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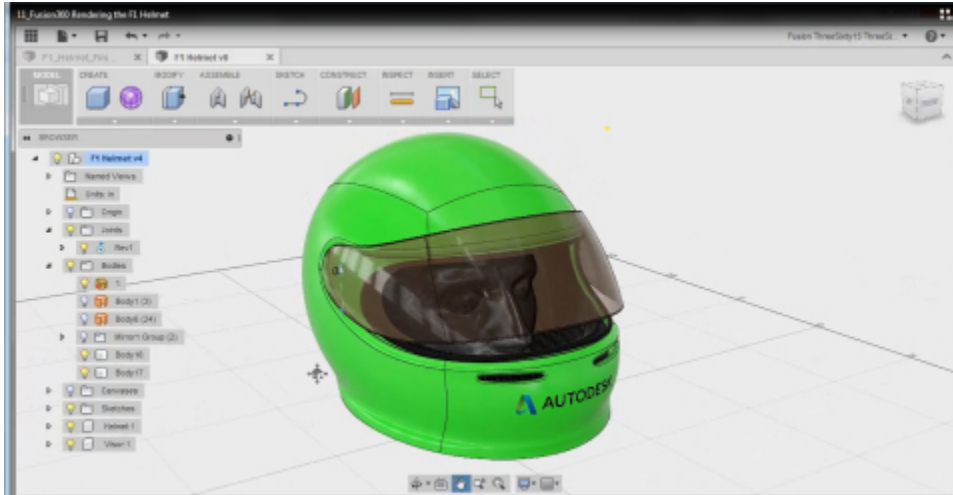
Autodesk Expands Free Access to Autodesk Design Academy Curricula for Education

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3D Design Software Leader Helps Educators Access Curricula Resources with New iTunes U Course

SAN FRANCISCO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 29, 2015-- Autodesk, Inc. (NASDAQ:ADSK) announced the availability of the new Autodesk Design Academy iTunes U course, marking the first time the company has shared its portfolio of curricula resources through iTunes U. Developed by educators and subject matter experts across the globe, the Autodesk Design Academy provides hundreds of standards-aligned class projects to support design-based disciplines in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) while using Autodesk's professional-grade 3D design, engineering and entertainment software used in industry, helping students develop 21st century skills and prepare for future careers.

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The Autodesk Design Academy provides hundreds of standards-aligned class projects, including lessons in Autodesk Fusion 360, which brings CAD, CAM and CAE together in the cloud. (Photo: Business Wire)

iTunes U is the best way to bring a classroom together on iPad, helping educators build lessons with amazing content, collect and grade student work and stay connected with their class.

A key component of the Autodesk Design Academy iTunes U course is learning materials about the use of Autodesk Fusion 360, which brings CAD, CAM and CAE together in the cloud. It's an integrated, connected, and accessible platform built for the new ways products are being designed and made.

Autodesk also launches the Autodesk Design Academy Multi-Touch book, which includes learning materials about Autodesk SketchBook Express, software that brings digital art and concept sketching to life. Both the iTunes U course and Multi-Touch book will be available for free on iPad this fall.

"Getting our curricula and learning resources to millions of educators for free through iTunes U and Multi-Touch books is a fantastic opportunity to empower students with the tools that will help them to imagine, design and create a better world," said Randy Swearer, vice president, Education, Autodesk. "The new Autodesk Design Academy iTunes U course helps us to bring best-in-class resources to more schools, establishing a future pipeline of designers, architects and engineers."

In December 2014, Autodesk announced a multi-million dollar commitment to make available free access to its 3D design software and creativity applications to schools, educators and students around the globe to support future global economies and drive innovation.

"Autodesk software is used heavily in the engineering industry, and I want my students to know it well so they can jump right into a job without the employer needing to train them," said Jennifer Hohne, educator, Heritage Hills High School, Lincoln City, Indiana.

The Autodesk Design Academy complements Autodesk's 3D design software and creativity applications across the education continuum to advance learning outcomes, including:

- Building proficiency with learners to support STEAM education both in and outside of the classroom
- Imparting industry-relevant knowledge and 3D design skills to give students a competitive edge to achieve their personal goals today, and career success in the future
- Helping educators inspire creativity and innovation through a project-based curriculum and a multidisciplinary approach to education; facilitating collaboration and hands-on problem-solving skills that reflect today's business realities

To request free access to Autodesk software for educational institutions, visit www.autodesk.com/academic.

To gain access to the Autodesk Design Academy, Autodesk Design Academy iTunes U course for Fusion 360 and Autodesk Design Academy Multi-Touch books for SketchBook Express, visit academy.autodesk.com.

For information regarding training, support and software implementation, please locate your local Autodesk Academic Partner: http://www.autodesk.com/education/learn-and-teach/authorized-academic-partner.

About Autodesk

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