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copyFromZone:(NXZone \*)zone

Returns a copy of the receiving data link allocated from zone. The copy is essentially linked to the hooked up to the destination document. The copy has a copy of the receiver's source selection, has selection, and its disposition is NX\_LinkBroken.

addLink:at: (NXDataLinkManager)

(const char \*)destinationAppName

Returns the name (as returned by Application's appName method) of the application containing the sourceAppName

(const char \*)destinationFilename

Returns the file name of the destination document, as set by any of several NXDataLinkManager methods on the destination document.

sourceFilename

(NXSelection \*)destinationSelection

Returns the destination selection, which describes how the linked data is represented in the destination document.  
sourceSelection

(NXDataLinkDisposition)disposition

Identifies the link as a source link, a destination link, or a broken link by returning one of the following

NX\_LinkInDestination

NX\_LinkInSource

NX\_LinkBroken

addLink:at: (NXDataLinkManager), dataLinkManager:startTrackingLink: (NXDataLinkManager)

initWithFile:(const char \*)filename

Initializes a newly allocated NXDataLink instance from filename, a link that was previously saved or writeToFile: method. The new link is generally used by adding it to a destination document's link addLink:at:. Returns the link if it is successfully initialized otherwise frees the link and returns nil

saveLinkIn:, writeToFile:, addLink:at: (NXDataLinkManager)

writeToPasteboard:, saveLinkIn:, addLink:at: (NXDataLinkManager)

initLinkedToFile:(const char \*)filename

Initializes a newly allocated NXDataLink instance corresponding to the entire file filename. The link is a link to a file because it has no source selection. Returns the link if it is successfully initialized otherwise returns nil.

addLink:at: (NXDataLinkManager), writeToPasteboard:, sourceSelection

initLinkedToSourceSelection:(NXSelection \*)selection  
managedBy:linkManager  
supportingTypes:(const char \*const \*)newTypes  
count:(int)numTypes

Initializes a newly allocated NXDataLink instance corresponding to a selection in the source document's selection. linkManager is the source document's link manager. newTypes is an array (with size numTypes) of the pasteboard types that linkManager's delegate is willing to provide (by copyToPasteboard:at:chance) when a user of the link requests the data described by selection.

Typically, when the user uses the Copy command to copy linkable data, this method should be invoked to copy the data corresponding to the data. The new link should be added to the pasteboard (by writeToPasteboard:at:chance) and freed, since it will usually be of no further use to the source document. Many links so placed on the pasteboard are unused and will simply be discarded when the pasteboard changes. If state identifying selection management is used in the source document, the link manager's delegate should find out whether the selection is used by invoking dataLinkManager:startTrackingLink: (to discover if the selection gets used) and the Pasteboard owner's pasteboardChangedOwner: (to discover when the pasteboard has changed, precluding the use of a link in the pasteboard there).

Returns the new link.

copyToPasteboard:at:cheapCopyAllowed: (NXDataLinkManager delegate), dataLinkManager:startTrackingLink: (NXDataLinkManager delegate), pasteboardChangedOwner: (Pasteboard owner)

(time\_t)lastUpdateTime

Returns the last time the link was updated. A link could be updated for many reasons for example, if a document is sent to the source document's link manager telling it that its document was saved, or the link could be updated with an updateDestination message.

setLinksVerifiedByDelegate: (NXDataLinkManager),  
documentSaved (NXDataLinkManager)

(NXDataLinkNumber)linkNumber

Returns a destination link's link-number, which may be useful in identifying the link. This number is unique during the life of the document, and unique among the document's links it is not meaningful in source link.

destination link. Returns self if the source document is successfully opened, nil otherwise.

app:openFile:type: (Application delegate),  
showSelection: (NXDataLinkManager delegate)

saveLinkIn:(const char \*)directoryName

Saves the link with a file name provided by the user. This method should be invoked through the `saveLinkIn:` command. It runs the `SavePanel` to prompt the user for a filename to save the link to. The `SavePanel` is provided in `directoryName`. It then writes the link using the `writeToFile:` method. Returns self if the link is saved nil otherwise.

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setUpdateMode:(NXDataLinkUpdateMode)mode

Sets the link's update mode to mode, which must be one of the following values:

NX\_UpdateContinuously  
NX\_UpdateWhenSourceSaved  
NX\_UpdateManually  
NX\_UpdateNever

A mode of `NX_UpdateContinuously` updates the link's destination data every time a `sourceEdited` message is sent to the source link. A mode of `NX_UpdateWhenSourceSaved` updates the link's destination data every time a `sourceSaved` (or related) message is sent to the source link's link manager. A mode of `NX_UpdateManually` updates the link's destination data every time a `updateDestination` message is sent to the destination link this message is sent programmatically or by the data link panel. A mode of `NX_UpdateNever` makes the link never update its destination data. Once a destination link has been set to this mode, it can't be set back to any other mode until it is broken. (This message is used for link buttons, for example.)

This message only has meaning when sent to a destination link or a broken link. Returns self.

updateMode, break

(const char \*)sourceAppName

Returns the name (as returned by Application's `appName` method) of the application containing the link. Returns destinationAppName

sourceEdited

Sent to a source link to inform it that the data referred to by its source selection has changed. If the link has been set to update continuously, the destination will be updated.

This message only has meaning if sent to a source link. An application will only know of the source link if it is used in its document if the data link manager's delegate tracks links individually and responds to `startTrackingLink:` messages. However, an application doesn't need to track source links individually to allow continuous updating.

document.

destinationFilename

(NXSelection \*)sourceSelection

Returns the source selection, or nil if the link refers to an entire file (in which case the source file contains the entire document).

destinationSelection

(const NXAtom \*)types

Returns the pasteboard types that the source document can provide when the data for the link's source is required.

copyToPasteboard:at:cheapCopyAllowed: (NXDataLinkManager delegate)

updateDestination

Updates the data referred to by the link's destination selection. This message can be sent to a source link or a destination link. If it's sent to a destination link, it will usually open the source document if it isn't open. If it's sent to a source link, it will usually force the destination data to be immediately updated (which is usually desirable than sending the source link a sourceEdited message, since that would allow the update to be delayed until the next time). If the destination must be updated, it will be done by sending a pasteFromPasteboard:at: or pasteFromPasteboard:at:cheapCopyAllowed: message to the destination link manager's delegate.

pasteFromPasteboard:at: (NXDataLinkManager delegate)

(NXDataLinkUpdateMode)updateMode

Returns the link's update mode, which determines when the data referred to by the link's destination selection is updated. Possible return values are:

NX\_UpdateContinuously

NX\_UpdateWhenSourceSaved

NX\_UpdateManually

NX\_UpdateNever

A description of these values can be found in the method description for setUpdateMode:.

writeToFile:(const char \*)filename

Writes the link into the file filename. This allows selections to be published by the file system through the link using initFromFile:. Returns self if the link is successfully written, nil otherwise.

initLinkedToSourceSelection:managedBy:supportingTypes:count:, writeToPasteboard:, saveLinkToPasteboard:

