Building User Interfaces in NeWS

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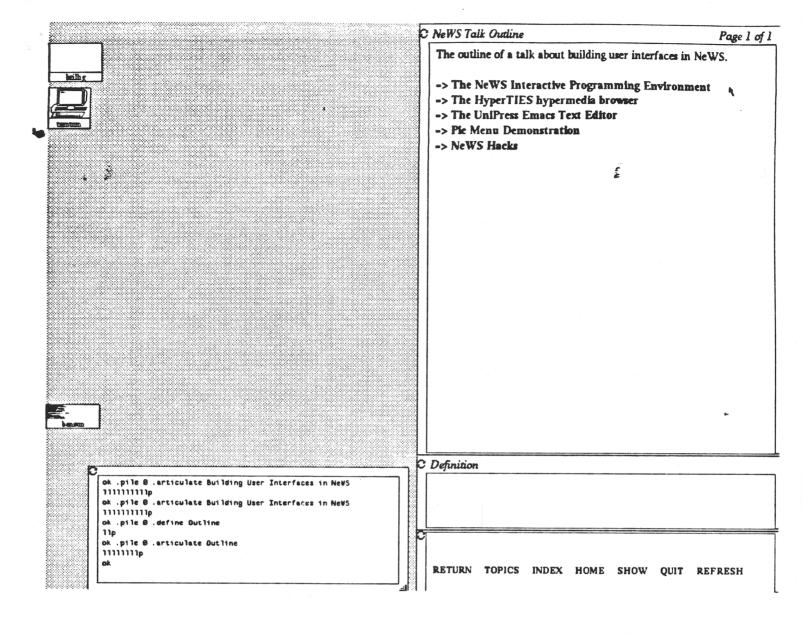
The NeWS window system is a multitasking, interactive PostScript programming environment. It's a network based, extensible window server. It's also a whole lot of fun! PostScript is a high level, device independent, industry standard page description language. NeWS has extensions to PostScript, that make it a powerful platform for building window systems. NeWS uses an object oriented programming package, providing a Smalltalk-like class mechanism. The user interface toolkit is a set of classes that can be easily customized. NeWS has a modular look and feel.

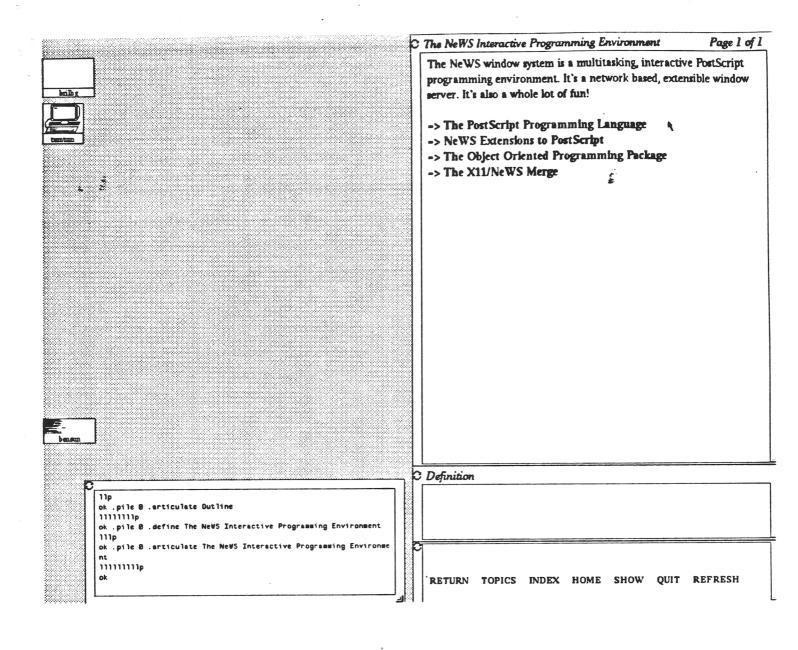
HyperTIES is a hypermedia browser for the NeWS window system, under development at the Human Computer Interaction Lab, at the University of Maryland, that takes advantage of many of the unique features of NeWS.

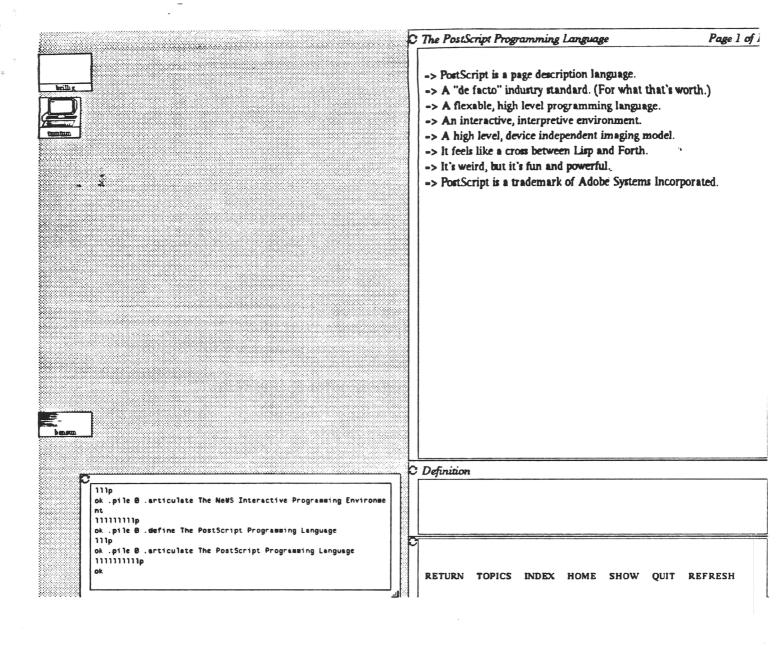
The UniPress Emacs text editor is a powerful NeWS programming environment. It supports multiple frames, text selection, menus, control panels, and many other window system features.

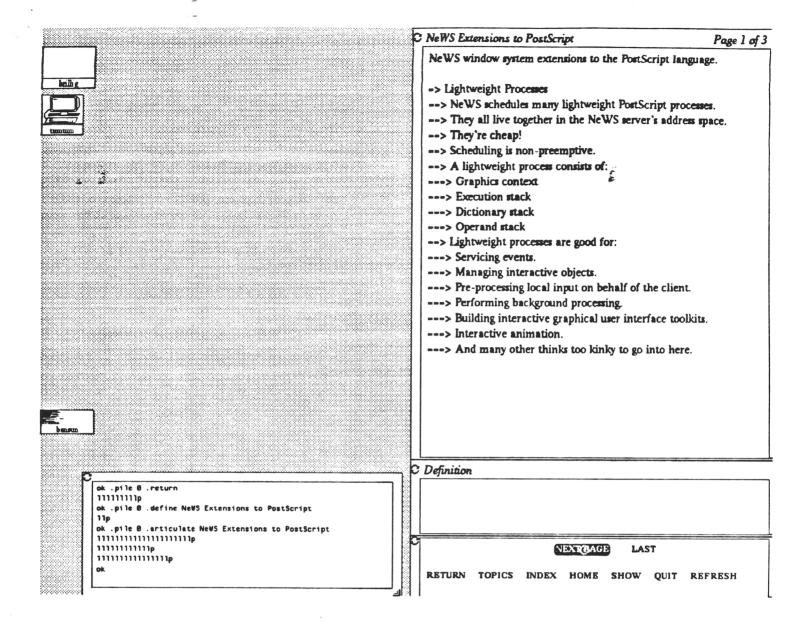
Pie menus are menus with their choices positioned in a circle around the menu center. In NeWS, pie menus are displayed in round windows. Many types of pie menus will be demonstrated.

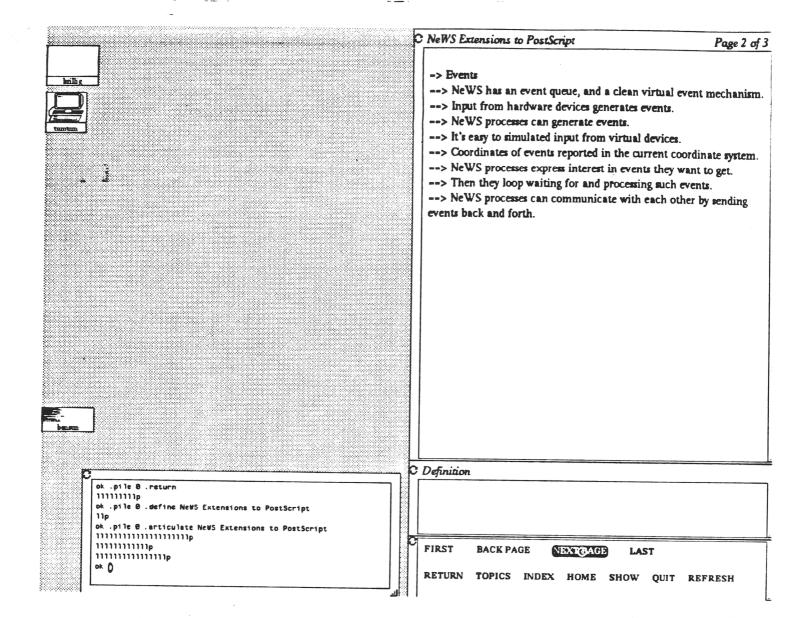
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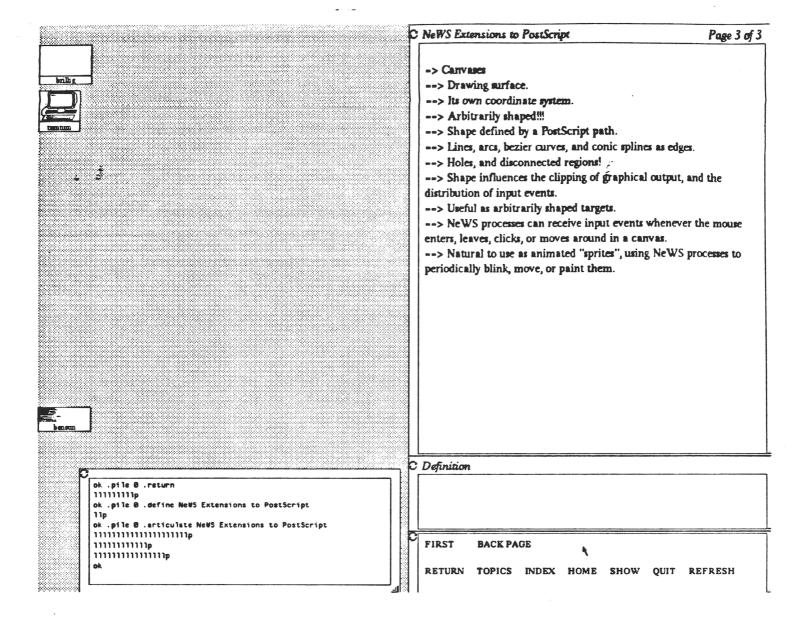


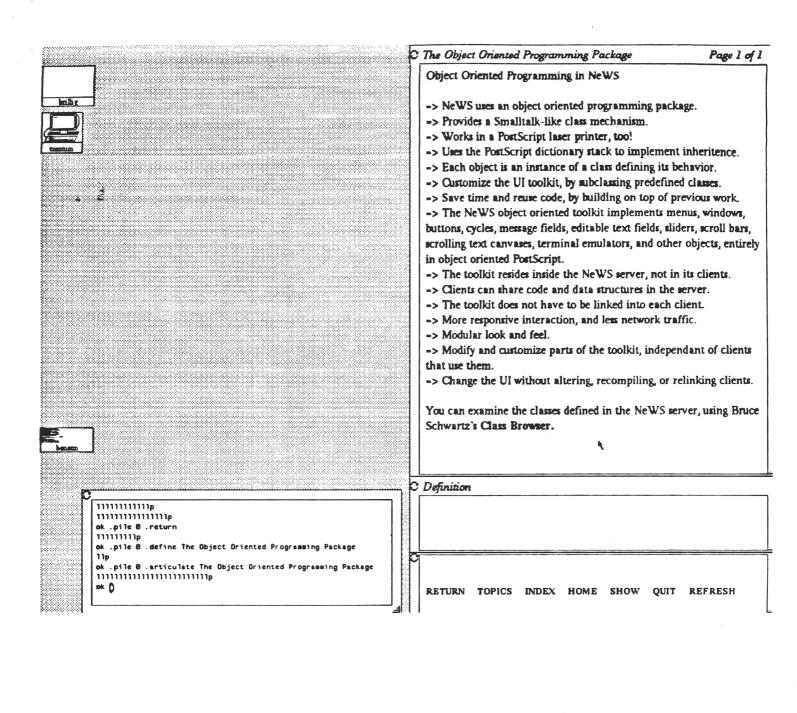


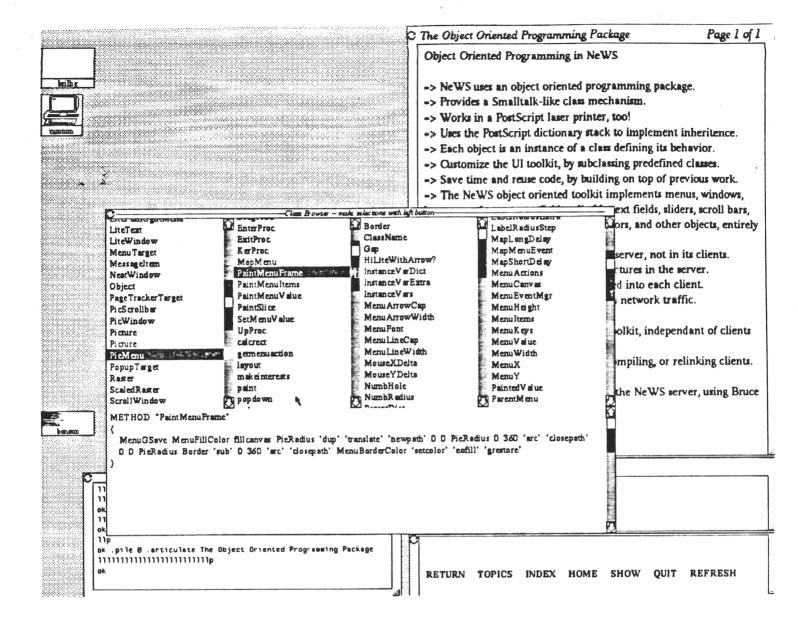


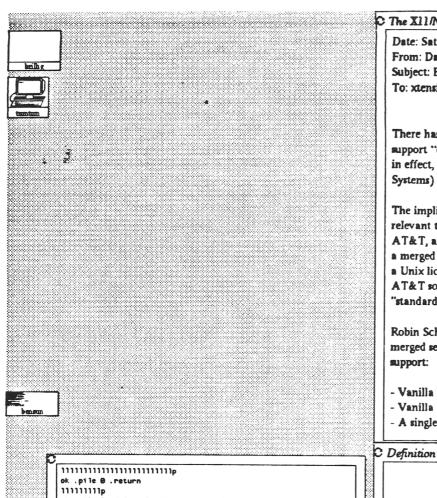












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Date: Sat 12 Dec 1987 17:01:36 EST

From: David Rosenthal <dshr@Sun.COM> Subject: Extensions for "documetnation graphics"

To: xtensions@athena.mit.edu, xpert@athena.mit.edu

There has been some discussion recently of the need to extend X11 to support "documentation graphics". I believe that what people need is, in effect, access to both the X11 and the PostScript (TM Adobe Systems) language imaging models.

The implications of the recent deal between Sun and AT&T are relevant to this debate. As part of the deal, Sun will be supplying to AT&T, and AT&T including in their Unix source licensing program, a merged server supporting both X11 and NeWS protocols. If you are a Unix licensee, you will be getting this code as part of the normal AT&T source distributions, and it will, therefore, be a part of "standard Unix". No license with Sun will be required.

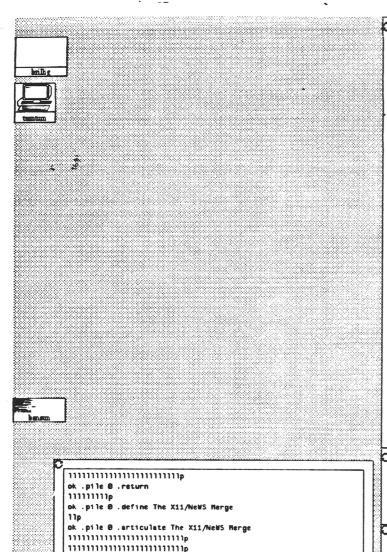
Robin Schaufler will discuss the details of the implementation of the merged server at the X conference at MIT in January. Briefly, it will support:

- Vanilla X11 clients
- Vanilla NeWS clients
- A single window tree accessible to both

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- A single event distribution mechanism accessible to both

- The use of PostScript programs and operators to image onto X11 windows.

The C source code will include:

- X11 protocol interpreter

- PostScript language interpreter, with NeWS extensions

- Window tree and event management core shared by both

- A complete implementation of the high-performance imaging library that supports them both, for memory framebuffers. (This is an improved version of the imaging library that currently supports the NeWS product)

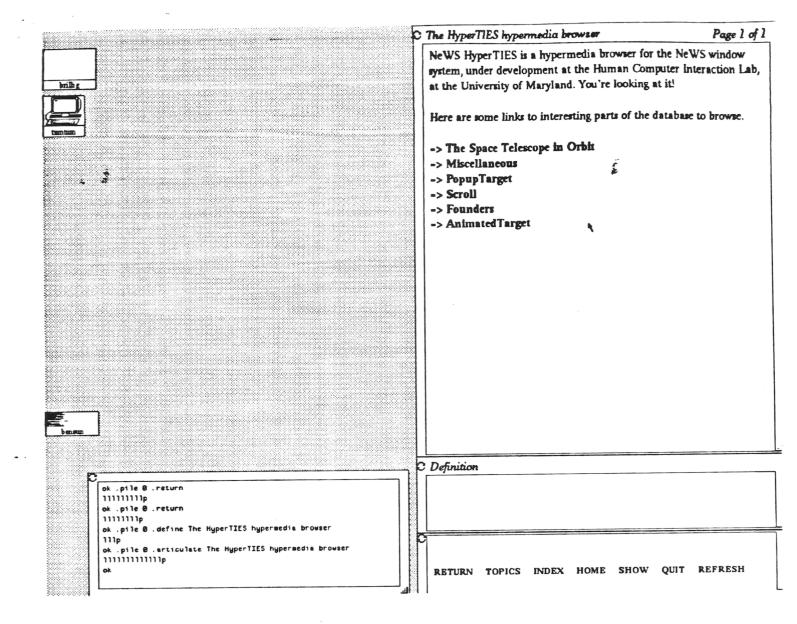
The intention behind this arrangement is to ensure that those who need the PostScript language imaging model will have it available. There will be no reason not to support this capability for those who are Unix licensees, since they will be getting it, already integrated with X11, as part of their Unix source distribution. Almost all significant companies in the computer industry are Unix licensees. I hope that this will reassure those who need "documentation graphics" that the X11 servers they talk to are likely to support the capabilities they need, and that there is no need to design new extensions to address this area.

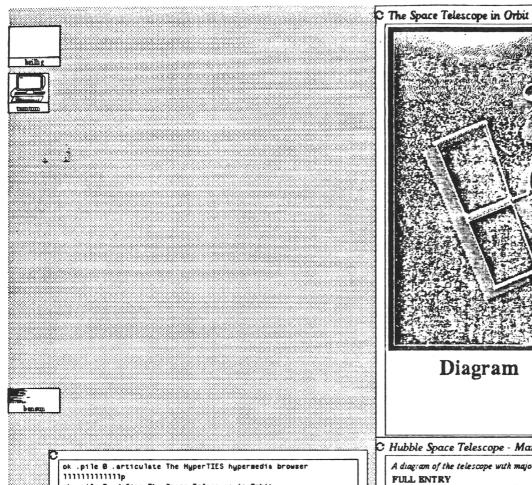
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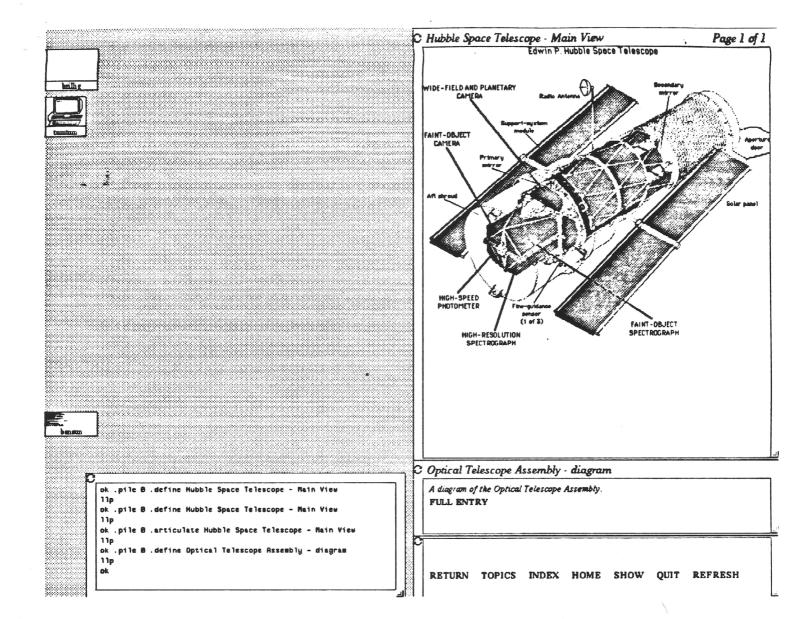
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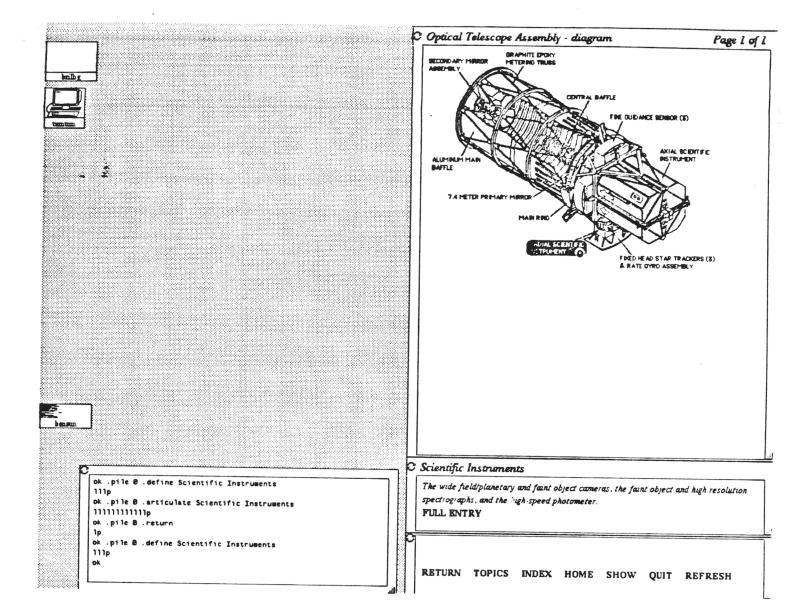
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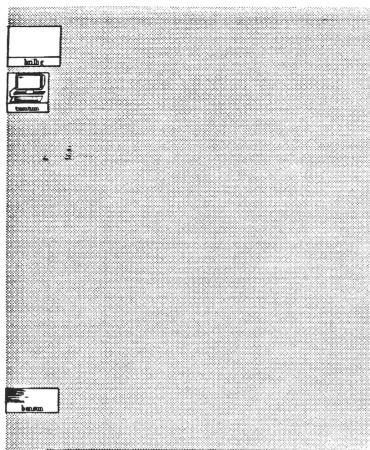
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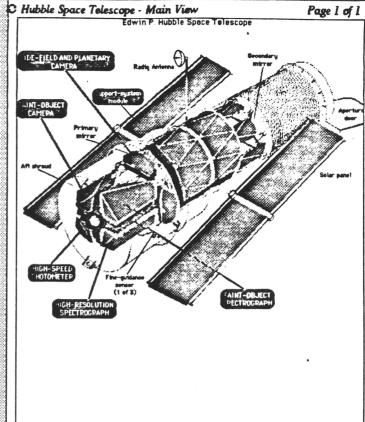
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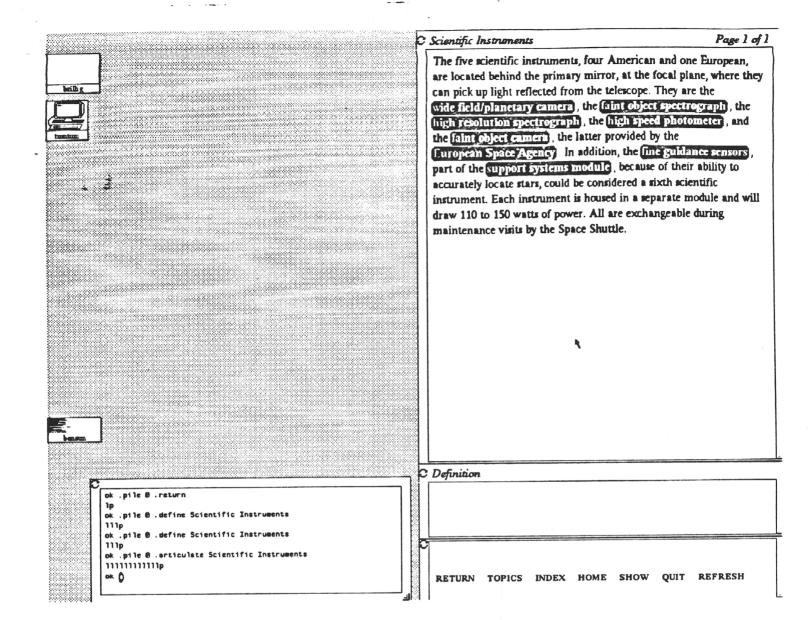


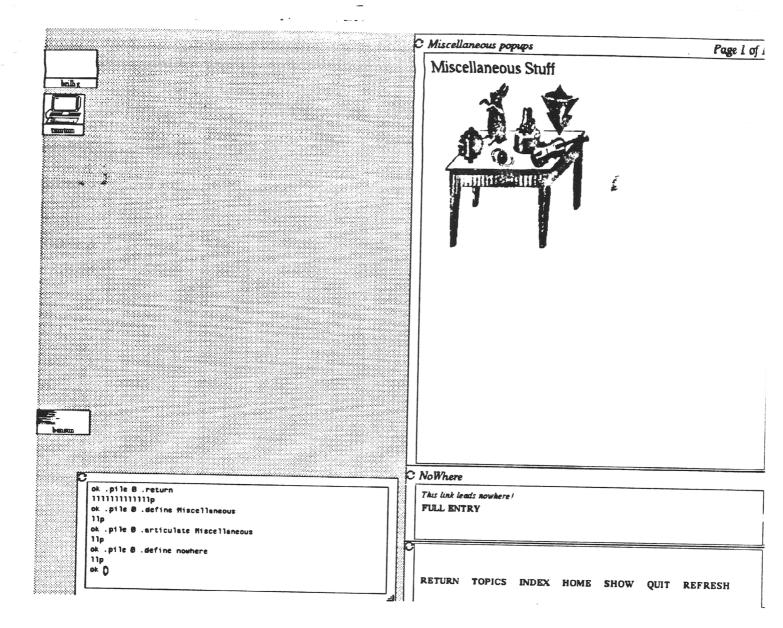
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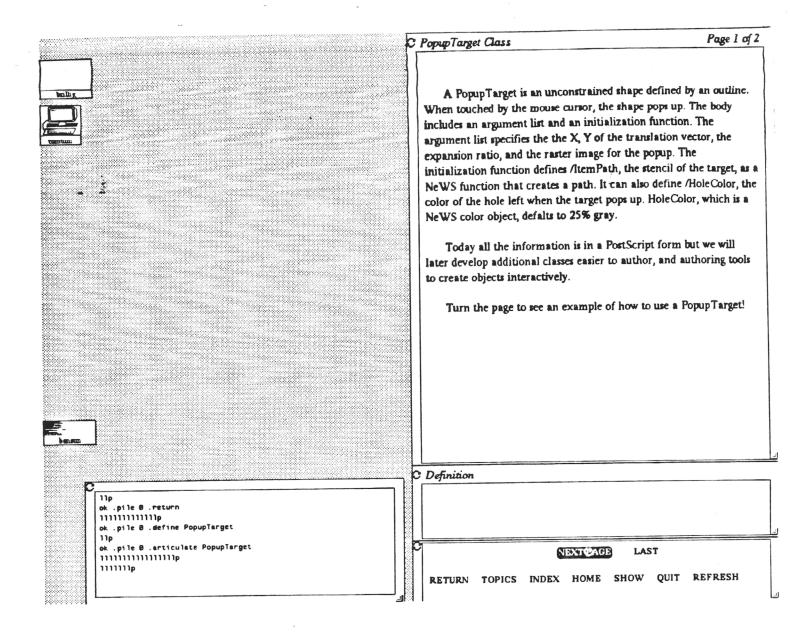
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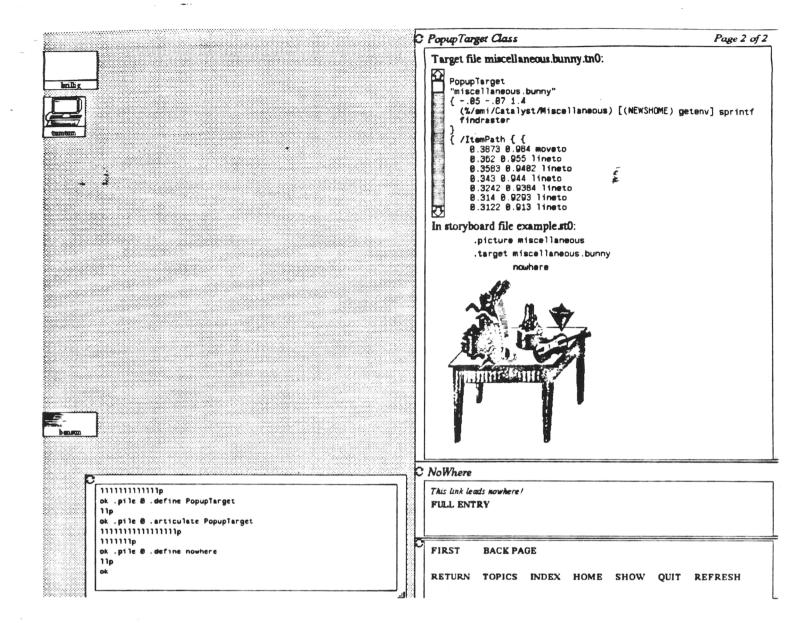
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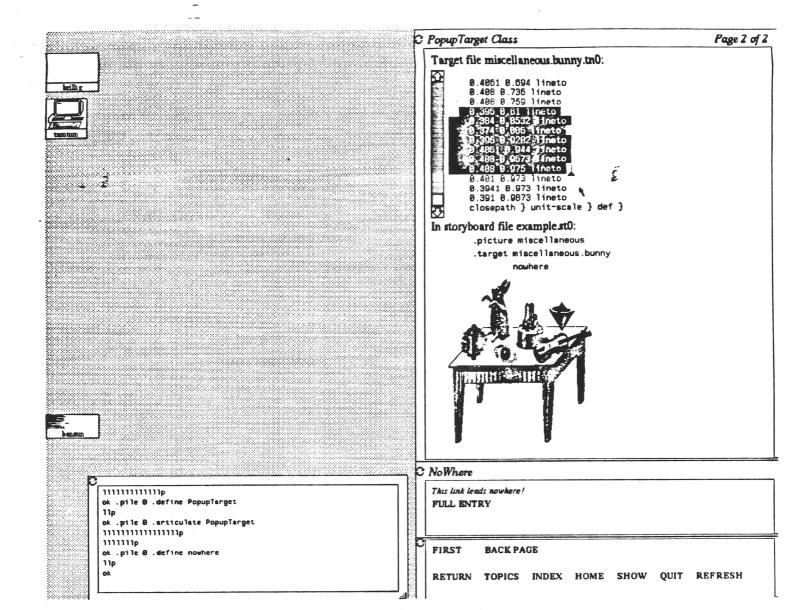
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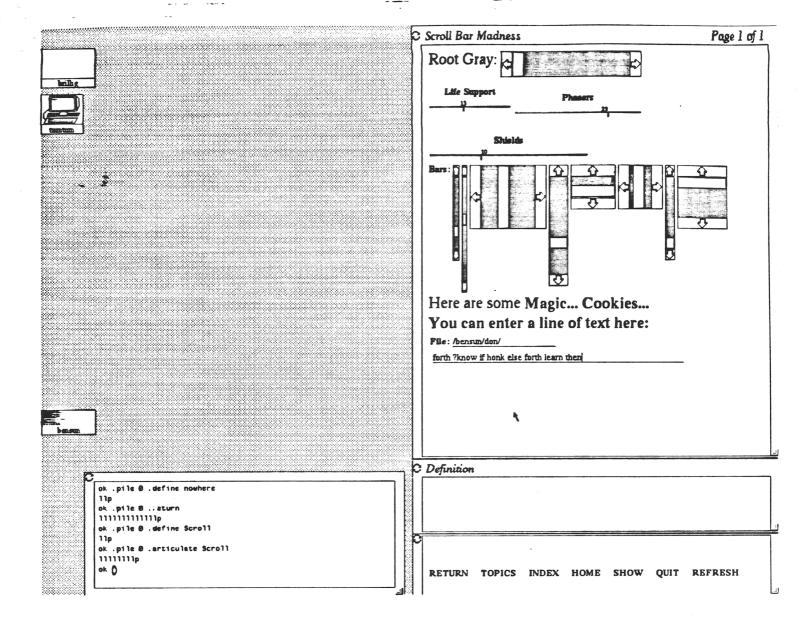


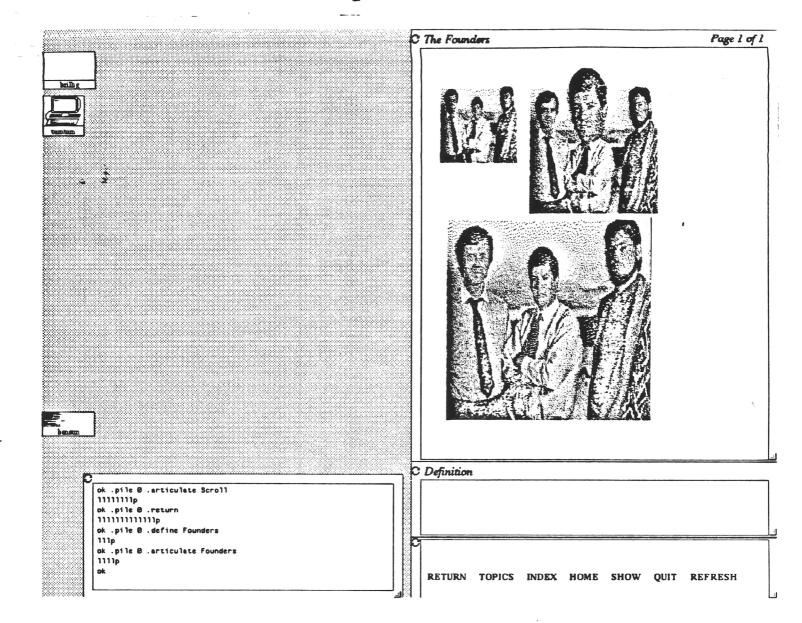


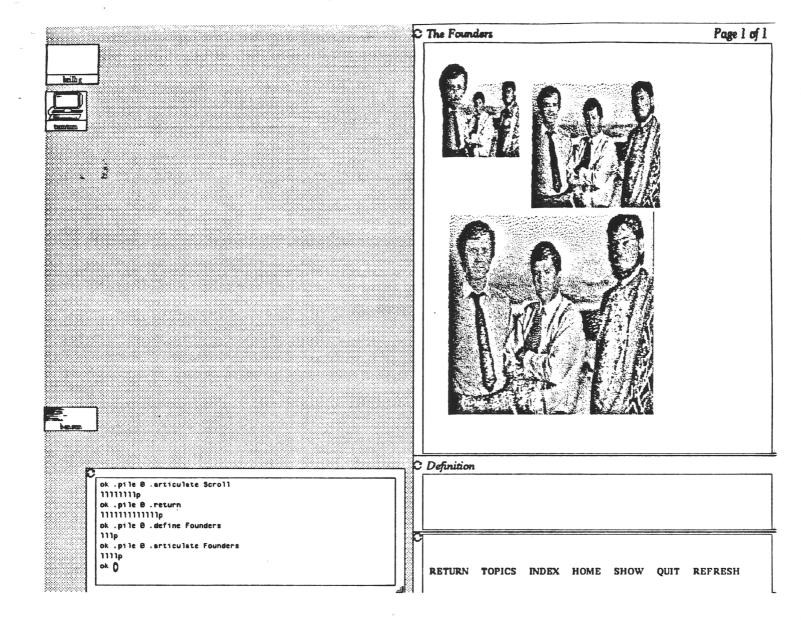


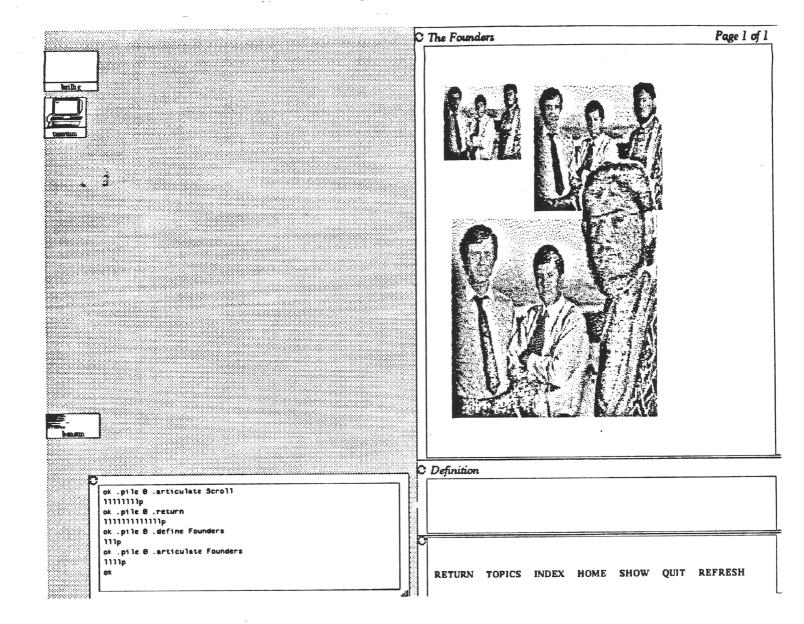


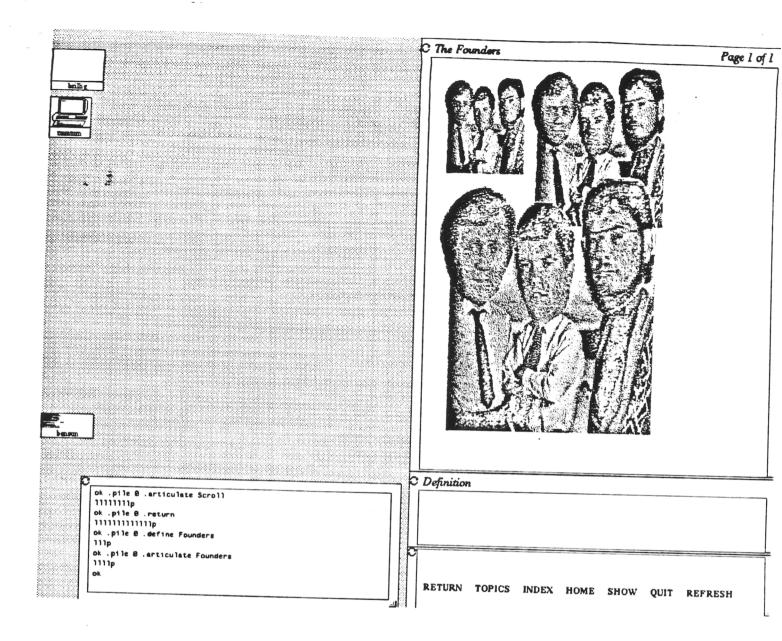


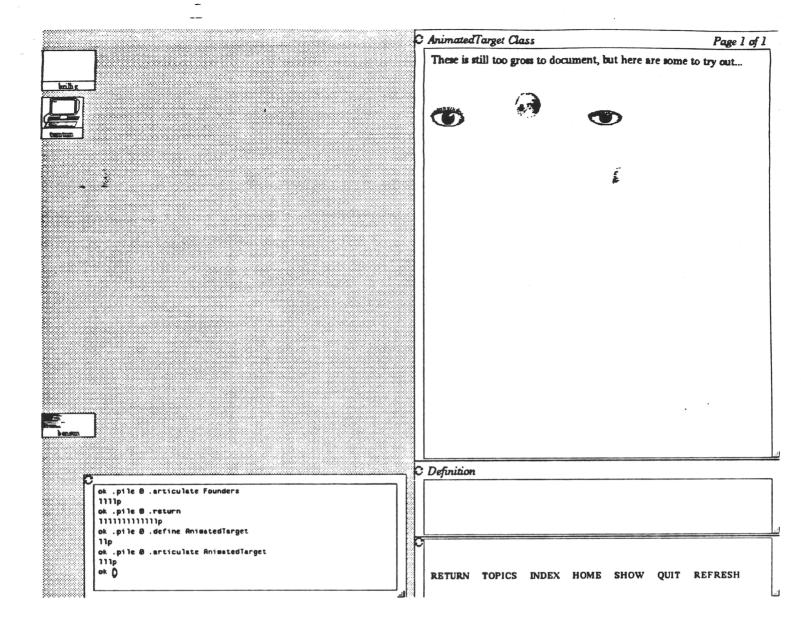


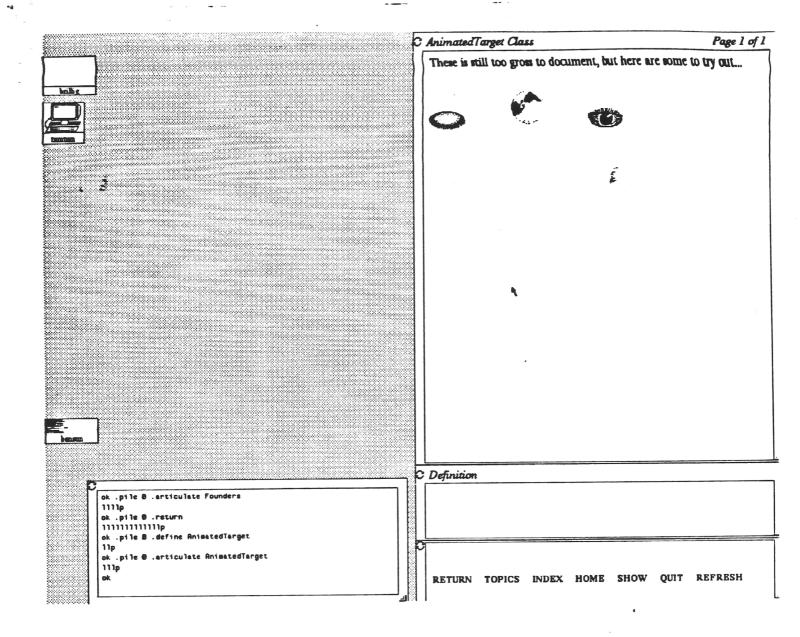


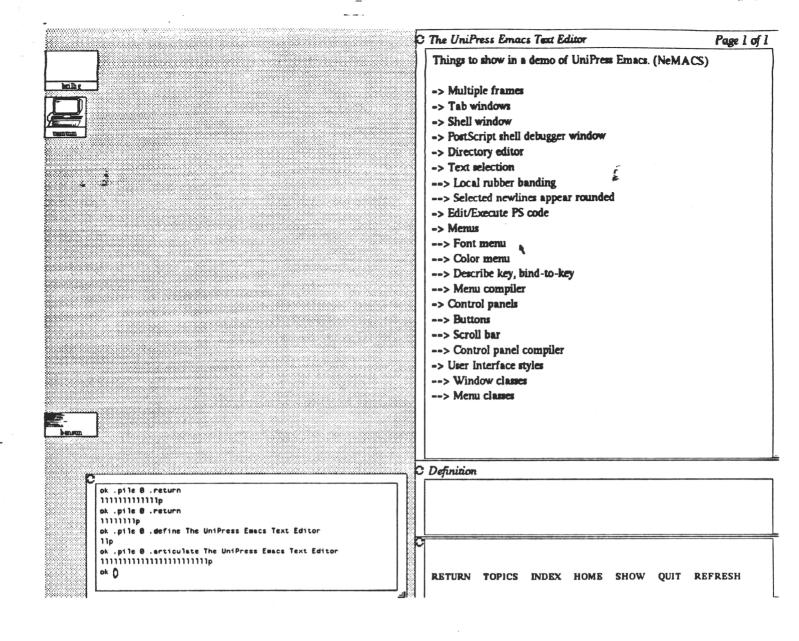


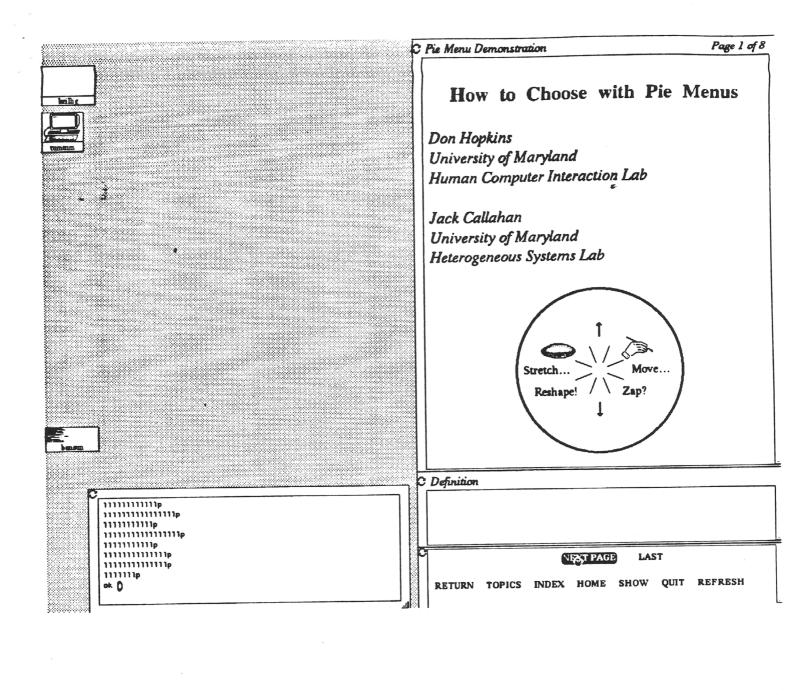


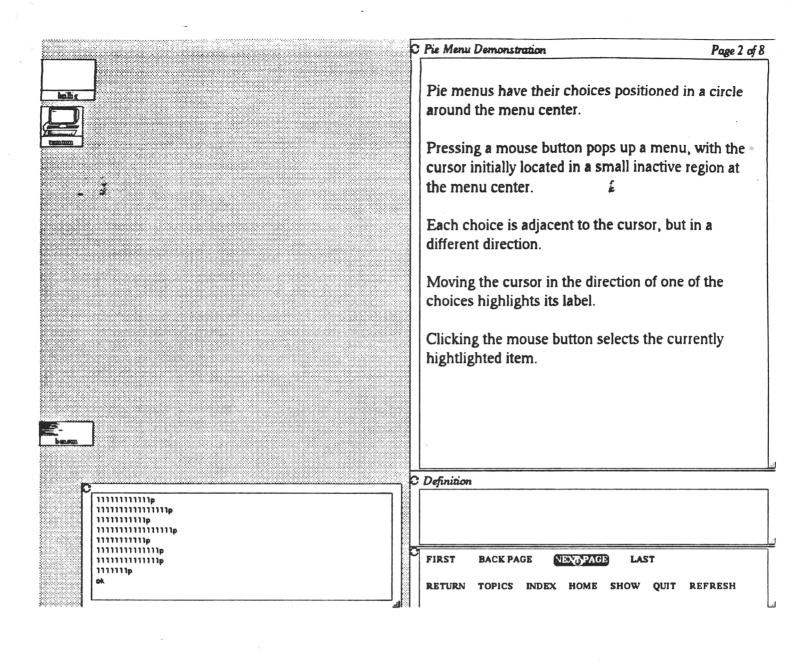


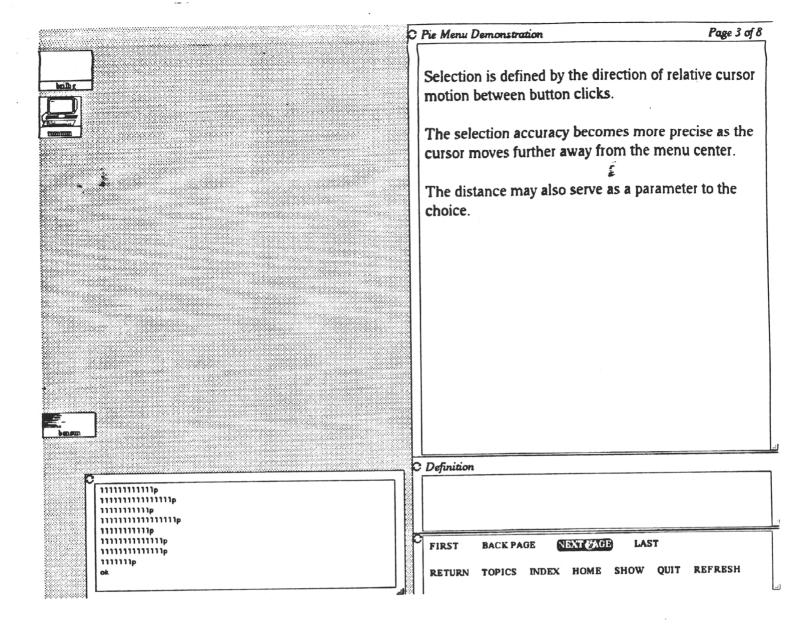


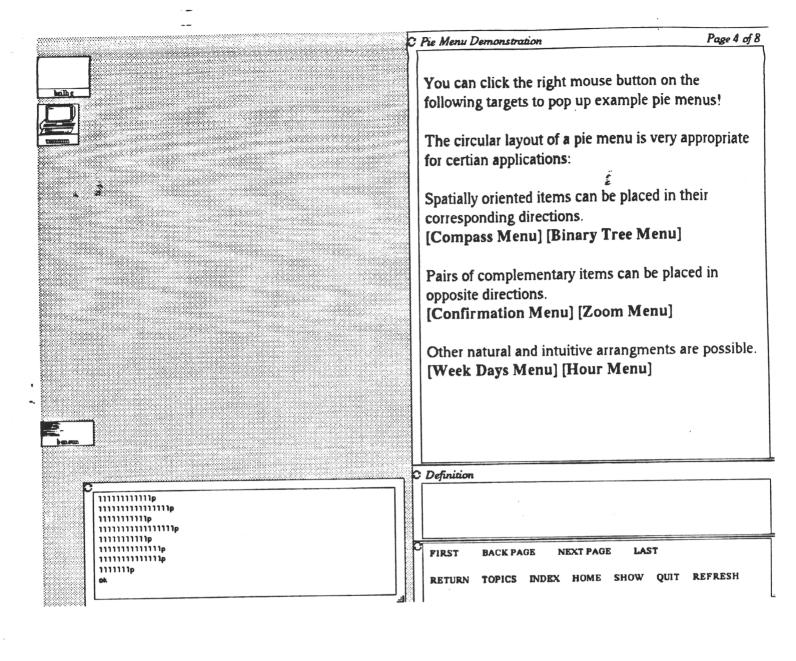


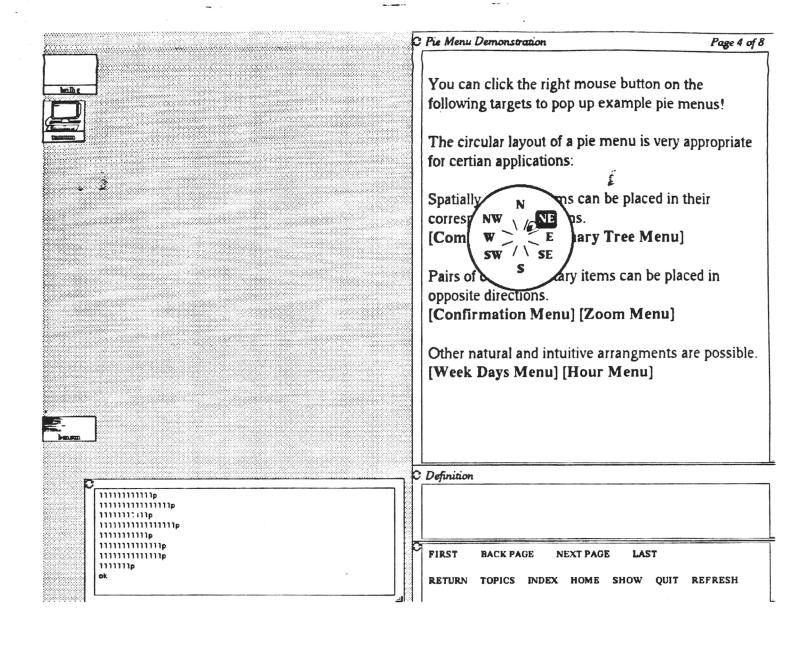


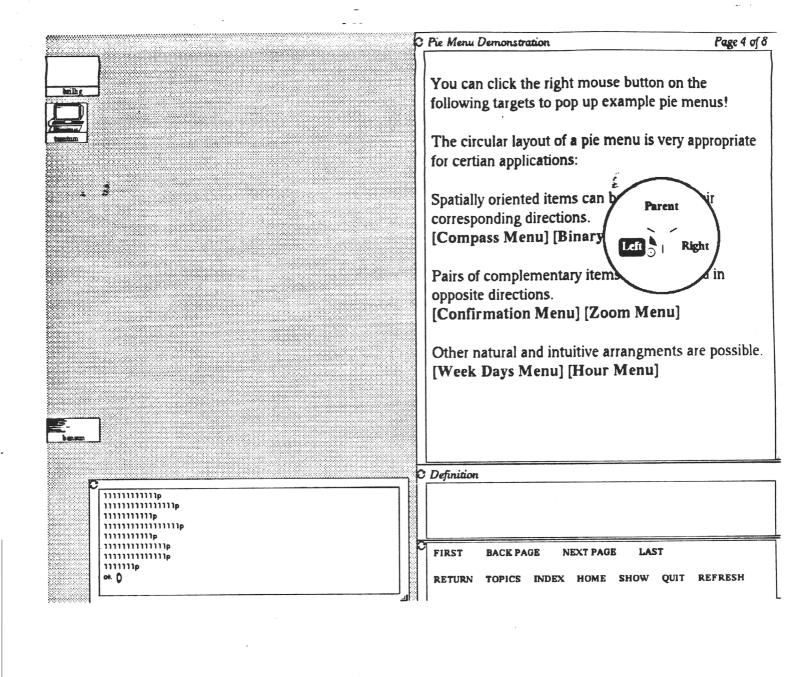


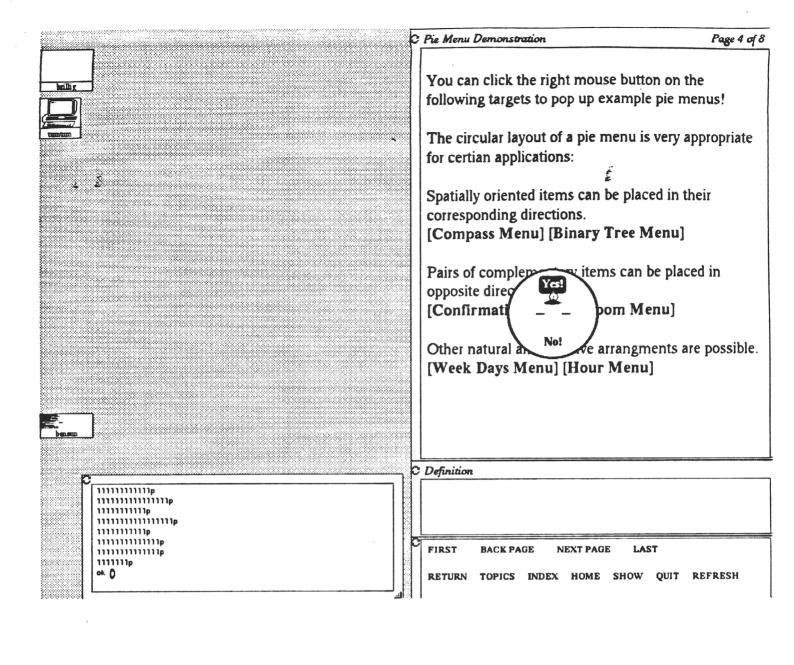


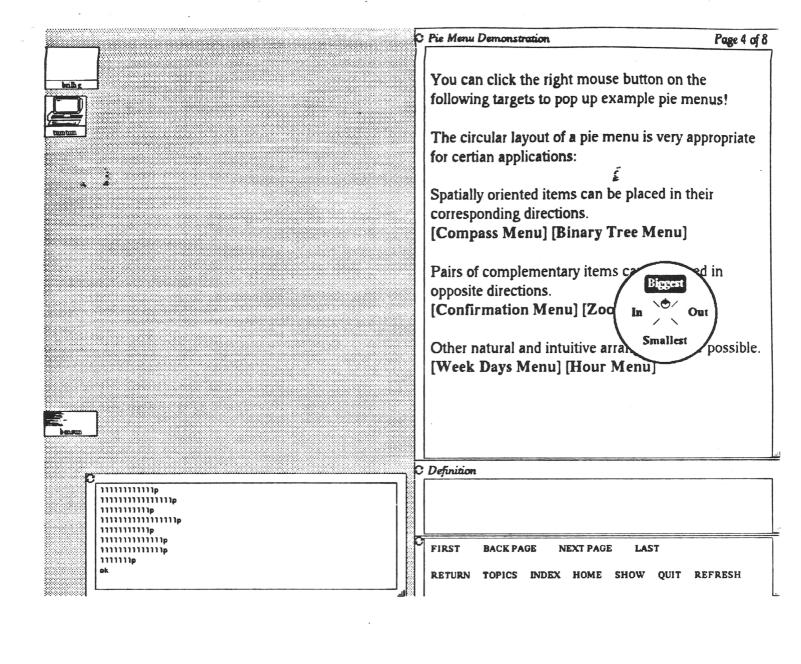


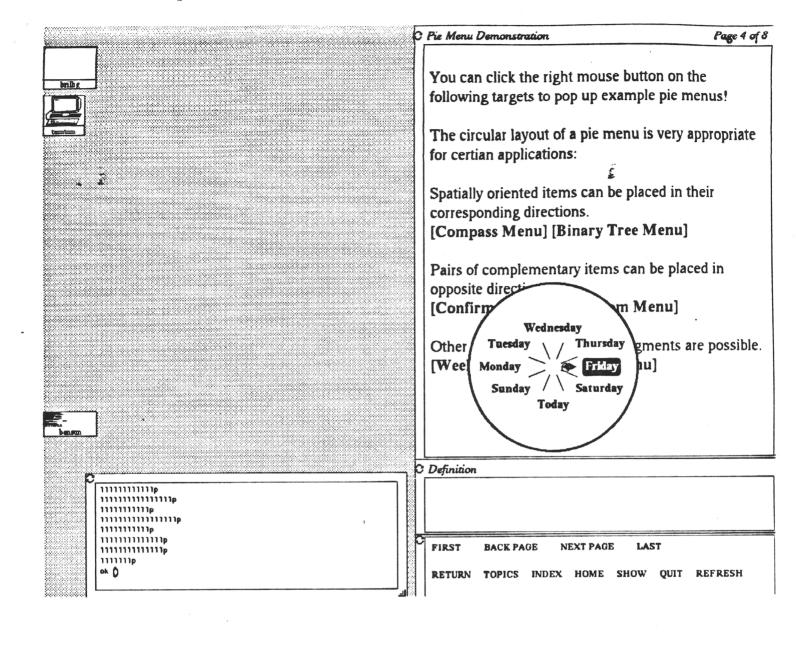


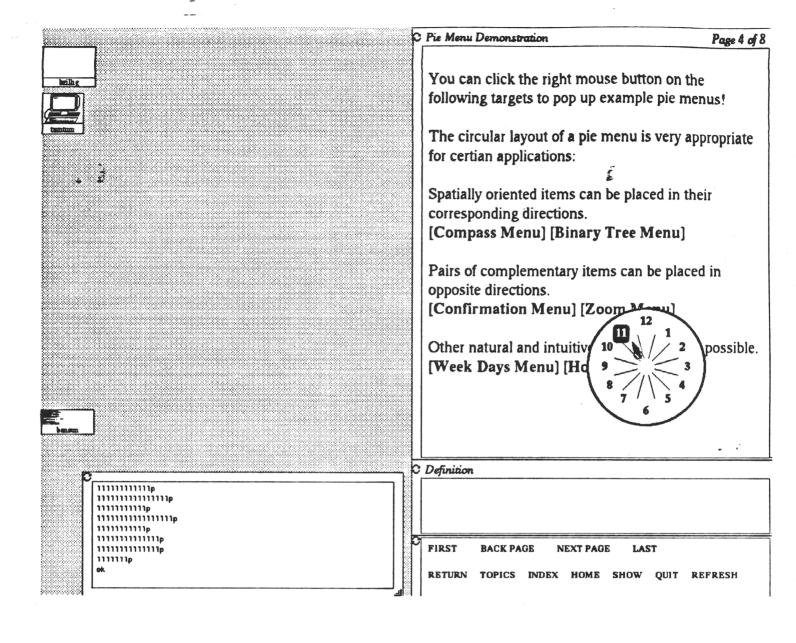


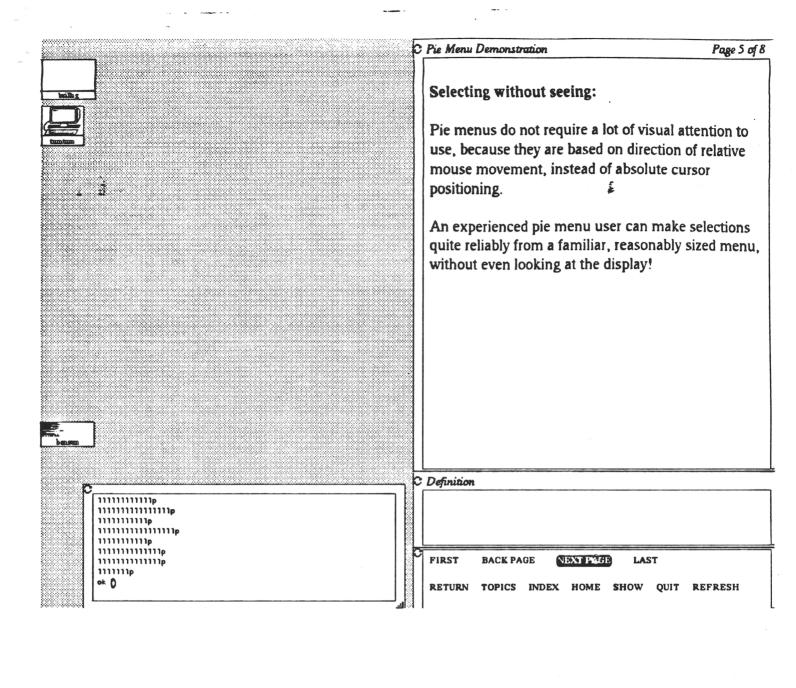


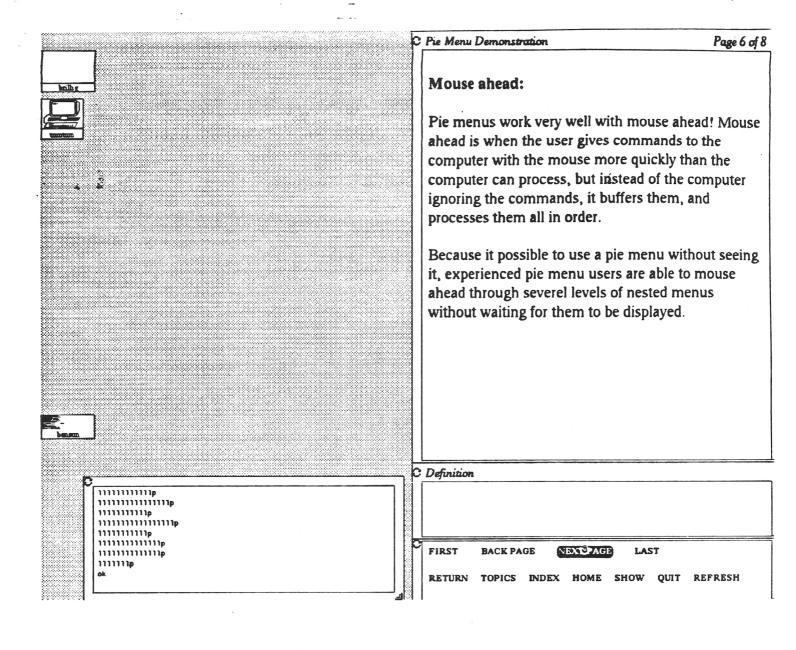


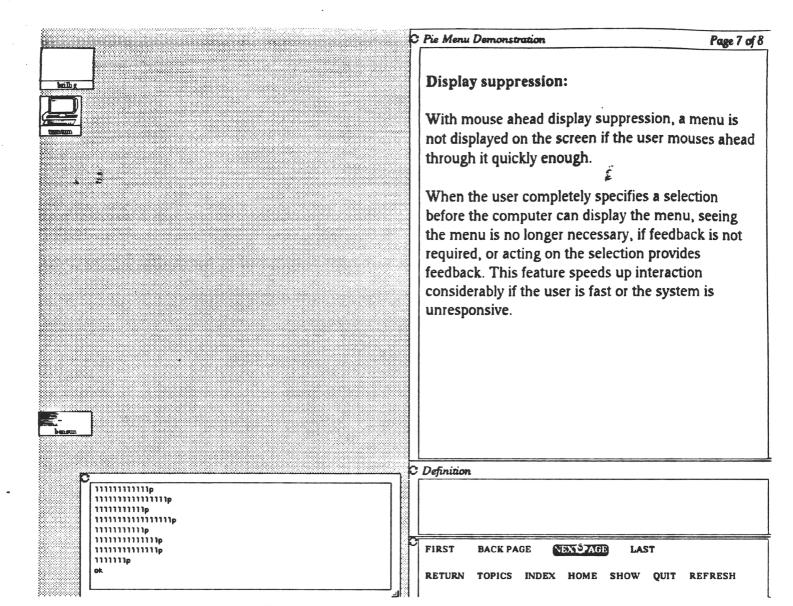


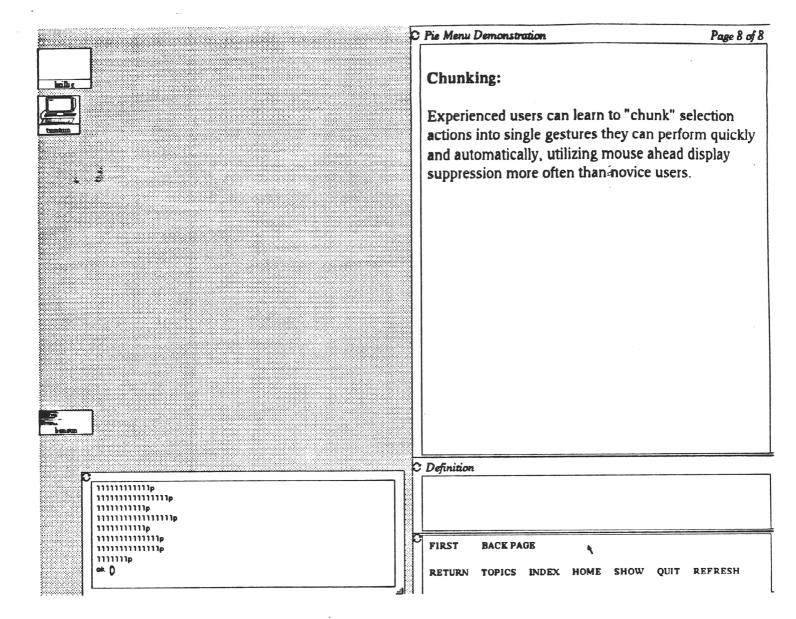


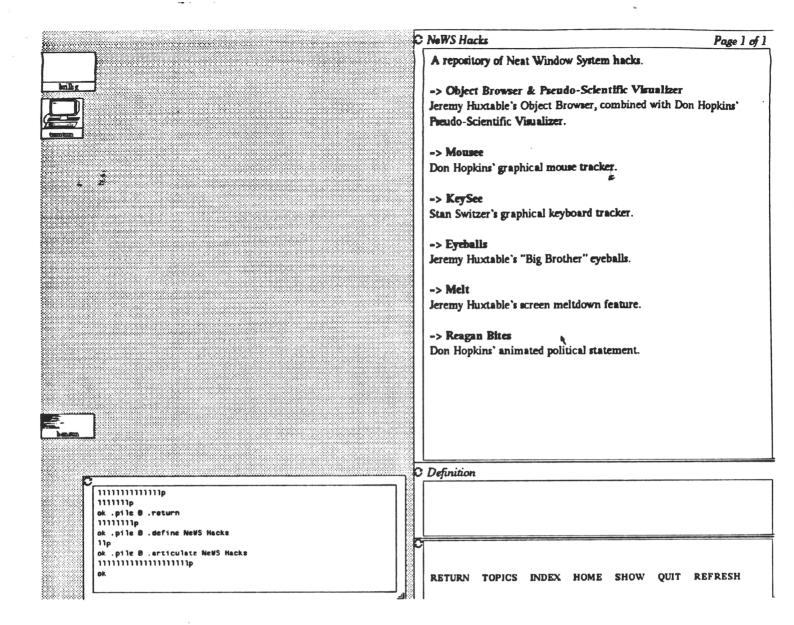


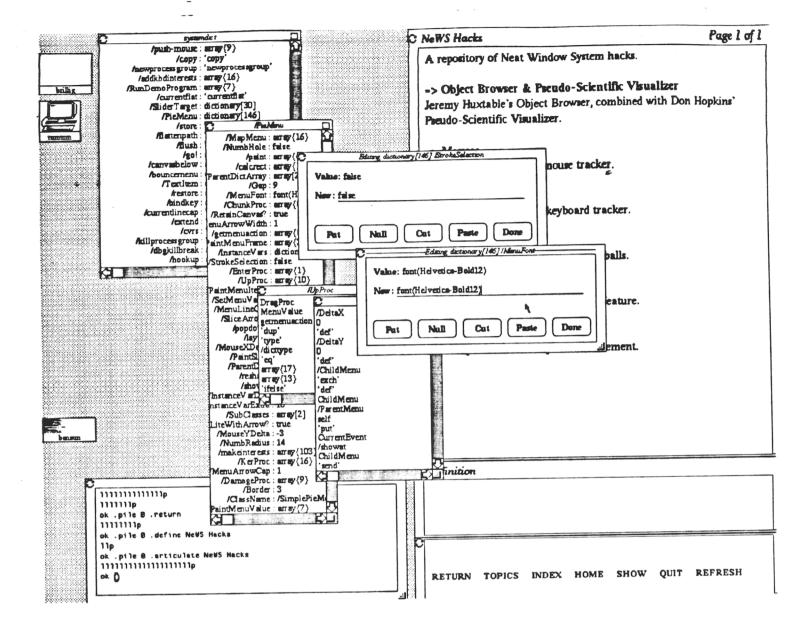


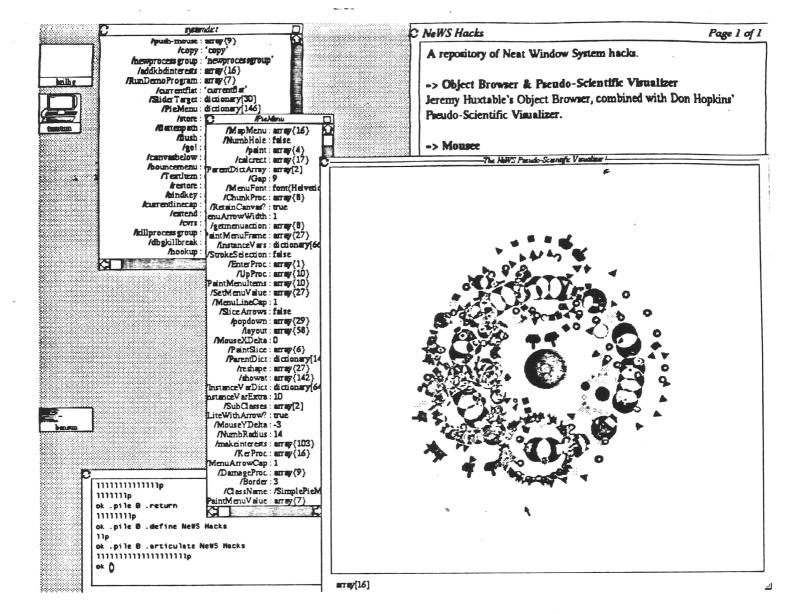


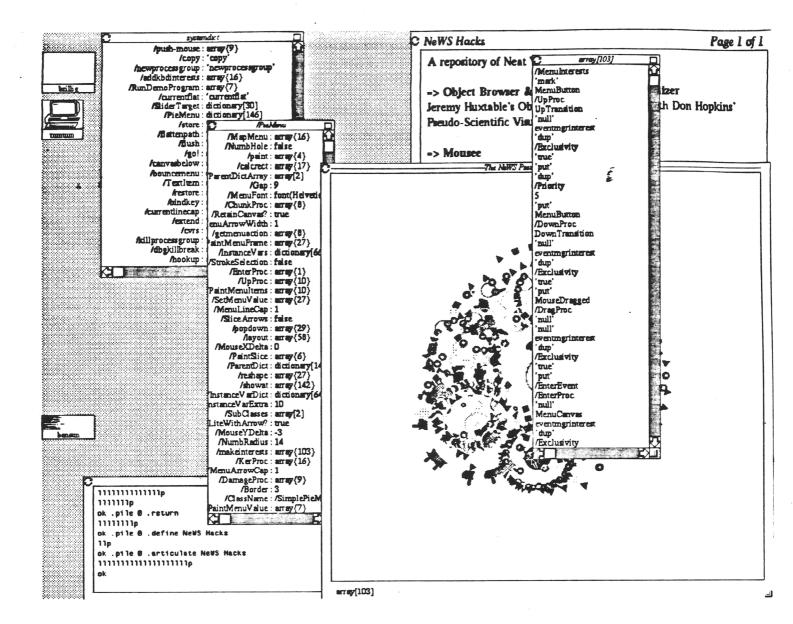


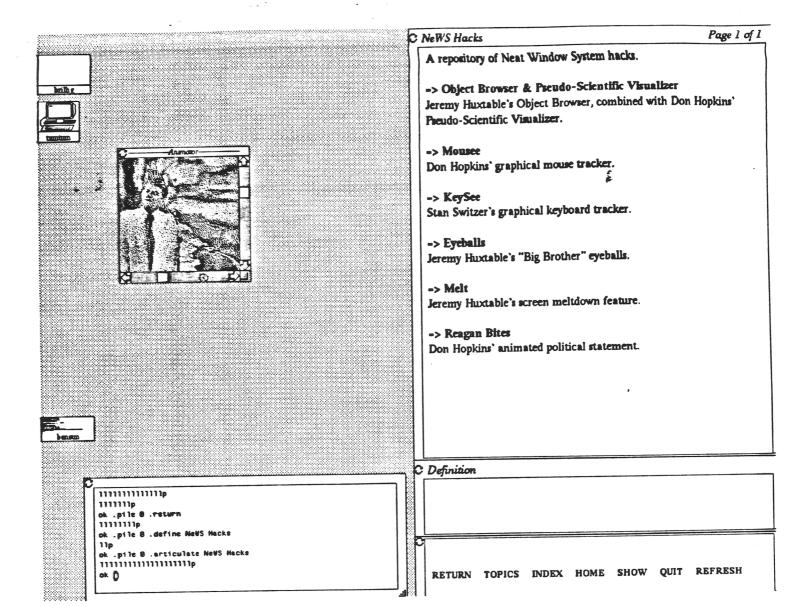


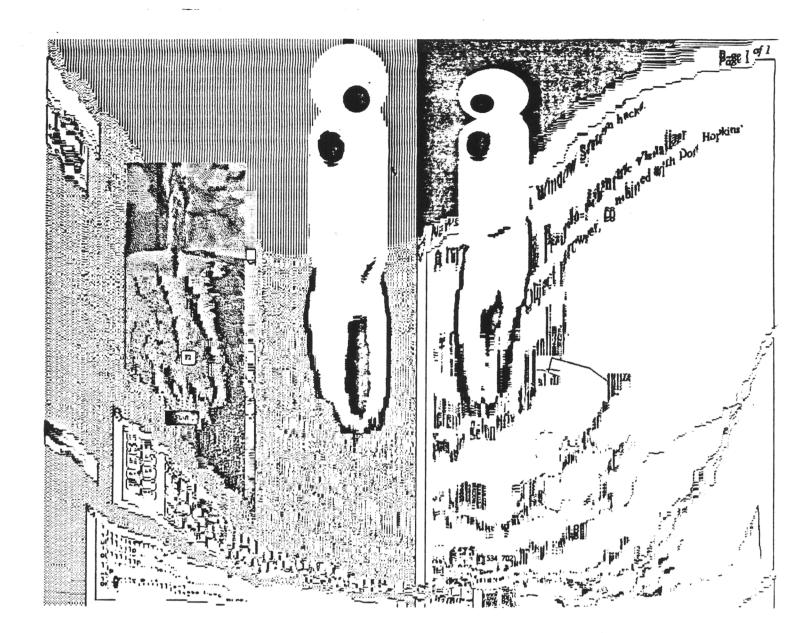


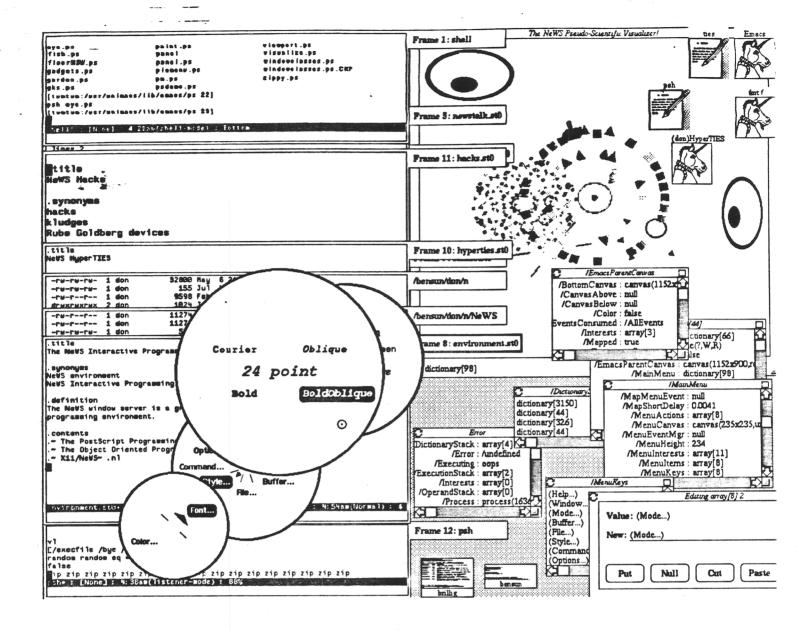


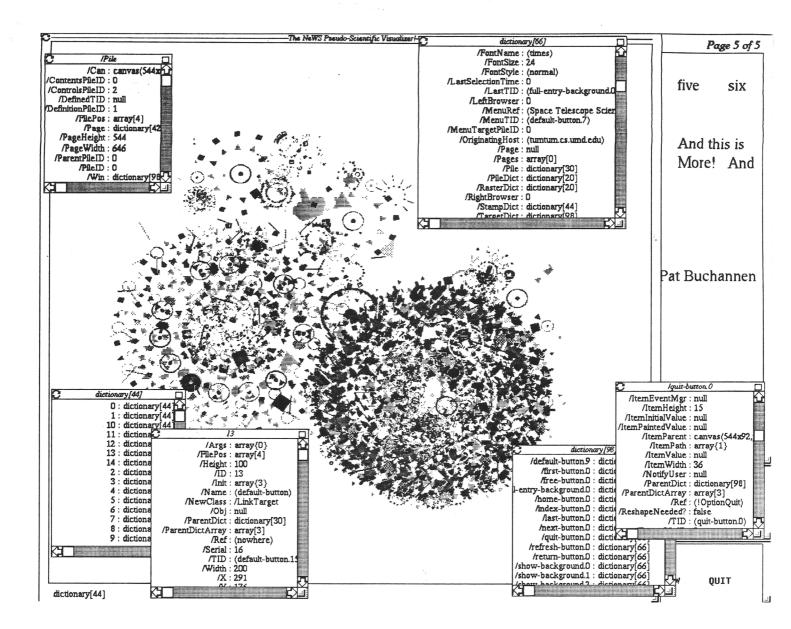


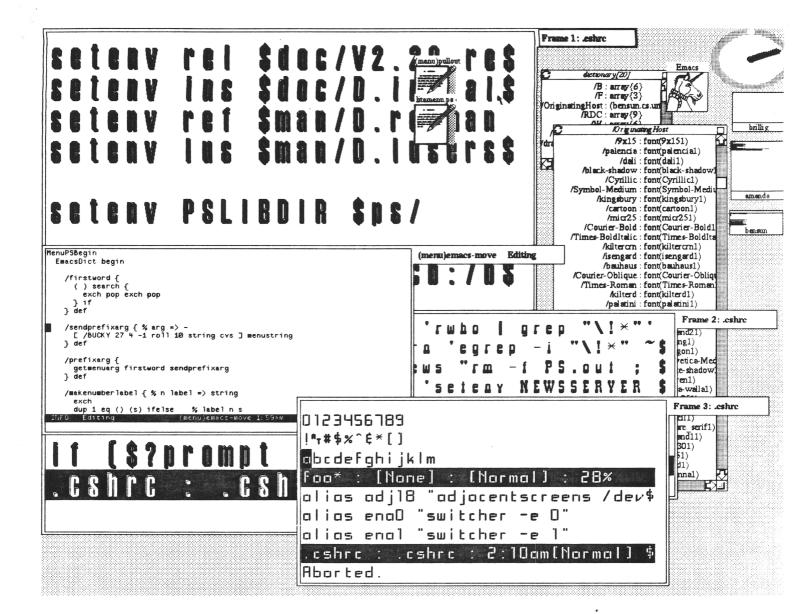












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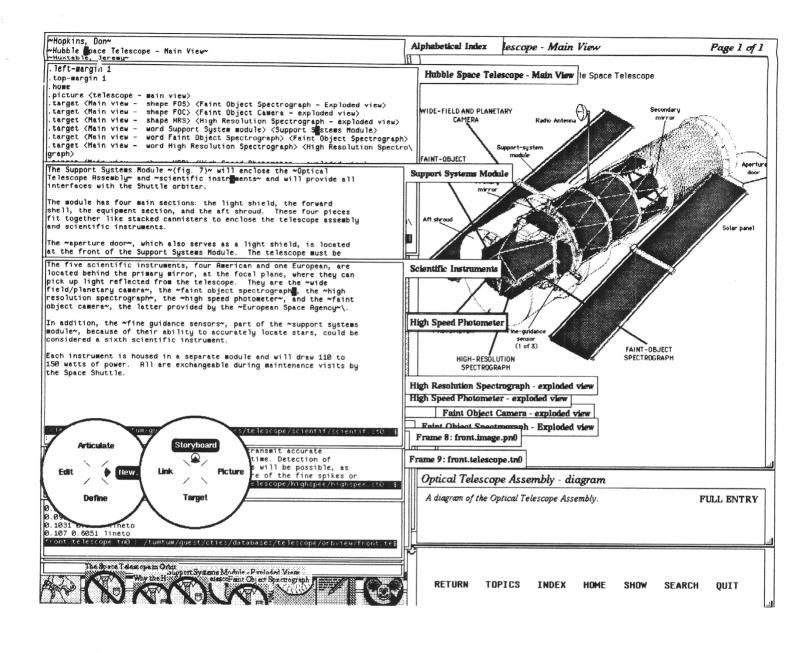
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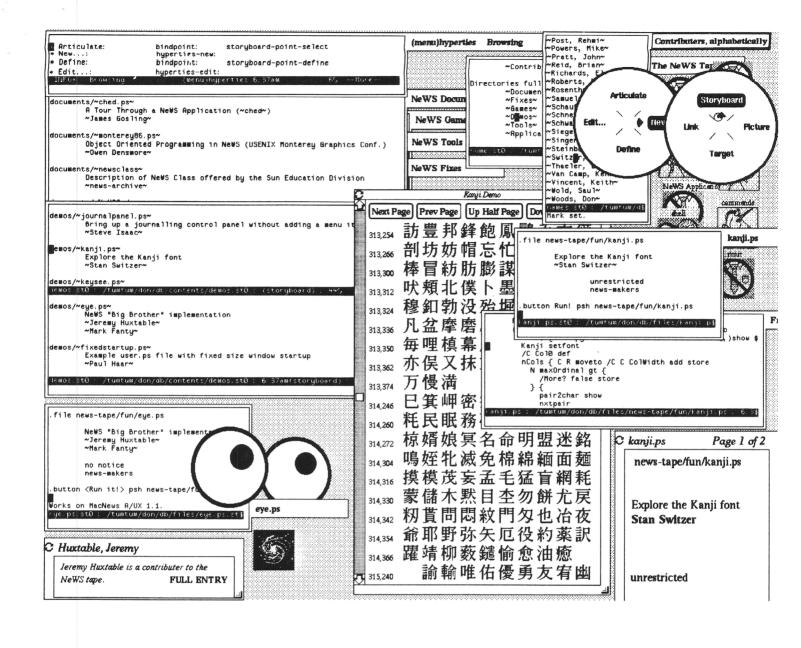
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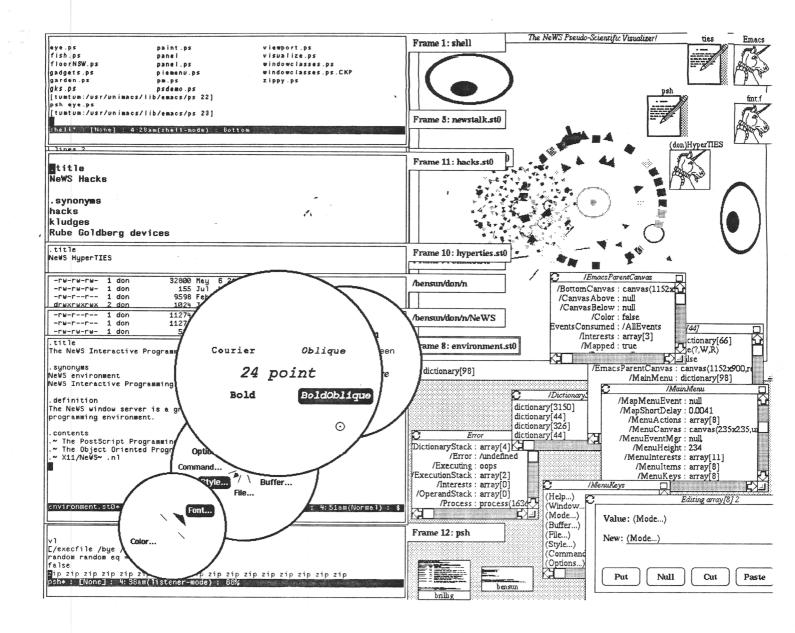
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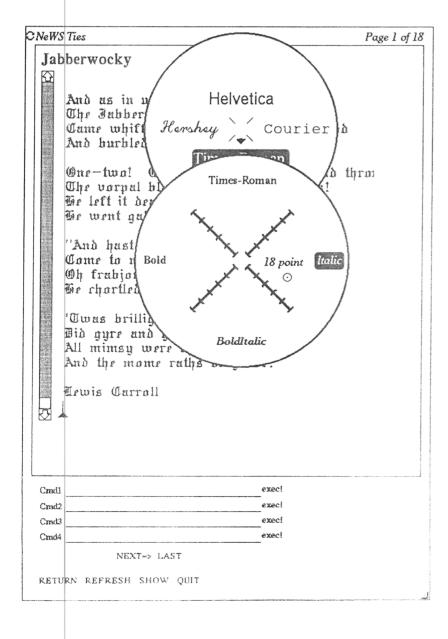
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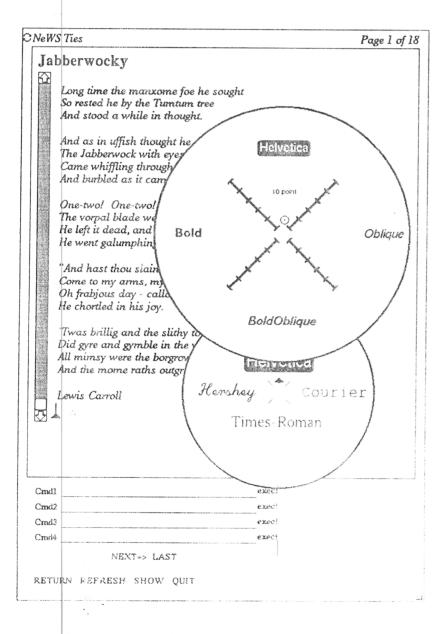
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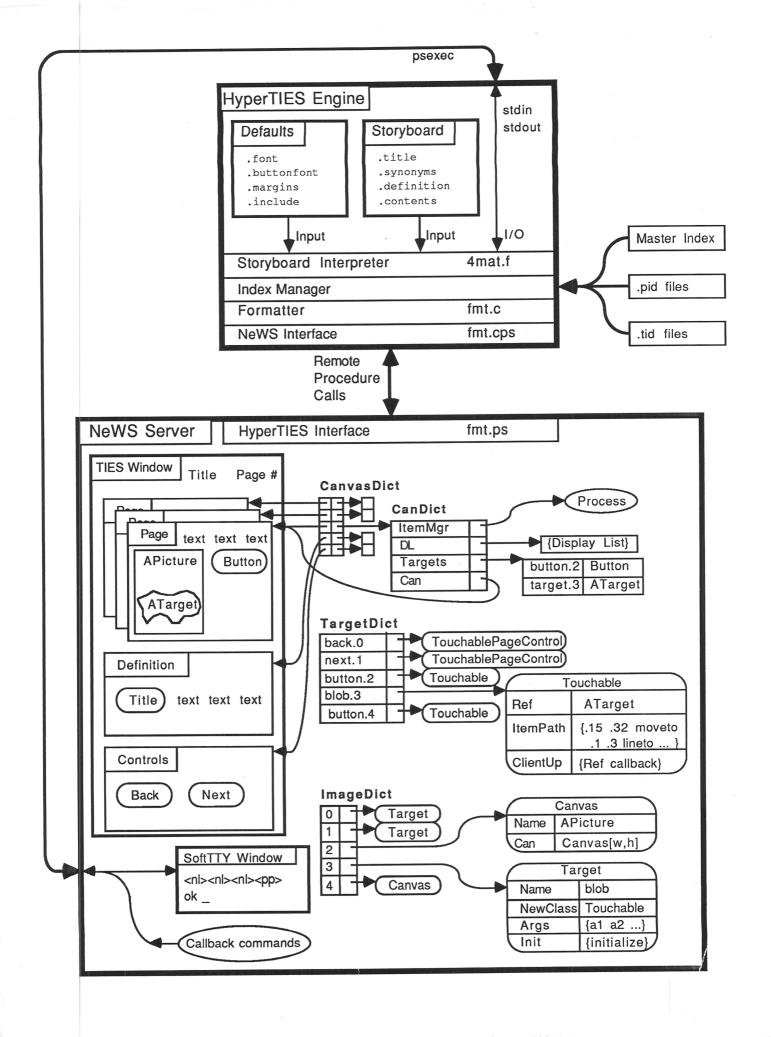


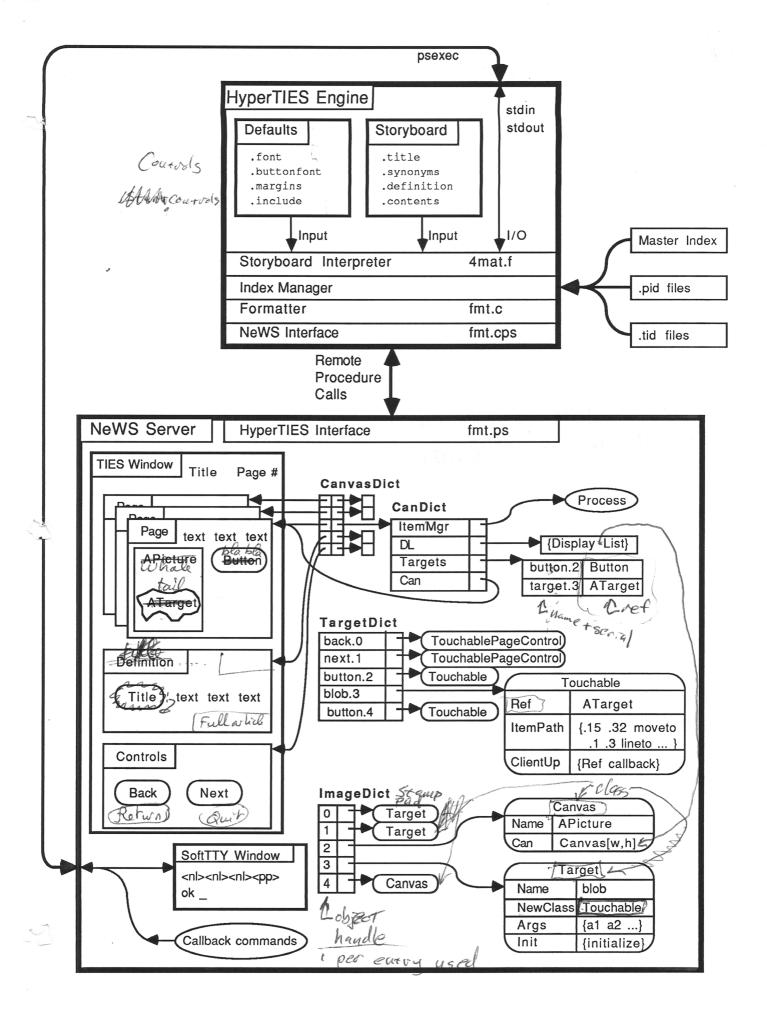












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Keys of the dictionaries in CanvasDict:

ItemMgr - a light weight PostScript process that manages this canvas. It listens for the start events of any items on its canvas, and takes care of activating the item, and it listens for damage events on its canvas, and executes the canvas's display list to update the screen.

DL - The canvas's display list. It is an array of PostScript code, that paints the canvas when executed.

Targets - A dictionary that associates the targets on a canvas with their references. This is used mainly to keep track of what targets are on a canvas, and the associated referenced are not currently used.

Can - A reference back to the canvas that this dictionary describes.

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