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API Collection

Audio Converter Services

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

Overview

Audio converter objects convert between various linear PCM audio formats. They can also convert between linear PCM and compressed formats. Supported transformations include the following:

- PCM bit depth
- PCM sample rate
- PCM floating point to and from PCM integer
- PCM interleaved to and from PCM deinterleaved
- PCM to and from compressed formats

A single audio converter may perform more than one of the listed transformations.

Topics

Managing Audio Converter Objects

```
func AudioConverterNew(UnsafePointer<AudioStreamBasicDescription>,
    UnsafePointer<AudioStreamBasicDescription>, UnsafeMutablePointer<Audio
    ConverterRef?>) -> OSStatus
```

Creates a new audio converter object based on specified audio formats.

```
func AudioConverterNewSpecific(UnsafePointer<AudioStreamBasicDescription>, UnsafePointer<AudioStreamBasicDescription>, UInt32, UnsafePointer<AudioClassDescription>, UnsafeMutablePointer<AudioConverterRef?>) -> OSStatus
```

Creates a new audio converter object using a specified codec.

```
func AudioConverterReset(AudioConverterRef) -> OSStatus
```

Resets an audio converter object, clearing and flushing its buffers.

```
func AudioConverterDispose(AudioConverterRef) -> OSStatus
```

Disposes of an audio converter object.

Configuring Audio Converter Properties

```
func AudioConverterGetProperty(AudioConverterRef, AudioConverterPropertyID, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>, UnsafeMutableRawPointer) -> OSStatus
```

Gets an audio converter property value.

```
func AudioConverterGetPropertyInfo(AudioConverterRef, AudioConverterPropertyID, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>?, UnsafeMutablePointer<DarwinBoolean>?) -> OSStatus
```

Gets information about an audio converter property.

```
func AudioConverterSetProperty(AudioConverterRef, AudioConverterPropertyID, UInt32, UnsafeRawPointer) -> OSStatus
```

Sets the value of an audio converter object property.

Performing Conversions

{} Encoding and decoding audio

Convert audio formats to efficiently manage data and quality.

```
func AudioConverterConvertBuffer(AudioConverterRef, UInt32, UnsafeRawPointer, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>, UnsafeMutableRawPointer) -> OSStatus
```

Converts audio data from one linear PCM format to another.

```
func AudioConverterFillComplexBuffer(AudioConverterRef, AudioConverterComplexInputDataProc, UnsafeMutableRawPointer?, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>, UnsafeMutablePointer<AudioBufferList>, UnsafeMutablePointer<AudioStreamPacketDescription>?) -> OSStatus
```

Converts audio data supplied by a callback function, supporting non-interleaved and packetized formats.

```
func AudioConverterConvertComplexBuffer(AudioConverterRef, UInt32, UnsafePointer<AudioBufferList>, UnsafeMutablePointer<AudioBufferList>) -> OSStatus
```

Converts audio data from one linear PCM format to another, where both use the same sample rate.

Callbacks

```
 typealias AudioConverterComplexInputDataProc
```

Supplies input data to the [AudioConverterFillComplexBuffer\(: : : : : \)](#) function.

```
 typealias AudioConverterInputDataProc
```

Deprecated. Use [AudioConverterFillComplexBuffer\(: : : : : \)](#) instead.

Data Types

```
 struct AudioConverterPrimeInfo
```

Specifies priming information for an audio converter.

```
 typealias AudioConverterRef
```

A reference to an audio converter object.

```
 typealias AudioConverterPropertyID
```

An audio converter property identifier.

Constants

☰ Audio Converter Properties

Audio converter properties, used with the [AudioConverterGetPropertyInfo\(: : : : : \)](#), [AudioConverterGetProperty\(: : : : \)](#), and [AudioConverterSetProperty\(: : : : \)](#) functions.

- ⌵ Converter Priming Constants
Constants used with the kAudioConverterPrimeMethod property.
- ⌵ Sample Rate Conversion Quality Identifiers
Specifiers for sample rate conversion quality, used for the kAudioConverterSampleRateConverterQuality property.
- ⌵ Sample Rate Conversion Complexity Identifiers
Specifiers for the sample rate conversion algorithm, used for the kAudioConverterSampleRateConverterComplexity property.

Enumerations

- ⌵ Converter Audio Unit Properties
Properties for the Apple AUConverter audio unit.
- ⌵ Converter Audio Unit Subtypes
Audio data format converter audio unit subtypes for audio units provided by Apple.
- ⌵ Audio Converter Dithering Algorithms
- ⌵ Audio Converter Properties (macOS)
- ⌵ Audio Converter Errors

Result Codes

This table lists result codes defined for Audio Converter Services.

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var kAudioConverterErr_FormatNotSupported: OSStatus
var kAudioConverterErr_OperationNotSupported: OSStatus
var kAudioConverterErr_PropertyNotSupported: OSStatus
var kAudioConverterErr_InvalidInputSize: OSStatus
var kAudioConverterErr_InvalidOutputSize: OSStatus
 The byte size is not an integer multiple of the frame size.
var kAudioConverterErr_UnspecifiedError: OSStatus
var kAudioConverterErr_BadPropertySizeError: OSStatus
var kAudioConverterErr_RequiresPacketDescriptionsError: OSStatus
```

`var kAudioConverterErr_InputSampleRateOutOfRange: OSStatus`

`var kAudioConverterErr_OutputSampleRateOutOfRange: OSStatus`

`var kAudioConverterErr_HardwareInUse: OSStatus`

Returned from the [AudioConverterFillComplexBuffer\(\\_:\\_:\\_:\\_:\\_:\\_\)](#) function if the underlying hardware codec has become unavailable, probably due to an audio interruption.

`var kAudioConverterErr_NoHardwarePermission: OSStatus`

Returned from the [AudioConverterNew\(\\_:\\_:\\_\)](#) function if the new converter would use a hardware codec which the application does not have permission to use.

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## See Also

### Utilities

#### Analyzing audio performance with Instruments

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

#### 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.

#### Audio Codec

Translate audio data from one format to another.

#### Clock Utilities

Manage time-related information associated with audio playback.