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Drawing Layout

The basic task in designing layout is drawing *objects*, which represent the elements and patterns of the circuitry to be fabricated.

After the current layer has been specified in the Layer palette (see Layer Palette), drawing an object involves two basic steps: (1) activating a drawing tool and (2) executing a drawing operation.

Drawing Tools

Object Types

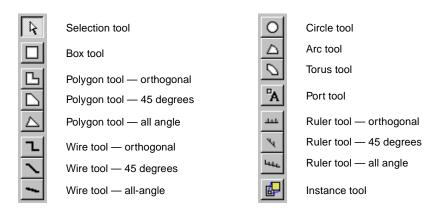
There are several *types* of drawable objects. Each object type is associated with a *tool* which is activated to draw the corresponding object.

Object type	Description
Box	A shape characterized by four 90° corners.
Polygon	A shape characterized by an arbitrary number of vertices connected by straight edges to form a closed (possibly self-intersecting) figure.

Object type	Description
Wire	A shape consisting of one or more rectangular segments, of equal width, joined at common ends.
Circle	A shape characterized by a center (point) and a radius.
Arc	A section of a circle characterized by a center, a radius, and a sweep angle.
Torus	A section of a circle characterized by a center, two radii (inner and outer), and a sweep angle.
Port	A point or box with associated text, used to label layout for documentation purposes.
Ruler	A line with a choice of end styles and optional tick marks, used to measure layout for documentation purposes.
Instance	A symbolic representation of a cell at a specific location and orientation in another cell.

Drawing Toolbar

The drawing tools are represented by buttons in the Drawing toolbar.



To activate a drawing tool, click its toolbar button with the CHOOSE mouse button. The button corresponding to the active tool is highlighted.

All objects drawn are of the active tool's type until another tool is activated.

The selection tool does not create new objects; instead, it is used for object selection.

The Drawing toolbar itself can be displayed in three modes: orthogonal, 45 degrees, and all angle.

Mode	Description
Orthogonal	Only buttons for the <i>orthogonal</i> mode of the polygon, wire, and ruler tools are shown; those for the circle, arc, and torus tools are not shown.
45 degrees	Only buttons for the <i>orthogonal</i> and 45 degrees modes of the polygon, wire, and ruler tools are shown; those for the circle, arc, and torus tools are not shown.
All angle	Buttons for all three modes — <i>orthogonal</i> , 45 <i>degrees</i> , and <i>all angle</i> — of the polygon, wire, and ruler tools, as well as for the circle, arc, and torus tools, are shown.

There are two ways to control the display mode of the Drawing toolbar.

- In the drawing toolbar, click the MENU button; in the resulting pop-up menu, check one of the **Orthogonal**, **45 Degrees**, or **All Angle** options.
- In the dialog opened by the **Setup > Application** command, choose an option from the **Drawing mode** drop-down list (under the **General** tab, in the **Toolbars** section).

Drawing Operations

The starting point for drawing any object is its *anchor point*. With a drawing tool activated and the crosshair pointer positioned at the anchor point, click the DRAW button to start drawing an object.

Drawing Boxes

The anchor point is one of the corners of the box.

Drag (holding the DRAW button) away from the anchor point to determine the opposite corner (and therefore the length and width) of the box. Release the DRAW button at the desired opposite corner.

Drawing Circles

The anchor point is the center of the circle.

Drag (holding the DRAW button) away from the anchor point to determine the radius of the circle. Release the DRAW button at the desired radius.

Drawing Arcs

The anchor point is the center of the arc.

When the arc tool is clicked at the anchor point, the mouse buttons become the VERTEX, BACKUP, and END buttons.

Move (without holding a button) or drag (holding the VERTEX button) away from the anchor point to determine the radius of the arc (indicated by a thin line). Click or release the VERTEX button at the desired radius.

If (before the radius has been finalized) a different anchor point is desired, then click the BACKUP button. The pointer can then be moved freely to another anchor point.

After clicking at the radius, move (do not drag) away from this point to determine the sweep angle of the arc. Click either the VERTEX button or the END button at the desired sweep angle.

- Dragging in a counterclockwise direction about the anchor point produces an arc with a positive sweep angle.
- Dragging in a *clockwise* direction about the anchor point produces an arc with a *negative* sweep angle.

If (before the sweep angle has been finalized) a different radius is desired, then click the BACKUP button. The pointer can then be moved to find another radius; the thin line showing the radius is a different color (to indicate correction).

Drawing Tori

The anchor point is the center of the torus.

When the torus tool is clicked at the anchor point, the mouse buttons become the VERTEX, BACKUP, and END buttons.

Move (without holding a button) or drag (holding the VERTEX button) away from the anchor point to determine the first radius of the torus (indicated by a thin line). Click or release the VERTEX button at the desired first radius.

If (before the first radius has been finalized) a different anchor point is desired, then click the BACKUP button. The pointer can then be moved freely to another anchor point.

After clicking at the first radius, move (do not drag) away from this point to determine both the sweep angle and the second radius of the torus. Click either the VERTEX button or the END button at the desired sweep angle and second radius.

 Dragging in a counterclockwise direction about the anchor point produces a torus with a positive sweep angle. • Dragging in a *clockwise* direction about the anchor point produces a torus with a *negative* sweep angle.

If (before the sweep angle and second radius have been finalized) a different radius is desired, then click the BACKUP button. The pointer can then be moved to find another radius; the thin line showing the radius is a different color (to indicate correction).

Drawing Polygons and Wires

The anchor point is the first vertex of the polygon or wire.

When the polygon tool is clicked at the anchor point, the mouse buttons become the VERTEX, BACKUP, and END buttons.

Move (without holding a button) or drag (holding the VERTEX button) away from the anchor point to determine the second vertex position. Click or release the VERTEX button at the desired vertex position.

Repeat this step for each successive vertex. Polygons and wires can have any number of vertices.

Clicking the BACKUP button removes the most recently placed vertex. The pointer can then be moved to another position for that vertex.

Click the END button at the last vertex.

When the END button is clicked, coincident vertices (two or more vertices occupying the same location) and colinear vertices (three or more vertices lying on the same straight line) are eliminated.

The appearance of the vertices of wires is determined by the default wire style for the current layer. To modify these parameters, use the **Setup > Layers** command.

The appearance of a wire on the screen does not necessarily reflect the way in which it will be fabricated. Just because a wire appears to touch another object on the screen does not necessarily mean that it will form a connection when the chip is fabricated.

Drawing Ports

A port can be 0-dimensional (a point) or 2-dimensional (a box). (Ports can also be 1-dimensional, or lines; these are special cases of box ports.)

- For a *point* port, the anchor point is the location of the port.
- For a *box* (or line) port, the anchor point is the corner of the port.

To draw a point port, release the DRAW button after clicking at the anchor point.

To draw a box port, drag (holding the DRAW button) away from the anchor point to determine the opposite corner and therefore the length and width of the box. Release the DRAW button at the desired opposite corner.

When the DRAW button is released, a dialog appears, asking for the name of the port and the size of the text used to display the name. Enter this information and click **OK** (or **Cancel** to remove the port).

To modify the default port text size, use the **Setup > Design** command (under the **Drawing** tab).

Drawing Rulers

The anchor point is one of the endpoints of the ruler.

Drag (holding the DRAW button) away from the anchor point to determine the other endpoint (and therefore the length and orientation) of the ruler.

To modify *default* ruler settings, use the **Setup > Design** command; in the dialog, choose options in the **Default ruler settings** and **Create rulers on** sections under the **Drawing** tab.

To modify settings for a specific (selected) ruler, *either* use the **Edit > Edit Object(s)** command *or* double-click the MOVE-EDIT button on the ruler; in the dialog, choose options under the **Rulers** tab.

Drawing Instances

Clicking the instance tool button produces the same dialog as that opened by the **Cell > Instance** command.

Selecting and Deselecting Layout

Definitions and Displays

Selecting an object ensures that subsequent editing operations will affect that object specifically. More than one object may be selected at a time.

Deselecting a selected object revokes its selected status.

By default, selected objects are outlined. It is possible to change the manner in which selection is displayed on any given layer by modifying the layer's pass specification (see Pass Lists).

When multiple views of the same cell are open, selected objects are displayed as such in all of the views.

When a selected object is part of an instance, it is displayed as such only in its original (instanced) cell.

For information on *selection* and *deselection* ranges, see Replacing the Setup.

Actions

There are several actions related to selection and deselection, performed with the selection tool active.

These actions involve clicking appropriate mouse buttons in or near the object to be selected (within the *selection range*).

Action	Mouse button
Explicitly selecting an object or set of objects, before an operation is performed	SELECT
Implicitly selecting an object, in the process of performing an operation on it	MOVE-EDIT
Adding (extend selecting) an object to a set of selected objects	EXTEND SELECT (Shift+SELECT)
Subtracting (deselecting) an object from a set of selected objects	DESELECT (Alt+right SELECT)

Selecting

Explicit Selection

To explicitly select an object by *clicking*, position the pointer over the object to be selected and click the SELECT button. Any previously selected objects are automatically deselected.

To explicitly select a set of objects by *dragging*:

- Position the pointer outside a corner of the set of objects to be selected.
- Drag the pointer with the SELECT button held, forming a selection marquee around the objects.
- Position the opposite corner of the selection marquee so that the marquee completely encloses all the objects to be selected but does not completely enclose any other objects, and release the SELECT button.

Any objects completely contained within the selection marquee are selected. Any previously selected objects are automatically deselected.

Cycle Selection

Clicking near or in several objects selects the closest object. The *next* click with the pointer in the same spot *deselects* the object just selected and *selects* the next closest object (within the selection range).

Repeated clicks progressively select nearby objects until there are no more objects within the selection range. The next click deselects all objects. The following click starts with the closest object again.

Extend Selection

To extend a selection to another object or group of objects, adding it to the set of already selected objects, select the object(s) with the EXTEND SELECT (**Shift**+SELECT) button. Previously selected objects are *not* deselected.

Implicit Selection

If no other objects are selected, pressing and holding the MOVE-EDIT button in or near an object (within the selection range) selects that object and begins a move or edit operation.

Unless the pointer is far enough (outside the deselection range) from all previously selected objects, these objects are *not* deselected by attempting to select another object implicitly, and may be moved instead of the target object! There are several ways to avoid this potential problem:

- Precede an implicit selection with the Edit > Deselect All command (see Universal Deselection).
- Set the deselection range appropriately.

Universal Selection

All objects in the active cell may be selected with the **Edit > Select All (Ctrl+A)** command.

Picking Layers

The **Draw > Pick Layer** (**A**) command changes the current layer to the layer of the last selected object (excluding instances). If there are no objects selected, the current layer changes to the layer of the object closest to the pointer.

Deselecting

Explicit Deselection

To deselect a selected object without affecting other selected objects, click it (or drag around a set of selected objects) with the DESELECT (Alt+right SELECT) button.

Clicking the DESELECT button over an object which is not selected, or far enough (outside the selection range) from all selected objects, has no effect.

Implicit Deselection

Clicking the SELECT button far enough (outside the selection range) from all selected objects automatically deselects them.

Clicking the MOVE-EDIT button near an object to be implicitly selected and far enough (outside the deselection range) from all previously selected objects automatically deselects them.

Hidden Deselection

When a layer is hidden, all selected objects on that layer are automatically deselected. This prevents hidden objects from being moved or edited. These objects remain deselected even after they are made visible again.

Universal Deselection

All objects in the active cell may be deselected with the **Edit > Deselect All** (Alt+A) command.

Moving Layout

Graphical Repositioning

To move an object, select it and position the pointer anywhere except on a vertex or edge of the selected object. Holding the MOVE-EDIT button, drag the object to its new position.

A single object can be implicitly selected and moved by clicking the MOVE-EDIT button in or near it (but not on a vertex or edge) and dragging the object to its new position. The object is automatically deselected after the move.

Multiple objects to be moved simultaneously must all be explicitly selected. The pointer may be initially positioned anywhere, including on any vertex or edge. When moved, the selected objects' relative positions are maintained.

To enable *snapping* — that is, to constrain movement to the horizontal or vertical directions only — hold the **Shift** key down while using the MOVE-EDIT button.

The MOVE-EDIT button's function changes depending on the position of the pointer:

• If the pointer is on or sufficiently near a vertex or edge of a single selected object, then an *edit* is performed.

• If the pointer is anywhere else, then a *move* is performed.

The distance from a vertex or edge at which an edit, rather than a move, is performed can be specified with the **Setup > Design** command (under the **Selection** tab).

Incremental Repositioning

Four commands incrementally move (*nudge*) a selected object or set of objects over a predetermined distance.

Command	Shortcut	
Draw > Nudge > Left	Ctrl + ←	
Draw > Nudge > Right	$Ctrl + {\to}$	
Draw > Nudge > Up	Ctrl + ↑	
Draw > Nudge > Down	Ctrl + ↓	

The nudge amount can be specified with the **Setup Design – Drawing** dialog.

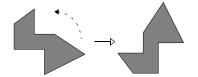
Numerical Repositioning

Selected objects can also be moved specified distances with the **Draw > Move By** command. In the dialog, enter values for the **Move amount** along the **X** and **Y** axes, and click **OK**.

Reorienting

Three commands change the orientation of selected objects.

Command	Shortcut	Description
Draw > Rotate	R	Rotates the selected object by 90° counter-clockwise about its geometrical center.



Command	Shortcut	Description
Draw > Flip > Horizontal	Н	Flips the selected object about the vertical axis through its geometrical center.
		→ →
Draw > Flip > Vertical	V	Flips the selected object about the horizontal axis through its geometrical center.

When multiple objects are selected, the rotation or flip occurs about the geometrical center of the selected group.

Viewing Layout

Each window shows a portion of a cell's layout. The subset of the layout displayed in the window is called the *view*.

The view in the *active* window can be moved (*panned*) to show a different area of the layout, or magnified (*zoomed*) to show a larger or smaller area of the layout.

Panning and zooming can be done at any time while drawing, moving, or editing layout.

Panning

The nine panning commands act on the view in the active cell window. It is the *view* that is moved, not the *objects*; thus, moving the view in one direction causes apparent motion of visible objects in the *other* direction.

Command	Shortcut	Description
View > Pan > To Selections	Υ	Moves the view until it is centered as much as possible over the selected objects.

Command	Shortcut	Description
View > Pan > Left	(Moves the view to the left by one-quarter of the width of the view.
View > Pan > Right	\rightarrow	Moves the view to the right by one-quarter of the width of the view.
View > Pan > Up	↑	Moves the view up by one-quarter of the height of the view.
View > Pan > Down	\	Moves the view down by one-quarter of the height of the view.
View > Pan > To Cell Edge > Left	Shift + ←	Moves the view until its edge is flush with the leftmost edge among all objects in the cell.
View > Pan > To Cell Edge > Right	Shift $+ \rightarrow$	Moves the view until its edge is flush with the rightmost edge among all objects in the cell.

Command	Shortcut	Description
View > Pan > To Cell Edge > Up	Shift + ↑	Moves the view until its edge is flush with the topmost edge among all objects in the cell.
View > Pan > To Cell Edge > Down	Shift $+\downarrow$	Moves the view until its edge is flush with the bottommost edge among all objects in the cell.

Auto-Panning

When *auto-panning* is on, moving the pointer to one of the edges of the view automatically initiates a pan in the corresponding direction.

To activate auto-panning, use the **Setup > Application** command: under the **General** tab, check the **Auto-panning** option.

Zooming

The four zooming commands act on the view in the active cell window. *Increasing* the magnification causes objects to look *larger*; *decreasing* the magnification causes objects to look *smaller*.

Command	Shortcut	Description
View > Home	Home	Changes the view to encompass as closely as possible <i>all</i> objects in the cell.
View > Zoom > In	+	Doubles the magnification.
View > Zoom > Out	-	Halves the magnification.
View > Zoom > To Selections	W	Changes the view to encompass as closely as possible only the selected objects (except text associated with ports).

When an instance is being edited in-place (see Editing In-Place), **Home** zooms to the cell being edited, whereas **End** zooms to the root cell.

Mouse-Controlled Viewing

The View > Zoom > Mouse (Z) command changes the functions of the mouse buttons for a single operation. The three buttons become the ZOOM BOX button, the PAN button, and the ZOOM OUT button.

Button	Action
ZOOM BOX	• <i>Clicking</i> at a single point magnifies the area around the pointer by a factor of two.
	 Dragging specifies a rectangle to which the view will be zoomed (as closely as possible while maintaining the height-to- width ratio) when the button is released.
PAN	 Clicking pans the view so that the new center is located at the pointer's position.
	 Dragging pans the view in the direction and through the distance of the pointer's motion (when the button is released).
ZOOM OUT	Clicking zooms the display window out from the location of the pointer.

After a mouse-controlled viewing operation, the mouse buttons revert to the DRAW, MOVE-EDIT, and SELECT functions.

Exchanging Views

L-Edit remembers the view before executing a new pan or zoom command. The View > Exchange(X) command returns to the previous view. The two views may be exchanged back and forth.

Showing and Hiding Layout

On a crowded layout, it may be desirable to *hide* certain features in order to be able to focus more effectively on others. The effect of hiding is reversed by *showing*.

Showing and hiding commands apply to all cells in the current file.

Showing and Hiding Objects

All objects of a specific type — boxes, for example — can be hidden, or shown if already hidden, as a group. Hidden objects cannot be drawn, selected, moved, deleted, or edited.

Objects can be shown and hidden effectively only on shown layers.

In the drawing toolbar, hidden object types are indicated by shaded buttons. Tools can still be activated even in the hidden state, but the corresponding objects cannot be drawn.

Showing and Hiding Specific Object Types

There are three ways to show or hide all objects of a specific type.

Location	Action
Drawing toolbar	Click the HIDE/SHOW button over a tool to toggle the state of the corresponding type.
Drawing toolbar	Click the MENU button over a tool; in the pop- up menu, check (to show) or uncheck (to hide) the Show option.
View > Objects submenu	Check (to show) or uncheck (to hide) the desired type.

Showing and Hiding All Object Types

There are three ways to show or hide all objects of all (or almost all) types.

Location	Action
Drawing toolbar	Click the H/S ALL (Ctrl +HIDE/SHOW) button over a tool.

Location Action Over the selection tool, the H/S ALL button shows or hides all object types. Over the box, wire, circle, port, ruler, or instance tools, the H/S ALL button shows the corresponding type and shows or hides all other types. Over any of the polygon, arc, or torus tools, the H/S ALL button shows polygons, arcs, and torii, and shows or hides all other types. Drawing toolbar Click the MENU button over a tool; in the popup menu, check Show All or Hide All. Over the selection tool, these options show or hide all types. Over the box, wire, circle, port, ruler, or instance tools, these options show the corresponding type and show or hide all other types.

Over any of the polygon, arc, or torus tools, these options show polygons, arcs, and torii, and show or hide all other types.

Location	Action
View > Objects submenu	Check Show All to show all types; check Hide All to hide all except the activated type. Polygons, arcs, and torii are classified as the same type for the purposes of this command.

Showing and Hiding Layers

A hidden layer is one on which all objects are invisible. Objects on hidden layers cannot be drawn, selected, moved, deleted, or edited.

In the layer palette, hidden layers are indicated by shaded icons. Layers can be selected even in the hidden state.

Showing and Hiding Specific Layers

There are four ways to show or hide a specific layer.

Location	Action
Layer palette	Click the HIDE/SHOW button over a layer
	icon to toggle its state.

Location	Action
Layer palette	Click the MENU button over a layer icon; in the pop-up menu, check (to show) or uncheck (to hide) the Show <i>Name</i> option (where <i>Name</i> is the name of the layer).
View > Layers submenu	Check (to show) or uncheck (to hide) the Show Name option (where Name is the name of the current layer).
Setup > Layers dialog	Under the General tab, check (to hide) or uncheck (to show) the Hidden option for the layer highlighted in the Layers list.

Showing and Hiding All Layers

There are four ways to show or hide all (or almost all) layers.

Location	Action
Layer palette	Click the H/S ALL (Ctrl+HIDE/SHOW)
	button over a layer icon. The layer is shown. If
	all other layers are hidden, they are shown; if
	all other layers are shown, they are hidden

Location	Action
Layer palette	Click the MENU button over a layer icon; in the pop-up menu, check Show All to show all layers, or Hide All to hide all other layers.
View > Layers submenu	Check Show All to show all layers; check Hide All to hide all except the current layer.

Showing and Hiding Generated Layers

The layer palette pop-up menu and the **View > Layers** submenu contain two additional options.

Show Generated	Shows all generated layers.
Hide Generated	Hides all generated layers.

Showing and Hiding Hierarchy

Insides

Hiding instance *insides* (the objects contained by instanced cells) can speed up screen redraw and clarify the layout at relatively small magnifications.

Instances whose insides are hidden are displayed in "outline" mode. They can still be selected (whereas hidden instances are completely invisible and cannot be selected).

The name of the instanced cell is displayed with the instance outline unless the name would extend beyond the edges of the outline.

There are several ways to control the visibility of instance insides.

Command	Shortcut	Description
View > Insides > Toggle Insides	Ctrl+I	Toggles the visibility of the insides of <i>all</i> instances on visible layers at all levels of the hierarchy — except ports.
View > Insides > Show Insides	S	Shows the insides of the selected instance(s).
View > Insides > Hide Insides	D	Hides the insides of the selected instance(s).
View > Insides > Hide Leaves	Alt+L	Hides all leaf-level cells in the hierarchy.

Command	Shortcut	Description
Setup > Application Hide instance inside less than (in Editing options section under General tab)	- ··	Determines the minimum width (Horizontal) and height (Vertical), in pixels, that instances must have on the screen for their insides to be visible. Visible instances must exceed both of these
		minimums.

Icons

The **View > Icon** command modifies the visibility of (otherwise hidden) instance insides.

Checked Any (otherwise hidden) instance insides on the

Icon layer are shown.

Unchecked All hidden instance insides stay hidden.

Arrays

The **View > Arrays** command controls the visibility of arrays (if they are not part of hidden instance insides).

Checked Arrays are shown in full, with all repeated

geometry visible.

Unchecked Arrays are displayed as single instances, with

only one element per array visible.

Ports

The View > Ports command controls the visibility of ports within instances.

Checked Ports within instances are shown.

Unchecked Ports within instances are hidden.

Showing and Hiding Interface Elements

Grid

The **View > Grid** command controls the visibility of the displayed grid (not the mouse snap grid), if the Grid layer is not hidden.

Checked The grid is shown (if the magnification

allows).

Unchecked The grid is hidden.

Origin

The **View > Origin** command controls the visibility of the crosshair marker that indicates the origin (0,0), if the Origin layer is not hidden.

Checked The origin is shown (if it is within the view).

Unchecked The origin is hidden.