

**I-Mark™
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&
OPERATION GUIDE***

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Welcome

I-Mark™ Help System

	<p>FAQ's & Troubleshooting Access a comprehensive set of questions, answers, and troubleshooting solutions.</p>
	<p>Using the Help System Learn about the features of this Help System</p>
	<p>Additional Resources View additional sources of help.</p>

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FAQ's & Troubleshooting



Quick list of all the main help topics. Click on link below to view help information for that category.

For items not listed please use the search feature.

[Basic vs Advanced Mode](#)
[Creating A Workspace](#)
[Creating a Layout](#)
[Mapping A controller](#)
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[Manual Window](#)
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[Bottom Status Tool Bar](#)
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[Save Layout](#)
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[Connect to Marking Machine](#)
[Disconnect From Marking Machine](#)
[Refresh Network](#)
[Download to All](#)
[Select Active Machine](#)
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[Mark Layout](#)
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[Graphic](#)
[Line](#)
[Text](#)
[Date Codes](#)
[Data Matrix](#)
[Waypoint](#)
[Set output](#)
[Wait input](#)
[Dwell Time](#)
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[Delete](#)
[Assign to Machine](#)
[Global Printing Speed](#)
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[Configure - Layouts](#)
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[Unmap From Workspace](#)
[Machine Window - Status](#)
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[Machine Window - Properties](#)
[Machine Window - Files](#)
[Machine Window - Diagnostics](#)
[Machine Window - Dynamic](#)
[System Log](#)

In the normal course of using the software, questions may arise regarding procedures, system messages, and error conditions. I-Mark Software provides several methods of obtaining answers to your questions.

For information about Columbia Marking Tools products, visit the Columbia Marking Tools Web site at: www.columbiamt.com

- Visit the [I-Mark Software Online Web site](#). The I-Mark Online Web site provides a direct link to **latest internal research database, downloads, and numerous support services**. This service is available only with a current Support Agreement or Client Care Plan and to I-Mark business partners. First year is included free with purchase of I-Mark system. *Have Serial Number and Company Name ready to validate access.*
- Access video demonstrations by selecting [Demos](#) on the [Help Menu Ribbon](#).
- Technical bulletins and download program updates are available through the I-Mark Software E-News.

Note Program updates are available exclusively through the internet.

For more information about I-Mark Software's fee-based customer support services, contact [Columbia Marking Tools](#).

Using the Help System

Using the Help System



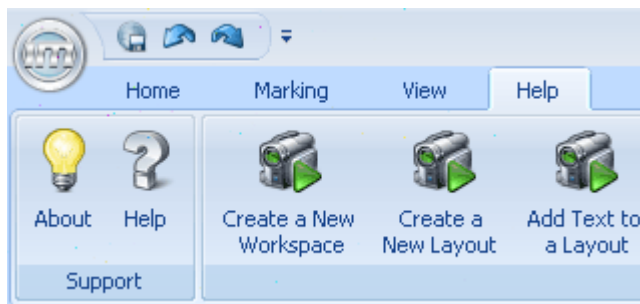
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Help Menu Ribbon



From the I-Mark Desktop, select Help menu tab across the top of the screen. There are three main items on the help menu:

1. [About](#) page which gives information about the software release you are using
2. Access to the [Help File](#)
3. Live video [Demos](#). Help Topics

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Demos



this icon is located in the [Help Menu Ribbon](#). Selecting this command will access a complete list of demonstrations included with the Intelli-Mark software.

How to Create/Open *Workspace* [The Intelli-Mark program layout. The windows and navigation may be configured different for different users, applications, or systems.](#)

How to Create/Open *Layout* [Marking legend displaying position and style of all the entities to be marked.](#)

Add *Text Data Matrix* to Layout

Change Text Size

Change Text *Font*

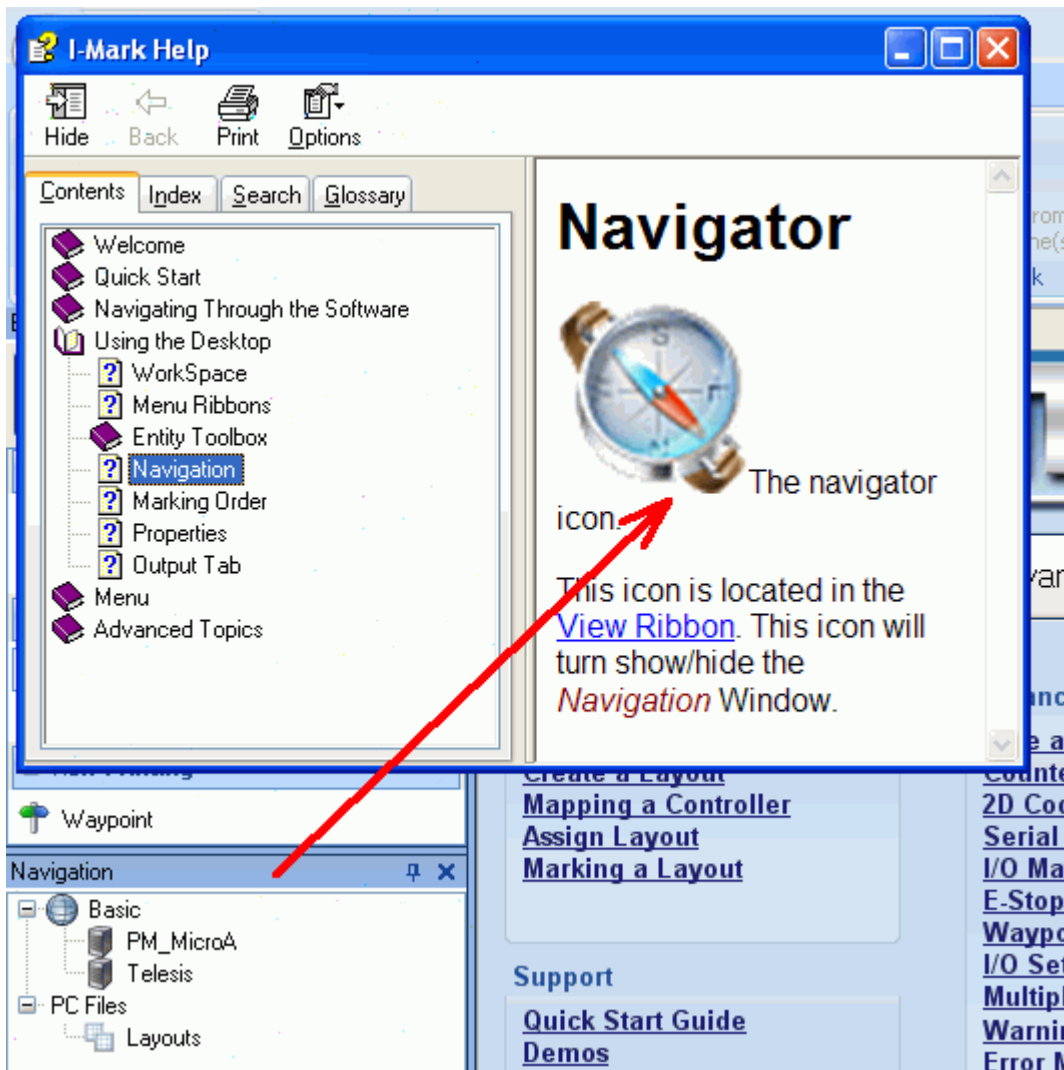
Change Entity Alignment

Change Entity Orientation

Make Entity into a Radius

F1 Help for a Field

Press F1 at any field in the software to access Help for that field. The field-level Help topic that appears contains information for all fields for the task.



Getting Started

Quick Start Guide

- A) [Components](#) : Each of CMT's systems comes with a marking head, controller, and required cables. For bench-top or turn-key stations these components are pre-assembled.
- B) [Installing Software](#): Software must be installed on PC running windows (I-Mark is not compatible with Vista 64). For bench-top or turnkey stations an integrated PC is included in the machine and this step is not required.
- C) [Connecting the Machine](#): Marking *units* require mounting of the head and controller. Turn-key systems require connecting to electrical and possibly an an supply.
- D) [Turning on the system](#): From the basic bench-top to the mark and read station with accessories.
- E) [Getting Started](#): The required elements of creating and running a marking program.



Basic versus Advanced mode may be selected on the [Start Page](#) or from the [Orb Menu](#).

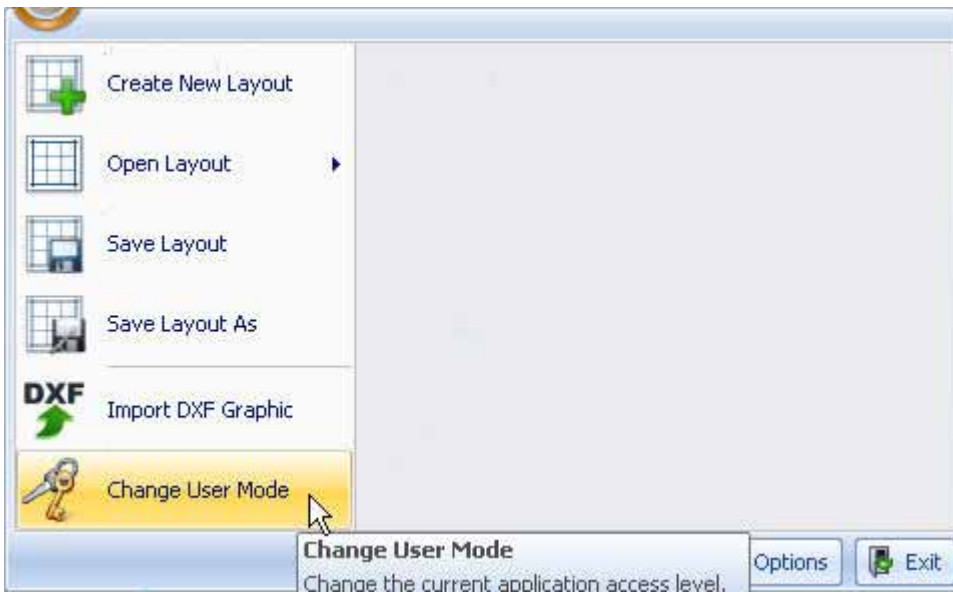
Basic mode is streamlined with the basic marking functions and is quicker to set-up Stand-Alone marking machines. Basic mode has only one [workspace](#). CMT recommends Advanced Mode for integrators to maximize the I/O and communication capabilities of the I-Mark controllers. Basic Model will connect with all machines on the network. Advanced mode allows for selection of which machines to connect to.

[Start Page](#) buttons:

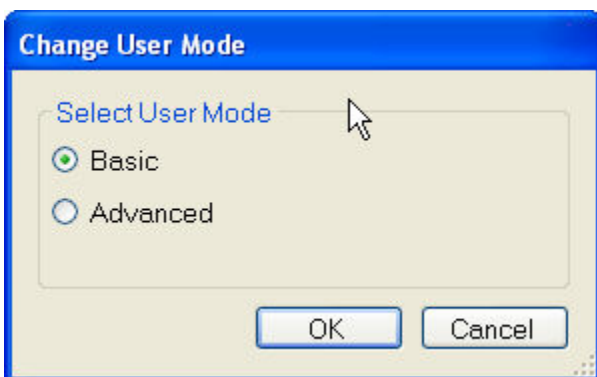


Even if the [Start Page](#) is closed, a use may still change the mode through the [Orb Menu](#).

[Orb Menu](#) Selection:



Selection window is opened to change user mode:



Create a Workspace



Creating a new *workspace* *The Intelli-Mark program layout. The windows and navigation may be configured different for different users, applications, or systems.* is only an option in [advanced mode](#).

Only through the workspace may the user limit the machines that the software will try to locate.

In [basic mode](#), all machines on the network are shown in the [Navigation window](#).

The by creating different workspaces the operator may select which machines on the network will be accessed.

Mapping a Controller

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Assign Layout to Marking Machine



This icon is located in the [Marking Machine Ribbon](#). This ribbon is visible once a *marking machine* has been selected in the [navigation window](#), and is opened in the [Main Work Area](#).

While a number of marking machines may be opened, the selected machine will be the associated with the name on the [Marking Machine Menu Ribbon](#) Tab. In addition, this system will be highlighted and opened in the [Main Work Area](#).

A drop down menu will appear and display all additional layouts from the PC available to be assigned to the machine.

- The *layout Marking legend displaying position and style of all the entities to be marked.* must reside in the I-Mark *data* directory located: ...Program Files\I_Mark_x_x_x (where the small "x"s are the version numbers).
- The layout must have the same marking machine type as the marking machine selected.

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If a required layout does not appear check the layouts location on the PC, and the marking machine type assigned to it.

In addition to the Assign Layout icon, I-Mark software also allows for a "drag and drop" method to assign layout to marking machines. This is done by using the [navigation window](#). Click on the layout required and "drag" to the marking machine.



If this symbols continues to appear when you drag layout over marking machine, check to make sure that the layout machine type matches the marking machine type of the desired machine.

Navigating Through the Software

Navigate Through Software

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Software Layout

[Orb Menu](#): Drop down menu is visible when mouse goes over *orb Intellimark symbol in the upper left hand corner of the main window*.

[Main Top Icons](#) - Icons and commands accessible on the top of the Intelli-Mark screen

Main [command ribbons](#) are shown when the name tab is clicked with mouse.

[Home Ribbon](#)

[Layout Ribbon](#)

[Marking Ribbon](#)

[View Ribbon](#)

[Help Ribbon](#)

[Entity Ribbon](#)

[Entity Boxes](#): are opened through the icon ribbons

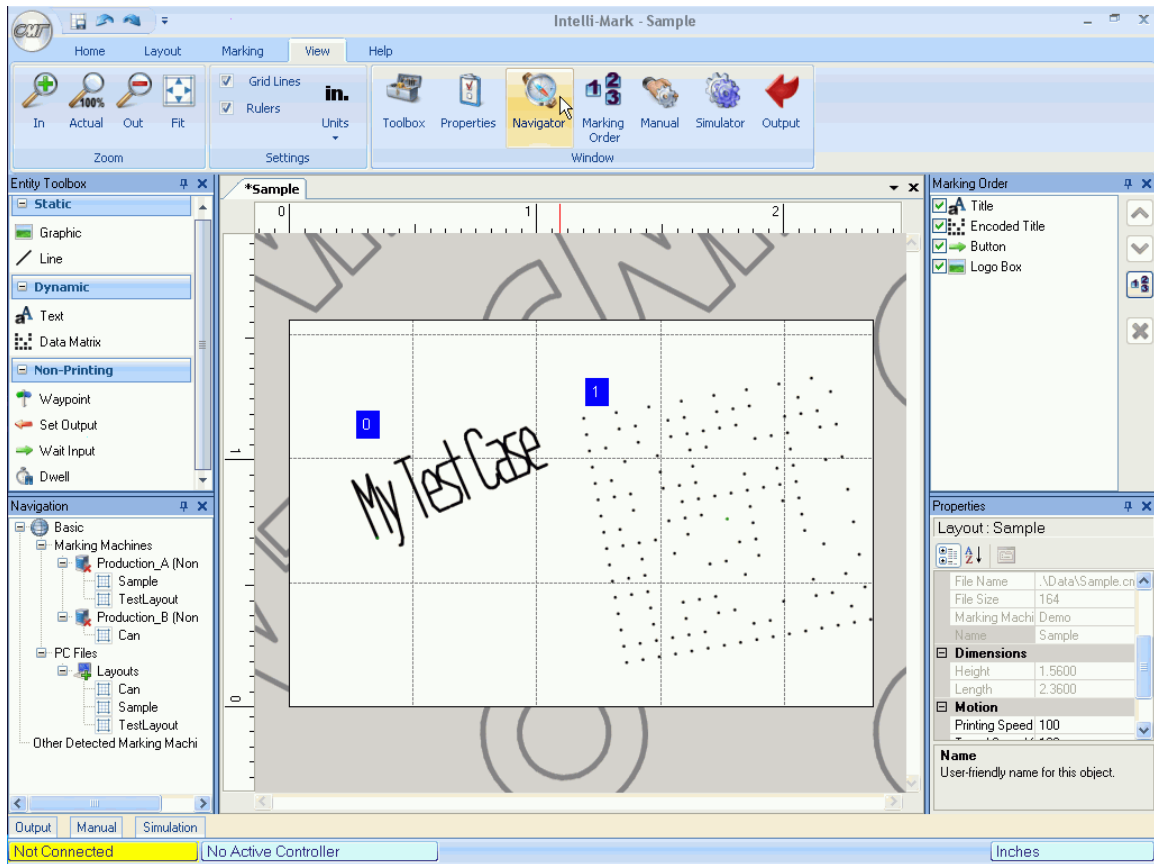
[Entity Toolbox](#)

[Navigation](#)

[Marking Order](#)

[Properties](#)

Use your mouse to hover over different parts of this image to identify them.



Keyboard and Button Navigations

List of Keystroke commands

Delete



is located in the [Marking Order Window](#) and



is located to the far right of the [Layout Menu Ribbon](#).

Both icons perform the same command. This command will delete all the currently selected entities in the opened *layout Marking legend displaying position and style of all the entities to be marked*. These selected entities are outlined by a blue *line* in the Main Work Area, or highlighted in the *Marking Order* Window.

In addition, hitting the delete key on the keyboard will perform the same task.

Context Menus

On any Toolbar the following options are displayed when the right button of the mouse is clicked.

Add to Quick Access Toolbar: This adds the icon that the mouse is hovering over to the Quick Access Toolbar with the Save *Layout Marking legend displaying position and style of all the entities to be marked.*, Undo, and Redo buttons.

Show Quick Access Toolbar Below/Above the Ribbon: This puts the Quick Access Toolbar above or below the icon ribbon.

Minimize Ribbon: The ribbon will not display until the top command is clicked, and will disappear when the mouse is clicked outside of the ribbon area.

Using the Desktop

Using the Desktop

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

What is a Workspace?



A *Workspace* *The Intelli-Mark program layout. The windows and navigation may be configured different for different users, applications, or systems.* is a collection of Layouts, files and settings which create associations to the controllers they're assigned to. A good example of this would be to consider a large manufacturing plant. Within this plant are different groups of machining cells dedicated to one type of part. Within these cells would be one or more I-Mark Controllers including their marking Layouts, Graphics, Fonts and any of the specific Settings of these controllers. The Workspace provides us with a way to organize these items into a group to be better managed and monitored by a computer or person.

Assume that you are an engineer who is in charge of one of these machining cells. Although there are multiple cells throughout the plant each with their own group of I-Mark machines, you wouldn't necessarily want to monitor or modify one of these other groups. The Workspace file would allow you to map the controllers pertaining to your cell to your Workspace. Once you open the I-Mark software and open up this Workspace file, you would be shown only the controllers belonging to it and their contents. This makes for a much cleaner organization method and makes managing multiple controllers a breeze.

Menu Ribbon

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Entity Toolbox

Tool Box

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Graphic Element

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Line Element

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Text Element

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Data Matrix

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Waypoint



The *waypoint* icon is located in the [Layout Ribbon](#). This Ribbon menu is only available if a *layout Marking legend displaying position and style of all the entities to be marked* is active in the center work area.

Clicking on this icon will create a new waypoint in the open layout. The new waypoint will be created in the x-y *position* of the last entity in the layout and after the last entity in the [Marking Order Window](#).

The *properties* of this waypoint are shown the [Properties Window](#) when the entity is selected.



the use of a series of waypoints is a nice way to assure that critical path points may be entered in to the marking legend. Most common use of this feature is for part relief and other obstructions.

Set Output

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Wait Input



The Wait for Input icon is located in two places in the Intelli-Mark software, one is on the [Layout Ribbon](#) and one is in the [Entity Toolbox](#) .

The "*Wait Input*" entity is a *non-printing Entities within the layout that do not produce a mark. These include: Waypoints, Outputs, Inputs, and Dwell Time.* object, and will pause until the required I/O operation is completed.

Once the Wait Input entity is selected on the opened [layout](#) the configuration associated with it may be changed. These variables may be changed in the *Properties* Window

Navigator



The navigator icon.

This icon is located in the [View Ribbon](#). This icon will turn show/hide the *Navigation* Window.

Marking order

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Properties

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Output Tab

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Menu

Menu Ribbon

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Main top

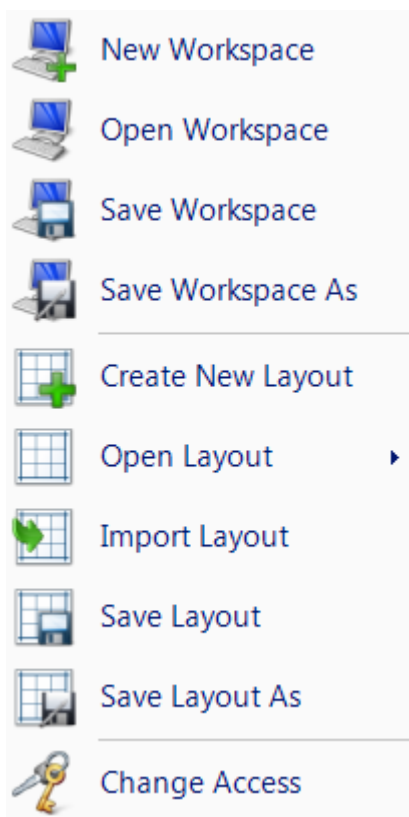
Main top

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Intelli-Mark Start Orb Menu

I-Mark Start Orb Menu

A mouse click on the start *Orb Intellimark symbol in the upper left hand corner of the main window.* will show the following icons.



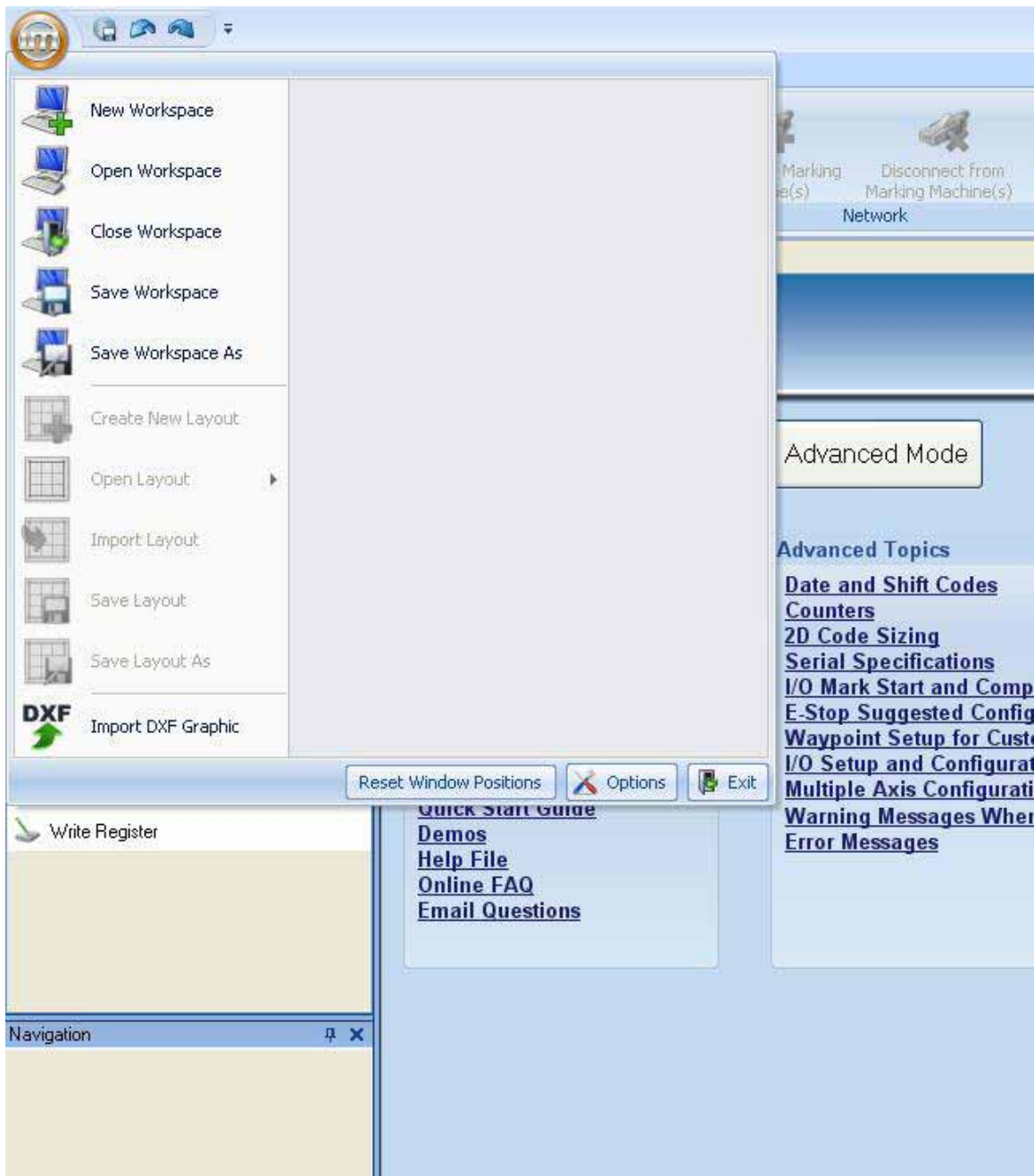
New Workspace

A workspace is a definition of the machine parameters and the Global I-Mark Environment. Examples of some parameters are:

- What Machines are available to mark with (mapped)
- Global Machine Settings
- Global Counter Settings
- Global I/O configuration

By creating a new workspace the system will search for any machines that are connected to your computer or network and allow you to connect to them. Once connected you can begin to edit their properties. you can create new workspace in two different ways:

1.) Select New Workspace from the ORB menu

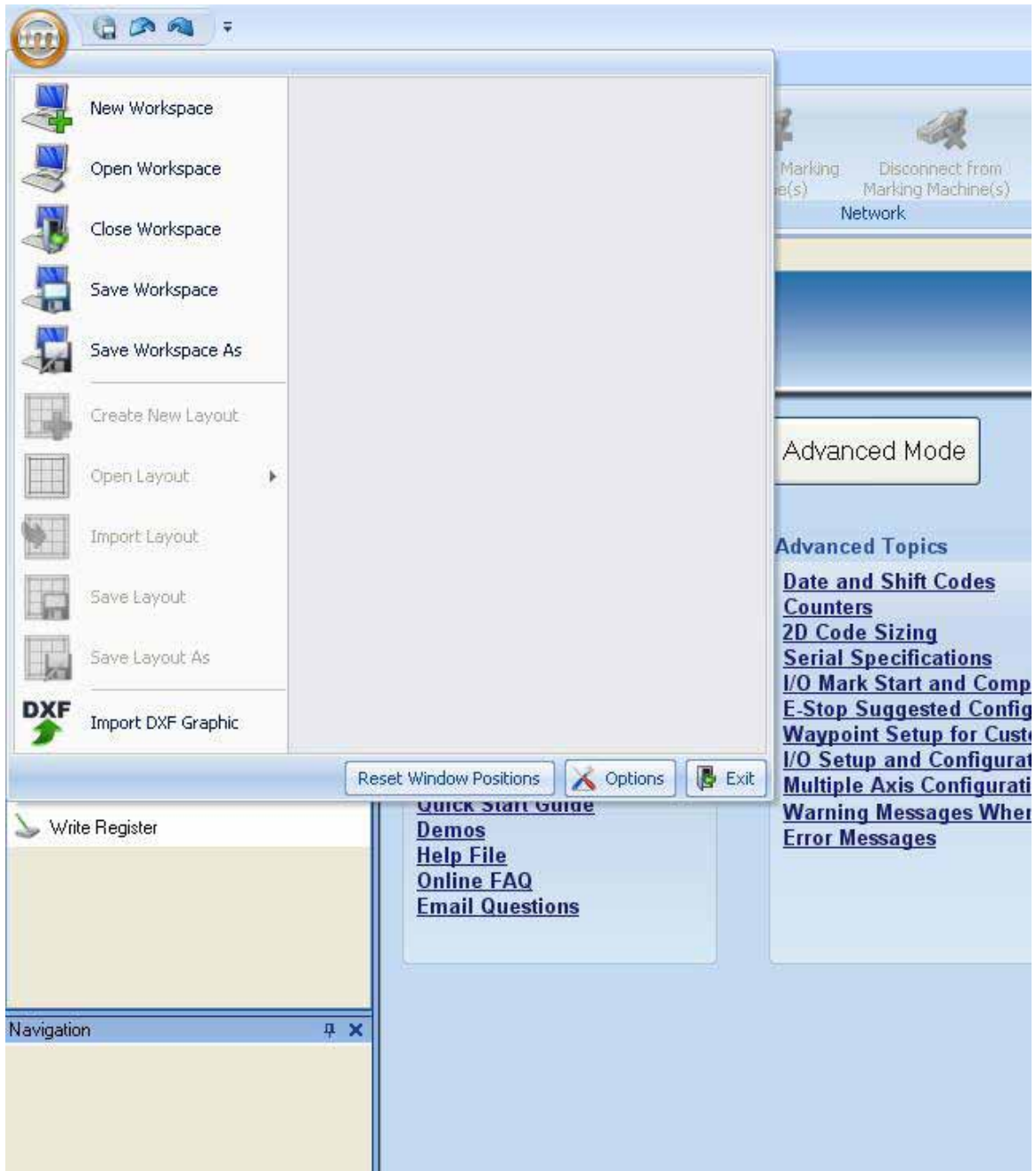


2.) Select Advanced or Basic mode from the Start Page



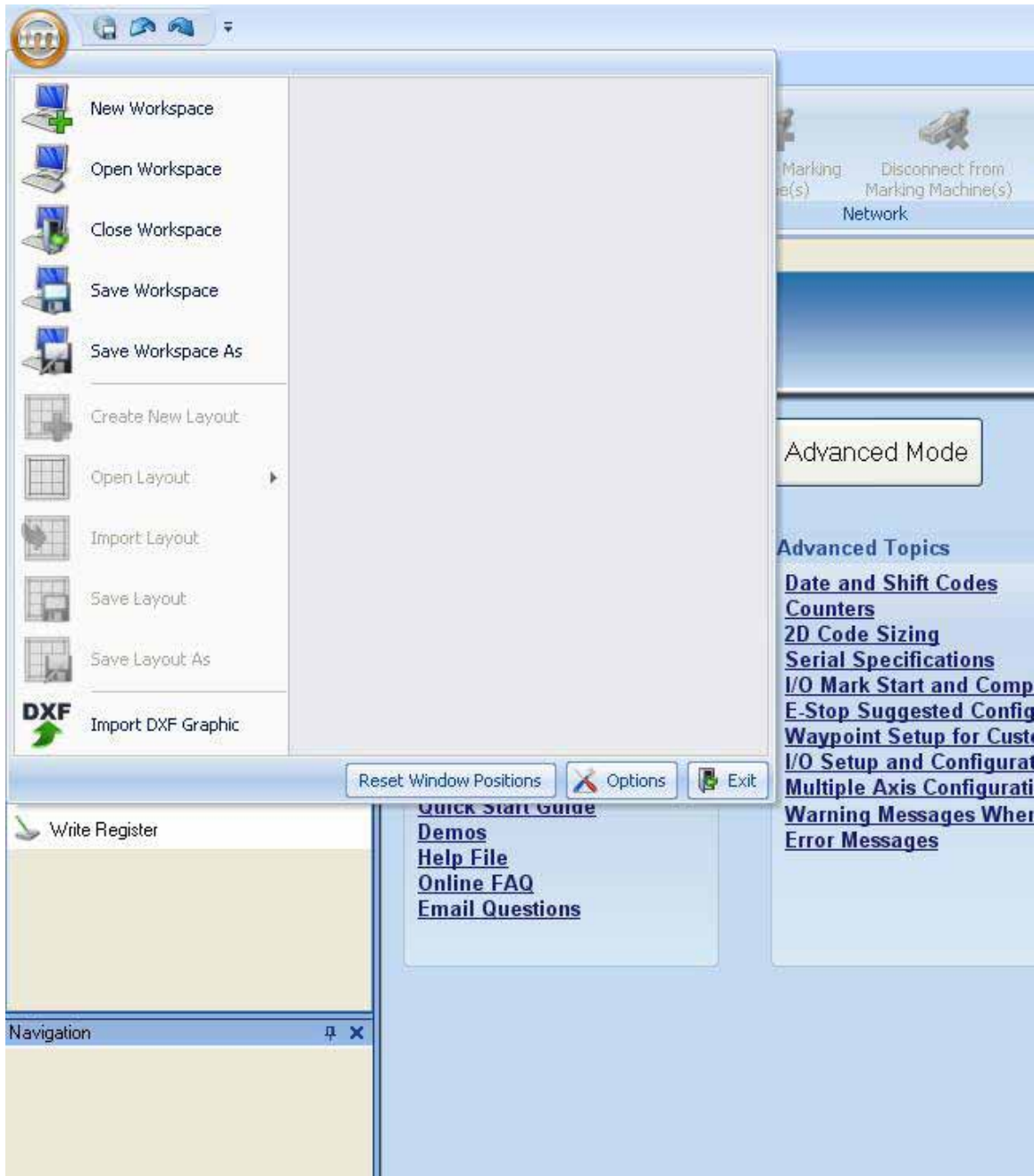
Open Workspace

Opens and existing workspace and all of the configured settings saved in that Workspace. You can open a work space by selecting Open Workspace from the ORB Menu.



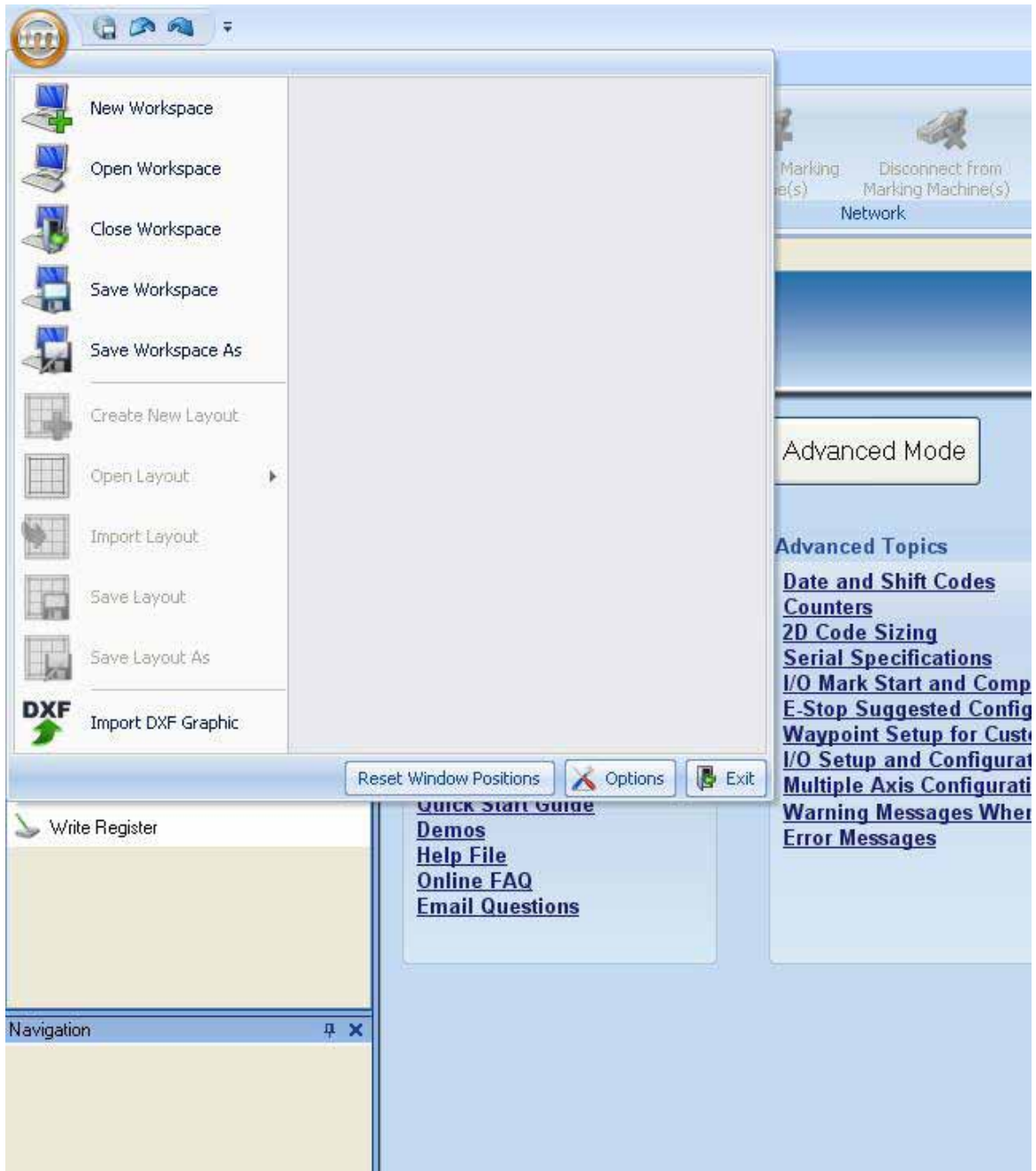
Save Workspace

Save Workspace allows you to save any changes that you have made to an existing workspace. you can Save your workspace by selecting Save Workspace from the ORB menu.



Save Workspace As

Save Workspace As allows you to save a given workspace to a different Name. you can Save Workspace As by selecting it from the ORB menu.



Create New Layout



This icon is located in two places; the [Orb Menu](#) and the [Home Menu Ribbon](#). This command will create a blank [layout](#) in the current [workspace](#).



This file is not automatically created nor saved. The filename on the tab in the [Main Work Area](#) will be followed by an asterisk if the file has not been saved in its current state.



When the file is saved the file is located in the *data* directory under the Intelli-Mark program files. The extension name is .html

Open Layout

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Save Layout

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Save Layout As

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Change User Mode



Change User Mode icon is located as the bottom menu option in the drop down [Orb Menu](#).

I-Mark software allows for different access levels based on user knowledge and responsibility.

The standard software has two modes [Basic and Advanced](#).

Custom software settings may restrict some of the advanced software settings. The software may be restricted for single machine use, or may be limited in I/O protocols and 2D functionality.

In addition, advanced software applications may have different access levels to ensure that marking legends and settings are not changed inadvertently. And may even be customized to allow access to certain machines on the network and not others, depending on responsibility.

Options

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Exit

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Save All

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Undo

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Redo

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Home Menu Ribbon**Home Menu Ribbon**

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Save All

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Undo

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Redo

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Manage Marking Machines

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Disconnect from Network

If you wish to disconnect your computer from the network, the best way to accomplish this is to first Save your *workspace The Intelli-Mark program layout. The windows and navigation may be configured different for different users, applications, or systems.* and then perform a [Download to All](#). This will ensure

that any changes made during your session connected to the network will be saved both within the workspace and on the controller(s) themselves. Finally press the [Disconnect from Marking Machine\(s\)](#) button found on the Home tab.

Once you have done these steps in succession, you can either close the I-Mark application or unplug your computer from the network on which you were working.

Synchronizing

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Layout Menu Ribbon

Layout Menu Ribbon

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Start Marking

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Graphic Element

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Line Element

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Text Element

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Data Matrix

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Waypoint



The *waypoint* icon is located in the [Layout Ribbon](#). This Ribbon menu is only available if a *layout Marking legend displaying position and style of all the entities to be marked* is active in the center work area.

Clicking on this icon will create a new waypoint in the open layout. The new waypoint will be created in the x-y *position* of the last entity in the layout and after the last entity in the [Marking Order Window](#).

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Set Output

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Once the Wait Input entity is selected on the opened [layout](#) the configuration associated with it may be changed. These variables may be changed in the *Properties* Window

Dwell Time



The *dwell* time icon is located in two places in the Intelli-Mark software, one is on the [Layout Ribbon](#) and one is in the [Entity Toolbox](#) .

The "Dwell Time" entity is a *non-printing* object, and will input a pause into the marking operation. This is used as parts are moved, measurement/camera operations occur, or fixture and guarding motions complete.

Once the Dwell Time entity is selected on the opened [layout](#) the time value associated with it may be changed. This value is in milliseconds.

1 equals 1ms

1000 equals 1 second

Copy



The icon is located on the far left side of the [Layout Menu Ribbon](#). The [Layout Menu Ribbon](#) is only available if a [layout](#) is open in the [Main Work Area](#). When selected this command copies all the currently selected entities to the clipboard.

After using the copy command, using the [paste](#) command will create a duplicate set of entities. Multiple sets of entities may be created by continued use of the [paste](#) command.

Cut



The icon is located on the far left side of the [Layout Menu Ribbon](#). The [Layout Menu Ribbon](#) is only available if a [layout](#) is open in the [Main Work Area](#). When selected this command cuts all the currently selected entities and copies them to the clipboard.

After using the cut command, using the [paste](#) command will create a new set of entities. Multiple sets of entities may be created by continued use of the [paste](#) command.

Paste



This icon is located on the far right of the [Layout Menu Ribbon](#). Using this command will place into the currently opened [layout](#) the [entities](#) that have been [copied](#) into the clipboard.

Delete



is located in the [Marking Order Window](#) and



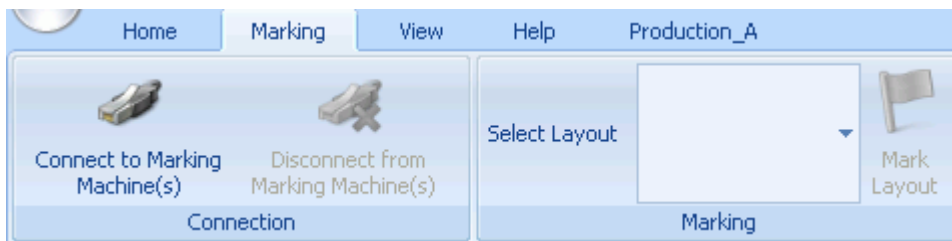
is located to the far right of the [Layout Menu Ribbon](#).

Both icons perform the same command. This command will delete all the currently selected entities in the opened *layout Marking legend displaying position and style of all the entities to be marked..* These selected entities are outlined by a blue *line* in the Main Work Area, or highlighted in the *Marking Order* Window.

In addition, hitting the delete key on the keyboard will perform the same task.

Marking Ribbon Menu

Marking Ribbon Menu



[Connect to Marking Machines](#)



[Disconnect from Marking Machines](#)



[Select Layout](#)



[Mark Layout](#)

Connect to Marking Machines



This icon is located in the [Marking Menu Ribbon](#). When selected it will list the Intelli-Mark controllers/marketing systems that are available on the network.

If no systems are available, check the following issues:

1. Is the computer that I-Mark is running on connected to the network?
2. Are the Marking Systems connected to the Network?
3. Are the Marking Systems on?
4. Have the Marking Systems been properly configured/mapped?

Disconnect from Marking Machine(s)



This function can be found on the Home Ribbon Menu. When clicked, I-Mark will release it's connection with the [Mapped Controllers](#) within your [Workspace](#).

Select Active Layout



This icon is located in the Marking Ribbon Menu. Select a *layout* [Marking legend displaying position and style of all the entities to be marked](#). from the list of layout on the *marking machine* . the highlighted layout will be run when the marking machine is next cycled.

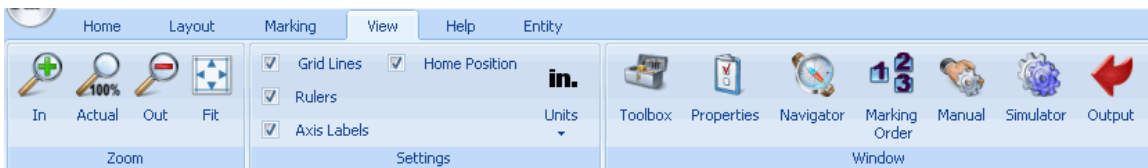
this command is followed by the Mark Layout icon or

Start Marking

Type topic *text* [Data Matrix](#) here.

View Menu Ribbon

View Menu Ribbon



The View Menu Ribbon is shown when the view tab is selected. All of the icons on this menu effect the look of the [workspace](#).

First Group on left hand side of Ribbon controls the *Zoom*



Zoom In



100% Actual



Zoom Out

*Fit* to Screen

Second Group in the middle of the ribbon controls the Look:

Grid Lines : Check box for on. Internal grid lines go through the *layout Marking legend displaying position and style of all the entities to be marked*. area. Grid lines are shown every inch, or 5 millimeters.

Rulers : Check box for on. Rulers run along the top and left of the layout screen. They display inches or Millimeters depending on the *units* .

Axis Labels: Check Box for on. Specifies X,Y axis and *motion* type (linear, rotational), and Units.

Home *Position* : Check Box for on. Home position is labeled with two intersecting green lines with arrows.

Units: English or Metric. Select system through drop down menu. If In is shown the units are in Inches. If MM is shown the units are in millimeters.

The Third group on the right hand side of the ribbon controls seven other windows

[Toolbox](#)[Properties](#)[Navigator](#)



Display Settings - Zoom Features

The *Zoom* features are controlled through four icons on the far left of the [View Menu Ribbon](#).



The in icon will zoom in to a smaller area of the *layout* file on the screen.



The Actual icon will reflect the actual size of the mark. If used with *pen* options it will help determine how close lines and character will be on the final product.

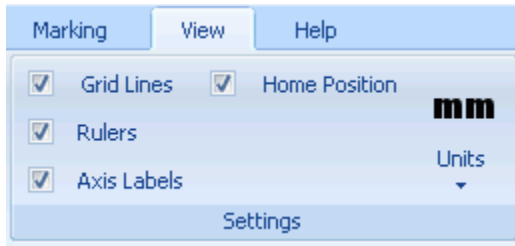


The out icon will zoom out to show more of the layout file on the screen



The *Fit* icon will automatically display the entire marking field in the [Main Work Area](#).

Display Settings - Grid/Rulers



Center portion of the [View Menu Ribbon](#)

Grid Lines : Check box for on. Internal grid lines go through the *layout* area. Grid lines are shown every inch, or 5 millimeters.

Rulers : Check box for on. Rulers run along the top and left of the layout screen. They display inches or Millimeters depending on the *units* .

Axis Labels: Check Box for on. Specifies X,Y axis and *motion* type (linear, rotational), and Units.

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Tool Box

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Properties

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Navigator



The navigator icon.

This icon is located in the [View Ribbon](#). This icon will turn show/hide the *Navigation* Window.

Marking order

I-Mark Manual

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Manual Mode

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Simulation Mode

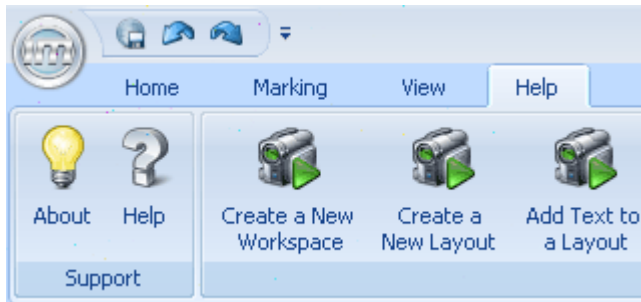
Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Output Settings

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Help Menu Ribbon

Help Menu Ribbon



From the I-Mark Desktop, select Help menu tab across the top of the screen. There are three main items on the help menu:

1. [About](#) page which gives information about the software release you are using
2. Access to the [Help File](#)
3. Live video [Demos](#). Help Topics



This icon is located in the [Help Menu Ribbon](#), and opens a window containing the information about the software.

Included on the page is the address and contact information for the servicing center:

I-Mark
27430 Luckino Dr
Chesterfield MI 48047

586.949.8400
586.949.8401 fax

info@marking-machines.net

There is also a link to the website, www.marking-machines.net. This site includes all the latest upgrades and FAQ's. The I-Mark Online Web site provides a direct link to latest internal research database, downloads, and numerous support services. This service is available only with a current Support Agreement or Client Care Plan and to I-Mark business partners. First year is included free with purchase of I-Mark system.

In addition, the version and release of the software is also noted. Please provide this information with all requests.

Using the Help System



Access the Help system when you want quick references for software commands, detailed information and entry samples for fields, flowcharts for complex concepts, and FAQ's and Troubleshooting information. The following topics provide information on the different ways you can access and use the Help system, as well as ways to easily print a grouping of related Help topics.

[Using the Help Menu](#)



[F1 Help for a Field](#)
[Print a the Complete Help PDF](#)
(warning quite lengthy)
[Adobe Acrobat reader required](#)

Demos



this icon is located in the [Help Menu Ribbon](#). Selecting this command will access a complete list of demonstrations included with the Intelli-Mark software.

How to Create/Open *Workspace* [The Intelli-Mark program layout. The windows and navigation may be configured different for different users, applications, or systems.](#)

How to Create/Open *Layout* [Marking legend displaying position and style of all the entities to be marked.](#)

Add *Text Data Matrix* to Layout

Change Text Size

Change Text *Font*

Change Entity Alignment
Change Entity Orientation
Make Entity into a Radius

Marking Machine Menu Ribbon

Open Marking Machine

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Controller Download



This icon is located in the [Marking Machine Menu Ribbon](#). This ribbon is only available when a *marking machine* is opened in the [Main Work Area](#). When selected this command will update all the layouts assigned to the controller with the most recent saved layouts on the PC.

While a number of marking machines may be opened, the selected machine will be the associated with the name on the [Marking Machine Menu Ribbon](#) Tab. In addition, this system will be highlighted and opened in the [Main Work Area](#).

Files on the controller may also be updated by dragging and dropping in the [Navigation Window](#).

In addition, a *layout Marking legend displaying position and style of all the entities to be marked*. file on the controller may be edited directly in the controller. This is accomplished by double clicking on the layout file associated with the marking machine in the [Navigation Window](#).



Warning messages will occur about the revision of a layout file, if the Marking System is selected to run and contains an earlier version of a layout file of an assigned layout file than the file resident on the marking System.

Controller Upload



This icon is located in the [Marking Machine Menu Ribbon](#). This ribbon is only available when a *marking machine* is opened in the [Main Work Area](#). When selected this command will upload all the layouts that reside on the controller to the PC.

While a number of marking machines may be opened, the selected machine will be the associated with the name on the [Marking Machine Menu Ribbon](#) Tab. In addition, this system will be highlighted and opened in the [Main Work Area](#).

Files on the controller may also be updated by dragging and dropping in the [Navigation Window](#).

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Controller Clock



This icon is located on the [Marking Machine Menu Ribbon](#). This ribbon is visible once a *marking machine* has been selected in the [navigation window](#), and is opened in the [Main Work Area](#). When selected this command will synchronize the clock on the selected marking machine to match the PC clock.

While a number of marking machines may be opened, the selected machine will be the associated with the name on the [Marking Machine Menu Ribbon](#) Tab. In addition, this system will be highlighted and opened in the [Main Work Area](#).

Assign Layout to Marking Machine



This icon is located in the [Marking Machine Ribbon](#). This ribbon is visible once a *marking machine* has been selected in the [navigation window](#), and is opened in the [Main Work Area](#).

While a number of marking machines may be opened, the selected machine will be the associated with the name on the [Marking Machine Menu Ribbon](#) Tab. In addition, this system will be highlighted and opened in the [Main Work Area](#).

A drop down menu will appear and display all additional layouts from the PC available to be assigned to the machine.

- The *layout Marking legend displaying position and style of all the entities to be marked*. must reside in the I-Mark *data* directory located: ...Program Files\I_Mark_x_x_x (where the small "x"s are the version numbers).
- The layout must have the same marking machine type as the marking machine selected.

If a required layout does not appear check the layouts location on the PC, and the marking machine type assigned to it.

In addition to the Assign Layout icon, I-Mark software also allows for a "drag and drop" method to assign layout to marking machines. This is done by using the [navigation window](#). Click on the layout required and "drag" to the marking machine.



If this symbols continues to appear when you drag layout over marking machine, check to make sure that the layout machine type matches the marking machine type of the desired machine.

Remove Layout from Controller

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Layouts



Layouts are the files associates with the marking programs. They contain both marking and non-marking [entities](#). These files may be managed through the Intelli-Mark software via a PC. They may be resident on either or both the PC and the Marking Machines.



These files are not automatically created nor saved. The filename on the [Main Work Area](#) tab will be followed by an asterisk if the file has note been saved in its current state.



When the file is saved the file is located in the *data* directory under the Intelli-Mark program files. The extension name is .html

Counter Configuration



This counter configuration icon is located on the [Marking Machine Menu Ribbon](#). This ribbon is only available when a *marking machine* is opened and selected in the [Main Work Area](#).

While a number of marking machines may be opened, the selected machine will be the associated with the name on the [Marking Machine Menu Ribbon Tab](#). In addition, this system will be highlighted and opened in the [Main Work Area](#).

When selected the following configuration window appears.

Counter List: List of counters in the marking machine.

Increment: Value the counter changes each time the machine is cycled.

Final: the value at which the counter will stop.

Reset: The number which the counter will reset to

Reset Condition: If set to NONE, the counter will not reset. If set to FINAL, the counter will reset when it reaches the final value. If set to DAILY, the counter will reset at the end of each day. If set to END OF SHIFT, the counter will reset at the end of each shift. This command is paired with the [Shift](#) configuration.

When INPUT is select as a reset condition additional fields will display.

Input: Requires a I/O number form 1 through 7, and relates to the I/O *position* in the Controller.

Input Level: This option is specified as either low or high.

Production_B

Counter 1
Counter 2
Counter 3
Counter 4
Counter 5
Counter 6
Counter 7

Increment

Final

Reset

Reset Condition

Input

Input Level

Apply OK Cancel

Additional information about the counters in the marking machine is located on the [Status & Control](#) Tab of the marking machine in the [Main Work Area](#).



Currently the standard counter does NOT have the functionality for counting down, having negative values, or numeric type other than integers.

Shifts

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Date

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

I/O Mapping

If you are unable to find the answer to your I-Mark questions in the standard product documentation or online, phone support is available at the following locations:

Enable-disable

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Remove Marking Machine

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Advanced Topics

[Date & Shift codes](#)

[Counters](#)

[Serial Specifications](#)

[I/O Mark Start and Complete](#)

[E-Stop Suggested Configuration](#)

[Waypoint Setup for Custom Tool Path](#)

[I/O Setup and Configuration](#)

[Multiple Axis Setup](#)

[Warning Messages When Saving Files](#)

[Error Messages](#)

Date & Shift Codes

There are three elements to completely program the date and shift codes.

- 1) [Is to program the date and shift codes in a dynamic text entity](#). This involves creating a text entity and properly denoting the codes for the date/time features required.
- 2) [Is to configure the shifts in the marking machine](#). This involves selecting a marking machine and creating an array of shifts.
- 3) [Is to configure the date and time for the marking machines](#). This involves selecting a marking machine and editing the Months, Days, AM/PM and/or Time Zone information.

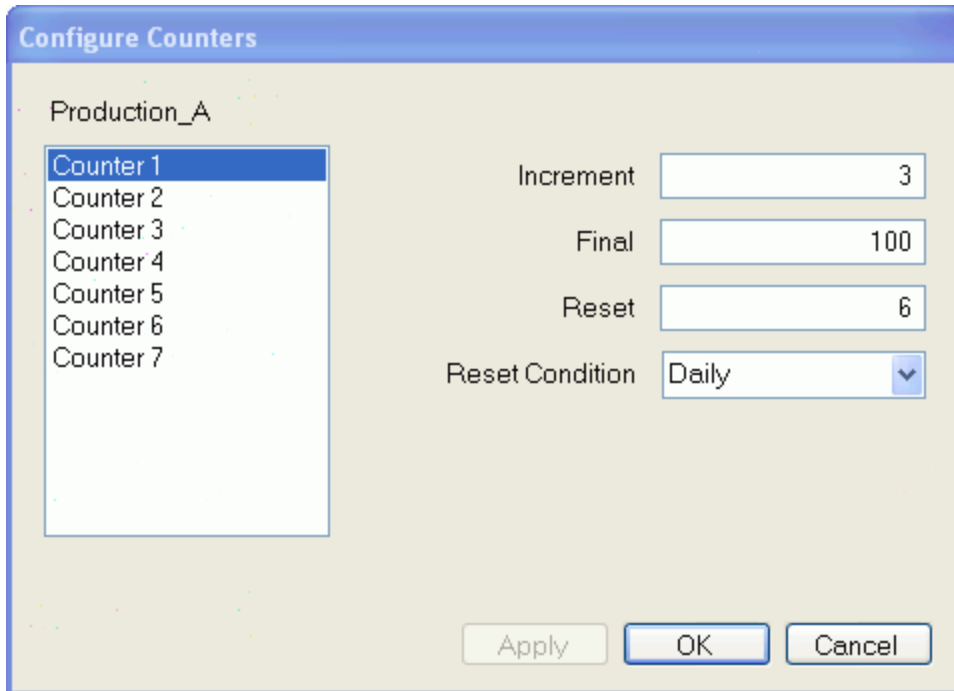
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E-Stop Suggested Configuration

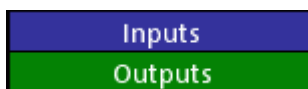
Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Waypoint Setup for Custom Tool Path

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

I/O Setup and Configuration

The following are the suggested integration and timing sequences for the 1) Standard Operation, 2) Operation with Fault/E-Stop Recovery, and 3) Operation with Serial *Data* String



1) Standard Operation

Input / Output	Description																		
Output pin-3	Ready	█																	
Input pin-2	Start		█																
Output pin-4	Marking			█	█	█													
Output pin-5	Complete						█												
Output pin-3	Ready								█	█									

2) Operation with Fault/E-Stop Recovery

Input / Output	Description																		
Output pin-3	Ready	█																	
Input pin-2	Start		█																
Output pin-4	Marking			█	█	█													
Output pin-6	Faulted						█												
Input pin-3	Reset								█										
Output pin-3	Ready									█									
Input pin-2	Start										█								
Output pin-4	Marking											█							
Output pin-5	Complete												█						
Output pin-3	Ready													█					

3) Operation with Serial Data String

Input / Output	Description																		
Output pin-3	Ready	█																	
Serial Port	"send ASCII data"		█	█	█														
Input pin-2	Start						█												
Output pin-4	Marking							█	█	█	█								
Output pin-5	Complete												█						
Output pin-3	Ready																		█

Multiple Axis Setup

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Warning Messages When Saving Files

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Error Messages

Error Messages

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Error 100

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

I-Mark Axis Fault Codes

Type topic *text Data Matrix* here.

Glossary

B

Basic Mode:

D

Data:

Dimensions:

Dwell:

Dwell Timer:

Dynamic: Text or data Matrix marking entities. These entities may change from mark to mark.

E

Entity Toolbox: Window that contain all the entities that may be put into a marking layout: Static, Dynamic, and Non-Printing

F

Fit:

Font:

G

Graphic:

Grid Lines:

H

Home: Home position is defined as the maximum X and the Zero Y. This is the position that the marker is defaulted to start each cycle from.

L

Layout: Marking legend displaying position and style of all the entities to be marked.

Line:

M

Manual:

Marking Machine:

Marking Order:

Motion:

N

Navigation:

Non-Printing: Entities within the layout that do not produce a mark. These include: Waypoints, Outputs, Inputs, and Dwell Time.

O

Orb: Intellimark symbol in the upper left hand corner of the main window.

P

Pen:

Position:

Properties:

R

Rulers:

S

Set Output:

Simulation:

Static: Entities that do not change. These include lines, and graphics.

T

Text: Data Matrix

U

Units:

W

Wait Input:

Waypoint:

Workspace: The Intelli-Mark program layout. The windows and navigation may be configured different for different users, applications, or systems.

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