

## NSPasteboard

**Inherits From:** NSObject

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

### Creating and Releasing an NSPasteboard Object

- + (NSPasteboard \*)**generalPasteboard** Returns the general NSPasteboard.
- + (NSPasteboard \*)**pasteboardWithName:(NSString \*)name**  
Returns the NSPasteboard named *name*.
- + (NSPasteboard \*)**pasteboardWithUniqueName** Returns a uniquely named NSPasteboard.
- (void)**releaseGlobally** Releases the NSPasteboard and its resources in the pasteboard server.

### Getting Data in Different Formats

- + (NSPasteboard \*)**pasteboardByFilteringData:(NSData \*)data  
ofType:(NSString \*)type** Returns a NSPasteboard that contains data of all types filterable from *data* of type *type*.
- + (NSPasteboard \*)**pasteboardByFilteringFile:(NSString \*)filename**  
Returns a NSPasteboard that contains data of all types filterable from *filename*.
- + (NSPasteboard \*)**pasteboardByFilteringTypesInPasteboard:(NSPasteboard \*)pboard**  
Returns a NSPasteboard that contains data of all types filterable from *pboard*.
- + (NSArray \*)**typesFilterableTo:(NSString \*)type** Returns an array specifying all types *type* can be filtered to.

### Referring to a Pasteboard by Name

- (NSString \*)**name** Returns the NSPasteboard's name.

## Writing Data

- (int)**declareTypes:(NSArray \*)newTypes owner:(id)newOwner** Sets the data types and owner of the NSPasteboard and returns the new change count.
- (int)**addTypes:(NSArray \*)newTypes owner:(id)newOwner** Adds data types to the NSPasteboard and declares a new owner. Returns the new change count or 0 in case of error.
- (BOOL)**setData:(NSData \*)data forType:(NSString \*)dataType** Writes data of type *dataType* to the pasteboard server from *data*. Returns YES if the data is successfully written; otherwise returns NO.
- (BOOL)**setPropertyList:(id)pList forType:(NSString \*)dataType** Writes data of type *dataType* to the pasteboard server from *pList*. Returns YES if the data is successfully written; otherwise returns NO.
- (BOOL)**writeFileContents:(NSString \*)filename** Writes data from *filename* to the pasteboard server.

## Discerning Types

- (NSArray \*)**types** Returns an array of the NSPasteboard's data types.
- (NSString \*)**availableTypeFromArray:(NSArray \*)types** Returns first type in *types* that matches a type declared in the receiver.

## Reading Data

- (int)**changeCount** Returns the NSPasteboard's change count.
- (NSData \*)**dataForType:(NSString \*)dataType** Returns NSPasteboard data using the type specified by *dataType*.
- (id)**propertyListForType:(NSString \*)dataType** Returns a property list object using the type specified by *dataType*.
- (NSString \*)**readFileContentsType:(NSString \*)type toFile:(NSString \*)filename** Reads data of type *type* representing a file's contents from the NSPasteboard and writes it to *filename*. Returns the actual name of the file that was written.

## Methods Implemented by the Owner

- (void)**pasteboard:(NSPasteboard \*)sender provideData:(NSString \*)type** Implemented to write promised data to *sender* as *type*.
- (void)**pasteboardChangedOwner:(NSPasteboard \*)sender** Notifies prior owner that ownership changed.

