

Accounting

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The bean counters and number crunchers at Empire rely even more extensively than other employees on time-tested legacy applications running on mainframes because a big investment had been made over the years in specialized accounting applications. With NEXTSTEP, not only can they continue to run these applications, but, using Conexions' 3270 software, they can rehost them within a graphical user interface and run multiple sessions on a single computer, getting more done in less time.



Because of the ease of data exchange in a NEXTSTEP environment, Empire's accountants are better connected with the rest of the



enterprise than ever before. They can bring data into Athena Design's Mesa spreadsheet, where it can be graphed and then distributed throughout the company using e-mail. Using NEXTSTEP's object linking capabilities, the graphs can remain live, responding instantaneously to changes input by the accounting department or even Empire's field engineers.

Object linking also allows custom-designed modules to be attached to any NEXTSTEP application, allowing Empire to gain new functionality from the older, legacy applications. Eventually, the accounting software used by Empire's accountants will be rewritten entirely in NEXTSTEP, but a small

