

Lucidchart vs. Visio®

Microsoft may have developed a web-based Visio® platform, but Visio® Online still can't beat the collaboration and constant innovation offered through Lucidchart.



Lucidchart is more...

Powerful and user-friendly

Visio® Online won't be much help beyond simple shapes and arrows. Microsoft makes it clear that you must use Visio® Pro (comes with Plan 2) in order to take full advantage of their advanced features, such as adding or editing shape data, importing stencils, and adding layers. To use these features, you would need to open Visio® Pro, work on your diagram, save it, and refresh your document in Visio® Online to see changes.

Lucidchart offers all of its advanced diagramming features online, so you don't have to mess with any clunky workarounds. We are investing heavily in automated, data-driven diagrams, and we release new updates every week. Lucidchart also provides unmatched support—with a customer success manager assigned to your specific company to help with product rollout and training.

Collaborative

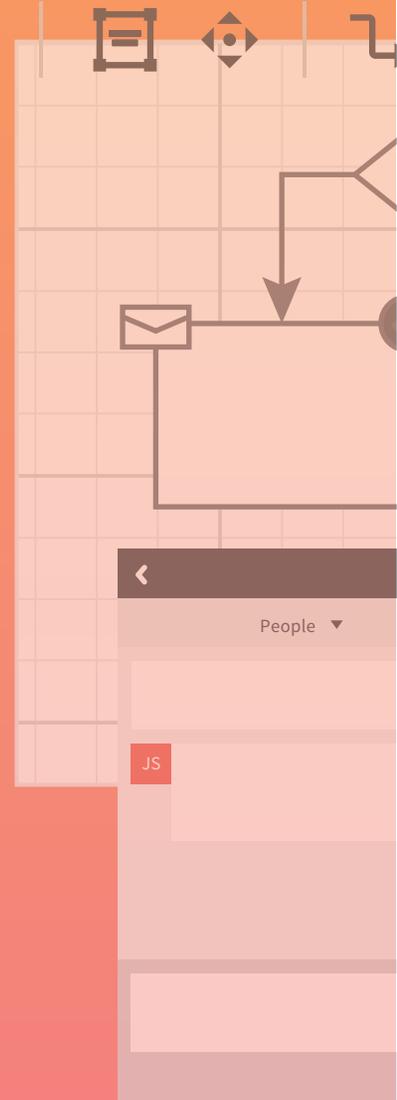
With Visio® Online, only one person can edit a document at a time, so you could get locked out of your own document when you share it. If someone else is working on the diagram, Visio® Online prompts you to go into read-only mode or create a copy, abandoning the idea of a single source of truth.

In Lucidchart, multiple participants can edit the same document at the same time—and all changes sync automatically. Collaborators always have access to the latest version of your diagram.

Compatible

Although Visio® Online works across operating systems, many features are only available through Visio® Pro—so Visio® still hasn't resolved the compatibility issue for Mac users.

Our cloud-based application and all its features work on any operating system, including Windows, Mac, and Linux, on any device. You can even view and edit diagrams on the go with our Android and iOS apps.



This list is different from Microsoft messaging—because Visio® Online Plan 2 comes with Visio® Pro, Microsoft lists additional features under Visio® Online Plan 2 that are only accessible from Visio® Pro. We have split up this functionality because Visio® Pro features do not apply to Mac users and cannot be accessed online.

Compatible devices	Lucidchart	Visio® Online Plan 1	Visio® Online Plan 2	Visio® Pro (comes with Plan 2)
Windows compatability	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mac and Linux compatability	✓	✓	✓	
iOS app	view/edit	view	view	view
Android app	view/edit			
Editor				
Hyperlinks	✓	can click, not create or edit	can click, not create or edit	✓
Layers	✓			✓
Auto-save	✓	✓	✓	
Revision history	✓			✓
Data linking	✓	view	view	✓
Shape data	view/edit	view	view	view/edit
Conditional formatting	✓			✓
Stencil import	✓			✓
Custom shape library	✓			✓
Collaboration				
Real-time multi-participant viewing	✓	✓	✓	
Real-time multi-participant editing	✓			
Commenting with @mention notifications	✓			
Password-protected links	✓			
Ability to create slides from diagrams	✓			✓
Automated diagrams				
Org chart from CSV import	✓			✓
AWS architecture import	✓			
DBMS import/export to ERD	✓			
UML sequence from text markup	✓			
Integrations				
Atlassian	✓			
Slack	✓			
G Suite	✓			
Office 365	✓	✓	✓	✓