

Class

# UIBarButtonItem

A bar button item is a button specialized for placement on a **UIToolbar** or **UINavigationController** object. It inherits basic button behavior from its abstract superclass, **UIBarButtonItem**. The **UIBarButtonItem** defines additional initialization methods and properties for use on toolbars and navigation bars.

## Language

Swift

Objective-C

## SDKs

iOS 2.0+

tvOS 2.0+

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## Overview

You typically use Interface Builder to create and configure bar button items.

## Customizing Appearance

You use the methods listed in Customizing Appearance to customize the appearance of buttons. You send the setter messages to the appearance proxy (`[UIBarButtonItem appearance]`) to customize all buttons, or to a specific **UIBarButtonItem** instance. You may use customized buttons in standard places in a **UINavigationController** object (`backBarButtonItem`, `leftBarButtonItem`, `rightBarButtonItem`) or a **UIToolbar** instance.

In general, you should specify a value for the normal state to be used by other states which don't have a custom value set. Similarly, when a property is dependent on the bar metrics (on iPhone, in landscape orientation bars have a different height from standard), you should specify a value of `default`.

For more information about appearance and behavior configuration, see [Toolbars](#).

## Symbols

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### Initializing an Item

```
init(barButtonItem: UIBarButtonItem, target: Any?, action: Selector?)
```

Initializes a new item containing the specified system item.

```
init(customView: UIView)
```

Initializes a new item using the specified custom view.

```
init(image: UIImage?, style: UIBarButtonItemStyle, target: Any?, action: Selector?)
```

Initializes a new item using the specified image and other properties.

```
init(title: String?, style: UIBarButtonItemStyle, target: Any?, action: Selector?)
```

Initializes a new item using the specified title and other properties.

```
init(image: UIImage?, landscapeImagePhone: UIImage?, style: UIBarButtonItemStyle, target: Any?, action: Selector?)
```

Initializes a new item using the specified images and other properties.

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## Getting and Setting Properties

```
var target: AnyObject?
```

The object that receives an action when the item is selected.

```
var action: Selector?
```

The selector defining the action message to send to the target object when the user taps this bar button item.

```
var style: UIBarButtonItemStyle
```

The style of the item.

```
var possibleTitles: Set<String>?
```

The set of possible titles to display on the bar button.

```
var width: CGFloat
```

The width of the item.

```
var customView: UIView?
```

A custom view representing the item.

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## Customizing Appearance

```
var tintColor: UIColor?
```

The tint color to apply to the button item.

```
func backButtonBackgroundImage(for: UIControlState, barMetrics: UIBarMetrics)
```

Returns the back button background image for a given control state and bar metrics.

```
func setBackButtonBackgroundImage(UIImage?, for: UIControlState, barMetrics: UIBarMetrics)
```

Sets the back button background image for a given control state and bar metrics

```
func backButtonTitlePositionAdjustment(for: UIBarMetrics)
```

Returns the back button title offset for given bar metrics.

```
func setBackButtonTitlePositionAdjustment(UIOffset, for: UIBarMetrics)
```

Sets the back button title offset for given bar metrics

```
func backButtonBackgroundVerticalPositionAdjustment(for: UIBarMetrics)
```

Returns the back button vertical position offset for given bar metrics.

```
func setBackButtonBackgroundVerticalPositionAdjustment(CGFloat, for: UIBarMetrics)
```

Sets the back button vertical position offset for given bar metrics.

```
func backgroundVerticalPositionAdjustment(for: UIBarMetrics)
```

Returns the background vertical position offset for given bar metrics.

```
func setBackgroundVerticalPositionAdjustment(CGFloat, for: UIBarMetrics)
```

Sets the background vertical position offset for given bar metrics.

```
func backgroundImage(for: UIControlState, barMetrics: UIBarMetrics)
```

Returns the background image for a given state and bar metrics.

```
func setBackgroundImage(UIImage?, for: UIControlState, barMetrics: UIBarMetrics)
```

Sets the background image for a given state and bar metrics.

```
func backgroundImage(for: UIControlState, style: UIBarButtonItemStyle, barMetrics: UIBarMetrics)
```

Returns the background image for the specified state, style, and metrics.

```
func setBackgroundImage(UIImage?, for: UIControlState, style: UIBarButtonItemStyle, barMetrics: UIBarMetrics)
```

Sets the background image for the specified state, style, and metrics.

```
func titlePositionAdjustment(for: UIBarMetrics)
```

Returns the title offset for given bar metrics.

```
func setTitlePositionAdjustment(UIOffset, for: UIBarMetrics)
```

Sets the title offset for given bar metrics.

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## Getting the Shortcuts Group Information

```
var buttonGroup: UIBarButtonItemGroup?
```

The group on the shortcuts bar to which the button belongs.

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## Constants

```
UIBarButtonItem
```

Defines system-supplied images for bar button items.

## UIBarButtonItemStyle

Specifies the style of a item.

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### Initializers

`init()`

`init?(coder: NSCoder)`

## Relationships

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### Inherits From

`UIBarButtonItem`

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### Conforms To

- `CVarArg`
- `Equatable`
- `Hashable`
- `NSCoding`
- `UIAccessibilityIdentification`