

# Customizing Perspectives

Perspective customization allows grouping of functional features into standard/expert modes. Customization also allows the user to hide unnecessary commands, making a modeling tool more convenient.

To open the **Customize Perspectives** dialog

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- From the **Options** menu, choose **Perspectives** and then **Customize**.
- In the **Perspectives** dialog, click the **Customize** button.

There are seven customizable areas in different perspectives:

- Main menu
- Main toolbars
- Diagram toolbars
- Diagram modeling elements toolbar
- Smart manipulators
- Shortcut menu actions
- Create Diagram dialog

Each of these areas has a set of commands, which can be shown in the standard / expert mode or hidden.

To customize the selected area in a predefined perspective

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1. In the **Customize Perspectives** dialog, select the perspective and click the **Edit** button near the selected area. The appropriate **Customize** dialog opens.
2. Expand tree sections and select radio buttons beside the items in the tree depending on your choice for **Standard and Expert**, **Expert only** or **Hidden** modes.
3. Click **OK** when you are done.

To switch between Standard/Expert modes, do one of the following

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- From the toolbar shortcut menu, select/clear the **Expert Menu Mode** or **Expert Toolbar Mode** check box.
- From the diagram palette shortcut menu, select/clear **Expert Mode** check box.