

What's New in Office Visio 2007?



New features and enhancements in Office Visio 2007 make Visio diagrams even easier and faster to create, as well as more professional-looking and more useful.

Easily connect Visio diagrams to data sources. With Office Visio 2007, you can not only visualize business systems, but also track and manage system data. With the new Data Selector Wizard, you can more easily connect any Office Visio 2007 diagram to a wide variety of data sources, such as Microsoft Office Excel 2007 spreadsheets, Microsoft Office Access 2007 databases, and Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 lists. Associate all the shapes in a diagram with data using the new Automatic Link Wizard.

- **Display data with shapes in diagrams.** Analyze and gain insight into data by showing the data with shapes in a diagram. Display data fields as callouts next to a shape, position fields in boxes below a shape, and place fields of data directly on top or to the side of a shape all using the new Data Graphics Gallery task pane. Track data states by applying conditional formatting to data to show warning and alert icons, for example, in diagrams. Show variable data as progress bars, represent data that increases or decreases with arrows, and view rankings as stars.
- **Track trends and flag exceptions in PivotDiagrams.** Visualize your business data in hierarchical form showing data groups and totals by using the new PivotDiagram template in Office Visio 2007. Drill down into the data and create different views of it to track trends, identify issues, and flag exceptions. Apply conditional formatting to data using the new Data Graphics Gallery task pane. Insert PivotDiagrams into any Office Visio 2007 diagram to provide metrics and reports that help you track the ongoing progress of a process or system.
- **Get started creating diagrams faster.** Getting started creating your diagrams has become even easier and faster in Office Visio 2007. Quickly find the template you need by using large template previews, helpful template descriptions, the Featured Templates list at the top of many diagram categories, and the Recent Templates list that provides a shortcut for opening templates you use frequently. Also, browse new sample diagrams to get ideas for creating your own.
- **Easily create professional-looking diagrams.** Office Visio 2007 takes all the guesswork out of choosing colors and formatting for diagrams. Using the new Themes feature, you can choose a color or effect theme for your entire diagram with a single click. Office Visio 2007 incorporates the same color themes as Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2007, so you can use matching colors in your Visio 2007 diagrams and Office PowerPoint 2007 presentations. Then, when you use your diagrams and presentations together, you don't need to modify the colors so they match.

- **Quickly connect shapes in diagrams.** Connecting shapes has gotten even easier with Office Visio 2007. Now you don't need to draw connectors between shapes, distribute shapes, or align shapes yourself; Office Visio 2007 does it for you.
- **Communicate with more people.** Reach even more people and make your diagrams more portable by saving diagrams from Office Visio 2007 as Portable Document Format files (PDF). Or attach diagrams to e-mail messages, and the recipient can preview them within Microsoft Office Outlook 2007.

Office Visio 2007 also includes enhanced diagramming capabilities, new templates and shapes, improved methods for collaborating with other applications, and new advanced features for developers and power users.