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# QTCaptureDeviceInput Class Reference

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<b>Inherits from</b>	QTCaptureInput : NSObject
<b>Conforms to</b>	NSObject (NSObject)
<b>Framework</b>	/System/Library/Frameworks/QTKit.framework
<b>Availability</b>	Available in QuickTime 7.2.1 and later.
<b>Declared in</b>	QTCaptureDeviceInput.h
<b>Related sample code</b>	LiveVideoMixer3 QT Capture Widget QTRecorder

## Overview

This class represents the input source for media devices, such as cameras and microphones. Instances of `QTCaptureDeviceInput` are input sources for `QTCaptureSession` that provide media data from devices connected to the computer. Devices used with `QTCaptureDeviceInput` can be found using the `QTCaptureDevice` class. A `QTCaptureDevice` must be successfully opened using the `open:` method before being used in a `QTCaptureDeviceInput`.

## Tasks

### Capturing Device Input

- [device](#) (page 6)  
Returns the device associated with the receiver.
- [initWithDevice:](#) (page 6)  
Returns an instance of `QTCaptureDeviceInput` associated with the given device.
- + [deviceInputWithDevice:](#) (page 6)  
Returns an autoreleased instance of `QTCaptureDeviceInput` associated with the given device.

## Class Methods

### **deviceInputWithDevice:**

Returns an autoreleased instance of `QTCaptureDeviceInput` associated with the given device.

```
+ (id)deviceInputWithDevice:(QTCaptureDevice *)device
```

#### **Parameters**

*device*

A `QTCaptureDevice` for the device to be associated with the receiver. The device must have been previously opened using the `open:` method or this method will throw an `NSInvalidArgumentException`.

#### **Return Value**

A `QTCaptureDeviceInput` instance associated with the device.

#### **Availability**

Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

#### **Related Sample Code**

LiveVideoMixer3

#### **Declared In**

`QTCaptureDeviceInput.h`

## Instance Methods

### **device**

Returns the device associated with the receiver.

```
- (QTCaptureDevice *)device
```

#### **Return Value**

If there is a device associated with the receiver, returns a corresponding instance of `QTCaptureDevice`. Otherwise returns `NIL`.

#### **Availability**

Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

#### **Declared In**

`QTCaptureDeviceInput.h`

### **initWithDevice:**

Returns an instance of `QTCaptureDeviceInput` associated with the given device.

```
- (id)initWithDevice:(QTCaptureDevice *)device
```

**Parameters**

*device*

A `QTCaptureDevice` object for the device to be associated with the receiver. The device must have been previously opened using the `open:` method, or else this method will throw an `NSInvalidArgumentException`.

**Return Value**

A `QTCaptureDeviceInput` instance associated with the device.

**Availability**

Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

**Declared In**

`QTCaptureDeviceInput.h`





# Document Revision History

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

Date	Notes
2009-04-08	Minor fixes.
2009-03-04	Fixed class method declaration.
2007-07-19	Added information about creating the device input; removed setDevice: method.
2006-08-07	New document that describes the Objective-C class for the input source for media devices, such as cameras and microphones.

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