

Questions and Answers

AutoCAD® Revit® Architecture Suite 2009.1

AutoCAD® Revit® Architecture Suite turns maximum flexibility to competitive advantage. Combining AutoCAD® software, AutoCAD® Architecture software, and Revit® Architecture software into a single, comprehensive package allows you to transition to building information modeling (BIM) while protecting your software, training, and design data investments. Building information modeling using Revit Architecture helps to offers a powerful competitive advantage, while speeding creative design work and enhancing coordination of presentations and documentation. Support ongoing work in either AutoCAD or AutoCAD Architecture while you make the switch to BIM with Revit Architecture, all at your own pace.

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1. General Product Information

1.1 What changes are being made to the AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite?

The 2009.1 release of AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite expands the software applications that comprise the suite to include AutoCAD 2009, AutoCAD Architecture 2009, and Revit Architecture 2009.

1.2 Why is Autodesk including AutoCAD Architecture 2009 software in the AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite 2009.1?

Autodesk is including AutoCAD Architecture 2009 software in the AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite 2009.1 to make it easier and more cost effective for AutoCAD Architecture customers to transition to building information modeling (BIM) using Revit Architecture software. Now AutoCAD Architecture users can benefit from the flexibility of having a single license that provides AutoCAD 2009, AutoCAD Architecture 2009 and Revit Architecture 2009 software applications, eliminating the need to maintain separate licenses of AutoCAD Architecture and Revit Architecture.

1.3 Will AutoCAD Architecture software still be available as a stand-alone license?

Yes, AutoCAD Architecture software will still be available as a stand-alone license for AutoCAD Architecture users who are not yet ready to transition to building information modeling using Revit Architecture software.

1.4 Are there any feature enhancements to the products in AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite 2009.1?

No; there are no changes to the features and functionality in the products that comprise AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite 2009.1.

2. Availability

2.1 In which languages is AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite 2009.1 available?

At this time, the 2009.1 release of AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite is available in English only.

2.2 Where is AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite 2009.1 available?

This release of AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite is available worldwide, wherever the English version is sold. Check with your Autodesk Authorized Reseller for specific information on availability and purchasing.

2.3 What if I have already purchased AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite 2009?

As part of their subscription benefits, AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite 2009 subscription customers will automatically receive the 2009.1 release of AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite when it becomes available.

Customers who have purchased licenses of AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite 2009 who are not on subscription will not be entitled to this benefit and will need to purchase subscription to gain access to the new product offering.

2.4 I have licenses of AutoCAD Architecture software. What are my options for moving to AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite 2009.1?

AutoCAD Architecture software customers who want to enjoy the flexibility that AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite 2009.1 offers can purchase a cross-grade to AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite 2009.1. Your Autodesk Authorized Reseller can assist you with this and help you find the solution that best meets your needs.

2.5 I use AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite but not AutoCAD Architecture software. How does this change impact me?

AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite customers who are not currently using AutoCAD Architecture software will now have access to AutoCAD Architecture 2009, but will not be impacted by the changes unless they choose to implement AutoCAD Architecture 2009 software. Your Autodesk Authorized Reseller can provide guidance about which software applications are right for your firm to implement.

3. Installation and Licensing

3.1 What are the hardware and system requirements of the AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite 2009.1 software applications?

The recommended hardware and operating system requirements for running AutoCAD 2009, AutoCAD Architecture 2009, and Revit Architecture 2009 software applications can be found at www.autodesk.com/revitarchitecturesuite. Please ensure that you have read these requirements before making your purchasing decision or installing software.

3.2 I have a license of AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite 2009.1. Can I use AutoCAD 2009, AutoCAD Architecture 2009, and Revit Architecture 2009 software applications on different machines?

If you have purchased a stand-alone license of AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite 2009.1, you may only run one of the software applications in the suite at a time. However, if you have purchased a network license of AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite 2009.1, the software applications in the suite may be run concurrently.

4. Compatibility and Interoperability

4.1 What's the best way to ensure graphic fidelity as I open files made with AutoCAD Architecture in Revit Architecture?

Since AutoCAD Architecture and Revit Architecture both support DWG, the recommended method of file exchange is to use the Export to AutoCAD feature in AutoCAD Architecture. The resulting DWG will open as 2D linework in Revit Architecture that can be further leveraged for design iterations.

5. Training and Support

5.1 Where can I find technical support information?

You can learn about support options from your local Autodesk Authorized Reseller or distributor. Visit www.autodesk.com/support to find a knowledge base of commonly asked support questions. Also, Autodesk software manuals and documentation are a great source of answers to your support questions.

In addition, Autodesk Subscription customers can get access to direct web support. One-to-one online communication with Autodesk support technicians provides fast, complete answers to your installation, configuration, and troubleshooting questions. For more information about Autodesk Subscription, contact your Autodesk Authorized Reseller or visit www.autodesk.com/subscription.

5.2 What are my options for training?

Check with your local Autodesk Authorized Reseller for a schedule of software training classes. To locate a reseller, visit www.autodesk.com/reseller.

Training courses are also offered through Autodesk Consulting and include Autodesk Virtual Classroom Training (online, instructor-led), custom training to match your organization's specific needs, and Autodesk Classroom Training. To obtain more information about Autodesk's training services, visit www.autodesk.com/training.

You can also enroll in instructor-led training at Autodesk Authorized Training Center (ATC[®]) sites around the world. These training centers use Autodesk Official Training Courseware (AOTC) to deliver comprehensive courses for new and intermediate AutoCAD Architecture software users. To learn more, visit www.autodesk.com/atc.

6. Subscription

6.1 What benefits does an AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite subscription offer?

AutoCAD Revit Architecture Suite subscribers will gain access to all of the subscription benefits available with AutoCAD 2009, AutoCAD Architecture 2009, and Revit Architecture 2009 software applications.

Autodesk Subscription is the best way to keep your design tools and learning up to date. For an annual fee you get the latest versions of your licensed Autodesk software, self-paced training options, access to subscription-only modules, and a broad range of other technology and business benefits.

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