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API Collection

Audio Codec

Translate audio data from one format to another.

Topics

Initializing an Audio Codec

```
func AudioCodecInitialize(AudioCodec, UnsafePointer<AudioStreamBasicDescription>?, UnsafePointer<AudioStreamBasicDescription>?, UnsafeRawPointer?, UInt32) -> OSStatus
```

Sets up the specified codec to perform a data format translation.

```
func AudioCodecReset(AudioCodec) -> OSStatus
```

Flushes all the audio data in the codec and clears the input buffer.

```
func AudioCodecUninitialize(AudioCodec) -> OSStatus
```

Moves the codec from the initialized state back to the uninitialized state.

Configuring Buffers

```
func AudioCodecAppendInputBufferList(AudioCodec, UnsafePointer<AudioBufferList>, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>, UnsafePointer<AudioStreamPacketDescription>?, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>) -> OSStatus
```

```
func AudioCodecProduceOutputBufferList(AudioCodec, UnsafeMutablePointer<AudioBufferList>, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>, UnsafeMutablePointer<AudioStreamPacketDescription>?, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>) -> OSStatus
```

Accessing the Data

```
func AudioCodecAppendInputData(AudioCodec, UnsafeRawPointer, Unsafe  
MutablePointer<UInt32>, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>, UnsafePointer<  
AudioStreamPacketDescription>?) -> OSStatus
```

Appends audio data to the codec's input buffer.

```
func AudioCodecProduceOutputPackets(AudioCodec, UnsafeMutableRawPointer  
, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>, Unsafe  
MutablePointer<AudioStreamPacketDescription>?, UnsafeMutablePointer<  
UInt32>) -> OSStatus
```

Retrieves output data from a codec.

Accessing Codec Properties

```
func AudioCodecGetProperty(AudioCodec, AudioCodecPropertyID, Unsafe  
MutablePointer<UInt32>, UnsafeMutableRawPointer) -> OSStatus
```

Retrieves the value of a codec property.

```
func AudioCodecGetPropertyInfo(AudioCodec, AudioCodecPropertyID, Unsafe  
MutablePointer<UInt32>?, UnsafeMutablePointer<DarwinBoolean>?) ->  
OSStatus
```

Retrieves information about a codec property.

```
func AudioCodecSetProperty(AudioCodec, AudioCodecPropertyID, UInt32,  
UnsafeRawPointer) -> OSStatus
```

Sets the value of a codec property.

Codec Types

```
struct AudioCodecMagicCookieInfo
```

A structure holding magic cookie information needed by some codecs.

```
struct AudioCodecPrimeInfo
```

A structure specifying the number of leading and trailing empty frames to be inserted.

```
typealias AudioCodec
```

An instance of a Component Manager component.

```
typealias AudioCodecAppendInputBufferListProc
```

```
typealias AudioCodecAppendInputDataProc  
typealias AudioCodecGetPropertyInfoProc  
typealias AudioCodecGetPropertyProc  
typealias AudioCodecInitializeProc  
typealias AudioCodecProduceOutputBufferListProc  
typealias AudioCodecProduceOutputPacketsProc  
typealias AudioCodecPropertyID  
An integer identifying an audio codec property.  
typealias AudioCodecResetProc  
typealias AudioCodecSetPropertyProc  
typealias AudioCodecUninitializeProc
```

Audio Settings

```
struct AudioSettingsFlags  
  
var kAudioSettings_AvailableValues: String  
var kAudioSettings_CurrentValue: String  
var kAudioSettings_Hint: String  
var kAudioSettings_LimitedValues: String  
var kAudioSettings_Parameters: String  
var kAudioSettings_SettingKey: String  
var kAudioSettings_SettingName: String  
var kAudioSettings_Summary: String  
var kAudioSettings_TopLevelKey: String  
var kAudioSettings_Unit: String  
var kAudioSettings_ValueType: String  
var kAudioSettings_Version: String
```

Enumerations

- ☰ Output Status Constants

Status values returned from the [AudioCodecProduceOutputPackets\(: : : : : \)](#) function.
- ☰ Program Target Levels
- ☰ Dynamic Range Control Modes
- ☰ Bit Rate Control Mode Constants

Bit rate control modes to be used with `kAudioCodecPropertyBitRateControlMode`.
- ☰ Global Codec Properties

These read-only properties disclose the capabilities of the codec and remain the same for all instances of the codec.
- ☰ Instance Codec Properties

Properties that can be set or read on an instance of the audio codec.
- ☰ Audio Codec Priming Method Constants

Values used with `kAudioCodecPropertyPrimeMethod`.
- ☰ Audio Codec Quality Constants

Sound quality settings to be used with the property `kAudioCodecPropertyQualitySetting`.
- ☰ Audio Codec Routine Selectors

Selectors used by the Component Manager to call routines implemented by the codec and exposed to developers through the Audio Codec Services API. These selectors are for use by codec developers; if you are calling Audio Codec Services functions, you don't need to use these constants.
- ☰ Audio Codec Delays
- ☰ Audio Codec Delay Modes
- ☰ Audio Codec Properties
- ☰ Audio Codec Errors

See Also

Utilities

Analyzing audio performance with Instruments

Ensure a smooth and immersive audio experience in your apps using Audio System Trace.

Audio Converter Services

Convert between linear PCM audio formats, and between linear PCM and compressed formats.

Audio Session Support

Describe the properties that you associate with audio sessions and audio routes.

Audio Toolbox Debugging

Obtain the internal state of Core Audio objects during the development and debugging of your code.

Workgroup Management

Coordinate the activity of custom real-time audio threads with those of the system and other processes.

Clock Utilities

Manage time-related information associated with audio playback.