

## Apple Event Types

Apple events fall into one of several broad categories.

- **Required Apple Events** consist of four core Apple events that the Finder sends to applications. These events are called Open Documents, Open Application, Print Documents, and Quit Application. They are a subset of the core Apple events.
- **Core Apple events** are used by nearly all applications to communicate. The suite of core Apple events is described in the *Apple Event Registry*; Apple recommends that all applications support the core Apple events.
- **Functional-area Apple events** are supported by applications with related features. Apple events related to text manipulation for word-processing applications and Apple events related to graphics manipulation for drawing applications are functional-area Apple events. Functional-area Apple events are defined by Apple in consultation with interested developers and are published in the *Apple Event Registry*. Apple recommends that all developers support functional-area Apple events appropriate for their types of applications.
- **Custom Apple events** are defined by a developer for use by the developer's own applications. You should register all of your custom Apple events with Macintosh Developer Technical Support. You can choose to publish your Apple events in the *Apple Event Registry* so that other applications can share them, or you may choose to keep them unpublished for exclusive use by your own applications.