

NeXT RELEASES NeXTStep 3.3

NeXT Computer Inc, headquartered in Redwood, California has announced Nextstep Release 3.3, enhanced, it says, to offer more support for Intel based PCs, ease system administration efforts, improve network scalability, provide enhanced mail features and through SoftPC, support enhanced-mode MS-DOS and Windows applications. Nextstep 3.3 includes an updated version of Insignia's SoftPC for Nextstep/Intel, which is bundled with Nextstep 3.3 and priced at \$249 with upgrades for \$69. Meanwhile, Nextstep Developer Release 3.3 is currently in beta and is optimised to enable developers to build applications for Intel, Motorola, PA-Risc and Sparc architectures. Developer allows for the creation of multi-architecture executables which run on all the four architectures. The Developer also includes an improved C++ compiler which allows developers to create C++ objects, as well as Objective C objects, and includes multi inheritance and templates. A new Foundation kit is said to provide building blocks upon which OpenStep and NeXT's Enterprise Objects Framework is built. It can create unicode capable string objects, collection objects such as arrays and dictionaries, notification and archiving objects as well as objects for interacting with the file system and other OS features such as threads and processes. Nextstep Release 3.3 for Intel and Motorola chips is shipping for \$799 with upgrades priced at \$199. PA-Risc and Sparc versions are tagged for mid '95 for the same price. Nextstep Developer Release ships in mid '95 for all four chips.