# Autodesk® AutoCAD LT® 2014
# Questions and Answers

Capture 2D concepts with the connected design tools of AutoCAD LT drafting and detailing software

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# 1. General product information

### 1.1 What is AutoCAD LT 2014 software?
Autodesk® AutoCAD LT® 2014 is drafting and detailing software that enables users to document concepts, collaborate with others, and increase productivity. For detailed information, refer to www.autodesk.com/autocadlt. AutoCAD LT® 2013 for Mac® software is a version of AutoCAD LT software developed specifically to run on Mac OS® X.

# 2. Technology

### 2.1 What are the differences between AutoCAD 2014 and AutoCAD LT 2014?
Autodesk® AutoCAD® 2014 software differs from AutoCAD LT 2014 in three primary ways:
- **3D Modeling:** AutoCAD LT does not contain any tools for 3D modeling or conceptual design.
- **Customization**: The functionality of AutoCAD LT cannot be extended or customized with the use of programming languages like LISP, VBA, and .NET that AutoCAD supports. This includes Express Tools, which are available for AutoCAD only.
- **Network Licensing**: AutoCAD can be run via a network license. This option is not available for AutoCAD LT.

### 2.2 Is AutoCAD LT available for Mac OS X?
AutoCAD LT 2013 for Mac supports some versions of Mac OS® X.

### 2.3 How does AutoCAD LT 2013 for Mac software compare to AutoCAD LT 2014 software?
AutoCAD LT 2013 for Mac includes familiar AutoCAD LT 2D drafting and detailing tools, such as standard creation and modification tools; annotation tools like text, dimensions, and hatches; and the ability to attach DWG files and image files as external references. Most features in AutoCAD LT 2014 are also included in AutoCAD LT 2013 for Mac, such as PDF underlay, the Sheet Set Manager (known in Mac as the Project Manager), and the associative array feature. AutoCAD LT 2013 for Mac creates files using the same native DWG™ technology as AutoCAD LT 2014 and AutoCAD 2014 software.

A primary difference between AutoCAD LT 2013 for Mac and AutoCAD 2014 is in the user interface. AutoCAD LT 2013 for Mac has been designed to follow common native Mac application user interface guidelines. Instead of a ribbon, AutoCAD LT 2013 for Mac software has the familiar Apple menu bar, and a number of workflow-based palettes. AutoCAD LT 2013 for Mac also supports native Mac OS X behavior, such as Cover Flow navigation and Multi-Touch gestures. There are a few features that are currently supported only on the Windows platform, including DWF® and DGN underlay, dynamic block creation and editing, and data links.

# 3. Installation, configuration, and licensing

### 3.1 What are the purchasing options for AutoCAD LT 2014 software?
AutoCAD LT 2014 software is available on DVD from online retailers, your local reseller, or from the Autodesk Store at www.autodesk.com/store.

In some countries, AutoCAD LT for Mac 2013 is also available for download on Apple's Mac App Store.

### 3.2 How can I try AutoCAD LT 2014 software before I buy it?
You can test drive the software by downloading the AutoCAD LT 2014 software trial version. This fully functioning AutoCAD LT 2014 software includes both 32- and 64-bit versions for PC and a 64-bit version of AutoCAD LT 2013 for Mac and is available as a free* 30-day trial.

Simply download at www.autodesk.com/autocadlt-trial.

*Free products are subject to the terms and conditions of the end-user license and services agreement that accompanies the software.

### 3.3 What is product activation and how do I activate my software?
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 is activated only on eligible computers. It does not affect the ability of licensed users to operate their software. The first time you start up the product, 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. More information on product activation can be found at www.autodesk.com/activation.

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**3.4 Will product activation enable me to use the software on multiple computers?**
Autodesk recognizes that some users may need to operate the software when they are away from their usual work location. To accommodate this need, the product activation technology enables an employee to install the software on a second computer owned by the employee's company, provided it is for use away from the employee's usual work location, the software is used only by that employee and no other, and only one of the two copies of the software is ever in use at any one time. Consult the Autodesk Software License Agreement for details about using the software on a second computer.

**3.5 How do I transfer my software license to another machine?**
The Online License Transfer (OLT) Utility enables licenses to be moved between machines. The OLT replaces the former Portable License Utility. To transfer a license, simply start the transfer utility and choose Export. Then log in to the OLT website and "park" your license at an Autodesk "parking area." At the destination computer, start the transfer utility and choose Import. Log back in to the OLT website and import your license to the destination computer.

**3.6 Can I activate a trial download of the software, converting it to a full commercial license?**
Yes. Because the downloaded AutoCAD LT trial is the same as the full commercial product, you can easily authorize and convert your AutoCAD LT trial version into a permanent license version. Use the product serial number located on purchased physical media or a serial number purchased from the Autodesk Online Store to activate your software. There is no need to uninstall the trial and install purchased media—you can simply convert the software already on your machine. If you do not activate the trial, it is recommended that you uninstall the trial prior to installing a purchased version of AutoCAD LT 2014 software.

## 4. Compatibility and interoperability

**4.1 Has the AutoCAD LT 2014 file format changed from the AutoCAD LT 2013 product?**
No, the AutoCAD LT 2014 file format has not changed from the AutoCAD LT 2013 product. AutoCAD LT 2014 is compatible with previous versions of AutoCAD LT and AutoCAD drafting software, and enables you to save drawings in a wide variety of other formats, ranging back to R14 DWG and R12 DXF$^{TM}$ formats.

**4.2 Does AutoCAD LT 2014 software read and save drawings created by earlier versions?**
AutoCAD LT 2014 reads drawing files from all previous versions of AutoCAD LT software. The Save As function enables you to save drawings to AutoCAD LT R14, 2000, 2004, 2007, and 2010 DWG formats. In addition, you can save files in the AutoCAD LT R12 DXF format to support releases prior to AutoCAD R14.

**4.3 Can I open an AutoCAD LT 2014 drawing with an older version of AutoCAD LT?**
You can open an AutoCAD LT 2014 drawing in AutoCAD LT 2013 and vice versa. In order to open AutoCAD LT 2014 or AutoCAD 2013 drawings with releases older than AutoCAD 2013, you should use Autodesk® DWG TrueView™ software to translate DWG files to AutoCAD R14, 2000, 2004, 2007, and 2010 file formats. DWG TrueView can be at www.autodesk.com/dwgtrueview . DWG TrueView does not require the AutoCAD LT application in order to convert DWG files.

**4.4 Can I open files created in AutoCAD LT for Mac with AutoCAD LT (and vice versa)?**
Yes, AutoCAD LT and AutoCAD LT for Mac use the same DWG file format. Files created on one platform can be opened and used on the other platform. AutoCAD LT for Mac software opens and saves drawings in the same manner as its Windows counterpart for any given year. See above question 4.3 for questions regarding to year-by-year open and save functionality.

**4.5 Do AutoCAD LT 2013 customized user interface elements work in AutoCAD LT 2014?**
Yes, when installing AutoCAD LT 2014 software on Windows, you can automatically migrate customization (CUI) files. The first time you launch AutoCAD LT 2014, the migration feature asks you if you would like to migrate the settings from your previous AutoCAD LT version to AutoCAD LT 2014. The migration feature helps you make a smooth transition to the new release by automatically migrating customized menus, toolbar icons, hatch patterns, linetypes, tool palettes, and command shortcuts for all versions of the software since AutoCAD LT 2005. Refer to AutoCAD LT services & support for additional migration tools. AutoCAD LT for Mac does not include migration tools.

**4.6 Can I run AutoCAD LT 2014 side-by-side with other AutoCAD-based applications?**
Yes, subject to compliance with the terms of the Autodesk License and Services Agreement, AutoCAD LT can be installed side-by-side with any other AutoCAD or Autodesk vertical solution, including AutoCAD 2014-based products.

**4.7 Is AutoCAD LT 2014 compatible with AutoCAD?**
Yes, AutoCAD LT 2014 is fully compatible with AutoCAD 2014 software. They use the same DWG technology, and files created with one software can be opened and used by the other.

**4.8 Do third-party applications work with AutoCAD LT or AutoCAD LT for Mac software?**
No. AutoCAD LT does not support third-party programs such as LISP routines and .NET applications.

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## 5. Consulting, training, and support

### 5.1 How do I obtain direct technical support?
Direct technical support is available from both Autodesk and Autodesk Authorized Resellers.

Furthermore, Autodesk® Subscription is a comprehensive software, support, and training package that simplifies your technology upgrades and boosts your design productivity. Purchase of Autodesk Subscription includes web support from Autodesk technical experts for all your installation, configuration, and troubleshooting questions.

To learn more about Autodesk Subscription, contact your Autodesk Account Executive or your Autodesk Authorized Reseller, or visit the Subscription Center.

Find a complete list of support offerings for AutoCAD LT on the Autodesk website.

### 5.2 Where do I find personalized support and training courses for AutoCAD LT 2014 software?
If you purchased this product from an Autodesk Authorized Reseller, contact your reseller for support and training information. To locate an Autodesk Authorized Reseller in your area, call your local Autodesk office or visit the Autodesk website. Find a complete list of AutoCAD LT services & support on the Autodesk website.

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 software users. Autodesk ATC sites also deliver custom courses on AutoCAD LT and other Autodesk products.

## 6. Subscription

### 6.1 Is there a subscription option for AutoCAD LT 2014?
AutoCAD LT 2014 is eligible for Autodesk Subscription. Autodesk Subscription benefits include:

- Stay current with the latest version of AutoCAD LT software. With an Autodesk Subscription, you can download new versions as soon as they're released.

- Obtain access to both previous and current versions of AutoCAD LT—an advantage that enables you to work with both new and older project files—avoiding disruptions to ongoing projects.

- Store your AutoCAD LT files online with Autodesk® 360 cloud-based services, so you can open, view, annotate, and share your projects anytime, anywhere, on virtually any device.

- Get up and running fast with online technical support, direct from Autodesk, to help you install and configure AutoCAD LT or to troubleshoot technical issues.

See www.autodesk.com/subscription for details and benefits.

All versions of AutoCAD LT for Mac downloaded from Apple's Mac store are not eligible for Subscription.

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