



Autodesk Launches AutoCAD Revit Series to Facilitate Adoption of Building Information Modeling

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Software Bundle Provides Firms with Competitive Business Advantage While

Protecting AutoCAD Investment and Maximizing Flexibility to Deploy Resources

Autodesk University, LAS VEGAS, Dec. 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK), the world's leading design software and digital content company, announced today the availability of the Autodesk(R) AutoCAD(R) Revit(R) Series, a single product that offers state-of-the-art building information modeling and best-of-breed CAD by combining Autodesk(R) Revit(R) 5.1 and AutoCAD(R) 2004 software. For firms looking for a competitive advantage, the AutoCAD Revit Series helps customers achieve a new level of efficiency while continuing to benefit from industry-leading AutoCAD drafting automation and graphics-based design tools. The AutoCAD Revit Series provides architects and interior designers with an easier transition to the productivity benefits of building information modeling while maximizing the value of their investment in AutoCAD. Building industry professionals using the AutoCAD Revit Series also benefit from the increased flexibility to utilize whichever personnel and resources are required to meet their design and construction documentation needs.

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"The AutoCAD Revit Series offers our firm a smooth way to transition to building information modeling," said Anthony Hauck, corporate IT principal, Einhorn Yaffee Prescott. "We have traditionally used AutoCAD on our large projects, and now we're increasing our utilization of building information modeling and gradually shifting appropriate project phases and workflow to Revit with an increase in productivity during the design phases of a project."

AutoCAD Revit Series Increases Flexibility, Protects AutoCAD Investment

According to a recent study by Greenway Group's Counsel House Research "Building information modeling is perceived as an important tool of change and competitive advantage for organizations transforming the A/E/C industry." The AutoCAD Revit Series is a logical solution for innovative firms who want to transition to building information modeling by implementing Revit as their primary design tool while continuing to maintain their current AutoCAD-based work processes during the transition.

There are a number of scenarios where Autodesk Revit and AutoCAD might be used to complement one another.

-- Use Revit and AutoCAD on separate projects: Autodesk Revit may be the only product used to complete the project, from schematic design through construction documentation and into bidding and construction. In parallel, the same user may work on a completely separate project in AutoCAD.

-- Transfer legacy AutoCAD data to a new Revit model: A customer may have a large amount of legacy data that needs to be included along with the Autodesk Revit model that is being created. Those with specific skills who are already trained in the use of AutoCAD software may continue to work in AutoCAD, with their work being integrated into the Revit model as DWG files.

-- Start a project in Revit and complete it with AutoCAD: Autodesk Revit may be used for schematic design and design development, but then the work can continue in AutoCAD through construction documentation, permitting the greatest number of trained personnel to be applied to the most labor-intensive part of the process.

In each of these real-world cases, Autodesk Revit and AutoCAD provide a solution that offers a competitive advantage with Autodesk Revit, protects the investment that has already been made in the AutoCAD platform, and supports multiple workflows.

"Increasingly, design and construction organizations worldwide are turning to building information modeling for process innovation," said Phillip G. Bernstein, FAIA, vice president of Autodesk's Building Solutions Division. "The AutoCAD Revit Series provides a pathway to building information modeling for firms currently invested in traditional CAD workflow and demonstrates Autodesk's commitment to helping customers move to this new design paradigm."

Product Availability

The AutoCAD Revit Series, which consists of one seat of Autodesk Revit 5.1 and one seat of AutoCAD 2004, is available beginning in December 2003 in the Americas and Asia Pacific. When combined with Autodesk Subscription, the AutoCAD Revit Series delivers the latest releases and enhancements of Autodesk software, personalized web support direct from Autodesk technical experts, and self-paced training developed by Autodesk to help extend product skills. Migrations and transfers from other products will also be available. For more information on purchasing AutoCAD Revit Series, contact an Autodesk Authorized Reseller, call Autodesk at 800-964-6432, or visit www.autodesk.com.

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