

Getting Started with

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GETTING STARTED

RESOURCES

Before you begin working with FrameMaker 9, take a few moments to read an overview of activation and the many resources available to you. You have access to instructional videos, plug-ins, templates, user communities, seminars, tutorials, RSS feeds, and much more.

ACTIVATION AND REGISTRATION

To review complete system requirements and recommendations for your Adobe® FrameMaker® 9 software, see the FrameMaker product page at www.adobe.com/products/frameMaker.

Install the software

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

You can also install FrameMaker 9 from the command line. You can get Help on the command-line parameters:

❖ Type `setup.exe /help`

Help with installation

For help with installation issues, see the Installation Support Center at www.adobe.com/go/learn_fm_install_en.

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Register

Register your product to receive complimentary installation support, notifications of updates, and other services.

❖ To register, follow the onscreen instructions in the Registration dialog box, which appears when you first start the software.



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

HELP AND SUPPORT

Community Help

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You can use the commenting feature to post your comments to Adobe.com or add notes for your own reference. Your feedback on Help content is welcome.

Note: For a video of Adobe Help Viewer, see www.adobe.com/go/learn_air_viewer2_en.

Other resources

Online Help also includes a link to the complete, updated PDF version of Help.

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WHAT'S NEW IN FRAMEMAKER 9

Adobe® FrameMaker® 9 includes many key enhancements, an improved user interface, ability to customize the workspace, and new ways to organize files in books. Support for DITA is also enhanced. You now have the ability to import Adobe PDF comments and work with files on a server.

Interface enhancements

FrameMaker 9 has a new interface that includes these features:

Tabbed document windows Multiple open documents are organized into a tabbed document view for easy switching.

Pods Pods are panes that can float anywhere in the FrameMaker workspace. FrameMaker 9 provides pods for some of the most frequently used features, such as conditional text, cross-references, markers, variables, fonts, and insets.

Tabbed and dockable panels Most commonly used dialog boxes have been converted to modeless panels. You can dock, stack, and minimize these panels as you work in FrameMaker.

Toolbars Commonly used icons are now available in new toolbars for text, table, and paragraph formats; graphics; object alignment; and properties.

Predefined and customizable workspaces Default workspaces for various workflows, such as structured authoring, review, or DITA authoring, are now available. You can create custom workspaces by moving and manipulating the document windows and panels.

Pods

The following most frequently used dialog boxes have a new interface designed to simplify your work.

Complete list of instances in a document For example, the Markers pod lists all the markers in a selected document.

Easy selection of an instance For example, you can select a marker entry from the pod instead of the document.

Instant navigation to the document context For example, selecting a marker from the pod simultaneously highlights the marker in the document.

Ability to perform any operation from the pod For example, you can create, edit, delete, or search for any instance from a pod.

New pods in FrameMaker 9:

Conditional text pod Manage conditions in a document from a single pod. Create or edit conditions, apply conditional criteria to documents, and view versions based on conditions.

Cross-references pod Manage cross-references in a selected document or all open documents. Add, edit, and troubleshoot internal and external cross-references across multiple documents from a single pod.

Markers pod Manage markers in the selected document or all open documents. Add, edit, search, and troubleshoot all types of markers in a document from a single pod.

Fonts pod Lists fonts, including combined fonts, used in a document. The Replace Font pod lists the pages where a font is used, making it easier to swap in unavailable fonts.

Insets pod Manage and troubleshoot insets in a document, including text insets, graphics, and multimedia objects imported by reference or copied into documents.

Variables pod Create, insert, edit, and delete variables, or convert them to text. Perform any of the variables-related operations using the Variables pod.

DITA

FrameMaker 9 has enhanced support for DITA 1.1. Some of the key DITA-related enhancements are as follows.

- New dockable user interface for editing and managing DITA maps and bookmaps like a FrameMaker book.
- Enhanced support for <xref> and <conref> elements, including support for nontextual elements, such as graphic objects, tables, and table components as well as <conref> elements from DITA maps.
- Conditional processing through a DITAVAL file to create custom outputs.
- Enhanced support for relationship tables and <lockTitle> attributes.
- DITA indexing specialization, which allows for Index, See, and See Also entries.
- Ability to save a DITA map as a composite FrameMaker document for further processing. You can directly print a composite document to a PDF without using DITA Open Toolkit.

Book enhancements

The book feature has been considerably enhanced in FrameMaker 9. You can create mixed hierarchical books that can include XML and DITA files, folders, groups, and child books at multiple sublevels.

Mixed books You can now include multiple file types, such as XML and DITA files along with FM files in a book. Structured FrameMaker provides full support for XML files, including the ability to specify conditional text and numbering information.

Folders You can use folders in a book to organize files and set numbering properties on a folder. You can include multiple subfolders within a folder and associate templates with a folder. A folder, depending on where it appears in the book hierarchy, works like a chapter, section, or subsection with subordinate components.

Groups You can also organize files into groups.

Book in a book You can now include a book within a book to build a complex hierarchical parent book.

Bookmaps and DITA maps in a book You can also include XML maps, such as bookmaps and DITA maps in a book.

Search Search and replace works on all book components except child books, DITA maps, and folder templates.

Section and subsection numbering You can use the new variables <\$sectionnum> and <\$subsectionnum> to set numbering properties for book components at the section or subsection level.

Exclude property You have the flexibility to prevent the publishing of selected files by setting the Exclude property.

Saving hierarchical books You can save hierarchical books as MIF, XML, SGML, or HTML files, FrameMaker 8 book files, or PDFs.

PDF comments

In FrameMaker 9 you can import comments and text edits from a tagged PDF into your source FrameMaker files. You can import the following types of comments into a FrameMaker 9 document:

- Sticky notes
- Highlights
- Highlights with comments
- Text additions
- Text replacements
- Text edits, such as underlining

- Text deletion or strikethrough

Comments are inserted as tracked text edits or tracked markers that you can accept or reject as required.

Enhanced access to files using their HTTP paths

FrameMaker 9 is IPv6 compliant and supports IPv6 URLs. FrameMaker also supports HTTP paths ubiquitously in all FrameMaker workflows. You can create, open, save, update, check in, and check out files directly on a WebDAV-enabled server by specifying the HTTP path of the file through the Browse URL dialog box. This feature provides a quicker and more intuitive way of working with files stored on remote WebDAV-enabled servers. You can access and cross-reference all FrameMaker supported files, including graphics, by specifying the HTTP path of the file.

Character palette and Hex Input palette

Unicode support in FrameMaker 9 has been extended. You can now use a UTF-32-enabled character palette and Hex Input palette to enter Unicode characters in a document.