Preferences

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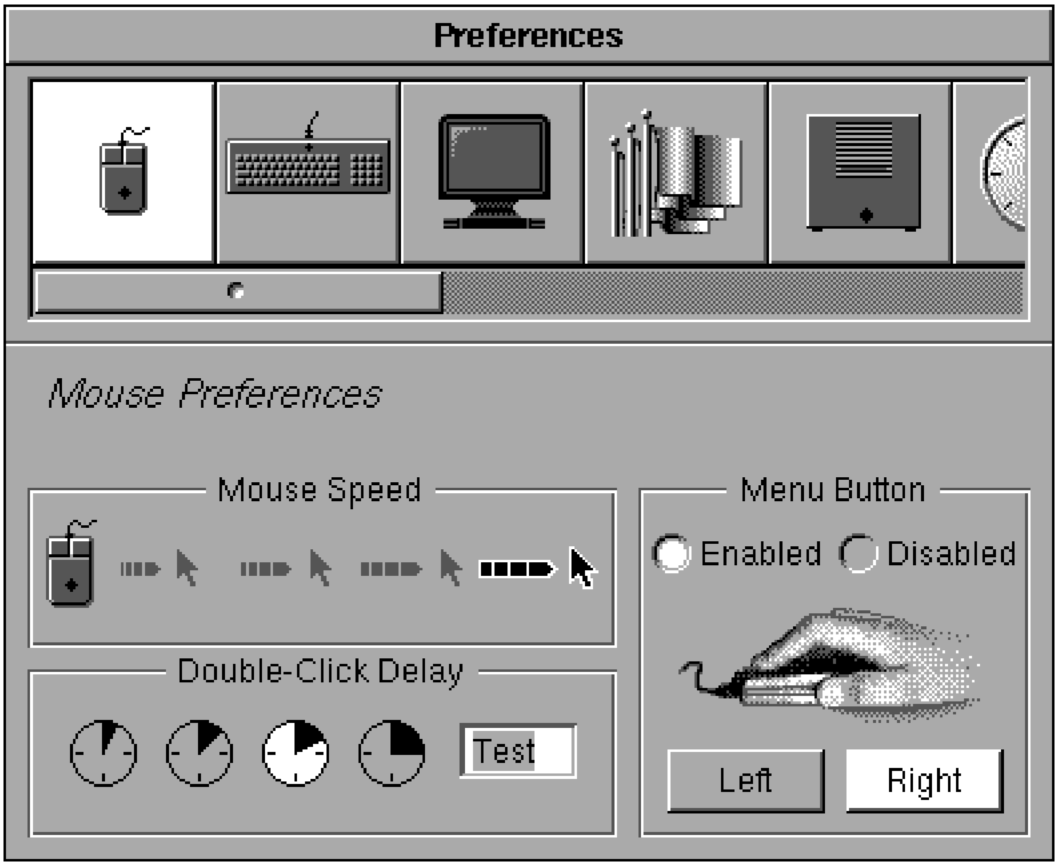
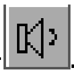
Preferences is the application which lets you customize your NeXT machine. With it, you can tell the mouse how fast to move, configure your system to beep at you with your favorite tune, and tell the computer how loud you want the beep to be.

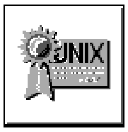
- In the File Viewer, go to /**NextApps** and open up **Preferences**. This application is so useful that you might want to drag it over to the dock on the right-hand side of the screen. When you open Preferences, this window will pop up:



Mouse: You can set how fast the pointer moves across the screen and how fast you have to double-click to open things. Look under the section called **Menu Button**. If you click **Enabled**, every time you hold down the right-hand mouse button the menu will pop up under it. Try it — this way you don't have to travel all the way to the upper-left corner of the screen to use the menus.

Keyboard: Click the icon of the keyboard. Here you can decide how fast a letter will repeat when you hold down a key, and how long the NeXT waits before letters start repeating. You can also find out how to get special characters like ¥ or ¶ by clicking the **Keyboard Panel** button and holding down the Alternate and/or Shift keys.

Monitor: Click the monitor to set the brightness, volume, and the background color. Drag the brightness all the way to the right and blast your eyes (now put it back!). Do the same thing with the volume, and turn the mute on and off. Finally, use the volume and brightness controls on the keyboard to do the same thing. Mute is controlled by pressing Command-.

Setting UNIX Expert mode: Drag the scroll bar to the right until you can see this picture: 

Click on the icon, and then select the box labelled **UNIX Expert.** UNIX Expert mode lets you see files which are normally hidden from view.

There are many other sections, including a way to change your password, set the default starting point for your menus, and change the way your clock icon looks. Play around with this application until you have everything as you would like it. Don’t worry about sections you don’t understand–just don’t change any of them!