PDFOutline Class Reference

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Conforms to	NSObject (NSObject)
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Declared in	PDFOutline.h

Overview

A `PDFOutline` object is an element in a tree-structured hierarchy that can represent the structure of a PDF document.

An outline is an optional component of a PDF document, useful for viewing the structure of the document and for navigating within it.

Outlines are created by the document's author. If you represent a PDF document outline using outline objects, the root of the hierarchy is obtained from the PDF document itself. This root outline is not visible and serves merely as a container for the visible outlines.

Tasks

Initializing an Outline

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  Initializes a `PDFOutline` object.
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  Returns the number of child outline objects in the outline.
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  Returns the index of the outline.

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  Sets the destination associated with the outline.

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- `isOpen` (page 10)
  Returns a Boolean value that indicates whether the outline object is initially disclosed.
- `setIsOpen:` (page 12)
  Sets the initial disclosure state of the outline object.

Instance Methods

action

Returns the action performed when users click the outline.

```
- (PDFAction *)action
```

Discussion
The root outline serves only as a container for the outlines it owns; it does not have an action. Note that a `PDFOutline` object can have either an action or a destination, not both.

If the `PDFOutline` object has a destination, instead of an action, `action` returns a `PDFActionGoTo` object (this is equivalent to calling `destination` (page 8) on the `PDFOutline` object). For other action types, `action` returns the appropriate PDF Kit action type object, such as `PDFActionURL`.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also
`- setAction:` (page 11)

Declared In
`PDFOutline.h`

childAtIndex:

Returns the child outline object at the specified index.

```
- (PDFOutline *)childAtIndex:(NSUInteger)index
```

Discussion
The index is zero-based. This method throws an exception if *index* is out of range.

Important: In Mac OS X v10.5 and later, a `PDFOutline` object retains all its children, so `childAtIndex:` returns the same retained child outline object every time it's called. This means that you do not need to retain the object returned by `childAtIndex:`. This differs from the behavior of `PDFOutline` in Mac OS X v10.4. In Tiger, `childAtIndex:` returns an auto-released, one-off child outline object, when meant that you had to include code to retain the child.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

See Also
`- index` (page 8)

Declared In
`PDFOutline.h`

destination

Returns the destination associated with the outline.

```
- (PDFDestination *)destination
```

Discussion
The root outline serves only as a container for the outlines it owns; it does not have a destination. Note that a `PDFOutline` object can have either a destination or an action, not both.

This method may return `NULL` if the outline has an associated action instead of a destination. Note that if the associated action is a `PDFActionGoTo`, this method returns the destination from the `PDFActionGoTo` object. However, it is better to use the `action` (page 7) method for this purpose.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

See Also
`- setDestination:` (page 12)

Declared In
`PDFOutline.h`

document

Returns the document with which the outline is associated.

```
- (PDFDocument *)document
```

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared In
`PDFOutline.h`

index

Returns the index of the outline.

```
- (NSUInteger)index
```

Discussion
The index of the outline object is relative to its siblings and from the perspective of the parent of the outline object. The root outline object, and any outline object without a parent, has an index value of `0`.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared In
`PDFOutline.h`

init

Initializes a `PDFOutline` object.

```
- (id)init
```

Discussion
If you want the `PDFOutline` object returned by this method to be the outline root, you must add additional `PDFOutline` objects to create the outline hierarchy you desire. Then, you must add the root outline object to your PDF document by passing it to the `PDFDocument setOutlineRoot:` method.

If you want the `PDFOutline` object returned by this method to be a child of an existing outline, you must use `setLabel:` (page 12) to give it a label and give it either a destination or action using `setDestination:` (page 12) or `setAction:` (page 11), respectively. In addition, you must add this outline object to the existing `PDFOutline` object as a new child, using `insertChild:atIndex:` (page 9)

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared In
`PDFOutline.h`

initWithDocument:

Initializes an outline with the specified PDF document. (**Deprecated.** Use the `PDFDocument outlineRoot` method instead.)

```
- (id)initWithDocument:(PDFDocument *)document
```

Discussion
Returns `NULL` if the document does not contain an outline. Invoking this method is equivalent to sending the `outlineRoot` message to a `PDFDocument` object.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

Declared In
`PDFOutline.h`

insertChild:atIndex:

Inserts the specified outline object at the specified index.

```
- (void)insertChild:(PDFOutline *)child atIndex:(NSUInteger)index
```

Discussion
To build a PDF outline hierarchy, use this method to add child outline objects. Before you call this method on a `PDFOutline` object that already has a parent, you should retain the object and call `removeFromParent` (page 11) on it first.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also
- childAtIndex: (page 7)

Declared In
PDFOutline.h

isOpen

Returns a Boolean value that indicates whether the outline object is initially disclosed.

```
- (BOOL)isOpen
```

Discussion
Calling isOpen on an outline object that has no children always returns NO. Calling isOpen on the root outline object always returns YES.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also
- setIsOpen: (page 12)

Declared In
PDFOutline.h

label

Returns the label for the outline.

```
- (NSString *)label
```

Discussion
The root outline serves only as a container for the outlines it owns; it does not have a label.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

See Also
- setLabel: (page 12)

Declared In
PDFOutline.h

numberOfChildren

Returns the number of child outline objects in the outline.

```
- (NSUInteger)numberOfChildren
```

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

See Also
- childAtIndex: (page 7)

Declared In
PDFOutline.h

parent

Returns the parent outline object of the outline (returns NULL if called on the root outline object).

```
- (PDFOutline *)parent
```

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later

Declared In
PDFOutline.h

removeFromParent

Removes the outline object from its parent (does nothing if outline object is the root outline object).

```
- (void)removeFromParent
```

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also
- parent (page 11)

Declared In
PDFOutline.h

setAction:

Sets the action associated with the outline.

```
- (void)setAction:(PDFAction *)action
```

Discussion
Calling setAction on the root outline object has no effect, because the root outline does not have an action or a destination..

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also
- action (page 7)

Declared In
PDFOutline.h

setDestination:

Sets the destination associated with the outline.

```
- (void)setDestination:(PDFDestination *)destination
```

Discussion
Calling `setDestination` on the root outline object has no effect, because the root outline does not have an action or a destination.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also
- `destination` (page 8)

Declared In
`PDFOutline.h`

setIsOpen:

Sets the initial disclosure state of the outline object.

```
- (void)setIsOpen:(BOOL)open
```

Discussion
Calling `setIsOpen` on an outline object with no children or on the root outline object has no effect.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also
- `isOpen` (page 10)

Declared In
`PDFOutline.h`

setLabel:

Sets the label for the outline (has no effect on the root outline object).

```
- (void)setLabel:(NSString *)label
```

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also
- `label` (page 10)

Declared In
`PDFOutline.h`

Document Revision History

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

Date	Notes
2007-12-11	Added information about the retain status of PDFOutline child objects.
2007-10-31	Updated for Mac OS X v10.5.
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