

# Controlling the Display of the Crosshairs

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## QUESTION

When drawing in Chief Architect, I am used to my mouse pointer being a precision crosshair. It is instead displaying as a regular pointer or a text cursor.

What do I need to do to get the crosshairs back?

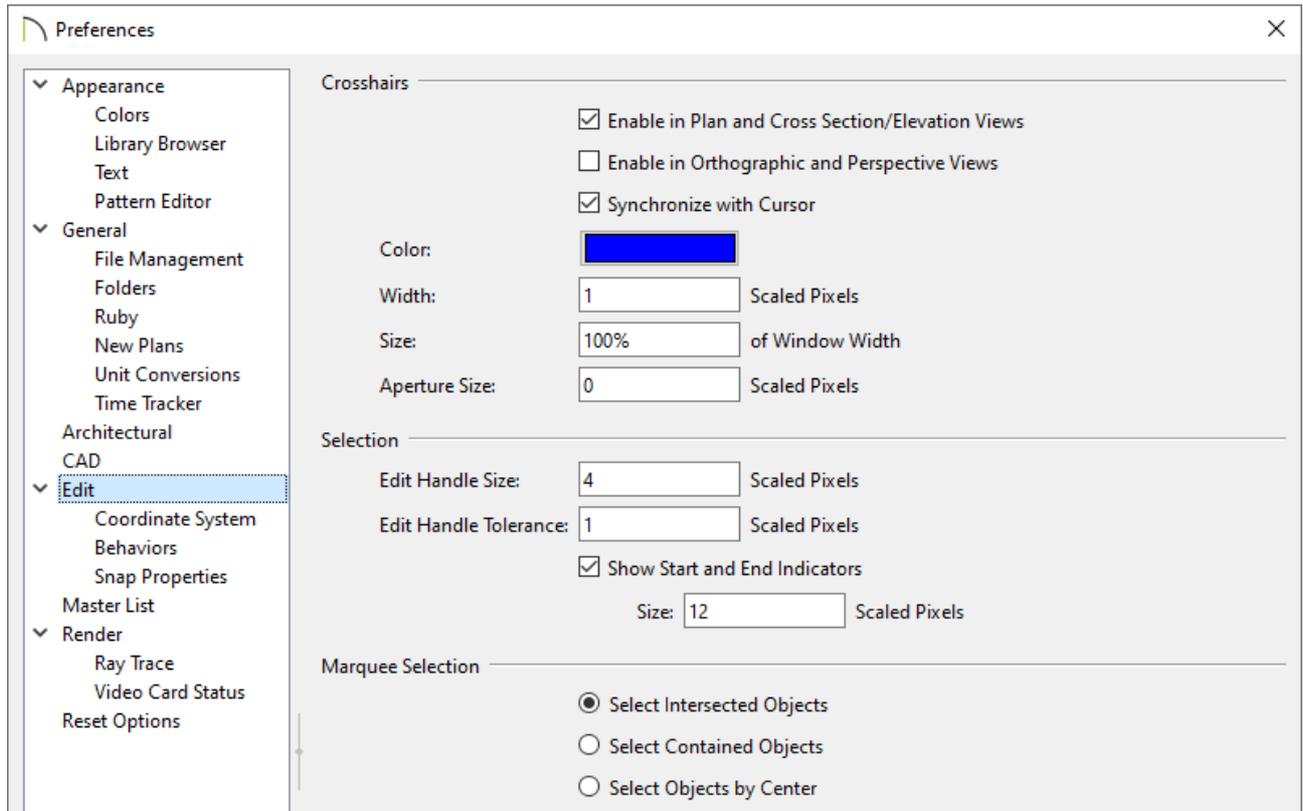
## ANSWER

Display properties relating to the crosshairs are controlled within the program's preferences.

To control the display of the crosshairs

1. Select **Edit> Preferences**  if you're on a Windows PC or **Chief Architect> Preferences**  if you're on a Mac.

2. On the **EDIT** panel of the **Preferences** dialog that opens:



- Check **Enable in Plan and Cross Section/Elevation Views** to use a crosshair cursor in floor plan, cross section and elevation views. This option is checked by default.
- Check **Enable in Perspective Views** to use a crosshair cursor in perspective camera views and overviews.
- When **Synchronize with Cursor** is checked, the mouse pointer and crosshairs always move together on screen. If you feel that they do not keep up with your mouse movements, try unchecking this option.
- Click the **Color** bar to open the **Select Color** dialog and specify the color of the crosshairs.
- Specify the **Width** of the crosshairs lines, in Scaled Pixels.
- Crosshair **Size** is specified as a percentage of the view Window Width. Specify the **Size** as 100% to extend the crosshairs across the entire screen.
- Set the **Aperture Size**, measured in Scaled Pixels. The aperture is the space where the crosshairs meet. A value of 0 makes the crosshairs meet at a point.

Larger numbers leave a gap in the center.

3. Once you have made any desired changes to the display of the crosshairs, click **OK** to apply and close the dialog.

**Note:** Crosshairs can quickly be toggled on/off by navigating to View> Crosshairs. This toggle is associated with the "Enable..." checkboxes mentioned above, so if you toggle crosshairs off while in a plan view, they will also be disabled in cross section/elevation views; however, the crosshairs toggle/setting for orthographic and perspective views is separate.

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