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# CATransition Class Reference

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<b>Inherits from</b>	CAAnimation : NSObject
<b>Conforms to</b>	NSCoding (CAAnimation) NSCopying (CAAnimation) CAAction (CAAnimation) CAMediaTiming (CAAnimation) NSObject (NSObject)
<b>Framework</b>	/System/Library/Frameworks/QuartzCore.framework
<b>Availability</b>	Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.
<b>Declared in</b>	CAAnimation.h
<b>Companion guides</b>	Core Animation Programming Guide Core Animation Cookbook

## Overview

The `CATransition` class implements transition animations for a layer. You can specify the transition effect from a set of predefined transitions or by providing a custom `CIFilter` instance.

## Tasks

### Transition Start and End Point

[startProgress](#) (page 7) *property*

Indicates the start point of the receiver as a fraction of the entire transition.

[endProgress](#) (page 6) *property*

Indicates the end point of the receiver as a fraction of the entire transition.

### Transition Properties

[type](#) (page 7) *property*

Specifies the predefined transition type.

[subtype](#) (page 7) *property*

Specifies an optional subtype that indicates the direction for the predefined motion-based transitions.

## Custom Transition Filter

[filter](#) (page 6) *property*

An optional CoreImage filter object that provides the transition.

## Properties

For more about Objective-C properties, see “Properties” in *The Objective-C 2.0 Programming Language*.

### endProgress

Indicates the end point of the receiver as a fraction of the entire transition.

```
@property float endProgress
```

#### Discussion

The value must be greater than or equal to [startProgress](#) (page 7), and not greater than 1.0. If `endProgress` is less than [startProgress](#) (page 7) the behavior is undefined. The default value is 1.0.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

#### Declared In

`CAAnimation.h`

### filter

An optional CoreImage filter object that provides the transition.

```
@property(retain) CIFilter *filter
```

#### Discussion

If specified, the filter must support both `kCIInputImageKey` and `kCIInputTargetImageKey` input keys, and the `kCIOutputImageKey` output key. The filter may optionally support the `kCIInputExtentKey` input key, which is set to a rectangle describing the region in which the transition should run. If `filter` does not support the required input and output keys the behavior is undefined.

Defaults to `nil`. When a transition filter is specified the [type](#) (page 7) and [subtype](#) (page 7) properties are ignored.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

#### Declared In

`CAAnimation.h`

## startProgress

Indicates the start point of the receiver as a fraction of the entire transition.

```
@property float startProgress
```

### Discussion

Legal values are numbers between 0.0 and 1.0. For example, to start the transition half way through its progress set `startProgress` to 0.5. The default value is 0.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

### Declared In

`CAAnimation.h`

## subtype

Specifies an optional subtype that indicates the direction for the predefined motion-based transitions.

```
@property(copy) NSString *subtype
```

### Discussion

The possible values are shown in “[Common Transition Subtypes](#)” (page 8). The default is `nil`.

This property is ignored if a custom transition is specified in the `filter` (page 6) property.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

### Declared In

`CAAnimation.h`

## type

Specifies the predefined transition type.

```
@property(copy) NSString *type
```

### Discussion

The possible values are shown in “[Common Transition Types](#)” (page 8). This property is ignored if a custom transition is specified in the `filter` (page 6) property. The default is `kCATransitionFade` (page 8).

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

### Declared In

`CAAnimation.h`

## Constants

### Common Transition Types

These constants specify the transition types that can be used with the [type](#) (page 7) property.

```
NSString * const kCATransitionFade;
NSString * const kCATransitionMoveIn;
NSString * const kCATransitionPush;
NSString * const kCATransitionReveal;
```

#### Constants

`kCATransitionFade`

The layer's content fades as it becomes visible or hidden.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CAAnimation.h`.

`kCATransitionMoveIn`

The layer's content slides into place over any existing content. The [“Common Transition Subtypes”](#) (page 8) are used with this transition.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CAAnimation.h`.

`kCATransitionPush`

The layer's content pushes any existing content as it slides into place. The [“Common Transition Subtypes”](#) (page 8) are used with this transition.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CAAnimation.h`.

`kCATransitionReveal`

The layer's content is revealed gradually in the direction specified by the transition subtype. The [“Common Transition Subtypes”](#) (page 8) are used with this transition.

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared in `CAAnimation.h`.

#### Declared In

`CATransition.h`

### Common Transition Subtypes

These constants specify the direction of motion-based transitions. They are used with the [subtype](#) (page 7) property.



```
NSString * const kCATransitionFromRight;  
NSString * const kCATransitionFromLeft;  
NSString * const kCATransitionFromTop;  
NSString * const kCATransitionFromBottom;
```

**Constants**

`kCATransitionFromRight`  
The transition begins at the right side of the layer.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CAAnimation.h`.

`kCATransitionFromLeft`  
The transition begins at the left side of the layer.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CAAnimation.h`.

`kCATransitionFromTop`  
The transition begins at the top of the layer.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CAAnimation.h`.

`kCATransitionFromBottom`  
The transition begins at the bottom of the layer.  
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.  
Declared in `CAAnimation.h`.

**Declared In**

`CATransition.h`



# Document Revision History

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This table describes the changes to *CATransition Class Reference*.

Date	Notes
2007-10-31	Added the default value for the transition type.
2007-07-24	New document that describes the class provides transition animations to layers.

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