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No, the Size & Position window is your best bet.

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Mark,  
Thanks very much for the quick reply. I've been trying the program for 2 days now and I never would have found that. It seems that procedure only works if you draw or select the line first, then Insert >Field>Geometry>Width.

Then it only works for that one line. Plus it prints that dimension which I don't want. A lot of hoops to jump through just to know the length of the line you are drawing.

What I would like is for the length to display at the logical place (bottom of the page where the XY coordinates now display) automatically as I'm drawing the line so I can tell when to stop. ConceptDraw and many other simple drawing programs have this feature, I thought maybe there was some way to set the properties to get it here on a very good program.

I found the size and position window under the View Menu, but that seems pretty cumbersome, takes up drawing space and includes other displays that cloud the issue.

I've done some more fooling around and if I draw a rectangle, ellipse, or any polygon, it will display the length and width while I draw. I also found

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that  
if I draw a line, it will only display the current X and Y coordinates and  
show them changing dynamically while I'm drawing. If I click on the line  
after I finish drawing it, the length will be displayed where the XY  
coordinates showed as I was drawing it.

Is there any way to get the display on the bottom to give the length  
while  
I'm drawing it?

Thanks again,

Rich

"Mark Nelson [MS]" wrote:

Assuming your line is straight, go to Insert > Field and choose the Width  
field to display.

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How do I display the length of a drawn line in Visio 2003?  
The info box  
on  
the bottom of the page displays the X and Y coordinates as  
I'm drawing  
but  
I  
would like it to display the length of the line in the scale  
units I  
have  
set. For example, if my scale is 1"=10', and I draw a line 6.5"  
long it  
should display 65'. If I draw a rectangle, it will display the  
length  
and  
width in feet, but not the length of a line.

Any help would be appreciated.

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Thanks,