

Questions and Answers

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 2012?

The following features have been added or enhanced in this release.

- *Auto Recovery.* You can now recover your work if Design Review closes unexpectedly.
- *Enhanced custom workspace management.* Custom workspaces now retain more view settings, markup formatting settings, as well as changes made to the ribbon and Quick Access Toolbar. You can also share your custom workspaces with your team and clients.
- *Paste image onto a 2D sheet.* You can now copy an image to the Windows® clipboard and paste it directly onto a 2D sheet, making it easier to include images as markups and in symbol catalogs.
- *Create symbol catalogs from selected objects.* Select any objects on the canvas, including pasted images, and turn them into a new custom symbol catalog.
- *More custom symbol catalog management options.* Besides being able to delete catalogs, you can now rename, import, and export custom symbol catalogs so they can be shared with your team and clients.
- *Share your Design Review settings.* You have complete control over your Design Review options. You can now export and import Options and application button settings.
- *Additional scaling options when printing.* In previous versions of Design Review, when printing a sheet you could only scale it as a percentage relative to the published sheet size. New to this release, you can choose real-world scaling values or enter your own custom scale.
- *Set a custom scale for any DWF sheet.* You can now change the scale of a drawing, even if the scale was set by the authoring application.

- *One-click access to useful resources.* Use the Resources tab to view resources on the web related to Design Review, such as the discussion group, videos, and blog.

3. 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.exe /qn /i SetupDesignReview2012.msi
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4. 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.

5. 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 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.

6. Which AutoCAD products integrate with Autodesk Design Review?

Autodesk Design Review integrates with most Autodesk 2012 design applications, including AutoCAD, Revit®, Autodesk® Inventor®, and AutoCAD® Map 3D products. See a [complete listing](#) of Autodesk design applications.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. What language versions of Autodesk Design Review 2012 are available?

Autodesk Design Review 2012 is available in American English, French, Italian, German, Spanish, Japanese, Korean, and Simplified Chinese.

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