

What's new in Version 7...

Improved interface. To select a block, drag the Block Select pointer to frame the block you want to select, release the mouse button and a popup menu of available options displays including cut, copy, move and others. While you are selecting a block, you can bump the pointer against the edges of the chart area to move the chart. Right click on an object to display a popup menu of available options that include, delete, edit text, set color & move text. Note: Block functions have been moved to the Edit menu.

Any time, bump the pointer against the left edge of the chart area to move the chart.

2-way links. A Goto Connector links to only one Target Connector. However, several Goto Connectors may link to the same Target Connector. With Version 7, if you click on a Target Connector with the Link pointer, a list of all linked Goto Connectors is displayed – you can select the link you want to “go back” to.

Frames. Draw frames around groups of symbols. This was developed specifically to frame groups of symbols that represent controls in a process to satisfy Sarbanes-Oxley requirements. As with other objects, text can be associated with a frame and links can be associated with the text. Frames can also be used to associate parallel work flows (a technique that was often used with manually prepared charts) and to “Block” the chart into high-level functions or work areas. A checkbox on the Preferences window is available to hide the frames.

More interactive help. Try placing a symbol at the open end of an effect or on top of another symbol and see what happens!

Automate Straight-ahead Rejoins. The straight-ahead rejoin has often caused difficulty. Placement and removal have been automated.

New Text Features. The Text Edit Window stays active as you move from object to object. Text is entered in a text block with easier editing than the previous line by line format. Set defaults for text placement (above, below or alternate) and alignment (left or centered). A time field is added to the Delay symbol text window and a Frequency field is added to the Alternative text window. These will display on screen in a selectable color (or they may be hidden).

Find and Replace. Text automatically repositions based on the existing setting.

Label Trace. Traces through Closing Brackets and lists all Labels associated with a line.

Colors. The color selector popup is increased from 8 to 16 colors. 8 new colors are lighter colors that work well with the color highlighter feature. Symbols can be colored directly from their right click menu. Blocks can be colored. "Lines only" can be colored by Block, by Item and by segment.

Reconcile Person and Location. This tool quickly reconciles all hidden persons and locations to match those that are displayed. Chart Analysis identifies situations where a hidden person or location doesn't match what is displayed. Running the Reconcile feature will remove those messages from the Chart Analysis report.

Library. Several Library Tools are available in Version 7. The Chart Report lists charts and selected details of those charts. You can select the entire library or a specific folder (including or excluding subfolders). The Check Links Report validates all the links in the selected library path. You can search all charts and filter by object type. Create a link list that allows you to link back from target connectors and check for all links to the active chart.

Bypass. Drawing a Bracket or an Effect through a line will automatically place the appropriate Bypasses – if there is not room to place the bypasses, the software will break the line where the Bracket/Effect crosses. If you draw a line through an effect, you can click on the left end of the line segment that crosses through the effect to autoplace the bypasses.