The Power of Autodesk 3ds Max

Buy Autodesk® 3ds Max® software today, and gain access to a comprehensive, integrated 3D modeling, animation, rendering, and compositing solution for game developers, visual effects artists, and motion graphics artists along with other creative professionals working in the media design industry.

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Out-of-the-Box Productivity
Autodesk® 3ds Max® 2013 software offers powerful, easy-to-use, out-of-the-box capabilities for creating professional quality 3D animation. With Graphite modeling, CAT advanced character rigging, and the powerful Particle Flow system, 3ds Max helps you focus on creativity. Meanwhile, customizable workspaces and tabbed layouts make it easy to configure and switch between interfaces that are optimized for the way you work. Moreover, the Nitrous accelerated graphics core offers dramatic improvements in performance and visual quality—so you can handle larger data sets, iterate faster, and make better creative decisions in context.

Robust Modeling/Texturing Tools
Well known for its extensive polygon modeling and texturing toolset, 3ds Max features Graphite, an extensive 3D modeling toolset. Graphite combines freeform sculpting, texture painting, and advanced polygonal modeling with a highly efficient user interface. Powerful tools provide parametric replication of objects in a scene while model optimization is made easy with ProOptimizer.

A Material Advantage
When every pixel matters, professionals turn to the powerful tools in 3ds Max for lighting, shading, and rendering. Achieving the look you need has never been easier with 1,200 real-world Autodesk Materials to select from, while 80 Substance procedural textures provide a vast range of look variations. What’s more, creating and editing complex materials is as simple as drag-and-drop with the intuitive Slate schematic material editor.

Compelling Dynamics and Effects
From the powerful, event-based Particle Flow system, to the integrated Hair, Fur, and Cloth systems, 3ds Max helps you bring more realistic dynamic motion to your scenes. And with the development of the MassFX unified system of simulation solvers, and its first two modules—mRigids and mCloth—you can take advantage of the multi-threaded NVIDIA® PhysX® engine to create compelling, dynamic rigid-body and cloth simulations directly in the 3ds Max viewport.

A Rendering Revolution
3ds Max continues to revolutionize the world of rendering, giving you a vast array of options that help you create stunning images faster than ever before. With the integrated mental ray® photorealistic raytracer and the iray® “point-and-shoot” rendering technology both from NVIDIA®; a traditional scan-line renderer; and the Quicksilver GPU renderer, you can choose the best-suited tool for the job at hand. Moreover, with new ActiveShade support for iray, you can iterate more effectively using an interactive rendering session that constantly updates as changes are made to cameras, lighting, materials, and geometry. For even more options, choose from an evolving list of third-party rendering plug-ins.
Animation Made Easy
Creating sophisticated, believable, character animation is easier with 3ds Max. You can rig characters more quickly with CAT and use CAT Muscle and the Skin modifier for more precise control of realistic body deformations. Animate CAT, Biped, and 3ds Max objects using layered motion capture data while preserving the underlying animation keyframes. And creatively sequence, blend, and mix animation clips using the intuitive NLA system, MotionMixer, with biped or other animated object types.

Flexible Pipelines with Smart Data
With the 3ds Max Smart Data initiative, you can adopt a flexible, efficient, nonlinear approach to working with both 2D and 3D assets. Whether you're refining rendered passes in Adobe® After Effects® or Adobe® Photoshop® software; working with linked files from AutoCAD® or Autodesk® Revit® Architecture software; or converting CAT bipedal characters into characters that are compatible with the Autodesk® HumanIK® solver used in Autodesk® Maya® 2013 software and Autodesk® MotionBuilder® 2013 software, Smart Data workflows help you iterate faster and reduce rework. With single-step 3D data exchange, and bidirectional 2D/3D workflows, working with your other creative tools has never been easier.

A Global Community
Available in six languages and used by hundreds of thousands of professionals around the world, 3ds Max enjoys a strong, vibrant community. So, whether you're a facility looking to hire or a student looking for your first job, your search is made easier with 3ds Max. And the extensive 3ds Max online community, including AREA, provides an invaluable resource for anyone looking for some expert advice for a challenging project. Visit AREA at area.autodesk.com.

Powerful Partners
Enjoy the ability to extend and tailor 3ds Max to meet your specific production needs through Autodesk’s extensive network of development partners. Autodesk collaborates with the best and brightest in the industry to spearhead continued technological innovation in 3D so that 3ds Max customers have access to a wide range of hardware and software tools.

Make it Your Own
With the MAXScript built-in scripting language, you can customize aspects of your 3ds Max toolset including modeling, animation, materials, and rendering with ease. Create custom import/export tools using the built-in file I/O and write procedural controllers that can access the entire state of the scene, or build batch-processing tools—the possibilities are endless. And for more low-level customization and extension of your pipeline, take advantage of the latest development tools, C# and .NET.

Learning Resources
From the first-class Autodesk training and documentation that comes with 3ds Max, to the breadth of partner and third-party books, DVDs, tutorials and training facilities, there are numerous resources to match anyone's learning style. Tap into one of the largest online communities of 3D professionals and enthusiasts to share information and knowledge. Learn more at autodesk.com/3dsmax-learningpath.