NSURLProtectionSpace Class Reference

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NSURLProtectionSpace Class Reference

Inherits from	NSObject
Conforms to	NSCopying NSObject (NSObject)
Framework	/System/Library/Frameworks/Foundation.framework
Availability	Available in Mac OS X v10.2 with Safari 1.0 installed. Available in Mac OS X v10.2.7 and later.
Companion guide	URL Loading System
Declared in	NSURLProtectionSpace.h

Overview

NSURLProtectionSpace represents a server or an area on a server, commonly referred to as a realm, that requires authentication. An NSURLProtectionSpace's credentials apply to any requests within that protection space.

Adopted Protocols

NSCopying
- `copyWithZone:`

Tasks

Creating a Protection Space

- `initWithHost:port:protocol:realm:authenticationMethod:` (page 7)
  Initializes a protection space object.
- `initWithProxyHost:port:type:realm:authenticationMethod:` (page 7)
  Initializes a protection space object representing a proxy server.

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Getting Protection Space Properties

- `authenticationMethod` (page 6)
  Returns the authentication method used by the receiver.
- `host` (page 6)
  Returns the receiver's host.
- `isProxy` (page 8)
  Returns whether the receiver represents a proxy server.
- `port` (page 8)
  Returns the receiver's port.
- `protocol` (page 9)
  Returns the receiver's protocol.
- `proxyType` (page 9)
  Returns the receiver's proxy type.
- `realm` (page 9)
  Returns the receiver's authentication realm
- `receivesCredentialSecurely` (page 10)
  Returns whether the credentials for the protection space can be sent securely.

Instance Methods

authenticationMethod

Returns the authentication method used by the receiver.

```
- (NSString *)authenticationMethod
```

Return Value
The authentication method used by the receiver. The supported authentication methods are listed in "Constants" (page 10).

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.2 with Safari 1.0 installed.
Available in Mac OS X v10.2.7 and later.

Declared In
`NSURLProtectionSpace.h`

host

Returns the receiver's host.

```
- (NSString *)host
```

Return Value
The receiver's host.

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Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.2 with Safari 1.0 installed.
Available in Mac OS X v10.2.7 and later.

Declared In
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initWithHost:port:protocol:realm:authenticationMethod:

Initializes a protection space object.

```
- (id)initWithHost:(NSString *)host port:(NSInteger)port protocol:(NSString
    *)protocol realm:(NSString *)realm authenticationMethod:(NSString
    *)authenticationMethod
```

Parameters

host
The host name for the protection space object.

port
The port for the protection space object. If *port* is 0 the default port for the specified protocol is used, for example, port 80 for HTTP. Note that servers can, and do, treat these values differently.

protocol
The protocol for the protection space object. The value of *protocol* is equivalent to the scheme for a URL in the protection space, for example, "http", "https", "ftp", etc.

realm
A string indicating a protocol specific subdivision of the host. *realm* may be `nil` if there is no specified realm or if the protocol doesn't support realms.

authenticationMethod
The type of authentication to use. *authenticationMethod* should be set to one of the values in "Constants" (page 10) or `nil` to use the default, `NSURLAuthenticationMethodDefault`.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.2 with Safari 1.0 installed.
Available in Mac OS X v10.2.7 and later.

See Also
- initWithProxyHost:port:type:realm:authenticationMethod: (page 7)

Declared In
NSURLProtectionSpace.h

initWithProxyHost:port:type:realm:authenticationMethod:

Initializes a protection space object representing a proxy server.

```
- (id)initWithProxyHost:(NSString *)host port:(NSInteger)port type:(NSString
    *)proxyType realm:(NSString *)realm authenticationMethod:(NSString
    *)authenticationMethod
```


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Parameters

host

The host of the proxy server for the protection space object.

port

The port for the protection space object. If *port* is 0 the default port for the specified proxy type is used, for example, port 80 for HTTP. Note that servers can, and do, treat these values differently.

proxyType

The type of proxy server. The value of *proxyType* should be set to one of the values specified in "Constants" (page 10).

realm

A string indicating a protocol specific subdivision of the host. *realm* may be `nil` if there is no specified realm or if the protocol doesn't support realms.

authenticationMethod

The type of authentication to use. *authenticationMethod* should be set to one of the values in "Constants" (page 10) or `nil` to use the default, `NSURLAuthenticationMethodDefault`.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 with Safari 1.0 installed.

Available in Mac OS X v10.2.7 and later.

See Also

`- initWithHost:port:protocol:realm:authenticationMethod:` (page 7)

Declared In

`NSURLProtectionSpace.h`

isProxy

Returns whether the receiver represents a proxy server.

```
- (BOOL)isProxy
```

Return Value

`YES` if the receiver represents a proxy server, `NO` otherwise.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 with Safari 1.0 installed.

Available in Mac OS X v10.2.7 and later.

Declared In

`NSURLProtectionSpace.h`

port

Returns the receiver's port.

```
- (NSInteger)port
```

Return Value

The receiver's port.

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Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.2 with Safari 1.0 installed.
Available in Mac OS X v10.2.7 and later.

Declared In
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protocol

Returns the receiver's protocol.

```
- (NSString *)protocol
```

Return Value
The receiver's protocol, or `nil` if the receiver represents a proxy protection space.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.2 with Safari 1.0 installed.
Available in Mac OS X v10.2.7 and later.

Declared In
`NSURLProtectionSpace.h`

proxyType

Returns the receiver's proxy type.

```
- (NSString *)proxyType
```

Return Value
The receiver's proxy type, or `nil` if the receiver does not represent a proxy protection space. The supported proxy types are listed in "Constants" (page 10).

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.2 with Safari 1.0 installed.
Available in Mac OS X v10.2.7 and later.

Declared In
`NSURLProtectionSpace.h`

realm

Returns the receiver's authentication realm

```
- (NSString *)realm
```

Return Value
The receiver's authentication realm, or `nil` if no realm has been set.

Discussion
A realm is generally only specified for HTTP and HTTPS authentication.

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Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.2 with Safari 1.0 installed.
Available in Mac OS X v10.2.7 and later.

Declared In
`NSURLProtectionSpace.h`

receivesCredentialSecurely

Returns whether the credentials for the protection space can be sent securely.

```
- (BOOL)receivesCredentialSecurely
```

Return Value
`YES` if the credentials for the protection space represented by the receiver can be sent securely, `NO` otherwise.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.2 with Safari 1.0 installed.
Available in Mac OS X v10.2.7 and later.

Declared In
`NSURLProtectionSpace.h`

Constants

NSURLProtectionSpace Proxy Types

These constants describe the supported proxy types used in `initWithProxyHost:port:type:realm:authenticationMethod:` (page 7) and returned by `proxyType` (page 9).

```
extern NSString *NSURLProtectionSpaceHTTPProxy;
extern NSString *NSURLProtectionSpaceHTTPSProxy;
extern NSString *NSURLProtectionSpaceFTPProxy;
extern NSString *NSURLProtectionSpaceSOCKSProxy;
```

Constants

`NSURLProtectionSpaceHTTPProxy`
The proxy type for HTTP proxies.
Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.
Declared in `NSURLProtectionSpace.h`.

`NSURLProtectionSpaceHTTPSProxy`
The proxy type for HTTPS proxies.
Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.
Declared in `NSURLProtectionSpace.h`.

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`NSURLProtectionSpaceFTPProxy`
The proxy type for FTP proxies.

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

Declared in `NSURLProtectionSpace.h`.

`NSURLProtectionSpaceSOCKSProxy`
The proxy type for SOCKS proxies.

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

Declared in `NSURLProtectionSpace.h`.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.2 with Safari 1.0 installed.
Available in Mac OS X v10.2.7 and later.

Declared In
`NSURLProtectionSpace.h`

NSURLProtectionSpace Authentication Methods

These constants describe the available authentication methods used in `initWithHost:port:protocol:realm:authenticationMethod:` (page 7), `initWithProxyHost:port:type:realm:authenticationMethod:` (page 7) and returned by `authenticationMethod` (page 6).

```
extern NSString *NSURLAuthenticationMethodDefault;
extern NSString *NSURLAuthenticationMethodHTTPBasic;
extern NSString *NSURLAuthenticationMethodHTTPDigest;
extern NSString *NSURLAuthenticationMethodHTMLForm;
```

Constants
`NSURLAuthenticationMethodDefault`
Use the default authentication method for a protocol.

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

Declared in `NSURLProtectionSpace.h`.

`NSURLAuthenticationMethodHTTPBasic`
Use HTTP basic authentication for this protection space.

This is equivalent to `NSURLAuthenticationMethodDefault` for HTTP.

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

Declared in `NSURLProtectionSpace.h`.

`NSURLAuthenticationMethodHTTPDigest`
Use HTTP digest authentication for this protection space.

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

Declared in `NSURLProtectionSpace.h`.

`NSURLAuthenticationMethodHTMLForm`
Use HTML form authentication for this protection space.

This authentication method can apply to any protocol.

Available in Mac OS X v10.2 and later.

Declared in `NSURLProtectionSpace.h`.

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Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.2 with Safari 1.0 installed.
Available in Mac OS X v10.2.7 and later.

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