



# BiquadFilterNode

The `BiquadFilterNode` interface represents a simple low-order filter, and is created using the [BaseAudioContext/createBiquadFilter](#) method. It is an [AudioNode](#) that can represent different kinds of filters, tone control devices, and graphic equalizers. A `BiquadFilterNode` always has exactly one input and one output.

| Number of inputs                       |
|--|
| 1                                      |
| Number of outputs                      |
| 1                                      |
| Channel count mode                     |
| "max"                                  |
| Channel count                          |
| 2 (not used in the default count mode) |
| Channel interpretation                 |
| "speakers"                             |

## Constructor

### [BiquadFilterNode\(\)](#)

Creates a new instance of a `BiquadFilterNode` object.

## Properties

*Inherits properties from its parent, [AudioNode](#).*

**Note:** Though the `AudioParam` objects returned are read-only, the values they represent are not.

### **`BiquadFilterNode.frequency`**    Read only

Is an [a-rate `AudioParam`](#), a double representing a frequency in the current filtering algorithm measured in hertz (Hz).

### **`BiquadFilterNode.detune`**    Read only

Is an [a-rate `AudioParam`](#) representing detuning of the frequency in [cents](#).

### **`BiquadFilterNode.Q`**    Read only

Is an [a-rate `AudioParam`](#), a double representing a [Q factor](#), or *quality factor*.

### **`BiquadFilterNode.gain`**    Read only

Is an [a-rate `AudioParam`](#), a double representing the [gain](#) used in the current filtering algorithm.

### **`BiquadFilterNode.type`**

Is a string value defining the kind of filtering algorithm the node is implementing.

**The meaning of the different parameters depending of the type of the filter (detune has the same meaning regardless, so isn't listed below)**

| type            | Description  | frequency             | Q   | gain            |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------|---|-----------------|
| <b>lowpass</b>  | Standard second-order resonant lowpass filter with 12dB/octave rolloff. Frequencies below the cutoff pass through; frequencies above it are attenuated.  | The cutoff frequency. | Indicates how peaked the frequency is around the cutoff. The greater the value is, the greater is the peak. | <i>Not used</i> |
| <b>highpass</b> | Standard second-order resonant highpass filter with 12dB/octave rolloff. Frequencies below the cutoff are attenuated; frequencies above it pass through. | The cutoff frequency. | Indicates how peaked the frequency is around the cutoff. The greater the value, the greater the peak.       | <i>Not used</i> |

| <b>type</b> | <b>Description</b> | <b>frequency</b> | <b>Q</b> | <b>gain</b> |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|-------------|
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| <b>bandpass</b>  | Standard second-order bandpass filter. Frequencies outside the given range of frequencies are attenuated; the frequencies inside it pass through.     | The center of the range of frequencies.                               | Controls the width of the frequency band. The greater the Q value, the smaller the frequency band. | <i>Not used</i>  |
| <b>lowshelf</b>  | Standard second-order lowshelf filter. Frequencies lower than the frequency get a boost, or an attenuation; frequencies over it are unchanged.        | The upper limit of the frequencies getting a boost or an attenuation. | <i>Not used</i>  | The boost, in dB, to be applied; if negative, it will be an attenuation. |
| <b>highshelf</b> | Standard second-order highshelf filter. Frequencies higher than the frequency get a boost or an attenuation; frequencies lower than it are unchanged. | The lower limit of the frequencies getting a boost or an attenuation. | <i>Not used</i>  | The boost, in dB, to be applied; if negative, it will be an attenuation. |
| <b>peaking</b>   | Frequencies inside the range get a boost or an attenuation; frequencies outside it are unchanged.   | The middle of the frequency range getting a boost or an attenuation.  | Controls the width of the frequency band. The greater the Q value, the smaller the frequency band. | The boost, in dB, to be applied; if negative, it will be an attenuation. |

| type | Description | frequency | Q | gain |
|------|-------------|-----------|---|------|
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| notch   | Standard <a href="#">notch</a> filter, also called a <i>band-stop</i> or <i>band-rejection</i> filter. It is the opposite of a bandpass filter: frequencies outside the give range of frequencies pass through; frequencies inside it are attenuated. | The center of the range of frequencies.  | Controls the width of the frequency band. The greater the Q value, the smaller the frequency band.   | <i>Not used</i> |
| allpass | Standard second-order <a href="#">allpass</a> filter. It lets all frequencies through, but changes the phase-relationship between the various frequencies.  | The frequency with the maximal <a href="#">group delay</a> , that is, the frequency where the center of the phase transition occurs. | Controls how sharp the transition is at the medium frequency. The larger this parameter is, the sharper and larger the transition will be. | <i>Not used</i> |

## Methods

Inherits methods from its parent, [AudioNode](#) .

### [BiquadFilterNode.getFrequencyResponse\(\)](#)

From the current filter parameter settings this method calculates the frequency response for frequencies specified in the provided array of frequencies.

## Example

See [AudioContext.createBiquadFilter](#) for example code that shows how to use an `AudioContext` to create a Biquad filter node.

## Specifications

| Specification   |
|---|
| <a href="#">Web Audio API</a><br><a href="#"># BiquadFilterNode</a> |

## Browser compatibility

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| BiquadFilterNode                               |       |
|--|-------|
| Chrome   | 14    |
| Edge   | 12    |
| Firefox  | 25    |
| Internet Explorer                              | No    |
| Opera  | 15    |
| Safari   | 6     |
| WebView Android                                | 4.4.3 |
| Chrome Android                                 | 18    |
| Firefox for Android                            | 25    |
| Opera Android                                  | 14    |
| Safari on iOS                                  | 6     |
| Samsung Internet                               | 1.0   |
| <a href="#">BiquadFilterNode()</a> constructor |       |
| Chrome   | 55    |
| Edge   | 79    |
| Firefox  | 53    |
| Internet Explorer                              | No    |
| Opera  | 42    |

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|---------------------|------|
| Safari              | 14.1 |
| WebView Android     | 55   |
| Chrome Android      | 55   |
| Firefox for Android | 53   |
| Opera Android       | 42   |
| Safari on iOS       | 14.5 |
| Samsung Internet    | 6.0  |

[Q](#)

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Chrome                   | 14        |
| Edge                     | 12        |
| Firefox                  | 25        |
| <b>Internet Explorer</b> | <b>No</b> |
| Opera                    | 15        |
| Safari                   | 6         |
| WebView Android          | 4.4.3     |
| Chrome Android           | 18        |
| Firefox for Android      | 25        |
| Opera Android            | 14        |
| Safari on iOS            | 6         |
| Samsung Internet         | 1.0       |

[detune](#)

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Chrome                   | 14        |
| Edge                     | 12        |
| Firefox                  | 25        |
| <b>Internet Explorer</b> | <b>No</b> |
| Opera                    | 15        |
| Safari                   | 6         |
| WebView Android          | 37        |
| Chrome Android           | 18        |

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Firefox for Android | 25  |
| Opera Android       | 14  |
| Safari on iOS       | 6   |
| Samsung Internet    | 1.0 |

### [frequency](#)

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Chrome                   | 14        |
| Edge                     | 12        |
| Firefox                  | 25        |
| <b>Internet Explorer</b> | <b>No</b> |
| Opera                    | 15        |
| Safari                   | 6         |
| WebView Android          | 4.4.3     |
| Chrome Android           | 18        |
| Firefox for Android      | 25        |
| Opera Android            | 14        |
| Safari on iOS            | 6         |
| Samsung Internet         | 1.0       |

### [gain](#)

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| Chrome                   | 14        |
| Edge                     | 12        |
| Firefox                  | 25        |
| <b>Internet Explorer</b> | <b>No</b> |
| Opera                    | 15        |
| Safari                   | 6         |
| WebView Android          | 4.4.3     |
| Chrome Android           | 18        |
| Firefox for Android      | 25        |
| Opera Android            | 14        |
| Safari on iOS            | 6         |

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Samsung Internet                     | 1.0       |
| <a href="#">getFrequencyResponse</a> |           |
| Chrome                               | 14        |
| Edge                                 | 12        |
| Firefox                              | 25        |
| <b>Internet Explorer</b>             | <b>No</b> |
| Opera                                | 15        |
| Safari                               | 6         |
| WebView Android                      | 4.4.3     |
| Chrome Android                       | 18        |
| Firefox for Android                  | 25        |
| Opera Android                        | 14        |
| Safari on iOS                        | 6         |
| Samsung Internet                     | 1.0       |
| <a href="#">type</a>                 |           |
| Chrome                               | 14        |
| Edge                                 | 12        |
| Firefox                              | 25        |
| <b>Internet Explorer</b>             | <b>No</b> |
| Opera                                | 15        |
| Safari                               | 6         |
| WebView Android                      | 4.4.3     |
| Chrome Android                       | 18        |
| Firefox for Android                  | 25        |
| Opera Android                        | 14        |
| Safari on iOS                        | 6         |
| Samsung Internet                     | 1.0       |

Full support





No support

See implementation notes.

## See also

- [Using the Web Audio API](#)

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