

**Altium**

QUICK GUIDE

# Managing PCB Objects



# Quick overview

The PCB panel allows you to view and edit each object on PCB. A quick search of the desired class or object is provided by the filtering system with several object type modes and flexible customization of displayed results.

○ Displaying filtered classes or groups of objects

○ Selecting a mode and adjusting parameters for displaying objects

The screenshot shows the PCB panel interface with the following sections:

- Nets:** Includes 'Apply', 'Clear', and 'Zoom Level...' buttons. A dropdown menu is set to 'Normal'. Checkboxes for 'Select', 'Zoom', and 'Clear Existing' are all checked.
- 2 Net Classes (1 Highlighted):** A list showing '<All Nets>' and 'ESC\_M[1..6]'.
- 6 Nets (6 Highlighted):** A table listing the following data:
 

Name	N...	Signal L...	T...	R...	Unrout...
ESC_M1	2	58.99	0	58.0	
ESC_M2	2	59.626	0	59.0	
ESC_M3	2	61.212	0	61.0	
ESC_M4	2	61.806	0	61.0	
ESC_M5	2	63.383	0	63.0	
ESC_M6	2	63.969	0	63.0	
- 163 Primitives (0 Highlighted):** A table listing the following data:
 

Type	Name	Compon...	Layer	Length (...)	D...
Pad	CN3-14	CN3	Top	0	0.0
Pad	CN3-16	CN3	Top	0	0.0
Pad	CN3-18	CN3	Top	0	0.0
Pad	CN3-20	CN3	Top	0	0.0
Pad	CN3-22	CN3	Top	0	0.0
- Thumbnail:** A small image of the entire PCB layout with a white box highlighting the active area shown in the main view.

The main PCB view shows a dark background with orange traces and components. A large multi-layered trace structure is highlighted in white. Labels like '33 S\_AGND', 'EXP1', 'EXP2', and 'FMU\_B' are visible on the board.

○ Printed circuit board view window with highlighted active area

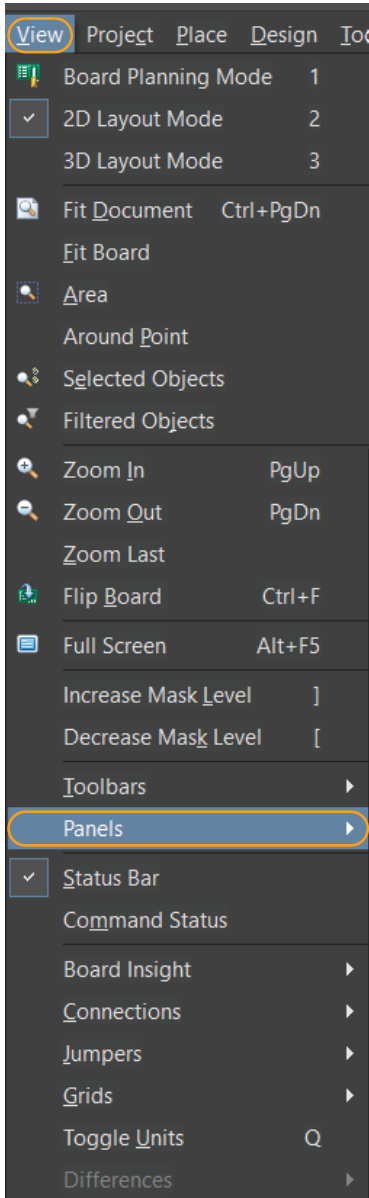
○ Displaying primitives of filtered objects

○ Displaying all filtered objects

# Panel access

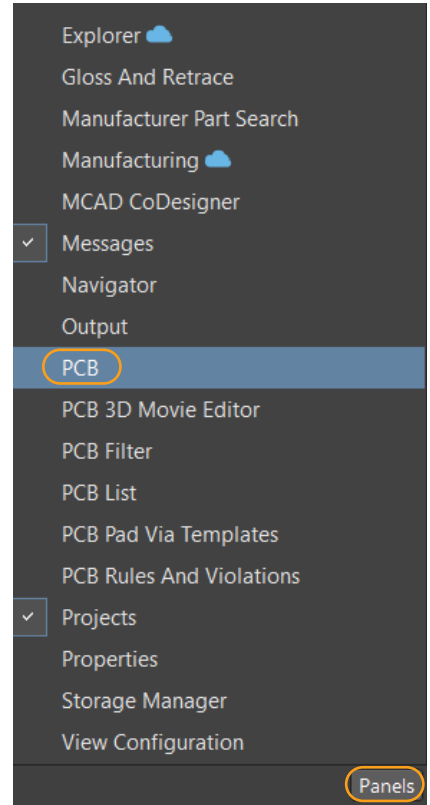
Use **View > Panels > PCB** or select **PCB** from the **Panels** drop-down menu to access the panel.

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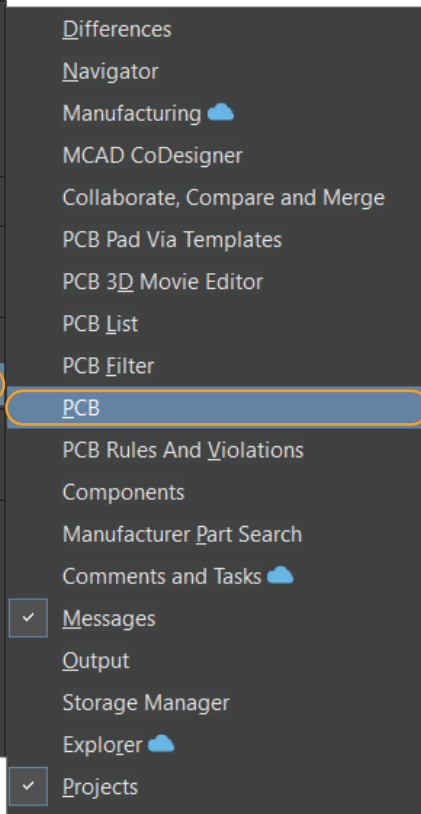


These commands are active in the PCB editor.

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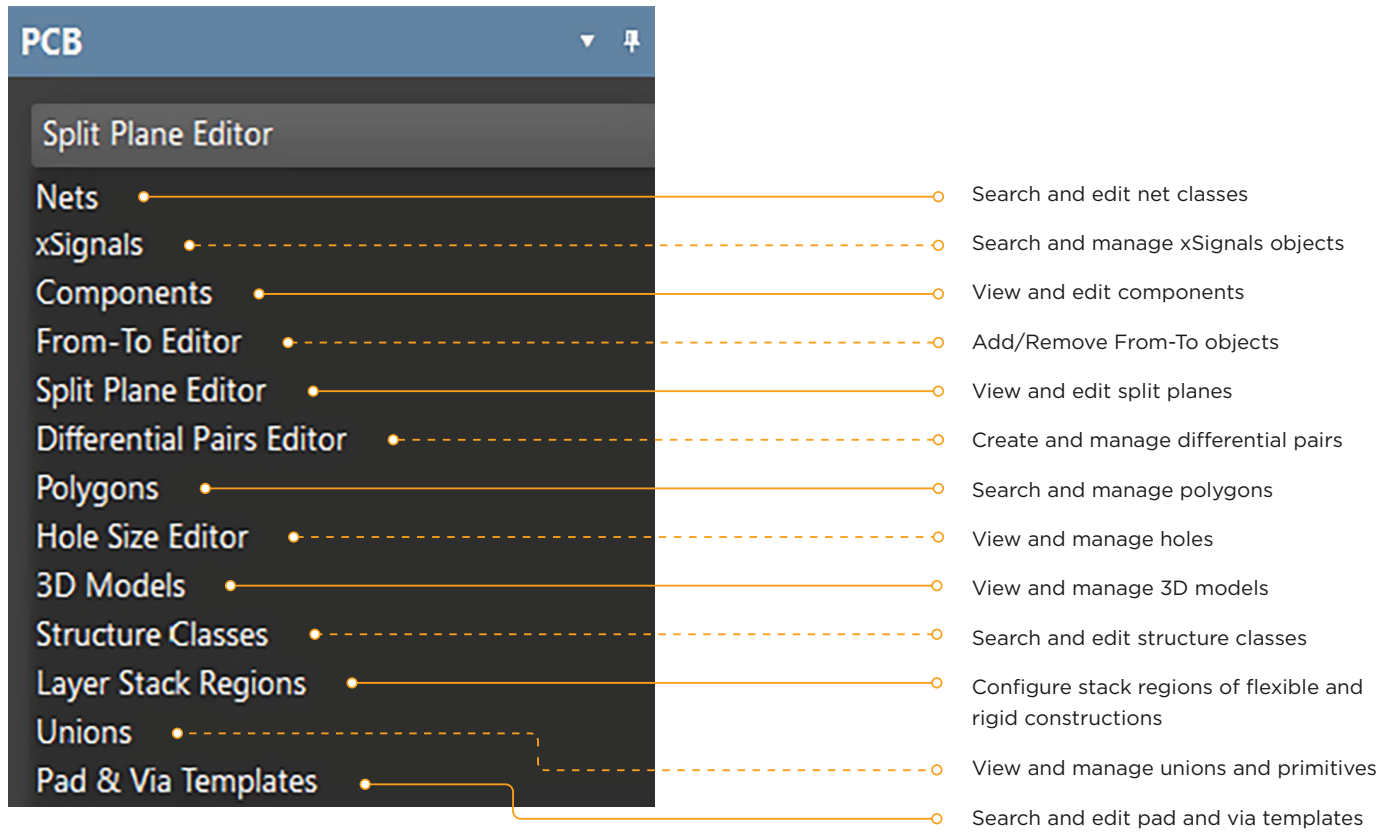
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# Panel modes



# Display management

## Clear Existing

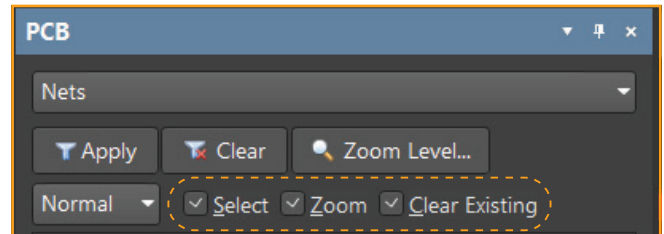
if you enable this option, the previous filter settings will reset before applying the new ones. Disabling the option can be used to refine the filter by adding new parameters to the previous filter settings.

## Zoom

when this option is enabled, objects that have been filtered will be zoomed in and placed in the center of the design space.

## Select

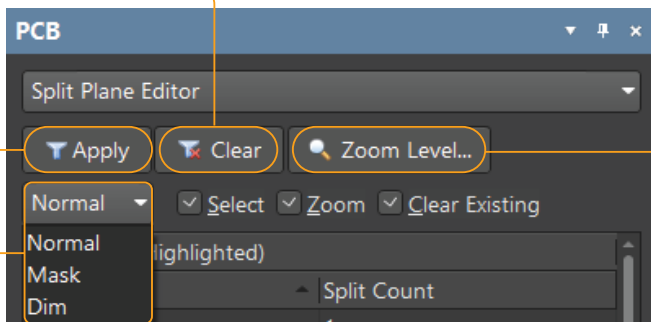
when this option is enabled, objects that have been filtered will be selected.



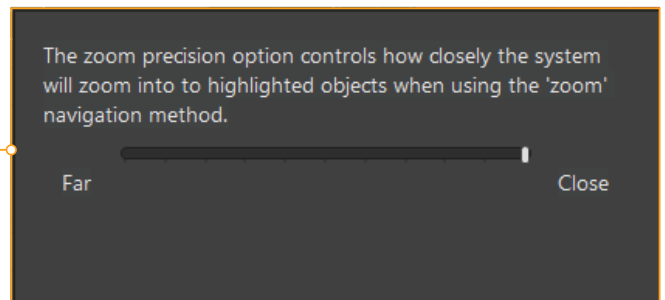
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○ **Apply** - confirmation of setting changes

○ **Clear** - reset the current filter

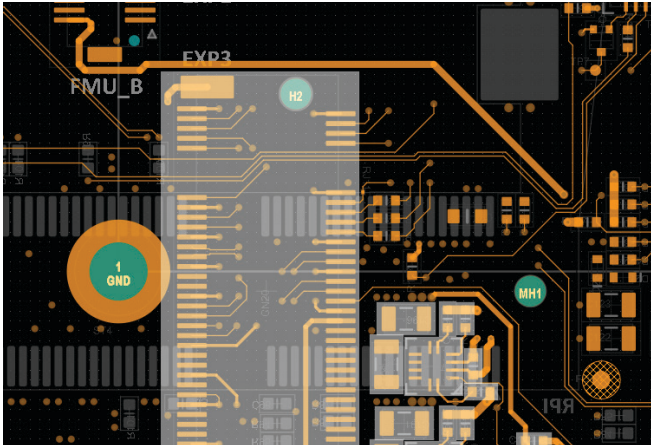


○ The drop-down menu allows you to set a visual selection effect for filtered objects: **Normal**, **Mask**, **Dim**.



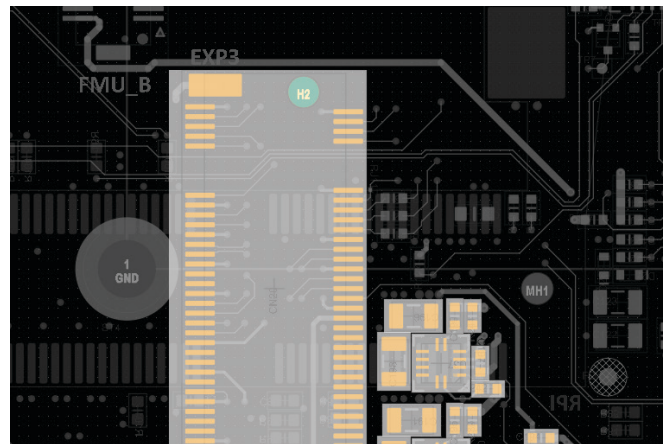
Set zoom level for filtered objects

# Visual highlighting effects



**Normal mode** - filtered objects are highlighted, other objects remain unchanged.

**Mask mode** - filtered objects are highlighted, other objects are hidden under the mask. Masked objects cannot be selected.



**Dim mode** - filtered objects are highlighted, other objects are dimmed. Dimmed objects can be selected.

You can adjust the level of masking and dimming using the **View Configuration** panel (the **View Options** tab > the **Mask and Dim Settings** region).

