

# List (DeepCopy)

**Declared In:** <misckit/MiscListExtensions.h>

## Category Description

This provides the traditional *deep* copy methods for a List class. Rather than simply copying the objects in the List, or their **id** pointers, these methods ask a List object to do a *deep* copy of every object in the list. A deep copy of the List will be a new List containing *new*, *deep*, copies of every single object in the List. (As opposed to simply copying the **id** pointers, which would be a *shallow* copy.) When copying the List's objects, if the objects do not respond to the **±deepCopyFromZone:** method, then the objects are simply sent the **±copyFromZone:** message instead. Note that under NEXTSTEP, the **±copyFromZone:** method is sometimes a shallow copy and sometimes a deep copy. If you want better control over memory management you should implement deep and shallow copy methods for your objects; this category aids in the use of such methods.

## Method Types

Making deep copies of a List

- deepCopy
- deepCopyFromZone:

## Instance Methods

### **deepCopy**

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Returns a copy of the receiving List with <sup>a</sup>deep<sup>o</sup> copies of all the objects in that list.

**See also:** **±copy** (List), **±copyFromZone:** (List), and **±deepCopyFromZone:**

### **deepCopyFromZone:**

- **deepCopyFromZone:**(NXZone \*)*zone*

Returns a copy of the receiving List with <sup>a</sup>deep<sup>o</sup> copies of all the objects in that list. All copies are allocated from the zone *zone*.

**See also:** **±copy** (List), **±copyFromZone:** (List), and **±deepCopy**