

POWER MARKERS FOR MINDMANAGER - READ ME FIRST

To read this file again after installing, click the link in the Power Markers "About" dialogue, accessed from the MindManager ribbon.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Power Markers for MindManager requires either Mindjet MindManager Pro 7.2 (for Windows), MindManager 8 (for Windows), or MindManager 9 (for Windows). Other versions or editions of MindManager are not supported.

HOW TO INSTALL

Download and save the zip archive file, then open by double-clicking on it. On most systems, you can install Power Markers by double-clicking on the Windows installer file (the .msi file). On some system without Windows Installer present, you may need to click on the Setup.exe file instead.

GETTING STARTED

After Power Markers is installed, the next time MindManager is launched, the Power Markers command group will be visible in the Home tab in the MindManager ribbon bar. Click the Help button to get started with a couple of quick tutorials.

WHAT'S NEW IN V2.0.3

Version 2 is a major new release for Power Markers and adds many new features, with particular emphasis on dashboard creation. Users of Power Markers version 1 will automatically receive a trial of version 2. Version 2 does not use the Version 1 license key but requires an upgraded key.

- Power Markers Standard Edition is free! When in trial mode, you have unrestricted use of all Pro Edition features. When the trial finishes, Power Markers switches to Standard edition. In Standard Edition, everything still works, and you can use up to 15 lists in the Hot Lists task pane in each map. This is enough for basic everyday use of Power Markers, meaning that the basic version is free - and you still get to use all the advanced features such as Active Legends and Automatic Markers! To use more than 15 lists, you must purchase a Power Markers Pro Edition license key.
- The "Active Legends" feature allows you to define map markers from their legends in the map, not the other way around. You can set out your map marker scheme visually, with comments, then apply it to the map. A Smart Map Part helps you to get started with existing maps, by converting existing map markers into an active legend.
- Automatic Markers can be defined, which automatically apply a map marker to topics that meet specific criteria. There are over 250 different conditions that can trigger the application of a marker, e.g. if a topic is a task that is due next month, or if a topic hyperlink is an email address. Automatic marker make it possible to instantly locate valuable information in your maps.
- Power Markers automatically installs 6 template maps (including a complete demonstration template), and a comprehensive set of Smart Map Parts that

help you to create map markers for dashboard maps.

- A checkbox has been added to the Hot Lists to suppress already-completed tasks from the listing, making it much clearer which tasks remain to be finished when dealing with dashboard maps that are action-based. When enabled, this feature also suppresses the roll-up of the 100% complete marker, making the map clearer to read.
- Power Markers version 2 has improved performance, and can scan large maps in a few seconds.
- The "Hot List" is now called the "Hot Lists" throughout.
- When the Hot Lists are copied to the clipboard, empty headings and legend topics are omitted.
- The "About" dialogue now includes a link to this "Read Me First" file, a feature for copying technical support information to the clipboard to help with support, and a check-for-updates feature so that you can easily keep Power Markers up to date.
- Printable documentation is included with the installation
- Markers on summary topics (callout topics attached to topic boundaries) are now included in the Hot Lists and rollup. Boundary topics roll up to the topic that owns the boundary.
- Markers on callout topics attached to relationships are now included in the Hot Lists and rollup. Callout topics on relationships roll up to the central topic, where central topic rollup is enabled.
- A bug has been fixed that prevented the Power Markers add-in from loading under certain conditions.

SPECIAL NOTES FOR BETA TESTERS

If you have tested the beta version of Power Markers v2, please note that there are some important differences between build 2.0.2 and 2.0.3 which could affect your maps.

The syntax for many of the date-related automatic marker conditions has changed slightly. If you have created maps using these markers, you will need to amend the marker names, either in the Map Marker task pane or in the Active Legend.

- "\$..:thisweek" is now "\$..:this:week"
- "\$..:nextweek" is now "\$..:next:week"
- "\$..:thismonth" is now "\$..:this:month"
- "\$..:nextmonth" is now "\$..:next:month"
- "\$..:thisyear" is now "\$..:this:year"
- "\$..:nextyear" is now "\$..:next:year"
- "\$..:thisfy" is now "\$..:this:fyear"
- "\$..:nextfy" is now "\$..:next:fyear"
- "\$..:in:x" (days) is now "\$..:x:day"
- The shortcut for "tomorrow" has changed from "to" to "tm"
- The name of the "tag" auto marker has been changed to "key" (shortcut "ky")

The above changes have enabled the addition of a new set of conditions for date-related automatic markers. They are: \$..:yesterday, \$..:last:week, \$..:last:month, \$..:last:year, \$..:last:fyear, \$..:x:day, \$..:x:week, \$..:x:month, \$..:x:year. Refer to the documentation for full details.

The following bug fixes and changes have also been implemented:

- The calculation of the start of the calendar quarter now works for all months

- Monday is now taken as the first day of the calendar week, instead of Sunday
- The "\$..:future" automatic marker condition now detects a date later than today, rather than one after the end of next year
- New automatic markers added: \$priority, \$task:priority, \$task:priority:none
- The handling of task-related automatic markers has changed, where date information is used. Completed or already-started tasks are no longer ignored by these markers, as the display of completed tasks can be optionally switched off in the hot lists, which is a more transparent way to manage completed tasks
- The discussion of Dashboard Maps at the start of the Help document has been moved to a separate white paper, included in the zip file
- A section on What's New in version 2 has been added to help existing version 1 users get a quick overview of new features
- A new function has been added to the About dialogue to copy technical support information to the Clipboard, to assist with field support
- MindManager 9 beta versions are now supported. If you are an authorised beta tester for MindManager 9, please ask for access to the MindManager 9 version of Power Markers

KNOWN ISSUES

- When F1 is pressed for help with any Power Markers dialogue open, the MindManager help window also opens. This is a known MindManager issue.
- Unconverted Tablet PC Ink topics do not show any text in the Hot List. If you need to display them in the Hot List, the workaround is to right-click on the topic in the map and choose a text conversion. This issue will be addressed at a later date.
- If Power Markers is used in a Mindjet Catalyst map, and Mindjet Catalyst unexpectedly goes off line, Power Markers may raise error messages. This will be addressed in a future update.
- Under certain conditions, Power Markers can display part-edited Resource names in the Hot List if Resources are assigned to topics by typing them direct into the Task Info task pane. This behaviour arises from a quirk in MindManager, where part-edited Resource names are assigned to a topic before the user has finished typing. The workarounds are (a) to leave Auto mode while entering Resource names by hand, or (b) to leave and re-enter Enabled mode to refresh the list and flush the part-edited names. This issue will be addressed at a later date.
- The roll-up of percent complete icons by Power Markers cannot be used simultaneously with the Project Task Management add-in in MindManager 8, as these two functions overlap. If Power Markers is configured to roll up percent complete markers in MindManager 8, a compatibility warning message is displayed with a link to the help file. These warning messages can be disabled if not required.
- The "Project Task Management" add-in in MindManager 8 can leave topics marked as tasks, when they have no visible task data in the Task Info task pane. If Power Markers indicates that a topic is a task, when there is no task data present, then select the topic, open the Task Info task pane and click the "Clear" button. To avoid this problem recurring, disable the Project Task Management add-in if you are not using it.
- Under some conditions, clicking "Undo" can cause error messages if the map has been automatically updated by Power Markers. This is under

investigation.

- Note that topic fill and text colours that are part of the map style or introduced by applying a topic style are not part of the map marker set, and are not visible to Power Markers.
- In order to configure map markers as Power Markers, the Power Markers Add-in will temporarily override any read-only status assigned to icon marker groups. It does this because the Power Markers configuration is stored in the map marker group names for reusability and portability. If this causes any issues with the software that created this read-only marker group, the workaround is to avoid using the markers in these groups as Power Markers.
- Note that the "tag" feature in Power Markers "Automatic Markers" cannot be used to apply more than one marker for a tag. The first automatic marker will strip the tag from the topic text, and the second one will never see the tag.
- There is no Automatic Marker condition for detecting Topic Alerts on topics. This is because they are not stored in the map, so are not available for interrogation by Power Markers.
- Custom icon transparency may be lost when custom icons are used in topics with a fill colour. This is under investigation.
- Custom icons defined by Active Legend topics cannot be assigned to the map from their original copy in the MindManager library. Use the Map Markers task pane or the Hot Lists task pane to assign custom icons to your map. This is a known MindManager issue.

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