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## Inside



By Mike Neer,  
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# Digital Sketching!

With this new release of CoreIDRAW 2017, Corel has pushed the envelope of possibilities for you. They have given you a new tool to take your drawing where it hasn't gone before. And this isn't Star Trek; it's happening now! I'm talking about the new LiveSketch capability that has just been released. It uses artificial intelligence to save you time and boost your creativity.

It saves time because you no longer have to perform the time-consuming tasks of starting a design on paper, and then scan, trace, or recreate it in vector.

It enhances your creativity because you no longer have to think mathematically in terms of vector shapes, line, and nodes. It also makes your drawing more tactile – you can be the artist you were before pixels were invented! Shapes now respond to the user in ways that were never

possible before. Almost clay-like, these vector shapes are malleable and organic.

Imagine if you could create hand-drawn, organic vector shapes as easily as putting pen to paper? The hands-on experience of painting has now been incorporated into your vector workflow. Corel says, "Live Sketch allows you to transform the creativity of free-form sketching into precise vector curves directly on a pen-enabled device.

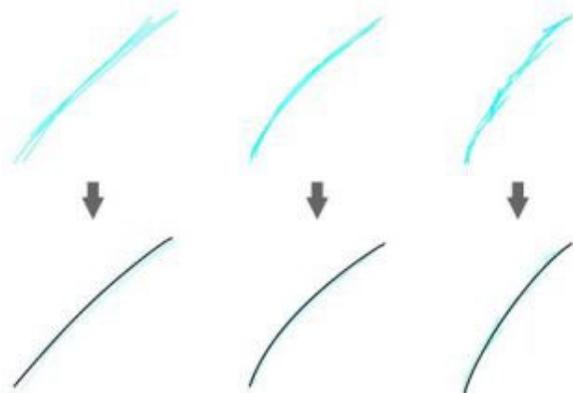
Your strokes are intelligently interpreted, adjusted, and combined with existing vector curves, allowing you to sketch and design on the fly. LiveSketch turns the vector graphics creative process on its head."

## How it was done

The Corel team challenged assumptions and looked at creativity in a way that's never been possible in vector graphics. They created LiveSketch "by studying how artists apply strokes by hand, such as the use of overlapping strokes, folded lines, and even chicken scratches, to draw the shapes they want." They then developed CoreIDRAW to interpret and represent these strokes to create the object.

The Corel team believes this revolutionary change is freeing and fun, and is a productivity boost that is a must for any graphics professional. They also can't wait to see what CoreIDRAW users create with it.

There are many more exciting features in CoreIDRAW 2017, and we'll cover them in the next few issues. But meanwhile, get yourself pen-enabled. Get a touchscreen or a Microsoft Surface tablet, or something comparable, and join the revolution of digital sketching!



*Strokes before (top) and after (bottom) stroke adjustment: discrete overlapping strokes (left), folded strokes (middle), chicken scratch (right)*

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# Industry's First Artificial Intelligence-Based Vector Drawing Experience Now Available in CorelDRAW Graphics Suite 2017

*Using the power of a neural network, Corel's new LiveSketch™ tool intelligently interprets artists' hand-drawn strokes; technology disappears to unleash creativity like never before*

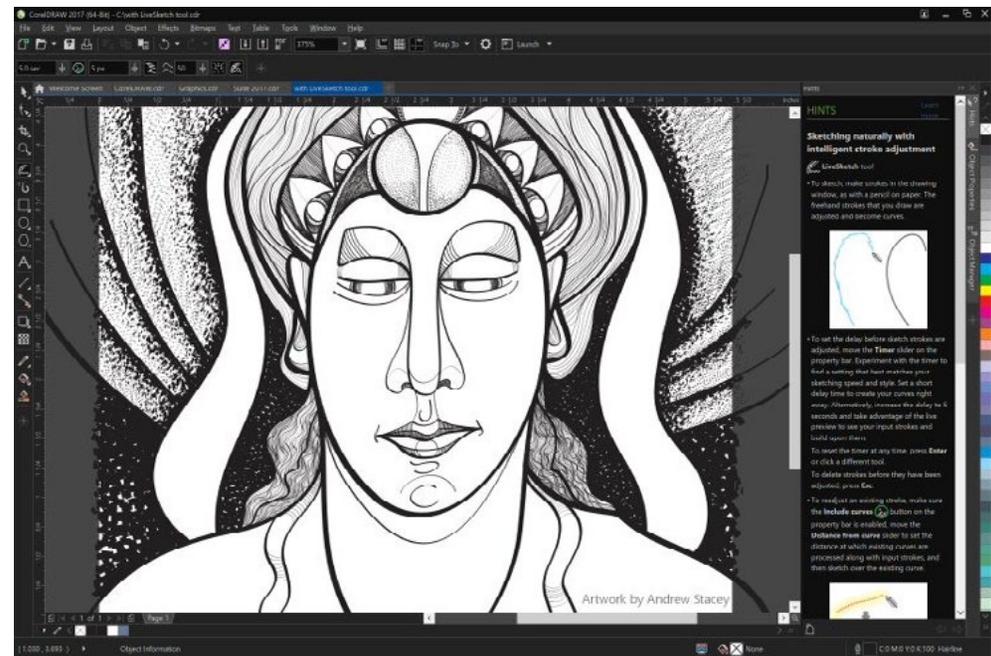


Introducing [CorelDRAW® Graphics Suite 2017](#), the latest version of Corel's flagship graphics software that offers designers a new, hands-on creative experience that's unlike any other vector application. With LiveSketch™, hand-drawn strokes are intelligently interpreted, adjusted, and combined with existing vector curves, making it simple to sketch and draw directly on a pen-enabled device. The industry's most powerful graphics solution built specifically for Windows, CorelDRAW Graphics Suite 2017 also offers new workflow enhancements, plus support for the latest technologies including advanced stylus and touch-enabled devices, the Microsoft Surface Dial, and Ultra HD 5K monitors.

"Right from the start, vector design software has forced artists to work in a world dominated by mathematics. When you train yourself to think in terms of geometric shapes, polylines, and Bezier curves, the design process can feel removed from where your creativity began - the simple joy of drawing," explains Gérard Métrailler, Vice President of Global Products at Corel. "Taking advantage of the latest advancements in Windows hardware and the power of machine learning, the new LiveSketch tool in CorelDRAW 2017 brings the fun and creative experience of pen and paper to vector illustration for the first time. In this new creative environment, technology in effect, disappears."

The next major release following the introduction of X8, CorelDRAW Graphics Suite 2017 boosts productivity with customer-requested workflow enhancements and sparks creativity with a focus on rapidly evolving technologies:

- **Revolutionary new LiveSketch™ tool:** LiveSketch uses the power of a neural network to understand and deliver a natural vector drawing experience that replicates the feel of pen and paper. For the first time, users can free-form sketch vector curves directly on a pen-enabled device, thanks to an intelligent tool that interprets and understands sketching styles, including overlapping strokes, folded lines, and even chicken scratches. Not just a creativity boost, LiveSketch also eliminates the time-consuming task of sketching on paper, scanning, and tracing to vector by enabling you to start your designs directly on screen.
- **Enhanced nodes, handles, and vector preview:** Get faster, intuitive node manipulation thanks to redesigned nodes and 





handles. Now, each node type is assigned a unique shape, so you can quickly identify cusp, smooth, and symmetrical nodes. Vector previews for nodes and curves have been enhanced to stand out against background colors in your design. Interactive sliders for object fills and transparencies have also been enhanced to be more visible.

- **New touch-friendly user interface:** Use Tablet Mode to sketch on the fly and make quick adjustments using touch or a stylus. The new Touch workspace streamlines the UI to maximize

the size of your drawing window. Work faster by panning and zooming in a single gesture. Automatically switch back to the desktop workspace when you re-connect the keyboard, and choose the UI configuration that works best for you in Tablet Mode.

- **Powerful stylus enhancements:** Enjoy a more natural drawing experience and achieve expressive results with native support for the Surface Studio, Surface Pen, and Surface Dial, plus advanced support for Wacom styluses and tablets. Get instant access to relevant controls and quickly choose stylus properties. Take advantage of pressure, bearing, tilt, and rotation of your RTS-compatible stylus when using a variety of tools and effects.



- **Import legacy workspaces:** Bring your earlier environments directly into the new CorelDRAW Graphics Suite 2017 and continue designing right where you left off. Reuse CorelDRAW and Corel® PHOTO-PAINT® workspaces that were created in versions X6, X7, and X8.



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- PhotoZoom Pro 4: Plug-in to export and enlarge digital images from Corel PHOTO-PAINT

CorelDRAW Graphics Suite 2017 also includes: 10,000 clipart and digital images; 2,000 high-resolution digital photos; over 1,000 fonts; 350 professionally designed templates; 2,000 vehicle templates; over 500 interactive frames and photo frames; over 600 fountain, vector and bitmap fills; expert insights, product hints, over 5 hours of training videos and more.

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Enterprise clients can take advantage of volume licensing options and maintenance, which offers benefits including network deployment and virtualization.

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