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Drawing Basics

Key points

- This module presents the basic skills required to draw molecules and reactions in MDL Draw.
- If you are drawing structures to be used as search queries, there are searchrelated properties that you will need to add to your structures. Learning how to apply search properties will be covered in the appropriate searching courses.

Module objectives

- Draw molecule structures efficiently
- Build reactions from component molecules
- Know where to find more information as needed

Key points

- MDL Draw has many flexible drawing tools, so there are several ways to accomplish any given task. The method you use will be one of personal style.
- Our goal is to show some of the most efficient drawing pathways so that you can draw molecules and reactions quickly.
- Where applicable, we will briefly touch on some of the other tools, to promote awareness of other options. However, the online help offers instructions on all tools and methods, so that you can explore these topics on your own.

MDL Draw interface



Key points

- As you rest the cursor over any tool, a tool tip displays the name of the tool or brief instructions.
- The online help will display information about the currently selected tool. To find help on other topics, click A-Z in the help pane.
- You can resize the help pane by dragging the bar on the left side of the pane.
- To close the help pane, click the Close button (x), choose Help > Show/Hide Help, or press F1.

All-Purpose Drawing tool



Use the All-Purpose Drawing tool to:

- Draw atoms, bonds, and chains
- Pull out a ring
- Change atom or bond type
- Change atom or bond properties

Key points

- You can use this single tool to perform almost all of your drawing needs.
- You can use the All-Purpose Drawing tool to draw atoms, bonds, chains, and rings.
- You can click to select an atom, or shiftclick to select multiple atoms, and then perform a drawing operation on the selected atoms.
- You can click a bond to change its bond order.

Draw omeprazole



Key points

- To draw omeprazole using the All-Purpose Drawing tool, begin by drawing a six-membered ring. To obtain the same orientation as shown on the slide, start the first bond by dragging horizontally. When the ring is complete, pull the 5-membered ring from the ring bond.
- Draw the additional bonds by dragging the All-Purpose Drawing tool. Create double bonds by clicking single bonds.
- Shift-click to select the nitrogen atom positions. Then right-click, choose Atom Symbol, and click N. (Or, select the atoms, and then type N from the keyboard). Repeat for the oxygen atoms and sulfur atom.



Key points

- Several options for changing atom and bond properties are available from the right-click menu.
- When you right-click an atom with the All-Purpose Drawing tool, a menu for applying atom properties appears.
- When you right-click a bond with the All-Purpose Drawing tool, a menu for applying bond properties appears.

Other drawing tools



Key points

- All of these tools have right-click menus that allow you to change additional atom, bond, or molecule properties.
- A down arrow next to a tool indicates a tool palette. Click the arrow to display the palette, and then choose the tool you wish to use.
- With any of the Bond tools, you can drag to draw a bond at any angle.

Erasing atoms and bonds



Key points

- To delete a bond or atom, click it using the Eraser tool. When you delete an atom, the Eraser tool automatically deletes any attached bonds.
- To delete a fragment or entire structure, drag the tool to encircle the object.
- You can also delete any selected object by pressing the Delete key.
- To delete all of the objects in the drawing area, click the Clear All button.
- Use the Undo button to successively undo the last drawing steps.
- Use the Redo button to successively redo steps that were undone.



Key points

- Templates are predrawn fragments that you can add to your structure.
- The default templates are displayed as tools along the top menu bar. The Toolbar Manager lets you change to a different tool bar. The Template Directory provides access to a library of templates.
- After you select a template tool, click the drawing area to place an isolated template.
- Click a bond to fuse a template.
- Click an atom to sprout a template.

Using the Template Directory



Key points

- The Template Directory contains several folders of templates.
- Click a folder to display the templates contained in the folder.
- Click a template to select it for use. Then click the drawing area to place the template.
- Click the Close button to close the Template Directory window.

Building reactions



Key points

and products.

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- To build a reaction, draw the reactants
- Use the Plus tool to place a plus sign between multiple reactants or multiple products.
- Use the Arrow tool to place an arrow between the reactants and products.
- This is the reaction that you will build. In the process of building the reaction, we will be introducing some additional molecule drawing techniques.



Key points

- To begin, you will draw the first reactant structure, and then duplicate it to use for the product structure.
- To duplicate a molecule, you need to select it. There are three different select tools available on the tool palette.
- After you select the reactant, choose Edit

 Duplicate to duplicate the structure.
 Drag the duplicate to the right side of the drawing area.

Adding stereo bonds



Key points

- To create the product structure, we need to modify the duplicate structure by drawing new bonds, changing bond order, and adding atom symbols. You can use the All-Purpose Drawing tool to perform these operations.
- There are four stereo bond tools on the tool palette.
- You can use the All-Purpose Drawing tool to add the stereo bonds by using the right-click menu, but you will have more control of the stereo bond direction by using the Up Wedge tool.
- With the Up Wedge tool, you can click an up bond to change its direction.

Saving a molecule or reaction

File > Save As

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Key points

- You can save molecules and reactions in external files called molfiles and rxnfiles.
- The files can then be read by other structure-based applications.

Summary

In this module, you learned how to:

- Draw bonds and atoms using different tools
- Erase atoms and bonds
- Undo and redo drawing actions
- Use templates
- □ Select, duplicate, and move structures
- Build reactions
- Save molecules and reactions

Key points

- You learned how to use the All-Purpose Drawing tool with its right-click menus to draw complete structures and change atom and bond properties.
- You also worked with some of the other drawing tools and used predrawn templates.
- You learned how to erase objects, and how to undo and redo drawing actions.
- In building the sample reaction, you learned how to select, duplicate, and move structures.
- And you learned how to save molecules and reactions in external files for future use.



Draw oxaziridine Exercise 1 Draw the following molecule and save it as a molfile. Draw the rings 1. Click the **benzene** tool, and then click the drawing area to place the ring. 2. Click the cyclopropane tool, and then click an atom on the benzene ring to sprout the three-membered ring. Draw the additional bonds 3. Click the All-Purpose Drawing tool. Drag to draw the bonds for the nitro group. Click the single bonds to change them to double bonds. 4. Click the **Single Bond** tool. Drag to draw the bonds for the tri-methyl group. Using the Single Bond tool lets

you draw bonds at any angle.



Draw a reaction

Exercise 2

Draw the following reaction and save it as a rxnfile.



- 1. Delete the previous query.
- 2. Use the **All-Purpose Drawing** tool to draw the bonds for the two reactants.



3. Click the appropriate bonds to change them to double bonds.

Draw the reactions

4. Shift-click to select the atom positions for the oxygens. Right-click one of the selected atoms, and choose Atom Symbol. Click O. 5. Repeat to place the nitrogen atoms and the sulfur and bromine atoms. Ο Br Ν Ô 6. Click the **Plus** tool. Click the drawing area between the two reactants to place the plus sign. 7. Click the Arrow tool. Click the drawing area to the right of the second reactant.

Place the reaction symbols







9. Click the **All-Purpose Drawing** tool and draw the rest of the bonds.



10. Add the nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur atoms.



Save the reaction

To use the All-Purpose Drawing tool



1. Click the All-Purpose Drawing tool.

2. Choose a task from the table, and follow the instructions given.

То	Instructions
draw a bond	Drag at the desired angle
draw an atom	Click the screen and type a symbol
draw a chain or ring	Drag the cursor away from an atom
pull out a ring	Press the bond, and drag outward
change bond order	Click the bond
change atom type	Right-click the atom, and click Atom symbol
change multiple atom properties	Shift-click to select multiple atoms, and right- click to change a property
change multiple bond properties	Shift-click to select multiple bonds, and right- click to change a property

- 1. Select a bond tool from the tool palette. (Click the arrow next to the bond tool to display the tool palette.)
- 2. Drag the mouse to draw the bond at the desired angle.

1. Click the **Eraser** tool.

2. Click an atom or bond to delete it, or drag the cursor to enclose the objects you want to delete.

1. Click Clear All.

- 1. Click Undo.
- 2. Repeat as needed to successively undo previous drawing operations.

1. Click **Redo**.

2. Repeat as needed to successively redo previously undone drawing operations.

To draw a bond at any angle



To delete an object



To delete all the objects in the drawing area

To undo a drawing operation

To redo a drawing operation

To move an object	1.	Select the object(s).
	2.	Drag to move the object in the desired direction.
To place a template	1.	Click the template tool.
	2.	Click to place the template in the drawing area.
To fuse a template	1.	Click the template tool.
	2.	Click the shared bond to fuse the template.
To sprout a template	1.	Click the template tool.
	2.	Click an atom to sprout the template.
To use the Template Directory	1.	Click the Template Directory.
	2.	Click a folder to display the templates contained in the folder
	3.	Click to select the desired template.
	4.	Click the drawing area to place the template; click a bond
		to fuse the template; click an atom to sprout the template.
To build a reaction	1.	Draw the reactants and products.
+	2.	If there are multiple reactants or products, click the Plus tool and then click the drawing area to place a plus sign
		between the reactants or products.
\rightarrow	3.	Click the Arrow tool. Then click the drawing area to place the reaction arrow between the reactants and products
		the reaction arrow between the reactants and products.
To select a molecule	1.	Click the Molecule Select tool.
$\mathbf{\hat{\mathbf{k}}}$	2.	Click the molecule.

To duplicate a molecule

To move a molecule

To add stereo bonds



To save a molecule or reaction

- 1. Select the molecule.
- 2. Choose **Edit > Duplicate**.
- 1. Select the molecule.
- 2. Drag the molecule to its new location.
- 1. Click the **All-Purpose Drawing** tool.
- 2. Right-click the bond and choose the **Stereobond** option.

– Or –

- 1. Choose a stereo bond tool from the tool palette.
- 2. Click an existing bond to change it, or drag to draw a new stereo bond.
- 3. If needed, click the stereo bond to change its direction.

1. Choose **File > Save As**.

- 2. Type the name of the file.
- 3. Click Save.