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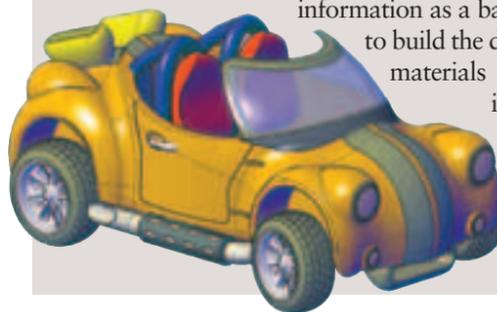
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AutoCAD 2007 tools leverage 2D to 3D transition

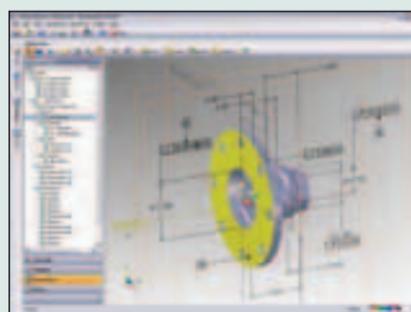
Autodesk, Inc. has released AutoCAD 2007 software. The package allows users the flexibility to work in an integrated environment for conceptual and detailed design, as well as create, manage and share in one environment. The conceptual design features are said to make it fast and easy to explore design alternatives and then reuse that information as a basis for the documentation drawings needed to build the design. New features include: lighting effects, materials libraries, walk-through animations, and improved rendering capabilities; sectioning and flattening tools, dynamic blocks, and enhanced tables; and, tools that help users upgrade while preserving customization of toolbars and menus.



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Digital communication



Actify Inc. has announced the availability of SpinFire Professional 8.0, a digital design communication tool for the manufacturing industries. Enhancements include the ability to interact with Product Manufacturing Information (PMI, also known as GD&T), a plug-in application program interface (API) to create custom solutions, a completely new user interface, improved analysis capabilities and an easier exploded assembly creation tool.

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Fluid power simulation



Famic Technologies Inc. has introduced Automation Studio v5.4, a design, simulation and documentation package for fluid power and electrical projects. In the 5.4 release, a complex circuit can be built by dragging and dropping symbols from the extended libraries onto workspace. Libraries include new circuit diagrams by manufacturers such as Parker, Bosch Rexroth, Kawasaki and Hydraforce. Symbols like hydrostatic transmissions and power steering units are provided and can be controlled.

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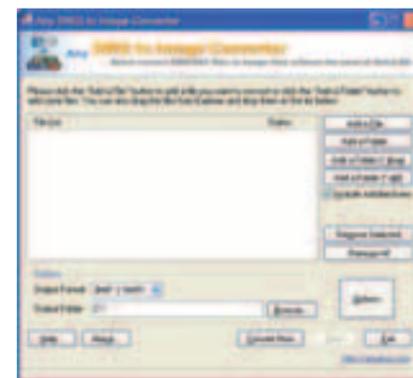
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CAD data exchange tools

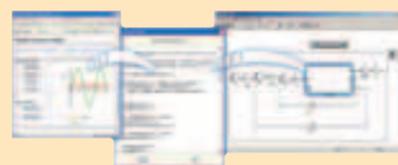
Six software utilities are available from Saelig Co. Inc. for viewing, converting, sharing and storing files used in engineering organizations that need AutoCAD drawing conversion tools and data exchange between different CAD systems. Included are: DWG to image converter; bidirectional DWG to DXF converter; DWG to PDF converter; PDF to DXF converter; DWG to DWG converter; and, DWG to DWF converter.

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Mathematical modeling environment

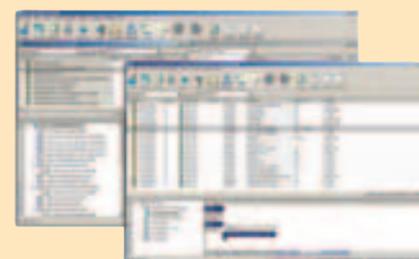


Maplesoft has announced BlockBuilder for Simulink, a mathematical modeling environment that offers automated export to Simulink math software. BlockBuilder's interactive technical document environment allows users to facilitate the development of systems using a "First Principles" approach that cannot be easily achieved in any other environment, the company says. The working environment provides components such as text, plots and images that incorporate the math into a fully documented, readable and interactive application.

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Product data management



Synergis Software has announced its Synergis Adept 7 engineering and product data management (EDM/PDM) software. The program is said to emphasize performance and usability, and greater integration with MS Windows and leading CAD applications, with specific support for SolidWorks configurations, AutoCAD layouts, and compression and secure FTP. The software delivers speedups as much as 75% for certain applications.

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