

# Top 10 Benefits of Microsoft® Office Visio® 2007



Microsoft® Office Visio® 2007 makes it easy for IT and business professionals to visualize, analyze, and communicate complex information, systems, and processes. Using professional-looking Visio diagrams, you can improve your understanding of systems and processes, gain insight into complex information, and use that knowledge to make better decisions for your business. Here are the top 10 reasons to use and upgrade to Office Visio 2007.

- 1 Visually document and design your systems and processes.**  
Effectively document, design, and understand processes and systems with a wide range of diagram types in Office Visio 2007. Find recently used templates and documents quickly using the new Getting Started window. Easily determine which template to use by viewing enhanced thumbnail previews. Let Office Visio 2007 automatically connect, distribute, and align shapes in diagrams for you—all in one action.
- 2 Be more productive by integrating diagrams with information across sources.**  
Integrate data with diagrams to combine disparate sources of complex visual, textual, and numeric information, provide visual context for data, and create a complete picture of a system or process. More easily link diagrams to data both from more than one and from a variety of different data sources by using the new Data Selector Wizard in Office Visio 2007. Associate all the shapes in a diagram with data using the new Automatic Link Wizard.
- 3 Reduce manual data reentry by letting Office Visio 2007 keep diagrams up to date for you.**  
No need to worry anymore about data in Visio diagrams being out of date. Easily refresh data in diagrams by using the new Data Refresh feature or schedule Office Visio 2007 to automatically refresh the data in the diagram at fixed intervals for you. Easily deal with data conflicts that may arise when data changes in the new Refresh Conflicts task pane that appears to the right of the drawing page.
- 4 Analyze information and gain insight by displaying data in diagrams.**  
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.
- 5 Easily track trends, identify issues, and flag exceptions with PivotDiagram™.**  
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 complex data, dynamically create different views of it, and apply conditional formatting to it in order to track trends, identify issues, and flag exceptions in PivotDiagrams. Apply conditional formatting to data and customize the way it appears in PivotDiagram™ using the new Data Graphics Gallery task pane.
- 6 Track and report on project information more effectively.**  
More effectively track and report on projects managed in Microsoft Office SharePoint® Server and Microsoft Office Project by generating visual reports from those programs as Office Visio 2007 diagrams. Share the diagrams with audiences who need to easily identify issues, and who want to visually track tasks, workflows, and project resources, such as people and equipment.
- 7 Communicate complex information with new templates and shapes.**  
Visually communicate in more ways with new and enhanced templates and shapes in Office Visio 2007. For example, diagram work-flow enabled applications with the new Windows® Workflow Services template. Design more dynamic workflows with the enhanced, 3-D Work Flow shapes. And, more easily find information on working with new and existing Visio diagram types in the new Office Visio 2007 Help Viewer.
- 8 Make an impact on your audiences with professional-looking diagrams.**  
Design professional-looking Visio diagrams by choosing a color or effect for an entire diagram by using the new Themes task pane. Office Visio 2007 incorporates the same color themes as Microsoft Office PowerPoint, so you can use matching colors in your Office Visio 2007 diagrams and PowerPoint presentations.
- 9 Share diagrams with everyone who needs them to make better business decisions.**  
Provide cost-effective access to valuable organizational data by making it available through diagrams that are easy to share using Office Visio 2007, view it in Microsoft Internet Explorer® when you have the free Visio Viewer installed, or preview it in Microsoft Office Outlook® 2007. For those who don't have Office Visio 2007 or Visio Viewer, save diagrams as Web pages, JPG files, or GIF files. Even save Visio diagrams as Portable Document Format file (PDF)\* to reach broader audiences.
- 10 Customize Office Visio 2007 programmatically to fit your specialized needs.**  
Extend Office Visio 2007 programmatically or by integrating it with other applications to fit your industry-specific scenarios or unique organizational requirements. Develop your own custom solutions and shapes, or use those from Visio Solution Providers. Visualize your custom solutions with Office Visio 2007 diagrams, such as Unified Modeling Language (UML), data flow, and Windows user interface diagrams, by using templates in the Software and Database category of Office Visio 2007. Define your own functions and reference them in the Visio ShapeSheet® to easily reuse your code. With Office Visio 2007 and the Visio Drawing Control, create custom data-connected solutions that make it easy to connect to and display data in any context.

\* You can save as a PDF or XPS file from a 2007 Microsoft Office system program only after you install an add-in. For more information, see [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com).

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## Experience Microsoft Office Visio 2007

Use these valuable resources to get more information on Microsoft Office Visio 2007

Using Microsoft Office Visio 2007, IT and business professionals can effectively document, design, and analyze processes and systems using a wide range of diagram types. With Visio 2007, you can automatically connect, distribute, and align shapes in diagrams and easily integrate data and diagrams from a variety of data sources. Visio 2007 also automatically refreshes data in diagrams, which helps to reduce manual data reentry. And it is easier for you to handle data conflicts that may arise with data changes.

Learn more about Microsoft Office Visio 2007 at: <http://www.microsoft.com/office/preview/programs/visio/highlights.msp>  
or <http://www.microsoft.com/office/visio>

### Watch the on-demand Microsoft Office System Webcast: "A First Look at Office Visio 2007 (Level 100)"

This webcast provides you with an overview of the exciting new features and enhancements in Microsoft Office Visio 2007. Join us as we help make any Visio 2007 user more productive as they create the drawings and diagrams that are critical to their business. We show you how to save time, improve quality, and communicate more effectively using Visio 2007 drawings. Many of the tips we provide are little known or undocumented features as well as keyboard shortcuts that should make you say, "Wow... I wish knew that sooner!".

<http://msevents.microsoft.com/CUI/WebCastEventDetails.aspx?EventID=1032305754&EventCategory=5&culture=en-US&CountryCode=US>

### Take the Online Course: What's New in Microsoft Office Visio 2007

This online course introduces the new features and functionality in the latest version of Microsoft Office Visio. Dozens of built-in diagram templates make it easy to get started with this business and technical diagramming program, and this course can help you get up-to-speed quickly. This course covers the new features that enable you to quickly create flowcharts, process diagrams, and organization charts, and analyze business intelligence data with PivotDiagram™.

<http://www.microsoftlearning.com/elearning/offerdetail.aspx?offerpriceid=99493>

### Listen to the "Prodcast" on Office Visio 2007

Listen to the Microsoft Office Visio 2007 Prodcast with Ritu Chaturvedi, Visio Product Manager. Ritu discusses how Visio is evolving both in terms of ease of use and improved visualization capabilities. Ritu also highlights a new feature called PivotDiagram™. Similar to a PivotChart® in Excel, pivot diagrams allow users to drill down into their data and graphically represent the results. She also talks about the new data graphics capabilities which enable you to highlight conditional data using icons, flags or data bars.

[http://www.theiwcenter.com/2006/02/visio\\_2007\\_prodcast.html](http://www.theiwcenter.com/2006/02/visio_2007_prodcast.html)



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