

## Comments

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The *Comments* panel showing a collection of user comments for the currently active project.


## Summary

The *Comments* panel shows the collective user comments associated with the currently active project. The panel is used to enter, edit and reply to comments associated with a point, component or definable area on a document.

Community comments remain associated with a project throughout its development, and can be an effective way to enhance the collaboration between users contributing to a common project,

See [Working as a Team](#) for more information.

## Panel Access

To open the *Comments* panel, click the **Comments** button in the **Collaboration** group under the **View** tab: **View | Collaboration** | .

Panels can be configured to be floating in the editor space or docked to sides of the screen. If the *Comments* panel is currently in the group of docked Workspace panels, use the **Comments** tab located at the bottom of the panels to bring it to the front.



## Adding a Comment


Comments can be placed on a PCB or Schematic document using three methods:

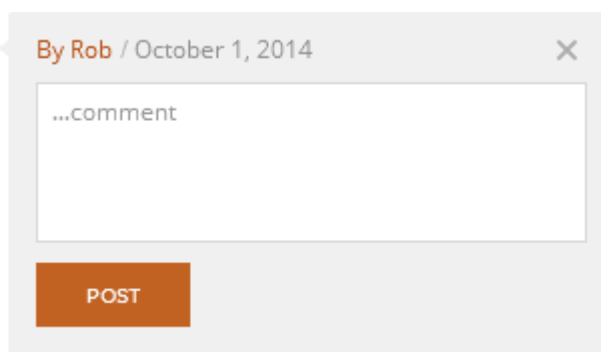
- **Point** - The comment is associated with a specified location point on a document.
- **Area** - The comment is associated with a defined rectangular area on a document.
- **Component** - The comment is associated with a nominated component object.

Comments are entered and managed in the *Comments* panel, and added using the three placement method command buttons in the **Collaboration Elements** group under the **Home** tab.


Comments assigned to a Private design project will not be visible to others. Create a Public project to benefit from the collaborative input from the design community.

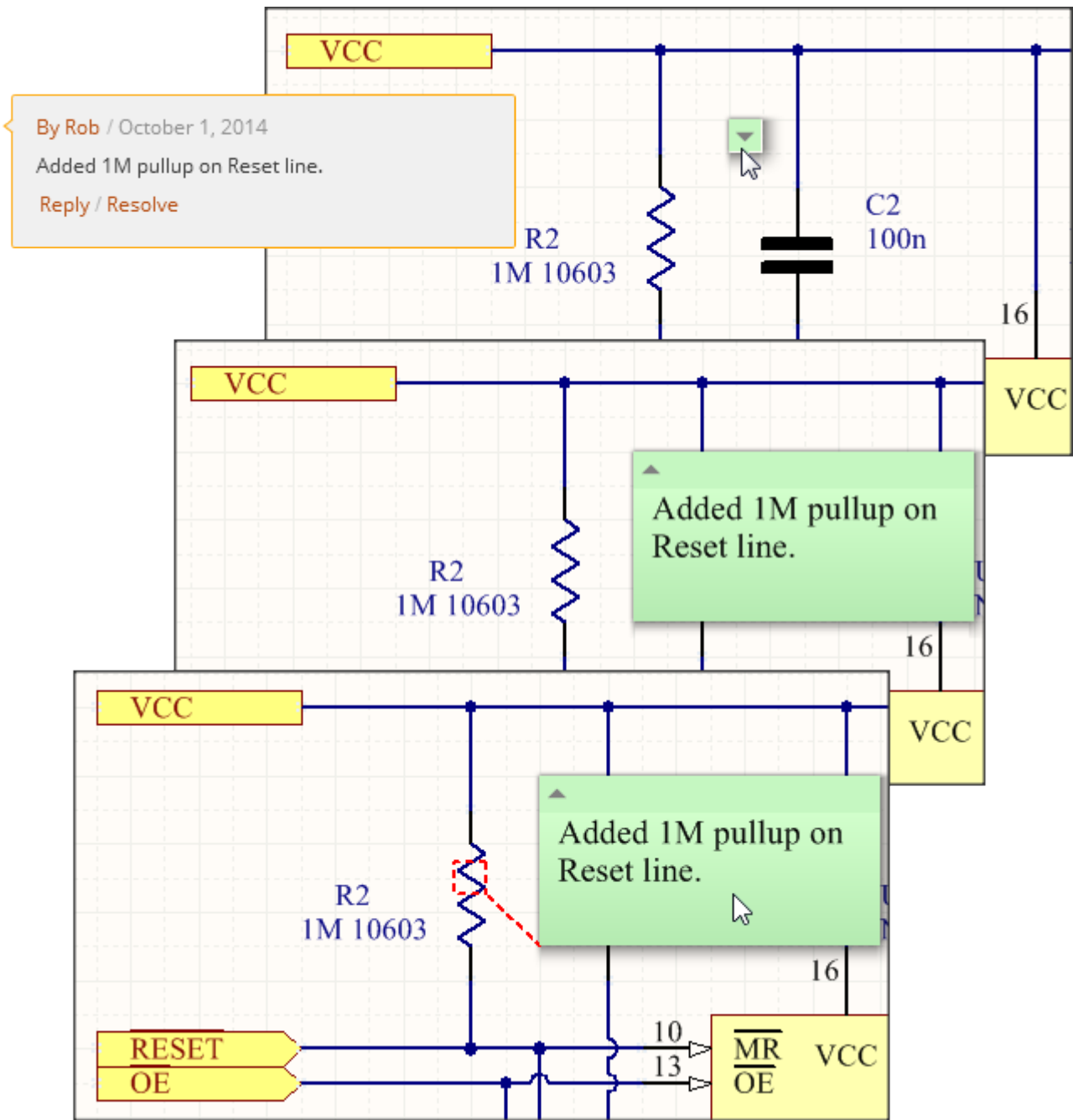
### Point Comment

Use the **Home | Collaboration Elements** |  **Comment Point** button to place a comment at a specific location on a document. Select the desired location with the cursor cross-hair, and enter a comment in the text entry box that opens in the *Comments* panel. Click **POST** to assign the comment.




The comment entry field in the *Comments* panel.


A placed document comment can be displayed in compact or expanded forms. Click  to toggle the comment box mode, and click in the body of the comment to show its location marker.



Switching visual modes for a placed comment.

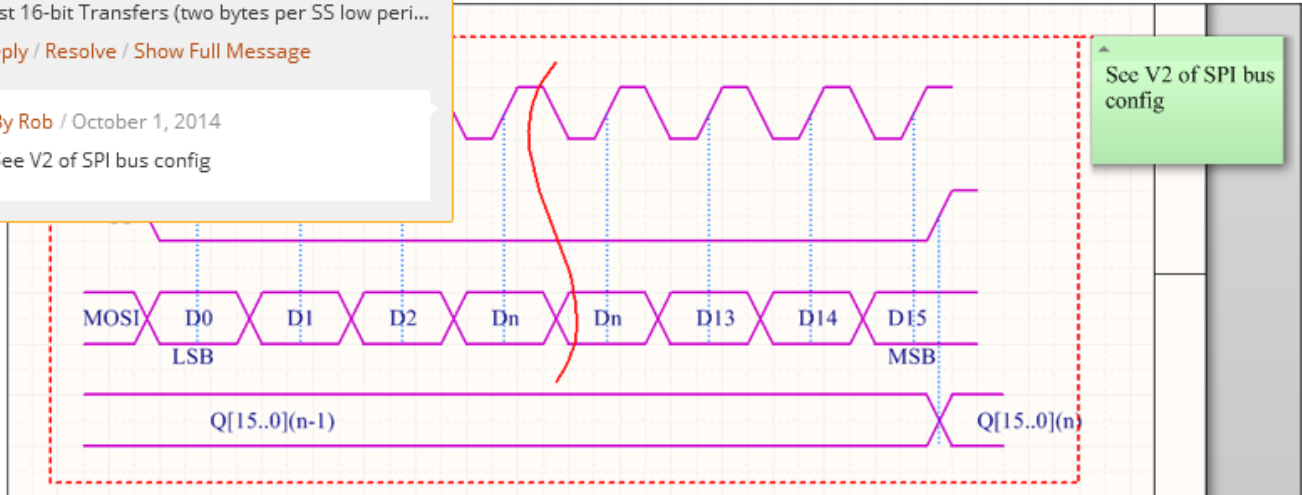

 Click and drag a comment to change its display position on a document.

### Area Comment

Use the **Home | Collaboration Elements |  Comment Area** button to place a comment assigned to a specific component object. Click to define one vertex of the area, then drag the cursor cross-hair and click to select the second vertex. Enter a comment in the text entry box that opens in the *Comments* panel, and click **POST** to assign the comment.

By Rob / October 1, 2014  
 SPI bus configuration: CPOL = 0, CPHA = 0 LSBit  
 First 16-bit Transfers (two bytes per SS low peri...  
 Reply / Resolve / Show Full Message

By Rob / October 1, 2014  
 See V2 of SPI bus config



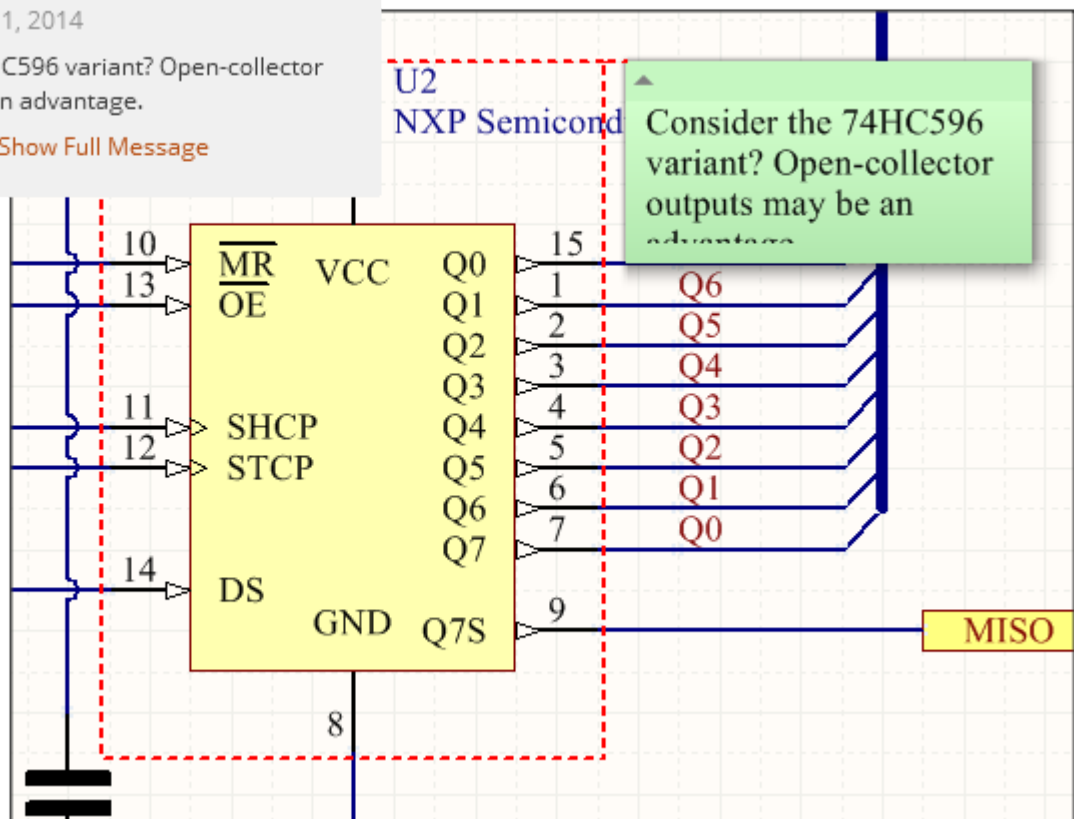
See V2 of SPI bus config

A dashed red outline indicates the rectangular area of the document section assigned to a comment.

## Component Comment

To place a component comment, select a component object then click the **Home | Collaboration Elements** | Comment Component button to assign a comment to the object. Enter a comment in the text entry box that opens in the *Comments* panel, and click **POST** to assign the comment.

By Rob / October 1, 2014  
 Consider the 74HC596 variant? Open-collector outputs may be an advantage.  
 Reply / Resolve / Show Full Message



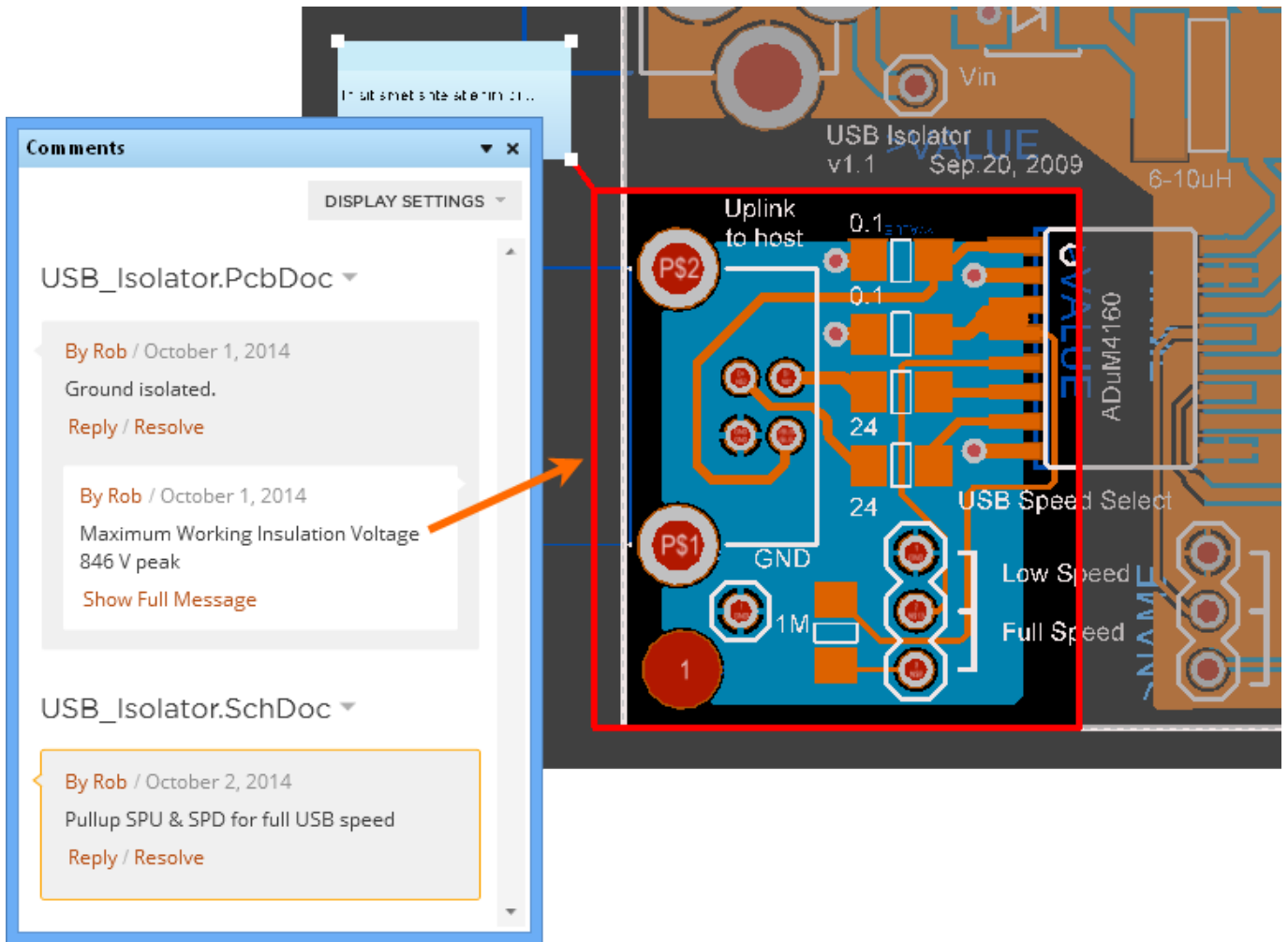
A comment assigned to a specific component - in this case, U2.



Note that comments will remain assigned to the nominated component, even when it is moved.


## PCB Comments

Comments are added to a PCB document in the same manner, and with basically the same options, as detailed above. The PCB workspace will zoom to the location and dim the surrounding area when a PCB comment is selected in the panel.



A selected PCB comment is automatically located and highlighted in the PCB editor workspace.



Use the  Comment Primitive button to add a comment to a primitive element (pad, via, footprint, etc) on the PCB.

## Comment navigation

Selecting a Schematic or PCB comment in the *Comments* panel will make the associated document active in its editor and zoom in to the comment location. The document is automatically opened if necessary.



This allows comments to be visually navigated directly from the *Comments* panel, by simply clicking on any comment of interest.

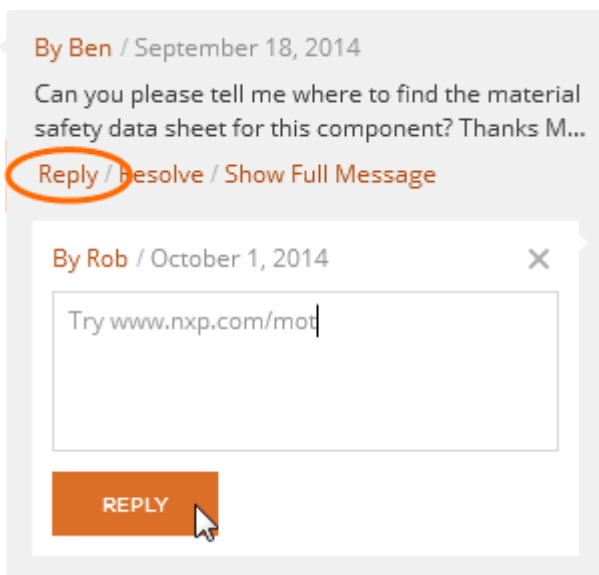
# Managing Comments

The *Comments* panel displays a live list of project comments and a range of controls for managing and contributing to the collective comments.

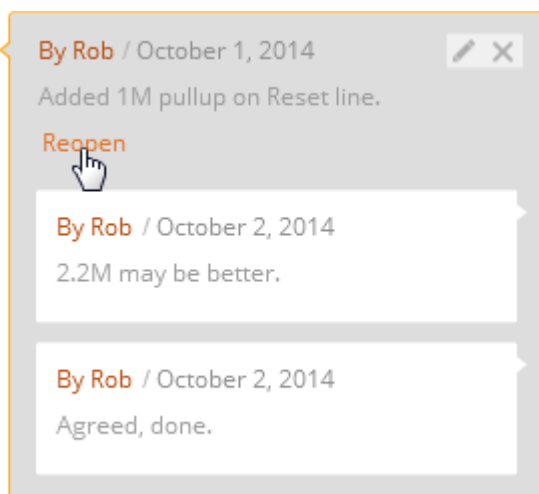
## Panel functions

Within the comment entries, the following controls are available:

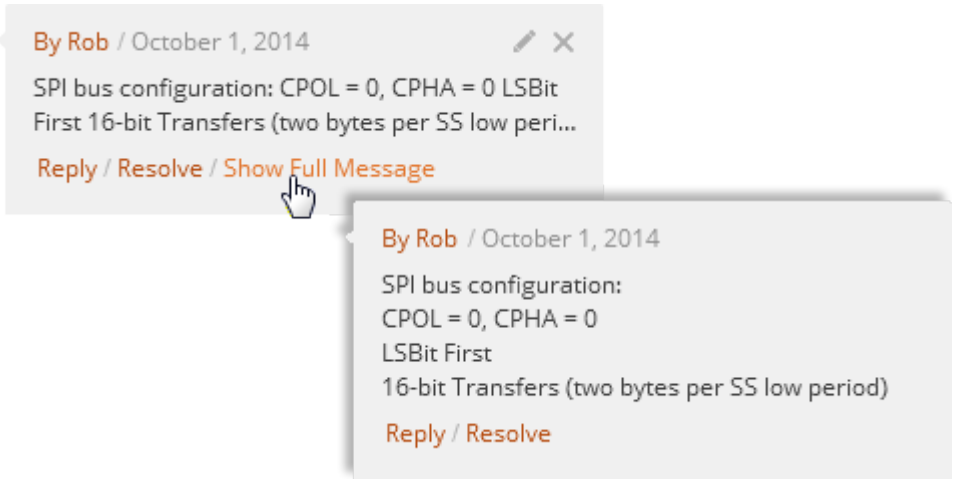
- **Edit** - Click a comment's  button to edit an existing entry.
- **Delete** - Click a comment's  button to delete an existing entry.
- **Reply** - Create a response to a comment. Note that the comment display on the document will always show the most recent comment.



- **Resolve** - Use the [Resolve](#) link to change the status of a comment, and its subsequent replies, to closed as resolved. The comment can be re-opened for further activity.



- **Show Full Message** - Expands the comment area in the panel to show the complete comment text.

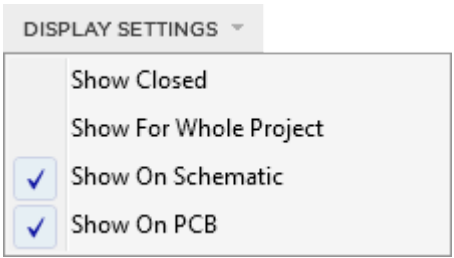


Comments are *associated* with a project rather than saved within a project. Therefore, even though projects are read-only for everyone but the author (unless you are part of the author's collaboration Team), any user can add a comment to any project.

Also, because comments are associated with a specific project, they will not be transferred if the project is [Forked](#) to a new version.

### Display Settings

How comments are displaying the *Comments* panel is configured with the **DISPLAY SETTINGS** drop down menu.



This offers the following checkbox options:

- **Show Closed** - Show all comments in the panel, including those that have been closed as resolved.
- **Show For Whole Project** - Show comments assigned to all documents in a project. Expand or contract the comments assigned to each document with its heading control:  
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- **Show of Schematic** - Display (or hide) comments on the schematic document.
- **Show on PCB** - Display (or hide) comments on the PCB document.