

# Foundation Messenger

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The Messenger is a static application service for relaying events (messages) in a loosely coupled way. Any object may be "Published" through the messenger and handled by methods (or coroutines) through the app.

- Support for objects, structs, enums and interfaces
- Support for caching. This allows for publishing then subscribing and then receiving a message in that order. This is useful for one time messages like authentication.
- Use the IMessengerObject interface to add a Publish() extension method to your message.
- Supports [Subscribe] annotation. Using this annotation unlocks the Subscribe(object) helper method. This helper method allows for the subscribe of all decorated methods automatically.
- Support for coroutines event handling.

## Platforms

Desktop, Webplayer, iOS, Android, Windows Store

## Setup

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Make sure the files exist in your project.

## Use

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### Subscribing

Subscribing is the wiring of methods to the messenger. Methods must take a single argument of the message type they are handling. When a message of the appropriate type is published the method will be called.

```
public class MyHandler: MonoBehaviour
{
    void Awake()
    {
        // Subscribe using the [Subscribe] annotation
    }
}
```

```

    Messenger.Subscribe(this);

    // Subscribe manually
    Messenger<MessageType>.Subscribe(MyHandler);

    // Subscribe manually
    Messenger<MessageType>.SubscribeCortoutine(MyCoroutineHandler);
}

void OnDestroy()
{
    // Unsubscribe using the [Subscribe] annotation
    Messenger.Unsubscribe(this);

    // Unsubscribe manually
    Messenger<MessageType>.Unsubscribe(MyHandler);

    // Unsubscribe manually
    Messenger<MessageType>.UnsubscribeCortoutine(MyCoroutineHandler);
}

[Subscribe]
public void MyHandler(MessageType arg);

[Subscribe]
public IEnumerator MyCoroutineHandler(MessageType arg);
}

```

## Publishing

Publishing is the sending a message to subscribed members.

```

public class MyPublisher: MonoBehaviour
{
    void Awake()
    {
        var message = new MessageType();

        // publish using the IMessengerObject Extension Method
        message.Publish();

        // publish Manually
        Messenger.Publish(message);
    }
}

```

## Caching

Messages may be cached. When cached the message will be saved and issued to late subscribers.

```

// Cache the message
[CachedMessage]

// or

// Cache the message and clear the cache of old messages of the same type
[CachedMessage(OnePerType=true)]

public class MessageType : IMessengerObject
{

```

