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Initializer

# init(cgImage:cgImageFormat:pixelFormat:)

Returns a new pixel buffer initialized from a Core Graphics image.

iOS 16.0+ | iPadOS 16.0+ | Mac Catalyst | macOS 13.0+ | tvOS 16.0+ | visionOS | watchOS 9.0+

```
init(  
    cgImage: CGImage,  
    cgImageFormat: inout vImage_CGImageFormat,  
    pixelFormat: Format.Type = Format.self  
) throws
```

Available when `Format` conforms to `InitializableFromCGImage` and `StaticPixelFormat`.

## Parameters

### cgImage

The source image.

### cgImageFormat

The format of the image. Pass an empty `vImage_CGImageFormat` to specify that the function populates `cgImageFormat` with the properties of the image. Pass a populated `vImage_CGImageFormat` to specify that the function converts the image data to the format you specify.

### pixelFormat

The pixel format of the initialized buffer.

# Mentioned in

- Converting bitmap data between Core Graphics images and vImage buffers
- Optimizing image-processing performance

## Discussion

For example, the following code creates a single-channel, 8-bit per pixel buffer from a `CGImage` of unknown bit depth.

When you pass a populated `cgImageFormat`, the `init(cgImage:cgImageFormat:pixelFormat:)` initializer performs the conversion from the `CGImage` instance's format to the `vImage_CGImageFormat` that you specify.

Note the `bitsPerComponent`, `bitsPerPixel`, `colorSpace`, and `bitmapInfo`.

```
let cgImage = [ ... ]  
  
let pixelFormat = vImage.Planar8.self  
  
var imageFormat = vImage_CGImageFormat(  
    bitsPerComponent: pixelFormat.bitsPerComponent, // 8  
    bitsPerPixel: pixelFormat.bitsPerPixel,           // 8  
    colorSpace: CGColorSpaceCreateDeviceGray(),  
    bitmapInfo: CGBitmapInfo(rawValue: CGImageAlphaInfo.none.rawValue))!  
  
let buffer = vImage.PixelBuffer(  
    cgImage: cgImage,  
    cgImageFormat: &imageFormat,  
    pixelFormat: pixelFormat)
```

The following code shows a similar workflow, but it creates a 32-bit per channel RGBA buffer:

```
let cgImage = [ ... ]  
  
let pixelFormat = vImage.InterleavedFx4.self  
  
var imageFormat = vImage_CGImageFormat(  
    bitsPerComponent: pixelFormat.bitsPerComponent, // 32  
    bitsPerPixel: pixelFormat.bitsPerPixel,           // 32 * 4  
    colorSpace: CGColorSpaceCreateDeviceRGB(),  
    bitmapInfo: CGBitmapInfo(rawValue:
```

```
kCGBitmapByteOrder32Host.rawValue |  
CGBitmapInfo.floatComponents.rawValue |  
CGImageAlphaInfo.noneSkipLast.rawValue))  
  
let buffer = vImage.PixelBuffer(  
    cgImage: cgImage,  
    cgImageFormat: &imageFormat,  
    pixelFormat: pixelFormat)
```

If you pass an empty `cgImageFormat`, the `init(cgImage:cgImageFormat:pixelFormat:)` initializer populates the `vImage_CGImageFormat` with the properties of the `CGImage` instance. For example, the following code initializes a pixel buffer from a 8-bit-per-channel, 4-channel RGB image:

```
let cgImage = [ ... ]  
  
var cgImageFormat = vImage_CGImageFormat()  
  
let buffer = try vImage.PixelBuffer(  
    cgImage: cgImage,  
    cgImageFormat: &cgImageFormat,  
    pixelFormat: vImage.Interleaved8x4.self)  
  
// Prints "8 32 1 (`CGColorSpaceModel.rgb.rawValue`)".  
print(cgImageFormat.bitsPerComponent,  
      cgImageFormat.bitsPerPixel,  
      cgImageFormat.colorSpace.takeRetainedValue().model.rawValue)
```

### Important

If you specify a populated `vImage_CGImageFormat`, its bits per component and bits per pixel must match those of the buffer's `pixelFormat`. If you specify an empty `vImage_CGImageFormat`, the bits per component and bits per pixel of the `CGImage` must match those of the buffer's `pixelFormat`.