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Practice Revolution
The BIM Experience
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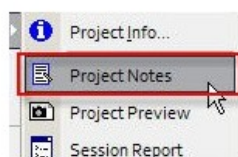raising the awareness of ArchiCAD

This month's Tech tips:

Embedded time stamped notes:

You can embed time-stamped notes in your ArchiCAD file using Project Notes. These can be accessed from the File menu> Info>Project Notes. They can be used to leave notes about the revisions you have made to the project, so that other users can see them, or as reminders for yourself.

- Project Info...
- **Project Notes**
- Project Preview
- Session Report

Line work consolidation

If you have been bringing in external data that contains lines, then you can run a line work consolidation operation, which will remove and/or merge lines to reduce your project size. To access this dialog box, you must first select at least two or more line elements. Use Edit > Reshape > Line work Consolidation. The first time you execute this command you will bring up the Line type Consolidation Wizard. The wizard takes you through the consolidation options one by one. Note that each line consolidation option builds on the previous one; the program will execute the consolidation in the order in which they appear in the Wizard. On the last screen of the Wizard, check "Display simple Line work Consolidation Settings next time". This way, the next time you use the Edit > Reshape > Line work Consolidation command you will access the simplified Settings dialog box. A similar consolidation is available for fills. Both of these consolidations are also useful if you are intending to send out DWG's of sections or elevations for consultants to work on. When ArchiCAD generates a section or elevation it will frequently create duplicate lines where one element stops and the next starts. In this case copy the section or elevation into a Worksheet using the Worksheet Geometry Method "No Boundary" (ie. the first icon in the worksheet tool info box) and then run a consolidation on this. You can then create a view, and publish it as a DWG with the appropriate translator.

Interior wizard

The Interior Wizard command enhances the modelling of 3D

ODBC Driver is Available for Download.

ArchiCAD 12 Project ODBC Driver (windows only) is available for download from the following page:

click here for driver download

click here for documentation download

Google Earth

The Google Earth Add-on for the ArchiCAD v12 International version, for windows only, is now available for download:
click here to download

SketchUp

The SketchUp Add-on for ArchiCAD v12 International version, for windows only, will be available for download at the end of Feb. The Mac version is coming soon.

Wall Framing for ArchiCAD 12 Released

Cadimage have re-released the Wall Framing tool for ArchiCAD 12. You can download it from the Cadimage web site>downloads page . There are also some tips on how it works and how to use it with a series of tutorial videos to get you started quickly.

Resetting Keyplugs with Cadimage tools.

As you will be aware the Cadimage Tools need to be registered to your ArchiCAD Keyplug in order to function. So what happens if a faulty keyplug is replaced? Simply email the Customer Care team at Cadimage, along with details regarding both the original and new keyplug numbers. They will then be able to do it for you. This enables you to Activate your Tools against your new keyplug and continue working.

Visit the Cadimage site

Sharing ArchiCAD Files

Artlantis

We are pleased to introduce you to our online video presentation of Artlantis. Click on the link below to watch the video:

Video Link

The video gives an excellent overview of the main features of Artlantis, Fantastic for anyone who is new to Artlantis or just interested in its capabilities.

Caruso St John

Caruso St John's Florian Zierer has been won over by the fine quality of the drawings produced by ArchiCad's BIM technology

"Paper and pencil have served us well — we want the same from our software"

Caruso St John are using ArchiCad 12 to design Strijp-S, Veemgebouw, a €30 million (£28 million) refurbishment of a warehouse in Eindhoven built during the second world war. It's a 42,000sq m site which will include food markets, furniture stores, a hotel and apartments. ArchiCad 12 produces very precise results at a high level of complexity.

For the full article please click here

ArchiCAD Training 2009

Last chance to book for any ArchiCAD course throughout February and receive a fantastic 25% off from the standard rates (Nottingham only)

Dates for the next Essential course are:
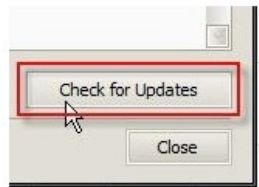**London** 10th - 11th Feb
Nottingham 10th - 11th March

Zones by applying Accessory Objects to selected walls, ceilings and floors and creating interior finish elements. You can edit the shape and the material parameters of these elements using standard ArchiCAD tools as well as parametric functionality. The Interior Wizard recognizes wall openings and is updated if its associated zone is updated or changed. The Interior Wizard relies on the objects stored in the Accessories Library which must also be downloaded and is found in the Goodies.

for more information click here

Update check

Did you know that you can check for updates to the CadimageTools directly from ArchiCAD 12? Just go to the File menu and choose Activate Cadimage Tools, and then hit the Check for Updates button to see whether there are any new versions available to download from their website.

Check for Updates

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with non-Cadimage Tools Customers

"What happens if I need to send a file to an ArchiCAD user who doesn't have Cadimage Tools?" Basically, Cadimage suggest the 'non-Cadimage Tools' customer downloads and installs the required Tools. This ensures they have all the required Add-ons, Objects and Macros. They do not need to purchase the Tools to be able to download them. They simply need to register with the Cadimage website. If they simply install the Tools without purchasing them everything will display and print correctly, however, they will not be able to edit the placed objects. If the 'non-Cadimage Tools' customer chooses to, they can also register for a 30 day Trial Version from within ArchiCAD after they have installed the Tools.

Throughout 2009 we will be running a wide variety of courses including Essential ArchiCAD and an **Advanced calculations course** set for the 25th March 2009. Also available now is the long awaited **Artlantis course**. Please call for more info.

Clinic Drop-In Sessions

We will be holding periodic hands-On help sessions for ArchiCAD. The clinic sessions will fill the need for an informal venue where ArchiCAD users can receive one-to-one, hands on assistance. The sessions will be charged on a half hourly rate of £20+VAT. If you would like to book in for one of these sessions please contact Sarah Bray sbray@bite.co.uk.

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