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Class

# ABPerson

An object that encapsulates all information about a person in the Address Book database.

macOS

```
class ABPerson
```

## Overview

An ABPerson object corresponds to a single person record in the database. A person object contains the person's name, company, address, email addresses, and phone numbers.

The ABPerson class is “toll-free bridged” with its procedural C opaque-type counterpart. This means that the ABPersonRef type is interchangeable in function or method calls with instances of the ABPerson class.

## Topics

### Managing Properties

```
class func addPropertiesAndTypes([AnyHashable : Any]!) -> Int
```

Adds the given properties to all the records of this type in the Address Book database.

```
class func removeProperties([Any]!) -> Int
```

Removes the given properties from all the records of this type in the Address Book database.

```
class func properties() -> [Any]!
```

Returns an array of the names of all the properties for the record in the Address Book database.

```
class func type(ofProperty: String!) -> AB.PropertyType
```

Returns the type of a given property.

## Managing Linked People

```
func linkedPeople() -> [Any]!
```

Returns the array of all person records that are linked to the person this record represents.

## Managing Groups

```
func parentGroups() -> [Any]!
```

Returns an array of the address book groups that this person belongs to.

## Managing Images

```
class func cancelLoadingImageData(forTag: Int)
```

Cancels an asynchronous fetch of the images for a given tag.

```
func beginLoadingImageData(for: (any ABIImageClient)!) -> Int
```

Starts an asynchronous fetch for image data in all locations

```
func imageData() -> Data!
```

Returns data that contains a picture of this person.

```
func setImageData(Data!) -> Bool
```

Sets the image for this person to the given data.

## Searching

```
class func searchElement(forProperty: String!, label: String!, key: String!, value: Any!, comparison: ABSearchComparison) -> ABSearchElement!
```

Returns a search element object that specifies a query for records of this type.

## Importing and Exporting vCard Formatted Files

```
init!(vCardRepresentation: Data!)
```

Returns an ABPerson instance initialized with the given data.

```
func vCardRepresentation() -> Data!
```

Returns the vCard representation of the person record as a data object in vCard format.

## Constants

☰ Person Flags

Settings that determine how person records are displayed.

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## Relationships

### Inherits From

ABRecord

### Conforms To

CVarArg

CustomDebugStringConvertible

CustomStringConvertible

Equatable

Hashable

NSObjectProtocol

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## See Also

### Data Types

```
class ABGroup
```

An object that represents a group of records in the Address Book database.

```
class ABMultiValue
```

An immutable representation of a property that might have multiple values.

```
class ABMutableMultiValue
```

A mutable representation of a property that might have multiple values.

```
protocol ABIImageClient
```

Methods for responding to a request to load images associated with a contact.

```
class ABRecord
```

An abstract class that defines the common properties for all Address Book records.