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Mastering AutoCAD 2015 And AutoCAD LT 2015: Autodesk Official Press



Synopsis

The ultimate reference and tutorial for AutoCAD software This Autodesk Official Press book employs concise explanations, focused examples, step-by-step instructions, and hands-on projects to help you master both AutoCAD and AutoCAD LT. This detailed guide works well as both a tutorial and stand-alone reference, and is the perfect resource regardless of your level of expertise. Part I introduces the basics of the interface and drafting tools Part II moves into such intermediate skills as effectively using hatches, fields, and tables Part III details such advanced skills as attributes, dynamic blocks, drawing curves and solid fills Part IV explores 3D modeling and imaging Part V discusses customization and integration The supporting website includes all the project files necessary for the tutorials as well as video tutorials and other bonus content.

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You can download AutoCAD 2015 Design Suite Professional from the Autodesk site and use the trial license for 30 days. If you're not at all interested in 3D you can save time and space with the AutoCAD LT 2015 trial (But why not? The 3D features are pretty amazing and checking them out doesn't cost anything). I'd also recommend getting the files and videos that accompany the book: Unfortunately they're distributed as 25+ individual archives on the Sybex site. Author George Omura has the chapter files on his personal site as a single download but doesn't have the videos, so you may have to visit both. Those familiar with recent learning science know that hands-on practice and active recall of recently read textual information is accepted as a more effective method of long-term

learning than simple rereading. It's a question of exercising short-term versus longer-term memory. A book of 1000+ pages such as this can easily overwhelm but I found the "Bottom Line" feature at the end of each chapter extremely useful. More than a typical bullet point summary or set of exercises, each is a skills-oriented guide to applying and mastering the chapter material. Encountering them after you've just read the chapter body encourages the kind of active reinforcement that sticks. It takes a certain discipline to read, practice, read some more, practice again, rather than simply plowing through a book cram-style, hoping it will stick, when time and again experience tells us it doesn't. The last AutoCAD book I worked through was 'Up and Running with AutoCAD 2011' by Elliot Gindis. I felt that was excellent for people studying engineering or design concurrently as they learn the software.

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