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API Collection

Audio File Services

Read or write a variety of audio data to or from disk or a memory buffer.

Overview

This document describes Audio File Services, a C programming interface that enables you to read or write a wide variety of audio data to or from disk or a memory buffer.

With Audio File Services you can:

- Create, initialize, open, and close audio files
- Read and write audio files
- Optimize audio files
- Work with user data and global information

Topics

Creating and Initializing Audio Files

```
func AudioFileCreateWithURL(CFURL, AudioFileTypeID, UnsafePointer<AudioStreamBasicDescription>, AudioFileFlags, UnsafeMutablePointer<AudioFileID?>) -> OSStatus
```

Creates a new audio file, or initializes an existing file, specified by a URL.

```
func AudioFileInitializeWithCallbacks(UnsafeMutableRawPointer, AudioFile_ReadOnlyProc, AudioFile_WriteProc, AudioFile_GetSizeProc, AudioFile_SetSizeProc, AudioFileTypeID, UnsafePointer<AudioStreamBasicDescription>, AudioFileFlags, UnsafeMutablePointer<AudioFileID?>) -> OSStatus
```

Deletes the content of an existing file and assigns callbacks to the audio file object.

Opening and Closing Audio Files

```
func AudioFileOpenURL(CFURL, AudioFilePermissions, AudioFileTypeID, UnsafeMutablePointer<AudioFileID?>) -> OSStatus
```

Open an existing audio file specified by a URL.

```
func AudioFileOpenWithCallbacks(UnsafeMutableRawPointer, AudioFile_ReadOnlyProc, AudioFile_WriteProc?, AudioFile_GetSizeProc, AudioFile_SetSizeProc?, AudioFileTypeID, UnsafeMutablePointer<AudioFileID?>) -> OSStatus
```

Opens an existing file with callbacks you provide.

```
func AudioFileClose(AudioFileID) -> OSStatus
```

Closes an audio file.

Reading and Writing Audio Files

```
func AudioFileReadBytes(AudioFileID, Bool, Int64, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>, UnsafeMutableRawPointer) -> OSStatus
```

Reads bytes of audio data from an audio file.

```
func AudioFileWriteBytes(AudioFileID, Bool, Int64, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>, UnsafeRawPointer) -> OSStatus
```

Writes bytes of audio data to an audio file.

```
func AudioFileReadPacketData(AudioFileID, Bool, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>, UnsafeMutablePointer<AudioStreamPacketDescription?>, Int64, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>, UnsafeMutableRawPointer?) -> OSStatus
```

Reads packets of audio data from an audio file.

```
func AudioFileWritePackets(AudioFileID, Bool, UInt32, UnsafePointer<AudioStreamPacketDescription?>, Int64, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>, UnsafeRawPointer) -> OSStatus
```

Writes packets of audio data to an audio data file.

Getting and Setting Audio File Properties

```
func AudioFileGetProperty(AudioFileID, AudioFilePropertyID, Unsafe  
MutablePointer<UInt32>, UnsafeMutableRawPointer) -> OSStatus
```

Gets the value of an audio file property.

```
func AudioFileGetPropertyInfo(AudioFileID, AudioFilePropertyID, Unsafe  
MutablePointer<UInt32>?, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>?) -> OSStatus
```

Gets information about an audio file property, including the size of the property value and whether the value is writable.

```
func AudioFileSetProperty(AudioFileID, AudioFilePropertyID, UInt32,  
UnsafeRawPointer) -> OSStatus
```

Sets the value of an audio file property

Working with User Data

```
func AudioFileCountUserData(AudioFileID, UInt32, UnsafeMutablePointer<  
UInt32>) -> OSStatus
```

Gets the number of user data items with a specified ID in a file.

```
func AudioFileGetUserDataSize(AudioFileID, UInt32, UInt32, Unsafe  
MutablePointer<UInt32>) -> OSStatus
```

Gets the size of a user data item in an audio file.

```
func AudioFileGetUserDataSize64(AudioFileID, UInt32, UInt32, Unsafe  
MutablePointer<UInt64>) -> OSStatus
```

Gets the size of a user data item in an audio file.

```
func AudioFileGetUserData(AudioFileID, UInt32, UInt32, UnsafeMutable  
Pointer<UInt32>, UnsafeMutableRawPointer) -> OSStatus
```

Gets a chunk from an audio file.

```
func AudioFileGetUserDataAtOffset(AudioFileID, UInt32, UInt32, Int64,  
UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>, UnsafeMutableRawPointer) -> OSStatus
```

Gets part of the data from a chunk in an audio file.

```
func AudioFileSetUserData(AudioFileID, UInt32, UInt32, UInt32, Unsafe  
RawPointer) -> OSStatus
```

Sets a user data item in an audio file.

```
func AudioFileRemoveUserData(AudioFileID, UInt32, UInt32) -> OSStatus
```

Removes a user data item from an audio file.

Working with Global Information

```
func AudioFileGetGlobalInfoSize(AudioFilePropertyID, UInt32, UnsafeMutableRawPointer?, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>) -> OSStatus
```

Gets the size of a global audio file property.

```
func AudioFileGetGlobalInfo(AudioFilePropertyID, UInt32, UnsafeMutableRawPointer?, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>, UnsafeMutableRawPointer) -> OSStatus
```

Copies the value of a global property into a buffer.

Optimizing Audio Files

```
func AudioFileOptimize(AudioFileID) -> OSStatus
```

Consolidates audio data and performs other internal optimizations of the file structure.

Parsing Audio File Content

```
func NextAudioFileRegion(UnsafePointer<AudioFileRegion>) -> UnsafeMutablePointer<AudioFileRegion>
```

Finds the next audio file region in a region list.

```
func NumAudioFileMarkersToNumBytes(Int) -> Int
```

Returns the number of bytes corresponding to a specified number of audio file markers.

```
func NumBytesToNumAudioFileMarkers(Int) -> Int
```

A macro that returns the number of audio file markers represented by a specified number of bytes.

Callbacks

```
typealias AudioFile_ReadProc
```

Reads audio data when used in conjunction with the [AudioFileOpenWithCallbacks\(: : : : : : \)](#) or [AudioFileInitializeWithCallbacks\(: : : : : : : : \)](#) functions.)

```
typealias AudioFile_WriteProc
```

A callback for writing file data when used in conjunction with the [AudioFileOpenWithCallbacks\(...\)](#) or [AudioFileCreateWithURL\(...\)](#) functions.

`typealias AudioFile_GetSizeProc`

Gets file data size.

`typealias AudioFile_SetSizeProc`

Sets file data size.

Data Types

`struct AudioBytePacketTranslationFlags`

`struct AudioFileFlags`

`struct AudioFileRegionFlags`

Flags that specify a playback direction for an audio file region structure.

`struct AudioFileStreamParseFlags`

`struct AudioFileStreamPropertyFlags`

`struct AudioFileStreamSeekFlags`

`typealias AudioFileID`

An opaque data type that represents an audio file object.

`typealias AudioFilePropertyID`

An audio file property identifier.

`struct AudioFile_SMPTE_Time`

A data structure for describing SMPTE (Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers) time.

`struct AudioFileMarker`

Annotates a position in an audio file.

`struct AudioFileMarkerList`

A list of markers associated with an audio file, including their SMPTE time type, the number of markers, and the markers themselves.

`struct AudioFileRegion`

An audio file region specifies a segment of audio data.

```
struct AudioFileRegionList
```

A list of the audio file regions in a file.

```
struct AudioFramePacketTranslation
```

A structure that specifies frame and packet translations.

```
struct AudioBytePacketTranslation
```

A data structure used by the [kAudioFilePropertyByteToPacket](#) and [kAudioFilePropertyPacketToByte](#) properties.

```
struct AudioFilePacketTableInfo
```

Contains information about the number of valid frames in a file and where they begin and end.

```
struct AudioFileTypeAndFormatID
```

A specifier for the constant [kAudioFileGlobalInfo_AvailableStreamDescriptionsForFormat](#).

```
struct AudioIndependentPacketTranslation
```

```
struct AudioPacketDependencyInfoTranslation
```

```
struct AudioPacketRangeByteCountTranslation
```

```
struct AudioPacketRollDistanceTranslation
```

Enumerations

```
struct AudioBytePacketTranslationFlags
```

```
struct AudioFileFlags
```

```
enum AudioFilePermissions
```

Flags for use when opening an audio file.

```
struct AudioFileRegionFlags
```

Flags that specify a playback direction for an audio file region structure.

```
struct AudioFileStreamParseFlags
```

```
struct AudioFileStreamPropertyFlags
```

```
struct AudioFileStreamSeekFlags
```

Constants

```
typealias AudioFileTypeID
```

Operating system constants that indicate the type of file to be written or a hint about what type of file to expect from data provided.

☰ Audio File Creation Flags

Flags to set when creating an audio file.

```
enum AudioFilePermissions
```

Flags for use when opening an audio file.

☰ Audio File Loop Direction Constants

The playback direction of a looped segment of an audio file.

☰ Audio File Marker Types

A type of marker within a file used in the `mType` field of the [AudioFileMarker](#) structure.

```
struct AudioFileRegionFlags
```

Flags that specify a playback direction for an audio file region structure.

☰ Audio File Packet Translation Flags

Flags specified in a packet translation structure.

☰ Info String Keys

Key values of properties to get and set using Audio File Services functions and provide a common way to get the same information out of several different kinds of files.

☰ Audio File Properties

Properties used by the functions described in getting and setting pieces of data in audio files.

See [Working with Global Information](#) for details.

☰ Audio File Global Info Properties

Access these properties using the functions described in [Working with Global Information](#).

Result Codes

This table lists the result codes defined for Audio File Services.

```
var kAudioFileUnspecifiedError: OSStatus
```

An unspecified error has occurred.

```
var kAudioFileUnsupportedFileTypeError: OSStatus
```

The file type is not supported.

```
var kAudioFileUnsupportedDataFormatError: OSStatus
```

The data format is not supported by this file type.

```
var kAudioFileUnsupportedPropertyError: OSStatus
```

The property is not supported.

```
var kAudioFileBadPropertySizeError: OSStatus
```

The size of the property data was not correct.

```
var kAudioFilePermissionsError: OSStatus
```

The operation violated the file permissions. For example, an attempt was made to write to a file opened with the kAudioFileReadPermission constant.

```
var kAudioFileNotOptimizedError: OSStatus
```

The chunks following the audio data chunk are preventing the extension of the audio data chunk. To write more data, you must optimize the file.

```
var kAudioFileInvalidChunkError: OSStatus
```

Either the chunk does not exist in the file or it is not supported by the file.

```
var kAudioFileDoesNotAllow64BitDataSizeError: OSStatus
```

The file offset was too large for the file type. The AIFF and WAVE file format types have 32-bit file size limits.

```
var kAudioFileInvalidPacketOffsetError: OSStatus
```

A packet offset was past the end of the file, or not at the end of the file when a VBR format was written, or a corrupt packet size was read when the packet table was built.

```
var kAudioFileInvalidFileError: OSStatus
```

The file is malformed, or otherwise not a valid instance of an audio file of its type.

```
var kAudioFileOperationNotSupportedError: OSStatus
```

The operation cannot be performed.

```
var kAudioFileNotOpenError: OSStatus
```

The file is closed.

```
var kAudioFileEndOfFileError: OSStatus
```

End of file.

```
var kAudioFilePositionError: OSStatus
```

Invalid file position.

```
var kAudioFileFileNotFoundError: OSStatus
```

File not found.

See Also

Audio Files and Formats

- ☰ [Audio Format Services](#)
Access information about audio formats and codecs.
- ☰ [Extended Audio File Services](#)
Read and write compressed files and linear PCM audio files using a simplified interface.
- ☰ [Audio File Stream Services](#)
Parse streamed audio files as the data arrives on the user's computer.
- ☰ [Audio File Components](#)
Get information about audio file formats, and about files containing audio data.
- ☰ [Core Audio File Format](#)
Parse the structure of Core Audio files.