

Nifty NEXTSTEP-like Documentation

This is a document that has paragraph, character, and table formats and variables akin to those used in NeXT documentation. If data is typed into this format, it should come out properly formatted (or darn close).

What is the Purpose of this?

To provide a format for documentation that should (hopefully) be regular and good-looking. The model is editable through the normal Frame format panels. I perused a few NeXT documents and tried to reproduce the style I saw.

Reason for Creation

I was writing documentation for another project and I thought it would help if it looked like all the other documentation on the system. Since copying and pasting RTF sounded too tedious, I used this.

Instructions for Use

1. Open this document and the document you want to edit in FrameMaker.
2. Select File then select Use Formats From...
3. Select “NeXTdocumentFormat.frame” and include the following formats:
 - Paragraph formats
 - Character formats
 - Page Layouts
 - Reference Pages
 - Variable Definitions
4. Click “OK” and use the new format definitions.

Warning: The formats might override formats you have with the same name, so it's wise to check out your format names before including these. To guard against this, all the format names from this document begin with “Misc” (also denoting an affiliation with the MiscKit so you'll know which formats came from where).

Format Summary:

MiscHeading

MiscSubheading

MiscSubSubheading

Warning: *MiscWarning*

Note: MiscNote (same as MiscWarning, but with the autonumbering format set to read “Note” instead of “Warning”)

MiscTitle

MiscOverview

MiscBody

- *MiscBulletBody*

MiscCommand&Syntax (normally used in table format of the same name)

MiscDescription (normally used in table format of the same name)

1. MiscIndentedNumberedList1 (use this as the first entry in an indented numbered list.)
2. MiscIndentedNumberedList (use this as the rest of

the entries in the same indented numbered list.
Using MiscIndentedNumberedList1 will reset the list counter.)

A. This is a MiscAlphaSubHeading1 (use this similarly to MiscIndentedNumberedList1)

1. Another MiscIndentedNumberedList.

This is done using the MiscCommand&Syntax paragraph format. A brief example follows:

load file(s)

This is done using the MiscDescription paragraph format.

Include files go here since this is a
MiscFile format inside a
MiscFile&Description table format.

Descriptions of those files go here since
this is a MiscLocation format inside the
second half of a MiscFile&Description table
format.

Using Inline Quotes

If I need to quote some source code, I can use the MiscQuotedCode paragraph format as shown below:

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# (This is in MiscQuotedCode)
# Makefile for Purissima font
#
# DSTROOT specifies where to install font.
DSTROOT = 'echo $$HOME'/Library
Blah...blah...blah...
# EOF
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Now I am done quoting code, so I can return to MiscBody.
MiscBody has spacing before and after, so it ends up handling

the inline stuff like code quotes and (upcoming) diagram inserts with captions.

Here is a picture:

Here is some stuff following the picture. By the way, that silly picture is a grab of the corner of this editing window (in Frame) and the File Viewer window beneath it. That folder is my Sounds folder. I'm sure you were dying to know what that was, so now you know.

What Is Not in this Document?

Localization (supporting different languages) is completely missing from this sample document because:

- Localization will differ from product to product (if the app you're using to edit this even supports localization).
- I don't know what to localize this to.

I'm sure there's tons that isn't here as well, but if you see it in NEXTSTEP documentation, you could include it here and let the rest of the MiscKit users know about it.