

# Using the grid

The grid helps to arrange diagram symbols on the diagram pane. By default, the grid is not visible.

To show the grid on the diagram, do one of the following

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- From the main menu, select **View > Grid > Show Grid**.
- From the diagram shortcut menu, select **Show Grid**.
- In the **Diagram Properties** dialog, set the **Show Grid** property to *true*.

To snap the paths to gridlines

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- From the main menu, select **View > Grid > Snap Paths to Grid**.

To snap the shapes to gridlines

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- From the main menu, select **View > Grid > Snap Shapes to Grid**.

To change the grid size

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1. From the main menu, select **View > Grid > Grid Size**. The **Grid Size** dialog opens.
2. Enter a grid size between 2 and 30 (default is 10).
3. Click **OK**.

To change the grid style

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1. From the **Options** menu, select **Environment**. The **Environment Options** dialog opens.
2. In the **Diagram** group, from the **Grid Style** option drop-down list, select one of the following styles:
  - Dense
  - Sparse (default)

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