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# ABPeoplePickerView Class Objective-C Reference

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<b>Companion guide</b>	Address Book Programming Guide for Mac OS X
<b>Declared in</b>	ABPeoplePickerView.h
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## Overview

The ABPeoplePickerView class allows you to customize the behavior of people-picker views in an application's user interface.

## Tasks

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### **accessoryView**

- (NSView \*)accessoryView

#### Discussion

Returns the current accessory view.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

#### See Also

- [setAccessoryView:](#) (page 15)

#### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

### addProperty:

- (void)addProperty:(NSString \*)*property*

#### Discussion

Adds a property to the group of properties whose values are shown in the record list.

For additional information about properties see “Person Properties”

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

#### See Also

- [removeProperty:](#) (page 13)

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#### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

### allowsGroupSelection

- (BOOL)allowsGroupSelection

#### Discussion

Returns the current group-selection setting.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

#### See Also

- [setAllowsGroupSelection:](#) (page 16)

#### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

### allowsMultipleSelection

- (BOOL)allowsMultipleSelection



### Discussion

Returns the current multiple-selection selection setting.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### See Also

- [setAllowsMultipleSelection:](#) (page 16)

### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## autosaveName

- (NSString \*)autosaveName

### Discussion

Returns the name under which the column positions and the filter selection are saved.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### See Also

- [setAutosaveName:](#) (page 16)

### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## clearSearchField:

- (void)clearSearchField:(id)sender

### Discussion

Clears the search field and resets the list of displayed records.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## columnTitleForProperty:

- (NSString \*)columnTitleForProperty:(NSString \*)property

### Discussion

Returns the title of a custom property.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**See Also**

- [setColumnTitle:forProperty:](#) (page 17)

**Declared In**

ABPeoplePickerView.h

**deselectAll:**

- (void)deselectAll:(id) *sender*

**Discussion**

Deselects all selected groups, records, and values in multi-value properties.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

ABPeoplePickerView.h

**deselectGroup:**

- (void)deselectGroup:(ABGroup \*) *group*

**Discussion**

Deselects a group selected in the group list.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**See Also**

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- [selectGroup:byExtendingSelection:](#) (page 14)

**Declared In**

ABPeoplePickerView.h

**deselectIdentifier:forPerson:**

- (void)deselectIdentifier:(NSString \*) *identifier* forPerson:(ABPerson \*) *person*

**Discussion**

Deselects a value selected in a multi-value property.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**See Also**

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**Declared In**

ABPeoplePickerView.h

**deselectRecord:**

- (void)deselectRecord:(ABRecord \*)*record*

**Discussion**

Deselects a record selected in the record list.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**See Also**

- [selectedRecords](#) (page 14)
- [selectRecord:byExtendingSelection:](#) (page 15)

**Declared In**

ABPeoplePickerView.h

**displayedProperty**

- (NSString \*)displayedProperty

**Discussion**

Returns the property currently displayed in the record list.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**See Also**

- [setDisplayProperty:](#) (page 17)

**Declared In**

ABPeoplePickerView.h

**editInAddressBook:**

- (void)editInAddressBook:(id)*sender*

**Discussion**

Launches Address Book to edit the item selected in the people picker.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**See Also**

- [selectInAddressBook:](#) (page 15)

**Declared In**

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## groupDoubleAction

- (SEL)groupDoubleAction

### Discussion

Returns the action invoked when a group is double-clicked.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### See Also

- [setGroupDoubleAction:](#) (page 17)

### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## nameDoubleAction

- (SEL)nameDoubleAction

### Discussion

Returns the action invoked when a name is double-clicked.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### See Also

- [setNameDoubleAction:](#) (page 18)

### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## properties

- (NSArray \*)properties

### Discussion

Returns an array of the properties whose values are shown in the record list.

For additional information about properties see “Person Properties”

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### See Also

- [addProperty:](#) (page 8)

- [removeProperty:](#) (page 13)

### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## removeProperty:

- (void)removeProperty:(NSString \*)*property*

### Discussion

Removes a property from the group of properties whose values are shown in the record list.

For additional information about properties see “Person Properties”

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### See Also

- [addProperty:](#) (page 8)
- [properties](#) (page 12)

### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## selectedGroups

- (NSArray \*)selectedGroups

### Discussion

Returns the groups selected in the group list as an array of ABGroup objects.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## selectedIdentifiersForPerson:

- (NSArray \*)selectedIdentifiersForPerson:(ABPerson \*)*person*

### Discussion

Returns the identifiers of the selected values in a multi-value property or `nil` if the property displayed is a single-value property.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### See Also

- [selectIdentifier:forPerson:byExtendingSelection:](#) (page 14)
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### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## selectedRecords

- (NSArray \*)selectedRecords

### Discussion

Returns the selection in the record list as an array of ABGroup or ABPerson objects.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### See Also

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- [deselectRecord:](#) (page 11)

### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## selectedValues

- (NSArray \*)selectedValues

### Discussion

Returns an array of all the values selected in the displayed multi-value property.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## selectGroup:byExtendingSelection:

- (void)selectGroup:(ABGroup \*)group byExtendingSelection:(BOOL)extend

### Discussion

Selects a group or a set of groups in the group list.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### See Also

- [selectedGroups](#) (page 13)
- [deselectGroup:](#) (page 10)

### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## selectIdentifier:forPerson:byExtendingSelection:

- (void)selectIdentifier:(NSString \*)identifier forPerson:(ABPerson \*)person  
byExtendingSelection:(BOOL)extend

### Discussion

Selects a value or a set of values in a multi-value property.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### See Also

- [selectedIdentifiersForPerson:](#) (page 13)
- [deselectIdentifier:forPerson:](#) (page 10)

### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## selectInAddressBook:

```
- (void)selectInAddressBook:(id)sender
```

### Discussion

Launches Address Book and selects the item selected in the people picker.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### See Also

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### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## selectRecord:byExtendingSelection:

```
- (void)selectRecord:(ABRecord *)record byExtendingSelection:(BOOL)extend
```

### Discussion

Selects a record or a set of records in the record list.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### See Also

- [deselectRecord:](#) (page 11)
- [selectedRecords](#) (page 14)

### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## setAccessoryView:

```
- (void)setAccessoryView:(NSView *)accessory
```

**Discussion**

Sets the view that is placed to the left of the search field. If *accessory* is *nil*, the accessory view is removed.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**See Also**

- [accessoryView](#) (page 7)

**Declared In**

ABPeoplePickerView.h

**setAllowsGroupSelection:**

- (void)setAllowsGroupSelection:(BOOL)*flag*

**Discussion**

Specifies whether the user can select entire groups in the group column (*flag* is YES). When *flag* is NO, at least one person in the group is selected when the user selects a group.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**See Also**

- [allowsGroupSelection](#) (page 8)

**Declared In**

ABPeoplePickerView.h

**setAllowsMultipleSelection:**

- (void)setAllowsMultipleSelection:(BOOL)*flag*

**Discussion**

Specifies whether multiple groups, records, or values of multi-value properties can be selected at a time.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**See Also**

- [allowsMultipleSelection](#) (page 8)

**Declared In**

ABPeoplePickerView.h

**setAutosaveName:**

- (void)setAutosaveName:(NSString \*)*name*

**Discussion**

Sets the name under which the column positions and the filter selection are saved.



### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### See Also

- [autosaveName](#) (page 9)

### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## setColumnTitle:forProperty:

- (void)setColumnTitle:(NSString \*)*title* forProperty:(NSString \*)*property*

### Discussion

Sets the title for a custom property.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### See Also

- [columnTitleForProperty:](#) (page 9)

### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## setDisplayProperty:

- (void)setDisplayProperty:(NSString \*)*property*

### Discussion

Displays one of the properties whose values are shown in the record list.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

### See Also

- [displayedProperty](#) (page 11)

### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## setGroupDoubleAction:

- (void)setGroupDoubleAction:(SEL)*action*

### Discussion

Sets the action to be invoked when a group is double-clicked.

### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**See Also**

- [groupDoubleAction](#) (page 12)

**Declared In**

ABPeoplePickerView.h

**setNameDoubleAction:**

- (void)setNameDoubleAction:(SEL)*action*

**Discussion**

Sets the action to be invoked when a name is double-clicked.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**See Also**

- [nameDoubleAction](#) (page 12)

**Declared In**

ABPeoplePickerView.h

**setTarget:**

- (void)setTarget:(id)*target*

**Discussion**

Sets the target for double-click actions.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**See Also**

- [target](#) (page 19)

**Declared In**

ABPeoplePickerView.h

**setValueSelectionBehavior:**

- (void)setValueSelectionBehavior:(ABPeoplePickerSelectionBehavior)*behavior*

**Discussion**

Specifies the selection behavior, which is `ABSingleValueSelection` by default. Possible values for *behavior* are: `ABNoValueSelection`, `ABSingleValueSelection`, and `ABMultipleValueSelection`.

**Availability**

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**See Also**

- [valueSelectionBehavior](#) (page 19)

ABPeoplePickerSelectionBehavior

#### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

### target

- (id)target

#### Discussion

Returns the target of double-click actions.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

#### See Also

- [setTarget:](#) (page 18)

#### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

### valueSelectionBehavior

- (ABPeoplePickerSelectionBehavior)valueSelectionBehavior

#### Discussion

Returns the current selection behavior.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

#### See Also

- [setValueSelectionBehavior:](#) (page 18)

ABPeoplePickerSelectionBehavior

#### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

## Constants

These constants are of the type `ABPeoplePickerSelectionBehavior` and are used by [setValueSelectionBehavior:](#) (page 18) and `.`

Constant	Description
<code>ABNoValueSelection</code>	Doesn't allow the user to select individual values. Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later. Declared in <code>ABPeoplePickerView.h</code> .

Constant	Description
ABSingleValueSelection	Allows the user to select a single value. Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later. Declared in ABPeoplePickerView.h.
ABMultipleValueSelection	Allows the user to select multiple values. Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later. Declared in ABPeoplePickerView.h.

## Notifications

### ABPeoplePickerGroupSelectionDidChangeNotification

Posted when the selection in the group list is changed.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

#### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

### ABPeoplePickerNameSelectionDidChangeNotification

Posted when the selection in the name list is changed.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

#### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

### ABPeoplePickerValueSelectionDidChangeNotification

Posted when the selection in a multi-value property is changed.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

#### Declared In

ABPeoplePickerView.h

### ABPeoplePickerDisplayedPropertyDidChangeNotification

Posted when the displayed property in the record list is changed.

#### Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

**Declared In**

ABPeoplePickerView.h



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