



Autodesk Customers Use New Releases of Mapping Software to Create, Integrate, Maintain, Analyze, and Present Information Faster, Easier, and More Accurately

April 30, 2003

SAN RAFAEL, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 30, 2003--

New, Easier-to-Use Products Help GIS, Mapping & Land Use
Professionals Save Time and Money

Many companies are using Autodesk mapping software to efficiently create, manage, and share digital design information and to eliminate time-consuming data conversion. Expanding the capabilities of earlier versions, Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq:ADSK), the world's leading design software and digital content company, announced today the availability of new releases of Autodesk Map(TM) 2004, Autodesk(R) Raster Design 2004, and Autodesk Map(TM) Series 2004. The Series is composed of Autodesk Map(TM) 2004, Autodesk(R) Raster Design 2004, and Autodesk Envision(TM) 8 software, which is the newest version of the former Autodesk(R) Onsite Desktop product. All of these applications are completely integrated to allow users to create, maintain, analyze, and present precise GIS and mapping data in a more intuitive way.

Autodesk Map Series gives customers the creation, integration, and maintenance tools of Autodesk Map 2004 plus the raster integration features in Autodesk Raster Design 2004 software, providing the complete toolset that customers can use and share throughout the project workflow. In addition, the Series gives users the complete AutoCAD 2004 functionality. Autodesk Map Series also combines these tools with the new, easy-to-use Autodesk Envision 8 software for display, query, and presentation of mapping and design data.

"Now mapping and infrastructure management professionals can use and share this toolset throughout all phases of workflow -- creation, integration, maintenance, analysis, and presentation," said Chris Bradshaw, vice president of the Autodesk Infrastructure Solutions Division. "By purchasing Autodesk Map Series, GIS and mapping professionals not only receive great value but all the full-featured tools for parcel mapping, land use planning, outside plant/infrastructure design and management, and field service and maintenance."

Features & Benefits of Mapping Tools

Autodesk's new versions of its mapping software are part of an entire Autodesk workflow solution. Some of the latest enhancements are featured below.

Autodesk Map 2004 (For more Features and Benefits, go to www.autodesk.com/map)

- Specify color settings using true color and color books such as PANTONE(R), and apply gradient fills to polygon objects.
- Identify, define, and manipulate data in a more intuitive way using classification.
- Move beyond file-based systems with improved Autodesk Map and Oracle(R) Spatial integration.

Autodesk Raster Design 2004 (For more Features & Benefits, go to www.autodesk.com/rasterdesign)

- Select text or tables from scanned drawings or maps and convert them to AutoCAD text and multiline text (mtext) using Optical Character Recognition.
- Adjust contrast and brightness using the Tonal Adjustment feature to enhance existing photos.
- Manipulate individual colors and entire palettes for 8-bit images using Palette Manager.

Autodesk Envision 8 (For more Features & Benefits, go to www.autodesk.com/envision)

- Extend the functionality of Autodesk Envision 8 software with new features in the Application Programming Interface (API) based on Microsoft .NET.
- Take applications and data into the field with special tools and interface options to support Microsoft Tablet PC applications.
- Direct support for AutoCAD 2004 DWG data, so you can capitalize on the world's leading CAD software data format.

Autodesk Map Series 2004 (For more Features & Benefits, go to www.autodesk.com/mapseries)

- Save money and get three applications - Autodesk Map 2004, Autodesk Raster Design 2004 and Autodesk Envision 8 -- in one powerful package.

- Create highly precise maps and spatial databases, and benefit from a completely integrated solution that allows data to move cleanly from one function to the next while maintaining the precision required.
- Access every tool needed for every stage in a mapping project. Create and edit map data; import and export other map files; perform analysis of spatial data; integrate raster information such as satellite imagery; author interactive maps for distribution using Autodesk's companion web and mobile technologies; take data into the field on Tablet PC devices.

Availability and Purchasing Options

Autodesk Map Series 2004, Autodesk Map 2004, Autodesk Raster Design 2004 and Autodesk Envision 8 software products are currently available in English. They will be available soon in French, German, Italian, Spanish, Japanese, Korean, and Simplified and Traditional Chinese.

The most effective way to receive any new Autodesk release is through the Autodesk(R) Subscription Program. For the latest information on the Autodesk Subscription Program, including availability and purchase requirements, visit www.autodesk.com/subscription or contact your Authorized Autodesk Reseller.

For more information on pricing and availability, contact your Authorized Autodesk Reseller or Autodesk at 800-964-6432.

About Autodesk

Autodesk is the world's leading design software and digital content company, offering customers progressive business solutions through powerful technology products and services. Autodesk helps customers in the building, manufacturing, infrastructure, digital media, and wireless data services fields increase the value of their digital design data and improve efficiencies across their entire project lifecycle management processes. For more information about the company, see www.autodesk.com.

Autodesk, AutoCAD, Autodesk Map, and Autodesk Envision are registered trademarks or trademarks of Autodesk, Inc., in the USA and/or other countries. All other brand names, product names, or trademarks belong to their respective holders.(C) Copyright 2003 Autodesk, Inc. All rights reserved.

CONTACT: Autodesk, Inc. Elizabeth Aune, 415/507-8195
Elizabeth.aune@autodesk.com

SOURCE: Autodesk, Inc.