IKImageBrowserDataSource Protocol Reference

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(informal protocol)

Adopted by	IKImageBrowserView
Framework	/System/Library/Frameworks/Quartz.framework/ImageKit.framework
Declared in	IKImageBrowserView.h

Overview

The `IKImageBrowserDataSource` informal protocol declares the methods that an instance of the `IKImageBrowserView` class uses to access the contents of its data source object.

Tasks

Providing Information About Items (Required)

- `numberOfItemsInImageBrowser:` (page 9) *required method*
  Returns the number of records managed by the data source object. (required)
- `imageBrowser:itemAtIndex:` (page 6) *required method*
  Returns an object for the item in an image browser view that corresponds to the specified index. (required)

Supporting Item Editing (Optional)

- `imageBrowser:removeItemsAtIndexes:` (page 7) *required method*
  Signals that a remove operation should be applied to the specified items. (required)
- `imageBrowser:moveItemsAtIndexes:toIndex:` (page 7) *required method*
  Signals that the specified items should be moved to the specified destination. (required)
- `imageBrowser:writeItemsAtIndexes:toPasteboard:` (page 8) *required method*
  Signals that a drag should begin. (required)

Providing Information About Groups (Optional)

- `numberOfGroupsInImageBrowser:` (page 8) *required method*
  Returns the number of groups in an image browser view. (required)

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- imageBrowser:groupAtIndex: (page 6) *required method*
Returns the group at the specified index. (required)

Instance Methods

imageBrowser:groupAtIndex:

Returns the group at the specified index. (required)

```
- (NSDictionary *) imageBrowser:(IKImageBrowserView *) aBrowser
    groupAtIndex:(NSUInteger) index;
```

Parameters

aBrowser

An image browser view.

index

The index of the group you want to retrieve.

Return Value

A dictionary that defines the group. The keys in this dictionary can be any of the following constants: `IKImageBrowserGroupStyle`, `IKImageBrowserGroupBackgroundColorKey`, `IKImageBrowserGroupTitleKey`, and `IKImageBrowserGroupRangeKey`. For more information on these constants, see *IKImageBrowserView Class Reference*.

Discussion

This method is optional.

Availability

Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared In

`IKImageBrowserView.h`

imageBrowser:itemAtIndex:

Returns an object for the item in an image browser view that corresponds to the specified index. (required)

```
- (id) imageBrowser:(IKImageBrowserView *) aBrowser itemAtIndex:(NSUInteger)index;
```

Parameters

aBrowser

An image browser view.

index

The index of the item you want to retrieve.

Return Value

An `IKImageBrowserItem` object.

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Discussion
Your data source must implement this method. The returned object must implement the required methods of the `IKImageBrowserItem` protocol.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared In
`IKImageBrowserView.h`

imageBrowser:moveItemsAtIndexes:toIndex:

Signals that the specified items should be moved to the specified destination. (required)

```
- (BOOL) imageBrowser:(IKImageBrowserView *) aBrowser moveItemsAtIndexes: (NSIndexSet
    *)indexes toIndex:(NSUInteger)destinationIndex;
```

Parameters

aBrowser
An image browser view.

indexes
The indexes of the items that should be reordered.

destinationIndex
The starting index of the destination the items should be moved to.

Return Value
`YES` if successful; `NO` otherwise.

Discussion
This method is optional. It is invoked by the image browser view after Image Kit determines that a reordering operation should be applied. The data source should update itself by reordering its elements.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

See Also
`- setAllowsReordering:`

Declared In
`IKImageBrowserView.h`

imageBrowser:removeItemsAtIndexes:

Signals that a remove operation should be applied to the specified items. (required)

```
- (void) imageBrowser:(IKImageBrowserView *) aBrowser
    removeItemsAtIndexes:(NSIndexSet *) indexes;
```

Parameters

aBrowser
An image browser view.

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indexes

The indexes of the items that should be removed.

Discussion
This method is optional. It is invoked by the image browser after Image Kit determines that a remove operation should be applied. In response, the data source should update itself by removing the specified items.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared In
`IKImageBrowserView.h`

imageBrowser:writeItemsAtIndexes:toPasteboard:

Signals that a drag should begin. (required)

```
- (NSUInteger) imageBrowser:(IKImageBrowserView *) aBrowser
    writeItemsAtIndexes:(NSIndexSet *) itemIndexes toPasteboard:(NSPasteboard
    *)pasteboard;
```

Parameters

aBrowser

An image browser view.

itemIndexes

The indexes of the items that should be dragged.

pasteboard

The pasteboard to copy the items to.

Return Value
The number of items written to the pasteboard.

Discussion
This method is optional. It is invoked after Image Kit determines that a drag should begin, but before the drag has been started.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared In
`IKImageBrowserView.h`

numberOfGroupsInImageBrowser:

Returns the number of groups in an image browser view. (required)

```
- (NSUInteger) numberOfGroupsInImageBrowser:(IKImageBrowserView *) aBrowser;
```

Parameters

aBrowser

An image browser view.

Return Value
The number of groups.

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Discussion
This method is optional.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared In
`IKImageBrowserView.h`

numberOfItemsInImageBrowser:

Returns the number of records managed by the data source object. (required)

```
- (NSUInteger) numberOfItemsInImageBrowser:(IKImageBrowserView *) aBrowser;
```

Parameters

aBrowser

An image browser view.

Return Value
The number of records managed by the image browser view.

Discussion
Your data source must implement this method. An `IKImageView` object uses this method to determine how many cells it should create and display.

Availability
Available in Mac OS X v10.5 and later.

Declared In
`IKImageBrowserView.h`

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Document Revision History

This table describes the changes to *IKImageBrowserDataSource Protocol Reference*.

Date	Notes
2007-07-17	New document that describes the informal protocol used to access the data source associated with an image browser view.

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