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USING THE ADOBE TEXT ENGINE
Using the Adobe Text Engine with Illustrator CS6

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About Adobe Text Engine

This document describes how to use the Adobe text engine—the text API provided by the Adobe® Illustrator® CS6 SDK—in your Illustrator plug-ins. It describes text-related use cases that solve typical programming problems such as inserting, deleting, and styling text.

The Adobe Text Engine (ATE) is the library that provides support for text to Adobe Illustrator. ATE was introduced in Illustrator CS (Illustrator 11.0) to replace the suites that provided text support in earlier versions of the product. The API described here is specific to Adobe Illustrator, and supports these major features:

- Unicode.
- OpenType.
- Advanced typography like optical kerning, optical margin alignment, automatic glyph replacement, and glyph scaling.
- Character and paragraph styles.
- Asian text features like MojiKumi, Kinsoku, and composite fonts.

Terminology

This document uses the following terms:

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<th>Term</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>ATE</td>
<td>Adobe Text Engine.</td>
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<td>DOM</td>
<td>Document Object Model.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Feature</td>
<td>A visual attribute applied to a paragraph or character, like justification or font size.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Glyph run</td>
<td>A composed range of text, converted to glyphs and ready to draw.</td>
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<td>Legacy</td>
<td>Illustrator CS5 or earlier.</td>
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<tr>
<td>SDK</td>
<td>The software development kit for Illustrator CS6.</td>
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<tr>
<td>SLO</td>
<td>The Former name for the Adobe text engine. In the context of Illustrator, this refers to the internal Adobe text engine library.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Story</td>
<td>A container for a range of text flowing over one or more text frames.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Style</td>
<td>A named container for a set of features.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Text frame</td>
<td>An object that displays a range of text.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Text line</td>
<td>A line of text composed to fit the width of a text frame.</td>
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**NOTE:** In paths, `<SDK>` indicates your locally installed SDK root folder. The actual root folder depends on the installation and operating system.
**Text API components**

The text API comprises suites and wrapper classes that together provide an interface to the text in a document. Most of the API features are provided through the wrapper classes, with the suites providing extra support and functionality.

**Illustrator text suites**

Illustrator provides several text-related suites, notably the following:
AITextFrameSuite — Provides management functions for kTextFrameArt art objects and allows access to the ITextFrame object associated with a kTextFrameArt art object.

AITextFrameHitSuite — Provides a reference to which element of a text frame was hit, given an AIHitRef containing positional information.

Adobe text engine wrapper classes

You plug-in code should use the C++ helper classes declared in the header file <SDK>/illustratorapi/ate/ITexh.h to work with text programmatically. All C++ helper classes provided by IText.h begin with the letter I:

- ITextFrame
- ITextLine
- ITextRange
- ICharFeatures
- ICharInspector
- ICharStyle
- IParaFeatures
- IParaInspector
- IParaStyle

These are some key wrapper classes within the Adobe text engine API:

- ITextFrame — The main class controlling the layout of text in the document. ITextFrame provides access to the contained text range, lines, and the parent story.

- IStory — A flow of text in a document. This flow can be spread across many lines, paragraphs, and text frames. An IStory provides access to the contained text range, paragraphs, words, text runs, and text frames related to the IStory, as well as all the other stories contained in the current document.

- ITextRange/ITextRanges — A text range is a range of characters from a start offset to an end offset, which can flow over words, paragraphs, text frames, and stories. The ITextRange and ITextRanges classes provide access to iterators that traverse the contained words, text runs, paragraphs, stories, frames, and lines and can access the glyphs, features, and styles that are used.

- IDocumentTextResources — Provides access to text resources in a document, such as fonts and styles.

Adobe text engine suites

The Adobe text engine suites in <SDK>/illustratorapi/ate/ATESuites.h provide the low-level interface to text. Normally, your plug-in code should not call these suites directly; instead, use the Adobe text engine wrapper classes provided by IText.h/IText.cpp. The wrappers call the suites for you and make text programming easier.

Adobe text engine wrapper classes are compiled by your plug-in, so you must add IText.cpp to your project to use them. Adobe text engine suites are part of Illustrator, and the suites declared in the header file ATESuites.h allows them to be called.
Using API documentation

The Adobe text engine wrappers and Illustrator text suites are documented in the API Reference, which is provided with the SDK. See *Getting Started with Adobe Illustrator CS6 Development* for details of how to access and use this documentation; it is available both as a searchable, compiled help file, and as straight, browsable HTML.

In the step-by-step instructions for various text operations, this manual lists the API suites and classes of interest, as well as the particular code samples that illustrate the operation.
Getting started with the text API in your plug-in

This chapter will help you get started with samples. It explains how to configure your project to use the Adobe text engine, and how to perform basic text operations with the API.

Exploring text with SDK samples

SnippetRunner is a plug-in that lets you run code snippets provided in the SDK. SnpText is one of several code snippets provided in the SDK that demonstrate the manipulation of text objects in a document.

To run snippet samples:
1. Run Illustrator CS6 with the SnippetRunner plug-in loaded. For instructions on loading an Illustrator plug-in, see Getting Started with Adobe Illustrator CS6 Development.
2. If the SnippetRunner panel is not visible, select Window > SDK > SnippetRunner.
3. In the SnippetRunner panel, expand the hierarchical list of operations under the Text item.
4. Familiarize yourself with the operations.
5. Browse through the sample code of the text snippet in <SDK>/samplecode/codesnippets/SnpText.cpp.

For more examples of manipulating text items, see these code snippets:
- SnpTextIterator — Shows how to find text in Illustrator documents.
- SnpText — Shows how to create, link, and delete text frames, plus how to insert, delete, replace, and move characters.
- SnpTextStyler — Shows how to modify the visual appearance of text, through applying and clearing character and paragraph features.
- SnpTextStyles — Shows how to create, edit, apply, clear, and delete named paragraph and character styles.
- SnpTextException — Shows how to throw and catch an Adobe text engine exception.

These non-snippet samples in the Illustrator CS6 SDK also use the text API:
- TextFileFormat
- MarkedObjects

Adding text support to your plug-in

For your plug-in to use the Adobe text engine API, it must compile the Adobe text engine wrapper classes and acquire the necessary suites for these classes during start-up.

- In Visual C++, follow these steps to add the required source code:
  1. Add <SDK>/illustratorapi/ate/IText.cpp to the list of project source files.
2. Right-click IText.cpp in the Solution Explorer and choose Properties.


4. Repeat with <SDK>/illustratorapi/ate/IThrowException.cpp.

   ▶ In Xcode, add IText.cpp and IThrowException.cpp to the project source files.

In the source code, follow these steps:

1. Add the following include instruction to the file that contains the definition of the suite pointers. (See <SDK>/samplecode/MarkedObjects/Source/MarkedObjectsSuites.h.)
   
   ```cpp
   #include "ATETextSuitesImportHelper.h"
   ```

2. Add EXTERN_TEXT_SUITES to the list of external suite pointers. (See <SDK>/samplecode/MarkedObjects/Source/MarkedObjectsSuites.cpp.)

3. Add IMPORT_TEXT_SUITES to the list of suites and suite versions to be imported. (See <SDK>/samplecode/MarkedObjects/Source/MarkedObjectsSuites.cpp.)

   If you use a structure to pass in all the suite names, versions, and pointers, it must match the text-wrapper suite pointers:
   
   ```cpp
   typedef struct {
     char* name;
     int version;
     void* suite;
   } ImportSuite;
   ```

4. Add any Illustrator text suites you normally require, such as AITextFrameSuite. (See <SDK>/samplecode/MarkedObjects/Source/MarkedObjectsSuites.cpp.)

Handling errors from the text API

The Adobe text engine provides an Exception class that reports an error of type ATEErr if an exception is thrown when using Adobe text engine wrapper classes. Using the ATE::Exception class in your code enables your plug-in to catch any unexpected runtime errors from the Adobe text engine.

   ▶ Wrap all code using the Adobe text engine wrappers in a try block.

   ▶ Add a catch block that catches an ATE::Exception and reports its internal error to the plug-in.

   Refer to the API reference documentation for ATE::Exception, and examine the sample code in SnpTextException::ThrowATEException.

Accessing text

This section describes the two basic methods for accessing text in a document; from the current selection, or from the artwork tree.
Accessing text using selection

To access the selected text in the current document, use AIDocumentSuite to get the TextRangesRef, then create a new ITextRanges object using the TextRangesRef.

The new ITextRanges object provides access to the selected text and the containing text frames. By traversing the other containers, like IStory and IStories, you also can access all the unselected text in the document.

The following code sample is taken from SnpTextIterator::IterateSelectedTextFrames. It shows how to create an ITextRanges object containing the selected text:

```cpp
TextRangesRef rangesRef = NULL;
ASErr result = sAIDocument->GetTextSelection(&rangesRef);
aisdk::check_ai_error(result);
ITextRanges ranges(rangesRef);
```

To get the text frames containing the selected text, iterate through each ITextRange in the ITextRanges set, and get the text frames associated with each text range:

```cpp
ITextRange range = ranges.Item(rangeIndex);
ITextFramesIterator framesIter = range.GetTextFramesIterator();
```

Alternately, to access the collection of stories in the current document, using code similar to SnpTextIterator::IterateSelectedStories, get the first ITextRange from the ITextRanges object, get the associated IStory for the ITextRange, and then get the IStories set from the IStory object:

```cpp
ITextRange range = ranges.Item(0);
IStory story = range.GetStory();
IStories stories = story.GetStories();
```

Accessing text using the artwork tree

To access the text in a document through the artwork tree, you must first find the text frame art in the document, then convert the AIArtHandle for each text frame to an ITextFrame object. The ITextFrame object provides access to its associated ITextRange.

The following code samples are taken from SnpTextIterator::IterateTextFrames.

1. Create an art set containing all the text art in the current document:

   ```cpp
   AIArtSpec specs[1] = {{kTextFrameArt, 0, 0}};
   SnpArtSetHelper textFrameArtSet(specs, 1);
   ```

2. For each art item found, convert to an ITextFrame then get the ITextRange:

   ```cpp
   AIArtHandle textFrameArt = textFrameArtSet[artIndex];
   ITextFrameRef textFrameRef = NULL;
   ASErr result = sAIITextFrame->GetATETextFrame(textFrameArt, &textFrameRef);
   aisdk::check_ai_error(result);
   ITextFrame textFrame(textFrameRef);
   ITextRange textRange = textFrame.GetTextRange();
   ```
This chapter describes how to find and examine text objects—text frames, lines, stories, paragraphs, words, and characters—in Illustrator documents.

### Iterating through text frames

A text frame is represented by an `ITextFrame` object. Its purpose is to control the layout of a text range into lines and columns. A text frame can contain several text lines and a text range, which is the text currently displayed in the text frame. When text frames are linked (threaded) together, the content they display comes from one associated story. (Text that overruns the text frame is not included in the contents of the text frame’s text range.)

To work iterate through text frames:

1. Find the text frames to iterate. You can do this via the current selection using `AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection`, then get the text frames from the text ranges. Alternatively, you can get the selected `kTextFrameArt` using `AIMatchingArtSuite::GetMatchingArt` or by traversing the artwork tree.
2. If you are working with `ITextRanges`, visit each text frame in a text range using an `ITextFramesIterator`, by calling `ITextRange::GetTextFramesIterator`. If you are working with an art set, access each text frame through the art-set index.

3. If you are working with an `AIArtHandle`, use `AITextFrameSuite::GetATETextFrame` to get a `TextFrameRef` then construct a new `ITextFrame` object using the `TextFrameRef`.

4. Get the text range inside the text frame, using `ITextFrame::GetTextRange`.

5. Get the string contents, using `ITextRange::GetContents`.

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**API Reference**
- `AIDocumentSuite`
- `AIMatchingArtSuite`
- `ITextFrame`
- `AITextFrameSuite`
- `ITextRange`

**Sample code**
- `SnpText::LinkTextFrames`
- `SnpTextIterator::IterateSelectedTextFrames`
- `SnpTextIterator::IterateTextFrames`

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### Iterating through lines

A line of text in a text frame is represented by an `ITextLine` object.

To iterate through lines:

1. Get the text frame or frames; see "Iterating through text frames" on page 13.
2. For each text frame, get the ITextLinesIterator using ITextFrame::GetTextLinesIterator, and use this object to iterate the text lines.

3. Get the text range in the line, using ITextLine::GetTextRange.

4. Get the string contents, using ITextRange::GetContents.

**Glyph runs and text runs**

A *glyph run* is represented by an IGlyphRun object. It describes characters in a composed form that is ready to be drawn.

An IGlyphRun differs from an IGlyph in that an IGlyph does not have a set of characters and is a document resource rather than a text container.

A *text run* is a range of text that shares one set of stylistic attributes. There is no object representing a single text run; however, there is an ITextRunsIterator object that can be accessed via ITextRanges, ITextRange, IStory, IStories, and IGlyphs objects, which provides access to each text run in the containing object.
Iterating through glyph runs

To iterate through glyph runs:

1. Get the text lines; see “Iterating through lines” on page 14.

2. For each text line, get the `IGlyphRunsIterator` using `ITextLine::GetGlyphRunsIterator`.

3. Access each glyph using a while or for loop and `IGlyphRunsIterator::IsNotDone`, `IGlyphRunsIterator::Item`, and `IGlyphRunsIterator::Next`.

4. Get the string contents of each glyph run, using `IGlyphRun::GetContents`.

**API Reference**
- `IGlyphRun`
- `IGlyphRunsIterator`
- `ITextFrame`
- `ITextFramesIterator`
- `ITextLine`
- `ITextLinesIterator`

**Sample code**
- `SnpTextIterator::IterateGlyphRuns`
Iterating through text runs

To iterate through text runs:

1. Find the text runs to iterate. You can do this either via the current selection using
   AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in
   the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Get the ITextRunsIterator, using ITextRanges::GetTextRunsIterator.

3. Iterate through each of the text-run text ranges, using a while or for loop and
   ITextRunsIterator::IsNotDone, ITextRunsIterator::Item, and ITextRunsIterator::Next.

4. Get the string contents of the text range, using ITextRange::GetContents.

API Reference

AIDocumentSuite
ITextRange
ITextRanges
ITextRunsIterator

Sample code
SnptextIterator::IterateTextRuns
Characters, words, and paragraphs

The words within a text range, paragraph, story, or glyph can be accessed through an `IWordsIterator` object.

A paragraph of text is represented by an `IParagraph` object, which can be obtained from an `IStory`, `ITextRange`, or `ITextRanges` object, and in turn contains `IGlyphs` and an `IWordsIterator`. The paragraphs in a text range can be accessed using an `IParagraphsIterator`.
**Iterating through characters**

To iterate through characters:

1. Find the text range containing the characters to iterate. You can do this either via the current selection using `AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection` (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Access the character at each index of the `ITextRange` object.

**API Reference**

- `AIDocumentSuite`
- `ITextRange`
- `ITextRanges`

**Sample code**

```
SnpTextIterator::IterateSelectedCharacters
```

**Iterating through words**

To iterate through words:

1. Find the text range containing the words to iterate. You can do this either via the current selection using `AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection` (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Iterate words using `IWordsIterator`.

**API Reference**

- `AIDocumentSuite`
- `ITextRange`
Iterating through paragraphs

To iterate through paragraphs:

1. Find the text range containing the paragraphs to iterate. You can do this either via the current selection using `AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection` (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Get an `IParagraphsIterator` object by calling a function that returns one, such as `ITextRanges::GetParagraphsIterator` or `IStory::GetParagraphsIterator`.

3. Iterate the paragraphs using `IParagraphsIterator`.

4. Get the string contents of a paragraph using `IParagraph::GetContents`.

Sample code

```
ITextRanges
IWordsIterator

SnpTextIterator::IterateSelectedWords
```

API Reference

```cpp
AIDocumentSuite
IParagraph
IParagraphsIterator
ITextRange
ITextRanges
```

Sample code

```
SnpTextIterator::IterateSelectedParagraphs
```
Iterating through stories

A story is represented by an IStory object; a collection of stories, by an IStories object. A story contains text ranges, text frames, text runs, paragraphs, and words. An IStory object can be accessed through an ITextRange object using ITextRange::GetStory.

To iterate through stories:

1. Find the text ranges containing the stories to iterate. You can do this either via the current selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Iterate through each text range, getting that text range's associated story using ITextRange::GetStory.

3. Get the string contents of the story: first get the entire text range of the story using IStory::GetTextRange, then get the text-range contents using ITextRange::GetContents.

API Reference
- AIDocumentSuite
- IStory
- ITextRange
- ITextRanges

Sample code
- SnpTextIterator::IterateSelectedStories
Iterating through text ranges

A range of text is represented by an ITextRange object. It can flow across several text frames and can contain several paragraphs, words, characters, text runs, and glyphs. Each text range is contained within an IStory. For a discussion of text-range-related use cases see “Creating text” on page 24.

To iterate through text ranges:

1. Find the text ranges to iterate. You can do this either via the current selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Access each ITextRange object by indexing the ITextRanges object.

3. Get the string contents of each text range using ITextRange::GetContents.

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<td>ITextRanges</td>
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Diagram:

```
ITextFramesIterator
  + gets 1
  + iterates

ITextRange
  + gets 1
  + contains 0..*
  + iterates

ITextRanges
  + gets 1

IWordsIterator
  + gets 1

ITextRunsIterator
  + gets 1

IParagraphsIterator
  + gets 1
```
Iterating through kern types

Kern types are managed at the story level. See “Setting kern type” on page 30.

To iterate through kern types

1. Find the text range to iterate. You can do this either via the current selection using `AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection` (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Get the story using `ITextRange::GetStory`.

3. Iterate through each character in the story. For each character, get the kern type using `IStory::GetModelKernAtChar`.

Sample code

```
SnpText::DeleteTextRange
SnpTextIterator::IterateGlyphRuns
SnpTextIterator::IterateKernTypes
SnpTextIterator::IterateSelectedStories
SnpTextIterator::IterateSelectedTextFrames
SnpTextIterator::IterateSelectedTextRanges
SnpTextIterator::IterateTextRuns
SnpTextStyles::ApplyCharacterStyle
SnpTextStyles::ApplyParagraphStyle
```
4 Manipulating text

This chapter covers basic text-manipulation use cases, including creating, linking, and deleting text frames and inserting, deleting, copying, moving, and selecting text.

Creating text

There are various kinds of text. The following section describe how to create:

- Point text
- In-path text
- On-path text
- Threaded in-path text

Point text

To create a new point-text item in a document:

1. Get the group in the layer you want to contain your new text object, using `AIArtSuite::GetFirstArtOfLayer`.
2. Add the new point-text object to the layer, using `AITextFrameSuite::NewPointText`.
3. Set the contents of the text range, using `AITextFrameSuite::GetATETextRange` and either `ITextRange::InsertAfter` or `ITextRange::InsertBefore`.

API Reference

- AIArtSuite
- AITextFrameSuite
- ITextRange

Sample code

`SnpText::CreatePointText`

In-path text

To create a new in-path text item in a document:

1. Get the group in the layer you want to contain your new text object, using `AIArtSuite::GetFirstArtOfLayer`.
2. Create a new path item on the current layer, using `AIArtSuite::NewArt`.
3. Add the new in-path text item to the current layer using `AITextFrameSuite::NewInPathText`, and set its path item to the newly added path.
4. Set the contents of the text range using `AITextFrameSuite::GetATETextRange` and either `ITextRange::InsertAfter` or `ITextRange::InsertBefore`. 
On-path text

T create a new on-path text item in a document:

1. Get the group in the layer you want to contain your new text object, using `AIArtSuite::GetFirstArtOfLayer`.
2. Create a new path item on the current layer, using `AIArtSuite::NewArt`.
3. Add the new on-path text item to the current layer using `AITextFrameSuite::NewOnPathText`, and set its path item to the newly added path.
4. Set the contents of the text range using `AITextFrameSuite::GetATETextRange` and either `ITextRange::InsertAfter` or `ITextRange::InsertBefore`.

Threaded in-path text

You can create several linked in-path text items in a document which display a single story. You can link text frames to allow one story to be associated with more than one text frame. Once linked, the story text is displayed across all the frames.

1. Get the group in the layer you want to contain your new text object, using `AIArtSuite::GetFirstArtOfLayer`.
2. Create a new path item on the current layer to display the start of your threaded text, using `AIArtSuite::NewArt`.
3. Add the new in-path text item to the current layer using `AITextFrameSuite::NewInPathText`, and set its path item to the newly added path.
4. Set the contents of the text range using `AITextFrameSuite::GetATETextRange` and either `ITextRange::InsertAfter` or `ITextRange::InsertBefore`.
5. Create another path item on the current layer to continue displaying the threaded text, using `AIArtSuite::NewArt`.
6. Add another in-path text item to the current layer, using `AITextFrameSuite::NewInPathText`. Set its path item to the newly added path, and set its prep and base frame to the previous in-path text item.
7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 for each path item you want to continue displaying the text story.

To create threaded on-path text, follow the step for On-path text, but replace all occurrences of `NewInPathText` with `NewOnPathText`, and add the extra parameters for the start and end segments.
Selecting text

You can highlight a range of text in the current document using \texttt{ITextRanges::Select} or \texttt{ITextRange::Select}.

1. Find the text range.
   
   ▶️ To highlight text in the currently selected text frame, follow the instructions in “Accessing text using selection” on page 12 to find the selected text range.

   ▶️ To highlight any text range, regardless of whether it is selected in the current document, follow the instructions in “Accessing text using the artwork tree” on page 12 to find a text range.

2. Once you have an \texttt{ITextRanges} or \texttt{ITextRange} object, select the text in the text range using \texttt{ITextRanges::Select} or \texttt{ITextRange::Select}, respectively.

Text focus

If a document has text focus, it is ready for text to be input into a text frame. This is different than selecting text, as selecting text does not necessarily mean the document has text focus. For example, calling \texttt{ITextRange::Select} highlights the text in a text range but does not set the text focus.

You can programmatically set or remove text focus. Text focus is set through the \texttt{AIDocumentSuite} at the story level.

Setting text focus

1. Find the text range to give text focus to. You can do this either via the current selection using \texttt{AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection} (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Ensure the current document does not already have text focus, by selecting a non-text tool in the tool palette using \texttt{AIToolSuite::SetSelectedTool}.

3. Get the story containing the text range to gain text focus, using \texttt{ITextRange::GetStory}.

4. Set the text focus to the beginning of the story using \texttt{AIDocumentSuite::SetTextFocus}, passing in the \texttt{StoryRef}.
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Removing text focus

1. Find out if the current document has text focus, using AIDocumentSuite::HasTextFocus.

2. Lose the text focus using AIDocumentSuite::LoseTextFocus.

Inserting text

To insert a range of text into a selected text range:

1. Find the text range where the text is to be inserted. You can do this either via the current selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Once the correct area is found, insert the text using ITextRange::InsertBefore or ITextRange::InsertAfter.

Copying and moving text

You can copy or move text to a new text item, within story bounds, or into another story.

Copy

To copy a selected range of text to a new text item:

1. Find the text range to be copied. You can do this either via the current selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Get the text frame associated with the text range, using ITextRange::GetStory::GetFrame, ITextFrame::GetRef, and AITextFrameSuite::GetAITextFrame.

3. Create a new path item to contain the copied text frame using AIArtSuite::NewArt. Use dimensions similar to the text frame containing the text range being copied.
4. Create a new text item to contain the copied range, using AITextFrameSuite::NewInPathText, AITextFrameSuite::NewPointText, or AITextFrameSuite::NewOnPathText.

5. Copy the text range using ITextRange::Clone.

6. Insert the text in the copied text frame, using AITextFrameSuite::GetATETextRange and either ITextRange::InsertAfter or ITextRange::InsertBefore.

Move

To move a selected range of text from one text item to a new text item:

1. Find the text range to be moved. You can do this either via the current selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. To move the text range within the current story bounds, use ITextRange::Move, specifying the number of units the range should be moved in a positive (toward the end) or negative (toward the start) direction.

3. To move the text range into a new or existing story, follow the instructions for Copy, but with the added step of deleting the text range from its original position using ITextRange::Remove.

API Reference

AIDocumentSuite
AITextFrameSuite
ITextFrame
ITextRange
ITextRanges

Sample code

SnпText::ArtHandleFromRect
SnпText::MoveText
SnпText::CopyText

Replacing and deleting text

You can programmatically remove text, or remove it and replace it with different text

Delete

To delete the selected text range:

1. Find the text range to be deleted. You can do this either via the current selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Remove the text range using ITextRange::Remove.

Replace

To replace the selected text range with a new text range:

1. Find the text range to be replaced. You can do this either via the current selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.
2. Remove the text range using `ITextRange::Remove`.

3. Insert the new text range using `ITextRange::InsertBefore` or `ITextRange::InsertAfter`.

**API Reference**

- `AIDocumentSuite`
- `ITextRange`
- `ITextRanges`

**Sample code**

- `SnpText::DeleteTextRange`
- `SnpText::ReplaceText`

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**Linking text frames**

When you create a link between selected text frames, their contents become a single story. When you remove links between selected text frames, you split the text frames’ contents into separate stories.

**Linking**

1. Find the text frames to link. You can do this either via the current selection using `AIArtSetSuite::MatchingArtSet` with an `AIArtSpec` specifying selected `kTextFrameArt`, or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Link a text frame with another using `AITextFrameSuite::Link` and passing in the two text frames to link.

**Unlinking**

1. Find the text frames to unlink. You can do this either via the current selection using `AIArtSet::MatchingArtSet` with an `AIArtSpec` specifying selected `kTextFrameArt`, or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Check whether the text frame is linked to another frame, using `AITextFrameSuite::PartOfLinkedText` and passing in the text frame in question.

3. Unlink the text frame using `AITextFrameSuite::Unlink`.

**API Reference**

- `AIArtSetSuite`
- `AIArtSpec`
- `AITextFrameSuite`

**Sample code**

- `SnpText::LinkTextFrames`
- `SnpText::UnlinkTextFrames`

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**Deleting text frames**

To delete a text-frame art item from a document:

1. Find the text frame to delete. You can do this via the current selection using `AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection`, then either getting the text frames from the text ranges or getting the selected `kTextFrameArt` using `AIMatchingArtSuite::GetMatchingArt`. Alternately, you can traverse the artwork tree.

2. If you are working with an `ITextFrame` object, get the `AIArtHandle` for the text frame by first calling `ITextFrame::GetRef`, then `AITextFrameSuite::GetAITextFrame`.

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3. A text frame is also an art object, so you can delete the object using the AIArtSuite. If you are working with an art object, delete it using AIArtSuite::DisposeArt.

### Converting legacy text

To convert legacy text in a document to work with the ATE API:

1. Convert all legacy text in the current document using AILegacyTextConversionSuite::ConvertAllToNative.

2. Convert a single text item using AILegacyTextConversionSuite::ConvertToNative.

### Setting kern type

A *kern type* is an Illustrator constant that refers to the algorithm used to calculate the spacing between characters. These types of kerning are defined:

- **kNoAutoKern** — There is no automatic altering of the spacing between characters to improve their appearance together.

- **kMetricKern** — Uses a metrics table to determine the amount of space each character requires.

- **kMetricRomanOnlyKern** — This should be the default kern type for Asian text. It provides kerning to Roman text without affecting any surrounding Asian text.

- **kOpticalKern** — Uses the glyphs’ shapes to kern the characters as they appear to the eye.

Kern types are managed at the story level. To set the kern type of a range of text:

1. Find the text range to edit. You can do this either via the current selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Get the story using ITextRange::GetStory.

3. Set the kern type of the text range of the story using IStory::SetKernForSelection.
Sample code

SnpTextStyler::SetKernType
This chapter describes how to examine, create, update, and delete character and paragraph styles and how to style text.

**Character styles**

The character styles associated with a document are contained in an `ICharStyles` set that contains zero or more `ICharStyle` objects.

- To access the entire set of character styles for a document, use `IDocumentTextResources`.
- To access the character styles applied to particular text ranges, use `ITextRange`.
A named character style contains an `ICharFeatures` object, which contains the attributes to be applied to the characters. When applied, it overrides the character attributes inherited from the Normal character style.

**API Reference**

- `AIDocumentSuite`
- `ICharStyle`
- `ICharStyles`
- `ICharStylesIterator`
- `IDocumentTextResources`
- `ITextRange`
- `AIATECurrentTextFeaturesSuite`

**Sample code**

- `SnpTextStyles::IterateCharacterStyles`
- `SnpTextStyles::CreateCharacterStyle`
- `SnpTextStyles::GetCurrentCharacterStyle`
- `SnpTextStyles::DeleteCharacterStyle`
- `SnpTextStyles::ApplyCharacterStyle`
- `SnpTextStyles::ClearCharacterStyle`

**Iterating through character styles**

1. Get the current document text resources set. Use `AIDocumentSuite::GetDocumentTextResources` to get the `DocumentTextResourcesRef`, and then use it to create a new `IDocumentTextResources` object.

2. Get the documents' `ICharStyles` object using `IDocumentTextResources::GetCharStylesInDocument`.

3. Create a new `ICharStylesIterator` using the `ICharStyles` object.
4. Iterate through each ICharStyle in the ICharStyles object using
   ICharStylesIterator::MoveToFirst, ICharStylesIterator::Item, and
   ICharStylesIterator::Next.

Creating a character style

To add a new named character style to a document's text resources:

1. Get the current document text resources set. Use AIDocumentSuite::GetDocumentTextResources
to get the DocumentTextResourcesRef, and then use it to create a new IDocumentTextResources
   object.
2. Create a new ICharStyle object using IDocumentTextResources::CreateCharStyle.
3. Create a new ICharFeatures object, and set the desired features using the ICharFeatures'
   members.
4. Set the features of the ICharStyle using ICharStyle::SetFeatures, passing in the ICharFeatures
   object.

Getting the current character style

To find the character style currently in use in a document:

1. Get the CharStyleRef to the current style applied to new text items, using
   AIACTCurrentTextFeaturesSuite::GetCurrentCharStyle.
2. Create a new ICharStyle object from the CharStyleRef.
3. Access the features of the style in use using ICharStyle::GetFeatures, or access the name using
   ICharStyle::GetName.

Deleting a character style

To delete a named character style from a document's text resources:

1. Get the current document text resources set. Use AIDocumentSuite::GetDocumentTextResources
to get the DocumentTextResourcesRef, and then use it to create a new IDocumentTextResources
   object.
2. Delete the desired ICharStyle using IDocumentTextResources::RemoveCharStyle, passing in the
   style name as a parameter.

Applying a character style

To apply a named character style to a range of text:

1. Find the text range to apply the character style to. You can do this either via the current selection using
   AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in
   the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.
2. Get the current document text resources set. Use `AIDocumentSuite::GetDocumentTextResources` to get the `DocumentTextResourcesRef`, and then use it to create a new `IDocumentTextResources` object.

3. Get the `ICharStyle` you want applied to the text range using `IDocumentTextResources::GetCharStyle`, passing in the name of the character style.

4. Apply the character style to the text range using `ITextRange::SetNamedCharStyle`.

### Clearing a character style

To clear a named character style from a range of text:

1. Find the text range from which to clear the character style. You can do this either via the current selection using `AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection` (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Clear the character style from the text range, using `ITextRange::ClearNamedCharStyle`.

   Clearing the character style from a text range using this function only disassociates the text range with the character style. The character features are still applied to the text range.

3. Clear the overriding character features, returning the text range to the Normal character style using `ITextRange::ClearLocalCharFeatures`. 
Paragraph styles

The paragraph styles associated with a document are contained in an IParaStyles set, which contains zero or more IParaStyle objects.

- To access the entire set of paragraph styles for a document, use IDocumentTextResources.
- To access the paragraph styles applied to particular text ranges, use ITextRange.

A named paragraph style contains an IParaFeatures object that contains the attributes to be applied to the paragraphs. When applied, it overrides the paragraph attributes inherited from the Normal paragraph style.

API Reference

AIDocumentSuite
IDocumentTextResources
AIATECurrentTextFeaturesSuite
IParaFeatures
IParaStyle
IParaStyles
IParaStylesIterator
ITextRange

Sample code

SnpTextStyles::IterateParagraphStyles
SnpTextStyles::CreateParagraphStyle
SnpTextStyles::GetCurrentParagraphStyle
SnpTextStyles::DeleteParagraphStyle
SnpTextStyles::ApplyParagraphStyle
SnpTextStyles::ClearParagraphStyle
Iterating through paragraph styles

1. Get the current document text resources set. Use `AIDocumentSuite::GetDocumentTextResources` to get the `DocumentTextResourcesRef`, and then use it to create a new `IDocumentTextResources` object.


3. Create a new `IParaStylesIterator`, using the `IParaStyles` object.

4. Iterate through each `IParaStyle` in the `IParaStyles` object, using `IParaStylesIterator::MoveToFirst`, `IParaStylesIterator::Item`, and `IParaStylesIterator::Next`.

Creating a paragraph style

To add a new named paragraph style to a document’s text resources:

1. Get the current document text resources set. Use `AIDocumentSuite::GetDocumentTextResources` to get the `DocumentTextResourcesRef`, and then use it to create a new `IDocumentTextResources` object.

2. Create a new `IParaStyle` object, using `IDocumentTextResources::CreateParaStyle`.

3. Create a new `IParaFeatures` object, and set the desired features using the `IParaFeatures` members.

4. Set the features of the `IParaStyle` using `IParaStyle::SetFeatures`, passing in the `IParaFeatures` object.

Getting current paragraph style

To find the paragraph style currently in use in the current document:

1. Get the `ParaStyleRef` to the current style applied to new text items, using `AIATECurrentTextFeaturesSuite::GetCurrentParaStyle`.

2. Create a new `IParaStyle` object from the `ParaStyleRef`.

3. Access the features of the style in use using `IParaStyle::GetFeatures`, or access the name using `IParaStyle::GetName`.

Deleting a paragraph style

To delete a named paragraph style from a document’s text resources:

1. Get the current document text resources set. Use `AIDocumentSuite::GetDocumentTextResources` to get the `DocumentTextResourcesRef`, and then use it to create a new `IDocumentTextResources` object.

2. Delete the desired `IParaStyle` using `IDocumentTextResources::RemoveParaStyle`, passing in the style name as a parameter.
Applying a paragraph style

To can apply a named paragraph style to a range of text:

1. Find the paragraph to which to apply the paragraph style. You can do this either via the current selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Get the current document text resources set. Use AIDocumentSuite::GetDocumentTextResources to get the DocumentTextResourcesRef, and then use it to create a new IDocumentTextResources object.

3. Get the IParaStyle you want applied to the paragraph using IDocumentTextResources::GetParaStyle, passing in the name of the paragraph style.

4. Apply the paragraph style to the text range, using ITextRange::SetNamedParaStyle.

Clearing a paragraph style

To clear a named paragraph style from a range of text:

1. Find the paragraph from which to clear the paragraph style. You can do this either via the current selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Clear the paragraph style from the text range, using ITextRange::ClearNamedParaStyle.

   Clearing the paragraph style from a text range using this function only disassociates the text range with the paragraph style. The paragraph features are still applied to the text range.

3. Clear the overriding paragraph features, returning the text range to the Normal character style using ITextRange::ClearLocalParaFeatures.
Working with character features

Characters initially inherit the Normal style, but these features can be overridden at the character or character-style level. This use case examines the styling applied to a range of characters.

1. Find the text range containing the characters whose features you want. You can do this either via the current selection using `AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection` (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.
2. Get the character features used in the text range, using either
   ITextRange::GetUniqueCharFeatures (to get the character features that have the same value
   across all text runs in the text range) or ITextRange::GetUniqueLocalCharFeatures (to get the
   overriding features that have the same value across all text runs in the text range).
   Alternatively, use ITextRange::GetCharInspector to return an ICharInspector object that
   provides access to the features of all characters in the text range.

3. Use the returned ICharFeatures or ICharInspector object to access and edit the individual
   features.

Applying character features

To apply a set of styling attributes to a range of characters:

1. Find the range of characters whose features you want to edit. You can do this either via the current
   selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text
   ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Create an ICharFeatures object, and use this object's members to set the features you want.

3. Apply the features to the range of characters using ITextRange::SetLocalCharFeatures, passing in
   your feature set.
   Only the features specified in the ICharFeatures set are modified; other features are unchanged.

Clearing character features

To clear styling attributes from a range of characters:

1. Find the range of characters whose features you want to edit. You can do this either via the current
   selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text
   ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Clear the local features applied to the text range using ITextRange::ClearLocalCharFeatures,
   returning the features to the Normal character style.

3. To remove a single feature, create a new ICharFeatures object, set the feature you want to be
   removed to its value in the Normal character style, then apply the feature set using
   ITextRange::SetLocalCharFeatures.

Setting current character overrides

To set the overriding styling attributes applied to new characters:

1. Create a new ICharFeatures object, and set the desired individual features using the ICharFeatures
   member functions.

2. Get the CharFeaturesRef object from the ICharFeatures object, using ICharFeatures::GetRef.

3. Set the features to be applied to new text items, using
   AIAThemeCurrentTextFeaturesSuite::SetCurrentCharOverrides.
Working with paragraph features

Paragraphs initially inherit the Normal style, but these features can be overridden at the paragraph or paragraph-style level. This use case examines the styling applied to a structured paragraph of text.

Getting paragraph features

1. Find the text range containing the paragraphs whose features you want. You can do this either via the current selection using `AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection` (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.
2. Get the paragraph features used in the text range, using either
   ITextRange::GetUniqueParaFeatures (to get the paragraph features used in the text range that
   have the same value across all text runs in the text range) or
   ITextRange::GetUniqueLocalParaFeatures (to get the overriding features that have the same
   value across all text runs in the text range). Alternately, use ITextRange::GetParaInspector to
   return an IParaInspector object that provides access to the features of all paragraphs in the text
   range.

3. Use the returned IParaFeatures or IParaInspector object to access and edit the individual
   features.

Applying paragraph features

To apply a set of styling attributes to a set of paragraphs:

1. Find the range of paragraphs whose features you want to edit. You can do this either via the current
   selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text
   ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Create an IParaFeatures object, and use this object's members to set the features you want.

3. Apply the features to the range of paragraphs using ITextRange::SetLocalParaFeatures, passing
   in your feature set.

   Only the features specified in the IParaFeatures set are modified; other features are unchanged.

Clearing paragraph features

To clear a set of styling attributes from a set of paragraphs:

1. Find the range of paragraphs whose features you want to edit. You can do this either via the current
   selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text
   ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Clear the local features applied to the text range using ITextRange::ClearLocalParaFeatures,
   returning the features to the Normal paragraph style.

3. To remove a single feature, create a new IParaFeatures object, set the feature you want to be
   removed to its value in the Normal paragraph style, and then apply the feature set using
   ITextRange::SetLocalParaFeatures.

Setting current paragraph overrides

To set the overriding styling attributes applied to new paragraphs:

1. Create a new IParaFeatures object, and set the desired individual features using the
   IParaFeatures' member functions.

2. Get the ParaFeaturesRef object from the IParaFeatures object, using IParaFeatures::GetRef.

3. Set the paragraph features to be applied to new text items, using
   AIATECurrentTextFeaturesSuite::SetCurrentParaOverrides.
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Working with tab stops

A tab stop is represented by an ITabStop object. Tab stops are added to and removed from paragraphs through an IParaFeatures object. A set of tab stops is represented by an ITabStops object and can be iterated using an ITabStopsIterator.

API Reference

AIDocumentSuite
IArrTabStopsRef
IParaFeatures
IParagraph
IParaInspector
ITabStop
ITabStops
ITextRange
ITextRanges

Sample code

SnpTextStyler::AddTabStops
SnpTextStyler::RemoveTabStops
SnpTextStyler::InspectSelectedParagraphTabStops

Adding tab stops

To add tab stops to a paragraph or set of paragraphs:

1. Find the paragraph to which the tab stop should be added. You can do this either via the current selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Create a new ITabStop object.

3. Set the position of the new tab stop using ITabStop::SetPosition.

4. Create a new ITabStops object.

5. Add the tab stop to the new tab stops set, using ITabStops::ReplaceOrAdd.
6. Get the text range of the paragraph, using IParagraph::GetTextRange.
7. Get the IParaFeatures of the text range, using ITextRange::GetUniqueParaFeatures.
8. Set the tab stops attribute of the text-range features, using IParaFeatures::SetTabStops.
9. Apply the new features to the text range, using ITextRange::SetLocalParaFeatures.

Removing tab stops

To remove tab stops from a paragraph or set of paragraphs:
1. Find the paragraph from which to remove the tab stop. You can do this either via the current selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.
2. Get the paragraph text range, using IParagraph::GetTextRange.
3. Get the text range's IParaFeatures object, using ITextRange::GetUniqueParaFeatures.
4. Get the ITabStops object associated with the text range, using IParaFeatures::GetTabStops.
5. Remove a single tab stop using ITabStops::Remove, passing in the index of the tab stop to remove, or remove all tab stops using ITabStops::RemoveAll.
6. Set the tab stops of the IParaFeatures object to the edited tab-stop set, using IParaFeatures::SetTabStops.
7. Apply the edited feature set to the paragraph text range, using ITextRange::SetLocalParaFeatures.

Inspecting tab stops

To find the tab stop in a paragraph or set of paragraphs:
1. Find the paragraph to inspect. You can do this either via the current selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.
2. Get the text range of the paragraph, using IParagraph::GetTextRange.
3. Get the IParaInspector object for the text range, using ITextRange::GetParaInspector.
4. Get the array of tab stops objects using IParaInspector::GetTabStops, returning an IArrayTabStopsRef object.
5. Iterate through the IArrayTabStopsRef object, getting each ITabStops object using IArrayTabStopsRef::Item.
6. Iterate through each item of the ITabStops set, getting each individual ITabStop object using ITabStops::Item.
7. Get the tab-stop information, using the members provided in the ITabStop class.
Using document and application text resources

This chapter describes how to work with text resources such as fonts, and text services such as spell checking and find-and-replace.

- **IDocumentTextResources** provides access to the text resources of a document, such as fonts, styles, and text-related services like spell checking and find-and-replace.

- **IApplicationTextResources** provides access to the application’s Asian text resources such as IMojiKumiSet, IKinsokuSet, and ICompFontSet.

Iterating through fonts

Use **AIFontSuite::CountFonts** and **AIFontSuite::IndexFontList** to iterate through all fonts available in the document.

1. Find the first text frame in the document, using the instructions in “Accessing text using the artwork tree” on page 12.

2. Use the **ITextFrame** object to get the **IStories** set for the document, by first accessing the **IStory** for the text frame, and then getting the **IStories** container for the **IStory** object.

3. Get the **ITextRanges** object from the **IStories** object, using **IStories::GetTextRanges**.
4. Get the ICharInspector for the ITextRanges, to gain access to all the character features used in the document.

5. Get the IArrayFontRef container, using ICharInspector::GetFont.

6. Iterate through the IArrayFontRef container. For each FontRef, get the associated AIFontKey using AIFontSuite::FontKeyFromFont and the FontRef.

**Finding and replacing text**

The find-and-replace Adobe text engine feature, represented by the IFind object, allows you to search through text items for specific text strings and, if desired, replace each occurrence with another text string.

1. Find the paragraph to inspect. You can do this either via the current selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Get the current document text resources set. Use AIDocumentSuite::GetDocumentTextResources to get the DocumentTextResourcesRef, and then use it to create a new IDocumentTextResources object.

3. Create a new IFind object, using IDocumentTextResources::GetFind.

4. Set the search string, using IFind::SetSearchChars.

5. Set the replace string, using IFind::SetReplaceChars.

6. Save the current and start positions of the text range, using IFind::GetPreReplaceAllSettings.

7. Set the text range to search, using IFind::SetSearchRange.

8. Loop through the text range, searching and replacing with the specified strings, using IFind::FindMatch and IFind::ReplaceMatch.

9. Restore the current and start positions of the text range, using IFind::RestorePreReplaceAllSettings.
Checking spelling

The Adobe text engine's spell checker, represented by the ISpell object, allows you to configure and perform spell checks on text items in an Illustrator document. It supports 46 languages and language variants.

1. Find the paragraph to inspect. You can do this either via the current selection using AIDocumentSuite::GetTextSelection (which provides a reference to the text ranges selected in the current document) or by traversing the artwork tree.

2. Get the folder to the Illustrator dictionary folder, using AIFolderSuite::FindFolder and passing in kAIDictionariesFolderType.

3. Define a new SpellRef, using AITextUtilSuite::GetSpellFile and passing in the ai::FilePath to the Illustrator dictionary folder.

4. Create a new ISpell object from the SpellRef.

5. Loop through the text range, searching for unknown words, using ISpell::FindOneMisspelledWord.

6. Get the Illustrator dictionary's list of alternate suggestions, using ISpell::GetWordListContents.

Sample code

SnpText::FindAndReplace

SnpText::RunSpellCheck
7 Porting to this Release

This chapter describes changes and new features in this release of the Adobe text engine, and shows a mapping between the legacy text API and the Adobe text engine API.

Unicode now standard

The InsertBefore, InsertAt, and InsertAfter parameters of functions in the Adobe text engine API had, in previous releases, both char* and ASUnicode variants. In order to provide full cross-platform support, the char* variants have been removed.

In Illustrator CS6, you must use the ASUnicode type for these parameters in all cases.

Multi-orientation text frames

A new suite, AITextFramesMESuite, provides a version of text frames that allows both left-to-right and right-to-left text orientation. This suite can be used when the Middle East North Africa (MENA) version of Illustrator CS6 is installed.

Obsolete suites

The following suites became obsolete in Illustrator CS:

- AITextSuite
- AITextFaceStyleSuite
- AITextLineSuite
- AITextPathSuite
- AITextRunSuite
- AITextStreamSuite
- AITextStyleSuite

If your plug-in uses any of these suites, you must update it to work with the new text API in Illustrator CS and later.

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