

Saving projects

! The native modeling tool format is **.mdzip* and **.mdxml*. You can also save projects as **.xml* and **.xml.zip*.

To save changes for later sessions, projects must be saved. While saving, you can edit the name of the project and its file format.

To save the project

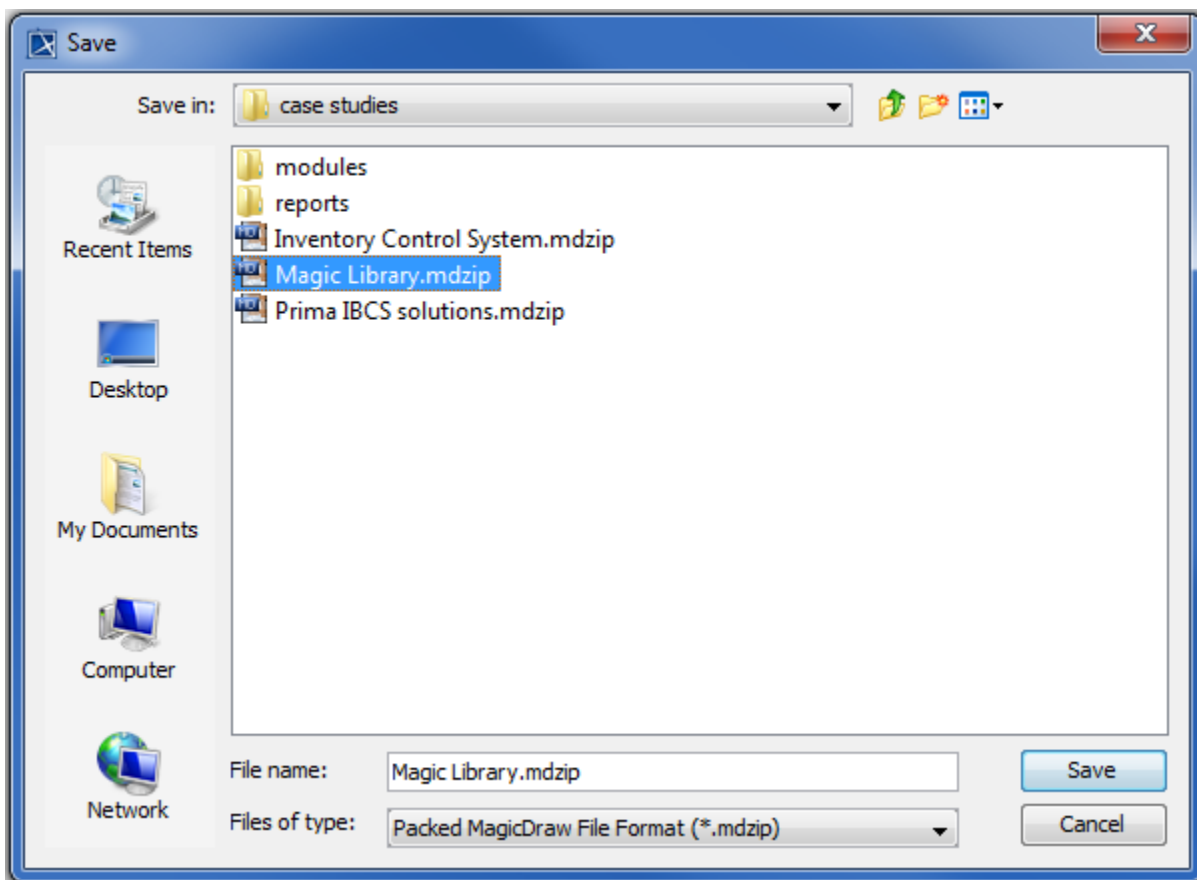
1. From the **File** menu, select **Save Project** or **Save Project As**. Alternatively, you can click the **Save** button on the main toolbar or press the shortcut keys Ctrl + S. The **Save** dialog opens.
2. Select the destination directory (where you want the project to be saved) and type the chosen file name.

! The default project saving location is set according to your operating system:

- **Windows:** My Documents/
- **Linux:** /home/<username>/
- **OS X:** Users/Documents/

3. Select the format for saving a project:

- Packed MagicDraw File Format (**.mdzip*) (default). **.mdzip* is a MagicDraw native format. It contains various parts of the project compressed. You should select it if you intend to work with the project only in the MagicDraw environment.
- MagicDraw File Format (**.mdxml*). You should choose it if you intend to analyze the project's structure, xml, or for other purposes. You can open **.mdxml* projects with other UML tools as well.
- XML (**.xml*). It is the same file format as **.mdxml*, only that **.mdxml* files can be opened with MagicDraw or other UML tools, whereas **.xml* files can only be opened with an XML editor.





- If the **Create Backup File** check box is selected in the **Environment Options** dialog, MagicDraw automatically creates a backup file of the previously saved project. The backup is held in a file with a name identical to that of the project.
- If you want to save maximum additional information to an **.xmi* file, select the **Rich XMI** check box in the **Environment Options** dialog.