

# NEXTSTEP for Intel Processors

## ADDITIONAL DEVICE SUPPORT PRODUCTS (CONTINUED)

| Device Type             | Vendor       | Model                                   | Expansion Bus/Interface   | Additional Features                       | Driver                           | Support Status | Notes  |
|-------------------------|--------------|---|---------------------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>POINTING DEVICES</b> | Microsoft    | MS Mouse or Compatible                  | Serial or PS/2 Mouse Port |   | Serial Mouse or PS/2-Style Mouse | 3.1            |  |
|                         | Logitech     | Mouse Man (Right or Left)               | Serial or PS/2 Mouse Port |   | Serial Mouse or PS/2-Style Mouse | 3.1            |  |
|                         |              | Mouse Man Bus                           | Bus Mouse Adapter         |   | Bus Mouse                        | 3.1            |  |
| <b>AUDIO DEVICES</b>    | Media Vision | ProAudio Spectrum 16                    | ISA                       | Up to CD Quality Stereo Record & Playback | ProAudioSpectrum 16              | 3.1            | See release notes for support of specific systems  |
|                         |              | Pro Studio 16                           | ISA                       | Up to CD Quality Stereo Record & Playback | ProAudioSpectrum 16              | 3.1            | See release notes for support of specific systems  |
|                         | Intel        | GX/Professional CPU-Board Audio Support | CPU Board                 | Up to CD Quality Stereo Record & Playback |                                  | Planned 3.2    |  |
|                         | Compaq       | Business Audio                          | CPU Board                 | Up to CD Quality Stereo Record & Playback |                                  | Planned 3.2    |  |
|                         |              | Standard PC Speaker Support             | CPU Board                 | System Audio Alerts only                  | System Beep Driver               | 3.1            |  |
| <b>PRINTERS</b>         | NeXT         | NeXT Color Printer                      | SCSI                      |   |                                  | 3.1            |  |
|                         |              | Standard Adobe PostScript Printers      | Serial or Parallel        |   |                                  | 3.1            | PostScript Level II recommended for color printers |

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| <b>FLOPPY DISK</b>                 |           | 3.5in 1.44MB Floppy                 |                         |                               | Floppy Disk Controller              | 3.1            |   |
| <b>IDE HARD DISK INTERFACE</b>     |           | IDE                                 |                         |                               | IDE Disk Controller                 | 3.1            |   |
| <b>SCSI HARD DISK INTERFACE</b>    | Adaptec   | 1540 B or C                         | ISA                     |                               | Adaptec 1542B SCSI Adapter          | 3.1            |   |
|                                    |           | 1542 B or C                         | ISA                     |                               | Adaptec 1542B SCSI Adapter          | 3.1            | Built-in floppy disk interface not supported  |
|                                    |           | 1740                                | EISA                    |                               |                                     | Planned 3.2    |   |
|                                    |           | 1742                                | EISA                    |                               |                                     | Planned 3.2    | Built-in floppy disk interface not supported  |
|                                    | Bus Logic | 542B                                | ISA                     |                               | Adaptec 1542B SCSI Adapter          | 3.1            |   |
|                                    |           | 747S                                | EISA                    |                               | Adaptec 1542B SCSI Adapter          | 3.1            |   |
|                                    | DPT       | 2011/90                             | ISA                     | 512K-16.5MB Cache upgradable  |                                     | Planned 3.2    |   |
|                                    |           | 2011/95                             | ISA                     | 512K-16.5MB Cache upgradable  |                                     | Planned 3.2    | Built-in floppy disk interface not supported  |
|                                    |           | 2012/90                             | EISA                    | 512K-16.5MB Cache upgradable  | DPT 2012-B EISA SCSI Adapter        | 3.1            |   |
|                                    |           | 2012/95                             | EISA                    | 512K-16.5MB Cache upgradable  | DPT 2012-B EISA SCSI Adapter        | 3.1            | Built-in floppy disk interface not supported  |
| <b>SCSI TAPE</b>                   |           | SCSI Tape                           |                         |                               | SCSI Tape Driver                    | 3.1            |   |
| <b>PARALLEL PORT</b>               |           | Standard Parallel Port              |                         |                               | On-Board Parallel Port              | 3.1            |   |
| <b>SERIAL PORTS</b>                |           | Standard Serial Ports               |                         | Supports COM1 & COM2          | On-Board Serial Ports               | 3.1            |   |
| <b>LOCAL AREA NETWORK ADAPTERS</b> | 3COM      | EtherLink III (3C509)               | ISA                     | Ethernet Coax or Twisted Pair | 3COM EtherLink III Ethernet Adapter | 3.1            | See release notes concerning NFS performance. |
|                                    | SMC       | EtherLink 16 (8013)                 | ISA                     | Ethernet Coax or Twisted Pair | SMC Elite 16 Ethernet Adapter       | 3.1            |   |
|                                    | Intel     | EtherExpress 16 (TP, Coax or Combo) | ISA                     | Ethernet Coax or Twisted Pair | Intel EtherExpress Ethernet Adapter | 3.1            | TP port on Combo card not yet supported       |
|                                    |           | TokenExpress                        | ISA                     | Token Ring                    | Intel TokenExpress ISA Token-Ring   | 3.1            |   |

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## ADDITIONAL DEVICE SUPPORT LEGEND

| Device Type | Vendor | Model | Expansion Bus/Interface | Additional Features | Driver | Support Status | Notes |
|-------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------|----------------|-------|
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**DEVICE TYPE** Class of device or adapter supported.

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**VENDOR** Vendor, manufacturer, or system provider of the supported device or adapter.

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**MODEL** Model number or name of the supported device or adapter.

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**EXPANSION BUS/INTERFACE** Expansion Bus or Interface used by this device: CPU Board (built onto the systems CPU board), LocalBus, VL-Bus (VESA Standard LocalBus), PCI, ISA, or EISA. Note: EISA expansion bus slots are compatible with ISA adapters.

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**ADDITIONAL FEATURES** Additional features of the device, or class of devices. This includes additional capabilities and/or protocols supported by this device or adapter.

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**DRIVER** Name of driver used by NEXTSTEP for Intel Processor's Configure application.

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**SUPPORT STATUS** Support Status indicates current status of compatibility testing with NEXTSTEP.

**3.1** Supported by NEXTSTEP 3.1.

**Planned 3.2** Indicates that drivers sufficient for support of this device are planned for the next major release of NEXTSTEP, or a future driver update diskette.

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**NOTES** Miscellaneous notes concerning support of this device or adapter.

# NEXTSTEP for Intel Processors

## ADDITIONAL DEVICE SUPPORT

### NEXTSTEP FOR INTEL PROCESSORS DEVICE SUPPORT

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|                           | NEXTSTEP supports a variety of additional devices and add-on adapters.   |
| <b>DISK INTERFACES</b>    | Both IDE and several SCSI hard disk interfaces are supported.  |
| <b>POINTING DEVICES</b>   | Microsoft <sup>®</sup> -compatible PS/2 <sup>®</sup> and serial mice. Logitec PS/2, serial, and bus mice.  |
| <b>PRINTERS</b>           | Any PostScript printer connected via a serial or parallel port, including the NeXT Color Printer (connected via a SCSI port). NeXT recommends color PostScript printers with PostScript Level II for proper color support. |
| <b>NETWORKING</b>         | Several Ethernet and Token Ring networking adapters are supported. A networking adapter is optional.   |
| <b>SOUND</b>              | NEXTSTEP can support certain PC sound cards for both playback and recording. A sound card is optional.   |
| <b>ADDITIONAL DEVICES</b> | Other popular PC peripherals such as FAX/Modems will be supported.   |

### DRIVERKIT

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NEXTSTEP for Intel Processors incorporates a newly developed object-oriented driver architecture called DriverKit. DriverKit allows the quick development of device drivers for new peripherals and add-on cards for Intel-based PCs running NEXTSTEP. DriverKit's architecture allows drivers to be loaded at run-time, thereby allowing users to add additional cards or devices to their systems without re-installing the main operating system. Loadable device drivers also allow NeXT and third parties to easily distribute additional drivers as they become available. NeXT is actively working with hardware manufacturers and third parties to provide additional drivers for NEXTSTEP for Intel Processors.

Developers interested in the DriverKit should contact NeXT Developer Support (1-800-848-NeXT) and join the registered developer program.

# NEXTSTEP for Intel Processors Graphics

## MANUFACTURERS OF GRAPHICS ADAPTERS

| Graphics Controller  | Vendor  | Model                    | Expansion Bus/Interface | Supported Graphics Resolutions |            |                 |             |              |            |            | Driver              | Support Status | Notes  |
|----------------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------------|----------------|--|
|                      |         |                          |                         | 2-bit Grayscale                |            | 8-bit Grayscale |             | 16-bit Color |            |            |                     |                |  |
|                      |         |                          |                         | 640 x 480                      | 1024 x 768 | 1024 x 768      | 1280 x 1024 | 800 x 600    | 1024 x 768 | 1120 x 832 |                     |                |  |
| ATI 68800            | ATI     | Graphics UltraPro VL-Bus | VL-Bus                  |                                |            |                 |             | 1 MB         | 2 MB       |            | ATI Ultra Pro       | 3.1            |  |
|                      | ATI     | Graphics UltraPro EISA   | EISA                    |                                |            |                 |             | 1 MB         | 2 MB       |            | ATI Ultra Pro       | 3.1            |  |
| COMPAQ QVISION       | Compaq  | QVision 1024/E           | EISA                    |                                |            | 1 MB            |             | 1 MB         |            |            | Compaq QVision      | 3.1            |  |
|                      | Compaq  | QVision 1280/E           | EISA                    |                                |            | 1 MB            | 2 MB        | 1 MB         | 2 MB       |            | Compaq QVision      | 3.1            |  |
| CIRRUS LOGIC GD542X  | STB     | Horizon                  | ISA                     |                                | .5 MB      |                 |             |              |            |            | Cirrus Logic GD542X | 3.1            |  |
| JAWS                 | DELL    | 450DE/2 DGX              | LocalBus                |                                |            |                 |             |              |            | 2 MB       | DELL JAWS DGX       | 3.1            | Upgrade for DELL 450DE only  |
| TSENG LABS ET-4000AX |         |                          | ISA                     |                                | .5 MB      |                 |             |              |            |            | Tseng Labs ET-4000  | 3.1            | Please refer to future versions of this guide for specific adapters. |
| STANDARD VGA         | Various | Various                  | ISA                     |                                |            |                 |             |              |            |            | Default VGA Adapter | 3.1            |  |

# NEXTSTEP for Intel Processors Graphics

## TABLE LEGEND

| Graphics Controller | Vendor | Model | Expansion Bus/Interface | Supported Graphics Resolutions |            |                 |             |              |            |            | Driver | Support Status | Notes |
|---------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------|----------------|-------|
|                     |        |       |                         | 2-bit Grayscale                |            | 8-bit Grayscale |             | 16-bit Color |            |            |        |                |       |
|                     |        |       |                         | 640 x 480                      | 1024 x 768 | 1024 x 768      | 1280 x 1024 | 800 x 600    | 1024 x 768 | 1120 x 832 |        |                |       |

**GRAPHICS CONTROLLER** Graphics controller used by the add-on graphics adapter.

**VENDOR** Vendor, manufacturer, or system provider of the graphics adapter.

**MODEL** Model number or name of the add-on adapter.

**EXPANSION BUS/INTERFACE** Expansion Bus or Interface used by this graphics adapter: LocalBus, VL-Bus (VESA Standard LocalBus), PCI, ISA, or EISA.

**SUPPORTED GRAPHICS RESOLUTIONS** Supported resolution of the graphics adapter. Gray areas indicate supported resolutions and number indicates video frame buffer size (in megabytes) required to support that resolution.

**DRIVER** Name of graphics driver used by NEXTSTEP for Intel Processor' Configure application (Video Devices section).

**SUPPORT STATUS** Support Status indicates current status of compatibility testing with NEXTSTEP.  
**3.1** Supported by NEXTSTEP 3.1.

**NOTES** Miscellaneous notes concerning support of this graphics adapter.

# NEXTSTEP for Intel Processors Graphics

## OVERVIEW

### NEXTSTEP GRAPHICS SYSTEM

NEXTSTEP for Intel Processors' Display Postscript graphic system supports such advanced capabilities as scalable fonts, unified imaging model for both screen display and printing, image transparency (also known as alpha channel), Pantone color matching, and Pixar Interactive Renderman 3D imaging. NEXTSTEP's window server composites multiple layers of images, and allows the user to work with images of any quality with any supported imaging model, in other words users can work with a 32-bit color image even on a 2-bit grayscale system! In order to provide these sophisticated capabilities NEXTSTEP requires a "workstation"-style linear frame buffer graphics system and a high performance 32-bit data path to the frame buffer. The number of colors or shades of gray, depth of transparency, etc., varies depending on the image model supported.

| Imaging Model | Colors or Shades of Gray | Transparency (alpha channel) | Window Server Support for Renderman 3D Graphics |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 32-bit color  | 24-bit (16M colors)      | 8-bit (256 levels)           | Yes   |
| 16-bit color  | 12-bit (4,096 colors)    | 4-bit (16 levels)            | Yes   |

#### 32-BIT COLOR

32-bit color support on Intel-based PCs is planned for a future release of NEXTSTEP for Intel Processors.

#### 16-BIT COLOR

**Graphics Architectures Supported** Intel JAWS (such as DELL Processor-Direct Graphics), Chips and Technologies Wingine, ATI Graphics Ultra Pro (68800), S3-805 and Compaq QVision. Due to the performance requirements of 16-bit color, these graphics adapters must be connected via LocalBus, VESA LocalBus (VL-Bus), PCI or EISA. The ISA expansion bus does not provide the 32-bit data path, or adequate performance to support NEXTSTEP 16-bit color. Future support is planned for the Tseng Labs ET-4000W32i and S3-928. Refer to the Desktop Systems and Add-on Graphics Adapter charts for specific adapter support.

**Supported Resolutions** 800 x 600, 1024 x 768, or 1120 x 832. Specific support varies by graphics adapter and graphics frame buffer size.

#### 8-BIT GRAYSCALE

**Graphics Architectures Supported** S3-805 and Compaq QVision. Due to the performance requirements of 8-bit grayscale, these graphics adapters must be connected via LocalBus, VESA LocalBus (VL-Bus), PCI or EISA. The ISA expansion bus does not provide the 32-bit data path, or adequate performance to support NEXTSTEP 8-bit grayscale. Future support is planned for the ATI Graphics Ultra Pro (68800), Tseng Labs ET-4000W32i and S3-928. Refer to the Desktop Systems and Add-on Graphics Adapter charts for specific adapter support.

**Supported Resolutions** 1024 x 768 or 1280 x 1024. Specific support varies by graphics adapter and graphics frame buffer size.

#### 2-BIT GRAYSCALE

NeXT has developed a special driver that simulates the linear frame buffer required by NEXTSTEP's graphics system on segmented frame buffer graphics adapters such as standard VGA and Super VGA cards. This allows NEXTSTEP to support most standard VGA cards as well as certain Super VGA cards. Refer to the Desktop Systems and Add-on Graphics Adapter charts for specific adapter support.

**Graphics Architectures Supported** Standard VGA compatible and certain Super VGA graphics adapters using the Tseng Labs ET-4000AX or Cirrus Logic GD 542X. These graphics adapters can be connected via LocalBus, VESA LocalBus (VL-Bus), PCI, EISA or ISA.

**Supported Resolutions** 640 x 480 (Standard VGA) or 1024 x 768 (Super VGA).

# NEXTSTEP-Compatible Portable Systems

## PC MANUFACTURERS

| Vendor  | Model             | Power Source | Built-in Panel Type    | Built-in Expansion | Docking Station Expansion | CPU/Speed              | Max Disk/RAM | Supported Graphics Resolution<br>2-bit Grayscale |                  |           |           | Support Status | Notes  |
|---------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------|--|------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|--|
|         |                   |              |                        |                    |                           |                        |              | Built-in Panel                                   | External Monitor |           |           |                |  |
|         |                   |              |                        |                    |                           |                        |              |  | 640 x 480        | 640 x 480 | 800 x 600 |                |  |
| ALTIMA  | 433D              | Battery      | Passive Matrix Mono    | Fax/Modem          | ISA                       | 486 DX 33 MHz          | 200/20       |  |                  |           |           | 3.1            | Contact NeXTanswers for update on pointer support.           |
| AST     | PowerExec 4SL     | Battery      | Passive Mono or Color  | Fax/Modem          | ISA, MS, KMM              | 486SL 25 MHz           | 200/8        |  |                  |           |           | 3.1            |  |
|         | PowerExec 4SL     | Battery      | Active Matrix Mono     | Fax/Modem          | ISA, MS, KMM              | 486SL 25 MHz           | 200/8        |  |                  |           |           | 3.1            |  |
| COMPAQ  | Portable 468/M    | AC           | Passive Matrix Mono    | Fax/Modem EISA     | NA                        | 486 DX, DX2 33, 66 MHz | 525/32       |  |                  |           |           | 3.1            |  |
|         | Portable 468/C    | AC           | Active Matrix Color    | Fax/Modem EISA     | NA                        | 486 DX, DX2 33, 66 MHz | 525/32       |  |                  |           |           | 3.1            |  |
|         | LTE Lite4/25c     | Battery      | Active Matrix Color    | Fax/Modem          | ISA, MS, KMM              | 486SL 25 MHz           | 200/20       |  |                  |           |           | 3.1            | Contact NeXTanswers for update on built-in trackball support |
| NEC     | Prospeed 486C     | AC           | Active Matrix Color    | Fax/Modem EISA     | NA                        | 486SX 20 MHz           | 200/20       |  |                  |           |           | 3.1            | Requires floating- point upgrade                             |
|         | UltraLite Versa M | Battery      | Passive Matrix Mono    | PCMCIA             | ISA, MS, KMM              | 486SL 20, 25 MHz       | 180/12       |  |                  |           |           | 3.1            |  |
|         | UltraLite Versa C | Battery      | Active Matrix Color    | PCMCIA             | ISA, MS, KMM              | 486SL 20, 25 MHz       | 180/12       |  |                  |           |           | 3.1            |  |
| TOSHIBA | T6400DX           | AC           | Passive Mono or Plasma | Fax/Modem ISA      | NA                        | 486 DX, DX2 33, 50 MHz | 200/32       |  |                  |           |           | 3.1            |  |
|         | T6400DXC          | AC           | Active Matrix Color    | Fax/Modem ISA      | NA                        | 486 DX, DX2 33, 50 MHz | 200/32       |  |                  |           |           | 3.1            |  |
|         | T4400SX           | Battery      | Passive Mono or Plasma | Fax/Modem          | ISA, MS, KMM              | 486SX 25 MHz           | 120/20       |  |                  |           |           | 3.1            | Requires floating- point upgrade                             |
|         | T4400SXC          | Battery      | Active Matrix Color    | Fax/Modem          | ISA, MS, KMM              | 486SX 25 MHz           | 120/20       |  |                  |           |           | 3.1            | Requires floating- point upgrade                             |
|         | T4400C            | Battery      | Active Matrix Color    | Fax/Modem          | ISA, MS, KMM              | 486DX 25 MHz           | 200/20       |  |                  |           |           | 3.1            |  |



# NEXTSTEP-Compatible Portable Systems

## TABLE LEGEND

| Vendor | Model | Power Source | Built-in Panel Type | Built-in Expansion | Docking Station Expansion | CPU/Speed | Max Disk/RAM | Supported Graphics Resolution 2-bit Grayscale |                  |           |           | Support Status | Notes |
|--------|-------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|---|------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|        |       |              |                     |                    |                           |           |              | Built-in Panel                                | External Monitor |           |           |                |       |
|        |       |              |                     |                    |                           |           |              |   | 640 x 480        | 640 x 480 | 800 x 600 |                |       |

**VENDOR** Vendor, manufacturer, or system provider.

**MODEL** Model number or name of system (or series of systems) tested with NEXTSTEP.

**POWER SOURCE** Standard power source: AC or battery.

**BUILT-IN PANEL TYPE** Built-in display panel technology: passive matrix, active matrix, or plasma.

**BUILT-IN EXPANSION** For AC-powered portables: Fax/Modem, etc., + ISA or EISA slots. For battery-powered portables: Fax/Modem, PCMCIA, etc. This is reference information only, and does not represent supported devices.

**DOCKING STATION EXPANSION** For battery-powered portables, ISA, Mass Storage (MS), Keyboard + Mouse + Monitor Port (KMM). NA indicates not applicable to AC-Powered portables.

**CPU/SPEED** CPUs and CPU speeds (in MHz) available with this series of systems.

**MAX DISK/RAM** Maximum hard disk and RAM supported by this system. Contact manufacturer for current sizes supported.

**SUPPORTED GRAPHICS RESOLUTION 2-BIT GRAYSCALE** Supported resolution of the built-in graphics adapter. Gray areas indicate supported resolutions. "Built-in Panel" indicates resolution supported by built-in graphics display panel. "External Monitor" indicates resolution supported by the built-in graphics adapter when connected to an external monitor.

**SUPPORT STATUS** Support Status indicates current status of compatibility testing with NEXTSTEP.  
**3.1** Supported by NEXTSTEP 3.1.

**NOTES** Miscellaneous notes concerning support of this system.

# NEXTSTEP-Compatible Portable Systems

## OVERVIEW

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PORTABLE SYSTEMS

| CPU  | i486-based PC compatible portable computer. This includes 486SX, 486SL, 486DX, 486DX2. 486SX systems require a floating-point coprocessor, or upgrade to 486DX or DX2.   |                    |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |                    |
|--|--|--------------------|--|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|------|--------------------|
| AC-POWERED PORTABLES                           | AC-powered portables require at least one ISA or EISA slot for a SCSI adapter to install NEXTSTEP from CD-ROM.   |                    |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |                    |
| BATTERY-POWERED PORTABLES AND DOCKING STATIONS | Battery-powered portables require a docking station with at least one ISA slot for a SCSI adapter to install NEXTSTEP from a CD-ROM. Once NEXTSTEP is installed, the portable may be used away from the docking station.   |                    |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |                    |
| AVAILABLE HARD DISK SPACE                      | <p>NEXTSTEP supports multiple partitioned hard disks, allowing the user to install and boot several operating systems from the same local hard disk. Larger local disks are recommended for standalone systems or for systems with a local non-NEXTSTEP partition.</p> <p><b>User Environment</b> 120 MB partition minimum, 200 MB recommended for standalone systems.</p> <p><b>User + Developer Environment</b> 330 MB partition minimum, 400 MB recommended.</p>  |                    |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |                    |
| RAM REQUIREMENTS                               | <p>RAM requirements vary depending upon the user's selection of graphics adapter.</p> <table><tr><th>Graphics System</th><th>Minimum RAM Required</th><th>Recommended RAM</th></tr><tr><td>16-bit color</td><td>16 MB</td><td>24 MB</td></tr><tr><td>8-bit grayscale</td><td>12 MB</td><td>16 MB</td></tr><tr><td>2-bit grayscale</td><td>8 MB</td><td>12 MB<sup>†</sup></td></tr></table> <p><b>Note:</b> Since 16-bit color and 8-bit grayscale support require LocalBus, VL-Bus, PCI, or EISA graphics adapters, only AC-powered portables with EISA slots can support 16-bit color or 8-bit grayscale.</p>   |                    |  | Graphics System | Minimum RAM Required | Recommended RAM | 16-bit color | 16 MB | 24 MB | 8-bit grayscale | 12 MB | 16 MB | 2-bit grayscale | 8 MB | 12 MB <sup>†</sup> |
| Graphics System                                | Minimum RAM Required   | Recommended RAM    |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |                    |
| 16-bit color                                   | 16 MB  | 24 MB              |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |                    |
| 8-bit grayscale                                | 12 MB  | 16 MB              |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |                    |
| 2-bit grayscale                                | 8 MB   | 12 MB <sup>†</sup> |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |                    |
| GRAPHICS ADAPTERS                              | Current display panel technology in popular portable PC-compatibles is limited to 640 x 480 resolution and cannot yet display 16-bit color. These systems do not yet support the linear frame buffer NEXTSTEP requires for 16-bit color or 8-bit grayscale. Therefore, NEXTSTEP supports these systems with 2-bit grayscale at 640 x 480. Active matrix or plasma panels are recommended for better cursor tracking response. ISA systems (AC-powered or through a docking station) can support add-on, high-resolution 2-bit grayscale graphics adapters and EISA-based AC-powered portables can support 16-bit color or 8-bit grayscale graphics with an add-on EISA graphics adapter. |                    |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |                    |
| DISK INTERFACES                                | Both built-in IDE and add-on SCSI hard disk interfaces are supported. Battery-powered portables require a docking station to install a SCSI hard disk interface card.  |                    |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |                    |
| POINTING DEVICES                               | Microsoft- and Logitech-compatible PS/2 and serial mice are supported.   |                    |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |                    |
| PRINTERS                                       | Any PostScript printer connected via a serial or parallel port, including the NeXT Color Printer (connected via a SCSI port). NeXT recommends color PostScript printers with PostScript Level II for proper color support.   |                    |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |                    |
| NETWORKING                                     | Ethernet and Token Ring networking adapters are supported. Battery-powered portables require a docking station to install a networking adapter. A networking adapter is optional.  |                    |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |                    |
| SOUND  | NEXTSTEP can support certain PC sound cards for both playback and recording. Battery-powered portables require a docking station to install a sound card. A sound card is optional.  |                    |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |                    |

<sup>†</sup> NeXT recommends a minimum of 12 MB of RAM for acceptable performance on portables.

# NEXTSTEP-Compatible Desktop Systems

## PC MANUFACTURERS (CONTINUED)

| Vendor                       | Model                  | Expansion Bus       | CPU/Speed                     | Graphics Architecture      | Supported Graphics |            |                                       |             |              |            |            | Support Status | Notes   |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------------|---|
|                              |                        |                     |                               |                            | 2-bit Grayscale    |            | 8-bit Grayscale                       |             | 16-bit Color |            |            |                |   |
|                              |                        |                     |                               |                            | 640 x 480          | 1024 x 768 | 1024 x 768                            | 1280 x 1024 | 800 x 600    | 1024 x 768 | 1120 x 832 |                |   |
| INTEL                        | GX/Professional        | EISA                | 486 DX2<br>66 MHz             | LocalBus<br>ATI 68800      |                    |            |                                       |             |              | 2MB        |            | 3.1            |   |
| LUCKY<br>GOLDSTAR            | LG 486NX               | ISA<br>VL-Bus       | 486 DX, DX2<br>33, 66 MHz     | LocalBus<br>C&T<br>Wingine |                    |            |                                       |             |              | 2MB        |            | 3.1            |   |
| NCR                          | 3333                   | ISA<br>VL-Bus       | 486 DX2<br>66 MHz             | VL-Bus                     | Built<br>in<br>VGA |            | Select add-on VL-Bus Graphics Adapter |             |              |            |            | 3.1            | Std. VL-Bus graphics<br>adapter not supported |
| NEC                          | PowerMate<br>Express/e | EISA                | 486 DX, DX2<br>33, 50, 66 MHz | Add-on<br>EISA             | Built<br>in<br>VGA |            | Select add-on EISA Graphics Adapter   |             |              |            |            | 3.1            |   |
|                              | I-Series               | ISA                 | 486 DX, DX2<br>33, 50, 66 MHz | LocalBus<br>ET4000AX       |                    |            |                                       |             |              |            |            | 3.1            |   |
|                              | Image 466              | ISA                 | 486 DX2<br>66 MHz             | LocalBus<br>ET4000W3<br>2  |                    |            |                                       |             |              |            |            | 3.1            |   |
| ZENITH                       | Z-Station XEn          | EISA                | 486 DX, DX2<br>33, 50, 66 MHz | Add-on<br>EISA             | Built<br>in<br>VGA |            | Select add-on EISA Graphics Adapter   |             |              |            |            | 3.1            |   |
| HARDWARE SYSTEMS INTEGRATORS |                        |                     |                               |                            |                    |            |                                       |             |              |            |            |                |   |
| CONTINENTAL<br>COMPUTER      | 3800 NeXT<br>EISA      | EISA                | 486 DX, DX2<br>33, 50, 66 MHz | VL-Bus<br>ATI 68800        |                    |            |                                       |             | 1MB          | 2MB        |            | 3.1            |   |
|                              | 3800 NeXT ISA          | ISA                 | 486 DX, DX2<br>33, 50, 66 MHz | VL-Bus<br>ATI 68800        |                    |            |                                       |             | 1MB          | 2MB        |            | 3.1            |   |
| GEC<br>COMPUTERS             | Jet F86                | ISA, EISA<br>VL-Bus | 486 DX, DX2<br>33, 50, 66 MHz | VL-Bus<br>ATI 68800        |                    |            |                                       |             | 1MB          | 2MB        |            | 3.1            |   |

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## PC MANUFACTURERS

| Vendor          | Model                 | Expansion Bus | CPU/Speed                  | Graphics Architecture | Supported Graphics |            |  |             |              |            |            | Support Status     | Notes   |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------|--|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------------|---|
|                 |                       |               |                            |                       | 2-bit Grayscale    |            | 8-bit Grayscale  |             | 16-bit Color |            |            |                    |   |
|                 |                       |               |                            |                       | 640 x 480          | 1024 x 768 | 1024 x 768   | 1280 x 1024 | 800 x 600    | 1024 x 768 | 1120 x 832 |                    |   |
| ALR             | Evolution IV/e        | EISA VL-BUS   | 486 DX, DX2 33, 50, 66 MHz | VL-Bus ATI 68800      |                    |            |  |             | 1 MB         | 1 MB       |            | Driver Update Req. | LAN Interface on Tri-Combo card not yet supported           |
| AST             | Power Premium         | EISA          | 486 DX, DX2 33, 50, 66 MHz | Add-on EISA           | Built-in VGA       |            | Select add-on EISA Graphics Adapter  |             |              |            |            | 3.1                |   |
|                 | Premmia 4/d           | EISA          | 486 DX, DX2 33, 66 MHz     | LocalBus ATI 68800    |                    |            |  |             | 1 MB         |            |            | Driver Update Req. |   |
| COMPAQ          | Deskpro L-Series      | EISA          | 486 DX 50 MHz              | EISA QVision          |                    |            | See NEXTSTEP for Intel Processors Graphics section for more info on QVision support. |             |              |            |            | 3.1                |   |
|                 | Deskpro M-Series      | EISA          | 486 DX, DX2 33, 50, 66 MHz | EISA QVision          |                    |            |  |             |              |            |            | 3.1                |   |
| DATA GENERAL    | Dasher LE2            | EISA          | 486 DX2 66 MHz             | LocalBus ATI 68800    |                    |            |  |             | 1 MB         | 2 MB       |            | 3.1                |   |
| DEC             | MTE                   | EISA          | 486 DX2 66 MHz             | LocalBus S3-805       |                    |            | 1 MB   |             | 1MB          |            |            | Driver Update Req. |   |
| DELL            | 450DE/2 DGX           | EISA          | 486 DX2 50 MHz             | LocalBus JAWS         |                    |            |  |             |              |            | 2MB        | 3.1                |   |
|                 | ME Series             | EISA          | 486 DX, DX2 33, 50, 66 MHz | LocalBus S3-805       |                    |            | 1MB  |             | 1MB          |            |            | 3.1                |   |
|                 | M-Series              | ISA           | 486 DX, DX2 33, 50, 66 MHz | LocalBus S3-805       |                    |            | 1MB  |             | 1MB          |            |            | 3.1                |   |
|                 | L-Series (S3-805)     | ISA           | 486 DX2 66 MHz             | LocalBus S3-805       |                    |            | 1MB  |             | 1MB          |            |            | 3.1                |   |
|                 | L-Series (ET-4000W32) | ISA           | 486 DX, DX2 33, 50 MHz     | LocalBus S3-805       |                    | 1MB        |  |             |              |            |            | 3.1                | 33, 50 MHz models may use ET-4000W32                        |
| EPSON           | Progression NX        | ISA           | 486 DX, DX2 33, 66 MHz     | LocalBus C&T Wingine  |                    |            |  |             |              | 2 MB       |            | 3.1                |   |
|                 | NX                    | ISA           | 486 DX, DX2 33, 66 MHz     | LocalBus C&T Wingine  |                    |            |  |             |              | 2 MB       |            | 3.1                |   |
|                 | Progression           | ISA           | 486 DX, DX2 33, 66 MHz     | LocalBus C&T Wingine  |                    |            |  |             | 1 MB         |            |            | 3.1                |   |
| GATEWAY         | V-Series              | ISA VL-Bus    | 486 DX, DX2 33, 50, 66 MHz | VL-Bus ATI 68800      |                    |            |  |             | 1MB          | 2MB        |            | 3.1                |   |
| HEWLETT PACKARD | Vectra U-Series       | EISA          | 486 DX, DX2 33, 50, 66 MHz | Add-on EISA           | Built-in VGA       |            | Select add-on EISA Graphics Adapter  |             |              |            |            | 3.1                |   |
|                 | Vectra N-Series       | ISA           | 486 DX, DX2 33, 50, 66 MHz | LocalBus S3-805       |                    |            | 1MB  |             | 1MB          |            |            | 3.1                |   |
|                 | Vectra NI-Series      | ISA           | 486 DX, DX2 33, 50, 66 MHz | LocalBus S3-805       |                    |            | 1MB  |             | 1MB          |            |            | 3.1                | Inc. LAN adapter not yet supported                          |
| IBM             | ValuePoint 466DX2/S   | ISA VL-Bus    | 486 DX, DX2 33, 66 MHz     | LocalBus S3-805       |                    |            | 1MB  |             | 1MB          |            |            | Driver Update Req. | Please contact NeXT for an application note on installation |
|                 | ValuePoint 466DX2/D   | ISA VL-Bus    | 486 DX, DX2 33, 66 MHz     | LocalBus S3-805       |                    |            | 1MB  |             | 1MB          |            |            | Driver Update Req. | Please contact NeXT for an application note on installation |
|                 | ValuePoint 466DX2/T   | ISA VL-Bus    | 486 DX, DX2 33, 66 MHz     | LocalBus S3-805       |                    |            | 1MB  |             | 1MB          |            |            | Driver Update Req. | Please contact NeXT for an application note on installation |

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## TABLE LEGEND

| Vendor | Model | Expansion Bus | CPU/Speed | Graphics Architecture | Supported Graphics |            |                 |             |              |            |            | Support Status | Notes |
|--------|-------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------------|-------|
|        |       |               |           |                       | 2-bit Grayscale    |            | 8-bit Grayscale |             | 16-bit Color |            |            |                |       |
|        |       |               |           |                       | 640 x 480          | 1024 x 768 | 1024 x 768      | 1280 x 1024 | 800 x 600    | 1024 x 768 | 1120 x 832 |                |       |

### VENDOR

Vendor, manufacturer, or system provider.

### MODEL

Model number or name of system or series of systems tested with NEXTSTEP.

### EXPANSION BUS

Standard expansion buses supported. ISA, EISA, VL-Bus (VESA LocalBus), and PCI. Note: EISA systems are compatible with ISA add-on cards.

### CPU/SPEED

CPUs and CPU speeds (in MHz) available with this series of systems.

### GRAPHICS ARCHITECTURE

Graphics architecture of the built-in or included graphics adapter. Includes interface (LocalBus, VL-Bus, EISA) and graphics controller. For systems tested with add-on graphics, see "NEXTSTEP for Intel Processors Graphics" in this guide for choice of supported adapters.

### SUPPORTED GRAPHICS

Supported resolution of the built-in or included graphics adapter. Gray areas indicate supported resolutions and number indicates video frame buffer size (in megabytes) required to support that resolution. "Built-in VGA" indicates resolution supported by built-in standard VGA graphics; higher resolution support may require an add-on graphics adapter.

### SUPPORT STATUS

Current status of NEXTSTEP compatibility testing.

**3.1** Supported by NEXTSTEP Release 3.1.

**Driver Update Req.** Indicates systems that are compatible with NEXTSTEP and can run at Standard VGA resolution. Higher resolution support will be available with a driver update disk (available July 93).

### NOTES

Miscellaneous notes concerning support of this system.

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## OVERVIEW

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DESKTOP SYSTEMS

| CPU                       | i486®-based or Pentium™-based PC compatible computer. This includes 486SX, 486SL, 486DX, 486DX2, or Pentium. 486SX systems require a floating-point coprocessor, or upgrade to 486DX or DX2.   |                 |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |       |
|---------------------------|--|-----------------|--|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|------|-------|
| EXPANSION BUS             | ISA or EISA expansion bus.   |                 |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |       |
| AVAILABLE HARD DISK SPACE | <p>NEXTSTEP supports multiple partitioned hard disks, allowing the user to install and boot several operating systems from the same local hard disk. Larger local disks are recommended for standalone systems or for systems with a local non-NEXTSTEP partition.</p> <p><b>User Environment</b> 120 MB partition minimum, 200 MB recommended for standalone systems.</p> <p><b>User + Developer Environments</b> 330 MB partition minimum, 400 MB recommended.</p> |                 |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |       |
| RAM REQUIREMENTS          | <p>RAM requirements vary depending upon your selection of graphics adapter.</p> <table><tr><th>Graphics System</th><th>Minimum RAM Required</th><th>Recommended RAM</th></tr><tr><td>16-bit color</td><td>16 MB</td><td>24 MB</td></tr><tr><td>8-bit grayscale</td><td>12 MB</td><td>16 MB</td></tr><tr><td>2-bit grayscale</td><td>8 MB</td><td>12 MB</td></tr></table>   |                 |  | Graphics System | Minimum RAM Required | Recommended RAM | 16-bit color | 16 MB | 24 MB | 8-bit grayscale | 12 MB | 16 MB | 2-bit grayscale | 8 MB | 12 MB |
| Graphics System           | Minimum RAM Required   | Recommended RAM |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |       |
| 16-bit color              | 16 MB  | 24 MB           |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |       |
| 8-bit grayscale           | 12 MB  | 16 MB           |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |       |
| 2-bit grayscale           | 8 MB   | 12 MB           |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |       |
| GRAPHICS ADAPTERS         | See “NEXTSTEP for Intel Processors Graphics” in this guide for details on graphics support.  |                 |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |       |
| DISK INTERFACES           | IDE and several SCSI hard disk interfaces are supported.   |                 |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |       |
| POINTING DEVICES          | Microsoft®-compatible PS/2® and serial mice. Logitech PS/2, serial, and bus mice.  |                 |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |       |
| PRINTERS                  | Any PostScript printer connected via a serial or parallel port, including the NeXT Color Printer (connected via a SCSI port). NeXT recommends color PostScript printers with PostScript Level II for proper color support.   |                 |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |       |
| NETWORKING                | Several Ethernet and Token Ring networking adapters are supported. A networking adapter is optional.   |                 |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |       |
| SOUND                     | NEXTSTEP can support certain PC sound cards for both playback and recording. A sound card is optional.   |                 |  |                 |                      |                 |              |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |      |       |

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## NEXTSTEP FOR INTEL PROCESSORS DEVICE SUPPORT OVERVIEW

This document describes in general terms the types of PC-compatible hardware that is supported by NEXTSTEP Release 3.1 for Intel Processors. Although many different vendors' systems will work with NEXTSTEP, the systems listed here have been tested and found to be compatible with NEXTSTEP. For any hardware specification or purchase, please contact NeXT for the latest update to this guide.

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