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# Quartz 2D Reference Collection

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# Introduction

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Quartz 2D is an API that makes the Quartz advanced drawing engine accessible from all Mac OS X application environments outside of the kernel. It provides low-level, lightweight 2D rendering with unmatched output fidelity regardless of the display or printing device. The Quartz 2D API supports transparency layers, path-based drawing, transformations, offscreen rendering, advanced color management, anti-aliased rendering, patterns, shadings, image data management, image creation, masking, and PDF document creation, display, and parsing.



# Opaque Types

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# CGBitmapContext Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	<a href="#">CGContextRef</a> (page 135)
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGBitmapContext.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The `CGBitmapContext` header file defines functions that create and operate on a Quartz bitmap graphics context. A bitmap graphics context is a type of [CGContextRef](#) (page 135) that you can use for drawing bits to memory. The functions in this reference operate only on Quartz bitmap graphics contexts created using the function [CGBitmapContextCreate](#) (page 16).

The number of components for each pixel in a bitmap graphics context is specified by a color space (defined by a [CGColorSpaceRef](#) (page 50), which includes RGB, grayscale, and CMYK, and which also may specify a destination color profile). The bitmap graphics context specifies whether the bitmap should contain an alpha channel, and how the bitmap is generated.

## Functions by Task

### Creating Bitmap Contexts

[CGBitmapContextCreate](#) (page 16)

Creates a bitmap graphics context.

[CGBitmapContextCreateImage](#) (page 17)

Creates and returns a Quartz image from the pixel data in a bitmap graphics context.

### Getting Information About Bitmap Contexts

These functions return the values of attributes specified when a bitmap context is created.

[CGBitmapContextGetBitmapInfo](#) (page 18)

Obtains the bitmap information associated with a bitmap graphics context.

[CGBitmapContextGetAlphaInfo](#) (page 18)

Returns the alpha information associated with the context, which indicates how a bitmap context handles the alpha component.

[CGBitmapContextGetBitsPerComponent](#) (page 19)

Returns the bits per component of a bitmap context.

[CGBitmapContextGetBitsPerPixel](#) (page 19)

Returns the bits per pixel of a bitmap context.

[CGBitmapContextGetBytesPerRow](#) (page 20)

Returns the bytes per row of a bitmap context.

[CGBitmapContextGetColorSpace](#) (page 20)

Returns the color space of a bitmap context.

[CGBitmapContextGetData](#) (page 21)

Returns a pointer to the image data associated with a bitmap context.

[CGBitmapContextGetHeight](#) (page 21)

Returns the height in pixels of a bitmap context.

[CGBitmapContextGetWidth](#) (page 21)

Returns the width in pixels of a bitmap context.

## Functions

### CGBitmapContextCreate

Creates a bitmap graphics context.

```
CGContextRef CGBitmapContextCreate (
    void *data,
    size_t width,
    size_t height,
    size_t bitsPerComponent,
    size_t bytesPerRow,
    CGColorSpaceRef colorspace,
    CGBitmapInfo bitmapInfo
);
```

#### Parameters

*data*

A pointer to the destination in memory where the drawing is to be rendered. The size of this memory block should be at least  $(\text{bytesPerRow} \times \text{height})$  bytes.

In Mac OS X v10.6 and later, you can pass `NULL` if you do not care where the data is stored. This frees you from managing your own memory, which reduces memory leak issues. Quartz has more flexibility when it manages data storage for you. For example, it's possible for Quartz to use OpenGL for rendering if it takes care of the memory.

*width*

The width, in pixels, of the required bitmap.

*height*

The height, in pixels, of the required bitmap.

*bitsPerComponent*

The number of bits to use for each component of a pixel in memory. For example, for a 32-bit pixel format and an RGB color space, you would specify a value of 8 bits per component. For more information about supported pixel formats, see *Quartz 2D Programming Guide*.

*bytesPerRow*

The number of bytes of memory to use per row of the bitmap.

*colorspace*

The color space to use for the bitmap context. Note that indexed color spaces are not supported for bitmap graphics contexts.

*bitmapInfo*

A `CGBitmapInfo` constant that specifies whether the bitmap should contain an alpha channel and its relative location in a pixel, along with whether the components are floating-point or integer values. (See *CGImage Reference* for a description of `CGBitmapInfo` constants.) In *Quartz 2D Programming Guide*, see “Creating a Bitmap Graphics Context” (in the *Graphics Contexts* chapter) for the color space, bits per pixel, bits per pixel component, and bitmap information constant combinations that you can use when creating a bitmap context with `CGBitmapContextCreate`.

**Return Value**

A new bitmap context, or `NULL` if a context could not be created. You are responsible for releasing this object using `CGContextRelease` (page 98).

**Discussion**

When you call this function, Quartz creates a bitmap drawing environment—that is, a bitmap context—to your specifications. When you draw into this context, Quartz renders your drawing as bitmapped data in the specified block of memory.

The pixel format for a new bitmap context is determined by three parameters—the number of bits per component, the color space, and an alpha option (expressed as a [Image Bitmap Information](#) (page 228) constant). The alpha value determines the opacity of a pixel when it is drawn.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

GeekGameBoard  
GLSL Showpiece Lite  
MovieVideoChart  
OpenCL NBody Simulation Example  
QuartzCache

**Declared In**

`CGBitmapContext.h`

**CGBitmapContextCreateImage**

Creates and returns a Quartz image from the pixel data in a bitmap graphics context.

```
CGImageRef CGBitmapContextCreateImage (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*  
A bitmap graphics context.

**Return Value**

A `CGImage` object that contains a snapshot of the bitmap graphics context or `NULL` if the image is not created.

**Discussion**

The CGImage object returned by this function is created by a copy operation. Subsequent changes to the bitmap graphics context do not affect the contents of the returned image. In some cases the copy operation actually follows copy-on-write semantics, so that the actual physical copy of the bits occur only if the underlying data in the bitmap graphics context is modified. As a consequence, you may want to use the resulting image and release it before you perform additional drawing into the bitmap graphics context. In this way, you can avoid the actual physical copy of the data.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIAnnotation

Denoise

From A View to A Movie

MovieVideoChart

QuartzCache

**Declared In**

CGBitmapContext.h

**CGBitmapContextGetAlphaInfo**

Returns the alpha information associated with the context, which indicates how a bitmap context handles the alpha component.

```
CGImageAlphaInfo CGBitmapContextGetAlphaInfo (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters**

*context*

A bitmap context.

**Return Value**

A bitmap information constant. If the specified context is not a bitmap context, [kCGImageAlphaNone](#) (page 227) is returned. See [CGImageAlphaInfo](#) (renamed to [CGBitmapInfo](#) in Mac OS X v10.4) for more information about values.

**Discussion**

Every bitmap context contains an attribute that specifies whether the bitmap contains an alpha component, and how it is generated. The alpha component determines the opacity of a pixel when it is drawn.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGBitmapContext.h

**CGBitmapContextGetBitmapInfo**

Obtains the bitmap information associated with a bitmap graphics context.

```
CGBitmapInfo CGContextGetBitmapInfo (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*  
A bitmap graphics context.

**Return Value**

The bitmap info of the bitmap graphics context or 0 if *c* is not a bitmap graphics context. See *CGImage Reference* for a description of the [Image Bitmap Information](#) (page 228) constants that can be returned.

**Discussion**

The `CGBitmapInfo` data returned by the function specifies whether the bitmap contains an alpha channel and how the alpha channel is generated, along with whether the components are floating-point or integer.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGBitmapContext.h`

**CGBitmapContextGetBitsPerComponent**

Returns the bits per component of a bitmap context.

```
size_t CGContextGetBitsPerComponent (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters**

*context*  
The bitmap context to examine.

**Return Value**

The number of bits per component in the specified context, or 0 if the context is not a bitmap context.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGBitmapContext.h`

**CGBitmapContextGetBitsPerPixel**

Returns the bits per pixel of a bitmap context.

```
size_t CGContextGetBitsPerPixel (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters**

*context*  
The bitmap context to examine.

**Return Value**

The number of bits per pixel in the specified context, or 0 if the context is not a bitmap context.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGBitmapContext.h

**CGBitmapContextGetBytesPerRow**

Returns the bytes per row of a bitmap context.

```
size_t CGBitmapContextGetBytesPerRow (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters**

*context*

The bitmap context to examine.

**Return Value**

The number of bytes per row of the specified context, or 0 if the context is not a bitmap context.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGBitmapContext.h

**CGBitmapContextGetColorSpace**

Returns the color space of a bitmap context.

```
CGColorSpaceRef CGBitmapContextGetColorSpace (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters**

*context*

The bitmap context to examine.

**Return Value**

The color space of the specified context, or `NULL` if the context is not a bitmap context. You are responsible for retaining and releasing this object as necessary.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGBitmapContext.h

### CGBitmapContextGetData

Returns a pointer to the image data associated with a bitmap context.

```
void * CGBitmapContextGetData (  
    CGContextRef c  
);
```

#### Parameters

*context*

The bitmap context to examine.

#### Return Value

A pointer to the specified bitmap context's image data, or `NULL` if the context is not a bitmap context.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

#### Declared In

CGBitmapContext.h

### CGBitmapContextGetHeight

Returns the height in pixels of a bitmap context.

```
size_t CGBitmapContextGetHeight (  
    CGContextRef c  
);
```

#### Parameters

*context*

The bitmap context to examine.

#### Return Value

The height in pixels of the specified context, or 0 if the context is not a bitmap context.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

#### Declared In

CGBitmapContext.h

### CGBitmapContextGetWidth

Returns the width in pixels of a bitmap context.

```
size_t CGBitmapContextGetWidth (  
    CGContextRef c  
);
```

#### Parameters

*context*

The bitmap context to examine.

#### Return Value

The width in pixels of the specified context, or 0 if the context is not a bitmap context.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGBitmapContext.h

# CGColor Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	CType
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGColor.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The `CGColorRef` opaque type contains a set of components (such as red, green, and blue) that uniquely define a color, and a color space that specifies how those components should be interpreted. Quartz color objects provide a fast and convenient way to manage and set colors, especially colors that are used repeatedly. Quartz drawing operations use color objects for setting fill and stroke colors, managing alpha, and setting color with a pattern.

See also these related references: *CGContext Reference*, *CGColorSpace Reference*, and *CGPattern Reference*.

## Functions by Task

### Getting a Constant Color

[CGColorGetConstantColor](#) (page 30)

Returns a color object that represents a constant color.

### Retaining and Releasing Color Objects

[CGColorRelease](#) (page 32)

Decrements the retain count of a Quartz color.

[CGColorRetain](#) (page 33)

Increments the retain count of a Quartz color.

### Creating Quartz Colors

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Creates a Quartz color using a list of intensity values (including alpha) and an associated color space.

[CGColorCreateCopy](#) (page 25)

Creates a copy of an existing Quartz color.

[CGColorCreateGenericGray](#) (page 27)

Creates a color in the Generic gray color space.

[CGColorCreateGenericRGB](#) (page 27)

Creates a color in the Generic RGB color space.

[CGColorCreateGenericCMYK](#) (page 26)

Creates a color in the Generic CMYK color space.

[CGColorCreateCopyWithAlpha](#) (page 26)

Creates a copy of an existing Quartz color, substituting a new alpha value.

[CGColorCreateWithPattern](#) (page 28)

Creates a Quartz color using a list of intensity values (including alpha), a pattern color space, and a pattern.

## Getting Information about Quartz Colors

[CGColorEqualToColor](#) (page 29)

Indicates whether two colors are equal.

[CGColorGetAlpha](#) (page 29)

Returns the value of the alpha component associated with a Quartz color.

[CGColorGetColorSpace](#) (page 29)

Returns the color space associated with a Quartz color.

[CGColorGetComponents](#) (page 30)

Returns the values of the color components (including alpha) associated with a Quartz color.

[CGColorGetNumberOfComponents](#) (page 31)

Returns the number of color components (including alpha) associated with a Quartz color.

[CGColorGetPattern](#) (page 31)

Returns the pattern associated with a Quartz color in a pattern color space.

[CGColorGetTypeID](#) (page 32)

Returns the Core Foundation type identifier for a Quartz color data type.

## Functions

### CGColorCreate

Creates a Quartz color using a list of intensity values (including alpha) and an associated color space.

```
CGColorRef CGColorCreate (
    CGColorSpaceRef colorspace,
    const CGFloat components[]
);
```

**Parameters***colorspace*

A color space for the new color. Quartz retains this object; upon return, you may safely release it.

*components*

An array of intensity values describing the color. The array should contain  $n+1$  values that correspond to the  $n$  color components in the specified color space, followed by the alpha component. Each component value should be in the range appropriate for the color space. Values outside this range will be clamped to the nearest correct value.

**Return Value**

A new Quartz color. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGColorRelease](#) (page 32).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

AnimatedTableView

CoreTextTest

ImageBrowserViewAppearance

ImageKitDemo

Quartz2DBasics

**Declared In**

CGColor.h

**CGColorCreateCopy**

Creates a copy of an existing Quartz color.

```
CGColorRef CGColorCreateCopy (
    CGColorRef color
);
```

**Parameters***color*

A Quartz color.

**Return Value**

A copy of the specified color. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGColorRelease](#) (page 32).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGColor.h

**CGColorCreateCopyWithAlpha**

Creates a copy of an existing Quartz color, substituting a new alpha value.

```
CGColorRef CGColorCreateCopyWithAlpha (
    CGColorRef color,
    CGFloat alpha
);
```

**Parameters**

*color*

The Quartz color to copy.

*alpha*

A value that specifies the desired opacity of the copy. Values outside the range  $[0, 1]$  are clamped to 0 or 1.

**Return Value**

A copy of the specified color, using the specified alpha value. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGColorRelease](#) (page 32).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGColor.h

**CGColorCreateGenericCMYK**

Creates a color in the Generic CMYK color space.

```
CGColorRef CGColorCreateGenericCMYK(
    CGFloat cyan,
    CGFloat magenta,
    CGFloat yellow,
    CGFloat black,
    CGFloat alpha
);
```

**Parameters**

*cyan*

A cyan value (0.0 - 1.0).

*magenta*

A magenta value (0.0 - 1.0).

*yellow*

A yellow value (0.0 - 1.0).

*black*

A black value (0.0 - 1.0).

*alpha*

An alpha value (0.0 - 1.0).

**Return Value**

A color object.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGColor.h

**CGColorCreateGenericGray**

Creates a color in the Generic gray color space.

```
CGColorRef CGColorCreateGenericGray(  
    CGFloat gray,  
    CGFloat alpha  
);
```

**Parameters**

*gray*

A grayscale value (0.0 - 1.0).

*alpha*

An alpha value (0.0 - 1.0).

**Return Value**

A color object.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

GeekGameBoard

**Declared In**

CGColor.h

**CGColorCreateGenericRGB**

Creates a color in the Generic RGB color space.

```
CGColorRef CGColorCreateGenericRGB(  
    CGFloat red,  
    CGFloat green,  
    CGFloat blue,  
    CGFloat alpha  
);
```

**Parameters**

*red*

A red component value (0.0 - 1.0).

*green*

A green component value (0.0 - 1.0).

*blue*

A blue component value (0.0 - 1.0).

*alpha*

An alpha value (0.0 - 1.0).

**Return Value**

A color object.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CALayerEssentials

Fireworks

GeekGameBoard

LightTable

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

**Declared In**

CGColor.h

## CGColorCreateWithPattern

Creates a Quartz color using a list of intensity values (including alpha), a pattern color space, and a pattern.

```
CGColorRef CGColorCreateWithPattern (
    CGColorSpaceRef colorspace,
    CGPatternRef pattern,
    const CGFloat components[]
);
```

**Parameters**

*colorspace*

A pattern color space for the new color. Quartz retains the color space you pass in. On return, you may safely release it.

*pattern*

A pattern for the new color object. Quartz retains the pattern you pass in. On return, you may safely release it.

*components*

An array of intensity values describing the color. The array should contain  $n + 1$  values that correspond to the  $n$  color components in the specified color space, followed by the alpha component. Each component value should be in the range appropriate for the color space. Values outside this range will be clamped to the nearest correct value.

**Return Value**

A new Quartz color. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGColorRelease](#) (page 32).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

GeekGameBoard

**Declared In**

CGColor.h

## CGColorEqualToColor

Indicates whether two colors are equal.

```
bool CGColorEqualToColor (
    CGColorRef color1,
    CGColorRef color2
);
```

### Parameters

*color1*

The first Quartz color to compare.

*color2*

The second Quartz color to compare.

### Return Value

A Boolean value that, if `true`, indicates that the specified colors are equal. If the colors are not equal, the value is `false`.

### Discussion

Two colors are equal if they have equal color spaces and numerically equal color components.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

### Declared In

CGColor.h

## CGColorGetAlpha

Returns the value of the alpha component associated with a Quartz color.

```
CGFloat CGColorGetAlpha (
    CGColorRef color
);
```

### Parameters

*color*

A Quartz color.

### Return Value

An alpha intensity value in the range  $[0, 1]$ . The value represents the opacity of the color.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

### Related Sample Code

GeekGameBoard

### Declared In

CGColor.h

## CGColorGetColorSpace

Returns the color space associated with a Quartz color.

```
CGColorSpaceRef CGColorGetColorSpace (
    CGColorRef color
);
```

**Parameters***color*

A Quartz color.

**Return Value**

The Quartz color space for the specified color. You are responsible for retaining and releasing it as needed.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGColor.h

**CGColorGetComponents**

Returns the values of the color components (including alpha) associated with a Quartz color.

```
const CGFloat * CGColorGetComponents (
    CGColorRef color
);
```

**Parameters***color*

A Quartz color.

**Return Value**

An array of intensity values for the color components (including alpha) associated with the specified color. The size of the array is one more than the number of components of the color space for the color.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

AnimatedTableView

Quartz 2D Shadings

**Declared In**

CGColor.h

**CGColorGetConstantColor**

Returns a color object that represents a constant color.

```
CGColorRef CGColorGetConstantColor(
    CFStringRef colorName
);
```

**Parameters***colorName*A color name. You can pass any of the “[Constant Colors](#)” (page 34) constant.

**Return Value**

A color object.

**Discussion**

As `CGColorGetConstantColor` is not a “Copy” or “Create” function, it does not necessarily return a new reference each time it's called. As a consequence, you should not release the returned value. However, colors returned from `CGColorGetConstantColor` can be retained and released in a properly nested fashion, just as any other Core Foundation type can.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Fire

NineSlice

**Declared In**

`CGColor.h`

**CGColorGetNumberOfComponents**

Returns the number of color components (including alpha) associated with a Quartz color.

```
size_t CGColorGetNumberOfComponents (  
    CGColorRef color  
);
```

**Parameters**

*color*

A Quartz color.

**Return Value**

The number of color components (including alpha) associated with the specified color. This number is one more than the number of components of the color space for the color.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

AnimatedTableView

**Declared In**

`CGColor.h`

**CGColorGetPattern**

Returns the pattern associated with a Quartz color in a pattern color space.

```
CGPatternRef CGColorGetPattern (
    CGColorRef color
);
```

**Parameters***color*

A Quartz color.

**Return Value**

The pattern for the specified color. You are responsible for retaining and releasing the pattern as needed.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGColor.h

**CGColorGetTypeID**

Returns the Core Foundation type identifier for a Quartz color data type.

```
CTypeID CGColorGetTypeID (
    void
);
```

**Return Value**

The Core Foundation type identifier for CGColorRef.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGColor.h

**CGColorRelease**

Decrements the retain count of a Quartz color.

```
void CGColorRelease (
    CGColorRef color
);
```

**Parameters***color*

The Quartz color to release.

**Discussion**This function is equivalent to `CFRelease`, except that it does not cause an error if the `color` parameter is `NULL`.**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CALayerEssentials

Fire  
 Fireworks  
 GeekGameBoard  
 Quartz 2D Shadings

**Declared In**  
 CGColor.h

## CGColorRetain

Increments the retain count of a Quartz color.

```
CGColorRef CGColorRetain (
    CGColorRef color
);
```

### Parameters

*color*

The Quartz color to retain.

### Return Value

The same color you passed in as the *color* parameter.

### Discussion

This function is equivalent to `CFRetain`, except that it does not cause an error if the `color` parameter is `NULL`.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

### Related Sample Code

GeekGameBoard

**Declared In**  
 CGColor.h

## Data Types

### CGColorRef

An opaque type that represents a color used in Quartz 2D drawing.

```
typedef struct CGColor *CGColorRef;
```

### Discussion

`CGColorRef` is the fundamental data type used internally by Quartz to represent colors. `CGColor` objects, and the functions that operate on them, provide a fast and convenient way of managing and setting colors directly, especially colors that are reused (such as black for text).

In Mac OS X version 10.3 and later, `CGColorRef` is derived from `CTypeRef` and inherits the properties that all Core Foundation types have in common. For more information, see [CType Reference](#).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGColor.h

## Constants

### Constant Colors

Commonly used colors.

```
const CFStringRef kCGColorWhite;  
const CFStringRef kCGColorBlack;  
const CFStringRef kCGColorClear;
```

**Constants**

kCGColorWhite

The white color in the Generic gray color space.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in CGColor.h.

kCGColorBlack

The black color in the Generic gray color space.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in CGColor.h.

kCGColorClear

The clear color in the Generic gray color space.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in CGColor.h.

**Declared In**

CGColor.h

# CGColorSpace Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	<i>CType Reference</i>
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGColorSpace.h
<b>Companion guides</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide CGColor Reference CGContext Reference

## Overview

The `CGColorSpaceRef` opaque type encapsulates color space information that is used to specify how Quartz interprets color information. A color space specifies how color values are interpreted. A color space is multi-dimensional, and each dimension represents a specific color component. For example, the colors in an RGB color space have three dimensions or components—red, green, and blue. The intensity of each component is represented by floating point values—their range and meaning depends on the color space in question.

Different types of devices (scanners, monitors, printers) operate within different color spaces (RGB, CMYK, grayscale). Additionally, two devices of the same type (for example, color displays from different manufacturers) may operate within the same kind of color space, yet still produce a different range of colors, or gamut. Color spaces that are correctly specified ensure that an image has a consistent appearance regardless of the output device.

Quartz supports several kinds of color spaces:

- Calibrated color spaces ensure that colors appear the same when displayed on different devices. The visual appearance of the color is preserved, as far as the capabilities of the device allow.
- Device-dependent color spaces are tied to the system of color representation of a particular device. Device color spaces are not recommended when high-fidelity color preservation is important.
- Special color spaces—indexed and pattern. An indexed color space contains a color table with up to 256 entries and a base color space to which the color table entries are mapped. Each entry in the color table specifies one color in the base color space. A pattern color space is used when stroking or filling with a pattern. Pattern color spaces are supported in Mac OS X version 10.1 and later.

## Functions by Task

### Creating Device-Independent Color Spaces

[CGColorSpaceCreateCalibratedGray](#) (page 38)

Creates a calibrated grayscale color space.

[CGColorSpaceCreateCalibratedRGB](#) (page 39)

Creates a calibrated RGB color space.

[CGColorSpaceCreateICCBased](#) (page 41)

Creates a device-independent color space that is defined according to the ICC color profile specification.

[CGColorSpaceCreateWithICCProfile](#) (page 45)

Creates an ICC-based color space using the ICC profile contained in the specified data.

[CGColorSpaceCreateLab](#) (page 43)

Creates a device-independent color space that is relative to human color perception, according to the CIE L\*a\*b\* standard.

### Creating Generic or Device-Dependent Color Spaces

In Mac OS X v10.4 and later, the color space returned by each of these functions is no longer device-dependent and is replaced by a generic counterpart.

[CGColorSpaceCreateDeviceCMYK](#) (page 40)

Creates a device-dependent CMYK color space.

[CGColorSpaceCreateDeviceGray](#) (page 40)

Creates a device-dependent grayscale color space.

[CGColorSpaceCreateDeviceRGB](#) (page 41)

Creates a device-dependent RGB color space.

[CGColorSpaceCreateWithPlatformColorSpace](#) (page 46)

Creates a platform-specific color space.

### Creating Special Color Spaces

[CGColorSpaceCreateIndexed](#) (page 42)

Creates an indexed color space, consisting of colors specified by a color lookup table.

[CGColorSpaceCreatePattern](#) (page 44)

Creates a pattern color space.

[CGColorSpaceCreateWithName](#) (page 45)

Creates a specified type of Quartz color space.

### Getting Information About Color Spaces

[CGColorSpaceCopyICCProfile](#) (page 37)

Returns a copy of the ICC profile of the provided color space.

[CGColorSpaceGetNumberOfComponents](#) (page 48)

Returns the number of color components in a color space.

[CGColorSpaceGetTypeID](#) (page 49)

Returns the Core Foundation type identifier for Quartz color spaces.

[CGColorSpaceGetModel](#) (page 48)

Returns the color space model of the provided color space.

[CGColorSpaceGetBaseColorSpace](#) (page 46)

Returns the base color space of a pattern or indexed color space.

[CGColorSpaceGetColorTableCount](#) (page 47)

Returns the number of entries in the color table of an indexed color space.

[CGColorSpaceGetColorTable](#) (page 47)

Copies the entries in the color table of an indexed color space.

[CGColorSpaceCopyName](#) (page 38)

Returns the name used to create the specified color space.

## Retaining and Releasing Color Spaces

[CGColorSpaceRelease](#) (page 49)

Decrements the retain count of a color space.

[CGColorSpaceRetain](#) (page 50)

Increments the retain count of a color space.

## Functions

### CGColorSpaceCopyICCProfile

Returns a copy of the ICC profile of the provided color space.

```
CFDataRef CGColorSpaceCopyICCProfile(
    CGColorSpaceRef space
);
```

#### Parameters

*space*

The color space whose ICC profile you want to obtain.

#### Return Value

The ICC profile or NULL if the color space does not have an ICC profile.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

#### Declared In

CGColorSpace.h

## CGColorSpaceCopyName

Returns the name used to create the specified color space.

```
CFStringRef CGColorSpaceCopyName(
    CGColorSpaceRef space
);
```

### Parameters

*space*

The color space whose name is to be returned.

### Return Value

The name used to create the specified color space, or `NULL` if the color space was not created using the [CGColorSpaceCreateWithName](#) (page 45) function.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.6 and later.

### See Also

[CGColorSpaceCreateWithName](#) (page 45)

### Declared In

`CGColorSpace.h`

## CGColorSpaceCreateCalibratedGray

Creates a calibrated grayscale color space.

```
CGColorSpaceRef CGColorSpaceCreateCalibratedGray(
    const CGFloat whitePoint[3],
    const CGFloat blackPoint[3],
    CGFloat gamma
);
```

### Parameters

*whitePoint*

An array of 3 numbers specifying the tristimulus value, in the CIE 1931 XYZ-space, of the diffuse white point.

*blackPoint*

An array of 3 numbers specifying the tristimulus value, in CIE 1931 XYZ-space, of the diffuse black point.

*gamma*

The gamma value appropriate for the imaging device.

### Return Value

A new calibrated gray color space. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGColorSpaceRelease](#) (page 49). If unsuccessful, returns `NULL`.

### Discussion

Creates a device-independent grayscale color space that represents colors relative to a reference white point. This white point is based on the whitest light that can be generated by the output device. Colors in a device-independent color space should appear the same when displayed on different devices, to the extent that the capabilities of the device allow.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGColorSpace.h

**CGColorSpaceCreateCalibratedRGB**

Creates a calibrated RGB color space.

```
CGColorSpaceRef CGColorSpaceCreateCalibratedRGB(
    const CGFloat whitePoint[3],
    const CGFloat blackPoint[3],
    const CGFloat gamma[3],
    const CGFloat matrix[9]
);
```

**Parameters**

*whitePoint*

An array of 3 numbers specifying the tristimulus value, in the CIE 1931 XYZ-space, of the diffuse white point.

*blackPoint*

An array of 3 numbers specifying the tristimulus value, in CIE 1931 XYZ-space, of the diffuse black point.

*gamma*

An array of 3 numbers specifying the gamma for the red, green, and blue components of the color space.

*matrix*

An array of 9 numbers specifying the linear interpretation of the gamma-modified RGB values of the color space with respect to the final XYZ representation.

**Return Value**

A new calibrated RGB color space. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGColorSpaceRelease](#) (page 49). If unsuccessful, returns NULL.

**Discussion**

Creates a device-independent RGB color space that represents colors relative to a reference white point. This white point is based on the whitest light that can be generated by the output device. Colors in a device-independent color space should appear the same when displayed on different devices, to the extent that the capabilities of the device allow.

For color spaces that require a detailed gamma, such as the piecewise transfer function used in sRGB or ITU-R BT.709, you may want to use the function [CGColorSpaceCreateICCBased](#) (page 41) instead, because it can accurately represent these gamma curves.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGColorSpace.h

## CGColorSpaceCreateDeviceCMYK

Creates a device-dependent CMYK color space.

```
CGColorSpaceRef CGColorSpaceCreateDeviceCMYK(
    void
);
```

### Return Value

A device-dependent CMYK color space. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGColorSpaceRelease](#) (page 49). If unsuccessful, returns NULL.

### Discussion

In Mac OS X v10.4 and later, this color space is no longer device-dependent and is replaced by the generic counterpart—`kCGColorSpaceGenericCMYK`—described in “[Color Space Names](#)” (page 50). If you use this function in Mac OS X v10.4 and later, colors are mapped to the generic color spaces. If you want to bypass color matching, use the color space of the destination context.

Colors in a device-dependent color space are not transformed or otherwise modified when displayed on an output device—that is, there is no attempt to maintain the visual appearance of a color. As a consequence, colors in a device color space often appear different when displayed on different output devices. For this reason, device color spaces are not recommended when color preservation is important.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

### Related Sample Code

ImageApp

### Declared In

CGColorSpace.h

## CGColorSpaceCreateDeviceGray

Creates a device-dependent grayscale color space.

```
CGColorSpaceRef CGColorSpaceCreateDeviceGray(
    void
);
```

### Return Value

A device-dependent gray color space. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGColorSpaceRelease](#) (page 49). If unsuccessful, returns NULL.

### Discussion

In Mac OS X v10.4 and later, this color space is no longer device-dependent and is replaced by the generic counterpart—`kCGColorSpaceGenericGray`—described in “[Color Space Names](#)” (page 50). If you use this function in Mac OS X v10.4 and later, colors are mapped to the generic color spaces. If you want to bypass color matching, use the color space of the destination context.

Colors in a device-dependent color space are not transformed or otherwise modified when displayed on an output device—that is, there is no attempt to maintain the visual appearance of a color. As a consequence, colors in a device color space often appear different when displayed on different output devices. For this reason, device color spaces are not recommended when color preservation is important.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

ImageApp

MovieVideoChart

**Declared In**

CGColorSpace.h

**CGColorSpaceCreateDeviceRGB**

Creates a device-dependent RGB color space.

```
CGColorSpaceRef CGColorSpaceCreateDeviceRGB(  
    void  
);
```

**Return Value**

A device-dependent RGB color space. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGColorSpaceRelease](#) (page 49). If unsuccessful, returns `NULL`.

**Discussion**

In Mac OS X v10.4 and later, this color space is no longer device-dependent and is replaced by the generic counterpart—`kCGColorSpaceGenericRGB`—described in “[Color Space Names](#)” (page 50). If you use this function in Mac OS X v10.4 and later, colors are mapped to the generic color spaces. If you want to bypass color matching, use the color space of the destination context.

Colors in a device-dependent color space are not transformed or otherwise modified when displayed on an output device—that is, there is no attempt to maintain the visual appearance of a color. As a consequence, colors in a device color space often appear different when displayed on different output devices. For this reason, device color spaces are not recommended when color preservation is important.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CoreTextTest

ImageBrowserViewAppearance

ImageKitDemo

MovieVideoChart

Quartz EB

**Declared In**

CGColorSpace.h

**CGColorSpaceCreateICCBased**

Creates a device-independent color space that is defined according to the ICC color profile specification.

```
CGColorSpaceRef CGColorSpaceCreateICCBased(
    size_t nComponents,
    const CGFloat *range,
    CGDataProviderRef profile,
    CGColorSpaceRef alternate
);
```

**Parameters***nComponents*

The number of color components in the color space defined by the ICC profile data. This must match the number of components actually in the ICC profile and must equal 1, 3, or 4.

*range*

An array of numbers that specify the minimum and maximum valid values of the corresponding color components. The size of the array is two times the number of components. If  $c[k]$  is the  $k$ th color component, the valid range is  $\text{range}[2*k] \leq c[k] \leq \text{range}[2*k+1]$ .

*profile*

A data provider that supplies the ICC profile.

*alternateSpace*

An alternate color space to use in case the ICC profile is not supported. The alternate color space must have *nComponents* color components. You must supply an alternate color space. If this parameter is NULL, then the function returns NULL.

**Return Value**

A new ICC-based color space object. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGColorSpaceRelease](#) (page 49). If unsuccessful, returns NULL.

**Discussion**

This function creates an ICC-based color space from an ICC color profile, as defined by the International Color Consortium. ICC profiles define the reproducible color gamut (the range of colors supported by a device) and other characteristics of a particular output device, providing a way to accurately transform the color space of one device to the color space of another. The ICC profile is usually provided by the manufacturer of the device. Additionally, some color monitors and printers contain electronically embedded ICC profile information, as do some bitmap formats such as TIFF. Colors in a device-independent color space should appear the same when displayed on different devices, to the extent that the capabilities of the device allow.

You may want to use this function for a color space that requires a detailed gamma, such as the piecewise transfer function used in sRGB or ITU-R BT.709, because this function can accurately represent these gamma curves.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGColorSpaceCreateWithICCProfile](#) (page 45)

**Declared In**

CGColorSpace.h

**CGColorSpaceCreateIndexed**

Creates an indexed color space, consisting of colors specified by a color lookup table.

```
CGColorSpaceRef CGColorSpaceCreateIndexed(
    CGColorSpaceRef baseSpace,
    size_t lastIndex,
    const unsigned char *colorTable
);
```

**Parameters***baseSpace*

The color space on which the color table is based.

*lastIndex*

The maximum valid index value for the color table. The value must be less than or equal to 255.

*colorTable*

An array of  $m \times (\text{lastIndex} + 1)$  bytes, where  $m$  is the number of color components in the base color space. Each byte is an unsigned integer in the range 0 to 255 that is scaled to the range of the corresponding color component in the base color space.

**Return Value**

A new indexed color space object. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGColorSpaceRelease](#) (page 49). If unsuccessful, returns NULL.

**Discussion**

An indexed color space contains a color table with up to 255 entries, and a base color space to which the color table entries are mapped. Each entry in the color table specifies one color in the base color space. A value in an indexed color space is treated as an index into the color table of the color space. The data in the table is in meshed format. (For example, for an RGB color space RGB, RGB, RGB, and so on.)

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGColorSpace.h

**CGColorSpaceCreateLab**

Creates a device-independent color space that is relative to human color perception, according to the CIE L\*a\*b\* standard.

```
CGColorSpaceRef CGColorSpaceCreateLab(
    const CGFloat whitePoint[3],
    const CGFloat blackPoint[3],
    const CGFloat range[4]
);
```

**Parameters***whitePoint*

An array of 3 numbers that specify the tristimulus value, in the CIE 1931 XYZ-space, of the diffuse white point.

*blackPoint*

An array of 3 numbers that specify the tristimulus value, in CIE 1931 XYZ-space, of the diffuse black point.

*range*

An array of 4 numbers that specify the range of valid values for the a\* and b\* components of the color space. The a\* component represents values running from green to red, and the b\* component represents values running from blue to yellow.

**Return Value**

A new L\*a\*b\* color space. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGColorSpaceRelease](#) (page 49). If unsuccessful, returns NULL.

**Discussion**

The CIE L\*a\*b\* space is a nonlinear transformation of the Munsell color notation system (a system which specifies colors by hue, value, and saturation—or “chroma”—values), designed to match perceived color difference with quantitative distance in color space. The L\* component represents the lightness value, the a\* component represents values running from green to red, and the b\* component represents values running from blue to yellow. This roughly corresponds to the way the human brain is thought to decode colors. Colors in a device-independent color space should appear the same when displayed on different devices, to the extent that the capabilities of the device allow.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGColorSpace.h

**CGColorSpaceCreatePattern**

Creates a pattern color space.

```
CGColorSpaceRef CGColorSpaceCreatePattern(
    CGColorSpaceRef baseSpace
);
```

**Parameters***baseSpace*

For masking patterns, the underlying color space that specifies the colors to be painted through the mask. For colored patterns, you should pass NULL.

**Return Value**

A new pattern color space. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGColorSpaceRelease](#) (page 49). If unsuccessful, returns NULL.

**Discussion**

For information on creating and using patterns, see *Quartz 2D Programming Guide* and *CGPattern Reference*. Quartz retains the color space you pass in. Upon return, you may safely release it by calling [CGColorSpaceRelease](#) (page 49).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.1 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

GeekGameBoard

**Declared In**

CGColorSpace.h

**CGColorSpaceCreateWithICCProfile**

Creates an ICC-based color space using the ICC profile contained in the specified data.

```
CGColorSpaceRef CGColorSpaceCreateWithICCProfile(
    CFDataRef data
);
```

**Parameters**

*data*

The data containing the ICC profile to set for the new color space.

**Return Value**

A new color space based on the specified profile.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.6 and later.

**See Also**

[CGColorSpaceCreateICCBased](#) (page 41)

**Declared In**

CGColorSpace.h

**CGColorSpaceCreateWithName**

Creates a specified type of Quartz color space.

```
CGColorSpaceRef CGColorSpaceCreateWithName(
    CFStringRef name
);
```

**Parameters**

*name*

A color space name. See “[Color Space Names](#)” (page 50) for a list of the valid Quartz-defined names.

**Return Value**

A new generic color space. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGColorSpaceRelease](#) (page 49). If unsuccessful, returns NULL.

**Discussion**

You can use this function to create a generic color space. For more information, see “[Color Space Names](#)” (page 50).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

**See Also**

[CGColorSpaceCopyName](#) (page 38)

**Related Sample Code**

GLSL Showpiece Lite

MassiveImage

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

Quartz2DBasics

QuartzCache

#### Declared In

CGColorSpace.h

### CGColorSpaceCreateWithPlatformColorSpace

Creates a platform-specific color space.

```
CGColorSpaceRef CGColorSpaceCreateWithPlatformColorSpace(
    void *platformColorSpaceReference
);
```

#### Parameters

*platformColorSpace*

A generic pointer to a platform-specific color space. In Mac OS X, pass a `CMProfileRef`—a ColorSync profile. Quartz uses this pointer (and the underlying information) only during the function call.

#### Return Value

A new color space. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGColorSpaceRelease](#) (page 49). If unsuccessful, returns `NULL`.

#### Discussion

Colors in a device-dependent color space are not transformed or otherwise modified when displayed on an output device—that is, there is no attempt to maintain the visual appearance of a color. As a consequence, colors in a device color space often appear different when displayed on different output devices. For this reason, device color spaces are not recommended when color preservation is important.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.1 and later.

#### Related Sample Code

CIRAWFilterSample

CIVideoDemoGL

FunHouse

ImageApp

VideoViewer

#### Declared In

CGColorSpace.h

### CGColorSpaceGetBaseColorSpace

Returns the base color space of a pattern or indexed color space.

```
CGColorSpace CGColorSpaceGetBaseColorSpace(
    CGColorSpaceRef space
);
```

#### Parameters

*space*

A color space object for a pattern or indexed color space.

**Return Value**

The base color space if the `space` parameter is a pattern or indexed color space; otherwise, `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGColorSpace.h`

**CGColorSpaceGetColorTable**

Copies the entries in the color table of an indexed color space.

```
void CGColorSpaceGetColorTable(  
    CGColorSpaceRef space,  
    uint8_t *table);  
);
```

**Parameters**

*space*

A color space object for an indexed color space.

*table*

The array pointed to by `table` should be at least as large as the number of entries in the color table. On output, the array contains the table data in the same format as that passed to [CGColorSpaceCreateIndexed](#) (page 42).

**Discussion**

This function does nothing if the color space is not an indexed color space. To determine whether a color space is an indexed color space, call the function [CGColorSpaceGetModel](#) (page 48).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**See Also**

[CGColorSpaceGetColorTableCount](#) (page 47)

**Declared In**

`CGColorSpace.h`

**CGColorSpaceGetColorTableCount**

Returns the number of entries in the color table of an indexed color space.

```
size_t CGColorSpaceGetColorTableCount(  
    CGColorSpaceRef space  
);
```

**Parameters**

*space*

A color space object for an indexed color space.

**Return Value**

The number of entries in the color table of the `space` parameter if the color space is an indexed color space; otherwise, returns 0.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**See Also**

[CGColorSpaceGetColorTable](#) (page 47)

**Declared In**

CGColorSpace.h

**CGColorSpaceGetModel**

Returns the color space model of the provided color space.

```
CGColorSpaceModel CGColorSpaceGetModel(
    CGColorSpaceRef space
);
```

**Parameters**

*space*

A color space object.

**Return Value**

One of the constants described in “[Color Space Models](#)” (page 52).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz Composer ImageExporter

**Declared In**

CGColorSpace.h

**CGColorSpaceGetNumberOfComponents**

Returns the number of color components in a color space.

```
size_t CGColorSpaceGetNumberOfComponents(
    CGColorSpaceRef cs
);
```

**Parameters**

*cs*

The Quartz color space to examine.

**Return Value**

The number of color components in the specified color space, not including the alpha value. For example, for an RGB color space, `CGColorSpaceGetNumberOfComponents` returns a value of 3.

**Discussion**

A color space defines an n-dimensional space whose dimensions (or components) represent intensity values. For example, you specify colors in RGB space as three intensity values: red, green, and blue. You can use the `CGColorSpaceGetNumberOfComponents` function to obtain the number of components in a given color space.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGColorSpace.h

**CGColorSpaceGetTypeID**

Returns the Core Foundation type identifier for Quartz color spaces.

```
CTypeID CGColorSpaceGetTypeID(  
    void  
);
```

**Return Value**

The identifier for the opaque type [CGColorSpaceRef](#) (page 50).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGColorSpace.h

**CGColorSpaceRelease**

Decrements the retain count of a color space.

```
void CGColorSpaceRelease(  
    CGColorSpaceRef cs  
);
```

**Parameters**

*cs*

The Quartz color space to release.

**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to `CFRelease`, except that it does not cause an error if the `cs` parameter is `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIAnnotation

CIVideoDemoGL

GLSL Showpiece Lite

MovieVideoChart

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

**Declared In**

CGColorSpace.h

**CGColorSpaceRetain**

Increments the retain count of a color space.

```
CGColorSpaceRef CGColorSpaceRetain(
    CGColorSpaceRef cs
);
```

**Parameters**

*cs*

The Quartz color space to retain.

**Return Value**

The same color space you passed in as the *cs* parameter.

**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to `CFRetain`, except that it does not cause an error if the *cs* parameter is `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

`CIVideoDemoGL`

**Declared In**

`CGColorSpace.h`

## Data Types

**CGColorSpaceRef**

An opaque type that encapsulates color space information.

```
typedef struct CGColorSpace *CGColorSpaceRef;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGColorSpace.h`

## Constants

**Color Space Names**

Convenience constants for commonly used color spaces.

```

CFStringRef kCGColorSpaceGenericGray
CFStringRef kCGColorSpaceGenericRGB
CFStringRef kCGColorSpaceGenericCMYK
CFStringRef kCGColorSpaceGenericRGBLinear
CFStringRef kCGColorSpaceAdobeRGB1998
CFStringRef kCGColorSpaceSRGB
CFStringRef kCGColorSpaceGenericGrayGamma2_2

```

**Constants**

`kCGColorSpaceGenericGray`

The name of the generic gray color space.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

`kCGColorSpaceGenericRGB`

The name of the generic RGB color space.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

`kCGColorSpaceGenericCMYK`

The name of the generic CMYK color space.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

`kCGColorSpaceGenericRGBLinear`

The name of the generic linear RGB color space. This is the same as `kCGColorSpaceGenericRGB`, but with a gamma equal to 1.0.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

`kCGColorSpaceAdobeRGB1998`

The name of the Adobe RGB (1998) color space. For more information, see "Adobe RGB (1998) Color Image Encoding", Version 2005-05, Adobe Systems Inc. (<http://www.adobe.com>).

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

`kCGColorSpaceSRGB`

The name of the sRGB color space.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

`kCGColorSpaceGenericGrayGamma2_2`

The name of the generic gray color space with a gamma value of 2.2.

Available in Mac OS X v10.6 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

**Discussion**

A color space name constant can be passed as a parameter to the function `CGColorSpaceCreateWithName` (page 45).

**Declared In**

`CGColorSpace.h`

## Color Space Models

Models for color spaces.

```
enum CGColorSpaceModel {
    kCGColorSpaceModelUnknown = -1,
    kCGColorSpaceModelMonochrome,
    kCGColorSpaceModelRGB,
    kCGColorSpaceModelCMYK,
    kCGColorSpaceModelLab,
    kCGColorSpaceModelDeviceN,
    kCGColorSpaceModelIndexed,
    kCGColorSpaceModelPattern
};
typedef int32_t CGColorSpaceModel;
```

### Constants

`kCGColorSpaceModelUnknown`

**An unknown color space model.**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

`kCGColorSpaceModelMonochrome`

**A monochrome color space model.**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

`kCGColorSpaceModelRGB`

**An RGB color space model.**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

`kCGColorSpaceModelCMYK`

**A CMYK color space model.**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

`kCGColorSpaceModelLab`

**A Lab color space model.**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

`kCGColorSpaceModelDeviceN`

**A DeviceN color space model.**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

`kCGColorSpaceModelIndexed`

**An indexed color space model.**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

`kCGColorSpaceModelPattern`

A pattern color space model.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

## Color Rendering Intents

Handling options for colors that are not located within the destination color space of a graphics context.

```
enum CGColorRenderingIntent {
    kCGRenderingIntentDefault,
    kCGRenderingIntentAbsoluteColorimetric,
    kCGRenderingIntentRelativeColorimetric,
    kCGRenderingIntentPerceptual,
    kCGRenderingIntentSaturation
};
typedef enum CGColorRenderingIntent CGColorRenderingIntent;
```

### Constants

`kCGRenderingIntentDefault`

The default rendering intent for the graphics context.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

`kCGRenderingIntentAbsoluteColorimetric`

Map colors outside of the gamut of the output device to the closest possible match inside the gamut of the output device. This can produce a clipping effect, where two different color values in the gamut of the graphics context are mapped to the same color value in the output device's gamut. Unlike the relative colorimetric, absolute colorimetric does not modify colors inside the gamut of the output device.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

`kCGRenderingIntentRelativeColorimetric`

Map colors outside of the gamut of the output device to the closest possible match inside the gamut of the output device. This can produce a clipping effect, where two different color values in the gamut of the graphics context are mapped to the same color value in the output device's gamut. The relative colorimetric shifts all colors (including those within the gamut) to account for the difference between the white point of the graphics context and the white point of the output device.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

`kCGRenderingIntentPerceptual`

Preserve the visual relationship between colors by compressing the gamut of the graphics context to fit inside the gamut of the output device. Perceptual intent is good for photographs and other complex, detailed images.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

`kCGColorRenderingIntentSaturation`

Preserve the relative saturation value of the colors when converting into the gamut of the output device. The result is an image with bright, saturated colors. Saturation intent is good for reproducing images with low detail, such as presentation charts and graphs.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGColorSpace.h`.

#### **Discussion**

The rendering intent specifies how Quartz should handle colors that are not located within the gamut of the destination color space of a graphics context. It determines the exact method used to map colors from one color space to another. If you do not explicitly set the rendering intent by calling the function [CGContextSetRenderingIntent](#) (page 117), the graphics context uses the relative colorimetric rendering intent, except when drawing sampled images.

# CGContext Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	<i>CType Reference</i>
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGContext.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The `CGContextRef` opaque type represents a Quartz 2D drawing destination. A graphics context contains drawing parameters and all device-specific information needed to render the paint on a page to the destination, whether the destination is a window in an application, a bitmap image, a PDF document, or a printer. You can obtain a graphics context by using Quartz graphics context creation functions or by using higher-level functions provided in the Carbon, Cocoa, or Printing frameworks. Quartz provides creation functions for various flavors of Quartz graphics contexts including bitmap images and PDF. The Carbon and Cocoa frameworks provide functions for obtaining window graphics contexts. The Printing framework provides functions that obtain a graphics context appropriate for the destination printer.

## Functions by Task

### Managing Graphics Contexts

[CGContextFlush](#) (page 92)

Forces all pending drawing operations in a window context to be rendered immediately to the destination device.

[CGContextGetTypeID](#) (page 96)

Returns the type identifier for Quartz graphics contexts.

[CGContextRelease](#) (page 98)

Decrements the retain count of a graphics context.

[CGContextRetain](#) (page 100)

Increments the retain count of a graphics context.

[CGContextSynchronize](#) (page 134)

Marks a window context for update.

## Saving and Restoring the Current Graphics State

[CGContextSaveGState](#) (page 101)

Pushes a copy of the current graphics state onto the graphics state stack for the context.

[CGContextRestoreGState](#) (page 99)

Sets the current graphics state to the state most recently saved.

## Getting and Setting Graphics State Parameters

[CGContextGetInterpolationQuality](#) (page 93)

Returns the current level of interpolation quality for a graphics context.

[CGContextSetFlatness](#) (page 110)

Sets the accuracy of curved paths in a graphics context.

[CGContextSetInterpolationQuality](#) (page 113)

Sets the level of interpolation quality for a graphics context.

[CGContextSetLineCap](#) (page 114)

Sets the style for the endpoints of lines drawn in a graphics context.

[CGContextSetLineDash](#) (page 114)

Sets the pattern for dashed lines in a graphics context.

[CGContextSetLineJoin](#) (page 115)

Sets the style for the joins of connected lines in a graphics context.

[CGContextSetLineWidth](#) (page 115)

Sets the line width for a graphics context.

[CGContextSetMiterLimit](#) (page 116)

Sets the miter limit for the joins of connected lines in a graphics context.

[CGContextSetPatternPhase](#) (page 117)

Sets the pattern phase of a context.

[CGContextSetFillPattern](#) (page 109)

Sets the fill pattern in the specified graphics context.

[CGContextSetRenderingIntent](#) (page 117)

Sets the rendering intent in the current graphics state.

[CGContextSetShouldAntialias](#) (page 121)

Sets anti-aliasing on or off for a graphics context.

[CGContextSetShouldSmoothFonts](#) (page 122)

Enables or disables font smoothing in a graphics context.

[CGContextSetStrokePattern](#) (page 124)

Sets the stroke pattern in the specified graphics context.

[CGContextSetBlendMode](#) (page 105)

Sets how Quartz composites sample values for a graphics context.

[CGContextSetAllowsAntialiasing](#) (page 103)

Sets whether or not to allow anti-aliasing for a graphics context.

## Constructing Paths

These functions are used to define the geometry of the current path.

[CGContextAddArc](#) (page 62)

Adds an arc of a circle to the current path, using a center point, radius, and end point.

[CGContextAddArcToPoint](#) (page 63)

Adds an arc of a circle to the current path, using a radius and tangent points.

[CGContextAddCurveToPoint](#) (page 65)

Appends a cubic Bézier curve from the current point, using the provided control points and end point

[CGContextAddLines](#) (page 66)

Adds a sequence of connected straight-line segments to the current path.

[CGContextAddLineToPoint](#) (page 67)

Appends a straight line segment from the current point to the provided point .

[CGContextAddPath](#) (page 68)

Adds a previously created Quartz path object to the current path in a graphics context.

[CGContextAddQuadCurveToPoint](#) (page 68)

Appends a quadratic Bézier curve from the current point, using a control point and an end point you specify.

[CGContextAddRect](#) (page 69)

Adds a rectangular path to the current path.

[CGContextAddRects](#) (page 69)

Adds a set rectangular paths to the current path.

[CGContextBeginPath](#) (page 71)

Creates a new empty path in a graphics context.

[CGContextClosePath](#) (page 76)

Closes and terminates an open path.

[CGContextMoveToPoint](#) (page 97)

Begins a new path at the point you specify.

[CGContextAddEllipseInRect](#) (page 65)

Adds an ellipse that fits inside the specified rectangle.

## Painting Paths

These functions are used to stroke along or fill in the current path.

[CGContextClearRect](#) (page 73)

Paints a transparent rectangle.

[CGContextDrawPath](#) (page 82)

Draws the current path using the provided drawing mode.

[CGContextEOFillPath](#) (page 88)

Paints the area within the current path, using the even-odd fill rule.

[CGContextFillPath](#) (page 90)

Paints the area within the current path, using the nonzero winding number rule.

[CGContextFillRect](#) (page 90)

Paints the area contained within the provided rectangle, using the fill color in the current graphics state.

[CGContextFillRects](#) (page 91)

Paints the areas contained within the provided rectangles, using the fill color in the current graphics state.

[CGContextFillEllipseInRect](#) (page 89)

Paints the area of the ellipse that fits inside the provided rectangle, using the fill color in the current graphics state.

[CGContextStrokePath](#) (page 132)

Paints a line along the current path.

[CGContextStrokeRect](#) (page 132)

Paints a rectangular path.

[CGContextStrokeRectWithWidth](#) (page 133)

Paints a rectangular path, using the specified line width.

[CGContextReplacePathWithStrokedPath](#) (page 99)

Replaces the path in the graphics context with the stroked version of the path.

[CGContextStrokeEllipseInRect](#) (page 131)

Strokes an ellipse that fits inside the specified rectangle.

[CGContextStrokeLineSegments](#) (page 131)

Strokes a sequence of line segments.

## Getting Information About Paths

[CGContextIsPathEmpty](#) (page 96)

Indicates whether the current path contains any subpaths.

[CGContextGetPathCurrentPoint](#) (page 94)

Returns the current point in a non-empty path.

[CGContextGetPathBoundingBox](#) (page 94)

Returns the smallest rectangle that contains the current path.

[CGContextPathContainsPoint](#) (page 97)

Checks to see whether the specified point is contained in the current path.

## Modifying Clipping Paths

[CGContextClip](#) (page 73)

Modifies the current clipping path, using the nonzero winding number rule.

[CGContextEOClip](#) (page 88)

Modifies the current clipping path, using the even-odd rule.

[CGContextClipToRect](#) (page 75)

Sets the clipping path to the intersection of the current clipping path with the area defined by the specified rectangle.

[CGContextClipToRects](#) (page 76)

Sets the clipping path to the intersection of the current clipping path with the region defined by an array of rectangles.

[CGContextGetClipBoundingBox](#) (page 92)

Returns the bounding box of a clipping path.

[CGContextClipToMask](#) (page 74)

Maps a mask into the specified rectangle and intersects it with the current clipping area of the graphics context.

## Setting Color, Color Space, and Shadow Values

[CGContextSetAlpha](#) (page 104)

Sets the opacity level for objects drawn in a graphics context.

[CGContextSetCMYKFillColor](#) (page 106)

Sets the current fill color to a value in the DeviceCMYK color space.

[CGContextSetFillColor](#) (page 108)

Sets the current fill color.

[CGContextSetCMYKStrokeColor](#) (page 107)

Sets the current stroke color to a value in the DeviceCMYK color space.

[CGContextSetFillColorSpace](#) (page 108)

Sets the fill color space in a graphics context.

[CGContextSetFillColorWithColor](#) (page 109)

Sets the current fill color in a graphics context, using a Quartz color.

[CGContextSetGrayFillColor](#) (page 112)

Sets the current fill color to a value in the DeviceGray color space.

[CGContextSetGrayStrokeColor](#) (page 112)

Sets the current stroke color to a value in the DeviceGray color space.

[CGContextSetRGBFillColor](#) (page 118)

Sets the current fill color to a value in the DeviceRGB color space.

[CGContextSetRGBStrokeColor](#) (page 119)

Sets the current stroke color to a value in the DeviceRGB color space.

[CGContextSetShadow](#) (page 120)

Enables shadowing in a graphics context.

[CGContextSetShadowWithColor](#) (page 120)

Enables shadowing with color a graphics context.

[CGContextSetStrokeColor](#) (page 122)

Sets the current stroke color.

[CGContextSetStrokeColorSpace](#) (page 123)

Sets the stroke color space in a graphics context.

[CGContextSetStrokeColorWithColor](#) (page 123)

Sets the current stroke color in a context, using a Quartz color.

## Transforming User Space

These functions allow you to examine and change the current transformation matrix (CTM) in a graphics context.

[CGContextConcatCTM](#) (page 77)

Transforms the user coordinate system in a context using a specified matrix.

[CGContextGetCTM](#) (page 93)

Returns the current transformation matrix.

[CGContextRotateCTM](#) (page 100)

Rotates the user coordinate system in a context.

[CGContextScaleCTM](#) (page 102)

Changes the scale of the user coordinate system in a context.

[CGContextTranslateCTM](#) (page 134)

Changes the origin of the user coordinate system in a context.

## Using Transparency Layers

[CGContextBeginTransparencyLayer](#) (page 71)

Begins a transparency layer.

[CGContextBeginTransparencyLayerWithRect](#) (page 72)

Begins a transparency layer whose contents are bounded by the specified rectangle.

[CGContextEndTransparencyLayer](#) (page 87)

Ends a transparency layer.

## Drawing an Image to a Graphics Context

[CGContextDrawTiledImage](#) (page 86)

Repeatedly draws an image, scaled to the provided rectangle, to fill the current clip region.

[CGContextDrawImage](#) (page 81)

Draws an image into a graphics context.

## Drawing PDF Content to a Graphics Context

[CGContextDrawPDFPage](#) (page 84)

Draws a page in the current user space of a PDF context.

[CGContextDrawPDFDocument](#) (page 83) **Deprecated in Mac OS X v10.5**

Draws a page of a PDF document into a graphics context.

## Drawing With a Gradient

[CGContextDrawLinearGradient](#) (page 81)

Paints a gradient fill that varies along the line defined by the provided starting and ending points.

[CGContextDrawRadialGradient](#) (page 84)

Paints a gradient fill that varies along the area defined by the provided starting and ending circles.

## Drawing With a Shading

[CGContextDrawShading](#) (page 85)

Fills the clipping path of a context with the specified shading.

## Setting Up a Page-Based Graphics Context

[CGContextBeginPage](#) (page 70)

Starts a new page in a page-based graphics context.

[CGContextEndPage](#) (page 87)

Ends the current page in a page-based graphics context.

## Drawing Glyphs

[CGContextShowGlyphs](#) (page 126)

Displays an array of glyphs at the current text position.

[CGContextShowGlyphsAtPoint](#) (page 127)

Displays an array of glyphs at a position you specify.

[CGContextShowGlyphsWithAdvances](#) (page 128)

Draws an array of glyphs with varying offsets.

[CGContextShowGlyphsAtPositions](#) (page 128)

Draws glyphs at the provided position.

## Drawing Text

[CGContextGetTextMatrix](#) (page 95)

Returns the current text matrix.

[CGContextGetTextPosition](#) (page 95)

Returns the location at which text is drawn.

[CGContextSelectFont](#) (page 103)

Sets the font and font size in a graphics context.

[CGContextSetCharacterSpacing](#) (page 105)

Sets the current character spacing.

[CGContextSetFont](#) (page 111)

Sets the platform font in a graphics context.

[CGContextSetFontSize](#) (page 111)

Sets the current font size.

[CGContextSetTextDrawingMode](#) (page 124)

Sets the current text drawing mode.

[CGContextSetTextMatrix](#) (page 125)

Sets the current text matrix.

[CGContextSetTextPosition](#) (page 126)

Sets the location at which text is drawn.

[CGContextShowText](#) (page 129)

Displays a character array at the current text position, a point specified by the current text matrix.

[CGContextShowTextAtPoint](#) (page 130)

Displays a character string at a position you specify.

## Converting Between Device Space and User Space

[CGContextGetUserSpaceToDeviceSpaceTransform](#) (page 96)

Returns an affine transform that maps user space coordinates to device space coordinates.

[CGContextConvertPointToDeviceSpace](#) (page 78)

Returns a point that is transformed from user space coordinates to device space coordinates.

[CGContextConvertPointToUserSpace](#) (page 78)

Returns a point that is transformed from device space coordinates to user space coordinates.

[CGContextConvertSizeToDeviceSpace](#) (page 80)

Returns a size that is transformed from user space coordinates to device space coordinates.

[CGContextConvertSizeToUserSpace](#) (page 80)

Returns a size that is transformed from device space coordinates to user space coordinates.

[CGContextConvertRectToDeviceSpace](#) (page 79)

Returns a rectangle that is transformed from user space coordinate to device space coordinates.

[CGContextConvertRectToUserSpace](#) (page 79)

Returns a rectangle that is transformed from device space coordinate to user space coordinates.

## Functions

### CGContextAddArc

Adds an arc of a circle to the current path, using a center point, radius, and end point.

```
void CGContextAddArc (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat x,
    CGFloat y,
    CGFloat radius,
    CGFloat startAngle,
    CGFloat endAngle,
    int clockwise
);
```

#### Parameters

*c*

A graphics context.

*x*

The x-value, in user space coordinates, for the center of the arc.

*y*

The y-value, in user space coordinates, for the center of the arc.

*radius*

The radius of the arc, in user space coordinates.

*startAngle*

The angle to the starting point of the arc, measured in radians from the positive x-axis.

*endAngle*

The angle to the end point of the arc, measured in radians from the positive x-axis.

*clockwise*

In iPhone OS, specify 0 to create a clockwise arc or 1 to create a counterclockwise arc. In Mac OS X, specify 1 to create a clockwise arc or 0 to create a counterclockwise arc.

**Discussion**

When you call this function, Quartz builds an arc of a circle centered on the point you provide. The arc is of the specified radius and extends between the start and end point. (You can also use `CGContextAddArc` as a convenient way to draw a circle, by setting the start point to 0 and the end point to  $2\pi$ .)

If the current path already contains a subpath, Quartz additionally appends a straight line segment from the current point to the starting point of the arc. If the current path is empty, Quartz creates a new subpath for the arc and does not add the initial straight line segment.

After adding the arc, the current point is reset to the end point of arc (the second tangent point).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextAddArcToPoint](#) (page 63)

**Related Sample Code**

Cocoa CG arc demo

MovieVideoChart

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

Quartz EB

QuartzShapes

**Declared In**

`CGContext.h`

**CGContextAddArcToPoint**

Adds an arc of a circle to the current path, using a radius and tangent points.

```
void CGContextAddArcToPoint (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat x1,
    CGFloat y1,
    CGFloat x2,
    CGFloat y2,
    CGFloat radius
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context whose current path is not empty.

*x1*

The x-value, in user space coordinates, for the end point of the first tangent line. The first tangent line is drawn from the current point to (x1,y1).

*y1*

The y-value, in user space coordinates, for the end point of the first tangent line. The first tangent line is drawn from the current point to (x1,y1).

*x2*

The x-value, in user space coordinates, for the end point of the second tangent line. The second tangent line is drawn from (x1,y1) to (x2,y2).

*y2*

The y-value, in user space coordinates, for the end point of the second tangent line. The second tangent line is drawn from (x1,y1) to (x2,y2).

*radius*

The radius of the arc, in user space coordinates.

**Discussion**

This function draws an arc that is tangent to the line from the current point to (x1 , y1) and to the line from (x1 , y1) to (x2,y2). The start and end points of the arc are located on the first and second tangent lines, respectively. The start and end points of the arc are also the “tangent points” of the lines.

If the current point and the first tangent point of the arc (the starting point) are not equal, Quartz appends a straight line segment from the current point to the first tangent point. After adding the arc, the current point is reset to the end point of arc (the second tangent point).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextAddArc](#) (page 62)

[CGContextAddArcToPoint](#) (page 63)

**Related Sample Code**

Cocoa CG arc demo

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

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**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextAddCurveToPoint**

Appends a cubic Bézier curve from the current point, using the provided control points and end point .

```
void CGContextAddCurveToPoint (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat cp1x,
    CGFloat cp1y,
    CGFloat cp2x,
    CGFloat cp2y,
    CGFloat x,
    CGFloat y
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context whose current path is not empty.

*cp1x*

The x-value, in user space coordinates, for the first control point of the curve.

*cp1y*

The y-value, in user space coordinates, for the first control point of the curve.

*cp2x*

The x-value, in user space coordinates, for the second control point of the curve.

*cp2y*

The y-value, in user space coordinates, for the second control point of the curve.

*x*

The x-value, in user space coordinates, at which to end the curve.

*y*

The y-value, in user space coordinates, at which to end the curve.

**Discussion**

This function appends a cubic curve to the current path. After adding the segment, the current point is reset from the beginning of the new segment to the end point of that segment.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextAddQuadCurveToPoint](#) (page 68)

[CGContextAddArcToPoint](#) (page 63)

**Related Sample Code**

MovieVideoChart

Quartz EB

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextAddEllipseInRect**

Adds an ellipse that fits inside the specified rectangle.

```
void CGContextAddEllipseInRect (
    CGContextRef context,
    CGRect rect
);
```

**Parameters***context*

A graphics context.

*rect*

A rectangle that defines the area for the ellipse to fit in.

**Discussion**

The ellipse is approximated by a sequence of Bézier curves. Its center is the midpoint of the rectangle defined by the *rect* parameter. If the rectangle is square, then the ellipse is circular with a radius equal to one-half the width (or height) of the rectangle. If the *rect* parameter specifies a rectangular shape, then the major and minor axes of the ellipse are defined by the width and height of the rectangle.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz2DBasics

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextAddLines**

Adds a sequence of connected straight-line segments to the current path.

```
void CGContextAddLines (
    CGContextRef c,
    const CGPoint points[],
    size_t count
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context .

*points*

An array of values that specify the start and end points of the line segments to draw. Each point in the array specifies a position in user space. The first point in the array specifies the initial starting point.

*count*The number of elements in the *points* array.**Discussion**

This is a convenience function that adds a sequence of connected line segments to the current path in a graphics context. Quartz connects each point in the array with the subsequent point in the array, using straight line segments.

On return, the current point is the last point in the array. This function does not automatically close the path created by the line segments. If you want to close the path, you must call [CGContextClosePath](#) (page 76).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextAddLineToPoint](#) (page 67)

**Related Sample Code**

CocoaVideoFrameToGWorld

Quartz EB

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextAddLineToPoint**

Appends a straight line segment from the current point to the provided point .

```
void CGContextAddLineToPoint (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat x,
    CGFloat y
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

A graphics context whose current path is not empty.

*x*

The x-value, in user space coordinates, for the end of the line segment.

*y*

The y-value, in user space coordinates, for the end of the line segment.

**Discussion**

After adding the line segment, the current point is reset from the beginning of the new line segment to the endpoint of that line segment.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextAddLines](#) (page 66)

**Related Sample Code**

Cocoa CG arc demo

FunHouse

HID Calibrator

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

Quartz 2D Shadings

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

## CGContextAddPath

Adds a previously created Quartz path object to the current path in a graphics context.

```
void CGContextAddPath (
    CGContextRef context,
    CGPathRef path
);
```

### Parameters

*context*

A graphics context .

*path*

A previously created Quartz path object. See *CGPath Reference*.

### Discussion

Quartz applies the current transformation matrix (CTM) to the points in the new path before they are added to the current path in the graphics context.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

### Related Sample Code

CALayerEssentials

GeekGameBoard

Quartz 2D Shadings

Quartz2DBasics

### Declared In

CGContext.h

## CGContextAddQuadCurveToPoint

Appends a quadratic Bézier curve from the current point, using a control point and an end point you specify.

```
void CGContextAddQuadCurveToPoint (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat cpx,
    CGFloat cpy,
    CGFloat x,
    CGFloat y
);
```

### Parameters

*c*

A graphics context whose current path is not empty.

*cpx*

The x-coordinate of the user space for the control point of the curve.

*cpy*

The y-coordinate of the user space for the control point of the curve.

*x*

The x-coordinate of the user space at which to end the curve.

*y*

The y-coordinate of the user space at which to end the curve.

**Discussion**

This function appends a quadratic curve to the current subpath. After adding the segment, the current point is reset from the beginning of the new segment to the end point of that segment.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextAddCurveToPoint](#) (page 65)

[CGContextAddArcToPoint](#) (page 63)

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextAddRect**

Adds a rectangular path to the current path.

```
void CGContextAddRect (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGRect rect
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context.

*rect*

A rectangle, specified in user space coordinates.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextAddRects](#) (page 69)

**Related Sample Code**

BrideOfMungGrab

MovieVideoChart

Quartz 2D Transformer

Quartz EB

QuartzShapes

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextAddRects**

Adds a set rectangular paths to the current path.

```
void CGContextAddRects (
    CGContextRef c,
    const CGRect rects[],
    size_t count
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context.

*rects*

An array of rectangles, specified in user space coordinates.

*count*The number of rectangles in the *rects* array.**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**[CGContextAddRect](#) (page 69)**Related Sample Code**

BrideOfMungGrab

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextBeginPage**

Starts a new page in a page-based graphics context.

```
void CGContextBeginPage (
    CGContextRef c,
    const CGRect *mediaBox
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A page-based graphics context such as a PDF context. If you specify a context that does not support multiple pages, this function does nothing.

*mediaBox*

A Quartz rectangle defining the bounds of the new page, expressed in units of the default user space, or NULL. These bounds supersede any supplied for the media box when you created the context. If you pass NULL, Quartz uses the rectangle you supplied for the media box when the graphics context was created.

**Discussion**

When using a graphics context that supports multiple pages, you should call this function together with [CGContextEndPage](#) (page 87) to delineate the page boundaries in the output. In other words, each page should be bracketed by calls to [CGContextBeginPage](#) and [CGContextEndPage](#). Quartz ignores all drawing operations performed outside a page boundary in a page-based context.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Cocoa CG arc demo  
CocoaVideoFrameToGWorld  
Quartz EB  
Quartz2DBasics  
SampleRaster

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextBeginPath**

Creates a new empty path in a graphics context.

```
void CGContextBeginPath (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*  
A graphics context.

**Discussion**

A graphics context can have only a single path in use at any time. If the specified context already contains a current path when you call this function, Quartz replaces the previous current path with the new path. In this case, Quartz discards the old path and any data associated with it.

The current path is not part of the graphics state. Consequently, saving and restoring the graphics state has no effect on the current path.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextClosePath](#) (page 76)

**Related Sample Code**

GeekGameBoard  
MovieVideoChart  
Quartz EB  
Quartz2DBasics  
QuartzShapes

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextBeginTransparencyLayer**

Begins a transparency layer.

```
void CGContextBeginTransparencyLayer (
    CGContextRef context,
    CFDictionaryRef auxiliaryInfo
);
```

**Parameters***context*

A graphics context.

*auxiliaryInfo*

A dictionary that specifies any additional information, or NULL.

**Discussion**

Until a corresponding call to [CGContextEndTransparencyLayer](#) (page 87), all subsequent drawing operations in the specified context are composited into a fully transparent backdrop (which is treated as a separate destination buffer from the context).

After a call to `CGContextEndTransparencyLayer`, the result is composited into the context using the global alpha and shadow state of the context. This operation respects the clipping region of the context.

After a call to this function, all of the parameters in the graphics state remain unchanged with the exception of the following:

- The global alpha is set to 1.
- The shadow is turned off.

Ending the transparency layer restores these parameters to their previous values. Quartz maintains a transparency layer stack for each context, and transparency layers may be nested.

**Tip:** For best performance, make sure that you set the smallest possible clipping area for the objects in the transparency layer prior to calling `CGContextBeginTransparencyLayer`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**`CGContext.h`**CGContextBeginTransparencyLayerWithRect**

Begins a transparency layer whose contents are bounded by the specified rectangle.

```
void CGContextBeginTransparencyLayerWithRect(
    CGContextRef context,
    CGRect rect,
    CFDictionaryRef auxiliaryInfo
);
```

**Parameters***context*

A graphics context.

*rect*

The rectangle, specified in user space, that bounds the transparency layer.

*auxiliaryInfo*

A dictionary that specifies any additional information, or NULL.

#### Discussion

This function is identical to [CGContextBeginTransparencyLayer](#) (page 71) except that the content of the transparency layer is within the bounds of the provided rectangle.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

#### Declared In

CGContext.h

### CGContextClearRect

Paints a transparent rectangle.

```
void CGContextClearRect (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGRect rect
);
```

#### Parameters

*c*

The graphics context in which to paint the rectangle.

*rect*

The rectangle, in user space coordinates.

#### Discussion

If the provided context is a window or bitmap context, Quartz effectively clears the rectangle. For other context types, Quartz fills the rectangle in a device-dependent manner. However, you should not use this function in contexts other than window or bitmap contexts.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

#### Related Sample Code

BrideOfMungGrab

CIVideoDemoGL

DockBrowser

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

Quartz2DBasics

#### Declared In

CGContext.h

### CGContextClip

Modifies the current clipping path, using the nonzero winding number rule.

```
void CGContextClip (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context that contains a path. If the context does not have a current path, the function does nothing.

**Discussion**

The function uses the nonzero winding number rule to calculate the intersection of the current path with the current clipping path. Quartz then uses the path resulting from the intersection as the new current clipping path for subsequent painting operations.

Unlike the current path, the current clipping path is part of the graphics state. Therefore, to re-enlarge the paintable area by restoring the clipping path to a prior state, you must save the graphics state before you clip and restore the graphics state after you've completed any clipped drawing.

After determining the new clipping path, the function resets the context's current path to an empty path.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextEOClip](#) (page 88)

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz 2D Shadings

Quartz EB

Quartz2DBasics

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextClipToMask**

Maps a mask into the specified rectangle and intersects it with the current clipping area of the graphics context.

```
void CGContextClipToMask (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGRect rect,
    CGImageRef mask
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context.

*rect*

The rectangle to map the *mask* parameter to.

*mask*

An image or an image mask. If *mask* is an image, then it must be in the DeviceGray color space, may not have an alpha component, and may not be masked by an image mask or masking color.

**Discussion**

If the *mask* parameter is an image mask, then Quartz clips in a manner identical to the behavior seen with the function `CGContextDrawImage`—the mask indicates an area to be left unchanged when drawing. The source samples of the image mask determine which points of the clipping area are changed, acting as an "inverse alpha" value. If the value of a source sample in the image mask is  $S$ , then the corresponding point in the current clipping area is multiplied by an alpha value of  $(1-S)$ . For example, if  $S$  is 1 then the point in the clipping area becomes transparent. If  $S$  is 0, the point in the clipping area is unchanged.

If the *mask* parameter is an image, then *mask* acts like an alpha mask and is blended with the current clipping area. The source samples of mask determine which points of the clipping area are changed. If the value of the source sample in mask is  $S$ , then the corresponding point in the current clipping area is multiplied by an alpha of  $S$ . For example, if  $S$  is 0, then the point in the clipping area becomes transparent. If  $S$  is 1, the point in the clipping area is unchanged.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

MovieVideoChart

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextClipToRect**

Sets the clipping path to the intersection of the current clipping path with the area defined by the specified rectangle.

```
void CGContextClipToRect (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGRect rect
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

The graphics context for which to set the clipping path.

*rect*

A `CGRect` value that specifies, in the user space, the location and dimensions of the rectangle to be used in determining the new clipping path.

**Discussion**

This function sets the specified graphics context's clipping region to the area which intersects both the current clipping path and the specified rectangle.

After determining the new clipping path, the `CGContextClipToRect` function resets the context's current path to an empty path.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextClipToRects](#) (page 76)

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextClipToRects**

Sets the clipping path to the intersection of the current clipping path with the region defined by an array of rectangles.

```
void CGContextClipToRects (
    CGContextRef c,
    const CGRect rects[],
    size_t count
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context for which to set the clipping path.

*rects*

An array of rectangles. The locations and dimensions of the rectangles are specified in the user space coordinate system.

*count*

The total number of array entries in the *rects* parameter.

**Discussion**

This function sets the clipping path to the intersection of the current clipping path and the region within the specified rectangles.

After determining the new clipping path, the function resets the context's current path to an empty path.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextClipToRect](#) (page 75)

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextClosePath**

Closes and terminates an open path.

```
void CGContextClosePath (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context.

**Discussion**

If a path is open, this function closes and terminate the path. Quartz closes a path by drawing a straight line that connects the current point to the starting point. If the current point and the starting point are the same, you must still call this function to close the path. After Quartz terminates the path, the current point is no longer defined. If there is no open path, this function does nothing.

When you fill or clip an open path, Quartz implicitly closes the subpath for you.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextAddPath](#) (page 68)

**Related Sample Code**

BrideOfMungGrab

CALayerEssentials

HID Explorer

Quartz EB

QuartzShapes

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextConcatCTM**

Transforms the user coordinate system in a context using a specified matrix.

```
void CGContextConcatCTM (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGAffineTransform transform
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

A graphics context.

*transform*

The transformation matrix to apply to the specified context's current transformation matrix.

**Discussion**

When you call the function `CGContextConcatCTM`, it concatenates (that is, it combines) two matrices, by multiplying them together. The order in which matrices are concatenated is important, as the operations are not commutative. When you call `CGContextConcatCTM`, the resulting CTM in the context is:  $CTM_{new} = transform * CTM_{context}$ .

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

ImageApp

JAWTExample

Quartz 2D Transformer

Quartz EB

QuartzShapes

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextConvertPointToDeviceSpace**

Returns a point that is transformed from user space coordinates to device space coordinates.

```
CGPoint CGContextConvertPointToDeviceSpace (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGPoint point
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

A graphics context.

*point*

The point, in user space coordinates, to transform.

**Return Value**

The coordinates of the point in device space coordinates.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextConvertPointToUserSpace](#) (page 78)

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextConvertPointToUserSpace**

Returns a point that is transformed from device space coordinates to user space coordinates.

```
CGPoint CGContextConvertPointToUserSpace (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGPoint point
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

A graphics context.

*point*

The point, in device space coordinates, to transform.

**Return Value**

The coordinates of the point in user space coordinates.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextConvertPointToDeviceSpace](#) (page 78)

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextConvertRectToDeviceSpace**

Returns a rectangle that is transformed from user space coordinate to device space coordinates.

```
CGRect CGContextConvertRectToDeviceSpace (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGRect rect
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

A graphics context.

*rect*

The rectangle, in user space coordinates, to transform.

**Return Value**

The rectangle in device space coordinates.

**Discussion**

In general affine transforms do not preserve rectangles. As a result, this function returns the smallest rectangle that contains the transformed corner points of the rectangle.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextConvertRectToUserSpace](#) (page 79)

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextConvertRectToUserSpace**

Returns a rectangle that is transformed from device space coordinate to user space coordinates.

```
CGRect CGContextConvertRectToUserSpace (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGRect rect
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

A graphics context.

*rect*

The rectangle, in device space coordinates, to transform.

**Return Value**

The rectangle in user space coordinates.

**Discussion**

In general, affine transforms do not preserve rectangles. As a result, this function returns the smallest rectangle that contains the transformed corner points of the rectangle.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextConvertRectToDeviceSpace](#) (page 79)

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextConvertSizeToDeviceSpace**

Returns a size that is transformed from user space coordinates to device space coordinates.

```
CGSize CGContextConvertSizeToDeviceSpace (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGSize size
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

A graphics context.

*size*

The size, in user space coordinates, to transform.

**Return Value**

The size in device space coordinates.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextConvertSizeToUserSpace](#) (page 80)

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextConvertSizeToUserSpace**

Returns a size that is transformed from device space coordinates to user space coordinates

```
CGSize CGContextConvertSizeToUserSpace (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGSize size
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

A graphics context.

*size*

The size, in device space coordinates, to transform.

#### Return Value

The size in user space coordinates.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

#### See Also

[CGContextConvertSizeToDeviceSpace](#) (page 80)

#### Declared In

CGContext.h

## CGContextDrawImage

Draws an image into a graphics context.

```
void CGContextDrawImage (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGRect rect,
    CGImageRef image
);
```

#### Parameters

*c*

The graphics context in which to draw the image.

*rect*

The location and dimensions in user space of the bounding box in which to draw the image.

*image*

The image to draw.

#### Discussion

Quartz scales the image—disproportionately, if necessary—to fit the bounds specified by the `rect` parameter.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

#### Related Sample Code

DockBrowser

GLSL Showpiece Lite

ImageApp

ImproveYourImage

QuartzCache

#### Declared In

CGContext.h

## CGContextDrawLinearGradient

Paints a gradient fill that varies along the line defined by the provided starting and ending points.

```
void CGContextDrawLinearGradient(
    CGContextRef context,
    CGGradientRef gradient,
    CGPoint startPoint,
    CGPoint endPoint,
    CGGradientDrawingOptions options
);
```

**Parameters***context*

A Quartz graphics context.

*gradient*

A CGGradient object.

*startPoint*

The coordinate that defines the starting point of the gradient.

*endPoint*

The coordinate that defines the ending point of the gradient.

*options*Option flags ([kCGGradientDrawsBeforeStartLocation](#) (page 208) or [kCGGradientDrawsAfterEndLocation](#) (page 208)) that control whether the fill is extended beyond the starting or ending point.**Discussion**

The color at location 0 in the CGGradient object is mapped to the starting point. The color at location 1 in the CGGradient object is mapped to the ending point. Colors are linearly interpolated between these two points based on the location values of the gradient. The option flags control whether the gradient is drawn before the start point or after the end point.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

Quartz 2D Shadings

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextDrawPath**

Draws the current path using the provided drawing mode.

```
void CGContextDrawPath (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGPathDrawingMode mode
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context that contains a path to paint.

*mode*

A path drawing mode constant—[kCGPathFill](#) (page 281), [kCGPathEOFill](#) (page 281), [kCGPathStroke](#) (page 281), [kCGPathFillStroke](#) (page 281), or [kCGPathEOFillStroke](#) (page 281). For a discussion of these constants, see *CGPath Reference*.

#### Discussion

This function draws the current path using the specified drawing mode. If the current path contains several disjoint portions (or subpaths), Quartz fills each one independently. Any subpath that you did not explicitly close by calling [CGContextClosePath](#) (page 76) is closed implicitly by the fill routines.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

#### See Also

[CGContextFillPath](#) (page 90)

[CGContextEOFillPath](#) (page 88)

[CGContextStrokePath](#) (page 132)

#### Related Sample Code

GeekGameBoard

Quartz EB

#### Declared In

CGContext.h

## CGContextDrawPDFDocument

Draws a page of a PDF document into a graphics context. (Deprecated in Mac OS X v10.5.)

```
void CGContextDrawPDFDocument (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGRect rect,
    CGPDFDocumentRef document,
    int page
);
```

#### Parameters

*c*

The graphics context in which to draw the PDF page.

*rect*

A [CGRect](#) value that specifies the dimensions and location of the area in which to draw the PDF page, in units of the user space. When drawn, Quartz scales the media box of the page to fit the rectangle you specify.

*document*

The PDF document to draw.

*page*

A value that specifies the PDF page number to draw. If the specified page does not exist, the function does nothing.

**Special Considerations**

For applications running in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later, it is recommended that you replace this function with `CGContextDrawPDFPage` (page 84). If you do so, and want to specify the drawing rectangle, you should use `CGPDFPageGetDrawingTransform` (page 355) to get an appropriate transform, concatenate it with the current transformation matrix, clip to the rectangle, and then call `CGContextDrawPDFPage` (page 84).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Deprecated in Mac OS X v10.5.

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz EB

**Declared In**

`CGContext.h`

**CGContextDrawPDFPage**

Draws a page in the current user space of a PDF context.

```
void CGContextDrawPDFPage (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGPDFPageRef page
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

The graphics context in which to draw the PDF page.

*page*

A Quartz PDF page.

**Discussion**

This function works in conjunction with the opaque type `CGPDFPageRef` to draw individual pages into a PDF context.

For applications running in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later, this function is recommended as a replacement for the older function `CGContextDrawPDFDocument`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGContext.h`

**CGContextDrawRadialGradient**

Paints a gradient fill that varies along the area defined by the provided starting and ending circles.

```
void CGContextDrawRadialGradient(
    CGContextRef context,
    CGGradientRef gradient,
    CGPoint startCenter,
    CGFloat startRadius,
    CGPoint endCenter,
    CGFloat endRadius,
    CGGradientDrawingOptions options
);
```

**Parameters***context*

A Quartz graphics context.

*gradient*

A CGGradient object.

*startCenter*

The coordinate that defines the center of the starting circle.

*startRadius*

The radius of the starting circle.

*endCenter*

The coordinate that defines the center of the ending circle.

*endRadius*

The radius of the ending circle.

*options*Option flags ([kCGGradientDrawsBeforeStartLocation](#) (page 208) or [kCGGradientDrawsAfterEndLocation](#) (page 208)) that control whether the gradient is drawn before the starting circle or after the ending circle.**Discussion**

The color at location 0 in the CGGradient object is mapped to the circle defined by *startCenter* and *startRadius*. The color at location 1 in the CGGradient object is mapped to the circle defined by *endCenter* and *endRadius*. Colors are linearly interpolated between the starting and ending circles based on the location values of the gradient. The option flags control whether the gradient is drawn before the start point or after the end point.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

Quartz 2D Shadings

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextDrawShading**

Fills the clipping path of a context with the specified shading.

```
void CGContextDrawShading (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGShadingRef shading
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context in which to draw the shading.

*shading*

A Quartz shading. Quartz retains this object; upon return, you may safely release it.

**Discussion**

In Mac OS X v10.5 and later, the preferred way to draw gradients is to use a `CGGradient` object. See *CGGradient Reference*.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextDrawLinearGradient](#) (page 81)

[CGContextDrawRadialGradient](#) (page 84)

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz 2D Shadings

SampleRaster

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextDrawTiledImage**

Repeatedly draws an image, scaled to the provided rectangle, to fill the current clip region.

```
void CGContextDrawTiledImage(
    CGContextRef context,
    CGRect rect,
    CGImageRef image
);
```

**Parameters***context*

The graphics context in which to draw the image.

*rect*

A rectangle that specifies the tile size. Quartz scales the image—disproportionately, if necessary—to fit the bounds specified by the `rect` parameter.

*image*

The image to draw.

**Discussion**

Quartz draws the scaled image starting at the origin of user space, then moves to a new point (horizontally by the width of the tile and/or vertically by the height of the tile), draws the scaled image, moves again, draws again, and so on, until the current clip region is tiled with copies of the image. Unlike patterns, the image is tiled in user space, so transformations applied to the CTM affect the final result.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextEndPage**

Ends the current page in a page-based graphics context.

```
void CGContextEndPage (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*  
A page-based graphics context.

**Discussion**

When using a graphics context that supports multiple pages, you should call this function to terminate drawing in the current page.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextBeginPage](#) (page 70)

**Related Sample Code**

Cocoa CG arc demo

CocoaVideoFrameToGWorld

From A View to A Movie

Quartz EB

Quartz2DBasics

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextEndTransparencyLayer**

Ends a transparency layer.

```
void CGContextEndTransparencyLayer (
    CGContextRef context
);
```

**Parameters**

*context*  
A graphics context.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**See Also**[CGContextBeginTransparencyLayer](#) (page 71)**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextEOClip**

Modifies the current clipping path, using the even-odd rule.

```
void CGContextEOClip (  
    CGContextRef c  
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context containing a path. If the context does not have a current path, the function does nothing.

**Discussion**

The function uses the even-odd rule to calculate the intersection of the current path with the current clipping path. Quartz then uses the path resulting from the intersection as the new current clipping path for subsequent painting operations.

Unlike the current path, the current clipping path is part of the graphics state. Therefore, to re-enlarge the paintable area by restoring the clipping path to a prior state, you must save the graphics state before you clip and restore the graphics state after you've completed any clipped drawing.

After determining the new clipping path, the function resets the context's current path to an empty path.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**[CGContextClip](#) (page 73)**Related Sample Code**[OpenCL NBody Simulation Example](#)[Quartz 2D Shadings](#)[Quartz EB](#)**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextEOFillPath**

Paints the area within the current path, using the even-odd fill rule.

```
void CGContextEOFillPath (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*  
A graphics context that contains a path to fill.

**Discussion**

If the current path contains several disjoint portions (or subpaths), Quartz fills each one independently. Any subpath that you did not explicitly close by calling [CGContextClosePath](#) (page 76) is closed implicitly by the fill routines.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextFillPath](#) (page 90)

[CGContextStrokePath](#) (page 132)

[CGContextDrawPath](#) (page 82)

**Related Sample Code**

CALayerEssentials

CocoaVideoFrameToGWorld

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextFillEllipseInRect**

Paints the area of the ellipse that fits inside the provided rectangle, using the fill color in the current graphics state.

```
void CGContextFillEllipseInRect (
    CGContextRef context,
    CGRect rect
);
```

**Parameters**

*context*  
A graphics context.

*rect*  
A rectangle that defines the area for the ellipse to fit in.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

GeekGameBoard

HID Calibrator

HID Config Save

HID Explorer

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextFillPath**

Paints the area within the current path, using the nonzero winding number rule.

```
void CGContextFillPath (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context that contains a path to fill.

**Discussion**

If the current path contains several disjoint portions (or subpaths), Quartz fills each one independently. Any subpath that you did not explicitly close by calling [CGContextClosePath](#) (page 76) is closed implicitly by the fill routines.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextEOFillPath](#) (page 88)

[CGContextStrokePath](#) (page 132)

[CGContextDrawPath](#) (page 82)

**Related Sample Code**

MovieVideoChart

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

Quartz EB

Quartz2DBasics

QuartzShapes

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextFillRect**

Paints the area contained within the provided rectangle, using the fill color in the current graphics state.

```
void CGContextFillRect (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGRect rect
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context.

*rect*

A rectangle, in user space coordinates.

**Discussion**

As a side effect when you call this function, Quartz clears the current path.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextFillRects](#) (page 91)

**Related Sample Code**

BlitNoVBL

MovieVideoChart

Quartz2DBasics

QuartzCache

SeeMyFriends

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextFillRects**

Paints the areas contained within the provided rectangles, using the fill color in the current graphics state.

```
void CGContextFillRects (
    CGContextRef c,
    const CGRect rects[],
    size_t count
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

A graphics context .

*rects*

An array of rectangles, in user space coordinates.

*count*

The number rectangles in the *rects* array.

**Discussion**

As a side effect when you call this function, Quartz clears the current path.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextFillRect](#) (page 90)

**Related Sample Code**

LightTable

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

## CGContextFlush

Forces all pending drawing operations in a window context to be rendered immediately to the destination device.

```
void CGContextFlush (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

### Parameters

*c*

The window context to flush. If you pass a PDF context or a bitmap context, this function does nothing.

### Discussion

When you call this function, Quartz immediately flushes the current drawing to the destination device (for example, a screen). Because the system software flushes a context automatically at the appropriate times, calling this function could have an adverse effect on performance. Under normal conditions, you do not need to call this function.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

### Related Sample Code

BlitNoVBL

CIRAWFilterSample

Cocoa CG arc demo

DockBrowser

Quartz EB

### Declared In

CGContext.h

## CGContextGetClipBoundingBox

Returns the bounding box of a clipping path.

```
CGRect CGContextGetClipBoundingBox (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

### Parameters

*c*

The graphics context to modify.

### Return Value

The bounding box of the clipping path, specified in user space.

### Discussion

The bounding box is the smallest rectangle completely enclosing all points in the clipping path, including control points for any Bezier curves in the path.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CALayerEssentials

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextGetCTM**

Returns the current transformation matrix.

```
CGAffineTransform CGContextGetCTM (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context.

**Return Value**

The transformation matrix for the current graphics state of the specified context.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

BrideOfMungGrab

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextGetInterpolationQuality**

Returns the current level of interpolation quality for a graphics context.

```
CGInterpolationQuality CGContextGetInterpolationQuality (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context to examine.

**Return Value**

The current level of interpolation quality.

**Discussion**

Interpolation quality is a graphics state parameter that provides a hint for the level of quality to use for image interpolation (for example, when scaling the image). Not all contexts support all interpolation quality levels.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.1 and later.

**See Also**[CGContextSetInterpolationQuality](#) (page 113)

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextGetPathBoundingBox**

Returns the smallest rectangle that contains the current path.

```
CGRect CGContextGetPathBoundingBox (  
    CGContextRef c  
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context, containing a path, to examine.

**Return Value**

A `CGRect` value that specifies the dimensions and location, in user space, of the bounding box of the path. If there is no path, the function returns `CGRectNull`.

**Discussion**

The bounding box is the smallest rectangle completely enclosing all points in a path, including control points for Bézier cubic and quadratic curves.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

BrideOfMungGrab

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextGetPathCurrentPoint**

Returns the current point in a non-empty path.

```
CGPoint CGContextGetPathCurrentPoint (  
    CGContextRef c  
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context containing the path to examine.

**Return Value**

A `CGPoint` value that specifies the location, in user space, of current point in the context's path. If there is no path, the function returns `CGPointZero`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Cocoa CG arc demo

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextGetTextMatrix**

Returns the current text matrix.

```
CGAffineTransform CGContextGetTextMatrix (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters**

c

The graphics context for which to obtain the text matrix.

**Return Value**

The current text matrix.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextGetTextPosition**

Returns the location at which text is drawn.

```
CGPoint CGContextGetTextPosition (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters**

c

The graphics context from which to obtain the current text position.

**Return Value**Returns a `CGPoint` value that specifies the x and y values at which text is to be drawn, in user space coordinates.**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

BrideOfMungGrab

CaptureAndCompressIPBMovie

DockBrowser

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextGetTypeID**

Returns the type identifier for Quartz graphics contexts.

```
CTypeID CGContextGetTypeID (
    void
);
```

**Return Value**

The identifier for the opaque type [CGContextRef](#) (page 135).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

[CGContext.h](#)

**CGContextGetUserSpaceToDeviceSpaceTransform**

Returns an affine transform that maps user space coordinates to device space coordinates.

```
CGAffineTransform CGContextGetUserSpaceToDeviceSpaceTransform (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

A graphics context.

**Return Value**

The affine transform that maps the user space of the graphics context to the device space.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

[CGContext.h](#)

**CGContextIsPathEmpty**

Indicates whether the current path contains any subpaths.

```
bool CGContextIsPathEmpty (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

The graphics context containing the path to examine.

**Return Value**

Returns 1 if the context's path contains no subpaths, otherwise returns 0.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Cocoa CG arc demo

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextMoveToPoint**

Begins a new path at the point you specify.

```
void CGContextMoveToPoint (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat x,
    CGFloat y
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context.

*x*

The x-value, in user space coordinates, for the point.

*y*

The y-value, in user space coordinates, for the point.

**Discussion**

This point you specifies becomes the current point. It defines the starting point of the next line segment.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Cocoa CG arc demo

FunHouse

HID Calibrator

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

Quartz 2D Shadings

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextPathContainsPoint**

Checks to see whether the specified point is contained in the current path.

```
bool CGContextPathContainsPoint (
    CGContextRef context,
    CGPoint point,
    CGPathDrawingMode mode
);
```

**Parameters***context*

A graphics context.

*point*

The point to check, specified in user space units.

*mode*A path drawing mode—`kCGPathFill`, `kCGPathEOFill`, `kCGPathStroke`, `kCGPathFillStroke`, or `kCGPathEOFillStroke`. See `CGPathDrawingMode` for more information on these modes.**Return Value**Returns `true` if *point* is inside the current path of the graphics context; `false` otherwise.**Discussion**

A point is contained within the path of a graphics context if the point is inside the painted region when the path is stroked or filled with opaque colors using the specified path drawing mode. A point can be inside a path only if the path is explicitly closed by calling the function `CGContextClosePath` (page 76), for paths drawn directly to the current context, or `CGPathCloseSubpath` (page 272), for paths first created as `CGPath` objects and then drawn to the current context.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**`CGContext.h`**CGContextRelease**

Decrements the retain count of a graphics context.

```
void CGContextRelease (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context to release.

**Discussion**This function is equivalent to `CFRelease`, except it does not cause an error if *c* is `NULL`.**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

From A View to A Movie

From A View to A Picture

MovieVideoChart

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

SampleRaster

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextReplacePathWithStrokedPath**

Replaces the path in the graphics context with the stroked version of the path.

```
void CGContextReplacePathWithStrokedPath (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

A graphics context.

**Discussion**

Quartz creates a stroked path using the parameters of the current graphics context. You can use this path in the same way you use the path of any context. For example, you can clip to the stroked version of a path by calling this function followed by a call to the function [CGContextClip](#) (page 73).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextRestoreGState**

Sets the current graphics state to the state most recently saved.

```
void CGContextRestoreGState (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

The graphics context whose state you want to modify.

**Discussion**

Quartz removes the graphics state that is at the top of the stack so that the most recently saved state becomes the current graphics state.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextSaveGState](#) (page 101)

**Related Sample Code**

Cocoa CG arc demo

MovieVideoChart

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

Quartz 2D Shadings  
 QuartzShapes

**Declared In**  
 CGContext.h

### CGContextRetain

Increments the retain count of a graphics context.

```
CGContextRef CGContextRetain (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

#### Parameters

*c*  
 The graphics context to retain.

#### Return Value

The same graphics context you passed in as the `context` parameter.

#### Discussion

This function is equivalent to `CFRetain`, except it does not cause an error if `c` is `NULL`.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

#### Related Sample Code

From A View to A Movie  
 From A View to A Picture

**Declared In**  
 CGContext.h

### CGContextRotateCTM

Rotates the user coordinate system in a context.

```
void CGContextRotateCTM (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat angle
);
```

#### Parameters

*c*  
 A graphics context.

*angle*

The angle, in radians, by which to rotate the coordinate space of the specified context. (In iPhone OS, positive values rotate clockwise and negative values rotate counterclockwise. In Mac OS X, positive values rotate counterclockwise and negative values rotate clockwise.)

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CoreTextArcCocoa  
Quartz 2D Transformer  
Quartz EB  
Quartz2DBasics  
QuartzShapes

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSaveGState**

Pushes a copy of the current graphics state onto the graphics state stack for the context.

```
void CGContextSaveGState (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

The graphics context whose current graphics state you want to save.

**Discussion**

Each graphics context maintains a stack of graphics states. Note that not all aspects of the current drawing environment are elements of the graphics state. For example, the current path is not considered part of the graphics state and is therefore not saved when you call the `CGContextSaveGState` function. The graphics state parameters that *are* saved are:

- CTM (current transformation matrix)
- clip region
- image interpolation quality
- line width
- line join
- miter limit
- line cap
- line dash
- flatness
- should anti-alias
- rendering intent
- fill color space
- stroke color space
- fill color
- stroke color
- alpha value
- font

- font size
- character spacing
- text drawing mode
- shadow parameters
- the pattern phase
- the font smoothing parameter
- blend mode

To restore your drawing environment to a previously saved state, you can use [CGContextRestoreGState](#) (page 99).

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

#### Related Sample Code

Cocoa CG arc demo

MovieVideoChart

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

Quartz 2D Shadings

QuartzShapes

#### Declared In

CGContext.h

## CGContextScaleCTM

Changes the scale of the user coordinate system in a context.

```
void CGContextScaleCTM (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat sx,
    CGFloat sy
);
```

#### Parameters

*c*

A graphics context.

*sx*

The factor by which to scale the x-axis of the coordinate space of the specified context.

*sy*

The factor by which to scale the y-axis of the coordinate space of the specified context.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

#### Related Sample Code

Cocoa CG arc demo

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

Quartz 2D Shadings

Quartz2DBasics  
QuartzCache

**Declared In**  
CGContext.h

### CGContextSelectFont

Sets the font and font size in a graphics context.

```
void CGContextSelectFont (
    CGContextRef c,
    const char *name,
    CGFloat size,
    CGTextEncoding textEncoding
);
```

#### Parameters

*c*

The graphics context for which to set the font and font size.

*name*

A null-terminated string that contains the PostScript name of the font to set.

*size*

A value that specifies the font size to set, in text space units.

*textEncoding*

A `CGTextEncoding` value that specifies the encoding used for the font. For a description of the available values, see “Text Encodings” (page 144).

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

#### See Also

[CGContextShowText](#) (page 129)

[CGContextShowTextAtPoint](#) (page 130)

#### Related Sample Code

BrideOfMungGrab

Cocoa PDE with Carbon Printing

DockBrowser

HID Calibrator

Quartz EB

**Declared In**  
CGContext.h

### CGContextSetAllowsAntialiasing

Sets whether or not to allow anti-aliasing for a graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetAllowsAntialiasing (
    CGContextRef context,
    bool allowsAntialiasing
);
```

**Parameters***context*

A graphics context.

*allowsAntialiasing*A Boolean value that specifies whether or not to allow antialiasing. Pass `true` to allow antialiasing; `false` otherwise. This parameter is not part of the graphics state.**Discussion**

Quartz performs antialiasing for a graphics context if both the `allowsAntialiasing` parameter and the graphics state parameter `shouldAntialias` are `true`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetAlpha**

Sets the opacity level for objects drawn in a graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetAlpha (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat alpha
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context for which to set the current graphics state's alpha value parameter.

*alpha*

A value that specifies the opacity level. Values can range from 0.0 (transparent) to 1.0 (opaque). Values outside this range are clipped to 0.0 or 1.0.

**Discussion**

This function sets the alpha value parameter for the specified graphics context. To clear the contents of the drawing canvas, use [CGContextClearRect](#) (page 73).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz2DBasics

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

## CGContextSetBlendMode

Sets how Quartz composites sample values for a graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetBlendMode (
    CGContextRef context,
    CGBlendMode mode
);
```

### Parameters

*context*

The graphics context to modify.

*mode*

A blend mode. See “Blend Modes” (page 135) for a list of the constants you can supply.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

### Related Sample Code

GeekGameBoard

Quartz 2D Shadings

### Declared In

CGContext.h

## CGContextSetCharacterSpacing

Sets the current character spacing.

```
void CGContextSetCharacterSpacing (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat spacing
);
```

### Parameters

*c*

The graphics context for which to set the character spacing.

*spacing*

A value that represents the amount of additional space to place between glyphs, in text space coordinates.

### Discussion

Quartz adds the additional space to the advance between the origin of one character and the origin of the next character. For information about the text coordinate system, see [CGContextSetTextMatrix](#) (page 125).

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

### Declared In

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetCMYKFillColor**

Sets the current fill color to a value in the DeviceCMYK color space.

```
void CGContextSetCMYKFillColor (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat cyan,
    CGFloat magenta,
    CGFloat yellow,
    CGFloat black,
    CGFloat alpha
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context for which to set the current fill color.

*cyan*

The cyan intensity value for the color to set. The DeviceCMYK color space permits the specification of a value ranging from 0.0 (does not absorb the secondary color) to 1.0 (fully absorbs the secondary color).

*magenta*

The magenta intensity value for the color to set. The DeviceCMYK color space permits the specification of a value ranging from 0.0 (does not absorb the secondary color) to 1.0 (fully absorbs the secondary color).

*yellow*

The yellow intensity value for the color to set. The DeviceCMYK color space permits the specification of a value ranging from 0.0 (does not absorb the secondary color) to 1.0 (fully absorbs the secondary color).

*black*

The black intensity value for the color to set. The DeviceCMYK color space permits the specification of a value ranging from 0.0 (does not absorb the secondary color) to 1.0 (fully absorbs the secondary color).

*alpha*

A value that specifies the opacity level. Values can range from 0.0 (transparent) to 1.0 (opaque). Values outside this range are clipped to 0.0 or 1.0.

**Discussion**

Quartz provides convenience functions for each of the device color spaces that allow you to set the fill or stroke color space and the fill or stroke color with one function call.

When you call this function, two things happen:

- Quartz sets the current fill color space to DeviceCMYK.
- Quartz sets the current fill color to the value specified by the *cyan*, *magenta*, *yellow*, *black*, and *alpha* parameters.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextSetCMYKStrokeColor](#) (page 107)

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetCMYKStrokeColor**

Sets the current stroke color to a value in the DeviceCMYK color space.

```
void CGContextSetCMYKStrokeColor (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat cyan,
    CGFloat magenta,
    CGFloat yellow,
    CGFloat black,
    CGFloat alpha
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context for which to set the current stroke color.

*cyan*

The cyan intensity value for the color to set. The DeviceCMYK color space permits the specification of a value ranging from 0.0 (does not absorb the secondary color) to 1.0 (fully absorbs the secondary color).

*magenta*

The magenta intensity value for the color to set. The DeviceCMYK color space permits the specification of a value ranging from 0.0 (does not absorb the secondary color) to 1.0 (fully absorbs the secondary color).

*yellow*

The yellow intensity value for the color to set. The DeviceCMYK color space permits the specification of a value ranging from 0.0 (does not absorb the secondary color) to 1.0 (fully absorbs the secondary color).

*black*

The black intensity value for the color to set. The DeviceCMYK color space permits the specification of a value ranging from 0.0 (does not absorb the secondary color) to 1.0 (fully absorbs the secondary color).

*alpha*

A value that specifies the opacity level. Values can range from 0.0 (transparent) to 1.0 (opaque). Values outside this range are clipped to 0.0 or 1.0.

**Discussion**

When you call this function, two things happen:

- Quartz sets the current stroke color space to DeviceCMYK.
- Quartz sets the current stroke color to the value specified by the *cyan*, *magenta*, *yellow*, *black*, and *alpha* parameters.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextSetCMYKFillColor](#) (page 106)

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetFillColor**

Sets the current fill color.

```
void CGContextSetFillColor (
    CGContextRef c,
    const CGFloat components[]
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context for which to set the current fill color.

*components*

An array of intensity values describing the color to set. The number of array elements must equal the number of components in the current fill color space, plus an additional component for the alpha value.

**Discussion**

The current fill color space must not be a pattern color space. For information on setting the fill color when using a pattern color space, see [CGContextSetFillColorPattern](#) (page 109). Note that the preferred API to use is now [CGContextSetFillColorWithColor](#) (page 109).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

QuartzCache

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetFillColorSpace**

Sets the fill color space in a graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetFillColorSpace (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGColorSpaceRef colorspace
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context for which to set the fill color space.

*colorspace*

The new fill color space. Quartz retains this object; upon return, you may safely release it.

**Discussion**

As a side effect of this function, Quartz assigns an appropriate initial value to the fill color, based on the specified color space. To change this value, call [CGContextSetFillColor](#) (page 108). Note that the preferred API to use is now [CGContextSetFillColorWithColor](#) (page 109).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

QuartzCache

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetFillColorWithColor**

Sets the current fill color in a graphics context, using a Quartz color.

```
void CGContextSetFillColorWithColor (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGColorRef color
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

The graphics context for which to set the fill color.

*color*

The new fill color.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextSetFillColor](#) (page 108)

**Related Sample Code**

CALayerEssentials

GeekGameBoard

ImageApp

LightTable

Quartz2DBasics

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetFillPattern**

Sets the fill pattern in the specified graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetFillPattern (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGPatternRef pattern,
    const CGFloat components[]
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context to modify.

*pattern*

A fill pattern. Quartz retains this object; upon return, you may safely release it.

*components*

If the pattern is an uncolored (or a masking) pattern, pass an array of intensity values that specify the color to use when the pattern is painted. The number of array elements must equal the number of components in the base space of the fill pattern color space, plus an additional component for the alpha value.

If the pattern is a colored pattern, pass an alpha value.

**Discussion**

The current fill color space must be a pattern color space. Otherwise, the result of calling this function is undefined. If you want to set a fill color, not a pattern, use [CGContextSetFillColorWithColor](#) (page 109).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.1 and later.

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetFlatness**

Sets the accuracy of curved paths in a graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetFlatness (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat flatness
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context to modify.

*flatness*

The largest permissible distance, measured in device pixels, between a point on the true curve and a point on the approximated curve.

**Discussion**

This function controls how accurately curved paths are rendered. Setting the flatness value to less than 1.0 renders highly accurate curves, but lengthens rendering times.

In most cases, you should not change the flatness value. Customizing the flatness value for the capabilities of a particular output device impairs the ability of your application to render to other devices.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetFont**

Sets the platform font in a graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetFont (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFontRef font
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*  
The graphics context for which to set the font.

*font*  
A Quartz font.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGFontCreateWithPlatformFont](#) (page 181)

**Related Sample Code**

CoreTextArcCocoa

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetFontSize**

Sets the current font size.

```
void CGContextSetFontSize (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat size
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*  
A graphics context.

*size*  
A font size, expressed in text space units.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CoreTextArcCocoa

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

## CGContextSetGrayFillColor

Sets the current fill color to a value in the DeviceGray color space.

```
void CGContextSetGrayFillColor (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat gray,
    CGFloat alpha
);
```

### Parameters

*c*

The graphics context for which to set the current fill color.

*gray*

A value that specifies the desired gray level. The DeviceGray color space permits the specification of a value ranging from 0.0 (absolute black) to 1.0 (absolute white). Values outside this range are clamped to 0.0 or 1.0.

*alpha*

A value that specifies the opacity level. Values can range from 0.0 (transparent) to 1.0 (opaque). Values outside this range are clipped to 0.0 or 1.0.

### Discussion

When you call this function, two things happen:

- Quartz sets the current fill color space to DeviceGray.
- Quartz sets the current fill color to the value you specify in the `gray` and `alpha` parameters.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

### See Also

[CGContextSetGrayStrokeColor](#) (page 112)

### Related Sample Code

BlitNoVBL

MovieVideoChart

Quartz 2D Shadings

### Declared In

CGContext.h

## CGContextSetGrayStrokeColor

Sets the current stroke color to a value in the DeviceGray color space.

```
void CGContextSetGrayStrokeColor (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat gray,
    CGFloat alpha
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context for which to set the current stroke color.

*gray*

A value that specifies the desired gray level. The DeviceGray color space permits the specification of a value ranging from 0.0 (absolute black) to 1.0 (absolute white). Values outside this range are clamped to 0.0 or 1.0.

*alpha*

A value that specifies the opacity level. Values can range from 0.0 (transparent) to 1.0 (opaque). Values outside this range are clipped to 0.0 or 1.0.

**Discussion**

When you call this function, two things happen:

- Quartz sets the current stroke color space to DeviceGray. The DeviceGray color space is a single-dimension space in which color values are specified solely by the intensity of a gray value (from absolute black to absolute white).
- Quartz sets the current stroke color to the value you specify in the `gray` and `alpha` parameters.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextSetGrayFillColor](#) (page 112)

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetInterpolationQuality**

Sets the level of interpolation quality for a graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetInterpolationQuality (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGInterpolationQuality quality
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context to modify.

*quality*

A `CGInterpolationQuality` constant that specifies the required level of interpolation quality. For possible values, see “[Interpolation Qualities](#)” (page 140).

**Discussion**

Interpolation quality is merely a hint to the context—not all contexts support all interpolation quality levels.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.1 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextGetInterpolationQuality](#) (page 93)

**Related Sample Code**

ImageApp

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetLineCap**

Sets the style for the endpoints of lines drawn in a graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetLineCap (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGLineCap cap
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

The graphics context to modify.

*cap*

A line cap style constant—[kCGLineCapButt](#) (page 141) (the default), [kCGLineCapRound](#) (page 141), or [kCGLineCapSquare](#) (page 141). See “Line Cap Styles” (page 141).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

MovieVideoChart

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

Quartz EB

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetLineDash**

Sets the pattern for dashed lines in a graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetLineDash (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat phase,
    const CGFloat lengths[],
    size_t count
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

The graphics context to modify.

*phase*

A value that specifies how far into the dash pattern the line starts, in units of the user space. For example, passing a value of 3 means the line is drawn with the dash pattern starting at three units from its beginning. Passing a value of 0 draws a line starting with the beginning of a dash pattern.

*lengths*

An array of values that specify the lengths of the painted segments and unpainted segments, respectively, of the dash pattern—or `NULL` for no dash pattern.

For example, passing an array with the values `[2, 3]` sets a dash pattern that alternates between a 2-user-space-unit-long painted segment and a 3-user-space-unit-long unpainted segment. Passing the values `[1, 3, 4, 2]` sets the pattern to a 1-unit painted segment, a 3-unit unpainted segment, a 4-unit painted segment, and a 2-unit unpainted segment.

*count*

If the `lengths` parameter specifies an array, pass the number of elements in the array. Otherwise, pass 0.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGContext.h`

**CGContextSetLineJoin**

Sets the style for the joins of connected lines in a graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetLineJoin (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGLineJoin join
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

The graphics context to modify.

*join*

A line join value—`kCGLineJoinMiter` (page 142) (the default), `kCGLineJoinRound` (page 142), or `kCGLineJoinBevel` (page 142). See “Line Joins” (page 142).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz EB

**Declared In**

`CGContext.h`

**CGContextSetLineWidth**

Sets the line width for a graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetLineWidth (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat width
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context to modify.

*width*

The new line width to use, in user space units. The value must be greater than 0.

**Discussion**

The default line width is 1 unit. When stroked, the line straddles the path, with half of the total width on either side.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

FunHouse

MovieVideoChart

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

Quartz EB

QuartzShapes

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetMiterLimit**

Sets the miter limit for the joins of connected lines in a graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetMiterLimit (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat limit
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context to modify.

*limit*

The miter limit to use.

**Discussion**

If the current line join style is set to `kCGLineJoinMiter` (see [CGContextSetLineJoin](#) (page 115)), Quartz uses the miter limit to determine whether the lines should be joined with a bevel instead of a miter. Quartz divides the length of the miter by the line width. If the result is greater than the miter limit, Quartz converts the style to a bevel.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

## CGContextSetPatternPhase

Sets the pattern phase of a context.

```
void CGContextSetPatternPhase (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGSize phase
);
```

### Parameters

*c*

The graphics context to modify.

*phase*

A pattern phase, specified in user space.

### Discussion

The pattern phase is a translation that Quartz applies prior to drawing a pattern in the context. The pattern phase is part of the graphics state of a context, and the default pattern phase is (0, 0). Setting the pattern phase has the effect of temporarily changing the pattern matrix of any pattern you draw. For example, setting the context's pattern phase to (2, 3) has the effect of moving the start of pattern cell tiling to the point (2, 3) in default user space.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

### Declared In

CGContext.h

## CGContextSetRenderingIntent

Sets the rendering intent in the current graphics state.

```
void CGContextSetRenderingIntent (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGColorRenderingIntent intent
);
```

### Parameters

*c*

The graphics context to modify.

*intent*

A rendering intent constant—[kCGRenderingIntentDefault](#) (page 53), [kCGRenderingIntentAbsoluteColorimetric](#) (page 53), [kCGRenderingIntentRelativeColorimetric](#) (page 53), [kCGRenderingIntentPerceptual](#) (page 53), or [kCGRenderingIntentSaturation](#) (page 54). For a discussion of these constants, see *CGColorSpace Reference*.

### Discussion

The rendering intent specifies how Quartz should handle colors that are not located within the gamut of the destination color space of a graphics context. If you do not explicitly set the rendering intent, Quartz uses perceptual rendering intent for drawing sampled images and relative colorimetric rendering intent for all other drawing.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetRGBFillColor**

Sets the current fill color to a value in the DeviceRGB color space.

```
void CGContextSetRGBFillColor (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat red,
    CGFloat green,
    CGFloat blue,
    CGFloat alpha
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context for which to set the current fill color.

*red*

The red intensity value for the color to set. The DeviceRGB color space permits the specification of a value ranging from 0.0 (zero intensity) to 1.0 (full intensity).

*green*

The green intensity value for the color to set. The DeviceRGB color space permits the specification of a value ranging from 0.0 (zero intensity) to 1.0 (full intensity).

*blue*

The blue intensity value for the color to set. The DeviceRGB color space permits the specification of a value ranging from 0.0 (zero intensity) to 1.0 (full intensity).

*alpha*

A value that specifies the opacity level. Values can range from 0.0 (transparent) to 1.0 (opaque). Values outside this range are clipped to 0.0 or 1.0.

**Discussion**

When you call this function, two things happen:

- Quartz sets the current fill color space to DeviceRGB.
- Quartz sets the current fill color to the value specified by the *red*, *green*, *blue*, and *alpha* parameters.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextSetRGBStrokeColor](#) (page 119)

**Related Sample Code**

HID Calibrator

MovieVideoChart

Quartz EB

QuartzShapes

SeeMyFriends

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetRGBStrokeColor**

Sets the current stroke color to a value in the DeviceRGB color space.

```
void CGContextSetRGBStrokeColor (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat red,
    CGFloat green,
    CGFloat blue,
    CGFloat alpha
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context for which to set the current stroke color.

*red*

The red intensity value for the color to set. The DeviceRGB color space permits the specification of a value ranging from 0.0 (zero intensity) to 1.0 (full intensity).

*green*

The green intensity value for the color to set. The DeviceRGB color space permits the specification of a value ranging from 0.0 (zero intensity) to 1.0 (full intensity).

*blue*

The blue intensity value for the color to set. The DeviceRGB color space permits the specification of a value ranging from 0.0 (zero intensity) to 1.0 (full intensity).

*alpha*

A value that specifies the opacity level. Values can range from 0.0 (transparent) to 1.0 (opaque). Values outside this range are clipped to 0.0 or 1.0.

**Discussion**

When you call this function, two things happen:

- Quartz sets the current stroke color space to DeviceRGB.
- Quartz sets the current stroke color to the value specified by the `red`, `green`, `blue`, and `alpha` parameters.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextSetRGBFillColor](#) (page 118)

**Related Sample Code**

CoreTextArcCocoa

MovieVideoChart

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

Quartz EB

QuartzShapes

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetShadow**

Enables shadowing in a graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetShadow (
    CGContextRef context,
    CGSize offset,
    CGFloat blur
);
```

**Parameters***context*

A graphics context.

*offset*

Specifies a translation of the context's coordinate system, to establish an offset for the shadow ( $\{0, 0\}$  specifies a light source immediately above the screen).

*blur*

A non-negative number specifying the amount of blur.

**Discussion**

Shadow parameters are part of the graphics state in a context. After shadowing is set, all objects drawn are shadowed using a black color with 1/3 alpha (i.e.,  $\text{RGBA} = \{0, 0, 0, 1.0/3.0\}$ ) in the DeviceRGB color space.

To turn off shadowing:

- Use the standard save/restore mechanism for the graphics state.
- Use [CGContextSetShadowWithColor](#) (page 120) to set the shadow color to a fully transparent color (or pass `NULL` as the color).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

SampleRaster

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetShadowWithColor**

Enables shadowing with color a graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetShadowWithColor (
    CGContextRef context,
    CGSize offset,
    CGFloat blur,
    CGColorRef color
);
```

**Parameters***context*

The graphics context to modify.

*offset*

Specifies a translation in base-space.

*blur*

A non-negative number specifying the amount of blur.

*color*

Specifies the color of the shadow, which may contain a non-opaque alpha value. If NULL, then shadowing is disabled.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**See Also**[CGContextSetShadow](#) (page 120)**Related Sample Code**

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetShouldAntialias**

Sets anti-aliasing on or off for a graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetShouldAntialias (
    CGContextRef c,
    bool shouldAntialias
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context to modify.

*shouldAntialias*

A Boolean value that specifies whether anti-aliasing should be turned on. Anti-aliasing is turned on by default when a window or bitmap context is created. It is turned off for other types of contexts.

**Discussion**

Anti-aliasing is a graphics state parameter.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Cocoa CG arc demo

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetShouldSmoothFonts**

Enables or disables font smoothing in a graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetShouldSmoothFonts (
    CGContextRef c,
    bool shouldSmoothFonts
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context to modify.

*shouldSmoothFonts*

A Boolean value that specifies whether to enable font smoothing.

**Discussion**

There are cases, such as rendering to a bitmap, when font smoothing is not appropriate and should be disabled. Note that some contexts (such as PostScript contexts) do not support font smoothing.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetStrokeColor**

Sets the current stroke color.

```
void CGContextSetStrokeColor (
    CGContextRef c,
    const CGFloat components[]
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context for which to set the current stroke color.

*components*

An array of intensity values describing the color to set. The number of array elements must equal the number of components in the current stroke color space, plus an additional component for the alpha value.

**Discussion**

The current stroke color space must not be a pattern color space. For information on setting the stroke color when using a pattern color space, see [CGContextSetStrokePattern](#) (page 124). Note that the preferred API is now [CGContextSetStrokeColorWithColor](#) (page 123).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetStrokeColorSpace**

Sets the stroke color space in a graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetStrokeColorSpace (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGColorSpaceRef colorspace
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

The graphics context for the new stroke color space.

*colorspace*

The new stroke color space. Quartz retains this object; upon return, you may safely release it.

**Discussion**

As a side effect when you call this function, Quartz assigns an appropriate initial value to the stroke color, based on the color space you specify. To change this value, call [CGContextSetStrokeColor](#) (page 122). Note that the preferred API is now [CGContextSetStrokeColorWithColor](#) (page 123).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetStrokeColorWithColor**

Sets the current stroke color in a context, using a Quartz color.

```
void CGContextSetStrokeColorWithColor (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGColorRef color
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

The graphics context to modify.

*color*

The new stroke color.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextSetStrokeColor](#) (page 122)

**Related Sample Code**

GeekGameBoard

Quartz2DBasics

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetStrokePattern**

Sets the stroke pattern in the specified graphics context.

```
void CGContextSetStrokePattern (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGPatternRef pattern,
    const CGFloat components[]
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context to modify.

*pattern*

A pattern for stroking. Quartz retains this object; upon return, you may safely release it.

*components*

If the specified pattern is an uncolored (or masking) pattern, pass an array of intensity values that specify the color to use when the pattern is painted. The number of array elements must equal the number of components in the base space of the stroke pattern color space, plus an additional component for the alpha value.

If the specified pattern is a colored pattern, pass an alpha value.

**Discussion**

The current stroke color space must be a pattern color space. Otherwise, the result of calling this function is undefined. If you want to set a stroke color, not a stroke pattern, use [CGContextSetStrokeColorWithColor](#) (page 123).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.1 and later.

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSetTextDrawingMode**

Sets the current text drawing mode.

```
void CGContextSetTextDrawingMode (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGTextDrawingMode mode
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context.

*mode*

A text drawing mode (such as `kCGTextFill` (page 143) or `kCGTextStroke` (page 143)) that specifies how Quartz renders individual glyphs in a graphics context. See “Text Drawing Modes” (page 142) for a complete list.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

#### Related Sample Code

BrideOfMungGrab  
 CaptureAndCompressIPBMovie  
 DockBrowser  
 QTPixelBufferVCToCGImage  
 Quartz EB

#### Declared In

`CGContext.h`

## CGContextSetTextMatrix

Sets the current text matrix.

```
void CGContextSetTextMatrix (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGAffineTransform t
);
```

#### Parameters

*c*

A graphics context.

*transform*

The text matrix to set.

#### Discussion

The text matrix specifies the transform from text space to user space. To produce the final text rendering matrix that is used to actually draw the text on the page, Quartz concatenates the text matrix with the current transformation matrix and other parameters from the graphics state.

Note that the text matrix is *not* a part of the graphics state—saving or restoring the graphics state has no effect on the text matrix. The text matrix is an attribute of the graphics context, not of the current font.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

#### Related Sample Code

BrideOfMungGrab  
 CoreTextArcCocoa  
 CoreTextRTF  
 HID Calibrator  
 Quartz EB

#### Declared In

`CGContext.h`

**CGContextSetTextPosition**

Sets the location at which text is drawn.

```
void CGContextSetTextPosition (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat x,
    CGFloat y
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context.

*x*

A value for the x-coordinate at which to draw the text, in user space coordinates.

*y*

A value for the y-coordinate at which to draw the text, in user space coordinates.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CaptureAndCompressIPBMovie

CoreTextArcCocoa

CoreTextTest

QTPixelBufferVCToCGImage

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextShowGlyphs**

Displays an array of glyphs at the current text position.

```
void CGContextShowGlyphs (
    CGContextRef c,
    const CGGlyph g[],
    size_t count
);
```

**Parameters***c*

The graphics context in which to display the glyphs.

*glyphs*

An array of glyphs to display.

*count*

The total number of glyphs passed in the *g* parameter.

**Discussion**

This function displays an array of glyphs at the current text position, a point specified by the current text matrix.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextShowGlyphsAtPoint](#) (page 127)

[CGContextShowText](#) (page 129)

[CGContextShowTextAtPoint](#) (page 130)

[CGContextShowGlyphsWithAdvances](#) (page 128)

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextShowGlyphsAtPoint**

Displays an array of glyphs at a position you specify.

```
void CGContextShowGlyphsAtPoint (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat x,
    CGFloat y,
    const CGGlyph glyphs[],
    size_t count
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

The graphics context in which to display the glyphs.

*x*

A value for the x-coordinate of the user space at which to display the glyphs.

*y*

A value for the y-coordinate of the user space at which to display the glyphs.

*glyphs*

An array of glyphs to display.

*count*

The total number of glyphs passed in the *glyphs* parameter.

**Discussion**

This function displays an array of glyphs at the specified position in the user space.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextShowGlyphs](#) (page 126)

[CGContextShowText](#) (page 129)

[CGContextShowTextAtPoint](#) (page 130)

[CGContextShowGlyphsWithAdvances](#) (page 128)

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

## CGContextShowGlyphsAtPositions

Draws glyphs at the provided position.

```
void CGContextShowGlyphsAtPositions(  
    CGContextRef context,  
    const CGGlyph glyphs[],  
    const CGPoint positions[],  
    size_t count  
);
```

### Parameters

*c*

The graphics context in which to display the glyphs.

*glyphs*

An array of Quartz glyphs.

*positions*

The positions for the glyphs. Each item in this array matches with the glyph at the corresponding index in the `glyphs` array. The position of each glyph is specified in text space, and, as a consequence, is transformed through the text matrix to user space.

*count*

The number of items in the `glyphs` array.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

### Related Sample Code

CoreTextArcCocoa

### Declared In

CGContext.h

## CGContextShowGlyphsWithAdvances

Draws an array of glyphs with varying offsets.

```
void CGContextShowGlyphsWithAdvances (  
    CGContextRef c,  
    const CGGlyph glyphs[],  
    const CGSize advances[],  
    size_t count  
);
```

### Parameters

*c*

The graphics context in which to display the glyphs.

*glyphs*

An array of Quartz glyphs.

*advances*

An array of offset values associated with each glyph in the array. Each value specifies the offset from the previous glyph's origin to the origin of the corresponding glyph. Offsets are specified in user space.

*count*

The number of glyphs in the specified array.

#### Discussion

This function draws an array of glyphs at the current point specified by the text matrix.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

#### See Also

[CGContextShowGlyphs](#) (page 126)

[CGContextShowText](#) (page 129)

[CGContextShowTextAtPoint](#) (page 130)

[CGContextShowGlyphsAtPoint](#) (page 127)

#### Declared In

CGContext.h

## CGContextShowText

Displays a character array at the current text position, a point specified by the current text matrix.

```
void CGContextShowText (
    CGContextRef c,
    const char *string,
    size_t length
);
```

#### Parameters

*c*

A graphics context.

*string*

An array of characters to draw.

*length*

The length of the array specified in the *bytes* parameter.

#### Discussion

Quartz uses font data provided by the system to map each byte of the array through the encoding vector of the current font to obtain the glyph to display. Note that the font must have been set using [CGContextSelectFont](#) (page 103). Don't use `CGContextShowText` in conjunction with [CGContextSetFont](#) (page 111).

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

#### See Also

[CGContextShowTextAtPoint](#) (page 130)

[CGContextShowGlyphs](#) (page 126)

[CGContextShowGlyphsAtPoint](#) (page 127)

[CGContextShowGlyphsWithAdvances](#) (page 128)

#### Related Sample Code

CaptureAndCompressIPBMovie

Cocoa PDE with Carbon Printing  
 QTPixelBufferVCToCGImage

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextShowTextAtPoint**

Displays a character string at a position you specify.

```
void CGContextShowTextAtPoint (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat x,
    CGFloat y,
    const char *string,
    size_t length
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

A graphics context .

*x*

A value for the x-coordinate (in user space) at which to display the text.

*y*

A value for the y-coordinate (in user space) at which to display the text.

*string*

An array of characters to draw.

*length*

The length of the array specified in the *string* parameter.

**Discussion**

Quartz uses font data provided by the system to map each byte of the array through the encoding vector of the current font to obtain the glyph to display. Note that the font must have been set using [CGContextSelectFont](#) (page 103). Don't use `CGContextShowTextAtPoint` in conjunction with [CGContextSetFont](#) (page 111).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextShowText](#) (page 129)

[CGContextShowGlyphs](#) (page 126)

[CGContextShowGlyphsAtPoint](#) (page 127)

[CGContextShowGlyphsWithAdvances](#) (page 128)

**Related Sample Code**

BrideOfMungGrab

Cocoa PDE with Carbon Printing

DockBrowser

HID Calibrator

Quartz EB

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextStrokeEllipseInRect**

Strokes an ellipse that fits inside the specified rectangle.

```
void CGContextStrokeEllipseInRect (
    CGContextRef context,
    CGRect rect
);
```

**Parameters***context*

A graphics context.

*rect*

A rectangle that defines the area for the ellipse to fit in.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

FunHouse

Quartz 2D Shadings

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextStrokeLineSegments**

Strokes a sequence of line segments.

```
void CGContextStrokeLineSegments (
    CGContextRef c,
    const CGPoint points[],
    size_t count
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context.

*points*

An array of points, organized as pairs—the starting point of a line segment followed by the ending point of a line segment. For example, the first point in the array specifies the starting position of the first line, the second point specifies the ending position of the first line, the third point specifies the starting position of the second line, and so forth.

*count*The number of points in the *points* array.**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to the following code:

```
CGContextBeginPath (context);
```

```

for (k = 0; k < count; k += 2) {
    CGContextMoveToPoint(context, s[k].x, s[k].y);
    CGContextAddLineToPoint(context, s[k+1].x, s[k+1].y);
}
CGContextStrokePath(context);

```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

GeekGameBoard

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextStrokePath**

Paints a line along the current path.

```

void CGContextStrokePath (
    CGContextRef c
);

```

**Parameters**

*c*

A graphics context.

**Discussion**

Quartz uses the line width and stroke color of the graphics state to paint the path. As a side effect when you call this function, Quartz clears the current path.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextDrawPath](#) (page 82)

[CGContextFillPath](#) (page 90)

[CGContextEOFillPath](#) (page 88)

**Related Sample Code**

Cocoa CG arc demo

FunHouse

Quartz 2D Shadings

Quartz EB

QuartzShapes

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextStrokeRect**

Paints a rectangular path.

```
void CGContextStrokeRect (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGRect rect
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context .

*rect*

A rectangle, specified in user space coordinates.

**Discussion**

Quartz uses the line width and stroke color of the graphics state to paint the path.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextStrokeRectWithWidth](#) (page 133)

**Related Sample Code**

CoreTextArcCocoa

GeekGameBoard

HID Config Save

QuartzShapes

SeeMyFriends

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextStrokeRectWithWidth**

Paints a rectangular path, using the specified line width.

```
void CGContextStrokeRectWithWidth (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGRect rect,
    CGFloat width
);
```

**Parameters***c*

A graphics context.

*rect*

A rectangle, in user space coordinates.

*width*

A value, in user space units, that is greater than zero. This value does not affect the line width values in the current graphics state.

**Discussion**

Aside from the line width value, Quartz uses the current attributes of the graphics state (such as stroke color) to paint the line. The line straddles the path, with half of the total width on either side. As a side effect when you call this function, Quartz clears the current path.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextStrokeRect](#) (page 132)

**Related Sample Code**

LightTable

Quartz2DBasics

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextSynchronize**

Marks a window context for update.

```
void CGContextSynchronize (
    CGContextRef c
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

The window context to synchronize. If you pass a PDF context or a bitmap context, this function does nothing.

**Discussion**

When you call this function, all drawing operations since the last update are flushed at the next regular opportunity. Under normal conditions, you do not need to call this function.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

BrideOfMungGrab

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

**CGContextTranslateCTM**

Changes the origin of the user coordinate system in a context.

```
void CGContextTranslateCTM (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGFloat tx,
    CGFloat ty
);
```

**Parameters**

*c*

A graphics context.

*tx*

The amount to displace the x-axis of the coordinate space, in units of the user space, of the specified context.

*ty*

The amount to displace the y-axis of the coordinate space, in units of the user space, of the specified context.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Cocoa CG arc demo

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

Quartz 2D Transformer

Quartz2DBasics

QuartzShapes

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

## Data Types

**CGContextRef**

An opaque type that represents a Quartz 2D drawing environment.

```
typedef struct CGContext * CGContextRef;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

## Constants

**CGBlendMode**

Compositing operations for images.

```
enum CGBlendMode {
    kCGBlendModeNormal,
    kCGBlendModeMultiply,
    kCGBlendModeScreen,
    kCGBlendModeOverlay,
    kCGBlendModeDarken,
    kCGBlendModeLighten,
    kCGBlendModeColorDodge,
    kCGBlendModeColorBurn,
    kCGBlendModeSoftLight,
    kCGBlendModeHardLight,
    kCGBlendModeDifference,
    kCGBlendModeExclusion,
    kCGBlendModeHue,
    kCGBlendModeSaturation,
    kCGBlendModeColor,
    kCGBlendModeLuminosity,
    kCGBlendModeClear,
    kCGBlendModeCopy,
    kCGBlendModeSourceIn,
    kCGBlendModeSourceOut,
    kCGBlendModeSourceAtop,
    kCGBlendModeDestinationOver,
    kCGBlendModeDestinationIn,
    kCGBlendModeDestinationOut,
    kCGBlendModeDestinationAtop,
    kCGBlendModeXOR,
    kCGBlendModePlusDarker,
    kCGBlendModePlusLighter
};
typedef enum CGBlendMode CGBlendMode;
```

**Constants**

`kCGBlendModeNormal`

Paints the source image samples over the background image samples.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGBlendModeMultiply`

Multiplies the source image samples with the background image samples. This results in colors that are at least as dark as either of the two contributing sample colors.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGBlendModeScreen`

Multiplies the inverse of the source image samples with the inverse of the background image samples. This results in colors that are at least as light as either of the two contributing sample colors.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGBlendModeOverlay`

Either multiplies or screens the source image samples with the background image samples, depending on the background color. The result is to overlay the existing image samples while preserving the highlights and shadows of the background. The background color mixes with the source image to reflect the lightness or darkness of the background.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGBlendModeDarken`

Creates the composite image samples by choosing the darker samples (either from the source image or the background). The result is that the background image samples are replaced by any source image samples that are darker. Otherwise, the background image samples are left unchanged.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGBlendModeLighten`

Creates the composite image samples by choosing the lighter samples (either from the source image or the background). The result is that the background image samples are replaced by any source image samples that are lighter. Otherwise, the background image samples are left unchanged.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGBlendModeColorDodge`

Brightens the background image samples to reflect the source image samples. Source image sample values that specify black do not produce a change.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGBlendModeColorBurn`

Darkens the background image samples to reflect the source image samples. Source image sample values that specify white do not produce a change.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGBlendModeSoftLight`

Either darkens or lightens colors, depending on the source image sample color. If the source image sample color is lighter than 50% gray, the background is lightened, similar to dodging. If the source image sample color is darker than 50% gray, the background is darkened, similar to burning. If the source image sample color is equal to 50% gray, the background is not changed. Image samples that are equal to pure black or pure white produce darker or lighter areas, but do not result in pure black or white. The overall effect is similar to what you'd achieve by shining a diffuse spotlight on the source image. Use this to add highlights to a scene.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGColorBlendModeHardLight`

Either multiplies or screens colors, depending on the source image sample color. If the source image sample color is lighter than 50% gray, the background is lightened, similar to screening. If the source image sample color is darker than 50% gray, the background is darkened, similar to multiplying. If the source image sample color is equal to 50% gray, the source image is not changed. Image samples that are equal to pure black or pure white result in pure black or white. The overall effect is similar to what you'd achieve by shining a harsh spotlight on the source image. Use this to add highlights to a scene.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGColorBlendModeDifference`

Subtracts either the source image sample color from the background image sample color, or the reverse, depending on which sample has the greater brightness value. Source image sample values that are black produce no change; white inverts the background color values.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGColorBlendModeExclusion`

Produces an effect similar to that produced by `kCGColorBlendModeDifference`, but with lower contrast. Source image sample values that are black don't produce a change; white inverts the background color values.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGColorBlendModeHue`

Uses the luminance and saturation values of the background with the hue of the source image.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGColorBlendModeSaturation`

Uses the luminance and hue values of the background with the saturation of the source image. Areas of the background that have no saturation (that is, pure gray areas) don't produce a change.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGColorBlendModeColor`

Uses the luminance values of the background with the hue and saturation values of the source image. This mode preserves the gray levels in the image. You can use this mode to color monochrome images or to tint color images.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGColorBlendModeLuminosity`

Uses the hue and saturation of the background with the luminance of the source image. This mode creates an effect that is inverse to the effect created by `kCGColorBlendModeColor`.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

kCGBlendModeClear

$R = 0$

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGBlendModeCopy

$R = S$

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGBlendModeSourceIn

$R = S * D_a$

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGBlendModeSourceOut

$R = S * (1 - D_a)$

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGBlendModeSourceAtop

$R = S * D_a + D * (1 - S_a)$

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGBlendModeDestinationOver

$R = S * (1 - D_a) + D$

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGBlendModeDestinationIn

$R = D * S_a$

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGBlendModeDestinationOut

$R = D * (1 - S_a)$

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGBlendModeDestinationAtop

$R = S * (1 - D_a) + D * S_a$

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGBlendModeXOR

$R = S * (1 - D_a) + D * (1 - S_a)$ . This XOR mode is only nominally related to the classical bitmap XOR operation, which is not supported by Quartz 2D.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

```
kCGBlendModePlusDarker
R = MAX(0, (1 - D) + (1 - S))
```

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

```
kCGBlendModePlusLighter
R = MIN(1, S + D)
```

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

### Discussion

The blend mode constants introduced in Mac OS X v10.5 represent the Porter-Duff blend modes. The symbols in the equations for these blend modes are:

- R is the premultiplied result
- S is the source color, and includes alpha
- D is the destination color, and includes alpha
- Ra, Sa, and Da are the alpha components of R, S, and D

You can find more information on blend modes, including examples of images produced using them, and many mathematical descriptions of the modes, in *PDF Reference, Fourth Edition, Version 1.5*, Adobe Systems, Inc. If you are a former QuickDraw developer, it may be helpful for you to think of blend modes as an alternative to transfer modes

For examples of using blend modes see "Setting Blend Modes" and "Using Blend Modes With Images" in *Quartz 2D Programming Guide*.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

### Declared In

`CGContext.h`

## CGInterpolationQuality

Levels of interpolation quality for rendering an image.

```
enum CGInterpolationQuality {
    kCGInterpolationDefault,
    kCGInterpolationNone,
    kCGInterpolationLow,
    kCGInterpolationHigh
};
typedef enum CGInterpolationQuality CGInterpolationQuality;
```

### Constants

```
kCGInterpolationDefault
    The default level of quality.
    Available in Mac OS X v10.1 and later.
    Declared in CGContext.h.
```

`kCGInterpolationNone`

No interpolation.

Available in Mac OS X v10.1 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGInterpolationLow`

A low level of interpolation quality. This setting may speed up image rendering.

Available in Mac OS X v10.1 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGInterpolationHigh`

A high level of interpolation quality. This setting may slow down image rendering.

Available in Mac OS X v10.1 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

### Discussion

You use the function `CGContextSetInterpolationQuality` (page 113) to set the interpolation quality in a graphics context.

### Declared In

`CGContext.h`

## CGLineCap

Styles for rendering the endpoint of a stroked line.

```
enum CGLineCap {
    kCGLineCapButt,
    kCGLineCapRound,
    kCGLineCapSquare
};
typedef enum CGLineCap CGLineCap;
```

### Constants

`kCGLineCapButt`

A line with a squared-off end. Quartz draws the line to extend only to the exact endpoint of the path. This is the default.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGLineCapRound`

A line with a rounded end. Quartz draws the line to extend beyond the endpoint of the path. The line ends with a semicircular arc with a radius of 1/2 the line's width, centered on the endpoint.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGLineCapSquare`

A line with a squared-off end. Quartz extends the line beyond the endpoint of the path for a distance equal to half the line width.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

**Discussion**

A line cap specifies the method used by [CGContextStrokePath](#) (page 132) to draw the endpoint of the line. To change the line cap style in a graphics context, you use the function [CGContextSetLineCap](#) (page 114).

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

## CGLineJoin

Junction types for stroked lines.

```
enum CGLineJoin {
    kCGLineJoinMiter,
    kCGLineJoinRound,
    kCGLineJoinBevel
};
typedef enum CGLineJoin CGLineJoin;
```

**Constants**

kCGLineJoinMiter

A join with a sharp (angled) corner. Quartz draws the outer sides of the lines beyond the endpoint of the path, until they meet. If the length of the miter divided by the line width is greater than the miter limit, a bevel join is used instead. This is the default. To set the miter limit, see [CGContextSetMiterLimit](#) (page 116)

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGLineJoinRound

A join with a rounded end. Quartz draws the line to extend beyond the endpoint of the path. The line ends with a semicircular arc with a radius of 1/2 the line's width, centered on the endpoint.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGLineJoinBevel

A join with a squared-off end. Quartz draws the line to extend beyond the endpoint of the path, for a distance of 1/2 the line's width.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

**Discussion**

A line join specifies how [CGContextStrokePath](#) (page 132) draws the junction between connected line segments. To set the line join style in a graphics context, you use the function [CGContextSetLineJoin](#) (page 115).

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

## CGTextDrawingMode

Modes for rendering text.

```
enum CGTextDrawingMode {
    kCGTextFill,
    kCGTextStroke,
    kCGTextFillStroke,
    kCGTextInvisible,
    kCGTextFillClip,
    kCGTextStrokeClip,
    kCGTextFillStrokeClip,
    kCGTextClip
};
typedef enum CGTextDrawingMode CGTextDrawingMode;
```

**Constants**

kCGTextFill

Perform a fill operation on the text.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGTextStroke

Perform a stroke operation on the text.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGTextFillStroke

Perform fill, then stroke operations on the text.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGTextInvisible

Do not draw the text, but do update the text position.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGTextFillClip

Perform a fill operation, then intersect the text with the current clipping path.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGTextStrokeClip

Perform a stroke operation, then intersect the text with the current clipping path.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGTextFillStrokeClip

Perform fill then stroke operations, then intersect the text with the current clipping path.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGTextClip

Specifies to intersect the text with the current clipping path. This mode does not paint the text.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

**Discussion**

You provide a text drawing mode constant to the function [CGContextSetTextDrawingMode](#) (page 124) to set the current text drawing mode for a graphics context. Text drawing modes determine how Quartz renders individual glyphs onscreen. For example, you can set a text drawing mode to draw text filled in or outlined (stroked) or both. You can also create special effects with the text clipping drawing modes, such as clipping an image to a glyph shape.

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

## CGTextEncoding

Text encodings for fonts.

```
enum CGTextEncoding {
    kCGEncodingFontSpecific,
    kCGEncodingMacRoman
};
typedef enum CGTextEncoding CGTextEncoding;
```

**Constants**

kCGEncodingFontSpecific

The built-in encoding of the font.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

kCGEncodingMacRoman

The MacRoman encoding. MacRoman is an ASCII variant originally created for use in the Mac OS, in which characters 127 and lower are ASCII, and characters 128 and higher are non-English characters and symbols.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in CGContext.h.

**Discussion**

For more information on setting the font in a graphics context, see [CGContextSelectFont](#) (page 103).

**Declared In**

CGContext.h

# CGDataConsumer Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	CType
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGDataConsumer.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The `CGDataConsumerRef` opaque type abstracts the data-writing task and eliminates the need for applications to manage data through a raw memory buffer. You can use data consumer objects to write image or PDF data and all, except for `CGDataConsumerCreateWithCFData` (page 146), are available in Mac OS X v10.0 or later.

If your application runs in Mac OS X v10.4 or later, you should use `CGImageDestination` objects rather than data consumers. See *CGImageDestination Reference*.

## Functions by Task

### Creating Data Consumers

[CGDataConsumerCreate](#) (page 146)

Creates a data consumer that uses callback functions to write data.

[CGDataConsumerCreateWithURL](#) (page 147)

Creates a data consumer that writes data to a location specified by a URL.

[CGDataConsumerCreateWithCFData](#) (page 146)

Creates a data consumer that writes to a CFData object.

### Getting the CType ID

[CGDataConsumerGetTypeID](#) (page 147)

Returns the Core Foundation type identifier for Quartz data consumers.

## Retaining and Releasing Data Consumers

[CGDataConsumerRelease](#) (page 148)

Decrements the retain count of a data consumer.

[CGDataConsumerRetain](#) (page 148)

Increments the retain count of a data consumer.

## Functions

### CGDataConsumerCreate

Creates a data consumer that uses callback functions to write data.

```
CGDataConsumerRef CGDataConsumerCreate (
    void *info,
    const CGDataConsumerCallbacks *callbacks
);
```

#### Parameters

*info*

A pointer to data of any type or NULL. When Quartz calls the functions specified in the `callbacks` parameter, it passes this pointer as the `info` parameter.

*callbacks*

A pointer to a `CGDataConsumerCallbacks` structure that specifies the callback functions you implement to copy data sent to the consumer and to handle the consumer's basic memory management. For a complete description, see [CGDataConsumerCallbacks](#) (page 150).

#### Return Value

A new data consumer object. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGDataConsumerRelease](#) (page 148).

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

#### Declared In

`CGDataConsumer.h`

### CGDataConsumerCreateWithCFData

Creates a data consumer that writes to a CFData object.

```
CGDataConsumerRef CGDataConsumerCreateWithCFData (
    CFMutableDataRef data
);
```

#### Parameters

*data*

The CFData object to write to.

**Return Value**

A new data consumer object. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGDataConsumerRelease](#) (page 148).

**Discussion**

You can use this function when you need to represent Quartz data as a CFData type. For example, you might create a CFData object that you then copy to the pasteboard.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGDataConsumer.h

**CGDataConsumerCreateWithURL**

Creates a data consumer that writes data to a location specified by a URL.

```
CGDataConsumerRef CGDataConsumerCreateWithURL (
    CFURLRef url
);
```

**Parameters**

*url*

A CFURL object that specifies the data destination.

**Return Value**

A new data consumer object. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGDataConsumerRelease](#) (page 148).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGDataConsumer.h

**CGDataConsumerGetTypeID**

Returns the Core Foundation type identifier for Quartz data consumers.

```
CFTypeID CGDataConsumerGetTypeID (
    void
);
```

**Return Value**

The Core Foundation identifier for the opaque type [CGDataConsumerRef](#) (page 151).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGDataConsumer.h

### CGDataConsumerRelease

Decrements the retain count of a data consumer.

```
void CGDataConsumerRelease (  
    CGDataConsumerRef consumer  
);
```

#### Parameters

*consumer*

The data consumer to release.

#### Discussion

This function is equivalent to `CFRelease`, except that it does not cause an error if the `consumer` parameter is `NULL`.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

#### Declared In

`CGDataConsumer.h`

### CGDataConsumerRetain

Increments the retain count of a data consumer.

```
CGDataConsumerRef CGDataConsumerRetain (  
    CGDataConsumerRef consumer  
);
```

#### Parameters

*consumer*

The data consumer to retain.

#### Return Value

The same data consumer you passed in as the `consumer` parameter.

#### Discussion

This function is equivalent to `CFRetain`, except that it does not cause an error if the `consumer` parameter is `NULL`.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

#### Declared In

`CGDataConsumer.h`

## Callbacks

### CGDataConsumerPutBytesCallback

Copies data from a Quartz-supplied buffer into a data consumer.

```
size_t (*CGDataConsumerPutBytesCallback) (
    void *info,
    const void *buffer,
    size_t count
);
```

If you name your function `MyConsumerPutBytes`, you would declare it like this:

```
size_t MyConsumerPutBytes (
    void *info,
    const void *buffer,
    size_t count
);
```

### Parameters

*info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the pointer supplied to [CGDataConsumerCreate](#) (page 146).

*buffer*

The Quartz-supplied buffer from which you copy the specified number of bytes.

*count*

The number of bytes to copy.

### Return Value

The number of bytes copied. If no more data can be written to the consumer, you should return 0.

### Discussion

When Quartz is ready to send data to the consumer, your function is called. It should copy the specified number of bytes from `buffer` into some resource under your control—for example, a file.

For information on how to associate your callback function with a data consumer, see [CGDataConsumerCreate](#) (page 146) and [CGDataConsumerCallbacks](#) (page 150).

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

### Declared In

`CGDataConsumer.h`

## CGDataConsumerReleaseInfoCallback

Releases any private data or resources associated with the data consumer.

```
void (*CGDataConsumerReleaseInfoCallback) (
    void *info
);
```

If you name your function `MyConsumerReleaseInfo`, you would declare it like this:

```
void MyConsumerReleaseInfo (
    void *info
);
```

**Parameters***info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGDataConsumerCreate](#) (page 146).

**Discussion**

When Quartz frees a data consumer that has an associated release function, the release function is called.

For information on how to associate your callback function with a data consumer, see [CGDataConsumerCreate](#) (page 146) and [CGDataConsumerCallbacks](#) (page 150).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGDataConsumer.h

## Data Types

**CGDataConsumerCallbacks**

A structure that contains pointers to callback functions that manage the copying of data for a data consumer.

```
struct CGDataConsumerCallbacks {
    CGDataConsumerPutBytesCallback putBytes;
    CGDataConsumerReleaseInfoCallback releaseConsumer;
};
typedef struct CGDataConsumerCallbacks CGDataConsumerCallbacks;
```

**Fields***putBytes*

A pointer to a function that copies data to the data consumer. For more information, see [CGDataConsumerPutBytesCallback](#) (page 148).

*releaseConsumer*

A pointer to a function that handles clean-up for the data consumer, or NULL. For more information, see [CGDataConsumerReleaseInfoCallback](#) (page 149)

**Discussion**

The functions specified by the `CGDataConsumerCallbacks` structure are responsible for copying data that Quartz sends to your consumer and for handling the consumer's basic memory management. You supply a `CGDataConsumerCallbacks` structure to the function [CGDataConsumerCreate](#) (page 146) to create a data consumer.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGDataConsumer.h

**CGDataConsumerRef**

An opaque type that handles the storage of data supplied by Quartz functions.

```
typedef struct CGDataConsumer *CGDataConsumerRef;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGDataConsumer.h



# CGDataProvider Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	<i>CType Reference</i>
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGDataProvider.h

## Overview

The `CGDataProvider` header file declares a data type that supplies Quartz functions with data. Data provider objects abstract the data-access task and eliminate the need for applications to manage data through a raw memory buffer.

For information on how to use `CGDataProvider` functions, see *Quartz 2D Programming Guide Programming Guide*.

See also *CGDataConsumer Reference*.

## Functions

### **CGDataProviderCopyData**

Returns a copy of the provider's data.

```
CFDataRef CGDataProviderCopyData(
    CGDataProviderRef provider
);
```

#### **Parameters**

*provider*

The data provider whose data you want to copy.

#### **Return Value**

A new data object containing a copy of the provider's data. You are responsible for releasing this object.

#### **Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

#### **Declared In**

`CGDataProvider.h`

## CGDataProviderCreate

Creates a Quartz sequential-access data provider. (Deprecated in Mac OS X v10.5.)

```
CGDataProviderRef CGDataProviderCreate (
    void *info,
    const CGDataProviderCallbacks *callbacks
);
```

### Parameters

*info*

A pointer to data of any type or NULL. When Quartz calls the functions specified in the `callbacks` parameter, it sends each of the functions this data.

*callbacks*

A pointer to a `CGDataProviderCallbacks` structure that specifies the callback functions you implement to handle the data provider's basic memory management. For a complete description, see [CGDataProviderCallbacks](#) (page 169).

### Return Value

A new data provider. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGDataProviderRelease](#) (page 159).

### Discussion

You use this function to create a sequential-access data provider that uses callback functions to read data from your program in a stream.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Deprecated in Mac OS X v10.5.

### Declared In

`CGDataProvider.h`

## CGDataProviderCreateDirect

Creates a Quartz direct-access data provider.

```
CGDataProviderRef CGDataProviderCreateDirect (
    void *info,
    off_t size,
    const CGDataProviderDirectCallbacks *callbacks
);
```

### Parameters

*info*

A pointer to data of any type or NULL. When Quartz calls the functions specified in the `callbacks` parameter, it sends each of the functions this pointer.

*size*

The number of bytes of data to provide.

*callbacks*

A pointer to a `CGDataProviderDirectCallbacks` structure that specifies the callback functions you implement to handle the data provider's basic memory management.

**Return Value**

A new data provider. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGDataProviderRelease](#) (page 159).

**Discussion**

You use this function to create a direct-access data provider that uses callback functions to read data from your program in a single block.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGDataProvider.h

**CGDataProviderCreateDirectAccess**

Creates a Quartz direct-access data provider. (Deprecated in Mac OS X v10.5.)

```
CGDataProviderRef CGDataProviderCreateDirectAccess (
    void *info,
    size_t size,
    const CGDataProviderDirectAccessCallbacks *callbacks
);
```

**Parameters**

*info*

A pointer to data of any type or NULL. When Quartz calls the functions specified in the `callbacks` parameter, it sends each of the functions this pointer.

*size*

A value that specifies the number of bytes that the data provider contains.

*callbacks*

A pointer to a `CGDataProviderDirectAccessCallbacks` structure that specifies the callback functions you implement to handle the data provider's basic memory management. For a complete description, see [CGDataProviderDirectAccessCallbacks](#) (page 169).

**Return Value**

A new data provider. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGDataProviderRelease](#) (page 159).

**Discussion**

You use this function to create a direct-access data provider that uses callback functions to read data from your program in a single block.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Deprecated in Mac OS X v10.5.

**Related Sample Code**

MassiveImage

**Declared In**

CGDataProvider.h

## CGDataProviderCreateSequential

Creates a Quartz sequential-access data provider.

```
CGDataProviderRef CGDataProviderCreateSequential (
    void *info,
    const CGDataProviderSequentialCallbacks *callbacks
);
```

### Parameters

*info*

A pointer to data of any type or NULL. When Quartz calls the functions specified in the `callbacks` parameter, it sends each of the functions this pointer.

*callbacks*

A pointer to a `CGDataProviderSequentialCallbacks` structure that specifies the callback functions you implement to handle the data provider's basic memory management.

### Return Value

A new data provider. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGDataProviderRelease](#) (page 159).

### Discussion

You use this function to create a sequential-access data provider that uses callback functions to read data from your program in a single block.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

### Declared In

`CGDataProvider.h`

## CGDataProviderCreateWithCFData

Creates a Quartz data provider that reads from a CFData object.

```
CGDataProviderRef CGDataProviderCreateWithCFData (
    CFDataRef data
);
```

### Parameters

*data*

The CFData object to read from.

### Return Value

A new data provider. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGDataProviderRelease](#) (page 159).

### Discussion

You can use this function when you need to represent Quartz data as a CFData type. For example, you might create a CFData object when reading data from the pasteboard.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

### Declared In

`CGDataProvider.h`

## CGDataProviderCreateWithData

Creates a Quartz direct-access data provider that uses data your program supplies.

```
CGDataProviderRef CGDataProviderCreateWithData (
    void *info,
    const void *data,
    size_t size,
    CGDataProviderReleaseDataCallback releaseData
);
```

### Parameters

*info*

A pointer to data of any type, or NULL. When Quartz calls the function specified in the `releaseData` parameter, Quartz sends it this pointer as its first argument.

*data*

A pointer to the array of data that the provider contains.

*size*

A value that specifies the number of bytes that the data provider contains.

*releaseData*

A pointer to a release callback for the data provider, or NULL. Your release function is called when Quartz frees the data provider. For more information, see [CGDataProviderReleaseDataCallback](#) (page 165).

### Return Value

A new data provider. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGDataProviderRelease](#) (page 159).

### Discussion

You use this function to create a direct-access data provider that uses callback functions to read data from your program an entire block at one time.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

### Related Sample Code

CIVideoDemoGL

GLSL Showpiece Lite

MovieVideoChart

Quartz EB

SampleRaster

### Declared In

CGDataProvider.h

## CGDataProviderCreateWithFilename

Creates a Quartz direct-access data provider that uses a file to supply data.

```
CGDataProviderRef CGDataProviderCreateWithFilename(
    const char *filename
);
```

**Parameters***filename*

The full or relative pathname to use for the data provider. When you supply Quartz data via the provider, it reads the data from the specified file.

**Return Value**

A new data provider or NULL if the file could not be opened. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGDataProviderRelease](#) (page 159).

**Discussion**

You use this function to create a direct-access data provider that supplies data from a file. When you supply Quartz with a direct-access data provider, Quartz obtains data from your program in a single block.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Fireworks

**Declared In**

CGDataProvider.h

**CGDataProviderCreateWithURL**

Creates a Quartz direct-access data provider that uses a URL to supply data.

```
CGDataProviderRef CGDataProviderCreateWithURL (
    CFURLRef url
);
```

**Parameters***url*

A CFURL object to use for the data provider. When you supply Quartz data via the provider, it reads the data from the URL address.

**Return Value**

A new data provider or NULL if the data from the URL could not be accessed. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGDataProviderRelease](#) (page 159).

**Discussion**

You use this function to create a direct-access data provider that supplies data from a URL. When you supply Quartz with a direct-access data provider, Quartz obtains data from your program in a single entire block.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

DockBrowser

**Declared In**

CGDataProvider.h

## CGDataProviderGetTypeID

Returns the Core Foundation type identifier for Quartz data providers.

```
CTypeID CGDataProviderGetTypeID (  
    void  
);
```

### Return Value

The identifier for the opaque type [CGDataProviderRef](#) (page 168).

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

### Declared In

CGDataProvider.h

## CGDataProviderRelease

Decrements the retain count of a data provider.

```
void CGDataProviderRelease (  
    CGDataProviderRef provider  
);
```

### Parameters

*provider*

The data provider to release.

### Discussion

This function is equivalent to `CFRelease`, except that it does not cause an error if the `provider` parameter is `NULL`.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

### Related Sample Code

DockBrowser

GLSL Showpiece Lite

MovieVideoChart

Quartz EB

SampleRaster

### Declared In

CGDataProvider.h

## CGDataProviderRetain

Increments the retain count of a data provider.

```
CGDataProviderRef CGDataProviderRetain (
    CGDataProviderRef provider
);
```

**Parameters***provider*

The data provider to retain.

**Return Value**The same data provider you passed in as the *provider* parameter.**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to `CFRetain`, except that it does not cause an error if the *provider* parameter is `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGDataProvider.h

## Callbacks by Task

### Sequential-Access Data Provider Callbacks

[CGDataProviderGetBytesCallback](#) (page 163)

A callback function that copies from a provider data stream into a Quartz-supplied buffer.

[CGDataProviderReleaseInfoCallback](#) (page 166)

A callback function that releases any private data or resources associated with the data provider.

[CGDataProviderRewindCallback](#) (page 166)

A callback function that moves the current position in the data stream back to the beginning.

[CGDataProviderSkipBytesCallback](#) (page 167)

A callback function that advances the current position in the data stream supplied by the provider.

[CGDataProviderSkipForwardCallback](#) (page 168)

A callback function that advances the current position in the data stream supplied by the provider.

### Direct-Access Data Provider Callbacks

[CGDataProviderGetBytePointerCallback](#) (page 161)

A callback function that returns a generic pointer to the provider data.

[CGDataProviderGetBytesAtOffsetCallback](#) (page 161)

A callback function that copies data from the provider into a Quartz buffer.

[CGDataProviderReleaseBytePointerCallback](#) (page 164)

A callback function that releases the pointer Quartz obtained by calling [CGDataProviderGetBytePointerCallback](#) (page 161).

[CGDataProviderReleaseDataCallback](#) (page 165)

A callback function that releases data you supply to the function [CGDataProviderCreateWithData](#) (page 157).

[CGDataProviderGetBytesAtPositionCallback](#) (page 162)

A callback function that copies data from the provider into a Quartz buffer.

## Callbacks

### CGDataProviderGetBytePointerCallback

A callback function that returns a generic pointer to the provider data.

```
const void * (*CGDataProviderGetBytePointerCallback) (
    void *info
);
```

If you name your function `MyProviderGetBytePointer`, you would declare it like this:

```
void *MyProviderGetBytePointer (
    void *info
);
```

#### Parameters

*info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGDataProviderCreateDirectAccess](#) (page 155).

#### Return Value

A generic pointer to your provider data. By supplying this pointer, you are giving Quartz read-only access to both the pointer and the underlying provider data. You must not move or modify the provider data until Quartz calls your [CGDataProviderReleaseBytePointerCallback](#) (page 164) function.

#### Discussion

When Quartz needs direct access to your provider data, this function is called.

For information on how to associate your function with a direct-access data provider, see [CGDataProviderCreateDirectAccess](#) (page 155) and [CGDataProviderDirectAccessCallbacks](#) (page 169).

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

#### Declared In

`CGDataProvider.h`

### CGDataProviderGetBytesAtOffsetCallback

A callback function that copies data from the provider into a Quartz buffer.

```
typedef size_t (*CGDataProviderGetBytesAtOffsetCallback) (
    void *info,
    void *buffer,
    size_t offset,
    size_t count
);
```

If you name your function `MyProviderGetBytesWithOffset`, you would declare it like this:

```
size_t MyProviderGetBytesWithOffset (
    void *info,
    void *buffer,
    size_t offset,
    size_t count
);
```

### Parameters

*info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGDataProviderCreateDirectAccess](#) (page 155).

*buffer*

The Quartz-supplied buffer into which you copy the specified number of bytes.

*offset*

Specifies the relative location in the data provider at which to begin copying data.

*count*

The number of bytes to copy.

### Return Value

The number of bytes copied. If no more data can be written to the buffer, you should return 0.

### Discussion

When Quartz is ready to receive data from the provider, your function is called.

For information on how to associate your function with a direct-access data provider, see [CGDataProviderCreateDirectAccess](#) (page 155) and [CGDataProviderDirectAccessCallbacks](#) (page 169).

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### Declared In

`CGDataProvider.h`

## CGDataProviderGetBytesAtPositionCallback

A callback function that copies data from the provider into a Quartz buffer.

```
typedef size_t (*CGDataProviderGetBytesAtPositionCallback) (
    void *info,
    void *buffer,
    off_t position,
    size_t count
);
```

If you name your function `MyProviderGetBytesAtPosition`, you would declare it like this:

```
size_t MyProviderGetBytesAtPosition (
    void *info,
    void *buffer,
    off_t position,
    size_t count
);
```

### Parameters

*info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGDataProviderCreateDirect](#) (page 154).

*buffer*

The Quartz-supplied buffer into which you copy the specified number of bytes.

*position*

Specifies the relative location in the data provider at which to begin copying data.

*count*

The number of bytes to copy.

### Return Value

The number of bytes copied. If no more data can be written to the buffer, you should return 0.

### Discussion

When Quartz is ready to receive data from the provider, your function is called.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

### Declared In

`CGDataProvider.h`

## CGDataProviderGetBytesCallback

A callback function that copies from a provider data stream into a Quartz-supplied buffer.

```
size_t (*CGDataProviderGetBytesCallback) (
    void *info,
    void *buffer,
    size_t count
);
```

If you name your function `MyProviderGetBytes`, you would declare it like this:

```
size_t MyProviderGetBytes (
    void *info,
```

```

    void *buffer,
    size_t count
);

```

**Parameters***info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGDataProviderCreate](#) (page 154).

*buffer*

The Quartz-supplied buffer into which you copy the specified number of bytes.

*count*

The number of bytes to copy.

**Return Value**

The number of bytes copied. If no more data can be written to the buffer, you should return 0.

**Discussion**

When Quartz is ready to receive data from the provider data stream, your function is called. It should copy the specified number of bytes into *buffer*.

For information on how to associate your callback function with a data provider, see [CGDataProviderCreate](#) (page 154) and [CGDataProviderCallbacks](#) (page 169).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGDataProvider.h

**CGDataProviderReleaseBytePointerCallback**

A callback function that releases the pointer Quartz obtained by calling [CGDataProviderGetBytePointerCallback](#) (page 161).

```

typedef void (*CGDataProviderReleaseBytePointerCallback) (
    void *info,
    const void *pointer
);

```

If you name your function `MyProviderReleaseBytePointer`, you would declare it like this:

```

void MyProviderReleaseBytePointer (
    void *info,
    const void *pointer
);

```

**Parameters***info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGDataProviderCreateDirectAccess](#) (page 155).

*pointer*

A pointer to your provider data. This is the same pointer you returned in [CGDataProviderGetBytePointerCallback](#) (page 161).

#### Discussion

When Quartz no longer needs direct access to your provider data, your function is called. You may safely modify, move, or release your provider data at this time.

For information on how to associate your function with a direct-access data provider, see [CGDataProviderCreateDirectAccess](#) (page 155) and [CGDataProviderDirectAccessCallbacks](#) (page 169).

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

#### Declared In

CGDataProvider.h

## CGDataProviderReleaseDataCallback

A callback function that releases data you supply to the function [CGDataProviderCreateWithData](#) (page 157).

```
typedef void (*CGDataProviderReleaseDataCallback) (
    void *info,
    const void *data,
    size_t size
);
```

If you name your function `MyProviderReleaseData`, you would declare it like this:

```
void MyProviderReleaseData (
    void *info,
    const void *data,
    size_t size
);
```

#### Parameters

*info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGDataProviderCreateWithData](#) (page 157).

*data*

A pointer to your provider data.

*size*

The size of the data.

#### Discussion

When Quartz no longer needs direct access to your provider data, your function is called. You may safely modify, move, or release your provider data at this time.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGDataProvider.h

**CGDataProviderReleaseInfoCallback**

A callback function that releases any private data or resources associated with the data provider.

```
void (*CGDataProviderReleaseInfoCallback) (  
    void *info  
);
```

If you name your function `MyProviderReleaseInfo`, you would declare it like this:

```
void MyProviderReleaseInfo (  
    void *info  
);
```

**Parameters***info*

A generic pointer to private information shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGDataProviderCreate](#) (page 154).

**Discussion**

When Quartz frees a data provider that has an associated release function, the release function is called.

For information on how to associate your callback function with a data provider, see [CGDataProviderCreate](#) (page 154) and [CGDataProviderCallbacks](#) (page 169).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGDataProvider.h

**CGDataProviderRewindCallback**

A callback function that moves the current position in the data stream back to the beginning.

```
void (*CGDataProviderRewindCallback) (  
    void *info  
);
```

If you name your function `MyProviderRewind`, you would declare it like this:

```
void MyProviderRewind (  
    void *info  
);
```

**Parameters***info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGDataProviderCreate](#) (page 154).

**Discussion**

When Quartz needs to read from the beginning of the provider's data stream, your function is called.

For information on how to associate your callback function with a data provider, see [CGDataProviderCreate](#) (page 154) and [CGDataProviderCallbacks](#) (page 169).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGDataProvider.h

**CGDataProviderSkipBytesCallback**

A callback function that advances the current position in the data stream supplied by the provider.

```
void (*CGDataProviderSkipBytesCallback) (
    void *info,
    size_t count
);
```

If you name your function `MyProviderSkipBytes`, you would declare it like this:

```
void MyProviderSkipBytes (
    void *info,
    size_t count
);
```

**Parameters***info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGDataProviderCreate](#) (page 154).

*count*

The number of bytes to skip.

**Discussion**

When Quartz needs to advance forward in the provider's data stream, your function is called.

For information on how to associate your callback function with a data provider, see [CGDataProviderCreate](#) (page 154) and [CGDataProviderCallbacks](#) (page 169).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGDataProvider.h

## CGDataProviderSkipForwardCallback

A callback function that advances the current position in the data stream supplied by the provider.

```

off_t (*CGDataProviderSkipForwardCallback) (
    void *info,
    off_t count
);

```

If you name your function `MyProviderSkipForwardBytes`, you would declare it like this:

```

off_t MyProviderSkipForwardBytes (
    void *info,
    off_t count
);

```

### Parameters

*info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to `CGDataProviderCreate` (page 154).

*count*

The number of bytes to skip.

### Return Value

The number of bytes that were actually skipped.

### Discussion

When Quartz needs to advance forward in the provider's data stream, your function is called.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

### Declared In

`CGDataProvider.h`

## Data Types

### CGDataProviderRef

Defines an opaque type that supplies Quartz with data.

```

typedef struct CGDataProvider *CGDataProviderRef;

```

### Discussion

Some Quartz routines supply blocks of data to your program. Rather than reading through a raw memory buffer, data provider objects of type `CGDataProviderRef` allow you to supply Quartz functions with data.

In Mac OS X version 10.2 and later, `CGDataProviderRef` is derived from `CTypeRef` and inherits the properties that all Core Foundation types have in common. For more information, see *CType Reference*.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGDataProvider.h

**CGDataProviderCallbacks**

Defines a structure containing pointers to client-defined callback functions that manage the sending of data for a sequential-access data provider.

```
struct CGDataProviderCallbacks {
    CGDataProviderGetBytesCallback getBytes;
    CGDataProviderSkipBytesCallback skipBytes;
    CGDataProviderRewindCallback rewind;
    CGDataProviderReleaseInfoCallback releaseProvider;
};
typedef struct CGDataProviderCallbacks CGDataProviderCallbacks;
```

**Fields**

getBytes

A pointer to a function that copies data from the provider. For more information, see [CGDataProviderGetBytesCallback](#) (page 163).

skipBytes

A pointer to a function that Quartz calls to advance the stream of data supplied by the provider. For more information, see [CGDataProviderSkipBytesCallback](#) (page 167).

rewind

A pointer to a function Quartz calls to return the provider to the beginning of the data stream. For more information, see [CGDataProviderRewindCallback](#) (page 166).

releaseProvider

A pointer to a function that handles clean-up for the data provider, or NULL. For more information, see [CGDataProviderReleaseInfoCallback](#) (page 166).

**Discussion**

The functions specified by the `CGDataProviderCallbacks` structure are responsible for sequentially copying data to a memory buffer for Quartz to use. The functions are also responsible for handling the data provider's basic memory management. You supply a `CGDataProviderCallbacks` structure to the function [CGDataProviderCreate](#) (page 154) to create a sequential-access data provider.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGDataProvider.h

**CGDataProviderDirectAccessCallbacks**

Defines pointers to client-defined callback functions that manage the sending of data for a direct-access data provider.

```

struct CGDataProviderDirectAccessCallbacks {
    CGDataProviderGetBytePointerCallback getBytePointer;
    CGDataProviderReleaseBytePointerCallback releaseBytePointer;
    CGDataProviderGetBytesAtOffsetCallback getBytes;
    CGDataProviderReleaseInfoCallback releaseProvider;
};
typedef struct CGDataProviderDirectAccessCallbacks
CGDataProviderDirectAccessCallbacks;

```

**Fields**

getBytePointer

A pointer to a function that returns a pointer to the provider's data. For more information, see [CGDataProviderGetBytePointerCallback](#) (page 161).

releaseBytePointer

A pointer to a function that Quartz calls to release a pointer to the provider's data. For more information, see [CGDataProviderReleaseBytePointerCallback](#) (page 164).

getBytes

A pointer to a function that copies data from the provider. For more information, see [CGDataProviderGetBytesAtOffsetCallback](#) (page 161).

releaseProvider

A pointer to a function that handles clean-up for the data provider, or NULL. For more information, see [CGDataProviderReleaseInfoCallback](#) (page 166).

**Discussion**

You supply a `CGDataProviderDirectAccessCallbacks` structure to the function [CGDataProviderCreateDirectAccess](#) (page 155) to create a data provider for direct access. The functions specified by the `CGDataProviderDirectAccessCallbacks` structure are responsible for copying data a block at a time to a memory buffer for Quartz to use. The functions are also responsible for handling the data provider's basic memory management. For the callback to work, one of the `getBytePointer` and `getBytes` parameters must be non-NULL. If both are non-NULL, then `getBytePointer` is used to access the data.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGDataProvider.h`

**CGDataProviderDirectCallbacks**

Defines pointers to client-defined callback functions that manage the sending of data for a direct-access data provider.

```

struct CGDataProviderDirectCallbacks {
    unsigned int version;
    CGDataProviderGetBytePointerCallback getBytePointer;
    CGDataProviderReleaseBytePointerCallback releaseBytePointer;
    CGDataProviderGetBytesAtPositionCallback getBytesAtPosition;
    CGDataProviderReleaseInfoCallback releaseInfo;
};
typedef struct CGDataProviderDirectCallbacks CGDataProviderDirectCallbacks;

```

**Fields**

version

The version of this structure. It should be set to 0.

`getBytesPointer`

A pointer to a function that returns a pointer to the provider's data. For more information, see [CGDataProviderGetBytesPointerCallback](#) (page 161).

`releaseBytesPointer`

A pointer to a function that Quartz calls to release a pointer to the provider's data. For more information, see [CGDataProviderReleaseBytesPointerCallback](#) (page 164).

`getBytesAtPosition`

A pointer to a function that copies data from the provider.

`releaseInfo`

A pointer to a function that handles clean-up for the data provider, or NULL. For more information, see [CGDataProviderReleaseInfoCallback](#) (page 166).

### Discussion

You supply a `CGDataProviderDirectCallbacks` structure to the function [CGDataProviderCreateDirect](#) (page 154) to create a data provider for direct access. The functions specified by the `CGDataProviderDirectCallbacks` structure are responsible for copying data a block at a time to a memory buffer for Quartz to use. The functions are also responsible for handling the data provider's basic memory management. For the callback to work, one of the `getBytesPointer` and `getBytesAtPosition` parameters must be non-NULL. If both are non-NULL, then `getBytesPointer` is used to access the data.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

### Declared In

`CGDataProvider.h`

## CGDataProviderSequentialCallbacks

Defines a structure containing pointers to client-defined callback functions that manage the sending of data for a sequential-access data provider.

```
struct CGDataProviderSequentialCallbacks {
    unsigned int version;
    CGDataProviderGetBytesCallback getBytes;
    CGDataProviderSkipForwardCallback skipForward;
    CGDataProviderRewindCallback rewind;
    CGDataProviderReleaseInfoCallback releaseInfo;
};
typedef struct CGDataProviderSequentialCallbacks CGDataProviderSequentialCallbacks;
```

### Fields

`version`

The version of this structure. It should be set to 0.

`getBytes`

A pointer to a function that copies data from the provider. For more information, see [CGDataProviderGetBytesCallback](#) (page 163).

`skipForward`

A pointer to a function that Quartz calls to advance the stream of data supplied by the provider.

`rewind`

A pointer to a function Quartz calls to return the provider to the beginning of the data stream. For more information, see [CGDataProviderRewindCallback](#) (page 166).

`releaseInfo`

A pointer to a function that handles clean-up for the data provider, or NULL. For more information, see [CGDataProviderReleaseInfoCallback](#) (page 166).

**Discussion**

The functions specified by the `CGDataProviderSequentialCallbacks` structure are responsible for sequentially copying data to a memory buffer for Quartz to use. The functions are also responsible for handling the data provider's basic memory management. You supply a `CGDataProviderCallbacks` structure to the function [CGDataProviderCreateSequential](#) (page 156) to create a sequential-access data provider.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGDataProvider.h`

# CGFont Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	CType
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGFont.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The `CGFontRef` opaque type encapsulates font information. A font is a set of shapes or glyphs associated with a character set. A glyph can represent a single character (such as 'b'), more than one character (such as the "fi" ligature), or a special character such as a space. Quartz retrieves the glyphs for the font from ATS (Apple Type Services) and paints the glyphs based on the relevant parameters of the current graphics state.

Quartz provides a limited, low-level interface for drawing text. For information on text-drawing functions, see *CGContext Reference*. For full Unicode and text-layout support, use the services provided by Core Text or ATSUI).

## Functions by Task

### Retaining and Releasing a CGFont Object

[CGFontRelease](#) (page 188)

Decrements the retain count of a Quartz font.

[CGFontRetain](#) (page 189)

Increments the retain count of a Quartz font.

### Creating a CGFont Object

[CGFontCreateWithDataProvider](#) (page 180)

Creates a font object from data supplied from a data provider.

[CGFontCreateWithFontName](#) (page 181)

Creates a font object corresponding to the font specified by a PostScript or full name.

[CGFontCreateCopyWithVariations](#) (page 179)

Creates a copy of a font using a variation specification dictionary.

[CGFontCreateWithPlatformFont](#) (page 181) **Deprecated in Mac OS X v10.6**

Creates a font object from an Apple Type Services (ATS) font. (**Deprecated.** Use Core Text, documented in *Core Text Reference Collection*, instead.)

## Working With PostScript Fonts

[CGFontCopyPostScriptName](#) (page 176)

Obtains the PostScript name of a font.

[CGFontCanCreatePostScriptSubset](#) (page 175)

Determines whether Quartz can create a subset of the font in PostScript format.

[CGFontCreatePostScriptSubset](#) (page 180)

Creates a subset of the font in the specified PostScript format.

[CGFontCreatePostScriptEncoding](#) (page 179)

Creates a PostScript encoding of a font.

## Working With Font Tables

[CGFontCopyTableTags](#) (page 177)

Returns an array of tags that correspond to the font tables for a font.

[CGFontCopyTableForTag](#) (page 177)

Returns the font table that corresponds to the provided tag.

## Getting Font Information

[CGFontGetTypeID](#) (page 187)

Returns the Core Foundation type identifier for Quartz fonts.

[CGFontCopyVariationAxes](#) (page 178)

Returns an array of the variation axis dictionaries for a font.

[CGFontCopyVariations](#) (page 178)

Returns the variation specification dictionary for a font.

[CGFontCopyFullName](#) (page 176)

Returns the full name associated with a font object.

[CGFontGetAscent](#) (page 182)

Returns the ascent of a font.

[CGFontGetDescent](#) (page 183)

Returns the descent of a font.

[CGFontGetLeading](#) (page 186)

Returns the leading of a font.

[CGFontGetCapHeight](#) (page 183)

Returns the cap height of a font.

[CGFontGetXHeight](#) (page 188)

Returns the x-height of a font.

[CGFontGetFontBBox](#) (page 183)

Returns the bounding box of a font.

[CGFontGetItalicAngle](#) (page 186)

Returns the italic angle of a font.

[CGFontGetStemV](#) (page 187)

Returns the thickness of the dominant vertical stems of glyphs in a font.

[CGFontGetGlyphBBoxes](#) (page 185)

Get the bounding box of each glyph in an array.

[CGFontGetGlyphWithGlyphName](#) (page 185)

Returns the glyph for the font name associated with the specified font object.

[CGFontCopyGlyphNameForGlyph](#) (page 176)

Returns the glyph name associated with a font object.

[CGFontGetNumberOfGlyphs](#) (page 186)

Returns the number of glyphs in a font.

[CGFontGetGlyphAdvances](#) (page 184)

Gets the bound box of each glyph in the provided array.

[CGFontGetUnitsPerEm](#) (page 188)

Returns the number of glyph space units per em for the provided font.

## Functions

### CGFontCanCreatePostScriptSubset

Determines whether Quartz can create a subset of the font in PostScript format.

```
bool CGFontCanCreatePostScriptSubset (
    CGFontRef font,
    CGFontPostScriptFormat format
);
```

#### Parameters

*font*

A font object.

#### Return Value

Returns `true` if a subset in the PostScript format can be created for the font; `false` otherwise.

#### Discussion

For more information on PostScript format, see *Adobe Type 1 Font Format*, which is available from <http://partners.adobe.com/>.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

#### Declared In

`CGFont.h`

**CGFontCopyFullName**

Returns the full name associated with a font object.

```
CFStringRef CGFontCopyFullName (
    CGFontRef font
);
```

**Parameters**

*font*

A font object.

**Return Value**

The full name associated with the font.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

**CGFontCopyGlyphNameForGlyph**

Returns the glyph name associated with a font object.

```
CFStringRef CGFontCopyGlyphNameForGlyph (
    CGFontRef font
);
```

**Parameters**

*font*

A font object.

**Return Value**

A glyph name, or NULL if there isn't a glyph associated with the font object.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

**CGFontCopyPostScriptName**

Obtains the PostScript name of a font.

```
CFStringRef CGFontCopyPostScriptName (
    CGFontRef font
);
```

**Parameters**

*font*

A font object.

**Return Value**

The PostScript name of the font.

**Discussion****Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

**CGFontCopyTableForTag**

Returns the font table that corresponds to the provided tag.

```
CFDataRef CGFontCopyTableForTag(
    CGFontRef font,
    uint32_t tag
);
```

**Parameters**

*font*

A font object.

*tag*

The tag for the table you want to obtain.

**Return Value**

The font table that corresponds to the tag, or NULL if no such table exists.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

**CGFontCopyTableTags**

Returns an array of tags that correspond to the font tables for a font.

```
CFArrayRef CGFontCopyTableTags(
    CGFontRef font
);
```

**Parameters**

*font*

A CGFont object.

**Return Value**

An array of font table tags.

**Discussion**

Each entry in the returned array is a four-byte value that represents a single TrueType or OpenType font table tag. To obtain a tag at index *k* in a manner that is appropriate for 32-bit and 64-bit architectures, you need to use code similar to the following:

```
tag = (uint32_t)(uintptr_t)CFArrayGetValue(table, k);
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

**CGFontCopyVariationAxes**

Returns an array of the variation axis dictionaries for a font.

```
CFArrayRef CGFontCopyVariationAxes (
    CGFontRef font
);
```

**Parameters**

*font*

A CGFont object.

**Return Value**

An array of the variation axis dictionaries. Returns `NULL` if the font doesn't support variations.

**Discussion**

A variation axis is a range included in a font by the font designer that allows a font to produce different type styles. Each variation axis dictionary contains key-value pairs that specify the variation axis name and the minimum, maximum, and default values for that variation axis.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

**CGFontCopyVariations**

Returns the variation specification dictionary for a font.

```
CFDictionaryRef CGFontCopyVariations (
    CGFontRef font
);
```

**Parameters**

*font*

A font object.

**Return Value**

The variation specification dictionary for the font. Returns `NULL` if the font doesn't support variations.

**Discussion**

The variation specification dictionary contains keys that correspond to the variation axis names of the font. Each key is a variation axis name. The value for each key is the value specified for that particular variation axis represented as a `CFNumber` object.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

**CGFontCreateCopyWithVariations**

Creates a copy of a font using a variation specification dictionary.

```
CGFontRef CGFontCreateCopyWithVariations (
    CGFontRef font,
    CFDictionaryRef variations
);
```

**Parameters***font*

The Quartz font to copy.

*variations*

A variation specification dictionary that contains keys corresponding to the variation axis names of the font. Each key in the dictionary is a variation axis name. The value for each key is the value specified for that particular variation axis represented as a CFNumber object. If a variation axis name is not specified in *variations*, then the current value from *font* is used.

**Return Value**

The font object.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

**CGFontCreatePostScriptEncoding**

Creates a PostScript encoding of a font.

```
CFDataRef CGFontCreatePostScriptEncoding (
    CGFontRef font,
    const CGGlyph encoding[256]
);
```

**Parameters***font*

A CGFont object.

*encoding*

The encoding to use.

**Return Value**

A PostScript encoding of the font that contains glyphs in the specified encoding.

**Discussion**

For more information on PostScript format, see *Adobe Type 1 Font Format*, which is available from <http://partners.adobe.com/>.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

**CGFontCreatePostScriptSubset**

Creates a subset of the font in the specified PostScript format.

```
CFDataRef CGFontCreatePostScriptSubset (
    CGFontRef font,
    CFStringRef subsetName,
    CGFontPostScriptFormat format,
    const CGGlyph glyphs[],
    size_t count,
    const CGGlyph encoding[256]
);
```

**Parameters***font*

A font object.

*subsetName*

The name of the subset.

*format*

The PostScript format of the font.

*glyphs*

An array that contains the glyphs in the subset.

*count*

The number of glyphs specified by the *glyphs* array.

*encoding*

The default encoding for the subset. You can pass `NULL` if you do not want to specify an encoding.

**Return Value**

A subset of the font created from the supplied parameters.

**Discussion**

For more information on PostScript format, see *Adobe Type 1 Font Format*, which is available from <http://partners.adobe.com/>.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

**CGFontCreateWithDataProvider**

Creates a font object from data supplied from a data provider.

```
CGFontRef CGFontCreateWithDataProvider (
    CGDataProviderRef provider
);
```

**Parameters***provider*

A data provider.

**Return Value**

The font object or NULL if the font can't be created. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGFontRelease](#) (page 188).

**Discussion**

Before drawing text in a Quartz context, you must set the font in the current graphics state by calling the function [CGContextSetFontSize](#) (page 111).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

**CGFontCreateWithFontName**

Creates a font object corresponding to the font specified by a PostScript or full name.

```
CGFontRef CGFontCreateWithFontName (
    CFStringRef name
);
```

**Parameters***name*

The PostScript or full name of a font.

**Return Value**

The font object or NULL if the font can't be created. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGFontRelease](#) (page 188).

**Discussion**

Before drawing text in a Quartz context, you must set the font in the current graphics state by calling the function [CGContextSetFont](#) (page 111).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

**CGFontCreateWithPlatformFont**

Creates a font object from an Apple Type Services (ATS) font. (Deprecated in Mac OS X v10.6. Use Core Text, documented in *Core Text Reference Collection*, instead.)

```
CGFontRef CGFontCreateWithPlatformFont (
    void *platformFontReference
);
```

**Parameters**

*platformFontReference*

A generic pointer to a font object. The font should be of a type appropriate to the platform on which your program is running. For Mac OS X, you should pass a pointer to an ATS font.

**Return Value**

The font object, or NULL if the platform font could not be located. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGFontRelease](#) (page 188).

**Discussion**

Before drawing text in a Quartz context, you must set the font in the current graphics state. For ATS Fonts, call this function to create a Quartz font, and pass it to [CGContextSetFont](#) (page 111).

**Special Considerations**

This function is deprecated because it takes a pointer to an `ATSTFontRef` object—itself deprecated—and is used almost solely by QuickDraw-based applications. There's no direct one-to-one replacement for the function; however, Apple recommends that clients using ATSUI and QuickDraw move to Core Text and Core Graphics instead.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Deprecated in Mac OS X v10.6.

**Declared In**

`CGFont.h`

**CGFontGetAscent**

Returns the ascent of a font.

```
int CGFontGetAscent (
    CGFontRef font
);
```

**Parameters**

*font*

A font object.

**Return Value**

The ascent of the font.

**Discussion**

The ascent is the maximum distance above the baseline of glyphs in a font. The value is specified in glyph space units.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGFont.h`

## CGFontGetCapHeight

Returns the cap height of a font.

```
int CGFontGetCapHeight (  
    CGFontRef font  
);
```

### Parameters

*font*

A font object.

### Return Value

The cap height of the font.

### Discussion

The cap height is the distance above the baseline of the top of flat capital letters of glyphs in a font. The value is specified in glyph space units.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

### Declared In

CGFont.h

## CGFontGetDescent

Returns the descent of a font.

```
int CGFontGetDescent (  
    CGFontRef font  
);
```

### Parameters

*font*

A font object.

### Return Value

The descent of the font .

### Discussion

The descent is the maximum distance below the baseline of glyphs in a font. The value is specified in glyph space units.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

### Declared In

CGFont.h

## CGFontGetFontBBox

Returns the bounding box of a font.

```
CGRect CGFontGetFontBBox (
    CGFontRef font
);
```

**Parameters***font*

A font object.

**Return Value**

The bounding box of the font.

**Discussion**

The font bounding box is the union of all of the bounding boxes for all the glyphs in a font. The value is specified in glyph space units.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

**CGFontGetGlyphAdvances**

Gets the bound box of each glyph in the provided array.

```
bool CGFontGetGlyphAdvances (
    CGFontRef font,
    const CGGlyph glyphs[],
    size_t count,
    int advances[]
);
```

**Parameters***font*

The font object associated with the provided glyphs.

*glyphs*

An array of glyphs.

*count*

The number of glyphs in the array.

*advances*

On output, an array of of advances for the provided glyphs.

**Return Value**

TRUE unless the advances can't be provided for some reason.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

## CGFontGetGlyphBBoxes

Get the bounding box of each glyph in an array.

```
bool CGFontGetGlyphBBoxes (
    CGFontRef font,
    const CGGlyph glyphs[],
    size_t count,
    CGRect bboxes[]
);
```

### Parameters

*font*

A font object.

*glyphs*

A array of glyphs.

*count*

The number of items in the *glyphs* array.

*bboxes*

On return, the bounding boxes for each glyph.

### Return Value

`false` if bounding boxes can't be retrieved for any reason; `true` otherwise.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

### Declared In

CGFont.h

## CGFontGetGlyphWithGlyphName

Returns the glyph for the font name associated with the specified font object.

```
CGGlyph CGFontGetGlyphWithGlyphName (
    CGFontRef font
);
```

### Parameters

*font*

A font object.

### Return Value

A glyph, or 0 if there isn't a name associated with the font object.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

### Declared In

CGFont.h

## CGFontGetItalicAngle

Returns the italic angle of a font.

```
CGFloat CGFontGetItalicAngle (  
    CGFontRef font  
);
```

### Parameters

*font*

A font object.

### Return Value

The italic angle of the font, measured in degrees counter-clockwise from the vertical.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

### Declared In

CGFont.h

## CGFontGetLeading

Returns the leading of a font.

```
int CGFontGetLeading (  
    CGFontRef font  
);
```

### Parameters

*font*

A font object.

### Return Value

The leading of the font.

### Discussion

The leading is the spacing between consecutive lines of text in a font. The value is specified in glyph space units.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

### Declared In

CGFont.h

## CGFontGetNumberOfGlyphs

Returns the number of glyphs in a font.

```
size_t CGFontGetNumberOfGlyphs (
    CGFontRef font
);
```

**Parameters***font*

A CGFont object.

**Return Value**

The number of glyphs in the provided font.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

**CGFontGetStemV**

Returns the thickness of the dominant vertical stems of glyphs in a font.

```
CGFloat CGFontGetItalicAngle (
    CGFontRef font
);
```

**Parameters***font*

A font object.

**Return Value**

The thickness of the dominant vertical stems of glyphs in a font.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

**CGFontGetTypeID**

Returns the Core Foundation type identifier for Quartz fonts.

```
CTypeID CGFontGetTypeID (
    void
);
```

**Return Value**The Core Foundation identifier for the opaque type [CGFontRef](#) (page 189).**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

## CGFontGetUnitsPerEm

Returns the number of glyph space units per em for the provided font.

```
int CGFontGetUnitsPerEm (  
    CGFontRef font  
);
```

### Parameters

*font*

A CGFont object.

### Return Value

The number of glyph space units per em for the provided font.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

### Declared In

CGFont.h

## CGFontGetXHeight

Returns the x-height of a font.

```
int CGFontGetXHeight (  
    CGFontRef font  
);
```

### Parameters

*font*

A font object.

### Return Value

The x-height of the font.

### Discussion

The x-height is the distance above the baseline of the top of flat, non-ascending lowercase letters (such as x) of glyphs in a font. The value is specified in glyph space units.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

### Declared In

CGFont.h

## CGFontRelease

Decrements the retain count of a Quartz font.

```
void CGFontRelease (
    CGFontRef font
);
```

**Parameters***font*

The Quartz font to release.

**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to `CFRelease`, except that it does not cause an error if the `font` parameter is `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

**CGFontRetain**

Increments the retain count of a Quartz font.

```
CGFontRef CGFontRetain (
    CGFontRef font
);
```

**Parameters***font*

The Quartz font to retain.

**Return Value**The same font you specified in the `font` parameter.**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to `CFRetain`, except that it does not cause an error if the `font` parameter is `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

## Data Types

**CGFontRef**

An opaque type that encapsulates font information.

```
typedef struct CGFont *CGFontRef;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

**CGFontIndex**

An index into a font table.

```
typedef unsigned short CGFontIndex;
```

**Discussion**

This integer type provides an additional way to specify a glyph identifier. `CGFontIndex` is equivalent to [CGGlyph](#) (page 190), and you can use constants of either type interchangeably.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

**CGGlyph**

An index into the internal glyph table of a font.

```
typedef unsigned short CGGlyph;
```

**Discussion**

When drawing text, you typically specify a sequence of characters. However, Quartz also allows you to use `CGGlyph` values to specify glyphs. In either case, Quartz renders the text using font data provided by the Apple Type Services (ATS) framework.

You provide `CGGlyph` values to the functions [CGContextShowGlyphs](#) (page 126) and [CGContextShowGlyphsAtPoint](#) (page 127). These functions display an array of glyphs at the current text position or at a position you specify, respectively.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFont.h

## Constants

**CGFontPostScriptFormat**

Possible formats for a PostScript font subset.

```
enum CGFontPostScriptFormat {
    kCGFontPostScriptFormatType1 = 1,
    kCGFontPostScriptFormatType3 = 3,
    kCGFontPostScriptFormatType42 = 42
};
typedef enum CGFontPostScriptFormat CGFontPostScriptFormat;
```

**Constants**

kCGFontPostScriptFormatType1

This is documented in *Adobe Type 1 Font Format*, which is available from <http://partners.adobe.com/>.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGFont.h`.

kCGFontPostScriptFormatType3

This is documented in *PostScript Language Reference, 3rd edition*, which is available from <http://partners.adobe.com/>.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGFont.h`.

kCGFontPostScriptFormatType42

This is documented in *Adobe Technical Note 5012, The Type 42 Font Format Specification*, which is available from <http://partners.adobe.com/>.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGFont.h`.

**Font Table Index Values**

Possible values for an index into a font table.

```
enum {
    kCGFontIndexMax = ((1 << 16) - 2),
    kCGFontIndexInvalid = ((1 << 16) - 1),
    kCGGlyphMax = kCGFontIndexMax
};
```

**Constants**

kCGFontIndexMax

The maximum allowed value for `CGFontIndex` (page 190).

Available in Mac OS X v10.1 and later.

Declared in `CGFont.h`.

kCGFontIndexInvalid

An invalid font index (a value which never represents a valid glyph).

Available in Mac OS X v10.1 and later.

Declared in `CGFont.h`.

kCGGlyphMax

The same as `kCGFontIndexMax`.

Available in Mac OS X v10.1 and later.

Declared in `CGFont.h`.

**Discussion**

See `CGFontIndex` (page 190).

## Obsolete Font Table Index Values

Deprecated values for an index into a font table. (**Deprecated.** Use `kCGGlyphMax` (page 191) instead.)

```
enum {
    CGGlyphMin = 0,
    CGGlyphMax = kCGGlyphMax
};
```

### Constants

`CGGlyphMin`

Minimum font index value.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGFont.h`.

`CGGlyphMax`

Maximum font index value.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGFont.h`.

## Font Variation Axis Keys

Keys used for a font variation axis dictionary.

```
const CFStringRef kCGFontVariationAxisName
const CFStringRef kCGFontVariationAxisMinValue
const CFStringRef kCGFontVariationAxisMaxValue
const CFStringRef kCGFontVariationAxisDefaultValue
```

### Constants

`kCGFontVariationAxisName`

The key used to obtain the variation axis name from a variation axis dictionary. The value obtained with this key is a `CFStringRef` that specifies the name of the variation axis.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGFont.h`.

`kCGFontVariationAxisMinValue`

The key used to obtain the minimum variation axis value from a variation axis dictionary. The value obtained with this key is a `CFNumberRef` that specifies the minimum value of the variation axis.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGFont.h`.

`kCGFontVariationAxisMaxValue`

The key used to obtain the maximum variation axis value from a variation axis dictionary. The value obtained with this key is a `CFNumberRef` that specifies the maximum value of the variation axis.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGFont.h`.

`kCGFontVariationAxisDefaultValue`

The key used to obtain the default variation axis value from a variation axis dictionary. The value obtained with this key is a `CFNumberRef` that specifies the default value of the variation axis.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGFont.h`.



# CGFunction Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	CType
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGFunction.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The `CGFunctionRef` opaque type provides a general facility for defining and using callback functions. These functions can take an arbitrary number of floating-point input values and pass back an arbitrary number of floating-point output values.

Quartz uses `CGFunction` objects to implement shadings. *CGShading Reference* describes the parameters and semantics required for the callbacks used by `CGFunction` objects.

## Functions by Task

### Creating a CGFunction Object

[CGFunctionCreate](#) (page 196)  
Creates a Quartz function.

### Retaining and Releasing CGFunction Objects

[CGFunctionRelease](#) (page 197)  
Decrements the retain count of a function object.

[CGFunctionRetain](#) (page 197)  
Increments the retain count of a function object.

### Getting the CType ID

[CGFunctionGetTypeID](#) (page 197)  
Returns the type identifier for Quartz function objects.

## Functions

### CGFunctionCreate

Creates a Quartz function.

```
CGFunctionRef CGFunctionCreate (
    void *info,
    size_t domainDimension,
    const CGFloat *domain,
    size_t rangeDimension,
    const CGFloat *range,
    const CGFunctionCallbacks *callbacks
);
```

#### Parameters

*info*

A pointer to user-defined storage for data that you want to pass to your callbacks. You need to make sure that the data persists for as long as it's needed, which can be beyond the scope in which the Quartz function is used.

*domainDimension*

The number of inputs.

*domain*

An array of ( $2 * \text{domainDimension}$ ) floats used to specify the valid intervals of input values. For each  $k$  from 0 to  $(\text{domainDimension} - 1)$ ,  $\text{domain}[2*k]$  must be less than or equal to  $\text{domain}[2*k+1]$ , and the  $k$ th input value will be clipped to lie in the interval  $\text{domain}[2*k] \leq \text{input}[k] \leq \text{domain}[2*k+1]$ . If this parameter is NULL, then the input values are not clipped.

*rangeDimension*

The number of outputs.

*range*

An array of ( $2 * \text{rangeDimension}$ ) floats that specifies the valid intervals of output values. For each  $k$  from 0 to  $(\text{rangeDimension} - 1)$ ,  $\text{range}[2*k]$  must be less than or equal to  $\text{range}[2*k+1]$ , and the  $k$ th output value will be clipped to lie in the interval  $\text{range}[2*k] \leq \text{output}[k] \leq \text{range}[2*k+1]$ . If this parameter is NULL, then the output values are not clipped.

*callbacks*

A pointer to a callback function table. This table should contain pointers to the callbacks you provide to implement the semantics of this Quartz function. Quartz makes a copy of your table, so, for example, you could safely pass in a pointer to a structure on the stack.

#### Return Value

The new Quartz function. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGFunctionRelease](#) (page 197).

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

#### Related Sample Code

Quartz 2D Shadings

SampleRaster

**Declared In**

CGFunction.h

**CGFunctionGetTypeID**

Returns the type identifier for Quartz function objects.

```
CTypeID CGFunctionGetTypeID (  
    void  
);
```

**Return Value**

The identifier for the opaque type [CGFunctionRef](#) (page 199).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFunction.h

**CGFunctionRelease**

Decrements the retain count of a function object.

```
void CGFunctionRelease (  
    CGFunctionRef function  
);
```

**Parameters***function*

The function object to release.

**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to `CFRelease`, except that it does not cause an error if the `function` parameter is `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz 2D Shadings

SampleRaster

**Declared In**

CGFunction.h

**CGFunctionRetain**

Increments the retain count of a function object.

```
CGFunctionRef CGFunctionRetain (
    CGFunctionRef function
);
```

**Parameters***function*

The same function object you passed in as the `function` parameter.

**Return Value****Discussion**

This function is equivalent to `CFRetain`, except that it does not cause an error if the `function` parameter is `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz 2D Shadings

**Declared In**

`CGFunction.h`

## Callbacks

**CGFunctionEvaluateCallback**

Performs custom operations on the supplied input data to produce output data.

```
typedef void (*CGFunctionEvaluateCallback) (
    void *info,
    const float *inData,
    float *outData
);
```

If you name your function `MyCGFunctionEvaluate`, you would declare it like this:

```
void MyCGFunctionEvaluate (
    void *info,
    const float *inData,
    float *outData
);
```

**Parameters***info*

The `info` parameter passed to [CGFunctionCreate](#) (page 196).

*inData*

An array of floats. The size of the array is that specified by the `domainDimension` parameter passed to the [CGFunctionCreate](#) (page 196) function.

*outData*

An array of floats. The size of the array is that specified by the `rangeDimension` parameter passed to the `CGFunctionCreate` (page 196) function.

#### Discussion

The callback you write is responsible for implementing the calculation of output values from the supplied input values. For example, if you want to implement a simple "squaring" function of one input argument to one output argument, your evaluation function might be:

```
void evaluateSquare(void *info, const float *inData, float *outData)
{
    outData[0] = inData[0] * inData[0];
}
```

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

#### Declared In

`CGFunction.h`

### CGFunctionReleaseInfoCallback

Performs custom clean-up tasks when Quartz deallocates a `CGFunction` object.

```
typedef void (*CGFunctionReleaseInfoCallback) (
    void *info
);
```

If you name your function `MyCGFunctionReleaseInfo`, you would declare it like this:

```
void MyCGFunctionReleaseInfo (
    void *info
);
```

#### Parameters

*info*

The `info` parameter passed to `CGFunctionCreate` (page 196).

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

#### Declared In

`CGFunction.h`

## Data Types

### CGFunctionRef

An opaque type that represents a callback function.

```
typedef struct CGFunction *CGFunctionRef;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFunction.h

**CGFunctionCallbacks**

A structure that contains callbacks needed by a CGFunction object.

```
struct CGFunctionCallbacks
{
    unsigned int version;
    CGFunctionEvaluateCallback evaluate;
    CGFunctionReleaseInfoCallback releaseInfo;
};
```

```
typedef struct CGFunctionCallbacks CGFunctionCallbacks;
```

**Fields**

version

The structure version number. For this structure, the version should be 0.

evaluate

The callback that evaluates the function.

releaseInfo

If non-NULL, the callback used to release the `info` parameter passed to [CGFunctionCreate](#) (page 196).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGFunction.h

# CGGLContext Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	<a href="#">CGContextRef</a> (page 135)
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGGLContext.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The CGGLContext header file defines functions that create and update a graphics context for OpenGL drawing. A CGGLContext context is a type of [CGContextRef](#) (page 135) that is used for OpenGL content. However, its use is not recommended.

## Functions

### CGGLContextCreate

Creates a Quartz graphics context from an OpenGL context. (Deprecated in Mac OS X v10.6.)

```
CGContextRef CGGLContextCreate (
    void *glContext,
    CGSize size,
    CGColorSpaceRef colorspace
);
```

#### Parameters

*glContext*

The context that the OpenGL system uses to manage OpenGL drawing.

*size*

The dimensions of the OpenGL viewport rectangle.

*colorspace*

An RGB color space that serves as the destination space when rendering device-independent colors. If NULL, Quartz uses the default RGB color space. Quartz retains the color space you pass in; on return, you may safely release it.

#### Return Value

A new Quartz graphics context. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGContextRelease](#) (page 98).

**Discussion**

The use of this function is not recommended.

Creates a Quartz context from the OpenGL context `glContext`. The context establishes an OpenGL viewport rectangle with dimensions specified by the `size` parameter by calling `glViewport(3G)`. If non-NULL, the `colorspace` parameter should be an RGB profile that specifies the destination space when rendering device-independent colors.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

Deprecated in Mac OS X v10.6.

**Declared In**

`CGGLContext.h`

**CGGLContextUpdateViewportSize**

Updates the size of the viewport associated with an OpenGL context. (Deprecated in Mac OS X v10.6.)

```
void CGGLContextUpdateViewportSize (
    CGContextRef c,
    CGSize size
);
```

**Parameters**

*context*

A Quartz graphics context obtained by calling [CGGLContextCreate](#) (page 201).

*size*

The new dimensions of the OpenGL viewport.

**Discussion**

The use of this function is not recommended.

You should call this function whenever the size of the associated OpenGL context changes.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

Deprecated in Mac OS X v10.6.

**Declared In**

`CGGLContext.h`

# CGGradient Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	CType
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGGradient.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

A gradient defines a smooth transition between colors across an area. The `CGGradientRef` opaque type, and the functions that operate on it, make creating and using radial and axial gradient fills an easy task. A `CGGradient` object has a color space, two or more colors, and a location for each color. The color space cannot be a pattern or indexed color space, otherwise it can be any Quartz color space ([CGColorSpaceRef](#) (page 50)).

Colors can be provided as component values (such as red, green, blue) or as Quartz color objects ([CGColorRef](#) (page 33)). In Quartz, component can vary from 0.0 to 1.0, designating the proportion of the component present in the color.

A location is a normalized value. When it comes time to paint the gradient, Quartz maps the normalized location values to the points in coordinate space that you provide.

If you want more precise control over gradients, or if your application runs in versions of Mac OS X that are earlier than v10.5, see *CGShading Reference*.

## Functions by Task

### Creating a CGGradient Object

[CGGradientCreateWithColorComponents](#) (page 204)

Creates a `CGGradient` object from a color space and the provided color components and locations.

[CGGradientCreateWithColors](#) (page 205)

Creates a `CGGradient` object from a color space and the provided color objects and locations.

## Retaining and Releasing a CGGradient Object

[CGGradientRelease](#) (page 206)

Decrements the retain count of a CGGradient object.

[CGGradientRetain](#) (page 206)

Increments the retain count of a CGGradient object.

## Getting the Type ID for a CGGradient Object

[CGGradientGetTypeID](#) (page 206)

Returns the Core Foundation type identifier for CGGradient objects.

## Functions

### CGGradientCreateWithColorComponents

Creates a CGGradient object from a color space and the provided color components and locations.

```
CGGradientRef CGGradientCreateWithColorComponents(
    CGColorSpaceRef space,
    const CGFloat components[],
    const CGFloat locations[],
    size_t count
);
```

#### Parameters

*space*

The color space to use for the gradient. You cannot use a pattern or indexed color space.

*components*

The color components for each color that defines the gradient. The components should be in the color space specified by *space*. If you are unsure of the number of components, you can call the function [CGColorSpaceGetNumberOfComponents](#) (page 48).

The number of items in this array should be the product of *count* and the number of components in the color space. For example, if the color space is an RGBA color space and you want to use two colors in the gradient (one for a starting location and another for an ending location), then you need to provide 8 values in *components*—red, green, blue, and alpha values for the first color, followed by red, green, blue, and alpha values for the second color.

*locations*

The location for each color provided in *components*. Each location must be a `CGFloat` value in the range of 0 to 1, inclusive. If 0 and 1 are not in the *locations* array, Quartz uses the colors provided that are closest to 0 and 1 for those locations.

If *locations* is `NULL`, the first color in *colors* is assigned to location 0, the last color in *colors* is assigned to location 1, and intervening colors are assigned locations that are at equal intervals in between.

*count*

The number of locations provided in the *locations* parameters.

**Return Value**

A CGGradient object.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextDrawLinearGradient](#) (page 81)

[CGContextDrawRadialGradient](#) (page 84)

**Related Sample Code**

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

**Declared In**

CGGradient.h

**CGGradientCreateWithColors**

Creates a CGGradient object from a color space and the provided color objects and locations.

```
CGGradientRef CGGradientCreateWithColors(
    CGColorSpaceRef space,
    CFArrayRef colors,
    const CGFloat locations[]
);
```

**Parameters**

*space*

The color space to use for the gradient. You cannot use a pattern or indexed color space.

*colors*

A non-empty array of CGColor objects that should be in the color space specified by *space*. If *space* is not NULL, each color will be converted (if necessary) to that color space and the gradient will be drawn in that color space. Otherwise, each color will be converted to and drawn in the GenericRGB color space.

*locations*

The location for each color provided in *colors*; each location must be a CGFloat value in the range of 0 to 1, inclusive. If 0 and 1 are not in the *locations* array, Quartz uses the colors provided that are closest to 0 and 1 for those locations.

If *locations* is NULL, the first color in *colors* is assigned to location 0, the last color in *colors* is assigned to location 1, and intervening colors are assigned locations that are at equal intervals in between.

The *locations* array should contain the same number of items as the *colors* array.

**Return Value**

A CGGradient object.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextDrawLinearGradient](#) (page 81)

[CGContextDrawRadialGradient](#) (page 84)

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz 2D Shadings

**Declared In**

CGGradient.h

**CGGradientGetTypeID**

Returns the Core Foundation type identifier for CGGradient objects.

```

CFTypeID CGGradientGetTypeID (
    void
);

```

**Return Value**

The Core Foundation identifier for the opaque type CGGradientRef.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGGradient.h

**CGGradientRelease**

Decrements the retain count of a CGGradient object.

```

void CGGradientRelease (
    CGGradientRef gradient
);

```

**Parameters***gradient*

The gradient object to release.

**Discussion**This function is equivalent to `CFRelease`, except that it does not cause an error if the *gradient* parameter is `NULL`.**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

Quartz 2D Shadings

**Declared In**

CGGradient.h

**CGGradientRetain**

Increments the retain count of a CGGradient object.

```
CGGradientRef CGGradientRetain(  
    CGGradientRef gradient  
);
```

**Parameters**

*gradient*

The gradient object to retain.

**Return Value**

The same gradient object that you passed in as the *gradient* parameter.

**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to `CFRetain`, except that it does not cause an error if the *gradient* parameter is `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.5 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz 2D Shadings

**Declared In**

`CGGradient.h`

## Data Types

**CGGradientRef**

An opaque type that represents a Quartz gradient.

```
typedef struct CGGradient *CGGradientRef;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGGradient.h`

## Constants

**Gradient Drawing Options**

Drawing locations for gradients.

```
enum {
    kCGGradientDrawsBeforeStartLocation = (1 << 0),
    kCGGradientDrawsAfterEndLocation = (1 << 1)
};
typedef enum CGGradientDrawingOptions CGGradientDrawingOptions;
```

**Constants**

`kCGGradientDrawsBeforeStartLocation`

The fill should extend beyond the starting location. The color that extends beyond the starting point is the solid color defined by the `CGGradient` object to be at location 0.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGGradient.h`.

`kCGGradientDrawsAfterEndLocation`

The fill should extend beyond the ending location. The color that extends beyond the ending point is the solid color defined by the `CGGradient` object to be at location 1.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGGradient.h`.

**Declared In**

`CGGradient.h`

# CGImage Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	<i>CType Reference</i>
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGImage.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The `CGImageRef` opaque type represents bitmap images and bitmap image masks, based on sample data that you supply. A bitmap (or sampled) image is a rectangular array of pixels, with each pixel representing a single sample or data point in a source image.

## Functions by Task

### Creating Bitmap Images

[CGImageCreate](#) (page 211)

Creates a bitmap image from data supplied by a data provider.

[CGImageCreateCopy](#) (page 212)

Creates a copy of a bitmap image.

[CGImageCreateCopyWithColorSpace](#) (page 213)

Create a copy of a bitmap image, replacing its colorspace.

[CGImageCreateWithJPEGDataProvider](#) (page 214)

Creates a bitmap image using JPEG-encoded data supplied by a data provider.

[CGImageCreateWithPNGDataProvider](#) (page 216)

Creates a Quartz bitmap image using PNG-encoded data supplied by a data provider.

[CGImageCreateWithImageInRect](#) (page 213)

Creates a bitmap image using the data contained within a subregion of an existing bitmap image.

[CGImageCreateWithMask](#) (page 215)

Creates a bitmap image from an existing image and an image mask.

[CGImageCreateWithMaskingColors](#) (page 216)

Creates a bitmap image by masking an existing bitmap image with the provided color values.

## Creating an Image Mask

[CGImageMaskCreate](#) (page 224)

Creates a bitmap image mask from data supplied by a data provider.

## Retaining and Releasing Images

[CGImageRetain](#) (page 226)

Increments the retain count of a bitmap image.

[CGImageRelease](#) (page 225)

Decrements the retain count of a bitmap image.

## Getting the CType ID

[CGImageGetTypeID](#) (page 222)

Returns the type identifier for Quartz bitmap images.

## Getting Information About an Image

[CGImageGetAlphaInfo](#) (page 217)

Returns the alpha channel information for a bitmap image.

[CGImageGetBitmapInfo](#) (page 218)

Returns the bitmap information for a bitmap image.

[CGImageGetBitsPerComponent](#) (page 218)

Returns the number of bits allocated for a single color component of a bitmap image.

[CGImageGetBitsPerPixel](#) (page 219)

Returns the number of bits allocated for a single pixel in a bitmap image.

[CGImageGetBytesPerRow](#) (page 219)

Returns the number of bytes allocated for a single row of a bitmap image.

[CGImageGetColorSpace](#) (page 220)

Return the color space for a bitmap image.

[CGImageGetDataProvider](#) (page 220)

Returns the data provider for a bitmap image.

[CGImageGetDecode](#) (page 220)

Returns the decode array for a bitmap image.

[CGImageGetHeight](#) (page 221)

Returns the height of a bitmap image.

[CGImageGetShouldInterpolate](#) (page 222)

Returns the interpolation setting for a bitmap image.

[CGImageGetRenderingIntent](#) (page 222)

Returns the rendering intent setting for a bitmap image.

[CGImageGetWidth](#) (page 223)

Returns the width of a bitmap image.

[CGImageIsMask](#) (page 223)

Returns whether a bitmap image is an image mask.

## Functions

### CGImageCreate

Creates a bitmap image from data supplied by a data provider.

```
CGImageRef CGImageCreate (
    size_t width,
    size_t height,
    size_t bitsPerComponent,
    size_t bitsPerPixel,
    size_t bytesPerRow,
    CGColorSpaceRef colorspace,
    CGBitmapInfo bitmapInfo,
    CGDataProviderRef provider,
    const CGFloat decode[],
    bool shouldInterpolate,
    CGColorRenderingIntent intent
);
```

#### Parameters

*width*

The width, in pixels, of the required image.

*height*

The height, in pixels, of the required image

*bitsPerComponent*

The number of bits for each component in a source pixel. For example, if the source image uses the RGBA-32 format, you would specify 8 bits per component.

*bitsPerPixel*

The total number of bits in a source pixel. This value must be at least `bitsPerComponent` times the number of components per pixel.

*bytesPerRow*

The number of bytes of memory for each horizontal row of the bitmap.

*colorspace*

The color space for the image. Quartz retains the color space you pass in; on return, you may safely release it.

*bitmapInfo*

A `CGBitmapInfo` constant that specifies whether the bitmap should contain an alpha channel and its relative location in a pixel, along with whether the components are floating-point or integer values.

*provider*

The source of data for the bitmap. For information about supported data formats, see the discussion below. Quartz retains this object; on return, you may safely release it.

*decode*

The decode array for the image. If you do not want to allow remapping of the image's color values, pass `NULL` for the decode array. For each color component in the image's color space, a decode array provides a pair of values denoting the upper and lower limits of a range. For example, the decode array for a source image in the RGB color space would contain six entries total, consisting of one pair each for red, green, and blue. When the image is rendered, Quartz uses a linear transform to map the original component value into a relative number within your designated range that is appropriate for the destination color space.

*shouldInterpolate*

A Boolean value that specifies whether interpolation should occur. The interpolation setting specifies whether Quartz should apply a pixel-smoothing algorithm to the image. Without interpolation, the image may appear jagged or pixelated when drawn on an output device with higher resolution than the image data.

*intent*

A rendering intent constant that specifies how Quartz should handle colors that are not located within the gamut of the destination color space of a graphics context. The rendering intent determines the exact method used to map colors from one color space to another. For descriptions of the defined rendering-intent constants, see [Color Rendering Intents](#) (page 53).

**Return Value**

A new Quartz bitmap image. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGImageRelease](#) (page 225).

**Discussion**

The data provider should provide raw data that matches the format specified by the other input parameters. To use encoded data (for example, from a file specified by a URL-based data provider), see [CGImageCreateWithJPEGDataProvider](#) (page 214) and [CGImageCreateWithPNGDataProvider](#) (page 216). In Mac OS X version 10.3 and later, you can also use the QuickTime function `GraphicsImportCreateCGImage` to decode an image file in any supported format and create a `CGImage`, in a single operation.

For information on supported pixel formats, see *Quartz 2D Programming Guide*.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

GLSL Showpiece Lite  
 MassivImage  
 MovieVideoChart  
 Quartz EB  
 SampleRaster

**Declared In**

`CGImage.h`

**CGImageCreateCopy**

Creates a copy of a bitmap image.

```
CGImageRef CGImageCreateCopy (
    CGImageRef image
);
```

**Parameters***image*

The image to copy.

**Return Value**An copy of the image specified by the *image* parameter.**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImage.h

**CGImageCreateCopyWithColorSpace**

Create a copy of a bitmap image, replacing its colorspace.

```
CGImageRef CGImageCreateCopyWithColorSpace (
    CGImageRef image,
    CGColorSpaceRef colorspace
);
```

**Parameters***image*

The graphics image to copy.

*colorspace*

The destination color space. The number of components in this color space must be the same as the number in the specified image.

**Return Value**A new Quartz image that is a copy of the image passed as the *image* parameter but with its color space replaced by that specified by the *colorspace* parameter. Returns NULL if *image* is an image mask, or if the number of components of *colorspace* is not the same as the number of components of the colorspace of *image*. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGImageRelease](#) (page 225).**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

ImageApp

**Declared In**

CGImage.h

**CGImageCreateWithImageInRect**

Creates a bitmap image using the data contained within a subregion of an existing bitmap image.

```
CGImageRef CGImageCreateWithImageInRect (
    CGImageRef image,
    CGRect rect
);
```

**Parameters***image*

The image to extract the subimage from.

*rect*

A rectangle whose coordinates specify the area to create an image from.

**Return Value**

A CGImage object that specifies a subimage of the image. If the *rect* parameter defines an area that is not in the image, returns NULL.

**Discussion**

Quartz performs these tasks to create the subimage:

- Adjusts the area specified by the *rect* parameter to integral bounds by calling the function `CGRectIntegral`.
- Intersects the result with a rectangle whose origin is (0, 0) and size is equal to the size of the image specified by the *image* parameter.
- References the pixels within the resulting rectangle, treating the first pixel within the rectangle as the origin of the subimage.

If *W* and *H* are the width and height of image, respectively, then the point (0, 0) corresponds to the first pixel of the image data. The point (*W*-1, 0) is the last pixel of the first row of the image data while (0, *H*-1) is the first pixel of the last row of the image data and (*W*-1, *H*-1) is the last pixel of the last row of the image data.

The resulting image retains a reference to the original image, which means you may release the original image after calling this function.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGImage.h`

**CGImageCreateWithJPEGDataProvider**

Creates a bitmap image using JPEG-encoded data supplied by a data provider.

```
CGImageRef CGImageCreateWithJPEGDataProvider (
    CGDataProviderRef source,
    const CGFloat decode[],
    bool shouldInterpolate,
    CGColorRenderingIntent intent
);
```

**Parameters***source*

A data provider supplying JPEG-encoded data.

*decode*

The decode array for the image. Typically a decode array is unnecessary, and you should pass `NULL`.

*shouldInterpolate*

A Boolean value that specifies whether interpolation should occur. The interpolation setting specifies whether Quartz should apply a pixel-smoothing algorithm to the image.

*intent*

A `CGColorRenderingIntent` constant that specifies how Quartz should handle colors that are not located within the gamut of the destination color space of a graphics context.

**Return Value**

A new Quartz bitmap image. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGImageRelease](#) (page 225).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.1 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGImage.h`

**CGImageCreateWithMask**

Creates a bitmap image from an existing image and an image mask.

```
CGImageRef CGImageCreateWithMask (
    CGImageRef image,
    CGImageRef mask
);
```

**Parameters***image*

The image to apply the `mask` parameter to. This image must not be an image mask and may not have an image mask or masking color associated with it.

*mask*

A mask. If the mask is an image, it must be in the `DeviceGray` color space, must not have an alpha component, and may not itself be masked by an image mask or a masking color. If the mask is not the same size as the image specified by the `image` parameter, then Quartz scales the mask to fit the image.

**Return Value**

An image created by masking `image` with `mask`. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGImageRelease](#) (page 225).

**Discussion**

The resulting image depends on whether the `mask` parameter is an image mask or an image. If the `mask` parameter is an image mask, then the source samples of the image mask act as an inverse alpha value. That is, if the value of a source sample in the image mask is  $S$ , then the corresponding region in `image` is blended with the destination using an alpha value of  $(1-S)$ . For example, if  $S$  is 1, then the region is not painted, while if  $S$  is 0, the region is fully painted.

If the `mask` parameter is an image, then it serves as an alpha mask for blending the image onto the destination. The source samples of `mask` act as an alpha value. If the value of the source sample in `mask` is  $S$ , then the corresponding region in `image` is blended with the destination with an alpha of  $S$ . For example, if  $S$  is 0, then the region is not painted, while if  $S$  is 1, the region is fully painted.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImage.h

**CGImageCreateWithMaskingColors**

Creates a bitmap image by masking an existing bitmap image with the provided color values.

```
CGImageRef CGImageCreateWithMaskingColors (
    CGImageRef image,
    const CGFloat components[]
);
```

**Parameters**

*image*

The image to mask. This parameter may not be an image mask, may not already have an image mask or masking color associated with it, and cannot have an alpha component.

*components*

An array of color components that specify a color or range of colors to mask the image with. The array must contain  $2N$  values {  $\text{min}[1]$ ,  $\text{max}[1]$ , ...  $\text{min}[N]$ ,  $\text{max}[N]$  } where  $N$  is the number of components in color space of *image*. Each value in *components* must be a valid image sample value. If *image* has integer pixel components, then each value must be in the range  $[0 .. 2^{**\text{bitsPerComponent}} - 1]$  (where *bitsPerComponent* is the number of bits/component of *image*). If *image* has floating-point pixel components, then each value may be any floating-point number which is a valid color component.

**Return Value**

An image created by masking *image* with the colors specified in the *components* array. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGImageRelease](#) (page 225).

**Discussion**

Any image sample with color value { $c[1]$ , ...  $c[N]$ } where  $\text{min}[i] \leq c[i] \leq \text{max}[i]$  for  $1 \leq i \leq N$  is masked out (that is, not painted). This means that anything underneath the unpainted samples, such as the current fill color, shows through.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImage.h

**CGImageCreateWithPNGDataProvider**

Creates a Quartz bitmap image using PNG-encoded data supplied by a data provider.

```
CGImageRef CGImageCreateWithPNGDataProvider (
    CGDataProviderRef source,
    const CGFloat decode[],
    bool shouldInterpolate,
    CGColorRenderingIntent intent
);
```

**Parameters***source*

A data provider supplying PNG-encoded data.

*decode*

The decode array for the image. Typically a decode array is unnecessary, and you should pass `NULL`.

*shouldInterpolate*

A Boolean value that specifies whether interpolation should occur. The interpolation setting specifies whether Quartz should apply a pixel-smoothing algorithm to the image.

*intent*

A `CGColorRenderingIntent` constant that specifies how Quartz should handle colors that are not located within the gamut of the destination color space of a graphics context.

**Return Value**

A new Quartz bitmap image. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGImageRelease](#) (page 225).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

DockBrowser

Fireworks

**Declared In**

`CGImage.h`

**CGImageGetAlphaInfo**

Returns the alpha channel information for a bitmap image.

```
CGImageAlphaInfo CGImageGetAlphaInfo (
    CGImageRef image
);
```

**Parameters***image*

The image to examine.

**Return Value**

A `CGImageAlphaInfo` constant that specifies (1) whether the bitmap contains an alpha channel, (2) where the alpha bits are located in the image data, and (3) whether the alpha value is premultiplied. For possible values, see [“Constants”](#) (page 227). The function returns `kCGImageAlphaNone` if the `image` parameter refers to an image mask.

**Discussion**

The alpha value is what determines the opacity of a pixel when it is drawn.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImage.h

**CGImageGetBitmapInfo**

Returns the bitmap information for a bitmap image.

```
CGBitmapInfo CGImageGetBitmapInfo (
    CGImageRef image
);
```

**Parameters**

*image*

An image.

**Return Value**

The bitmap information associated with an image.

**Discussion**

This function returns a constant that specifies:

- The type of bitmap data—floating point or integer. You use the constant `kCGBitmapFloatComponents` to extract this information.
- Whether an alpha channel is in the data, and if so, how the alpha data is stored. You use the constant `kCGBitmapAlphaInfoMask` to extract the alpha information. Alpha information is specified as one of the constants listed in “Alpha Information for Images” (page 227).

You can extract the alpha information

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImage.h

**CGImageGetBitsPerComponent**

Returns the number of bits allocated for a single color component of a bitmap image.

```
size_t CGImageGetBitsPerComponent (
    CGImageRef image
);
```

**Parameters**

*image*

The image to examine.

**Return Value**

The number of bits used in memory for each color component of the specified bitmap image (or image mask). Possible values are 1, 2, 4, or 8. For example, for a 16-bit RGB(A) colorspace, the function would return a value of 4 bits per color component.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImage.h

**CGImageGetBitsPerPixel**

Returns the number of bits allocated for a single pixel in a bitmap image.

```
size_t CGImageGetBitsPerPixel (  
    CGImageRef image  
);
```

**Parameters**

*image*

The image to examine.

**Return Value**

The number of bits used in memory for each pixel of the specified bitmap image (or image mask).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImage.h

**CGImageGetBytesPerRow**

Returns the number of bytes allocated for a single row of a bitmap image.

```
size_t CGImageGetBytesPerRow (  
    CGImageRef image  
);
```

**Parameters**

*image*

The image to examine.

**Return Value**

The number of bytes used in memory for each row of the specified bitmap image (or image mask).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImage.h

## CGImageGetColorSpace

Return the color space for a bitmap image.

```
CGColorSpaceRef CGImageGetColorSpace (  
    CGImageRef image  
);
```

### Parameters

*image*

The image to examine.

### Return Value

The source color space for the specified bitmap image, or NULL if the image is an image mask. You are responsible for retaining and releasing the color space as necessary.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

### Related Sample Code

FunHouse

ImageApp

Quartz 2D Transformer

### Declared In

CGImage.h

## CGImageGetDataProvider

Returns the data provider for a bitmap image.

```
CGDataProviderRef CGImageGetDataProvider (  
    CGImageRef image  
);
```

### Parameters

*image*

The image to examine.

### Return Value

The data provider for the specified bitmap image (or image mask). You are responsible for retaining and releasing the data provider as necessary.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

### Declared In

CGImage.h

## CGImageGetDecode

Returns the decode array for a bitmap image.

```
const CGFloat * CGImageGetDecode (
    CGImageRef image
);
```

**Parameters***image*

The image to examine.

**Return Value**

The decode array for a bitmap image (or image mask). See the discussion for a description of possible return values.

**Discussion**

For a bitmap image or image mask, for each color component in the source color space, the decode array contains a pair of values denoting the upper and lower limits of a range. When the image is rendered, Quartz uses a linear transform to map the original component value into a relative number, within the designated range, that is appropriate for the destination color space. If remapping of the image's color values is not allowed, the returned value will be `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImage.h

**CGImageGetHeight**

Returns the height of a bitmap image.

```
size_t CGImageGetHeight (
    CGImageRef image
);
```

**Parameters***image*

The image to examine.

**Return Value**

The height in pixels of the bitmap image (or image mask).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

DockBrowser

GeekGameBoard

GLSL Showpiece Lite

ImageApp

ImproveYourImage

**Declared In**

CGImage.h

## CGImageGetRenderingIntent

Returns the rendering intent setting for a bitmap image.

```
CGColorRenderingIntent CGImageGetRenderingIntent (
    CGImageRef image
);
```

### Parameters

*image*

The image to examine.

### Return Value

Returns the `CGColorRenderingIntent` constant that specifies how Quartz should handle colors that are not located within the gamut of the destination color space of a graphics context in which the image is drawn. If the image is an image mask, this function returns `kCGRenderingIntentDefault`.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

### Declared In

`CGImage.h`

## CGImageGetShouldInterpolate

Returns the interpolation setting for a bitmap image.

```
bool CGImageGetShouldInterpolate (
    CGImageRef image
);
```

### Parameters

*image*

The image to examine.

### Return Value

Returns 1 if interpolation is enabled for the specified bitmap image (or image mask), otherwise, returns 0.

### Discussion

The interpolation setting specifies whether Quartz should apply an edge-smoothing algorithm to the associated image.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

### Declared In

`CGImage.h`

## CGImageGetTypeID

Returns the type identifier for Quartz bitmap images.

```
CTypeID CGAffineTransformGetTypeID (
    void
);
```

**Return Value**

The identifier for the opaque type [CGImageRef](#) (page 226).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImage.h

**CGImageGetWidth**

Returns the width of a bitmap image.

```
size_t CGAffineTransformGetWidth (
    CGAffineTransform image
);
```

**Parameters**

*image*

The image to examine.

**Return Value**

The width, in pixels, of the specified bitmap image (or image mask).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

DockBrowser

GeekGameBoard

GLSL Showpiece Lite

ImageApp

ImproveYourImage

**Declared In**

CGImage.h

**CGImageIsMask**

Returns whether a bitmap image is an image mask.

```
bool CGAffineTransformIsMask (
    CGAffineTransform image
);
```

**Parameters**

*image*

The image to examine.

**Return Value**

A Boolean value that indicates whether the image passed in the `image` parameter is an image mask (`true` indicates that the image is an image mask).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGImage.h`

**CGImageMaskCreate**

Creates a bitmap image mask from data supplied by a data provider.

```
CGImageRef CGImageMaskCreate (
    size_t width,
    size_t height,
    size_t bitsPerComponent,
    size_t bitsPerPixel,
    size_t bytesPerRow,
    CGDataProviderRef provider,
    const CGFloat decode[],
    bool shouldInterpolate
);
```

**Parameters**

*width*

The width, in pixels, of the required image mask.

*height*

The height, in pixels, of the required image mask.

*bitsPerComponent*

The number of significant masking bits in a source pixel. For example, if the source image is an 8-bit mask, you specify 8 bits per component. Image masks must be 1, 2, 4, or 8 bits per component.

*bitsPerPixel*

The total number of bits in a source pixel.

*bytesPerRow*

The number of bytes to use for each horizontal row of the image mask.

*provider*

The data source for the image mask.

*decode*

Typically a decode array is unnecessary, and you should pass `NULL`.

*shouldInterpolate*

A Boolean value that specifies whether interpolation should occur. The interpolation setting specifies whether Quartz should apply an edge-smoothing algorithm to the image mask.

**Return Value**

A Quartz bitmap image mask. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGImageRelease](#) (page 225).

**Discussion**

A Quartz bitmap image mask is used the same way an artist uses a silkscreen, or a sign painter uses a stencil. The bitmap represents a mask through which a color is transferred. The bitmap itself does not have a color. It gets its color from the fill color currently set in the graphics state.

When you draw into a context with a bitmap image mask, Quartz uses the mask to determine where and how the current fill color is applied to the image rectangle. Each sample value in the mask specifies how much of the current fill color is masked out at a specific location. Effectively, the sample value specifies the opacity of the mask. Larger values represent greater opacity and hence less color applied to the page.

Image masks must be 1, 2, 4, or 8 bits per component. For a 1-bit mask, a sample value of 1 specifies sections of the mask that are masked out; these sections block the current fill color. A sample value of 0 specifies sections of the mask that are not masked out; these sections show the current fill color of the graphics state when the mask is painted. You can think of the sample values as an inverse alpha. That is, a value of 1 is transparent and 0 is opaque.

For image masks that are 2, 4, or 8 bits per component, each component is mapped to a range of 0 to 1 by scaling using this formula:

$$1/(2^{\text{bits per component}} - 1)$$

For example, a 4-bit mask has values that range from 0 to 15. These values are scaled by 1/15 so that each component ranges from 0 to 1. Component values that rescale to 0 or 1 behave the same way as they behave for 1-bit image masks. Values that scale to between 0 and 1 act as an inverse alpha. That is, the fill color is painted as if it has an alpha value of  $(1 - \text{MaskSampleValue})$ . For example, if the sample value of an 8-bit mask scales to 0.8, the current fill color is painted as if it has an alpha value of 0.2, that is  $(1 - 0.8)$ .

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImage.h

**CGImageRelease**

Decrements the retain count of a bitmap image.

```
void CGImageRelease (
    CGImageRef image
);
```

**Parameters**

*image*

The image to release.

**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to `CFRelease`, except that it does not cause an error if the `image` parameter is `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIAnnotation

GLSL Showpiece Lite

ImageApp  
 MovieVideoChart  
 Son of Grab

**Declared In**

CGImage.h

**CGImageRetain**

Increments the retain count of a bitmap image.

```
CGImageRef CGImageRetain (
    CGImageRef image
);
```

**Parameters**

*image*

The image to retain.

**Return Value**

The same image you passed in as the *image* parameter.

**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to `CFRetain`, except that it does not cause an error if the *image* parameter is `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

ImageApp  
 MovieVideoChart

**Declared In**

CGImage.h

## Data Types

**CGImageRef**

An opaque type that encapsulates bitmap image information.

```
typedef struct CGImage *CGImageRef;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImage.h

## Constants

### Alpha Information for Images

Storage options for alpha component data.

```
enum CGImageAlphaInfo {
    kCGImageAlphaNone,
    kCGImageAlphaPremultipliedLast,
    kCGImageAlphaPremultipliedFirst,
    kCGImageAlphaLast,
    kCGImageAlphaFirst,
    kCGImageAlphaNoneSkipLast,
    kCGImageAlphaNoneSkipFirst
};
typedef enum CGImageAlphaInfo CGImageAlphaInfo;
```

#### Constants

`kCGImageAlphaFirst`

The alpha component is stored in the most significant bits of each pixel. For example, non-premultiplied ARGB.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGImage.h`.

`kCGImageAlphaLast`

The alpha component is stored in the least significant bits of each pixel. For example, non-premultiplied RGBA.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGImage.h`.

`kCGImageAlphaNone`

There is no alpha channel. If the total size of the pixel is greater than the space required for the number of color components in the color space, the least significant bits are ignored. This value is equivalent to `kCGImageAlphaNoneSkipLast`.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGImage.h`.

`kCGImageAlphaNoneSkipFirst`

There is no alpha channel. If the total size of the pixel is greater than the space required for the number of color components in the color space, the most significant bits are ignored.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGImage.h`.

`kCGImageAlphaOnly`

There is no color data, only an alpha channel.

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in `CGImage.h`.

`kCGImageAlphaNoneSkipLast`

There is no alpha channel. If the total size of the pixel is greater than the space required for the number of color components in the color space, the least significant bits are ignored. This value is equivalent to `kCGImageAlphaNone`.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGImage.h`.

`kCGImageAlphaPremultipliedFirst`

The alpha component is stored in the most significant bits of each pixel and the color components have already been multiplied by this alpha value. For example, premultiplied ARGB.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGImage.h`.

`kCGImageAlphaPremultipliedLast`

The alpha component is stored in the least significant bits of each pixel and the color components have already been multiplied by this alpha value. For example, premultiplied RGBA.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGImage.h`.

### Discussion

A `CGImageAlphaInfo` constant specifies (1) whether a bitmap contains an alpha channel, (2) where the alpha bits are located in the image data, and (3) whether the alpha value is premultiplied. You can obtain a `CGImageAlphaInfo` constant for an image by calling the function `CGImageGetAlphaInfo` (page 217). (You provide a `CGBitmapInfo` constant to the function `CGImageCreate` (page 211), part of which is a `CGImageAlphaInfo` constant.)

Quartz accomplishes alpha blending by combining the color components of the source image with the color components of the destination image using the linear interpolation formula, where “source” is one color component of one pixel of the new paint and “destination” is one color component of the background image.

Quartz supports premultiplied alpha only for images. You should not premultiply any other color values specified in Quartz.

### Declared In

`CGImage.h`

## Image Bitmap Information

Component information for a bitmap image.

```
enum {
    kCGBitmapAlphaInfoMask = 0x1F,
    kCGBitmapFloatComponents = (1 << 8),
```

```

    kCGBitmapByteOrderMask = 0x7000,
    kCGBitmapByteOrderDefault = (0 << 12),
    kCGBitmapByteOrder16Little = (1 << 12),
    kCGBitmapByteOrder32Little = (2 << 12),
    kCGBitmapByteOrder16Big = (3 << 12),
    kCGBitmapByteOrder32Big = (4 << 12)
};
typedef uint32_t CGBitmapInfo;

```

**Constants****kCGBitmapAlphaInfoMask**

The alpha information mask. Use this to extract alpha information that specifies whether a bitmap contains an alpha channel and how the alpha channel is generated.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImage.h`.

**kCGBitmapFloatComponents**

The components of a bitmap are floating-point values.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImage.h`.

**kCGBitmapByteOrderMask**

The byte ordering of pixel formats.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImage.h`.

**kCGBitmapByteOrderDefault**

The default byte order.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImage.h`.

**kCGBitmapByteOrder16Little**

16-bit, little endian format.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImage.h`.

**kCGBitmapByteOrder32Little**

32-bit, little endian format.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImage.h`.

**kCGBitmapByteOrder16Big**

16-bit, big endian format.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImage.h`.

**kCGBitmapByteOrder32Big**

32-bit, big endian format.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImage.h`.

**Discussion**

Applications that store pixel data in memory using ARGB format must take care in how they read data. If the code is not written correctly, it's possible to misread the data which leads to colors or alpha that appear wrong. The Quartz byte order constants specify the byte ordering of pixel formats. To specify byte ordering to Quartz use a bitwise OR operator to combine the appropriate constant with the `bitmapInfo` parameter.

**Host Endian Bitmap Formats**

Bit-depth constants for image bitmaps in host-endian byte order.

```
#ifndef __BIG_ENDIAN__
#define kCGBitmapByteOrder16Host kCGBitmapByteOrder16Big
#define kCGBitmapByteOrder32Host kCGBitmapByteOrder32Big
#else
#define kCGBitmapByteOrder16Host kCGBitmapByteOrder16Little
#define kCGBitmapByteOrder32Host kCGBitmapByteOrder32Little
#endif
```

**Constants**

`kCGBitmapByteOrder16Host`  
16-bit, host endian format.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImage.h`.

`kCGBitmapByteOrder32Host`  
32-bit, host endian format.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImage.h`.

# CGImageDestination Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	CType
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ImageIO
<b>Declared in</b>	CGImageDestination.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

CGImageDestination objects, available in Mac OS X v10.4 or later, abstract the data-writing task. An image destination can represent a single image or multiple images. It can contain thumbnail images as well as properties for each image.

The functions described in this reference can write data to three kinds of destinations: a URL, a CFData object, and a data consumer. After creating a CGImageDestination object for the appropriate destination, you can add image data and set image properties. When you are finished adding data, call the function `CGImageDestinationFinalize` to write the image data and properties to the URL, CFData object, or data consumer.

## Functions by Task

### Creating Image Destinations

[CGImageDestinationCreateWithDataConsumer](#) (page 234)

Creates an image destination that writes to the specified data consumer.

[CGImageDestinationCreateWithData](#) (page 234)

Creates an image destination that writes to a Core Foundation mutable data object.

[CGImageDestinationCreateWithURL](#) (page 235)

Creates an image destination that writes to a location specified by a URL.

### Adding Images

[CGImageDestinationAddImage](#) (page 232)

Adds an image to an image destination.

[CGImageDestinationAddImageFromSource](#) (page 233)

Adds an image from an image source to an image destination.

## Getting Type Identifiers

[CGImageDestinationCopyTypeIdentifiers](#) (page 233)

Returns an array of the uniform type identifiers (UTIs) that are supported for image destinations.

[CGImageDestinationGetTypeID](#) (page 236)

Returns the unique type identifier of an image destination opaque type.

## Setting Properties

[CGImageDestinationSetProperties](#) (page 237)

Applies one or more properties to all images in an image destination.

## Finalizing an Image Destination

[CGImageDestinationFinalize](#) (page 236)

Writes image data and properties to the data, URL, or data consumer associated with the image destination.

# Functions

### CGImageDestinationAddImage

Adds an image to an image destination.

```
void CGImageDestinationAddImage (
    CGImageDestinationRef idst,
    CGImageRef image,
    CFDictionaryRef properties
);
```

#### Parameters

*idst*

An image destination

*image*

The image to add.

*properties*

An optional dictionary that specifies the properties of the added image. The dictionary can contain any of the properties described in “[Destination Properties](#)” (page 238) or the image properties described in [CGImageProperties Reference](#).

#### Discussion

The function logs an error if you add more images than what you specified when you created the image destination.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

FunHouse

ImageKitDemo

MassiveImage

Quartz 2D Transformer

UnsharpMask

**Declared In**

CGImageDestination.h

**CGImageDestinationAddImageFromSource**

Adds an image from an image source to an image destination.

```
void CGImageDestinationAddImageFromSource (
    CGImageDestinationRef idst,
    CGImageSourceRef isrc,
    size_t index,
    CFDictionaryRef properties
);
```

**Parameters***idst*

An image destination.

*isrc*

An image source.

*index*

An index that specifies the location of the image in the image source. The index is zero-based.

*properties*

A dictionary that specifies properties to overwrite or add to the source image properties. If a key in *properties* has the value `kCFNull`, the corresponding property in the image destination is removed. The dictionary can contain any of the properties described in “[Destination Properties](#)” (page 238) or the image properties described in *CGImageProperties Reference*.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImageDestination.h

**CGImageDestinationCopyTypeIdentifiers**

Returns an array of the uniform type identifiers (UTIs) that are supported for image destinations.

```
CFArrayRef CGImageDestinationCopyTypeIdentifiers (
    void
);
```

**Return Value**

Returns an array of the UTIs that are supported for image destinations. See [Uniform Type Identifiers Overview](#) for a list of system-declared and third-party UTIs that can be returned.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImageDestination.h

**CGImageDestinationCreateWithData**

Creates an image destination that writes to a Core Foundation mutable data object.

```
CGImageDestinationRef CGImageDestinationCreateWithData (
    CFMutableDataRef data,
    CFStringRef type,
    size_t count,
    CFDictionaryRef options
);
```

**Parameters**

*data*

The data object to write to. For more information on data objects, see *CFData Reference* and *Data Objects*.

*type*

The uniform type identifier (UTI) of the resulting image file. See *Uniform Type Identifiers Overview* for a list of system-declared and third-party UTIs.

*count*

The number of images (not including thumbnail images) that the image file will contain.

*options*

Reserved for future use. Pass NULL.

**Return Value**

An image destination. You are responsible for releasing this object using `CFRelease`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

FunHouse

UnsharpMask

**Declared In**

CGImageDestination.h

**CGImageDestinationCreateWithDataConsumer**

Creates an image destination that writes to the specified data consumer.

```
CGImageDestinationRef CGImageDestinationCreateWithDataConsumer (
    CGDataConsumerRef consumer,
    CFStringRef type,
    size_t count,
    CFDictionaryRef options
);
```

**Parameters***consumer*

The data consumer to write to. For information on data consumers see *CGDataConsumer Reference* and *Quartz 2D Programming Guide*.

*type*

The uniform type identifier (UTI) of the resulting image file. See *Uniform Type Identifiers Overview* for a list of system-declared and third-party UTIs.

*count*

The number of images (not including thumbnail images) that the image file will contain.

*options*

Reserved for future use. Pass NULL.

**Return Value**

An image destination. You are responsible for releasing this object using `CFRelease`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGImageDestination.h`

**CGImageDestinationCreateWithURL**

Creates an image destination that writes to a location specified by a URL.

```
CGImageDestinationRef CGImageDestinationCreateWithURL (
    CFURLRef url,
    CFStringRef type,
    size_t count,
    CFDictionaryRef options
);
```

**Parameters***url*

The URL to write to. If the URL already exists, the data at this location is overwritten.

*type*

The UTI (uniform type identifier) of the resulting image file. See *Uniform Type Identifiers Overview* for a list of system-declared and third-party UTIs.

*count*

The number of images (not including thumbnail images) that the image file will contain.

*options*

Reserved for future use. Pass NULL.

**Return Value**

An image destination. You are responsible for releasing this object using `CFRelease`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIVideoDemoGL

ImageApp

ImageKitDemo

MassiveImage

Quartz2DBasics

**Declared In**

CGImageDestination.h

**CGImageDestinationFinalize**

Writes image data and properties to the data, URL, or data consumer associated with the image destination.

```
bool CGImageDestinationFinalize (  
    CGImageDestinationRef idst  
);
```

**Parameters**

*idst*

An image destination.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if the image is successfully written; `false` otherwise.

**Discussion**

You must call this function or the output of the image destination will not be valid. After calling this function, no additional data can be added to the image destination.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIAnnotation

From A View to A Movie

FunHouse

ImageKitDemo

UnsharpMask

**Declared In**

CGImageDestination.h

**CGImageDestinationGetTypeID**

Returns the unique type identifier of an image destination opaque type.

```

CTypeID CGImageDestinationGetTypeID (
    void
);

```

**Return Value**

Returns the Core Foundation type ID for an image destination.

**Discussion**

A type identifier is an integer that identifies the opaque type to which a Core Foundation object belongs. You use type IDs in various contexts, such as when you are operating on heterogeneous collections.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImageDestination.h

**CGImageDestinationSetProperties**

Applies one or more properties to all images in an image destination.

```

void CGImageDestinationSetProperties (
    CGImageDestinationRef idst,
    CFDictionaryRef properties
);

```

**Parameters**

*idst*

An image destination.

*properties*

A dictionary that contains the properties to apply. You can set any of the properties described in [“Destination Properties”](#) (page 238) or the image properties described in [CGImageProperties Reference](#).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImageDestination.h

## Data Types

**CGImageDestinationRef**

An opaque type that represents an image destination.

```

typedef struct CGImageDestination *CGImageDestinationRef;

```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImageDestination.h

## Constants

### Destination Properties

Properties for a single image in an image destination.

```
const CFStringRef kCGImageDestinationLossyCompressionQuality
const CFStringRef kCGImageDestinationBackgroundColor
```

**Constants**

`kCGImageDestinationLossyCompressionQuality`

The desired compression quality to use when writing to an image destination. If present, the value associated with this key must be a `CFNumberRef` data type in the range 0.0 to 1.0. A value of 1.0 specifies to use lossless compression if destination format supports it. A value of 0.0 implies to use maximum compression.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageDestination.h`.

`kCGImageDestinationBackgroundColor`

The desired background color to composite against when writing an image that has an alpha component to a destination format that does not support alpha. If present, the value associated with this key must be a `CGColorRef` (page 33) data type without an alpha component of its own. If not present, and if a background color is needed, a white color is used.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageDestination.h`.

**Declared In**

CGImageDestination.h

# CGImageSource Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	CType
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ImageIO
<b>Declared in</b>	CGImageSource.h
<b>Companion guides</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide CGImage Reference

## Overview

CGImageSource objects, available in Mac OS X v10.4 or later, abstract the data-reading task. An image source can read image data from a URL, a CFData object, or a data consumer.

After creating a CGImageSource object for the appropriate source, you can obtain images, thumbnails, image properties, and other image information using CGImageSource functions.

## Functions by Task

### Creating an Image Source

[CGImageSourceCreateWithDataProvider](#) (page 245)

Creates an image source that reads data from the specified data provider.

[CGImageSourceCreateWithData](#) (page 244)

Creates an image source that reads from a Core Foundation data object.

[CGImageSourceCreateWithURL](#) (page 245)

Creates an image source that reads from a location specified by a URL.

### Creating Images From an Image Source

[CGImageSourceCreateImageAtIndex](#) (page 242)

Creates a CGImage object for the image data associated with the specified index in an image source.

[CGImageSourceCreateThumbnailAtIndex](#) (page 243)

Creates a thumbnail image of the image located at a specified location in an image source.

[CGImageSourceCreateIncremental](#) (page 243)

Create an incremental image source.

## Updating an Image Source

[CGImageSourceUpdateData](#) (page 248)

Updates an incremental image source with new data.

[CGImageSourceUpdateDataProvider](#) (page 249)

Updates an incremental image source with a new data provider.

## Getting Information From an Image Source

[CGImageSourceGetTypeID](#) (page 248)

Returns the unique type identifier of an image source opaque type.

[CGImageSourceGetType](#) (page 247)

Returns the uniform type identifier of the source container.

[CGImageSourceCopyTypeIdentifiers](#) (page 242)

Returns an array of uniform type identifiers (UTIs) that are supported for image sources.

[CGImageSourceGetCount](#) (page 246)

Returns the number of images (not including thumbnails) in the image source.

[CGImageSourceCopyProperties](#) (page 240)

Returns the properties of the image source.

[CGImageSourceCopyPropertiesAtIndex](#) (page 241)

Returns the properties of the image at a specified location in an image source.

[CGImageSourceGetStatus](#) (page 246)

Return the status of an image source.

[CGImageSourceGetStatusAtIndex](#) (page 247)

Returns the current status of an image that is at a specified location in an image source.

## Functions

### CGImageSourceCopyProperties

Returns the properties of the image source.

```
CFDictionaryRef CGImageSourceCopyProperties (
    CGImageSourceRef isrc,
    CFDictionaryRef options
);
```

#### Parameters

*isrc*

An image source.

*options*

A dictionary you can use to request additional options. See “Image Source Option Dictionary Keys” (page 250) for the keys you can supply.

**Return Value**

A dictionary that contains the properties associated with the image source container. See *CGImageProperties Reference* for a list of properties that can be in the dictionary.

**Discussion**

These properties apply to the container in general but not necessarily to any individual image contained in the image source.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

ImageApp

**Declared In**

CGImageSource.h

**CGImageSourceCopyPropertiesAtIndex**

Returns the properties of the image at a specified location in an image source.

```
CFDictionaryRef CGImageSourceCopyPropertiesAtIndex (
    CGImageSourceRef isrc,
    size_t index,
    CFDictionaryRef options
);
```

**Parameters**

*isrc*

An image source.

*index*

The index of the image whose properties you want to obtain. The index is zero-based.

*options*

A dictionary you can use to request additional options. See “[Image Source Option Dictionary Keys](#)” (page 250) for the keys you can supply.

**Return Value**

A dictionary that contains the properties associated with the image. See *CGImageProperties Reference* for a list of properties that can be in the dictionary.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CocoaSlides

ImageApp

Quartz 2D Transformer

**Declared In**

CGImageSource.h

**CGImageSourceCopyTypeIdentifiers**

Returns an array of uniform type identifiers (UTIs) that are supported for image sources.

```
CFArrayRef CGImageSourceCopyTypeIdentifiers (
    void
);
```

**Return Value**

Returns an array of the UTIs that are supported for image sources.

**Discussion**

See Uniform Type Identifiers Overview for a list of system-declared and third-party UTIs.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIAnnotation

ImageBrowserViewAppearance

NSOperationSample

Quartz 2D Transformer

**Declared In**

CGImageSource.h

**CGImageSourceCreateImageAtIndex**

Creates a CGImage object for the image data associated with the specified index in an image source.

```
CGImageRef CGImageSourceCreateImageAtIndex (
    CGImageSourceRef isrc,
    size_t index,
    CFDictionaryRef options
);
```

**Parameters**

*isrc*

An image source.

*index*

The index that specifies the location of the image. The index is zero-based.

*options*

A dictionary that specifies additional creation options. See “Image Source Option Dictionary Keys” (page 250) for the keys you can supply.

**Return Value**

Returns a CGImage object. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGImageRelease](#) (page 225).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

GeekGameBoard

ImageKitDemo

Quartz2DBasics  
 QuartzCache  
 SeeMyFriends

**Declared In**

CGImageSource.h

**CGImageSourceCreateIncremental**

Create an incremental image source.

```
CGImageSourceRef CGImageSourceCreateIncremental (
    CFDictionaryRef options
);
```

**Parameters**

*options*

A dictionary that specifies additional creation options. See [“Image Source Option Dictionary Keys”](#) (page 250) for the keys you can supply.

**Return Value**

Returns an image source object. You are responsible for releasing this object using `CFRelease`.

**Discussion**

The function `CGImageSourceCreateIncremental` creates an empty image source container to which you can add data later by calling the functions `CGImageSourceUpdateDataProvider` or `CGImageSourceUpdateData`. You don't provide data when you call this function.

An incremental image is an image that is created in chunks, similar to the way large images viewed over the web are loaded piece by piece.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImageSource.h

**CGImageSourceCreateThumbnailAtIndex**

Creates a thumbnail image of the image located at a specified location in an image source.

```
CGImageRef CGImageSourceCreateThumbnailAtIndex (
    CGImageSourceRef isrc,
    size_t index,
    CFDictionaryRef options
);
```

**Parameters**

*isrc*

An image source.

*index*

The index that specifies the location of the image. The index is zero-based.

*options*

A dictionary that specifies additional creation options. See “Image Source Option Dictionary Keys” (page 250) for the keys you can supply.

**Return Value**

A CGImage object. You are responsible for releasing this object using `CGImageRelease` (page 225).

**Discussion**

If the image source is a PDF, this function creates a 72 dpi image of the PDF page specified by the index that you pass. You must, however, pass an options dictionary that contains either the `kCGImageSourceCreateThumbnailFromImageIfAbsent` or `kCGImageSourceCreateThumbnailFromImageAlways` keys, with the value of the key set to `TRUE`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Aperture Image Resizer  
CocoaSlides  
ImageApp  
PhotoSearch

**Declared In**

`CGImageSource.h`

**CGImageSourceCreateWithData**

Creates an image source that reads from a Core Foundation data object.

```
CGImageSourceRef CGImageSourceCreateWithData (
    CFDataRef data,
    CFDictionaryRef options
);
```

**Parameters***data*

The data object to read from. For more information on data objects, see *CFData Reference* and *Data Objects*.

*options*

A dictionary that specifies additional creation options. See “Image Source Option Dictionary Keys” (page 250) for the keys you can supply.

**Return Value**

An image source. You are responsible for releasing this object using `CFRelease`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Aperture Image Resizer  
FunHouse  
GeekGameBoard  
SeeMyFriends

**Declared In**

CGImageSource.h

**CGImageSourceCreateWithDataProvider**

Creates an image source that reads data from the specified data provider.

```
CGImageSourceRef CGImageSourceCreateWithDataProvider (
    CGDataProviderRef provider,
    CFDictionaryRef options
);
```

**Parameters***provider*

The data provider to read from. For more information on data providers, see *CGDataProvider Reference* and *Quartz 2D Programming Guide*.

*options*

A dictionary that specifies additional creation options. See “[Image Source Option Dictionary Keys](#)” (page 250) for the keys you can supply.

**Return Value**

An image source. You are responsible for releasing this object using `CFRelease`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImageSource.h

**CGImageSourceCreateWithURL**

Creates an image source that reads from a location specified by a URL.

```
CGImageSourceRef CGImageSourceCreateWithURL (
    CFURLRef url,
    CFDictionaryRef options
);
```

**Parameters***url*

The URL to read from.

*options*

A dictionary that specifies additional creation options. See “[Image Source Option Dictionary Keys](#)” (page 250) for the keys you can supply.

**Return Value**

An image source. You are responsible for releasing this object using `CFRelease`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

GeekGameBoard

ImageApp  
ImageKitDemo  
Quartz2DBasics  
QuartzCache

**Declared In**

CGImageSource.h

**CGImageSourceGetCount**

Returns the number of images (not including thumbnails) in the image source.

```
size_t CGImageSourceGetCount (  
    CGImageSourceRef isrc  
);
```

**Parameters**

*isrc*

An image source.

**Return Value**

The number of images. If the image source is a multilayered PSD file, the function returns 1.

**Discussion**

This function does not extract the layers of a PSD file.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImageSource.h

**CGImageSourceGetStatus**

Return the status of an image source.

```
CGImageSourceStatus CGImageSourceGetStatus (  
    CGImageSourceRef isrc  
);
```

**Parameters**

*isrc*

An image source.

**Return Value**

Returns the current status of the image source. See “[Image Source Status](#)” (page 249) for a list of possible values.

**Discussion**

The status is particularly informative for incremental image sources, but may also be used by clients that provide non-incremental data.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImageSource.h

**CGImageSourceGetStatusAtIndex**

Returns the current status of an image that is at a specified location in an image source.

```
CGImageSourceStatus CGImageSourceGetStatusAtIndex (
    CGImageSourceRef isrc,
    size_t index
);
```

**Parameters***isrc*

An image source.

*index*

The index of the image whose status you want to obtain. The index is zero-based.

**Return Value**

Returns the current status of the image. See “[Image Source Status](#)” (page 249) for a list of possible values.

**Discussion**

The status is particularly informative for incremental image sources, but may also be used by clients that provide non-incremental data.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImageSource.h

**CGImageSourceGetType**

Returns the uniform type identifier of the source container.

```
CFStringRef CGImageSourceGetType (
    CGImageSourceRef isrc
);
```

**Parameters***isrc*

An image source.

**Return Value**

The uniform type identifier of the image.

**Discussion**

The uniform type identifier (UTI) of the source container can be different from the type of the images in the container. For example, the `.icns` format supports embedded JPEG2000. The type of the source container is `"com.apple.icns"` but type of the images is JPEG2000.

See Uniform Type Identifier Concepts for a list of system-declared and third-party UTIs.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CocoaSlides

ImageApp

**Declared In**

CGImageSource.h

**CGImageSourceGetTypeID**

Returns the unique type identifier of an image source opaque type.

```
CFTypeID CGImageSourceGetTypeID (
    void
);
```

**Return Value**

Returns the Core Foundation type ID for an image source.

**Discussion**

A type identifier is an integer that identifies the opaque type to which a Core Foundation object belongs. You use type IDs in various contexts, such as when you are operating on heterogeneous collections. Note that a CFType ID is different from a uniform type identifier (UTI).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImageSource.h

**CGImageSourceUpdateData**

Updates an incremental image source with new data.

```
void CGImageSourceUpdateData (
    CGImageSourceRef isrc,
    CFDataRef data,
    bool final
);
```

**Parameters**

*isrc*

An image source.

*data*

The data to add to the image source. Each time you call the function `CGImageSourceUpdateData`, the `data` parameter must contain all of the image file data accumulated so far.

*final*

A value that specifies whether the data is the final set. Pass `true` if it is, `false` otherwise.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImageSource.h

**CGImageSourceUpdateDataProvider**

Updates an incremental image source with a new data provider.

```
void CGImageSourceUpdateDataProvider (
    CGImageSourceRef isrc,
    CGDataProviderRef provider,
    bool final
);
```

**Parameters***isrc*

An image source.

*provider*

The new data provider. The new data provider must provide all the previous data supplied to the image source plus any additional new data.

*final*A value that specifies whether the data is the final set. Pass `true` if it is, `false` otherwise.**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImageSource.h

## Data Types

**CGImageSourceRef**

An opaque type that represents an image source.

```
typedef struct CGImageSource *CGImageSourceRef;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGImageSource.h

## Constants

**Image Source Status**

Status states for images and image sources.

```
enum CGImageSourceStatus {
    kCGImageStatusUnexpectedEOF = -5,
    kCGImageStatusInvalidData = -4,
    kCGImageStatusUnknownType = -3,
    kCGImageStatusReadingHeader = -2,
    kCGImageStatusIncomplete = -1,
    kCGImageStatusComplete = 0
};
typedef enum CGImageSourceStatus CGImageSourceStatus;
```

**Constants**

`kCGImageStatusUnexpectedEOF`

The end of the file was encountered unexpectedly.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageSource.h`.

`kCGImageStatusInvalidData`

The data is not valid.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageSource.h`.

`kCGImageStatusUnknownType`

The image is an unknown type.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageSource.h`.

`kCGImageStatusReadingHeader`

In the process of reading the header.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageSource.h`.

`kCGImageStatusIncomplete`

The operation is not complete

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageSource.h`.

`kCGImageStatusComplete`

The operation is complete.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageSource.h`.

**Discussion**

These status values are returned by the functions [CGImageSourceGetStatus](#) (page 246) and [CGImageSourceGetStatusAtIndex](#) (page 247).

**Declared In**

`CGImageSource.h`

**Image Source Option Dictionary Keys**

Keys that you can include in the options dictionary to create an image source.

```

CFStringRef kCGImageSourceTypeIdentifierHint;
CFStringRef kCGImageSourceShouldAllowFloat;
CFStringRef kCGImageSourceShouldCache;
CFStringRef kCGImageSourceCreateThumbnailFromImageIfAbsent;
CFStringRef kCGImageSourceCreateThumbnailFromImageAlways;
CFStringRef kCGImageSourceThumbnailMaxPixelSize;
CFStringRef kCGImageSourceCreateThumbnailWithTransform

```

### Constants

`kCGImageSourceTypeIdentifierHint`

The best guess of the uniform type identifier (UTI) for the format of the image source file. If specified, the value of this key must be a CFString object. This key can be provided in the options dictionary when you create a CGImageSource object.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageSource.h`.

`kCGImageSourceShouldAllowFloat`

Whether the image should be returned as a CGImage object that uses floating-point values, if supported by the file format. CGImage objects that use extended-range floating-point values may require additional processing to render in a pleasing manner. The value of this key must be a CFBoolean value. The default value is `kCFBooleanFalse`.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageSource.h`.

`kCGImageSourceShouldCache`

Whether the image should be cached in a decoded form. The value of this key must be a CFBoolean value. The default value is `kCFBooleanTrue`. This key can be provided in the options dictionary that you can pass to the functions [CGImageSourceCopyPropertiesAtIndex](#) (page 241) and [CGImageSourceCreateImageAtIndex](#) (page 242).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageSource.h`.

`kCGImageSourceCreateThumbnailFromImageIfAbsent`

Whether a thumbnail should be automatically created for an image if a thumbnail isn't present in the image source file. The thumbnail is created from the full image, subject to the limit specified by `kCGImageSourceThumbnailMaxPixelSize`. If a maximum pixel size isn't specified, then the thumbnail is the size of the full image, which in most cases is not desirable. This key must be a CFBoolean value. The default value is `kCFBooleanFalse`. This key can be provided in the options dictionary that you pass to the function [CGImageSourceCreateThumbnailAtIndex](#) (page 243).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageSource.h`.

`kCGImageSourceCreateThumbnailFromImageAlways`

Whether a thumbnail should be created from the full image even if a thumbnail is present in the image source file. The thumbnail is created from the full image, subject to the limit specified by `kCGImageSourceThumbnailMaxPixelSize`. If a maximum pixel size isn't specified, then the thumbnail is the size of the full image, which probably isn't what you want. This key must be a CFBoolean value. The default value is `kCFBooleanFalse`. This key can be provided in the options dictionary that you can pass to the function [CGImageSourceCreateThumbnailAtIndex](#) (page 243).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageSource.h`.

`kCGImageSourceThumbnailMaxPixelSize`

The maximum width and height in pixels of a thumbnail. If this key is not specified, the width and height of a thumbnail is not limited and thumbnails may be as big as the image itself. If present, this key must be a `CFNumber` value. This key can be provided in the options dictionary that you pass to the function `CGImageSourceCreateThumbnailAtIndex` (page 243).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageSource.h`.

`kCGImageSourceCreateThumbnailWithTransform`

Whether the thumbnail should be rotated and scaled according to the orientation and pixel aspect ratio of the full image. The value of this key must be a `CFBoolean` value. The default value is `kCFBooleanFalse`.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageSource.h`.

### Discussion

Except for `kCGImageSourceTypeIdentifierHint`, which you use when creating an image source, these constants specify options that you can set when creating an image from image source. Each constant is a key; you must supply the appropriate value when you add this option to the options dictionary.

### Declared In

`CGImageSource.h`

# CGLayer Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	CType
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGLayer.h

## Overview

CGLayer objects are useful for offscreen drawing and can be used in much the same way that a bitmap context can be used. In fact, a CGLayer object is a much better representation than a bitmap context.

Using CGLayer objects can improve performance, particularly when you need to capture a piece of drawing that you stamp repeatedly (using the same scale factor and orientation). Quartz can cache CGLayer objects to the video card, making drawing a CGLayer to a destination much faster than rendering the equivalent image constructed from a bitmap context.

A CGLayer object is created relative to a graphics context. Although layer uses this graphics context as a reference for initialization, you are not restricted to drawing the layer to this graphics context. You can draw the layer to other graphics contexts, although any limitations of the original context are imposed. For example, if you create a CGLayer object using a bitmap context, the layer is rendered as a bitmap when drawn to any other graphics context.

You can use a CGLayer when you want to apply a shadow to a group of objects (such as a group of circles) rather than to individual objects.

Use these layers in your code whenever you can, especially when:

- You need to reuse a filled or stroked shape.
- You are building a scene and at least some of it can be reused. Put the reusable drawing in its own CGLayer.

Any CG object that you draw repeatedly—including CGPath, CGShading, and CGPDFPage—benefit from improved performance if you draw it to a CGLayer object.

## Functions by Task

### Creating Layer Objects

[CGLayerCreateWithContext](#) (page 255)

Creates a CGLayer object that is associated with a graphics context.

## Drawing Layer Content

[CGContextDrawLayerInRect](#) (page 255)

Draws the contents of a CGLayer object into the specified rectangle.

[CGContextDrawLayerAtPoint](#) (page 254)

Draws the contents of a CGLayer object at the specified point.

## Retaining and Releasing Layers

[CGLayerRelease](#) (page 258)

Decrements the retain count of a CGLayer object.

[CGLayerRetain](#) (page 258)

Increments the retain count of a CGLayer object.

## Getting the CType ID for a Layer

[CGLayerGetTypeID](#) (page 257)

Returns the unique type identifier used for CGLayer objects.

## Getting Layer Information

[CGLayerGetSize](#) (page 257)

Returns the width and height of a CGLayer object.

[CGLayerGetContext](#) (page 256)

Returns the graphics context associated with a CGLayer object.

# Functions

### **CGContextDrawLayerAtPoint**

Draws the contents of a CGLayer object at the specified point.

```
void CGContextDrawLayerAtPoint (
    CGContextRef context,
    CGPoint point,
    CGLayerRef layer
);
```

#### **Parameters**

*context*

The graphics context associated with the layer.

*point*

The location, in current user space coordinates, to use as the origin for the drawing.

*layer*

The layer whose contents you want to draw.

#### Discussion

Calling the function `CGContextDrawLayerAtPoint` is equivalent to calling the function `CGContextDrawLayerInRect` with a rectangle that has its origin at `point` and its size equal to the size of the layer.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

#### Related Sample Code

Quartz2DBasics

QuartzCache

#### Declared In

`CGLayer.h`

## CGContextDrawLayerInRect

Draws the contents of a `CGLayer` object into the specified rectangle.

```
void CGContextDrawLayerInRect (
    CGContextRef context,
    CGRect rect,
    CGLayerRef layer
);
```

#### Parameters

*context*

The graphics context associated with the layer.

*rect*

The rectangle, in current user space coordinates, to draw to.

*layer*

The layer whose contents you want to draw.

#### Discussion

The contents are scaled, if necessary, to fit into the rectangle.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

#### Declared In

`CGLayer.h`

## CGLayerCreateWithContext

Creates a `CGLayer` object that is associated with a graphics context.

```
CGLayerRef CGLayerCreateWithContext (
    CGContextRef context,
    CGSize size,
    CFDictionaryRef auxiliaryInfo
);
```

**Parameters***context*

The graphics context you want to create the layer relative to. The layer uses this graphics context as a reference for initialization.

*size*

The size, in default user space units, of the layer relative to the graphics context.

*auxiliaryInfo*

Reserved for future use. Pass NULL.

**Return Value**

A CGLayer object. You are responsible for releasing this object using the function [CGLayerRelease](#) (page 258) when you no longer need the layer.

**Discussion**

After you create a CGLayer object, you should reuse it whenever you can to facilitate the Quartz caching strategy. Quartz caches any objects that are reused, including CGLayer objects. Objects that are reused frequently remain in the cache. In contrast, objects that are used once in a while may be moved in and out of the cache according to their frequency of use. If you don't reuse CGLayer objects, Quartz won't cache them. This means that you lose an opportunity to improve the performance of your application.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz2DBasics

QuartzCache

**Declared In**

CGLayer.h

**CGLayerGetContext**

Returns the graphics context associated with a CGLayer object.

```
CGContextRef CGLayerGetContext (
    CGLayerRef layer
);
```

**Parameters***layer*

The layer whose graphics context you want to obtain.

**Return Value**

The graphics context associated with the layer.

**Discussion**

The context that's returned is the context for the layer itself, not the context that you specified when you created the layer.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIAnnotation

FunHouse

Quartz2DBasics

QuartzCache

**Declared In**

CGLayer.h

**CGLayerGetSize**

Returns the width and height of a CGLayer object.

```
CGSize CGLayerGetSize (
    CGLayerRef layer
);
```

**Parameters**

*layer*

The layer whose width and height you want to obtain.

**Return Value**

The width and height of the layer, in default user space coordinates.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz2DBasics

**Declared In**

CGLayer.h

**CGLayerGetTypeID**

Returns the unique type identifier used for CGLayer objects.

```
CTypeID CGLayerGetTypeID (
    void
);
```

**Return Value**

The type identifier for CGLayer objects.

**Discussion**

A type identifier is an integer that identifies the opaque type to which a Core Foundation object belongs. You use type IDs in various contexts, such as when you are operating on heterogeneous collections.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGLayer.h

**CGLayerRelease**

Decrements the retain count of a CGLayer object.

```
void CGLayerRelease (  
    CGLayerRef layer  
);
```

**Parameters***layer*

The layer to release.

**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to calling `CFRelease (layer)` except that it does not crash (as `CFRelease` does) if the `layer` parameter is `null`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIAnnotation

FunHouse

Quartz2DBasics

**Declared In**

CGLayer.h

**CGLayerRetain**

Increments the retain count of a CGLayer object.

```
CGLayerRef CGLayerRetain (  
    CGLayerRef layer  
);
```

**Parameters***layer*

The layer to retain.

**Return Value**

The same layer you passed in as the `layer` parameter.

**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to calling `CFRetain (layer)` except that it does not crash (as `CFRetain` does) if the `layer` parameter is `null`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGLayer.h

## Data Types

### **CGLayerRef**

An opaque type used for offscreen drawing.

```
typedef struct CGLayer *CGLayerRef;
```

### **Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

### **Declared In**

CGLayer.h



# CGPath Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	<i>CType Reference</i>
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGPath.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

A **graphics path** is a description of a 2D geometric scene using sequences of lines and Bézier curves. `CGPathRef` defines an opaque type that represents an immutable graphics path. `CGMutablePathRef` defines an opaque type that represents a mutable graphics path. To draw using a Quartz path, you need to add the path to a graphics context—see `CGContextAddPath` (page 68).

Each figure in a scene may be described by a **subpath**. A subpath has an ordered set of **path elements**, that represent single steps in the construction of a subpath. (For example, `MoveToPoint` (bottom left) and `AddLineToPoint` (bottom right) are path elements.) A subpath also maintains state information, including a **starting point** and a **current point**. When drawing a path, Quartz traverses each subpath using its path elements and its state.

The lines and curves in a subpath are always connected, but they do not necessarily form a closed figure. Furthermore, subpaths do not need to be connected to each other. For example, you could use a graphics path to draw the outlines of a sequence of text characters.

## Functions by Task

### Creating and Managing Paths

- `CGPathCreateMutable` (page 273)  
Creates a mutable graphics path.
- `CGPathCreateMutableCopy` (page 274)  
Creates a mutable copy of an existing graphics path.
- `CGPathCreateCopy` (page 273)  
Creates an immutable copy of a graphics path.
- `CGPathRelease` (page 278)  
Decrements the retain count of a graphics path.

[CGPathRetain](#) (page 278)

Increments the retain count of a graphics path.

## Modifying Quartz Paths

[CGPathAddArc](#) (page 263)

Appends an arc to a mutable graphics path, possibly preceded by a straight line segment.

[CGPathAddArcToPoint](#) (page 264)

Appends an arc to a mutable graphics path, possibly preceded by a straight line segment.

[CGPathAddCurveToPoint](#) (page 265)

Appends a Bézier curve to a mutable graphics path.

[CGPathAddLines](#) (page 267)

Appends an array of new line segments to a mutable graphics path.

[CGPathAddLineToPoint](#) (page 267)

Appends a line segment to a mutable graphics path.

[CGPathAddPath](#) (page 268)

Appends a path to a mutable graphics path.

[CGPathAddQuadCurveToPoint](#) (page 269)

Appends a quadratic curve to a mutable graphics path.

[CGPathAddRect](#) (page 269)

Appends a rectangle to a mutable graphics path.

[CGPathAddRects](#) (page 270)

Appends an array of rectangles to a mutable graphics path.

[CGPathApply](#) (page 271)

For each element in a graphics path, calls a custom applier function.

[CGPathMoveToPoint](#) (page 277)

Starts a new subpath at a specified location in a mutable graphics path.

[CGPathCloseSubpath](#) (page 272)

Closes and completes a subpath in a mutable graphics path.

[CGPathAddEllipseInRect](#) (page 266)

Adds to a path an ellipse that fits inside a rectangle.

## Getting Information about Quartz Paths

[CGPathEqualToPath](#) (page 274)

Indicates whether two graphics paths are equivalent.

[CGPathGetBoundingBox](#) (page 275)

Returns the bounding box of a graphics path.

[CGPathGetCurrentPoint](#) (page 275)

Returns the current point in a graphics path.

[CGPathGetTypeID](#) (page 276)

Returns the Core Foundation type identifier for Quartz graphics paths.

[CGPathIsEmpty](#) (page 276)

Indicates whether or not a graphics path is empty.

[CGPathIsRect](#) (page 276)

Indicates whether or not a graphics path represents a rectangle.

[CGPathContainsPoint](#) (page 272)

Checks whether a point is contained in a graphics path.

## Functions

### CGPathAddArc

Appends an arc to a mutable graphics path, possibly preceded by a straight line segment.

```
void CGPathAddArc (
    CGMutablePathRef path,
    const CGAffineTransform *m,
    CGFloat x,
    CGFloat y,
    CGFloat radius,
    CGFloat startAngle,
    CGFloat endAngle,
    bool clockwise
);
```

#### Parameters

*path*

The mutable graphics path to change.

*m*

A pointer to an affine transformation matrix, or `NULL` if no transformation is needed. If specified, Quartz applies the transformation to the arc before it is added to the path.

*x*

The x-coordinate of the center point of the arc.

*y*

The y-coordinate of the center point of the arc.

*r*

The radius of the arc.

*startAngle*

The angle (in radians) from the horizontal that determines the starting point of the arc.

*endAngle*

The angle (in radians) from the horizontal that determines the ending point of the arc.

*clockwise*

A Boolean value that specifies whether or not to draw the arc in the clockwise direction. In Mac OS X, specifying `true` creates an arc moving in the clockwise direction. In iPhone OS, specifying `true` creates an arc in the counter-clockwise direction.

**Discussion**

An arc is a segment of a circle with radius  $r$  centered at a point  $(x, y)$ . When you call this function, you provide the center point, radius, and two angles in radians. Quartz uses this information to determine the end points of the arc, and then approximates the new arc using a sequence of cubic Bézier curves. The `clockwise` parameter determines the direction in which the arc is drawn; the actual direction is dependent on the coordinate system orientation of the target platform, which is different in Mac OS X and iPhone OS.

A transformation may be applied to the Bézier curves before they are added to the path. If no transform is needed, the second argument should be `NULL`.

If the specified path already contains a subpath, Quartz implicitly adds a line connecting the current point to the beginning of the arc. If the path is empty, Quartz creates a new subpath for the arc and does not add the initial straight line segment.

The ending point of the arc becomes the new current point of the path.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGPath.h`

**CGPathAddArcToPoint**

Appends an arc to a mutable graphics path, possibly preceded by a straight line segment.

```
void CGPathAddArcToPoint (
    CGMutablePathRef path,
    const CGAffineTransform *m,
    CGFloat x1,
    CGFloat y1,
    CGFloat x2,
    CGFloat y2,
    CGFloat radius
);
```

**Parameters**

*path*

The mutable path to change. The path must not be empty.

*m*

A pointer to an affine transformation matrix, or `NULL` if no transformation is needed. If specified, Quartz applies the transformation to the arc before it is added to the path.

*x1*

The x-coordinate of the user space for the end point of the first tangent line. The first tangent line is drawn from the current point to  $(x1, y1)$ .

*y1*

The y-coordinate of the user space for the end point of the first tangent line. The first tangent line is drawn from the current point to  $(x1, y1)$ .

*x2*

The x-coordinate of the user space for the end point of the second tangent line. The second tangent line is drawn from  $(x1, y1)$  to  $(x2, y2)$ .

*y2*

The y-coordinate of the user space for the end point of the second tangent line. The second tangent line is drawn from  $(x1, y1)$  to  $(x2, y2)$ .

*radius*

The radius of the arc, in user space coordinates.

**Discussion**

This function uses a sequence of cubic Bézier curves to draw an arc that is tangent to the line from the current point to  $(x1, y1)$  and to the line from  $(x1, y1)$  to  $(x2, y2)$ . The start and end points of the arc are located on the first and second tangent lines, respectively. The start and end points of the arc are also the “tangent points” of the lines.

If the current point and the first tangent point of the arc (the starting point) are not equal, Quartz appends a straight line segment from the current point to the first tangent point. After adding the arc, the current point is reset to the end point of the arc (the second tangent point).

For another way to draw an arc in a path, see [CGPathAddArc](#) (page 263).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathAddCurveToPoint**

Appends a Bézier curve to a mutable graphics path.

```
void CGPathAddCurveToPoint (
    CGMutablePathRef path,
    const CGAffineTransform *m,
    CGFloat cp1x,
    CGFloat cp1y,
    CGFloat cp2x,
    CGFloat cp2y,
    CGFloat x,
    CGFloat y
);
```

**Parameters***path*

The mutable path to change. The path must not be empty.

*m*

A pointer to an affine transformation matrix, or `NULL` if no transformation is needed. If specified, Quartz applies the transformation to the curve before it is added to the path.

*cx1*

The x-coordinate of the first control point.

*cy1*

The y-coordinate of the first control point.

*cx2*

The x-coordinate of the second control point.

*cy2*

The y-coordinate of the second control point.

*x*

The x-coordinate of the end point of the curve.

*y*

The y-coordinate of the end point of the curve.

**Discussion**

Appends a cubic Bézier curve from the current point in a path to the specified location using two control points, after an optional transformation. Before returning, this function updates the current point to the specified location (*x*, *y*).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathAddEllipseInRect**

Adds to a path an ellipse that fits inside a rectangle.

```
void CGPathAddEllipseInRect (
    CGMutablePathRef path,
    const CGAffineTransform *m,
    CGRect rect
);
```

**Parameters***path*

The path to modify.

*m*

An affine transform to apply to the ellipse, or NULL if you don't want to transform the ellipse.

*rect*

A rectangle to enclose the ellipse.

**Discussion**

The ellipse is approximated by a sequence of Bézier curves. Its center is the midpoint of the rectangle defined by the *rect* parameter. If the rectangle is square, then the ellipse is circular with a radius equal to one-half the width (or height) of the rectangle. If the *rect* parameter specifies a rectangular shape, then the major and minor axes of the ellipse are defined by the width and height of the rectangle.

The ellipse forms a complete subpath of the path—that is, the ellipse drawing starts with a move-to operation and ends with a close-subpath operation, with all moves oriented in the clockwise direction. If you supply an affine transform, then the constructed Bézier curves that define the ellipse are transformed before they are added to the path.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz 2D Shadings

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathAddLines**

Appends an array of new line segments to a mutable graphics path.

```
void CGPathAddLines (
    CGMutablePathRef path,
    const CGAffineTransform *m,
    const CGPoint points[],
    size_t count
);
```

**Parameters***path*

The mutable path to change.

*m*

A pointer to an affine transformation matrix, or NULL if no transformation is needed. If specified, Quartz applies the transformation to the lines before adding them to the path.

*points*

An array of points that specifies the line segments to add.

*count*

The number of elements in the array.

**Discussion**

This is a convenience function that adds a sequence of connected line segments to a path, using the following operation:

```
CGPathMoveToPoint (path, m, points[0].x, points[0].y);
for (k = 1; k < count; k++) {
    CGPathAddLineToPoint (path, m, points[k].x, points[k].y);
}
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

GeekGameBoard

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathAddLineToPoint**

Appends a line segment to a mutable graphics path.

```
void CGContextAddLineToPoint (
    CGContextMutablePathRef path,
    const CGAffineTransform *m,
    CGFloat x,
    CGFloat y
);
```

**Parameters***path*

The mutable path to change. The path must not be empty.

*m*

A pointer to an affine transformation matrix, or `NULL` if no transformation is needed. If specified, Quartz applies the transformation to the line before it is added to the path.

*x*

The x-coordinate of the end point of the line.

*y*

The y-coordinate of the end point of the line.

**Discussion**

Before returning, this function updates the current point to the specified location  $(x, y)$ .

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CALayerEssentials

Quartz 2D Shadings

Quartz2DBasics

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathAddPath**

Appends a path to a mutable graphics path.

```
void CGContextAddPath (
    CGContextMutablePathRef path1,
    const CGAffineTransform *m,
    CGContextPathRef path2
);
```

**Parameters***path1*

The mutable path to change.

*m*

A pointer to an affine transformation matrix, or `NULL` if no transformation is needed. If specified, Quartz applies the transformation to *path2* before it is added to *path1*.

*path2*

The path to add.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathAddQuadCurveToPoint**

Appends a quadratic curve to a mutable graphics path.

```
void CGPathAddQuadCurveToPoint (
    CGMutablePathRef path,
    const CGAffineTransform *m,
    CGFloat cpx,
    CGFloat cpy,
    CGFloat x,
    CGFloat y
);
```

**Parameters***path*

The mutable path to change. The path must not be empty.

*m*

A pointer to an affine transformation matrix, or `NULL` if no transformation is needed. If specified, Quartz applies the transformation to the curve before adding it to the path.

*cpx*

The x-coordinate of the control point.

*cpy*

The y-coordinate of the control point.

*x*

The x-coordinate of the end point of the curve.

*y*

The y-coordinate of the end point of the curve.

**Discussion**

Before returning, this function updates the current point to the specified location (*x*, *y*).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathAddRect**

Appends a rectangle to a mutable graphics path.

```
void CGContextAddRect (
    CGContextMutablePathRef path,
    const CGAffineTransform *m,
    CGRect rect
);
```

**Parameters***path*

The mutable path to change.

*m*A pointer to an affine transformation matrix, or `NULL` if no transformation is needed. If specified, Quartz applies the transformation to the rectangle before adding it to the path.*rect*

The rectangle to add.

**Discussion**

This is a convenience function that adds a rectangle to a path, using the following sequence of operations:

```
// start at origin
CGContextMoveToPoint (path, m, CGRectGetMinX(rect), CGRectGetMinY(rect));

// add bottom edge
CGContextAddLineToPoint (path, m, CGRectGetMaxX(rect), CGRectGetMinY(rect));

// add right edge
CGContextAddLineToPoint (path, m, CGRectGetMaxX(rect), CGRectGetMaxY(rect));

// add top edge
CGContextAddLineToPoint (path, m, CGRectGetMinX(rect), CGRectGetMaxY(rect));

// add left edge and close
CGContextCloseSubpath (path);
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CoreTextRTF

CoreTextTest

Quartz 2D Shadings

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathAddRects**

Appends an array of rectangles to a mutable graphics path.

```
void CGContextAddRects (
    CGContextRef path,
    const CGAffineTransform *m,
    const CGRect rects[],
    size_t count
);
```

**Parameters***path*

The mutable path to change.

*m*

An affine transformation matrix, or NULL if no transformation is needed. If specified, Quartz applies the transformation to the rectangles before adding them to the path.

*rects*

The array of new rectangles to add.

*count*

The number of elements in the array.

**Discussion**

This is a convenience function that adds an array of rectangles to a path, using the following operation:

```
for (k = 0; k < count; k++) {
    CGContextAddRect (path, m, rects[k]);
}
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathApply**

For each element in a graphics path, calls a custom applier function.

```
void CGContextApply (
    CGContextRef path,
    void *info,
    CGContextApplierFunction function
);
```

**Parameters***path*

The path to which the function will be applied.

*info*

A pointer to the user data that Quartz will pass to the function being applied, or NULL.

*function*A pointer to the function to apply. See [CGContextApplierFunction](#) (page 279) for more information.**Discussion**

For each element in the specified path, Quartz calls the applier function, which can examine (but not modify) the element.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathCloseSubpath**

Closes and completes a subpath in a mutable graphics path.

```
void CGPathCloseSubpath (
    CGMutablePathRef path
);
```

**Parameters**

*path*

The path to change.

**Discussion**

Appends a line from the current point in a path to the starting point of the current subpath and ends the subpath. On return, the current point is now the previous starting point.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CALayerEssentials

GeekGameBoard

Quartz 2D Shadings

Quartz2DBasics

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathContainsPoint**

Checks whether a point is contained in a graphics path.

```
bool CGPathContainsPoint (
    CGPathRef path,
    const CGAffineTransform *m,
    CGPoint point,
    bool eoFill
);
```

**Parameters**

*path*

The path to evaluate the point against.

*m*

An affine transform. If *m* is not NULL then the point is transformed by this affine transform prior to determining whether the path contains the point.

*point*

The point to check.

*eoFill*

A Boolean value that, if `true`, specifies to use the even-odd fill rule to evaluate the painted region of the path. If `false`, the winding fill rule is used.

#### Return Value

Returns `true` if the point is contained in the path; `false` otherwise.

#### Discussion

A point is contained in a path if it is inside the painted region when the path is filled and the path is a closed path. You can call the function `CGPathCloseSubpath` to ensure that a path is closed.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

#### Related Sample Code

GeekGameBoard

#### Declared In

`CGPath.h`

## CGPathCreateCopy

Creates an immutable copy of a graphics path.

```
CGPathRef CGPathCreateCopy (
    CGPathRef path
);
```

#### Parameters

*path*

The path to copy.

#### Return Value

A new, immutable copy of the specified path. You are responsible for releasing this object.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

#### Declared In

`CGPath.h`

## CGPathCreateMutable

Creates a mutable graphics path.

```
CGMutablePathRef CGPathCreateMutable (
    void
);
```

#### Return Value

A new mutable path. You are responsible for releasing this object.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CALayerEssentials

CoreTextRTF

CoreTextTest

Quartz 2D Shadings

Quartz2DBasics

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathCreateMutableCopy**

Creates a mutable copy of an existing graphics path.

```
CGMutablePathRef CGPathCreateMutableCopy (
    CGPathRef path
);
```

**Parameters**

*path*

The path to copy.

**Return Value**

A new, mutable, copy of the specified path. You are responsible for releasing this object.

**Discussion**

You can modify a mutable graphics path by calling the various CGPath geometry functions, such as [CGPathAddArc](#) (page 263), [CGPathAddLineToPoint](#) (page 267), and [CGPathMoveToPoint](#) (page 277).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathEqualToPath**

Indicates whether two graphics paths are equivalent.

```
bool CGPathEqualToPath (
    CGPathRef path1,
    CGPathRef path2
);
```

**Parameters**

*path1*

The first path being compared.

*path2*

The second path being compared.

**Return Value**

A Boolean value that indicates whether or not the two specified paths contain the same sequence of path elements. If the paths are not the same, returns `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathGetBoundingBox**

Returns the bounding box of a graphics path.

```
CGRect CGPathGetBoundingBox (  
    CGPathRef path  
);
```

**Parameters**

*path*

The graphics path to evaluate.

**Return Value**

A rectangle that represents the bounding box of the specified path.

**Discussion**

The bounding box is the smallest rectangle completely enclosing all points in the path, including control points for Bézier and quadratic curves.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathGetCurrentPoint**

Returns the current point in a graphics path.

```
CGPoint CGPathGetCurrentPoint (  
    CGPathRef path  
);
```

**Parameters**

*path*

The path to evaluate.

**Return Value**

The current point in the specified path.

**Discussion**

If the path is empty—that is, if it has no elements—this function returns [CGPointZero](#) (page 433) (see [CGGeometry Reference](#)). To determine whether a path is empty, use [CGPathIsEmpty](#) (page 276).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathGetTypeID**

Returns the Core Foundation type identifier for Quartz graphics paths.

```
CTypeID CGPathGetTypeID (
    void
);
```

**Return Value**

The Core Foundation identifier for the opaque type [CGPathRef](#) (page 279).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathIsEmpty**

Indicates whether or not a graphics path is empty.

```
bool CGPathIsEmpty (
    CGPathRef path
);
```

**Parameters**

*path*

The path to evaluate.

**Return Value**

A Boolean value that indicates whether the specified path is empty.

**Discussion**

An empty path contains no elements.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathIsRect**

Indicates whether or not a graphics path represents a rectangle.

```
bool CGPathIsRect (
    CGPathRef path,
    CGRect *rect
);
```

**Parameters***path*

The path to evaluate.

*rect*

On input, a pointer to an uninitialized rectangle. If the specified path represents a rectangle, on return contains a copy of the rectangle.

**Return Value**A Boolean value that indicates whether the specified path represents a rectangle. If the path represents a rectangle, returns `true`.**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

**CGPathMoveToPoint**

Starts a new subpath at a specified location in a mutable graphics path.

```
void CGPathMoveToPoint (
    CGMutablePathRef path,
    const CGAffineTransform *m,
    CGFloat x,
    CGFloat y
);
```

**Parameters***path*

The mutable path to change.

*m*A pointer to an affine transformation matrix, or `NULL` if no transformation is needed. If specified, Quartz applies the transformation to the point before changing the path.*x*

The x-coordinate of the new location.

*y*

The y-coordinate of the new location.

**Discussion**

This function initializes the starting point and the current point to the specified location (x,y) after an optional transformation.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CALayerEssentials

Quartz 2D Shadings  
Quartz2DBasics

**Declared In**  
CGPath.h

## CGPathRelease

Decrements the retain count of a graphics path.

```
void CGPathRelease (  
    CGPathRef path  
);
```

### Parameters

*path*

The graphics path to release.

### Discussion

This function is equivalent to `CFRelease`, except that it does not cause an error if the `path` parameter is `NULL`.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

### Related Sample Code

CALayerEssentials  
Quartz2DBasics

**Declared In**  
CGPath.h

## CGPathRetain

Increments the retain count of a graphics path.

```
CGPathRef CGPathRetain (  
    CGPathRef path  
);
```

### Parameters

*path*

The graphics path to retain.

### Return Value

The same path you passed in as the `path` parameter.

### Discussion

This function is equivalent to `CFRetain`, except that it does not cause an error if the `path` parameter is `NULL`.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

## Callbacks

### CGPathApplierFunction

Defines a callback function that can view an element in a graphics path.

```
typedef void (*CGPathApplierFunction) (  
    void *info,  
    const CGPathElement *element  
);
```

If you name your function `MyCGPathApplierFunc`, you would declare it like this:

```
void MyCGPathApplierFunc (  
    void *info,  
    const CGPathElement *element  
);
```

**Discussion**

See also [CGPathApply](#) (page 271).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

## Data Types

### CGPathRef

An opaque type that represents an immutable graphics path.

```
typedef const struct CGPath *CGPathRef;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPath.h

## CGMutablePathRef

An opaque type that represents a mutable graphics path.

```
typedef struct CGPath *CGMutablePathRef;
```

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

### Declared In

CGPath.h

## CGPathElement

A data structure that provides information about a path element.

```
struct CGPathElement {
    CGPathElementType type;
    CGPoint * points;
};
typedef struct CGPathElement CGPathElement;
```

### Fields

type

An element type (or operation).

points

An array of one or more points that serve as arguments.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

### Declared In

CGPath.h

## Constants

### CGPathDrawingMode

Options for rendering a path.

```
enum CGPathDrawingMode {
    kCGPathFill,
    kCGPathEOFill,
    kCGPathStroke,
    kCGPathFillStroke,
    kCGPathEOFillStroke
};
typedef enum CGPathDrawingMode CGPathDrawingMode;
```

**Constants**`kCGPathFill`

Render the area contained within the path using the non-zero winding number rule.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGPathEOFill`

Render the area within the path using the even-odd rule.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGPathStroke`

Render a line along the path.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGPathFillStroke`

First fill and then stroke the path, using the nonzero winding number rule.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

`kCGPathEOFillStroke`

First fill and then stroke the path, using the even-odd rule.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGContext.h`.

**Discussion**

You can pass a path drawing mode constant to the function `CGContextDrawPath` (page 82) to specify how Quartz should paint a graphics context's current path.

**CGPathElementType**

The type of element found in a path.

```
enum CGPathElementType {
    kCGPathElementMoveToPoint,
    kCGPathElementAddLineToPoint,
    kCGPathElementAddQuadCurveToPoint,
    kCGPathElementAddCurveToPoint,
    kCGPathElementCloseSubpath
};
typedef enum CGPathElementType CGPathElementType;
```

**Constants**

`kCGPathElementMoveToPoint`

The path element that starts a new subpath. See the function [CGPathMoveToPoint](#) (page 277).

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

Declared in `CGPath.h`.

`kCGPathElementAddLineToPoint`

The path element that adds a line from the current point to the specified point. See the function [CGPathAddLineToPoint](#) (page 267).

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

Declared in `CGPath.h`.

`kCGPathElementAddQuadCurveToPoint`

The path element that adds a quadratic curve from the current point to the specified point. See the function [CGPathAddQuadCurveToPoint](#) (page 269).

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

Declared in `CGPath.h`.

`kCGPathElementAddCurveToPoint`

The path element that adds a cubic curve from the current point to the specified point. See the function [CGPathAddCurveToPoint](#) (page 265).

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

Declared in `CGPath.h`.

`kCGPathElementCloseSubpath`

The path element that closes and completes a subpath. See the function [CGPathCloseSubpath](#) (page 272).

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

Declared in `CGPath.h`.

**Discussion**

For more information about paths, see [CGPathRef](#) (page 279).

# CGPattern Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	CType
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGPattern.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The `CGPatternRef` opaque type represents a pattern that you can use to stroke along or fill in a graphics path. Quartz tiles the pattern cell for you, based on parameters you specify when you call `CGPatternCreate` (page 284).

To create a dashed line, see `CGContextSetLineDash` (page 114) in *CGContext Reference*.

## Functions by Task

### Creating a Pattern

`CGPatternCreate` (page 284)  
Creates a pattern object.

### Getting the CType ID

`CGPatternGetTypeID` (page 285)  
Returns the type identifier for Quartz patterns.

### Retaining and Releasing a Pattern

`CGPatternRetain` (page 286)  
Increments the retain count of a Quartz pattern.

`CGPatternRelease` (page 285)  
Decrements the retain count of a Quartz pattern.

## Functions

### CGPatternCreate

Creates a pattern object.

```
CGPatternRef CGPatternCreate (
    void *info,
    CGRect bounds,
    CGAffineTransform matrix,
    CGFloat xStep,
    CGFloat yStep,
    CGPatternTiling tiling,
    bool isColored,
    const CGPatternCallbacks *callbacks
);
```

#### Parameters

*info*

A pointer to private storage used by your pattern drawing function, or `NULL`. For more information, see the discussion below.

*bounds*

The bounding box of the pattern cell, specified in pattern space. (Pattern space is an abstract space that maps to the default user space by the transformation matrix you specify with the `matrix` parameter.) The drawing done in your pattern drawing function is clipped to this rectangle.

*matrix*

A matrix that represents a transform from pattern space to the default user space of the context in which the pattern is used. If no transform is needed, pass the identity matrix.

*xStep*

The horizontal displacement between cells, specified in pattern space. For no additional horizontal space between cells (so that each pattern cell abuts the previous pattern cell in the horizontal direction), pass the width of the pattern cell.

*yStep*

The vertical displacement between cells, specified in pattern space. For no additional vertical space between cells (so that each pattern cell abuts the previous pattern cell in the vertical direction), pass the height of the pattern cell.

*tiling*

A `CGPatternTiling` constant that specifies the desired tiling method. For more information about tiling methods, see “[Tiling Patterns](#)” (page 289).

*isColored*

If you want to draw your pattern using its own intrinsic color, pass `true`. If you want to draw an uncolored (or masking) pattern that uses the fill or stroke color in the graphics state, pass `false`.

*callbacks*

A pointer to a pattern callback function table—your pattern drawing function is an entry in this table. See [CGPatternCallbacks](#) (page 288) for more information about callback function tables for patterns.

#### Return Value

A new Quartz pattern. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGPatternRelease](#) (page 285).

**Discussion**

Quartz calls your drawing function at the appropriate time to draw the pattern cell. A pattern cell must be invariant—that is, the pattern cell should be drawn exactly the same way each time the drawing function is called.

The appearance of a pattern cell is unaffected by changes in the graphics state of the context in which the pattern is used.

See [CGPatternDrawPatternCallback](#) (page 286) for more information about pattern drawing functions.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.1 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

GeekGameBoard

**Declared In**

CGPattern.h

**CGPatternGetTypeID**

Returns the type identifier for Quartz patterns.

```
CTypeID CGPatternGetTypeID (
    void
);
```

**Return Value**

The identifier for the opaque type [CGPatternRef](#) (page 288).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPattern.h

**CGPatternRelease**

Decrements the retain count of a Quartz pattern.

```
void CGPatternRelease (
    CGPatternRef pattern
);
```

**Parameters**

*pattern*

The pattern to release.

**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to `CFRelease`, except that it does not cause an error if the *pattern* parameter is `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.1 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

GeekGameBoard

**Declared In**

CGPattern.h

**CGPatternRetain**

Increments the retain count of a Quartz pattern.

```
CGPatternRef CGPatternRetain (
    CGPatternRef pattern
);
```

**Parameters***pattern*

The pattern to retain.

**Return Value**

The same pattern you passed in as the *pattern* parameter.

**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to `CFRetain`, except that it does not cause an error if the *pattern* parameter is `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.1 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPattern.h

## Callbacks

**CGPatternDrawPatternCallback**

Draws a pattern cell.

```
typedef void (*CGPatternDrawPatternCallback) (
    void * info,
    CGContextRef context
);
```

If you name your function `MyDrawPattern`, you would declare it like this:

```
void MyDrawPattern (
    void * info,
    CGContextRef context
);
```

**Parameters***info*

A generic pointer to private data associated with the pattern. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGPatternCreate](#) (page 284).

*context*

The graphics context for drawing the pattern cell.

**Discussion**

When a pattern is used to stroke or fill a graphics path, Quartz calls your custom drawing function at the appropriate time to draw the pattern cell. The cell should be drawn exactly the same way each time the drawing function is called.

In a drawing function associated with an uncolored pattern, you should not attempt to set a stroke or fill color or color space—if you do so, the result is undefined.

To learn how to associate your drawing function with a Quartz pattern, see [CGPatternCreate](#) (page 284) and [CGPatternCallbacks](#) (page 288).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPattern.h

**CGPatternReleaseInfoCallback**

Release private data or resources associated with the pattern.

```
typedef void (*CGPatternReleaseInfoCallback) (
    void * info
);
```

If you name your function `MyCGPatternReleaseInfo`, you would declare it like this:

```
void MyCGPatternReleaseInfo (
    void * info
);
```

**Parameters***info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGPatternCreate](#) (page 284).

**Discussion**

Quartz calls your release function when it frees your pattern object.

To learn how to associate your release function with a Quartz pattern, see [CGPatternCreate](#) (page 284) and [CGPatternCallbacks](#) (page 288).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

**Declared In**  
CGPattern.h

## Data Types

### CGPatternRef

An opaque type that represents a pattern.

```
typedef struct CGPattern * CGPatternRef;
```

**Availability**  
Available in Mac OS X v10.1 and later.

**Declared In**  
CGPattern.h

### CGPatternCallbacks

A structure that holds a version and two callback functions for drawing a custom pattern.

```
struct CGPatternCallbacks {
    unsigned int version;
    CGPatternDrawPatternCallback drawPattern;
    CGPatternReleaseInfoCallback releaseInfo;
};
typedef struct CGPatternCallbacks CGPatternCallbacks;
```

#### Fields

version

The version of the structure passed in as a parameter to the [CGPatternCreate](#) (page 284). For this version of the structure, you should set this value to zero.

drawPattern

A pointer to a custom function that draws the pattern. For information about this callback function, see [CGPatternDrawPatternCallback](#) (page 286).

releaseInfo

An optional pointer to a custom function that's invoked when the pattern is released. [CGPatternReleaseInfoCallback](#) (page 287).

#### Discussion

You supply a `CGPatternCallbacks` structure to the function [CGPatternCreate](#) (page 284) to create a data provider for direct access. The functions specified by the `CGPatternCallbacks` structure are responsible for drawing the pattern and for handling the pattern's memory management.

**Availability**  
Available in Mac OS X v10.1 and later.

**Declared In**  
CGPattern.h

## Constants

### Tiling Patterns

Different methods for rendering a tiled pattern.

```
enum CGPatternTiling {
    kCGPatternTilingNoDistortion,
    kCGPatternTilingConstantSpacingMinimalDistortion,
    kCGPatternTilingConstantSpacing
};
typedef enum CGPatternTiling CGPatternTiling;
```

#### Constants

`kCGPatternTilingNoDistortion`

The pattern cell is not distorted when painted. The spacing between pattern cells may vary by as much as 1 device pixel.

Available in Mac OS X v10.1 and later.

Declared in `CGPattern.h`.

`kCGPatternTilingConstantSpacingMinimalDistortion`

Pattern cells are spaced consistently. The pattern cell may be distorted by as much as 1 device pixel when the pattern is painted.

Available in Mac OS X v10.1 and later.

Declared in `CGPattern.h`.

`kCGPatternTilingConstantSpacing`

Pattern cells are spaced consistently, as with `kCGPatternTilingConstantSpacingMinimalDistortion`. The pattern cell may be distorted additionally to permit a more efficient implementation.

Available in Mac OS X v10.1 and later.

Declared in `CGPattern.h`.

#### Declared In

`CGPattern.h`



# CGPDFArray Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	None
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGPDFArray.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The `CGPDFArray` header file defines an opaque type that encapsulates a PDF array. A PDF array represents an array structure in a PDF document. PDF arrays may be heterogeneous—that is, they may contain any other PDF objects, including PDF strings, PDF dictionaries, and other PDF arrays.

Many `CGPDFArray` functions to retrieve values from a PDF array take the form:

```
bool CGPDFArrayGet<DataType> (
    CGPDFArrayRef array,
    size_t index,
    <DataType>Ref *value
);
```

These functions test the data type of the object at the specified index. If the object is not of the expected type, the function returns `false`. If the object is of the expected type, the function returns `true`, and the object is passed back in the `value` parameter.

This opaque type is not derived from `CType` and therefore there are no functions for retaining and releasing it. `CGPDFArray` objects exist only as constituent parts of a `CGPDFDocument` object, and they are managed by their container.

## Functions

### **CGPDFArrayGetArray**

Returns whether an object at a given index in a PDF array is another PDF array and, if so, retrieves that array.

```
bool CGPDFArrayGetArray (
    CGPDFArrayRef array,
    size_t index,
    CGPDFArrayRef *value
);
```

**Parameters***array*

A PDF array. If this parameter is not a valid PDF array, the behavior is undefined.

*index*

The index of the value to retrieve. If the index is outside the index space of the array (0 to N-1, where N is the count of the array), the behavior is undefined.

*value*

On input, a pointer to a PDF array. If the value at the specified index is a PDF array, then on return that array, otherwise the value is unspecified.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if there is a PDF array at the specified index, otherwise `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFArray.h

**CGPDFArrayGetBoolean**

Returns whether an object at a given index in a PDF array is a PDF Boolean and, if so, retrieves that Boolean.

```
bool CGPDFArrayGetBoolean (
    CGPDFArrayRef array,
    size_t index,
    CGPDFBoolean *value
);
```

**Parameters***array*

A PDF array. If this parameter is not a valid PDF array, the behavior is undefined.

*index*

The index of the value to retrieve. If the index is outside the index space of array (0 to N-1, where N is the count of array), the behavior is undefined.

*value*

On input, a pointer to a PDF Boolean. If the value at the specified index is a PDF Boolean, then on return that Boolean, otherwise the value is undefined.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if there is a PDF Boolean at the specified index, otherwise `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFArray.h

## CGPDFArrayGetCount

Returns the number of items in a PDF array.

```

size_t CGPDFArrayGetCount (
    CGPDFArrayRef array
);

```

### Parameters

*array*

A PDF array. If this parameter is not a valid PDF array, the behavior is undefined.

### Return Value

Returns the number of items in the array.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

### Declared In

CGPDFArray.h

## CGPDFArrayGetDictionary

Returns whether an object at a given index in a PDF array is a PDF dictionary and, if so, retrieves that dictionary.

```

bool CGPDFArrayGetDictionary (
    CGPDFArrayRef array,
    size_t index,
    CGPDFDictionaryRef *value
);

```

### Parameters

*array*

A PDF array. If this parameter is not a valid PDF array, the behavior is undefined.

*index*

The index of the value to retrieve. If the index is outside the index space of the array (0 to N-1, where N is the count of the array), the behavior is undefined.

*value*

On input, a pointer to a PDF dictionary. If the value at the specified index is a PDF dictionary, then on return that dictionary, otherwise the value is undefined.

### Return Value

Returns `true` if there is a PDF dictionary at the specified index, otherwise `false`.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

### Declared In

CGPDFArray.h

## CGPDFArrayGetInteger

Returns whether an object at a given index in a PDF array is a PDF integer and, if so, retrieves that object.

```
bool CGPDFArrayGetInteger (
    CGPDFArrayRef array,
    size_t index,
    CGPDFInteger *value
);
```

**Parameters***array*

A PDF array. If this parameter is not a valid PDF array, the behavior is undefined.

*index*

The index of the value to retrieve. If the index is outside the index space of the array (0 to N-1, where N is the count of the array), the behavior is undefined.

*value*

On input, a pointer to a PDF integer. If the value at the specified index is a PDF integer value, then on return contains that value, otherwise the value is undefined.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if there is a PDF integer at the specified index, otherwise `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFArray.h

**CGPDFArrayGetName**

Returns whether an object at a given index in a PDF array is a PDF name reference (represented as a constant C string) and, if so, retrieves that name.

```
bool CGPDFArrayGetName (
    CGPDFArrayRef array,
    size_t index,
    const char **value
);
```

**Parameters***array*

A PDF array. If this parameter is not a valid PDF array, the behavior is undefined.

*index*

The index of the value to retrieve. If the index is outside the index space of the array (0 to N-1, where N is the count of the array), the behavior is undefined.

*value*

An uninitialized pointer to a constant C string. If the value at the specified index is a reference to a PDF name (represented by a constant C string) then upon return, contains that value; otherwise the value is undefined.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if there is an array of characters at the specified index, otherwise `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFArray.h

**CGPDFArrayGetNull**

Returns whether an object at a given index in a Quartz PDF array is a PDF null.

```
bool CGPDFArrayGetNull (
    CGPDFArrayRef array,
    size_t index
);
```

**Parameters***array*

A PDF array. If this parameter is not a valid PDF array, the behavior is undefined.

*index*

The index of the value to retrieve. If the index is outside the index space of the array (0 to N-1, where N is the count of the array), the behavior is undefined.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if there is a PDF null at the specified index, otherwise `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFArray.h

**CGPDFArrayGetNumber**

Returns whether an object at a given index in a PDF array is a PDF number and, if so, retrieves that object.

```
bool CGPDFArrayGetNumber (
    CGPDFArrayRef array,
    size_t index,
    CGPDFReal *value
);
```

**Parameters***array*

A PDF array. If this parameter is not a valid PDF array, the behavior is undefined.

*index*

The index of the value to retrieve. If the index is outside the index space of the array (0 to N-1, where N is the count of the array), the behavior is undefined.

*value*

On input, a pointer to a PDF number. If the value at the specified index is a PDF number, then on return contains that value, otherwise the value is undefined.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if there is a PDF number at the specified index, otherwise `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFArray.h

**CGPDFArrayGetObject**

Returns whether an object at a given index in a PDF array is a PDF object and, if so, retrieves that object.

```
bool CGPDFArrayGetObject (
    CGPDFArrayRef array,
    size_t index,
    CGPDFObjectRef *value
);
```

**Parameters***array*

A PDF array. If this parameter is not a valid PDF array, the behavior is undefined.

*index*

The index of the value to retrieve. If the index is outside the index space of the array (0 to N-1, where N is the count of the array), the behavior is undefined.

*value*

On input, a pointer to a PDF object. If the value at the specified index is a PDF object, then on return contains that object, otherwise the value is undefined.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if there is a PDF object at the specified index, otherwise `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFArray.h

**CGPDFArrayGetStream**

Returns whether an object at a given index in a PDF array is a PDF stream and, if so, retrieves that stream.

```
bool CGPDFArrayGetStream (
    CGPDFArrayRef array,
    size_t index,
    CGPDFStreamRef *value
);
```

**Parameters***array*

A PDF array. If this parameter is not a valid PDF array, the behavior is undefined.

*index*

The index of the value to retrieve. If the index is outside the index space of the array (0 to N-1, where N is the count of the array), the behavior is undefined.

*value*

On input, a pointer to a PDF stream. If the value at the specified index is a PDF stream, then on return that stream, otherwise the value is undefined.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if there is a PDF stream at the specified index, otherwise `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFArray.h

**CGPDFArrayGetString**

Returns whether an object at a given index in a PDF array is a PDF string and, if so, retrieves that string.

```
bool CGPDFArrayGetString (
    CGPDFArrayRef array,
    size_t index,
    CGPDFStringRef *value
);
```

**Parameters**

*array*

A PDF array. If this parameter is not a valid PDF array, the behavior is undefined.

*index*

The index of the value to retrieve. If the index is outside the index space of the array (0 to N-1, where N is the count of the array), the behavior is undefined.

*value*

On input, a pointer to a PDF string. If the value at the specified index is a PDF string, then on return that string, otherwise the value is undefined.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if there is a PDF stream at the specified index, otherwise `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFArray.h

## Data Types

**CGPDFArrayRef**

An opaque type that encapsulates a PDF array.

```
typedef struct CGPDFArray *CGPDFArrayRef;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFArray.h



# CGPDFContentStream Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	None
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGPDFContentStream.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The `CGPDFContentStreamRef` opaque type provides access to the data that describes the appearance of a PDF page. A `CGPDFContentStream` object represents one or more PDF content streams for a page and their associated resource dictionaries. A PDF content stream is a sequential set of instructions that specifies how to paint items on a PDF page. A resource dictionary contains information needed by the content stream in order to decode the sequential instructions of the content stream.

`CGPDFContentStream` functions can retrieve both the content streams and the resource dictionaries associated with a PDF page.

This opaque type is not derived from `CType` and therefore there are no functions for retaining and releasing it.

## Functions by Task

### Creating a PDF Content Stream Object

[CGPDFContentStreamCreateWithPage](#) (page 300)

Creates a content stream object from a PDF page object.

[CGPDFContentStreamCreateWithStream](#) (page 300)

Creates a PDF content stream object from an existing PDF content stream object.

### Getting Data from a PDF Content Stream Object

[CGPDFContentStreamGetStreams](#) (page 301)

Gets the array of PDF content streams contained in a PDF content stream object.

[CGPDFContentStreamGetResource](#) (page 301)

Gets the specified resource from a PDF content stream object.

## Retaining and Releasing a PDF Content Stream Object

[CGPDFContentStreamRetain](#) (page 302)

Increments the retain count of a PDF content stream object.

[CGPDFContentStreamRelease](#) (page 302)

Decrements the retain count of a PDF content stream object.

## Functions

### CGPDFContentStreamCreateWithPage

Creates a content stream object from a PDF page object.

```
CGPDFContentStreamRef CGPDFContentStreamCreateWithPage (
    CGPDFPageRef page
);
```

#### Parameters

*page*

A PDF page object.

#### Return Value

A new `CGPDFContentStream` object. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling the function `CGPDFContentStreamRelease`.

#### Discussion

A `CGPDFContentStream` object can contain more than one PDF content stream. To retrieve an array of the PDF content streams in the object, call the function [CGPDFContentStreamGetStreams](#) (page 301). To obtain the resources associated with a `CGPDFContentStream` object, call the function [CGPDFContentStreamGetResource](#) (page 301).

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

#### Declared In

`CGPDFContentStream.h`

### CGPDFContentStreamCreateWithStream

Creates a PDF content stream object from an existing PDF content stream object.

```
CGPDFContentStreamRef CGPDFContentStreamCreateWithStream (
    CGPDFStreamRef stream,
    CGPDFDictionaryRef streamResources,
    CGPDFContentStreamRef parent
);
```

#### Parameters

*stream*

The PDF stream you want to create a content stream from.

*streamResources*

A PDF dictionary that contains the resources associated with the stream you want to retrieve.

*parent*

The content stream of the page on which *stream* appears. Supply the *parent* parameter when you create a content stream that's used within a page.

**Return Value**

A CGPDFContentStream object created from the *stream* parameter. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling the function [CGPDFContentStreamRelease](#) (page 302).

**Discussion**

You can use this function to get access to the contents of a form, pattern, Type3 font, or any PDF stream.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFContentStream.h

**CGPDFContentStreamGetResource**

Gets the specified resource from a PDF content stream object.

```
CGPDFObjectRef CGPDFContentStreamGetResource (
    CGPDFContentStreamRef cs,
    const char *category,
    const char *name
);
```

**Parameters**

*cs*

A CGPDFContentStream object.

*category*

A string that specifies the category of the resource you want to obtain.

*name*

A string that specifies the name of the resource you want to obtain.

**Return Value**

The resource dictionary.

**Discussion**

You can use this function to obtain resources used by the content stream, such as forms, patterns, color spaces, and fonts.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFContentStream.h

**CGPDFContentStreamGetStreams**

Gets the array of PDF content streams contained in a PDF content stream object.

```
CFArrayRef CGPDFContentStreamGetStreams (
    CGPDFContentStreamRef cs
);
```

**Parameters**

*cs*  
A CGPDFContentStream object.

**Return Value**

The array of PDF content streams that make up the content stream object represented by the *cs* parameter.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFContentStream.h

**CGPDFContentStreamRelease**

Decrements the retain count of a PDF content stream object.

```
void CGPDFContentStreamRelease (
    CGPDFContentStreamRef cs
);
```

**Parameters**

*cs*  
A PDF content stream.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFContentStream.h

**CGPDFContentStreamRetain**

Increments the retain count of a PDF content stream object.

```
CGPDFContentStreamRef CGPDFContentStreamRetain (
    CGPDFContentStreamRef cs
);
```

**Parameters**

*cs*  
A PDF content stream.

**Return Value**

The same PDF content stream you passed in as the *cs* parameter.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFContentStream.h

## Data Types

### **CGPDFContentStreamRef**

An opaque type that provides access to the data that describes the appearance of a PDF page.

```
typedef struct CGPDFContentStream *CGPDFContentStreamRef;
```

#### **Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

#### **Declared In**

CGPDFContentStream.h



# CGPDFContext Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	<a href="#">CGContextRef</a> (page 135)
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGPDFContext.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The CGPDFContext header file defines functions that create and get information about a Quartz PDF context. A CGPDFContext object is a type of [CGContextRef](#) (page 135) that is used for drawing PDF content. The functions in this reference operate only on Quartz PDF graphics contexts created using the functions [CGPDFContextCreate](#) (page 307) or [CGPDFContextCreateWithURL](#) (page 308).

When you draw to the PDF context using CGContext functions the drawing operations are recorded in PDF format. The PDF commands that represent the drawing are written to the destination specified when you create the PDF graphics context.

## Functions by Task

### Creating a Context

[CGPDFContextCreate](#) (page 307)

Creates a PDF graphics context.

[CGPDFContextCreateWithURL](#) (page 308)

Creates a URL-based PDF graphics context.

### Beginning and Ending Pages

[CGPDFContextBeginPage](#) (page 306)

Begins a new page in a PDF graphics context.

[CGPDFContextEndPage](#) (page 309)

Ends the current page in the PDF graphics context.

## Working with Destinations

[CGPDFContextAddDestinationAtPoint](#) (page 306)

Sets a destination to jump to when a point in the current page of a PDF graphics context is clicked.

[CGPDFContextSetDestinationForRect](#) (page 310)

Sets a destination to jump to when a rectangle in the current PDF page is clicked.

[CGPDFContextSetURLForRect](#) (page 310)

Sets the URL associated with a rectangle in a PDF graphics context.

## Closing a PDF Context

[CGPDFContextClose](#) (page 307)

Closes a PDF document.

## Functions

### CGPDFContextAddDestinationAtPoint

Sets a destination to jump to when a point in the current page of a PDF graphics context is clicked.

```
void CGPDFContextAddDestinationAtPoint (
    CGContextRef context,
    CFStringRef name,
    CGPoint point
);
```

#### Parameters

*context*

A PDF graphics context.

*name*

A destination name.

*point*

A location in the current page of the PDF graphics context.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

#### Declared In

CGPDFContext.h

### CGPDFContextBeginPage

Begins a new page in a PDF graphics context.

```
void CGPDFContextBeginPage (
    CGContextRef context,
    CFDictionaryRef pageInfo
);
```

**Parameters***context*

A PDF graphics context.

*pageInfo*

A dictionary that contains key-value pairs that define the page properties.

**Discussion**You must call the function [CGPDFContextEndPage](#) (page 309) to signal the end of the page.**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFContext.h

**CGPDFContextClose**

Closes a PDF document.

```
void CGPDFContextClose(
    CGContextRef context
);
```

**Parameters***context*

A PDF graphics context.

**Discussion**

After closing the context, all pending data is written to the context destination, and the PDF file is completed. No additional data can be written to the destination context after the PDF document is closed.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

SampleRaster

**Declared In**

CGPDFContext.h

**CGPDFContextCreate**

Creates a PDF graphics context.

```
CGContextRef CGPDFContextCreate (
    CGDataConsumerRef consumer,
    const CGRect *mediaBox,
    CFDictionaryRef auxiliaryInfo
);
```

**Parameters***consumer*

The data consumer to receive the PDF output data.

*mediaBox*

A pointer to a rectangle that defines the size and location of the PDF page, or `NULL`. The origin of the rectangle should typically be `(0, 0)`. Quartz uses this rectangle as the default bounds of the page's media box. If you pass `NULL`, Quartz uses a default page size of 8.5 by 11 inches (612 by 792 points).

*auxiliaryInfo*

A dictionary that specifies any additional information to be used by the PDF context when generating the PDF file, or `NULL`. The dictionary is retained by the new context, so on return you may safely release it. See [“Auxiliary Dictionary Keys”](#) (page 311) for keys you can include in the dictionary.

**Return Value**

A new PDF context, or `NULL` if the context cannot be created. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGContextRelease](#) (page 98).

**Discussion**

This function creates a PDF drawing environment to your specifications. When you draw into the new context, Quartz renders your drawing as a sequence of PDF drawing commands that are passed to the data consumer object.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFContext.h

**CGPDFContextCreateWithURL**

Creates a URL-based PDF graphics context.

```
CGContextRef CGPDFContextCreateWithURL (
    CFURLRef url,
    const CGRect *mediaBox,
    CFDictionaryRef auxiliaryInfo
);
```

**Parameters***url*

A Core Foundation URL that specifies where you want to place the resulting PDF file.

*mediaBox*

A rectangle that specifies the bounds of the PDF. The origin of the rectangle should typically be `(0, 0)`. The `CGPDFContextCreateWithURL` function uses this rectangle as the default page media bounding box. If you pass `NULL`, `CGPDFContextCreateWithURL` uses a default page size of 8.5 by 11 inches (612 by 792 points).

*auxiliaryInfo*

A dictionary that specifies any additional information to be used by the PDF context when generating the PDF file, or `NULL`. The dictionary is retained by the new context, so on return you may safely release it.

**Return Value**

A new PDF context, or `NULL` if a context could not be created. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGContextRelease](#) (page 98).

**Discussion**

When you call this function, Quartz creates a PDF drawing environment—that is, a graphics context—to your specifications. When you draw into the resulting context, Quartz renders your drawing as a series of PDF drawing commands stored in the specified location.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

From A View to A Movie

From A View to A Picture

Quartz EB

Quartz2DBasics

SampleRaster

**Declared In**

`CGPDFContext.h`

**CGPDFContextEndPage**

Ends the current page in the PDF graphics context.

```
void CGPDFContextEndPage (
    CGContextRef context
);
```

**Parameters**

*context*

A PDF graphics context.

**Discussion**

You can call `CGPDFContextEndPage` only after you call the function [CGPDFContextBeginPage](#) (page 306).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

SampleRaster

**Declared In**

`CGPDFContext.h`

### CGPDFContextSetDestinationForRect

Sets a destination to jump to when a rectangle in the current PDF page is clicked.

```
void CGPDFContextSetDestinationForRect (
    CGContextRef context,
    CFStringRef name,
    CGRect rect
);
```

#### Parameters

*context*

A PDF graphics context.

*name*

A destination name.

*rect*

A rectangle that specifies an area of the current page of a PDF graphics context. The rectangle is specified in default user space (not device space).

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

#### Declared In

CGPDFContext.h

### CGPDFContextSetURLForRect

Sets the URL associated with a rectangle in a PDF graphics context.

```
void CGPDFContextSetURLForRect (
    CGContextRef context,
    CFURLRef url,
    CGRect rect
);
```

#### Parameters

*context*

A PDF graphics context.

*url*

A CFURL object that specifies the destination of the contents associated with the rectangle.

*rect*

A rectangle specified in default user space (not device space).

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

#### Declared In

CGPDFContext.h

## Constants

### Auxiliary Dictionary Keys

Keys that used to set up a PDF context.

```
CFStringRef kCGPDFContextAuthor;
CFStringRef kCGPDFContextCreator;
CFStringRef kCGPDFContextTitle;
CFStringRef kCGPDFContextOwnerPassword;
CFStringRef kCGPDFContextUserPassword;
CFStringRef kCGPDFContextAllowsPrinting;
CFStringRef kCGPDFContextAllowsCopying;
CFStringRef kCGPDFContextOutputIntent;
CFStringRef kCGPDFContextOutputIntents;
CFStringRef kCGPDFContextSubject;
CFStringRef kCGPDFContextKeywords;
CFStringRef kCGPDFContextEncryptionKeyLength;
```

#### Constants

`kCGPDFContextAuthor`

The corresponding value is a string that represents the name of the person who created the document. This key is optional.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

`kCGPDFContextCreator`

The corresponding value is a string that represents the name of the application used to produce the document. This key is optional.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

`kCGPDFContextTitle`

The corresponding value is a string that represents the title of the document. This key is optional.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

`kCGPDFContextOwnerPassword`

The owner password of the PDF document. If this key is specified, the document is encrypted using the value as the owner password; otherwise, the document will not be encrypted. The value of this key must be a CFString object that can be represented in ASCII encoding. Only the first 32 bytes are used for the password. There is no default value for this key. If the value of this key cannot be represented in ASCII, the document is not created and the creation function returns `NULL`.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

`kCGPDFContextUserPassword`

The user password of the PDF document. If the document is encrypted, then the value of this key will be the user password for the document. If not specified, the user password is the empty string. The value of this key must be a `CFString` object that can be represented in ASCII encoding; only the first 32 bytes will be used for the password. If the value of this key cannot be represented in ASCII, the document is not created and the creation function returns `NULL`.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

`kCGPDFContextAllowsPrinting`

Whether the document allows printing when unlocked with the user password. The value of this key must be a `CFBoolean` value. The default value of this key is `kCFBooleanTrue`.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

`kCGPDFContextAllowsCopying`

Whether the document allows copying when unlocked with the user password. The value of this key must be a `CFBoolean` object. The default value of this key is `kCFBooleanTrue`.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

`kCGPDFContextOutputIntent`

The output intent PDF/X. This key is optional. If present, the value of this key must be a `CFDictionary` object. The dictionary is added to the `/OutputIntents` entry in the PDF file document catalog. The keys and values contained in the dictionary must match those specified in section 9.10.4 of the PDF 1.4 specification, ISO/DIS 15930-3 document published by ISO/TC 130, and Adobe Technical Note #5413.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

`kCGPDFContextOutputIntents`

Output intent dictionaries. This key is optional. If present, the value must be an array of one or more `kCGPDFContextOutputIntent` dictionaries. The array is added to the PDF document in the `/OutputIntents` entry in the PDF file's document catalog. Each dictionary in the array must be of form specified for the `kCGPDFContextOutputIntent` key, except that only the first dictionary in the array is required to contain the "S" key with a value of `GTS_PDFX`. If both the `kCGPDFContextOutputIntent` and `kCGPDFContextOutputIntents` keys are specified, the former is ignored.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

`kCGPDFContextSubject`

The subject of a document. Optional; if present, the value of this key must be a `CFString` object.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

`kCGPDFContextKeywords`

The keywords for this document. This key is optional. If the value of this key is a `CFString` object, the `/Keywords` entry will be the specified string. If the value of this key is a `CFArray` object, then it must be an array of `CFString` objects. The `/Keywords` entry will, in this case, be the concatenation of the specified strings separated by commas (", "). In addition, an entry with the key `"/AAPL:Keywords"` is stored in the document information dictionary; its value is an array consisting of each of the specified strings. The value of this key must be in one of the above forms; otherwise, this key is ignored.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

`kCGPDFContextEncryptionKeyLength`

The encryption key length in bits; see Table 3.18 "Entries common to all encryption dictionaries", PDF Reference: Adobe PDF version 1.5 (4th ed.) for more information. Optional; if present, the value of this key must be a `CFNumber` object with value which is a multiple of 8 between 40 and 128, inclusive. If this key is absent or invalid, the encryption key length defaults to 40 bits.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Discussion**

For more information about using these keys in a PDF context, see [CGPDFContextCreate](#) (page 307) and [CGPDFContextCreateWithURL](#) (page 308).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGPDFContext.h`

## Box Dictionary Keys

Keys that specify various PDF boxes.

`CFStringRef kCGPDFContextMediaBox`

`CFStringRef kCGPDFContextCropBox`

`CFStringRef kCGPDFContextBleedBox`

`CFStringRef kCGPDFContextTrimBox`

`CFStringRef kCGPDFContextArtBox`

**Constants**`kCGPDFContextMediaBox`

The media box for the document or for a given page. This key is optional. If present, the value of this key must be a `CFData` object that contains a `CGRect` (stored by value, not by reference).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

`kCGPDFContextCropBox`

The crop box for the document or for a given page. This key is optional. If present, the value of this key must be a `CFData` object that contains a `CGRect` (stored by value, not by reference).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

`kCGPDFContextBleedBox`

The bleed box for the document or for a given page. This key is optional. If present, the value of this key must be a `CFData` object that contains a `CGRect` (stored by value, not by reference).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

`kCGPDFContextTrimBox`

The trim box for the document or for a given page. This key is optional. If present, the value of this key must be a `CFData` object that contains a `CGRect` (stored by value, not by reference).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

`kCGPDFContextArtBox`

The art box for the document or for a given page. This key is optional. If present, the value of this key must be a `CFData` object that contains a `CGRect` (stored by value, not by reference).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

**Discussion**

For more information about using these keys in a PDF context, see [CGPDFContextCreate](#) (page 307) and [CGPDFContextCreateWithURL](#) (page 308).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGPDFContext.h`

## Output Intent Dictionary Keys

Keys to specify output intent options.

```
CFStringRef kCGPDFXOutputIntentSubtype;
CFStringRef kCGPDFXOutputConditionIdentifier;
CFStringRef kCGPDFXOutputCondition;
CFStringRef kCGPDFXRegistryName;
CFStringRef kCGPDFXInfo;
CFStringRef kCGPDFXDestinationOutputProfile;
```

**Constants**`kCGPDFXOutputIntentSubtype`

The output intent subtype. This key is required. The value of this key must be a `CFString` object equal to "GTS\_PDFX"; otherwise, the dictionary is ignored.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

`kCGPDFXOutputConditionIdentifier`

A string identifying the intended output device or production condition in a human- or machine-readable form. This key is required. The value of this key must be a `CFString` object. For best results, the string should be restricted to characters in the ASCII character set.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

**kCGPDFXOutputCondition**

A text string identifying the intended output device or production condition in a human-readable form. This key is optional. If present, the value of this key must be a CFString object.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

**kCGPDFXRegistryName**

A string identifying the registry in which the condition designated by `kCGPDFXOutputConditionIdentifier` is defined. This key is optional. If present, the value of this key must be a CFString object. For best results, the string should be lossless in ASCII encoding.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

**kCGPDFXInfo**

A human-readable text string containing additional information or comments about the intended target device or production condition. This key is required if the value of `kCGPDFXOutputConditionIdentifier` does not specify a standard production condition. It is optional otherwise. If present, the value of this key must be a CFString object.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

**kCGPDFXDestinationOutputProfile**

An ICC profile stream defining the transformation from the PDF document's source colors to output device colorants. This key is required if the value of `kCGPDFXOutputConditionIdentifier` does not specify a standard production condition. It is optional otherwise. If present, the value of this key must be an ICC-based color space specified as a `CGColorSpace` object.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFContext.h`.

**Discussion**

For more information about using these keys in a PDF context, see [CGPDFContextCreate](#) (page 307) and [CGPDFContextCreateWithURL](#) (page 308).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGPDFContext.h`



# CGPDFDictionary Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	None
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGPDFDictionary.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The `CGPDFDictionaryRef` opaque type encapsulates a PDF dictionary whose key-value pairs can specify any kind of PDF object, including another dictionary. Dictionary objects are the main building blocks of a PDF document. A key-value pair within a dictionary is called an entry. In a PDF dictionary, the key must be an array of characters. Within a given dictionary, the keys are unique—that is, no two keys in a single dictionary are equal (as determined by `strcmp`). The value associated with a key can be any kind of PDF object, including another dictionary. Dictionary objects are the main building blocks of a PDF document.

Many functions that retrieve values from a PDF dictionary take the form:

```
bool CGPDFDictionaryGet<DataType> (
    CGPDFDictionaryRef dictionary,
    const char *key,
    <DataType>Ref *value
);
```

These functions test whether there is an object associated with the specified key. If there is an object associated with the specified key, they test its data type. If there is no associated object, or if there is but it is not of the expected type, the function returns `false`. If there is an object associated with the specified key and it is of the expected type, the function returns `true` and the object is passed back in the `value` parameter.

This opaque type is not derived from `CType` and therefore there are no functions for retaining and releasing it. `CGPDFDictionary` objects exist only as constituent parts of a `CGPDFDocument` object, and they are managed by their container.

## Functions by Task

### Applying a Function to All Entries

[CGPDFDictionaryApplyFunction](#) (page 318)

Applies a function to each entry in a dictionary.

## Getting Data from a Dictionary

[CGPDFDictionaryGetArray](#) (page 319)

Returns whether there is a PDF array associated with a specified key in a PDF dictionary and, if so, retrieves that array.

[CGPDFDictionaryGetBoolean](#) (page 320)

Returns whether there is a PDF Boolean value associated with a specified key in a PDF dictionary and, if so, retrieves the Boolean value.

[CGPDFDictionaryGetCount](#) (page 320)

Returns the number of entries in a PDF dictionary.

[CGPDFDictionaryGetDictionary](#) (page 320)

Returns whether there is another PDF dictionary associated with a specified key in a PDF dictionary and, if so, retrieves that dictionary.

[CGPDFDictionaryGetInteger](#) (page 321)

Returns whether there is a PDF integer associated with a specified key in a PDF dictionary and, if so, retrieves that integer.

[CGPDFDictionaryGetName](#) (page 322)

Returns whether an object with a specified key in a PDF dictionary is a PDF name reference (represented as a constant C string) and, if so, retrieves that name.

[CGPDFDictionaryGetNumber](#) (page 322)

Returns whether there is a PDF number associated with a specified key in a PDF dictionary and, if so, retrieves that number.

[CGPDFDictionaryGetObject](#) (page 323)

Returns whether there is a PDF object associated with a specified key in a PDF dictionary and, if so, retrieves that object.

[CGPDFDictionaryGetStream](#) (page 323)

Returns whether there is a PDF stream associated with a specified key in a PDF dictionary and, if so, retrieves that stream.

[CGPDFDictionaryGetString](#) (page 324)

Returns whether there is a PDF string associated with a specified key in a PDF dictionary and, if so, retrieves that string.

## Functions

### **CGPDFDictionaryApplyFunction**

Applies a function to each entry in a dictionary.

```
void CGPDFDictionaryApplyFunction (
    CGPDFDictionaryRef dict,
    CGPDFDictionaryApplierFunction function,
    void *info
);
```

**Parameters***dictionary*

A PDF dictionary. If this parameter is not a valid PDF dictionary, the behavior is undefined.

*function*

The function to apply to each entry in the dictionary.

*info*

A pointer to contextual information to pass to the function.

**Discussion**

This function enumerates all of the entries in the dictionary, calling the function once for each. The current key, its associated value, and the contextual information are passed to the function (see also [CGPDFDictionaryApplierFunction](#) (page 324)).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDictionary.h

**CGPDFDictionaryGetArray**

Returns whether there is a PDF array associated with a specified key in a PDF dictionary and, if so, retrieves that array.

```
bool CGPDFDictionaryGetArray (
    CGPDFDictionaryRef dict,
    const char *key,
    CGPDFArrayRef *value
);
```

**Parameters***dictionary*

A PDF dictionary. If this parameter is not a valid PDF dictionary, the behavior is undefined.

*key*

The key for the value to retrieve.

*value*

On input, an uninitialized pointer to a PDF array. If the value associated with the specified key is a PDF array, then on return contains that array; otherwise the value is unspecified.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if there is a PDF array associated with the specified key; otherwise, `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDictionary.h

**CGPDFDictionaryGetBoolean**

Returns whether there is a PDF Boolean value associated with a specified key in a PDF dictionary and, if so, retrieves the Boolean value.

```
bool CGPDFDictionaryGetBoolean (
    CGPDFDictionaryRef dict,
    const char *key,
    CGPDFBoolean *value
);
```

**Parameters**

*dictionary*

A PDF dictionary. If this parameter is not a valid PDF dictionary, the behavior is undefined.

*key*

The key for the value to retrieve.

*value*

On input, a pointer to a PDF Boolean value. If the value associated with the specified key is a PDF Boolean value, then on return contains that value; otherwise the value is unspecified.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if there is a PDF Boolean value associated with the specified key; otherwise, `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDictionary.h

**CGPDFDictionaryGetCount**

Returns the number of entries in a PDF dictionary.

```
size_t CGPDFDictionaryGetCount (
    CGPDFDictionaryRef dict
);
```

**Parameters**

*dictionary*

A PDF dictionary. If this parameter is not a valid PDF dictionary, the behavior is undefined.

**Return Value**

Returns the number of entries in the dictionary.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDictionary.h

**CGPDFDictionaryGetDictionary**

Returns whether there is another PDF dictionary associated with a specified key in a PDF dictionary and, if so, retrieves that dictionary.

```
bool CGPDFDictionaryGetDictionary (
    CGPDFDictionaryRef dict,
    const char *key,
    CGPDFDictionaryRef *value
);
```

**Parameters***dictionary*

A PDF dictionary. If this parameter is not a valid PDF dictionary, the behavior is undefined.

*key*

The key for the value to retrieve.

*value*

On input, a pointer to a PDF dictionary. If the value associated with the specified key is a PDF dictionary, then on return contains that dictionary; otherwise the value is unspecified.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if there is a PDF dictionary associated with the specified key; otherwise, `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDictionary.h

**CGPDFDictionaryGetInteger**

Returns whether there is a PDF integer associated with a specified key in a PDF dictionary and, if so, retrieves that integer.

```
bool CGPDFDictionaryGetInteger (
    CGPDFDictionaryRef dict,
    const char *key,
    CGPDFInteger *value
);
```

**Parameters***dictionary*

A PDF dictionary. If this parameter is not a valid PDF dictionary, the behavior is undefined.

*key*

The key for the value to retrieve.

*value*

On input, a pointer to a PDF integer. If the value associated with the specified key is a PDF integer, then on return contains that value; otherwise the value is unspecified.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if there is a PDF integer associated with the specified key; otherwise, `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDictionary.h

**CGPDFDictionaryGetName**

Returns whether an object with a specified key in a PDF dictionary is a PDF name reference (represented as a constant C string) and, if so, retrieves that name.

```
bool CGPDFDictionaryGetName (
    CGPDFDictionaryRef dict,
    const char *key,
    const char **value
);
```

**Parameters**

*dictionary*

A PDF dictionary. If this parameter is not a valid PDF dictionary, the behavior is undefined.

*key*

The key for the value to retrieve.

*value*

On input, a pointer to a PDF name reference, represented as a constant C string. If the value associated with the specified key is a reference to a PDF name, then on return, the variable points to the name; otherwise, the value is undefined.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if there is a character array associated with the specified key; otherwise, `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDictionary.h

**CGPDFDictionaryGetNumber**

Returns whether there is a PDF number associated with a specified key in a PDF dictionary and, if so, retrieves that number.

```
bool CGPDFDictionaryGetNumber (
    CGPDFDictionaryRef dict,
    const char *key,
    CGPDFReal *value
);
```

**Parameters**

*dictionary*

A PDF dictionary. If this parameter is not a valid PDF dictionary, the behavior is undefined.

*key*

The key for the value to retrieve.

*value*

On input, a pointer to a PDF number. If the value associated with the specified key is a PDF number (real or integer), then on return contains that value; otherwise the value is unspecified.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if there is a PDF number associated with the specified key; otherwise, `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDictionary.h

**CGPDFDictionaryGetObject**

Returns whether there is a PDF object associated with a specified key in a PDF dictionary and, if so, retrieves that object.

```
bool CGPDFDictionaryGetObject (
    CGPDFDictionaryRef dict,
    const char *key,
    CGPDFObjectRef *value
);
```

**Parameters**

*dictionary*

A PDF dictionary. If this parameter is not a valid PDF dictionary, the behavior is undefined.

*key*

The key for the value to retrieve.

*value*

On input, a pointer to a PDF object. If the value associated with the specified key is a PDF object, then on return contains that object; otherwise the value is unspecified.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if there is a PDF object associated with the specified key; otherwise, `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDictionary.h

**CGPDFDictionaryGetStream**

Returns whether there is a PDF stream associated with a specified key in a PDF dictionary and, if so, retrieves that stream.

```
bool CGPDFDictionaryGetStream (
    CGPDFDictionaryRef dict,
    const char *key,
    CGPDFStreamRef *value
);
```

**Parameters**

*dictionary*

A PDF dictionary. If this parameter is not a valid PDF dictionary, the behavior is undefined.

*key*

The key for the value to be retrieved.

*value*

On input, a pointer to a PDF stream. If the value associated with the specified key is a PDF stream, then on return contains that stream; otherwise, the value is unspecified.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if there is a PDF stream associated with the specified key; otherwise, `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDictionary.h

## CGPDFDictionaryGetString

Returns whether there is a PDF string associated with a specified key in a PDF dictionary and, if so, retrieves that string.

```
bool CGPDFDictionaryGetString (
    CGPDFDictionaryRef dict,
    const char *key,
    CGPDFStringRef *value
);
```

**Parameters**

*dictionary*

A PDF dictionary. If this parameter is not a valid PDF dictionary, the behavior is undefined.

*key*

The key for the value to retrieve.

*value*

On input, a pointer to a PDF string. If the value associated with the specified key is a PDF string, then on return contains that string; otherwise the value is unspecified.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if there is a PDF string associated with the specified key; otherwise, `false`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDictionary.h

## Callbacks

### CGPDFDictionaryApplierFunction

Performs custom processing on a key-value pair from a PDF dictionary, using optional contextual information.

```
typedef void (*CGPDFDictionaryApplierFunction) (
    const char *key,
    CGPDFObjectRef value,
    void *info,
);
```

If you name your function `MyFunction`, you would declare it like this:

```
void MyFunction (
    const char *key,
    CGPDFObjectRef object,
    void *info
);
```

### Parameters

*key*

The current key in the dictionary.

*object*

The value in the dictionary associated with the key.

*info*

The contextual information that you provided in the `info` parameter in [CGPDFDictionaryApplyFunction](#) (page 318).

### Discussion

`CGPDFDictionaryApplierFunction` defines the callback for `CGPDFDictionaryApplyFunction`, that enumerates all of the entries in the dictionary, calling your custom applier function once for each entry. The current key, its associated value, and the contextual information are passed to your applier function using the `key`, `value`, and `info` parameters respectively.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### Declared In

`CGPDFDictionary.h`

## Data Types

### CGPDFDictionaryRef

An opaque type that encapsulates a PDF dictionary.

```
typedef struct CGPDFDictionary *CGPDFDictionaryRef;
```

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### Declared In

`CGPDFDictionary.h`



# CGPDFDocument Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	CType
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGPDFDocument.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The `CGPDFDocumentRef` opaque type encapsulates a document that contains PDF (Portable Document Format) drawing information. PDF provides an efficient format for cross-platform exchange of documents with rich content. PDF files can contain multiple pages of images and text. A PDF document object contains all the information relating to a PDF document, including its catalog and contents.

Note that PDF documents may be encrypted, and that some operations may be restricted until a valid password is supplied—see the functions listed in “[Managing Encryption](#)” (page 328). Quartz also supports decrypting encrypted documents.

Quartz can both display and generate files that are compliant with the PDF standard. When imaging PDF files, `CGPDFDocumentRef` is the basic type used to represent a PDF document.

## Functions by Task

### Creating PDF Document Objects

[CGPDFDocumentCreateWithProvider](#) (page 330)

Creates a Quartz PDF document using a data provider.

[CGPDFDocumentCreateWithURL](#) (page 330)

Creates a Quartz PDF document using data specified by a URL.

### Retaining and Releasing PDF Documents

[CGPDFDocumentRelease](#) (page 339)

Decrements the retain count of a PDF document.

[CGPDFDocumentRetain](#) (page 339)

Increments the retain count of a Quartz PDF document.

## Getting the CType ID for a PDF Document Object

[CGPDFDocumentGetTypeID](#) (page 337)

Returns the type identifier for Quartz PDF documents.

## Getting Information About Quartz PDF Documents

[CGPDFDocumentGetCatalog](#) (page 332)

Returns the document catalog of a Quartz PDF document.

[CGPDFDocumentGetNumberOfPages](#) (page 335)

Returns the number of pages in a PDF document.

[CGPDFDocumentGetPage](#) (page 335)

Returns a page from a Quartz PDF document.

[CGPDFDocumentGetVersion](#) (page 337)

Returns the major and minor version numbers of a Quartz PDF document.

[CGPDFDocumentGetInfo](#) (page 334)

Gets the information dictionary for a PDF document.

[CGPDFDocumentGetID](#) (page 333)

Gets the file identifier for a PDF document.

## Managing Encryption

[CGPDFDocumentAllowsCopying](#) (page 329)

Returns whether the specified PDF document allows copying.

[CGPDFDocumentAllowsPrinting](#) (page 329)

Returns whether a PDF document allows printing.

[CGPDFDocumentIsEncrypted](#) (page 338)

Returns whether the specified PDF file is encrypted.

[CGPDFDocumentIsUnlocked](#) (page 338)

Returns whether the specified PDF document is currently unlocked.

[CGPDFDocumentUnlockWithPassword](#) (page 340)

Unlocks an encrypted PDF document, if a valid password is supplied.

## Getting Page Information

[CGPDFDocumentGetArtBox](#) (page 331) **Deprecated in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later**

Returns the art box of a page in a PDF document.

[CGPDFDocumentGetBleedBox](#) (page 331) **Deprecated in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later**

Returns the bleed box of a page in a PDF document.

[CGPDFDocumentGetCropBox](#) (page 333) **Deprecated in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later**

Returns the crop box of a page in a PDF document.

[CGPDFDocumentGetMediaBox](#) (page 334) **Deprecated in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later**

Returns the media box of a page in a PDF document.

`CGPDFDocumentGetRotationAngle` (page 336) **Deprecated in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later**  
Returns the rotation angle of a page in a PDF document.

`CGPDFDocumentGetTrimBox` (page 336) **Deprecated in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later**  
Returns the trim box of a page in a PDF document.

## Functions

### **CGPDFDocumentAllowsCopying**

Returns whether the specified PDF document allows copying.

```
bool CGPDFDocumentAllowsCopying (
    CGPDFDocumentRef document
);
```

#### **Parameters**

*document*  
A PDF document.

#### **Return Value**

A Boolean that, if `true`, indicates that the document allows copying. If the value is `false`, the document does not allow copying.

#### **Discussion**

This function returns `true` if the specified PDF document allows copying. It returns `false` if the document is encrypted and the current password doesn't grant permission to perform copying.

#### **Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

#### **Declared In**

`CGPDFDocument.h`

### **CGPDFDocumentAllowsPrinting**

Returns whether a PDF document allows printing.

```
bool CGPDFDocumentAllowsPrinting (
    CGPDFDocumentRef document
);
```

#### **Parameters**

*document*  
A PDF document.

#### **Return Value**

A Boolean that, if `true`, indicates that the document allows printing. If the value is `false`, the document does not allow printing.

#### **Discussion**

This function returns `true` if the specified PDF document allows printing. It returns `false` if the document is encrypted and the current password doesn't grant permission to perform printing.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDocument.h

**CGPDFDocumentCreateWithProvider**

Creates a Quartz PDF document using a data provider.

```
CGPDFDocumentRef CGPDFDocumentCreateWithProvider (
    CGDataProviderRef provider
);
```

**Parameters**

*provider*

A data provider that supplies the PDF document data.

**Return Value**

A new Quartz PDF document, or NULL if a document can not be created. You are responsible for releasing the object using [CGPDFDocumentRelease](#) (page 339).

**Discussion**

Distributing individual pages of a PDF document to separate threads is not supported. If you want to use threads, consider creating a separate document for each thread and operating on a block of pages per thread.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextDrawPDFDocument](#) (page 83)

**Declared In**

CGPDFDocument.h

**CGPDFDocumentCreateWithURL**

Creates a Quartz PDF document using data specified by a URL.

```
CGPDFDocumentRef CGPDFDocumentCreateWithURL (
    CFURLRef url
);
```

**Parameters**

*url*

The URL address at which the PDF document data is located.

**Return Value**

A new Quartz PDF document, or NULL if a document could not be created. You are responsible for releasing the object using [CGPDFDocumentRelease](#) (page 339).

**Discussion**

Distributing individual pages of a PDF document to separate threads is not supported. If you want to use threads, consider creating a separate document for each thread and operating on a block of pages per thread.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**See Also**

[CGContextDrawPDFDocument](#) (page 83)

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz EB

**Declared In**

CGPDFDocument.h

**CGPDFDocumentGetArtBox**

Returns the art box of a page in a PDF document. (Deprecated in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.)

```
CGRect CGPDFDocumentGetArtBox (
    CGPDFDocumentRef document,
    int page
);
```

**Parameters**

*document*

The PDF document to examine.

*page*

An integer that specifies the number of the page to examine.

**Return Value**

A rectangle that represents the art box for the specified page, expressed in default PDF user space units (points).

**Discussion**

The replacement function for this one is `CGPDFPageGetBoxRect`, which gets the rectangle associated with a type of box (art, media, crop, bleed trim) that represents a content region or page dimensions of a PDF page. For more information see *CGPDFPage Reference*.

The art box defines the extent of the page's meaningful content (including potential white space) as intended by the document creator. The default value is the page's crop box.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

Deprecated in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDocument.h

**CGPDFDocumentGetBleedBox**

Returns the bleed box of a page in a PDF document. (Deprecated in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.)

```
CGRect CGPDFDocumentGetBleedBox (
    CGPDFDocumentRef document,
    int page
);
```

**Parameters***document*

The PDF document to examine.

*page*

An integer that specifies the number of the page to examine.

**Return Value**

A rectangle that represents the bleed box for the specified page, expressed in default PDF user space units (points).

**Discussion**

The replacement function for this one is `CGPDFPageGetBoxRect`, which gets the rectangle associated with a type of box (art, media, crop, bleed trim) that represents a content region or page dimensions of a PDF page. For more information see *CGPDFPage Reference*.

The bleed box defines the bounds to which the contents of the page should be clipped when output in a production environment. The default value is the page's crop box.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

Deprecated in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**`CGPDFDocument.h`**CGPDFDocumentGetCatalog**

Returns the document catalog of a Quartz PDF document.

```
CGPDFDictionaryRef CGPDFDocumentGetCatalog (
    CGPDFDocumentRef document
);
```

**Parameters***document*

A PDF document.

**Return Value**

The document catalog of the specified document.

**Discussion**

The entries in a PDF document catalog recursively describe the contents of the PDF document. You can access the contents of a PDF document catalog by calling the function `CGPDFDocumentGetCatalog`. For information on accessing PDF metadata, see *Quartz 2D Programming Guide*.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**`CGPDFDocument.h`

**CGPDFDocumentGetCropBox**

Returns the crop box of a page in a PDF document. (Deprecated in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.)

```
CGRect CGPDFDocumentGetCropBox (
    CGPDFDocumentRef document,
    int page
);
```

**Parameters**

*document*

The PDF document to examine.

*page*

An integer that specifies the number of the page to examine.

**Return Value**

A rectangle that represents the crop box for the specified page, expressed in default PDF user space units (points).

**Discussion**

The replacement function for this one is `CGPDFPageGetBoxRect`, which gets the rectangle associated with a type of box (art, media, crop, bleed trim) that represents a content region or page dimensions of a PDF page. For more information see *CGPDFPage Reference*.

The crop box defines the region to which the contents of the page are to be clipped (or cropped) when displayed or printed. Unlike the other boxes, the crop box has no defined meaning in terms of physical page geometry or intended use—it merely suggests where the page should be clipped.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

Deprecated in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGPDFDocument.h`

**CGPDFDocumentGetID**

Gets the file identifier for a PDF document.

```
CGPDFArrayRef CGPDFDocumentGetID (
    CGPDFDocumentRef document
);
```

**Parameters**

*document*

The document whose file identifier you want to obtain.

**Return Value**

Returns the file identifier for the document.

**Discussion**

A PDF file identifier is defined in the PDF specification as an array of two strings, the first of which is a permanent identifier that doesn't change even when the file is updated. The second string changes each time the file is updated. For more information, see *PDF Reference: Version 1.3 (Second Edition)*, Adobe Systems Incorporated.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDocument.h

**CGPDFDocumentGetInfo**

Gets the information dictionary for a PDF document.

```
CGPDFDictionaryRef CGPDFDocumentGetInfo (
    CGPDFDictionaryRef document
);
```

**Parameters**

*document*

The document whose dictionary you want to obtain.

**Return Value**

The information dictionary for the document.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDocument.h

**CGPDFDocumentGetMediaBox**

Returns the media box of a page in a PDF document. (Deprecated in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.)

```
CGRect CGPDFDocumentGetMediaBox (
    CGPDFDocumentRef document,
    int page
);
```

**Parameters**

*document*

The PDF document to examine.

*page*

An integer that specifies the number of the page to examine.

**Return Value**

A rectangle that represents the media box for the specified page, expressed in default PDF user space units (points).

**Discussion**

The replacement function for this one is `CGPDFPageGetBoxRect`, which gets the rectangle associated with a type of box (art, media, crop, bleed trim) that represents a content region or page dimensions of a PDF page. For more information see *CGPDFPage Reference*.

The media box defines the location and size of the physical medium on which the page is intended to be displayed or printed. For example, if the page size is 8.5 by 11 inches, this function returns the coordinate pairs (0,0) and (612,792).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

Deprecated in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz EB

**Declared In**

CGPDFDocument.h

**CGPDFDocumentGetNumberOfPages**

Returns the number of pages in a PDF document.

```
size_t CGPDFDocumentGetNumberOfPages (
    CGPDFDocumentRef document
);
```

**Parameters**

*document*

The PDF document to examine.

**Return Value**

The total number of pages in the PDF document.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz EB

**Declared In**

CGPDFDocument.h

**CGPDFDocumentGetPage**

Returns a page from a Quartz PDF document.

```
CGPDFPageRef CGPDFDocumentGetPage (
    CGPDFDocumentRef document,
    size_t pageNumber
);
```

**Parameters**

*document*

A PDF document.

*pageNumber*

The number of the page requested.

**Return Value**

Return the PDF page corresponding to the specified page number, or NULL if no such page exists in the document. Pages are numbered starting at 1.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDocument.h

**CGPDFDocumentGetRotationAngle**

Returns the rotation angle of a page in a PDF document. (Deprecated in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.)

```
int CGPDFDocumentGetRotationAngle (
    CGPDFDocumentRef document,
    int page
);
```

**Parameters**

*document*

The PDF document to examine.

*page*

An integer that specifies the number of the page to examine.

**Return Value**

The rotation angle of the page, expressed in degrees. If the specified page does not exist, returns 0.

**Discussion**

The replacement function for this one is `CGPDFPageGetRotationAngle`. For more information see *CGPDFPage Reference*.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

Deprecated in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDocument.h

**CGPDFDocumentGetTrimBox**

Returns the trim box of a page in a PDF document. (Deprecated in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.)

```
CGRect CGPDFDocumentGetTrimBox (
    CGPDFDocumentRef document,
    int page
);
```

**Parameters**

*document*

The PDF document to examine.

*page*

A value specifying the number of the page to examine.

**Return Value**

Returns a rectangle that represents the trim box for the specified page, expressed in default PDF user space units (points).

**Discussion**

The replacement function for this one is `CGPDFPageGetBoxRect`, which gets the rectangle associated with a type of box (art, media, crop, bleed trim) that represents a content region or page dimensions of a PDF page. For more information see *CGPDFPage Reference*.

The trim box defines the intended dimensions of the finished page after trimming. It may be smaller than the media box, to allow for production-related content such as printing instructions, cut marks, or color bars. The default value is the page's crop box.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

Deprecated in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGPDFDocument.h`

**CGPDFDocumentGetTypeID**

Returns the type identifier for Quartz PDF documents.

```
CTypeID CGPDFDocumentGetTypeID (
    void
);
```

**Return Value**

The identifier for the opaque type `CGPDFDocumentRef` (page 340).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGPDFDocument.h`

**CGPDFDocumentGetVersion**

Returns the major and minor version numbers of a Quartz PDF document.

```
void CGPDFDocumentGetVersion (
    CGPDFDocumentRef document,
    int *majorVersion,
    int *minorVersion
);
```

**Parameters**

*document*

A PDF document.

*majorVersion*

On return, contains the major version number of the document.

*minorVersion*

On return, contains the minor version number of the document.

**Return Value**

On return, the values of the `majorVersion` and `minorVersion` parameters are set to the major and minor version numbers of the document respectively.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGPDFDocument.h`

**CGPDFDocumentIsEncrypted**

Returns whether the specified PDF file is encrypted.

```
bool CGPDFDocumentIsEncrypted (
    CGPDFDocumentRef document
);
```

**Parameters**

*document*

A PDF document.

**Return Value**

A Boolean that, if `true`, indicates that the document is encrypted. If the value is `false`, the document is not encrypted.

**Discussion**

If the document is encrypted, a password must be supplied before certain operations are enabled. For more information, see [CGPDFDocumentUnlockWithPassword](#) (page 340).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGPDFDocument.h`

**CGPDFDocumentIsUnlocked**

Returns whether the specified PDF document is currently unlocked.

```
bool CGPDFDocumentIsUnlocked (
    CGPDFDocumentRef document
);
```

**Parameters**

*document*

A PDF document.

**Return Value**

A Boolean that, if `true`, indicates that the document is not locked. If the value is `false`, the document is locked.

**Discussion**

There are two possible reasons why a PDF document is unlocked:

- The document is not encrypted.
- The document is encrypted, and a valid password was previously specified using [CGPDFDocumentUnlockWithPassword](#) (page 340).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGPDFDocument.h`

**CGPDFDocumentRelease**

Decrements the retain count of a PDF document.

```
void CGPDFDocumentRelease (  
    CGPDFDocumentRef document  
);
```

**Parameters**

*document*

The PDF document to release.

**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to `CFRelease`, except that it does not cause an error if the `document` parameter is `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz EB

**Declared In**

`CGPDFDocument.h`

**CGPDFDocumentRetain**

Increments the retain count of a Quartz PDF document.

```
CGPDFDocumentRef CGPDFDocumentRetain (  
    CGPDFDocumentRef document  
);
```

**Parameters**

*document*

The PDF document to retain.

**Return Value**

The same document you passed in as the *document* parameter.

**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to `CFRetain`, except that it does not cause an error if the `document` parameter is `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDocument.h

**CGPDFDocumentUnlockWithPassword**

Unlocks an encrypted PDF document, if a valid password is supplied.

```
bool CGPDFDocumentUnlockWithPassword (
    CGPDFDocumentRef document,
    const char *password
);
```

**Parameters**

*document*

A PDF document.

*password*

A pointer to a string that contains the password.

**Return Value**

A Boolean that, if `true`, indicates that the document has been successfully unlocked. If the value is `false`, the document has not been unlocked.

**Discussion**

Given an encrypted PDF document and a password, this function does the following:

- Sets the lock state of the document, based on the validity of the password.
- Returns `true` if the document is unlocked.
- Returns `false` if the document cannot be unlocked with the specified password.

Unlocking a PDF document makes it possible to decrypt the document and perform other privileged operations. Different passwords enable different operations.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDocument.h

## Data Types

**CGPDFDocumentRef**

An opaque type that represents a PDF (Portable Document Format) document.

```
typedef struct CGPDFDocument * CGPDFDocumentRef;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFDocument.h



# CGPDFObject Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	None
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGPDFObject.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The `CGPDFObjectRef` opaque type represents PDF objects in a PDF document. PDF supports several basic types of object: Boolean values, integer and real numbers, strings, names, arrays, dictionaries, and streams. Most of these are represented in Quartz by corresponding specific types. A `CGPDFObject` can represent any of these types. You use `CGPDFObject` functions to determine the type of the object, and retrieve the object value if it is of an expected type.

This opaque type is not derived from `CType` and therefore there are no functions for retaining and releasing it. `CGPDFObject` objects exist as constituent parts of a `CGPDFDocument` object, and are managed by their container.

## Functions

### CGPDFObjectGetType

Returns the PDF type identifier of an object.

```
CGPDFObjectType CGPDFObjectGetType (
    CGPDFObjectRef object
);
```

#### Parameters

*object*

A PDF object. If the value is not a PDF object, the behavior is unspecified.

#### Return Value

Returns the type of the `object` parameter. See “Data Types” (page 344).

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

#### Declared In

`CGPDFObject.h`

## CGPDFObjectGetValue

Returns whether an object is of a given type and if it is, retrieves its value.

```
bool CGPDFObjectGetValue (
    CGPDFObjectRef object,
    CGPDFObjectType type,
    void *value
);
```

### Parameters

*object*

A PDF object.

*type*

A PDF object type.

*value*

If the *object* parameter is a PDF object of the specified type, then on return contains that object, otherwise the value is unspecified.

### Return Value

Returns `true` if the specified object is a PDF object of the specified type, otherwise `false`.

### Discussion

The function gets the value of the *object* parameter. If the type of *object* is equal to the type specified, then:

- If the *value* parameter is not a null pointer, then the value of *object* is copied to *value*, and the function returns `true`.
- If the *value* parameter is a null pointer, then the function simply returns `true`. This allows you to test whether *object* is of the type specified.

If the type of *object* is `kCGPDFObjectTypeInteger` and *type* is equal to `kCGPDFObjectTypeReal`, then the value of *object* is converted to floating point, the result copied to *value*, and the function returns `true`. If none of the preceding conditions is met, returns `false`.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

### Declared In

`CGPDFObject.h`

## Data Types

### CGPDFObjectRef

An opaque type that contains information about a PDF object.

```
typedef union CGPDFObject *CGPDFObjectRef;
```

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFObject.h

**CGPDFBoolean**

A PDF Boolean value.

```
typedef unsigned char CGPDFBoolean;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFObject.h

**CGPDFInteger**

A PDF integer value.

```
typedef long int CGPDFInteger;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFObject.h

**CGPDFReal**

A PDF real value.

```
typedef CGFloat CGPDFReal;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFObject.h

## Constants

### PDF Object Types

Types of PDF object.

```
enum CGPDFObjectType {
    kCGPDFObjectTypeNull = 1,
    kCGPDFObjectTypeBoolean,
    kCGPDFObjectTypeInteger,
    kCGPDFObjectTypeReal,
    kCGPDFObjectTypeName,
    kCGPDFObjectTypeString,
    kCGPDFObjectTypeArray,
    kCGPDFObjectTypeDictionary,
    kCGPDFObjectTypeStream
};typedef enum CGPDFObjectType CGPDFObjectType;
```

**Constants**

`kCGPDFObjectTypeNull`

The type for a PDF null.

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFObject.h`.

`kCGPDFObjectTypeBoolean`

The type for a PDF Boolean.

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFObject.h`.

`kCGPDFObjectTypeInteger`

The type for a PDF integer.

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFObject.h`.

`kCGPDFObjectTypeReal`

The type for a PDF real.

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFObject.h`.

`kCGPDFObjectTypeName`

Type for a PDF name.

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFObject.h`.

`kCGPDFObjectTypeString`

The type for a PDF string.

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFObject.h`.

`kCGPDFObjectTypeArray`

Type for a PDF array.

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFObject.h`.

`kCGPDFObjectTypeDictionary`

The type for a PDF dictionary.

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFObject.h`.

`kCGPDFObjectTypeStream`

The type for a PDF stream.

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFObject.h`.

**Declared In**

`CGPDFObject.h`



# CGPDFOperatorTable Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	None
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGPDFOperatorTable.h

## Overview

A `CGPDFOperatorTable` object stores callback functions for PDF operators. You pass an operator table and a PDF content stream to a `CGPDFScanner` object. When the scanner parses a PDF operator, Quartz invokes your callback for that operator. See also *CGPDFScanner Reference* and *CGPDFContentStream Reference*.

**Note:** This opaque type is not derived from `CType` and therefore you can't use the Core Foundation base functions on it, such as `CFRetain` and `CFRelease`. Memory management is handled by the specific functions `CGPDFOperatorTableRetain` (page 350) and `CGPDFOperatorTableRelease` (page 350).

For more about PDF operators, see the latest version of *PDF Reference*, Adobe Systems Incorporated.

## Functions by Task

### Creating a PDF Operator Table

`CGPDFOperatorTableCreate` (page 350)  
Creates an empty PDF operator table.

### Setting Callback Functions

`CGPDFOperatorTableSetCallback` (page 351)  
Sets a callback function for a PDF operator.

### Retaining and Releasing a PDF Operator Table

`CGPDFOperatorTableRetain` (page 350)  
Increments the retain count of a `CGPDFOperatorTable` object.

[CGPDFOperatorTableRelease](#) (page 350)

Decrements the retain count of a CGPDFOperatorTable object.

## Functions

### CGPDFOperatorTableCreate

Creates an empty PDF operator table.

```
CGPDFOperatorTableRef CGPDFOperatorTableCreate (  
    void  
);
```

#### Return Value

An empty PDF operator table. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling [CGPDFOperatorTableRelease](#) (page 350).

#### Discussion

Call the function [CGPDFOperatorTableSetCallback](#) (page 351) to fill the operator table with callbacks.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

#### Declared In

CGPDFOperatorTable.h

### CGPDFOperatorTableRelease

Decrements the retain count of a CGPDFOperatorTable object.

```
void CGPDFOperatorTableRelease (  
    CGPDFOperatorTableRef table  
);
```

#### Parameters

*table*  
A PDF operator table.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

#### Declared In

CGPDFOperatorTable.h

### CGPDFOperatorTableRetain

Increments the retain count of a CGPDFOperatorTable object.

```
CGPDFOperatorTableRef CGPDFOperatorTableRetain (
    CGPDFOperatorTableRef table
);
```

**Parameters***table*

A PDF operator table.

**Return Value**The same PDF operator table you passed in as the *table* parameter.**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFOperatorTable.h

**CGPDFOperatorTableSetCallback**

Sets a callback function for a PDF operator.

```
void CGPDFOperatorTableSetCallback (
    CGPDFOperatorTableRef table,
    const char *name,
    CGPDFOperatorCallback callback
);
```

**Parameters***table*

A PDF operator table.

*name*

The name of the PDF operator you want to set a callback for.

*callback*The callback to invoke for the PDF operator specified by the *name* parameter.**Discussion**

You call the function `CGPDFOperatorTableSetCallback` for each PDF operator for which you want to provide a callback. See Appendix A in the *PDF Reference, Second Edition*, version 1.3, Adobe Systems Incorporated for a summary of PDF operators.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFOperatorTable.h

## Callbacks

**CGPDFOperatorCallback**

Performs custom processing for PDF operators.

```
typedef void (*CGPDFOperatorCallback)(
    CGPDFScannerRef scanner,
    void *info
);
```

If you name your function `MyCGPDFOperatorCallback`, you would declare it like this:

```
void MyCGPDFOperatorCallback (
    CGPDFScannerRef scanner,
    void *info
);
```

### Parameters

*scanner*

A `CGPDFScanner` object. Quartz passes the scanner to your callback function. The scanner contains the PDF content stream that has the PDF operator that corresponds to this callback.

*info*

A pointer to data passed to the callback.

### Discussion

Your callback function takes any action that's appropriate for your application. For example, if you want to count the number of inline images in a PDF but ignore the image data, you would set a callback for the `EI` operator. In your callback you would increment a counter for each call.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

### Declared In

`CGPDFOperatorTable.h`

## Data Types

### CGPDFOperatorTableRef

An opaque type that stores callback functions for PDF operators.

```
typedef struct CGPDFOperatorTable *CGPDFOperatorTableRef;
```

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

### Declared In

`CGPDFOperatorTable.h`

# CGPDFPage Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	CType
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGPDFPage.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The `CGPDFPageRef` opaque type represents a page in a PDF document.

## Functions by Task

### Retaining and Releasing a PDF Page

[CGPDFPageRetain](#) (page 358)

Increments the retain count of a PDF page.

[CGPDFPageRelease](#) (page 357)

Decrements the retain count of a PDF page.

### Getting the CType ID

[CGPDFPageGetTypeID](#) (page 357)

Returns the CType ID for PDF page objects.

### Getting Page Information

[CGPDFPageGetBoxRect](#) (page 354)

Returns the rectangle that represents a type of box for a content region or page dimensions of a PDF page.

[CGPDFPageGetDictionary](#) (page 354)

Returns the dictionary of a PDF page.

[CGPDFPageGetDocument](#) (page 355)

Returns the document for a page.

[CGPDFPageGetDrawingTransform](#) (page 355)

Returns the affine transform that maps a box to a given rectangle on a PDF page.

[CGPDFPageGetPageNumber](#) (page 356)

Returns the page number of the specified PDF page.

[CGPDFPageGetRotationAngle](#) (page 357)

Returns the rotation angle of a PDF page.

## Functions

### CGPDFPageGetBoxRect

Returns the rectangle that represents a type of box for a content region or page dimensions of a PDF page.

```
CGRect CGPDFPageGetBoxRect (
    CGPDFPageRef page,
    CGPDFBox box
);
```

#### Parameters

*page*

A PDF page.

*box*

A `CGPDFBox` constant that specifies the type of box. For possible values, see “PDF Boxes” (page 359).

#### Return Value

Returns the rectangle associated with the type of box specified by the `box` parameter in the specified page.

#### Discussion

Returns the rectangle associated with the specified box in the specified page. This is the value of the corresponding entry (such as `/MediaBox`, `/ArtBox`, and so on) in the page’s dictionary.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

#### Declared In

`CGPDFPage.h`

### CGPDFPageGetDictionary

Returns the dictionary of a PDF page.

```
CGPDFDictionaryRef CGPDFPageGetDictionary (
    CGPDFPageRef page
);
```

#### Parameters

*page*

A PDF page.

**Return Value**

Returns the PDF dictionary for the specified page.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFPage.h

**CGPDFPageGetDocument**

Returns the document for a page.

```
CGPDFDocumentRef CGPDFPageGetDocument (
    CGPDFPageRef page
);
```

**Parameters**

*page*

A PDF page.

**Return Value**

The PDF document with which the specified page is associated.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFPage.h

**CGPDFPageGetDrawingTransform**

Returns the affine transform that maps a box to a given rectangle on a PDF page.

```
CGAffineTransform CGPDFPageGetDrawingTransform (
    CGPDFPageRef page,
    CGPDFBox box,
    CGRect rect,
    int rotate,
    bool preserveAspectRatio
);
```

**Parameters**

*page*

A PDF page.

*box*

A CGPDFBox constant that specifies the type of box. For possible values, see “PDF Boxes” (page 359).

*rect*

A Quartz rectangle.

*rotate*

An integer, that must be a multiple of 90, that specifies the angle by which the specified rectangle is rotated clockwise.

*preserveAspectRatio*

A Boolean value that specifies whether or not the aspect ratio should be preserved. A value of `true` specifies that the aspect ratio should be preserved.

**Return Value**

An affine transform that maps the box specified by the `box` parameter to the rectangle specified by the `rect` parameter.

**Discussion**

Quartz constructs the affine transform as follows:

- Computes the effective rectangle by intersecting the rectangle associated with `box` and the `/MediaBox` entry of the specified page.
- Rotates the effective rectangle according to the page's `/Rotate` entry.
- Centers the resulting rectangle on `rect`. If the value of the `rotate` parameter is non-zero, then the rectangle is rotated clockwise by `rotate` degrees. The value of `rotate` must be a multiple of 90.
- Scales the rectangle, if necessary, so that it coincides with the edges of `rect`. If the value of `preserveAspectRatio` parameter is `true`, then the final rectangle coincides with the edges of `rect` only in the more restrictive dimension.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGPDFPage.h`

**CGPDFPageGetPageNumber**

Returns the page number of the specified PDF page.

```
size_t CGPDFPageGetPageNumber (
    CGPDFPageRef page
);
```

**Parameters***page*

A PDF page.

**Return Value**

Returns the page number of the specified page.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGPDFPage.h`

**CGPDFPageGetRotationAngle**

Returns the rotation angle of a PDF page.

```
int CGPDFPageGetRotationAngle (
    CGPDFPageRef page
);
```

**Parameters**

*page*

A PDF page.

**Return Value**

The rotation angle (in degrees) of the specified page. This is the value of the `/Rotate` entry in the page's dictionary.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFPage.h

**CGPDFPageGetTypeID**

Returns the CType ID for PDF page objects.

```
CTypeID CGPDFPageGetTypeID (
    void
);
```

**Return Value**

Returns the Core Foundation type for a PDF page.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFPage.h

**CGPDFPageRelease**

Decrements the retain count of a PDF page.

```
void CGPDFPageRelease (
    CGPDFPageRef page
);
```

**Parameters**

*page*

A PDF page.

**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to `CFRelease`, except that it does not cause an error if the `page` parameter is `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFPage.h

**CGPDFPageRetain**

Increments the retain count of a PDF page.

```
CGPDFPageRef CGPDFPageRetain (  
    CGPDFPageRef page  
);
```

**Parameters**

*page*

A PDF page.

**Return Value**

The same page you passed in as the *page* parameter.

**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to `CFRetain`, except that it does not cause an error if the *page* parameter is `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFPage.h

## Data Types

**CGPDFPageRef**

An opaque type that represents a page in a PDF document.

```
typedef struct CGPDFPage *CGPDFPageRef;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFPage.h

## Constants

### PDF Boxes

Box types for a PDF page.

```
enum CGPDFBox {
    kCGPDFMediaBox = 0,
    kCGPDFCropBox = 1,
    kCGPDFBleedBox = 2,
    kCGPDFTrimBox = 3,
    kCGPDFArtBox = 4
};
typedef enum CGPDFBox CGPDFBox;
```

#### Constants

`kCGPDFMediaBox`

The page media box—a rectangle, expressed in default user space units, that defines the boundaries of the physical medium on which the page is intended to be displayed or printed

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFPage.h`.

`kCGPDFCropBox`

The page crop box—a rectangle, expressed in default user space units, that defines the visible region of default user space. When the page is displayed or printed, its contents are to be clipped to this rectangle.

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFPage.h`.

`kCGPDFBleedBox`

The page bleed box—a rectangle, expressed in default user space units, that defines the region to which the contents of the page should be clipped when output in a production environment

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFPage.h`.

`kCGPDFTrimBox`

The page trim box—a rectangle, expressed in default user space units, that defines the intended dimensions of the finished page after trimming.

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFPage.h`.

`kCGPDFArtBox`

The page art box—a rectangle, expressed in default user space units, defining the extent of the page's meaningful content (including potential white space) as intended by the page's creator.

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in `CGPDFPage.h`.

#### Declared In

`CGPDFPage.h`



# CGPDFScanner Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	None
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGPDFScanner.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The `CGPDFScannerRef` opaque type is used to parse a PDF content stream. You can set up the PDF scanner object to invoke callbacks when it encounters specific PDF operators in the stream.

This opaque type is not derived from `CType` and therefore there are no functions for retaining and releasing it.

## Functions by Task

### Creating a PDF Scanner Object

[CGPDFScannerCreate](#) (page 362)  
Creates a `CGPDFScanner` object.

### Retaining and Releasing PDF Scanner Objects

[CGPDFScannerRetain](#) (page 368)  
Increments the retain count of a scanner object.

[CGPDFScannerRelease](#) (page 367)  
Decrements the retain count of a scanner object.

### Parsing Content

[CGPDFScannerScan](#) (page 368)  
Parses the content stream of a `CGPDFScanner` object.

[CGPDFScannerGetContentStream](#) (page 363)  
Returns the content stream associated with a `CGPDFScanner` object.

## Getting PDF Objects from the Scanner Stack

[CGPDFScannerPopObject](#) (page 366)

Retrieves an object from the scanner stack.

[CGPDFScannerPopBoolean](#) (page 364)

Retrieves a Boolean object from the scanner stack.

[CGPDFScannerPopInteger](#) (page 364)

Retrieves an integer object from the scanner stack.

[CGPDFScannerPopNumber](#) (page 365)

Retrieves a real value object from the scanner stack.

[CGPDFScannerPopName](#) (page 365)

Retrieves a character string from the scanner stack.

[CGPDFScannerPopString](#) (page 367)

Retrieves a string object from the scanner stack.

[CGPDFScannerPopArray](#) (page 363)

Retrieves an array object from the scanner stack.

[CGPDFScannerPopDictionary](#) (page 364)

Retrieves a PDF dictionary object from the scanner stack.

[CGPDFScannerPopStream](#) (page 366)

Retrieves a PDF stream object from the scanner stack.

## Functions

### CGPDFScannerCreate

Creates a CGPDFScanner object.

```
CGPDFScannerRef CGPDFScannerCreate (
    CGPDFContentStreamRef cs,
    CGPDFOperatorTableRef table,
    void *info
);
```

#### Parameters

*cs*

A CGPDFContentStream object. (See *CGPDFContentStream Reference*.)

*table*

A CGPDFOperatorTable object that contains callbacks for the PDF operators you want to handle.

*info*

A pointer to data you want passed to your CGPDFOperatorTable callback function. (See *CGPDFOperatorTable Reference*.)

#### Return Value

A CGPDFScanner object. You are responsible for releasing this object by calling the function `CGPDFScannerRelease`.

**Discussion**

When you want to parse the contents of the PDF stream, call the function [CGPDFScannerScan](#) (page 368).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFScanner.h

**CGPDFScannerGetContentStream**

Returns the content stream associated with a CGPDFScanner object.

```
CGPDFContentStreamRef CGPDFScannerGetContentStream (
    CGPDFScannerRef scanner
);
```

**Parameters**

*scanner*

The scanner object whose content stream you want to obtain.

**Return Value**

Return the content stream associated with *scanner*.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFScanner.h

**CGPDFScannerPopArray**

Retrieves an array object from the scanner stack.

```
bool CGPDFScannerPopArray (
    CGPDFScannerRef scanner,
    CGPDFArrayRef *value
);
```

**Parameters**

*scanner*

A valid scanner object.

*value*

On output, points to the CGPDFArray object popped from the *scanner* stack.

**Return Value**

Returns true if *value* is retrieved successfully; false otherwise.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFScanner.h

### CGPDFScannerPopBoolean

Retrieves a Boolean object from the scanner stack.

```
bool CGPDFScannerPopBoolean (  
    CGPDFScannerRef scanner,  
    CGPDFBoolean *value  
);
```

#### Parameters

*scanner*

A valid scanner object.

*value*

On output, points to the CGPDFBoolean object popped from the scanner stack.

#### Return Value

Returns true if *value* is retrieved successfully; false otherwise.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

#### Declared In

CGPDFScanner.h

### CGPDFScannerPopDictionary

Retrieves a PDF dictionary object from the scanner stack.

```
bool CGPDFScannerPopDictionary (  
    CGPDFScannerRef scanner,  
    CGPDFDictionaryRef *value  
);
```

#### Parameters

*scanner*

A valid scanner object.

*value*

On output, points to the CGPDFDictionary object popped from the scanner stack.

#### Return Value

Returns true if *value* is retrieved successfully; false otherwise.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

#### Declared In

CGPDFScanner.h

### CGPDFScannerPopInteger

Retrieves an integer object from the scanner stack.

```
bool CGPDFScannerPopInteger (
    CGPDFScannerRef scanner,
    CGPDFInteger *value
);
```

**Parameters***scanner*

A valid scanner object.

*value*

On output, points to the CGPDFInteger object popped from the scanner stack.

**Return Value**

Returns true if value is retrieved successfully; false otherwise.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFScanner.h

**CGPDFScannerPopName**

Retrieves a character string from the scanner stack.

```
bool CGPDFScannerPopName (
    CGPDFScannerRef scanner,
    const char **value
);
```

**Parameters***scanner*

A valid scanner object.

*value*

On output, points to the character string popped from the scanner stack.

**Return Value**

Returns true if value is retrieved successfully; false otherwise.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFScanner.h

**CGPDFScannerPopNumber**

Retrieves a real value object from the scanner stack.

```
bool CGPDFScannerPopNumber (
    CGPDFScannerRef scanner,
    CGPDFReal *value
);
```

**Parameters***scanner*

A valid scanner object.

*value*

On output, points to the CGPDFReal object popped from the scanner stack.

**Return Value**

Returns true if value is retrieved successfully; false otherwise.

**Discussion**

The number retrieved from the scanner can be a real value or an integer value. However, the result is always converted to a CGPDFReal data type.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFScanner.h

**CGPDFScannerPopObject**

Retrieves an object from the scanner stack.

```
bool CGPDFScannerPopObject (
    CGPDFScannerRef scanner,
    CGPDFObjectRef *value
);
```

**Parameters***scanner*

A valid scanner object.

*value*

On output, points to the object popped from the scanner stack.

**Return Value**

Returns true if value is retrieved successfully; false otherwise.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFScanner.h

**CGPDFScannerPopStream**

Retrieves a PDF stream object from the scanner stack.

```
bool CGPDFScannerPopStream (
    CGPDFScannerRef scanner,
    CGPDFStreamRef *value
);
```

**Parameters***scanner*

A valid scanner object.

*value*

On output, points to the CGPDFStream object popped from the scanner stack.

**Return Value**

Returns true if value is retrieved successfully; false otherwise.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFScanner.h

**CGPDFScannerPopString**

Retrieves a string object from the scanner stack.

```
bool CGPDFScannerPopString (
    CGPDFScannerRef scanner,
    CGPDFStringRef *value
);
```

**Parameters***scanner*

A valid scanner object.

*value*

On output, points to the CGPDFString object popped from the scanner stack.

**Return Value**

Returns true if value is retrieved successfully; false otherwise.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFScanner.h

**CGPDFScannerRelease**

Decrements the retain count of a scanner object.

```
void CGPDFScannerRelease (
    CGPDFScannerRef scanner
);
```

**Parameters***scanner*

The scanner object to release.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFScanner.h

**CGPDFScannerRetain**

Increments the retain count of a scanner object.

```
CGPDFScannerRef CGPDFScannerRetain (
    CGPDFScannerRef scanner
);
```

**Parameters***scanner*

The scanner object to retain.

**Return Value**

The same scanner object passed to the function in the *scanner* parameter.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFScanner.h

**CGPDFScannerScan**

Parses the content stream of a CGPDFScanner object.

```
bool CGPDFScannerScan (
    CGPDFScannerRef scanner
);
```

**Parameters***scanner*

The scanner object whose content stream you want to parse.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if the entire stream is parsed successfully; `false` if parsing fails (for example, if the stream data is corrupted).

**Discussion**

The function `CGPDFScannerScan` parses the PDF content stream associated with the scanner. Each time Quartz parses a PDF operator for which you register a callback, Quartz invokes your callback.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFScanner.h

## Data Types

**CGPDFScannerRef**

An opaque type used to parse a PDF content stream.

```
typedef struct CGPDFScanner *CGPDFScannerRef;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFScanner.h



# CGPDFStream Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	None
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGPDFStream.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The `CGPDFStreamRef` opaque type represents a PDF stream. A PDF stream consists of a dictionary that describes a sequence of bytes. Streams typically represent objects with potentially large amounts of data, such as images and page descriptions.

This opaque type is not derived from `CType` and therefore there are no functions for retaining and releasing it.

## Functions

### CGPDFStreamCopyData

Returns the data associated with a PDF stream.

```
CFDataRef CGPDFStreamCopyData (
    CGPDFStreamRef stream,
    CGPDFDataFormat *format
);
```

#### Parameters

*stream*

A PDF stream.

*format*

On return, contains a constant that specifies the format of the data returned—[CGPDFDataFormatRaw](#) (page 373), [CGPDFDataFormatJPEGEncoded](#) (page 373), or [CGPDFDataFormatJPEG2000](#) (page 373).

#### Return Value

A `CFData` object that contains a copy of the stream data. You are responsible for releasing this object.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFStream.h

**CGPDFStreamGetDictionary**

Returns the dictionary associated with a PDF stream.

```
CGPDFDictionaryRef CGPDFStreamGetDictionary (
    CGPDFStreamRef stream
);
```

**Parameters***stream*

A PDF stream.

**Return Value**

The PDF dictionary for the specified stream.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFStream.h

## Data Types

**CGPDFStream**

An opaque type that represents a PDF stream.

```
typedef struct CGPDFStream *CGPDFStreamRef;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFStream.h

## Constants

**CGPDFDataFormat**

The encoding format of PDF data.

```
enum CGPDFDataFormat {
    CGPDFDataFormatRaw,
    CGPDFDataFormatJPEGEncoded,
    CGPDFDataFormatJPEG2000
};
typedef enum CGPDFDataFormat CGPDFDataFormat;
```

**Constants**

CGPDFDataFormatRaw

**The data stream is not encoded.**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in CGPDFStream.h.

CGPDFDataFormatJPEGEncoded

**The data stream is encoded in JPEG format.**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared in CGPDFStream.h.

CGPDFDataFormatJPEG2000

**The data stream is encoded in JPEG-2000 format.**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in CGPDFStream.h.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFStream.h



# CGPDFString Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	None
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGPDFString.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The `CGPDFStringRef` opaque type represents a string in a PDF document. A PDF string object is a series of bytes—unsigned integer values in the range 0 to 255. The string elements are not integer objects, but are stored in a more compact format. For more information on the representation of strings in PDF, see the latest version of *PDF Reference*, Adobe Systems Incorporated.

This opaque type is not derived from `CType` and therefore there are no functions for retaining and releasing it. `CGPDFString` objects exist as constituent parts of a `CGPDFDocument` object, and are managed by their container.

## Functions by Task

### Converting PDF Strings

[CGPDFStringCopyDate](#) (page 376)

Converts a string to a date.

[CGPDFStringCopyTextString](#) (page 376) **Deprecated in Mac OS X v10.6**

Returns a `CFString` object that represents a PDF string as a text string.

### Getting PDF String Data

[CGPDFStringGetBytePtr](#) (page 376)

Returns a pointer to the bytes of a PDF string.

[CGPDFStringGetLength](#) (page 377)

Returns the number of bytes in a PDF string.

## Functions

### CGPDFStringCopyDate

Converts a string to a date.

```
CFDateRef CGPDFStringCopyDate (  
    CGPDFStringRef string  
);
```

#### Parameters

*string*

The string to convert to a date.

#### Return Value

A CFDate object.

#### Discussion

The PDF specification defines a specific format for strings that represent dates. This function converts strings in that form to CFDate objects.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.4 and later.

#### Declared In

CGPDFString.h

### CGPDFStringCopyTextString

Returns a CFString object that represents a PDF string as a text string.

```
CFStringRef CGPDFStringCopyTextString (  
    CGPDFStringRef string  
);
```

#### Parameters

*string*

A PDF string. If this value is NULL, it will cause an error.

#### Return Value

Returns a CFString object that represents the specified PDF string as a text string. You are responsible for releasing this object.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

#### Declared In

CGPDFString.h

### CGPDFStringGetBytePtr

Returns a pointer to the bytes of a PDF string.

```
const unsigned char * CGPDFStringGetBytePtr (
    CGPDFStringRef string
);
```

**Parameters***string*

A PDF string.

**Return Value**Returns a pointer to the bytes of the specified string. If the string is `NULL`, the function returns `NULL`.**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFString.h

**CGPDFStringGetLength**

Returns the number of bytes in a PDF string.

```
size_t CGPDFStringGetLength (
    CGPDFStringRef string
);
```

**Parameters***string*

A PDF string.

**Return Value**Returns the number of bytes referenced by the string, or 0 if the string is `NULL`.**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFString.h

## Data Types

**CGPDFStringRef**

An opaque data type that represents a string in a PDF document.

```
typedef struct CGPDFString *CGPDFStringRef;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPDFString.h



# CGPSConverter Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	<i>CType Reference</i>
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGPSConverter.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

`CGPSConverterRef` is an opaque type used to convert PostScript data to PDF data. The PostScript data is supplied by a data provider and written into a data consumer. When you create a PostScript converter object, you can supply callback functions for Quartz to invoke at various stages of the conversion process,

## Functions

### **CGPSConverterAbort**

Tells a PostScript converter to abort a conversion at the next available opportunity.

```
bool CGPSConverterAbort (
    CGPSConverterRef converter
);
```

#### **Parameters**

*converter*

A PostScript converter.

#### **Return Value**

A Boolean value that indicates whether the converter is currently converting data (`true` if it is).

#### **Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

#### **Declared In**

`CGPSConverter.h`

### **CGPSConverterConvert**

Uses a PostScript converter to convert PostScript data to PDF data.

```
bool CGPSConverterConvert (
    CGPSConverterRef converter,
    CGDataProviderRef provider,
    CGDataConsumerRef consumer,
    CFDictionaryRef options
);
```

**Parameters***converter*

A PostScript converter.

*provider*

A Quartz data provider that supplies PostScript data.

*consumer*

A Quartz data provider that will receive the resulting PDF data.

*options*

This parameter should be NULL; it is reserved for future expansion of the API.

**Return Value**

A Boolean value that indicates whether the PostScript conversion completed successfully (true if it did).

**Discussion**

The conversion is thread safe, however it is not possible to have more than one conversion job in process within a given address space or process. If a given thread is running a conversion and another thread starts a new conversion, the second conversion will block until the first conversion is complete.

**Important:** Although `CGPSConverterConvert` is thread safe (it uses locks to prevent more than one conversion at a time in the same process), it is not thread safe with respect to the Resource Manager. If your application uses the Resource Manager on a separate thread, you should either use locks to prevent `CGPSConverterConvert` from executing during your usage of the Resource Manager or you should perform your conversions using the Post Script converter in a separate process.

In general, you can avoid this issue by using nib files instead of Resource Manager resources.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPSConverter.h

**CGPSConverterCreate**

Creates a new PostScript converter.

```
CGPSConverterRef CGPSConverterCreate (
    void *info,
    const CGPSConverterCallbacks *callbacks,
    CFDictionaryRef options
);
```

**Parameters***info*

A pointer to the data that will be passed to the callbacks.

*callbacks*

A pointer to a PostScript converter callbacks structure that specifies the callbacks to be used during a conversion process.

*options*

This parameter should be NULL; it is reserved for future expansion of the API.

**Return Value**

A new PostScript converter, or NULL if a converter could not be created. You are responsible for releasing this object.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPSConverter.h

**CGPSConverterGetTypeID**

Returns the Core Foundation type identifier for PostScript converters.

```
CTypeID CGPSConverterGetTypeID (
    void
);
```

**Return Value**

The Core Foundation identifier for the opaque type [CGPSConverterRef](#) (page 386).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPSConverter.h

**CGPSConverterIsConverting**

Checks whether the converter is currently converting data.

```
bool CGPSConverterIsConverting (
    CGPSConverterRef converter
);
```

**Parameters**

*converter*

A PostScript converter.

**Return Value**

Returns true that indicates if the conversion is in progress.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPSConverter.h

## Callbacks by Task

### Performing Custom Tasks at the Document Level

[CGPSConverterBeginDocumentCallback](#) (page 382)

Performs custom tasks at the beginning of a PostScript conversion process.

[CGPSConverterEndDocumentCallback](#) (page 383)

Performs custom tasks at the end of a PostScript conversion process.

### Performing Custom Tasks at the Page Level

[CGPSConverterBeginPageCallback](#) (page 383)

Performs custom tasks at the beginning of each page in a PostScript conversion process.

[CGPSConverterEndPageCallback](#) (page 384)

Performs custom tasks at the end of each page of a PostScript conversion process.

### Reporting Progress and Messages

[CGPSConverterProgressCallback](#) (page 385)

Reports progress periodically during a PostScript conversion process.

[CGPSConverterMessageCallback](#) (page 384)

Passes messages generated during a PostScript conversion process.

### Performing Custom Clean-up Tasks

[CGPSConverterReleaseInfoCallback](#) (page 386)

Performs custom tasks when a PostScript converter is released.

## Callbacks

### **CGPSConverterBeginDocumentCallback**

Performs custom tasks at the beginning of a PostScript conversion process.

```
typedef void (*CGPSConverterBeginDocumentCallback)(void
*info);
```

If you name your function `MyConverterBeginDocument`, you would declare it like this:

```
size_t MyConverterBeginDocument (
    void *info
);
```

**Parameters***info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGPSConverterCreate](#) (page 380).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPSConverter.h

**CGPSConverterBeginPageCallback**

Performs custom tasks at the beginning of each page in a PostScript conversion process.

```
typedef void (*CGPSConverterBeginPageCallback)(void
*info, size_t pageNumber, CFDictionaryRef pageInfo);
```

If you name your function `MyConverterBeginDocument`, you would declare it like this:

```
void MyConverterBeginPage (
    void *info,
    size_t pageNumber,
    CFDictionaryRef pageInfo
);
```

**Parameters***info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGPSConverterCreate](#) (page 380).

*pageNumber*

The current page number. Page numbers start at 1.

*pageInfo*

A dictionary that contains contextual information about the page. This parameter is reserved for future API expansion, and is currently unused.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPSConverter.h

**CGPSConverterEndDocumentCallback**

Performs custom tasks at the end of a PostScript conversion process.

```
typedef void (*CGPSConverterEndDocumentCallback)(void
*info, bool success);
```

If you name your function `MyConverterEndDocument`, you would declare it like this:

```
void MyConverterEndDocument (
    void *info,
```

```
    bool success
);
```

**Parameters***info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGPSConverterCreate](#) (page 380).

*success*

A Boolean value that indicates whether the PostScript conversion completed successfully (true if it did).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPSConverter.h

**CGPSConverterEndPageCallback**

Performs custom tasks at the end of each page of a PostScript conversion process.

```
typedef void (*CGPSConverterEndPageCallback)(void
*info, size_t pageNumber, CFDictionaryRef pageInfo);
```

If you name your function `MyConverterEndPage`, you would declare it like this:

```
void MyConverterEndPage (
    void *info,
    size_t *pageNumber,
    CFDictionaryRef pageInfo
);
```

**Parameters***info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGPSConverterCreate](#) (page 380).

*pageNumber*

The current page number. Page numbers start at 1.

*pageInfo*

A dictionary that contains contextual information about the page. This parameter is reserved for future API expansion, and is currently unused.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPSConverter.h

**CGPSConverterMessageCallback**

Passes messages generated during a PostScript conversion process.

```
typedef void (*CGPSConverterMessageCallback)(void
*info, CFStringRef message);
```

If you name your function `MyConverterMessage`, you would declare it like this:

```
void MyConverterMessage (
    void *info,
    CFStringRef message
);
```

### Parameters

*info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGPSConverterCreate](#) (page 380).

*message*

A string containing the message from the PostScript conversion process.

### Discussion

There are several kinds of message that might be sent during a conversion process. The most likely are font substitution messages, and any messages that the PostScript code itself generates. Any PostScript messages written to `stdout` are routed through this callback—typically these are debugging or status messages and, although uncommon, can be useful in debugging. In addition, there may be error messages if the document is malformed.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### Declared In

`CGPSConverter.h`

## CGPSConverterProgressCallback

Reports progress periodically during a PostScript conversion process.

```
typedef void (*CGPSConverterProgressCallback)(void
*info);
```

If you name your function `MyConverterProgress`, you would declare it like this:

```
void MyConverterProgress (
    void *info
);
```

### Parameters

*info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGPSConverterCreate](#) (page 380).

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### Declared In

`CGPSConverter.h`

**CGPSConverterReleaseInfoCallback**

Performs custom tasks when a PostScript converter is released.

```
typedef void (*CGPSConverterReleaseInfoCallback)(void
*info);
```

If you name your function `MyConverterReleaseInfo`, you would declare it like this:

```
void MyConverterReleaseInfo (
    void *info
);
```

**Parameters**

*info*

A generic pointer to private data shared among your callback functions. This is the same pointer you supplied to [CGPSConverterCreate](#) (page 380).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGPSConverter.h`

## Data Types

**CGPSConverterRef**

An opaque data type used to convert PostScript data to PDF data.

```
typedef struct CGPSConverter *CGPSConverterRef;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGPSConverter.h`

**CGPSConverterCallbacks**

A structure for holding the callbacks provided when you create a PostScript converter object.

```

struct CGPSConverterCallbacks {
    unsigned int version;
    CGPSConverterBeginDocumentCallback beginDocument;
    CGPSConverterEndDocumentCallback endDocument;
    CGPSConverterBeginPageCallback beginPage;
    CGPSConverterEndPageCallback endPage;
    CGPSConverterProgressCallback noteProgress;
    CGPSConverterMessageCallback noteMessage;
    CGPSConverterReleaseInfoCallback releaseInfo;
};
typedef struct CGPSConverterCallbacks CGPSConverterCallbacks;

```

**Fields**

version

The version number of the structure passed in as a parameter to the converter creation functions. The structure defined below is version 0.

beginDocument

The callback called at the beginning of the conversion of the PostScript document, or NULL.

endDocument

The callback called at the end of conversion of the PostScript document, or NULL.

beginPage

The callback called at the start of the conversion of each page in the PostScript document, or NULL.

endPage

The callback called at the end of the conversion of each page in the PostScript document, or NULL.

noteProgress

The callback called periodically during the conversion to indicate that conversion is proceeding, or NULL.

noteMessage

The callback called to pass any messages that might result during the conversion, or NULL.

releaseInfo

The callback called when the converter is deallocated, or NULL.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

CGPSConverter.h



# CGShading Reference

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<b>Derived From:</b>	CType
<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGShading.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

`CGShadingRef` is an opaque type used to define linear (axial) and radial gradient fills whose color transitions are controlled by a function (`CGFunctionRef` (page 199)) that you provide. Shading means to fill using a smooth transition between colors across an area. To paint with a Quartz shading, you call `CGContextDrawShading` (page 85). This function fills the current clipping path using the specified color gradient, calling your parametric function repeatedly as it draws.

An alternative to using a `CGShading` object is to use the `CGGradientRef` (page 207) opaque type. For applications that run in Mac OS X v10.5 and later, `CGGradient` objects are much simpler to use. (See *CGGradient Reference*.)

## Functions by Task

### Creating Shading Objects

`CGShadingCreateAxial` (page 390)  
Creates a shading object to use for axial shading.

`CGShadingCreateRadial` (page 391)  
Creates a shading object to use for radial shading.

### Retaining and Releasing Shading Objects

`CGShadingRetain` (page 392)  
Increments the retain count of a shading object.

`CGShadingRelease` (page 392)  
Decrements the retain count of a shading object.

## Getting the CTypeID

[CGShadingGetTypeID](#) (page 392)

Returns the Core Foundation type identifier for Quartz shading objects.

## Functions

### CGShadingCreateAxial

Creates a shading object to use for axial shading.

```
CGShadingRef CGShadingCreateAxial (
    CGColorSpaceRef colorspace,
    CGPoint start,
    CGPoint end,
    CGFunctionRef function,
    bool extendStart,
    bool extendEnd
);
```

#### Parameters

*colorspace*

The color space in which color values are expressed. Quartz retains this object; upon return, you may safely release it.

*start*

The starting point of the axis, in the shading's target coordinate space.

*end*

The ending point of the axis, in the shading's target coordinate space.

*function*

A `CGFunction` object created by the function `CGFunctionCreate`. This object refers to your function for creating an axial shading. Quartz retains this object; upon return, you may safely release it.

*extendStart*

A Boolean value that specifies whether to extend the shading beyond the starting point of the axis.

*extendEnd*

A Boolean value that specifies whether to extend the shading beyond the ending point of the axis.

#### Return Value

A new Quartz axial shading. You are responsible for releasing this object using [CGShadingRelease](#) (page 392).

#### Discussion

An axial shading is a color blend that varies along a linear axis between two endpoints and extends indefinitely perpendicular to that axis. When you are ready to draw the shading, call the function [CGContextDrawShading](#) (page 85).

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

#### Related Sample Code

Quartz 2D Shadings

SampleRaster

### Declared In

CGShading.h

## CGShadingCreateRadial

Creates a shading object to use for radial shading.

```
CGShadingRef CGShadingCreateRadial (
    CGColorSpaceRef colorspace,
    CGPoint start,
    CGFloat startRadius,
    CGPoint end,
    CGFloat endRadius,
    CGFunctionRef function,
    bool extendStart,
    bool extendEnd
);
```

### Parameters

*colorspace*

The color space in which color values are expressed. Quartz retains this object; upon return, you may safely release it.

*start*

The center of the starting circle, in the shading's target coordinate space.

*startRadius*

The radius of the starting circle, in the shading's target coordinate space.

*end*

The center of the ending circle, in the shading's target coordinate space.

*endRadius*

The radius of the ending circle, in the shading's target coordinate space.

*function*

A CGFunction object created by the function `CGFunctionCreate`. This object refers to your function for creating a radial shading. Quartz retains this object; upon return, you may safely release it.

*extendStart*

A Boolean value that specifies whether to extend the shading beyond the starting circle.

*extendEnd*

A Boolean value that specifies whether to extend the shading beyond the ending circle.

### Return Value

A new Quartz radial shading. You are responsible for releasing this object using `CGShadingRelease` (page 392).

### Discussion

A radial shading is a color blend that varies between two circles. To draw the shading, call the function `CGContextDrawShading` (page 85).

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz 2D Shadings

**Declared In**

CGShading.h

**CGShadingGetTypeID**

Returns the Core Foundation type identifier for Quartz shading objects.

```
CFTypeID CGShadingGetTypeID (
    void
);
```

**Return Value**The Core Foundation identifier for the opaque type [CGShadingRef](#) (page 393).**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

CGShading.h

**CGShadingRelease**

Decrements the retain count of a shading object.

```
void CGShadingRelease (
    CGShadingRef shading
);
```

**Parameters***shading*

The shading object to release.

**Discussion**This function is equivalent to `CFRelease`, except that it does not cause an error if the *shading* parameter is `NULL`.**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz 2D Shadings

SampleRaster

**Declared In**

CGShading.h

**CGShadingRetain**

Increments the retain count of a shading object.

```
CGShadingRef CGShadingRetain (  
    CGShadingRef shading  
);
```

**Parameters**

*shading*

The shading object to retain.

**Return Value**

The same shading object you passed in as the `shading` parameter.

**Discussion**

This function is equivalent to `CFRetain`, except that it does not cause an error if the `shading` parameter is `NULL`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGShading.h`

## Data Types

**CGShadingRef**

An opaque type that represents a Quartz shading.

```
typedef struct CGShading *CGShadingRef;
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

**Declared In**

`CGShading.h`



# Other References

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# CGAffineTransform Reference

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<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGAffineTransform.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

The `CGAffineTransform` data structure represents a matrix used for affine transformations. A transformation specifies how points in one coordinate system map to points in another coordinate system. An affine transformation is a special type of mapping that preserves parallel lines in a path but does not necessarily preserve lengths or angles. Scaling, rotation, and translation are the most commonly used manipulations supported by affine transforms, but skewing is also possible.

Quartz provides functions that create, concatenate, and apply affine transformations using the `CGAffineTransform` data structure. For information on how to use affine transformation functions, see *Quartz 2D Programming Guide*.

You typically do not need to create an affine transform directly—*CGContext Reference* describes functions that modify the current affine transform. If you don't plan to reuse an affine transform, you may want to use [CGContextScaleCTM](#) (page 102), [CGContextRotateCTM](#) (page 100), [CGContextTranslateCTM](#) (page 134), or [CGContextConcatCTM](#) (page 77).

## Functions by Task

### Creating an Affine Transformation Matrix

[CGAffineTransformMake](#) (page 400)

Returns an affine transformation matrix constructed from values you provide.

[CGAffineTransformMakeRotation](#) (page 402)

Returns an affine transformation matrix constructed from a rotation value you provide.

[CGAffineTransformMakeScale](#) (page 403)

Returns an affine transformation matrix constructed from scaling values you provide.

[CGAffineTransformMakeTranslation](#) (page 403)

Returns an affine transformation matrix constructed from translation values you provide.

## Modifying Affine Transformations

[CGAffineTransformTranslate](#) (page 406)

Returns an affine transformation matrix constructed by translating an existing affine transform.

[CGAffineTransformScale](#) (page 405)

Returns an affine transformation matrix constructed by scaling an existing affine transform.

[CGAffineTransformRotate](#) (page 404)

Returns an affine transformation matrix constructed by rotating an existing affine transform.

[CGAffineTransformInvert](#) (page 399)

Returns an affine transformation matrix constructed by inverting an existing affine transform.

[CGAffineTransformConcat](#) (page 398)

Returns an affine transformation matrix constructed by combining two existing affine transforms.

## Applying Affine Transformations

[CGPointApplyAffineTransform](#) (page 406)

Returns the point resulting from an affine transformation of an existing point.

[CGSizeApplyAffineTransform](#) (page 408)

Returns the height and width resulting from a transformation of an existing height and width.

[CGRectApplyAffineTransform](#) (page 407)

Applies an affine transform to a rectangle.

## Evaluating Affine Transforms

[CGAffineTransformIsIdentity](#) (page 400)

Checks whether an affine transform is the identity transform.

[CGAffineTransformEqualToTransform](#) (page 399)

Checks whether two affine transforms are equal.

## Functions

### CGAffineTransformConcat

Returns an affine transformation matrix constructed by combining two existing affine transforms.

```
CGAffineTransform CGAffineTransformConcat (
    CGAffineTransform t1,
    CGAffineTransform t2
);
```

#### Parameters

*t1*

The first affine transform.

*t2*

The second affine transform. This affine transform is concatenated to the first affine transform.

**Return Value**

A new affine transformation matrix. That is,  $t' = t1 * t2$ .

**Discussion**

Concatenation combines two affine transformation matrices by multiplying them together. You might perform several concatenations in order to create a single affine transform that contains the cumulative effects of several transformations.

Note that matrix operations are not commutative—the order in which you concatenate matrices is important. That is, the result of multiplying matrix *t1* by matrix *t2* does not necessarily equal the result of multiplying matrix *t2* by matrix *t1*.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

ImageApp

**Declared In**

CGAffineTransform.h

**CGAffineTransformEqualToTransform**

Checks whether two affine transforms are equal.

```
bool CGAffineTransformEqualToTransform (
    CGAffineTransform t1,
    CGAffineTransform t2
);
```

**Parameters***t1*

An affine transform.

*t2*

An affine transform.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if *t1* and *t2* are equal, `false` otherwise.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGAffineTransform.h

**CGAffineTransformInvert**

Returns an affine transformation matrix constructed by inverting an existing affine transform.

```
CGAffineTransform CGAffineTransformInvert (
    CGAffineTransform t
);
```

**Parameters***t*

An existing affine transform.

**Return Value**

A new affine transformation matrix. If the affine transform passed in parameter *t* cannot be inverted, Quartz returns the affine transform unchanged.

**Discussion**

Inversion is generally used to provide reverse transformation of points within transformed objects. Given the coordinates  $(x,y)$ , which have been transformed by a given matrix to new coordinates  $(x',y')$ , transforming the coordinates  $(x',y')$  by the inverse matrix produces the original coordinates  $(x,y)$ .

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGAffineTransform.h

**CGAffineTransformIsIdentity**

Checks whether an affine transform is the identity transform.

```
bool CGAffineTransformIsIdentity (
    CGAffineTransform t
);
```

**Parameters***t*

The affine transform to check.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if *t* is the identity transform, `false` otherwise.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGAffineTransform.h

**CGAffineTransformMake**

Returns an affine transformation matrix constructed from values you provide.

```
CGAffineTransform CGAffineTransformMake (
    CGFloat a,
    CGFloat b,
    CGFloat c,
    CGFloat d,
    CGFloat tx,
    CGFloat ty
);
```

**Parameters**

*a*  
The value at position [1,1] in the matrix.

*b*  
The value at position [1,2] in the matrix.

*c*  
The value at position [2,1] in the matrix.

*d*  
The value at position [2,2] in the matrix.

*tx*  
The value at position [3,1] in the matrix.

*ty*  
The value at position [3,2] in the matrix.

**Return Value**

A new affine transform matrix constructed from the values you specify.

**Discussion**

This function creates a `CGAffineTransform` structure that represents a new affine transformation matrix, which you can use (and reuse, if you want) to transform a coordinate system. The matrix takes the following form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & 0 \\ c & d & 0 \\ t_x & t_y & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Because the third column is always  $(0, 0, 1)$ , the `CGAffineTransform` data structure returned by this function contains values for only the first two columns.

If you want only to transform an object to be drawn, it is not necessary to construct an affine transform to do so. The most direct way to transform your drawing is by calling the appropriate `CGContext` function to adjust the current transformation matrix. For a list of functions, see *CGContext Reference*.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

GeekGameBoard  
JAWTExample  
Quartz 2D Transformer  
Quartz EB

QuartzShapes

**Declared In**

CGAffineTransform.h

**CGAffineTransformMakeRotation**

Returns an affine transformation matrix constructed from a rotation value you provide.

```
CGAffineTransform CGAffineTransformMakeRotation (
    CGFloat angle
);
```

**Parameters**

*angle*

The angle, in radians, by which this matrix rotates the coordinate system axes. In iPhone OS, a positive value specifies counterclockwise rotation and a negative value specifies clockwise rotation. In Mac OS X, a positive value specifies clockwise rotation and a negative value specifies counterclockwise rotation.

**Return Value**

A new affine transformation matrix.

**Discussion**

This function creates a `CGAffineTransform` structure, which you can use (and reuse, if you want) to rotate a coordinate system. The matrix takes the following form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos a & \sin a & 0 \\ -\sin a & \cos a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The actual direction of rotation is dependent on the coordinate system orientation of the target platform, which is different in iPhone OS and Mac OS X. Because the third column is always  $(0, 0, 1)$ , the `CGAffineTransform` data structure returned by this function contains values for only the first two columns.

These are the resulting equations that Quartz uses to apply the rotation to a point  $(x, y)$ :

$$x' = x \cos a - y \sin a$$

$$y' = x \sin a + y \cos a$$

If you want only to rotate an object to be drawn, it is not necessary to construct an affine transform to do so. The most direct way to rotate your drawing is by calling the function [CGContextRotateCTM](#) (page 100).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Quartz 2D Shadings

**Declared In**

CGAffineTransform.h

## CGAffineTransformMakeScale

Returns an affine transformation matrix constructed from scaling values you provide.

```
CGAffineTransform CGAffineTransformMakeScale (
    CGFloat sx,
    CGFloat sy
);
```

### Parameters

*sx*

The factor by which to scale the x-axis of the coordinate system.

*sy*

The factor by which to scale the y-axis of the coordinate system.

### Return Value

A new affine transformation matrix.

### Discussion

This function creates a `CGAffineTransform` structure, which you can use (and reuse, if you want) to scale a coordinate system. The matrix takes the following form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Because the third column is always  $(0, 0, 1)$ , the `CGAffineTransform` data structure returned by this function contains values for only the first two columns.

These are the resulting equations that Quartz uses to scale the coordinates of a point  $(x,y)$ :

$$x' = x \cdot s_x$$

$$y' = y \cdot s_y$$

If you want only to scale an object to be drawn, it is not necessary to construct an affine transform to do so. The most direct way to scale your drawing is by calling the function `CGContextScaleCTM` (page 102).

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

### Related Sample Code

ImageApp

### Declared In

`CGAffineTransform.h`

## CGAffineTransformMakeTranslation

Returns an affine transformation matrix constructed from translation values you provide.

```
CGAffineTransform CGAffineTransformMakeTranslation (
    CGFloat tx,
    CGFloat ty
);
```

**Parameters***tx*

The value by which to move the x-axis of the coordinate system.

*ty*

The value by which to move the y-axis of the coordinate system.

**Return Value**

A new affine transform matrix.

**Discussion**

This function creates a `CGAffineTransform` structure, which you can use (and reuse, if you want) to move a coordinate system. The matrix takes the following form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ t_x & t_y & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Because the third column is always  $(0, 0, 1)$ , the `CGAffineTransform` data structure returned by this function contains values for only the first two columns.

These are the resulting equations Quartz uses to apply the translation to a point  $(x,y)$ :

$$x' = x + t_x$$

$$y' = y + t_y$$

If you want only to move the location where an object is drawn, it is not necessary to construct an affine transform to do so. The most direct way to move your drawing is by calling the function [CGContextTranslateCTM](#) (page 134).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIAnnotation

**Declared In**

CGAffineTransform.h

**CGAffineTransformRotate**

Returns an affine transformation matrix constructed by rotating an existing affine transform.

```
CGAffineTransform CGAffineTransformRotate (
    CGAffineTransform t,
    CGFloat angle
);
```

**Parameters***t*

An existing affine transform.

*angle*

The angle, in radians, by which to rotate the affine transform. In iPhone OS, a positive value specifies counterclockwise rotation and a negative value specifies clockwise rotation. In Mac OS X, a positive value specifies clockwise rotation and a negative value specifies counterclockwise rotation.

**Return Value**

A new affine transformation matrix.

**Discussion**

You use this function to create a new affine transformation matrix by adding a rotation value to an existing affine transform. The resulting structure represents a new affine transform, which you can use (and reuse, if you want) to rotate a coordinate system.

The actual direction of rotation is dependent on the coordinate system orientation of the target platform, which is different in iPhone OS and Mac OS X.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGAffineTransform.h

**CGAffineTransformScale**

Returns an affine transformation matrix constructed by scaling an existing affine transform.

```
CGAffineTransform CGAffineTransformScale (
    CGAffineTransform t,
    CGFloat sx,
    CGFloat sy
);
```

**Parameters***t*

An existing affine transform.

*sx*

The value by which to scale x values of the affine transform.

*sy*

The value by which to scale y values of the affine transform.

**Return Value**

A new affine transformation matrix.

**Discussion**

You use this function to create a new affine transformation matrix by adding scaling values to an existing affine transform. The resulting structure represents a new affine transform, which you can use (and reuse, if you want) to scale a coordinate system.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIAnnotation

HID Calibrator

**Declared In**

CGAffineTransform.h

**CGAffineTransformTranslate**

Returns an affine transformation matrix constructed by translating an existing affine transform.

```
CGAffineTransform CGAffineTransformTranslate (
    CGAffineTransform t,
    CGFloat tx,
    CGFloat ty
);
```

**Parameters**

*t*

An existing affine transform.

*tx*

The value by which to move x values with the affine transform.

*ty*

The value by which to move y values with the affine transform.

**Return Value**

A new affine transformation matrix.

**Discussion**

You use this function to create a new affine transform by adding translation values to an existing affine transform. The resulting structure represents a new affine transform, which you can use (and reuse, if you want) to move a coordinate system.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIAnnotation

**Declared In**

CGAffineTransform.h

**CGPointApplyAffineTransform**

Returns the point resulting from an affine transformation of an existing point.

```
CGPoint CGPointApplyAffineTransform (
    CGPoint point,
    CGAffineTransform t
);
```

**Parameters***point*

A point that specifies the x- and y-coordinates to transform.

*t*

The affine transform to apply.

**Return Value**

A new point resulting from applying the specified affine transform to the existing point.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGAffineTransform.h

**CGRectApplyAffineTransform**

Applies an affine transform to a rectangle.

```
CGRect CGRectApplyAffineTransform (
    CGRect rect,
    CGAffineTransform t
);
```

**Parameters***rect*

The rectangle whose corner points you want to transform.

*t*The affine transform to apply to the *rect* parameter.**Return Value**

The transformed rectangle.

**Discussion**

Because affine transforms do not preserve rectangles in general, the function `CGRectApplyAffineTransform` returns the smallest rectangle that contains the transformed corner points of the *rect* parameter. If the affine transform *t* consists solely of scaling and translation operations, then the returned rectangle coincides with the rectangle constructed from the four transformed corners.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

DispatchFractal

ImageApp

**Declared In**

CGAffineTransform.h

**CGSizeApplyAffineTransform**

Returns the height and width resulting from a transformation of an existing height and width.

```
CGSize CGSizeApplyAffineTransform (
    CGSize size,
    CGAffineTransform t
);
```

**Parameters**

*size*

A size that specifies the height and width to transform.

*t*

The affine transform to apply.

**Return Value**

A new size resulting from applying the specified affine transform to the existing size.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X version 10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGAffineTransform.h

## Data Types

**CGAffineTransform**

A structure for holding an affine transformation matrix.

```
struct CGAffineTransform {
    CGFloat a;
    CGFloat b;
    CGFloat c;
    CGFloat d;
    CGFloat tx;
    CGFloat ty;
};
typedef struct CGAffineTransform CGAffineTransform;
```

**Fields**

*a*

The entry at position [1,1] in the matrix.

*b*

The entry at position [1,2] in the matrix.

*c*

The entry at position [2,1] in the matrix.

*d*

The entry at position [2,2] in the matrix.

*tx*

The entry at position [3,1] in the matrix.

$t_y$

The entry at position [3,2] in the matrix.

### Discussion

In Quartz 2D, an affine transformation matrix is used to rotate, scale, translate, or skew the objects you draw in a graphics context. The `CGAffineTransform` type provides functions for creating, concatenating, and applying affine transformations.

In Quartz, affine transforms are represented by a 3 by 3 matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & 0 \\ c & d & 0 \\ t_x & t_y & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Because the third column is always  $(0, 0, 1)$ , the `CGAffineTransform` data structure contains values for only the first two columns.

Conceptually, a Quartz affine transform multiplies a row vector representing each point  $(x,y)$  in your drawing by this matrix, producing a vector that represents the corresponding point  $(x',y')$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' & y' & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} a & b & 0 \\ c & d & 0 \\ t_x & t_y & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Given the 3 by 3 matrix, Quartz uses the following equations to transform a point  $(x, y)$  in one coordinate system into a resultant point  $(x',y')$  in another coordinate system.

$$x' = ax + cy + t_x$$

$$y' = bx + dy + t_y$$

The matrix thereby “links” two coordinate systems—it specifies how points in one coordinate system map to points in another.

Note that you do not typically need to create affine transforms directly. If you want only to draw an object that is scaled or rotated, for example, it is not necessary to construct an affine transform to do so. The most direct way to manipulate your drawing—whether by movement, scaling, or rotation—is to call the functions `CGContextTranslateCTM` (page 134), `CGContextScaleCTM` (page 102), or `CGContextRotateCTM` (page 100), respectively. You should generally only create an affine transform if you want to reuse it later.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

### Declared In

`CGAffineTransform.h`

## Constants

### **CGAffineTransformIdentity**

The identity transform.

```
const CGAffineTransform CGAffineTransformIdentity;
```

#### **Constants**

CGAffineTransformIdentity

The identity transform:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in CGAffineTransform.h.

#### **Declared In**

CGAffineTransform.h

# CGGeometry Reference

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<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ApplicationServices.h
<b>Declared in</b>	CGGeometry.h
<b>Companion guide</b>	Quartz 2D Programming Guide

## Overview

*CGGeometry Reference* defines structures for geometric primitives and functions that operate on them. The data structure `CGPoint` represents a point in a two-dimensional coordinate system. The data structure `CGRect` represents the location and dimensions of a rectangle. The data structure `CGSize` represents the dimensions of width and height.

## Functions by Task

### Creating a Dictionary Representation From a Geometric Primitive

- [CGPointCreateDictionaryRepresentation](#) (page 413)  
Returns a dictionary representation of the provided point.
- [CGSizeCreateDictionaryRepresentation](#) (page 429)  
Returns a dictionary representation of the provided size.
- [CGRectCreateDictionaryRepresentation](#) (page 416)  
Returns a dictionary representation of the provided rectangle.

### Creating a Geometric Primitive From a Dictionary Representation

- [CGPointMakeWithDictionaryRepresentation](#) (page 415)  
Fills in a `CGPoint` structure using the contents of the provided dictionary.
- [CGSizeMakeWithDictionaryRepresentation](#) (page 431)  
Fills in a `CGSize` structure using the contents of the provided dictionary.
- [CGRectMakeWithDictionaryRepresentation](#) (page 427)  
Fills in a `CGRect` structure using the contents of the provided dictionary.

## Creating a Geometric Primitive From Values

[CGPointMake](#) (page 414)

Returns a `CGPoint` structure filled in with the coordinate values you provide.

[CGRectMake](#) (page 426)

Returns a `CGRect` structure filled in with the coordinate and dimension values you provide.

[CGSizeMake](#) (page 430)

Returns a `CGSize` structure filled in with dimension values you provide.

## Modifying Rectangles

[CGRectDivide](#) (page 417)

Divides a source rectangle into two component rectangles.

[CGRectInset](#) (page 422)

Returns a rectangle that is smaller or larger than the source rectangle, with the same center point.

[CGRectIntegral](#) (page 423)

Returns the smallest rectangle that results from converting the source rectangle values to integers.

[CGRectIntersection](#) (page 423)

Returns the intersection of two rectangles.

[CGRectOffset](#) (page 427)

Returns a rectangle with an origin that is offset from that of the source rectangle.

[CGRectStandardize](#) (page 428)

Returns a rectangle with a positive width and height.

[CGRectUnion](#) (page 428)

Returns the smallest rectangle that contains the two provided rectangles.

## Comparing Values

[CGPointEqualToPoint](#) (page 414)

Returns whether two points are equal.

[CGSizeEqualToSize](#) (page 430)

Returns whether two sizes are equal.

[CGRectEqualToRect](#) (page 417)

Returns whether two rectangles are equal in size and position.

[CGRectIntersectsRect](#) (page 424)

Returns whether two rectangles intersect.

## Checking for Membership

[CGRectContainsPoint](#) (page 415)

Returns whether a rectangle contains a specified point.

[CGRectContainsRect](#) (page 416)

Returns whether the first rectangle contains the second rectangle.

## Getting Min, Mid, and Max Values

[CGRectGetMinX](#) (page 421)

Returns the x-coordinate that establishes the left edge of a rectangle.

[CGRectGetMinY](#) (page 421)

Returns the y-coordinate that establishes the bottom edge of a rectangle.

[CGRectGetMidX](#) (page 419)

Returns the x-coordinate that establishes the center of a rectangle.

[CGRectGetMidY](#) (page 420)

Returns the y-coordinate that establishes the center of a rectangle.

[CGRectGetMaxX](#) (page 418)

Returns the x-coordinate that establishes the right edge of a rectangle.

[CGRectGetMaxY](#) (page 419)

Returns the y-coordinate that establishes the top edge of a rectangle.

## Getting Height and Width

[CGRectGetHeight](#) (page 418)

Returns the height of a rectangle.

[CGRectGetWidth](#) (page 422)

Returns the width of a rectangle.

## Checking Rectangle Characteristics

[CGRectIsEmpty](#) (page 425)

Returns whether a rectangle has zero width or height, or is a null rectangle.

[CGRectIsNull](#) (page 426)

Returns whether a rectangle is invalid.

[CGRectIsInfinite](#) (page 425)

Returns whether a rectangle is infinite.

## Functions

### CGPointCreateDictionaryRepresentation

Returns a dictionary representation of the provided point.

```
CFDictionaryRef CGPointCreateDictionaryRepresentation(
    CGPoint point
);
```

#### Parameters

*point*  
A point.

**Return Value**

The dictionary representation of the point.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGPointEqualToPoint**

Returns whether two points are equal.

```
bool CGPointEqualToPoint (
    CGPoint point1,
    CGPoint point2
);
```

**Parameters**

*point1*

The first point to examine.

*point2*

The second point to examine.

**Return Value**

Returns 1 if the two specified points are the same; otherwise, 0.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGPointMake**

Returns a `CGPoint` structure filled in with the coordinate values you provide.

```
CGPoint CGPointMake (
    CGFloat x,
    CGFloat y
);
```

**Parameters**

*x*

The x-coordinate of the point to construct.

*y*

The y-coordinate of the point to construct.

**Return Value**

Returns a `CGPoint` structure, representing a single (x,y) coordinate pair.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

GeekGameBoard

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

Quartz 2D Shadings

Quartz EB

QuartzCache

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGPointMakeWithDictionaryRepresentation**Fills in a `CGPoint` structure using the contents of the provided dictionary.

```
bool CGPointMakeWithDictionaryRepresentation(
    CFDictionaryRef dict,
    CGPoint *point
);
```

**Parameters***dict*

A dictionary that was previously returned from the function [CGPointCreateDictionaryRepresentation](#) (page 413).

*point*

On return, the point created from the provided dictionary.

**Return Value**

true if successful; false otherwise.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGRectContainsPoint**

Returns whether a rectangle contains a specified point.

```
bool CGRectContainsPoint (
    CGRect rect,
    CGPoint point
);
```

**Parameters***rect*

The rectangle to examine.

*point*

The point to examine.

**Return Value**

Returns 1 if the specified point is located within the specified rectangle; otherwise, 0.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGRectContainsRect**

Returns whether the first rectangle contains the second rectangle.

```
bool CGRectContainsRect (
    CGRect rect1,
    CGRect rect2
);
```

**Parameters**

*rect1*

The rectangle to examine for containment of the rectangle passed in *rect2*.

*rect2*

The rectangle to examine for being contained in the rectangle passed in *rect1*.

**Return Value**

Returns 1 if the rectangle specified by *rect2* is contained in the rectangle passed in *rect1*; otherwise, 0. The first rectangle contains the second if the union of the two rectangles is equal to the first rectangle.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGRectCreateDictionaryRepresentation**

Returns a dictionary representation of the provided rectangle.

```
CFDictionaryRef CGRectCreateDictionaryRepresentation(
    CGRect rect
);
```

**Parameters**

*rect*

A rectangle.

**Return Value**

The dictionary representation of the rectangle.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

## CGRectDivide

Divides a source rectangle into two component rectangles.

```
void CGRectDivide (
    CGRect rect,
    CGRect *slice,
    CGRect *remainder,
    CGFloat amount,
    CGRectEdge edge
);
```

### Parameters

*rect*

The source `CGRect` structure.

*slice*

On input, a pointer to an uninitialized `CGRect` structure. On return, a `CGRect` structure filled in with the specified edge and values that extends the distance beyond the edge specified by the *amount* parameter.

*remainder*

On input, a pointer to an uninitialized rectangle `CGRect` structure. On return, the `CGRect` structure contains the portion of the source `CGRect` structure that remains after `CGRectEdge` produces the “slice” rectangle.

*amount*

A distance from the rectangle side that is specified in the *edge* parameter. This distance defines the line, parallel to the specified side, that Quartz uses to divide the source `CGRect` structure.

*edge*

A `CGRectEdge` value ([CGRectMinXEdge](#) (page 434), [CGRectMinYEdge](#) (page 434), [CGRectMaxXEdge](#) (page 435), or [CGRectMaxYEdge](#) (page 435)) that specifies the side of the rectangle from which the distance passed in the *amount* parameter is measured. `CGRectDivide` produces a “slice” rectangle that contains the specified edge and extends *amount* distance beyond it.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

### Related Sample Code

CoreTextRTF

### Declared In

CGGeometry.h

## CGRectEqualToRect

Returns whether two rectangles are equal in size and position.

```
bool CGRectEqualToRect (
    CGRect rect1,
    CGRect rect2
);
```

### Parameters

*rect1*

The first rectangle to examine.

*rect2*

The second rectangle to examine.

**Return Value**

Returns 1 if the two specified rectangles have equal size and origin values, or are both `null`. Otherwise, returns 0.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGRectGetHeight**

Returns the height of a rectangle.

```
CGFloat CGRectGetHeight (  
    CGRect rect  
);
```

**Parameters**

*rect*

The rectangle to examine.

**Return Value**

The height of the specified rectangle.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIColorTracking

HID Calibrator

LightTable

QuartzShapes

WhackedTV

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGRectGetMaxX**

Returns the x-coordinate that establishes the right edge of a rectangle.

```
CGFloat CGRectGetMaxX (  
    CGRect rect  
);
```

**Parameters**

*rect*

The rectangle to examine.

**Return Value**

The x-coordinate of the top-right corner of the specified rectangle.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIColorTracking

GeekGameBoard

HID Calibrator

HID Explorer

LightTable

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGRectGetMaxY**

Returns the y-coordinate that establishes the top edge of a rectangle.

```
CGFloat CGRectGetMaxY (  
    CGRect rect  
);
```

**Parameters**

*rect*

The rectangle to examine.

**Return Value**

The y-coordinate of the top-right corner of the specified rectangle.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIColorTracking

GeekGameBoard

HID Explorer

LightTable

MovieVideoChart

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGRectGetMidX**

Returns the x- coordinate that establishes the center of a rectangle.

```
CGFloat CGRectGetMidX (  
    CGRect rect  
);
```

**Parameters**

*rect*

The rectangle to examine.

**Return Value**

The x-coordinate of the center of the specified rectangle.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CoreTextArcCocoa

GeekGameBoard

HID Calibrator

LightTable

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGRectGetMidY**

Returns the y-coordinate that establishes the center of a rectangle.

```
CGFloat CGRectGetMidY (  
    CGRect rect  
);
```

**Parameters**

*rect*

The rectangle to examine.

**Return Value**

The y-coordinate of the center of the specified rectangle.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CoreTextArcCocoa

GeekGameBoard

HID Explorer

LightTable

MovieVideoChart

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

## CGRectGetMinX

Returns the x-coordinate that establishes the left edge of a rectangle.

```
CGFloat CGRectGetMinX (  
    CGRect rect  
);
```

### Parameters

*rect*

The rectangle to examine.

### Return Value

The x-coordinate of the bottom-left corner of the specified rectangle.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

### Related Sample Code

CIColorTracking

GeekGameBoard

HID Explorer

LightTable

QuartzShapes

### Declared In

CGGeometry.h

## CGRectGetMinY

Returns the y-coordinate that establishes the bottom edge of a rectangle.

```
CGFloat CGRectGetMinY (  
    CGRect rect  
);
```

### Parameters

*rect*

The rectangle to examine.

### Return Value

The y-coordinate of the bottom-left corner of the specified rectangle.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

### Related Sample Code

GeekGameBoard

HID Explorer

LightTable

MovieVideoChart

QuartzShapes

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGRectGetWidth**

Returns the width of a rectangle.

```
CGFloat CGRectGetWidth (  
    CGRect rect  
);
```

**Parameters***rect*

The rectangle to examine.

**Return Value**

The width of the specified rectangle.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIColorTracking

HID Config Save

HID Explorer

LightTable

WhackedTV

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGRectInset**

Returns a rectangle that is smaller or larger than the source rectangle, with the same center point.

```
CGRect CGRectInset (  
    CGRect rect,  
    CGFloat dx,  
    CGFloat dy  
);
```

**Parameters***rect*

The source `CGRect` structure.

*dx*

The x-coordinate value to use for adjusting the source rectangle. To create an inset rectangle, specify a positive value. To create a larger, encompassing rectangle, specify a negative value.

*dy*

The y-coordinate value to use for adjusting the source rectangle. To create an inset rectangle, specify a positive value. To create a larger, encompassing rectangle, specify a negative value.

**Return Value**

A filled-in `CGRect` structure. The origin value is offset in the x-axis by the distance specified by the `dx` parameter and in the y-axis by the distance specified by the `dy` parameter, and its size adjusted by  $(2*dx, 2*dy)$ , relative to the source rectangle. If `dx` and `dy` are positive values, then the rectangle's size is decreased. If `dx` and `dy` are negative values, the rectangle's size is increased.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CoreTextRTF  
GeekGameBoard  
SeeMyFriends

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGRectIntegral**

Returns the smallest rectangle that results from converting the source rectangle values to integers.

```
CGRect CGRectIntegral (
    CGRect rect
);
```

**Parameters**

*rect*

The source rectangle.

**Return Value**

A filled-in `CGRect` structure whose values represent the rectangle with the smallest integer values for its origin and size that contains the source rectangle. That is, given a rectangle with fractional origin or size values, `CGRectIntegral` rounds the rectangle's origin downward and its size upward to the nearest whole integers, such that the result contains the original rectangle.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIAnnotation  
CIRAWFilterSample  
FunHouse  
ImageApp  
WhackedTV

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGRectIntersection**

Returns the intersection of two rectangles.

```
CGRect CGRectIntersection (
    CGRect r1,
    CGRect r2
);
```

**Parameters***rect1*

The first source rectangle.

*rect2*

The second source rectangle.

**Return Value**

A filled-in `CGRect` structure that represents the intersection of the two specified rectangles. If the two rectangles do not intersect, returns the null rectangle. To check for this condition, use `CGRectIsNull` (page 426).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIMicroPaint

CIRAWFilterSample

CITransitionSelectorSample2

FunHouse

WhackedTV

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGRectIntersectsRect**

Returns whether two rectangles intersect.

```
bool CGRectIntersectsRect (
    CGRect rect1,
    CGRect rect2
);
```

**Parameters***rect1*

The first rectangle to examine.

*rect2*

The second rectangle to examine.

**Return Value**

Returns 1 if the two specified rectangles intersect; otherwise, 0. The first rectangle intersects the second if the intersection of the rectangles is not equal to the null rectangle.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

SeeMyFriends

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGRectIsEmpty**

Returns whether a rectangle has zero width or height, or is a null rectangle.

```
bool CGRectIsEmpty (  
    CGRect rect  
);
```

**Parameters***rect*

The rectangle to examine.

**Return Value**

Returns 1 if the specified rectangle is empty; otherwise, 0.

**Discussion**

An empty rectangle is either a null rectangle or a valid rectangle with zero height or width. See also [CGRectIsNull](#) (page 426).

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGRectIsInfinite**

Returns whether a rectangle is infinite.

```
bool CGRectIsInfinite (  
    CGRect rect  
);
```

**Parameters***rect*

The rectangle to examine.

**Return Value**

Returns `true` if the specified rectangle is infinite, `false` otherwise.

**Discussion**

An infinite rectangle is one that has no defined bounds. Infinite rectangles can be created as output from a tiling filter. For example, the Core Image framework perspective tile filter creates an image whose extent is described by an infinite rectangle.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIAnnotation

CIMicroPaint

Reducer  
 WebKitCIPlugIn  
 WhackedTV

**Declared In**  
 CGGeometry.h

## CGRectIsNull

Returns whether a rectangle is invalid.

```
bool CGRectIsNull (
    CGRect rect
);
```

### Parameters

*rect*  
 The rectangle to examine.

### Return Value

Returns 1 if the specified rectangle is null; otherwise, 0.

### Discussion

A null rectangle is one that is not valid (you cannot draw a null rectangle). For example, the result of intersecting two disjoint rectangles is a null rectangle. See also [CGRectIsEmpty](#) (page 425).

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

### Related Sample Code

QTPixelBufferVCToCGImage

**Declared In**  
 CGGeometry.h

## CGRectMake

Returns a `CGRect` structure filled in with the coordinate and dimension values you provide.

```
CGRect CGRectMake (
    CGFloat x,
    CGFloat y,
    CGFloat width,
    CGFloat height
);
```

### Parameters

*x*  
 The x-coordinate of the rectangle's origin point.

*y*  
 The y-coordinate of the rectangle's origin point.

*width*

The width of the rectangle.

*height*

The height of the rectangle.

#### Return Value

Returns a rectangle with the specified location and dimensions.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

#### Related Sample Code

GeekGameBoard

ImageKitDemo

LightTable

MovieVideoChart

QuartzCache

#### Declared In

CGGeometry.h

## CGRectMakeWithDictionaryRepresentation

Fills in a `CGRect` structure using the contents of the provided dictionary.

```
bool CGRectMakeWithDictionaryRepresentation(
    CFDictionaryRef dict,
    CGRect *rect
);
```

#### Parameters

*dict*

A dictionary that was previously returned from the function [CGRectCreateDictionaryRepresentation](#) (page 416).

*rect*

On return, the rectangle created from the provided dictionary.

#### Return Value

true if successful; false otherwise.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

#### Related Sample Code

Son of Grab

#### Declared In

CGGeometry.h

## CGRectOffset

Returns a rectangle with an origin that is offset from that of the source rectangle.

```
CGRect CGRectOffset (
    CGRect rect,
    CGFloat dx,
    CGFloat dy
);
```

**Parameters***rect*

The source rectangle.

*dx*

The offset value for the x-coordinate.

*dy*

The offset value for the y-coordinate.

**Return Value**

A filled-in `CGRect` structure that is the same size as the source, but with its origin offset by `dx` units along the x-axis and `dy` units along the y-axis with respect to the source.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**`CGGeometry.h`**CGRectStandardize**

Returns a rectangle with a positive width and height.

```
CGRect CGRectStandardize (
    CGRect rect
);
```

**Parameters***rect*

The source rectangle.

**Return Value**

A filled-in `CGRect` structure that represents the source rectangle, but with positive width and height values.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**`CGGeometry.h`**CGRectUnion**

Returns the smallest rectangle that contains the two provided rectangles.

```
CGRect CGRectUnion (
    CGRect r1,
    CGRect r2
);
```

**Parameters**

*r1*  
The first source rectangle.

*r2*  
The second source rectangle.

**Return Value**

A filled-in `CGRect` structure that represents the smallest rectangle that completely contains both of the source rectangles.

**Discussion**

If one of the rectangles has 0 (or negative) width or height, a copy of the other rectangle is returned; but if both have 0 (or negative) width or height, the returned rectangle has its origin at (0.0, 0.0) and has 0 width and height.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

CIAnnotation  
GeekGameBoard  
MovieVideoChart

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGSizeCreateDictionaryRepresentation**

Returns a dictionary representation of the provided size.

```
CFDictionaryRef CGSizeCreateDictionaryRepresentation(
    CGSize size
);
```

**Parameters**

*size*  
A size.

**Return Value**

The dictionary representation of the size.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGSizeEqualToSize**

Returns whether two sizes are equal.

```
bool CGSizeEqualToSize (
    CGSize size1,
    CGSize size2
);
```

**Parameters**

*size1*

The first size to examine.

*size2*

The second size to examine.

**Return Value**

Returns 1 if the two specified sizes are equal; otherwise, 0.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

LightTable

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGSizeMake**

Returns a CGSize structure filled in with dimension values you provide.

```
CGSize CGSizeMake (
    CGFloat width,
    CGFloat height
);
```

**Parameters**

*width*

A width value.

*height*

A height value.

**Return Value**

Returns a CGSize structure with the specified width and height.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Related Sample Code**

Fire

GeekGameBoard

OpenCL NBody Simulation Example

QuartzCache

VBL

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGSizeMakeWithDictionaryRepresentation**

Fills in a CGSize structure using the contents of the provided dictionary.

```
bool CGSizeMakeWithDictionaryRepresentation(
    CFDictionaryRef dict,
    CGSize *size
);
```

**Parameters***dict*

A dictionary that was previously returned from the function [CGSizeCreateDictionaryRepresentation](#) (page 429).

*size*

On return, the size created from the provided dictionary.

**Return Value**

true if successful; false otherwise.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

## Data Types

**CGFloat**

The basic type for all floating-point values.

```
typedef float CGFloat; // 32-bit
```

```
typedef double CGFloat; // 64-bit
```

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.6 and later.

**Declared In**

CGBase.h

**CGPoint**

A structure that contains a point in a two-dimensional coordinate system.

```

struct CGPoint {
    CGFloat x;
    CGFloat y;
};
typedef struct CGPoint CGPoint;

```

**Fields**

**x**  
The x-coordinate of the point.

**y**  
The y-coordinate of the point.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGRect**

A structure that contains the location and dimensions of a rectangle.

```

struct CGRect {
    CGPoint origin;
    CGSize size;
};
typedef struct CGRect CGRect;

```

**Fields**

**origin**  
A [CGPoint](#) (page 431) structure that specifies the coordinates of the rectangle's origin. The origin is located in the lower-left of the rectangle.

**size**  
A [CGSize](#) (page 432) structure that specifies the height and width of the rectangle.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

**CGSize**

A structure that contains width and height values.

```

struct CGSize {
    CGFloat width;
    CGFloat height;
};
typedef struct CGSize CGSize;

```

**Fields**

**width**  
A width value.

height

A height value.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

## Constants

### CGRectInfinite

A rectangle that has infinite extent.

```
const CGRect CGRectInfinite;
```

**Constants**

CGRectInfinite

A rectangle that has infinite extent.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in CGGeometry.h.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

**Declared In**

CGGeometry.h

### Geometric Zeroes

A zero point, zero rectangle, or zero size.

```
const CGPoint CGPointZero;
const CGRect CGRectZero;
const CGSize CGSizeZero;
```

**Constants**

CGPointZero

A point constant with location (0, 0). The zero point is equivalent to CGPointMake(0,0).

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in CGGeometry.h.

CGRectZero

A rectangle constant with location (0,0), and width and height of 0. The zero rectangle is equivalent to CGRectMake(0,0,0,0).

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in CGGeometry.h.

`CGSizeZero`

A size constant with width and height of 0. The zero size is equivalent to `CGSizeMake(0,0)`.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGGeometry.h`.

**Declared In**

`CGGeometry.h`

## Geometrical Null

The null or empty rectangle.

```
const CGRect CGRectNull;
```

**Constants**

`CGRectNull`

The null rectangle. This is the rectangle returned when, for example, you intersect two disjoint rectangles. Note that the null rectangle is not the same as the zero rectangle.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGGeometry.h`.

**Declared In**

`CGGeometry.h`

## CGRectEdge

Coordinates that establish the edges of a rectangle.

```
enum CGRectEdge {
    CGRectMinXEdge,
    CGRectMinYEdge,
    CGRectMaxXEdge,
    CGRectMaxYEdge
};
typedef enum CGRectEdge CGRectEdge;
```

**Constants**

`CGRectMinXEdge`

The x-coordinate that establishes the left edge of a rectangle.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGGeometry.h`.

`CGRectMinYEdge`

The y-coordinate that establishes the minimum edge of a rectangle. In Mac OS X, this is typically the bottom edge of the rectangle. If the coordinate system is flipped (or if you are using the default coordinate system in iPhone OS), this constant refers to the top edge of the rectangle.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGGeometry.h`.

CGRectMaxXEdge

The x-coordinate that establishes the right edge of a rectangle.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGGeometry.h`.

CGRectMaxYEdge

The y-coordinate that establishes the maximum edge of a rectangle. In Mac OS X, this is typically the top edge of the rectangle. If the coordinate system is flipped (or if you are using the default coordinate system in iPhone OS), this constant refers to the bottom edge of the rectangle.

Available in Mac OS X v10.0 and later.

Declared in `CGGeometry.h`.

### Declared In

`CGGeometry.h`

## CGFloat Informational Macros

Informational macros for the `CGFloat` type.

```
#define CGFLOAT_MIN FLT_MIN // 32-bit
#define CGFLOAT_MAX FLT_MAX
#define CGFLOAT_IS_DOUBLE 0

#define CGFLOAT_MIN DBL_MIN // 64-bit
#define CGFLOAT_MAX DBL_MAX
#define CGFLOAT_IS_DOUBLE 1
```

### Constants

CGFLOAT\_MIN

The minimum allowable value for a `CGFloat` type. For 32-bit code, this value is  $1.17549435e-38F$ . For 64-bit code, it is  $2.2250738585072014e-308$ .

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGBase.h`.

CGFLOAT\_MAX

The maximum allowable value for a `CGFloat` type. For 32-bit code, this value is  $3.40282347e+38F$ . For 64-bit code, it is  $1.7976931348623157e+308$ .

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGBase.h`.

CGFLOAT\_IS\_DOUBLE

Indicates whether `CGFloat` is defined as a `float` or `double` type.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGBase.h`.



# CGImageProperties Reference

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<b>Framework:</b>	ApplicationServices/ImageIO
<b>Declared in</b>	CGImageProperties.h

## Overview

*CGImageProperties Reference* defines constants that represent characteristics of images used by the Image I/O framework.

## Constants

### Format-Specific Dictionaries

Properties that have an associated dictionary of file-format or metadata-format specific key-value pairs.

```
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFDictionary;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGIFDictionary;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyJIFDictionary;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifDictionary;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyPNGDictionary;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCDictionary;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSDictionary;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyRawDictionary;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFDictionary;
CFStringRef kCGImageProperty8BIMDictionary;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyDNGDictionary;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifAuxDictionary;
```

### Constants

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFDictionary`

A dictionary of key-value pairs for an image that uses Tagged Image File Format (TIFF). See [“TIFF Dictionary Keys”](#) (page 464).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyGIFDictionary`

A dictionary of key-value pairs for an image that uses Graphics Interchange Format (GIF). See [“GIF Dictionary Keys”](#) (page 452).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

**kCGImagePropertyJFIFDictionary**

A dictionary of key-value pairs for an image that uses JPEG File Interchange Format (JFIF). See [“JFIF Dictionary Keys”](#) (page 462).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

**kCGImagePropertyExifDictionary**

A dictionary of key-value pairs for an image that uses Exchangeable Image File Format (EXIF). See [“EXIF Dictionary Keys”](#) (page 443).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

**kCGImagePropertyPNGDictionary**

A dictionary of key-value pairs for an image that uses Portable Network Graphics (PNG) format. See [“PNG Dictionary Keys”](#) (page 463).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

**kCGImagePropertyIPTCDictionary**

A dictionary of key-value pairs for an image that uses International Press Telecommunications Council (IPTC) metadata. See [“IPTC Dictionary Keys”](#) (page 456).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

**kCGImagePropertyGPSDictionary**

A dictionary of key-value pairs for an image that has Global Positioning System (GPS) information. See [“GPS Dictionary Keys”](#) (page 452).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

**kCGImagePropertyRawDictionary**

A dictionary of key-value pairs for an image that contains minimally processed, or raw, data.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

**kCGImagePropertyCIFFDictionary**

A dictionary of key-value pairs for an image that uses Camera Image File Format (CIFF). See [“CIFF Dictionary Keys”](#) (page 468).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

**kCGImageProperty8BIMDictionary**

A dictionary of key-value pairs for an Adobe Photoshop image. See [“8BIM Dictionary Keys”](#) (page 468).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

**kCGImagePropertyDNGDictionary**

A dictionary of key-value pairs for an image that uses the Digital Negative (DNG) archival format. See [“DNG Dictionary Keys”](#) (page 467).

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifAuxDictionary`

An auxiliary dictionary of key-value pairs for an image that uses Exchangeable Image File Format (EXIF).

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

#### Discussion

If any of these constants are returned by the functions `CGImageSourceCopyProperties` (page 240) or `CGImageSourceCopyPropertiesAtIndex` (page 241) the associated value is a dictionary of file-format or metadata-format specific key-value pairs.

#### Declared In

`CGImageProperties.h`

## Camera Maker Dictionaries

Properties that have an associated dictionary of key-value pairs for a specific camera manufacturer.

```
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyMakerCanonDictionary;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonDictionary;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyMakerMinoltaDictionary;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyMakerFujiDictionary;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyMakerOlympusDictionary;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyMakerPentaxDictionary;
```

#### Constants

`kCGImagePropertyMakerCanonDictionary`

A dictionary of key-value pairs for an image from a Canon camera. See [“Canon Camera Dictionary Keys”](#) (page 473).

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonDictionary`

A dictionary of key-value pairs for an image from a Nikon camera. See [“Nikon Camera Dictionary Keys”](#) (page 470).

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyMakerMinoltaDictionary`

A dictionary of key-value pairs for an image from a Minolta camera.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyMakerFujiDictionary`

A dictionary of key-value pairs for an image from a Fuji camera.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyMakerOlympusDictionary`

A dictionary of key-value pairs for an image from a Olympus camera.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyMakerPentaxDictionary`

A dictionary of key-value pairs for an image from a Pentax camera.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

#### Declared In

`CGImageProperties.h`

## Image Source Container Properties

Properties that apply to the container in general but not necessarily to any individual image in the container.

`CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyFileSize;`

#### Constants

`kCGImagePropertyFileSize`

The size of the image file in bytes, if known. If present, this key is a `CFNumber` value.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

#### Discussion

These properties can be returned by the function [CGImageSourceCopyProperties](#) (page 240).

#### Declared In

`CGImageProperties.h`

## Individual Image Properties

Properties that apply to an individual image in an image source.

`CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyDPIHeight;`  
`CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyDPIWidth;`  
`CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyPixelWidth;`  
`CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyPixelHeight;`  
`CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyDepth;`  
`CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyOrientation;`  
`CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIsFloat;`  
`CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIsIndexed;`  
`CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyHasAlpha;`  
`CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyColorModel;`  
`CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyProfileName;`

#### Constants

`kCGImagePropertyDPIHeight`

The resolution, in dots per inch, in the x dimension. If present, this key is a `CFNumber` value.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyDPIWidth`

The resolution, in dots per inch, in the y dimension. If present, this key is a `CFNumber` value.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyPixelWidth`

The number of pixels in the x dimension. If present, this key is a `CFNumber` value.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyPixelHeight`

The number of pixels in the y dimension. If present, this key is a `CFNumber` value.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyDepth`

The number of bits in each color sample of each pixel. If present, this key is a `CFNumber` value.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyOrientation`

The intended display orientation of the image. If present, this key is a `CFNumber` value with the same value as defined by the TIFF and EXIF specifications. The value specifies where the origin (0, 0) of the image is located, as shown in Table 32-1. If not present, a value of 1 is assumed.

**Table 32-1**

Value	Location of the origin of the image
1	Top, left
2	Top, right
3	Bottom, right
4	Bottom, left
5	Left, top
6	Right, top
7	Right, bottom
8	Left, bottom

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyIsFloat`

Whether or not the image contains floating-point pixel samples. The value of this key is `kCFBooleanTrue` if the image contains them.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyIsIndexed`

Whether or not the image contains indexed pixel samples (sometimes called paletted samples). The value of this key is `kCFBooleanTrue` if the image contains them.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyHasAlpha`

Whether or not the image has an alpha channel. The value of this key is `kCFBooleanTrue` if the image contains an alpha channel.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyColorModel`

The color model of the image such as, "RGB", "CMYK", "Gray", or "Lab". The value of this key is `CFStringRef`.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyProfileName`

The name of the optional ICC profile embedded in the image, if known. If present, the value of this key is a `CFStringRef`.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

### Discussion

These properties can be returned by the function [CGImageSourceCopyPropertiesAtIndex](#) (page 241).

### Declared In

`CGImageProperties.h`

## Color Model Values

Values for the color model property.

```
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyColorModelRGB;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyColorModelGray;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyColorModelCMYK;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyColorModelLab;
```

### Constants

`kCGImagePropertyColorModelRGB`

An RGB color model.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyColorModelGray`

A Gray color model.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyColorModelCMYK`

A CMYK color model.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyColorModelLab`

A Lab color model.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

**Discussion**

A color model describes how color values are represented mathematically. A color space is a color model combined with a definition of how to interpret values within the model.

**Declared In**

`CGImageProperties.h`

## EXIF Dictionary Keys

Keys for for an image that uses Exchangeable Image File Format (EXIF).

## CGImageProperties Reference

```

const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifExposureTime;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifFNumber;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifExposureProgram;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifSpectralSensitivity;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifISOSpeedRatings;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifOECF;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifVersion;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifDateTimeOriginal;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifDateTimeDigitized;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifComponentsConfiguration;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifCompressedBitsPerPixel;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifShutterSpeedValue;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifApertureValue;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifBrightnessValue;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifExposureBiasValue;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifMaxApertureValue;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifSubjectDistance;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifMeteringMode;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifLightSource;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifFlash;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifFocalLength;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifSubjectArea;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifMakerNote;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifUserComment;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifSubsecTime;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifSubsecTimeOriginal;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifSubsecTimeDigitized;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifFlashPixVersion;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifColorSpace;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifPixelXDimension;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifPixelYDimension;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifRelatedSoundFile;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifFlashEnergy;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifSpatialFrequencyResponse;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifFocalPlaneXResolution;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifFocalPlaneYResolution;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifFocalPlaneResolutionUnit;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifSubjectLocation;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifExposureIndex;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifSensingMethod;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifFileSource;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifSceneType;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifCFAPattern;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifCustomRendered;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifExposureMode;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifWhiteBalance;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifDigitalZoomRatio;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifFocalLenIn35mmFilm;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifSceneCaptureType;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifGainControl;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifContrast;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifSaturation;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifSharpness;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifDeviceSettingDescription;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifSubjectDistRange;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifImageUniqueID;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifGamma;

```

**Constants**

`kCGImagePropertyExifExposureTime`

The exposure time.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifFNumber`

The F number.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifExposureProgram`

The exposure program.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifSpectralSensitivity`

The spectral sensitivity of each channel.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifISOSpeedRatings`

ISO speed ratings.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifOECF`

The opto-electrical conversion function (OECF), which defines the relationship between the optical input of the camera and the image values.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifVersion`

The version.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifDateTimeOriginal`

The original date and time.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifDateTimeDigitized`

The digitized date and time.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifComponentsConfiguration`

The components configuration. For compressed data, specifies that the channels of each component are arranged in increasing numeric order (from first component to the fourth).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

- `kCGImagePropertyExifCompressedBitsPerPixel`  
The compressed bits per pixel.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyExifShutterSpeedValue`  
The shutter speed value.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyExifApertureValue`  
The aperture value.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyExifBrightnessValue`  
The brightness value.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyExifExposureBiasValue`  
The exposure bias value.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyExifMaxApertureValue`  
The maximum aperture value.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyExifSubjectDistance`  
The distance to the subject, in meters.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyExifMeteringMode`  
The metering mode.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyExifLightSource`  
The light source.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyExifFlash`  
The flash status when the image was shot.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifFocalLength`

The focal length.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifSubjectArea`

The subject area.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifMakerNote`

A maker note.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifUserComment`

A user comment.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifSubsecTime`

The fraction of seconds for the date and time tag.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifSubsecTimeOriginal`

The fraction of seconds for the original date and time tag.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifSubsecTimeDigitized`

The fraction of seconds for the digitized time tag.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifFlashPixVersion`

The FlashPix version supported by an FPXR file. FlashPix is a format for multi-resolution, tiled images, that facilitates fast onscreen viewing.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifColorSpace`

The color space.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifPixelXDimension`

The pixel x dimension.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

- `kCGImagePropertyExifPixelYDimension`  
The pixel y dimension.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyExifRelatedSoundFile`  
A related sound file.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyExifFlashEnergy`  
The strobe energy when the image was captures, in beam candle power seconds.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyExifSpatialFrequencyResponse`  
The spatial frequency table and spatial frequency response values in the direction of image width, image height, and diagonal directions. See ISO 12233..  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyExifFocalPlaneXResolution`  
The number of image-width pixels (x) per focal plane resolution unit.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyExifFocalPlaneYResolution`  
The number of image-height pixels (y)per focal plane resolution unit.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyExifFocalPlaneResolutionUnit`  
The unit of measurement for the focal plane x and y tags.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyExifSubjectLocation`  
The location of the scene's primary subject.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyExifExposureIndex`  
The selected exposure index.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyExifSensingMethod`  
The sensor type of the camera or input device.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifFileSource`

The image source.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifSceneType`

The scene type.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifCFAPattern`

The color filter array (CFA) pattern, which is the geometric pattern of the image sensor for a 1-chip color sensor area.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifCustomRendered`

Special rendering performed on the image data.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifExposureMode`

The exposure mode setting.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifWhiteBalance`

The white balance mode.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifDigitalZoomRatio`

The digital zoom ratio.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifFocalLenIn35mmFilm`

The equivalent focal length in 35 mm film.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifSceneCaptureType`

The scene capture type (standard, landscape, portrait, night).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifGainControl`

The gain adjustment applied to the image.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifContrast`

The contrast applied to the image.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifSaturation`

The saturation applied to the image.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifSharpness`

The sharpness applied to the image.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifDeviceSettingDescription`

For a particular camera mode, indicates the conditions for taking the picture.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifSubjectDistRange`

The subject distance range.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifImageUniqueID`

The unique ID of the image.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifGamma`

The gamma setting.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

**Declared In**

`CGImageProperties.h`

## EXIF Auxiliary Dictionary Keys

Auxiliary keys for for an image that uses Exchangeable Image File Format (EXIF).

```

const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifAuxLensInfo;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifAuxLensModel;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifAuxSerialNumber;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifAuxLensID;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifAuxLensSerialNumber;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifAuxImageNumber;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifAuxFlashCompensation;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifAuxOwnerName;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyExifAuxFirmware;

```

**Constants**

`kCGImagePropertyExifAuxLensInfo`

**Lens information.**

**Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.**

**Declared in** `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifAuxLensModel`

**The lens model.**

**Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.**

**Declared in** `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifAuxSerialNumber`

**The serial number.**

**Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.**

**Declared in** `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifAuxLensID`

**The lens ID.**

**Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.**

**Declared in** `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifAuxLensSerialNumber`

**The lens serial number.**

**Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.**

**Declared in** `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifAuxImageNumber`

**The image number.**

**Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.**

**Declared in** `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifAuxFlashCompensation`

**Flash compensation.**

**Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.**

**Declared in** `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifAuxOwnerName`

**The owner name.**

**Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.**

**Declared in** `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyExifAuxFirmware`

Firmware information.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

**Declared In**

`CGImageProperties.h`

## GIF Dictionary Keys

Keys for an image that uses Graphics Interchange Format (GIF).

```
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGIFLoopCount;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGIFDelayTime;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGIFImageColorMap;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGIFHasGlobalColorMap;
```

**Constants**

`kCGImagePropertyGIFLoopCount`

The loop count.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyGIFDelayTime`

The delay time.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyGIFImageColorMap`

The image color map.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyGIFHasGlobalColorMap`

Whether or not the GIF has a global color map.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

**Declared In**

`CGImageProperties.h`

## GPS Dictionary Keys

Keys for an image that has Global Positioning System (GPS) information.

```

const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSVersion;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSLatitudeRef;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSLatitude;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSLongitudeRef;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSLongitude;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSAltitudeRef;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSAltitude;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSTimeStamp;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSSatellites;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSStatus;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSMeasureMode;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSDOP;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSSpeedRef;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSSpeed;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSTrackRef;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSTrack;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSImgDirectionRef;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSImgDirection;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSMapDatum;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSDestLatitudeRef;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSDestLatitude;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSDestLongitudeRef;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSDestLongitude;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSDestBearingRef;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSDestBearing;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSDestDistanceRef;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSDestDistance;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSProcessingMethod;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSAreaInformation;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSDateStamp;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyGPSDifferential;

```

**Constants**

`kCGImagePropertyGPSVersion`

The version.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyGPSLatitudeRef`

Whether the latitude is northern or southern.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyGPSLatitude`

The latitude.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyGPSLongitudeRef`

Whether the longitude is east or west.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

- `kCGImagePropertyGPSLongitude`  
The longitude.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyGPSAltitudeRef`  
The reference altitude.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyGPSAltitude`  
The altitude.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyGPSTimeStamp`  
The time as UTC (Coordinated Universal Time).  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyGPSSatellites`  
The satellites used for GPS measurements.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyGPSStatus`  
The status of the GPS receiver.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyGPSMeasureMode`  
The measurement mode.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyGPSDOP`  
The data degree of precision (DOP).  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyGPSSpeedRef`  
The unit for expressing the GPS receiver speed of movement.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyGPSSpeed`  
The GPS receiver speed of movement.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

- `kCGImagePropertyGPSTrackRef`  
The reference for the direction of GPS receiver movement.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyGPSTrack`  
The direction of GPS receiver movement.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyGPSImgDirectionRef`  
The reference for the direction of the image.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyGPSImgDirection`  
The direction of the image.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyGPSMapDatum`  
The geodetic survey data used by the GPS receiver.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyGPSDestLatitudeRef`  
Whether the latitude of the destination point is northern or southern.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyGPSDestLatitude`  
The latitude of the destination point.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyGPSDestLongitudeRef`  
Whether the longitude of the destination point is east or west.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyGPSDestLongitude`  
The longitude of the destination point.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyGPSDestBearingRef`  
The reference for giving the bearing to the destination point.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyGPSDestBearing`

The bearing to the destination point.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyGPSDestDistanceRef`

The units for expressing the distance to the destination point.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyGPSDestDistance`

The distance to the destination point.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyGPSProcessingMethod`

The name of the method used for finding a location.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyGPSAreaInformation`

The name of the GPS area.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyGPSDateStamp`

The data and time information relative to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyGPSDifferential`

Whether differential correction is applied to the GPS receiver.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

#### **Declared In**

`CGImageProperties.h`

## **IPTC Dictionary Keys**

Keys for an image that uses International Press Telecommunications Council (IPTC) metadata.

## CGImageProperties Reference

```

const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCObjectTypeReference;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCObjectAttributeReference;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCObjectName;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCEditStatus;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCEditorialUpdate;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCSubjectReference;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCCategory;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCSupplementalCategory;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCFixtureIdentifier;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCKeywords;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCContentLocationCode;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCContentLocationName;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCReleaseDate;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCReleaseTime;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCExpirationDate;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCExpirationTime;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCSpecialInstructions;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCActionAdvised;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCReferenceService;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCReferenceDate;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCReferenceNumber;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCDateCreated;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCTimeCreated;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCDigitalCreationDate;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCDigitalCreationTime;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCOriginatingProgram;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCProgramVersion;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCObjectCycle;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCByline;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCBylineTitle;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCCity;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCSubLocation;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCProvinceState;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCCountryPrimaryLocationCode;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCCountryPrimaryLocationName;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCOriginalTransmissionReference;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCHeadline;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCCredit;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCSource;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCCopyrightNotice;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCContact;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCCaptionAbstract;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCWriterEditor;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCImageType;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCImageOrientation;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCLanguageIdentifier;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyIPTCStarRating;

```

**Constants**

`kCGImagePropertyIPTCObjectTypeReference`

The object type.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCObjectAttributeReference

The object attribute.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCObjectName

The object name.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCEditStatus

The edit status.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCEditorialUpdate

An editorial update.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCUrgency

The urgency level.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCSubjectReference

The subject.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCCategory

The category.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCSupplementalCategory

A supplemental category.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCFixtureIdentifier

A fixture identifier.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCKeywords

Keywords.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCContentLocationCode`  
The content location code.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCContentLocationName`  
The content location name.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCReleaseDate`  
The release date.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCReleaseTime`  
The release time.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCExpirationDate`  
The expiration date.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCExpirationTime`  
The expiration time.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCSpecialInstructions`  
Special instructions.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCActionAdvised`  
The advised action.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCReferenceService`  
The reference service.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCReferenceDate`  
The reference date.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCReferenceNumber`  
The reference number.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCDateCreated`  
The date created.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCTimeCreated`  
The time created.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCDigitalCreationDate`  
The digital creation date.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCDigitalCreationTime`  
The digital creation time.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCOriginatingProgram`  
The originating program.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCProgramVersion`  
The program version.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCObjectCycle`  
The object cycle.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCByline`  
The byline.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyIPTCBylineTitle`  
The byline title.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCCity

The city.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCSubLocation

The sublocation.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCProvinceState

The province or state.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCCountryPrimaryLocationCode

The country primary location code.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCCountryPrimaryLocationName

The country primary location name.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCOriginalTransmissionReference

The original transmission reference.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCHeadline

The headline.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCCredit

Credit information.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCSource

The source.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyIPTCCopyrightNotice

The copyright notice.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyIPTCContact`

Contact information.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyIPTCCaptionAbstract`

The caption abstract.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyIPTCWriterEditor`

The writer or editor.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyIPTCImageType`

The image type.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyIPTCImageOrientation`

The image orientation.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyIPTCLanguageIdentifier`

The language identifier.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyIPTCStarRating`

The star rating.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

### Discussion

IPTC constants are metadata elements of the Information Interchange Model (IIM) used to provide information about images. The IIM was developed by the Newspaper Association of America (NAA) and the International Press Telecommunications Council (IPTC).

### Declared In

`CGImageProperties.h`

## JFIF Dictionary Keys

Keys for an image that uses JPEG File Interchange Format (JFIF).

```
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyJFIFVersion;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyJFIFXDensity;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyJFIFYDensity;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyJFIFDensityUnit;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyJFIFIsProgressive;
```

**Constants**

kCGImagePropertyJFIFVersion

The version.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyJFIFXDensity

The x density.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyJFIFYDensity

The y density.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyJFIFDensityUnit

The density unit.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyJFIFIsProgressive

Whether or not the image is progressive.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

**Declared In**

`CGImageProperties.h`

**PNG Dictionary Keys**

Keys for an image that uses Portable Network Graphics (PNG) format.

```
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyPNGGamma;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyPNGInterlaceType;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyPNGXPixelsPerMeter;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyPNGYPixelsPerMeter;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyPNGsRGBIntent;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyPNGChromaticities;
```

**Constants**

kCGImagePropertyPNGGamma

The gamma value.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

- `kCGImagePropertyPNGInterlaceType`  
The interlace type.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyPNGXPixelsPerMeter`  
The number of x pixels per meter.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyPNGYPixelsPerMeter`  
The number of y pixels per meter.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyPNGsRGBIntent`  
The sRGB intent.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyPNGChromaticities`  
The chromaticities.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

**Declared In**`CGImageProperties.h`

## TIFF Dictionary Keys

Keys for an image that uses Tagged Image File Format (TIFF).

```

const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFCompression;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFPhotometricInterpretation;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFDocumentName;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFImageDescription;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFMake;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFModel;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFOrientation;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFXResolution;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFYResolution;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFResolutionUnit;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFSoftware;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFTransferFunction;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFDateTime;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFArtist;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFHostComputer;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFCopyright;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFWhitePoint;
const CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyTIFFPrimaryChromaticities;

```

**Constants**

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFCompression`  
**The compression scheme used on the image data.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFPhotometricInterpretation`  
**The color space of the image data.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFDocumentName`  
**The document name.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFImageDescription`  
**The image description.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFMake`  
**The camera or input device make.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFModel`  
**A camera or input device model.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFOrientation`  
**The image orientation.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFXResolution`

The number of pixels per resolution unit in the image width direction.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFYResolution`

The number of pixels per resolution unit in the image height direction.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFResolutionUnit`

The units of resolution.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFSoftware`

The name and version of the software used for image creation.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFTransferFunction`

The transfer function, in tabular format, used to map pixel components from a nonlinear form into a linear form.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFDateTime`

The date and time.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFArtist`

The artist.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFHostComputer`

The computer or operation system used when the image was created.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFCopyright`

Copyright information.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFWhitePoint`

The white point.

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyTIFFPrimaryChromaticities`  
**The chromaticities of the primaries of the image.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

**Declared In**

`CGImageProperties.h`

**DNG Dictionary Keys**

Keys for an image that uses the Digital Negative (DNG) archival format.

```
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyDNGVersion;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyDNGBackwardVersion;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyDNGUniqueCameraModel;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyDNGLocalizedCameraModel;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyDNGCameraSerialNumber;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyDNGLensInfo;
```

**Constants**

`kCGImagePropertyDNGVersion`  
**An encoding of the four-tier version number.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyDNGBackwardVersion`  
**The oldest version for which a file is compatible.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyDNGUniqueCameraModel`  
**A unique, nonlocalized name for the camera mode.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyDNGLocalizedCameraModel`  
**The localized camera model name.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyDNGCameraSerialNumber`  
**The camera serial number.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyDNGLensInfo`  
**Information about the lens used for the image.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

**Declared In**

`CGImageProperties.h`

## 8BIM Dictionary Keys

A key for an Adobe Photoshop image.

```
CFStringRef kCGImageProperty8BIMLayerNames;
```

### Constants

```
kCGImageProperty8BIMLayerNames
```

The layer names for an Adobe Photoshop file.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

### Declared In

`CGImageProperties.h`

## CIFF Dictionary Keys

Keys for an image that uses Camera Image File Format (CIFF).

```
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFDescription;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFFirmware;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFOwnerName;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFImageName;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFImageFileName;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFReleaseMethod;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFReleaseTiming;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFRecordID;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFSelfTimingTime;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFCameraSerialNumber;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFImageSerialNumber;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFContinuousDrive;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFFocusMode;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFMeteringMode;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFShootingMode;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFLensMaxMM;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFLensMinMM;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFLensModel;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFWhiteBalanceIndex;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFFlashExposureComp;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyCIFFMeasuredEV;
```

### Constants

```
kCGImagePropertyCIFFDescription
```

The camera description..

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

```
kCGImagePropertyCIFFFirmware
```

The firmware version.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFOwnerName`  
The owner name.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFImageName`  
The image name.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFImageFileName`  
The image file name.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFReleaseMethod`  
The release method.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFReleaseTiming`  
The release timing.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFRecordID`  
The record ID>  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFSelfTimingTime`  
The self timing time.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFCameraSerialNumber`  
The camera serial number.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFImageSerialNumber`  
The image serial number.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFContinuousDrive`  
The continuous drive mode.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFFocusMode`  
**The focus mode.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFMeteringMode`  
**The metering mode.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFShootingMode`  
**The shooting mode.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFLensMaxMM`  
**The maximum lens length.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFLensMinMM`  
**The minimum lens length.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFLensModel`  
**The lens model.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFWhiteBalanceIndex`  
**The white balance index.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFFlashExposureComp`  
**The flash exposure compensation.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyCIFFMeasuredEV`  
**The measured EV.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- Declared In**  
`CGImageProperties.h`

## Nikon Camera Dictionary Keys

Keys for an image from a Nikon camera.

```

CFStringRef  kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonISOSetting;
CFStringRef  kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonColorMode;
CFStringRef  kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonQuality;
CFStringRef  kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonWhiteBalanceMode;
CFStringRef  kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonSharpenMode;
CFStringRef  kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonFocusMode;
CFStringRef  kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonFlashSetting;
CFStringRef  kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonISOSelection;
CFStringRef  kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonFlashExposureComp;
CFStringRef  kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonImageAdjustment;
CFStringRef  kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonLensAdapter;
CFStringRef  kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonLensType;
CFStringRef  kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonLensInfo;
CFStringRef  kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonFocusDistance;
CFStringRef  kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonDigitalZoom;
CFStringRef  kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonShootingMode;
CFStringRef  kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonShutterCount;
CFStringRef  kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonCameraSerialNumber;

```

**Constants**

`kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonISOSetting`  
**The ISO setting.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonColorMode`  
**The color mode.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonQuality`  
**The quality setting.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonWhiteBalanceMode`  
**The white balance mode.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonSharpenMode`  
**The sharpening mode.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonFocusMode`  
**The focus mode.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonFlashSetting`  
**The flash setting.**  
 Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
 Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

- `kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonISOSelection`  
The ISO selection.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonFlashExposureComp`  
The flash exposure compensation.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonImageAdjustment`  
Image adjustment setting.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonLensAdapter`  
The lens adapter.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonLensType`  
The lens type.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonLensInfo`  
Lens information.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonFocusDistance`  
The focus distance.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonDigitalZoom`  
The digital zoom setting.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonShootingMode`  
The shooting mode.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.
- `kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonShutterCount`  
The shutter count.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyMakerNikonCameraSerialNumber`

The camera serial number.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

#### Declared In

`CGImageProperties.h`

## Canon Camera Dictionary Keys

Keys for an image from a Canon camera.

```
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyMakerCanonOwnerName;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyMakerCanonCameraSerialNumber;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyMakerCanonImageSerialNumber;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyMakerCanonFlashExposureComp;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyMakerCanonContinuousDrive;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyMakerCanonLensModel;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyMakerCanonFirmware;
CFStringRef kCGImagePropertyMakerCanonAspectRatioInfo;
```

#### Constants

`kCGImagePropertyMakerCanonOwnerName`

The owner name.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyMakerCanonCameraSerialNumber`

The camera serial number.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyMakerCanonImageSerialNumber`

The image serial number.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

`kCGImagePropertyMakerCanonFlashExposureComp`

The flash exposure compensation.

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`kCGImagePropertyMakerCanonContinuousDrive`

The presence of a continuous drive.

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`kCGImagePropertyMakerCanonLensModel`

The lens model.

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Declared in `CGImageProperties.h`.

kCGImagePropertyMakerCanonFirmware

**The firmware version.**

**Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.**

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