Real-time audio using Swift

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Basics of real-time audio

Real-time audio: Why?

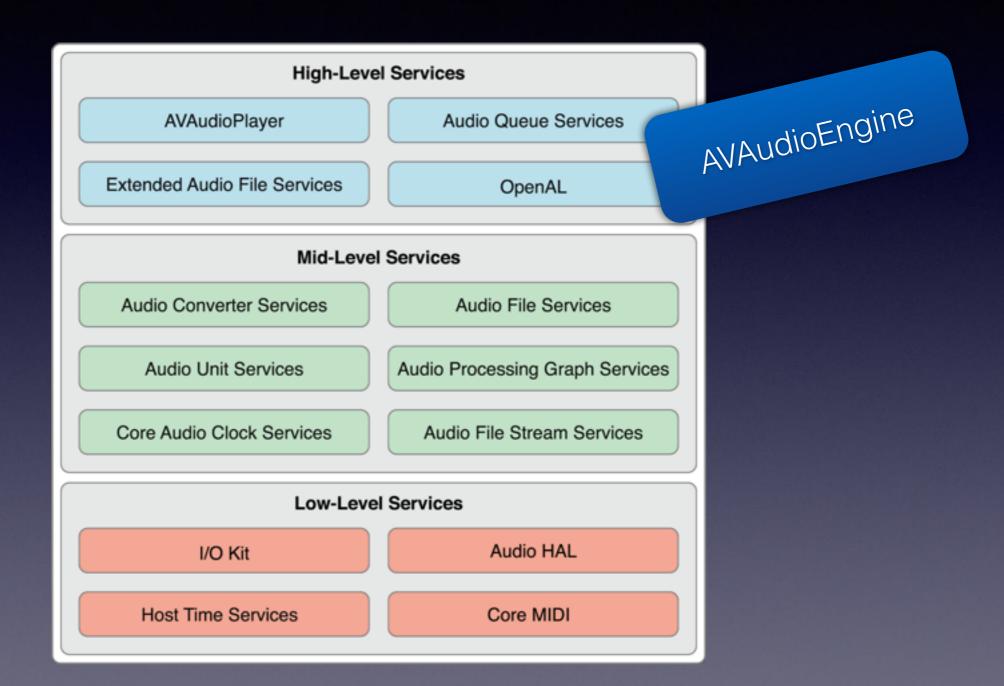
- Versatility
- Complexity
- Immediacy

Real-time audio: How?

Synthesizer Effects unit Remote I/O

- Graph of audio-processing nodes (Audio Units)
- The buffers are passed around through a **pull mechanism**.
- The pull mechanism works with render callbacks.

Real-time audio: Core Audio



AVAudioEngine

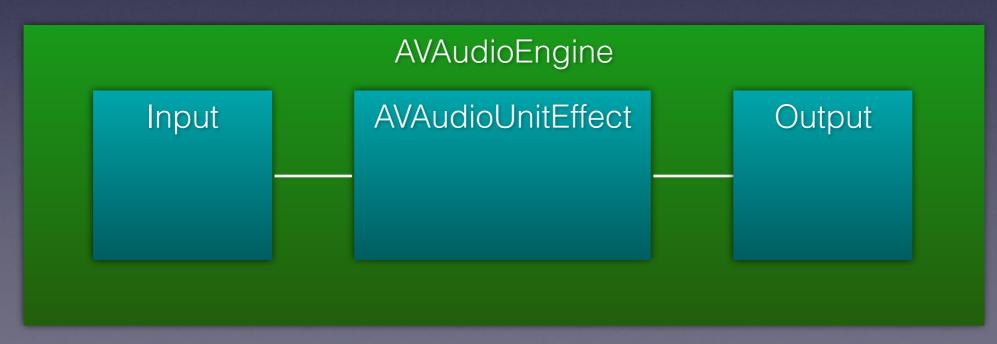
AVAudioEngine



- Control over real time audio processing parameters.
- Dynamically configure audio-processing nodes.
- Input and output monitoring.
- Much more (3D Mixing, recording, MIDI, ...).

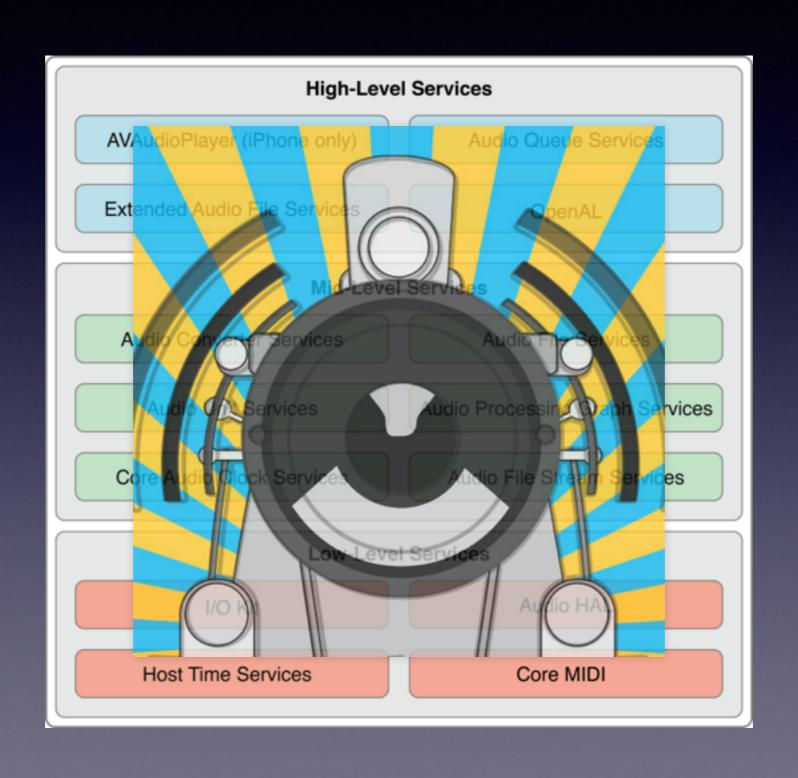
Demo





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- Lots of functionality in common with AVAudioEngine.
 - Control over real time audio processing parameter.
 - Dynamically configure audio-processing nodes.
 - Input and output monitoring.
- Simple wrapper for AudioUnit.
- Support for iOS 6.1+

Demo: The Amazing Sequencer

Best Practices

- Represent your Audio Engine as a class.
- Let your app delegate manage the Audio Engine.
- Setup your AVAudioSession adequately.

Goodies

faturl.com/swiftyaudio

Thank You!

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