

# AutoCAD LT 2006 Questions & Answers

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## 1. General Information

### 1.1 What is AutoCAD LT 2006?

AutoCAD LT® 2006 software is the world's leading 2D design and drafting application used by design professionals who require full DWG file format compatibility but do not require 3D or need to customize their software through automation.

### 1.2 Who uses AutoCAD LT?

AutoCAD LT is used by architects, CAD technicians, designers, engineers, project managers, and CAD/IT managers in a variety of industries including the building, manufacturing, civil and mapping industries.

Some of the ways in which AutoCAD LT is used are:

- By design professionals who create technical drawings and have no need for automation of repetitive design steps or additional functionality provided by third-party applications
- Drafters who put the finishing touches on a design with detailing, annotations, links to online data, and verification of accuracy
- Contractors, suppliers, or operational professionals who need to review a drawing to extrapolate data specific to their businesses
- Principals and project leaders who need to review and edit a drawing and monitor progress

### 1.3 What are the main features and benefits of AutoCAD LT 2006 software?

For more information, refer to the Features and Benefits document at [www.autodesk.com/autocadlt-features](http://www.autodesk.com/autocadlt-features)

### 1.4 If I'm using a previous release of AutoCAD LT, what would I gain by purchasing AutoCAD LT 2006?

For a comparison of AutoCAD LT 2006 features, refer to the document entitled "AutoCAD LT Release Comparison Matrix" at [www.autodesk.com/features](http://www.autodesk.com/features).

### 1.5 What are the key differences between AutoCAD LT 2006 and AutoCAD 2006?

Both the AutoCAD® 2006 and AutoCAD LT 2006 software programs use the same software architecture and technology, and both create the same native DWG file format and the new DWF™ (Design Web Format™) file format. But AutoCAD 2006 provides additional capabilities in the following key areas:

- 3D capabilities
- Sheet Set Management
- Dynamic Block authoring
- Customization (LISP, ARX, VBA)
- Presentation Graphics
- CAD Standards management
- Network Licensing

Learn more about AutoCAD 2006 at [www.autodesk.com/autocad](http://www.autodesk.com/autocad).

## 2. Availability and Pricing

### 2.1 When will AutoCAD LT 2006 be available?

AutoCAD LT 2006 software will be available worldwide in English, German, and Japanese in March of 2005.

### 2.2 When can I expect localized versions of AutoCAD LT 2006 to ship?

Autodesk plans to ship localized versions for French, Spanish, Italian, Korean, Traditional Chinese, Nordic and Dutch, Russian, Czech, and Polish. Autodesk will announce the expected ship dates as the localized versions become available.

### 2.3 What is the price for AutoCAD LT 2006?

Prices may vary by country and reseller. Contact an Autodesk Authorized Reseller for price. In addition to full purchases of AutoCAD LT 2006 software, upgrades are available from AutoCAD LT 2002, 2004, and 2005 versions. You can also purchase AutoCAD LT online at the Autodesk Store, [www.autodesk.com/store](http://www.autodesk.com/store). For online purchase in countries outside the United States and Canada, visit your country-specific Autodesk website for more information.

### 2.4 Who is eligible for an upgrade to AutoCAD LT 2006?

If you own an AutoCAD LT 2002, 2004 or 2005 software license, you are eligible to purchase the upgrade version of AutoCAD LT 2006.

### 2.5 Can I try AutoCAD LT 2006 before I buy it?

Yes. You can try it out by requesting an AutoCAD LT 2006 trial version. This full-functioning version of AutoCAD LT 2006 is available as a free 30-day trial. You can order the Trial CD from your Autodesk Authorized Reseller or online at [www.autodesk.com/autocadlt-trialcd](http://www.autodesk.com/autocadlt-trialcd).

### 2.6 Are there special purchase programs available for educational institutions or students?

*United States and Canada only*

Yes. Students, educators, and institutions are eligible to purchase AutoCAD LT 2006 software through a special program. For more information, or to find an Autodesk Education Reseller, visit [www.autodesk.com/education](http://www.autodesk.com/education).

### 2.7 Are there special purchase programs available for federal, state, and local governments?

*United States and Canada only*

Yes. AutoCAD LT 2005 software is available at special prices to government agencies in the United States and Canada. For more information, go to [www.autodesk.com/government](http://www.autodesk.com/government).

## 3. Compatibility

### 3.1 Has the AutoCAD LT 2006 drawing file (DWG) changed from AutoCAD LT 2005, as it did between AutoCAD LT 2002 and AutoCAD LT 2004?

No, the new features and functionality developed in AutoCAD LT 2006 maintain DWG and DXF™ file compatibility between the AutoCAD LT 2004, AutoCAD LT 2005, and AutoCAD LT 2006 software versions. You can directly and easily share files between different design teams using AutoCAD LT 2004, AutoCAD LT 2005, and AutoCAD LT 2006.

### 3.2 Does AutoCAD LT 2006 read and save drawings created by earlier releases of AutoCAD?

Yes, AutoCAD LT 2006 reads all drawing files from previous versions of AutoCAD software. AutoCAD LT 2006 has a built-in SaveAs function to save drawings in AutoCAD Release 12 DXF format and safely round-trip data between releases earlier than AutoCAD LT 2000.

### 3.3 Is AutoCAD LT 2006 interoperable with other Autodesk products?

AutoCAD 2006 is the foundation for an interoperable family of Autodesk® products. Sharing the same database framework component—ObjectDBX™ for reading and writing drawing files—enables that the next generation of Autodesk products to be interoperable with AutoCAD LT 2006. These include 3ds max®, Autodesk® VIZ, Autodesk® DWF™ Composer, and Autodesk® DWF™ Viewer, as well as the industry-specific AutoCAD-based products: AutoCAD® Mechanical, Autodesk Map®, Autodesk® Mechanical Desktop®, Autodesk® Architectural Desktop, Autodesk® Land Desktop, and Autodesk® Civil Design software products.

### 3.4 Can I run AutoCAD LT 2006 side by side with other AutoCAD-based applications?

Yes, AutoCAD LT 2006 can be installed side by side with AutoCAD as well as any AutoCAD-based version of Autodesk's industry-specific products, including, AutoCAD Mechanical, Autodesk Architectural Desktop, and Autodesk Land Desktop software.

### 3.5 Is AutoCAD LT 2006 compatible with AutoCAD 2005 and 2006?

Yes. AutoCAD LT 2006 is fully DWG compatible with AutoCAD 2005 and 2006 software. It can read files from all older versions of AutoCAD and can save to the 2002/2000i/2000 DWG file format for compatibility with older products.

### 3.6 Do AutoCAD LT 2005 customized menus work in AutoCAD LT 2006?

AutoCAD LT 2006 will read these menus. The migration feature of AutoCAD LT 2006 helps you make a smooth transition to the new release by automatically migrating customized menus, hatch patterns, linetypes, command short cuts, and AutoCAD LT profiles. For more information, refer to [www.autodesk.com/migrationtools](http://www.autodesk.com/migrationtools).

### **3.7 Can AutoCAD LT 2006 work with custom objects created in Autodesk industry-specific software?**

Yes. The AutoCAD LT 2006 software application can read custom objects created in Autodesk products that use ObjectDBX technology to create those objects. With the AutoCAD LT 2006 application you can view these objects automatically using live object enablers—you do not have to install any special plug-ins or viewers. For example, if you need to review a building floor plan created in Autodesk Architectural Desktop, you simply open the drawing file; the 3D wall and window objects that are part of a drawing are instantly viewable, and all the associated data is available.

## **4. Platform and System Requirements**

### **4.1 What are the system requirements for AutoCAD LT 2006?**

The recommended system requirements for AutoCAD LT 2006 are as follows:

- Intel® Pentium® III or later, with 800 MHz or faster processor, or compatible
- Microsoft® Windows® XP (Professional, Home Edition, or Tablet PC Edition with SP1 or SP2), or Windows® 2000 Professional with SP4
- 512 MB RAM (minimum)
- 300 MB free disk space for installation
- 1024x768 VGA with true color (minimum)
- Microsoft® Internet Explorer 6.0 SP1
- CD-ROM drive
- Mouse, trackball, or compatible pointing device

### **4.2 Does AutoCAD LT 2006 support Tablet PCs running Windows XP?**

AutoCAD LT 2006 software supports Microsoft Windows XP for Tablet PC operating system functionality, including the ability to specify landscape or portrait orientation as well as right- or left-handedness, so you can take full advantage of the portability that the Tablet PC offers.

On a Tablet PC, AutoCAD LT 2006 automatically adjusts for the appropriate orientation settings and ensures that menus and tooltips appear on the correct side of the cursor.

## 5. Licensing

### 5.1 Does AutoCAD 2006 LT use product activation for stand-alone licenses?

Yes. With the release of AutoCAD LT 2005 the process formerly referred to as “authorization” was replaced by the more industry-standard “product activation.” AutoCAD LT 2006 will continue to use product activation.

### 5.2 What is product activation?

Product activation is a software-based license management technology incorporated into many Autodesk products. It is a secure and trouble-free process that authenticates licensed users running Autodesk software. The process verifies that the serial number is legitimate and has not been activated on more computers than are eligible. It does not affect the ability of licensed users to operate their software the way they have always done. It is similar to the authorization mechanism in Autodesk products in the past but provides additional capabilities for security and special product versions (such as student and trial versions).

### 5.3 Why is Autodesk requiring Autodesk customers to activate their software?

Product activation is a simple way to reduce and deter unauthorized use and casual copying of Autodesk products, with little to no impact on our loyal customers.

### 5.4 Which Autodesk products use this activation technology?

Almost all Autodesk products use or will use this technology, with the exception of Discreet® Advanced Systems products, some Discreet new media products, and VISION\*® products.

### 5.5 How do I activate my software?

Through the activation and registration interface, you can activate your product 24 hours a day, seven days a week, over the Internet or via email. Either option takes only a few steps to complete and requires your product serial number and registration information.

### 5.6 What if I have more than one computer? Will product activation allow me to use the software on multiple machines?

Autodesk recognizes that some users may need to operate the software when they are away from their usual work location, such as while traveling or working from home. To accommodate this need, the product activation technology and the AutoCAD LT End-User License Agreement allow you to install the software on a second computer provided it is for use away from your usual work place, the two copies are only used by a single person, and only one copy of the software is ever in use at any one time.

### 5.7 Where can I find more information about software activation?

More information on product activation can be found at [www.autodesk.com/activation](http://www.autodesk.com/activation).

## 6. Support and Training

### 6.1 How can I get personalized installation support for AutoCAD LT 2006?

If you purchased this product from an Autodesk Authorized Reseller, contact your reseller for support. To locate an Autodesk Authorized Reseller in your area, call your local Autodesk office or visit the Reseller Lookup on the Autodesk website at [www.autodesk.com/reseller](http://www.autodesk.com/reseller).

You can also visit [www.autodesk.com/autocadlt-support](http://www.autodesk.com/autocadlt-support) for a list of the support options from Autodesk.

### 6.2 How do I obtain direct technical support?

#### North and South America (including the Caribbean)

You are entitled to 60 days of telephone support from your date of purchase, in English, covering installation\* and configuration\*\* of your new Autodesk software.

Call +1-425-485-3757 Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific time, excluding U.S. holidays.

Customers in the United States and Canada can also purchase a renewable annual agreement, "AutoCAD LT Direct Phone and Web Support" from Autodesk Distributors, Autodesk Authorized Resellers, or Autodesk Systems Centers. They will provide you with the terms and conditions of the service as well as program and pricing details. Alternatively, you can purchase an AutoCAD LT Direct Phone and Web Support agreement directly from Autodesk by calling 1-800-207-5167.

#### Europe, the Middle East, and Africa

##### *Product Support in English*

You are entitled to 60 days of support from your date of purchase, in English, covering the installation\* and configuration\*\* of your new Autodesk software.

For information about how to obtain support, send an email with the subject line "Support Information" to [supportinformation.en@autodesk.com](mailto:supportinformation.en@autodesk.com).

You will receive an automatic reply with details on available support options.

#### Japan

Purchase of this product includes email and fax installation\* and configuration\*\* support for 30 days, starting from your registration date, Japanese language only. Send an email with your question to [LT\\_Startup@autodesk.com](mailto:LT_Startup@autodesk.com), or send a fax to 03-5396-9915. Support is available Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. JST, excluding holidays.

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\* Installation support is support for installing software on your computer system using the installation process described in the product Getting Started manual. Troubleshooting of installation issues is also included.

\*\* Configuration support is support for setting up peripheral devices to work with your Autodesk software. It includes support for setting product and system variables to make the best use of the product on your system.

### **Australia and New Zealand**

You are entitled to 30 days free telephone support, from your date of purchase, covering installation\* and configuration\*\* of your new Autodesk software.

In Australia, call 1800-655-794 Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. local time, excluding holidays.

In New Zealand, call +64-9-414-0100, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. local time, excluding holidays.

### **All other countries**

Contact your local Autodesk Authorized Reseller or Autodesk office for information about support options in your country. Autodesk offers some self-help support information, primarily in English, on the Autodesk website at [www.autodesk.com/autocadlt-support](http://www.autodesk.com/autocadlt-support).

### **6.3 Is technical support available through the Autodesk Subscription program?**

When you enroll your AutoCAD LT licenses into the Autodesk Subscription program you are entitled to direct technical support via the web. Your Autodesk Distributor, Autodesk Authorized Reseller or Autodesk Systems Center can provide you with the Subscription program enrollment rules, terms and conditions and program and pricing details for your location. Further information about the Autodesk Subscription program can be found on the web at [www.autodesk.com/subscription](http://www.autodesk.com/subscription).

### **6.4 Where do I find training courses for AutoCAD LT 2005?**

You can attend instructor-led training at Autodesk Authorized Training Center (ATC®) locations around the world. These training centers use Autodesk Official Training Courseware (AOTC) to deliver comprehensive courses for new and intermediate AutoCAD LT users. Autodesk ATC sites also deliver custom courses on AutoCAD LT and other Autodesk products. To learn more, visit [www.autodesk.com/resellers/atc](http://www.autodesk.com/resellers/atc).

### **6.5 How do I find out if service packs are available for AutoCAD LT 2006?**

In the event that Autodesk releases an AutoCAD LT 2006 service pack, it is easy to access and install it using the Communication Center feature within the product. Look at the top of the Communication Center window to see if an update is available. AutoCAD LT 2006 automatically recognizes if you have the most up-to-date release and prompts you if there is an update available. When you click the link, AutoCAD LT 2006 automatically downloads and installs the update.

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