



## Autodesk Announces Availability of New FDO Providers; Geospatial Open Source Community to Drive Faster Innovation

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New Autodesk Feature Data Object (FDO) Providers for GE Smallworld and Microsoft SQL Server 2008; Open Source Community Develops New FDO Providers for IBM Informix, KML and PostGIS

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Sep. 30 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Furthering its commitment to providing the geospatial open source community with faster innovation and support for standards worldwide, Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today announced the availability of new providers developed on Feature Data Object (FDO) open data access technology, FDO technology, originally created by Autodesk and now a fully endorsed project in the open source community through the Open Source Geospatial Foundation (OSGeo), allows users to store, retrieve, update, and analyze geospatial data.

The new providers include two new Autodesk FDO Providers: Autodesk FDO Provider for GE Smallworld and Autodesk FDO Provider for Microsoft SQL Server 2008, which are now available through the Autodesk subscription program for AutoCAD Map 3D and Autodesk MapGuide Enterprise. The FDO Provider for Microsoft SQL Server 2008 will also become available on OSGeo through the FDO open source project. In addition, new FDO Providers for IBM Informix, KML, and PostGIS have been developed by the open source community. The latest FDO Providers allow customers to take advantage of the native support for additional spatial data formats -- and let users more easily access, view, edit and analyze data -- within Autodesk geospatial software. The announcement was made today at the annual Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G) conference in Cape Town, South Africa, where geospatial open source developers and users join to learn, present and network.

"As a development partner, we appreciate the impact that open source technology has had for increased community collaboration and rapid innovation," said Hatis Kurlagic, CEO, SL-King. "By providing the open source community the ability to work seamlessly on a variety of spatial and non-spatial databases and file formats natively, without the need for translation or risk of data loss, we further the success of the geospatial community as a whole."

"Today's announcement underscores our commitment to our geospatial customers and the open source community," said Lisa Campbell, vice president, Autodesk Geospatial. "Autodesk continues to partner and work closely with the community to help these technologies gain adoption -- and evolve and improve over time. Ultimately, users benefit from faster innovation and support for standards allowing them to lower the cost of ownership by easily integrating multiple data types and database systems."

### Autodesk and Open Source

Autodesk is a sustaining sponsor of OSGeo. To date, Autodesk has provided source code for its CS-Map coordinate system technology, MapGuide Open Source and FDO. There have been over 74,000 downloads of MapGuide Open Source since it graduated from the OSGeo incubation period in 2007. Similarly, FDO has been downloaded over 44,000 times.

### Availability

For more information about the availability of the new FDO Providers, please visit:

-- For the Autodesk Providers for GE Smallworld and Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Providers, please visit <http://www.autodesk.com/hiddenlist>.  
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-- For the Open Source Providers for Microsoft SQL Server 2008 and PostGIS, please visit <http://www.osgeo.org/hiddenlist>.  
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-- For the IBM Informix and KML Providers, please visit: <http://www.slking.com/hiddenlist>.  
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