



Autodesk Offers Students Free Three-Year Software Licenses

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Back to School Season Kicks-Off with Extended Student Software Licenses, Making Professional Design Software Even More Accessible and Helping Students Prepare for Careers

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In an effort to strengthen the design and engineering-related disciplines and better students' educational experiences, [Autodesk, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ:ADSK), a leader in [3D design](#), engineering, and entertainment software, is extending the license terms for all free versions of the student software related to its online Education Community from 13 to 36 months. This license term extension applies to over 25 products available for free* download on the [Autodesk Education Community](#).

The license term extension is part of Autodesk's continued effort to support students' pursuit of careers in [science, technology, engineering and math \(STEM\)](#) fields, including architecture and manufacturing. Today's students face a challenging job market, and Autodesk's goal is to ensure the next generation of designers, engineers and digital artists have access to the same software that professionals use every day.

"We are enthusiastic about the growth of the Autodesk Education Community over the past few years," said Joe Astroth, PhD, Autodesk chief education officer. "Autodesk provides students with the tools and practical knowledge their future employers will demand. By extending the student licenses an additional two years, we are promoting a passion for design and technology-related disciplines to help students succeed in their careers."

Since its launch in 2006, the Autodesk Education Community has grown to more than 1.3 million members in 145 countries. Autodesk continues to collaborate with faculty and education organizations to provide curricula, tools and resources to better prepare students for careers in architecture, engineering and digital arts. This unique perspective helps to drive change in the fields of design and engineering education, encouraging student engagement and creating a better learning experience in the classroom.

About Education Initiatives

Autodesk supports students and educators by providing design software, innovative programs and other resources designed to inspire the next generation of professionals. By supporting educators to advance design education and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills, Autodesk is helping prepare students for future academic and career success. Autodesk supports schools and institutions of higher learning worldwide through substantial discounts, subscriptions, grant programs, training, curriculum development and community resources. For more information about [Autodesk education](#) programs and solutions, visit <http://www.autodesk.com/education>.

About Autodesk

Autodesk, Inc. is a leader in [3D design](#), engineering and entertainment software. Customers across the manufacturing, architecture, building, construction, and media and entertainment industries -- including the last 15 Academy Award^(R) winners for Best Visual Effects -- use Autodesk software to design, visualize and simulate their ideas. Since its introduction of AutoCAD software in 1982, Autodesk continues to develop the broadest portfolio of state-of-the-art software for global markets. For additional information about Autodesk, visit <http://www.autodesk.com/autodesk>.

**Free products are subject to the terms and conditions of the end-user license agreement that accompanies download of the software. The software is for personal use for education purposes and is not intended for classroom or lab use.*

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