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## Protocol

# NSPasteboardWriting

A set of methods that defines the interface for retrieving a representation of an object that can be written to a pasteboard.

macOS

```
protocol NSPasteboardWriting : NSObjectProtocol
```

## Overview

The Cocoa framework classes [NSString](#), [NSAttributedString](#), [NSURL](#), [NSColor](#), [NSSound](#), [NSImage](#), and [NSPasteboardItem](#) implement this protocol. You can make your custom class conform to this protocol so that you can write instances of the class to a pasteboard using the [writeObjects\(\\_:\)](#) method of [NSPasteboard](#).

## Topics

### Required Methods

```
func writableTypes(for: NSPasteboard) -> [NSPasteboard.PasteboardType]
```

Returns an array of UTI strings of data types the receiver can write to a given pasteboard.

Required

```
func writingOptions(forType: NSPasteboard.PasteboardType, pasteboard: NSPasteboard) -> NSPasteboard.WritingOptions
```

Returns options for writing data of a specified type to a given pasteboard.

```
struct WritingOptions
```

Type to specify options for writing to a pasteboard.

## Property List for Type

```
func pasteboardPropertyList(forType: NSPasteboard.PasteboardType) -> Any?
```

Returns a property list object to represent the receiver on a pasteboard as an object of a specified type.

Required

## Constants

☰ Pasteboard Writing Options

Constant to specify options for writing to a pasteboard, used by [writingOptions\(forType:pasteboard:\)](#).

```
struct WritingOptions
```

Type to specify options for writing to a pasteboard.

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## Relationships

### Inherits From

NSObjectProtocol

### Conforming Types

NSColor

NSFilePromiseProvider

NSImage

NSPasteboardItem

NSSound

NSTextStorage

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# See Also

## Pasteboard

`class` `NSPasteboard`

An object that transfers data to and from the pasteboard server.

`class` `NSPasteboardItem`

An item on a pasteboard.

`protocol` `NSPasteboardReading`

A set of methods that defines the interface for initializing an object from a pasteboard.

`protocol` `NSPasteboardItemDataProvider`

A set of methods implemented by the data provider of a pasteboard item to provide the data for a particular UTI type.

`struct` `ContentsOptions`

Options for preparing the pasteboard.

`protocol` `NSPasteboardTypeOwner`

An object that serves as a data provider for data types that use lazy data fulfillment from a pasteboard request.