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# UIPageControl Class Reference

User Experience: Controls



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|----------------------|---|
| <b>Inherits from</b> | UIControl : UIView : UIResponder : NSObject |
| <b>Conforms to</b>   | NSCoding (UIView)<br>NSObject (NSObject)    |
| <b>Framework</b>     | /System/Library/Frameworks/UIKit.framework  |
| <b>Availability</b>  | Available in iOS 2.0 and later.             |
| <b>Declared in</b>   | UIPageControl.h                             |

## Overview

You use the `UIPageControl` class to create and manage page controls. A page control is a succession of dots centered in the control. Each dot corresponds to a page in the application's document (or other data-model entity), with the white dot indicating the currently viewed page.

For an example of a page control, see the Weather application (with a number of locations configured) or Safari (with a number of tab views set).

When a user taps a page control to move to the next or previous page, the control sends the `UIControlEventValueChanged` event for handling by the delegate. The delegate can then evaluate the `currentPage` (page 6) property to determine the page to display. The page control advances only one page in either direction.

**Note:** Because of physical factors—namely the size of the device screen and the size and layout of the page indicators—there is a limit of about 20 page indicators on the screen before they are clipped.

## Tasks

### Managing the Page Navigation

`currentPage` (page 6) *property*

The current page, shown by the receiver as a white dot.

`numberOfPages` (page 7) *property*

The number of pages the receiver shows (as dots).

`hidesForSinglePage` (page 7) *property*

A Boolean value that controls whether the page indicator is hidden when there is only one page.

## Updating the Page Display

`defersCurrentPageDisplay` (page 6) *property*

A Boolean value that controls when the current page is displayed.

- `updateCurrentPageDisplay` (page 8)

Updates the page indicator to the current page.

## Resizing the Control

- `sizeForNumberOfPages:` (page 7)

Returns the size the receiver's bounds should be to accommodate the given number of pages.

## Properties

For more about Objective-C properties, see “Properties” in *The Objective-C Programming Language*.

### currentPage

The current page, shown by the receiver as a white dot.

```
@property(nonatomic) NSInteger currentPage
```

#### Discussion

The property value is an integer specifying the current page shown minus one; thus a value of zero (the default) indicates the first page. A page control shows the current page as a white dot. Values outside the possible range are pinned to either 0 or `numberOfPages` (page 7) minus 1.

#### Availability

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

#### Declared In

UIPageControl.h

### defersCurrentPageDisplay

A Boolean value that controls when the current page is displayed.

```
@property(nonatomic) BOOL defersCurrentPageDisplay
```

#### Discussion

Set the value of this property to YES so that, when the user clicks the control to go to a new page, the class defers updating the page indicator until it calls `updatePageIndicator` (page 8). Set the value to NO (the default) to have the page indicator updated immediately.

#### Availability

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

**Declared In**

UIPageControl.h

**hidesForSinglePage**

A Boolean value that controls whether the page indicator is hidden when there is only one page.

```
@property(nonatomic) BOOL hidesForSinglePage
```

**Discussion**

Assign a value of YES to hide the page indicator when there is only one page; assign NO (the default) to show the page indicator if there is only one page.

**Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

**Declared In**

UIPageControl.h

**numberOfPages**

The number of pages the receiver shows (as dots).

```
@property(nonatomic) NSInteger numberOfPages
```

**Discussion**

The value of the property is the number of pages for the page control to show as dots. The default value is 0.

**Availability**

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

**Declared In**

UIPageControl.h

## Instance Methods

**sizeForNumberOfPages:**

Returns the size the receiver's bounds should be to accommodate the given number of pages.

```
- (CGSize)sizeForNumberOfPages:(NSInteger)pageCount
```

**Parameters**

*pageCount*

The number of pages to fit in the receiver's bounds.

**Return Value**

The minimum size required to display dots for the page count.

### Discussion

Subclasses that customize the appearance of the page control can use this method to resize the page control when the page count changes.

### Availability

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

### Declared In

UIPageControl.h

## updateCurrentPageDisplay

Updates the page indicator to the current page.

```
- (void)updateCurrentPageDisplay
```

### Discussion

This method updates the page indicator so that the current page (the white dot) matches the value returned from [currentPage](#) (page 6). The class ignores this method if the value of [defersPageIndicatorUpdate](#) (page 6) is NO. Setting the [currentPage](#) value directly updates the indicator immediately.

### Availability

Available in iOS 2.0 and later.

### Declared In

UIPageControl.h



# Document Revision History

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

| Date       | Notes   |
|------------|---|
| 2008-06-05 | New document that describes the class used to implement the control that allows users to move to the next or previous page. |

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