AwCOM 3 The Awave Streaming Audio Converter COM library

Reference manual

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Introduction:

The Awave Streaming Audio Converter COM library v3.x from FMJ-Software, or AwCOM 3 for short, is a COM dual interface, in-process DLL server component. It provides functions for converting between several different audio waveform file formats. It can also optionally perform several forms of processing on the audio data. The library is broken up into a modular set of "filters" that are connected in a "graph" through which the audio data is streamed. Most modules are licensed separately – so you only have to pay for the parts that you use.

AwCOM 3 is built as a wrapper on top of AwC++ – a C++ class library from FMJ-Software intended for doing various audio streaming & conversion tasks. The Awave Audio, ACDR and Chromatia Tuner software from FMJ-Software are examples of commercial products built using AwC++.

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Usage section:

The AwCOM 3 component, implemented by AwCOM3.dll, consists of two object classes: AwManager, which expose the IAwManager interface, and AwGraph that exports the IAwGraph interface. The AwManager class contains functions for managing your 'license keys', for enumerating available file readers and file writers, for creating AwGraph objects, and a few miscellaneous functions. The AwGraph class represents a 'graph' of filters that controls the 'flow' of the audio data during a conversion – and through which the audio data is 'streamed'.

File organization

The files compromising the library are organized as follows:

directory:	what:
Doc	Documentation
Bin.x86	32-bit versions of the AwCOM run-time
Bin.x64	64-bit versions of the AwCOM run-time
C++	Resources for using AwCOM with C++
Delphi	Resources for using AwCOM with Borland Delphi 3 or later
VB	Resources for using AwCOM with Visual Basic 5 or later

The README . TXT file in the main directory contains a more complete file listing.

Installing the SDK

To install the AwCOM 3 SDK environment, simply unpack all of the files from the distribution archive.

To install the AwCOM3 run-time on your machine, run the AwInst3.exe program (found in Bin.*).

Note: When running under Windows Vista or later, you must allow AwInst3.exe to run with administrator privileges (the UAC should pop up and ask for it if necessary – the files are installed to ...\program files>\Common Files\System\AwCOM – a location with restricted write access).

Redistributing AwCOM 3

The easiest way by far to install or uninstall AwCOM 3 on a machine is to run the AwInst3.exe program (uninstall by passing it an "-u" command line switch). This installs (or uninstalls) the AwCOM3.dll, plus any external codec dll's required. It is recommended that you use AwInst3.exe when redistributing AwCOM 3 with your application - but if you wish, you may use a modified version of AwInst3 (the C++ source code is supplied in the C++/AwInst3 directory), or you may opt to use an installation program of your own.

Files to include

AwInst3.exe	Optional installation program
AwCOM3.dll	The AwCOM in-process server.
<*.dll>	Any additional codec DLL's that may be required.

Custom run-time installation procedure

If you choose to provide your own installation/unistallation program, other than AwInst3, then you must be careful to observe the following 'rules'. (Note: many specialized installation creation tools (e.g. Install Shield) will handle many of these things for you automatically, but you still should be aware of them).

- When installing a DLL file you must always first check if it is already present at the intended location. If it is then you must compare the file version numbers stored in the 'fixed file info' section of it's file resource part. You must never overwrite a file with a newer version number with a file with an older version number. Newer files are guaranteed to be backward compatible. The file version numbers can be retrieved using the standard Windows 'File Installation Library' API.
- When installing a DLL, increment its 'usage count' in the Windows registry. When uninstalling, decrement its usage count. Never delete any file before it's usage count has reached zero (or less). The 'usage count' is stored in the Windows registry under "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\SharedDLLs" as an entry with the full DLL file name and path as the entry name, and the usage count as the entry data (stored as DWORD type).
- Get the AwCOM 'base path' usually "C:\Program Files\CommonFiles\System\ AwCOM" - but this could vary on international language versions of Windows. To construct the base path, fetch the value of the Windows registry entry "CommonFilesDir" under "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion". Then append "\System\AwCOM" to complete the path.
- Install/uninstall AwCOM3.DLL in the 'base path' (see above). The location is very important because the AwCOM 3 class may be shared between applications from multiple vendors and there must be only one instance of it installed on a system.
- Register the AwCOM 3 classes. This should be done by letting it 'self register' by running 'RegSvr32.exe ``<base path>\AwCOM3.DLL''' (add the -u switch before the path if you want to unregister it). Note that RegSvr32 is a standard Windows component (always be present in the Windows system directory).
- Install/uninstall any additional codec DLL's that may be required for the file formats that you are going to use (e.g. Lame_Enc.dll for writing MP3 files).

GUIDs and interfaces

GUID's (a unique 128-bit number) are used to identify interfaces and other objects by COM. On top of COM there exists a 'dynamically typed component environment' often referred to as the 'dispatch interface' and required by some languages such as VisualBasic. Dispatch enabled components can be referred to by name instead of by GUID. AwCOM 3 can be called both using the 'native' COM interfaces and the less effective (but much more user friendly) dispatch interface.

The GUID's identifying the various exposed parts AwCOM 3 are as follows:

Object	GUID	Dispatch name
AwCOM3 v1.0 type library	64EF5CB3-DAC4-4EBD-855C-2F41A69D4290	AwCOM3
AwManager class id	AF0C2EC1-9715-4A2E-A42F-0A148910FA4C	AwCOM3.AwManager
AwGraph class id	0B2E60B4-0DBD-41B2-97B9-779757BA20BC	AwCOM3.AwGraph
IAwManager interface id	15D81CE2-68C1-4F5D-82B8-F645B81EB18B	n/a
IAwGraph interface id	F2B0A306-2A93-432D-9D25-02A0ADC5CD00	n/a
Error codes	n/a	AwCOM3.AwErrors

A note on strings

If you are using Visual Basic, Delphi or some similar environment that can use 'OLE strings' natively and/or transparently, then you can skip this section!

In order to be compatible with 'dispatch' based clients, AwCOM 3 uses 'standard OLE Automation strings'. Some environments (e.g. Visual Basic) handles these strings transparently – so you don't have to worry about this at all, while in others (e.g. Visual C++) you must use SysAllocString, SysFreeString and related Windows API functions to manage the strings (Visual C++ provides a _bstr_t class to help with this). An important thing to know if you are managing the strings yourself, is the convention that input string parameters (BSTR) are both allocated and later freed by the client (your program), while "by reference" return strings (BSTR *) are allocated by the server (AwCOM3) and freed by the client (your program).

Filter graphs

The AwCOM 3 library implements audio data processing as a filter graph. The graph contains a simple chain of filters connected in series. The audio is streamed in small packets of data from one end of the graph-chain to the other, as illustrated in the following figure:



A source filter is any filter that has an output, while a sink filter has only an input, and a morph filter has both. Morph filters are used to process, monitor or just rearrange data. You can have any number of morph filters but there must only be one source and one sink.

The conversion process

The details of using AwCOM 3 when you get down to earth is dependent on the language that you use – therefore it is detailed for a few different languages in subsequent sections. Here however, is given a general outline to familiarize you with the concepts involved.

Initialization

You start by creating an AwManager object and get it's IAwManager interface.

Next you have to call AwManager.SetProperty("License", params...) one or more times in order to enable the parts of AwCOM 3 for which you have bought licenses. For your particular set-up this must be done as follows:

```
AwManager.SetProperty("License", "name=ANameYouGotFromUs")
AwManager.SetProperty("License", "wav=AKeyYouGotFromUs")
AwManager.SetProperty("License", "mpeg=AnotherKeyYouGotFromUs")
```

Next call AwManager.CreateEasyGraph or AwManager.CreateGraph to create an AwGraph object and obtain its IAwGraph interface.

Easy graph setup - CreateEasyGraph

If you don't want any in-depth control of the filter graph setup – maybe you just want to convert from one file format to another with as little fuss as possible – then use the AwManager.CreateEasyGraph function to create a pre-built graph. Here's an example that converts a WAV file to an 8000 Hz, 1-channel AU file with mu-Law data:

The first parameter is the input file name. The second is the output file name. The third is an enumeration identifier for the output file format (see AwManager.EnumFileWriters) – use the value -1 to autodetect from the file extension. The fourth is the desired output data format (see AwManager.EnumFileWriterFormats). The fifth is the desired sample-rate – use -1 to keep the input sample rate. The sixth and last is the number of output channels – use -1 to use the same number of channels as the input data (if possible, if not, the best nearest channel count it used).

Manual graph setup – CreateGraph

If you want more control over what's happening – then use the AwManager.CreateGraph function to create an empty graph:

```
AwGraph = AwManager.CreateGraph(&pGraph)
```

Then manually add whatever filters you want – in the exact sequential order that you want them and with the parameters of your choice. Here's an example that sets up the same graph as in the EasyGraph example:

After adding the FileReader filter, you can start querying the graph about input file properties (see AwGraph.GetPropery) such as sample rate, length and number of channels. You can also retrieve and/or set various informational properties such as author, copyright, comment, track number, loop point, et c. After adding a FileWriter filter, you can query output file info (sample rate, channel count, and length). Note that when adding a reader or a writer, it will immediately require access to the files – they mustn't be locked by another app or the call will fail.

Execution

Finally – to perform the actual conversion process – i.e. to start streaming the data through the graph - simply call AwGraph.Execute. The call will not return until the conversion is either finished, or an error occurred (in which case it is aborted). Note that you can only call it only once, calling it a second time has undefined results.

NB: The AwCOM 3 library's threading model is "both", which means that it can work both with the "apartment threading" and the "free threading" (a.k.a. "multithreading") models. It is recommended that you keep only one single instance of AwManager and use it to create AwGraph's. If you want to run concurrent threads, then the graphs can be handed over to dedicated worker threads.

Error handling

Although omitted in the examples above – don't forget to check the error codes returned by all the function calls! They all return a HRESULT value, however some languages, e.g. Delphi and VisualBasic, hides this and instead raise an exception when an error occurs, in which case you need to add an exception handler to catch any errors. To get a text description from an error code, use:

AwManager.DescribeError(lErrorCode, &strDescription).

Progress reporting

There is no COM-based notification interface for reporting the progress of the executing graph (the progress of the file conversion). However, there is a hack to obtain the progress status:

- Before executing the graph, you may call:

AwGraph.SetProperty("ProgressCallback", strProcHexAddress).

... where strHexAddress is a string containing the memory address of a callback-function written – encoded as an 8/16-digit Hexadecimal number. The callback function will be called periodically during the graph execution. The function must use the Windows standard calling convention (__stdcall in C++), taking a single integer as parameter (the progress state in percent), and having no return value.

Here's an example for 32-bit VB.NET using a delegate as a callback (a little bit tricky...)

Freeing file handles

The graph may hold file handles open for the input and/or output file until the time that the graph object is released. The object is normally released when you call AwGraph.Release(). However, some languages (e.g. VB) which use garbage collection for memory management will hide this function from the programmer – making it difficult to determinate exactly when a file handle will be released – preventing a newly written file from being opened in another app. In this case you can explicitly release the file handles by calling:

AwGraph.SetProperty("ClearGraph", "true").

Using AwCOM 3 with C++

For C++ users, a header file, AwCOM3.h, with AwCOM 3 definitions has been provided in the C++ subdirectory.

The GUID variables that you need - CLSID_AwManager, IID_IAwManager and IID_IAwGraph - are per default declared as 'extern'. If you place #define INITGUID statement before including the header file, they will instead be compiled as normal variables. I.e. in order to compile and link them once and once only, you must use the INITGUID declaration (before including the header file) once and once only in each project.

MFC users note: MFC users should use #include "initguid.h" instead of #define INITGUID.

The IDL interface definition has been complemented with more default parameter values for C++ use. E.g. many pointers to return values are NULL by default (in this case no value is returned for that parameter).

If you use Visual C++ v6 or later, you can use the _bstr_t helper class to manage string operations (#include <comdef.h> to get the _bstr_t class definitions). Use _bstr_t(<BSTR>, false) to 'take over' a string returned by an AwCOM 3 function. Use _bstr_t(<char *>) to create a BSTR to send as input to an AwCOM 3 function. The _bstr_t class also contains functions for easily converting to and from normal 8-bit ASCII (simply type cast it to (const char *)) or 16-bit UNICODE string (type cast it to (const WCHAR *)) and BSTR's. For more information see the Visual C++ help files.

C++ Examples

In the C++/AwConv directory is a C++ program called AwConv.cpp. The supplied project files are for Visual C++ 2010 and later. It is a simple command line audio file format converter. It should be set up and compiled as a console mode application. When compiled, simply run AwConv.exe to get a list of command line options. The source code contains some useful hints about how to use the AwCOM 3 object.

Here's also a short example of how to open a .WAV file, resample it to 8000 Hz, and then save it as a mono, mulaw data-type of the AU file format. Note that error handling is omitted for increased readability.

```
// Instantiate AwManager
IAwManager *pawMan = NULL;
CoCreateInstance(CLSID AwManager, NULL, CLSCTX INPROC SERVER,
                  IID IAwManager, (LPVOID *)&pawMan);
// Set license
pawMan->SetProperty(_bstr_t("License"),_bstr_t("name=\"Your license name here\""));
pawMan->SetProperty(_bstr_t("License"), _bstr_t("wav=Wav license key here"));
... et c ...
// Create a graph
IAwGraph *pawGraph = NULL;
pawMan->CreateGraph(&pawGraph);
// Add filters...
pawGraph->AddFilter(_bstr_t("FileReader"), _bstr_t("file=\"input.wav\""));
pawGraph->AddFilter(_bstr_t("Resampler"), _bstr_t("samplerate=8000"));
pawGraph->AddFilter(_bstr_t("ChannelBroker"), _bstr_t("outchannels=1"));
pawGraph->AddFilter(_bstr_t("FileWriter"),
                                  _bstr_t("file=\"out.au\" dataformat=\"mu-Law\""));
// Execute graph!
pawGraph->Execute()
// Clean up
pawGraph->Release();
pawMan->Release();
```

Using AwCOM 3 with Delphi

Borland Delphi can use both dispatch and v-table based COM objects. As it is the more effective method, only the v-table approach will be described here. As a convenience, the source code for a 'Delphi unit' file, AwCOM3.pas, with the necessary definitions for using AwCOM 3 have been provided in the Delphi subdirectory.

Delphi's WideString type corresponds to the OLE string type (BSTR) so if you use that, you should not have to worry about string memory management. Delphi will also in most cases automatically translate between its different 'native' string types!

Because all the methods and properties are defined as safecall, Delphi will hide the HRESULT return from them. Instead all methods with the [retval] flag set for one parameter in the IDL definition will be seen as functions (with the return value specified by the retval parameter), and the rest as methods. Whenever a method returns an error code, an EOleException exception will be issued. The AwCOM 3 error code (from the hidden HRESULT return) is found in EOleException.ErrorCode.

Add uses AwCOM3 to your program to get the interface declarations as well as a few helper functions.

To instantiate AwCOM 3 and retrieve the IAwManager interface, you can use the helper function:

```
CoAwCOM3.Create
```

Delphi Example

Here's a short example of how to open a .WAV file, resample it to 8000 Hz mono mu-law AU file:

```
uses AwCOM3, SysUtils, ComObj;
var
awMan: IAwManager;
awG: IAwGraph
begin
// Instantiate an AwManager object
awMan := CoAwCOM3.Create;
try
       // Set license keys
       awMan.SetProperty('License', 'name="MyCompany" wav=... au=... et c");
       // Create a new graph
       awG = awMan. CreateGraph;
       // Add filters
       awG.AddFilter('FileReader', 'file="input.wav"');
awG.AddFilter('Resampler', 'samplerate=8000');
       awG.AddFilter('ChannelBroker, 'outchannels=1');
       awG.AddFilter('FileWriter', 'file="output.au" dataformat="mu-Law"');
       // Run it!
       awG.Execute
except // Catch any AwCOM 3 errors
       on E: EOleException do
              DispError('Error: ' + awMan.DescribeError(E.ErrorCode));
       end;
end.
```

Using AwCOM 3 with Visual Basic

The AwCOM3.DLL server provides a full type library, which makes it very easy to use it from Visual Basic. The first thing you have to do is to tell Visual Basic where to find this type library.

To add the AwCOM component to your VB environment:

Select Project -> References... -> Browse...

Go to \Program Files\Common Files\System\AwCOM, select AwCOM3.DLL and click Open. Check the box beside 'AwCOM3 1.0 Type Library' that should now be in the 'references' list.

The Object Browser

Visual Basic will format the methods and properties a little different than how the IAwManager and IAwGraph reference sections in this document defines them (in IDL syntax). E.g. all methods with a retval attribute will be seen as functions instead of as methods. The HRESULT return codes will not be seen but will be raised as errors in case a function does not return a success code. Because of these differences, it's a good idea to use the object browser as a reference to the AwCOM 3 class syntax in Visual Basic. All functions and declarations will have a short help text defined in the Object Browser (look under AwManager, AwGraph, and AwErrors). When you need more explicit documentation for the parameters, look it up in this document.

VB Examples

There are two Visual Basic 6 sample applications included:

- VBSimple demonstrates the easiest way to do conversions (using a single CreateEasyGraph call).

- VBConv is a bit more complex and demonstrates how to manually construct conversion graphs.

The following sample demonstrates how to open a .WAV file and save it as 8000 Hz mono, mu-law format .AU:

```
' Instantiate objects
On Error GoTo AwErrHandler
Dim awG As AwGraph
Dim awMan As AwManager
Set aw = New AwCOM
Set awG = awMan.CreateGraph
' Create filter graph
awG.AddFilter "FileReader", "file=input.wav"
awG.AddFilter "Resampler", "samplerate=8000"
awG.AddFilter "ChannelBroker", "outchannels=1"
awG.AddFilter "FileWriter", "file=output.au dataformat=""mu-Law"""
' Do it!
awG.Execute
GoTo Done
AwErrHandler:
MsqBox "Error: " + aw.DescribeError(Err.Number)
Done:
' Free objects
Set awG = Nothing
Set awMan = Nothing
```

NB: To set a progress callback function in VB6 you must create a .bas module with a public function declared like thus: Public Function ProgressCB (Byval mPercentValue as integer) as long Then call: AwGraph.SetProperty("ProgressCallback", HEX(AddressOf ProgressCB)))

Reference section

The COM standard 'IDL definitions' are given in this section. The actual syntax used by a particular language is somewhat language dependent.

Error codes

All functions return an HRESULT value used to indicate either success or failure if some kind.

Success:

Value	Name	Description
0	awOk	Function call succeeded.
1	awFalse	Function call succeeded but nothing to return.

Failure:

Value	Name	Description
80040200h	awGeneral	A general unspecified error occurred.
80040201h	awInvalidParam	An invalid parameter was supplied.
80040202h	awOutOfMemory	Out of memory while performing operation.
80040203h	awFileOpen	Could not open the specified file.
80040204h	awFileCreate	Could not create the specified file.
80040205h	awFileRead	Could not read from the input file.
80040206h	awFileWrite	Could not write to the output file.
80040207h	awInvalidOpSequence	An invalid sequence of calls were made.
80040208h	awUnsupDataFormat	Unsupported data format was encountered.
80040209h	awUnsupChannelFormat	Unsupported channel format encountered/specified.
8004020Ah	awUnsupFileFormat	Input file was not of any recognized file format.
8004020Bh	awUnsupCompression	Unsupported compression format in the input file.
8004020Ch	awInvalidFileType	An invalid file type was encountered.
8004020Dh	awCorruptedFile	The input file was corrupted and reading failed.
8004020Eh	awEmptyFile	The input file did not contain any waveform data.
8004020Fh	awInvalidLicense	No valid AwCOM license could be found.
80040210h	awMissingComponent	Could not locate an external codec DLL.
80040211h	awCancelled	Operation cancelled.
80040212h	awNoRights	No read-rights - copy protected file.

Note: All the above values are given in hexadecimal number base notation.

The IAwManager interface

The IAwGraph is the main interface to an AwManager object containing the top level object in an AwCOM 3 server. All functions return an HRESULT value.

The actual syntax used by a particular language is somewhat language dependent. E.g. parameters marked with [retval] will be returned as function results in languages that hides the COM HRESULT values.

As all COM interfaces, it inherits from IUnknown and thus have <code>QueryInterface</code>, <code>AddRef</code> and <code>Release</code> methods – it is assumed that you are familiar with these – they are not documented here (note that some languages, e.g. VisualBasic, will hide these methods and handle all the reference counting for you).

HRESULT GetProperty	'([in]	BSTR sti	:Name,		
	[out,	, retval]	BSTR	*pstrValue);

Get an informational property.

Input:

strName Name of property to get.

Output:

*pstrValue Property value (And empty string if property not available).

The following properties can be retrieved:

Property name:	Property value description:
Version Name Copyright	AwCOM 3 library version. Liberay name. Library copyright string.
Licensee	Name of licensee (your company name).
QuantizationType	Bit depth quantization method.

HRESULT	SetProperty([in]	BSTR	strName,	
		[in]	BSTR	pstrValue);

Set an informational property.

Input:

strName	Name of property to set.
Output:	
pstrValue	Property value.

The following properties can be set:

Property name:	Property value description:
License	Set license key – see further below.
QuantizationType	Select the bit depth quantization method (default="RoundNearest"): Available types: "RoundNearest", "RectWhiteNoise", "TriWhiteNoise", "ShapedNoise", "Default"
MP2.ID3	Set to 1 to enable writing ID3v1 tags to .MP2 files (default: 0).
MP2.JointStereo	Set to 0 to prevent or 1 to allow Joint Stereo-mode for .MP2 files (default: 1).
MP2.AuxEnergy	Set to 1 to store energy level as frame aux-data for MPEG layer II (default: 0).
MP3.ID3	Set to 1 to enable writing ID3v1 tags to .MP3 files (default: 0).
MP3.ID3v2	Set to 1 to enable writing ID3v2 tags to .MP3 files (default: 0).
MP3.APE	Set to 1 to enable writing APE tags to .MP3 files (default: 0).
MP3.JointStereo	Set to 0 to prevent or 1 to allow Joint Stereo-mode .MP3 files (default: 1).
AAC.ID3	Set to 1 to enable writing ID3v1 tags to .AAC files (default: 0).
AAC.ID3v2	Set to 1 to enable writing ID3v2 tags to .AAC files (default: 0).
AAC.APE	Set to 1 to enable writing APE tags to .AAC files (default: 0).
MPEG.FindLength	Set to 0 to prevent parsing MPEG audio streams in order to determine the total length. This makes MP2/.MP3/.AAC-files open faster but the length is unknown before the conversion completes (default: 1)
BWF.LevelChunk	Set to 1 to enable writing EBU "levl" (peak level info) BWF files (default: 0).
BWF.LevelChunkBlo	DCkSize Set EBU 'levl' graph block size in samples (default: 256).
BWF.LevelChunkAbs	SPeak Set to 1 to store only abs. peak value for EBU 'levl' graph (default: 0).
VOX.SampleRate	Set default sample rate for input .VOX-files.
G726.BigEndian	Set 1 for big-endian, or 0 for little-endian packaging of G.726 code words.

The "License" property is very important – it is used to tell the AwCOM library your license keys which in turn 'unlocks' various modules of the library. As value you pass it one or more "key=value" strings (separated by blank space if more than one, and values containing space delimited in "quotes like this"). It does not matter if you pass all your license keys in on call or one at a time in multiple calls. But the first key you pass must be "name" with the value set to your company name as given to us. Here's a typical example:

```
awManager.SetProperty("License", "name=My Company Name");
awManager.SetProperty("License", "wav=LKS34DF723DF4JASDFADF...");
awManager.SetProperty("License", "aiff=097FA5DSG23LKDD2S3AS...");
et c!
```

```
HRESULT EnumFileReaders( [in, out] long *plId,
       [out] BSTR *pstrExt, [out] BSTR *pstrDesc,
       [out, retval] BOOL *pbRet );
```

Enumerate available "FileReader" filters.

Note: The number of available file reader filters depends on what license keys you have set.

Note: A file reader filter can be thought of as an 'input file format handler'. You normally don't need to refer to a file reader filter by name – when you add a file reader filter (using IAwGraph.AddFitler) you simply specify 'FileReader'. The library will then figure out which of its available (internal) file reader filters is appropriate to handle the specified input file and use that.

Input:

input.	
*plId	File reader filter enumeration id, start with 0 then increase the <i>returned value</i> by 1 until no there's no more file reader filters to enumerate.
Output:	
*plId	Enumeration id for the returned file reader filter (may differ from the input value).
	Note: Never 'hard code' id values! Ids will change if later license more file formats!
*pstrExt	File name extension normally used by the file format handled by this file reader filter.
	Pass NULL if you don't care.
*pstrDesc	The file format name. This is a descriptive text that can be presented to the user. It is
-	also used to uniquely identify a file format reader - i.e. use this name and not the
	enumeration id if you need to identify a certain format. Pass NULL if you don't care.
*pbRet	TRUE if a file reader filter was enumerated, FALSE if no more are available. Note:
	C++ programmes can pass NULL if they want and instead use the HRESULT code
	- which will be awok if one was enumerated and awokFalse if not.

```
HRESULT EnumFileWriters( [in, out] long *plId,
        [out] BSTR *pstrExt, [out] BSTR *pstrDesc,
        [out, retval] BOOL *pbRet );
```

Enumerate available "FileWriter" filters.

Note: The number of available file writer filters depends on what license keys you have set.

Note: A file writer filter can be thought of as an 'output file format handler'. When you add a file writer filter (using IAwGraph.AddFitler) you specify 'FileWriter' which acts as a pseudonym for all available file reader filters. If do not also explicitly specify the file format when adding a file writer, then the library will try to find a file writer by matching the file extension. But the recommended method is supply it with a parameter "fileformat=<name>" or "id=<id>" where the name or the id is found using this enumeration function."

Input:

*plId	File writer enumeration id, start with 0 then increase the <i>returned value</i> by 1 until no there's no more file writer filters to enumerate.
Output:	
*plId	Enumeration id for the returned file writer filter (may differ from the input value). Note: Never 'hard code' id values! Ids will change if later license more file formats!
*pstrExt	File name extension normally used by the file format handled by this file writer filter. Pass NULL if you don't care.
*pstrDesc	The file format name. This is a descriptive text that can be presented to the user. It is also used to uniquely identify a file format writer – i.e. use this name and not the enumeration id if you need to identify a certain format. Pass NULL if you don't care.
*pbRet	TRUE if a file writer filter was enumerated, FALSE if no more are available. Note: C++ programmes can pass NULL if they want and instead use the HRESULT code – which will be awOk if one was enumerated and awOkFalse if not.

```
HRESULT EnumFileWriterFormats(
    [in] long lId, [in, out] long *plIndex,
    [out] BSTR *pstrName,
    [out] short *psMinChannels, [out] short *psMaxChannels,
    [out, retval] BOOL *pbRet );
```

For a given file writer filter, enumerate the available 'data formats'.

Input:

input.		
	lId	File writer filter id as returned by IAwManager.EnumFileWriters.
	*plId	Data format enumeration id, start with 0 then increase the <i>returned value</i> by 1 until no there's no more data formats for this file writer.
Outpu	t:	
	*plId	Enumeration id value for the returned data format (may differ from the input value).
		Don't use this value for anything except this enumeration function.
	*pstrName	The data format name. This is a descriptive text that can be presented to the user. It
		is also used to uniquely identify the data format (within the context of the specified
		file writer). Pass NULL if you don't care.
	*psMinChanne	ls Minumum no of audio channels for this data format. Pass NULL if you don't care.
	*psMaxChanne	ls Maximum no of audio channels for this data format. Pass NULL if you don't care.
	*pbRet	TRUE if a file writer data format was enumerated, FALSE if no more are available.
		<i>Note:</i> C++ programmes can pass NULL if they want and instead use the HRESULT
		code – which will be awok if one was enumerated and awokFalse if not.

```
HRESULT EnumAudioInputs( [in] long lId,
        [out] BSTR *pstrDesc, [out, retval] BOOL *pbRet );
```

Enumerate installed audio input devices.

Note: Available only with a license for the AudioInput module.

Input:		
	lId	Enumeration id, start with 0 then increase by one until it returns FALSE.
Outpu	t:	
-	*pstrDesc	Name of the audio input device as given by DirectSound.
	*pbRet	TRUE if a device was enumerated, FALSE if no more devices.
		Note: C++ programmes can pass NULL if they want and use the HRESULT code
		instead - which will be awOk if one was enumerated and awOkFalse if not.

```
HRESULT EnumAudioOutputs( [in] long lId,
        [out] BSTR *pstrDesc, [out, retval] BOOL *pbRet );
```

Enumerate installed audio output devices.

Note: Available only with a license for the AudioOutput module.

Input:		
	lId	Enumeration id, start with 0 then increase by one until it returns FALSE.
Output	:	
	*pstrDesc	Name of the audio output device as given by DirectSound.
	*pbRet	TRUE if a device was enumerated, FALSE if no more devices.
		<i>Note:</i> C++ programmes can pass NULL if they want and use the HRESULT code instead – which will be awok if one was enumerated and awok False if not

HRESULT EnumPlugIns([in] long lId, [out] BSTR *pstrName, [out, retval] BOOL *pbRet);

Enumerate installed (compatible) VST and DX plug-in filters.

Note: Available only with a license for the PlugIns module.

Input:

Enumeration id, start with 0 then increase by one until it returns FALSE.

Output:

*pstrName Name of a VST or DX plug-in filter.

*pbRet

lId

TRUE if a plug-in was enumerated, FALSE if no more plug-ins. *Note:* C++ programmes can pass NULL if they want and use the HRESULT code instead – which will be awOk if a filter was enumerated and awOkFalse if not.

HRESULT CreateGraph([out, retval] IAwGraph **ppGraph);

Create an empty AwGraph object and return its IAwGraph interface.

Output:

*ppGraph Pointer to the IAwGraph interface of the new object.

HRESULT CreateEasyGraph(

```
[in] BSTR strInFile, [in] BSTR strOutFile,
[in, defaultvalue(-1)] long lIdWriter,
[in, defaultvalue("")] BSTR strWriterFormat,
[in, defaultvalue(-1)] long lOutSampleRate,
[in, defaultvalue(-1)] long lOutChannels,
[out, retval] IAwGraph **ppGraph
                                  );
```

Create an AwGraph object and set it up as a completed graph for performing a conversion from one file format to another (with optional sample rate and channel format conversion), then return it's IAwGraph interface. Note: The only thing you then need to do with this graph is to call IAwGraph.Execute!

Input:

strInFile	Name and path of input file.
strOutFile	Name and path of output file.
lIdWriter	ld of file writer format as returned by IAwManager.EnumFileWriters.
	Use -1 to auto-detect the format from the file name extension.
strWriterFormat	Name of a file writer data format as returned by IAwManager.
	EnumFileWriterFormats. Use NULL or "" to use the default data
	format for the file format.
lOutSampleRate	Sample rate of output file, use -1 to retain the sample rate of the input file.
lOutChannel	Number of audio channels in output file, use -1 to retain the sample channel
	format as the input file.
tput:	

Out

*ppGraph

Pointer to the IAwGraph interface of the new object.

HRESULT	DescribeError([in]	long lEr:	rorCod	de,	
		[out,	retval]	BSTR	*pstrDesc);

This function will return an English language text description of an error code.

Input: lErrorCode	Error code value returned by an AwCOM 3 function.
Output:	
pstrDesc	Receives a text description of the error, it will be of the semantic type:
	E.g ."Could not open input file", or
	e.g. "Invalid or corrupted file", or
	e.g. "Unsupported compression scheme encountered".
	If not an error code, it is set to "No error".
	If not generated by AwCOM it is set to "COM Error ".

The IAwGraph interface

The IAwGraph is the main interface to an AwGraph object representing a filter graph.

All functions return an HRESULT value.

The actual syntax used by a particular language is somewhat language dependent. E.g. parameters marked with [retval] will be returned as function results in languages that hides the COM HRESULT values.

As all COM interfaces, it inherits from IUnknown and thus have <code>QueryInterface</code>, <code>AddRef</code> and <code>Release</code> methods – it is assumed that you are familiar with these – they are not documented here (note that some languages, e.g. VisualBasic, will handle reference counting for you and will hide these methods).

HRESULT AddFilter([in] BSTR strFilterName, [in, defaultvalue("") BSTR strParamList);

This method adds a new filter to the filter graph. The new filter is added at the end of the filter chain (i.e the output of the previous filter added, if any, will be connected to the input of the newly added filter). The first filter added must always be a 'source filter'. The last added must be a 'sink filter'. Not until after a sink filter has been added can you call 'IAwGraph.Execute'.

Input:

strFilterName Filter name.

strParamList Optional filter parameters. This is specified as a list of zero, one, or more 'key=value'
pairs separated by space. Values containing space must be enclosed in citation
marks, e.g. file="c:\temp\out.mp2" dataformat="112 kbit/s".
Note that some parameters may be required while others are optional to specify!

On the following pages are detailed the various filters available.

Source filters

Filter name: "FileReader"

Description: An audio file format reader – the library will select an appropriate filter from the available file reader filters. Note that the actual file formats that can be read depends on what license keys you have set (see further IAwManager.SetPropery("License", ...)).

Please note that AwCOM will immediately access the specified file when adding this filter – it must not be locked by any other app or the call to add the filter will fail.

Parameter key:	Description of parameter value:
file	Input file – full name and path (required).
fileformat	Input file reader name (optional). This is the descriptive name of the desired file
	reader as given by IAwManager.EnumFileReaders. Specifying this
	overrides the automatic file format detection and forces the use of a specific reader
	filter. NB, put the format name inside quotation marks (e.g. fileformat ="my format").
id	Like fileformat but using reader enumeration id instead of name (deprecated).

Filter name: "WaveSynth"

Description: This source filter generates a simple synthesized waveform and is intended for testing purposes.

Parameter key:	Description of parameter value:
type	Waveform type (optional, default: "sine"). Allowed values are: "zero",
	"sine", "square","triangle", "sawtooth", "spike".
rate	Waveform rate in Hz, i.e. number of cycles per second (optional, default: 440).
samplerate	Output sample rate in Hz (optional, default: 44100).
length	Output length in number of samples (optional, default: 44100).
	Specify 0 to keep running forever.

Filter name: "AudioInput"

Description: Audio recording source. (NB: Available only with a license for the AudioInput module).

After you have completed the graph, to start recording, simply call IAwGraph.Execute() which will return as soon as recording has been started. Recording will continue until you either free the graph, or you call IAwGraph.SetProperty("AudioInput.Record=0"). You can query if it is recording at any time by calling IAwGraph.GetProperty("AudioInput.IsRecording"), which will return "1" while recording, and "0" otherwise.

Parameter key:	Description of parameter value:
device	Audio input device name (default: use system default device).
	Use IAwManager.EnumAudioInputs to find device names.
samplerate	Input sample rate in Hz (optional, default: 44100).
id	Like device but using the audio-in enumeration id instead of name (deprecated).

Sink filters

Filter name: "FileWriter"

Description: Audio file format writer meta filter'. It will select among the available file writer filters and add an appropriate one. Note that the actual file formats that it can be written depends on what license keys you have set (see further IAwManager.SetPropery("License", ...)).

Please note that AwCOM *may* immediately try to create the specified file when adding this filter – it must not be locked by any other app or the call to add the filter will fail.

Parameter key:	Description of parameter value:
file	Output file – full name and path (required).
fileformat	Output file writer name <i>(optional but recommended)</i> . This is the descriptive name of the desired file format writer as given by IAwManager.EnumFileWriters.
	Specifying it overrides the automatic file writer assignment by file extension. NB, put the file format name inside guotation marks (e.g. fileformat ="Vorbis Ogg stream").
dataformat	The output data format (optional, the default value depends on file format). Many file writer filters (specified by the fileformat parameter) can save the actual audio data in several different data storage formats (e.g. "PCM 16-bit" or "mu-
	Law"). Use IAwManager.EnumFileWriterFormats to find out which data formats that a particular file writer supports!
id	Like fileformat but using writer enumeration id instead of name (deprecated).

Filter name: "NullSink"

Description: This sink filter simply swallows the input and is intended for testing purposes only.

Parameter key: Description of parameter value:

Filter name: "AudioOutput"

Description: Audio playback sink. (NB: Available only with a license for the AudioOutput module).

After you have completed the graph and want to start playback, simply call IAwGraph.Execute() which will return as soon as playback has been started. Playback will continue either until the end, or until you free the graph, or call IAwGraph.SetProperty("AudioOutput.Play=0").The latter will pause the playback. You can un-pause it by calling IAwGraph.SetProperty("AudioOutput.Play=1"). Use IAwGraph.GetProperty("AudioOutput.IsPlaying") to query if it is currently playing - it will return "1" when playing, and "0" otherwise. You can also change the playback position by calling IAwGraph.SetProperty("AudioOutput.PlayPos=<asamplenumber>"), or query the current position by calling IAwGraph.GetProperty("AudioOutput.PlayPos").

Parameter key:	Description of parameter value:
device	Audio output device name (default: use system default device).
id	Use IAwManager.EnumAudioOutputs to find device names. Like device but using the audio-out enumeration id instead of name (deprecated).

Morph filters

Filter name: "ChannelBroker"

Description: Converts the input to a desired number of output channels.

Parameter key:	Description of parameter value:
outchannels	The desired number of output channels (required).

Filter name: ``Trimmer"

Description: Trims the incoming audio data and only forwards the portion inside the trim range [start ... stop).

Parameter key:	Description of parameter value:
start	All incoming samples before this sample number will be removed (default: 0).
stop	This and all subsequent samples will be removed (default: keep all until end of data).
fade	Fade in volume during these number of samples after trim start (default: 0).

Filter name: ``PlugIn"

Description: Encapsulates VST and DX plug-ins. (NB: Available only with a license for the PlugIns module).

Parameter key:	Description of parameter value:
name	Name of the VST or DX plug-in filter (required).
	Find the name using IAwManager.EnumPlugIns.
load	A full path to a file from which to load filter settings (optional).
save	A full path to a file to which to save the filter settings (optional).
edit	Show an edit dialog where the user can change settings (optional, default: "no").

Filter name: "Normalizer"

Description: Normalizes audio data. (NB: Available only with license for Normalizer module). This is a 2-pass procedure – data is buffered in a temporary file on disc between the two passes. In addition to either modifying the audio data or outputting gain adjustment meta data, it will also output peak level meta data.

Parameter key:	Description of parameter value:		
type	Normalization algo scale peak rmspower rmsamp replaygain replaygainx leqrlb leqr2lb ebur128	rithm <i>(optional, default: "peak")</i> . Supported values: Scale the volume by the target level. Normalize the peak value to the target level. Normalize root of mean of square of signal power to target level Normalize root of mean of square of signal amplitude to –"–. Normalize using the ReplayGain algorithm (relative to ref.level). Normalize using enhanced ReplayGain (w. ISO 226:2003 filter). Normalize using –Leq(RLB) as per ITU BS.1770. Normalize using –Leq(R2LB) as per ITU BS.1770. Normalize using EBU R128 integrated loudness measure.	
action	Set to "modifya Set to "metadat (optional, default: "	audio" to modify the volume of the actual audio samples. ta" to output gain adjustment meta data (audio is untouched). Imetadata" for replaygains, "modifyaudio" for the others)	
level	The target level ("scale" it is in dB (a - for leq's it is the note: $0 LU = -23 LU$	<i>optional</i>). It's interpretation depends on the "type" param: for <i>def.:</i> "0") – for replaygain's it is dBSPL of the reflevel (<i>def.:</i> "89") leq-target level (<i>def.:</i> "-20") – for "ebur138" it is in LU (<i>def.:</i> "0", <i>UFS</i>) – for all other types it is in dBFS (<i>def.:</i> "0.0").	
value	Same as level, but	given as a linear amplitude instead of in dB (value = $10^{(level / 20)}$).	
maxpeaklevel	Enforces that the peak value level is not raised above maxpeak in dBFS. Set to "0" to prevent the level to be raised above the clipping point (opt., def.: "" = off).		
maxpeakvalue	Same as mapeakle	evel but given as a linear amplitude instead of in dbFS (opt.).	
truepeak	Find true-peak leve	el (w. 16x upsampling; output meta-data). (optional, def.: "no")	
fixdc	Remove any DC of	ffset. Values: "yes" or "no" (optional, default: "no").	
limiter.value	Use limiter to prev clip to the -11 ran set the linear level	rent clipping. Set to "" to clip to disable the limiter and simply ige. Set to a value between "0""1" to enable the limiter and above which the limiter kicks in. (optional, default "")	
limiter.level	Sane as limiter.valu	ue, except that it's given in dBFS instead of linear level.	

Note: If you wish to calculate the ReplayGain track-gain adjustment value without actually doing a conversion (i.e. without running the whole graph), then first add your file reader, then add any processing filters that you wish to work before the gain calculation, then add a normalizer filter with a type of rgmeta, rgmodify, rgxmeta, or rgxmodify, then you can ask the graph for the following properties:

Normalizer.GainAdjustment	The calculated gain adjustment in dB. NB, this is only available for
	these normalization types: replaygain, replaygainx, ebur128
Normalizer.InPeakValue	The peak linear amplitude of data coming into the normalizer filter.
Normalizer.InPeakLevel	The peak level in dB of incoming data coming into the normalizer
Normalizer.OutPeakValue	The peak linear amplitude of outgoing data leaving the normalizer.
Normalizer.OutPeakLevel	The peak level in dB of outgoing data leaving the normalizer filter.

NB, when calling GetProperty(), don't forget to check the return code to see if there was any error when reading from and analysing the source file.

Filter name: "Resampler"

Description: Resamples (i.e. changes the sample rate) of the audio data.

Parameter key:	Description of parameter value:
samplerate algorithm	The new sample rate in Hz (required). Resampling algorithm (optional, default: "auto"). Supported algorithms: "nearest", "linear", "cubic", "fir8", "fir12", "fir16", "fir20", "fir24", "auto".

The FIR algorithms have increasing complexity with increasing number:

- "fir8" should be perfectly adequate for 8-bit PCM output but not otherwise recommended unless you
 are in a hurry. It provides > 8-bit S/N ratio near the Nyquist-frequency (and better than that at lower
 frequencies).
- "fir12" is a good compromise between calculation speed and audio quality, suitable for quick conversion of 16-bit PCM output. It provides > 12-bit S/N ratio near the Nyquist-frequency (and better than that at lower frequencies).
- "fir16" should have more than enough accuracy for perfectly handling 16-bit PCM output precision. It provides > 16-bit S/N ratio near the Nyquist-frequency (and better than that at lower frequencies).
- "fir20" should have more than enough accuracy for perfectly handling 20-bit PCM output precision and it will work very well for 24-bit PCM output too. It provides > 20-bit S/N ratio near the Nyquist-frequency (and better than that at lower frequencies).
- "fir24" is for when you need the best possible accuracy for 24-bit PCM output. It is by computational necessity very slow (CPU-hungry). It provides > 24-bit S/N ratio near the Nyquist-frequency (and better than that at lower frequencies).
- "auto" selects between "fir16", "fir20" and "fir24" depending on the data format of the input file.

Filter name: ``SilenceRemoval"

Description: Removes silent sections from the audio. (NB: Available only with a license for SilenceRemoval).

Parameter key:	Description of parameter value:
level	Thresh-hold level (optional, default:"0.05"). A value between 0 and 1 – sections of audio data where the sample data value amplitudes are lower then this value (for at least length samples in a row) will be 'cut'.
length	Minimum number of samples in a row that must be below the thresh-hold level before an audio section is cut away (optional, default: "1000").
leadonly	Option to remove only leading silence (i.e. only silence at the very start of the recording will be cut). Values: "yes" or "no". (optional, default "no").

HRESULT EnumFilter	s([in]	long	lId,	[out] BSTR	*pstrName,
	[out,	, retv	/al]]	BOOL	*pbRet);

Enumerate the filters in the filter graph.

Input:

lId	Filter index in the graph, use 0 for the first filter, then increase by to get the next and
	so on until the function returns FALSE.

Output:

***p**strName *pbRet Returned filter name, pass NULL as input if you are not interested. TRUE if a filter was enumerated, FALSE if there's no more filters. *Note:* C++ programmes can pass NULL if they want and use the HRESULT code instead – which will be awOk if a filter was enumerated and awOkFalse if not. HRESULT Execute(void);

Execute the graph, i.e. perform the conversion. Note: The call is synchronous, i.e. it will not return until the conversion is completed (or failed). HRESULT GetProperty([in] BSTR strName,

Get an informational property.

Input:	strName	Name of property to get.
Output:	*pstrValue	Property value (And empty string if property not available).

Supported properties for retrieval:

Property name:	Property value description:
In.SampleRate	Sample rate of input file.
In.Channels	Number of channels of input file.
In.Length	Number of samples in input file. NB: "Unknown" if length is unknown!
In.Duration	Length in seconds (i.e. In.Length/In.SampleRate).
In.FileFormat	File format of input file.
In.DataFormat	Data format of input file.
Out.SampleRate	Sample rate of output file.
Out.Channels	Number of channels of output file.
Out.Length	Number of samples in output file.
Out.Duration	Length in seconds (i.e. Out.Length/Out.SampleRate).
Out.FileFormat	File format of output file.
Out.DataFormat	Data format of output file.
Progress	The current progress of an ongoing conversion in percent, i.e. 0100.
Meta.Title	'Name' or 'title' given to the recording
Meta.SubTitle	Sub-title, or sub-heading given to the recording
Meta.Artist	Artist name.
Meta.Composer	Composer name.
Meta.Performer	Performer name.
Meta.Conductor	Conductor name.
Meta.Publisher	Publisher name.
Meta.Engineer	Recording engineer name.
Meta.Album	Name of product (CD, DVD et c) containing the recording.
Meta.TrackNumber	Track number of recording.
Meta.Genre	Genre/category as "(ID3v1 number)Name".
Meta.Date	When it was released: YYYY or up to YYYY-MM-DD, HH-MM-SS
Meta.Comment	Any comments for the recording
Meta.Copyright	Any copyright information.
Meta.URL	Universal resource locator reference.
Meta.LoopBeg	Loop start point.
Meta.LoopEnd	Loop end point.
Meta.LoopType	Loop type ("fwd", "bid", or "rel").
Meta.RootKey	MIDI root key number (0127).
Meta.FineTune	Fine tuning in cents (-50+50).
Meta.GainAdjustment	Playback gain adjustment in dB.
Meta.AlbumGainAdjust	Ement Album mode playback gain adjustment in dB.
Meta.PeakValue	Peak sample value (in normalized linear scale).
Meta.Reference	Recording reference/catalogue number or similar.
Meta.CuePoints	Cue points list, format: sampleno="text", nextsampleno="next text",
Meta.TimeCode	Time for broadcast (in seconds since midnight).

Note that these properties can not be retrieved until at least a source filter has been added to the graph. The Out* properties can not be retrieved until a FileWriter filter has been added to the graph. *Note:* Additional properties are available when an Normalizer, AudioInput, or AudioOutput filter is present in the graph – for details please see the documentation for these specific filters.

HRESULT SetProperty([in] BSTR strName, [in] BSTR pstrValue);

Set an informational property.

Input:

strName Name of property to set.

Output: pstrValue Property value.

Supported properties that you can set:

Property name:	Property value description:
In.SampleRate	Override sample rate of input file.
ClearGraph	Set to 1 to release all filters in the graph & free file handles.
Meta.*	Please refer to IAwGraph::GetProperty

Note that these properties can not be set until at least a source filter has been added to the graph.

Note: Additional properties are available when an Normalizer, AudioInput, or AudioOutput filter is present in the graph – for details please see the documentation for these specific filters.

Note: For use with BWF files, SetProperty and GetPropery supports the following name aliases:

Property name alias:	Maps to property:
BWF.Description	Meta.Comment
BWF.Originator	Meta.Publisher
BWF.OriginatorReference	Meta.Reference
BWF.OriginationDateAndTime	Meta.Date
BWF.TimeReference	Meta.TimeCode