

5. Where to Go From Here

Information

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Accessing Documentation

On OPENSTEP for Mach, several tools help you access documentation:

[SquareBullet.eps](#) ↵ Digital Librarian's **NextDeveloper** bookshelf includes most of the documents described in "Developer Documentation" below, as search targets. This bookshelf, which located at **/NextLibrary/Bookshelves**, also includes instructions for creating your own custom bookshelf.

[711650_SquareBullet.eps](#) ↵ In Project Builder, you can use the Project Find panel to display reference documentation on classes, protocols, methods, functions, and other types.

[829296_SquareBullet.eps](#) ↵ In Project Builder or in a Terminal window, you can issue commands to UNIX's man pages system to display information on command-line tools.

Developer Documentation

The core set of documentation for OPENSTEP is the reference specifications describing OpenStep classes, protocols, methods, functions, types, and constants. The reference documentation for the two major OpenStep

frameworks is stored within the frameworks:

/NextLibrary/Frameworks/AppKit.framework/Resources/English.lproj/Documentation

/NextLibrary/Frameworks/Foundation.framework/Resources/English.lproj/Documentation

Several documents—some printed but most only in on-line form—supplement this core set of documentation. The following table describes these materials directly related to OPENSTEP for Mach; all documents are located at **/NextLibrary/Documentation/NextDev**.

Book/Document	Description	/NexDev Directory
TableHeadRule.eps → <i>Object-Oriented Programming and the Objective-C Language</i> <i>TableRule.eps</i> →	Title says it all (as ObjectiveC)	TasksAndConcepts
<i>OpenStep Development: Tools and Techniques</i> 285525_TableRule.eps →	Using Project Builder, Interface Builder, and other tools in program development	TasksAndConcepts (as DevEnvGuide)
Programming Topics 403052_TableRule.eps →	Contains conceptual background and step-by-step instructions for common programming tasks. (Note : the number of covered topics will grow in the months following release 4.0.)	TasksAndConcepts
General Reference 508888_TableRule.eps →	Display PostScript reference documentation plus information pertinent to all OpenStep frameworks	Reference
Release Notes 604094_TableRule.eps →	Current release notes on frameworks, development applications, and tools	ReleaseNotes

Other Developer Documentation

If you've installed Enterprise Objects Framework, Portable Distributed Objects, or D'OLE, documentation for

these products will also be installed in **/NextLibrary/Documentation/NextDev**. This includes the API reference and *Developer's Guide* for Enterprise Objects Framework, and the *D'OLE Developer's Guide*.

You will also find third-party documentation installed in **/NextLibrary/Documentation**, including reference documentation for the GNU libg++ (C++) library.

System Administration Documentation

Documentation for system administrators of OPENSTEP for Mach networks can find a helpful manual in **/NextLibrary/Documentation/NextAdmin**. This manual describes planning and setting up networks, as well as the creation of user accounts. It also explains details of NFS, discusses administrative tasks such as backups and security, and provides troubleshooting guidelines.

In **/NextLibrary/Documentation**, you'll also find back issues of the magazine for system administrators, *NEXTSTEP In Focus*.

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