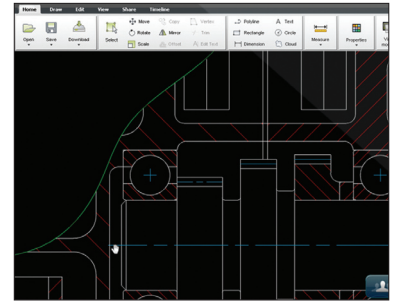# Top 10 Reasons to Use AutoCAD® WS

AutoCAD® WS web and mobile application allows you to work on your AutoCAD drawings from anywhere and with anyone. With AutoCAD WS you can view, edit, and share DWG™ files through any web browser. You can also view and modify your AutoCAD drawings on your Apple® iPad™, iPhone®, or iPod touch®.

Get started today at **www.autocadws.com**.

1 Access Your AutoCAD Drawings Anywhere

Simply upload your DWG files from your desktop to your AutoCAD WS online workspace. Your drawings will be available to you from anywhere, just by logging in to your AutoCAD WS account from any web browser. There is no need to download, install, or manage specialized software or viewers—and it's free.*

2 Edit Your Drawings Online

You can edit your drawings online in the built-in online DWG editor within AutoCAD WS. You'll find more than 100 familiar AutoCAD commands and keyboard shortcuts at your fingertips. You can select, move, rotate, and insert objects, and also annotate drawings with toolbar commands that can be used easily by AutoCAD and non–AutoCAD users alike. As a web application, AutoCAD WS is a cross-platform DWG editing solution that is suitable for design teams on multiple platforms, whether PC, Mac®, or Linux-based systems.

3 Go Mobile

AutoCAD WS includes a mobile application for iPad, iPhone, and iPod touch that lets you pan, zoom, edit, and annotate AutoCAD drawings directly on your device using an intuitive touch interface. Tap objects to select, then move, rotate, or scale. Add basic shapes or make text annotations—convenient for small touch-ups in the field or on the road. Share your modified drawings with others directly from the device. The AutoCAD WS **mobile app** is currently available on the iTunes® App Store℠.

4 Share Drawings with Anyone

To share a drawing in your AutoCAD WS online workspace, simply grant access to your drawing to a colleague or client. They will receive from you an email with a link to your online drawing—no need to email large file attachments. You set the permission controls that enable people to view, edit, or download drawings, and you can change these permissions at any time. No one can access your drawings and files unless you invite them to. AutoCAD WS also supports the fonts, external references, and plot styles that go with your drawings, so that your collaborators can see your drawing just as you intend, without the need to track down missing files.

5 Collaborate in Real Time

You can also invite design team members to meet online to review and edit drawings, simply by viewing a shared drawing simultaneously from respective web browsers or mobile devices. Each participant will be able to see changes made by others as they are made. A real-time collaboration session can include two to five users sharing the exact same view. This means that when one user pans the view to the left, the other participants will see that pan. The same is true for zoom, layers, layouts, plot styles, and more. You can also use the Chat feature to communicate with participants as you collaborate online.

6 Share More than Drawings

You can upload and share many other types of files in your AutoCAD WS online workspace, including documents, spreadsheets, PDF documents, and ZIP files. You can also upload BMP, GIF, JPG, PNG, and TIF image files. There is no limit on the number of drawings or files you can upload, access, and share on AutoCAD WS. Allowing team members to organize and access project drawings and documents from AutoCAD WS reduces your dependence on FTP servers or file hosting services.

7 Capture and Record Changes

AutoCAD WS captures and records changes made to designs to improve version control, as well as to facilitate appropriate tracking for auditing purposes. Because AutoCAD WS is a web application, all the different versions are automatically saved on the AutoCAD WS server, so you don't have to waste time by manually creating and storing backups and copies.

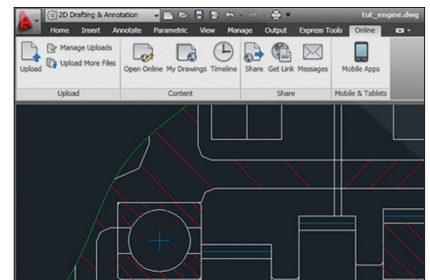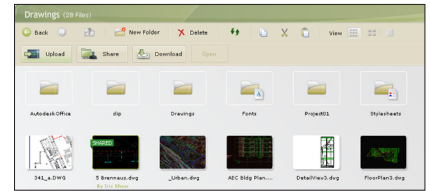## 8 Download Drawings Back to Your Desktop

Whenever you want to work on your drawing back in AutoCAD, you can download the drawing back to your computer in a wide range of formats, including AutoCAD DWG 2004, 2007, and 2010 and AutoCAD DXF™ 2004, 2007, and 2010. You can also download your drawings in JPEG and PNG file format, or download your drawings and associated references, fonts, and plot files in a ZIP file format.

9 Display Drawings in Their Natural Setting

With AutoCAD WS, you can display maps underneath a drawing through an integrated service from Google Maps™. Your collaborators will be able to see the map underlay when you share the drawing with them, and they will also be able to toggle the map underlay on and off according to preference. Combining drawings and image data in AutoCAD WS is a powerful tool for communicating and sharing designs in a real-world setting.

10 Connect Seamlessly from AutoCAD

AutoCAD WS is integrated with AutoCAD software, enabling you to upload and manage DWG files in your AutoCAD WS online workspace directly from within AutoCAD 2010 or AutoCAD 2011 software products. By downloading and installing the AutoCAD WS plug-in, you can easily synchronize changes to AutoCAD desktop files with those files stored on the AutoCAD WS server. This feature frees you from having to manually upload the file or its references after every change in AutoCAD, so that drawings accessed or shared online and on mobile devices are always up-to-date.

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