Image Library tab

The **Image Library** tab displays images grouped in logical sets. You can use a bundled image collection or add your own set of images.

To open the **Image Library** tab

- From the **Window** menu, select **Image Library.**
  The **Image Library** tab opens on the right side of the window.

To add your own set of images into **Image Library**, do either

- Compress a folder (.zip) with a set of desired images and place it in the MagicDraw installation directory: *\data\imagelibraries\commonsymbols*.
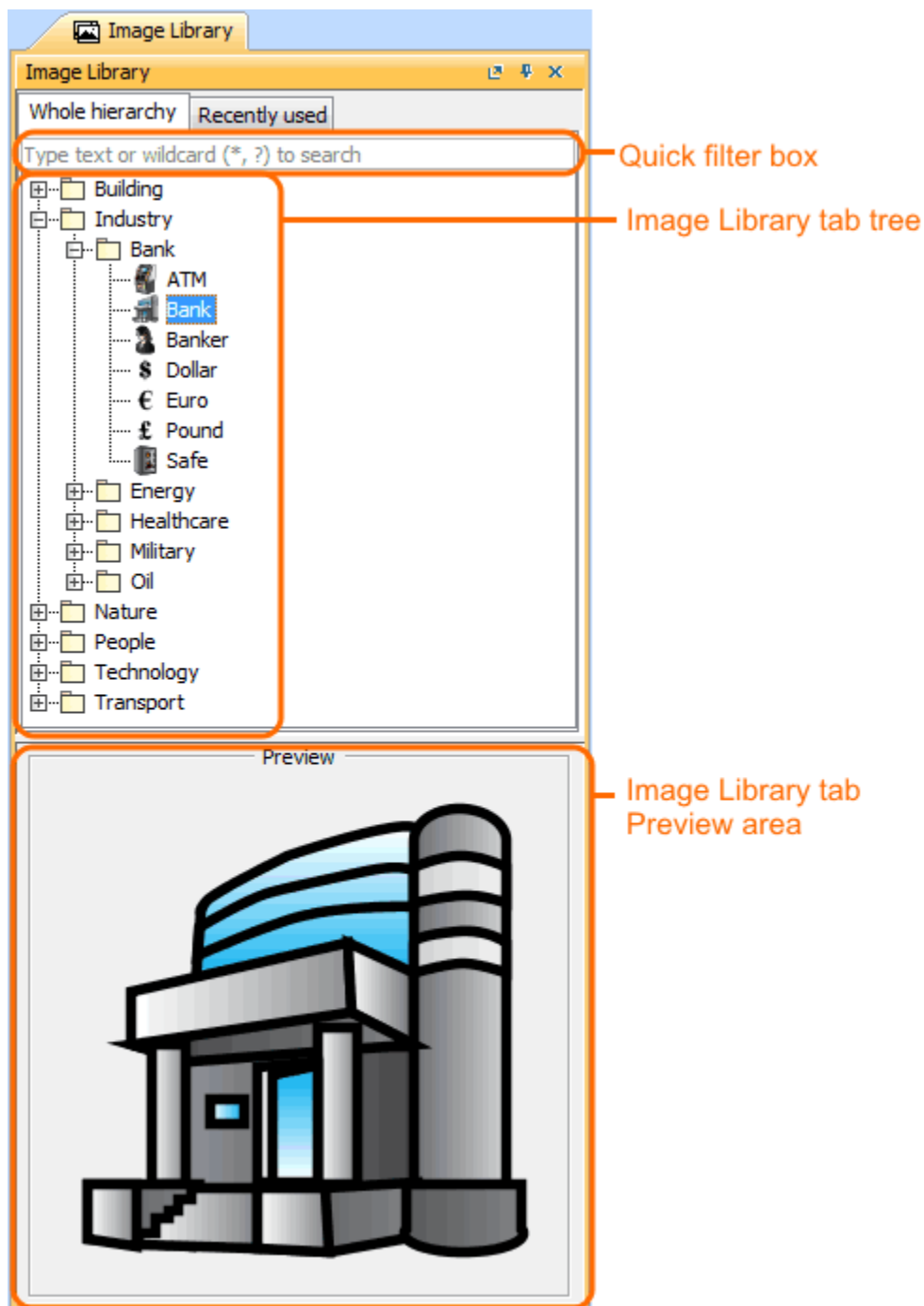
  > ⊘ **Image formats**
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  > You can add images of the following formats: .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .svg, .png, .wmf.

- Create an **Image Library** plugin. Follow up an example [Writing plugins](#).

Using the **Image Library** tab, you can [apply an image on symbol](#).

The **Image Library** tab consist of three components:

- Quick filter
- Image Library tree
- Image Library Preview area

Quick filter

You can search for images in the **Whole hierarchy** or **Recently used** tabs using one of the following way:

- Simple Search: type what you want to find in the hierarchy.
- Pattern Search: type * to find any images.

⊘ For example, type "*Bank" if you want to find "Bank" somewhere in the hierarchy.

Image Library tree

You can drag an image from the **Image Library** tree directly:

- On the symbol (image is applied for symbol).
- To the diagram pane (image shape is created).

Image Library Preview area

You can preview the image before applying it on the symbol in the **Image Library** Preview area.