# BASS\_ALAC\_StreamCreateFile

Creates a sample stream from an ALAC file.

```
HSTREAM BASS_ALAC_StreamCreateFile(
    BOOL mem,
    void *file,
    QWORD offset,
    QWORD length,
    DWORD flags
);
```

#### **Parameters**

mem TRUE = stream the file from memory.

file Filename (mem = FALSE) or a memory location (mem = TRUE).

offset File offset to begin streaming from (only used if mem = FALSE).

length Data length... 0 = use all data up to the end of the file (if mem = FALSE)

flags A combination of these flags.

BASS\_SAMPLE\_FLOAT Use 32-bit floating-point sample data.

Floating-point channels for info.

BASS\_SAMPLE\_SOFTWARE Force the stream to not use hardware

mixing.

BASS\_SAMPLE\_3D Enable 3D functionality. This requires

that the BASS\_DEVICE\_3D flag was specified when calling <u>BASS\_Init</u>, and the stream must be mono. The SPEAk flags can not be used together with thi

flag.

BASS\_SAMPLE\_LOOP Loop the file. This flag can be toggled

any time using **BASS** ChannelFlags.

BASS\_SAMPLE\_FX Enable the old implementation of Dire

8 effects. See the <u>DX8 effect</u>

implementations section for details. U BASS\_ChannelSetFX to add effects to

stream.

BASS\_STREAM\_AUTOFREE Automatically free the stream when

playback ends.

BASS\_STREAM\_DECODE Decode the sample data, without playi

it. Use <a href="mailto:BASS\_ChannelGetData">BASS\_ChannelGetData</a> to retr

decoded sample data. The BASS\_SAMPLE\_3D,

BASS\_STREAM\_AUTOFREE and SPEAKER flags cannot be used togetl

with this flag. The

BASS\_SAMPLE\_SOFTWARE and BASS\_SAMPLE\_FX flags are also

ignored.

BASS\_SPEAKER\_xxx Speaker assignment flags. These flags

have no effect when the stream is mor

than stereo.

BASS\_ASYNCFILE Read the file asynchronously. When

enabled, the file is read and buffered it parallel with the decoding, to reduce the chances of the decoder being affected I/O delays. This can be particularly us with slow storage media and/or low latency output. The size of the file buf

is determined by the

BASS CONFIG ASYNCFILE BUF

config option. This flag is ignored whe streaming from memory (*mem* = *TRU* 

*file* is in UTF-16 form. Otherwise it is

ANSI on Windows or Windows CE, a

UTF-8 on other platforms.

BASS\_UNICODE

## **Return value**

If successful, the new stream's handle is returned, else 0 is returned. Use <a href="mailto:BASS\_ErrorGetCode">BASS\_ErrorGetCode</a> to get the error code.

#### Error codes

BASS\_ERROR\_INIT BASS\_Init has not been successfully called.

BASS\_ERROR\_NOTAVAIL Only decoding channels

(BASS\_STREAM\_DECODE) are allowed when using the "no sound" device. The BASS\_STREAM\_AUTOFREE flag is also

unavailable to decoding channels.

BASS\_ERROR\_ILLPARAM The *length* must be specified when streaming

from memory.

BASS\_ERROR\_FILEOPEN The file could not be opened.

BASS\_ERROR\_FILEFORM The file's format is not recognised/supported.

BASS\_ERROR\_FORMAT The sample format is not supported by the

device/drivers. If the stream is more than stereo or the BASS\_SAMPLE\_FLOAT flag is used, it

could be that they are not supported.

BASS\_ERROR\_SPEAKER The specified SPEAKER flags are invalid. The

device/drivers do not support them, they are attempting to assign a stereo stream to a mono

speaker or 3D functionality is enabled.

BASS\_ERROR\_MEM There is insufficient memory.

BASS\_ERROR\_NO3D Could not initialize 3D support.

BASS\_ERROR\_UNKNOWN Some other mystery problem!

#### Remarks

All ALAC sample resolutions from 16 to 32-bit are supported, but the output will be restricted to 16-bit unless the BASS\_SAMPLE\_FLOAT flag is used. The file's original resolution is available from <u>BASS\_ChannelGetInfo</u>, as is the sample rate and channel count. The playback length is available from <u>BASS\_ChannelGetLength</u>. ALAC files can have MP4 tags, which can be retrieved by using BASS\_TAG\_MP4 with <u>BASS\_ChannelGetTags</u>.

To stream a file from the internet, use <u>BASS\_ALAC\_StreamCreateURL</u>. To stream from other locations, see <u>BASS\_ALAC\_StreamCreateFileUser</u>.

## **Platform-specific**

Away from Windows, all mixing is done in software (by BASS), so the BASS\_SAMPLE\_SOFTWARE flag is unnecessary. The BASS\_SAMPLE\_FX flag is also ignored.

## Example

Create a stream from an ALAC file.

HSTREAM stream=BASS\_ALAC\_StreamCreateFile(FALSE, "alacfile.m4a", 0,

### See also

BASS\_ALAC\_StreamCreateFileUser, BASS\_ALAC\_StreamCreateURL

BASS\_ChannelGetInfo, BASS\_ChannelGetLength, BASS\_ChannelGetTags,

BASS ChannelPlay, BASS ChannelSetAttribute, BASS ChannelSetDSP,

BASS ChannelSetFX, BASS ChannelSetLink, BASS StreamFree,

BASS StreamGetFilePosition

# $BASS\_ALAC\_StreamCreateFileUser$

Creates a sample stream from an ALAC file via user callback functions.

```
HSTREAM BASS_ALAC_StreamCreateFileUser(
    DWORD system,
    DWORD flags,
    BASS_FILEPROCS *procs,
    void *user
);
```

#### **Parameters**

system File system to use, one of the following.

STREAMFILE\_NOBUFFER Unbuffered.
STREAMFILE\_BUFFER Buffered.

STREAMFILE\_BUFFERPUSH Buffered, with the data pushed to BA

via BASS StreamPutFileData.

flags A combination of these flags.

BASS\_SAMPLE\_FLOAT Use 32-bit floating-point sample data

Floating-point channels for more info

BASS\_SAMPLE\_SOFTWARE Force the stream to not use hardware

mixing.

BASS\_SAMPLE\_3D Enable 3D functionality. This require

that the BASS\_DEVICE\_3D flag was specified when calling <u>BASS\_Init</u>, are the stream must be mono. The SPEAL flags can not be used together with the

flag.

BASS\_SAMPLE\_LOOP Loop the file. This flag can be toggle

any time using  $\underline{BASS\_ChannelFlags}$ .

BASS\_SAMPLE\_FX Enable the old implementation of Dir

8 effects. See the DX8 effect

<u>implementations</u> section for details. UBASS\_ChannelSetFX to add effects t

stream.

BASS\_STREAM\_RESTRATE Restrict the "download" rate of the fil

the rate required to sustain playback. this flag is not used, then the file will downloaded as quickly as possible. T flag only has effect when using the STREAMFILE\_BUFFER system.

BASS\_STREAM\_BLOCK Download and play the file in smaller

chunks. Uses a lot less memory than otherwise, but it is not possible to see loop the stream; once it has ended, th

must be opened again to play it again This flag will automatically be applie when the file length is unknown. This also has the effect of restricting the download rate. This flag has no effect when using the

STREAMFILE\_NOBUFFER system

BASS\_STREAM\_AUTOFREE Automatically free the stream when

playback ends.

BASS\_STREAM\_DECODE Decode the sample data, without play

it. Use **BASS\_ChannelGetData** to ret

decoded sample data. The BASS SAMPLE 3D,

BASS\_STREAM\_AUTOFREE and SPEAKER flags can not be used toge

with this flag. The

BASS\_SAMPLE\_SOFTWARE and BASS\_SAMPLE\_FX flags are also

ignored.

BASS\_SPEAKER\_xxx Speaker assignment flags. These flag

have no effect when the stream is mo

than stereo.

BASS\_ASYNCFILE Read the file asynchronously. When

enabled, the file is read and buffered parallel with the decoding, to reduce chances of the decoder being affected I/O delays. This can be particularly u with slow storage media and/or low latency output. The size of the file bu

is determined by the

BASS\_CONFIG\_ASYNCFILE\_BUI config option. This flag only applies using the STREAMFILE\_NOBUFFE

system.

procs The user defined file functions.

user User instance data to pass to the callback functions.

## **Return value**

If successful, the new stream's handle is returned, else 0 is returned. Use <a href="mailto:BASS\_ErrorGetCode">BASS\_ErrorGetCode</a> to get the error code.

Error codes

BASS\_ERROR\_INIT BASS\_Init has not been successfully

called.

BASS\_ERROR\_NOTAVAIL Only decoding channels

(BASS\_STREAM\_DECODE) are allowed when using the "no sound"

device. The

BASS\_STREAM\_AUTOFREE flag is also unavailable to decoding channels.

BASS\_ERROR\_ILLPARAM system is not valid.

BASS\_ERROR\_FILEFORM The file's format is not

recognised/supported.

BASS\_ERROR\_FORMAT The sample format is not supported by

the device/drivers. If the stream is more

than stereo or the

BASS\_SAMPLE\_FLOAT flag is used, it

could be that they are not supported.

BASS\_ERROR\_SPEAKER The specified SPEAKER flags are

invalid. The device/drivers do not support them, they are attempting to assign a stereo stream to a mono speaker

or 3D functionality is enabled.

BASS\_ERROR\_MEM There is insufficient memory.

BASS\_ERROR\_NO3D Could not initialize 3D support.

BASS\_ERROR\_MP4\_NOSTREAM The file cannot be streamed due to its

MP4 atom order; "moov" should come

before "mdat".

BASS\_ERROR\_UNKNOWN Some other mystery problem!

### **Remarks**

When a buffered file system is used, the file's "moov" atom must come before its "mdat" atom. Their order does not matter when the unbuffered file system is used.

## **Platform-specific**

Away from Windows, all mixing is done in software (by BASS), so the BASS\_SAMPLE\_SOFTWARE flag is unnecessary. The BASS\_SAMPLE\_FX flag is also ignored.

### See also

BASS\_ALAC\_StreamCreateFile, BASS\_ALAC\_StreamCreateURL

BASS\_ChannelGetInfo, BASS\_ChannelGetLength, BASS\_ChannelGetTags,

BASS ChannelPlay, BASS ChannelSetAttribute, BASS ChannelSetDSP,

BASS ChannelSetFX, BASS ChannelSetLink, BASS StreamFree,

BASS FILEPROCS structure, BASS CONFIG NET BUFFER

# BASS\_ALAC\_StreamCreateURL

Creates a sample stream from an ALAC file on the internet, optionally receiving the downloaded data in a callback.

```
HSTREAM BASS_ALAC_StreamCreateURL(
    char *url,
    DWORD offset,
    DWORD flags,
    DOWNLOADPROC *proc,
    void *user
);
```

#### **Parameters**

url URL of the file to stream. Should begin with "http://" or "https://" or "ftp://".

offset File position to start streaming from. This is ignored by some servers, specifically when the file length is unknown.

flags A combination of these flags.

BASS\_SAMPLE\_FLOAT Use 32-bit floating-point sample

data. See Floating-point channels for

more info.

BASS\_SAMPLE\_SOFTWARE Force the stream to not use hardware

mixing.

BASS\_SAMPLE\_3D Enable 3D functionality. This

requires that the BASS\_DEVICE\_3D

flag was specified when calling BASS Init, and the stream must be mono. The SPEAKER flags can not

be used together with this flag.

BASS\_SAMPLE\_LOOP Loop the file. This flag can be

toggled at any time using

BASS ChannelFlags. This flag is ignored when streaming in blocks

(BASS\_STREAM\_BLOCK).

BASS\_SAMPLE\_FX Enable the old implementation of

DirectX 8 effects. See the <u>DX8 effect</u> implementations section for details. Use <u>BASS\_ChannelSetFX</u> to add

effects to the stream.

BASS STREAM RESTRATE Restrict the download rate of the file

to the rate required to sustain

playback. If this flag is not used, then

the file will be downloaded as quickly as the user's internet

connection allows.

BASS\_STREAM\_BLOCK Download and play the file in

smaller chunks. Uses a lot less

memory than otherwise, but it's not possible to seek or loop the stream; once it's ended, the file must be opened again to play it again. This flag will automatically be applied when the file length is unknown, for example with Shout/Icecast streams. This flag also has the effect of

This flag also has the effect of resticting the download rate.

BASS\_STREAM\_STATUS Pass status info (HTTP/ICY tags)

from the server to the

<u>DOWNLOADPROC</u> callback during connection. This can be useful to determine the reason for a failure.

BASS\_STREAM\_AUTOFREE Automatically free the stream when

playback ends.

BASS\_STREAM\_DECODE Decode the sample data, without

playing it. Use

BASS\_ChannelGetData to retrieve

decoded sample data. The BASS\_SAMPLE\_3D,

BASS\_STREAM\_AUTOFREE and SPEAKER flags can not be used together with this flag. The

BASS\_SAMPLE\_SOFTWARE and BASS\_SAMPLE\_FX flags are also

ignored.

BASS\_SPEAKER\_xxx Speaker assignment flags. These

flags have no effect when the stream

is more than stereo.

BASS\_UNICODE *url* is in UTF-16 form. Otherwise it

is ANSI on Windows or Windows CE, and UTF-8 on other platforms.

proc Callback function to receive the file as it is downloaded... NULL = no callback.

user User instance data to pass to the callback function.

## **Return value**

If successful, the new stream's handle is returned, else 0 is returned. Use <a href="mailto:BASS\_ErrorGetCode">BASS\_ErrorGetCode</a> to get the error code.

**Error codes** 

BASS\_ERROR\_INIT BASS\_Init has not been successfully

called.

BASS\_ERROR\_NOTAVAIL Only decoding channels

(BASS\_STREAM\_DECODE) are allowed when using the "no sound"

device. The

BASS\_STREAM\_AUTOFREE flag is also unavailable to decoding channels.

BASS\_ERROR\_NONET No internet connection could be opened.

BASS\_ERROR\_ILLPARAM *url* is not a valid URL.

BASS\_ERROR\_SSL SSL/HTTPS support is not available.

BASS\_ERROR\_TIMEOUT The server did not respond to the request

within the timeout period, as set with the

BASS CONFIG NET TIMEOUT

config option.

BASS\_ERROR\_FILEOPEN The file could not be opened.

BASS\_ERROR\_FILEFORM The file's format is not

recognised/supported.

BASS\_ERROR\_FORMAT The sample format is not supported by

the device/drivers. If the stream is more

than stereo or the

BASS\_SAMPLE\_FLOAT flag is used, it could be that they are not supported (ie.

no WDM drivers).

BASS\_ERROR\_SPEAKER The specified SPEAKER flags are

invalid. The device/drivers do not support them, they are attempting to assign a stereo stream to a mono speaker

or 3D functionality is enabled.

BASS\_ERROR\_MEM There is insufficient memory.

BASS\_ERROR\_NO3D Could not initialize 3D support.

BASS\_ERROR\_MP4\_NOSTREAM The file cannot be streamed due to its

MP4 atom order; "moov" should come

BASS\_ERROR\_UNKNOWN

before "mdat". Some other mystery problem!

#### **Remarks**

In order to stream an ALAC file, its "moov" atom must come before its "mdat" atom.

When playing the stream, BASS will stall the playback if there is insufficient data to continue playing. Playback will automatically be resumed when sufficient data has been downloaded. <u>BASS\_ChannelIsActive</u> can be used to check if the playback is stalled, and the progress of the file download can be checked with BASS\_StreamGetFilePosition.

When streaming in blocks (BASS\_STREAM\_BLOCK flag), be careful not to stop/pause the stream for too long, otherwise the connection may timeout due to there being no activity and the stream will end prematurely.

When using an *offset*, the file length returned by <u>BASS\_StreamGetFilePosition</u> can be used to check that it was successful by comparing it with the original file length. Another way to check is to inspect the HTTP headers retrieved with <u>BASS\_ChannelGetTags</u>.

## **Platform-specific**

Away from Windows, all mixing is done in software (by BASS), so the BASS\_SAMPLE\_SOFTWARE flag is unnecessary. The BASS\_SAMPLE\_FX flag is also ignored.

### See also

BASS\_ALAC\_StreamCreateFile, BASS\_ALAC\_StreamCreateFileUser

BASS ChannelGetInfo, BASS ChannelGetLength, BASS ChannelGetTags, BASS ChannelPlay, BASS ChannelSetAttribute, BASS ChannelSetDSP, BASS ChannelSetFX, BASS ChannelSetLink, BASS StreamFree, DOWNLOADPROC callback, BASS CONFIG NET AGENT, BASS CONFIG NET BUFFER, BASS CONFIG NET PREBUF, BASS CONFIG NET PROXY, BASS CONFIG NET TIMEOUT

# **Plugin system**

As well as providing dedicated stream creation functions, BASSALAC supports the BASS plugin system, adding ALAC file support to the standard BASS stream and sample creation functions: <u>BASS\_StreamCreateFile</u>, <u>BASS\_StreamCreateFileUser</u>, and <u>BASS\_SampleLoad</u>. This is enabled using the <u>BASS\_PluginLoad</u> function.