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Creates a new record and adds it to the end of the root fetch group's DBRecordList. This is a convenience method implemented by sending an insertNewRecordAt: message to the root fetch group. Returns self if the record was successfully appended otherwise returns nil.

insertNewRecordAt: (DBFetchGroup)

associationForObject:anObject

Returns the DBAssociation object that's associated with the given user interface object.

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Returns the DBDatabase object for which the DBModule was created.

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delegate

Returns the DBModule's delegate.

setDelegate:

deleteRecord:sender

Deletes the currently selected records by sending deleteCurrentSelection to the root fetch group and returning the result.

deleteCurrentSelection (DBFetchGroup)

discardChanges:sender

Terminates any editing changes currently in progress for the DBModule's fetch groups. The user interface objects and their corresponding instance of DBRecordList are cleared in response to this message. All the DBAssociations are notified so that they can update the display accordingly. The method is implemented by sending a discardChanges: message to the DBModule's root fetch group. Returns self.

editingAssociation

Returns the DBAssociation that is currently involved in editing (the one that contains the text inserted by the user). If no DBAssociation objects is involved in editing, returns nil.

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is closed and cannot be reopened, or if any of the fetch groups has unsaved changes that may not be

fetchContentsOf:aSource usingQualifier:aQualifier

Replaces the records in the current DBRecordList with records fetched from the database. Any ed fetch group is terminated.

The argument aSource may be a DBEntity it may also be a DBValue that specifies a relationship. relationship, the DBValue object contains both the key value of a source entity and the target entity such an object responds YES to an isEntity message. For example, if the DBValue is the value '10' 'aDepartment, ' the effect is to use 'aDepartment = 10' as a key that defines the set of records to be fetched. nil, the DBModule's DBEntity is assumed.

The argument aQualifier is a DBQualifier that further restricts the records that will be fetched. If a no further qualification and all records are returned.

If the parent DBModule's delegate responds to fetchGroupWillFetch:, it is notified. Similarly, after DBModule's delegate responds to fetchGroupDidFetch:, it is notified, giving it a chance to set up DBRecordList. The various DBAssociations are notified that the contents of their views has changed themselves. The current record index is set to 0 (the index of the first record).

Returns self when the fetch is successful, and nil otherwise. A nil return may arise if the root fetch changes that may not be discarded.

fetchContentsOf:usingQualifier: (DBFetchGroup), isEntity (DBTypes protocol)

fetchGroupNamed:(const char *)aName

Returns the DBFetchGroup whose name matches aName (as declared in the model file or set through method setName:). If aName is nil, the method returns the root fetch group. Returns nil if the name

getFetchGroups:(List *)aList

Fills aList with the DBModule's DBFetchGroup objects. Returns aList.

initDatabase:aDatabase entity:anEntity

Initializes an instance of DBModule for the given database and entity, and creates and adds the objects. Returns self.

insertNewRecord:sender

Creates a new record and inserts it into the root fetch group's DBRecordList. This is done by sending insertNewRecordAt: message to the root fetch group, passing the index of the current record as the index. self if the record was successfully inserted otherwise returns nil.

insertNewRecordAt: (DBFetchGroup)

previousRecord:sender

Moves the current selection back to the previous record. However, if there is no currently selected record, returns nil.
Returns self.

rootFetchGroup

Returns the module's one required DBFetchGroup (the first in the list of fetch groups).

saveChanges:sender

Causes all changes made within the module to be saved to the database, by saving all the module's records. Returns nil if any error occurred.

Instructs the root DBFetchGroup to save the changes that the user has introduced by editing the module's records. Returns self if the changes were successfully saved (or if there were no changes to save).

If the database supports transactions and no other transaction is in progress, the saveChanges: method begins a new transaction before starting the save, and commits the transaction if the save is completed successfully. All changes within the module are saved as a single transaction (see the DBDatabase methods beginTransaction and commitTransaction).

If for any reason the save could not be carried out, saveChanges: returns nil, and leaves the database in a state where there are several reasons a save might be unsuccessful. Before starting the save, the fetch groups may run their own checks. The method also notifies the DBModule's delegate by sending it a moduleWillSave message, giving it a chance to interpose its own checks. When the save has been carried out, the method again notifies the delegate by sending it a moduleDidSave message. The delegate may still object at this point if it does, the save will be unsuccessful.

setDelegate: anObject

Makes anObject the delegate of the DBModule instance. Returns self.

takeValueFrom:sender

Notifies the DBModule that the user modified one of the displays (DBImageView, NXBrowser). The method updates the corresponding DBAssociations and through them their DBFetchGroups and causes the object's value to be stored into the appropriate part of the DBRecordList. Returns self however, if sender has no association with the module's DBRecordList, returns nil.

textDidEnd:textObject endChar:(unsigned short)whyEnd

Called by a DBEditableTextFormatter object when it has relinquished first responder status. The method identifies the character (Tab, Shift-Tab, or Return) that caused the sender to cease being first responder. If the method permits the change to proceed a return of NO prevents the change and selects the entire text field. If the method does not normally need to use this method explicitly.

Called by a DBEditableTextFormatter object when it is about to relinquish first responder status. A return of YES permits the change to proceed a return of NO prevents the change and selects the entire text field. not normally need to use this method explicitly.

moduleDidSave:module

Called when module has completed a save to the database.

(BOOL)moduleWillLoseChanges:module

Called when module is about to discard changes received from the user interface.

(BOOL)moduleWillSave:module

Called when module is about to save its data to the database.