
NSSegmentedCell Class Reference

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Conforms to	NSCoding (NSCell) NSCopying (NSCell) NSObject (NSObject)
Framework	/System/Library/Frameworks/AppKit.framework
Availability	Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.
Companion guide	Segmented Controls Programming Guide for Cocoa
Declared in	NSSegmentedCell.h

Overview

The `NSSegmentedCell` class implements the appearance and behavior of a horizontal button divided into multiple segments. This class is used in conjunction with the `NSSegmentedControl` class to implement a segmented control.

You can customize the attributes of a segmented control using the methods of `NSSegmentedCell`. To customize the appearance of individual segments, you can also subclass and override the [drawSegment:inFrame:withView:](#) (page 7) method.

Tasks

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Sets the visual style used to display the receiver.

Instance Methods

drawSegment:inFrame:withView:

Draws the segment in the specified view.

```
(void)drawSegment:(NSInteger)segment inFrame:(NSRect)frame withView:(NSView *)controlView
```

Parameters

segment

The index of the segment to draw. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

frame

The rectangle in which to draw the segment. This rectangle is specified in user space coordinates of the specified view.

controlView

The view in which to draw the segment.

Discussion

You can override this method to provide a custom appearance for segmented controls. You should not call this method directly. It is called for you automatically by the control when it needs to be redrawn.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [drawWithFrame:inView:](#) (NSCell)

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

imageForSegment:

Returns the image associated with the specified segment.

- (NSImage *)imageForSegment:(NSInteger)segment

Parameters

segment

The index of the segment whose image you want to get. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [setImage:forSegment:](#) (page 13)

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

imageScalingForSegment:

Returns the image scaling mode associated with the specified segment.

- (NSImageScaling)imageScalingForSegment:(NSInteger)segment

Parameters

segment

The index of the segment whose image scaling mode you want to get. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Return Value

The scaling mode in use for the specified segment. For the possible values see `Segmented Control Visual Styles`. If no value has been explicitly set `NSImageScaleProportionallyDown` is returned.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

- [setImageScaling:forSegment:](#) (page 14)

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

interiorBackgroundStyleForSegment:

Returns the interior background style for the specified segment.

- (NSBackgroundStyle)interiorBackgroundStyleForSegment:(NSInteger)segment

Parameters

segment

The index of the segment whose background style you want to get. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds..

Return Value

The background style to use for specified segment See Background Styles in NSCell for possible values.

Discussion

The interior background style describes the surface drawn onto in `drawInteriorWithFrame:inView:`.

This is both an override point and a useful method to call. In a custom segment cell with a custom bezel you can override this method to describe the surface on a per-segment basis.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

isEnabledForSegment:

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the specified segment is enabled.

- (BOOL)isEnabledForSegment:(NSInteger)segment

Parameters

segment

The index of the segment whose enabled state you want to get. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Return Value

YES if the segment is enabled; otherwise, NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [setEnabled:forSegment:](#) (page 13)

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

isSelectedForSegment:

Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the specified segment is selected,

- (BOOL)isSelectedForSegment:(NSInteger)segment

Parameters

segment

The index of the segment whose selection state you want to get. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Return Value

YES if the segment is selected; otherwise, NO.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [setSelected:forSegment:](#) (page 16)

Declared In

`NSSegmentedCell.h`

labelForSegment:

Returns the label of the specified segment.

- (NSString *)labelForSegment:(NSInteger)segment

Parameters

segment

The index of the segment whose label you want to get. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [setLabel:forSegment:](#) (page 14)

Declared In

`NSSegmentedCell.h`

makeNextSegmentKey

Selects the next segment.

- (void)makeNextSegmentKey

Discussion

The next segment is the one to the right of the currently selected segment. For the last segment, the selection wraps back to the beginning of the control.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [makePreviousSegmentKey](#) (page 11)

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

makePreviousSegmentKey

Selects the previous segment.

- (void)makePreviousSegmentKey

Discussion

The previous segment is the one to the left of the currently selected segment. For the first segment, the selection wraps around to the last segment of the control.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [makeNextSegmentKey](#) (page 10)

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

menuForSegment:

Returns the menu for the specified segment.

- (NSMenu *)menuForSegment:(NSInteger)segment

Parameters

segment

The index of the segment whose menu you want to get. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Return Value

The menu associated with the segment; otherwise, `nil`.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [setMenu:forSegment:](#) (page 15)

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

segmentCount

Returns the number of segments in the receiver.

- (NSInteger)segmentCount

Return Value

The number of segments in the receiver.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

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

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

segmentStyle

Returns the visual style used to display the receiver.

- (NSSegmentStyle)segmentStyle

Return Value

An `NSSegmentStyle` value that specifies the visual display used by the receiver. For possible values see “Segmented Control Visual Styles” in *NSSegmentedControl Class Reference*.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

selectedSegment

Returns the index of the selected segment of the receiver.

- (NSInteger)selectedSegment

Return Value

The index of the currently selected segment, or -1 if no segment is selected. If the receiver allows multiple selections, this method returns the most recently selected segment.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

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

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

selectSegmentWithTag:

Selects the segment with the specified tag.

```
- (BOOL)selectSegmentWithTag:(NSInteger) tag
```

Parameters

tag

The tag associated with the desired segment.

Return Value

YES if the segment was selected successfully; otherwise, NO.

Discussion

Typically, you use Interface Builder to specify the tag for each segment. You may also set this value programmatically using the [setTag:forSegment:](#) (page 17) method.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.4 and later.

See Also

- [setTag:forSegment:](#) (page 17)

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

setEnabled:forSegment:

Sets the enabled state of the specified segment

```
- (void)setEnabled:(BOOL) flag forSegment:(NSInteger) segment
```

Parameters

flag

YES to enable the segment; otherwise, NO to disable it.

segment

The index of the segment you want to enable or disable. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

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

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

setImage:forSegment:

Sets the image for the specified segment.

```
- (void)setImage:(NSImage *) image forSegment:(NSInteger) segment
```

Parameters*image*

The image to apply to the segment or `nil` if you want to clear the existing image. Images are not scaled to fit inside a segment. If the image is larger than the available space, it is clipped.

segment

The index of the segment whose image you want to set. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

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

Declared In

`NSSegmentedCell.h`

setImageScaling:forSegment:

Sets the image scaling mode for the specified segment.

```
- (void)setImageScaling:(NSImageScaling)scaling forSegment:(NSInteger)segment
```

Parameters*scaling*

The scaling mode to assign to the specified segment. For the possible values see `Segmented Control Visual Styles`.

segment

The index of the segment whose image scaling mode you want to set. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Discussion

The image scaling mode for a segment affects how the image inside the corresponding cell is positioned and resized when the cell itself grows or shrinks. The image scaling mode does not itself cause the cell to change size in any way. If a cell does not contain an image, the scaling mode has no effect.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also

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

Declared In

`NSSegmentedCell.h`

setLabel:forSegment:

Sets the label for the specified segment.

```
- (void)setLabel:(NSString *)label forSegment:(NSInteger)segment
```

Parameters*label*

The label you want to display in the segment. If the width of the string is greater than the width of the segment, the string's text is truncated during drawing.

segment

The index of the segment whose label you want to set. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [labelForSegment:](#) (page 10)

Declared In

`NSSegmentedCell.h`

setMenu:forSegment:

Sets the menu for the specified segment.

```
- (void)setMenu:(NSMenu *)menu forSegment:(NSInteger)segment
```

Parameters*menu*

The menu you want to add to the segment or `nil` to clear the current menu. This menu is displayed when the user clicks and holds the mouse button while the mouse is over the segment.

segment

The index of the segment whose menu you want to set. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Discussion

Adding a menu to a segment allows that segment to be used as a pop-up button.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

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

Declared In

`NSSegmentedCell.h`

setSegmentCount:

Sets the number of segments in the receiver.

```
- (void)setSegmentCount:(NSInteger)count
```

Parameters*count*

The number of segments the receiver should have. If this value is less than the number of segments currently in the receiver, segments are removed from the right of the control. Similarly, if the number is greater than the current number of segments, the new segments are added on the right. This value must be between 0 and 2049.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [segmentCount](#) (page 12)

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

setSegmentStyle:

Sets the visual style used to display the receiver.

```
- (void)setSegmentStyle:(NSSegmentStyle)segmentStyle
```

Parameters*segmentStyle*

An `NSSegmentStyle` value that specifies the visual display used by the receiver. For possible values see “Segmented Control Visual Styles” in *NSSegmentedControl Class Reference* in *NSSegmentedControl Class Reference*.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

setSelected:forSegment:

Sets the selection state of the specified segment.

```
- (void)setSelected:(BOOL)flag forSegment:(NSInteger)segment
```

Parameters*flag*

YES if you want to select the segment; otherwise, NO.

segment

The index of the segment whose selection state you want to set. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Discussion

If the receiver allows only a single selection, this method deselects any other selected segments.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [isSelectedForSegment:](#) (page 10)

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

setSelectedSegment:

Sets the selected segment of the receiver.

- (void)setSelectedSegment:(NSInteger)selectedSegment

Parameters

selectedSegment

The zero-based index of the desired segment. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Discussion

If the receiver allows multiple selections, this method selects the specified segment using [setSelected:forSegment:](#) (page 16).

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [selectedSegment](#) (page 12)

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

setTag:forSegment:

Sets the tag for the specified segment.

- (void)setTag:(NSInteger)tag forSegment:(NSInteger)segment

Parameters

tag

The tag of the segment.

segment

The index of the segment whose tool tag you want to set. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [tagForSegment:](#) (page 19)

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

setToolTip:forSegment:

Sets the tool tip for the specified segment.

```
- (void)setToolTip:(NSString *)toolTip forSegment:(NSInteger)segment
```

Parameters

toolTip

The text of the tool tip you want to display for the segment.

segment

The index of the segment whose tool tip you want to set. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Discussion

Tool tips are currently not displayed.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [toolTipForSegment:](#) (page 19)

Declared In

`NSSegmentedCell.h`

setTrackingMode:

Sets the tracking mode for the receiver.

```
- (void)setTrackingMode:(NSSegmentSwitchTracking)trackingMode
```

Parameters

trackingMode

The tracking mode to use for the segments. Possible values for *trackingMode* are described in [NSSegmentSwitchTracking](#) (page 21).

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [trackingMode](#) (page 20)

Declared In

`NSSegmentedCell.h`

setWidth:forSegment:

Sets the width of the specified segment.

```
- (void)setWidth:(CGFloat)width forSegment:(NSInteger)segment
```

Parameters*width*

The width of the segment, measured in points. Specify the value 0 if you want the segment to be sized to fit the available space automatically.

segment

The index of the segment whose width you want to set. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [widthForSegment:](#) (page 20)

Declared In

`NSSegmentedCell.h`

tagForSegment:

Returns the tag of the specified segment.

- (NSInteger)tagForSegment:(NSInteger)segment

Parameters*segment*

The index of the segment whose tool tag you want to get. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Return Value

The tag of the segment.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [setTag:forSegment:](#) (page 17)

Declared In

`NSSegmentedCell.h`

toolTipForSegment:

Returns the tool tip of the specified segment.

- (NSString *)toolTipForSegment:(NSInteger)segment

Parameters*segment*

The index of the segment whose tool tip you want to get. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Return Value

The text of the tool tip.

Discussion

Tool tips are currently not displayed.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [setToolTip:forSegment:](#) (page 18)

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

trackingMode

Returns the tracking mode of the receiver.

- (NSSegmentSwitchTracking)trackingMode

Return Value

The tracking mode used for the segments Possible values for *trackingMode* are described in [NSSegmentSwitchTracking](#) (page 21).The default value is [NSSegmentSwitchTrackingSelectOne](#) (page 21).

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

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

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

widthForSegment:

Returns the width of the specified segment.

- (CGFloat)widthForSegment:(NSInteger)segment

Parameters

segment

The index of the segment whose width you want to get. This method raises an `NSRangeException` if the index is out of bounds.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

See Also

- [setWidth:forSegment:](#) (page 18)

Declared In

NSSegmentedCell.h

Constants

NSSegmentSwitchTracking

An `NSSegmentedCell` object uses the following constants, which describe the various tracking modes for a cell. You access these values using `setTrackingMode:` (page 18) and `trackingMode` (page 20) methods of the class.

```
typedef enum {
    NSSegmentSwitchTrackingSelectOne = 0,
    NSSegmentSwitchTrackingSelectAny = 1,
    NSSegmentSwitchTrackingMomentary = 2
} NSSegmentSwitchTracking;
```

Constants

`NSSegmentSwitchTrackingSelectOne`
Only one segment may be selected.
 Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.
 Declared in `NSSegmentedCell.h`.

`NSSegmentSwitchTrackingSelectAny`
Any segment can be selected.
 Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.
 Declared in `NSSegmentedCell.h`.

`NSSegmentSwitchTrackingMomentary`
A segment is selected only when tracking.
 Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.
 Declared in `NSSegmentedCell.h`.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.3 and later.

Declared In

`NSSegmentedCell.h`

Document Revision History

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

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