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## Structure

# MapCamera

Defines a virtual viewpoint above the map surface.

MapKit | SwiftUI | iOS 17.0+ | iPadOS 17.0+ | Mac Catalyst | macOS 14.0+ | tvOS 17.0+ | visionOS | watchOS 10.0+

```
struct MapCamera
```

## Overview

MapCamera allows you to specify the viewpoint of a [Map](#), as well as affect how MapKit presents the map to the user.

To create a map view with a 3D perspective, MapCamera takes input from the camera and device:

- The location of the camera on the map.
- The compass heading to indicate the camera's viewing direction.
- The pitch of the camera relative to the map perpendicular.
- The camera's distance from the target point.

## Topics

### Creating a map camera

```
init(MKMapCamera)
```

Creates a map camera from the given MapKit camera object.

```
init(centerCoordinate: CLLocationCoordinate2D, distance: Double,  
heading: Double, pitch: Double)
```

Creates a camera using the specified distance, pitch, and heading information.

## Accessing the camera properties

```
var centerCoordinate: CLLocationCoordinate2D
```

The map coordinate at the center of the map view.

```
var distance: Double
```

The distance from the center point of the map to the camera, in meters.

```
var heading: Double
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The heading of the camera, in degrees, relative to true North.

```
var pitch: Double
```

The viewing angle of the camera, in degrees.

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## Relationships

### Conforms To

Equatable

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### See Also

#### Map customization

```
struct MapCameraBounds
```

Defines an optional boundary of an area within which the map's center needs to remain.

```
struct MapCameraPosition
```

A structure that describes how to position the map's camera within the map.

```
struct MapCameraUpdateContext
```

A structure that defines additional information about the map camera.

```
struct MapCameraUpdateFrequency
```

A structure that describes when the map camera updates.