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- Use the three tabs in the upper-left to navigate through the Help system.
- Post questions on <u>Autodesk</u> <u>discussion groups</u>.
- Access <u>additional PDF documents</u> on your computer.
- Open the <u>Learning Resources</u> web page for additional help, including the support database, tips, and tutorials.

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#### **User's Guide**

The *User's Guide* explains AutoCAD concepts, provides step-by-step procedures and associated commands, and includes a glossary with definitions of AutoCAD terms. To browse the *User's Guide*, use the Contents tab on the left side of the Help window.

- Get Information
- The User Interface
- Start, Organize, and Save a Drawing
- Control the Drawing Views
- Choose a Work Process Before You Begin
- Create and Modify Objects
- Work with 3D Models
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#### **Command Reference**

The *Command Reference* provides a comprehensive reference to all AutoCAD commands and system variables. To browse the *Command Reference*, use the Contents tab on the left side of the Help window.

- Commands
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## **Driver and Peripheral Guide**

The *Driver and Peripheral Guide* provides information about plotters and plotter configuration, pointing devices, AutoSpool, and external database configuration. To browse the *Driver and Peripheral Guide*, use the Contents tab on the left side of the Help window.

- Pointing Devices
- Use Plotters and Printers
- Set Device-Specific Configurations
- Configure for File Output
- Configure External Databases
- <u>Driver Custom Properties Reference</u>

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## **Installation and Licensing Guides**

The installation and licensing guides provide information about installing and activating AutoCAD on a workstation, as well as licensing and deploying AutoCAD on a network. To browse the installation and licensing guides, use the Contents tab on the left side of the Help window.

#### Installation

- Stand-Alone Installation Guide
- Network Administrator's Guide

## Licensing

- Stand-Alone Licensing Guide
- Network Licensing Guide
- <u>License Borrowing Guide</u>

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#### Installation

The installation documentation provides information about installing and activating AutoCAD on a workstation, as well as deploying AutoCAD from a network location. To browse the stand-alone and network installation documentation, use the Contents tab on the left side of the Help window.

- Stand-Alone Installation Guide
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### **Stand-Alone Installation Guide**

The Stand-Alone Installation Guide provides instructions for installing and activating AutoCAD on an individual computer. To browse the stand-alone installation documentation, use the Contents tab on the left side of the Help window.

- Quick Start to Stand-Alone Installation
- Move to AutoCAD 2009 From a Previous Release
- Install AutoCAD for an Individual User
- Installation Troubleshooting

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#### **Network Administrator's Guide**

The Network Administrator's Guide provides instructions for deploying AutoCAD on a network. To browse the Network Administrator's Guide, use the Contents tab on the left side of the Help window.

- Quick Start to Network Administration
- System Requirements
- Deploy the Program
- Use Scripts to Deploy the Program
- <u>Use Group Policies to Install a</u>
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## Licensing

The licensing documentation provides information about licensing AutoCAD on a workstation or on a network. To browse the licensing documentation, use the Contents tab on the left side of the Help window.

- Stand-Alone Licensing Guide
- Network Licensing Guide
- License Borrowing Guide

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## **Stand-Alone Licensing Guide**

The Stand-Alone Licensing Guide provides information and instructions for managing an Autodesk stand-alone license on a workstation. To browse the Stand-Alone Licensing Guide, use the Contents tab on the left side of the Help window.

- Quick Start to Autodesk Stand-Alone
   Licensing
- Troubleshoot a License Error

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### **Network Licensing Guide**

The Network Licensing Guide provides information about installing the Network License Manager on a network. To browse the Network Licensing Guide, use the Contents tab on the left side of the Help window.

- Quick Start to Autodesk Network
   Licensing
- Introduction to Autodesk Network
   Licensing
- Plan Your Network Licensing
- Network Licensing Tools
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## **License Borrowing Guide**

The *License Borrowing Guide* provides instructions for borrowing an AutoCAD license from a network.

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#### **Customization Guide**

The *Customization Guide* tells experienced users how to customize AutoCAD. To browse the *Customization Guide*, use the Contents tab on the left side of the Help window.

- Basic Customization
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- Customize the User Interface
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- Introduction to Programming Interfaces
- Shapes and Shape Fonts

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## **AutoLISP, Visual LISP, and DXF**

You can access the AutoLISP, Visual LISP, and DXF documentation by choosing Developer Help from the AutoCAD Help menu.

- AutoLISP Reference. Provides a comprehensive reference for AutoLISP, a full-featured, interpretive programming language that you can use to call AutoCAD commands, system variables, and dialog boxes.
- AutoLISP Developer's Guide. Provides information for using the Visual LISP interactive development environment to develop and test AutoLISP programs. Also describes how to use the AutoLISP extensions provided with Visual LISP to create ActiveX automations.
- AutoLISP Tutorial. Provides step-bystep lessons that teach you how to use Visual LISP to develop an AutoLISP application.
- DXF Reference. Provides a comprehensive reference to the DXF file format.

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#### **ActiveX Automation and VBA**

You can access the ActiveX Automation and VBA documentation by choosing Developer Help from the AutoCAD Help menu.

- ActiveX and VBA Developer's Guide.
   Explains how to use ActiveX and VBA to develop an application to customize AutoCAD. Includes sample code and step-by-step procedures.
- ActiveX and VBA Reference. Provides a reference to the ActiveX object model and its associated interface components.
- Sheet Set Objects Reference.
   Provides a reference to the objects available for Sheet Set Manager.
- Connectivity Automation Reference.
   Provides a reference to the Connectivity Automation object model and its associated interface components.

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#### **Additional Documents available**

The files listed below can be accessed on your computer under the Help folder in your product.

## **Getting Started**

This guide provides an introduction to the most commonly used features in AutoCAD. It takes about four hours to complete the tutorials. Use it to learn the basic features so you can begin working quickly. (newfeatures\adsk\_gsg.pdf)

## **Building Your World**

This guide presents a foundation to the most important concepts and techniques in solid modeling. The tutorials in this guide are important for conceptual design and visualization in many disciplines such as architecture, mechanical design, and civil engineering. (buildyourworld\acad\_byw.pdf)

## **New Icon Quick Reference**

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This reference illustrates the new toolbar icons used in AutoCAD 2009.

(newfeatures\acad\_new\_icons.pdf)

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#### **Cue Cards**

The cards included in the product have also been made available in PDF format. Each card includes a handy summary of the essential functions of each new feature in AutoCAD 2009 along with resources for additional information.

(newfeatures\acad\_cue\_cards.pdf)