# NSIndexSet Class Reference

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**NSCopying** 

NSMutableCopying NSObject (NSObject)

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## Overview

The NSIndexSet class represents an immutable collection of unique unsigned integers, known as **indexes** because of the way they are used. This collection is referred to as a **index set**.

You use index sets in your code to store indexes into some other data structure. For example, given an NSArray object, you could use an index set to identify a subset of objects in that array.

Each index value can appear only once in the index set. This is an important concept to understand and is why you would not use index sets to store an arbitrary collection of integer values. To illustrate how this works, if you created an NSIndexSet object with the values 4, 5, 2, and 5, the resulting set would only have the values 4, 5, and 2 in it. Because index values are always maintained in sorted order, the actual order of the values when you created the set would be 2, 4, and then 5.

In most cases, using an index set is more efficient than storing a collection of individual integers. Internally, the NSIndexSet class represents indexes using ranges. For maximum performance and efficiency, overlapping ranges in an index set are automatically coalesced—that is, ranges merge rather than overlap. Thus, the more contiguous the indexes in the set, the fewer ranges are required to specify those indexes.

The designated initializers of the NSIndexSet class are: initWithIndexesInRange: (page 21) and initWithIndexSet: (page 21).

You must not subclass the NSIndexSet class.

The mutable subclass of NSIndexSet is NSMutableIndexSet.

## **Adopted Protocols**

### NSCoding

- encodeWithCoder:
- initWithCoder:

#### **NSCopying**

- copyWithZone:

#### NSMutableCopying

- mutableCopyWithZone:

## **Tasks**

### **Creating Index Sets**

```
+ indexSet (page 8)
```

Creates an empty index set.

+ indexSetWithIndex: (page 8)

Creates an index set with an index.

+ indexSetWithIndexesInRange: (page 9)

Creates an index set with an index range.

- init (page 20)

Initializes an allocated NSIndexSet (page 5) object.

- initWithIndex: (page 20)

Initializes an allocated NSIndexSet (page 5) object with an index.

- initWithIndexesInRange: (page 21)

Initializes an allocated NSIndexSet (page 5) object with an index range.

- initWithIndexSet: (page 21)

Initializes an allocated NSIndexSet (page 5) object with an index set.

## **Querying Index Sets**

```
- contains Index: (page 9)
```

Indicates whether the receiver contains a specific index.

- contains Indexes: (page 10)

Indicates whether the receiver contains a superset of the indexes in another index set.

- containsIndexesInRange: (page 10)

Indicates whether the receiver contains the indexes represented by an index range.

- intersectsIndexesInRange: (page 22)

Indicates whether the receiver contains any of the indexes in a range.

- count (page 11)

Returns the number of indexes in the receiver.

countOfIndexesInRange: (page 11)

Returns the number of indexes in the receiver that are members of a given range.

- indexPassingTest: (page 19)

Returns the index of the first object that passes the predicate Block test.

- indexesPassingTest: (page 15)

Returns an NSIndexSet containing the receiver's objects that pass the Block test.

- indexWithOptions:passingTest: (page 19)

Returns the index of the first object that passes the predicate Block test using the specified enumeration options.

- indexesWithOptions:passingTest: (page 16)

Returns an NSIndexSet containing the receiver's objects that pass the Block test using the specified enumeration options.

- indexInRange:options:passingTest: (page 17)

Returns the index of the first object in the specified range that passes the predicate Block test.

- indexesInRange:options:passingTest: (page 14)

Returns an NSIndexSet containing the receiver's objects in the specified range that pass the Block test.

### **Comparing Index Sets**

- isEqualToIndexSet: (page 22)

Indicates whether the indexes in the receiver are the same indeces contained in another index set.

## **Getting Indexes**

firstIndex (page 13)

Returns either the first index in the receiver or the not-found indicator.

lastIndex (page 23)

Returns either the last index in the receiver or the not-found indicator.

- indexLessThanIndex: (page 18)

Returns either the closest index in the receiver that is less than a specific index or the not-found indicator.

- indexLessThanOrEqualToIndex: (page 18)

Returns either the closest index in the receiver that is less than or equal to a specific index or the not-found indicator.

- indexGreaterThanOrEqualToIndex: (page 17)

Returns either the closest index in the receiver that is greater than or equal to a specific index or the not-found indicator.

- indexGreaterThanIndex: (page 16)

Returns either the closest index in the receiver that is greater than a specific index or the not-found indicator.

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- getIndexes:maxCount:inIndexRange: (page 13)

The receiver fills an index buffer with the indexes contained both in the receiver and in an index range, returning the number of indexes copied.

### **Enumerating Indexes**

- enumerateIndexesUsingBlock: (page 12)

Executes a given Block using each object in the receiver.

- enumerateIndexesWithOptions:usingBlock: (page 12)

Executes a given Block over the receiver's indexes, using the specified enumeration options.

- enumerateIndexesInRange:options:usingBlock: (page 11)

Executes a given Block using the indexes in the specified range, using the specified enumeration options.

## Class Methods

### indexSet

Creates an empty index set.

+ (id)indexSet

#### **Return Value**

NSIndexSet (page 5) object with no members.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### See Also

- init (page 20)

#### Declared In

NSIndexSet.h

### indexSetWithIndex:

Creates an index set with an index.

+ (id)indexSetWithIndex:(NSUInteger)index

#### **Parameters**

index

An index.

#### **Return Value**

NSIndexSet (page 5) object containing *index*.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### See Also

- initWithIndex: (page 20)

#### **Related Sample Code**

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#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

### indexSetWithIndexesInRange:

Creates an index set with an index range.

+ (id)indexSetWithIndexesInRange:(NSRange)indexRange

#### **Parameters**

indexRange

An index range.

#### **Return Value**

NSIndexSet (page 5) object containing indexRange.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### See Also

- initWithIndexesInRange: (page 21)

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

## **Instance Methods**

#### containsIndex:

Indicates whether the receiver contains a specific index.

- (BOOL)containsIndex:(NSUInteger)*index* 

#### **Parameters**

index

Index being inquired about.

#### **Return Value**

YES when the receiver contains index, NO otherwise.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### See Also

```
containsIndexes: (page 10)containsIndexesInRange: (page 10)
```

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

#### containsIndexes:

Indicates whether the receiver contains a superset of the indexes in another index set.

```
- (BOOL)containsIndexes:(NSIndexSet *)indexSet
```

#### **Parameters**

indexSet

Index set being inquired about.

#### **Return Value**

YES when the receiver contains a superset of the indexes in *indexSet*, NO otherwise.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### See Also

```
containsIndex: (page 9)containsIndexesInRange: (page 10)
```

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

## contains Indexes In Range:

Indicates whether the receiver contains the indexes represented by an index range.

- (BOOL)containsIndexesInRange:(NSRange)indexRange

#### **Parameters**

indexRange

The index range being inquired about.

#### **Return Value**

YES when the receiver contains the indexes in indexRange, NO otherwise.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### See Also

```
containsIndex: (page 9)containsIndexes: (page 10)intersectsIndexesInRange: (page 22)
```

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

#### count

Returns the number of indexes in the receiver.

- (NSUInteger)count

#### **Return Value**

Number of indexes in the receiver.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### See Also

- countOfIndexesInRange: (page 11)

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

### countOfIndexesInRange:

Returns the number of indexes in the receiver that are members of a given range.

- (NSUInteger)countOfIndexesInRange:(NSRange)indexRange

#### **Parameters**

indexRange

Index range being inquired about.

#### **Return Value**

Number of indexes in the receiver that are members of indexRange.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### See Also

- count (page 11)

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

## enumerate Indexes In Range: options: using Block:

Executes a given Block using the indexes in the specified range, using the specified enumeration options.

- (void) enumerate Indexes In Range: (NSR ange) range options: (NSE numeration Options) opts using Block: (void (^)(NSU Integer idx, BOOL \*stop)) block

#### **Parameters**

range

Index to enumerate.

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A bitmask that specifies the options for the enumeration (whether it should be performed concurrently and whether it should be performed in reverse order). See <code>NSEnumerationOptions</code> for the supported values.

block.

The Block to apply to elements in the set.

The Block takes two arguments:

idx

The index of the object.

stop

A reference to a Boolean value. The block can set the value to YES to stop further processing of the set. The stop argument is an out-only argument. You should only ever set this Boolean to YES within the Block.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 4.0 and later.

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

### enumerateIndexesUsingBlock:

Executes a given Block using each object in the receiver.

- (void)enumerateIndexesUsingBlock:(void (^)(NSUInteger idx, BOOL \*stop))block

#### **Parameters**

block

The Block to apply to elements in the set.

The Block takes two arguments:

idx

The index of the object.

stop

A reference to a Boolean value. The block can set the value to YES to stop further processing of the set. The stop argument is an out-only argument. You should only ever set this Boolean to YES within the Block.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 4.0 and later.

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

## enumerate Indexes With Options: using Block:

Executes a given Block over the receiver's indexes, using the specified enumeration options.

#### **Parameters**

opts

A bitmask that specifies the options for the enumeration (whether it should be performed concurrently and whether it should be performed in reverse order). See <code>NSEnumerationOptions</code> for the supported values.

block

The Block to apply to elements in the set.

The Block takes two arguments:

idx

The index of the object.

stop

A reference to a Boolean value. The block can set the value to YES to stop further processing of the set. The stop argument is an out-only argument. You should only ever set this Boolean to YES within the Block.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 4.0 and later.

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

#### firstIndex

Returns either the first index in the receiver or the not-found indicator.

- (NSUInteger)firstIndex

#### **Return Value**

First index in the receiver or NSNotFound when the receiver is empty.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### See Also

lastIndex (page 23)

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

## get Indexes: max Count: in Index Range:

The receiver fills an index buffer with the indexes contained both in the receiver and in an index range, returning the number of indexes copied.

- (NSUInteger)getIndexes:(NSUInteger \*)indexBuffer maxCount:(NSUInteger)bufferSize inIndexRange:(NSRangePointer)indexRangePointer

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#### **Parameters**

indexBuffer

Index buffer to fill.

bufferSize

Maximum size of indexBuffer.

indexRange

Index range to compare with indexes in the receiver; nil represents all the indexes in the receiver. Indexes in the index range and in the receiver are copied to *indexBuffer*. On output, the range of indexes not copied to *indexBuffer*.

#### **Return Value**

Number of indexes placed in indexBuffer.

#### Discussion

You are responsible for allocating the memory required for indexBuffer and for releasing it later.

Suppose you have an index set with contiguous indexes from 1 to 100. If you use this method to request a range of (1, 100)—which represents the set of indexes 1 through 100—and specify a buffer size of 20, this method returns 20 indexes—1 through 20—in *indexBuffer* and sets *indexRange* to (21, 80)—which represents the indexes 21 through 100.

Use this method to retrieve entries quickly and efficiently from an index set. You can call this method repeatedly to retrieve blocks of index values and then process them. When doing so, use the return value and *indexRange* to determine when you have finished processing the desired indexes. When the return value is less than bufferSize, you have reached the end of the range.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

## indexes In Range: options: passing Test:

Returns an NSIndexSet containing the receiver's objects in the specified range that pass the Block test.

- (NSIndexSet \*)indexesInRange:(NSRange)range options:(NSEnumerationOptions)opts passingTest:(BOOL (^)(NSUInteger idx, BOOL \*stop))predicate

#### **Parameters**

range

The range of indexes to test.

opts

A bitmask that specifies the options for the enumeration (whether it should be performed concurrently and whether it should be performed in reverse order). See NSEnumerationOptions for the supported values.

```
predicate
```

The Block to apply to elements in the set.

The Block takes two arguments:

idx

The index of the object.

stop

A reference to a Boolean value. The block can set the value to YES to stop further processing of the set. The stop argument is an out-only argument. You should only ever set this Boolean to YES within the Block.

The Block returns a Boolean value that indicates whether obj passed the test.

#### **Return Value**

An NSIndexSet containing the indexes of the receiver that passed the predicate Block test.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 4.0 and later.

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

### indexesPassingTest:

Returns an NSIndexSet containing the receiver's objects that pass the Block test.

```
- (NSIndexSet *)indexesPassingTest:(BOOL (^)(NSUInteger idx, BOOL *stop))predicate
```

#### **Parameters**

predicate

The Block to apply to elements in the set.

The Block takes two arguments:

idx

The index of the object.

stop

A reference to a Boolean value. The block can set the value to YES to stop further processing of the set. The stop argument is an out-only argument. You should only ever set this Boolean to YES within the Block.

The Block returns a Boolean value that indicates whether obj passed the test.

#### **Return Value**

An NSIndexSet containing the indexes of the receiver that passed the predicate Block test.

### **Availability**

Available in iOS 4.0 and later.

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

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### indexesWithOptions:passingTest:

Returns an NSIndexSet containing the receiver's objects that pass the Block test using the specified enumeration options.

- (NSIndexSet \*)indexesWithOptions:(NSEnumerationOptions)opts passingTest:(BOOL (^)(NSUInteger idx, BOOL \*stop))predicate

#### **Parameters**

opts

A bitmask that specifies the options for the enumeration (whether it should be performed concurrently and whether it should be performed in reverse order). See NSEnumerationOptions for the supported values.

predicate

The Block to apply to elements in the set.

The Block takes two arguments:

idx

The index of the object.

stop

A reference to a Boolean value. The block can set the value to YES to stop further processing of the set. The stop argument is an out-only argument. You should only ever set this Boolean to YES within the Block.

The Block returns a Boolean value that indicates whether obj passed the test.

#### **Return Value**

An NSIndexSet containing the indexes of the receiver that passed the predicate Block test.

### **Availability**

Available in iOS 4.0 and later.

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

#### indexGreaterThanIndex:

Returns either the closest index in the receiver that is greater than a specific index or the not-found indicator.

- (NSUInteger)indexGreaterThanIndex:(NSUInteger)index

#### **Parameters**

index

Index being inquired about.

#### Return Value

Closest index in the receiver greater than *index*; NSNotFound when the receiver contains no qualifying index.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### See Also

- indexLessThanIndex: (page 18)

- indexGreaterThanOrEqualToIndex: (page 17)
- indexLessThanOrEqualToIndex: (page 18)

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

### indexGreaterThanOrEqualToIndex:

Returns either the closest index in the receiver that is greater than or equal to a specific index or the not-found indicator.

- (NSUInteger)indexGreaterThanOrEqualToIndex:(NSUInteger)index

#### **Parameters**

index

Index being inquired about.

#### **Return Value**

Closest index in the receiver greater than or equal to *index*; NSNotFound when the receiver contains no qualifying index.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### See Also

- indexGreaterThanIndex: (page 16)
- indexLessThanIndex: (page 18)
- indexLessThanOrEqualToIndex: (page 18)

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

## index In Range: options: passing Test:

Returns the index of the first object in the specified range that passes the predicate Block test.

- (NSUInteger)indexInRange:(NSRange)range options:(NSEnumerationOptions)opts passingTest:(BOOL (^)(NSUInteger idx, BOOL \*stop))predicate

#### **Parameters**

range

The range of indexes to test.

opts

A bitmask that specifies the options for the enumeration (whether it should be performed concurrently and whether it should be performed in reverse order). See <code>NSEnumerationOptions</code> for the supported values.

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predicate

The Block to apply to elements in the set.

The Block takes two arguments:

idx

The index of the object.

stop

A reference to a Boolean value. The block can set the value to YES to stop further processing of the set. The stop argument is an out-only argument. You should only ever set this Boolean to YES within the Block.

The Block returns a Boolean value that indicates whether obj passed the test.

#### **Return Value**

The index of the first object that passes the predicate test.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 4.0 and later.

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

#### indexLessThanIndex:

Returns either the closest index in the receiver that is less than a specific index or the not-found indicator.

- (NSUInteger)indexLessThanIndex:(NSUInteger)index

#### **Parameters**

index

Index being inquired about.

#### **Return Value**

Closest index in the receiver less than index; NSNotFound when the receiver contains no qualifying index.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### See Also

- indexGreaterThanIndex: (page 16)
- indexGreaterThanOrEqualToIndex: (page 17)
- indexLessThanOrEqualToIndex: (page 18)

### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

## index Less Than Or Equal To Index:

Returns either the closest index in the receiver that is less than or equal to a specific index or the not-found indicator.

 $\hbox{- (NSUInteger)} \textbf{indexLessThanOrEqualToIndex:} (\hbox{NSUInteger}) \textbf{index}$ 

#### **Parameters**

index

Index being inquired about.

#### **Return Value**

Closest index in the receiver less than or equal to *index*; NSNotFound when the receiver contains no qualifying index.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### See Also

```
indexGreaterThanIndex: (page 16)indexLessThanIndex: (page 18)indexGreaterThanOrEqualToIndex: (page 17)
```

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

### indexPassingTest:

Returns the index of the first object that passes the predicate Block test.

```
- (NSUInteger)indexPassingTest:(BOOL (^)(NSUInteger idx, BOOL *stop))predicate
```

#### **Parameters**

predicate

The Block to apply to elements in the set.

The Block takes two arguments:

idx

The index of the object.

stop

A reference to a Boolean value. The block can set the value to YES to stop further processing of the set. The stop argument is an out-only argument. You should only ever set this Boolean to YES within the Block.

The Block returns a Boolean value that indicates whether obj passed the test.

#### **Return Value**

The index of the first object that passes the predicate test.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 4.0 and later.

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

## indexWithOptions:passingTest:

Returns the index of the first object that passes the predicate Block test using the specified enumeration options.

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#### **Parameters**

opts

A bitmask that specifies the options for the enumeration (whether it should be performed concurrently and whether it should be performed in reverse order). See <code>NSEnumerationOptions</code> for the supported values.

predicate

The Block to apply to elements in the set.

The Block takes two arguments:

idx

The index of the object.

stop

A reference to a Boolean value. The block can set the value to YES to stop further processing of the set. The stop argument is an out-only argument. You should only ever set this Boolean to YES within the Block.

The Block returns a Boolean value that indicates whether obj passed the test.

#### **Return Value**

The index of the first object that passes the predicate test.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 4.0 and later.

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

#### init

Initializes an allocated NSIndexSet (page 5) object.

- (id)init

#### **Return Value**

Initialized, empty NSIndexSet (page 5) object.

### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### See Also

+ indexSet (page 8)

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

#### initWithIndex:

Initializes an allocated NSIndexSet (page 5) object with an index.

- (id)initWithIndex:(NSUInteger)index

#### **Parameters**

index

An index.

#### **Return Value**

Initialized NSIndexSet (page 5) object with *index*.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### See Also

+ indexSetWithIndex: (page 8)

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

### initWithIndexesInRange:

Initializes an allocated NSIndexSet (page 5) object with an index range.

- (id)initWithIndexesInRange:(NSRange)indexRange

#### **Parameters**

indexRange

An index range. Must include only indexes representable as unsigned integers.

#### Return Value

Initialized NSIndexSet (page 5) object with indexRange.

#### Discussion

This method raises an NSRangeException when indexRange would add an index that exceeds the maximum allowed value for unsigned integers.

This method is a designated initializer for NSIndexSet (page 5).

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### See Also

+ indexSetWithIndexesInRange: (page 9)

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

#### initWithIndexSet:

Initializes an allocated NSIndexSet (page 5) object with an index set.

- (id)initWithIndexSet:(NSIndexSet \*)indexSet

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#### **Parameters**

indexSet

An index set.

#### **Return Value**

Initialized NSIndexSet (page 5) object with indexSet.

#### Discussion

This method is a designated initializer for NSIndexSet (page 5).

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

## intersects Indexes In Range:

Indicates whether the receiver contains any of the indexes in a range.

- (BOOL)intersectsIndexesInRange:(NSRange)indexRange

#### **Parameters**

indexRange

Index range being inquired about.

#### **Return Value**

YES when the receiver contains one or more of the indexes in indexRange, NO otherwise.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### See Also

- containsIndexesInRange: (page 10)

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

## is Equal To Index Set:

Indicates whether the indexes in the receiver are the same indeces contained in another index set.

- (BOOL)isEqualToIndexSet:(NSIndexSet \*)indexSet

#### **Parameters**

indexSet

Index set being inquired about.

#### **Return Value**

YES when the indexes in the receiver are the same indexes <code>indexSet</code> contains, NO otherwise.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

### lastIndex

Returns either the last index in the receiver or the not-found indicator.

- (NSUInteger)lastIndex

#### **Return Value**

Last index in the receiver or NSNotFound when the receiver is empty.

#### **Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### See Also

- firstIndex (page 13)

#### **Declared In**

NSIndexSet.h

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# **Document Revision History**

This table describes the changes to NSIndexSet Class Reference.

Date	Notes
2009-08-28	Updated for Mac OS X v 10.6. Added new methods supporting Blocks.
2007-03-24	Updated for Mac OS X v10.5.
	Added countOfIndexesInRange: (page 11).
	Added details to <code>getIndexes:maxCount:inIndexRange:</code> (page 13) to correct and clarify the given example.
	Corrected a code example.
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