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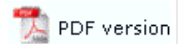
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The **Ellipse tool** is used to draw an ellipse or a circle.

Creating Ellipse and Circle Objects

To draw an ellipse:

- Choose **Ellipse** from the **Draw** menu or click the **Ellipse tool** button on the toolbar. The cursor changes to a cross-hair pointer.
- Click and drag the mouse diagonally to define the size of the ellipse.
- Release the mouse button.
- To resize the ellipse, click on one of the black handles and drag in or out to make the ellipse bigger or smaller.

To draw a circle:

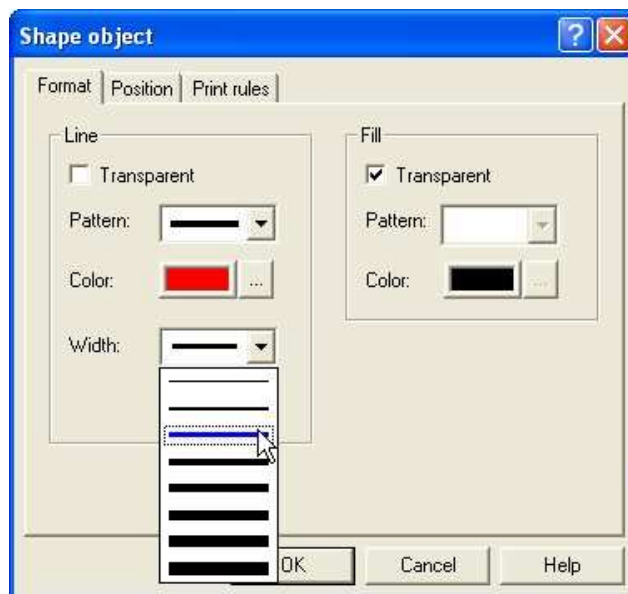
- Choose **Ellipse** from the **Draw** menu or click the **Ellipse tool** button on the toolbar. The cursor changes to a cross-hair pointer.
- Click and drag the mouse diagonally across while holding the **CTRL** key down.
- Release the mouse button.
- To resize the circle, click on one of the black handles and drag in or out while holding the **CTRL** key, to make the circle bigger or smaller.

To draw a ellipse from its centre point:

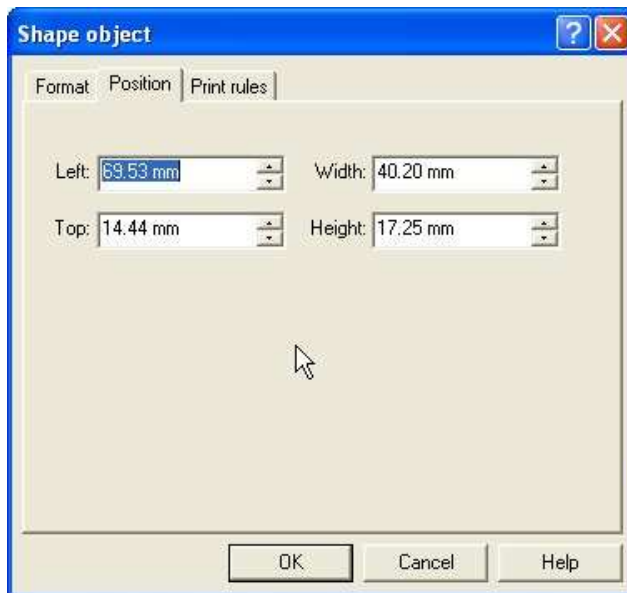
- Choose **Ellipse** from the **Draw** menu or click the **Ellipse tool** button on the toolbar. The cursor changes to a cross-hair pointer.
- Click and drag the mouse diagonally across while holding the **SHIFT** key down.
- Release the mouse button.
- To resize the ellipse, click on one of the black handles and drag in or out while holding the **SHIFT** key, to make the ellipse bigger or smaller.

To change the properties of a selected ellipse:

- Double click on the ellipse or select the ellipse and then click on the **Object properties** button on the toolbar.
- On the **Format** tab, edit:
 - **Line** attributes - transparency, pattern, color and width.
 - **Fill** attributes - transparency, pattern and color.



- On the **Position** tab, edit the ellipse's position and size.



The Print rules tab allows conditions to be set for printing of this object, see [Print Rule for an object](#).

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