

## Appendix B

### Notes Object Interface Class Diagram

They say a picture is worth 10\*\*3 words. Figure B.1 is a simplified class-name-only picture of how the Java NOI classes relate to each other. When I say *relate*, I mean *by containment*. If you'll indulge me for a moment, lots of books and articles make a big deal about inheritance hierarchies. I've always thought that containment was much more interesting to the journeyman programmer: you want to know how to navigate to the object that you need to do your job, not worry about how beautiful some idealized *IsA* layout is. That's just my opinion, of course.

Anyway, Figure B.1 shows how the classes relate to each other in terms of containment, and there is (as a bonus for the OO fanatics) one instance of inheritance as well. The pull-out poster included with this book gives you, at the expense of some real estate, the same picture, plus all the methods associated with each class.