

CADventures

Information for users of AutoCAD

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News to KNOW

AutoCAD Release 14 to be TURNED OFF SOON!

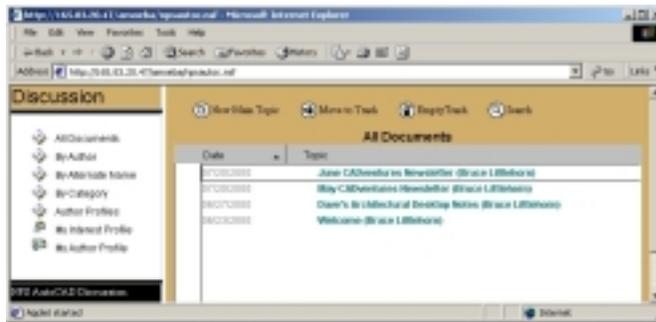
Before the Software Police raid the building, we will be turning off and uninstalling AutoCAD R14 on DSC user's workstations on or around August 15th. If you are experiencing problems with ANY drawings while using release 2000, please let me know. In most cases, we have been able to resolve these issues.

If you are exchanging drawings with A/E's or park offices that use R14, just use your R2000 Savesas command to save your drawing in R14 format. Of course, earlier release drawings will always open using R2000.

Places to GO

AutoCAD Discussion Database Available from the Internet

Last month I showed you how to access the AutoCAD Discussion Database using Lotus Notes. For those of you in BLM, or if you're outside of the building, you can access the AutoCAD Discussion Database using your Web browser (Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator).



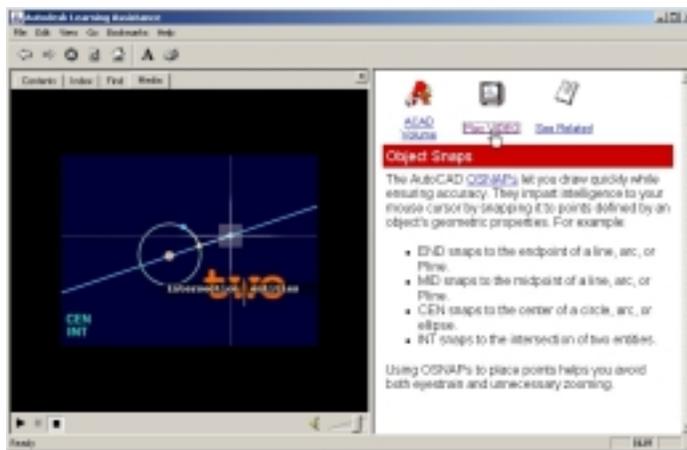
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<http://165.83.20.47/amoeba/npsautoc.nsf> - type it EXACTLY as shown. Have a good discussion!

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Things to TRY

Does AutoCAD Complain of a Missing Font?

If you open a drawing that uses a particular font that you do not have installed on your computer, use your Windows Explorer to browse

S:\Support\NonStandardFonts. If you find the font file, notice whether it's a .shx/.shp file or a .ttf file.

To Install Fonts to Your Computer

If it's a .shx/shp

Copy the .shx and/or .shp file to **<Your AutoCAD Folder>\fonts**.

<Your AutoCAD Folder> could be C:\Acad2000, C:\Acadltd2, C:\ArchDesktop2, or possibly one of the above folders on your D: drive. In any case, be sure to put the .shx/.shp file in the **FONT**s sub-folder.

If it's a .ttf

Copy the .ttf file to **C:\Winnt\Fonts**. If you do not have a Winnt folder, then substitute whatever folder Windows is installed to.

Where NOT to Put Fonts

Do not put fonts in the folder with your drawing! Install fonts as described above.

Do You Find Some New AutoCAD 2000 Dialogues Annoying?

Don't like the new Wblock dialog? Type **-W<enter>** to get the old command line version of Wblock. Same goes for the following commands, just don't forget the hyphen:

Alias	Command (No Dialog Box)
-b	Block
-g	Group
-h	Hatch
-i	Insert
-la	Layer
-p	Pan (Useful in Floating Model Sp.)
-lt	Linetype
-t	Mtext
-un	Units
-v	View
-xr	Xref (Great way to detach *)