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Adds the link link to the document, indicating that the data in the document described by selection is dependent upon the link. This method is invoked as part of the Paste and Link command to actually link in the data that was just pasted. It can also be used at other times for example, to link to files that are dragged into the document.

addLinkAsMarker:(NXDataLink \*)link at:(NXSelection \*)selection

Incorporates link into the document as a marker. This method is used to implement link buttons that link to a source document, but are never asked to receive data from the source document. The link button in the document is described by selection. This method adds the link and, upon success, sets its the link's update mode to NX\_UpdateNever. Returns self upon success, nil otherwise.

The named images "NXLinkButton" and "NXLinkButtonH" can be used (through NXImage's findImageNamed:inBundle: method) to represent ordinary and highlighted link buttons, respectively. These images are shared, so you must use NXImage's copy method) if you need to scale them to a different size.

addLink:at:

(NXDataLink \*)addLinkPreviouslyAt:(NXSelection \*)oldSelection  
fromPasteboard:(Pasteboard \*)pasteboard  
at:(NXSelection \*)selection

Creates and adds a new destination link corresponding to the same source data as the link described by oldSelection. The new link's destination selection is provided in selection. This method adds a new link to the document's links that is already linked. It's similar to copying the old link and adding it using addLink:at:, except it uses the destination selection rather than the old link. Before invoking this method, the document's links must be written to the pasteboard pasteboard using writeLinksToPasteboard:. Returns the new link if it's successfully added, nil if it can't be added or no link for oldSelection existed.

(BOOL)areLinkOutlinesVisible

Used to inform the link manager's delegate of whether link outlines should be drawn around linked data. When the delegate receives a dataLinkManagerRedrawLinkOutlines: message, it should query the link manager's areLinkOutlinesVisible message. If this message returns YES, the delegate should call the NXFrameDrawLinkOutline: function to draw a distinctive link outline around the dependent data.

setLinkOutlinesVisible:

(BOOL)areLinksVerifiedByDelegate

Return YES if the link manager's delegate will be asked to verify whether data based on the delegate's dataLinkManagerNeedsUpdate message needs to be updated. If so, the delegate should implement the dataLinkManager:isUpdateNeededForLink: message. Returns NO by default, but the application can change this by sending the link manager a setLinksVerifiedByDelegate: message.

breakAllLinks

Breaks all the destination links in the document by sending each link a break message. This method is called by the application's data link panel in response to user input. Returns self.

break (NXDataLink), pickedBreakAllLinks: (NXDataLinkPanel)

#### documentClosed

An application should send this message to the link manager to inform it that the manager's document has been closed.  
Returns self.

#### documentEdited

An application should send this message to the link manager to inform it that the manager's document has been edited. If the delegate doesn't track source links individually, this method marks all source links as dirty, indicating that dependent destination data will eventually need to be updated. Returns self.

dataLinkManagerTracksLinksIndividually: (NXDataLinkManager delegate)

#### documentReverted

An application should send this message to the link manager to inform it that the manager's document has been reverted to the last saved copy. This method then restores the link manager and its links to their last saved state (the link manager received a documentSaved or documentSavedAs: message). Returns self.

#### documentSaved

An application should send this message to the link manager to inform it that the manager's document has been saved. This method stores the document's destination links and, if necessary, initiates updates of other documents dependent upon the document's source links. Returns self.

#### documentSavedAs:(const char \*)path

An application should send this message to the link manager to inform it that the manager's document has been saved to the file specified by the full pathname path. This method stores the document's destination links. It also updates the manager's source links, since the documents for those links are not dependent upon the newly saved document.

#### documentSavedTo:(const char \*)path

An application should send this message to the link manager to inform it that a copy of the manager's document has been saved to the file specified by the full pathname path. This method stores the appropriate link information for the new file, and returns self.

#### (const char \*)filename

Returns the name of the file for the link manager's document. This is the name that was set with the documentSetFilename: fromFile: or documentSavedAs: method.

Notifies the link managers of dependent documents that the link manager is going away, and frees the link manager held by the link manager.

`init`

There is no need to call this method use one of the other `init...` methods to initialize a newly allocated `NXDataLinkManager` instance for a new document.

`initWithDelegate:fromFile:`

`initWithDelegate:anObject`

Initializes and returns a newly allocated `NXDataLinkManager` instance for a new document. The link manager delegate, specified by `anObject`, will be expected to provide source data, paste destination data, and help the link manager keep links up-to-date. Before data in the document can be linked to, the document will have to be saved. The link manager will have to be informed of the document's name by a `documentSavedAs:` message.

`initWithDelegate:fromFile:`

`initWithDelegate:anObject fromFile:(const char *)path`

Initializes a newly allocated `NXDataLinkManager` instance for a new document. The link manager delegate, specified by `anObject`, will be expected to provide source data, paste destination data, and help the data link manager keep links up-to-date. The document's file is specified by the full path `path`. The file must exist or be creatable.

See "Methods Implemented by the Delegate" at the end of this class specification for information about what the delegate should implement to assist the link manager.

Returns the new link manager upon success frees the allocated storage and returns nil if initialization fails.

`initWithDelegate:fromFile:`

`(BOOL)interactsWithUser`

Returns YES if the link manager should display alert panels when problems with links occur, NO if the link manager's alert panels are suppressed. This value is set with the `setInteractsWithUser:` method the default value is YES.

`(BOOL)isEdited`

Returns YES if the document has been edited since the last save, or NO if the file for the document has not been edited. The document's edited state is set by the `documentEdited` method, and cleared by `documentSaved` and `documentSavedAs`.

`(NXDataLink *)nextLinkUsing:(NXLinkEnumerationState *)state`

with later invocations of `nextLinkUsing:`. `srcOrDest` must be either `NX_LinkInDestination` or `NX_LinkInSource` to indicate whether the `nextLinkUsing:` method is to return the next destination link or the next source link. Returns self if there is one or more links of the requested type, or nil if there is none.

`setInteractsWithUser:(BOOL)flag`

Instructs the link manager as to whether it should display alert panels when problems with links occur (default value), alert panels will be displayed. Returns self.

`interactsWithUser`

`setLinkOutlinesVisible:(BOOL)flag`

Sets the internal flag indicating to the link manager's delegate whether link outlines ought to be displayed. Returns the flag as returned by `areLinkOutlinesVisible`.

If the link manager's delegate implements the `dataLinkManagerRedrawLinkOutlines:` method, this method is called on the delegate and it should either display link outlines using `NXFrameLinkRect()` or erase link outlines previously displayed, based on the return value of `areLinkOutlinesVisible`.

Returns self.

`setLinksVerifiedByDelegate:(BOOL)flag`

Sets whether the update status of links will be individually verified by the link manager's delegate. The delegate must implement the `dataLinkManager:isUpdateNeededForLink:` method to tell the link manager when a source link needs to be updated.

By default, the update status of an individual link isn't verified by the delegate, so the link manager uses its last update time. An example where this verification could be incorrect might be a link to a query itself doesn't change, the link manager might return that data is up-to-date, even though the query might have changed.

`areLinksVerifiedByDelegate`

`writeLinksToPasteboard:(Pasteboard *)pasteboard`

Writes all the link manager's links to the pasteboard `pasteboard` in preparation for an invocation of `fromPasteboard:at:`, which will expect to find one link matching its specified selection.

The links are written with Pasteboard's `addTypes:num:owner:` method, which doesn't change the pasteboard's change count, using a private pasteboard type.

`copyToPasteboard:(Pasteboard *)pasteboard  
at:(NXSelection *)selection`

This method should return self upon success, or nil if the selection can't be resolved.

pasteFromPasteboard:at: (NXDataLinkManager delegate), declareTypes:num:owner: (Pasteboard owner)  
provideData: (Pasteboard owner)

(NXSelection \*)createSelection

Never invoked by the system.

dataLinkManager:(NXDataLinkManager \*)sender  
didBreakLink:(NXDataLink \*)link

If this method is implemented by the delegate, it will be invoked to inform the delegate that the link has been broken and thus data based on link's destination selection will no longer be updated.

The link shouldn't be sent a free message at this time, because the method that invoked dataLinkManager:didBreakLink: may still reference the link. However, the link can be freed with Application's dealloc. Alternatively, the link could be kept around for a while in order to allow the break operation to be requested, the link could be re-added with addLink:at:.

break (NXDataLink), destinationSelection (NXDataLink)

(BOOL)dataLinkManager:(NXDataLinkManager \*)sender  
isUpdateNeededForLink:(NXDataLink \*)link

A delegate that sends a setLinksVerifiedByDelegate: message to the link manager (indicating that individual links will be verified by the delegate) should implement this method and return YES if the link identified by link's source selection has been modified since the link's last update time.

lastUpdateTime (NXDataLink)

dataLinkManager:(NXDataLinkManager \*)sender  
startTrackingLink:(NXDataLink \*)link

Informs the delegate that another document has established a data link to the link manager's document. The delegate need only implement this method if it returns YES in response to a dataLinkManagerTracksLinksIndividually: message. If the link is a newly added source link the data that it applies to is identified by link's source selection.

dataLinkManagerTracksLinksIndividually:

dataLinkManager:(NXDataLinkManager \*)sender  
stopTrackingLink:(NXDataLink \*)link

Informs the delegate that the former source link link is no longer linked to the document. There are several reasons a link might be removed the destination document could get closed, the link could be explicitly broken, or the application might have died.

dataLinkManagerTracksLinksIndividually:

`dataLinkManagerDidEditLinks:(NXDataLinkManager *)sender`

Informs the delegate that link data has been modified. Since the link data is stored alongside the document, the delegate should be considered part of the document, the delegate should use this notification to mark the document as modified.

`dataLinkManagerRedrawLinkOutlines:(NXDataLinkManager *)sender`

If the delegate implements this method, it will be invoked any time the manager is instructed to show or hide link outlines through `setLinkOutlinesVisible:`. This method should query the link manager with `areLinkOutlinesVisible` to see if link outlines should be displayed. If so, it should invoke `NXFrameLinkRect()` to draw a distinctive outline around linked data otherwise it should display the data without outlines.

`(BOOL)dataLinkManagerTracksLinksIndividually:  
(NXDataLinkManager *)sender`

If the delegate implements this method it should return whether it's willing to track links individually. If the delegate doesn't implement this method, links are not individually tracked. If the delegate implements this method and returns YES, it should also implement `dataLinkManager:startTrackingLink:` and `dataLinkManager:stopTrackingLink:` to manage the links in use.

Many applications do not need to track links individually, but there are several situations where it might be useful. For example, when a link is used. For example, the delegate may want to individually track links in order to compute statistics on destination documents each time data for a link's source selection is modified and an individual link call `updateDestination` message whenever a modification is made that affects the destination.

Additionally, many links may be placed on the pasteboard when data is copied, but few of those links are actually get used. If the application must store selection-state information in the document, it should only store the (and their associated links) that actually get used this method is used to find out if the delegate wants to track if a link gets used.

`importFile:(const char *)filename at:(NXSelection *)selection`

If the application has added a link based on an entire file (that is, used `addLink:at:` to incorporate a link or `initLinkedToFile:`), the delegate must implement this method to import the filename file at the destination selection. This method should return self upon success, or nil if the selection can't be resolved.

`pasteFromPasteboard:(Pasteboard *)pasteboard at:(NXSelection *)selection`

If the application has added an ordinary destination link (that is, used `addLink:at:` to incorporate a link or `initFromPasteboard:` or a related method), the delegate must implement this method to paste the up-to-date data that has been made available on the pasteboard. The destination for the data is described by selection, which is passed to the link manager as an argument to the `addLink:at:` method.

The data is read from the pasteboard just as it is for any ordinary paste see the Pasteboard class specification for more information on reading data from a pasteboard. This method should return self upon success, or nil if the selection can't be resolved.

specified selection selection. This method should scroll the document so the selected data is visible. This method should highlight the selected data using the function `NXFrameLinkRect()` with the argument `isDestination`. This method should return self upon success, or nil if the selection can't be resolved.

`windowForSelection:(NXSelection *)selection`

In an application that serves as a link source, the delegate should implement this method to return the window for the given selection, or nil if the selection can't be resolved.