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(int)activate:(int)contextNumber

Makes the application identified by contextNumber the active application. The argument contextNumber is the context number of the application to be activated. Normally, you shouldn't invoke this method through the application responsible for proper activation. Returns the PostScript context number of application that was previously active, activateSelf:, deactivateSelf

(int)activateSelf:(BOOL)flag

Makes the receiving application the active application. If flag is NO, the application is activated only if the application is currently active. Normally, this method is invoked with flag set to NO. When the application launches an application, it deactivates itself, so activateSelf:NO allows the application to become active again for it to launch, but the application remains unobtrusive if the user activates another application. If flag is YES, the application will always activate. Regardless of the setting of flag, there may be a time lag before the application becomes active; you should not assume that the application will be active immediately after sending this message.

Note that you can make one of your Windows the key window without changing the active application by sending the makeKeyWindow message to a Window, you simply ensure that the Window will be the key window when the application is active.

You should rarely need to invoke this method. Under most circumstances the Application Kit takes care of activation. However, you might find this method useful if you implement your own methods for inter-application communication. This method returns the PostScript context number of the previously active application.

activeApp, activate:, deactivateSelf, makeKeyWindow (Window)

(int)activeApp

Returns the active application's PostScript context number. If no application is active, returns zero. See also deactivateSelf, activateSelf:

addWindowsItem:aWindow  
title:(const char \*)aString  
filename:(BOOL)isFilename

Adds an item to the Windows menu corresponding to the Window aWindow. If isFilename is NO, aString is placed literally in the menu. If isFilename is YES, aString is assumed to be a converted name with the name of the path (the way Window's setTitleAsFilename: method shows a title). If an item for aWindow is already in the Windows menu, this method has no effect. You rarely invoke this method because an item is placed in the Windows menu for you whenever a Window's title is set. Returns self.

changeWindowsItem:title:filename:, setTitle: (Window), setTitleAsFilename: (Window)

appIcon

`(int)applicationDidLaunch:(const char *)appName`

Notification from the Workspace Manager that the application whose name is `appName` has launched. The messages the Application will receive if it has previously sent the Workspace Manager the message `beginListeningForApplicationStatusChanges`.

If the delegate implements the method `app:applicationDidLaunch:`, that message is sent to it. If you don't implement it, the method is handled by the Application subclass object (if you created one). The return value is an integer your application defines and interprets it. If you neither provide a delegate method nor override the default definition simply returns 0.

`app:applicationDidLaunch:` (Application delegate method), `beginListeningForApplicationStatusChanges` (NXWorkspaceRequest protocol)

`(int)applicationDidTerminate:(const char *)appName`

Notification from the Workspace Manager that the application whose name is `appName` has terminated. The messages the Application will receive if it has previously sent the Workspace Manager the message `beginListeningForApplicationStatusChanges`.

If the delegate implements the method `app:applicationDidTerminate:`, that message is sent to it. If you don't implement it, the method is handled by the Application subclass object (if you created one). The return value is an integer your application defines and interprets it. If you neither provide a delegate method nor override the default definition simply returns 0.

`app:applicationDidTerminate:` (Application delegate method), `beginListeningForApplicationStatusChanges` (NXWorkspaceRequest protocol)

`(int)applicationWillLaunch:(const char *)appName`

Notification from the Workspace Manager that the application whose name is `appName` is about to launch. The messages the Application will receive if it has previously sent the Workspace Manager the message `beginListeningForApplicationStatusChanges`.

If the delegate implements the method `app:applicationWillLaunch:`, that message is sent to it. If you don't implement it, the method is handled by the Application subclass object (if you created one). The return value is an integer your application defines and interprets it. If you neither provide a delegate method nor override the default definition simply returns 0.

`app:applicationWillLaunch:` (Application delegate method), `beginListeningForApplicationStatusChanges` (NXWorkspaceRequest protocol)

`appListener`

Returns the Application object's `Listener` object that will receive messages sent to the port `appName` of the application's name. If you don't send a `setAppListener:` message before your application starts running, a `Listener` is created for you. (Note, however, that to communicate with the Workspace Manager to open files, you should send messages to the object that represents the Workspace Manager, returned by the `workspaceManager` method it responds to the NXWorkspaceRequest protocol.)

checkInAs: (Listener), appName, NXPortFromName()

(const char \*)appName

Returns the name under which the Application object has been registered for defaults. This name is used for messaging unless the messaging name was changed by overriding `appListenerPortName`.

`appListenerPortName`

`appSpeaker`

Returns the Application object's Speaker. You can use this object to send messages to other applications.

`setSendPort: (Speaker)`

`arrangeInFront:sender`

Arranges all of the windows listed in the Windows menu in front of all other windows. Windows not listed in the Windows menu are not ordered to the front. Returns self.

`removeWindowsItem:, makeKeyAndOrderFront: (Window)`

`becomeActiveApp`

Sends the `appDidBecomeActive:` message to the Application object's delegate. This method is invoked when the application is activated. You never send a `becomeActiveApp` message directly, but you can override it in a subclass. Returns self.

`activateSelf:, appDidBecomeActive: (delegate method)`

(NXModalSession \*)`beginModalSession:(NXModalSession *)session for:theWindow`

Prepares the application for a modal session with theWindow. In other words, prepares the application so that events get to it only if they occur in theWindow. If session is NULL, an NXModalSession is allocated and given storage is used. (The sender could declare a local NXModalSession variable for this purpose and make it the key window and ordered to the front.

`beginModalSession:for:` should be balanced by `endModalSession:.` If an exception is raised, `beginModalSession:for:` arranges for proper cleanup. Do not use `NX_DURING` constructs to send an `endModalSession:` message if an exception. Returns the NXModalSession pointer that's used to refer to this session.

`runModalSession:, endModalSession:`

`calcTargetForAction:(SEL)theAction`

filename:(BOOL)isFilename

Changes the item for aWindow in the Windows menu to aString. If aWindow doesn't have an item in the menu, this method adds the item. If isFilename is NO, aString appears literally in the menu. If isFilename is YES, aString is assumed to be a converted name with the file's name preceding the path (the way Window.setTitleAsFilename: places a title). Returns self.

addWindowsItem:title:filename:, setTitle: (Window), setTitleAsFilename: (Window)

(const NXScreen \*)colorScreen

Returns the screen that can best represent color. This method will always return a screen, even if no screen is present.

(DPSCContext)context

Returns the Application object's Display PostScript context.

(NXEvent \*)currentEvent

Returns a pointer to the last event the Application object retrieved from the event queue. A pointer to the next event is also passed with every event message.

getNextEvent:waitFor:threshold:, peekNextEvent:waitFor:threshold:

deactivateSelf

Deactivates the application if it's active. Normally, you shouldn't invoke this method the Application object is active for proper deactivation. Returns self.

activeApp, activate:, activateSelf:

delayedFree:theObject

Frees theObject by sending it the free message after the application finishes responding to the current event and gets the next event. If this method is performed during a modal loop, theObject is freed after the modal loop ends. Returns self.

perform:with:afterDelay:cancelPrevious: (DelayedPerform informal protocol)

delegate

Returns the Application object's delegate.

setDelegate:



endModalSession:(NXModalSession \*)session

Cleans up after a modal session. The argument session should be from a previous invocation of be

runModalSession:, beginModalSession:for:

(int)fileOperationCompleted:(int)operation

Notification from the Workspace Manager that the file operation identified by operation has completed. The integer returned by the method that requested the file operation, to wit performFileOperation:so options: (part of NXWorkspaceRequest protocol).

If the delegate implements the method app:fileOperationCompleted:, that message is sent to it. If it doesn't implement it, the method is handled by the Application subclass object (if you created one). The return value is an integer your application defines and interprets it. If you neither provide a delegate method nor override the default definition simply returns 0.

findWindow:(int>windowNum

Returns the Window object that corresponds to the window number windowNum. This method is used for finding the Window object associated with a particular event.

windowNum (Window)

focusView

Returns the View whose focus is currently locked, or nil if no View's focus is locked.

lockFocus (View)

free

Closes all the Application object's windows, breaks the connection to the Window Server, and frees the Application object.

(NXEvent \*)getNextEvent:(int)mask

Gets the next event from the Window Server and returns a pointer to its event record. This method is used by getNextEvent:waitFor:threshold: with an infinite timeout and a threshold of NX\_MODALRESPONSE.

getNextEvent:waitFor:threshold, run, runModalFor:, currentEvent

(NXEvent \*)getNextEvent:(int)mask  
waitFor:(double)timeout

to do this in response to a mouse-down event in order to track the mouse while it's down. In this case, the mask to accept mouse-dragged, mouse-entered, mouse-exited, or mouse-up events.

level determines what other procedures should be performed when the event queue is examined. The procedures to deal with timed-entries, procedures to handle messages received on ports, or procedures to read from files. Any such procedure that needs to be called will be called if its priority (specified when registered) is equal to or higher than level.

In general, modal responders should pass `NX_MODALRESPTHRESHOLD` for level. The main modal responder should pass the threshold of `NX_BASETHRESHOLD`, allowing all procedures (except those registered with a higher priority) to be invoked if needed.

`peekNextEvent:waitFor:threshold:run, runModalFor:`

`getScreens:(const NXScreen **)list count:(int *)numScreens`

Gets screen information for every screen connected to the system. A pointer to an array of `NXScreen` structures is placed in the variable indicated by `list`, and the number of `NXScreen` structures in that array is placed in the integer variable `numScreens`. The list of `NXScreen` structures belongs to the Application object it should not be altered. Returns self.

`getScreenSize:(NXSize *)theSize`

Gets the size of the main screen, in units of the screen coordinate system, and places it in the structure `theSize`. Returns self.

`getWindowNumbers:(int **)list count:(int *)numWindows`

Gets the window numbers for all the Application object's `Windows`. A pointer to a non-NULL-terminated array of integers is placed in the variable indicated by `list`. The number of entries in this array is placed in the integer variable `numWindows`. The order of window numbers in the array is the same as their order in the `Windows` array, which is their front-to-back order on the screen. The application is responsible for freeing the list. Returns self.

`hide:sender`

Collapses the application's `graphicsEnvironment` including all its windows, menus, and panels into a single window. The `hide:` message is usually sent using the `Hide` command in the application's main Menu. Returns self.

`unhide:`

`(const char *)hostName`

Returns the name of the host machine on which the Window Server that serves the Application object is running. The `hostName` method returns the name that was passed to the receiving Application object through the `NXHost` object.

(BOOL)isHidden

Returns YES if the application is currently hidden, and NO if it isn't.

(BOOL)isJournalable

Returns YES if the application can be journaled, and NO if it can't. By default, applications can be journaled. Journaling is handled by the NXJournaler class.

setJournalable:

(BOOL)isRunning

Returns YES if the application is running, and NO if the stop: method has ended the main event loop. Methods: run, stop:, terminate:

keyWindow

Returns the key Window, that is, the Window that receives keyboard events. If there is no key Window, or if the key Window belongs to another application, this method returns nil.

mainWindow, isKeyWindow (Window)

loadNibFile:(const char \*)filename owner:anOwner

Loads interface objects from a NeXT Interface Builder (nib) file. The argument anOwner is the object that is the owner of the file's Owner in Interface Builder's File window. The objects and their names are read from the nib file. Storage allocated from the default zone.

Objects that were archived in the nib file (standard objects from an Interface Builder palette) are sent an init message and awake messages other objects are instantiated and are sent an init message.

Returns non-nil if the file filename is successfully opened and read, and nil otherwise.

Invoking loadNibFile:owner: is equivalent to invoking loadNibFile:owner:withNames:fromZone: with the following argument values indicate that names should also be loaded and that memory should be allocated from the default zone:

loadNibFile:owner:withNames:fromZone:, NXDefaultMallocZone(), awake (Object), init (Object)

loadNibFile:(const char \*)filename  
owner:anObject  
withNames:(BOOL)flag

Loads interface objects from a NeXT Interface Builder (nib) file. The argument anOwner is the object that is the owner of the file's Owner in Interface Builder's File window. The objects are read from the specified interface file.

```
loadNibFile:(const char *)filename
            owner:anOwner
            withNames:(BOOL)flag
            fromZone:(NXZone *)zone
```

Loads interface objects from a NeXT Interface Builder (nib) file. The argument `anOwner` is the object that corresponds to the "File's Owner" in Interface Builder's File window. The objects are read into memory allocated from the zone `anOwner` points to. If `withNames` is YES, the objects' names are also loaded. Names must be loaded if you use `NXGetNamedObject()` but are not otherwise required. Objects that were archived in the nib file (standard objects from an Interface Builder palette) are sent `finishUnarchiving` and `awake` messages other objects are instantiated and are sent an `init` message.

Returns non-nil if the file `filename` is successfully opened and read.

`awake (Object), init (Object)`

```
loadNibSection:(const char *)name owner:anOwner
```

Loads interface objects and their names from the source identified by `name`. To find the source, the method searches in the following order:

- First, for a section named `name` within the `__NIB` segment of the application's executable file. (Older versions of Interface Builder routinely put nib sections, but not where Project Builder puts them. This method will be here only if the application was compiled by an earlier version of Interface Builder.)
- Second, if no such section exists, the method searches certain language directories within the main bundle. The search path is `name.name` and type `"nib"`, and if it finds one it loads the interface objects from there. It searches the language directories that the user specified for this application, or (if none) those specified by the user's preferences (see `systemLanguages`).
- Third, if there's no file named `name` in the main bundle's relevant language directories, it looks for a file named `name` and type `"nib"` in the main bundle (but outside the `lproj` directories).

The argument `anOwner` is the object that corresponds to the "File's Owner" object in Interface Builder. The loaded objects are allocated memory from the default zone.

Objects that were archived in the nib file (standard objects from an Interface Builder palette) are sent `finishUnarchiving` and `awake` messages other objects are instantiated and are sent an `init` message.

Returns non-nil if the section or file is successfully opened and read.

Invoking `loadNibSection:owner:` is equivalent to invoking `loadNibSection:owner:withNames:fromZone:`. Additional arguments indicate that names should also be loaded and that memory should be allocated from the zone `fromZone`.

`NXDefaultMallocZone()`, `+ mainBundle (NXBundle)`, `getPath:forResource:ofType: (NXBundle)`, `awake (Object)`

```
loadNibSection:(const char *)name
            owner:anOwner
            withNames:(BOOL)flag
```

Invoking `loadNibSection:owner:withNames` is equivalent to invoking `loadNibSection:owner:withNames:fromZone:` when the additional argument indicates that memory should be allocated from the default zone.

`awake (Object), init (Object)`

```
loadNibSection:(const char *)name  
    owner:anOwner  
    withNames:(BOOL)flag  
    fromHeader:(const struct mach_header *)header
```

Loads interface objects from a section within a dynamically loaded object file—that is, from a file within an application's main bundle. The argument `header` identifies the file, as returned by the function `objc_getClassFile`. The argument `name` identifies a named section within the file's `__NIB` segment. When no such file exists, the system searches the executable file's bundle, first within its language subdirectories, as described above for `NSBundle`.  
`owner`: instance method.

The argument `anOwner` is the object that corresponds to the "File's Owner" object in Interface Builder. Memory for the loaded objects is allocated from the default zone. When `flag` is YES, the objects' names must be loaded if you use `NXGetNamedObject()` to get at the objects, but are not otherwise required.

Objects that were archived in the nib file (standard objects from an Interface Builder palette) are sent `awake` and `init` messages; other objects are instantiated and are sent an `init` message.

A class can use this method in its `finishLoading` class method to load interface data objects required by the class but stored separately (for example, because the same interface objects are also used by other classes).

Returns non-nil if the section or file is successfully opened and read.

Invoking `loadNibSection:owner:withNames:fromHeader:` is equivalent to invoking `loadNibSection:owner:withNames:fromHeader:fromZone:` when the additional arguments indicate that names should also be loaded and memory should be allocated from the default zone.

`awake (Object), init (Object)`

```
loadNibSection:(const char *)name  
    owner:anOwner  
    withNames:(BOOL)flag  
    fromHeader:(const struct mach_header *)header  
    fromZone:(NXZone *)zone
```

Loads interface objects from a section within a dynamically loaded object file—that is, from a file within an application's main bundle. The argument `header` identifies the file, as returned by the function `objc_getClassFile`. The argument `name` identifies a named section within the file's `__NIB` segment. When no such file exists, the system searches the executable file's bundle, first within its language subdirectories, as described above for `NSBundle`.  
`owner`: instance method.

The argument `anOwner` is the object that corresponds to the "File's Owner" object in Interface Builder. Memory for the loaded objects is allocated from the zone specified by `zone`. When `flag` is YES, the objects' names must be loaded if you use `NXGetNamedObject()` to get at the objects, but are not otherwise required. Objects that were archived in the nib file (standard objects from an Interface Builder palette) are sent `awake` and `init` messages; other objects are instantiated and are sent an `init` message.

A class can use this method in its `finishLoading` class method to load interface data objects required by the class but stored separately (for example, because the same interface objects are also used by other classes).

Returns non-nil if the section is successfully opened and read.

Loads interface objects and their names from the source identified by name. The source may be a executable file, or a file within the application bundle, as described above for the loadNibSection: method.

The argument anOwner is the object that corresponds to the "File's Owner" object in Interface Builder. When flag is YES, the objects' names are also loaded. Names must be loaded if you use NXGetNamedNibSection: to load the objects, but are not otherwise required. Memory for the loaded objects is allocated from the zone. Objects that were archived in the nib file (standard objects from an Interface Builder palette) are sent awake messages other objects are instantiated and are sent an init message.

Returns non-nil if the section or file is successfully opened and read, and nil otherwise.

loadNibSection:owner:withNames:fromHeader:fromZone:, awake (Object), init (Object)

mainMenu

Returns the Application object's main Menu.

(const NXScreen \*)mainScreen

Returns the main screen. If there is only one screen, that screen is returned. Otherwise, this method returns the screen of the key window's screen. If there is no key window, it attempts to return the main menu's screen. If there is no main menu, this method returns the screen that contains the screen coordinate system origin.

screen (Window)

mainWindow

Returns the main Window. This method returns nil if there is no main window, if the main window is not visible, or if the application is hidden.

keyWindow, isMainWindow (Window)

makeWindowsPerform:(SEL)aSelector inOrder:(BOOL)flag

Sends the Application object's Windows a message to perform the aSelector method. The message is sent to the first Window in turn until one of them returns YES this method then returns that Window. If no Window returns YES, the method returns nil.

If flag is YES, the Application object's Windows receive the aSelector message in the front-to-back order in which they appear in the Window Server's window list. If flag is NO, Windows receive the message in the order in which they appear in the Application object's window list. This order generally reflects the order in which the Windows were created.

The method designated by aSelector can't take any arguments.

masterJournaler

Returns the Application object's master journaler. Journaling is handled by the NXJournaler class. The Application object's slaveJournaler:

Invoked by the Workspace Manager when the device identified by fullPath has completed mounting. The application should directly send a mounted: message. This is one of the messages the Application will receive if it has registered with the Workspace Manager the message beginListeningForDeviceStatusChanges.

If the delegate implements the method app:mounted:, that message is sent to it. If the delegate does not implement the method, it is handled by the Application subclass object (if you created one). The return value is an application defines and interprets it. If you neither provide a delegate method nor override in a subclass definition simply returns 0.

unmounting:ok:, unmounted:

(int)openFile:(const char \*)fullPath ok:(int \*)flag

Responds to a remote message requesting the application to open a file. openFile:ok: is typically sent from the Workspace Manager, although an application can send it directly to another application. The application object's delegate is queried with appAcceptsAnotherFile: and if the result is YES, it's sent an app:openFile: message. If the delegate doesn't respond to either of these messages, they're sent to the Application object (if you created one).

The variable pointed to by flag is set to YES if the file is successfully opened, NO if the file is not found, and 1 if the application does not accept another file. Returns zero.

app:openFile:type: (delegate method), openTempFile:ok:, openFile:ok: (Speaker)

(int)openTempFile:(const char \*)fullPath ok:(int \*)flag

Same as the openFile:ok: method, but app:openTempFile:type: is sent. Returns 0.

app:openTempFile:type: (delegate method), openTempFile:ok: (Speaker)

orderFrontColorPanel:sender

Displays the color panel. Returns self.

orderFrontDataLinkPanel:sender

Displays the data link panel. It does this by sending an orderFront: message to the shared instance of the panel (if need be, creating a new one). Returns self.

(NXEvent \*)peekAndGetNextEvent:(int)mask

This method is similar to getNextEvent:waitFor:threshold: with a zero timeout and a threshold of NX\_MODALRESPTHRESHOLD.

getNextEvent:waitFor:threshold, run, runModalFor:, currentEvent, peekNextEvent:into:

into:(NXEvent \*)eventPtr  
waitFor:(float)timeout  
threshold:(int)level

This method is similar to getNextEvent:waitFor:threshold: except the matching event isn't removed nor is it placed in currentEvent instead, it's copied into storage pointed to by eventPtr.

If no matching event is found, NULL is returned otherwise, eventPtr is returned.

getNextEvent:waitFor:threshold:, run, runModalFor:, currentEvent

powerOff:(NXEvent \*)theEvent

A powerOff: message is generated when a power-off event is sent from the Window Server. As a Workspace Manager and login window should respond to this event. If the application was launched from the Workspace Manager, this method does nothing instead, the Application object will wait for the powerOffIn:andSave: message from the Workspace Manager. If the application wasn't launched from the Workspace Manager, this method delegates a powerOff: message, assuming there's a delegate and it implements the method. Applications launched from the Workspace Manager are not fully supported, and are not guaranteed any amount of time to respond to this message. However, applications launched from the Workspace Manager can request additional time from within the app:powerOffIn:andSave method. Returns self.

app:powerOffIn:andSave: (delegate method), powerOffIn:andSave:

(int)powerOffIn:(int)ms andSave:(int)aFlag

You never invoke this method directly it's sent from the Workspace Manager. The delegate or your Application will be given the chance to receive the app:powerOffIn:andSave message. The aFlag parameter has a particular meaning and can be ignored. This method raises an exception, so it never returns.

app:powerOffIn:andSave: (delegate method)

preventWindowOrdering

Suppresses the usual window ordering behavior entirely. Most applications will not need to use this method. Application Kit support for dragging will call it when dragging is initiated.

printInfo

Returns the Application object's global PrintInfo object. If none exists, a default one is created.

registerServicesMenuSendTypes:(const char \*const \*)sendTypes andReturnTypes:(const char \*const \*)returnTypes

Registers pasteboard types that the application can send and receive in response to service requests. When a Services menu, a menu item is added for each service provider that can accept one of the specified return types. This method should typically be invoked at application startup time when the first application that can use services is created. It can be invoked more than once its purpose is to ensure that there are no missing services that the application may use. The individual items will be dynamically enabled and disabled as needed.



Removes the item for a window in the Windows menu. Note that this method doesn't prevent the item from being automatically added again, so you must use Window's `setExcludedFromWindowsMenu:` method if you want the item to remain excluded from the Windows menu. Returns self.

`changeWindowsItem:title:filename:`, `setExcludedFromWindowsMenu:` (Window)

`(port_t)replyPort`

Returns the Application object's reply port. This port is allocated for you automatically by the run method. It is the default reply port which can be shared by all the Application object's Speakers.

`setReplyPort:` (Speaker)

`resignActiveApp`

This method is invoked immediately after the application is deactivated. You never send `resignActiveApp:` directly, but you could override this method in your Application object to notice when your application is deactivated. Alternatively, your delegate could implement `appDidResignActive:`. Returns self.

`deactivateSelf:`, `appDidResignActive:` (delegate method)

`rightMouseDown:(NXEvent *)theEvent`

Pops up the main Menu. Returns self.

`run`

Initiates the Application object's main event loop. The loop continues until a `stop:` or `terminate:` message is received. Each iteration through the loop, the next available event from the Window Server is stored, and is then processed by sending the event to the Application object using `sendEvent:`.

A run message should be sent as the last statement from `main()`, after the application's objects have been initialized. Returns self if terminated by `stop:`, but never returns if terminated by `terminate:`.

`runModalFor:`, `sendEvent:`, `stop:`, `terminate:`, `appDidInit:` (delegate method)

`(int)runModalFor:theWindow`

Establishes a modal event loop for theWindow. Until the loop is broken by a `stopModal:` message, the application won't respond to any mouse, keyboard, or window-close events unless they are sent to theWindow. If `stopModal:` is used to stop the modal event loop, this method returns the argument to `stopModal:`. If `abortModal:` is used, it returns the constant `NX_RUNSTOPPED`. If `abortModal:` is used, it returns the constant `NX_RUNABORTED`. This method is functionally similar to the following:

session are dispatched as normal this method returns when there are no more events. You must invoke frequently enough that the window remains responsive to events.

If the modal session was not stopped, this method returns NX\_RUNCONTINUES. If stopModal was invoked as a result of event procession, NX\_RUNSTOPPED is returned. If stopModal: was invoked, this method returns the message passed to stopModal:. The NX\_abortModal exception raised by abortModal isn't caught.

beginModalSession:, endModalSession, stopModal:, stopModal, runModalFor:

runPageLayout:sender

Brings up the Application object's Page Layout panel, which allows the user to select the page size.  
Returns self.

(BOOL)sendAction:(SEL)aSelector to:aTarget from:sender

Sends an action message to an object. If aTarget is nil, the Application object looks for an object that responds to the message that is, for an object that implements a method matching aSelector. It begins with the first responder in the key window. If the first responder can't respond, it tries the first responder's next responder and continues until a responder links up the Responder chain. If none of the objects in the key window's responder chain responds to the message, the Application object attempts to send the message to the key Window's delegate.

If the delegate doesn't respond and the main window is different from the key window, NXApp becomes the first responder in the main window. If objects in the main window can't respond, the Application object attempts to send the message to the main window's delegate. If still no object has responded, NXApp tries to handle the message. If NXApp can't respond, it attempts to send the message to its own delegate.

Returns YES if the action is applied otherwise returns NO.

sendEvent:(NXEvent \*)theEvent

Sends an event to the Application object. You rarely send sendEvent: messages directly although you can override this method to perform some action on every event. sendEvent: messages are sent from the Application object's run method). sendEvent is the method that dispatches events to the appropriate responders the Application object handles application events, the Window indicated in the event record handles window related events, and messages are forwarded to the appropriate Window for further dispatching. Returns self.

setAutoupdate:

servicesMenu

Returns the Application object's Services menu. Returns nil if no Services menu has been created.

setServicesMenu:

setAppListener:aListener

Sets the Application object's Speaker. If you don't send a `setAppSpeaker:` message before the Application initializes, a default Speaker is created for you. This method doesn't free the Application object's object.

`appWillInit:` (delegate method)

`setAutoupdate:(BOOL)flag`

Turns on or off automatic updating of the application's windows. (Until this message is sent, auto-updating is enabled.) When automatic updating is on, an update message is sent to each of the application's windows after an event has been processed. This can be used to keep the appearance of menus and panels synchronized with the application. Returns self.

`updateWindows`

`setDelegate:anObject`

Sets the Application object's delegate. The notification messages that a delegate can expect to receive are defined at the end of the Application class specification. The delegate doesn't need to implement all the methods.

`delegate`

`setImportAlpha:(BOOL)flag`

Determines whether your application will accept translucent colors in objects it receives. This affects the `View` method `acceptsColor:atPoint:`, or by `NXColorPanel`'s `dragColor:withEvent:fromView:`. It also affects internal programmatic manipulations of colors.

A pixel may be described by its color (values for red, blue, and green) and also by its opacity, meaning how much it is hidden by other pixels. When alpha is 1.0, a color is completely opaque and thus hides anything beneath it. When alpha is 0, the effective color is derived partly from the color of the object itself and partly from the color of the object behind it. When flag is YES, the application accepts a color that includes an alpha coefficient, and forces the use of alpha for a source where alpha was not specified. In addition, when flag is YES, a `ColorPanel` opened with this flag includes an opacity slider.

When the Application has received a `setImportAlpha:` message with flag set to NO, all imported colors have an alpha value of `NX_NOALPHA`, and there's no opacity slider in the `ColorPanel`. The default state is YES and alpha.

This method has the same effect as the `NXColorPanel` method `setShowAlpha:`. The only difference is that `setImportAlpha:` even before an `NXColorPanel` has been instantiated. Since the two methods set the same flag, each can reverse the effect of the other.

Returns self.

`doesImportAlpha`, `doesShowAlpha` (`NXColorPanel`), `setShowAlpha:` (`NXColorPanel`)

`setJournalable:(BOOL)flag`

mainMenu

setPrintInfo:info

Sets the Application object's global PrintInfo object. Returns the previous PrintInfo object, or nil if none exists.  
printInfo

setServicesMenu:aMenu

Makes aMenu the Application object's Services menu. Returns self.  
servicesMenu

setWindowsMenu:aMenu

Makes aMenu the Application object's Windows menu. Returns self.  
windowsMenu

showHelpPanel:sender

Shows the application's Help panel. If no Help panel yet exists, the method first creates a default Help panel. If a delegate implements app:willShowHelpPanel:, notifies it. Returns self.

slaveJournaler

Returns the Application object's slave journaler if one exists, or nil if not. The slave journaler is called by the application if these two conditions are met:

- Your application allows journaling (see setJournalable:)
  - Some application running concurrently with yours (or your application itself) starts a journaling session.
- See the NXJournaler class specification for more information.

masterJournaler:

stop:sender

Stops the main event loop. This method will break the flow of control out of the run method, there is no return from the main() function. A subsequent run message will restart the loop.

If this method is applied during a modal event loop, it will break that loop but not the main event loop.  
terminate:, run, runModalFor:, runModalSession:

stopModal:(int)returnCode

Just like stopModal except argument returnCode allows you to specify the value that runModalFor returns. Returns self.

stopModal, runModalFor:, abortModal

(const char \*const \*)systemLanguages

Returns a list of the names of languages in order of the user's preference. If your application will respect the user's language preference, this method is the way to discover what the preferences are. The return is a NSArray of pointers to NULL-terminated strings.

If the user has recorded preferences specific to the application now in use, the method returns them. If the user has recorded no preferences for the application, but has recorded a global preference, the method returns that preference. (Note that just because the user has recorded a preference doesn't mean that the language is the user's preference installed on the host that is executing the application.) If this method returns NULL, the user has no preferences recorded.

terminate:sender

Terminates the application. (This is the default action method for the application's Quit menu item.) terminate: invokes applicationWillTerminate: to notify the delegate that the application will terminate. If applicationWillTerminate: returns nil, terminate: returns self control is returned to the main event loop, and the application is terminated. Otherwise, this method frees the Application object and calls exit() to terminate the application. Note that any cleanup code in your application's main() function it will never be executed.

stop, applicationWillTerminate: (delegate method), exit()

(BOOL)tryToPerform:(SEL)aSelector with:anObject

Aids in dispatching action messages. The Application object tries to perform the method aSelector on the object with: using the Responder method tryToPerform:with:. If the Application object doesn't perform aSelector, the object has the opportunity to perform it using its inherited Object method perform:with:. If either the Application object or the object perform aSelector, this method returns YES otherwise it returns NO.

tryToPerform:with: (Responder), respondsTo: (Object), perform:with: (Object)

(int)unhide

Responds to an unhide message sent from Workspace Manager. You shouldn't invoke this method directly. Instead, use Workspace Manager's unhide: instead. Returns zero.

unhide:

unhide:sender

Unmounts the application but doesn't make it the active application. You might want to invoke activateSelf: invoking this method to make the receiving application active if there is no active application. Returns self.

hide:, activateSelf:

(int)unmounted:(const char \*)fullPath

Invoked by the Workspace Manager when it has completed unmounting the device identified by fullPath. The Application object directly send an unmounted: message. This is one of the messages the Application will receive if it is listening to the Workspace Manager the message beginListeningForDeviceStatusChanges.

If the delegate implements the method app:unmounted:, that message is sent to it. If the delegate does not implement the method, the method is handled by the Application subclass object (if you created one). The return is an arbitrary integer your application defines and interprets it. If you neither provide a delegate method nor override in a subclass, the default definition simply returns 0.

mounted:, unmounting:ok:

(int)unmounting:(const char \*)fullPath ok:(int \*)flag

Invoked and sent to all active applications when the Workspace Manager has received a request to unmount the device identified by fullPath. This serves to warn applications that may be making use of the device. You can respond by sending unmounting:ok: messages.

The method sets flag to point to YES to indicate that the Application assents to unmounting, and NO otherwise.

If the delegate implements the method app:unmounting:, that message is sent to it, and flag is set to YES. If the delegate doesn't implement app:unmounting:, the method is handled by the Application subclass object (if you created one). The default behavior is to close all files on the device, and if the current working directory is on the device, to change the current working directory to the user's home directory.

The return value is an arbitrary integer your application defines and interprets it. If you neither provide a delegate method nor override in a subclass, the default definition simply returns 0.

updateWindows

Sends an update message to the Application object's visible Windows. When automatic updating is enabled, this method is invoked automatically in the main event loop after each event. An application can also send updateWindows: messages at other times to have Windows update themselves.

If the delegate implements appWillUpdate:, that message is sent to the delegate before the window updates. Similarly, if the delegate implements appDidUpdate:, that message is sent to the delegate after the window updates. Returns self.

setAutoupdate:, appWillUpdate: (delegate method), appDidUpdate: (delegate method)

updateWindowsItem:aWindow

Updates the item for aWindow in the Windows menu to reflect the edited status of aWindow. You can call this method because it is invoked automatically when the edited status of a Window is set. Returns self.

changeWindowsItem:title:filename:, setDocEdited: (Window)

Messages to perform this method are initiated by the Services menu.

validRequestorForSendType:andReturnType: (Responder), registerServicesMenuSendTypes:and writeSelectionToPasteboard:types: (Object), readSelectionFromPasteboard: (Object)

windowList

Returns the List object used to keep track of all the Application object's Windows, including Menu. In the current implementation, this list also contains global (shared) Windows.

windowsMenu

Returns the Application object's Windows menu. Returns nil if no Windows menu has been created.

app:sender applicationDidLaunch:(const char \*)appName

Implement this method to respond to an applicationDidLaunch: message sent from the Workspace Manager (an Application object), informing it that an application named appName has launched. This is one of the messages that the Workspace Manager will receive if it has previously sent the Workspace Manager the message beginListeningForApplicationStatusChanges.

applicationDidLaunch:

app:sender applicationDidTerminate:(const char \*)appName

Implement this method to respond to an applicationDidTerminate: message sent from the Workspace Manager (an Application object), informing it that an application named appName has terminated. This is one of the messages that the Workspace Manager will receive if it has previously sent the Workspace Manager the message beginListeningForApplicationStatusChanges.

applicationDidTerminate:

app:sender applicationWillLaunch:(const char \*)appName

Implement this method to respond to an applicationWillLaunch: message sent from the Workspace Manager (an Application object), informing it that an application named appName is about to launch. This is one of the messages that the Workspace Manager will receive if it has previously sent the Workspace Manager the message beginListeningForApplicationStatusChanges.

applicationWillLaunch:

app:sender fileOperationCompleted:(int)operation

Implement this method to respond to a mounted: message sent from the Workspace Manager to send (to the Application object), informing it that a device (for example a floppy disk or an optical disk) has been mounted. The Application will receive the messages the Application will receive if it has previously sent the Workspace Manager the message beginListeningForDeviceStatusChanges.

mounted:

```
(int)app:sender  
    openFile:(const char *)filename  
    type:(const char *)aType
```

Invoked from within openFile:ok: after it has been determined that the application can open another file. The method should attempt to open the file of type type and name filename, returning YES if the file is successfully opened, and NO otherwise. (Although a file's type may by convention be reflected in its name, type is not a synonym for filename. filename should not exclude part of the name just because it can sometimes be inferred from type.)

This method is also invoked from within openTempFile:ok: if neither the delegate nor the Application can open the file. The method should attempt to open the file of type type and name filename, returning YES if the file is successfully opened, and NO otherwise.

openFile:ok:, openTempFile:ok:, app:openFileWithoutUI:type:, app:openTempFile:type:

```
(NXDataLinkManager *)app:sender  
    openFileWithoutUI:(const char *)filename  
    type:(const char *)type
```

Sent to the delegate when sender (an Application) requests that the file of type type and name filename be opened. The file is to be opened without bringing up its application's user interface that is, without user interaction. The file is opened under programmatic control of sender, rather than under keyboard control of the user.

Returns a pointer to the NXDataLinkManager that will coordinate data flow between the two applications.

app:openFile:type:

```
(int)app:sender  
    openTempFile:(const char *)filename  
    type:(const char *)aType
```

Invoked from within openTempFile:ok: after it has been determined that the application can open another file. The method should attempt to open the file filename with the extension aType, returning YES if the file is successfully opened, and NO otherwise.

By design, a file opened through this method is assumed to be temporary it's the application's responsibility to close the file at the appropriate time.

openFile:ok:, openTempFile:ok:

```
app:sender powerOffIn:(int)ms andSave:(int)aFlag
```

Invoked from the powerOffIn:andSave: method after the Workspace Manager receives a power-off message. The method is invoked only if the application was launched from the Workspace Manager. The argument ms is the number of milliseconds to wait before powering down or logging out. The argument aFlag has no particular meaning.



Implement this method to respond to an `unmounted:` message sent from the Workspace Manager to the Application object), informing it that the device identified by `fullPath` has been unmounted. This is the message the Application will receive if it has previously sent the Workspace Manager a `beginListeningForDevice` message.

`unmounted, app:mounted:`

`(int)app:sender unmounting:(const char *)fullPath`

Invoked when the device mounted at `fullPath` is about to be unmounted. This method is invoked from the Workspace Manager and is invoked only if the application was launched from the Workspace Manager. The Application should do whatever is necessary to allow the device to be unmounted. Specifically, all files on the device should be closed and the current working directory should be changed if it's on the device.

`unmounting:ok:, app:unmounted:`

`app:sender willShowHelpPanel:panel`

Implement this to respond to notice that sender (an Application) has received a `showHelpPanel:` message. Put up the Help panel identified by `panel`. The return value doesn't matter.

`showHelpPanel:`

`(BOOL)appAcceptsAnotherFile:sender`

Invoked from within Application's `openFile:ok:` and `openTempFile:ok:` methods, this method should return YES if it's okay for the application to open another file, and NO if isn't. If neither the delegate nor the Application object respond to the message, then the file shouldn't be opened.

`openFile:ok:, openTempFile:ok:`

`appDidBecomeActive:sender`

Implement to respond to notification sent from the Workspace Manager immediately after the Application becomes active.

`applicationDidLaunch:`

`appDidHide:sender`

Invoked immediately after the application is hidden.

`hide:, unhide:, appDidUnhide: (delegate method)`

`appDidInit:sender`

becomeActiveApp, resignActiveApp

appDidUnhide:sender

Invoked immediately after the application is unhidden.

hide:, unhide:, appDidHide: (delegate method)

appDidUpdate:sender

Invoked immediately after the Application object updates its Windows.

updateWindows, updateWindowsItem:, appWillUpdate: (delegate method)

applicationDefined:(NXEvent \*)theEvent

Invoked when the application receives an application-defined (NX\_APPDEFINED) event. See the method under "Instance Methods," above.

appWillInit:sender

Invoked before the Application object is initialized. This method is invoked before the Application object's Listener and Speaker objects and before any app:openFile:type: messages are sent to your delegate object's Listener and Speaker objects will be created for you immediately after invoking this method previously created.

appDidInit: (delegate method), appListener, appSpeaker

appWillTerminate:sender

Invoked from within the terminate: method immediately before the application terminates. If this application is not terminated, and control is returned to the main event loop. If you want to allow the application to terminate, you should put your clean up code in this method and return non-nil.

terminate:

appWillUpdate:sender

Invoked immediately before the Application object updates its Windows.

updateWindows, updateWindowsItem:, appDidUpdate: (delegate method)

powerOff:(NXEvent \*)theEvent

