



Autodesk Enhances Industry-Leading AutoCAD Software

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Latest Core Design Solutions Address Evolving Customer Needs

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12 /PRNewswire/ -- At its World Press Day event today, Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) introduced AutoCAD 2008 software -- the latest version of the world's most widely used computer-aided design (CAD) software. The application's innovations continue to respond to customer needs and requests, driving Autodesk product development and alignment of the company's core applications to help customers redefine the design process, save costs and support continuous quality improvement.

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"The market success of AutoCAD is a direct result of our effort to respond to customer needs and raise the standard for innovation to take our customers one step further," said Amar Hanspal, vice president, Autodesk Platform and Geospatial Solutions. "Since creating the design software market with the debut of AutoCAD software, Autodesk has remained focused on making the design process smoother and smarter. That's why we continue to integrate our core drafting, visualization and collaboration technologies in order to accelerate the evolution of design -- and ultimately, help our customers become more innovative, productive and competitive."

Updates, Introductions Reflect Evolving Design Landscape

Together, improvements in AutoCAD and Autodesk Design Review software and the debut of the Autodesk Impression application deliver new tools for customers to solve the increasing complexities of the design process. Autodesk today also announced updates to its industry-specific portfolio of AutoCAD-based solutions for architecture, engineering and construction (see "Autodesk Releases Updated AutoCAD-based Architecture and Engineering Solutions," Feb. 13, 2007).

AutoCAD 2008

The latest update to AutoCAD software focuses on improving designers' ability to quickly and easily document their designs, with a level of control that helps ensure that their drawings look as professional as they require. AutoCAD 2008 focuses on solving common customer problems in a way that respects current workflows, so that little or no retraining is required to obtain significant time savings.

Key enhancements include:

- Simple, intuitive creation, editing and management of annotation scale, tables, text and leaders, to virtually eliminate duplication of work, minimize errors and time spent on workarounds, and support corporate standards for design.
- Customer-driven improvements in functions ranging from drafting to presentation, including more than 35 enhancements in response to customer visits, Autodesk User Group International (AUGI) top-10 feature wish lists, and feedback forms.

"One of the most powerful aspects of AutoCAD software has been its support for designing and documentation in real-world scale," said Lucio A. Da Silva, CAD manager, Architectural Land Design, Inc. "But combining those elements with associated annotation has been difficult. AutoCAD 2008 makes it transparent for the designer -- we think it's a must-have update that builds on the modeling and visualization enhancements we got in AutoCAD 2007."

AutoCAD LT 2008

Autodesk also launched AutoCAD LT 2008 software, the latest version of the world's number-one-selling 2D drafting application. While AutoCAD software offers 3D conceptual design tools, advanced rendering, network licensing and deployments and more, AutoCAD LT is wholly focused on 2D drafting productivity for individual users. AutoCAD LT 2008 features the improvements to drafting tasks that are found in AutoCAD 2008.

Autodesk Design Review 2008

Supporting the design process by enabling even more extensive collaboration on both 2D and model-based information, Autodesk Design Review software is now available free of charge as a download from the Autodesk website. The software speeds the design review process with viewing, measuring and markup tools that are intuitive and that do not require CAD software or expertise. Design Review enables all-digital collaboration and communication of design changes between designers and their team members, tracking changes to 2D and 3D designs and allowing easy integration of feedback into Autodesk manufacturing, AEC and geospatial applications, as well as word processing documents and spreadsheets.

New capabilities in Autodesk Design Review 2008 include:

- New and enhanced design review capabilities for non-CAD users, including improved 3D measure and markup, drawing version comparison and better 3D model navigation.
- Better automation of design information with field data, using geo-referenced maps and connection to GPS devices.
- Increased productivity for viewing, printing, and searching designs, including native viewing and printing support for DWF files within Microsoft Vista XPS viewer; HP Instant Printing support for batch printing on HP Designjet printers; and support for on-demand access to ThomasNet's in depth product and service information from within the design.

Autodesk Impression 2008

Autodesk Impression software is Autodesk's response to thousands of customers who asked for a tool that would let them produce illustrations.

Incorporating feedback from more than 30,000 Autodesk Labs beta testers, Impression is now available for purchase. The application enables users to create presentation-ready graphics directly from DWG and DWF files, boosting teams' productivity and allowing clients to experience ideas and explore design alternatives while a project is in development. With Impression, users can quickly produce high-quality illustrations and renderings that have a hand-drawn look, while leveraging the value of their CAD data.

Highlights of Impression 2008 features include:

- Easy-to-use tools for applying pre-built and custom styles. Styles are comprised of everything from strokes that look like pencil work, to fills representing markers and watercolors. Custom styles can be developed to create a "signature style" for a specific project or for use by everyone in a firm.
- Time-saving features such as Style Mapping. These features let users create multiple images that all have the same look and feel.
- Rapid updating tools such as CAD Geometry Update. These tools allow users to update and change illustrations as a design develops.

Autodesk Comprehensive Services

Autodesk offers services designed to help customers maximize the cost-effectiveness and productivity benefits of AutoCAD software.

- Autodesk Consulting, including integrated consulting and training, helps customers worldwide maximize the value of their investment in Autodesk technology. For more information about Autodesk Consulting, see <http://www.autodesk.com/consulting>.
- Autodesk Subscription is the easiest way to keep design tools and learning up-to-date. For an annual fee, customers benefit from the latest versions of their licensed Autodesk software, web support direct from Autodesk, self-paced training options and a broad range of other technology and business benefits. For more information, contact your Autodesk Authorized Reseller or visit <http://www.autodesk.com/subscription>.
- Autodesk Developer Network (ADN) provides 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. For more information, visit: <http://www.autodesk.com/partnerproducts>.

Availability

AutoCAD 2008 and AutoCAD LT 2008 will be available in English, German and Japanese. Details on purchasing options will be available in the spring at: <http://www.autodesk.com/purchaseoptions>.

About Autodesk

Autodesk, Inc. is the world leader in 2D and 3D design software for the manufacturing, building and construction, and media and entertainment markets. Since its introduction of AutoCAD in 1982, Autodesk has developed the broadest portfolio of state-of-the-art digital prototyping solutions to help customers experience their ideas before they are real. Fortune 1000 companies rely on Autodesk for the tools to visualize, simulate and analyze real-world performance early in the design process to save time and money, enhance quality and foster innovation. For additional information about Autodesk, visit <http://www.autodesk.com>.

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