

LB

Load Batch File [LOAD BATCH]

DESCRIPTION This command invokes a batch file which you have either saved using the SAVE BATCH FILE command or created yourself with a text editor. It is found on the UTILITIES menu, and is further discussed in Chapter 24, Utilities. To call up a batch file, select the LOAD BATCH FILE command or type LB. You will be prompted for a file name.

SEE ALSO
CHAPTER 24

**ALLOWS YOU
TO BRING IN
DATA FROM AN
OUTSIDE
SOURCE**

The ability to save your drawing with the SAVE BATCH FILE command, edit it, and load it back into a drawing gives you the ability to edit the drawing outside of the Generic CADD program. Experienced programmers might want to write their own programs to manipulate the data base to perform certain tasks not available from within Generic CADD.

**BATCH FILES
CAN BE
LOADED FROM
THE DOS
COMMAND LINE**

Note that the LOAD BATCH function can be invoked when you first load Generic CADD Level 3 from the command line in DOS. Two file names can follow the command CADD, the first is the filename of the drawing that you want to load, and the second is the filename of the BATCH that you want to execute. You don't need any commas in between, or any file extensions for the file names. For example, to load CADD, call up the drawing PLAN, and run the batch file LAYERS, you would type at the DOS prompt:

CADD PLAN LAYERS

Save Batch File [SAVE BATCH]

SB

This command allows you to save the current drawing database as a batch file, which when invoked will recreate the drawing. This command is found on the UTILITIES menu, and is discussed in Chapter 24, Utilities. To save the drawing as a batch file, select the SAVE BATCH FILE command, or type SB. You will be prompted for a file name.

This utility is useful for examining the format for entering various commands as batch file entries, as well as for creating drawings which draw themselves. It creates a file with an extension of .TXT, which can be examined with a text editor, edited, and loaded back into a drawing with the LOAD BATCH FILE command.

This command will not save components. To save components, you must do a COMPONENT DUMP (CD) or COMPONENT SAVE (CS) command to the drawing before you do a "SAVE BATCH." (See Chapter 10, "Components.")

Note that most of the sample batch files shown above could have been created with this command, by starting a drawing, setting the grid size and limits, drawing the border, and using the SAVE BATCH FILE command. The only command which wouldn't show up in the file saved through this command would be SNAP TO GRID, which is not part of an object definition.

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USE THIS TO
LEARN MORE
ABOUT WHAT
BATCH FILES
LOOK LIKE

ONLY OBJECT
RELATED
COMMANDS
SHOW UP