NSBrowser Class Reference

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Inherits from NSControl: NSView: NSResponder: NSObject

Conforms to NSAnimatablePropertyContainer (NSView)

NSCoding (NSResponder) NSObject (NSObject)

Framework /System/Library/Frameworks/AppKit.framework

Availability Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Companion guide Browsers

Declared in NSBrowser.h

Related sample code NewsReader

Overview

This class provides a user interface for displaying and selecting items from a list of data or from hierarchically organized lists of data such as directory paths. Instances of this class are known as **browsers**. When working with a hierarchy of data, the levels are displayed in columns, which are indexed from left to right.

This class uses the NSBrowserCell class to implement its user interface.

Browsers have the following components:

- Columns
- Scroll views
- Matrices
- Browser cells

To the user, browsers display data in columns and rows within each column. These components are arranged in the following component hierarchy:

```
Browser
|---Columns [1..*]
|---Scroll view
|---Matrix
|---Rows [0..*]
```

Tasks

Configuring Browsers

- reusesColumns (page 33)

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the browser reuses NSMatrix objects after their columns are unloaded.

- setReusesColumns: (page 48)

Specifies whether NSMatrix objects are reused.

maxVisibleColumns (page 29)

Returns the maximum number of visible columns.

- setMaxVisibleColumns: (page 45)

Sets the maximum number of columns displayed.

- backgroundColor (page 18)

Provides the receiver's background color. Default: [NSColor whiteColor].

- setBackgroundColor: (page 41)

Specifies the receiver's background color.

- minColumnWidth (page 29)

Returns the minimum column width.

- setMinColumnWidth: (page 46)

Sets the minimum column width.t

separatesColumns (page 39)

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether columns are separated by bezeled borders.

- setSeparatesColumns: (page 48)

Sets whether to separate columns with bezeled borders.

takesTitleFromPreviousColumn (page 51)

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether a column takes its title from the selected cell in the previous column.

- setTakesTitleFromPreviousColumn: (page 49)

Sets whether the title of a column is set to the string value of the selected cell in the previous column.

- tile (page 51)

Adjusts the various subviews of the receiver—scrollers, columns, titles, and so on—without redrawing.

- acceptsArrowKeys (page 16)

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the browser allows navigation using the arrow keys.

setAcceptsArrowKeys: (page 39)

Specifies whether the browser allows navigation using the arrow keys.

- delegate (page 21)

Returns the receiver's delegate.

- setDelegate: (page 43)

Sets the receiver's delegate.

Getting Browser Information

```
- isOpaque (page 26)
```

Indicates whether the receiver is opaque.

- browser:isColumnValid: (page 56) delegate method

Returns whether the contents of the specified column are valid.

- browser:numberOfRowsInColumn: (page 58) delegate method

Returns the number of rows of data in the specified column.

- browser:titleOfColumn: (page 62) delegate method

Asks the delegate for the title to display above the specified column.

Managing Component Types

```
+ cellClass (page 15)
```

Returns the NSBrowserCell class.

- setCellClass: (page 41)

Sets the class of NSCell used by the matrices in the columns of the receiver.

- cellPrototype (page 19)

Returns the receiver's prototype NSCell.

- setCellPrototype: (page 42)

Sets the NSCell instance copied to display items in the matrices in the columns of the receiver.

matrixClass (page 28)

Returns the matrix class used in the receiver's columns.

- setMatrixClass: (page 45)

Sets the matrix class used in the receiver's columns.

Managing Selection Behavior

```
- allowsBranchSelection (page 16)
```

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the user can select branch items.

- setAllowsBranchSelection: (page 39)

Sets whether the user can select branch items.

allowsEmptySelection (page 17)

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether there can be nothing selected.

- setAllowsEmptySelection: (page 40)

Sets whether there can be nothing selected.

allowsMultipleSelection (page 17)

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the user can select multiple items.

- setAllowsMultipleSelection: (page 40)

Sets whether the user can select multiple items.

- selectedRowIndexesInColumn: (page 37)

Provides the indexes of the selected rows in a given column of the receiver.

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```
- selectRowIndexes:inColumn: (page 38)
```

Specifies the selected rows in a given column of the receiver.

allowsTypeSelect (page 17)

Indicates whether the receiver allows keystroke-based selection (type select).

- setAllowsTypeSelect: (page 40)

Specifies whether the receiver allows keystroke-based selection.

- browser:shouldTypeSelectForEvent:withCurrentSearchString: (page 61) delegate method
 Sent to the delegate to determine whether keyboard-based selection (type select) for a given event and search string should proceed.
- browser:typeSelectStringForRow:inColumn: (page 62) delegate method
 Sent to the delegate to get the keyboard-based selection (type select) string for a given row and column.
- browser:nextTypeSelectMatchFromRow:toRow:inColumn:forString: (page 57) delegate method

 Sent to the delegate to customize a browser's keyboard-based selection (type select) behavior.

Managing Selection

```
- selectedCell (page 35)
```

Returns the last (rightmost and lowest) selected NSCell.

- selectedCellInColumn: (page 35)

Returns the last (lowest) NSCell selected in the given column.

- selectedCells (page 36)

Returns all cells selected in the rightmost column.

- selectAll: (page 34)

Selects all NSCell objects in the last column of the receiver.

- selectedRowInColumn: (page 36)

Returns the row index of the selected cell in the specified column.

- selectRow:inColumn: (page 37)

Selects the cell at the specified row and column index.

- browser:selectCellWithString:inColumn: (page 58) delegate method

Asks the delegate to select the NSCell with the given title in the specified column.a

- browser:selectRow:inColumn: (page 59) delegate method

Asks the delegate to select the NSCell at the specified row and column location.

Accessing Components

```
- loadedCellAtRow:column: (page 28)
```

Loads, if necessary, and returns the NSCell at the specified row and column location.

- matrixInColumn: (page 29)

Returns the matrix located in the specified column.

Managing the Path

```
- path (page 30)
```

Returns a string representing the receiver's current path.

```
- setPath: (page 46)
```

Sets the path displayed by the receiver.

```
- pathToColumn: (page 31)
```

Returns a string representing the path from the first column up to, but not including, the column at the given index.

- pathSeparator (page 31)

Returns the path separator.

- setPathSeparator: (page 47)

Sets the path separator.

Managing Columns

addColumn (page 16)

Adds a column to the right of the last column.

- displayAllColumns (page 22)

Updates the receiver to display all loaded columns.

- displayColumn: (page 22)

Updates the receiver to display the given column.

- columnOfMatrix: (page 20)

Returns the column number in which the given matrix is located.

- selectedColumn (page 36)

Returns the index of the last column with a selected item.

lastColumn (page 27)

Returns the index of the last column loaded.

- setLastColumn: (page 45)

Sets the last column.

- firstVisibleColumn (page 25)

Returns the index of the first visible column.

numberOfVisibleColumns (page 30)

Returns the number of columns visible.

lastVisibleColumn (page 27)

Returns the index of the last visible column.

validateVisibleColumns (page 53)

Invokes the delegate method browser:isColumnValid: (page 56) for visible columns.

- isLoaded (page 26)

Returns whether column 0 is loaded.

loadColumnZero (page 28)

Loads column 0; unloads previously loaded columns.

- reloadColumn: (page 32)

Reloads the given column if it exists and sets it to be the last column.

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- browser:createRowsForColumn:inMatrix: (page 55) delegate method

Creates a row in the given matrix for each row of data to be displayed in the specified column of the browser.

- browser:willDisplayCell:atRow:column: (page 64) delegate method

Gives the delegate the opportunity to modify the specified cell at the given row and column position before it's displayed by the NSBrowser.

Accessing Column Titles

```
- titleOfColumn: (page 52)
```

Returns the title displayed for the given column.

```
- setTitle:ofColumn: (page 49)
```

Sets the title of the given column.

isTitled (page 27)

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether columns display titles.

```
- setTitled: (page 50)
```

Sets whether columns display titles.

- drawTitleOfColumn:inRect: (page 24)

Draws the title for the specified column within the given rectangle.

- titleHeight (page 52)

Returns the height of column titles.

- titleFrameOfColumn: (page 51)

Returns the bounds of the title frame for the specified column.

Scrolling

```
updateScroller (page 52)
```

Updates the horizontal scroller to reflect column positions.

- hasHorizontalScroller (page 26)

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the browser has a horizontal scroller.

```
- setHasHorizontalScroller: (page 44)
```

Sets whether an NSScroller is used to scroll horizontally.

```
- scrollColumnToVisible: (page 34)
```

Scrolls to make the specified column visible.

```
- scrollColumnsLeftBy: (page 33)
```

Scrolls columns left by the specified number of columns.

```
scrollColumnsRightBy: (page 33)
```

Scrolls columns right by the specified number of columns.

- scrollViaScroller: (page 34)

Scrolls columns left or right based on an NSScroller.

- browserWillScroll: (page 66) delegate method

Notifies the delegate when the NSBrowser will scroll.

- browserDidScroll: (page 66) delegate method

Notifies the delegate when the NSBrowser has scrolled.

Dragging

- draggingSourceOperationMaskForLocal: (page 24)

Indicates the types of dragging operations the source object allows on the dragged image's data.

- setDraggingSourceOperationMask:forLocal: (page 44)

Specifies the drag-operation mask for dragging operations with local or external destinations.

- canDragRowsWithIndexes:inColumn:withEvent: (page 18)

Indicates whether the receiver can attempt to initiate a drag of the given rows for the given event.

- browser:canDragRowsWithIndexes:inColumn:withEvent: (page 54) delegate method

Sent to the delegate to determine whether the browser can attempt to initiate a drag of the given rows for the given event.

- draggingImageForRowsWithIndexes:inColumn:withEvent:offset: (page 23)

Provides an image to represent dragged rows during a drag operation on the receiver.

- browser:draggingImageForRowsWithIndexes:inColumn:withEvent:offset: (page 55) delegate method

Sent to the delegate to obtain an image to represent dragged rows during a drag operation on a browser

- browser:validateDrop:proposedRow:column:dropOperation: (page 63) *delegate method*Sent to the delegate during a dragging session to determine whether to accept a drop, and to obtain the drop location. Required for a browser to be a drag destination.
- browser:acceptDrop:atRow:column:dropOperation: (page 53) delegate method

 Sent to the delegate during a dragging session to determine whether to accept the drop. Required for a browser to be a drag destination.
- namesOfPromisedFilesDroppedAtDestination: (page 30)

Provides the names of the files that the receiver promises to create at a specified location.

- browser:writeRowsWithIndexes:inColumn:toPasteboard: (page 65) delegate method

Determines whether a drag operation can proceed. Required for a browser to be a drag source.

- browser:namesOfPromisedFilesDroppedAtDestination:forDraggedRowsWithIndexes:inColumn: (page 56) delegate method

Implements file-promise drag operations.

Getting Column Frames

- frameOfColumn: (page 25)

Returns the rectangle containing the given column.

- frameOfInsideOfColumn: (page 25)

Returns the rectangle containing the specified column, not including borders.

Managing Actions

- doubleAction (page 23)

Returns the receiver's double-click action method.

- setDoubleAction: (page 43)

Sets the receiver's double-click action.

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sendsActionOnArrowKeys (page 38)

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether pressing an arrow key causes an action message to be sent.

- setSendsActionOnArrowKeys: (page 48)

Sets whether pressing an arrow key causes the action message to be sent.

- sendAction (page 38)

Sends the action message to the target.

Handling Mouse-Click Events

- doClick: (page 22)

Responds to (single) mouse clicks in a column of the receiver.

- doDoubleClick: (page 23)

Responds to double clicks in a column of the receiver.

Sizing

+ removeSavedColumnsWithAutosaveName: (page 15)

Removes the column configuration data stored under the given name from the application's user defaults.

- columnsAutosaveName (page 20)

Returns the name used to automatically save the receiver's column configuration.

- setColumnsAutosaveName: (page 42)

Sets the name used to automatically save the receiver's column configuration.

columnContentWidthForColumnWidth: (page 19)

Given the column width, returns the content width.

- columnWidthForColumnContentWidth: (page 21)

Given the content width, returns the column width.

columnResizingType (page 20)

Returns the receiver's column resizing type.

- setColumnResizingType: (page 42)

Sets the receiver's column resizing type.

prefersAllColumnUserResizing (page 32)

Returns a Boolean value indicating if the browser is set to resize all columns simultaneously rather than resizing a single column at a time.

- setPrefersAllColumnUserResizing: (page 47)

Specifies whether the browser resizes all columns simultaneously rather than resizing a single column at a time.

- widthOfColumn: (page 53)

Returns the width of the specified column.

- setWidth:ofColumn: (page 50)

Sets the width of the specified column.

- browser:shouldSizeColumn:forUserResize:toWidth: (page 60) delegate method

Used for determining a column's initial size.

- browser:sizeToFitWidthOfColumn: (page 61) delegate method Returns the ideal width for a column.
- browserColumnConfigurationDidChange: (page 66) *delegate method*Used by clients to implement their own column width persistence.

Displaying Expansion Tooltips

- browser:shouldShowCellExpansionForRow:column: (page 60) delegate method

Determines whether an expansion tooltip appears for a cell at the given row in the given column.

Class Methods

cellClass

Returns the NSBrowserCell class.

+ (Class)cellClass

Return Value

Always returns the NSBrowserCell class (even if the developer has sent a setCellClass: (page 41) message to a particular instance).

Discussion

This method is used by NSControl during initialization and is not meant to be used by applications.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- cellPrototype (page 19)setCellPrototype: (page 42)
- **Declared In**

NSBrowser.h

removeSavedColumnsWithAutosaveName:

Removes the column configuration data stored under the given name from the application's user defaults.

+ (void)removeSavedColumnsWithAutosaveName:(NSString *)name

Parameters

name

The name of the column configuration data to remove.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Class Methods 15

See Also

- columnsAutosaveName (page 20)
- setColumnsAutosaveName: (page 42)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

Instance Methods

acceptsArrowKeys

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the browser allows navigation using the arrow keys.

- (BOOL)acceptsArrowKeys

Return Value

YES if the arrow keys are enabled; otherwise NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- setAcceptsArrowKeys: (page 39)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

addColumn

Adds a column to the right of the last column.

- (void)addColumn

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
columnOfMatrix: (page 20)displayColumn: (page 22)selectedColumn (page 36)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

allowsBranchSelection

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the user can select branch items.

- (BOOL)allowsBranchSelection

Return Value

YES if the user can select branch items when multiple selection is enabled; otherwise NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- setAllowsBranchSelection: (page 39)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

allowsEmptySelection

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether there can be nothing selected.

- (BOOL)allowsEmptySelection

Return Value

YES if the browser allows the selection to be empty; otherwise NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- setAllowsEmptySelection: (page 40)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

allows Multiple Selection

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the user can select multiple items.

```
- (BOOL)allowsMultipleSelection
```

Return Value

YES if the browser allows the user to select multiple items at once; otherwise NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- setAllowsMultipleSelection: (page 40)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

allowsTypeSelect

Indicates whether the receiver allows keystroke-based selection (type select).

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- (BOOL)allowsTypeSelect

Return Value

YES (default) when the receiver allows keystroke-based selection, NO otherwise.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

```
- setAllowsTypeSelect: (page 40)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

backgroundColor

Provides the receiver's background color. Default: [NSColor whiteColor].

- (NSColor *)backgroundColor

Return Value

The receiver's background color.

Default: [NSColor whiteColor]

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

- setBackgroundColor: (page 41)
- isOpaque (page 26)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

can Drag Rows With Index es: in Column: with Event:

Indicates whether the receiver can attempt to initiate a drag of the given rows for the given event.

```
- (BOOL)canDragRowsWithIndexes:(NSIndexSet *)rowIndexes inColumn:(NSInteger)columnIndex withEvent:(NSEvent *)dragEvent
```

Parameters

rowIndexes

Rows the user is dragging

columnIndex

Column containing the rows the user is dragging.

dragEvent

Mouse-drag event.

Return Value

YES when rowIndexes identifies at least one row and all the identified rows are enabled, N0 otherwise.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

```
- browser:canDragRowsWithIndexes:inColumn:withEvent: (page 54)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

cellPrototype

Returns the receiver's prototype NSCell.

- (id)cellPrototype

Return Value

The prototype NSCell. The prototype NSCell instance is copied to display items in the matrices of the browser.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
setCellPrototype: (page 42)setCellClass: (page 41)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

columnContentWidthForColumnWidth:

Given the column width, returns the content width.

- (CGFloat)columnContentWidthForColumnWidth:(CGFloat)columnWidth

Parameters

columnWidth

The width of the column. This width is the entire scrolling text view.

Return Value

The width of the content for the column. This is the width of the matrix in the column.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

columnWidthForColumnContentWidth: (page 21)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

Instance Methods

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columnOfMatrix:

Returns the column number in which the given matrix is located.

- (NSInteger)columnOfMatrix:(NSMatrix *)matrix

Parameters

matrix

The matrix for which to return the column number.

Return Value

The index of the column in which the specified matrix appears.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- matrixInColumn: (page 29)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

columnResizingType

Returns the receiver's column resizing type.

- (NSBrowserColumnResizingType)columnResizingType

Return Value

A constant indicating the column resizing type. Possible return values are described in NSBrowserColumnResizingType (page 67). The default is NSBrowserAutoColumnResizing

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

```
- setColumnResizingType: (page 42)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

columnsAutosaveName

Returns the name used to automatically save the receiver's column configuration.

- (NSString *)columnsAutosaveName

Return Value

The name used to save the column configuration.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- setColumnsAutosaveName: (page 42)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

columnWidthForColumnContentWidth:

Given the content width, returns the column width.

- (CGFloat)columnWidthForColumnContentWidth:(CGFloat)columnContentWidth

Parameters

columnContentWidth

The width of the column's content (the width of the the matrix in the column).

Return Value

The width of the column (the width of the entire scrolling text view).

Discussion

For example, to guarantee that 16 pixels of your browser cell are always visible, call:

[browser setMinColumnWidth: [browser columnWidthForColumnContentWidth:16]]

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

columnContentWidthForColumnWidth: (page 19)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

delegate

Returns the receiver's delegate.

- (id)delegate

Return Value

The receiver's delegate.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- setDelegate: (page 43)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

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displayAllColumns

Updates the receiver to display all loaded columns.

- (void)displayAllColumns

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- addColumn (page 16)
- validateVisibleColumns (page 53)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

displayColumn:

Updates the receiver to display the given column.

- (void)displayColumn:(NSInteger)column

Parameters

co1umn

The index of the column to display.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- addColumn (page 16)
- validateVisibleColumns (page 53)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

doClick:

Responds to (single) mouse clicks in a column of the receiver.

- (void)doClick:(id)sender

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- sendAction (page 38)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

doDoubleClick:

Responds to double clicks in a column of the receiver.

```
- (void)doDoubleClick:(id)sender
```

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- setDoubleAction: (page 43)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

doubleAction

Returns the receiver's double-click action method.

```
- (SEL)doubleAction
```

Return Value

The action method invoked when the user double-clicks on the browser.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- setDoubleAction: (page 43)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

dragging Image For Rows With Indexes: in Column: with Event: off set:

Provides an image to represent dragged rows during a drag operation on the receiver.

```
- (NSImage *)draggingImageForRowsWithIndexes:(NSIndexSet *)rowIndexes
inColumn:(NSInteger)columnIndex withEvent:(NSEvent *)dragEvent
offset:(NSPointPointer)dragImageOffset
```

Parameters

rowIndexes

Rows the user is dragging.

columnIndex

Column with the rows the user is dragging.

dragEvent

Mouse drag event.

inout_dragImageOffset

Offset for the returned image:

■ NSZeroPoint: The image is centered under the pointer.

Return Value

Image representing the visible cells identified by rowIndexes.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

- browser:draggingImageForRowsWithIndexes:inColumn:withEvent:offset: (page 55)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

dragging Source Operation Mask For Local:

Indicates the types of dragging operations the source object allows on the dragged image's data.

- (NSDragOperation)draggingSourceOperationMaskForLocal:(BOOL)1oca1Destination

Parameters

localDestination

Indicates the location of the dragging operation's destination object: YES for this application, NO for another application.

Return Value

NSDragOperationEvery when localDestination is YES.

NSDragOperationNone when localDestination is NO.

Discussion

This method overrides NSDraggingSource draggingSourceOperationMaskForLocal:.

drawTitleOfColumn:inRect:

Draws the title for the specified column within the given rectangle.

- (void)drawTitleOfColumn:(NSInteger)column inRect:(NSRect)aRect

Parameters

co1umn

The index of the column for which to draw the title.

aRect

The rectangle within which to draw the title.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- setTitle:ofColumn: (page 49)
- titleFrameOfColumn: (page 51)
- titleHeight (page 52)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

firstVisibleColumn

Returns the index of the first visible column.

- (NSInteger)firstVisibleColumn

Return Value

The index of the first visible column.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- lastVisibleColumn (page 27)
- numberOfVisibleColumns (page 30)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

frameOfColumn:

Returns the rectangle containing the given column.

- (NSRect)frameOfColumn:(NSInteger)column

Parameters

column

The index of the column for which to retrieve the frame.

Return Value

The rectangle containing the specified column.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

frameOfInsideOfColumn:

Returns the rectangle containing the specified column, not including borders.

- (NSRect)frameOfInsideOfColumn:(NSInteger)column

Parameters

column

The index of the column for which to retrieve the inside frame.

Return Value

The rectangle containing the column, not including the column borders.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

hasHorizontalScroller

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the browser has a horizontal scroller.

- (BOOL)hasHorizontalScroller

Return Value

YES if the browser uses an NSScroller object to scroll horizontally; otherwise NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- setHasHorizontalScroller: (page 44)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

isLoaded

Returns whether column 0 is loaded.

- (BOOL)isLoaded

Return Value

YES if column 0 is loaded; otherwise NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- loadColumnZero (page 28)
- reloadColumn: (page 32)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

isOpaque

Indicates whether the receiver is opaque.

- (BOOL)isOpaque

Return Value

YES when the receiver doesn't have a title and its background color's alpha component is 1.0, N0 otherwise.

Discussion

This method overrides NSView isOpaque.

isTitled

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether columns display titles.

```
- (BOOL)isTitled
```

Return Value

YES if the columns in a browser display titles; otherwise NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- setTitled: (page 50)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

lastColumn

Returns the index of the last column loaded.

```
- (NSInteger)lastColumn
```

Return Value

The index of the last loaded column.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
selectedColumn (page 36)setLastColumn: (page 45)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

lastVisibleColumn

Returns the index of the last visible column.

```
- (NSInteger)lastVisibleColumn
```

Return Value

The index of the last visible column.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- firstVisibleColumn (page 25)
- numberOfVisibleColumns (page 30)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

loadColumnZero

Loads column 0; unloads previously loaded columns.

- (void)loadColumnZero

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- isLoaded (page 26)
- reloadColumn: (page 32)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

loadedCellAtRow:column:

Loads, if necessary, and returns the NSCell at the specified row and column location.

- (id)loadedCellAtRow:(NSInteger)row column:(NSInteger)column

Parameters

row

The row index of the cell to return.

column

The column index of the cell to return.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- selectedCellInColumn: (page 35)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

matrixClass

Returns the matrix class used in the receiver's columns.

- (Class)matrixClass

Return Value

The class of NSMatrix used in the browser's columns.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- setMatrixClass: (page 45)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

matrixInColumn:

Returns the matrix located in the specified column.

- (NSMatrix *)matrixInColumn:(NSInteger)column

Parameters

co1umn

The column index of the matrix to obtain.

Return Value

The matrix located in the column.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

maxVisibleColumns

Returns the maximum number of visible columns.

- (NSInteger)maxVisibleColumns

Return Value

The maximum number of visible columns.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- setMaxVisibleColumns: (page 45)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

minColumnWidth

Returns the minimum column width.

- (CGFloat)minColumnWidth

Return Value

The minimum column width, in pixels.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- setMinColumnWidth: (page 46)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

names Of Promised Files Dropped At Destination:

Provides the names of the files that the receiver promises to create at a specified location.

- (NSArray *)namesOfPromisedFilesDroppedAtDestination:(NSURL *)dropDestination

Return Value

Result of sending

browser:namesOfPromisedFilesDroppedAtDestination:forDraggedRowsWithIndexes:inColumn: to the delegate.

Discussion

Implementation of NSDraggingSource namesOfPromisedFilesDroppedAtDestination:.

See Also

browser:namesOfPromisedFilesDroppedAtDestination:forDraggedRowsWithIndexes:inColumn: (page 56)

number Of Visible Columns

Returns the number of columns visible.

- (NSInteger)numberOfVisibleColumns

Return Value

The number of visible columns.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- validateVisibleColumns (page 53)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

path

Returns a string representing the receiver's current path.

- (NSString *)path

Return Value

The path representing the current selection. The components of this path are separated with the string returned by pathSeparator (page 31).

Discussion

Invoking this method is equivalent to invoking pathToColumn: (page 31) for all columns.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- setPath: (page 46)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

pathSeparator

Returns the path separator.

```
- (NSString *)pathSeparator
```

Return Value

The path separator. The default is "/".

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- setPathSeparator: (page 47)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

pathToColumn:

Returns a string representing the path from the first column up to, but not including, the column at the given index.

```
- (NSString *)pathToColumn:(NSInteger)column
```

Parameters

co1umn

The index of the column at which the path stops.

Return Value

The path of the current selection up to, but not including, the specified column. The components of this path are separated with the string returned by pathSeparator (page 31).

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- path (page 30)

```
- setPath: (page 46)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

prefersAllColumnUserResizing

Returns a Boolean value indicating if the browser is set to resize all columns simultaneously rather than resizing a single column at a time.

- (BOOL)prefersAllColumnUserResizing

Return Value

YES if the browser is set to resize all columns simultaneously; otherwise NO. The default is NO.

Discussion

This setting applies only to browsers that allow the user to resize columns (see NSBrowserUserColumnResizing (page 67). Holding down the Option key while resizing switches the type of resizing used.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- setPrefersAllColumnUserResizing: (page 47)
- setColumnResizingType: (page 42)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

reloadColumn:

Reloads the given column if it exists and sets it to be the last column.

```
- (void)reloadColumn:(NSInteger)column
```

Parameters

column

The index of the column to reload.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- isLoaded (page 26)
- loadColumnZero (page 28)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

reusesColumns

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the browser reuses NSMatrix objects after their columns are unloaded.

- (BOOL)reusesColumns

Return Value

YES if NSMatrix objects aren't freed when their columns are unloaded; otherwise NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- setReusesColumns: (page 48)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

scrollColumnsLeftBy:

Scrolls columns left by the specified number of columns.

- (void)scrollColumnsLeftBy:(NSInteger)shiftAmount

Parameters

shiftAmount

The number of columns by which to scroll the browser.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
scrollViaScroller: (page 34)updateScroller (page 52)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

scrollColumnsRightBy:

Scrolls columns right by the specified number of columns.

- (void)scrollColumnsRightBy:(NSInteger)shiftAmount

Parameters

shiftAmount

The number of columns by which to scroll the browser.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- scrollViaScroller: (page 34)
```

Instance Methods 2007-04-05 | © 2007 Apple Inc. All Rights Reserved. - updateScroller (page 52)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

scrollColumnToVisible:

Scrolls to make the specified column visible.

- (void)scrollColumnToVisible:(NSInteger)column

Parameters

column

The index of the column to scroll to.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- scrollViaScroller: (page 34)
- updateScroller (page 52)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

scrollViaScroller:

Scrolls columns left or right based on an NSScroller.

- (void)scrollViaScroller:(NSScroller *)sender

Parameters

sender

The NSScroller object that determines the scrolling of the browser columns.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- updateScroller (page 52)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

selectAll:

Selects all NSCell objects in the last column of the receiver.

- (void)selectAll:(id)sender

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- selectedCell (page 35)
- selectedCells (page 36)
- selectedColumn (page 36)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

selectedCell

Returns the last (rightmost and lowest) selected NSCell.

- (id)selectedCell

Return Value

The selected cell.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
loadedCellAtRow:column: (page 28)selectedCell (page 35)selectRow:inColumn: (page 37)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

selectedCellInColumn:

Returns the last (lowest) NSCell selected in the given column.

- (id)selectedCellInColumn:(NSInteger)column

Parameters

column

The column for which to return the last selected cell.

Return Value

The last (or lowest) selected cell.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- loadedCellAtRow:column: (page 28)
- selectedCell (page 35)
- selectedRowInColumn: (page 36)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

selectedCells

Returns all cells selected in the rightmost column.

```
- (NSArray *)selectedCells
```

Return Value

An array of NSCell objects representing the selected cells in the rightmost browser column.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- selectAll: (page 34)
- selectedCell (page 35)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

selectedColumn

Returns the index of the last column with a selected item.

```
- (NSInteger)selectedColumn
```

Return Value

The index of the last column with a selected item.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
columnOfMatrix: (page 20)selectAll: (page 34)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

selectedRowInColumn:

Returns the row index of the selected cell in the specified column.

```
- (NSInteger)selectedRowInColumn:(NSInteger)column
```

Parameters

column

The column index specifying the column for which to return the selected row.

Return Value

The row index of the selected cell in the specified column.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
loadedCellAtRow:column: (page 28)selectedCell (page 35)selectedCellInColumn: (page 35)
```

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Declared In

NSBrowser.h

selectedRowIndexesInColumn:

Provides the indexes of the selected rows in a given column of the receiver.

- (NSIndexSet *)selectedRowIndexesInColumn:(NSInteger)columnIndex

Parameters

columnIndex

Column whose selected rows are provided.

Return Value

Rows selected in column columnIndex.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

```
- selectRowIndexes:inColumn: (page 38)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

selectRow:inColumn:

Selects the cell at the specified row and column index.

```
- (void)selectRow:(NSInteger)row inColumn:(NSInteger)column
```

Parameters

row

The row index of the cell to select.

column

The column index of the cell to select.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- loadedCellAtRow:column: (page 28)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

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selectRowIndexes:inColumn:

Specifies the selected rows in a given column of the receiver.

- (void)selectRowIndexes:(NSIndexSet *)rowIndexes inColumn:(NSInteger)columnIndex

Parameters

rowIndexes

Rows to be selected in column columnIndex.

columnIndex

Column in which to select rows rowIndexes.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

- selectedRowIndexesInColumn: (page 37)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

sendAction

Sends the action message to the target.

- (BOOL)sendAction

Return Value

YES if successful, NO if no target for the message could be found.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

sendsActionOnArrowKeys

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether pressing an arrow key causes an action message to be sent.

- (BOOL)sendsActionOnArrowKeys

Return Value

NO if pressing an arrow key only scrolls the receiver, YES if it also sends the action message specified by setAction:.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- acceptsArrowKeys (page 16)
- setSendsActionOnArrowKeys: (page 48)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

separatesColumns

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether columns are separated by bezeled borders.

- (BOOL)separatesColumns

Return Value

YES if the browser's columns are separated by bezeled borders; otherwise NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- setSeparatesColumns: (page 48)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setAcceptsArrowKeys:

Specifies whether the browser allows navigation using the arrow keys.

- (void)setAcceptsArrowKeys:(BOOL)flag

Parameters

flag

YES to enable the use of the arrow keys for navigating within and between browsers; otherwise NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- acceptsArrowKeys (page 16)
- sendsActionOnArrowKeys (page 38)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setAllowsBranchSelection:

Sets whether the user can select branch items.

- (void)setAllowsBranchSelection:(BOOL)flag

Parameters

flag

YES if the user can select branch items when multiple selection is enabled; otherwise NO.

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Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- allowsBranchSelection (page 16)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setAllowsEmptySelection:

Sets whether there can be nothing selected.

- (void)setAllowsEmptySelection:(BOOL)flag

Parameters

flag

YES if the browser allows an empty selection; otherwise NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

allowsEmptySelection (page 17)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setAllowsMultipleSelection:

Sets whether the user can select multiple items.

- (void)setAllowsMultipleSelection:(B00L)flag

Parameters

flag

YES if the user can select multiple items at once; otherwise NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- allowsMultipleSelection (page 17)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setAllowsTypeSelect:

Specifies whether the receiver allows keystroke-based selection.

- (void)setAllowsTypeSelect:(BOOL)allowsTypeSelection

allowsTypeSelection

YES to allow type selection, NO to disallow it.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

allowsTypeSelect (page 17)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setBackgroundColor:

Specifies the receiver's background color.

- (void)setBackgroundColor:(NSColor *)backgroundColor

Parameters

backgroundColor

[NSColor clearColor] specifies a transparent background.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

backgroundColor (page 18)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setCellClass:

Sets the class of NSCell used by the matrices in the columns of the receiver.

```
- (void)setCellClass:(Class)factoryId
```

Parameters

factoryId

The class of NSCell used by the matrices in the columns of the browser. This method creates an instance of the class and calls setCellPrototype: (page 42).

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- + cellClass (page 15)
- cellPrototype (page 19)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setCellPrototype:

Sets the NSCell instance copied to display items in the matrices in the columns of the receiver.

```
- (void)setCellPrototype:(NSCell *)aCell
```

Parameters

aCell

The prototype NSCell instance.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
+ cellClass (page 15)
- cellPrototype (page 19)
- setCellClass: (page 41)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setColumnResizingType:

Sets the receiver's column resizing type.

- (void)setColumnResizingType:(NSBrowserColumnResizingType)columnResizingType

Parameters

columnResizingType

A constant specifying the column resizing type. Possible values are described in NSBrowserColumnResizingType (page 67). The default is NSBrowserAutoColumnResizing. This setting is persistent.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- columnResizingType (page 20)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setColumnsAutosaveName:

Sets the name used to automatically save the receiver's column configuration.

```
- (void)setColumnsAutosaveName:(NSString *)name
```

Parameters

name

The name used to save the column configuration. If *name* is different from the current name, this method also reads in any column configuration data previously saved under *name* and applies the values to the browser.

Discussion

Column configuration is defined as an array of column content widths. One width is saved for each level the user has reached. That is, the browser saves column width based on depth, not on unique paths. To do more complex column persistence, you should register for

NSBrowserColumnConfigurationDidChangeNotification (page 68) and handle persistence yourself. This setting is persistent.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- columnsAutosaveName (page 20)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setDelegate:

Sets the receiver's delegate.

- (void)setDelegate:(id)anObject

Parameters

anObject

The object to set at the receiver's delegate.

Discussion

Raises NSBrowserIllegalDelegateException if the delegate specified by anObject doesn't respond to browser:willDisplayCell:atRow:column: (page 64) and either of the methods browser:numberOfRowsInColumn: (page 58) or browser:createRowsForColumn:inMatrix: (page 55).

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

delegate (page 21)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setDoubleAction:

Sets the receiver's double-click action.

- (void)setDoubleAction:(SEL)aSelector

Parameters

aSelector

The action method to invoke when the receiver is double-clicked.

Discussion

For the method to have any effect, the receiver's action and target must be set to the class in which the selector is declared. See *Action Messages* for additional information on action messages.

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Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- doubleAction (page 23)
- sendAction (page 38)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setDraggingSourceOperationMask:forLocal:

Specifies the drag-operation mask for dragging operations with local or external destinations.

- (void)setDraggingSourceOperationMask:(NSDragOperation) dragOperationMask forLocal:(BOOL) localDestination

Parameters

dragOperationMask

Dragging operation mask to use for either local or external drag operations, as specified by localDestination.

localDestination

Indicates the location of the dragging operation's destination object:

YES for this application, NO for another application.

Discussion

Important: Do not override this method.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

draggingSourceOperationMaskForLocal: (page 24)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setHasHorizontalScroller:

Sets whether an NSScroller is used to scroll horizontally.

- (void)setHasHorizontalScroller:(BOOL)flag

Parameters

flag

YES if the browser uses an NSScroller object to scroll horizontally; otherwise NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- hasHorizontalScroller (page 26)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setLastColumn:

Sets the last column.

- (void)setLastColumn:(NSInteger)column

Parameters

column

The index of the last column.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- lastColumn (page 27)
- lastVisibleColumn (page 27)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setMatrixClass:

Sets the matrix class used in the receiver's columns.

- (void)setMatrixClass:(Class)factoryId

Parameters

factoryId

The matrix class (NSMatrix or an NSMatrix subclass) used in the browser's columns.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- matrixClass (page 28)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setMaxVisibleColumns:

Sets the maximum number of columns displayed.

- (void)setMaxVisibleColumns:(NSInteger)columnCount

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columnCount

The maximum number of visible columns.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- maxVisibleColumns (page 29)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setMinColumnWidth:

Sets the minimum column width.t

- (void)setMinColumnWidth:(CGFloat)columnWidth

Parameters

columnWidth

The minimum column width, specified in pixels.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- minColumnWidth (page 29)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setPath:

Sets the path displayed by the receiver.

- (BOOL)setPath:(NSString *)path

Parameters

path

The path to display. If path is prefixed by the path separator, the path is absolute, containing the full path from the receiver's first column. Otherwise, the path is relative, extending the receiver's current path starting at the last column.

Return Value

YES if the given path is valid; otherwise, NO.

Discussion

While parsing path, the receiver compares each component with the entries in the current column. If an exact match is found, the matching entry is selected, and the next component is compared to the next column's entries. If no match is found for a component, the method exits and returns NO; the final path is set to the valid portion of path. If each component of path specifies a valid branch or leaf in the receiver's hierarchy, the method returns YES.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
path (page 30)pathToColumn: (page 31)pathSeparator (page 31)setPathSeparator: (page 47)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setPathSeparator:

Sets the path separator.

```
- (void)setPathSeparator:(NSString *)newString
```

Parameters

newString

The new path separator.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- pathSeparator (page 31)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

set Prefers All Column User Resizing:

Specifies whether the browser resizes all columns simultaneously rather than resizing a single column at a time.

 $\hbox{- (void)} \textbf{setPrefersAllColumnUserResizing:} (\texttt{BOOL}) \textit{prefersAllColumnResizing}$

Parameters

```
prefersAllColumnResizing
```

YES to cause the browser to resize all columns simultaneously; the default is single column resizing (NO). This setting applies only to browsers that allow the user to resize columns (see NSBrowserUserColumnResizing (page 67). Holding down the Option key while resizing switches the type of resizing used. This setting is persistent.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- prefersAllColumnUserResizing (page 32)
- setColumnResizingType: (page 42)

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Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setReusesColumns:

Specifies whether NSMatrix objects are reused.

- (void)setReusesColumns:(BOOL)flag

Parameters

flag

YES to prevent NSMatrix objects from being freed when their columns are unloaded, so they can be reused; otherwise NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

reusesColumns (page 33)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setSendsActionOnArrowKeys:

Sets whether pressing an arrow key causes the action message to be sent.

- (void)setSendsActionOnArrowKeys:(BOOL)flag

Parameters

flag

YES if pressing an arrow key should send the action message specified by setAction: in addition to scrolling the browser; NO if it should only scroll the browser.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- sendsActionOnArrowKeys (page 38)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

set Separates Columns:

Sets whether to separate columns with bezeled borders.

- (void)setSeparatesColumns:(BOOL)flag

flag

YES if the browser's collumns should be separated by bezeled borders; otherwise NO. This value is ignored if isTitled (page 27) does not return NO

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- separatesColumns (page 39)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setTakesTitleFromPreviousColumn:

Sets whether the title of a column is set to the string value of the selected cell in the previous column.

- (void)setTakesTitleFromPreviousColumn:(BOOL)flag

Parameters

flag

YES if the title of a column should be set to the string value of the selected NSCell in the previous column; otherwise NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

takesTitleFromPreviousColumn (page 51)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setTitle:ofColumn:

Sets the title of the given column.

- (void)setTitle:(NSString *)aString ofColumn:(NSInteger)column

Parameters

aString

The title of the column.

column

The index of the column whose title should be set.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- drawTitleOfColumn:inRect: (page 24)
```

- titleOfColumn: (page 52)

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Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setTitled:

Sets whether columns display titles.

```
- (void)setTitled:(B00L)flag
```

Parameters

flag

YES if the columns in a browser display titles; otherwise NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
isTitled (page 27)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

setWidth:ofColumn:

Sets the width of the specified column.

```
- (void)setWidth:(CGFloat)columnWidth ofColumn:(NSInteger)columnIndex
```

Parameters

columnWidth

The new width of the specified column.

columnIndex

The index of the column for which to set the width.

Discussion

This method can be used to set the initial width of browser columns unless the column sizing is automatic; setWidth:ofColumn: does nothing if columnResizingType (page 20) is

NSBrowserAutoColumnResizing. To set the default width for new columns (that don't otherwise have initial widths from defaults or via the delegate), use a columnIndex of -1. A value set for columnIndex of -1 is persistent. An NSBrowserColumnConfigurationDidChangeNotification (page 68) notification is posted (not immediately), if necessary, so that the receiver can autosave the new column configuration.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

```
- widthOfColumn: (page 53)
```

```
- browser:shouldSizeColumn:forUserResize:toWidth: (page 60)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

takesTitleFromPreviousColumn

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether a column takes its title from the selected cell in the previous column.

- (BOOL)takesTitleFromPreviousColumn

Return Value

YES if the title of a column is set to the string value of the selected NSCell in the previous column; otherwise NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- setTakesTitleFromPreviousColumn: (page 49)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

tile

Adjusts the various subviews of the receiver—scrollers, columns, titles, and so on—without redrawing.

- (void)tile

Discussion

Your code shouldn't send this message. It's invoked any time the appearance of the receiver changes.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

titleFrameOfColumn:

Returns the bounds of the title frame for the specified column.

- (NSRect)titleFrameOfColumn:(NSInteger)column

Parameters

column

The index of the column for which to return the title frame.

Return Value

The rectangle specifying the bounds of the column's title frame.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- drawTitleOfColumn:inRect: (page 24)

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Declared In

NSBrowser.h

titleHeight

Returns the height of column titles.

- (CGFloat)titleHeight

Return Value

The height of the column titles for the browser.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- drawTitleOfColumn:inRect: (page 24)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

titleOfColumn:

Returns the title displayed for the given column.

```
- (NSString *)titleOfColumn:(NSInteger)column
```

Parameters

co1umn

The index of the column for which to get the title.

Return Value

The title of the specified column.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- setTitle:ofColumn: (page 49)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

updateScroller

Updates the horizontal scroller to reflect column positions.

- (void)updateScroller

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- scrollViaScroller: (page 34)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

validateVisibleColumns

Invokes the delegate method browser:isColumnValid: (page 56) for visible columns.

- (void)validateVisibleColumns

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- numberOfVisibleColumns (page 30)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

widthOfColumn:

Returns the width of the specified column.

- (CGFloat)widthOfColumn:(NSInteger)column

Parameters

column

The index of the column for which to retrieve the width.

Return Value

The width of the column.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

```
- setWidth:ofColumn: (page 50)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

Delegate Methods

browser: accept Drop: at Row: column: drop Operation:

Sent to the delegate during a dragging session to determine whether to accept the drop. Required for a browser to be a drag destination.

Delegate Methods 2007-04-05 | © 2007 Apple Inc. All Rights Reserved. - (BOOL)browser:(NSBrowser *)sender acceptDrop:(id <NSDraggingInfo>)dragInfo atRow:(NSInteger)dropReferenceRowIndex column:(NSInteger)dropColumnIndex dropOperation:(NSBrowserDropOperation)dropRowRelativeLocation

Parameters

sender

Browser querying its delegate.

dragInfo

Drag session information.

dropReferenceRowIndex

The drop row.

dropColumnIndex

The drop column.

dropRowRelativeLocation

Drop location relative to dropRowIndex.

Return Value

YES to accept the drop, NO to decline it.

Discussion

Sent after browser: validateDrop: proposedRow: column: drop0peration: (page 63) allows the drop.

The delegate should incorporate the pasteboard data from the dragging session (dragInfo.draggingPasteboard)

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser:canDragRowsWithIndexes:inColumn:withEvent:

Sent to the delegate to determine whether the browser can attempt to initiate a drag of the given rows for the given event.

- (BOOL)browser:(NSBrowser *)sender canDragRowsWithIndexes:(NSIndexSet *)rowIndexes inColumn:(NSInteger)columnIndex withEvent:(NSEvent *)dragEvent

Parameters

sender

Browser querying its delegate.

rowIndexes

Rows the user is dragging

columnIndex

Column containing the rows the user is dragging.

dragEvent

Mouse-drag event.

Return Value

YES to allow the drag operation, NO to disallow it.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

- canDragRowsWithIndexes:inColumn:withEvent: (page 18)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser:createRowsForColumn:inMatrix:

Creates a row in the given matrix for each row of data to be displayed in the specified column of the browser.

- (void)browser:(NSBrowser *)sender createRowsForColumn:(NSInteger)column inMatrix:(NSMatrix *)matrix

Parameters

sender

The browser.

column

The index of the column for which to create the rows.

matrix

The NSMatrix object in which to create the rows.

Discussion

Either this method or browser: numberOfRowsInColumn: (page 58) must be implemented, but not both (or an NSBrowserIllegalDelegateException will be raised).

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- browser:willDisplayCell:atRow:column: (page 64)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser: dragging Image For Rows With Indexes: in Column: with Event: off set:

Sent to the delegate to obtain an image to represent dragged rows during a drag operation on a browser.

- (NSImage *)browser:(NSBrowser *)sender draggingImageForRowsWithIndexes:(NSIndexSet *)rowIndexes inColumn:(NSInteger)columnIndex withEvent:(NSEvent *)dragEvent offset:(NSPointPointer)inout_dragImageOffset

Parameters

sender

Browser querying its delegate.

rowIndexes

Rows the user is dragging.

columnIndex

Column with the rows the user is dragging.

dragEvent

Mouse drag event.

inout_dragImageOffset

Offset for the returned image:

■ NSZeroPoint: Centers the image under the pointer.

Return Value

Image representing the visible rows identified by rowIndexes.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

- draggingImageForRowsWithIndexes:inColumn:withEvent:offset: (page 23)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser: is Column Valid:

Returns whether the contents of the specified column are valid.

- (BOOL)browser:(NSBrowser *)sender isColumnValid:(NSInteger)column

Parameters

sender

The browser for which to validate the contents.

column

The index of the column to validate.

Return Value

YES if the column's contents are valid; otherwise NO. If NO is returned, <code>sender</code> reloads the column.

Discussion

This method is invoked in response to validateVisibleColumns (page 53) being sent to sender.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser: names Of Promised Files Dropped At Destination: for Dragged Rows With Indexes: in Column:

Implements file-promise drag operations.

```
- (NSArray *)browser:(NSBrowser *)sender
namesOfPromisedFilesDroppedAtDestination:(NSURL *)dropURL
forDraggedRowsWithIndexes:(NSIndexSet *)rowIndexes
inColumn:(NSInteger)columnIndex
```

sender

Browser querying its delegate.

dropURL

Drop filesystem location.

rowIndexes

Rows the user is dropping.

columnIndex

Column with the rows the user is dropping.

Return Value

Filenames (not pathnames) for the actual files represented by the rows the user is dropping.

Discussion

```
Note: File-promise drag operation support requires adding NSFilesPromisePboardType to the pasteboard in browser:writeRowsWithIndexes:inColumn:toPasteboard: (page 65)-browser:writeRowWithIndexes:inColumn:toPasteboard:
```

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

namesOfPromisedFilesDroppedAtDestination: (page 30)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser: nextTypeSelectMatchFromRow: toRow: inColumn: forString:

Sent to the delegate to customize a browser's keyboard-based selection (type select) behavior.

```
- (NSInteger)browser:(NSBrowser *)sender
nextTypeSelectMatchFromRow:(NSInteger)startRowIndex toRow:(NSInteger)endRowIndex
inColumn:(NSInteger)columnIndex forString:(NSString *)searchString
```

Parameters

sender

Browser querying its delegate.

startRowIndex

Beginning of row-set to search.

endRowIndex

End of row-set to to search. Can be less than startRowIndex when the search wraps to the beginning. columnIndex

Column with the rows being searched.

searchString

Keyboard-based selection string. It's nil when no keyboard-based selection has begun.

Return Value

Index—between startRowIndex and endRowIndex - 1, inclusive—of the first row that matches searchString.

-1 indicates that there's no match.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

- browser:shouldTypeSelectForEvent:withCurrentSearchString: (page 61)
- browser:typeSelectStringForRow:inColumn: (page 62)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser:numberOfRowsInColumn:

Returns the number of rows of data in the specified column.

- (NSInteger)browser:(NSBrowser *)sender numberOfRowsInColumn:(NSInteger)column

Parameters

sender

The browser.

column

The index of the column for which to return the number of rows.

Return Value

The number of rows of data in the specified column.

Discussion

Either this method or browser:createRowsForColumn:inMatrix: (page 55) must be implemented, but not both.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

- browser:willDisplayCell:atRow:column: (page 64)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser: select Cell With String: in Column:

Asks the delegate to select the NSCell with the given title in the specified column.a

 (B00L)browser:(NSBrowser *)sender selectCellWithString:(NSString *)title inColumn:(NSInteger)column

```
sender
```

The browser.

title

The title of the cell to select.

column

The index of the column containing the cell to select.

Return Value

YES if the NSCell was successfully select; otherwise, NO.

Discussion

It is the delegate's responsibility to select the cell, rather than the browser. Invoked in response to setPath: (page 46) being received by sender.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- selectedCellInColumn: (page 35)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser:selectRow:inColumn:

Asks the delegate to select the NSCell at the specified row and column location.

```
- (BOOL)browser:(NSBrowser *)sender selectRow:(NSInteger)row
inColumn:(NSInteger)column
```

Parameters

sender

The browser.

row

The index of the row containing the cell to select.

column

The index of the column containing the cell to select.

Return Value

NO if the NSCell was not selected; otherwise YES.

Discussion

It is the delegate's responsibility to select the cell, rather than the browser. Invoked in response to selectRow:inColumn: (page 37) being received by sender.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
selectedRowInColumn: (page 36)selectRow:inColumn: (page 37)
```

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Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser: should Show Cell Expansion For Row: column:

Determines whether an expansion tooltip appears for a cell at the given row in the given column.

- (BOOL)browser:(NSBrowser *)sender shouldShowCellExpansionForRow:(NSInteger)rowIndex column:(NSInteger)columnIndex

Parameters

sender

Browser querying its delegate.

rowIndex

Row requesting an expansion tooltip.

columnIndex

Column with the requesting row.

Return Value

YES to allow the cell expansion tooltip, NO to disallow it.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser:shouldSizeColumn:forUserResize:toWidth:

Used for determining a column's initial size.

- (CGFloat)browser:(NSBrowser *)browser shouldSizeColumn:(NSInteger)columnIndex forUserResize:(BOOL)forUserResize toWidth:(CGFloat)suggestedWidth

Parameters

browser

The browser.

columnIndex

The index of the column to size.

forUserResize

As currently implemented, this method is always called with for UserResize set to NO.

suggestedWidth

The suggested width for the column.

Return Value

The delegate's desired initial width for a newly added column. If you want to accept the suggested width, return suggested width. If you return 0 or a size too small to display the resize handle and a portion of the column, the actual size used will be larger than you requested.

Discussion

Implementation is optional and applies only to browsers with resize type NSBrowserNoColumnResizing or NSBrowserColumnResizing (see NSBrowserColumnResizingType (page 67)). I

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

```
- setWidth:ofColumn: (page 50)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser:shouldTypeSelectForEvent:withCurrentSearchString:

Sent to the delegate to determine whether keyboard-based selection (type select) for a given event and search string should proceed.

- (BOOL)browser:(NSBrowser *)sender shouldTypeSelectForEvent:(NSEvent *)keyEvent withCurrentSearchString:(NSString *)searchString

Parameters

sender

Browser querying its delegate.

keyEvent

Keyboard event being processed.

searchString

Keyboard-based selection string. It's nil when no keyboard-based selection has begun.

Return Value

YES to allow the selection, NO to disallow it.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

allowsTypeSelect (page 17)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser:sizeToFitWidthOfColumn:

Returns the ideal width for a column.

- (CGFloat)browser:(NSBrowser *)browser sizeToFitWidthOfColumn:(NSInteger)columnIndex

Parameters

browser

The browser.

columnIndex

The index of the column to size. If column Index is -1, the result is used for a "right-size-all" operation.

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Return Value

The ideal width of the column. This method is used when performing a "right-size" operation; that is, when sizing a column to the smallest width that contains all the content without clipping or truncating.

If columnIndex is -1, you should return a size that can be uniformly applied to all columns (that is, every column will be set to this size). It is assumed that the implementation may be expensive, so it will be called only when necessary.

Discussion

Implementation is optional and is for browsers with resize type NSBrowserUserColumnResizing only.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser:titleOfColumn:

Asks the delegate for the title to display above the specified column.

```
- (NSString *)browser:(NSBrowser *)sender titleOfColumn:(NSInteger)column
```

Parameters

sender

The browser.

column

The index of the column for which to return the title.

Return Value

The title of the specified column.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- setTitle:ofColumn: (page 49)
- titleOfColumn: (page 52)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser:typeSelectStringForRow:inColumn:

Sent to the delegate to get the keyboard-based selection (type select) string for a given row and column.

 (NSString *)browser:(NSBrowser *)sender typeSelectStringForRow:(NSInteger)rowIndex inColumn:(NSInteger)columnIndex

Parameters

sender

Browser querying its delegate.

rowIndex

Row being inquired about.

columnIndex

Column with the row being inquired about.

Return Value

Keyboard-based selection string for the identified row and column.

Returning the empty string or nil (for example, when the cell does not contain text) specifies that the [columnIndex, rowIndex] cell has no text to search.

Discussion

If the delegate does not implement this method, all cells with text are searched, and the browser determines the keyboard-based selection text by sending stringValue to the cell specified by columnIndex and rowIndex.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

- browser:shouldTypeSelectForEvent:withCurrentSearchString: (page 61)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser:validateDrop:proposedRow:column:dropOperation:

Sent to the delegate during a dragging session to determine whether to accept a drop, and to obtain the drop location. Required for a browser to be a drag destination.

Parameters

sender

Browser querying its delegate.

dragInfo

Drag session information.

inout_dropReferenceRowIndex

Together with inout_dropRowRelativeLocation specifies the drop location.

On input, the proposed drop reference row.

On output, the drop reference row.

inout_dropColumnIndex

Column on which the dragged rows are being dropped.

On input, the proposed drop column.

On output, the drop column.

Delegate Methods 2007-04-05 | © 2007 Apple Inc. All Rights Reserved. inout_dropRowRelativeLocation

Drop location, within the rows identified in *rowIndexes*, of the drag operation.

On input, the proposed drop location.

On output, the drop location.

Return Value

Drag operation the data source is to perform. Must not be NSDragOperationNone for sender to accept the drop.

Discussion

The browser proposes a drop column, row, and row-relative location for the drop based on the pointer position, as shown in this table:

Drop relative location	Description
NSBrowserDropOn	Dragging location (dragInfo.draggingLocation) is closer to the middle of inout_dropReferenceRowIndex than to either of its vertical sides.
NSBroserDropAbove	Dragging location is between two rows. Indicates a drop location above inout_dropReferenceRowIndex and below inout_dropReferenceRowIndex - 1.

These are a few examples of how to specify a drop location:

	Reference row index	Row-relative location
On row 2	2	NSBrowserDropOn
Between rows 2 and 3	3	NSBrowserDropAbove
Below the last row	[sender numberOfRows]	NSBrowserDropAbove
All rows	-1	NSBrowserDropOn

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

- registerForDraggedTypes:

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser:willDisplayCell:atRow:column:

Gives the delegate the opportunity to modify the specified cell at the given row and column position before it's displayed by the NSBrowser.

```
sender
```

The browser.

cel1

The cell to be displayed.

row

The row index of the cell to be displayed.

co1umn

The column index of the cell to be displayed.

Discussion

The delegate should set any state necessary for the correct display of the cell.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

See Also

```
- browser:createRowsForColumn:inMatrix: (page 55)
```

```
- browser:numberOfRowsInColumn: (page 58)
```

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser:writeRowsWithIndexes:inColumn:toPasteboard:

Determines whether a drag operation can proceed. Required for a browser to be a drag source.

```
- (BOOL)browser:(NSBrowser *)sender writeRowsWithIndexes:(NSIndexSet *)rowIndexes inColumn:(NSInteger)columnIndex toPasteboard:(NSPasteboard *)pasteboard
```

Parameters

sender

Browser querying its delegate.

rowIndexes

Rows the user is dragging.

columnIndex

Column with the dragged rows.

pasteboard

Content from the dragged rows.

Return Value

YES to allow the dragging operation to proceed (see discussion for further details), NO to disallow it.

Discussion

Called after a drag operation has been allowed to start

(browser:canDragRowsWithIndexes:inColumn:withEvent: (page 54) returns YES) but before it actually begins.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

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Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browser Column Configuration Did Change:

Used by clients to implement their own column width persistence.

- (void)browserColumnConfigurationDidChange:(NSNotification *)notification

Parameters

notification

The notification of the configuration change.

Discussion

Implementation is optional, and used for browsers with resize type NSBrowserUserColumnResizing only. It is called when the method setWidth:ofColumn: (page 50) is used to change the width of any browser columns or when the user resizes any columns. If the user resizes more than one column, a single notification is posted when the user is finished resizing.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

NSBrowserColumnConfigurationDidChangeNotification (page 68)
- setWidth:ofColumn: (page 50)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browserDidScroll:

Notifies the delegate when the NSBrowser has scrolled.

- (void)browserDidScroll:(NSBrowser *)sender

Parameters

sender

The browser sending the message.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

browserWillScroll:

Notifies the delegate when the NSBrowser will scroll.

- (void)browserWillScroll:(NSBrowser *)sender

sender

The browser sending the message.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

Constants

NSBrowserColumnResizingType

Describe types of browser column resizing.

```
typedef enum _NSBrowserColumnResizingType {
    NSBrowserNoColumnResizing = 0,
    NSBrowserAutoColumnResizing = 1,
    NSBrowserUserColumnResizing = 2
} NSBrowserColumnResizingType;
```

Constants

NSBrowserNoColumnResizing

Neither NSBrowser nor the user can change the column width. The developer must explicitly set all column widths.

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in NSBrowser.h.

NSBrowserAutoColumnResizing

All columns have the same width, calculated using a combination of the minimum column width and maximum number of visible columns settings. The column width changes as the window size changes. The user cannot resize columns.

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in NSBrowser.h.

NSBrowserUserColumnResizing

The developer chooses the initial column widths, but users can resize all columns simultaneously or each column individually.

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Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in NSBrowser.h.

Discussion

These constants are used by the setColumnResizingType: (page 42) and columnResizingType (page 20) methods.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

Constants

NSBrowserDropOperation

This type is used to to specifying the drop type of a drag-and-drop operation. See browser:validateDrop:proposedRow:column:dropOperation for more information.

```
enum {
   NSBrowserDropOn,
   NSBrowserDropAbove
};
typedef NSUInteger NSBrowserDropOperation;
```

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

Notifications

NS Browser Column Configuration Did Change Notification

Notifies the delegate when the width of a browser column has changed. The notification object is the browser whose column sizes need to be made persistent. This notification does not contain a *userInfo* dictionary. If the user resizes more than one column, a single notification is posted when the user is finished resizing.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- browserColumnConfigurationDidChange: (page 66)

Declared In

NSBrowser.h

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