

Module 3 - Advanced Object Management

Advanced object management means organizing, controlling, and working with multiple objects in a way that makes your design **more professional, clean, and easy to edit**. In CorelDRAW, this is done through **Object Manager, Layers, and Object Ordering** tools.

◆ 1. Object Manager Docker

The **Object Manager** is like a control panel where you can:

- View all objects on your page.
- Organize them in layers.
- Rename objects.
- Lock or hide objects.
- Move objects between layers.

✂ How to Open:

- Go to **Window → Dockers → Object Manager**

📄 Features:

- Shows every object and layer in the file.
- Lets you drag and drop objects to reorder.
- You can rename each object (example: rename a rectangle to "ButtonBackground").
- You can set which objects are visible or locked.

♦ Why use it?

- Makes working with complex designs easier.
- Helps avoid selecting the wrong object by mistake.
- Good for large designs like posters or brochures.

◆ 2. Layers

Layers in CorelDRAW are like transparent sheets stacked over each other. Each sheet can have different objects.

✂ Types of Layers:

- **Master Layer** - Appears on all pages (e.g., logos or footers).
- **Page Layer** - Unique to one page.

✂ Benefits of Using Layers:

- Keeps your design organized.
- You can work on one part without affecting others.
- Hide or lock parts of the design to avoid mistakes.

🎨 Example:

If you're making a magazine cover, you might use:

- One layer for background images.
- One layer for titles.

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- One layer for body text.

### ◆ 3. Grouping and Nesting Objects in Layers

- You can **group objects** and move them together.
- You can also **nest objects** inside other objects or layers using the Object Manager.

✂ Example:

- Group a photo with its frame and caption.
- Nest multiple shapes inside a master layer to repeat them on every page.

### ◆ 4. Object Ordering (Z-order)

When objects **overlap**, the **order** they are arranged in matters. This is called **Z-order** (front-to-back).

✂ Reordering Tools:

- Right-click → **Order**
- Use options like:
  - Bring to Front (Ctrl + Home)
  - Send to Back (Ctrl + End)
  - Forward One (Ctrl + Page Up)
  - Backward One (Ctrl + Page Down)

📄 Tip:

Always check Z-order if objects are hidden behind others.

### ◆ 5. Locking and Hiding Objects

✂ Why Lock Objects?

- To prevent accidental movement or editing.

✂ How:

- In the Object Manager, right-click an object → choose **Lock Object**.
- You can also **hide** objects temporarily.

🎨 Use Case:

When working on a background, lock the text and logo to avoid mistakes.

Try This Activity:

1. Create 3 layers: Background, Text, Decorations.
2. Add a shape to Background, and lock it.
3. Add title text in the Text layer.
4. Add a star or icon in the Decorations layer.
5. Reorder the star so it appears *behind* the text.
6. Hide the background layer and check how design changes.

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**Step 1: Create a New Document**

- Open CorelDRAW X7
- Go to File > New → Set size to A4 (Landscape or Portrait)

**Step 2: Create 3 Layers**


1. Go to Window > Dockers > Object Manager

2. In the Object Manager Docker:

o Right-click → Add three layers:

- Layer 1: Rename as **Background**
- Layer 2: Rename as **Text**
- Layer 3: Rename as **Decorations**

**Step 3: Add Shape to Background Layer**

1. Select **Background Layer** in Object Manager
2. Use the **Rectangle Tool (F6)** or **Ellipse Tool**
3. Draw a large shape to cover the page
4. Fill it with a soft color (light blue, pastel, etc.)
5.  **Lock the Background Layer** (click lock icon next to the layer)

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Step 4: Add Title Text in Text Layer

1. Select the Text Layer
2. Use the Text Tool (F8) → type a title (e.g., “Creative Layer Design”)
3. Use a decorative font (like Segoe Script or Calibri Bold)
4. Align the text to center using Arrange > Align > Align Centers Horizontally

Step 5: Add Decoration in Decorations Layer

1. Select the Decorations Layer
2. Use the Polygon Tool or Star from Symbol Tool
3. Draw a star or decorative shape
4. Apply a bright fill color and outline

Step 6: Reorder the Star

- In Object Manager, drag the star below the title text
- This will place the star behind the title

Step 7: Hide the Background Layer

- In Object Manager, click the Eye icon to hide the Background Layer
- Observe how your design changes

- Save your file as Layer\_Assignment.cdr
- Export a preview image with and without the background (File > Export > PNG)
- Submit both PNGs with your .cdr file

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