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Getting the number of references

references

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Increments the number of references to the receiver and returns self.

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Decrements the receiver's reference count, returning self if the reference count remains greater than 0. If the reference count becomes 0, this method deallocates the receiver's storage and returns nil.

A typical implementation for a reference counted object that is vended over a Distributed Objects connection might look like this:

(unsigned int)references

Returns the number of references to the receiver.