
IKSlideshowDataSource Protocol Reference

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Framework	System/Library/Frameworks/Quartz.framework/ImageKit.framework
Availability	Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.
Declared in	IKSlideshow.h

Overview

The `IKSlideshowDataSource` protocol describes the methods that an `IKSlideshow` object uses to access the contents of its data source object.

Important: Slide show data source methods may be called on secondary threads. When you implement these methods, you must ensure that they are safe to run on threads other than the main thread.

Tasks

Providing Slideshow Information

- `numberOfSlideshowItems` (page 7)
Returns the number of items in a slideshow.
- `slideshowItemAtIndex:` (page 8)
Returns the item for a given index
- `nameOfSlideshowItemAtIndex:` (page 6)
Returns the display name for item at the specified index.
- `canExportSlideshowItemAtIndex:toApplication:` (page 6)
Reports whether the export button should be enabled for a a slideshow item.

Performing Custom Tasks

- `slideshowWillStart` (page 8)
Performs custom tasks when the slideshow is about to start.

- [slideshowDidStop](#) (page 7)
Performs custom tasks when the slideshow stops.
- [slideshowDidChangeCurrentIndex:](#) (page 7)
Performs custom tasks when the slideshow changes to the item at the specified index.

Instance Methods

canExportSlideshowItemAtIndex:toApplication:

Reports whether the export button should be enabled for a a slideshow item.

```
- (BOOL)canExportSlideshowItemAtIndex: (NSUInteger)index toApplication: (NSString*)applicationBundleIdentifier;
```

Return Value

YES if the export button should be enabled for an item; otherwise NO.

Discussion

This method is optional.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared In

IKSlideshow.h

nameOfSlideshowItemAtIndex:

Returns the display name for item at the specified index.

```
- (NSString*)nameOfSlideshowItemAtIndex: (NSUInteger)index;
```

Parameters

index

The index for a slideshow item.

Return Value

The display name. For the best user experience, you should provide the localized name, because this string appears in the user interface.

Discussion

This method is optional.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared In

IKSlideshow.h

numberOfSlideshowItems

Returns the number of items in a slideshow.

```
- (NSUInteger)numberOfSlideshowItems;
```

Return Value

The number of items in the slideshow.

Discussion

Your data source must implement this method.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared In

IKSlideshow.h

slideshowDidChangeCurrentIndex:

Performs custom tasks when the slideshow changes to the item at the specified index.

```
- (void)slideshowDidChangeCurrentIndex: (NSUInteger)newIndex;
```

Parameters

newIndex

The index of the current item.

Discussion

This method is optional. Image Kit invokes this method when the slideshow changes to the specified item. Implement this method to perform custom tasks at that time.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared In

IKSlideshow.h

slideshowDidStop

Performs custom tasks when the slideshow stops.

```
- (void)slideshowDidStop;
```

Discussion

This method is optional. Image Kit invokes this method when the slideshow stops. Implement this method to perform custom tasks at that time.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

- [slideshowWillStart](#) (page 8)

Declared In

IKSlideshow.h

slideshowItemAtIndex:

Returns the item for a given index

```
- (id)slideshowItemAtIndex: (NSUInteger)index;
```

Parameters*index*

An index of an item in the slideshow.

Return ValueThe object that corresponds to the item at the specified index. The item can be any of the following objects: `NSImage`, `NSString` (to specify a path name), `NSURL`, `NSFileWrapper`, `CGImageRef`, or `PDFPage`.**Discussion**

Your data source must implement this method.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared In

IKSlideshow.h

slideshowWillStart

Performs custom tasks when the slideshow is about to start.

```
- (void)slideshowWillStart;
```

Discussion

This method is optional. Image Kit invokes this method when the slideshow is about to start. Implement this method to perform custom tasks at that time.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also[- slideshowDidStop](#) (page 7)**Declared In**

IKSlideshow.h

Document Revision History

This table describes the changes to *IKSlideshowDataSource Protocol Reference*.

Date	Notes
2009-03-04	Adding note that data source methods may be called on secondary threads.
2006-12-06	New document that describes the methods that a slideshow object uses to access the contents of its data source object.

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