

## Chapter II-18 — Page Layouts

- Nudge the objects with the arrow keys.
- Change the frame on the objects using the frame tool.

You can not do the following actions on multiple objects:

- Change the order of the objects in the object list (move to front, move to back).
- Adjust the size of the objects using the mouse.

### Marquee Tool

When you click the marquee tool, it becomes highlighted and the cursor changes to a crosshair. You can use the marquee tool to identify multiple objects for cutting, copying, clearing or arranging. You can also use it to indicate a part of the layout for export to another application and to control pasting of objects from the clipboard.

To use the marquee tool, click the mouse and drag it diagonally to indicate the region of interest. Igor displays a dashed outline around the region. This outline is called a marquee. A marquee has handles and edges that allow you to refine its size and position.

To refine the size of the marquee, move the cursor over one of the handles. The cursor changes to a double arrow which shows you the direction in which the handle adjusts the edge of the marquee. To adjust the edge, simply drag it to a new position.

To refine the position of the marquee, move the cursor over one of the edges away from the handles. The cursor changes to a hand. To move the marquee, drag it.

To make it possible to export any section of a layout, an object is considered selected if it intersects the marquee. This is in contrast to selection with the arrow tool, which requires that you completely enclose the object.

This table shows how to use the marquee.

To Accomplish This	Do This
Cut, copy or clear multiple objects	Drag a marquee around them and then use the Edit menu to cut, copy or clear.
Paste objects into a particular area	Drag a marquee where you want to paste and then use the Edit menu to paste.
Tile or stack objects	Drag a marquee to indicate the area into which you want to tile or stack and then choose Arrange Objects from the Layout menu.
Export a section of the layout as a picture	Drag a marquee to indicate the section that you want to export and then choose Export Graphics from the Edit menu (to use the clipboard) or choose Save Graphics from the File menu (to save in a disk file).

When you click inside the marquee Igor presents a pop-up menu, called the Layout Marquee menu, from which you can choose Cut, Copy, Paste, or Clear. This cuts, copies, pastes or clears the all objects that intersect the marquee. These marquee items do the same thing as the corresponding items in the Edit menu.

The Marquee menu also contains items that allow you to insert a subwindow.

It is possible to add your own menu items to the Layout Marquee menu. See **Marquee Menus** on page IV-137 for details.

See **Copying Objects from the Layout Layer** on page II-493 and **Pasting Objects into the Layout Layer** on page II-493 for more details on copying and pasting. See **Arranging Layout Objects** on page II-487 for details on tiling and stacking.

When the marquee tool is selected, any selected object is deselected. Double-clicking while the marquee tool is selected has no effect.