

AudioSession and MultiRoute Audio

Session 505

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Outline

- AudioSession Overview
 - Configuring the AudioSession
 - Audio routes and route change notifications
- AVAudioPlayer
 - Multichannel audio
 - Channel assignments
- MultiRoute category
- Using I/O units with AudioSession

Managed Audio Experience on iOS

- Users carry iOS devices everywhere
- Goal: Consistent user experience
- Mobile device market is varied
- Choose the right APIs to communicate the app's intentions

AudioSession Management

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- What there is to do
 - Categorize your application
 - Respond to interruptions
 - Handle routing changes

Using AudioSession in iOS 6

AVAudioSession

- Use AVAudioSession class
 - `<AVFoundation/AVAudioSession.h>`
 - Objective-C API for all AudioSession functionality

Using AVAudioSession

Five tasks

1. Set up the session and notification handler

2. Choose and set a category

Choose and set mode

3. Make session active

4. Handle interruptions

5. Handle route changes

Set Up the Session

1.

- Retrieve the AVAudioSession instance

```
AVAudioSession *session = [ AVAudioSession sharedInstance ];
```

- Register for notifications

```
[[NSNotificationCenter defaultCenter] addObserver: myObject  
selector: @selector(handleInterruption:)  
name: AVAudioSessionInterruptionNotification  
object: session];
```

Choose and Set a Category

Based on role of audio in your app

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Playback



Play and Record



Ambient



Record



Audio Processing



Solo Ambient



NEW

MultiRoute

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Measurement



Video Recording



[Default]



Movie Playback

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Handle Interruptions

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- Session may be interrupted by higher priority audio
- Interruption makes your session inactive
 - Audio currently playing is stopped
- After the interruption is over
 - Reactivate certain state (API specific)
 - Become active again (if appropriate)

Get Notified

AVAudioSessionInterruptionNotification

userInfo

`AVAudioSessionInterruptionTypeKey` (NSNumber)

`AVAudioSessionInterruptionTypeBegan`

`AVAudioSessionInterruptionTypeEnded`

`AVAudioSessionInterruptionOptionKey` (AVAudioSessionInterruptionOptions)

`AVAudioSessionInterruptionOptionShouldResume`

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- No `userInfo` dictionary for this notification
- Audio streaming objects are invalidated (zombies)
- Handle this notification by fully reconfiguring audio

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 - Unplugging
 - Routed to previous output
 - Audio playback should pause

New Route en Route

AVAudioSessionRouteChangeNotification

`AVAudioSessionRouteChangeReasonKey` (NSNumber)

`AVAudioSessionRouteChangeReasonNewDeviceAvailable`

`AVAudioSessionRouteChangeReasonCategoryChange`

...

`AVAudioSessionRouteChangePreviousRouteKey` (AVAudioSessionRouteDescription)

Querying the Route

The current route is a collection of inputs and outputs

- `[session currentRoute]`
 - `AVAudioSessionRouteDescription` with detailed information about the route
- `[[session currentRoute] inputs]`
 - Value is an array of input `AVAudioSessionPortDescription` objects
- `[[session currentRoute] outputs]`
 - Value is an array of output `AVAudioSessionPortDescription` objects

AVAudioSessionPortDescription

A port is a single hardware input or output on a device

```
@property(readonly) NSString * portType
```

```
/* eg., AVAudioSessionPortLineOut, AVAudioSessionPortHeadphones */
```

```
@property(readonly) NSString * portName
```

```
/* eg., "Line Out" or "Headphones" */
```

```
@property(readonly) NSString * UID // system-assigned
```

```
@property(readonly) NSArray * channels // AVAudioSessionChannelDescription
```

AVAudioSessionChannelDescription

A channel description is a single channel on a port

```
@property(readonly) NSString * channelName
```

```
/* eg., "Headphone Left" or "HDMI Output 1" */
```

```
@property(readonly) NSString * owningPortUID // system-assigned
```

```
@property(readonly) NSUInteger channelNumber // 1-based channel index
```

Using Audio Session

Summary

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No More Mix and Match

- Audio Session Services (Deprecated)
`<AudioToolbox/AudioServices.h>`
- All functionality from the C API has been moved to `AVAudioSession`

A Few More Changes

- AVAudioSessionDelegate has been deprecated
 - Register for the NSNotifications instead
- Some properties have been deprecated to make naming consistent

Using AVAudioPlayer

AVAudioPlayer

- Use to play caf, m4a, mp3, aif, wav, au, snd, aac
- Play, pause, seek, stop
- Volume, panning, looping, rate control

AVAudioPlayer

Creating a player

- Create from a file URL

```
// Create the player from local file
    NSURL *url = ...
    AVAudioPlayer *player = [[AVAudioPlayer alloc] initWithContentsOfURL:url
    withError:&error];
```

AVAudioPlayer

Playing a file from the music library

- Obtain the reference to an MPMediaItem object from the device's music library (e.g. using MPMediaPickerController)

```
// Create the player using a user-selected file
NSURL *mediaUrl =
    [myMediaItem valueForKeyProperty:MPMediaItemPropertyAssetURL];
AVAudioPlayer *player = [[AVAudioPlayer alloc]
    initWithContentsOfURL:mediaUrl withError:&error];
```

Audio, Interrupted

AVAudioPlayerDelegate methods

- – (void) `audioPlayerBeginInterruption`
 - Playback has stopped, already inactive
 - Change state of UI, etc., to reflect non-playing state
- – (void) `audioPlayerEndInterruption:withOption:`
`AVAudioSessionInterruptionOptionShouldResume`
 - Update user interface
 - Resume playback

Multichannel Audio on iOS

When Is Multichannel Available?

- USB Inputs > 2 were available on iOS 5
- USB Outputs > 2 are now available on iOS 6

Stereo and Mono with Multichannel

What if you don't need that many channels?

- When the audio route contains more than two output channels, stereo content plays to the first two channels
- Mono also plays to the first two channels
- For recording, mono records the first channel only

Channel Selection

Choose which inputs and outputs to use

- Set an array of *AVAudioSessionChannelDescription(s)*
- Can be used with *AVAudioPlayer* and *AVAudioRecorder*
- There are also congruent channel selection methods for
 - *AudioQueue*
 - *AURemoteIO*

AudioSession MultiRoute Category

Last in Wins

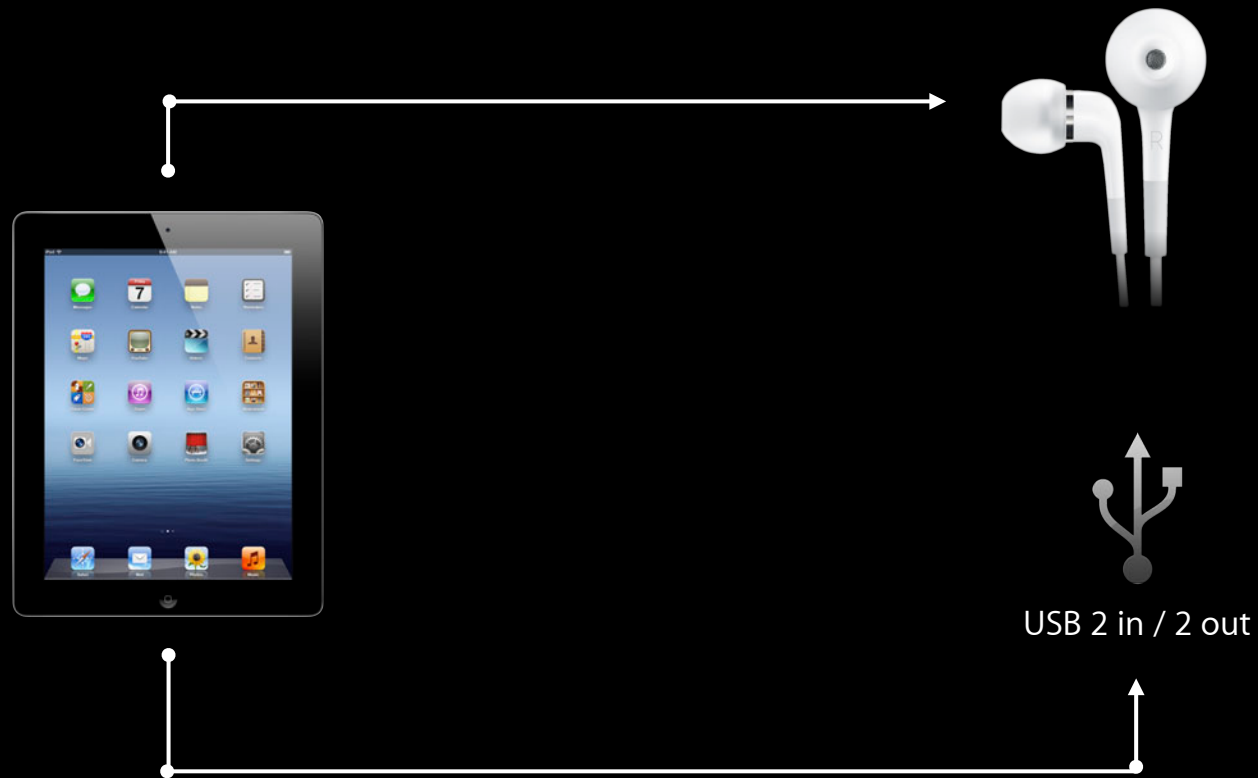
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USB 2 in / 2 out

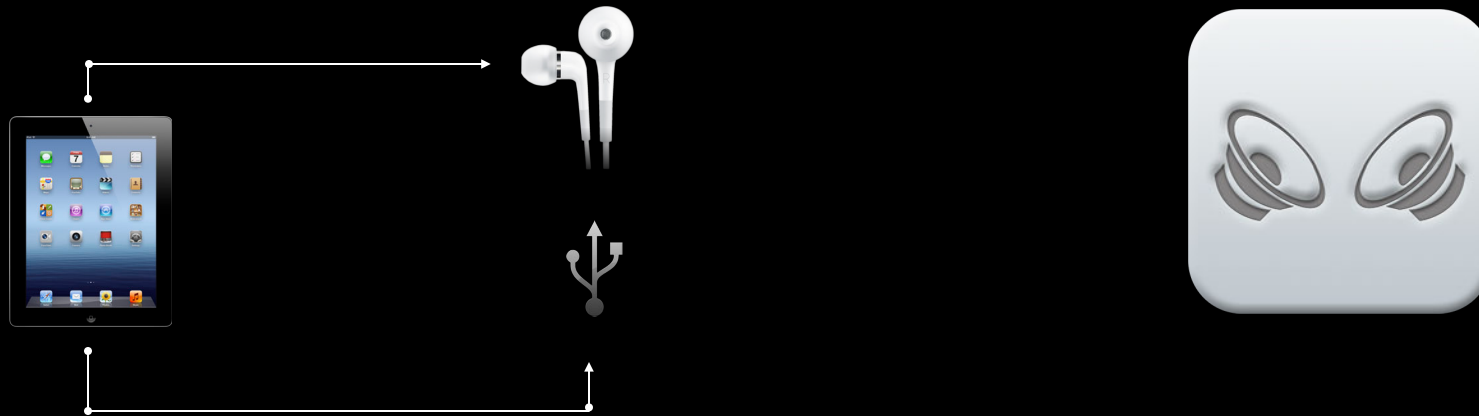
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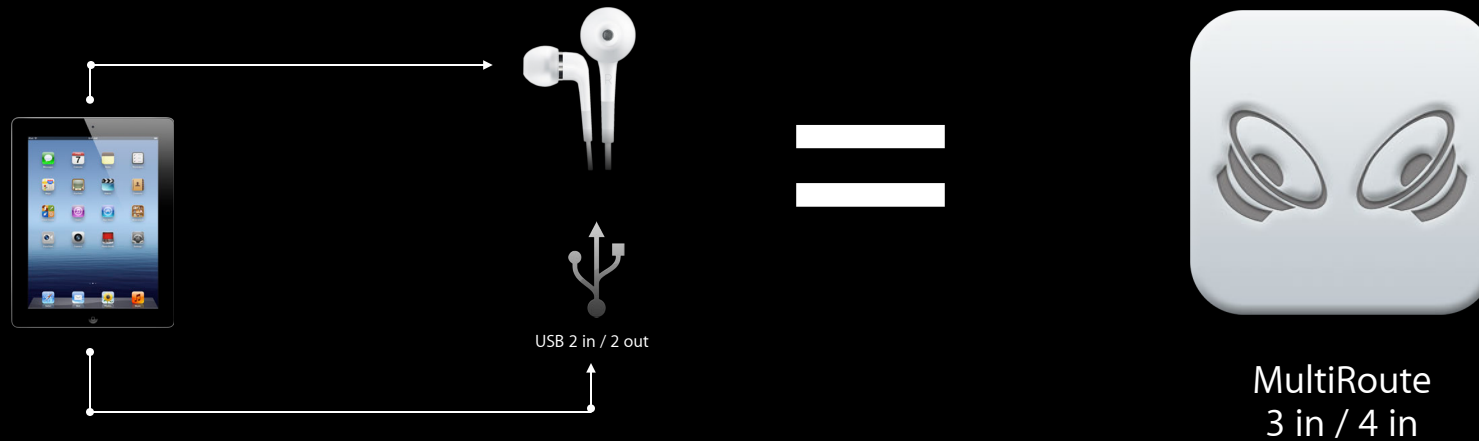
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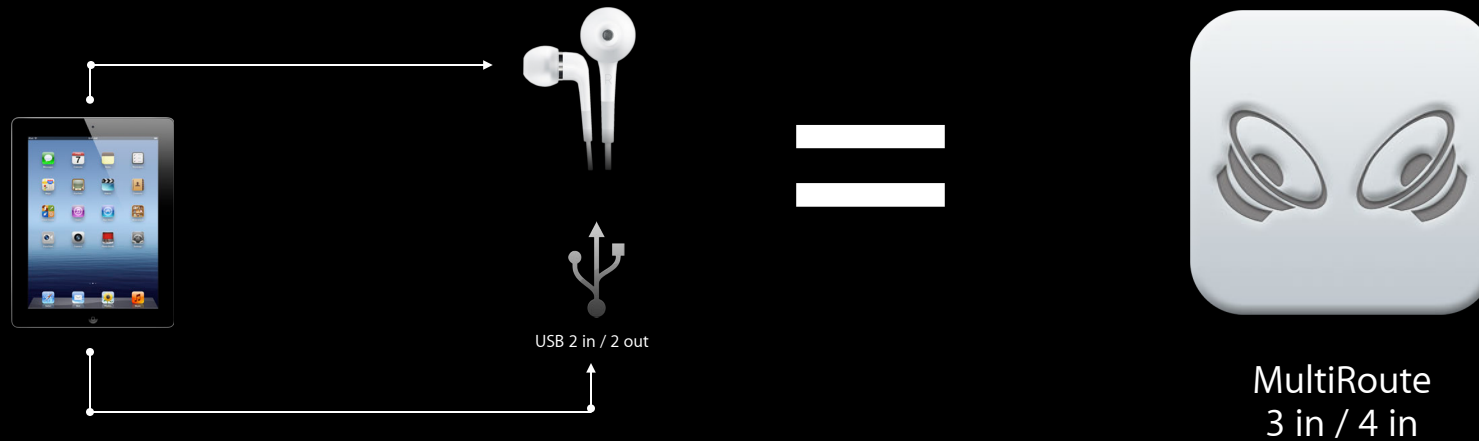
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Go wild.

MultiRoute Demo

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MultiRoute Demo

Before MultiRoute category

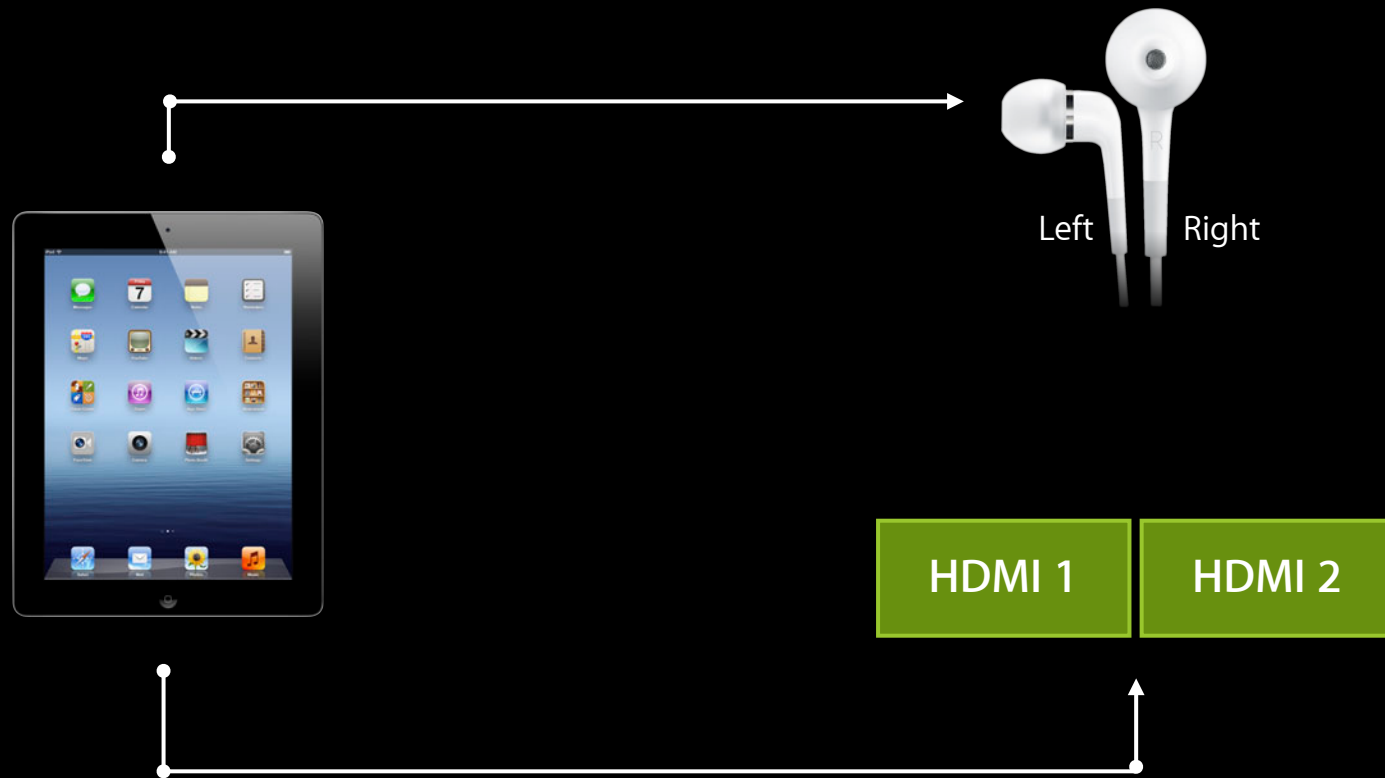


HDMI 1

HDMI 2

MultiRoute Demo

Before MultiRoute category



MultiRoute Demo

After MultiRoute category

MultiRoute Output Device

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Left

Headphone
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HDMI 1

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MultiRoute Demo

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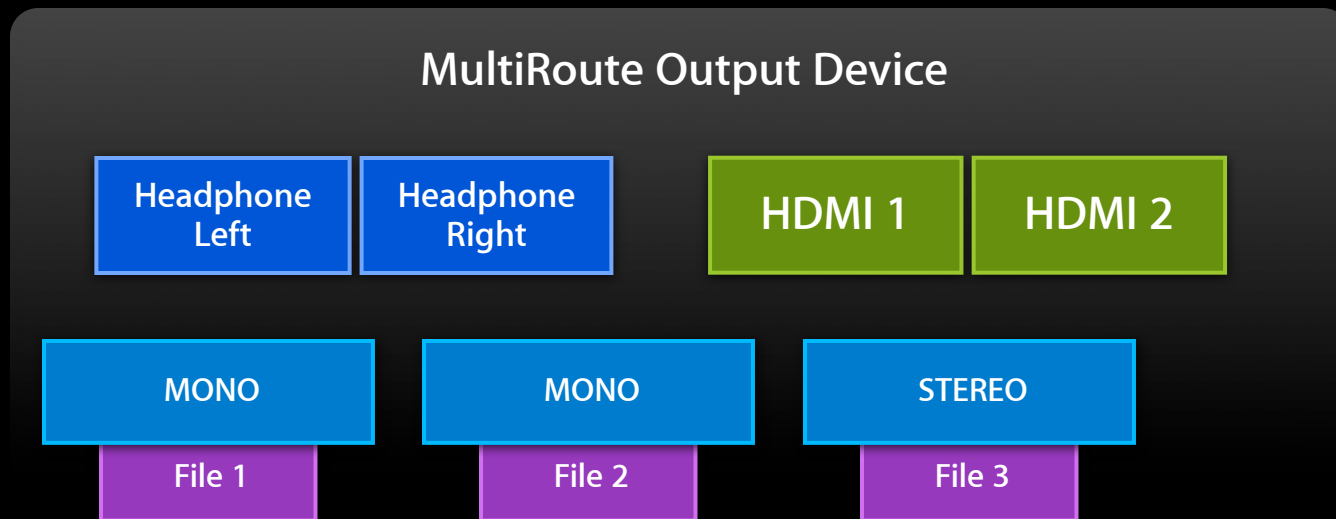
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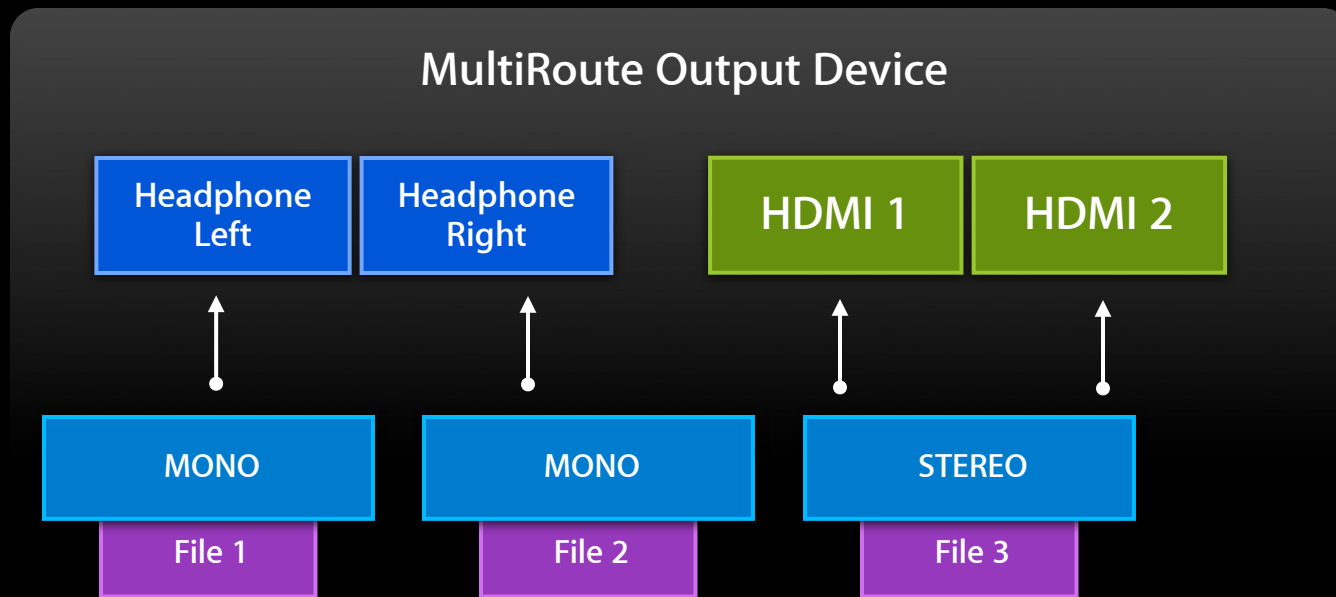
MultiRoute Demo

Select files to play



MultiRoute Demo

Channel assignments



Using MultiRoute

How much control do you need?

- DJ applications (stereo cue mix and house mix)
- Digital Audio Workstation software
- Multichannel software instruments
- Unique audio software applications

AVAudioPlayer Setup

Register for route change notifications

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NSLog(@"Route %@", [session currentRoute]);

<AVAudioSessionRouteDescription: ...,
  inputs = (
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      UID = Built-In Microphone;
      channels = (
        0: name = MicrophoneBuiltIn; number = 1; port UID = Built-In
Microphone ))

  outputs = (
    0: type = Headphones; name = Headphones; UID = Wired Headphones;
      channels = (
        0: name = Headphone Left; number = 1; port UID = Wired Headphones,
        1: name = Headphone Right; number = 2; port UID = Wired Headphones ))>
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AVAudioPlayer Setup

Create the player

```
// Create an AVAudioPlayer
AVAudioPlayer *player = [[AVAudioPlayer alloc] initWithContentsOfUrl:myURL
                        error:&err];

// Select channel(s)
AVAudioSessionChannelDescription *desiredChannel =
    [[[outputs objectAtIndex:0] channels] objectAtIndex:0];

// Create an array of desired channels
NSArray *channelDescriptions = [NSArray arrayWithObject:desiredChannel];

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Using I/O Units with AudioSession

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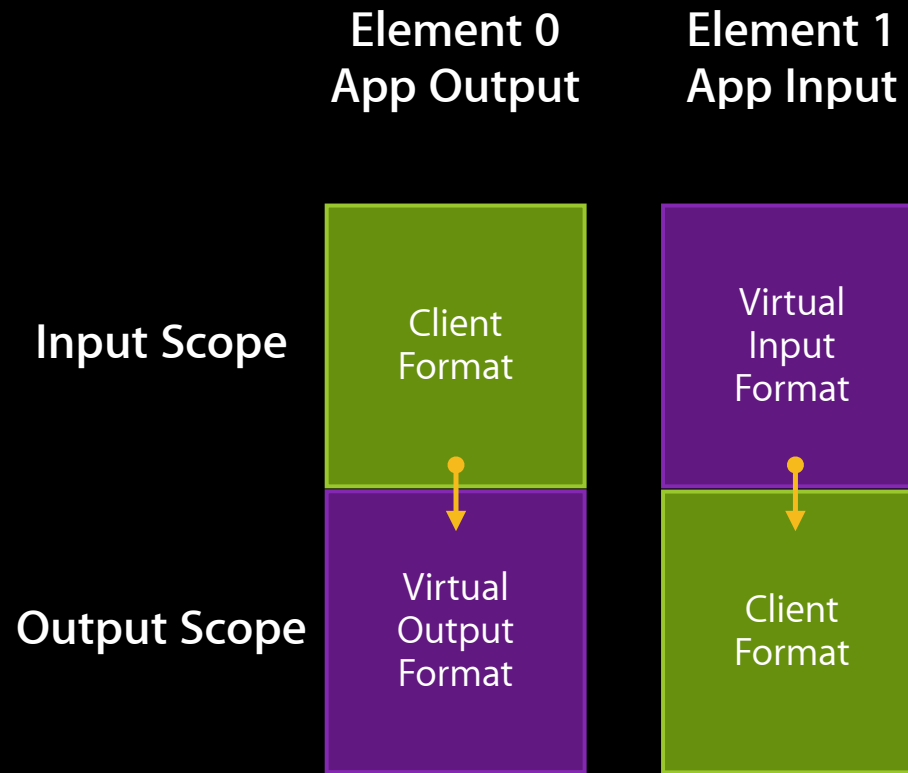
AURemotelO

- This is an audio unit that interfaces directly to Audio input and output
- Provides low latency audio I/O
 - Less than 10 msec depending on audio devices in use
- Used by
 - OpenAL implementation
 - Games with their own audio engines
 - Music apps
 - VoIP apps

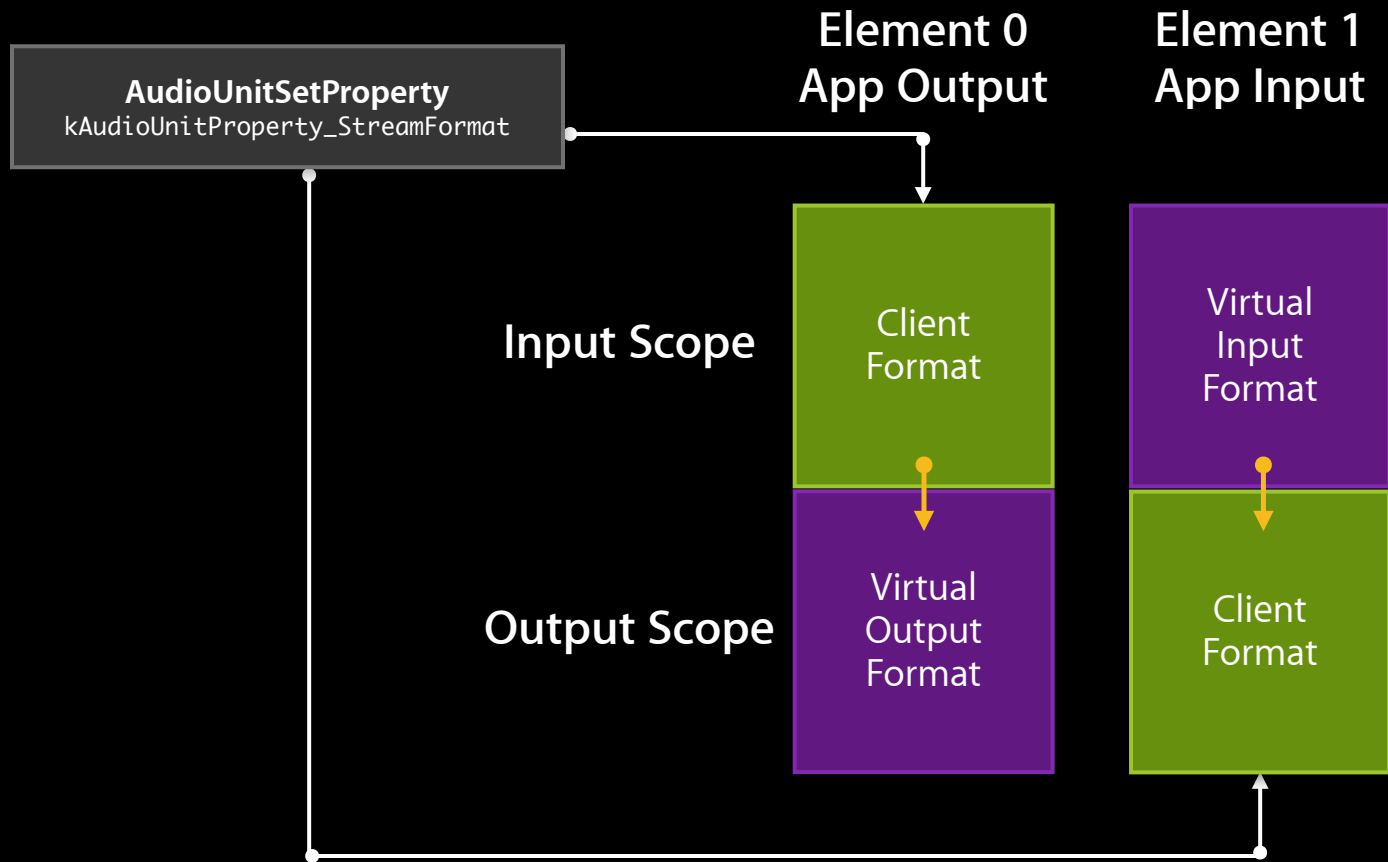
I/O Units Usage Pattern

- Examine the I/O formats
- Set up the client input and output formats
- Initialize the AudioUnit so you can use it
- Establish your data mechanisms
- Start audio I/O

Anatomy of an I/O Unit



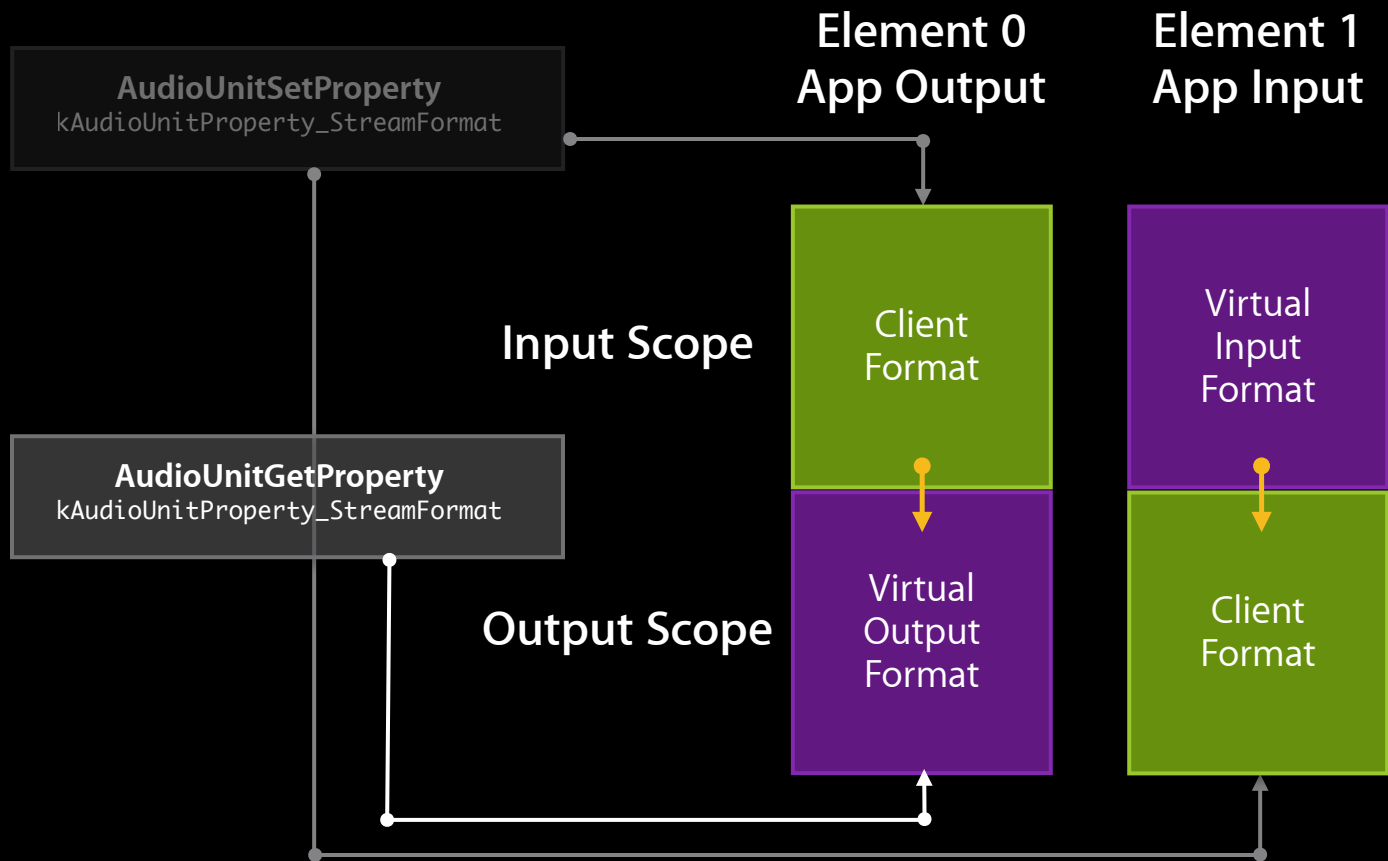
Setting Your Client Stream Formats



Audio Route Formats and I/O Unit

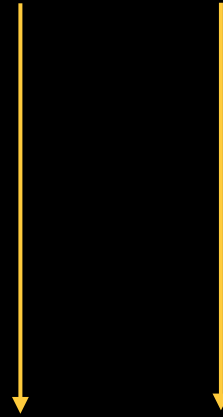
- AURemotelO
 - Stream format for Output Scope, Bus 0
- AVAudioSession route description
 - [[session currentRoute] outputs]
 - For instance, from the demo
 - 2 channels for headphone
 - 2 channels for HDMI output

Anatomy of an I/O Unit



Channel Map on Output

AURemoteIO: Client
Format : 2 channels



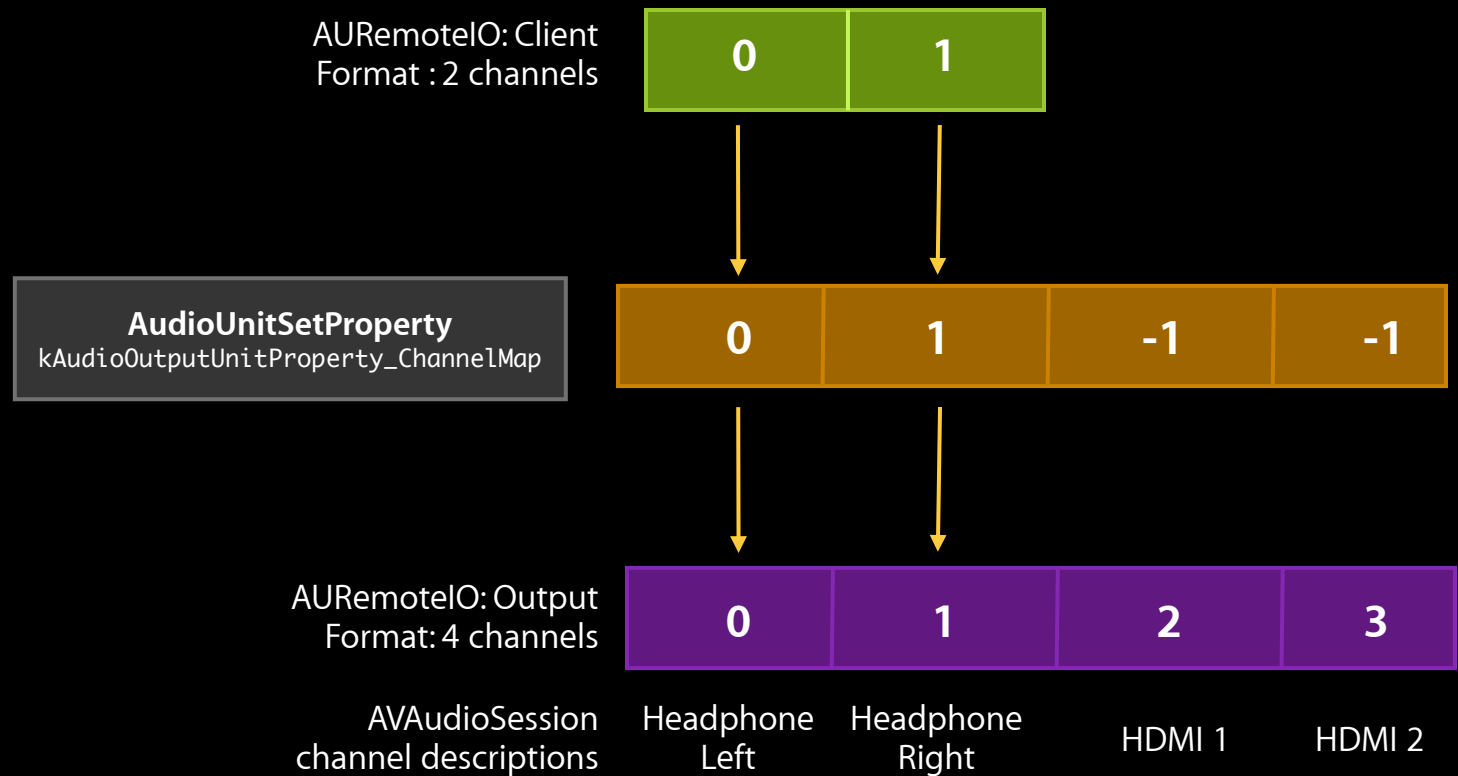
AURemoteIO: Output
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AVAudioSession
channel descriptions

Headphone
Left Headphone
Right HDMI 1 HDMI 2

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AudioUnitSetProperty
kAudioOutputUnitProperty_ChannelMap

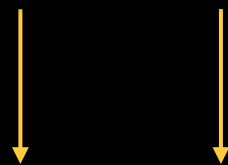
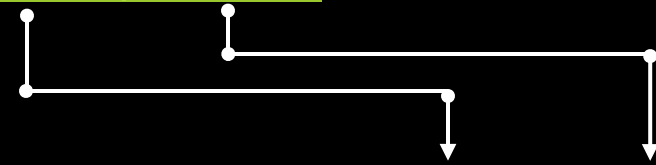


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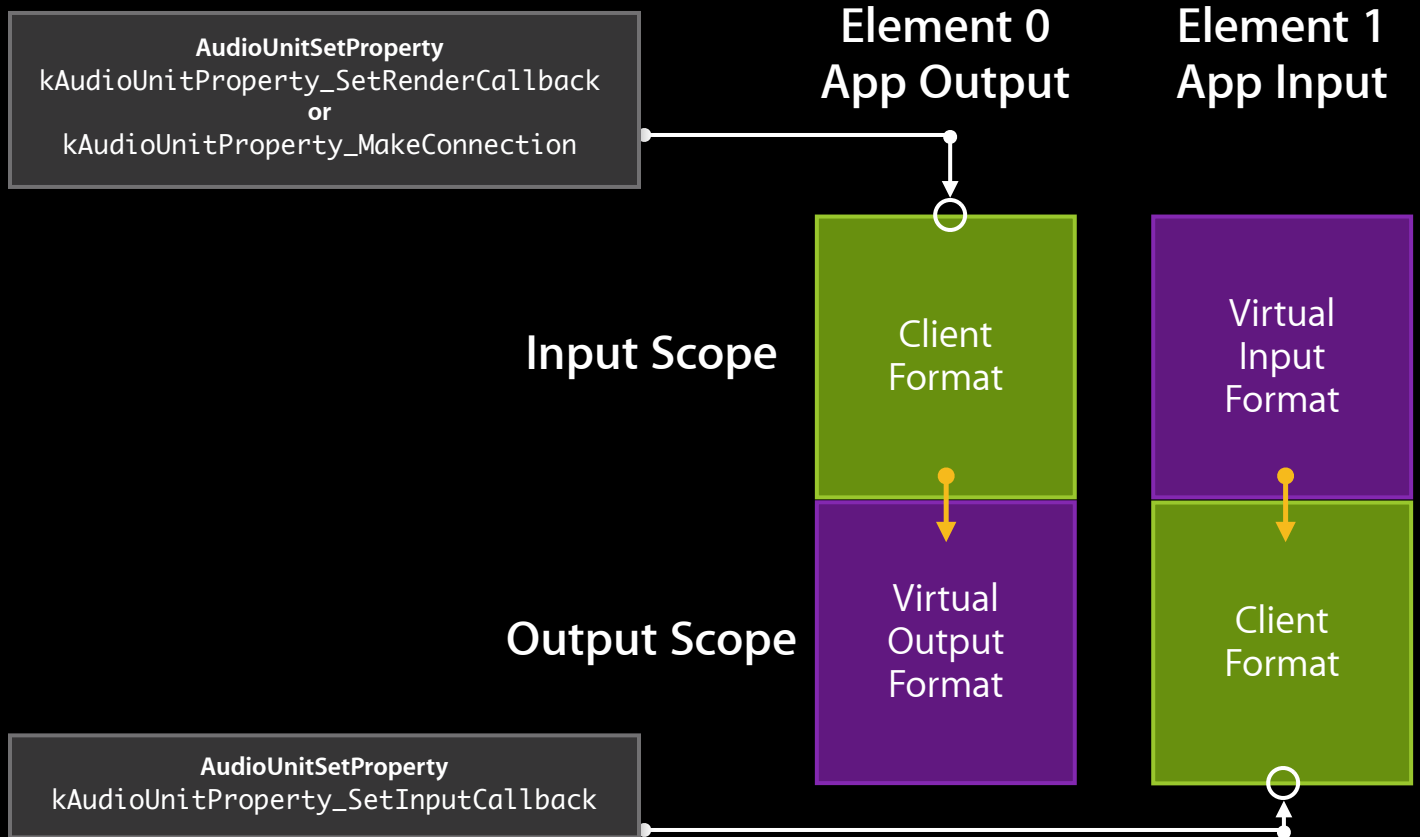


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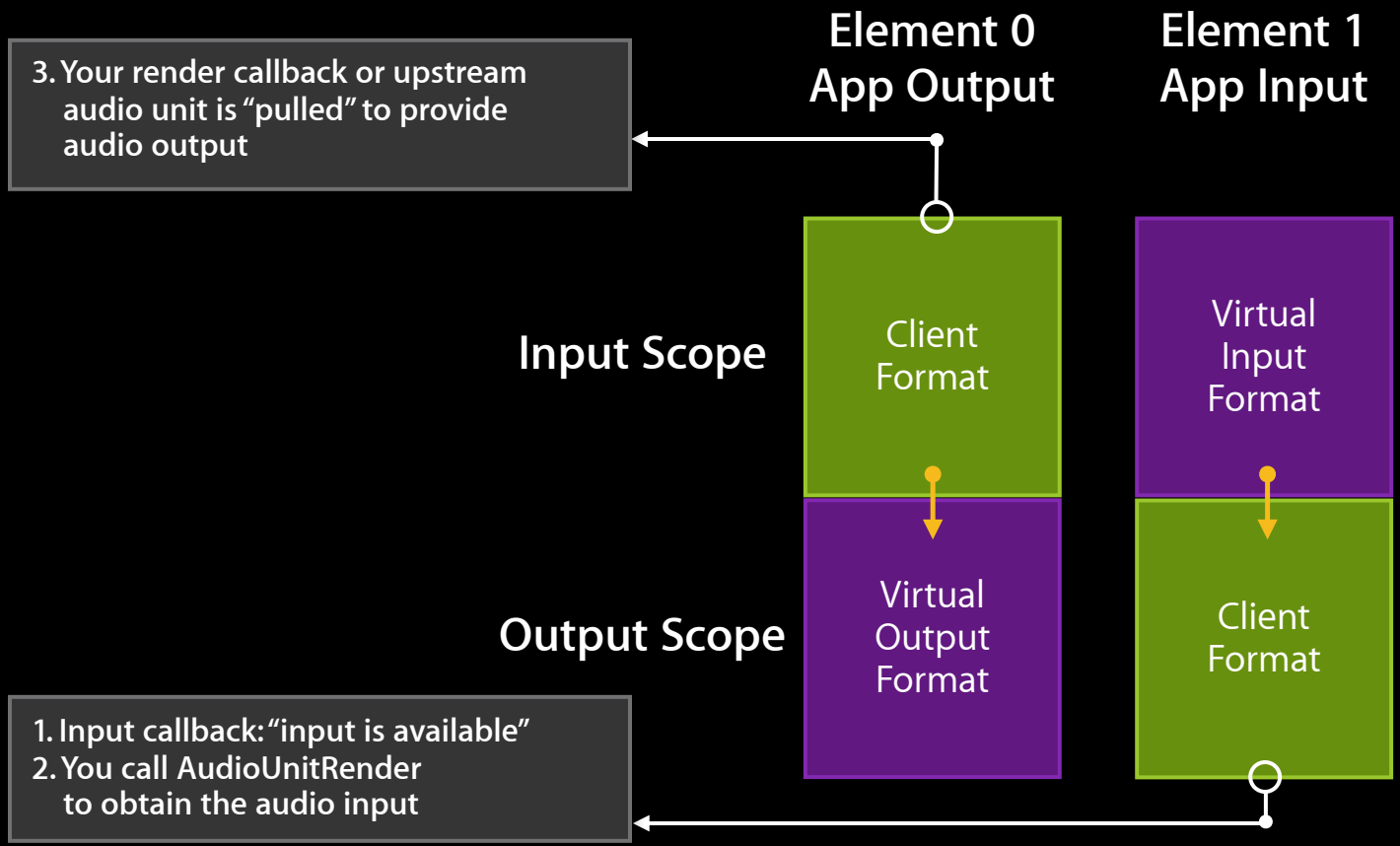
Headphone Left Headphone Right HDMI 1 HDMI 2



I/O Cycle Setup



I/O Cycle



AVAudioSession—Game

- Typically use `AVAudioSessionCategoryAmbient`
 - Your audio is mixable
 - Output only
 - Audio is silent if ringer switch is on

AVAudioSession—Music App

- If just doing output
 - Use `AVAudioSessionCategoryPlayback`
- If doing input and output
 - Use `AVAudioSessionCategoryPlayAndRecord`
- Both of these play through the ringer switch

AVAudioSession—Music App

- Advisable to set `AVAudioSessionCategoryOptionMixWithOthers`
 - Allow other apps to make sound as well
 - Can still play audio in background

```
[session setCategory:AVAudioSessionCategoryPlayAndRecord
          withOptions:AVAudioSessionCategoryOptionMixWithOthers
          error:&outError];
```

AVAudioSession—Music App

- If you want to be the main app
- Do not set `AVAudioSessionCategoryOptionMixWithOthers`
 - Your app will interrupt other apps that are not mixable when your app goes active
 - Other apps that are mixable will still play

```
[session setCategory:AVAudioSessionCategoryPlayAndRecord error:&outError];
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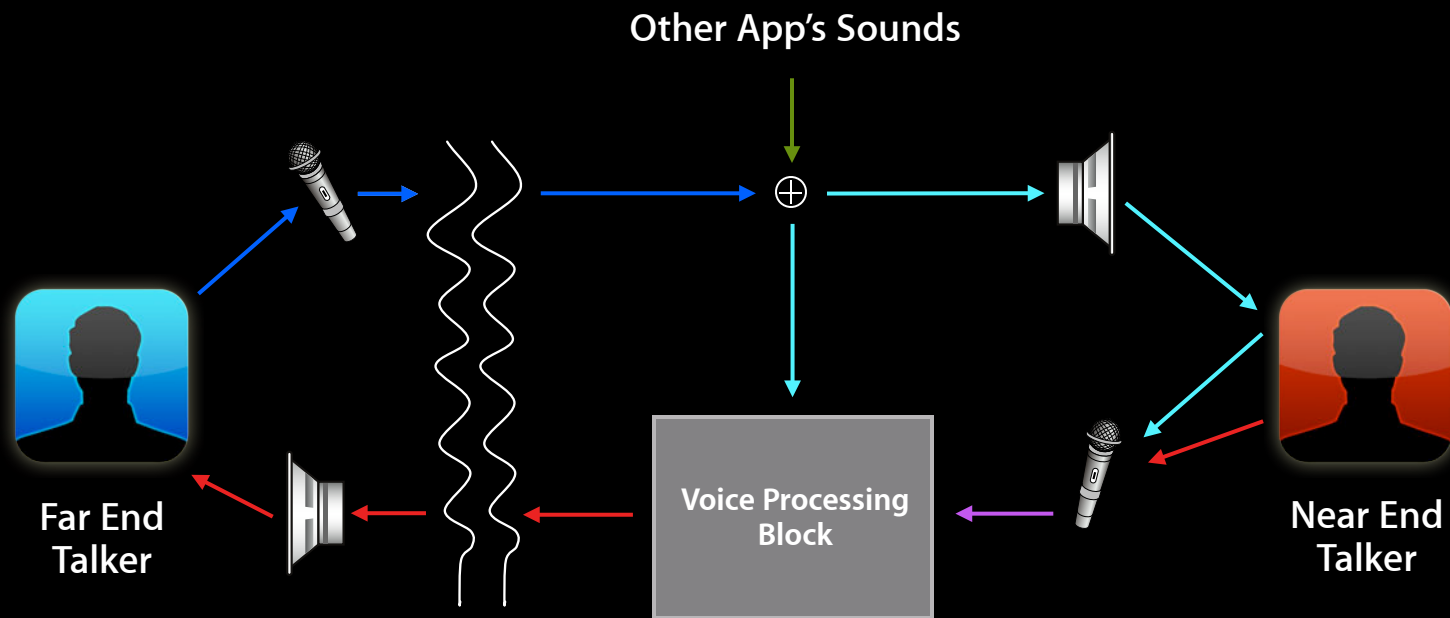
AVAudioSession Additions

- `[session setPreferredIODuration: error:]`
 - Allows you to request a preferred I/O size
 - Controls the I/O latency of all applications
- `[session setPreferredSampleRate: error:]`
 - Request a preferred sample rate

Voice Processing Audio Unit

- AUVoiceProcessingIO
 - Extension of AURemotIO
 - Adds Voice Processing
 - Acoustic Echo Cancellation
 - Noise Suppression
 - Automatic Gain Correction
- Designed for high-quality chat and optimized per route and use case
- Available on iOS, Mac OS X Lion, or later

How Does Voice Processing Work?



Voice is Primary (VoIP App)

AVAudioSession

- Need to be in play and record category
 - Establish the fact you need input and output

```
[session setCategory: AVAudioSessionCategoryPlayAndRecord error: &outErr];
```
- Set chat mode
 - Establishes routes that are valid for a voice (or video) call

```
[session setMode: AVAudioSessionModeVoiceChat error: &outErr];
```

Voice is Primary (VoIP App)

AVAudioSession

- Sample rate should be set to what you need

```
[session setPreferredSampleRate: 24000.0 error: &outErr];
```

- Preserves the fidelity of the voice
- If you don't do it, you get whatever the system is set to

- I/O buffer duration can be set to control latency

```
[session setPreferredIODuration: .02 error:];
```

Other Voice Related Properties

- AVAudioSession
 - Speaker output override (for speakerphone)
- AUVoiceIO properties
 - Defined in the `<AudioUnit/AudioUnitProperties.h>` header file
 - `kAUVoiceIOProperty_BypassVoiceProcessing`
 - `kAUVoiceIOProperty_VoiceProcessingEnableAGC`
 - `kAUVoiceIOProperty_MuteOutput`

For GameKit—Game Audio and Chat

- Chat fits in with the game's use of the audio hardware
- Game uses sample rate as appropriate for game
 - 44.1kHz, 48kHz, etc.
- Network (chat) sampling rate: 16kHz
- `AUVoiceProcessingIO` will take care of matching these sample rates as appropriate

Summary

- AVAudioSession usage
 - AVAudioPlayer and multichannel playback
- New MultiRoute category
- Using I/O units and AudioSession

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