



Dear MapObjects Developer:

Welcome! ESRI and the MapObjects team thank you for choosing MapObjects® software for your development needs. We look forward to the success of your development activities.

In the core product box, we have included a wealth of digital documentation and samples to get you started in the right direction. In your MapObjects2\Samples\VB directory, you will find Getting Started with MapObjects (GettingStartedWithMOinVB.doc), a step-by-step introduction to using the MapObjects product. While this document is oriented toward Visual Basic (VB) programmers, the Samples folder contains digital Getting Started versions for many other development environments.

Located in your MapObjects2 installation folder, you will find Building Applications with MapObjects (BuildingApplications.pdf). This resource takes a detailed approach to learning how to work with each of the ActiveX® automation objects, demonstrated through the use of Visual Basic. The digital document walks you through the creation of the most extensive sample provided with MapObjects, MoView2.

The Samples folder also contains sample applications, including source code, that cover a wide range of MapObjects software's functionality. Use these to explore different things you can do with MapObjects or to learn how to implement certain features in your applications. There are samples for a variety of programming environments including Visual Basic®, Delphi™, Borland® C++ Builder®, Visual C++®, C#, and Visual Basic .NET.

Details about all objects, methods, properties, and constants are found in the MapObjects Programmer's Reference (ProgrammersReference.pdf) located in your MapObjects2 software installation folder. The online Help system complements this reference, and both include volumes of source code that you can copy and use directly within your applications.

We have also included an additional Supplement manual (MO21Supplement.pdf), which contains information about new features from version 2.0, instructions on how to develop a MapObjects application for the Internet, additions to the Programmer's Reference manual, and other documentation changes.

A hard copy and a digital version of the Object Model Diagram for MapObjects are also included, detailing the 45 ActiveX automation objects in the product. This is a key document for illustrating object relationships, providing a guide to developers.

Finally, the ReadMe file, which includes last-minute updates, tips, and suggestions, can be accessed after installing MapObjects. It is located in the MapObjects folder of your completed MapObjects 2 installation or on the installation media.

For domestic users, support requests can be made on the Web at <http://support.esri.com/about/supportrequest.asp>, or you can e-mail your support request to dev-support@esri.com. International users should contact their local ESRI distributors for support information. Contact information can be accessed at <http://gis.esri.com/intldist/contactint.cfm>.

ESRI also maintains free user-to-user discussion forums for MapObjects developers on our Web site at <http://forums.esri.com>, while technical articles and downloads are available at <http://support.esri.com>.

We look forward to your success using MapObjects and to being of further service to you.

Sincerely,

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