



## New Study Shows 44 Percent Productivity Improvement With AutoCAD LT 2011

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### Autodesk applies feedback from AutoCAD LT users to update the 2011 version with features that shave time off standard drafting tasks

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Demonstrating productivity gains ranging from 16 to 90 percent, [Autodesk, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ:ADSK) unveiled the results of a new study that documents the time-saving features of its [AutoCAD LT 2011](#) software. In the study, David S. Cohn, an independent consultant, compared AutoCAD LT 2011 to AutoCAD LT 2008 for creating standard drawings, revealing overall productivity gains of 44 percent for users moving from AutoCAD LT 2008 or earlier versions to AutoCAD LT 2011.

Based on user feedback, Autodesk updated the latest version of AutoCAD LT with key features designed to help save time and boost productivity. Object and layer transparency, external reference highlighting, enhanced hatch commands, and Microsoft Windows 7 support all contribute to making drafting with AutoCAD LT 2011 faster and easier. Cohn found that these time-saving enhancements can mean major cost savings.

"One could argue that by upgrading to the latest release, customers will actually save money because the features and functions of the new software would enable them to complete their work faster than would be possible had they used an earlier version of the software," said David Cohn. "Most users will be able to get more work done faster by upgrading to AutoCAD LT 2011."

Through communication in the field and via online channels like the AUGI (Autodesk User Group International) wish lists, Autodesk turned to its core user base to provide input for developing the latest version of AutoCAD LT with functions and features that help improve professional drafting productivity. Several of these performance-enhancing upgrades to AutoCAD LT 2011 were documented in the study, including:

- New block editor functions which synchronize how users add attributes and modify default values adds **66 percent productivity gain**.
- Improvements to the graphical user interface deliver a **43 percent productivity increase**.
- The ability to preview hatches and control transparency **boosts productivity by 36 percent**.
- **Productivity gains of 46 percent** through use of the grip editing tool to modify the angle and origin of hatch patterns.
- PDF underlay capabilities yield **productivity increases of 40 to 92 percent**.

In a real-world context where time is money, these dramatic productivity gains can translate into a positive return on investment for users upgrading to AutoCAD LT 2011, and free up time for increased innovation.

"With the 2011 release of AutoCAD LT we continue to invest in new tools that are quick to learn, but that have a big impact on everyday work," said Guri Stark, Autodesk vice president, AutoCAD and Platform Products. "As this study shows, AutoCAD LT 2011 builds on its reputation for productivity with new commands that help designers explore their ideas and maximize productivity."

The full study is available for download at: <http://autocad.autodesk.com>

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