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Enumeration

TextSelectionAffinity

A representation of the direction or association of a selection or cursor relative to a text character. This concept becomes much more prominent when dealing with bidirectional text (text that contains both LTR and RTL scripts, like English and Arabic combined).

iOS 18.0+ | iPadOS 18.0+ | Mac Catalyst 18.0+ | macOS 15.0+ | tvOS 18.0+ | visionOS 2.0+ | watchOS 11.0+

`enum` `TextSelectionAffinity`

Overview

This type also determines whether, for example, the insertion point appears after the last character on a line or before the first character on the following line in cases where text wraps across line boundaries.

Given the scenario `hello | مرحبا`, where `|` represents the cursor & `مرحبا` represents "hello" in Arabic, the ambiguity arises because:

- If the cursor is associated with the end of the English word, it would be as if you're continuing to type in English (LTR).
- If the cursor is associated with the beginning of the Arabic word, it would also be as if you're continuing to type in Arabic (RTL).

`TextSelectionAffinity` helps resolve this ambiguity by determining the direction or association of the cursor relative to the surrounding text.

You can configure the selection affinity on a given hierarchy by using the `textSelectionAffinity(_:_:)` modifier:

```

struct SuggestionTextEditor: View {
    @State var text: String = ""
    @State var selection: TextSelection? = nil

    var body: some View {
        VStack {
            TextEditor(text: $text, selection: $selection)
                // A helper view that offers live suggestions based on selection.
            SuggestionsView(
                substrings: getSubstrings(text: text, indices: selection?.indices))
        }
        .textSelectionAffinity(.upstream)
    }
}

private func getSubstrings(
    text: String, indices: TextSelection.Indices?
) -> [Substring] {
    // Resolve substrings representing the current selection...
}
}

struct SuggestionsView: View { ... }

```

Topics

Enumeration Cases

case automatic

A selection affinity determined by the framework based on the current context.

case downstream

An downstream selection affinity. In this case, the cursor is associated with the character immediately after it.

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Relationships

Conforms To

Equatable
Hashable
Sendable
SendableMetatype

See Also

Selecting text

`func textSelection<S>(S) -> some View`

Controls whether people can select text within this view.

`protocol TextSelectability`

A type that describes the ability to select text.

`struct TextSelection`

Represents a selection of text.

`func textSelectionAffinity(TextSelectionAffinity) -> some View`

Sets the direction of a selection or cursor relative to a text character.

`var textSelectionAffinity: TextSelectionAffinity`

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`struct AttributedTextSelection`

Represents a selection of attributed text.