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(void)enterLinearMode

Implemented by subclasses to put the display into linear frame buffer mode. This method is invoked appropriate, such as when the window server starts running.

revertToVGAMode

(IOReturn)getIntValues:(unsigned int *)parameterArray
forParameter:(IOParameterName)parameterName
count:(unsigned int *)count

Handles NeXT-internal parameters specific to IOFrameBufferDisplays forwards the handling of all to super.

getIntValues:forParameter:count: (IODevice)

hideCursor:(int)token

Implements this method, as described in the IOScreenEvents protocol specification. You should never implement this method.

initFromDeviceDescription:deviceDescription

Invokes initFromDeviceDescription: on super. If successful, sets the unit number and the name (to the unit number). Frees itself if initialization was unsuccessful.

Subclasses must implement this method so that it performs all initialization necessary to set up the display. This includes setting the IODisplayInfo structure (as described in the IODisplay class description) and mapFrameBufferAtPhysicalAddress:length:. If possible, this method should also check the hardware against the IOConfigTable. If the hardware doesn't match, the driver should do what it can to ensure that the display is usable.

(vm_address_t)mapFrameBufferAtPhysicalAddress:(unsigned int)address length:(int)numBytes

Maps the physical memory for this instance into virtual memory for use by the device driver. If address is 0, maps the physical memory corresponding to local memory range 0, and numBytes is ignored. If address is non-zero, reserved resources are overridden and address is used as the physical memory address and numBytes is the number of bytes. The mapped memory range is cached as specified in the IODisplayInfo for this instance.

token:(int)token

Implements this method, as described in the IOScreenEvents protocol specification. You should not implement this method.

(void)revertToVGAMode

Implemented by subclasses to remove the display from whatever advanced mode it's in and enter a mode that can be used as a standard VGA device.

enterLinearMode

(int)selectMode:(const IODisplayInfo *)modeList count:(int)count

Invokes selectMode:count:valid:, specifying 0 for the last argument.

(int)selectMode:(const IODisplayInfo *)modeList
count:(int)count
valid:(const BOOL *)isValid

Determines which IODisplayInfo in the driver-supplied modeList matches the value of the "Display Mode" key in the device's IOConfigTable. Drivers that support multiple advanced modes should invoke this method. When the driver receives a enterLinearMode message, it should enter the mode selected by this method. If the driver doesn't find a valid mode, the driver should determine a mode that will work.

The "Display Mode" key is a configuration key that can be used by drivers to support multiple modes: 8-bit gray and 16-bit RGB. IODisplayInfo is defined in the header file driverkit/displayDefs.h.

The modeList argument should contain a IODisplayInfo for each advanced mode the driver supports. The driver should specify the number of IODisplayInfos in modeList. isValid should either be 0 (in which case the driver should return 0) or a pointer to a BOOL array that corresponds to the modeList. If isValid[1] is NO, for example, then this method ignores modeList[1].

If this method finds a match, it returns the index of the matching IODisplayInfo in modeList. If the mode is missing or its value is improperly formatted, or if a corresponding IODisplayInfo isn't found, then this method returns 0.

See the IODisplay class description for information on display modes and the IODisplayInfo type.

setBrightness:(int)level token:(int)token

Checks whether level is between EV_SCREEN_MIN_BRIGHTNESS and EV_SCREEN_MAX_BRIGHTNESS (inclusive). If not, this method logs an error message. Subclasses that support brightness changes should implement this method and implement it as described in the IOScreenEvents protocol specification.

Returns self.

(IOReturn)setCharValues:(unsigned char *)parameterArray

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(IOReturn)setIntValues:(unsigned int *)parameterArray
    forParameter:(IOParameterName)parameterName
    count:(unsigned int)count

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Handles NeXT-internal parameters specific to IOFramebufferDisplays forwards the handling of all other parameters to the superclass.

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setIntValues:forParameter:count: (IODevice)

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setTransferTable:(const unsigned int *)table count:(int)numEntries

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Specifies new gamma correction values to be used by the hardware. The default implementation does nothing. Subclasses that support multiple gamma correction transforms must override this method so that it reflects the values in table.

Gamma correction is necessary because displays respond nonlinearly to linear ranges of voltage. For example, a pixel that can have red, green, and blue values between 0 and 15. This pixel's brightness when the values are (15, 0, 0) might be more than 7/15 its brightness when the values are (15, 0, 0). Gamma correction lets the hardware use a lower voltage of the beam for example, using 6.5/15 of maximum voltage instead of 7/15, so that the pixel's brightness is 7/15.

Each entry in table specifies the gamma correction (a value scaled to be between 0 and 255, inclusive) for each corresponding pixel component values. For example, for RGB color modes, table[7] specifies the gamma correction for a red value of 7, a green value of 7, and a blue value of 7 (using one byte of the entry per component). For example, (0, 5, 15), for example, the hardware should use the red gamma correction from table[0], the green gamma correction from table[5], and the blue gamma correction from table[15]. Which bytes you use from each table entry depends on whether the transfer table is for a color or black-and-white mode you can determine the mode from numEntries.

When numEntries is IO_2BPP_TRANSFER_TABLE_SIZE or IO_8BPP_TRANSFER_TABLE_SIZE (defined in the header file driverkit/displayDefs.h), the table is for a black-and-white display. In this case, each table entry has one meaningful byte: the least significant byte.

When numEntries is IO_12BPP_TRANSFER_TABLE_SIZE, IO_15BPP_TRANSFER_TABLE_SIZE, IO_18BPP_TRANSFER_TABLE_SIZE, or IO_24BPP_TRANSFER_TABLE_SIZE, the table is for an RGB display, and each entry has three meaningful bytes. The most significant byte holds the red gamma correction, the next most significant byte holds the green gamma correction, and the next holds the blue gamma correction. The least significant byte holds no information.

The following example shows how to copy the correction information from the transfer table to a pixel in the hardware.

