Accessibility for OS X

Beautiful apps usable by everyone!

Session 203

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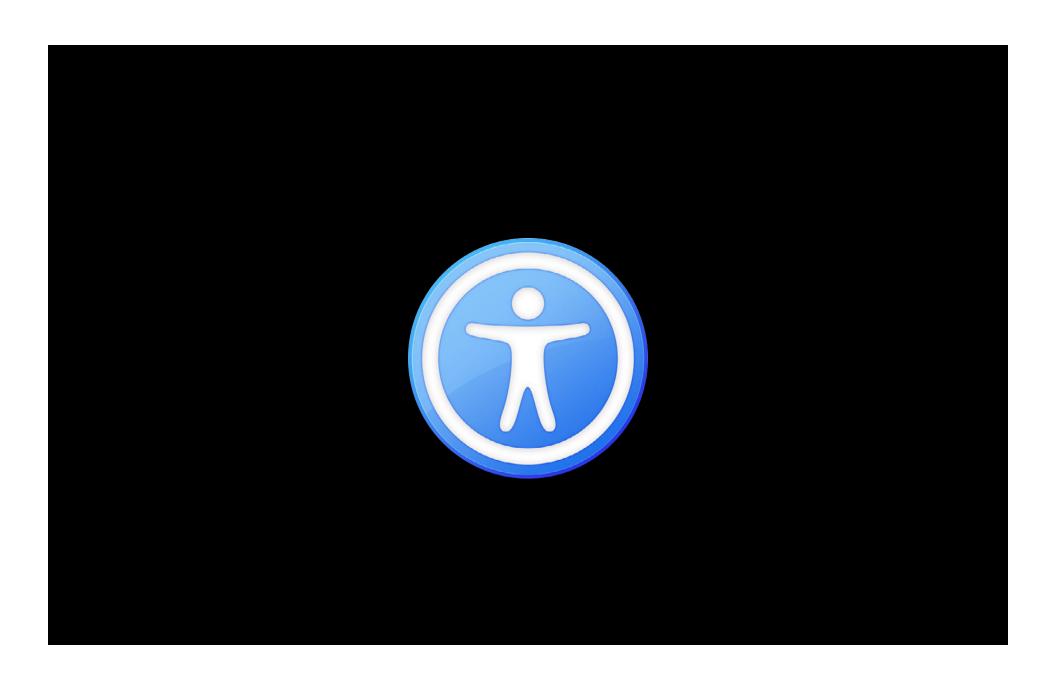






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LED Flash for Alerts

Mouse Keys

Contrast Enhancements

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Slow Keys

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Large Text

Assistive Touch

Speak Auto-text

VoiceOver

Closed Captioning

Cursor Scaling

















VoiceOver







6 years

Millions

Macs with voiceover

VoiceOver



Importance of Accessibility

Why Invest Time in Accessibility



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Access to everyone



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- Access to everyone
- Expand your user base





10 million

Americans are visually impaired

www.afb.org/info_documents.asp?collectionid=15 [Mar 25, 2008]



31 million

Americans are hearing impaired

S. Kochkin. Marketrak vii: Hearing loss population tops 31 million. The Hearing Review, (2005), July 2005.



12 million

Americans have a learning disability

C. Smith and L. Strick. Learning Disabilities: A to Z. The Free Press, 1997.



1 in 5 Americans have a disability

http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/001823.html

50 million

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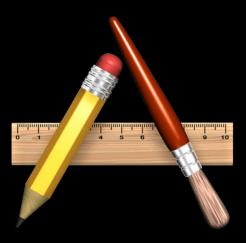
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- Comply with market regulations
- Gain a competitive edge

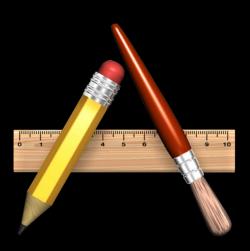


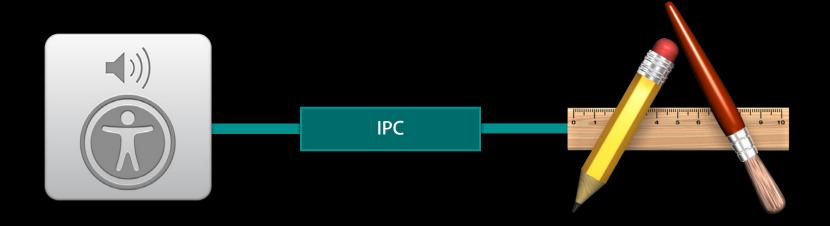


Demo VoiceOver in action!

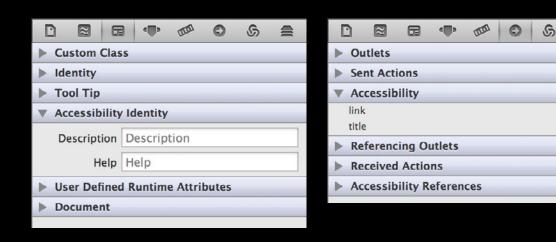












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Always use standard Cocoa controls when possible!

Accessibility Recipe for Custom UI

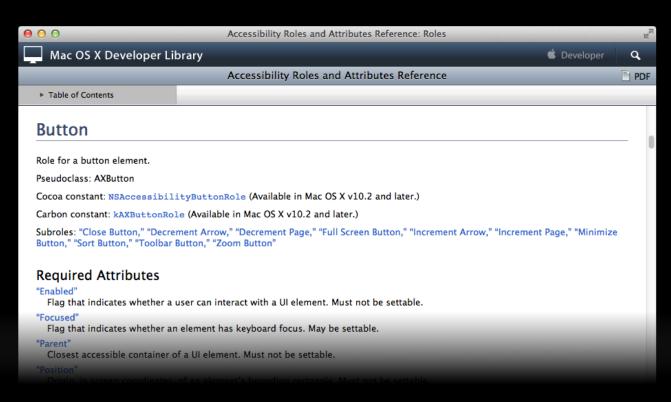
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Button Accessibility

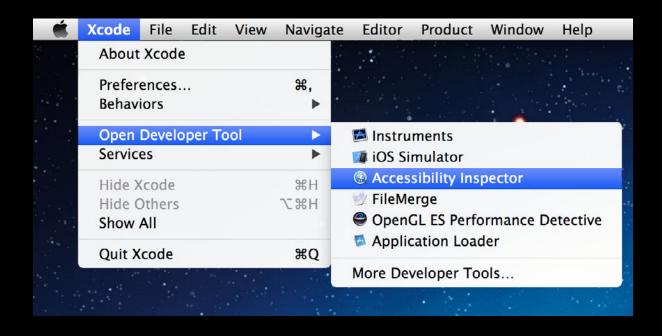
Attributes

Actions

Role	Press
Role Description	
Size	
Position	
Enabled	
Focused	
Parent	
Top-Level UIElement	
Title or Description	
Window	



O O O Access	sibility Inspector
▼ Hierarchy	
▼AXApplication	
▼AXWindow:AXStandar	dWindow
▼AXGroup	
AXButton	
▼ Attributes	
AXRole	AXButton
AXRoleDescription	button
AXHelp	<nil></nil>
AXEnabled	YES
AXFocused (W)	NO
AXParent	<axgroup></axgroup>
AXWindow	<axwindow:axstandardwindow< th=""></axwindow:axstandardwindow<>
AXTopLevelUIElement	<axwindow:axstandardwindow< th=""></axwindow:axstandardwindow<>
AXPosition	x=416.00 y=201.00
AXSize	w=77.00 h=32.00
AXTitle	Apple
AXIdentifier	_NS:9
▼Actions	
AXPress	



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NSAccessibility Protocol Is ignored?

- (B00L)accessibilityIsIgnored;

NSAccessibility Protocol

Getting and setting attributes

```
- (NSArray *)accessibilityAttributeNames;
```

```
- (id)accessibilityAttributeValue:(NSString *)attribute;
```

NSAccessibility Protocol

Getting and setting attributes

```
    (NSArray *)accessibilityAttributeNames;
    (id)accessibilityAttributeValue:(NSString *)attribute;
    (B00L)accessibilityIsAttributeSettable:(NSString *)attribute;
    (void)accessibilitySetValue:(id)value
forAttribute:(NSString *)attribute;
```

NSAccessibility Protocol

Getting and setting parameterized attributes

```
- (NSArray *)accessibilityParameterizedAttributeNames;
```

NSAccessibility Protocol

Actions

```
- (NSArray *)accessibilityActionNames;
```

```
- (NSString *)accessibilityActionDescription:(NSString *)action;
```

- (void)accessibilityPerformAction:(NSString *)action;

Example Actions

AXPressAction
AXIncrementAction
AXDecrementAction
AXConfirmAction

AXCancelAction AXRaiseAction AXShowMenuAction

NSAccessibility Protocol

Hit testing and focus testing

```
- (id)accessibilityHitTest:(NSPoint)point;
```

- (id)accessibilityFocusedUIElement;

NSAccessibility Protocol

Sending notifications

NSAccessibilityPostNotification(id element, NSString *notification)

Example Notifications

AXFocusedUIElementChangedNotification AXValueChangedNotification AXUIElementDestroyedNotification AXWindowCreatedNotification others...

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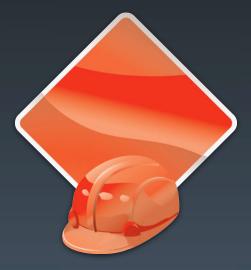
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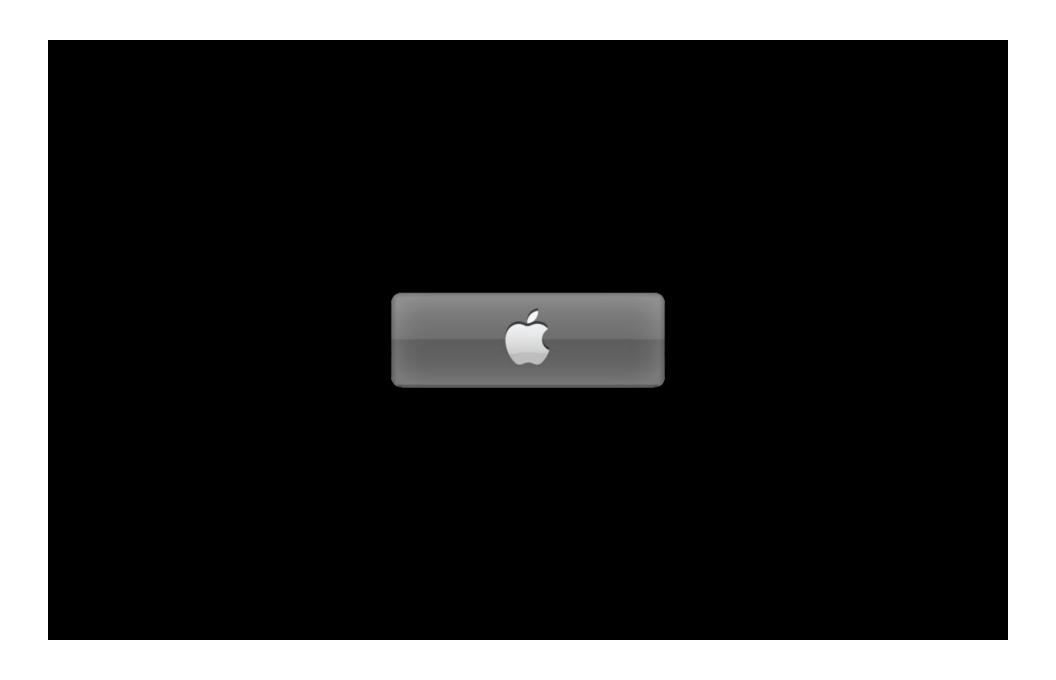
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Accessible Custom UI

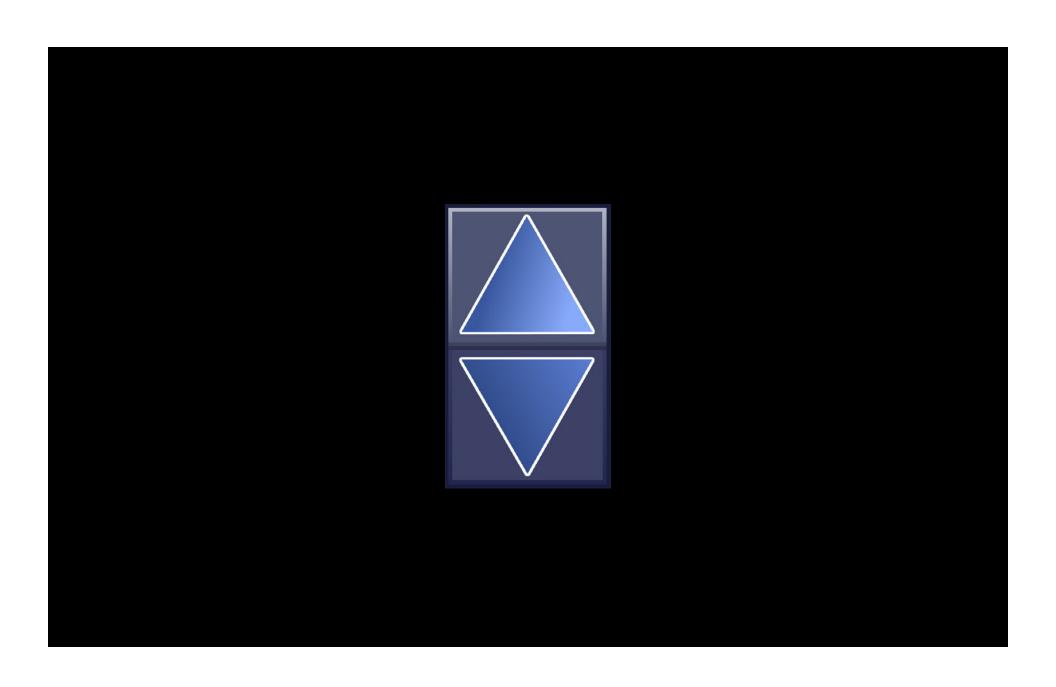


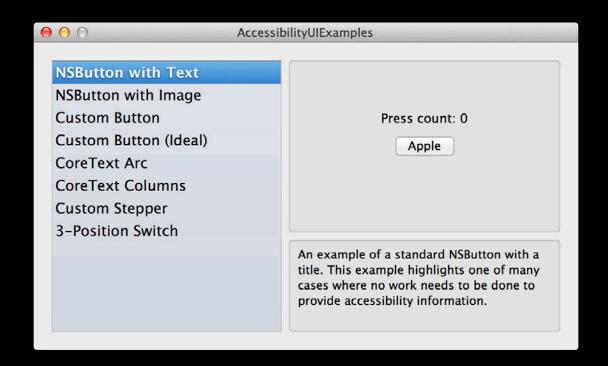


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Demo AccessibilityUIExamples

Custom Button

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- 4. Test

Button Accessibility

Attributes Action	Attributes	Action
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Role	Press
Role Description	
Size	
Position	
Enabled	
Focused	
Parent	
Top-Level UIElement	
Title or Description	
Window	

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Button Accessibility

Attributes

Actions

Role

Press

Title or Description

Not Ignored

```
- (B00L)accessibilityIsIgnored {
    return N0;
}
```

Role

Description

Call Super!

Supported Actions

```
- (NSArray *)accessibilityActionNames {
    static NSMutableArray *actions = nil;
    if ( actions == nil ) {
        actions = [[super accessibilityActionNames] mutableCopy];
        if ( ![actions containsObject:NSAccessibilityPressAction] )
            [actions addObject:NSAccessibilityPressAction];
    }
    return actions;
}
```

Perform Action

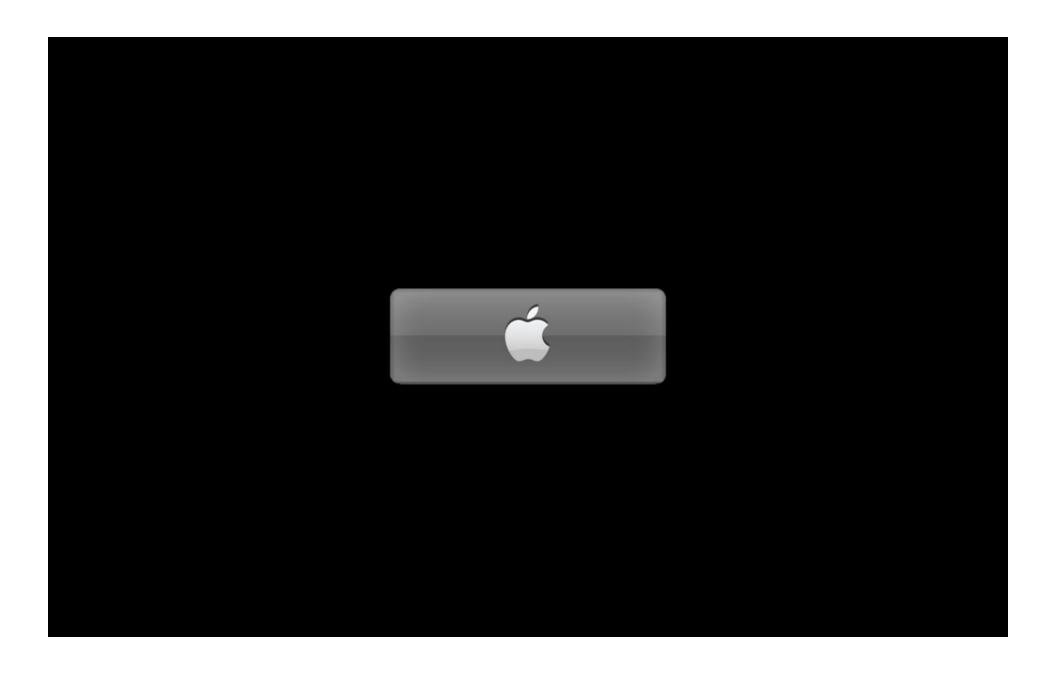
```
- (void)accessibilityPerformAction:(NSString *)action {
    if ([action isEqualToString:NSAccessibilityPressAction]) {
        [self performPress];
    }
    else {
        [super accessibilityPerformAction:action];
    }
}
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        [self performPress];
    }
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        [super accessibilityPerformAction:action];
    }
}
```



Simple Text Field



Text Field Accessibility

Attributes

Role	Top-Level UIElement
Role Description	Value
Size	Window
Position	Number Of Characters
Enabled	Selected Text
Focused	Selected Text Range
Parent	Visible Character Range

Text Field Accessibility

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Attributes

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Attributes

Role	
Enabled	
Value	
Number Of Characters	
Selected Text	
Selected Text Range	
Visible Character Range	

Attributes

Role

Value

Number Of Characters

Visible Character Range

Not Ignored

```
- (B00L)accessibilityIsIgnored {
    return N0;
}
```

Supported Attributes

```
- (id)accessibilityAttributeValue:(NSString *)attribute {
   id value = nil;
   ...
   return value;
```

Role

```
- (id)accessibilityAttributeValue:(NSString *)attribute {
   id value = nil;
   ...
   if ( [attribute isEqualToString:NSAccessibilityRoleAttribute] ) {
      value = NSAccessibilityStaticTextRole;
   }
   ...
   return value;
}
```

Role

```
- (id)accessibilityAttributeValue:(NSString *)attribute {
   id value = nil;
   ...

if ( [attribute isEqualToString:NSAccessibilityRoleAttribute] ) {
    value = NSAccessibilityStaticTextRole;
}
```

```
return value;
```

Value

```
- (id)accessibilityAttributeValue:(NSString *)attribute {
   id value = nil;
   ...

else if ( [attribute isEqualToString:NSAccessibilityValueAttribute] ) {
    value = self.string;
}
```

```
return value;
```

Number of characters

```
return value;
```

Visible character range

```
return value;
```

Call super!

```
- (id)accessibilityAttributeValue:(NSString *)attribute {
   id value = nil;
   ...

else {
     // Fetch remaining attribute values from the parent class, NSView.
     value = [super accessibilityAttributeValue:attribute];
   }
```

```
return value;
```

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Multi-line Text Field

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Attributes

Role

Value

Number Of Characters

Visible Character Range

Parameterized Attributes

Bounds For Range

Line For Index

Range For Line

String For Range

Attributed String For Range

Parameterized Attributes

Line For Index
Range For Line
String For Range
Attributed String For Range
Bounds For Range

Enables line-by-line navigation for VoiceOver!

Supported parameterized attributes

```
- (NSArray *)accessibilityParameterizedAttributeNames {
    static NSMutableArray *pAttributes = nil;
    if ( pAttributes == nil ) {
        pAttributes = [super accessibilityParameterizedAttributeNames];
        pAttributes = [pAttributes mutableCopy];
       NSArray *appendAttributes =
          @[NSAccessibilityLineForIndexParameterizedAttribute,
           NSAccessibilityRangeForLineParameterizedAttribute,
           NSAccessibilityStringForRangeParameterizedAttribute,
           NSAccessibilityAttributedStringForRangeParameterizedAttribute,
           NSAccessibilityBoundsForRangeParameterizedAttribute];
        for ( NSString *attribute in appendAttributes ) {
            if ( ![pAttributes containsObject:attribute] )
                [pAttributes addObject:attribute];
    return pAttributes;
```

String for range

String for range

Attributed string for range

Line for index

Range for line

Bounds for range

Call super!

```
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```

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Custom Stepper



Incrementor Accessibility

Role	Increment
Role Description	Decrement
Size	
Position	
Enabled	
Focused	
Parent	
Top-Level UIElement	
Title or Description	
Window	
Children	
Increment Button	
Decrement Button	

Incrementor Accessibility

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Role	Increment
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Position	
Enabled	
Focused	
Parent	
Top-Level UIElement	
Title or Description	
Window	
Children	
Increment Button	

Decrement Button

Incrementor Accessibility

Attributes

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Role	Increment
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Title or Description	
Children	
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Not Ignored

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Supported Attributes

```
- (id)accessibilityAttributeValue:(NSString *)attribute {
   id value = nil;
   ...
   return value;
```

Role

Role

```
- (id)accessibilityAttributeValue:(NSString *)attribute {
   id value = nil;
   ...

if ( [attribute isEqualToString:NSAccessibilityRoleAttribute] ) {
     value = NSAccessibilityIncrementorRole;
   }

...
   return value;
}
```

Children

Increment button

Decrement button

Description

Call super!

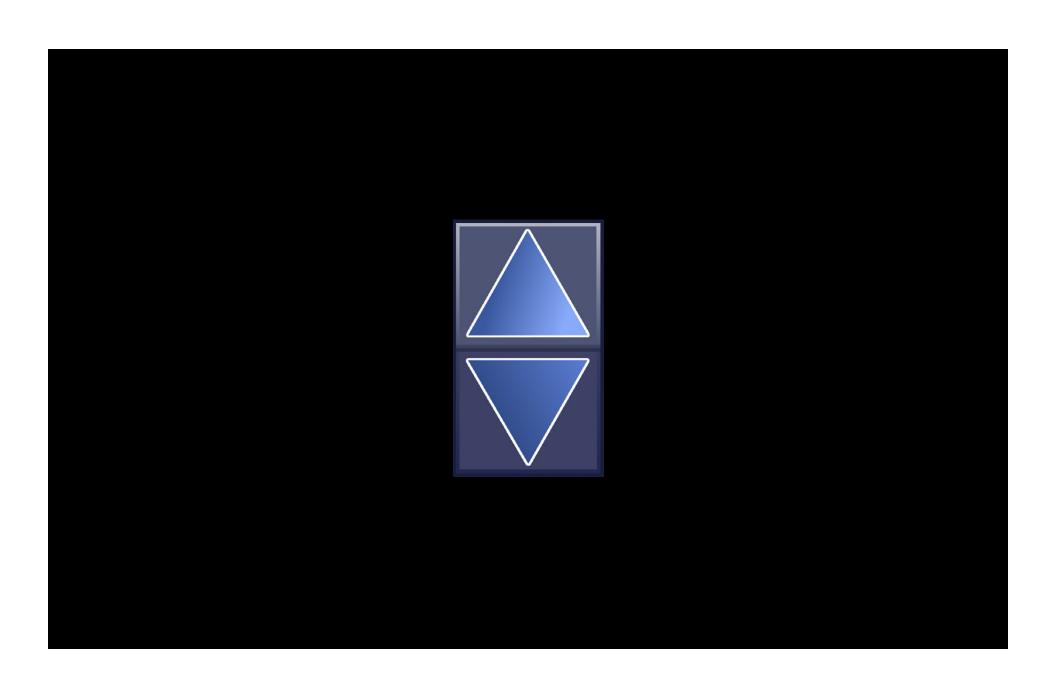
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      return [super accessibilityAttributeValue:attribute];
   }
   ...
   return value;
}
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Supported Actions

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- (NSArray *)accessibilityActionNames {
    static NSMutableArray *actions = nil;
    if ( actions == nil ) {
        actions = [[super accessibilityActionNames] mutableCopy];
        if ( ![actions containsObject:NSAccessibilityIncrementAction] )
            [actions addObject:NSAccessibilityIncrementAction];
        if ( ![actions containsObject:NSAccessibilityDecrementAction] )
            [actions addObject:NSAccessibilityDecrementAction];
    }
    return actions;
}
```

Perform Action

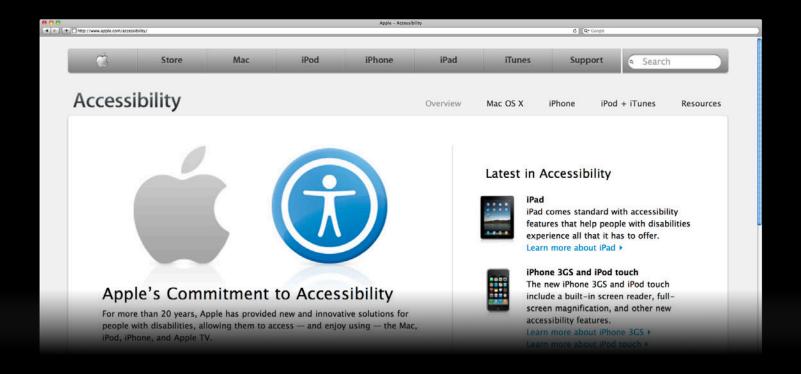
```
- (void)accessibilityPerformAction:(NSString *)action {
    if ([action isEqualToString: NSAccessibilityIncrementAction]) {
        [self performIncrement];
    }
    else if ([action isEqualToString: NSAccessibilityDecrementAction]) {
        [self performDecrement];
    }
    else {
        [super accessibilityPerformAction:action];
    }
}
```



Demo

Accessibility Web Page

http://www.apple.com/accessibility



More Information

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Accessibility Mailing List

Public Developer List accessibility-dev@lists.apple.com

Documentation

http://developer.apple.com/wwdc

Apple Developer Forums

http://devforums.apple.com

Related Sessions

Russian Hill Wednesday 9:00AM
Russian Hill Thursday 9:00AM

Labs

Accessibility and Speech Lab

App Services Lab B Wednesday 11:30AM

Summary



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