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Introduction

Macromedia® Flash® Lite™ 1.0 and Macromedia® Flash® Lite™ 1.1 software from Adobe, the first versions of Flash Lite, are based on Adobe's Macromedia® Flash® Player 4. Macromedia® Flash® Lite™ 2.0 and Macromedia® Flash® Lite™ 2.1 software from Adobe are based on Adobe's Macromedia® Flash® Player 7, but differ from it in the following respects:

- Flash Lite supports some features only partially.
- Flash Lite adds some features specifically for mobile devices.

This document describes the differences between the ActionScript supported for Flash Lite 2.0 and 2.1 (which are referenced collectively as 2.x) and the ActionScript that was supported for Flash Player 7. Wherever applicable, this document includes cross-references to the following documents that provide additional details about the various classes and how to use them when writing Flash Lite 2.x applications:

- Flash Lite 2.x ActionScript Language Reference
- Developing Flash Lite 2.x Applications
- Learning ActionScript 2.0 in Flash

Guide to instructional media

The Flash Lite documentation package includes the following media to help you learn how to create Flash Lite applications:

- *Getting Started with Flash Lite 2.x* provides an overview of Flash Lite technology and developing Flash Lite 2.0 and 2.1 content for mobile devices. It also includes a step-by-step tutorial for creating a Flash Lite 2.x application.
- Developing Flash Lite 2.x Applications is a comprehensive guide to creating Flash Lite content and includes instructions for testing your applications in the integrated Flash Lite emulator.

- Flash Lite 2.x ActionScript Language Reference describes all the ActionScript language features available to Flash Lite developers and provides example code.
- Learning ActionScript 2.0 in Flash describes how to write ActionScript for Flash Player 7.
- The Flash Lite sample applications at www.adobe.com/go/ learn_flt_samples_and_tutorials demonstrate key concepts and best practices discussed or mentioned in the written documentation.

Additional resources

For the latest information on developing Flash Lite applications, plus advice from expert users, advanced topics, examples, tips, and other updates, see the Mobile and Devices Developer Center at www.adobe.com/go/developer_flashlite.

For TechNotes, documentation updates, and links to additional resources in the Flash Lite developer community, see the Adobe Flash Lite Support Center at www.adobe.com/go/support_flashlite.

Typographical conventions

The following typographical conventions are used in this manual:

- Italic font indicates a value that should be replaced (for example, in a folder path).
- Code font indicates ActionScript code.
- Code font italic indicates an ActionScript parameter.
- **Bold font** indicates a verbatim entry.
- Double quotation marks ("") in code examples indicate delimited strings. However, programmers can also use single quotation marks (').

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Unsupported and Partially Supported ActionScript Elements

This chapter describes the global functions and properties, constants, operators, statements, extensions, and keywords that are either partially supported or not supported by ActionScript for Adobe's Macromedia[®] Flash[®] Lite[™] 2.x.

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Commands issued through fsCommand and fsCommand2

The fsCommand() and fsCommand2() global functions let the SWF file communicate with either Flash Player or the program that is hosting Flash Player, such as a web browser.

Flash Lite 2.x modifies the standard Macromedia Flash Player 7 commands, and adds commands that are specific to embedded devices. Flash Lite 2.x also supports the fsCommand2() function, which provides similar functionality to fsCommand(), with the exception that the command is executed immediately, not deferred until after the calling frame is processed.

For more information on the fsCommand2() function, see the *Flash Lite 2.x ActionScript Language Reference*.

Unsupported commands

The following table lists the commands that are not supported by fsCommand() when using ActionScript 2.0 to create Flash Lite content.

Command	Description
quit	Closes the projector.
fullscreen	Specifying true sets Flash Player to full-screen mode. Specifying false returns the player to normal menu view.
allowscale	Specifying false sets the player so the SWF file is always drawn at its original size and is never scaled. Specifying true forces the SWF file to scale to 100% of the screen.
showmenu	Specifying true enables the full set of context menu items. Specifying false hides all the context menu items except About Flash Player and Settings.
exec	Executes an application from within the projector.
trapallkeys	Specifying true sends all key events, including accelerator keys, to the onClipEvent(keyDown/keyUp) handler in Flash Player.

Commands summary

The following table lists the ActionScript commands, functions, and keywords that are partially or not supported by Flash Lite 2.x.

Command, function, or keyword	Description	Support
asfunction	A protocol for URLs in HTML text fields.	Not supported
fscommand()	Function that lets the SWF file communicate with either Flash Player or the program hosting Flash Player, such as a web browser.	Partially supported
on	Prefix for events to execute when the event occurs. Limitation: The supported events are rollout, rollover, and keyPress.	Partially supported

Command, function, or keyword	Description	Support
onClipEvent	Event handler; triggers actions defined for a specific instance of a movie clip. Limitations: Supported events are press, load, unload, enterFrame, keyDown, keyup, and data. The mouseDown, mouseUp, and mouseMove events are supported if either System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.	Partially supported
onUpdate	The onUpdate event handler is defined for a live preview used with a component.	Not supported
<pre>print()</pre>	The print() function targets the movie clip according to the boundaries specified in the parameter.	Not supported
<pre>printAsBitmap()</pre>	A function that prints the target movie clip as a bitmap.	Not supported
printAsBitmaNum()	A function that prints a level in Flash Player as a bitmap according to the boundaries specified in the parameter (bmovie, bmax, or bframe).	Not supported
printNum()	A function that prints the level in Flash Player according to the boundaries specified in the boundingBox parameter (bmovie, bmax, or bframe).	Not supported
startDrag()	A function that makes the target movie clip draggable while the SWF is playing. Only one movie clip can be dragged at a time. Limitation: Supported if mouse or stylus interface is supported.	Partially supported
stopDrag()	A function that stops the current drag operation. Limitation : Supported if mouse or stylus interface is supported.	Partially supported
updateAfterEvent()	A function that updates the display (independent of the frames per second set for the SWF file) when you call it in an <code>onClipEvent()</code> handler or as part of a function or method that you pass to <code>setInterval()</code> .	Not supported

Global properties

The following table lists the ActionScript global properties that are partially supported or not supported by Flash Lite 2.x.

Properties	Description	Support
_droptarget	Read-only property that returns the absolute path in slash (/) syntax notation of the movie clip instance on which the draggableInstanceName (the name of a movie clip instance that was the target of a startDrag() function was dropped. This property always returns a path that starts with a slash (/).	Not supported
_highquality	Global property that specifies the level of anti-aliasing applied to the current SWF file. This property can also control bitmap smoothing. Limitation: Flash Lite does not support bitmap smoothing.	Partially supported
_url	Read-only property that retrieves the URL of the SWF file from which the movie clip was downloaded.	Not supported

Unsupported and Partially Supported Classes

This chapter describes ActionScript 2.0 classes that are either partially or not supported by Adobe's Macromedia Flash Lite 2.0. It also describes the extensions that are specific to ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

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Button class

All button symbols in a SWF file are instances of the Button object. The Button class provides methods, properties, and event handlers for working with buttons.

For more information about the Button class, see the following:

- Developing Flash Lite 2.x Applications
- Chapter 10, "Handling Events" in Learning ActionScript 2.0 in Flash
- Chapter 2, "ActionScript Classes," in Flash Lite 2.x ActionScript Language Reference

Property summary

The following table lists the properties that are either partially or not supported by the Button class when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Property	Description	Support
menu	An object that associates a ContextMenu object with a button.	Not supported
trackAsMenu	A Boolean value that indicates whether other buttons can receive mouse release events. Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.	Partially supported
useHandCursor	A Boolean value that indicates whether the pointer appears when the mouse passes over a button.	Not supported
_xmouse	Read-only; the x coordinate of the pointer, relative to a button instance. Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.	Partially supported
_ymouse	Read-only; the y coordinate of the pointer, relative to a button instance. Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.	Partially supported

Event summary

The following table lists the event handlers that are partially supported by the Button class when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Event	Description
onDragOut	Invoked when the mouse button is clicked over the button and the pointer then dragged outside of the button. Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.
onDragOver	Invoked when the pointer is dragged over the button. Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.
onReleaseOutside	Invoked when the mouse is released while the pointer is outside the button after the button is pressed while the pointer is inside the button. Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.

Date class

The Date class shows how dates and times are represented in ActionScript, and it supports operations for manipulating dates and times. The Date class can also obtain the current date and time from the operating system.

For more information about the Date class, see the following:

- Developing Flash Lite 2.x Applications
- Chapter 4, "Data and Data Types" in *Learning ActionScript 2.0 in Flash*
- Chapter 2, "ActionScript Classes," in Flash Lite 2.x ActionScript Language Reference

Method summary

The following table lists the methods (functions) that have been added to the Date class when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Method	Description
getLocaleLongDate()	This function sets a parameter to a string that represents the current date, in long form, formatted according to the currently defined locale. The parameter is passed in by name. The returned value is a multiple-character, variable-length string. The actual formatting depends on the device and the locale.
<pre>getLocaleShortDate()</pre>	This function sets a parameter to a string that represents the current date, in abbreviated form, formatted according to the currently defined locale. The parameter is passed in by name. The returned value is a multiple-character, variable-length string. The actual formatting depends on the device and the locale.
<pre>getLocaleTime()</pre>	This function sets a parameter to a string that represents the current time, formatted according to the currently defined locale. The parameter is passed in by name. The returned value is a multiple-character, variable-length string. The actual formatting depends on the device and the locale.

Key class

The Key class provides methods and properties for obtaining information about the keyboard itself, and the key presses input into it.

For more information about the Key class, see the following:

- Developing Flash Lite 2.x Applications
- Chapter 14, "Creating Interaction with ActionScript" in *Learning ActionScript 2.0 in Flash*
- Chapter 2, "ActionScript Classes," in Flash Lite 2.x ActionScript Language Reference

Flash Lite property extensions

The following table lists the property that has been added to the Key class when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Property	Description	Support
isToggled	Returns true if the Num Lock or Caps Lock key is active.	Not supported

Flash Lite method extensions

The following table lists the method extension that has been added to the Key class when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Method	Description
getCode()	Returns the virtual key code of the last key pressed.

The Flash Lite 2.x implementation of the getCode() method returns a string or a number, depending on what the platform passed in. The only valid key codes are the standard key codes accepted by this class and the "special" key codes listed as properties of the ExtendedKey class. This restriction is enforced by the player. For valid key code values, see the Key class in the *Flash Lite 2.x ActionScript Language Reference*. This reference provides tables that map keys to codes for letters, numbers, the numeric keypad, function keys, special constant keys, and other keys.

Mouse class

The Mouse class lets you control the mouse in a SWF file; for example, this class lets you hide or show the mouse pointer.

For more information about the Mouse class, see the following references:

- Developing Flash Lite 2.x Applications
- Chapter 14, "Creating Interaction with ActionScript" in Learning ActionScript 2.0 in Flash
- Chapter 2, "ActionScript Classes," in Flash Lite 2.x ActionScript Language Reference

Method summary

The following table lists the methods that are either partially or not supported by the Mouse class when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Method	Description	Support
addListener()	Registers an object to receive notifications of the onMouseDown, onMouseMove, onMouseUp, and onMouseWheel listeners. Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.	Partially supported
hide()	Hides the pointer in a SWF file.	Not supported
removeListener()	Removes an object that was previously registered with addListener(). Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.	Partially supported
show()	Displays the pointer in a SWF file.	Not supported

Event summary

The following table lists the events that are either partially or not supported by the Mouse class when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Event	Description	Support
onMouseDown	Notified when the mouse is pressed. Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.	Partially supported
onMouseMove	Notified when the mouse moves. Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse is set to true.	Partially supported
onMouseUp	Notified when the mouse is released. Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.	Partially supported
onMouseWheel	Notified when the user rolls the mouse wheel.	Not supported

MovieClip class

The MovieClip class lets you use listener callback functions that provide status information while SWF or JPEG files load (download) into movie clips. To use MovieClip features, use MovieClipLoader.loadClip() instead of loadMovie() or MovieClip.loadMovie() to load SWF files.

For more information about the MovieClip class, see the following:

- Developing Flash Lite 2.x Applications
- Chapter 11, "Working with Movie Clips" in Learning ActionScript 2.0 in Flash
- Chapter 2, "ActionScript Classes," in Flash Lite 2.x ActionScript Language Reference

Method summary

The following table lists the methods that are either partially or not supported by the MovieClip class when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Method	Description	Support
attachAudio()	Captures and plays local audio from the devices microphone hardware.	Not supported
<pre>getTextSnapshot()</pre>	Returns a TextSnapshot object that contains the text in the static text fields in the specified movie clip.	Not supported
startDrag()	Specifies a movie clip as draggable and begins dragging the movie clip. Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.	Partially supported
stopDrag()	Stops a MovieClip.startDrag() method. A movie clip that was made draggable with startDrag() remains draggable until a stopDrag() method is added, or until another movie clip becomes draggable. Only one movie clip is draggable at a time. Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.	Partially supported

Property summary

The following table lists the properties that are either partially or not supported by the MovieClip class when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Property	Description	Support
_droptarget	Returns the absolute path in slash-syntax notation of the movie clip instance on which this movie clip was dropped. The _droptarget property always returns a path that starts with a slash (/). To compare the _droptarget property of an instance to a reference, use the eval() function to convert the returned value from slash syntax to a dot-syntax reference. Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.	Partially supported
menu	Associates the specified ContextMenu object with the movie clip.	Not supported
_quality	Sets or retrieves the rendering quality used for a SWF file. Device fonts are always aliased and therefore are unaffected by the _quality property.	Partially supported
trackAsMenu	A Boolean value that indicates whether other buttons or movie clips can receive mouse release events. The trackAsMenu property lets you create menus. You can set the trackAsMenu property on any button or movie clip object. If the trackAsMenu property does not exist, the default behavior is false. Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.	Partially supported
useHandCursor	A Boolean value that determines whether the hand icon appears when the mouse rolls over a movie clip.	Not supported
_xmouse	Returns the x coordinate of the mouse position. Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse=true or System.capabilities.hasStylus=true.	Partially supported
_ymouse	Returns the y coordinate of the mouse position. Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.	Partially supported

Event summary

The following table lists the event handlers that are partially supported by the MovieClip class when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Event Handler	Description
onDragOut	Invoked when the mouse button is pressed and the pointer rolls outside the object. You must define a function that executes when the event handler is invoked. You can define the function on the timeline or in a class file that extends the MovieClip class or is linked to a symbol in the library. Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.
onDragOver	Invoked when the pointer is dragged outside and then over the movie clip. You must define a function that executes when the event handler is invoked. You can define the function on the timeline or in a class file that extends the MovieClip class or is linked to a symbol in the library. Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.
onMouseDown	Invoked when the left mouse button is pressed. Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.
onMouseMove	Invoked every time the mouse moves. Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse is set to true.
onMouseUp	Invoked every time the left mouse button is pressed. Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.
onReleaseOutside	Invoked when the mouse button is pressed over a movie clip and released while the pointer is outside the movie clip's area. Limitations: Supported if System.capabilities.hasMouse or System.capabilities.hasStylus are set to true.

Selection class

The Selection class lets you set and control the text field in which the insertion point is located (that is, the field that has focus).

Partial support for the Selection class was added to support inline text input in Flash Lite 2.1. For Flash Lite, the Selection object is valid only when a device supports inline text entry. If a device does not support inline text entry, and instead relies on an FEP (front-end processor) to enter text, all calls to the Selection object are ignored.

For more information about the Selection class, see the following references:

- Developing Flash Lite 2.x Applications
- Chapter 2, "ActionScript Classes," in Flash Lite 2.x ActionScript Language Reference

Method summary

The following table lists the methods that are unsupported by the Selection class when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Method	Description
getBeginIndex()	Returns the index at the beginning of the currently focused selection span.
<pre>getCaretIndex()</pre>	Returns the index of the blinking insertion point (caret) position.
getEndIndex	Returns the index at the end of the currently focused selection span.

SharedObject class

A Flash Lite shared object, as implemented in the ActionScript SharedObject class, allows Flash Lite content to save data to the device when the application is closed and load the data from the device when the application is played again.

For more information about the SharedObject class, see the following references:

- Developing Flash Lite 2.x Applications
- Chapter 14, "Creating Interaction with ActionScript" in Learning ActionScript 2.0 in Flash
- Chapter 2, "ActionScript Classes," in Flash Lite 2.x ActionScript Language Reference

Method summary

The following table lists the methods that are partially supported by the SharedObject class when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Method	Description
flush()	Immediately writes a locally persistent shared object to a local file. Limitations: The write operation is asynchronous and the result is not immediately available.
getLocal()	Returns a reference to a locally persistent shared object that is available only to the current client. Limitations: In Flash Lite, a shared object cannot be shared between two SWF files.

Flash Lite method extensions

The following table lists the methods that have been added as extensions to the SharedObject class when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Method	Description
GetMaxSize()	Flash Lite 2.x returns the maximum size allotted for persistent storage of an SWF file.

System class

The System class contains properties that are related to certain operations on the user's computer, such as operations with shared objects, local settings for cameras and microphones, and using the Clipboard. The following additional properties and methods are in specific classes within the System package: the capabilities class, the security class, and the IME class.

For more information about the System class, see the following references:

- Developing Flash Lite 2.x Applications
- Flash Lite 2.x ActionScript Language Reference
- Chapter 7, "Classes" in Learning ActionScript 2.0 in Flash

Method summary

The following table lists the methods that are not supported by the System class when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Method	Description	Support
setClipboard()	Replaces the contents of the Clipboard with a specified text string.	Not supported
showSettings()	Shows the specified Flash Player Settings panel.	Not supported

Property summary

The following table lists the properties that are not supported by the System class for use with ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Property	Description	Support
exactSettings	Specifies whether to use superdomain or exact- domain matching rules when accessing local settings.	Not supported

Event summary

The following table lists the event handlers that are partially supported by the System class for use with ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Event handler	Description	Support
onStatus	Provides a super event handler for certain objects. The SharedObject property is supported. The LocalConnection and NetStream properties are not supported.	Partially supported

capabilities (System.capabilities) class

The System.capabilities class determines the abilities of the system and player hosting a SWF file, which lets you tailor content for different formats. For example, the screen of a cell phone (black and white, 100 square pixels) is different than the 1000-square-pixel color PC screen. To provide appropriate content to as many users as possible, you can use the System.capabilities object to determine the type of device a user has. You can then either specify to the server to send different SWF files based on the device capabilities or tell the SWF file to alter its presentation based on the capabilities of the device.

Property summary

The following table lists the properties that are not supported by the System.capabilites class when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Property	Description
hasIME	Indicates whether the system has an input method editor (IME) installed.
manufacturer	A string that indicates the manufacturer of Flash Player, in the format "Adobe OSName" (OSName could be "Windows", "Macintosh", "Linux", or "Other OS Name").
pixelAspectRatio	Indicates the pixel aspect ratio of the screen.
playerType	Indicates the type of player: stand-alone, external, plug-in, or ActiveX.
screenColor	Indicates whether the screen is color, grayscale, or black and white.
screenDPI	Indicates the screen resolution, in pixels (such as dpi).
serverString	A URL-encoded string that specifies values for each System.capabilities property.

Flash Lite property extensions

The following table lists properties that are extensions to the System.capabilites class for use with ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Property	Description	
hasCompoundSound	A read-only Boolean value that is true if the player can process compound sound data; false otherwise.	
hasEmail	A read-only Boolean value that is true if the player can send e-mail messages using the GetURL ActionScript command; false otherwise.	
hasMMS	A read-only Boolean value that is true if the player can send multimedia message service (MMS) messages using the <code>GetURL</code> ActionScript command; <code>false</code> otherwise.	
hasSMS	A read-only value whose variable _capSMS indicates whether Flash Lite can send short message service (SMS) messages using the GetURL ActionScript command. If Flash Lite can send SMS messages, this variable is defined and has a value of 1. Otherwise, this variable is not defined.	
hasMFI	A read-only Boolean value that is true if the player can play sound data in the Melody Format for i-mode (MFi) audio format; false otherwise.	
hasMIDI	A read-only Boolean value that is true if the player can play sound data in the MIDI audio format; false otherwise.	
hasSMAF	A read-only Boolean value that is true if the player can play sound data in the Synthetic music Mobile Application Format (SMAF); false otherwise.	
hasDataLoading	A read-only Boolean value that is true if the player can dynamically load additional data through calls to <code>loadMovie()</code> , <code>loadMovieNum()</code> , <code>loadVariables()</code> , <code>loadVariablesNum()</code> , <code>XML.parseXML()</code> , Sound. <code>loadSound()</code> , <code>MovieClip.loadVariables()</code> , <code>MovieClip.loaddVariables()</code> , <code>LoadVars.load()</code> , <code>and LoadVars.sendAndLoad()</code> ; <code>false otherwise.</code>	
has4WayKeyAS	A read-only Boolean value that is true if the player can execute ActionScript attached to keyEvent handlers associated with the right, left, up and down keys; false otherwise. If the value of this variable is true, when one of the four-way keys is pressed, the player first looks for a handler for that key. If none is found, Flash control navigation is performed. However, if an event handler is found, no navigation action occurs for that key. In other words, the presence of a keypress handler for a down key disables the ability to navigate down.	

Property	Description
hasMouse	A read-only Boolean value that is true if the player can send mouse-related events and false if the platform does not support a mouse.
hasMappableSoftKeys	Allows user to set soft-key values and handle events from those soft keys.
hasStylus	A read-only Boolean value that is true if the player can send stylus- related events and false if the platform does not support a stylus. The onMouseMove event is not supported by a stylus. This flag allows the content to check if this event is supported.
hasCMIDI	A read-only Boolean value that is $true$ if the platform supports CMIDI sound, and $false$ if the platform does not support CMIDI sound.
hasXMLSocket	(added in Flash Lite 2.1) Indicates whether the host application supports XML sockets.
softKeyCount	A number specifying the number of soft keys that the platform supports.
hasSharedObjects	A read-only Boolean value that is true if Flash content playing back in this application can access Flash Lite shared objects; false otherwise.
hasQWERTYKeyboard	A read-only Boolean value that is true if ActionScript can be attached to all keys found on a standard QWERTY keyboard and the Backspace key; false otherwise.
audioMIMETypes	A read-only property that contains an array of MIME types that the device's audio codecs support, and that can be used by the ActionScript Sound object.
imageMIMETypes	A read-only property that contains an array of MIME types that the device's image codecs support and that can be used by the loadMovie ActionScript function.
videoMIMETypes	A read-only property that contains an array of MIME types that the device's video codecs support and that can be used by the ActionScript Video object.
MIMETypes	A read-only property that contains an array of all the MIME types that the Sound and Video objects support and the <code>loadMovie()</code> ActionScript function.

Sound class

ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x supports device sound through the Sound class and through System.capabilities values. The Sound class is fully supported for native sounds supported in Flash Player 7, but it is only partially supported for device sounds.

Flash Lite 2.x adds support that lets you synchronize device sound playback with rendering animation.



Flash Lite 2.x does not support sound recording.

Method summary

The following table lists the methods that are partially supported by the Sound class for when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Method	Description	Support
getPan()	Returns the pan level set in the last setPan() call as an integer from -100 (left) to +100 (right). (O sets the left and right channels equally.) The pan setting controls the left-right balance of the current and future sounds in a SWF file. Limitations: Supported for use with native Flash sound; not supported for use with device sound.	Partially supported
getTransform()	Returns the sound transform information for the specified Sound object set with the last Sound.setTransform() call. Limitations: Supported for use with native Flash sound; not supported for use with device sound.	Partially supported
loadSound()	Loads an MP3 file into a Sound object. You can use the isStreaming parameter to indicate whether the sound is an event or a streaming sound. Event sounds are completely loaded before they play. They are managed by the ActionScript Sound class and respond to all methods and properties of this class. Limitations: The streaming parameter is ignored when used with Flash Lite 2.x.	Partially supported

Method	Description	Support
setPan()	Determines how the sound is played in the left and right channels (speakers). For mono sounds, pan determines which speaker (left or right) the sound plays through. Limitations: Supported for use with native Flash sound; not supported for use with device sound.	Partially supported
setTransform()	Sets the sound transform (or balance) information, for a Sound object. The soundTransformObject parameter is an object that you create using the constructor method of the generic Object class, with parameters specifying how the sound is distributed to the left and right channels (speakers). Limitations: Supported for use with native Flash sound; not supported for use with device sound.	supported
setVolume()	Sets the volume for the Sound object. Limitations: Supported for use with native Flash sound; not supported for use with device sound.	Partially supported

Property summary

The following table lists the properties of the Sound class that are partially supported when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Property	Description
duration	The duration of a sound, in milliseconds. Limitations: Supported for use with native Flash sound; not supported for use with device sound.
position	The number of milliseconds a sound has been playing. Limitations: Supported for use with native Flash sound; not supported for use with device sound.

Flash Lite method extensions

The following table lists new methods in the Sound class that are specific to ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Method	Description
getPan()	Returns the value of the previous setPan() call. This method is not supported for device sound.
<pre>getTransform()</pre>	Returns the value of the previous <code>setTransform()</code> call. This method is not supported for device sound.
loadSound()	Loads sound data of any format into Flash Player. This method is different from the Flash Player 7 implementation because sound data loaded using this method is always treated as event sound. Therefore, the second parameter of this method is always ignored. In the following example, the value true is ignored: my_sound.loadSound("mysnd.mp3", true);

Stage class

The Stage class is a top-level class whose methods, properties, and handlers you can access without using a constructor. Use the methods and properties of this class to access and manipulate information about the boundaries of a SWF file.

For more information, see the following references:

- Developing Flash Lite 2.x Applications
- Flash Lite 2.x ActionScript Language Reference

Flash Lite property extensions

The following table lists new properties in the Stage class that are specific to ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Property	Description
showMenu	Shows or hides the default items in the Flash Player context menu.

Property	Description	
getTransform()	Returns the value of the previous <code>setTransform()</code> call. This method is not supported for device sound.	
loadSound()	Loads sound data of any format into Flash Player. This method is different from the Flash Player 7 version because sound data loaded using this method is always treated as event sound, so the second parameter of this method is always ignored. For example, in the following call, the value true is ignored: my_sound.loadSound("mysnd.mp3", true);	

TextField class

Text fields are visual elements on the Stage that let you display text to a user. Similar to an input text field or text area form control in HTML, Flash lets you set text fields as editable (read-only), allow HTML formatting, and enable multiline support.

You use the TextField class to create text fields. All dynamic and input text fields in a SWF file are instances of the TextField class. You can give a text field an instance name in the Property inspector and use the methods and properties of the TextField class to manipulate it with ActionScript. TextField instance names are displayed in the Movie Explorer and in the Insert Target Path dialog box in the Actions panel.

To create a text field dynamically, do not use the NEW operator; instead, use MovieClip.createTextField().

The methods of the TextField class let you set, select, and manipulate text in a dynamic or input text field that you create during authoring or at runtime.

All properties of the TextField class are supported in Flash Lite 2.x, but you can only use text fields to display device fonts. Device fonts are special fonts in Flash that are not embedded in a SWF file. Flash Lite uses whatever font on the mobile device most closely resembles the device font. Because font outlines are not embedded, a SWF file size is smaller than using embedded font outlines. However, because device fonts are not embedded, the text that you create with these fonts looks different than expected on devices that do not have a font installed that corresponds to the device font. Flash includes three device fonts: _sans (similar to Helvetica and Arial), _serif (similar to Times Roman), and _typewriter (similar to Courier).

For more information about the TextField class, see the following references:

- Developing Flash Lite 2.x Applications
- Chapter 12, "Working with Text and Strings," in Learning ActionScript 2.0 in Flash
- Chapter 2, "ActionScript Classes," in Flash Lite 2.x ActionScript Language Reference

Property summary

The following table lists the properties of the TextField class that are not supported when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Property	Description	
antialiasType	Indicates the type of anti-aliasing used for this TextField instance.	
menu	Associates a ContextMenu object with a text field	
mouseWheelEnabled	A Boolean value that indicates whether Flash Player should automatically scroll multiline text fields when the mouse pointer clicks a text field and the user rolls the mouse wheel.	
restrict	Indicates the set of characters a user can enter into the text field.	
sharpness	The sharpness of the glyph edges in this TextField instance.	
styleSheet	Attaches a style sheet to the text field.	
thickness	Indicates the thickness of the glyph edges in this TextField instance.	

Method summary

The following table lists the methods of the TextField class that are not supported when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Method	Description
getFontList	Returns the names of fonts on the player's host system as an array.

TextFormat class

The TextFormat class represents character formatting information. Use the TextFormat class to create specific text formatting for text fields. You can apply text formatting to static and dynamic text fields. Some properties of the TextFormat class are not available for embedded and device fonts.

The TextFormat class lets you apply formatting to a text field or to certain characters within a text field. Some examples of text formatting options that can be applied to text are alignment, indenting, bold, color, font size, margin widths, italics, and letter spacing. You can apply text formatting to static and dynamic text fields. Some properties of the TextFormat class are not available for embedded and device fonts.

You must use the constructor TextFormat() to create a TextFormat object before calling its methods.



Flash Lite 2.x provides partial support for the formatting feature available in the TextFormat class. Formatting features are not available when you use device fonts.

Flash Lite 2.x provides partial support for the TextFormat class. For example, TextFormat.font, TextFormat.bold, and TextFormat.tabstop are not supported when you use device fonts.

For more information about the TextFormat class, see the following references:

- Developing Flash Lite 2.x Applications
- Chapter 12, "Working with Text and Strings," in Learning ActionScript 2.0 in Flash
- Chapter 2, "ActionScript Classes," in Flash Lite 2.x ActionScript Language Reference

Property summary

The following table lists the properties that are partially supported when using ActionScript 2.0 to create Flash content.

Property	Description
bold	A Boolean value that specifies whether the text is boldface. Limitations: For use only with paragraph-level formatting; you cannot apply bold to individual characters.
bullet	A Boolean value that indicates that the text is part of a bulleted list. Limitations: For use only with embedded fonts.
color	Indicates the color of text. Limitations: For use only with paragraph-level formatting; you cannot apply color to individual characters.
font	The name of the font for text in this text format, as a string. Limitations: For Flash Lite, this property works for embedded fonts only. This property is not supported for Arabic, Hebrew, and Thai.
italic	A Boolean value that indicates whether text in this text format is italic. Limitations: For use only with paragraph-level formatting; you cannot apply italics to individual characters.
size	The point size of text in this text format. Limitations: For use only with paragraph-level formatting; you cannot apply different font sizes to individual characters.
tabStops	Specifies custom tab stops as an array of non-negative integers. Limitations: For use with embedded fonts only.
underline	A Boolean value that indicates whether the text that uses this text format is underlined (true) or not (false). Limitations: For use only with paragraph-level formatting.

Video class

Flash Lite 2.x lets you work with device-specific video formats, and supports the following types of video playback:

- Video embedded in a SWF file
- Video available as a separate file on the device
- Video streamed over the network (in real time)

Flash Lite 2.x supports device video. Device video is stored in the published SWF file in the device's native video format. To play the device video, Flash Lite passes the video data to the device, which then decodes and plays the video.



Flash Lite 2.x ActionScript does not support the NetConnection or NetStream classes.

For more information about the Video class, see the following references:

- Developing Flash Lite 2.x Applications
- Chapter 15, "Working with images, Sound, and Video," in Learning ActionScript 2.0 in Flash
- Chapter 2, "ActionScript Classes," in Flash Lite 2.x ActionScript Language Reference

Method summary

The following table lists the methods that are not supported by the Video class when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Method	Description	Support
attachVideo	Specifies a video stream (source) to be displayed within the boundaries of the Video object on the Stage.	Not supported
clear	Clears the image currently displayed in the Video object. This is useful when, for example, you want to display standby information without having to hide the Video object.	Not supported

Property summary

The following table lists the properties of the Video class that are not supported when using ActionScript for Flash Lite 2.x.

Property	Description	
deblocking	Indicates the type of deblocking filter applied to decoded video as part of postprocessing. Two deblocking filters are available: one in the Sorenson codec and one in the On2 VP6 codec.	
height	An integer specifying the height of the video stream, in pixels.	
smoothing	Specifies whether the video should be smoothed (interpolated) when it is scaled. For smoothing to work, the player must be in high-quality mode.	
width	An integer specifying the width of the video stream, in pixels.	

Flash Lite method extensions

The Video class for Flash Lite 2.x adds the following new methods.

Method	Description Opens a video source and begins playing the video.	
play()		
close()	Stops playing the video, frees the memory associated with this Video object, and clears the Video area onscreen.	
stop()	Stops playing the video and continues to render the current frame onscreen. A subsequent call to Video.resume() resumes playing from the first frame of the video.	
pause()	Stops playing the video and continues to render the current frame onscreen. A subsequent call to Video.resume() resumes playing from the current position.	
resume()	Resumes playing the video.	

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