



Autodesk Launches the Latest Release of Industry-Leading Software, AutoCAD 2007, AutoCAD LT 2007

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Newest Software Release Combines Intuitive, Powerful Conceptual Design and Visualization Tools That Leverage Users' Familiarity With 2D Design While Facilitating the Transition to 3D

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., March 23 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today made it easier for architects, engineers and designers to more fully realize their ideas with the release of AutoCAD 2007 software.

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The new AutoCAD 2007 software allows users the flexibility to work in an integrated environment for conceptual and detailed design, as well as create, manage and share in one environment. The conceptual design features make it fast and easy to explore design alternatives and then reuse that information as a basis for the documentation drawings needed to build the design. AutoCAD 2007 is ideal for professionals who are doing conceptual design manually, or when used with external software tools, speeding up the design process and enabling more effective presentations. See link for a full list of AutoCAD 2007 features and benefits, www.autodesk.com/autocad.

The new AutoCAD 2007 software is sophisticated enough for the most complex of projects, and yet approachable for beginners. The AutoCAD 2007 platform delivers a powerful and intuitive interface for quick and easy shape creation and modification, as well as new features that enable customers across multiple industries to fully explore their design during early project phases, providing faster feedback and more opportunities for design exploration. More than 1,000 beta customers around the world have tested and helped shape this latest version.

"It is amazing how Autodesk continues to add more features and greater ease of use into AutoCAD. Having focused on greater 3D design productivity with AutoCAD 2007 they have fulfilled my needs as a CAD Manager by extending and enhancing the existing features," said Doug Barese, CAD discipline leader and senior job captain at Progressive AE. "With AutoCAD 2007, we can create the designs our clients expect without additional software, saving time and money."

Autodesk's vertical products will also take advantage of AutoCAD platform improvements and deliver marked improvements to their already robust 3D modeling environments. For customers who use multiple Autodesk design tools, such as AutoCAD and Autodesk Revit or Autodesk Inventor software products, data exchange and interoperability have been significantly improved. By standardizing technologies across the product lines, clients can take advantage of these vertical-specific applications and take the 3D environment to the next level by adding intelligence to the data, as well as interconnectivity of the design elements.

"For more than two decades, we have evolved AutoCAD software to meet the demands of our customers and take them one step further. Our customers have told us they want sophisticated yet easy-to-use tools integrated into their familiar AutoCAD environment. With AutoCAD 2007, we now have a comprehensive tool that addresses the entire design process, from conceptualization all the way through documentation," said John Sanders, vice president of Autodesk's Platform Technology Division.

AutoCAD LT 2007

Autodesk also launched AutoCAD LT 2007 software, the world's No. 1 selling 2D drafting application. This release features productivity improvements related to everyday drafting tasks and features Dynamic Block authoring and integrated Layer Management tools. The product includes DWF underlay for enhanced secure access to data and continues to support native DWG file format compatibility. See link for a full list of features and benefits, www.autodesk.com/autocadlt.

Availability

AutoCAD 2007 and AutoCAD LT 2007 will be available in English, German and Japanese on March 23, 2006. Additional languages are planned to be released in the future.

Partners Ready to Support New Product Portfolio

Hundreds of Autodesk's Developer Network (ADN) members are already shipping products and add-on applications compatible with Autodesk's 2007 product line. ADN was created by Autodesk to supply commercial and individual software developers with the resources needed to build specialized software applications that meet the needs of a wide variety of customers, in a broad range of industries.

Autodesk Offers Options

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Founded in 1982, Autodesk is headquartered in San Rafael, California. For additional information about Autodesk, please visit www.autodesk.com.

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