

# Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. What is Autodesk® Design Review?

Autodesk® Design Review software helps save time and money with easy-to-use tools that enable team members to review, mark up, and revise designs and 3D models. This free\* software is tightly integrated with all Autodesk® design software products and enables project teams to move to a two-way design review process to help save time in their markup and approval processes. Specific timesaving functionality includes:

- Measure, markup, and annotation tools.
- DWF™ file viewing, plotting, and publishing.
- Ability to quickly find and locate design information within a DWF file.
- 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 products, so designers can overlay changes and comments on the original CAD file.

## 2. What's new in Autodesk® Design Review 2010?

- More intuitive, task-based look, consistent with other Autodesk products.
- Enhanced DWG viewing experience.
- Save a summary of all DWF file markup properties to a CSV file.
- Digitally sign DWFx files.
- Open PDF files.
- Markup tool enhancements:
  - Enhanced line formatting options.
  - Highlight desired information.
  - Choice of smaller font sizes.
  - Modify 2D callouts leaders.
  - Secure markups to prevent changes or accidental deletions.
- Printing enhancements:
  - Separate printing controls for sheets and markup colors.
  - Print selected sheets from the Thumbnails or List View palettes.
  - Send the open file directly to the printer using Quick Print.

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### 3. Why is Autodesk® Design Review free?

In the past, Autodesk delivered a free Autodesk® DWF™ Viewer product, which was a version of Autodesk® Design Review without measuring and markup capabilities, in addition to the “for-pay” Autodesk Design Review. With the 2007 release of Autodesk® Design Review, we dropped the DWF Viewer product and now deliver the full viewer and design review functionality in the free\* Autodesk® Design Review product.

This change was made at the request of our customers. Now, instead of requiring team members to purchase software in order to review and comment on designs, all stakeholders have access to fully functional, free software to view, measure, mark up, annotate, print, and round-trip designs.

### 4. Can I share Autodesk® Design Review with others or deploy it across a network?

Yes. Autodesk allows you to redistribute Autodesk® Design Review software, subject to the terms and conditions of the end-user license agreement that accompanies the download of the software. You can use this graphic



and link to <http://www.autodesk.com/designreview-download>.

Or deploy the software silently across a network using this script:

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msiexec /i SetupDesignReview.msi /qn
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### 5. Does Autodesk® Design Review support DWG or DXF files?

DWG TrueView™ software, a stand-alone Autodesk DWG viewing software, is available to [download](#) free\* and enables 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 software, so users can view the latest DWG or DXF files with full fidelity. After converting DWG files to DWF format through the application’s Publish command, 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 is built on AutoCAD technology. Note that on 64-bit operating systems, you must use DWG TrueView to view DWG files.

### 6. What is the Autodesk DWF Writer?

[Download](#) the free\* Autodesk® DWF™ Writer software to enable users to publish to DWF format from CAD applications that do not offer built-in DWF publishing, such as Bentley’s MicroStation®, or Dassault’s CATIA® or 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. Which AutoCAD products does Autodesk® Design Review integrate markups with?

Autodesk® Design Review integrates with most Autodesk 2010 design applications including AutoCAD, Revit®, Autodesk® Inventor™, and AutoCAD® Map 3D products. See a [complete listing](#) of Autodesk design applications.

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8. Does Autodesk® Design Review support integration of markups into older versions of AutoCAD, Revit, and Inventor software?

The integrated markup capabilities of Autodesk® Design Review and AutoCAD software work with the 2005 and more recent versions of the AutoCAD, Revit, and Inventor family of products and are part of the enhanced sharing capabilities of AutoCAD software.

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

The Autodesk® Design Review [product center](#) is a great source of answers to your support questions.

Autodesk® Design Review software has a built-in help system that contains a wealth of information about using the software. To access this information, choose Help from the Home tab in the ribbon.

Visit the online [knowledge base](#) to read common support questions. Also, you can ask questions and read about Autodesk products in the peer-to-peer discussion group. Autodesk hosts topical discussion groups about specific products, including [Autodesk® Design Review](#), and about general topics, such as drafting techniques. The [Beyond the Paper](#) blog also features the most current information about Autodesk® Design Review.

10. What language versions of Autodesk® Design Review 2010 are available? American English, French, Italian, German, Spanish, Japanese, Korean, and Simplified Chinese. Brazilian Portuguese and traditional Chinese versions are no longer available.

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