

Cameras and Rendering

Camera Properties palette

- Hides/shows navigation controls.
- Choose preset or save current position.
- Camera Dolly, Pan and Track tools (also on Standard tool bar).
- Choose between cameras in the scene.
- Choose and change camera lens types.

Scene Settings window: Output tab

- Sets pixel aspect. Use ratio of 1 (square) in all cases but broadcast video.
- Sets image resolution.
- Sets rendering dimensions.
- Chooses units of measure.
- Number of pixels in each dimension.
- Load saved settings.
- Saves current render settings.
- Maintains aspect ratio when changing dimensions.
- Estimates best resolution in render time or time to render at current settings.
- Sets file name options for Batch Queue.
- Selects mask and other data for additional image channels.
- Choose between rendering a still image or a movie.
- Choose Output file format.
- Choose camera to use for rendering.

Track Controls
translate camera.

Pan Controls
rotate camera on its own axis.

Dolly Controls
rotate camera around selected object (origin if no selection).

Free Form Modeler

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P=PERSPECTIVE, F=FREE FORM, M=MESH FORM

Arrange Menu (F)

Compound
Break Apart Compound

Sections Menu (F)

Center
Next
Previous
Show Shapes Numbers
Cross Section Options

Free Form Modeler Tools (F)

Pen Tool
Convert Point
Add Point
Delete Point

2D Primitive Shape

Rectangle
Rounded Rectangle
Oval
Hexagon
2D Text

Cross Section Shortcuts (F)

Move to First Cross Section
Move to Last Cross Section

Mesh Form Modeler

View Menu (M)

Send Drawing Plane to Selection
Screen
Position
Top
Bottom
Left
Right
Front
Back

Selection Menu (M)

Weld
Link
Unlink

Mesh Form Modeler Tools (M)

Polyline Tool
Marquee

Drawing Plane Shortcuts (M)

Rotate in the drawing plane
Rotate left and right
Rotate down and up

Perspective Window Keyboard Shortcuts

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File Menu

New
Open
Close
Save
Print
Preferences
Exit

Edit Menu

Undo
Redo
Cut
Copy
Paste
Duplicate
Duplicate with Symmetry

Align

On Working Box
On Universe
On Gravity
Reset Orientation
Align Objects
Group
Ungroup
Point At
Center Hot Point

Send Working Box to

Global Universe
Local Universe
Selection

View Menu (P, F, M)

Preset Positions Reference
Drawing Plane
Top
Bottom
Left
Right
Front
Back
Wireframe
Preview (Fast)
Better Preview (Phong)
Grid
Production Frame
P only)

Arrange Menu (P)

On Working Box
On Universe
On Gravity
Reset Orientation
Align Objects
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Ungroup
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Center Hot Point

Render Menu (P, F, M)

Scene Settings
Use Current Settings (to render now)

Windows Menu (P, F, M)

New Perspective
Current Shader Editor
Properties
Camera Properties

Perspective Window Tools

Camera Dolly
Camera Pan
Camera Track
Selection
Zoom
Render Preview

Manipulation Features

Nudge
Nudge (x5)
Lock Hot Point

Alignment Palette

Select Anchor Object

Shading

Current Shader Editor

Jump In Subshader
Jump Out Subshader

Time Line Window

Time Line Manipulation

Nudge Selected Key Event Marker

One Pixel Ahead
One Pixel Back
One Frame Ahead
One Frame Back
Advance Current Time to Next Marker
Move Current Time to Previous Event Marker

Time Line Tools

Add Key Event Tool

Magnification (P, F, M)

Zoom In
Zoom Out
1:1 Zoom Level

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Nudge (x5)
Lock Hot Point

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Tools Palette

Perspective Tool Box

- Selection** selects objects.
- Rotation tools** rotate object in 2D/3D.
- Zoom** enlarges areas. Alt/Option zooms out.
- Hand** scrolls/pans image.
- Text** creates text objects.
- Free Form** creates objects in the Free Form modeler.
- Formula** creates objects in Formula Editor.
- Infinite Plane** creates Infinite planes.
- Geometric Primitive tools** create geometric primitives.
- Mesh Form** creates objects in the Mesh Form modeler.
- Environmental Primitives** creates environmental primitives.
- Modeling Wizard** opens Modeling Wizard.
- Create Light** creates a new light source.
- Create Camera** creates a new camera.
- Camera tools** pan, dolly or track the current camera.
- Render Preview** renders a scene area.
- Paint Shape Select** selects paint shapes.
- Create Paint Shape tools** create rectangular, polygon and oval paint shapes.
- 3D Paint Brush** paints brushstrokes on objects.
- Eyedropper** displays selected shader in Shader Editor.
- Display Planes button** hides/displays grid planes.

Zoom

- Zoom In** zooms in on an area.
- Zoom Out** zooms out of an area.
- Actual Size** shows image at actual size.
- Zoom to Select** zooms in on selected objects.
- Zoom to All Objects** zooms to area showing all objects.
- Zoom to Working Box** shows the entire working box.

Preview

- Collision Tracking** enables collision detection feature.
- Interactivity** enables interactivity in animation preview.
- Bounding Box Quality** displays all objects as bounding boxes.
- Wireframe Quality** displays objects as wireframes.
- Preview Quality** displays objects with using flat shader colors.
- Shaded Preview Quality** displays the effects of lights on objects.
- Better Preview Quality** displays all shader surface properties on objects.
- Render** starts a rendering.

Standard

- New** creates blank new scene.
- Open** opens an existing scene file.
- Save** saves the current scene.
- Print** prints rendered images.
- Cut** cuts selection.
- Copy** copies selection.
- Paste** pastes selection.
- Group** groups selected objects.

Internet

- Go to Fractal Online** goes directly to Fractal website.
- Go to Third-Party website** goes to third-party websites.

Time Controller

Play plays an animation.
View Motion Paths displays/hides object motion paths.
Play Backward plays animation in reverse.
Stop stops preview.

Previous Frame jumps back one frame.
Next Frame jumps forward one frame.
Loop loops animation preview.
Frames Per Second sets the frame rate for your animation.
Current Time sets current time in animation.
First Frame jumps to first frame in animation.
Last Frame jumps to last frame in animation.

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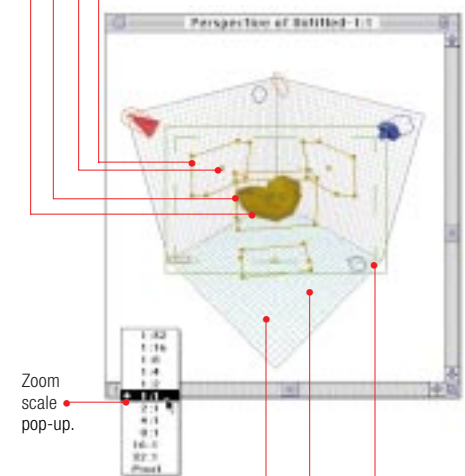
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Perspective Window

Perspective Palette

Choose a **View ▶ Preset** or navigate the current camera to change the view.

- Object Preview.
- Object Bounding Box.
- Hot Point projection.
- Projection.



⌘-Click /Ctrl-Click working box to select it. Manipulate on screen (Virtual Trackball, drag with Selection tool) or use Properties palette.

Working box (active plane in green). Used as a reference. Control grids with Display Planes button.

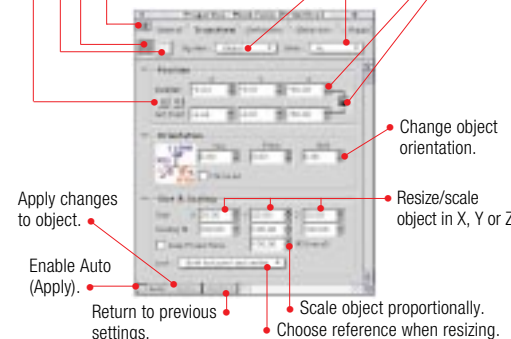
Production Frame defines region to be rendered.

Display Plane button

- Click to display/hide object preview.
- Click the plane you want to display/hide.
- Option/Alt-Click to set active plane.

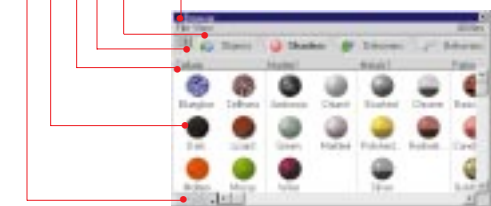
Properties Palette

- Send Hot Point to center.
- Use outline view.
- Use control view (shown).
- View other Properties tabs.
- Click to lock/unlock hot point with center.
- Change object (center of bounding box) position.
- Choose position and size units.
- Choose coordinate system.



Browser Palette

- Pop-up to choose between *Apply All Channels* and *Apply Non Empty Channels*.
- Click an item to select it. Then click Apply to put it on selected object. Double click an item to open it in a document window.
- Shader folder/directory.
- View other Browser tabs.
- Choose other view of listings.
- Choose options for Browser files and folders.

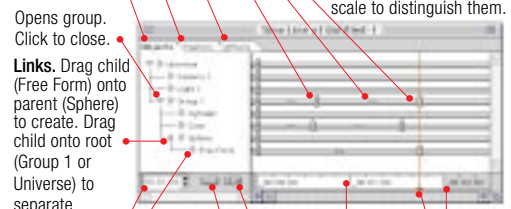


Drag item, camera, light, render filter listing into scene to use it. Drag Shader, Deformer, Behavior, Link listings onto object to apply them. Drag item (from Perspective, Hierarchy, Shader Editor, Properties palette) into appropriate Browser tab (under folder column) to add it to the Browser.

Time Line Window

Time Line Window

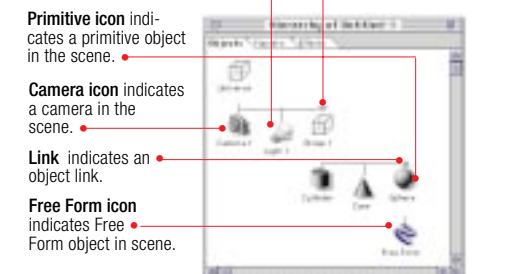
- Objects hierarchy** shows logical relationships (groups and links) of all elements in scene.
- Masters tab** lists each object of unique geometry. Objects in the scene are copies of the master.
- Effects tab** lists **Scene Settings window: Effects tab** features in use.
- Key event marker** sets properties at that point in time.
- Tweeners** double-click to set tweener options.
- When markers overlap, shows a plus sign. Zoom in/change scale to distinguish them.



- Opens group. Click to close.
- Links.** Drag child (Free Form) onto parent (Sphere) to create. Drag child onto root (Group 1 or Universe) to separate.
- Current time** (hours: minutes: seconds: frames). Edit field to move to a specific time.
- Click to display listings and time tracks for animatable properties.
- Displays time/frames on time axis.
- Render range.** Drag edges to change beginning.
- Time Axis.** Drag to set time or click on the axis.
- Current Time Bar.** Drag to set time or click on the axis.
- Sets time axis scale and animation frame rate.

Hierarchy Mode

- Light icon** indicates a light in the scene.
- Open Group** indicates that the objects in the lower branch belong to the same group.



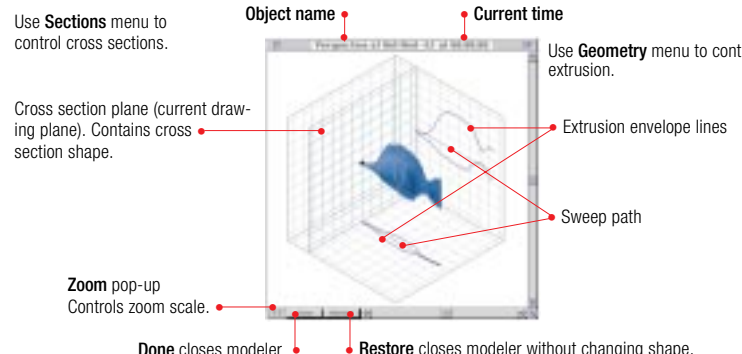
- Primitive icon** indicates a primitive object in the scene.
- Camera icon** indicates a camera in the scene.
- Link** indicates an object link.
- Free Form icon** indicates Free Form object in scene.

Free Form Modeler

Free Form Tools

- Selection** selects and moves points and sections.
- Rotation** rotates object in 2D and 3D.
- Zoom** zooms in on an area.
- Hand** pans modeling window.
- Pen** draws sweep paths and cross section shapes.
- Point tools** adds, deletes, and converts points.
- Draw tools** draws primitive cross section shapes.
- Text** adds text to cross section.
- Render Area** renders an area of object.
- Paint Shape Selection** selects paint shapes.
- Paint Shape tools** draw different types of paint shapes.
- 3D Paint Brush** paints brush strokes on object.
- Eyedropper** displays selected shader in Shader Editor.
- Display Planes** displays/hides grid planes.

Free Form Modeling Window



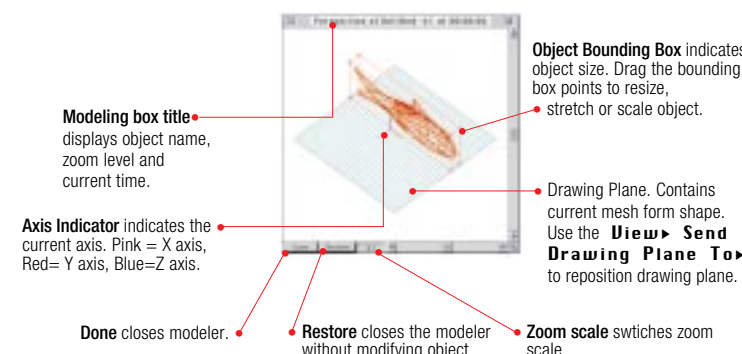
- Use **Sections** menu to control cross sections.
- Object name**
- Current time**
- Use **Geometry** menu to control extrusion.
- Object Bounding Box** indicates object size. Drag the bounding box points to resize, stretch or scale object.
- Drawing Plane.** Contains current mesh form shape. Use the **View ▶ Send Drawing Plane To** to reposition drawing plane.
- Axis Indicator** indicates the current axis. Pink = X axis, Red = Y axis, Blue = Z axis.
- Done** closes modeler.
- Restore** closes the modeler without modifying object.
- Zoom scale** switches zoom scale.
- Zoom pop-up** Controls zoom scale.
- Done** closes modeler.
- Restore** closes modeler without changing shape.

Mesh Form Modeler

Mesh Form Tools

- Selection (T)** selects vertices.
- Marquee** selects groups of vertices.
- 3D Rotation** rotates objects in 3D.
- 2D Rotation** rotates objects in 2D.
- Sphere of Attraction** moves groups of vertices.
- Zoom** zooms in on an area.
- Hand** pans modeling window.
- Camera Dolly** moves the camera.
- Polyline** draws connected lines.
- Vertex tools** add, delete vertices.
- Create Primitive tools** create primitive shapes and objects.
- Sweep** sweeps polylines along a path.
- Extrude** extrudes polylines along a path.
- Lathe** creates lathed objects.
- Loft** lofts polylines along a path.
- Last Action Modifier (+)** increases the effect of last action modifier.
- Last Action Modifier (-)** decreases the effect of last action modifier.
- Display Planes** displays/hides grid planes.

Mesh Form modeler



- Modeling box title** displays object name, zoom level and current time.
- Object Bounding Box** indicates object size. Drag the bounding box points to resize, stretch or scale object.
- Drawing Plane.** Contains current mesh form shape. Use the **View ▶ Send Drawing Plane To** to reposition drawing plane.
- Axis Indicator** indicates the current axis. Pink = X axis, Red = Y axis, Blue = Z axis.
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Animation Controls

Collision Tracking

Collision Tracking button

when enabled, all objects are treated as physical solids. Objects will collide instead of passing through each other. Use collision detection when arranging objects in the Perspective window.

Interactivity

Interactivity button when enabled, you can see objects move in the Perspective window during an animation preview or as you drag. This button should always be enabled when previewing animations.

Motion Paths

View Motion Paths button

when enabled displays lines indicating the path of an object during an animation. These paths are especially useful when editing Physics behavior settings.



Direct Manipulation Controls

Properties Palette: Light Tab

- Change position (also drag projection).
- Light object preview in Perspective.
- Change aim (also drag projection).
- Change placement of cross section circle.
- Change brightness.
- Change angular falloff.
- Change half angle.

Properties Palette: Camera tab

- Change position (also drag projection).
- Camera object preview in Perspective.
- Change zoom level (zoom lens only).
- Change aim (also drag projection).

Deformer controls

Direct manipulation controls are available for most deformers. Each deformer has its own set of controls.

Wave Deformer controls

- Drag the frequency controls to adjust the frequency of waves.
- Drag the amplitude controls away from the object to increase the size of waves.
- Controls are interactive. As you adjust control handles, object redraws to show results.

Virtual Trackball

- Drag outside the circles to rotate in relation to the display.
- Drag within the rings to roll the object in 3D.
- Drag where rings intersect to constrain the rotation axis. Hold down Shift while dragging to constrain rotation angle increments.

Physics behaviors

Physics behaviors let you create simulations of real-world physics.

- Adds a behavior to the selected object.
- Removes a selected behavior from an object.
- Apply Physical-Effects** behavior tells Studio to treat the selected item as a physical object. This behavior must be applied to all the objects in your simulation.
- Physical Force controls** sets the values for the force you apply to the object.
- Auto** automatically applies any changes to the object.

