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## Article

# `allocWithZone:`

Returns an instance of the `NSMachPort` class.



## Overview

For backward compatibility on Mach, `doc:nsport/1807189-allocwithzone` returns an instance of the `NSMachPort` class when sent to the `NSPort` class. Otherwise, it returns an instance of a concrete subclass that can be used for messaging between threads or processes on the local machine, or, in the case of `NSSocketPort`, between processes on separate machines.

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## See Also

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