Support And Service

The Graph object library delivers a high level of data and graph capabilities. To help make the most of these capabilities VVI provides quality support such as:

- **On Site Instruction.** Introduces the architecture and features of the VVI-Class, Kit, and Graphic libraries. Shows how to write applications that control and display data in a graph format, and how the libraries fit into NEXTSTEP. Although experience with NEXTSTEP is recommended, it is not required.

  Syllabus
  - *Demonstration*: Demonstration and use of the application *GraphBuilder*.
  - *Conceptual Model*: Graphic-Plains, Coordinates, and Graphics.
  - *Class Overview*: Segmentation and explanation of the Class, Kit, and Graphic libraries and their respective classes.
  - *Custom Graphics*: How to write your own graphics, with examples provided.
  - *Postscript Optimization*: General discussion of user paths, caches, user objects, and selection of coordinate systems.

- **Technical Support.** Provides support for the VVI libraries in areas such as custom graphics, user interface integration, database integration, graphics optimization, and Objective-C, c++, and postscript language coding.

- **Contract.** Provides reliable and proven expertise which focus on and satisfy your project goals.

- **System Integration.** Provides comprehensive support and service for all aspects of your custom data application and computing needs. VVI is an authorized system integrator, developer, and reseller for many computer manufacturers as well as an authorized reseller of NEXTSTEP.

Licensing

Licensing is designed for both commercial and in-house developers and include the following formats:

- **Developer.** For use where the object libraries and resources are incorporated into applications for in-house use and distribution only. The libraries and technical support for the first year or on-site instruction must be purchased. Up to 5 in-house developers may use the libraries without additional fees.

- **Commercial.** For general use and distribution of your application with the VVI object code incorporated. The libraries, technical support for the first year, and on-site instruction must be purchased. Additional fees are structured on a royalty basis or single up-front purchase. Contact VVI for additional information.

- **Source Code.** For distribution of your application with the VVI source code incorporated in object form. The libraries, technical support for the first year, and on-site instruction must be purchased. Contact VVI for additional information.

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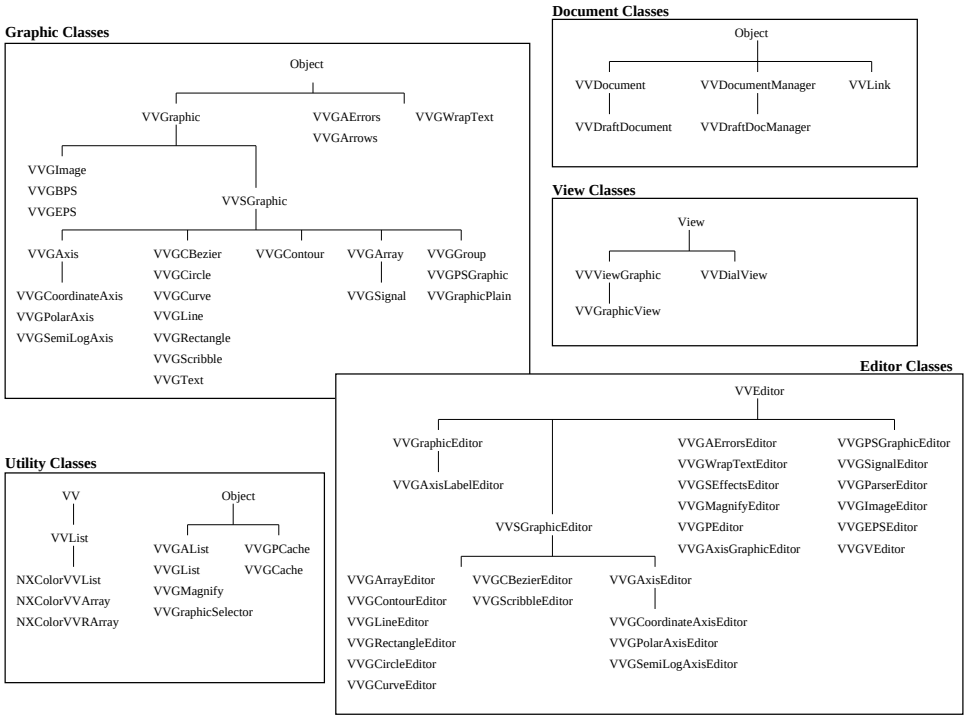
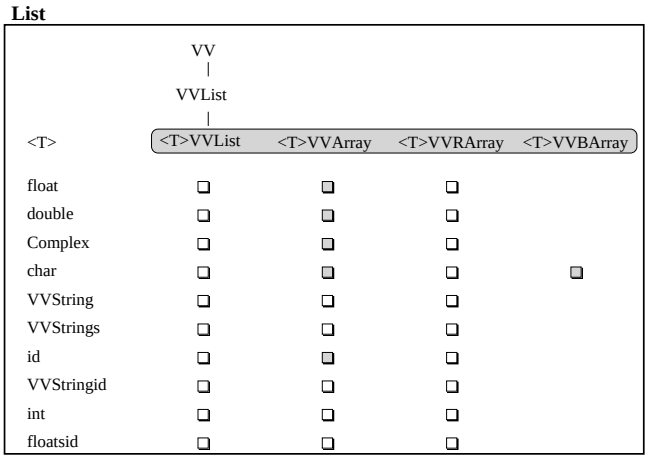
Class Implementation Overview

The Graph Object Library classes are implemented to give maximum user event and user interface functionality with minimal client application coding. Since the resources are application independent the online help, documentation, and other resources can be used by your application with no additional application bundle changes. The Graph Object Library class family tree is diagrammed below.



The VVClass-List class family tree is diagrammed below. The prototype templates listed in the darkened area have been instantiated for the types listed below the <T> header. The darkened boxes, ❑ , represent annexed template files. Algebraic types like floats are annexed inline with algebraic operators.This significantly reduces the levels of classes in the hierarchy. Lists of strings (VVStrings), for example, are recursive container types. The main purpose of Lists is to provide a common basis for memory allocation, stream processing, and list operations like sorting and list algebraic operations. This significantly reduces the programming burden while providing compile time optimization and link time resolution of methods.

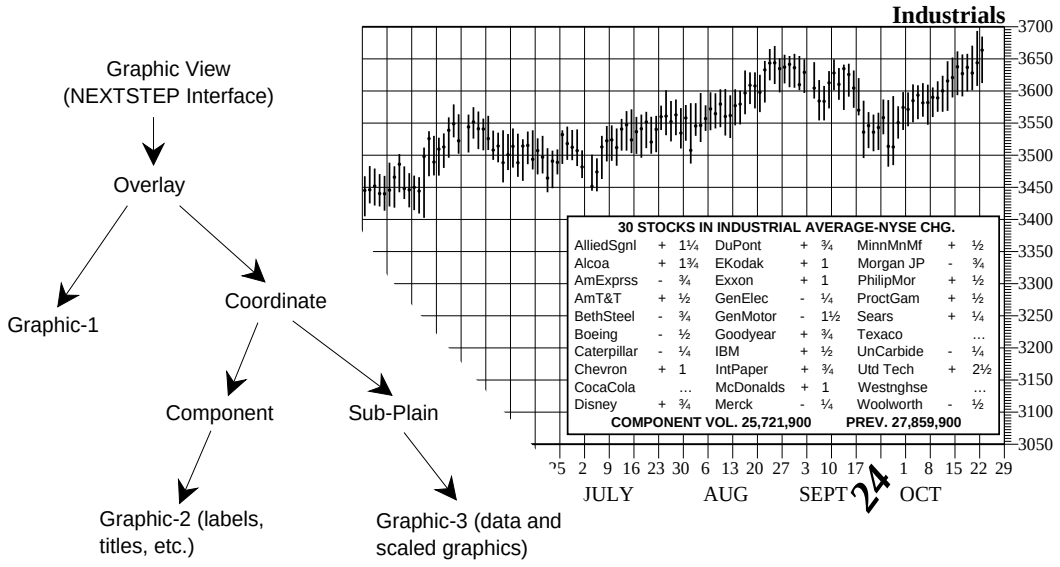


Architecture Overview

The VVI libraries, including the Graph library, are sorted UNIX® archive (.a) libraries, just like the NEXTSTEP appkit library, and are pre-built in Motorola and Intel versions. The library headers, resource files, and archive files are contained in the VVLib

folder and are sorted much like the appkit and regular unix headers and resources so importing linkage specifications to your source code is efficient and systematic. The library consists of about 50 Objects and 90,000 lines of code. The application *GraphBuilder* is included to prototype and test your custom graph interactively.

The architecture and accompanying user interface and program control permits easy to do page layout of complicated and animated graphics in a modular easy to work with way. The architecture is based on an inter-dependent hierarchy of *graphic*, *coordinate*, and *graphic-plain*. The *graphic* is the basic component and encapsulates the graphic and data attributes and functions. The *coordinate* is the axis and accompanying coordinate system where the *graphic* resides. The *graphic-plain* maintains *graphic* dependencies and events. In addition the *coordinate* and *graphic-plain* are themselves graphics. At a particular point in time the graph at the right below corresponds to the chart at its left.



In the above chart, the *graphic view* is the interface to the NEXTSTEP window system. The *overlay* is a list of *graphic-plains* which represent overlays (transparencies). The *coordinate* is divisible and consists of two orthogonal *graphic-plains*. These in turn group additional graphics. Any *graphic-3* may be a *coordinate* or *graphic-plain* so the hierarchy can be extended indefinitely. Each *graphic-plain* (*overlay*, *component*, *sub-plain*) maintains several orthogonal lists of graphics and graphic state information. This results in efficient interleaving of selected, animated, and focused graphics.

This structure permits a very powerful hierarchical coordinate and page layout system. In the graph above, for example, the axes labels

are contained in the *graphic-2* . Since *component* controls user events, the single x-axis label, 24 , may be rotated, skewed, scaled, and otherwise changed by user or timed events, inspectors, or program control. Similar control may be exerted at will via mouse, keyboard, inspector, and program control for all graphics. If this end user control is not preferred it can be disabled. Because values are cached at multiple levels of the hierarchy as well as within the same level the implementation is very efficient yielding a very responsive system overall.

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Graph Object Library

Features and Services

The VVI-Graph object library delivers professional interactive, animated, and programmable objects for data control, acquisition, display, and graph document layout. It is used for trading systems, forecasting, engineering and scientific data display, and any process where quality custom data presentation and control software for production or interactive data needs are required.

This library enhances your projects by providing:

- Reliable, powerful, and optimized performance.
- Substantial savings in development time and quality assurance.
- Access to your data in a quality and interactive format.
- Substantial user interface, data importing/exporting, and general graphic features and effects.

Graphs and figures, such as those below, are effortlessly constructed without extensions. Animation and user selection are built-in producing an implementation responsive to changing data and your changing requirements.