

Chapter 1: Setting Up the Computer

The NeXT Computer has four parts:

- The cube, which contains one or two disk drives and the processor board that serves as the computer's "brain"

- The MegaPixel Display, which displays text and graphics on its high-resolution black-and-white screen

- A keyboard, for entering information and controlling the computer's physical functions, such as turning the computer on and off

- A mouse, for pointing to and manipulating objects on the screen

Setting up the NeXT Computer is easy—so easy that it will take you only a few minutes to do it. All you have to do, after unpacking the computer and deciding where to put it, is attach a few cables and plug it in.

This chapter shows you where to put the computer and how to hook it up; Chapter 3, "Starting and Ending a Work Session," shows you how to turn it on and start working with it.

Care and Safety

The NeXT Computer is finished with a black paint that is highly resistant to chipping and fading. Yet that paint is also susceptible to marking or scratching, so you should always use care when handling the computer. Avoid touching the computer with sharp or abrasive objects, and don't place anything on it. (For more information about keeping the NeXT Computer in good condition, see *The NeXT User's Reference Manual*.)

Warning: Like most electronic equipment, the NeXT Computer is equipped with a grounded three-prong plug, with the third pin serving as the ground. Do not try to defeat the purpose of this plug, which is designed to divert accidental electric shocks, and do not use a three-prong adapter in a two-prong outlet, because such outlets are not grounded. If you don't have grounded three-prong outlets, ask a licensed electrician to install them.