

# NSMatrix

**Inherits From:** NSControl : NSView : NSResponder : NSObject

**Declared In:** appkit/NSMatrix.h

## Initializing the NSMatrix Class

- + (Class)**cellClass**

+ (void)**setCellClass:(Class)***classId*
- Returns the default class used to make cells.

Sets the default class used to make cells.

## Initializing an NSMatrix Object

- (id)**initWithFrame:(NSRect)***frameRect*

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**mode:(int)***aMode*  
**cellClass:(Class)***classId*  
**numberOfRows:(int)***numRows*  
**numberOfColumns:(int)***numCols*

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Initializes a new NSMatrix object in *frameRect*, with *aMode* as the selection mode, *classId* as the class used to make new cells, and having *numRows* rows and *numCols* columns.
- (id)**initWithFrame:(NSRect)***frameRect*  
**mode:(int)***aMode*  
**prototype:(NSCell \*)***aCell*  
**numberOfRows:(int)***numRows*  
**numberOfColumns:(int)***numCols*

Initializes a new NSMatrix object with the given values with *aMode* as the selection mode, *aCell* as the prototype copied to make new cells, and having *numRows* rows and *numCols* columns.

## Setting the Selection Mode

- (void)**setMode:(NSMatrixMode)***aMode*

Sets the selection mode of the matrix.

- (NSMatrixMode)**mode** Returns the selection mode of the matrix.

## Configuring the NSMatrix

- (void)**setAllowsEmptySelection:(BOOL)flag** Sets whether there may be no cells selected.  
- (BOOL)**allowsEmptySelection** Returns whether there may be no cells selected.  
- (void)**setSelectionByRect:(BOOL)flag** Sets whether a user can drag a rectangular selection (the default is YES).  
- (BOOL)**isSelectionByRect** Returns whether a user can drag a rectangular selection.

## Setting the Cell Class

- (Class)**cellClass** Returns the subclass of NSCell used to make new cells.  
- (void)**setCellClass:(Class)classId** Sets the subclass of NSCell used to make new cells.  
- (void)**setPrototype:(NSCell \*)aCell** Sets the prototype cell copied to make new cells.  
- (id)**prototype** Returns the prototype cell copied to make new cells.

## Laying Out the NSMatrix

- (void)**addColumn** Adds a new column of cells to the right of the last column.  
- (void)**addRow** Adds a new row of cells below the last row.  
- (void)**addRowWithCells:(NSArray \*)cellArray** Adds a new row of cells, using those contained in *cellArray*.  
- (void)**addColumnWithCells:(NSArray \*)cellArray** Adds a new column of cells, using those contained in *cellArray*.  
- (void)**insertColumn:(int)column** Inserts a new column of cells at *column*, creating as many as needed to make the matrix *column* columns wide.  
- (void)**insertColumn:(int)column withCells:(NSArray \*)cellArray** Inserts a new row of cells at *column*, using those contained in *cellArray*.  
- (void)**insertRow:(int)row** Inserts a new row of cells at *row*, creating as many as needed to make the matrix *row* rows wide.  
- (void)**insertRow:(int)row withCells:(NSArray \*)cellArray** Inserts a new row of cells at *row*, using those contained in *cellArray*.  
- (void)**removeColumn:(int)column andRelease:(BOOL)flag** Removes the column at *column*, releasing the cells if *flag* is YES.  
- (void)**removeRow:(int)row andRelease:(BOOL)flag** Removes the row at *row*, releasing the cells if *flag* is YES.

- (NSCell \*)**makeCellAtRow:**(int)*row*  
**column:**(int)*column*  
Creates a new cell at *row*, *column* in the matrix and returns it.
- (void)**putCell:**(NSCell \*)*newCell*  
**atRow:**(int)*row*  
**column:**(int)*column*  
Replaces the cell at *row* and *column* with *newCell*.
- (void)**renewRows:**(int)*newRows*  
**columns:**(int)*newColumns*  
Changes the number of rows and columns in the receiver without freeing any cells.
- (void)**setCellSize:**(NSSize)*aSize*  
Sets the width and height of all cells in the matrix.
- (NSSize)**cellSize**  
Returns the width and height of cells in the matrix.
- (NSRect)**cellFrameAtRow:**(int)*row*  
**column:**(int)*column*  
Returns the frame rectangle of the cell at *row* and *column*.
- (void)**setInterCellSpacing:**(NSSize)*aSize*  
Sets the vertical and horizontal spacing between cells.
- (NSSize)**interCellSpacing**  
Returns the vertical and horizontal spacing between cells
- (void)**getNumberOfRows:**(int \*)*rowCount*  
**columns:**(int \*)*columnCount*  
Gets the number of rows and columns in the matrix.
- (void)**sortUsingFunction:**(int (\*)(id *element1*,id *element2*,void \**userData*))*comparator*  
**context:**(void \*)*context*  
Sorts the receiver's cells in ascending order as defined by the comparison function *comparator*. *context* is passed as the function's third argument.
- (void)**sortUsingSelector:**(SEL)*comparator*  
Sorts the receiver's cells in ascending order as defined by the comparison method *comparator*.

## Finding Matrix Coordinates

- (NSCell \*)**getRow:**(int \*)*row*  
**column:**(int \*)*column*  
**ofCell:**(NSCell \*)*aCell*  
Gets the row and column position of *aCell*.
- (NSCell \*)**getRow:**(int \*)*row*  
**column:**(int \*)*column*  
**forPoint:**(NSPoint)*aPoint*  
Gets the row and column position corresponding to *aPoint*, and returns the cell at that point.

## Modifying Individual Cells

- (void)**setImage:**(NSImage \*)*iconName*  
**atRow:**(int)*row*  
**column:**(int)*column*  
Sets the image for the cell at *row* and *column* to the NSImage named *iconName*.

- (void)**setState:(int)value**  
    **atRow:(int)row**  
    **column:(int)column** Sets the state of the cell at *row* and *column* to *value*.
- (void)**setTitle:(NSString \*)aString**  
    **atRow:(int)row**  
    **column:(int)column** Assigns cell at *row* and *column* the title in *aString*.

## Selecting Cells

- (void)**deselectAllCells** Clears the receiver's selection, assuming that the NSMatrix allows an empty selection.
- (void)**deselectSelectedCell** Deselects the selected cell.
- (void)**selectCellAtRow:(int)row**  
    **column:(int)column** Selects the cell at *row* and *col*.
- (BOOL)**selectCellWithTag:(int)anInt** Selects the cell with the tag *anInt*.
- (void)**setSelectionFrom:(int)startPos**  
    **to:(int)endPos**  
    **anchor:(int)anchorPos**  
    **highlight:(BOOL)flag** Selects the cells in the matrix from *startPos* to *endPos*, counting in row order from the upper left, as though *anchorPos* were the number of the last cell selected, and highlighting the cells according to *flag*.
- (void)**selectAll:(id)sender** Selects all the cells in the matrix.
- (id)**selectedCell** Returns the last (lowest and rightmost) selected cell.
- (NSArray \*)**selectedCells** Returns an array containing the selected cells.
- (int)**selectedColumn** Returns the column of the selected cell.
- (int)**selectedRow** Returns the row of the selected cell.

## Finding Cells

- (id)**cellWithTag:(int)anInt** Returns the cell having *anInt* as its tag.
- (id)**cellAtRow:(int)row**  
    **column:(int)column** Returns the cell at row *row* and column *col*.
- (NSArray \*)**cells** Returns the matrix's array of cells.

## Modifying Graphic Attributes

- (void)**setBackgroundColor:(NSColor \*)aColor** Sets the color of the background between cells to *aColor*.

- (NSColor \*)**backgroundColor** Returns the color of the background between cells.
- (void)**setCellBackgroundColor:(NSColor \*)aColor** Sets the color of the background within cells to *aColor*.
- (NSColor \*)**cellBackgroundColor** Returns the color of the background within cells.
- (void)**setDrawsBackground:(BOOL)flag** Sets whether the receiver draws the background between cells.
- (BOOL)**drawsBackground** Returns whether the receiver draws the background between cells.
- (void)**setDrawsCellBackground:(BOOL)flag** Sets whether the receiver draws the background within cells.
- (BOOL)**drawsCellBackground** Returns whether the receiver draws the background within cells.

## Editing Text in Cells

- (void)**selectText:(id)sender** Selects the text in the first or last editable cell.
- (id)**selectTextAtRow:(int)row**  
**column:(int)column** Selects the text of the cell at *row*, *column* in the matrix.
- (void)**textDidBeginEditing:(NSNotification \*)notification** Invoked when there's a change in the text after the receiver gains first responder status. Default behavior is pass to this message on to the text delegate.
- (void)**textDidChange:(NSNotification \*)notification** Invoked upon a key-down event or paste operation that changes the receiver's contents. Default behavior is to pass this message on to the text delegate.
- (void)**textDidEndEditing:(NSNotification \*)notification** Invoked when text editing ends and then forwarded to the text delegate.
- (BOOL)**textShouldBeginEditing:(NSText \*)textObject** Invoked to let the NSTextField respond to impending changes to its text and then forwarded to the text delegate.
- (BOOL)**textShouldEndEditing:(NSText \*)textObject** Invoked to let the NSTextField respond to impending loss of first responder status and then forwarded to the text delegate.

## Setting Tab Key Behavior

- (id)**nextText** Returns the object selected when the user presses Tab while editing the last text cell.

- (id)**previousText**
- (void)**setNextText:(id)***anObject*
- (void)**setPreviousText:(id)***anObject*

Returns the object selected when the user presses Tab while editing the first text cell.

Sets the object selected when the user presses Tab while editing the last text cell.

Sets the object selected when user presses Shift-Tab while editing the first text cell.

## Assigning a Text Delegate

- (void)**setTextDelegate:(id)***anObject*
- (id)**textDelegate**

Sets the delegate for messages from the field editor.

Returns the delegate for messages from the field editor.

## Resizing the Matrix and Cells

- (void)**setAutosizesCells:(BOOL)***flag*
- (BOOL)**autosizesCells**
- (void)**sizeToCells**
- (void)**setValidateSize:(BOOL)***flag*

Sets whether the matrix resizes its cells automatically.

Returns whether the matrix resizes its cells automatically.

Resizes the matrix to fit its cells exactly.

Sets whether the cell size needs to be recalculated.

## Scrolling

- (void)**setAutoscroll:(BOOL)***flag*
- (BOOL)**isAutoscroll**
- (void)**setScrollable:(BOOL)***flag*
- (void)**scrollCellToVisibleAtRow:(int)***row*  
**column:(int)***column*

Sets whether the matrix automatically scrolls when dragged in.

Returns whether the matrix automatically scrolls when dragged in.

If *flag* is YES, makes all the cells scrollable.

Scrolls the matrix so that the cell at *row* and *column* is visible.

## Displaying

- (void)**drawCellAtRow:(int)***row*  
**column:(int)***column*
- (void)**highlightCell:(BOOL)***flag*  
**atRow:(int)***row*  
**column:(int)***column*

Displays the cell at *row* and *col*.

Highlights (or unhighlights) the cell at *row*, *col*.

## Target and Action

- (void)**setDoubleAction:**(SEL)*aSelector* Sets the action method used on double-clicks to *aSelector*.
- (SEL)**doubleAction** Returns the action method for double clicks.
- (void)**setErrorAction:**(SEL)*aSelector* Sets the action method for editing errors to *aSelector*.
- (SEL)**errorAction** Returns the action method for editing errors.
- (BOOL)**sendAction** Sends the selected cell's action, or the NSMatrix's action if the cell doesn't have one.
- (void)**sendAction:**(SEL)*aSelector*  
    **to:**(id)*anObject*  
    **forAllCells:**(BOOL)*flag* Sends *aSelector* to *anObject*, for all cells if *flag* is YES.
- (void)**sendDoubleAction** Sends the action corresponding to a double-click.

## Handling Event and Action Messages

- (BOOL)**acceptsFirstMouse:**(NSEvent \*)*theEvent* Returns NO only if receiver's mode is NSListModeMatrix.
- (void)**mouseDown:**(NSEvent \*)*theEvent* Responds to a mouse-down event.
- (int)**mouseDownFlags** Returns the event flags in effect at start of tracking.
- (BOOL)**performKeyEquivalent:**(NSEvent \*)*theEvent* Simulates a mouse click in the appropriate cell.

## Managing the Cursor

- (void)**resetCursorRects** Resets cursor rectangles so that the cursor becomes an I-beam over text cells.