



## Questions and Answers

### **What is the Autodesk® Express Viewer?**

Autodesk Express Viewer is a free, lightweight, high-performance application for viewing and printing DWF™ (Design Web Format™) files. Autodesk Express Viewer enables users to view DWF files using the advanced graphics systems found in many of the Autodesk design products. Autodesk Express Viewer has a very flexible printing system that enables users to print to scale, fit to page, tile, or selectively print a variety of layouts from the new DWF 6 publishing format. Autodesk Express Viewer is available as both a stand alone application or as a control that is used within the MSIE browser, providing a simple, easy to use, and common Windows interface for even the novice user to master viewing and printing of design data.

Autodesk Express Viewer is an ActiveX control allowing extensibility and enabling users to embed Autodesk Express Viewer in other Windows Office applications like Word, Excel, or PowerPoint.

### **What are the system requirements for Autodesk Express Viewer?**

- Intel® Pentium®-based PC, 133MHz processor or faster
- Microsoft Windows XP, Windows 2000, Windows 98, or Windows NT® 4.0 (SP4 or higher)
- 32MB RAM (minimum)
- 800x600 video display or higher
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.01 or higher (required only for ActiveX viewer)

### **How do I use Autodesk Express Viewer to view a DWF file?**

If you have Autodesk Express Viewer installed, it displays any DWF file either within the web browser or the application. Autodesk Express Viewer has all the common behavior of any Windows based application, enabling users to load, view, and navigate through DWF files with ease.

### **Is Autodesk Express Viewer only for CAD users?**

No. Autodesk developed the Express Viewer for anyone who needs to view, review, and print DWF files, specifically the non-CAD professionals. Autodesk Express Viewer provides you with a fast and easy methodology for communicating design information at any point in the project lifecycle.

### **Can I use Autodesk Express Viewer for redlining DWF files?**

Autodesk Express Viewer does not provide the functionality for measuring or redlining DWF files. If you or others within your design distribution environment have a measuring or redlining requirement, Volo™ View is the product for you.

### **Can I give Autodesk Express Viewer to others?**

Yes. You can redistribute Autodesk Express Viewer to anyone without prior approval from Autodesk. Electronic distribution of Autodesk Express Viewer in its intact form is encouraged, if you want to redistribute Autodesk Express Viewer as part of your own application, please visit the Redistributing Autodesk Express Viewer section in the Autodesk Developer Center. Autodesk Express Viewer is available free to end users, including developers creating end user applications. Any customization of Autodesk Express Viewer must be accomplished by utilizing the APIs provided by Autodesk.

### **What is Design Web Format (DWF™)?**

DWF stands for Design Web Format™. It is an open, secure, file format developed by Autodesk for the transfer of drawings over networks, including the Internet. DWF files are highly compressed, so they are much smaller (more than 50 percent smaller) and faster to transmit, enabling the communication of rich design data, without the overhead associated with typical heavy CAD drawings. DWF files are not a replacement for native CAD formats such as DWGs and don't allow editing of the data within the file. The sole purpose of DWF is to allow designers, engineers, developers, and their colleagues, to communicate design information and intent to anyone needing to view, review, or print design information.

The latest release of DWF is DWF 6. DWF 6 has been re-architected to enable users to build a complex set of design documents, pages, or layouts into one DWF file. This allows engineering professionals to build the equivalent of a drawing set within a single DWF file for distribution and communication to the many people in the various professions working on a project.

### **What version of the Autodesk Express Viewer should I use?**

Always use the most current version of Autodesk Express Viewer. Autodesk Express Viewer is backward compatible and will read older DWF files, so there is no need to convert your DWF files when you upgrade to a later version of Autodesk Express Viewer.

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