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The NetRexx Programming Series

This book is part of a library, the *NetRexx Programming Series*, documenting the NetRexx programming language and its use and applications. This section lists the other publications in this series, and their roles. These books can be ordered in convenient hardcopy and electronic formats from the Rexx Language Association.

Quick Beginnings Guide	This guide is meant for an audience that has done some programming and wants a quick start. It starts with a quick tour of the language, and a section on installing the NetRexx translator and how to run the reference implementation. It also contains help for troubleshooting if anything in the installation does not work as designed., and states current limits and restrictions of the open source reference implementation.
Programming Guide	The Programming Guide is the one manual that at the same time teaches programming, shows lots of examples as they occur in the real world, and explains about the internals of the translator and how to interface with it.
Language Reference	Referred to as the NRL, this is the formal definition for the language, documenting its syntax and semantics, and prescribing minimal functionality for language implementors. It is the definitive answer to any question on the language, and as such, is subject to approval of the NetRexx Architecture Review Board on any release of the language (including its NRL).
NJPipes Reference	The Data Flow oriented companion to NetRexx, with its CMS Pipes compatible syntax, is documented in this manual. It discusses installing and running Pipes for NetRexx, and has ample examples of defining your own stages in NetRexx.

Typographical conventions

In general, the following conventions have been observed in the NetRexx publications:

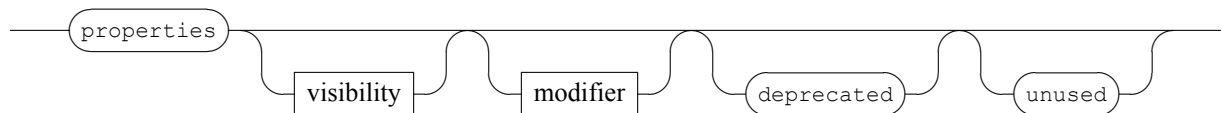
- Body text is in this font
- Examples of language statements are in a **bold** type
- Variables or strings as mentioned in source code, or things that appear on the console, are in a `typewriter` type
- Items that are introduced, or emphasized, are in an *italic* type
- Included program fragments are listed in this fashion:

Listing 1: Example Listing

```
1 — salute the reader
2 say 'hello reader'
```

- Syntax diagrams take the form of so-called *Railroad Diagrams* to convey structure, mandatory and optional items

Properties



Introduction

This is the meta-book that explains about how to make the books for the NetRexx Programming Series. It uses the same toolchain to produce and build it. The overall approach is to keep this lean, and instead of having side-to side examples, it has a 'use the source' way of working - look at a feature you need or like, then look it up in the .tex sourcefile to find out how it is produced. This at least until we figure out the tag escaping that needs to be done for the side-by-side examples.

Differences with the other book in this series (the *real* publications) include

1. a bogus ISBN

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