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- Provide labels and visual cues appropriate for your app's users
- Use information control widgets to help users quickly access details
- Take advantage of gestures and other sensors
- Apply specialized methods to prevent errors and the loss of user-entered data
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- Use screens, lights, haptics, and sounds to communicate your message and increase user satisfaction

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