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AutoCAD Download instructions

What you will need:

Your computer (obviously), internet connection (a wired connection is very much advised), about 30+ min depending on download time/computer speed

1. Students.autodesk.com or Google: AutoCAD student
2. You must register first with the student community
 - a. Click on Join the community today
 - b. Make sure you use your .edu email address
 - c. Fill out all the fields
 - d. Requires activation from your .edu email address
 - i. Can be tricky, just click on the activation link a couple of times and wait a few minutes. It should work
 - e. Log back in to the original homepage (students.autodesk.com)
3. Download the program
 - a. Click Get Software at the top of the page
 - b. Choose the latest AutoCAD version English
 - c. If you know you have 64 bit go ahead and download it, otherwise don't worry about it and just download the 32 bit
 - d. Click Download
 - e. Run the installer by Akami, Click run again on the 2nd dialog box (10+ min)
 - f. After it finishes downloading click open at the dialog box
4. Installing the program
 - a. Then click install, This will then install it on your computer from the downloaded file, 15+ min
 - b. After installing the necessary files, an AutoCAD menu will pop up
 - c. Click "install products" – it must install a second time (don't ask me why)
 - d. Don't have any of the extra stuff installed (material library etc)
 - e. Agree to the User Agreement, then click next
 - f. Input your name and use your school (UConn) as the organization
 - g. Click Try for 30 days, then Next
 - h. Next, Yes for default config, 10+ min
 - i. Unclick readme and then click finish
 - j. Restart Computer
 - k. Your good to go.

A few things to note:

1. When opening the program you will have to keep on clicking on the free trial. (for the time being, if you want to use it for longer let me know and I will help you go through the actual registration)
2. The version is an educational version. The only difference between this version and the expensive one is that when you print something out, it has a watermark of “educational version” on the sides. Also, if you open up something that was not created in an educational version some boxes will pop-up saying so. Just click through them, they don’t matter.
3. If you’re not sure about whether your computer is 32 or 64 bit you can check doing this.
Start->Programs->Accessories->System Tools-> System Information
Next to System type it says: x86 based PC you have 32 bit; x64 based PC you have 64 bit
4. There is a Mac version of AutoCAD and it is mostly the same. It simply has some slight user interface differences (the layers menu for example) .