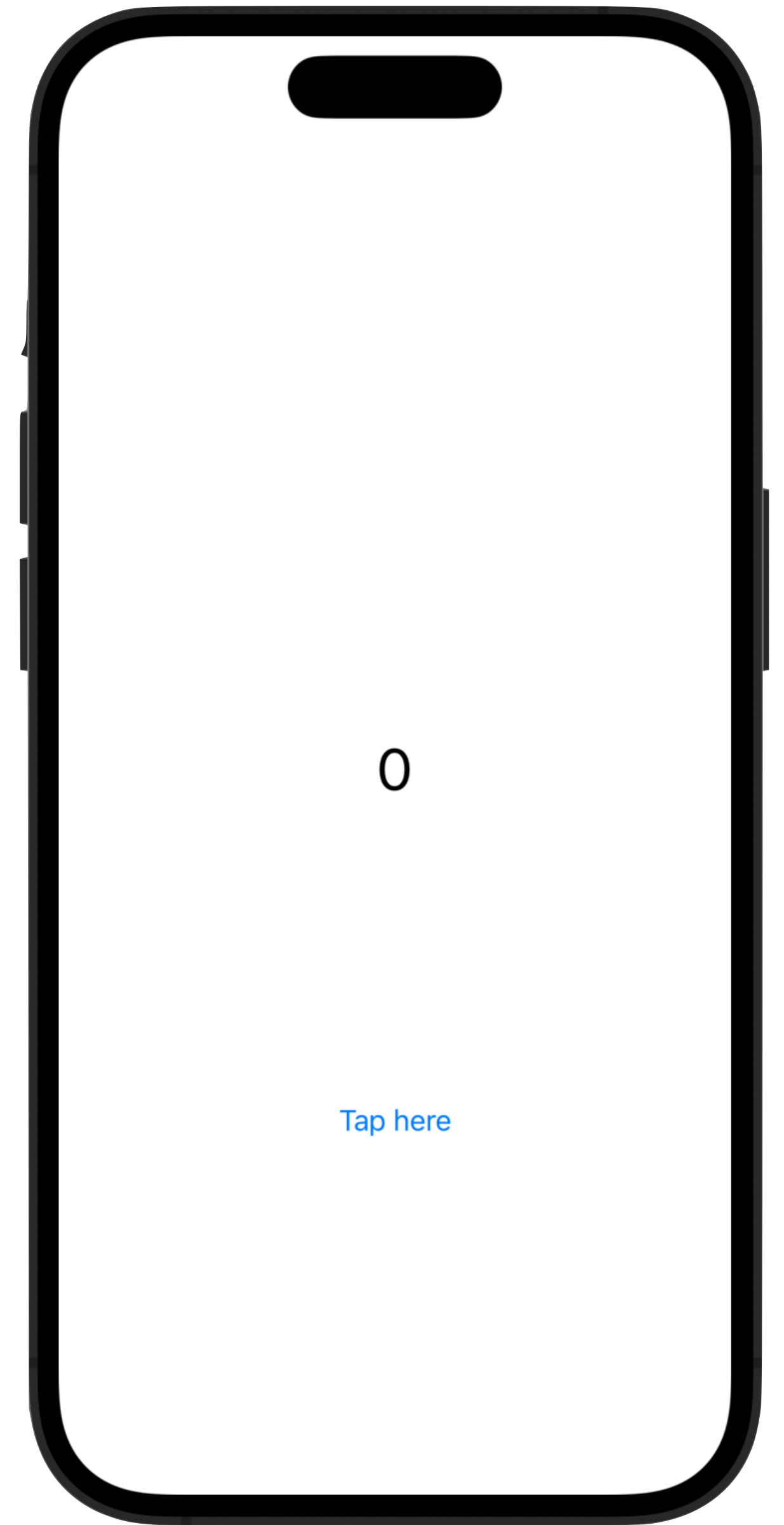


# Property Wrapper: @State

- **@State** lets you modify simple properties stored inside a single view
- Recommended to use as **private** variable
- Changing **@State** properties will reinvoke the body property
- Note: **Button**'s action is specified as trailing closure

```
struct ContentView: View {
    @State private var tapCount = 0

    var body: some View {
        VStack {
            Spacer()
            Spacer()
            Text("\(tapCount)")
                .font(.largeTitle)
            Spacer()
            Button("Tap here") {
                tapCount += 1
            }
            Spacer()
        }
    }
}
```



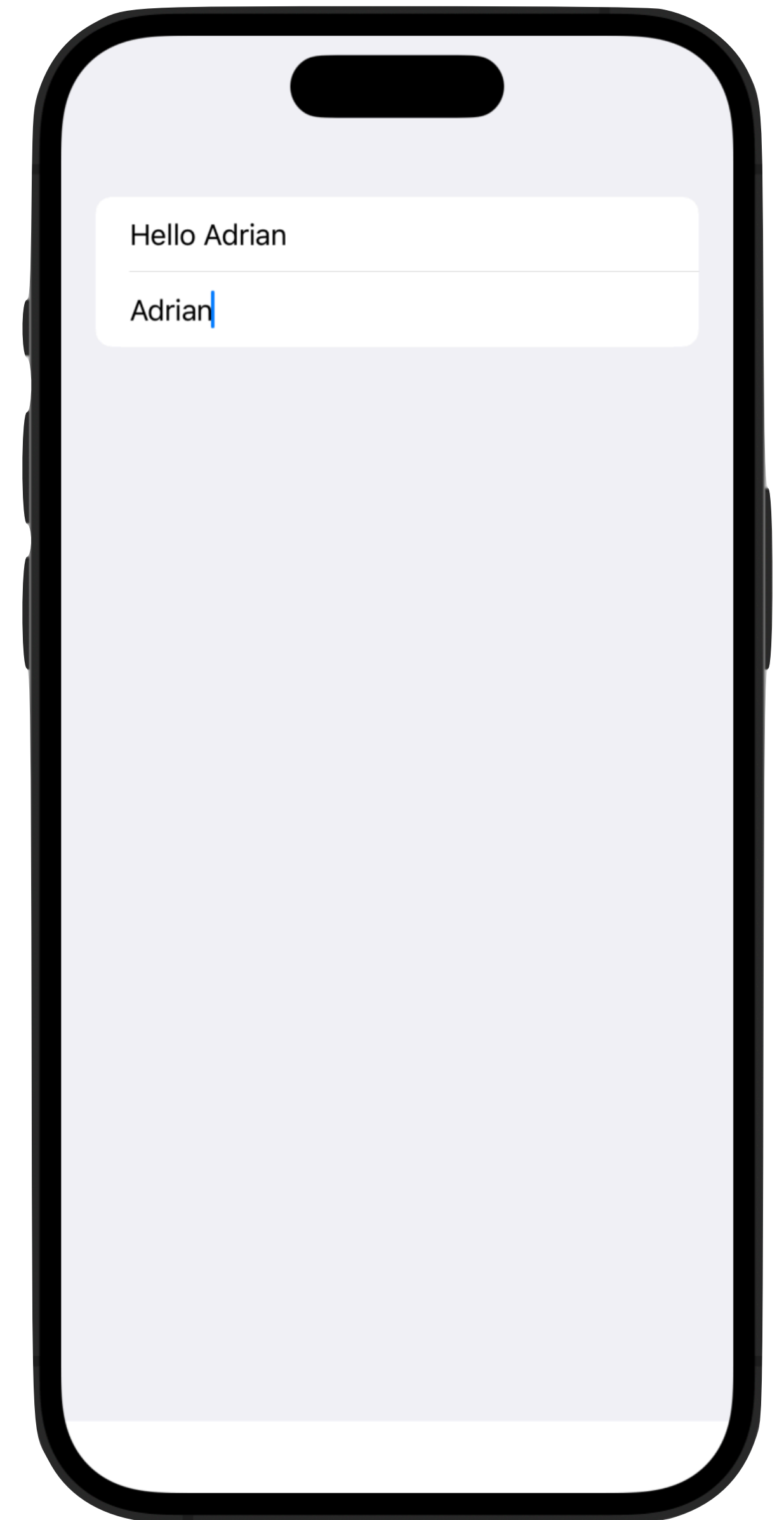


# Two-Way Bindings

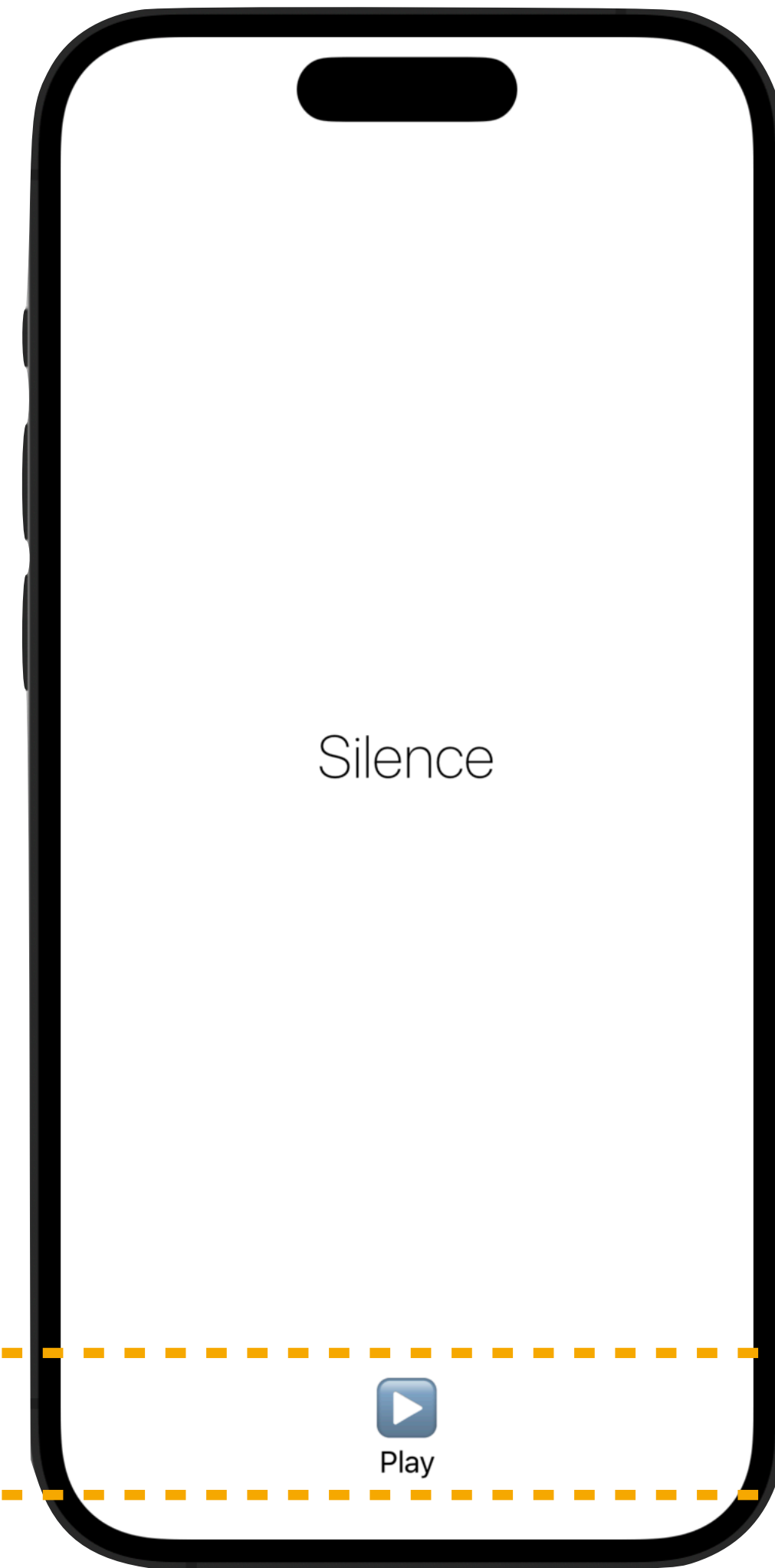
```
struct ContentView: View {
    @State private var name = ""

    var body: some View {
        Form {
            Text("Hello \(name)")
            TextField("Enter your name", text: $name)
        }
    }
}
```

- **\$** makes **name** a property with two-way binding: The TextField View displays its current value, but can also *change* it



# Property Wrapper: @Binding



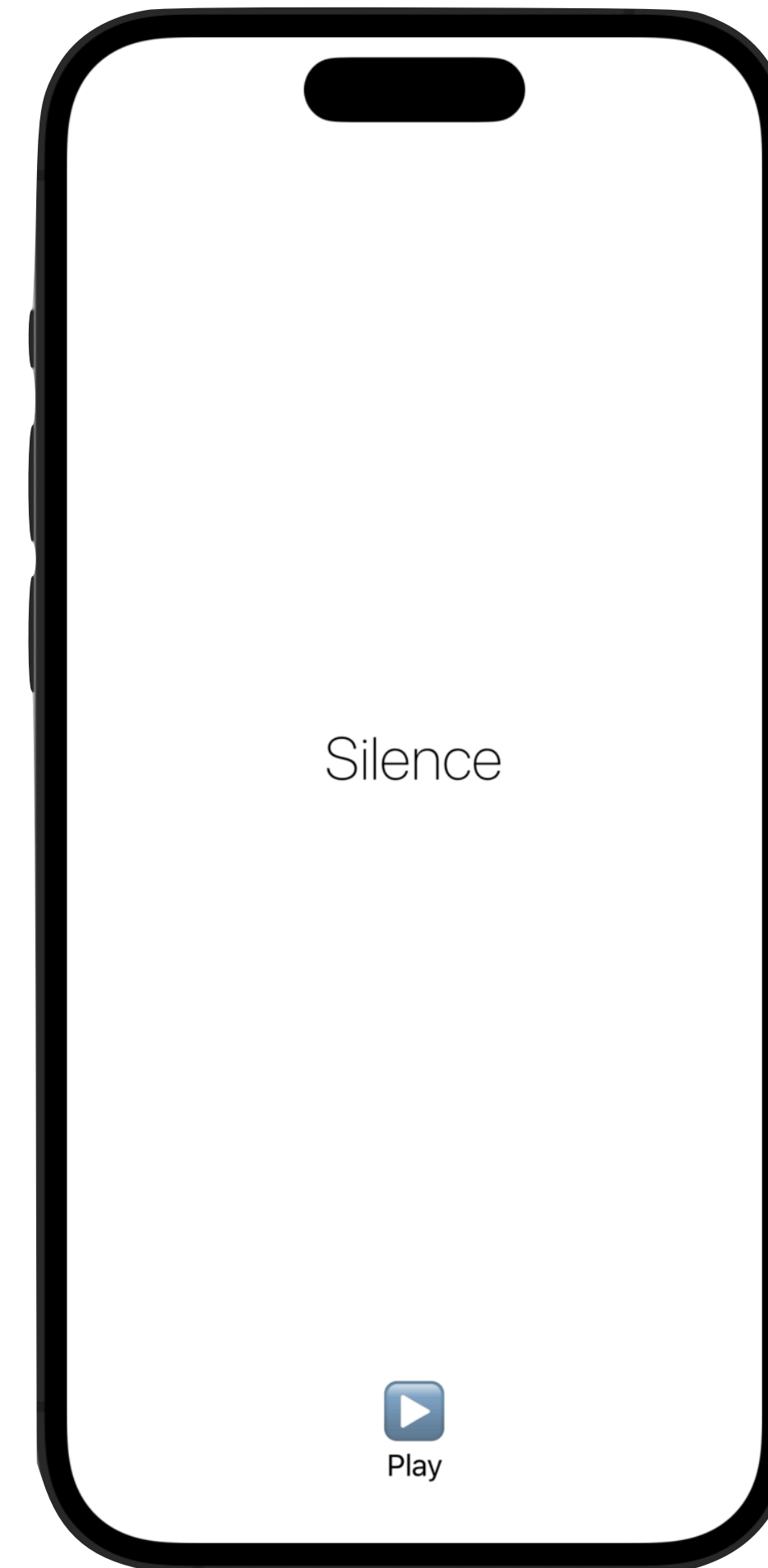
CustomMediaControl



# Property Wrapper: @Binding

```
struct ContentView: View {
    @State private var isPlaying = false

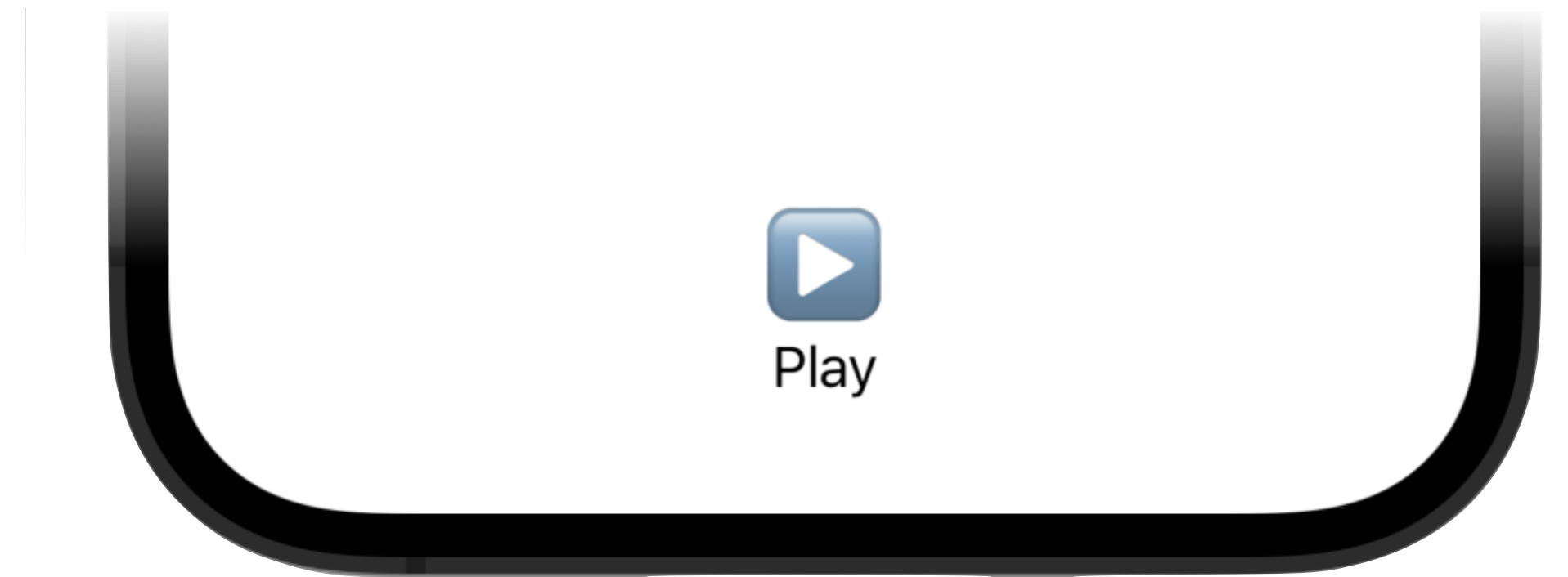
    var body: some View {
        VStack {
            Spacer()
            if isPlaying {
                VStack {
                    Image("playImage")
                        .resizable()
                        .scaledToFit()
                    Text("Photo by Shelagh Murphy from Pexels")
                        .font(.caption)
                }
            }
            else {
                Text("Silence")
                    .font(.largeTitle)
                    .fontWeight(.thin)
            }
            Spacer()
            CustomMediaControl(isPlaying: $isPlaying)
        }
        .frame(alignment: .bottom)
    }
}
```



# Property Wrapper: @Binding

```
struct CustomMediaControl: View {
    @State var isPlaying: Bool

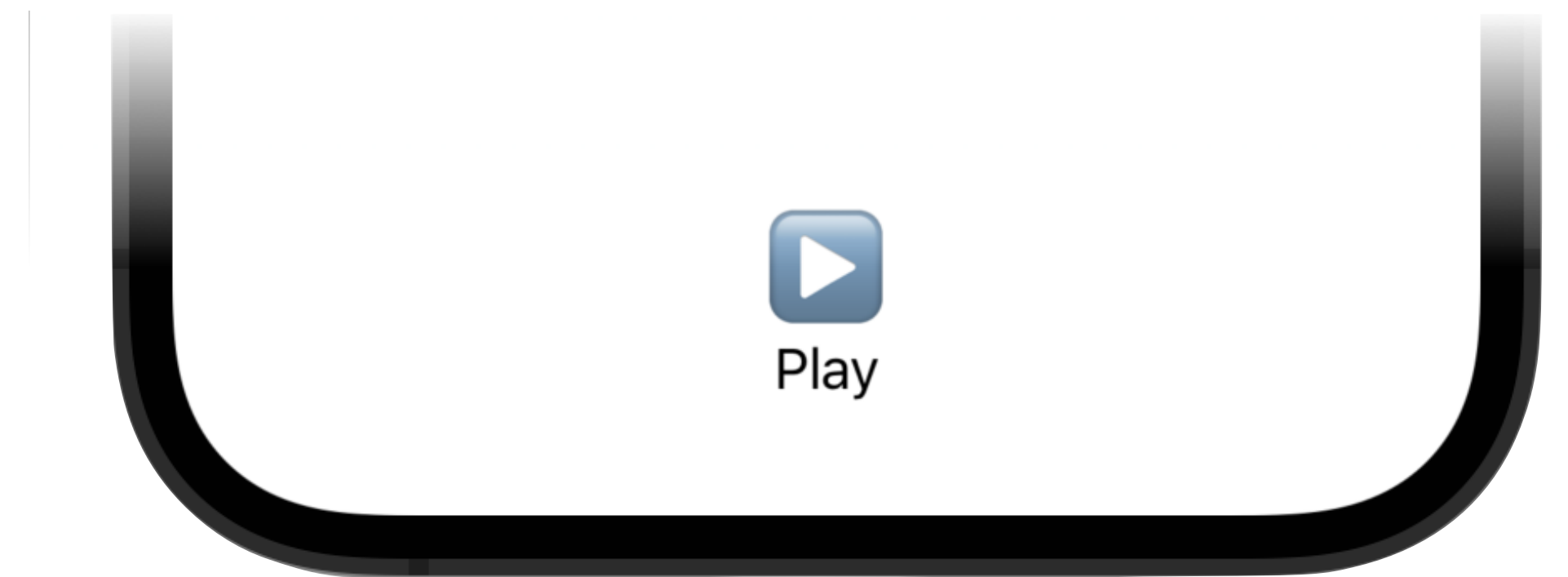
    var body: some View {
        VStack{
            Button(isPlaying ? "⏸" : "▶") {
                isPlaying.toggle()
            }
            .font(.largeTitle)
            Text(isPlaying ? "Enjoy the silence" : "Play")
        }
    }
}
```



# Property Wrapper: @Binding

```
struct CustomMediaControl: View {
    @Binding var isPlaying: Bool

    var body: some View {
        VStack{
            Button(isPlaying ? "⏸" : "▶") {
                isPlaying.toggle()
            }
            .font(.largeTitle)
            Text(isPlaying ? "Enjoy the silence" : "Play")
        }
    }
}
```





# Other Property Wrappers

- `@StateObject`  
A property wrapper type that instantiates an observable object.
- `@ObservedObject`  
A property wrapper type that subscribes to an observable object and invalidates a view whenever the observable object changes.
- `@EnvironmentObject`  
A property wrapper type for an observable object supplied by a parent or ancestor view.
- `@Environment`  
A property wrapper that reads a value from a view's environment.



# Navigation



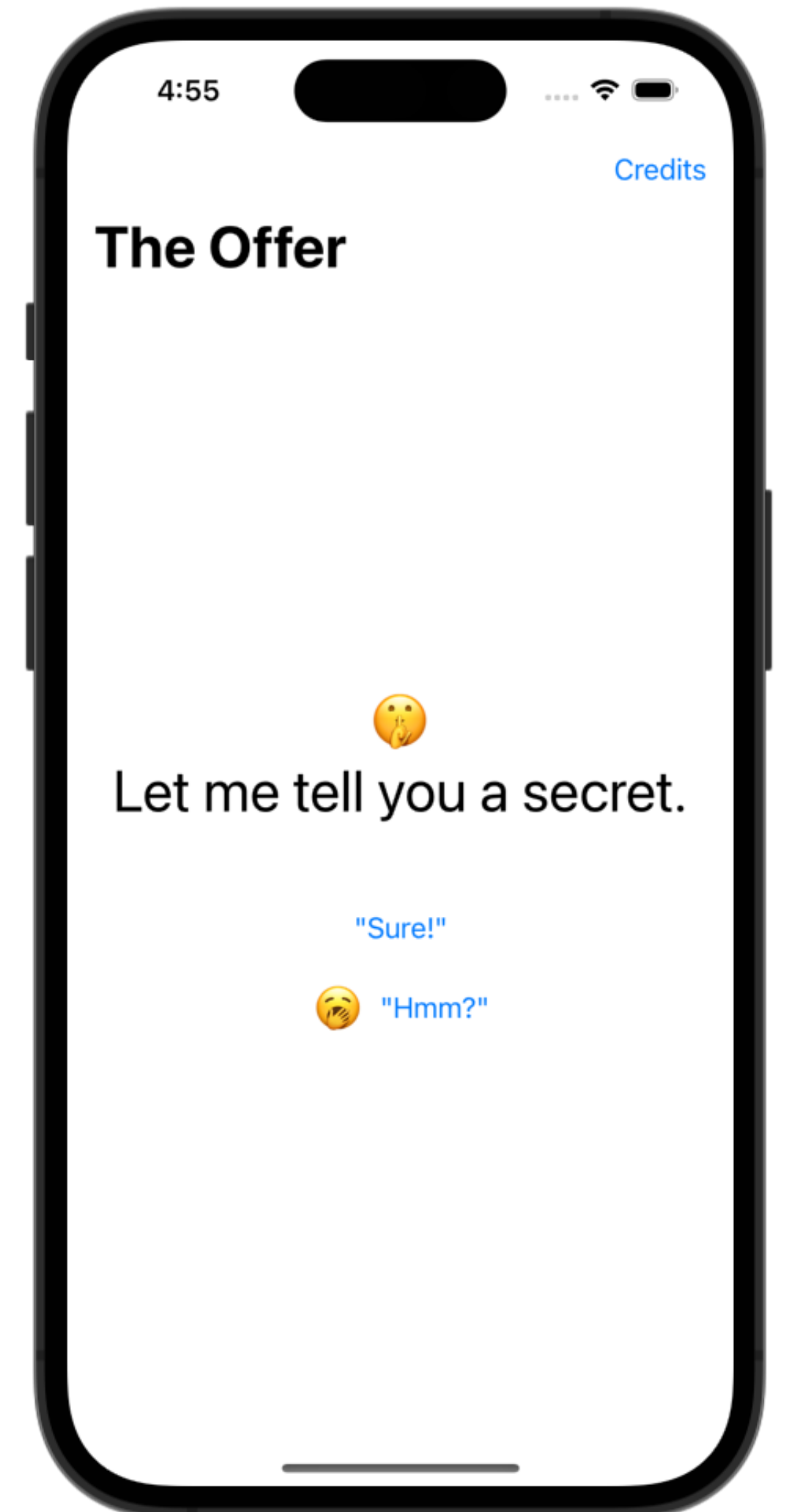
# Drill-Down Navigation Example



# Using NavigationStack

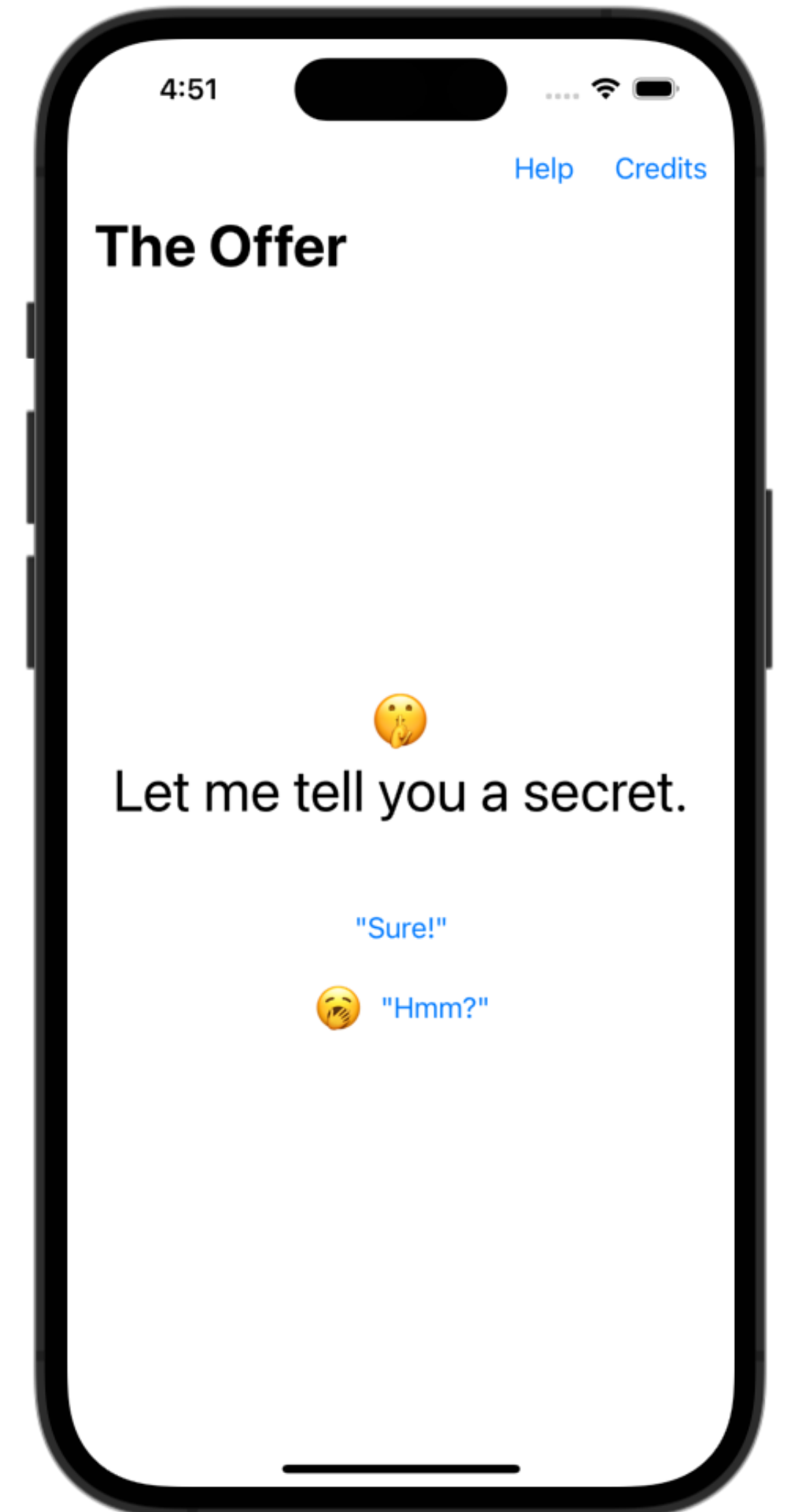
```
struct ContentView: View {
    var body: some View {
        NavigationStack {
            VStack(spacing: 20) {
                Text("🤔\nLet me tell you a secret.")
                    .padding(.bottom, 30.0)
                    .font(.largeTitle).multilineTextAlignment(.center)
                NavigationLink("\(Sure!\)", destination: PositiveAnswerView())
                NavigationLink(destination: NegativeAnswerView()) {
                    HStack {
                        Text("🤔")
                            .font(.title)
                        Text("\(Hmm?\)")
                    }
                }
            }
        }
        .navigationTitle(Text("The Offer"))
        .toolbar{
            ToolbarItem(placement: .navigationBarTrailing){
                Button("Credits"){}
            }
        }
    }
}
```

← Added to the VStack!



# NavigationStack: Grouping Toolbar Items

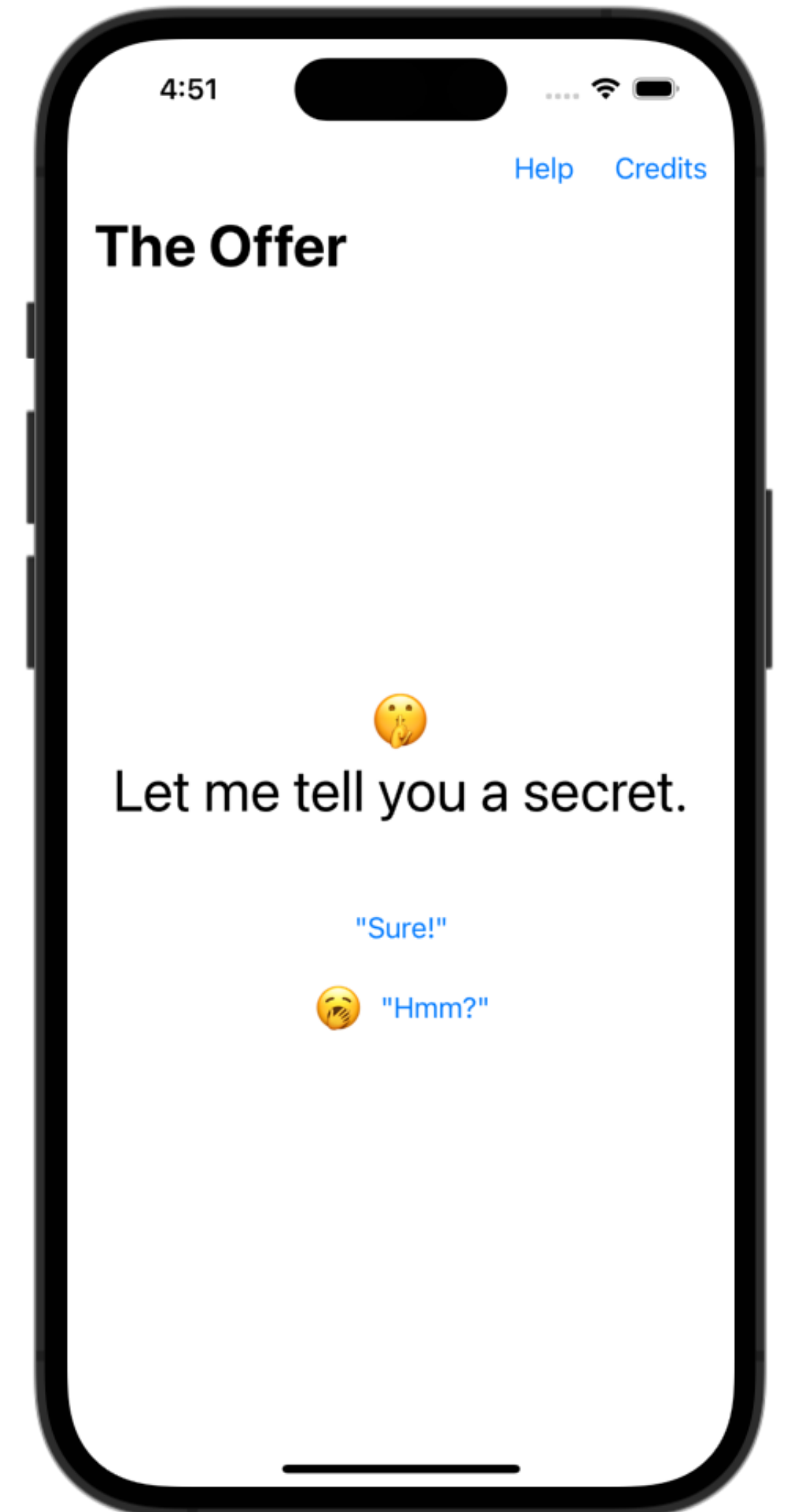
```
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    var body: some View {
        NavigationStack {
            VStack(spacing: 20) {
                Text("🤔\nLet me tell you a secret.")
                    .padding(.bottom, 30.0)
                    .font(.largeTitle).multilineTextAlignment(.center)
                NavigationLink("\(Sure!\)", destination: PositiveAnswerView())
                NavigationLink(destination: NegativeAnswerView()) {
                    HStack {
                        Text("🤔")
                            .font(.title)
                        Text("\(Hmm?\)")
                    }
                }
            }
        }
        .navigationTitle(Text("The Offer"))
        .toolbar{
            ToolbarItemGroup(placement: .navigationBarTrailing){
                Button("Credits"){}
                Button("Help"){}
            }
        }
    }
}
```





# NavigationStack: NavigationLinks

```
struct ContentView: View {
    var body: some View {
        NavigationStack {
            VStack(spacing: 20) {
                Text("🤔\nLet me tell you a secret.")
                    .padding(.bottom, 30.0)
                    .font(.largeTitle).multilineTextAlignment(.center)
                NavigationLink("\nSure!\n", destination: PositiveAnswerView())
                NavigationLink(destination: NegativeAnswerView()) {
                    HStack {
                        Text("🤔")
                            .font(.title)
                        Text("\nHmm?\n")
                    }
                }
            }
        }
        .navigationTitle(Text("The Offer"))
        .toolbar{
            ToolbarItemGroup(placement: .navigationBarTrailing){
                Button("Credits"){
                }
                Button("Help"){
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```



# A Simple Destination View

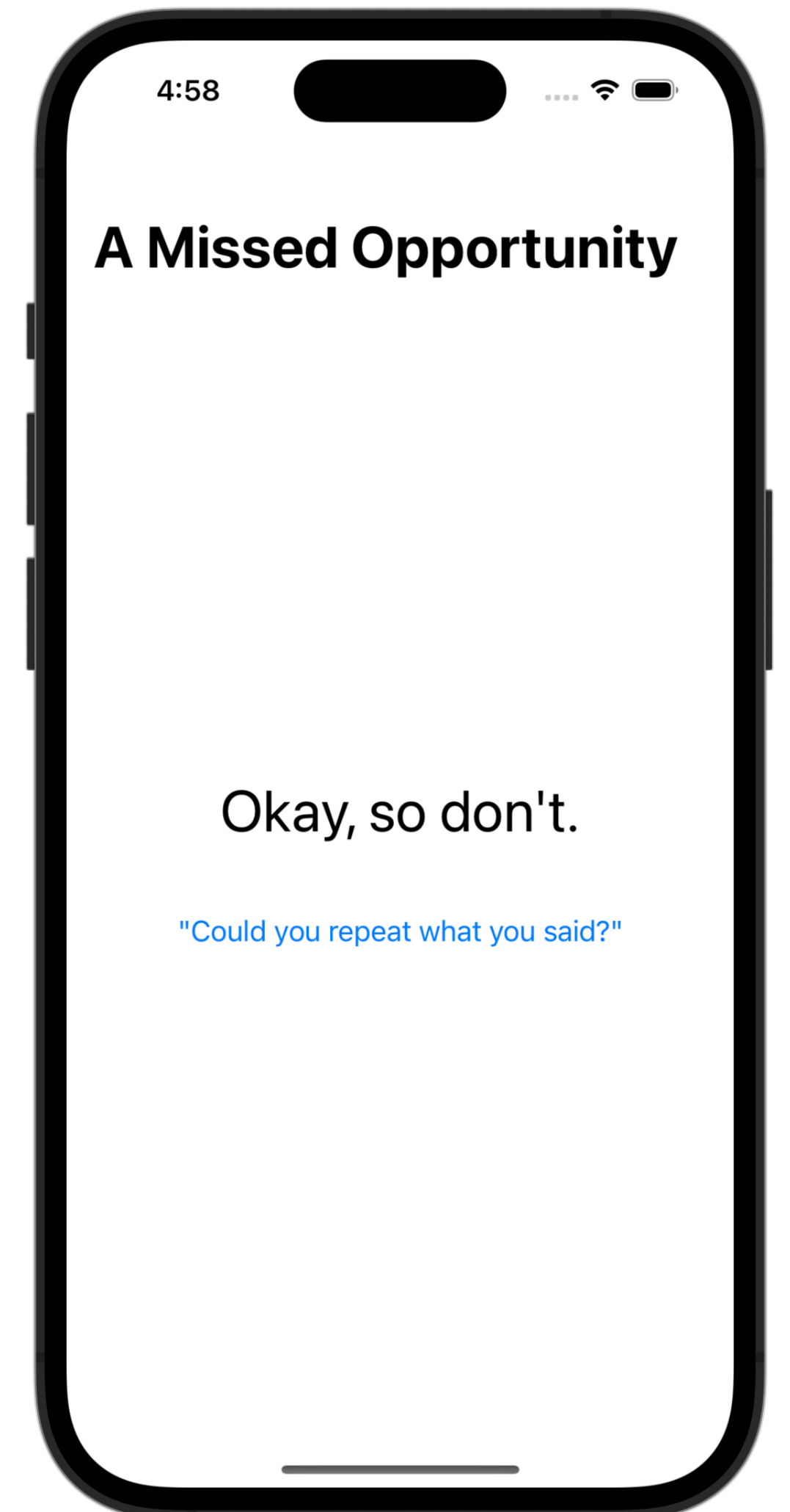
```
struct PositiveAnswerView: View {  
    var body: some View {  
        VStack() {  
            Text("SwiftUI is awesome! 🎉")  
                .font(.largeTitle)  
        }  
        .navigationTitle(Text("The Secret"))  
    }  
}
```



# Custom Destination View: @Environment

```
struct NegativeAnswerView: View {
    @Environment(\.presentationMode) var presentationMode

    var body: some View {
        VStack(spacing: 40) {
            Text("Okay, so don't.")
                .font(.largeTitle)
            Button("\\"Could you repeat what you said?\\\"", action: {
                presentationMode.wrappedValue.dismiss()
            })
        }
        .navigationTitle(Text("A Missed Opportunity"))
        .navigationBarBackButtonHidden(true)
    }
}
```

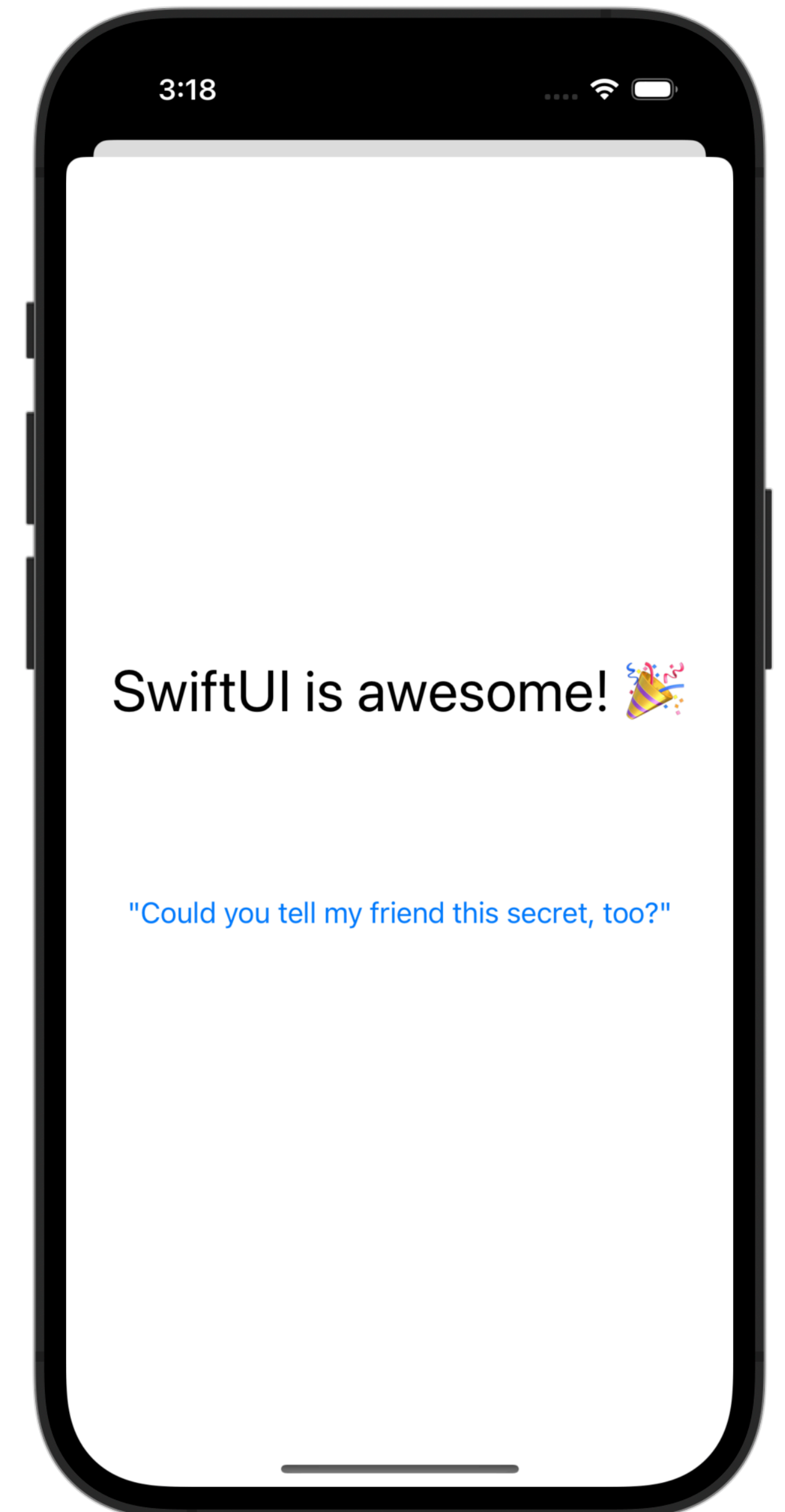




# Sheets & How To Pass Data

```
struct ContentView: View {  
    @State var showSecret = false  
  
    var body: some View {  
        VStack(spacing: 20) {  
            Text("🤫\nLet me tell you a secret.")  
                .padding(.bottom, 30.0)  
                .font(.largeTitle).multilineTextAlignment(.center)  
            Button("\nSure!\n") {  
                showSecret.toggle()  
            }  
            .sheet(isPresented: $showSecret){  
                PositiveAnswerView(showSecret: $showSecret)  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

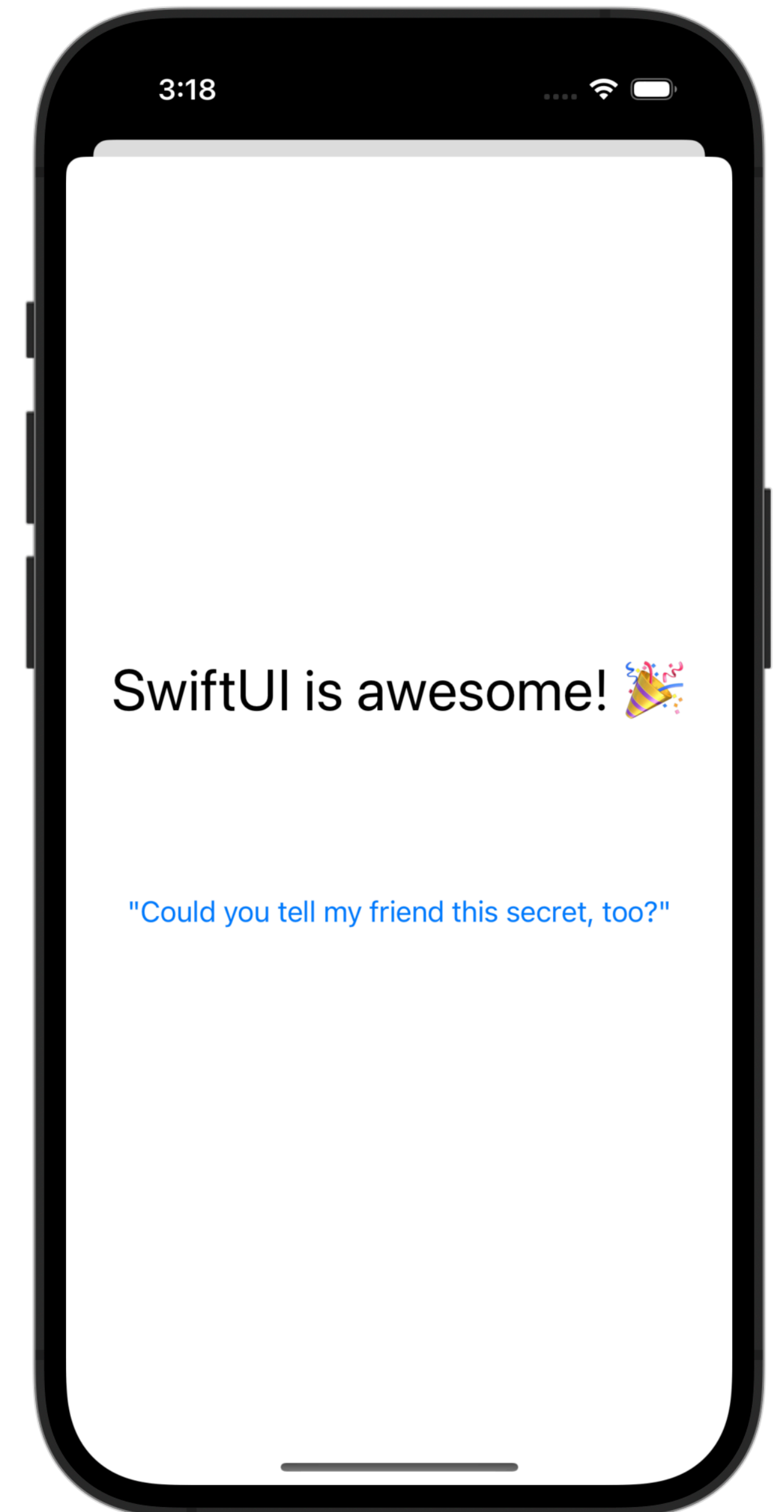
Also works this way with NavigationLinks



# Sheets & How To Pass Data

```
struct PositiveAnswerView: View {
    @Binding var showSecret: Bool

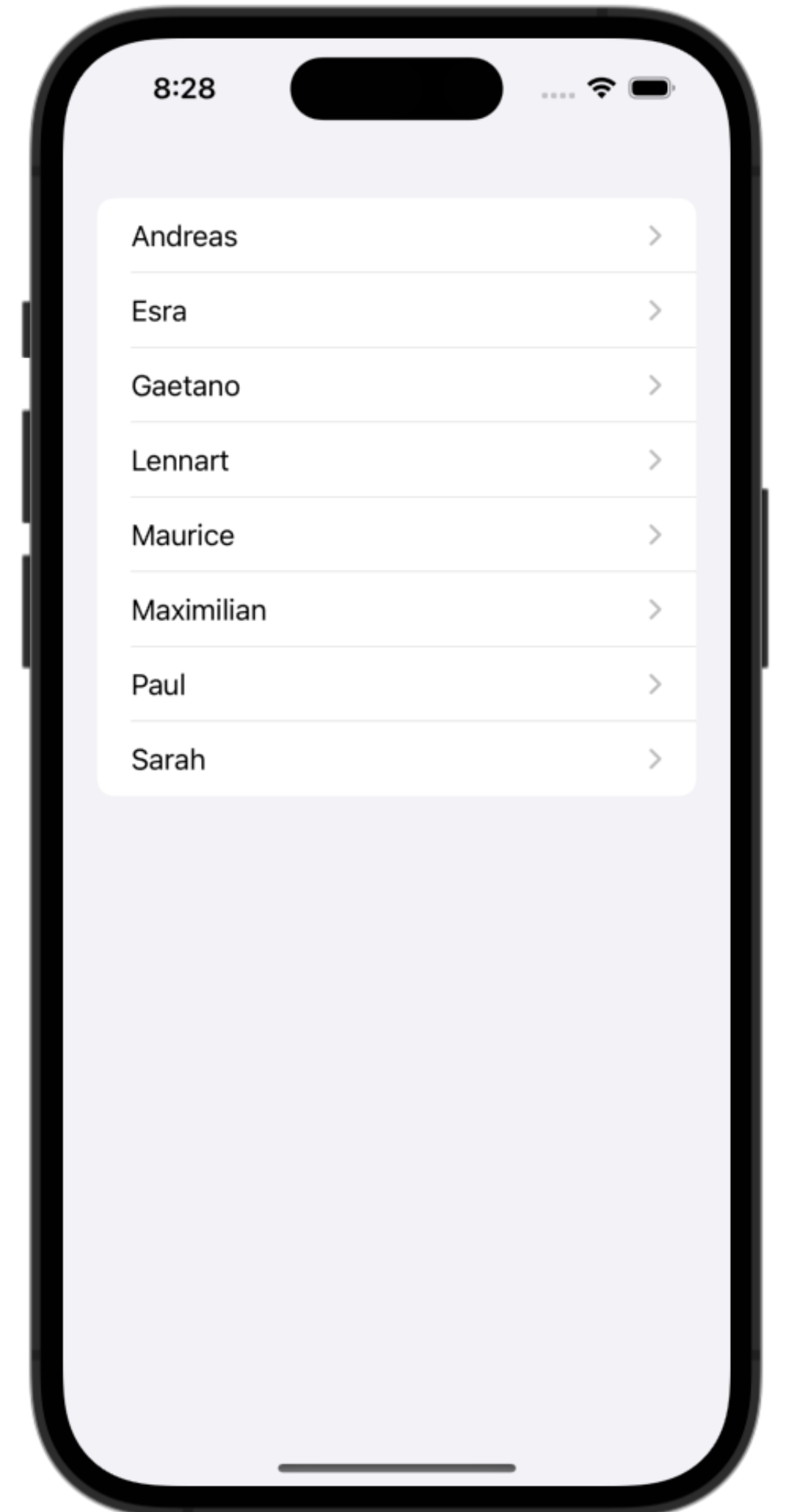
    var body: some View {
        VStack(spacing: 100) {
            Text("SwiftUI is awesome! 🎉")
                .font(.largeTitle)
            Button("\\"Could you tell my friend this secret, too?\\") {
                showSecret = false
            }
        }
    }
}
```



# NavigationLinks: NavigationDestination

```
struct ContentView: View {
    let people = ["Andreas", "Esra", "Gaetano", "Lennart", "Maurice",
                 "Maximilian", "Paul", "Sarah"]

    var body: some View {
        NavigationStack {
            List(people, id: \.self){ person in
                NavigationLink(person, value: person)
            }
            .navigationDestination(for: String.self){ person in
                ProfilePage(person: person)
            }
        }
    }
}
```





# SwiftUI: Further Reading

- Apple's [SwiftUI Tutorials](#), and [WWDC presentations](#)
- Paul Hegarty, Stanford University: [CS193p – Developing Applications for iOS](#)
- Paul Hudson: [100 Days of SwiftUI](#) (free), [Swift Design Patterns](#) (\$25–50)
- Mark Moeykens: [SwiftUI View Mastery](#)
- Next release of Apple's free [Develop in Swift](#) books (currently still UIKit only)



# SwiftUI: the Big Messages

1. Object-Oriented Programming is Dead, Long Live **Declarative Programming!**
2. **MVVM** is the corresponding modern improvement over MVC
3. Modern universal languages can describe UIs like **domain-specific languages**
4. You can design a UI **graphically and in code simultaneously**
5. The best app languages must **evolve together** with a UI library and IDE
6. Declarative Programming simplifies development across **mobile and desktop**
7. SwiftUI is a current **case study of a paradigm shift** across a major OS family

