

Autodesk Fluid FX App Now Available on App Store

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New App Based on Autodesk Maya Software Brings Hollywood Blockbuster Effects to iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad

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Autodesk, Inc. (NASDAQ:ADSK) today announced its Autodesk Fluid FX App is now available on the App Store. The app brings the fun and excitement of Hollywood visual effects to the iPad, iPod touch and iPhone by letting users play with a wide variety of digital effects such as smoke, fire and image warping.

"Autodesk Fluid FX empowers a wide audience to enjoy a beautiful and immersive visual experience based on sophisticated visual effects technology and complex physics," said two-time Academy Award winner Jos Stam, Autodesk senior research scientist and creator of the app.

The app is based on the Academy Award-winning <u>Autodesk Maya</u> fluid effects technology. Users can now interact with and manipulate fire and billowing smoke clouds for their own amusement and entertainment. The new app enables users to interact in real time with up to 10 multitouch points to manipulate ultrarealistic smoke and fire or create dry ice effects that fall and flow along the ground. Tilting or changing the orientation of the device influences the imagery which behaves realistically as if affected by gravity.

The app includes a wide variety of preset effects, but users also have the freedom to adjust, save and load their own custom presets, including personal photographs and images from the Photo Library. When the simulation is applied, the app allows the images to warp and swirl like fluid. What once took days, expertise and expensive computers to develop can now be enjoyed by novices with Fluid FX on iOS.

Autodesk Fluid FX becomes kinetic art when in "party mode." The app automatically displays stunning visuals, through fluid dynamic simulations, randomizing colors, settings and fading across presets. Fluid FX also supports video out, so users can create ambience by displaying their visuals on a big screen television. On iPhone 4, Fluid FX takes advantage of the stunning Retina Display by running at full 960 x 640 resolution (for both the simulation and the user interface). The iPad version also takes full advantage of the larger screen real estate.

The Autodesk Fluid FX App is now available for US \$1.99 from the App Store on iPhone, iPod touch and iPad or at at www.itunes.com/appstore/. View the Fluid FX demo video on You Tube.

Autodesk Apps for iPad, iPod touch and iPhone

The Autodesk Fluid FX App joins the top-selling Autodesk professional-grade paint and drawing apps, Autodesk SketchBook Pro for iPad, Autodesk SketchBook Mobile and Autodesk SketchBook Mobile Express for iPhone and iPod touch, which have been downloaded more than 1.85 million times. To learn more about the SketchBook products, visit www.autodesk.com/sketchbookpro.

Autodesk Maya

Autodesk Fluid FX uses the same underlying technology as the Maya Fluid Effects system, first introduced in 2002, which enables digital artists to create near realistic animation of liquids and gases, using novel simulation techniques for accuracy and speed, as well as a unique scripting language for working with volumetric data. In 2008, Autodesk developers Duncan Brinsmead, Jos Stam, Julia Pakalns and Martin Werner were recognized with Technical Achievement Awards for the design and implementation of the Maya Fluid Effects system. Maya is a leading tool for 3D animation, modeling, visual effects, rendering and compositing which provides artists with an end-to-end creative workflow. Some recent entertainment projects from film, games, television shows and commercial advertising created with Maya are "Avatar," "Iron Man 2," "Uncharted 2: Among Thieves," "Ratchet and Clank Future: A Crack in Time," "Mad Men," "True Blood," as well as the popular Super Bowl spots for E*Trade and the Betty White commercial for Snickers. To download a free* 30-day trial of Maya for Mac or PC right from your desktop computer, visit Maya Trial.

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