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GETTING STARTED GUIDE



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GETTING STARTED

If you haven't installed your new software, begin by reading some information on installation and other preliminaries. Before you begin working with your software, take a few moments to read an overview of Adobe Help and of the many resources available to users. You have access to plug-ins, templates, user communities, seminars, tutorials, RSS feeds, and much more.

INSTALLATION

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Install the software

- 1 Close any other Adobe applications open on your computer.
- 2 Insert the installation disc into your CD drive, and follow the on-screen instructions.

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Activate the software

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- 2 Follow the on-screen instructions.

Note: If you want to install the software on a different computer, you must first deactivate it on your computer. Choose Help > Deactivate.

Register

Register your product to receive notifications of updates and other services.

To register, follow the on-screen instructions in the Registration dialog box, which appears after you install and activate the software.

If you postpone registration, you can register at any time by choosing Help > Registration.

ADOBE HELP

Adobe Help resources

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To participate in forums or blogs, visit www.adobe.com/communities.

WHAT'S NEW

Top new features of Adobe FrameMaker 8

Unicode support Support for the Unicode text encoding standard lets you author content in multiple languages. All features in FrameMaker, such as find and change, markers, hypertext, and catalog entries, support Unicode. You can export to PDF with Unicode bookmarks, tags, comments, and so on. You can import or export Unicode content from other applications. Additional dictionaries help you author content in more languages.

Enhanced conditional text features Single-sourcing of documents is enhanced by the following features:

- Manage condition tags, using the new Manage Conditional Tag dialog box.

- Add new condition tags, using the new Add Conditional Tag dialog box.
- Rename condition tags.
- Use the New Color button in the Edit Conditional Tag dialog box to define a new color for a condition tag.
- Visually distinguish text with multiple condition tags, as the color of the text depends on the set of tags applied to the text.
- Build Boolean expressions with complex combinations of condition tags and Boolean operators to generate conditional output.

Enhanced Structured/XML authoring Structured authoring is improved with the following enhancements:

- XML roundtripping is enhanced to preserve XML comments as markers. System variables and Processing Instructions (PIs) are also roundtripped.
- You can import element formatting from CSS into DTD, so you can ensure consistent formatting across different XML applications. The CSS file can be referenced in the XML document or manually imported. Multiple CSS files can be imported sequentially, for multi-level formatting.
- Support for single-sourcing workflows lets you filter structured documents. The single-sourcing workflows are preserved across other XML applications, which use attribute values for filtering XML documents.

Filter by attribute You can filter structured documents based on attribute values using complex Boolean expressions. Multiple expressions can be created and saved for generating different outputs.

Track Text Edits You can track text edits made in a document. The added and deleted text are highlighted for visual distinction. You can navigate through the edited sections and accept or reject specific changes. You can also preview the document to see its original or final state. The changed information is preserved in the XML roundtrip.

DITA application pack The in-built DITA application pack and a DITA menu, facilitate DITA authoring. You can generate a FrameMaker document directly from a DITA Map. You can use the standard FrameMaker features while authoring DITA content.

3D workflows (Windows only) You can insert 3D objects (U3D format) in FrameMaker 8 documents only. You can also set parameters, such as default view, rendering mode, background color, and lighting scheme for the 3D object. You can publish the document in PDF format with active 3D models. The 3D objects are preserved in the XML roundtrip.

Support for SWF files (Windows only) You can create documents with SWF files, such as Adobe Captivate movies. The SWF object can be preserved in the XML roundtrip.

HTTP file path support (Windows only) You can specify an HTTP path to import graphics into a document, either by reference or by copy. The HTTP path is preserved in the XML roundtrip.

Enhanced WebDAV support The WebDAV support is extended to allow authoring and editing of XML files located on the Web-based Distributed Authoring and Versioning (WebDAV) server.

Import of Office 2007 content (Windows only) You can import content from Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel 2007.