







Framework

Core Motion

Process accelerometer, gyroscope, pedometer, and environment-related events.

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iOS 4.0+

watchOS 2.0+

Overview

Core Motion reports motion- and environment-related data from the onboard hardware of iOS devices, including from the accelerometers, gyroscopes, pedometers, magnetometers, and barometers. You use this framework to access hardware-generated data so that you can use it in your app. For example, a game might use accelerometer and gyroscope data to control onscreen game behavior.

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Many services of this framework let you access both the raw values recorded by the hardware and a processed version of those values. Processed values do not include forms of bias that might adversely affect how you use that data. For example, a processed accelerometer value reflects only the acceleration caused by the user and not the acceleration caused by gravity.

Important

An iOS app linked on or after iOS 10.0 must include usage description keys in its Info.plist file for the types of data it needs. Failure to include these keys will cause the app to



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Class

CMMotionManager

The object for starting and managing motion services.

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Note

Methods, properties, and data types for processing magnetometer data were introduced in iOS 5.0.

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You use a `CMMotionManager` object to access accelerometer data, rotation-rate data, magnetometer data, and other device-motion data. These types of data originate with a device's accelerometers and (on some models) its magnetometer and gyroscope. After creating an instance of `CMMotionManager`, an app can use it to receive four types of motion: raw accelerometer data, raw gyroscope data, raw magnetometer data, and processed device-motion data (which includes accelerometer, rotation-rate, and attitude measurements). The processed device-motion data provided by Core Motion's sensor fusion algorithms gives the device's attitude, rotation rate, calibrated magnetic fields, the direction of gravity, and the acceleration the user is imparting to the device.



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9 import UIKit
10 import CoreMotion
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12 class ViewController: UIViewController {
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14     @IBOutlet weak var xLabel: UILabel!
15     @IBOutlet weak var yLabel: UILabel!
16     @IBOutlet weak var zLabel: UILabel!
17
18     var motionManager: CMMotionManager!
19
20     override func viewDidLoad() {
21         super.viewDidLoad()
22         motionManager = CMMotionManager()
23         motionManager.startAccelerometerUpdates(to: .main, withHandler: updateLabels)
24     }
25
26     func updateLabels(data: CMAccelerometerData?, error: Error?) {
27         guard let accelerometerData = data else { return }
28
29         let formatter = NumberFormatter()
30         formatter.minimumFractionDigits = 1
31         formatter.maximumFractionDigits = 1
32
33         let x = formatter.string(for: accelerometerData.acceleration.x)!
34         let y = formatter.string(for: accelerometerData.acceleration.y)!
35         let z = formatter.string(for: accelerometerData.acceleration.z)!
36
37         xLabel.text = "X: \(x)"
38         yLabel.text = "Y: \(y)"
39         zLabel.text = "Z: \(z)"
40     }
41
42 }
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