

# *Introduction*

This manual describes the programming interface for NeXT's Enterprise Objects Framework. It's part of a collection of manuals called the *NEXTSTEP Developer's Library*, which offer assistance to developers creating applications for NEXTSTEP computers.

*Enterprise Objects Framework Reference* documents the application programming interface (API) for the Enterprise Objects Framework, including the classes, protocols, and defined types. It's the companion volume to the *Enterprise Objects Framework Developer's Guide*, which introduces the concepts behind the Framework, describes how to build an application with the Framework, and offers practical advice on programming.

This manual is organized into the following chapters and appendices:

- Chapter 1, "The Access Layer," documents the part of the Framework that communicates with relational databases, creating enterprise objects from the data in tables and managing their relation to those tables.
- Chapter 2, "The Interface Layer," describes the classes and protocols used to present the data borne by enterprise objects in the user interface.
- Chapter 3, "User Interface Objects," describes additional user interface object classes provided by the Framework.
- Appendices A and B describe the features unique to the Oracle 7 and Sybase adaptors. You can use these features for tasks such as advanced error-handling and process monitoring.

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