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Microsoft Office Compatible

TriSpectives is a Microsoft Office Compatible product, which means that its toolbars, menus, and accelerator keys are similar to those used by Microsoft Office. If you are already using Microsoft Office, which includes Microsoft Excel, Word, Microsoft Access, and PowerPoint, then many of the tasks you have learned to complete in Office can be completed in a similar manner in TriSpectives. 3D/EYE and Microsoft hope these similarities will make it easier for you to use our products together and with other Microsoft Office Compatible products.

Look for the Microsoft Office Compatible logo when purchasing software. For more information about the Microsoft Office Compatible program, and for a complete listing Microsoft Office Compatible products, in the United States call Microsoft Customer Service at 1-800-426-9400. Customers outside the United States should contact their local Microsoft office.

Using TriSpectives with Microsoft Office

You can embed data from any Microsoft Office application inside TriSpectives, and you can embed TriSpectives data inside any Microsoft Office application.   This feature enables you to work entirely inside TriSpectives and still create and modify data from Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word or any other Microsoft Office compatible program.

To insert a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet on a TriSpectives Page, select the region on the Excel spreadsheet and drag it over the TriSpectives page.   Release the mouse and drop the spreadsheet selection on the page.   You will see the Excel object on the page.   You can now manipulate the object as a 3D TriSpectives shape.   If the embedded page is oriented directly facing you (screen aligned), you can activate Excel in place by double-clicking on the shape.   If you have used the TriBall to orient the shape at an angle to the page, then double-clicking will open Excel to edit the selection.   These same operations are available for all Microsoft Office applications.

A shape created in this manner is a full fledged 3D shape which has a sizebox, anchor and rendering options.   The size, aspect ratio and other 3D behaviors are controllable through the property sheet.

Embedded objects can also be created using the Insert Object menu option.   Select the object to be inserted from the list in the menu box.   The application associated with the object will start, allowing you to create a new object.   When you close the application or the file, it will embed itself in TriSpectives as a 3D shape, as described above.   You can also use Insert From File (on the Insert Object dialog) to insert an existing Microsoft Office file into TriSpectives.

TriSpectives objects can be inserted, created and edited in Microsoft Office applications. To drag a TriSpectives Page into another application, select on desired pages tab and drag it into you favorite Office Compatible application.   TriSpectives is either activated in place or opened to edit the dropped object.   If the TriSpectives object contains an animation, you can select play on the right mouse button menu to run the animation.

TriSpectives and the Office Compatible Features

TriSpectives was designed from the ground up as a Microsoft Windows 95 and Microsoft Office compatible product.   Property sheets, toolbars, ToolTips, help, drag and drop, right mouse button operation and most other application features contained in Microsoft Office operate identically in TriSpectives.   Naturally, the content of some menu items and toolbars is specific to TriSpectives, but the general operation of the product is completely intuitive to a Microsoft Office user.

TriSpectives makes extensive use of wizards to facilitate the creation of shapes.   The operation of these wizards will be familiar to users of Microsoft Office.

TriSpectives fully supports the Microsoft Office Binder.   Please refer to the Microsoft Office documentation for more information the Binder.