



## Autodesk Education Community Hits Major Milestone With One Million Members

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Autodesk's Commitment to Education Continues as More Students and Educators Gain Access to Industry-Leading Design Software and Programs

SAN FRANCISCO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 1, 2009-- [Autodesk, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ:ADSK), a world leader in 2D and [3D design](#), engineering and entertainment software, has announced that its online [Education Community](#) has grown to one million student and educator members representing over 28,000 educational institutions in 147 countries since its launch in 2006.

As one of Autodesk's many education offerings, the [Autodesk Education Community](#) represents an ongoing commitment to helping students and educators get access to Autodesk technology and resources. On the Community, students and educators can download -- for free\* -- the 2010 releases of 25 full-feature Autodesk titles; access high-quality training resources, including instructor guides, student workbooks, data sets and videos that reinforce key concepts; search for internships and jobs; and share designs among peers with 13-month licenses. Free\*, six-month trials of [Autodesk 3ds Max](#), [Autodesk 3ds Max Design](#) and [Autodesk Maya](#) software are also now available for download from the [Autodesk Education Community](#), where students can explore both design ideas and careers in architecture, engineering and the digital arts.

"We're happy to announce that the Education Community has crossed this significant threshold. Its rapid and continued growth has affirmed Autodesk's efforts and investments in the education arena," said Joe Astroth, Ph.D., vice president of Learning and Education. "The community allows educators and students opportunities to learn how to use the same technology used by professionals worldwide, as well as interact with and learn from their peers from around the world, enabling a more global, collaborative and relevant education experience."

### Autodesk Education Initiatives

Autodesk supports students and educators by providing design software, innovative programs and other resources designed to inspire the next generation of professionals. By supporting educators to advance design education and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills, Autodesk is helping prepare students for future academic and career success. Autodesk supports schools and institutions of higher learning worldwide through substantial discounts, subscriptions, grant programs, training, curriculum development and community resources. For more information about Autodesk education programs and solutions, visit [autodesk.com/education](http://autodesk.com/education).

### About Autodesk

Autodesk, Inc., is a world leader in 2D and [3D design](#), engineering and entertainment software for the manufacturing, building and construction, and media and entertainment markets. Since its introduction of AutoCAD software in 1982, Autodesk continues to develop the broadest portfolio of state-of-the-art software to help customers experience their ideas digitally before they are built. Fortune 100 companies -- as well as the last 14 Academy Award winners for Best Visual Effects -- use [Autodesk software](#) tools to design, visualize and simulate their ideas to save time and money, enhance quality and foster innovation for competitive advantage. For additional information about Autodesk, visit [www.autodesk.com](http://www.autodesk.com).

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