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Accessing Design Assets					
Advanced content organizer The refined Corel® CONNECT™ provides access to all included content, while also helping you acquire additional content from online vendors. Work with several trays concurrently, which gives you increased flexibility for organizing assets for multiple projects.	✓ **ENHANCED!**	✓			
Blank Document/Image presets Choose from a range of preset destinations, document sizes and color settings with the Create New Document/ Image dialog.	✓	✓			
Template search and enhanced preview Find the right template for the job with the redesigned New From Template dialog box, which includes an enhanced preview feature.	✓	✓	✓		
High-quality Thumbnail previews Easily find and organize CorelDRAW® and Corel PHOTO-PAINT™ files.	✓	✓	✓		
User Interface					
Enhanced Welcome Screen Quickly access recently used documents, templates, learning tools and inspiring designs.	✓	✓	✓		
Locked Toolbars option Prevent toolbars from moving by locking them in position. You can unlock and reposition them on your screen at any time.	✓	✓			
Customizable workspaces Customize command bars and button arrangements to suit your workflow, or use preset work-spaces similar to Adobe® Illustrator® or Adobe® Photoshop®.	✓	✓	✓ (New: XML workspace files)	✓	✓
Windows® 7 Touch support Navigate with your fingertips with support for the latest touch-screen technology from Windows. (Touch-screen computer required).	✓	✓			

✓ = Feature included
(✓) = Limited feature availability

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Drawing Tools					
Smear, Twirl, Attract, and Repel Explore new creative options for refining your vector objects.	✓ **NEW!**				
Mesh Fill Design multi-colored filled objects with more fluid color transitions. Reveal objects behind individual nodes with a new transparency option.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eyedropper Use enhanced Eyedropper and Paintbucket tools to efficiently copy color, object properties, effects and transformations from one object to others.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Smart Fill tool Apply a fill to any enclosed area quickly.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Curve tools Create smoother curves, using fewer nodes than previously, with the new B-Spline tool.	✓	✓ **(NEW! B-Spline tool, perpendicular & tangent 2-point lines)**	✓	✓	✓
Dimensions & Callouts Find newly improved dimension tools together in one convenient drop-down menu from the flyout menu.	✓	✓	(✓)	(✓)	(✓)
Fillet/ Scallop/Chamfer tool Easily and precisely shape objects with curved corners, preserving rectangle corner integrity.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Connector lines Easily create diagrams and flowcharts with a new Connector Line tool that dynamically updates your chart so that lines remain connected as you reposition your boxes.	✓	✓	(✓)	(✓)	(✓)
Coordinate drawing Precisely specify both the size of a new object and its location on the page with the live preview of the Object Coordinates docker.	✓	✓			
On-screen Dynamic Guides Lay out objects precisely the first time with Temporary Guides.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Drawing Tools					
On-screen Snap to Objects Exert more control over the placement and layout of graphics with the on-screen Snap to Objects tool.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Smart Drawing tool Easily manipulate objects with intelligent shape recognition and handling.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Artistic Media tools Accurately and efficiently select your desired Artistic Media tools using a faithful live preview of each tool, located in a convenient drop-down menu.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Typography					
Advanced OpenType® support Take greater advantage of advanced OpenType typography features, such as contextual and stylistic alternates, fractions, ligatures, ordinals, ornaments, small caps, swashes, and more.	✓ NEW!				
Complex script support Ensure proper typesetting for glyphs used by Asian and Middle Eastern languages.	✓ ENHANCED!				
Layout Tools					
Improved Master Layers The new and improved odd, even, and all-pages Master Layers make it easier to create page-specific designs for your multi-page documents.	✓ NEW!				
Page numbers Easily add page numbers — alphabetic, numeric, or roman — on all pages of a document, starting on a specific page, or starting at a particular number.	✓ NEW!				
Alignment Guides Position objects more quickly, appearing on the fly with suggested alignments to the existing artwork on your page.	✓ NEW!				
Interactive frames Populate PowerClip objects with placeholder graphic and text frames, making it easier to preview your design before finalizing the individual content components.	✓ NEW!				

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Layout Tools					
Placeholder text Right-click any text frame and immediately populate it with placeholder text, which makes it easier to assess the appearance of your document prior to finalizing its content.	✓ **NEW!**				
Live text formatting Preview text formatting changes in real time before applying them to the document.	✓	✓	✓		
Tables Create and import tables to provide structured layouts for text and graphics.	✓	✓	✓		
International quotation marks Customize quotation marks for specific languages.	✓	✓	✓	(✓)	(✓)
Crop tool Quickly remove unwanted areas in objects, photos and vector images.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Web					
Website creation Easily design, build, and maintain a web presence without having to learn how to code with Corel® Website Creator™ X6.	✓ **NEW!**				
Web image optimization Compare the results of various filter settings to determine the best output format with the Export for Web dialog box.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Image slicing Slice an image into several smaller files for Web page optimization.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hotspots, Links and Bookmarks Assign bookmarks, links and data for interactive graphics more efficiently with these streamlined tools.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Design in pixels View and create drawings in actual pixel units with the Pixel Preview mode, which gives you a more accurate representation of how your design will appear on the Web.	✓	✓			

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Web					
Hexadecimal color values Choose colors for Web graphics by viewing their hex value. You now have multiple options for viewing hex color values.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Image Editing					
Smart Carver Easily remove unwanted areas from a photo and simultaneously adjust the photo's aspect ratio.	✓ **NEW!**				
Pass Through Merge Mode Achieve greater control when applying a lens or effect to a group of objects.	✓ **NEW!**				
Straighten image Quickly and easily straighten images with interactive controls.	✓	✓	✓		
Histogram feedback Receive histogram feedback in real-time.	✓	✓	✓		
Image Adjustment Lab Easily and efficiently adjust photos with the powerful Corel PHOTO-PAINT application.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Cutout Lab Draw a line with a marker around a selection and fill the selection to complete the mask.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spot color channels Create and modify images that contain spot colors, using Corel PHOTO-PAINT.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Touch-up tool Remove defects in images and see the results in real time.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tone curve adjustments Adjust an image's tone with more accuracy and precision.	✓	✓	✓	(✓)	(✓)

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Image Editing					
Photo effects Spice up your photos with Vibrance, Grayscale and Photo Filter effects.	✓	✓			
Design Workflow					
Styles engine and docker Easily create outline, fill, character, and paragraph styles and Style Sets, which are groups of styles that you can later edit once and have the changes applied instantly throughout a project.	✓ NEW!				
Color Styles Add the colors used in a document as color styles, which makes it easier than ever before to implement a color change throughout a project.	✓ NEW!				
Color harmonies Group a document's color styles so that you can quickly and easily produce iterative designs with varying color schemes.	✓ NEW!				
Freehand Pick tool Save time and gain control when selecting objects by using the new Freehand Pick tool, which lets you drag a freehand marquee around the objects or shapes you want to select.	✓ NEW!				
Context-sensitive Object Properties docker The Object Properties docker now presents only object-dependent formatting options and properties to help you fine-tune your designs faster than ever before.	✓ NEW!				
Create Clip Mask option Apply a clip mask on a group of objects without modifying the individual objects within the group.	✓ NEW!				
Vectorization of bitmaps Smoothly convert bitmaps into editable vector graphics with Corel® PowerTRACE™.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Collaboration tool Collaborate with colleagues and clients on designs in a secure, online workspace.	✓ (ConceptShare™)	✓ (ConceptShare™)	✓ (ConceptShare™)		

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Design Workflow					
PDF with comments Preserve all comments and annotations when importing a PDF file to better collaborate with clients and colleagues.	✓	✓	✓		
Font identification Save time by identifying fonts directly from CorelDRAW, using the integrated WhatTheFont™ tool from MyFonts.com.	✓	✓	✓		
Full Unicode support Enjoy full international language support when creating graphics.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Symbols (referenced graphics objects) Reduce file size and work on common objects by defining and updating an object once and reusing it many times.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Color management Set application color policies to achieve the most accurate color representation with the Default Color Management Settings dialog, which gives greater control to advanced users.	✓	✓ (NEW Colour Management Engine)	✓	✓	✓
Windows® Color System Support Easily match colors between Corel and Microsoft applications.	✓	✓	✓		
Adobe Color Management Module Easily match colors between Corel and Adobe applications.	✓	✓	✓		
PANTONE® spot color profiles Get support for the latest spot color profiles, plus new palettes from PANTONE.	✓	✓ (8 Goe™ and Fashion & Home color palettes included)	✓ (11 Pantone coated, uncoated and matte palettes)	✓	✓
Document color palettes Automatically generate a custom color palette on the fly for each design project. You gain quick access to this project's colors in the future.	✓	✓			

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File Format Support					
Built-in RAW camera support Import and adjust RAW camera files directly from your digital camera (with support for over hundreds of cameras), and preview changes in real time.	✓ (> 20 new camera models supported)	✓ (> 30 new camera models supported)	✓ (> 300 D-SLR models supported)		
Password-protected PDF files Set security and user access options to protect PDF files for viewing, editing and printing.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
PDF/A support Preserve files for future use with the PDF/A file format, an ISO standard for electronic archiving.	✓	✓	✓		
Adobe product support Ensure a seamless workflow across Corel and Adobe applications with added support for Adobe® Photoshop®, Adobe® Illustrator®, PDF/A, and Acrobat® X.	✓ ENHANCED!	✓ (Adobe CS4, Acrobat 9)	✓ (Adobe CS3, Acrobat 8)	✓ (Adobe CS2, Acrobat 6)	✓ (AI 10, Acrobat 5)
Export for Office Wizard Easily publish designs to a Microsoft® Word or Microsoft® PowerPoint® compatible file format.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Microsoft product support Enjoy an expanded range of support for Microsoft® Publisher (ver. 2002, 2003, 2007 and 2010), as well as Microsoft® Word 2007 and Microsoft® Visio® (2000-2007).	✓ ENHANCED!	✓ (MS Visio; MS Word 2007)	✓ (New: MS Publisher; MS Word 2007)	✓	✓
CGM v4 support Import and export latest CGM standard format files.	✓	✓	(✓)	(✓)	(✓)
AutoCAD® DWG/DXF support Work with the latest file format support for standard CAD file (exchange) formats.	✓	✓ (AutoCAD® r2.5 - 2010)	✓ (AutoCAD® r2.5 - 2007)	✓ (AutoCAD® r12 - 2004)	✓ (AutoCAD® r12 - 2002)
HPGL (PLT) support Advanced plotter settings are supported.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TIFF support New compression types are supported, plus Adobe CS4 TIFF settings.	✓	✓ (Adobe CS4)	✓	✓	✓

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Printing & Publishing					
Collect for Print Service Provider — Gather fonts, color profiles and other file information with this new output option that makes it easier to share your work with a print service provider.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PostScript® Level 3 support — Postscript 3 files are now fully supported for output and import. The import process is streamlined with an integrated Ghostscript application.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Preflight Control — Perform a quality check before printing, exporting or publishing your file to PDF. Preflight Control identifies issues and potential problems, and provides suggestions to resolve them.	✓	✓	✓	✓	(✓)
Preview Overprints — Print with confidence by previewing the color of areas where overlapping objects are set to Overprint.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
On-screen color proof — Reliably preview how your artwork and colors will appear on different output devices or in other applications where you need to post your artwork.	✓	✓			
Print Merge — Combine text from a data source with a drawing to quickly create personalized invitations, labels, and other projects.	✓	✓	✓	(✓)	(✓)
Performance					
Native 64-bit — Work faster than ever before with large files in thanks to native support for 64-bit processors.	✓ **NEW!**				
Multi-core support — Complete your tasks faster with powerful performance enhancements that leverage multi-core processing to maximize your computer's power.	✓ **ENHANCED!**	✓			
Compatible with Windows® 7 — Work in the latest Windows environment with support for touch-screen navigation. (Touch-screen computer required.)	✓	✓			

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Performance					
Highlight What's New Display and highlight all the new tools and features that have been added since your previous version of CorelDRAW Graphics Suite.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Windows Vista® integration Leverage the innovations from Windows Vista® to better search for files, add keywords and notes, and organize your projects.	✓	✓	✓		
Windows® XP support Use CorelDRAW in a Windows® XP environment.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dynamic product updates Get immediate access to the latest product updates, new content, and tips and tricks.	✓	✓	✓		
Deployment and Automation					
Multilingual UI (Language switching) deployment Enjoy effortless network deployment in multilingual environments with user-enabled language switching and Windows® 7 MUI (multilingual user interface) support.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows® Installer (MSI) support Efficiently deploy software with MSI support and a Deployment Guide available for IT administrators.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Microsoft® Visual Basic® for Applications Automate your workflow and creative tasks.	✓ (v7.1)	✓ (v6.4)	✓ (v6.4)	✓ (v6.3)	✓ (v6.3)
Microsoft® Visual Studio® Tools for Applications (VSTA) Create dynamic add-ins with Microsoft VSTA technology, which gives you more automation flexibility.	✓	✓			
Macro recording Use the Macro Manager docker to more easily record, organize, view and play macros when automating repetitive tasks.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Learning Materials & Documentation					
Hints docker View helpful application and tool hints as you select and work in the suite.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Video tutorials Find and watch video tutorials (that showcase popular design tasks) instantly with a new video search tool.	✓ (More than 2 hours of New training videos)	✓ (More than 2 hours of training videos)	✓ (2 hours of training videos)		
Guidebook Be inspired to do more than you thought possible with this visually rich guidebook, which introduces each application workspace and provides Insights from the Experts.	✓	✓	✓		
Insights from experts Learn from CorelDRAW experts who showcase practical, real-world examples of accomplished designs.	✓ (3 new Expert Tutorials)	✓ (6 Expert Tutorials)	✓ (6 Expert Tutorials)	✓ (7 Expert Tutorials)	
Content					
Professional clipart Kickstart your creativity with over 10,000 clipart images for your designs and projects.	**>10,000**	**>10,000** (+NEW Vehicle templates)	**>10,000** (~40% New)	✓	✓
High-quality photos Enhance your designs with 1,000 high-quality photos at your creative disposal.	✓ (ALL NEW!)	✓	✓ (ALL NEW!)	✓	✓
Specialized fonts Choose from an extensive font selection that contains over 1,000 professional fonts, plus popular design and engraving fonts.	**>1,000** (+NEW Helvetica®, Frutiger® fonts included)	**>1,000** (Premium fonts included)	**>1,000** (incl. WGL4 fonts & Engraving fonts)	✓	✓
Design templates Get going quickly with more than 350 professional design templates that contain explanatory notes and keywords.	✓	✓ **ENHANCED!** (Over 90 NEW templates)	✓ (~80 NEW templates)	(✓) (optional Design Collection)	