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Before You Begin

Be sure that your system and development environment are set up correctly before installing Olectra Chart. You must be able to create and run simple Windows applications before attempting to use Olectra Chart.

Minimum Requirements

The following lists the minimum operating system and development environment version requirements for Olectra Chart. Olectra Chart does not add to the system requirements of your development environment.

	16-bit Version	32-bit Version	
Operating System	Windows 3.1	Windows 95 or Windows NT 3.51 or 4.0	
OCX Development Environments	Any development environment that supports 16- or 32-bit OCX custom controls, including:		
	■ Visual Basic 4 (16-bit)	Visual Basic 4 (32-bit)Visual Basic 5	
		■ Visual C++ 4.x, 5.0	
		■ Delphi 2.01, 3.0 Client Server	
		■ PowerBuilder 5.0.4	
		■ C++ Builder 1.0	
DLL Development Environments	Any development environment that supports 16- or 32-bit DLL custom controls, including:		
	■ Visual C++ 1.5 ■ Borland C++ 4.5 ■ MFC 2.5, OWL 2.5	■ Visual C++ 4.x, 5.0 ■ Borland C++ 4.5, 5.0 ■ MFC 4.x, OWL 2.5	

Installing the Product

To install either the 16- or 32-bit version of Olectra Chart:

- Start Windows (if not already started). As a precaution, shut down any applications that may be currently running.
- **2.** If you have a previous version of Olectra Chart installed on your system, make sure you uninstall it before proceeding with the new installation.
- **3.** Insert the Olectra Chart 5.0 CD-ROM into a drive on your system.
- 4. To setup Olectra Chart, do one of the following:
 - If using Program Manager as your shell, select "Run" from Program Manager's "File" menu. Enter "D:\SETUP" in the dialog (replace D: with your CD-ROM drive) and click OK.
 - If using the Windows 95 or NT 4.0 shell, select "Run" from the "Start" button menu. Enter "D:\SETUP" in the dialog (replace D: with your CD-ROM drive) and click OK.
- **5.** In the Setup dialog, click either the 16-bit or 32-bit Installation button. The appropriate setup program will start.

If you are installing Olectra Chart using Windows 3.x, this dialog will not appear, and the 16-bit setup program will launch automatically.

Follow the instructions on the screen to select the parts to install and where to install it. If you install either OCX, it is registered automatically.

Note

■ If you are using Delphi 2.01, make sure you remove Olectra Chart from the Component Pallette before proceeding with the installation.

Files Installed

The setup program installs the product into C:\OLECTRA by default. Subdirectories contain the sample code, include files, constants files and import libraries appropriate to the parts of the product you installed. The following files are placed in your Windows SYSTEM (or SYSTEM32) directory if they do not exist or are older, depending on the parts of the product you installed:

OCX Installation	16-bit Files	32-bit Files
Support Files	OC25.DLL, VB40016.DLL, COMDLG16.OCX, GRID16.OCX, TABCTL16.OCX, OLCHART.LIC XRTCLIBB.DLL	MFC40.DLL, MSVCRT40.DLL, OLEPRO32.DLL, VB40032.DLL, COMDLG32.OCX, GRID32.OCX, TABCTL32.OCX,WININET.DLL, URLMON.DLL, OLCHART.LIC
2D Chart OCX	OLCH2X16.OCX, OLCH2D16.DLL	OLCH2X32.OCX

OCX Installation	16-bit Files	32-bit Files
Online Help	OLCH2D-P.HLP, OLCH2D-P.CNT, OLCH2D-U.HLP, OLCH2D-U.CNT	
3D Chart OCX	OLCH3X16.OCX OLCH3D16.DLL	OLCH3X32.OCX
Online Help	OLCH3D-P.HLP, OLCH3D-P.CNT, OLCH3D-U.HLP, OLCH3D-U.CNT	

DLL Installation	16-bit Files	32-bit Files
Support Files	XRTCLIBB.DLL	
2D Chart DLL	OLCH2D16.DLL	OLCH2D32.DLL
3D Chart DLL	OLCH3D16.DLL	OLCH3D32.DLL

Removing Olectra Chart

To remove Olectra Chart from your system, run the automated "uninstall" program included with the product. If you using Windows 3.1 or Windows NT 3.51, an uninstall icon is located in the Olectra Chart program group. If you are using Windows 95 or Windows NT 4.0, use the "Add/Remove Programs" icon located in the Control Panel.

If the program does not remove all of the files listed in the previous section, you may delete them manually. Take care not to remove support files that are needed by other applications on your system.

Olectra Chart Overview

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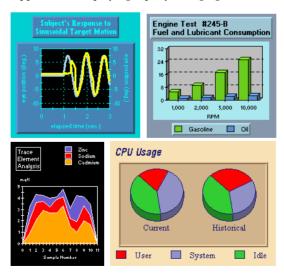
2D and 3D Charting in OCX and DLL Formats

Olectra Chart provides a 2D and a 3D chart control that you can use in your Windows applications to provide your users with professional information display and manipulation capabilities. Each control is available as a distinct OCX and DLL custom control, for 16-bit or 32-bit Windows applications.

The OCXs have a full object-based API that make them easy to program with visual development environments like Visual Basic, Visual C++, or Delphi. The DLLs have a C API with MFC and OWL wrappers and can be used with any development environment that supports DLL custom controls.

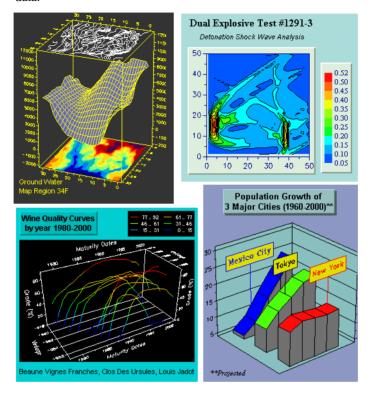
2D Chart Control

Use the 2D Chart to display data as a bar, X-Y plot, area, stacking bar, pie, radar, filled radar, polar, candle or combination chart. 2D Chart is optimized for real-time applications displaying rapidly changing data.



3D Chart Control

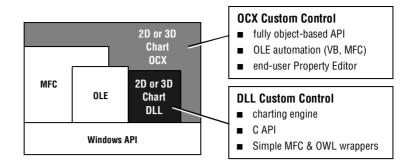
Use the 3D Chart to create 3D surface, contour, or bar charts that end-users can easily rotate, scale, or zoom interactively. 3D Chart can display 3D data in 15 basic surface or bar appearances and automatically generate contours and zones from the data.



Olectra Chart OCX/DLL Control Model

When choosing the control (2D or 3D) and format (OCX or DLL) for your applications, it is useful to understand the functionality and relationship between the DLL and OCX format of each control.

The DLL control is the "charting engine" for both the OCX and DLL. It stores the internal values of the chart's properties and performs axis calculations and all low-level chart functions. The OCX builds on this charting engine, adding a fully object-based API, support for OLE automation, persistence, and an end-user Property Editor. The following diagram illustrates this relationship.



Quick Start Overview for OCX Programmers

Olectra Chart provides the following sample source code, sample chart description and data files, and documentation, to get you productive with the product as quickly as possible.

	2D Chart Location ^a	3D Chart Location ^a
Demo Launcher	 Handy program provides brief explanations about each demo and runs precompiled versions of the demos Icon is located in the Olectra Chart Program Group 	
Visual Basic Sample Code	CHART\2D\DEMOS\VB CHART\3D\DEMOS\VB	
Delphi Sample Code	CHART\2D\DEMOS\DELPHI	CHART\3D\DEMOS\DELPHI
Visual C++ Sample Code	CHART\2D\DEMOS\VC	CHART\3D\DEMOS\VC
Sample Charts	CHART\2D\SAMPLES	CHART\3D\SAMPLES
Sample Data	CHART\2D\DATA	CHART\3D\DATA
Documentation	 Display context-sensitive online help from Visual Basic's Object Browser or from the chart's Property Editor Complete online documentation is available as an icon in 	
	the Olectra Chart program group Online tutorial (accessed from the main help file) to get you up and running quickly	
	■ The printed 2D OCX Programmer's Guide and Reference Manual and 3D OCX Programmer's Guide and Reference Manual	

a. Directory paths are relative to the directory you installed Olectra Chart into.

Adding Controls to Visual Basic Projects

As registered OLE controls, the 2D or 3D Chart control can be added to any Visual Basic 4 project using the "Custom Controls..." dialog.

Quick Start Overview for DLL Programmers

Olectra Chart provides the following sample source code, data files, and documentation, to get you productive with the product as quickly as possible.

	2D Chart Location ^a	3D Chart Location ^a
Demo Launcher	 Handy program provides brief explanations about each demo and runs precompiled versions of the demos Icon is located in the Olectra Chart Program Group 	
Include Files	iles INCLUDE INCLUDE	
LIB Files	LIB	LIB
Sample Code (SDK, MFC, OWL)	CHART\2D\DEMOS\DLL	CHART\3D\DEMOS\DLL
Sample Data	CHART\2D\DATA	CHART\3D\DATA
Documentation	 Printed 2D DLL Programmer's Guide & Reference Manual and 3D DLL Programmer's Guide & Reference Manual Manuals available in Acrobat PDF format on the CD, in the \DLL-DOCS directory. They can be viewed or printed using Adobe Acrobat Reader, freely available from Adobe's web site at: www.adobe.com/prodindex/acrobat/readstep.html 	

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Using the Sample Code Makefiles

The makefiles supplied with the sample programs cannot be used as-is because they reference virtual drives. To use these makefiles without editing them, use the DOS **SUBST** command to create this virtual drive, as shown below:

SUBST Y: C:\OLECTRA (Windows 3.x) Visual C++ V1.5 (16-bit) SUBST X: C:\OLECTRA (Windows 95 or Windows NT) Visual C++ V4.x or 5.0 (32-bit)

Distributing Olectra Chart Applications

You can freely distribute end-user applications you build with Olectra Chart (read the License Agreement in this document for complete details). You need to install one or more Olectra Chart DLLs and/or OCXs on the system that will be running the application.

For a complete list of distributable files, see the section called "Distributing Olectra Chart Applications" in the documentation for the control you are using. For a 2D Chart OCX application, for example, see the 2D Chart online help or the *Olectra Chart 2D OCX Programmer's Guide and Reference Manual*, for a 3D Chart DLL application, see the *Olectra Chart 3D DLL Programmer's Guide & Reference Manual*.

Summary of New Features in 5.0

New Features in 2D
New Features in 3D

New Features in 2D Chart

The following new features have been added to the 2D OCX and DLL.

New Chart Types

- HiLo
- HiLoOpenClose (can also display Error Bar charts)
- Candle
- Polar
- Radar
- Filled Radar

Stacking Bar Chart Enhancements

- Negative values are now displayed below the X-axis.
- 100 Percent stacking bars are now supported.
- Floating bars are now supported by hiding individual sets; see Data Handling Enhancements below.

New Axis Annotation Formatting

 Axis can be formatted in a number of custom Numbering, Accounting, Currency, Percentage or Scientific formats (used only when the annotation method is Values).

Data Handling Enhancements

- Chart data uses a new object-based API. Using data objects insulates your
 application from future changes in the internal data structures. XrtData structures
 are supported for this release, however. (DLL only)
- Ability to chart a subset of the data by specifying the first/last series and first/last point to chart.

- Each series can now be *hidden* (charted as a blank space) or *excluded* (not considered part of the chart data).
- Bind a chart to an external data source using the new **Datasource** property. (OCX only)
- Load data or a chart description file from a URL using the new LoadURL method. (OCX only)

User-Interaction Enhancements

- New axis-zoom enables end-users to zoom in on a chart without losing the axes. To perform an axis-zoom, press shift, hold down the left mouse button, and drag the mouse to draw the area to zoom into; then release the mouse button.
- Pick method now returns chart coordinates when a header or footer overlapping the chart area is picked.

3D Effect Enhancements

- Rotation and inclination angles can now be from -45 to 45 degrees.
- Shading method can be customized to use fewer colors using the new Shading property.

Text Area Enhancements

- Text areas have been made easier to use with a new object-based API. An application creates text objects and sets their attributes without dealing with the underlying data structures. (DLL only)
- Text inside a text object can now be rotated 0, 90, or 270 degrees.

Transferring Data (OCX Only)

New methods to quickly copy data to and from the chart. These methods enable you to transfer an array with a single call. The new methods added are: CopyXVectorIn, CopyXVectorOut, CopyYVectorIn, CopyYVectorOut, CopyYArrayIn, CopyYArrayOut.

Data and Series Editor Dialogs (OCX Only)

- Use the Edit Chart 2D Data dialog to quickly edit chart data.
- Use the Edit Chart 2D Series dialog to hide, show or exclude a series from the chart.
- These dialogs are located on the **ChartGroups** tab's **Data** subtab.

Other Visual Enhancements

- 3 new border types: **Frame In, Frame Out** and **Bevel**.
- The line drawn around bars, pies, and filled areas can now be changed using the new **ForegroundColor** property and the line itself can be removed using the new **IsShowOutlines** property.
- X- and Y-marker appearance can be customized individually using separate X- and Y-marker data styles.
- Add background images to different chart elements (ChartArea, Header and Footer titles, Legend, ChartLabels).

Support for JPEG/PNG Output

Charts can now be saved in either IPEG or PNG file formats.

Olectra Chart Safe for Scripting

Olectra Chart is now safe for scripting when used inside a web browser. The chart (or any of the chart's methods) does not allow users to write to a local drive when used within a secure web browser. Also, Olectra Chart will not execute any binary code (for example, a virus) that is passed to it as data.

Compliance with Authenticode 2.0

Olectra Chart now complies with Authenticode 2.0, used by Microsoft Internet Explorer to verify registered ActiveX controls.

Olectra Chart Now Uses the Hosting Container's Default Fonts

Olectra Chart now uses the host container's exposed ambient font as its own default font.

32-bit DLL and OCX merged

The 32-bit DLL and OCX files have been merged, so that OCX/ActiveX programmers do not have to distribute the DLL with their Olectra Chart applications.

Added Support for URLs with Relative Paths

Olectra Chart can now load data and .OC2/.OC3 files from URLs that contain relative paths. For example, the following are now valid URLs:

```
..\Olectra\Chart\Data\1992.dat
.\Bar_data\chart32.oc2
```

Other Enhancements

 New pie chart method that determines which sets have been grouped into the other slice.

New Features in 3D Chart

The following new features have been added to the 3D OCX and DLL.

Data Handling Enhancements

 Load data or a chart description file from a URL using the new LoadURL method. (OCX only)

Text Area Enhancements

■ Text inside a text object can now be rotated 0, 90 or 270 degrees.

Transferring Data (OCX Only)

 New methods to quickly copy data to and from the chart. These methods enable you to transfer an array with a single call. The new methods added are: CopyZArrayIn, CopyZArrayOut.

Data and Series Editor Dialogs (OCX Only)

- Use the Edit Chart 3D Data dialog to quickly edit chart data.
- Use the Edit Chart 3D Row Delta dialog to change the spacing between rows.
- Use the Edit Chart 3D Column Delta dialog to change the spacing between columns.
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- The version of MS-DOS, Windows, or Windows NT you are using.
- Your development environment and its version.

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