

Questions and Answers

Accelerate design reviews with Autodesk® Design Review, the all-digital way to review, mark up, and track changes to 2D and 3D designs without the original design creation software.

For more Questions and Answers or additional information about Design Review and DWF, refer to the DWF blog site, Beyond the Paper, at <http://dwf.blogs.com>.

1. What is Autodesk Design Review?

Today's competitive business environment requires project team members to efficiently coordinate design reviews within tight schedules and share complex project information across teams in different locations. Autodesk Design Review helps save time and money with easy-to-use tools for team members to review, mark up, and revise designs and 3D models.

Autodesk Design Review is the leading software used to streamline the review process. It is tightly integrated with all Autodesk® design software and enables project teams to move to a two-way design review process and gain timesaving functionality in their markup and approval processes. Specific timesaving functionality includes the following:

- Intuitive measure, markup, and annotation tools
- AutoCAD® DWG™ file viewing, plotting, and publishing
- Ability to combine project data such as images and specifications in a single file
- Powerful status tracking to manage engineering change orders
- Round-trip markup integration with Autodesk design software, so designers can overlay changes and comments on the original computer-aided design (CAD) file

2. What's new in Autodesk Design Review 2007?

Design Review 2007 includes many new and enhanced features, such as the following:

Specific Enhancements for Manufacturing Customers

- Round-trip with *all* Autodesk design software (including Autodesk Inventor® 11 DWF™ Extension)
- View assembly instructions, finite element analysis (FEA) results, and model representations
- View and mark up bills of materials (BOMs)

Markup and Review Enhancements

- DWG import and auto-convert to DWF
- Ability to rotate markup objects and symbols
- Turntable camera feature

Printing and Preferences Enhancements

- Batch printing
- Ability to set preferences (black and white, and grayscale)

Presentation Enhancements

- Combine 2D and 3D content
- Drag DWF files into Microsoft® Office applications

For more on Design Review features and benefits visit www.autodesk.com/designreview.

3. What happened to Autodesk DWF Composer?

With the newest release of the software came a new and more descriptive name, Autodesk Design Review. The new name does not affect the upgrade option: Autodesk® DWF™ Composer 1 and 2 can be upgraded to Autodesk Design Review 2007. If you are on subscription for DWF Composer, your next upgrade will be named Autodesk Design Review 2007.

4. How is Autodesk Design Review different from Autodesk DWF Viewer?

Autodesk® DWF™ Viewer supports viewing and printing digital design data published to the DWF format. Autodesk Design Review adds markup, measure, and annotation capabilities on top of Autodesk DWF Viewer functionality, plus it ships with Autodesk® DWG Viewer and Autodesk Inventor® View for those cases when you need to view and print native files. The free* Autodesk DWF Viewer is available to download or deploy across your company's network at www.autodesk.com/dwfviewer-download.

Can't seem to download the DWF Viewer?

If you experience technical problems when downloading the Autodesk DWF Viewer, you can install the application manually. Follow these steps:

1. Click the link
www.autodesk.com/global/dwfviewer/installer/DwfViewerSetup.exe.
2. Save the application to your computer.
3. Double-click the Autodesk DWF Viewer application icon and follow the installation instructions.

If you still have difficulty, visit the Autodesk DWF Viewer Support section at www.autodesk.com/dwfviewer-support or the DWF discussion group at www.autodesk.com/dwfviewer-discussion for direct help.

5. Does Autodesk Design Review support DWG or DXF files?

A stand-alone Autodesk DWG Viewer, DWG TrueView™, comes with Autodesk Design Review, enabling users to work with DWG and DXF™ files, just as they would in AutoCAD software. DWG TrueView is built on the same viewing engine as AutoCAD® 2007 software, so users can view the latest DWG or DXF files with full fidelity.

The Autodesk DWG Viewer enables users to view DWG files (the native AutoCAD file format) and DXF files. They can then plot DWG files and convert them to DWF format through the application's Publish command. Once the files have been converted to DWF format, users can take advantage of powerful measure and markup capabilities, sheet set organization, and status tracking in Autodesk Design Review.

Although other viewers may support viewing of DWG files, none are built on AutoCAD 2007 technology to protect the accuracy and fidelity of the drawing.

6. What is the Autodesk DWF Writer?

Free* Autodesk® DWF™ Writer software enables users to publish to DWF format from CAD applications that do not offer built-in DWF publishing, such as Bentley® MicroStation® or Dassault SolidWorks® software. Autodesk DWF Writer is a certified Microsoft® Windows® system printer driver that enables users to quickly and easily convert files to DWF format. Simply create a DWF file by selecting Autodesk DWF Writer from the printer drop-down menu in any Windows application. The result is that the entire project team can

standardize on a common file format to exchange and review designs and sheet sets, at no additional cost.

7. With which of the AutoCAD products does Autodesk Design Review integrate markups?

Autodesk Design Review integrates with all AutoCAD 2007 design applications: AutoCAD®, Autodesk® Architectural Desktop, Autodesk® AutoCAD® Revit® Series—Building, Autodesk® AutoCAD® Revit® Series—Structure, Autodesk® AutoCAD® Revit® Series—Systems Plus, Autodesk® VIZ, Autodesk® 3ds Max®, Autodesk Map® 3D, Autodesk® Civil 3D®, Autodesk® Raster Design, Autodesk® Land Desktop, Autodesk Inventor®, AutoCAD® Mechanical, and AutoCAD® Electrical.

8. Does Autodesk Design Review support integration of markups into older versions of AutoCAD software?

The integrated markup capabilities of Autodesk Design Review and AutoCAD software work with both the 2005 and 2006 versions of the AutoCAD family of products and are part of AutoCAD software's enhanced sharing capabilities. Regardless of CAD application, users can view markups in the free* Autodesk DWF Viewer, available at www.autodesk.com/dwfviewer.

9. Where can I find training resources for Autodesk Design Review?

Information on using the DWF format is part of the instructor-led training at Autodesk Authorized Training Center (ATC®) locations around the world. To learn more, visit www.autodesk.com/designreview-atc. For a complete list of training resources, visit www.autodesk.com/designreview-training.

10. How can I find technical support information for Autodesk Design Review?

Autodesk Design Review has a built-in help system that contains a wealth of information about using the software, including an in-product tutorial. To access this information, press F1, or choose Help from the main toolbar.

For online support, visit www.autodesk.com/designreview-support to find a knowledge base of common support questions. Also, you can ask questions and read information about Autodesk products in the peer-to-peer discussion groups on www.autodesk.com/discussiongroup-designreview. Autodesk hosts topical discussion groups about specific products, including Autodesk Design Review, and about general topics, such as drafting techniques. Autodesk software manuals and documentation are also a great source of answers to your support questions.

In some countries, installation and configuration support are included with product purchase:

North and South America (Including the Caribbean)

You are entitled to 60 days of telephone support from your date of purchase, in English, covering installation** and configuration*** of your new Autodesk software. Call +1-425-485-3757 Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific time, excluding U.S. holidays.

Europe, the Middle East, and Africa

You are entitled to 60 days of support from your date of purchase, in English, covering the installation** and configuration*** of your new Autodesk software. For information about how to obtain support, send an email with the subject line "Support Information" to

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supportinformation.en@autodesk.com. You will receive an automatic reply with details on available support options.

Asia Pacific

Contact your local reseller for support options.

11. Still have questions?

Refer to the full FAQ posted on the DWF blog site, Beyond the Paper, at <http://dwf.blogs.com>.

*This product is subject to the terms and conditions of the end-user license agreement that accompanies download of this software.

**Installation support: Installation support is support for installing software on your computer system using the installation process described in the product *Getting Started* manual. Troubleshooting of installation issues is also included.

***Configuration support: Configuration support is support for setting up peripheral devices to work with your Autodesk software. It includes support for setting product and system variables to make the best use of the product on your system.

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