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Structure

SHA256

An implementation of Secure Hashing Algorithm 2 (SHA-2) hashing with a 256-bit digest.

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```
struct SHA256
```

Overview

The [SHA256](#) hash implements the [HashFunction](#) protocol for the specific case of SHA-2 hashing with a 256-bit digest ([SHA256Digest](#)). Larger digests take more space but are more secure.

You can compute the digest by calling the `hash(data:)` method once. Alternatively, if the data that you want to hash is too large to fit in memory, you can compute the digest iteratively by creating a new hash instance, calling the `update(data:)` method repeatedly with blocks of data, and then calling the [finalize\(\)](#) method to get the result.

Topics

Specifying the output type

```
typealias Digest
```

The digest type for a SHA256 hash function.

```
struct SHA256Digest
```

The output of a Secure Hashing Algorithm 2 (SHA-2) hash with a 256-bit digest.

Computing a hash iteratively

```
init()
```

Creates a SHA256 hash function.

```
func update(bufferPointer: UnsafeRawBufferPointer)
```

Incrementally updates the hash function with the contents of the buffer.

```
func finalize() -> SHA256.Digest
```

Finalizes the hash function and returns the computed digest.

Inspecting hash information

```
static let byteCount: Int
```

The number of bytes in a SHA256 digest.

```
static let blockByteCount: Int
```

The number of bytes that represents the hash function's internal state.

Relationships

Conforms To

Copyable

HashFunction

Sendable

SendableMetatype

See Also

Cryptographically secure hashes

`protocol HashFunction`

A type that performs cryptographically secure hashing.

`struct SHA512`

An implementation of Secure Hashing Algorithm 2 (SHA-2) hashing with a 512-bit digest.

`struct SHA384`

An implementation of Secure Hashing Algorithm 2 (SHA-2) hashing with a 384-bit digest.