



ISIS™: Getting Started

For Which ISIS Products Do I Have a License?

You will receive an installation “key” (either in your ISIS package or from your ISIS Administrator) that will install one of the following groups of MDL applications, depending on your ISIS end-user license:

ISIS/Draw (individual sales): ISIS/Draw; Add-in Manager; ISIS/Draw Add-ins; ExoGraphics ConSystant/Chemeleon

ISIS/Base (individual sales): ISIS/Base; Add-in Manager; ISIS/Base Add-ins; SAR Table

ISIS/Development (system license): ISIS/Draw; ISIS/Base; Add-in Manager; ISIS/Draw Add-ins; ISIS/Base Add-ins; SAR Table; ExoGraphics ConSystant/Chemeleon; IRDAS; ISIS/Application Development Kit™

ISIS/Chemistry (system license): ISIS/Draw; ISIS/Base; Add-in Manager; ISIS/Draw Add-ins; ISIS/Base Add-ins; SAR Table; IRDAS; ExoGraphics ConSystant/Chemeleon

ISIS/Life Science (system license): ISIS/Draw; ISIS/Base (excluding remote registration; remote reaction searching; remote molecule SSS, Rgroup, and 3D searching); Add-in Manager; ISIS/Draw Add-ins; ISIS/Base Add-ins; SAR Table; ExoGraphics ConSystant/Chemeleon

ISIS/Retrieval (system license): ISIS/Draw; ISIS/Base (excluding remote registration; multi-database searching, remote reaction searching; remote molecule SSS, MSim, Rgroup, and 3D searching); Add-in Manager; ISIS/Draw Add-ins; ISIS/Base Add-ins; SAR Table; ExoGraphics ConSystant/Chemeleon

If your license also includes *MDL-supplied databases*, the appropriate database application(s) will also be installed.

What Do These Products Do? Where Is The Documentation?

When you install either ISIS/Draw or ISIS/Base, start one of these products and then choose **Help > ISIS/Desktop Contents**. When you see the Table of Contents, click **ISIS Licensing/Documentation**. You see a help screen that:

- Shows you all the components of ISIS
- Briefly explains what each component does
- Tells you where to find either the online help or the printed documentation for each product.

Using Online Help: If you are a new or intermittent user of online help, we can show you in only 15 minutes how to use the online help *effectively and efficiently!*

From ISIS/Draw or ISIS/Base, choose **Help > ISIS/Desktop Contents**. Then click **How To Use ISIS/Desktop Help**. You see a series of help screens that explain everything you need to use the help.

How Do I Install These Products?

Windows: Insert the CD from the ISIS package and follow the instructions.

Macintosh: Insert the CD from the ISIS package. Open the ISIS 2.1.4 or ISIS 2.1.4 Kanji folder and double-click on the **ISIS Installer** icon.

We recommend that you read **INSTALL.TXT** (Windows, in the Documents folder) or **Installation ReadMe** (Macintosh) for any late changes in the installation, or to read about more complex installation alternatives.

What Are the System Recommendations for These Products?

All Users (Windows and Macintosh): Read the file **SYSREC.PDF** in the DOCUMENTS directory on the ISIS CD. Read this file with Adobe Acrobat or Adobe Acrobat Reader.

Where Do I Go Now?

Learning how to draw: The "QuickStart"

The ISIS/Draw *QuickStart* is a 12-page quick reference that shows you the basic drawing functionality of ISIS/Draw. From the ISIS/Draw menubar, choose **Help > ISIS/Draw Contents**. You see the ISIS/Draw Table of Contents. Click **QuickStart** to see and then print out the QuickStart.

Choosing the correct search in ISIS/Base

Use the SearchSelector™ to: (a) find which ISIS/Base *search type* is the most suitable for your chemistry question, (b) provide a *search query* from which you can easily extrapolate the query that you need for your search, and (c) show you the *step-by-step instructions* and *searching examples* for your search. To find the SearchSelector, choose **Help > ISIS/Base SearchSelector** from the ISIS/Base menubar.

If you already know exactly which search type that you want to use, choose **Help > ISIS/Base Search Types** from the ISIS/Base menubar. You see a screen that contains all the ISIS/Base search types. Click any search type to go to either *step-by-step instructions* or *searching examples*.

Learning what is new in ISIS

If you are an existing user who wants to know what are the new features in ISIS/Draw or ISIS/Base, choose **Help > Index**. In the Search dialog, enter **new features**.

Maintaining your database

To find information on creating local databases, registering records to local and remote databases, and importing and exporting data, see the *Database Maintenance* manual. This manual is free with individual copies of ISIS/Base. MDL supplies a number of copies of this manual to companies with system licenses. MDL will supply additional copies of this manual *free of charge, upon request*. See your ISIS Administrator for details.