

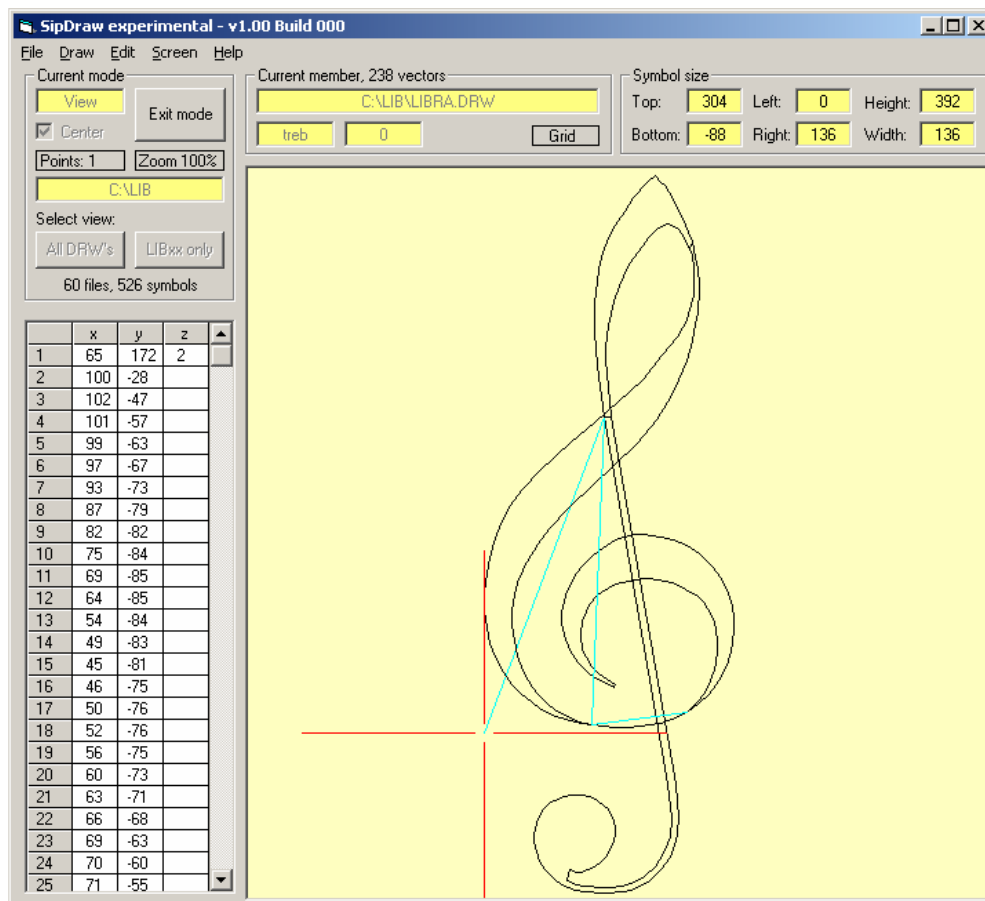
Title: SipDraw - Pre-announcement and Beta-testing  
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### Introduction

SipDraw will be functionally equivalent to DRAW but it will be running in a Windows environment. All features of DRAW will be implemented and the some additional ones. This pre-announcement is for those who have expressed their interest in helping to qualify the product. There were many (eight) individuals interested in doing the beta-test and I am grateful for the positive response. I have to make a choice and it seems relevant to have one tester in Europe (Stephen Ferre in London), and one in the USA (Tom Brodhead in Ohio).

### Current status

A large part of the program is working and I am about to start the circle function. Rotation works, input and output with flat files too. All screen navigation (up, down, left, right, zoom in and out, sizing) with keys work too but drawing with the mouse not yet. Filling is another chapter to be attacked (not easy). The user has a choice to use the full screen or a minimum size screen. To give you an idea of what it will look like, here is a sample of the small screen:



### Ideas request

One of the ideas I am toying with is to enter graphic files from popular drawing programs or font definitions. There should be some way to avoid having to draw by vector input which is rather laborious. Any ideas of what should be nice to have in this area are welcome.

### Beta-testing

At this stage the product is not yet far enough to distribute to the beta testers. The last couple of weeks I have been doing a lot of engraving and that is a primary task, whereas programming new SIP tools comes second if it is not for supporting customers. Please be patient. I will contact the beta-testers as soon as there is something to be tested.