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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_ReadProc, 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_ReadProc, 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, UnsafeMutablePointer<UInt32>, UnsafeMutableRawPointer) -> OSStatus
```

Gets the value of an audio file property.

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

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

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

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

```
func AudioFileGetUserData(AudioFileID, UInt32, UInt32, UnsafeMutablePointer<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, UnsafeRawPointer) -> 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.

`typedef AudioFile_GetSizeProc`

Gets file data size.

`typedef 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`

`typedef AudioFileID`

An opaque data type that represents an audio file object.

`typedef 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

`typedef` 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.