

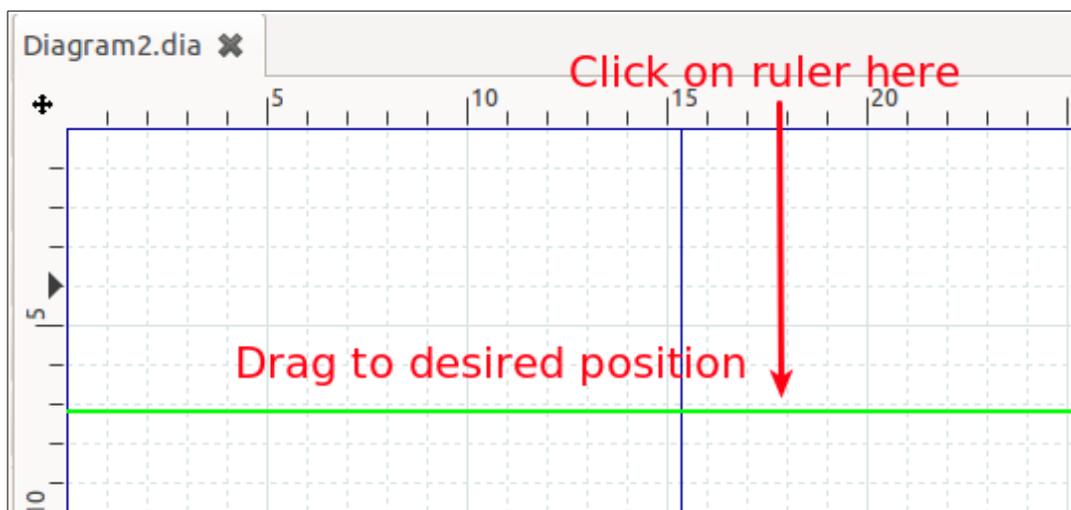
Dia Guides

Introduction

Guides are horizontal and vertical lines which help with positioning objects. Guides in Dia are similar to those in GIMP.

Adding Guides

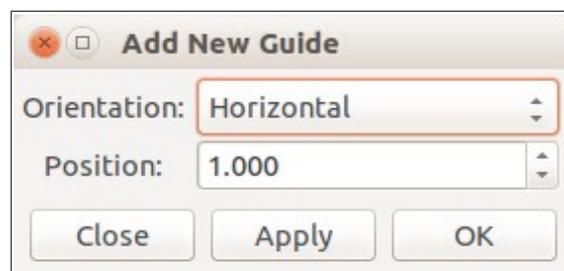
To add a guide, click on one of the rulers and drag the mouse onto the canvas. Release the mouse where you want to position the guide.



Click and drag from the top ruler to add a horizontal guide (as shown above).

Or click and drag from the left ruler to add a vertical guide.

You can also add a guide using the menu option “View → Guides → New Guide...” and select the desired orientation and position as shown below:



Moving Guides

To move an existing guide, simply click and drag it to the desired position.

Deleting Guides

To delete a guide, click and drag it back onto the ruler.

To remove all guides, use the menu option: “View → Guides → Remove all guides”

Showing/Hiding Guides

Use the menu option “View → Guides → Show Guides” to show or hide guides.

Snapping to Guides

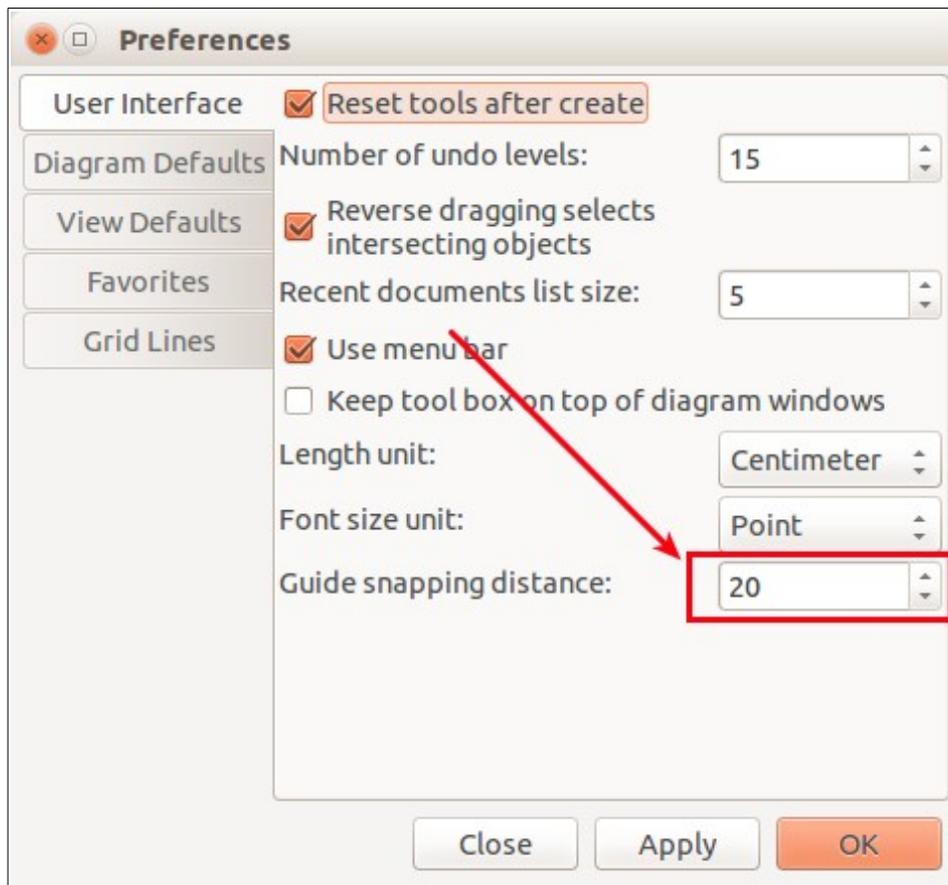
By default, objects will snap to guides; i.e. if you move an object close to a guide, the object will snap to it.

You can turn off snapping to guides using the “snap to guides” button shown below:



Or you can use the menu option: “View → Guides → Snap to Guides”.

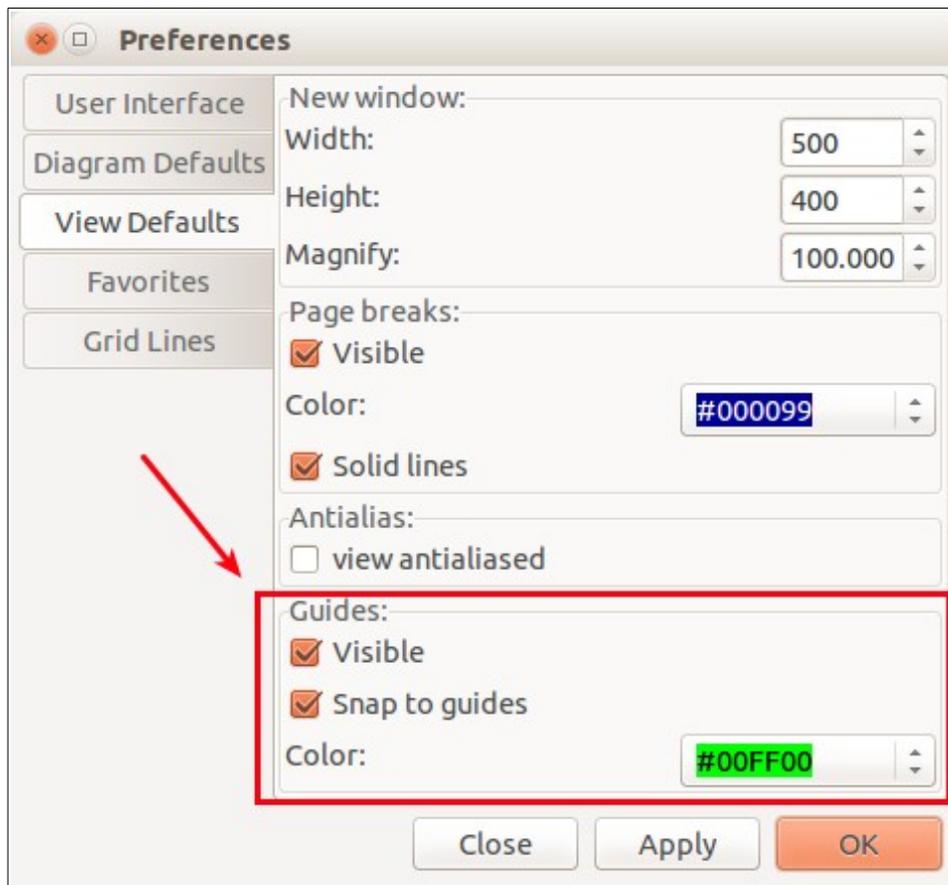
To change the snapping distance (i.e. how close the object must be to snap to a guide), select “File → Preferences”, go to the “User Interface” tab and edit the “Guide snapping distance” shown below:



NOTE: If you have turned on both snap-to-guides and snap-to-grid, snapping to guides takes precedence.

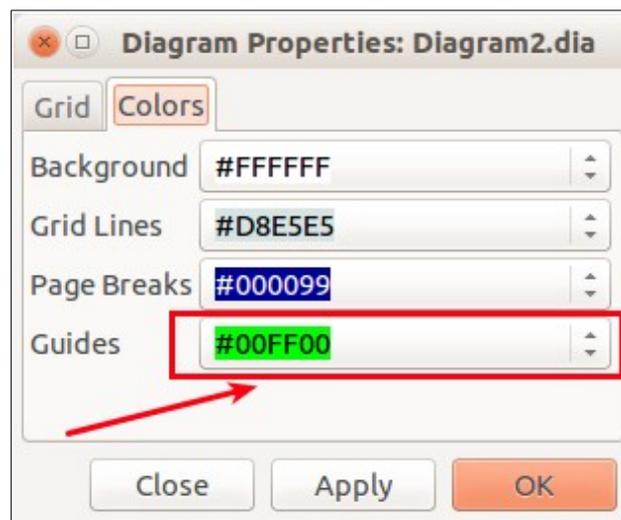
Guide Defaults

To change the default guide settings for **new** diagrams, select “File → Preferences”, go to the “View Defaults” tab and edit the settings shown below:



Guide Colour

To change the guide colour for the current diagram, select “File → Properties”, go to the “Colors” tab and change the setting shown below:



To change the default guide colour for **new** diagrams, select “File → Preferences” and go to the “View Defaults”, then change the “Color” box under “Guides”.