The Services Menu

This menu contains commands that invoke services provided by the system or by other applications.   All the commands in the menu will be placed there by the Application Kit from information furnished by the service provider (so there's no need to specify where commands should be added).   Applications must provide an empty Services menu for the Kit to fill in, and a Services command in the main menu.

Applications can specify how commands that request their services should be worded.   The following guidelines apply:

· Each command should begin with a verb and should name the application that will respond to the request. If the name of the application can be interpreted as a verb, it can be the first word of a command phrase (e.g., ªChart Selectionº).   Otherwise, the verb that begins the command should be followed by a preposition and the name of the responding application (ªOpen from Workspace,º ªDefine in Websterº).

· If an application responds to more than one service request, it can arrange the commands in a submenu under the application's name.   Commands in the submenu would not have to name the application, but should, like all other commands, begin with a verb.
(However, if the application name is commonly interpreted as a verb, the submenu commands can consist of words that would meaningfully follow the application name in a phrase, much as the commands in the Paste As menu.   For example, Mail provides a Services submenu titled ªMailº which has the items ªSelectionº and ªDocument.º