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Chapter 1. Getting Started

Installation

Backing up your files

If you already have Easy-PC installed, please remember to back up all your libraries, technology files and any other data files before proceeding with the installation of the new version. The installer should not overwrite any of your own named files, but it can reinstall new copies of our standard data files so if you have changed any of those files it is important to back them up first. If you are uncertain, check the time/date stamp on the file.

Of course, backing up your data is important not only for the upgrade but also at regular intervals during design.

Installation

Installation is via the *autorun* setup. Insert the CD-ROM into your CD-ROM drive and wait a short time. The CD-ROM will run up to speed and an Easy-PC Welcome screen will appear. If *autorun* has been disabled on your computer you must execute the 'setup.exe' program using the **Start** menu and **Run** command from the Windows task bar.

If you are installing software downloaded from our web site rather than from CD, then you will simply need to run the installation program once it has finished downloading.

The installation is the same for new and existing users alike. Existing users with versions prior to this latest version can install the new software over an existing installation without deleting the old one first.

With the installer running, once the **Welcome** screen is displayed, double-click on the **Install Easy-PC - Version 17.0** option, or click then press **Run**. Following the instructions on the screen, you should use the same **Destination Folder** for the Program Files as your existing Easy-PC program files e.g. C:\Program Files\Number One Systems\Easy-PC

All other instructions should be followed until you click **Finish** to complete the installation.

Installing Over Existing Software

If you already have an earlier version of Easy-PC installed on your system and you wish to install the new version into the same folder as the earlier one, please note that you will then end up with both versions listed in the Windows Control Panel list of installed applications.

If you don't want the earlier one to be listed in the Control Panel, you will need to uninstall that version **before** you install the new one. If you install the new software into the same folder as the old version then try to un-install the old one, you will find that the new software will not run as the un-install will have removed many or all of the program files.

If you wish to install and use the new version without removing the old one, you will need to install the new version into a different folder. The two versions will then operate independently and either can be un-installed without preventing the other from running.

Data Files Location

There is a step in the **Setup** installation wizard that asks you where you want to place data files (for example, Libraries, Technology files, etc). The default is always to use the common documents folder, "Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC" on Windows Vista and later, "Documents and Settings\All Users\Shared Documents" on Windows XP (or the local language equivalents) if you are installing for All Users, or into your own Documents folder if installing for current user only.

Running Easy-PC 17.0

As with all **Easy-PC** programs, an icon will appear in the **Number One Systems** folder, or the Start pane if using Windows 8, you may also wish to create an **Easy-PC** Shortcut icon that sits on your desktop.

To start the program, double-click on the **Easy-PC** icon from the **Number One Systems** folder or the Start pane if using Windows 8.

Chapter 2. New Features in Easy-PC V17.0

Introduction

All features are categorised as being SCM specific, PCB specific or Both (relevant to both SCM and PCB design applications).

New style Component Editor (Both)

The **Component editor** has been reorganised; there are now several tabs in the view which replace previous menu commands although these can still be used if required:

The **Pin Assignments** tab now holds the main grid for associating **Gates** and **Pins to Schematic terminals**, **PCB Symbol Pad Numbers** and physical **Pin Names**. The Preview windows display the Gates and PCB Symbols for the component.

Gate	Sch Symbol	Sch Symbol	Sch Terminal	Pcb Symbol	Component Pin	Net (Class)
Name	Name	Terminal Name	Number	Pad Number	Name/Number	Name
a	5SHREGP	PE	1	8	8	
		SI	2	9	9	
		СК	3	1	1	
		CLR	4	16	16	
		Α	5	2	2	
		В	6	3	3	
		С	7	4	4	
		D	8	6	6	
		E	9	7	7	
		GND	10	12	12	
		VCC	11	5	5	
		QE	12	10	10	
		QD	13	11	11	
		QC	14	13	13	
		QB	15	14	14	
		QA	16	15	15	

The **Packages** tab allows you to set the default package, the current package that you are working on and the PCB symbol associated with a package.

🔮 74Is.cml - 74LS96 - DIL (Component)	
CD DIL (1601L) SOL (S016) Copy Delete Make Qurrent Make Qefault	SX A 2 A VCC 0A 15 3 B 4 C 0 0B X B C 0B X B C 0B X B C 0B X B X B X B X B X B X B X B X
'C' is the package you are currently viewing. D' is the default package when adding component to design.	
Package Name: DIL Description:	16 CLR OE 10 GND 12 Cete a 74L896 DIL
PCB Symbol	۰ III ۲
Library: [Ic.psi [in "C:\Users\\Library"] Name: 16DIL	CK 1 0 16CLR
	A 2 0 150A 1 B 3 0 1 0140B
	C. 4. C
	D 6 0 0 011 0D
	E 7 0 100E
	PE 8 0 1 9 0 1 1
III III Assignments Packages (Gates (Values / Properties /	

The **Gates** tab allows you to add/remove gates and change the order within the component.

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Details of selected gate Schematic Symbol Library: 74s.ssl [in "C: \Users\ \Library"] Name: SSHREGP	CLP OE X GND X 12 Gate a X74L696 01L X
Pins: 16 V Apply To All Similar Gates	CK 1 C A 2 C A 15QA B 3 C A C A C A 2 C A C A 2 C A C A 2 C
III () N Pin Assignments / Packages / Gates / Values / Properties /	

The Values tab allows you add, remove and edit Values in the component.

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web=http:\\www.texas.com Datasheet=c:\users\work\texas7400.pdf MFR=Texas Suppler=Digi-key	Add Delete Edit Up Down All Packages	5× ▲ 2 ▲ 3 B 4 C 0 13 8 C 4 C 8 C 9 C 14 C 5 C 14 C 14 C 15 C 16 C 17 C 12 Coste 12 Coste
☑ New Values are added to all other Packages	1	CK 1 C 16CLR A 2 C 15QA B 3 C 14QB C 4 C 13QC VCC 5 C 11QD E 7 C 10QE PE 8 C 9 SI
H I I I Pin Assignments Packages G	ates Values Properties /	< III >

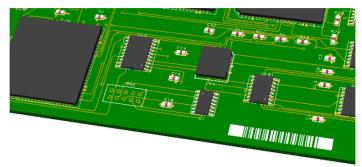
The **All Packages** button applies the **Value names** and **Values** to all **Packages** used for this component, not just the current component.

Name:	74LS96	······································
Description:	5-bit Shift register	$\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ \wedge $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$ $\frac{15}{\sqrt{3}}$
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		D 6 🔘 . 🔘 11 QD .
		PE 8 👁 L_] 👁 9 SI U1
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The **Properties** tab allows you to change the default visibility of value positions for the component, and also change the component description and default reference stem.

Assembly Variants (Both)

Many designs will need to be produced in various different configurations. **Assembly Variants** in Version 17 enables you to do this by allowing you to specify the different versions ('Variants') you require, and identifying which components should be present ('Fitted') in each Variant.



New Variants Page of Technology File

On the **Design Technology** dialog there is a new page listing the **Variants** in the design. This is where you set up your variant details and select the current variant.

Setting up Variants

Variants are defined on the **Technology** dialog and **Variants** page.

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		P	ad S	-		Line Styles	Hatch Styles	Track Styles	Layers	Layer Types	Layer Spans
			Net	s	Net Classes	Value N	ames Sp	acings Ru	les	Variants	Wire Lengths
$\left \right\rangle$			/ De	sigr	uses <u>V</u> ariants						
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Switch on Variants using the check box, **Design Uses Variants**. Once enabled, the buttons down the right side of the menu will be available for use.

Now add Variants using the Add button.

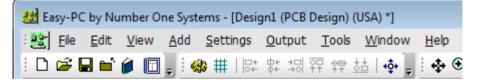
Variant	
Name:	USA
Description:	USA 120V
Used:	
	OK Cancel

Name the Variant with a name that represents its use. You can also add a description to give it further meaning. The **Used** button cannot be selected but will be checked or unchecked depending on whether this variants is used in the design.

The Variants dialog will now be populated like this:

Pad	Styl	es Text Styles	Line Styles	Hatch Styles	Track S	ityles	ayers	Layer Types	Layer Span
Ne	ets	Net Classes	Value N	lames S	Spacings	Rules		Variants	Wire Lengths
		Name	Description						A <u>d</u> d
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	c	<all variants=""></all>							<u>E</u> dit

The **Current** button sets the selected Variant as the current 'active' variant, thus updating the display. The variants is also displayed along the top caption bar of the Easy-PC framework.



Fitting and Unfitting Components

There are two methods to fitting and unfitting components:

Component Variants dialog

Properties dialog, Variants tab

Both methods are acceptable although the Component Variants dialog gives you visibility on all the components in the design in one editable dialog.

Component Variants dialog

The new **Component Variants** dialog on the **Settings** menu displays a grid of all your components in the design and allows you to see their fitted/unfitted state across all variants.

Name	Component	USA	GB	EU	<u>^</u>	OK
C1	08051A100JATDA	Fitted	Fitted	Fitted		Apply
C2	08051A100JATDA	Fitted	Fitted	Fitted		Cancel
C3	08051A100JATDA	Fitted	Fitted	Fitted		
C4	08051A100JATDA	Fitted	Fitted	Fitted	_	
C5	08051A100JATDA	Fitted	Fitted	Fitted		Eitted
C6	08051A100JATDA	Fitted	Fitted	Fitted		Unfitted
C7	08051A100JATDA	Fitted	Fitted	Fitted		
C8	08051A100JATDA	Fitted	Fitted	Fitted		
C9	08051A100JATDA	Fitted	Fitted	Fitted		
~	00054 440014 70 4	Else A	Etc. 1	Else 1		

Use the Fitted and Unfitted buttons to change the status of each of the selected grid cells. you can also drag your cursor down over multiple grid cells to change their status using the button.

Double-clicking a grid cell will toggle the status of that cell.

Properties – Variants tab

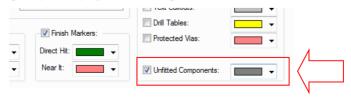
Component Properties has a new **Variants** tab displayed when **Variants** are enabled in the design. From here, you can set the Fitted/Unfitted state for the selected components.

Properties - Component	×
Component Values Variants	
Fitted in these Variants	
IV IUSA	
▼ GB	
I I I EU	

Select the check box (ticked) to make the component **Fitted** in a variant. **Uncheck** the check box to make it **Unfitted** in a variant.

Display (colours) showing Variants

On the **View** menu and **Display** dialog (**Setting & Highlights** tab), you can use the check box and colour selection for displaying **Unfitted Components**. This is very useful for quickly identifying Unfitted Components in the current variant.



Variants in Custom Reports

There are extra settings on report editing dialog, allowing you to specify which variant(s) should be processed for this report.

Text "Bill of Materials" Blank Line	Add Text OK
Standard Report Header Component List	Add List Cancel
	Add Header
	Edit
	Сору
	Delete
	Move Up
	Move Down <u>T</u> est
	Reporting Variants:
	O <all variants=""></all>
	Each Variant to separate Report
	All Variants to same Report
	Only this named Variant:

<**All Variants>** - This will produce a single report ignoring the variant settings on components in the design, so any Component List added to the report will contain all the components regardless of whether or not they are set as Fitted or not.

Each Variant to a Separate Report - This will produce a completely separate report for each of the variants in the design, output to a different report file with the name of the variant included in the file name so that you can tell which one is which. Within each report, any component list will only include those components that are Fitted in that particular variant.

All Variants to same **Report** - This will produce the same report as the previous setting, the only difference being that all the reports will be output one after the other to the same report file.

Only this named Variant - The report will be produced for a specific variant as named on the dialog. All other variants will be ignored.

Variants Report

There is a new report on the **Reports** dialog named **Variants Report**, showing all components and their fitted/unfitted state across all variants.

Units	: thou (precision 2)			
Name	Component	USA	GB	EU
D1	D	Fitted	-	-
D2	D	-	Fitted	-
D3	D	-	-	Fitted
D4	D	Fitted	Fitted	Fitted
D5	D	Fitted	Fitted	Fitted
D6	D	Fitted	-	Fitted
Total:		4	3	4

Other Reports showing Variants

All reports supplied in the **Reports** option will now output **Variants** if Variants have been defined and applied in the design.

Variants in the Plotting & Printing dialog

There is now an extra drop-down list box on the **Output** tab of the **Plotting & Printing** dialog. This allows you to choose which variant should be used for a particular plot.

lotting & Printing	
New Job	Save Job Save As
Plot Job:	
Description:	
Add Plot Copy Plot	Delete Plot Reposition Step & Repea
Top Silk (USA)	Output Lavers Settings Position
Top Silk (GB) Top Silk (EU)	Settings for plot: Top Silk (USA)
Top Electrical Top Electrical (Resist) (USA) Top Electrical (Resist) (GB) Top Electrical (Resist) (EU)	Gerber Penplot Windows Excellon
Top Electrical (Paste) (USA) Top Electrical (Paste) (GB)	Plot Name: Top Silk (USA)
Top Electrical (Paste) (EU) VCC (Powerplane)	Plot Type: Artwork
GND (Powerplane)	Qutput To: File
Bottom Electrical (Resist) (USA) Bottom Electrical (Resist) (GB)	Variant: USA 🔹
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For correctness, you would export manufacturing files for all Variants that you require to build.

Electrical items (Pads, Copper, Tracks, etc.) are always plotted regardless of Variant, as all variants are assembled onto the same bare board.

Note – if a single plot combined electrical and non-electrical layers, it is always treated as <All Variants>.

IDF Export for Variants (PCB)

There are **Exporting Variants** options on the **IDF** dialog. These allow you to choose which variant(s) should be used to generate the IDF data files. This dialog is only available if you have purchased the IDF Export cost option.

Browse	OK Cancel
Browse	
Exporting Variants	
· ·	
	Browse Exporting Variants (a) <all variants=""> (b) Each Variant to separate</all>

There are three check boxes which allow different selections to be made for variants:

<**All Variants>** This will produce a single report ignoring the variant settings on components in the design, so any Component added to the output will contain all the components regardless of whether or not they are set as Fitted or not.

Each Variant to separate file will export all components for each variant to a separate file.

Only this named Variant will allow you to type the name of the Variant that you wish to export.

Change Style of Multiple Items (Both)

Change Layer of Multiple Items (Both)

The **Change Style** and **Change Layer** options are now available on the context menu for **a selection containing multiple items**. This includes multiple items of the same type and also supports some items of different types provided they can have the same type of style or layer. If different types of items are selected to place on a single layer, or to change to use the same style, you will be asked to confirm the change in-case the selection was incorrect.

If multiple items are selected for **Change Layer**, the only layers available will be types of layers that all the selected items can be placed on.

PDF Output (Both)

The existing PDF output has been enhanced (this is the built-in Easy-PC PDF driver).

- Bookmarks have been enhanced to include bookmarks for Components, Component Pins, Net Nodes, Blocks, Block Pins and Net Nodes on each PDF page.
- Popup menus have been added for Blocks and Block Ports which are similar to the popups for Components. Additionally for Blocks, there is a Push Into Block command which allows a jump to the page which has the block circuit.

The PDF setup dialog has been changed.

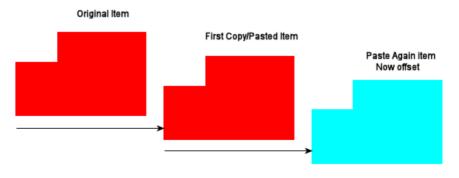
PDF Setup
Combine Plots into Single Document
Prompt before overwriting
All Colours Black
View PDF after Generation
Bookmarks
Component Details
Block Details
✓ Symbol Details
V Push Into Block
Link Net Names
Plot Margin
7.5000 mm

'Paste Again' feature (Both)

There is a new option on the **Edit** menu, **Paste Again**. After performing a **Duplicate** or **Copy** and **Paste** in the design it appears as available. It is also available on the shortcut menu when appropriate.

Use it to paste another copy of the data using the same offset as with the last pasted item from its original item but now offset from the last pasted item.

If **Online DRC** is enabled and the pasted item is in error, you will be asked if you want to keep it. If not, the next Paste Again will offset the next copy again.



Delete Segment (Both)

The **Delete Segment** command (assigned to the **<Backspace>** key, can be used in select mode to remove selected segments within a single track, Schematic connection, copper shape or documentation shape. This has exactly the same behaviour as the normal Delete function but only affects the selected segment(s).

Change beginent
Flip F
Delete Segment NBackspace
Invert Shape
Headup Display
Reposition Headup Display

Deleting a segment from a closed shape will make it open.

Deleting a segment from in the middle of an open shape or track will split it into two shapes or tracks.

Splitting a schematic connection in two on an auto-named net will introduce another autonamed net for one half to avoid split subnets on auto-named nets.

You cannot delete a segment of poured copper, or any shape with a cutout.

Frame Select - Only for Right-to-Left Selection (Both)

There is an extra check box, **Only for Right-to-Left Selection**, on the **Preferences** dialog for **Schematics Interaction** and **PCB Interaction**.

This is a subsidiary check box of the existing **Only Select if Completely Framed** check box. When checked, if you draw your frame-select box right-to-left then it will only select items completely inside the frame, whereas drawing the frame-box left-to-right will do normal selection of items which are partly or wholly inside the frame. The default setting for this check box is Off (allowing frame selection of completely framed items in both directions).



Ignoring Pads in the Name Pins by Row/Col option (Both)

There is now an extra setting on the **Name Pins by Row/Col** dialog (**Ignore Last Pads**) on the **Edit** menu within the **Component Editor**. This dialog is also available on the shortcut menu on the **Pin Assignments** page and on the **Component Design** toolbar.

You can specify the number of pins to be ignored from the 'end' of the sequence of pads in the PCB symbol. This can be used for example where you have used the last couple of pads as mounting holes and don't want those to take part in the calculation of row/column names. They will be ignored during the alphanumeric naming sequence and will instead be given straightforward numeric pin numbers to match their PCB symbol pad sequence number.

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Using Change Net to force Auto-Named Net (Both)

When performing **Change Net** or **Properties** on a single user-defined net, you can now delete the net name to force use of an auto-generated name.

Change Ne	t	×
Net <u>N</u> ame	Choose From All Nets In Design SIG1	OK Cancel

When doing this in a Schematic design, and the net has two or more separate subnets, each subnet will be put on its own separate auto-named net.

If you are changing a net name in a Schematic project that is across multiple sheets, and you are not renaming a subnet, then you will be warned that only the net in the design being edited will be auto-named. The same net in the other sheets will retain the original name because you cannot have an auto-named net across multiple sheets.

New Folders dialog for data files (Both)

There is a new **Folders** dialog, available under the **Settings** menu and **Folders**. This allows you to create a folder search list and enable/disable folders and files within these folders. Files covered are: **Colour Files**, **Libraries**, **Report Format Files** and **Technology Files**.

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Colour Files Libraries Report Files Technology Files		
Folders and Search Order:		
– P:\Users\Jim\Designs\88932		Add Up
T:\MasterLib\		
C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC17\Prolib6		Edit Down
C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC17\Micro6		
C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC17\Library		Delete Explore
		V Folder Enabled
Files Found: 281		
C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC17\Prolib6\actel.cml		Component Library
C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easv-PC17\Prolib6\ad.cml		
C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC17\Prolib6\altera.cml		Altera4
C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC17\Prolib6\Altera3.cml		V Enabled
C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC17\Prolib6\Altera4.cml		
C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC17\Prolib6\atmel.cml		Delete
C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC17\Prolib6\AtmelArmCortex.cml		
C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC17\Prolib6\ATXMEGA.cml		Move
C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC17\Prolib6\avx.cml		
C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC17\Prolib6\burrbrown.cml		<u>C</u> opy
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C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC17\Prolib6\cypress.cml		
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ОК	Close	Apply Help

All places where access to these files (e.g. **Technology file** on **File** menu and **New**) was previously done using a separate directory name have been changed to a single drop-down list. This shows all enabled files in all enabled folders for the particular file type.

Files Found: 14	
C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC\Technology\2sig2pwr.ptf	PCB Technology File
C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC\Technology\Esg2pwr.ptf C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC\Technology\Asig2pwr.ptf C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC\Technology\Component.stf C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC\Technology\Databook.stf C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC\Technology\Default.ptf C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC\Technology\Default.stf C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC\Technology\Default.stf C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC\Technology\Default.stf C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC\Technology\Default.stf C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC\Technology\Default.stf C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC\Technology\Fineline.ptf C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC\Technology\Fineline.ptf C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC\Technology\Parel.ptf C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC\Technology\Parel.ptf C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC\Technology\SpecialEffect.ptf C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC\Technology\Seided.ptf	Contectificition of the contect of

The **Edit** button on the **Technology Files** tab enables you to quickly select a Technology file from the **Files Found:** list and to edit it. Once edited, it can be saved for use.

Changes to Goto Bar (Both)

Additional commands have been added to the Goto bar:

• A new category has been added, **Net (By Net Class)** – this shows a list of Net Class names that are used in the design. Select a name to find each net (or sub net) in the net class.

Goto	×
Net (By Net Class)	•
Ground	
HIGH_VOLTAGE	
HSE1	
HSE2	
Power	
Signal	

- The category **Component (By Value)** has been renamed to **Component (By Value** Name)
- A new category has been added, **Component (By Value Contents)** this is like **By Value Name** except it lists all the different values it finds in the form <name>=<value>. This will make it easier to select all components that have a value of **4.7K** for example.
- When using the category **Design**, all entries in the list now have a tooltip showing the complete path of the file.



• For any category, if the list is too narrow to show an item in the list it will have a tooltip with the full text.

Goto	×	
Componer	nt (Bj 🔻	
3MMH90-1 AT91SAM		
LCC QCC20	AT91	SAM7SE256-BGA
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• The tooltip for filter button now includes the filter text string.

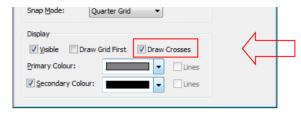
Use Filter 📝 🛐	
(Define Filter: "Rou*"

 New context menu switches have been added for: Include Schematics Only Components, Include Items in Component Bin and Include Suppressed Components. When selected, they allow you to exclude these items from the find. They are available for all component and pad type categories. If you switch them on they will act like they did in previous releases.

Unchecking the **Include Suppressed Components** option will not find any components that are suppressed from the parts list output (as defined in the Component Properties dialog).

Grid drawn as small crosses (Both)

There is a new check box on the **Grids** dialog that enables the screen grid to be drawn using small crosses instead of single dots.



The result is small crosses in the design, this makes them easier to view in the design.

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Read Value Names from Technology File (Both)

On the **New** dialog from the **File** menu, the **Technology file** box is now enabled for **Components**. This allows a **Schematic Technology file** or **PCB Technology file** to be used as source of **Value** (Attribute) **Names** when creating new Components. This is to allow you to use pre-defined value names for values in components rather than having to type them in again.

Design Wizard Technology	
PCB Design PCB Symbol Schematic Design Schematic Symbol	OK Cancel
Component Project Panel Design	
Using Technology File	
	Folders
C:\Users\Public\Documents\Easy-PC17\Technology\Componer	nt.stf .stf

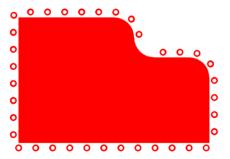
If you design Schematics using multiple Technology files, then you could create yourself one master Technology file containing all your used Values.

Apply Vias (PCB)

The **Apply Vias** option will add vias, either around, or on the selected shape. **Remove Applied Vias** allows you to remove the vias again.

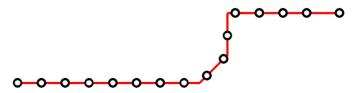
Apply Vias				X
Vias Placed				
Around outsi	de	🔘 On the s	shape	
Around insid	e	Fill the s	hape	
Net Name: GND			•	
Via Span: [Through Hole	1	•	
Via Style:				
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Add Vias	Save	Settings	Cancel]

Choose where to place the vias. **Around outside** means placing vias in all possible legal positions around the outside of the selected shape and on the net given. This is ideal for shielding a track or other item.



On the shape means along an open shape, such as a track, or along the edge of a closed shape. This could be used to 'staple' an item to a power plane.

Vias can be added outside a track to add shielding:





Around inside means inside the edge of a closed shape.

Fill the shape means cover the interior of a closed shape with vias.

Select or enter the **Net Name** to which the vias will be added. Leaving it blank creates a default net. If you select an item already on a net, and you are adding vias on the shape, then the net is already determined and you will not need to select a net.

Specify the **Via Style** to use (this is initialised to the default for the selected net). Vias styles would have been defined in the **Pad Styles** dialog.

You can optionally define the **Spacing between vias**, if you don't, it defaults to the **Via Spacing** rule. If you edit the value, it can be any positive value.

When placing around a shape, the **Spacing to vias** is the spacing between the selected item and the vias. This should be at least the *Via to Item* spacing defined in the **Spacing Rules**, but can be larger.

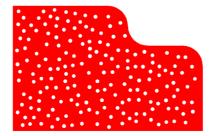
Checking the Use Rules box means the Via to Shape spacing rule will be used.

If you are placing vias to fill a closed shape, you can choose to **Stagger** them to give a closely packed array.



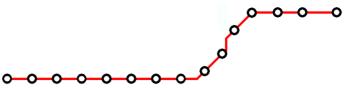
The picture above shows both Normal via distribution and Staggered.

The Random option will randomly distribute the vias, so there will be no regular pattern.



Fix Vias will lock the added vias against moving, or removal by tools such as Unroute Nets.

Vias can be add along a track:



Press Add Vias to add the vias to the Shape or Track.

Save Settings will save the current settings, and use them to prime the dialog, where appropriate, next time it is used.

Cancel exits the dialog without doing anything.

Remove Applied Vias

This command removes vias added by the Apply Vias Command. If you are removing from around the shape, you need to specify the net these vias are on.

Remove Applied Vias			×
Vias Placed			
Around the shape	💿 On or in shape	All matching	
Net Name: <any net=""></any>	•		
📝 Remove Fixe	ed Vias		
Remove Vias		Cancel	

Select **All matching** to remove all suitable vias across the whole design, not just from around the selected shape.

Selecting <Any Net> will remove suitable vias within range of the selected shape, regardless of the net.

Remove Fixed Vias will remove vias which are locked, as well as the unlocked ones.

Headup Display (PCB)

There is a new interactive PCB tooltip based headup display to show track and net lengths as you add and edit track segments to the design.

This is available from the shortcut menu when using **Edit Track**, **Mitre Corner** and **Move** on track segments.

The display will also include rules from the **Net Class** if they are set up. The values in the headup display will change to red when the rule has not been met. There is also an option on the shortcut menu to reposition the headup display relative to the moving cursor.

There are some options in the **Preferences** dialog and **Display** page to control how unrouted connections are treated when working out the track length of a net.

Schematics Interaction		PCB Interaction		PCB Tracks		
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Using the Headup Display

Check the **Show Headup Display** box to show a tooltip based headup display of track and net length information when adding, moving or editing tracks.

If the track being edited lies on a single path between two component pads, the names of the pads are included at the top of the headup display.



If **minimum** and **maximum track length rules** are defined on the **net class** of the track being edited, their values will be included in the display and will be drawn green if the net track length is within the defined limits. If the net track length is outside one of the limits it will be drawn with red text as well as the rule that failed.

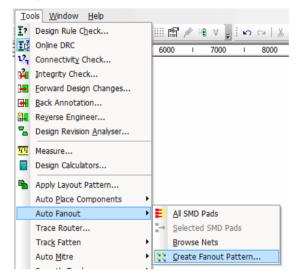
If the net being edited belongs to the same net class as other nets, and the **net class** has a **Maximum Track Length Difference** rule defined, the shortest and longest net lengths will be shown. If they are different, the difference between them will also be included along with the maximum rule limit. If the actual difference in net track lengths is greater than the limit it will be drawn with red text as well as the rule value.

Check the **Include Unrouted Lengths** box to include unrouted connections in the overall net track length. Choose the **Method** to be used when calculating the estimated track length for each unrouted connection. **Manhattan** is the minimum distance from one end of the connection to the other using just horizontal and vertical lines. **Mitre** is the minimum distance from one end of the connection to the other using horizontal, vertical and 45 degree lines. **Point to Point** is the length of the single straight line between the two ends.

You can also specify an **offset** here, which is the distance between your current cursor position and where the headup display is drawn. You can change the value here to anything between 0 (no offset) and 4000 (4 inches).

Create Fanout Pattern (PCB)

In the PCB design editor, within the **Tools** menu, there is a new option on the **Auto Fanout** submenu. Using the **Create Fanout Pattern** option you can add simple fanout patterns to an existing selected component (for example a PGA or BGA). The fanout will consist of a 45-degree angled track ending on a Via, for each surface mount pad on the selected component.



A dialog is displayed allowing you to choose the type of fanout pattern.

Create Fanou	ut Pattern								×
Offset X 0.4400 ¥ Y 0.4400 ¥						Select	cted Pads Only nected Pads Only		
Track Style	•			Via Style:					
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Define the **X** and **Y** offset of the fanout relative to each surface mount pad. You can reverse the direction by specifying positive or negative values.

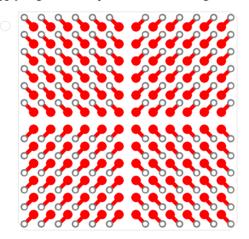
Radiate from centre causes the direction of the fanout to be determined from the position of the pad relative the centre. The centre is defined as the centre of the bounds of the component, or with the **Use Pad Extents** option checked, the extents of just the pads. The X, Y offsets defined are adjusted accordingly.

Apply to Selected Pads Only, when checked, will add fanouts only to the selected pads.

Apply to Connected Pads Only, when checked, will add fanouts only to pads that are connected.

Select the Track Style and Via Style to use.

Press Apply to generate the pattern without leaving the dialog.

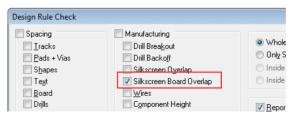


Online DRC (PCB)

Online DRC now checks the selected items when you press **Apply** or **OK** in the **Properties** dialog. Previously it did not do this.

Additional checks on DRC dialog (PCB)

DRC now reports silkscreen outlines which overlap the board outline. A **Silkscreen Board Overlap** option has been added to the **Manufacturing** section of the **Design Rules Check** dialog.



Can Drill Out Pad

You can now mark a **Symbol Pad** or **Free Pad** as **Can Drill Out Pad**. These are often used as a mounting hole. This means the minimum annular ring check (defined in **Technology** dialog and **Rules**) will not flag this pad if the whole pad is drilled out when running **Design Rules Check**.

Properties -	Pad		— ×
Pad			
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Allow \	<u>(</u> ia in Pad	🔽 Can Drill Out Pad] <
Plane Con	nection: 🔳	hermal Pad	- V

Allow Via In Pad

A **Symbol Pad** or **Free Pad** can be marked as **Allow Via In Pad** using the check box on the **Properties** dialog. The **Via In Pad** design rules check will not report an error for these pads.

(Properties - Pad
	Pad
	Number: 1
	Position: 2100.00 2150.00 Rel
	Angle: 270.00 🔄 Fixed
<u> </u>	Star Point
	🕼 Allow Via in Pad 🔲 Can Drill Out Pad
_/	Plane Connection: Thermal Pad

Check Against Same Net in Spacings dialog (PCB)

The new **Check Against Same Net** option on the **Spacing** tab of the **Technology** dialog means that for all nets items on that net must either be touching or more than the Spacing Rule distance apart.

Tracks	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Pads	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Vias	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Shapes	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Text	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Board	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
		50.00	50.00	20100	50.00
Rule Level		50.00	2000	2000	50.00
	Net Match	50100	2000	2000	50.00

Auto-Rename Changes (PCB)

Auto-Rename selected board

There is an additional option on the **Auto Rename Components** dialog to allow renaming components only within the selected board outline(s).

When multiple board outlines appear in the design, you may choose how to apply the rename strategy. Use **Rename each board separately** to rename within each board fully before moving to the next, or **Rename all boards together** to treat them as one outline. It maybe that you have included multiple designs in one design file or that you are making a 'flexi-rigid' style of PCB in which case multiple board outlines would be used for the same design. If you have multiple board outlines in the design, you may also choose **Selected board only** to specify the 'container' for the Rename.

	Component Rename
	-Rename Which Components:
	Those with references starting with:
	Using Rename List from file:
	-Components To Include:
	Include Components On: Top Side 🔹
	Include Components Outside Board
	Multiple Board Outlines:
	Rename each board separately
\	Rename all boards together
/	Selected board only
V	-Direction:

Auto-Rename from file

From the **Auto Rename Components** dialog it will now allow renaming components from a *changes* file, this can specify the original name and the new changed name. This enables you to use a file to drive the rename process.

	Component Rename	٢.
	─Rename Which Components:	
N	○ Those with references starting with: C	
/	O Using Rename List from file:	
L/	\Rename File.txt	
V	Components To Include:	
	Include Components On: Top Side -	

Select the radio button **Using Rename List from file**, and choose the file you want to load. Press the **OK** button to implement the changes.

The file should be a simple text file, with each line specifying the old (existing) component name and the new name, separated by comma, semicolon, space or tab.

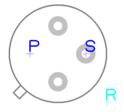
For example:

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U5,IC19
U9,IC20
CX9,C21
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Auto-Rename use Placement origin

When the **Placement Origin** is defined on a component in the design, the **Auto-Rename** option will use this when working out which strip a component belongs to. If it isn't defined, it uses the centre of the placement extents as before.

In the example below, the Placement Origin +P has been set as an offset to the component centre, this would now be used during **Auto-Rename**.



Layer Colours shown on Layers Bar (PCB)

On the **Layers Bar** a small coloured block is now drawn in the layer colour (taken from the **Technology** dialog and **Layers**). Colours cannot be edited from here but it does show the layer colour used in the design.

Layers ×								
Top Silk Top Electrical Wires VCC GND	$\left\langle \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \\ - \end{array} \right\rangle$					1	ayers	
Bottom Electrical		Name	Туре	Side	Usage	Bias	Net	Colour
Dimensions	Х	Top Silk	Silk Screen	Тор	Non-Electrical	None		
	х	Top Electrical	Electrical	Тор	Electrical	Х		
Hide << Show Pick		Wires	Wire	Тор	Wire	None		
Areas: 🔽 🔽		vcc	Electrical	Inner	Electrical	Power Plane	vcc	
Connections: 💟 💟		GND	Electrical	Inner	Electrical	Power Plane	GND	
Copper: 🗹 🗹 Pads: 📝 🔽	x	Bottom Electrical	Electrical	Bottom	Electrical	Y		
Routing: 🔽 🔽		Bottom Silk	Silk Screen	Bottom	Non-Electrical	None		
Text/Values: 🔽 🔽		Dimensions	Dimensions	Bottom	Non-Electrical	None		

Micro Library 6 (Updated Cost Option)

An additional 218 new micro controllers have been added to the existing Micro-controller library, these are for Atmel AVR32, Atmel Arm Cortex and Xilinx Zynq-7000 parts. If you have purchased any previous versions of this library already, we can supply this update to you for a small upgrade charge when you upgrade to Easy-PC 17.

AtmelAVR32	120	Atmel AVR 32 microcontrollers
AtmelArmCortex	80	Atmel ARM Cortex processors
Xilinx_Zynq-7000	18	Programmable system-on-chip including dual ARM Cortex
	218	

Pro Library 6 (Updated Cost Option)

The Pro-Library has been updated to include over 15,700 additional Parts and their associated Symbols and Footprints. This takes the contents of the Pro-Library to just over 82,649 Parts! If you have purchased any previous versions of this library already, we can supply this update to you for a small upgrade charge when you upgrade to Easy-PC 17.

Altera3	148
Altera4	63
ATXMEGA	172
LT4	872
Panasonic1	2,999
Panasonic2	2,394
Panasonic3	2,143
Ti4	1,717
Ti5	2,573
Ti6	1,882
Toshiba	119
Тусо	862
	15,743

Note: for all updated library contents, the exact quantity may change slightly from the numbers above at the time of release. Please use the Library Finder page on our web site to check for any required parts. E&OE

Using the Library Searcher for updated library contents

A list of the updated contents can be located on our web site in the online library searcher <u>www.numberone.com/libfinder.asp</u> Select **Micro** or **ProLib** in the **Library:** drop down list, then type **6** into the **Version:** box.