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# Workspace Layouts

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# Workspace Layouts

As you perform work on your model you use various toolbars and windows; you will quite likely use the same toolbars and windows regularly, in an arrangement that suits the way in which you use the system. Rather than having to re-open and arrange these tools at the start of each work session, you can use either a predefined or a customized work environment or workspace.

Workspaces:

- Automatically open and organize all the tools appropriate to an area of work such as Requirements Management, Code Engineering and Debugging
- Help a new user by:
  - Opening the tools that are appropriate to a task so that they can immediately get started, and
  - Showing the user what tools they should become familiar with for that area of work
- Help you switch rapidly to work environments for either successive or completely different areas of work
- Re-establish a work environment that you have accidentally or deliberately changed

To select, create and maintain workspaces you use the 'Workspaces' page of the 'Workspace Layout' dialog, which lists the currently-available system and user-defined layouts.

## Access

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| Ribbon | Start > All Windows > Workspace > Select a Workspace |
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## Manage Layouts

| Task                    | Description   |
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| Change workspace layout | <p>The 'Last Applied Workspace' field at the bottom of the 'Workspace Layout' dialog identifies the layout last selected, before any changes you might have made.</p> <p>You can change the layout to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The original layout (as identified by the 'Last Applied Workspace' field), discarding any changes you might have made</li> <li>• One of the other named layouts, or</li> <li>• A new named, customized layout, capturing the current screen layout and including any changes you have made to the previously-applied layout</li> </ul> <p>To change the layout in use, either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click on the preferred layout name and on the Apply button, or</li> <li>• Double-click on the required layout name, or</li> <li>• Right-click on the layout name and select the 'Apply' option</li> </ul> |
| Copy workspace layout   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Right-click on the layout name and select the 'Copy As New' option</li> </ul> <p>The 'Save Custom Workspace Layout' dialog displays.</p> <p>In the 'Custom Workspace Layout' field, type a name for the layout. By selecting an existing name you can change an existing layout to something different. Click on the Save button.</p>  |

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|                         | If you already have tailored windows or views open that you want to include in your selected layout, select the 'Include active custom views' checkbox. |
| Delete workspace layout | Right-click on the (custom) layout name and select the 'Delete' option. A prompt displays for you to confirm or cancel the deletion.                    |

## Notes

- If you apply a working set that invokes floating diagrams or views, it will override the current workspace layout with the layout that was in use when the working set was defined
- If you develop a workspace layout that would be useful for your colleagues, you can share it with them by incorporating it in an MDG Technology that they can download

