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## Property List Key

# IOProviderClass

The name of the class that your driver expects to provide the implementation for its provider object.

macOS 10.0+

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## Details

### Type

String

## Discussion

The value of this key is a string that contains the name of an [`IOService`](#) subclass. This class corresponds to the provider object that the system passes to your [`IOService`](#) subclass at startup. (For a kernel extension, the system passes the provider object to the [`start`](#) method of your [`IOService`](#) subclass. For a DriverKit extension, the system passes it to the [`Start`](#) method of your [`IOService`](#) subclass.) Use the provider object in your driver you receive to communicate with the underlying device.

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## See Also

### Driver Classes

#### `IOUserClass`

The name of your driver's main class, which is the entry point for interacting with your driver's code.

## **IOClass**

The name of the class to instantiate from your driver.

## **IOUserClientClass**

The name of the class to instantiate when the system requires a client connection to the driver.

## **IOUserServerName**

The name that the system uses to facilitate communication between your driver and other clients.