



## AutoCAD® 2004:

### Support Files, Printer Files Paths & Template Locations

The location of several customizable support files has changed in AutoCAD 2004. This change is the result of AutoCAD 2004 support for **Power Users** and **Roaming Profiles**.

Support for these items required that many support files be moved from **C:\Program Files\AutoCAD 2004** to **C:\Documents and Settings\user\Application Data\Autodesk\AutoCAD 2004\R16.0\enu**, where **user** is the login name. Be aware that in some operating systems, these files are hidden. Other files reside in the **C:\Documents and Settings\user\Local Settings\Application Data\Autodesk\AutoCAD 2004\R16.0\enu** folder. To view or move them, you will need to turn on hidden files.

**Power Users:** Members of the Power Users group have more privileges than members of the Users groups, but less the those of the Administrator group. Power Users can:

- Run legacy applications, in addition to Windows 2000 or Windows XP Professional certified applications.
- Install programs that do not modify operating system files or install system services.
- Customize system-wide resources including printers, date, time, power options, and other Control Panel resources.
- Create and manage local user accounts and groups.
- Stop and start system services that are not started by default.
- Power Users do not have permission to add themselves to the Administrators group. Power Users do not have access to the data of other users on an NTFS volume, unless those users grant them permission.

**Roaming Profiles** allow you to log on to any computer within the network and retain your user settings. By using a Roaming Profile, your Desktop and My Documents folder will remain consistent regardless of your location, and will be stored centrally on the server.

Many AutoCAD users find support for Power Users and Roaming Profiles very useful. However, the required changes to support file locations can create a bit of a problem some folks. CAD managers that wish to share supports files and related printer files from a network location will find they need to perform a couple more steps when upgrading to AutoCAD 2004. The example that follows allows users to share Support Files (menus, linetypes, fonts) and printer files (pc3 and plot style tables).

First of all, copy the **DataLink**, **Plot Styles**, and **Plotters** folders from the **C:\Documents and Settings\user\Application Data\Autodesk\AutoCAD 2004\R16.0\enu** folder to a shared network folder. In this example, the path to the folder will be **N:\AutoCAD\_Share**. Next, copy the **Template** folder from the **C:\Documents and Settings\user\Local Settings\Application Data\Autodesk\AutoCAD 2004\R16.0\enu** to the shared network folder. Finally, create a **Support** folder in the **N:\AutoCAD\_Share** folder. Copy any files from the **C:\Documents and Settings\user\Application Data\Autodesk\AutoCAD 2004\R16.0\enu\Support** folder and **C:\Program Files\AutoCAD 2004** that are to be shared. *Note: It is not a good idea to share the **ACAD.MNU** file. Also, individual users may want to customize the **ACAD.PGP** file.*

Begin AutoCAD 2004. Select the **Options** command from the **Tools** menu. Click on the **Files tab** and expand the **Support File Search Path** item.

#### **Adding a Shared Support Folder**

Include the **N:\AutoCAD\_Share\Support** folder by clicking on the **Add...** button and locating the folder using the **Browse...** button.



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## ***Adding Shared Printer Folders***

Scroll down the list of locations and expand the **Printer Support File Path** location. Change the following locations:

Printer Configuration Search Path - **N:\AutoCAD\_Share\Plotters**

Printer Description File Search Path - **N:\AutoCAD\_Share\Plotters\PMP**

Plot Style Table Search Path - **N:\AutoCAD\_Share\Plot Styles**

## ***Adding Shared Templates***

Scroll down the list of locations and expand the **Drawing Template File** location. Highlight the **C:\Documents and Settings\user\Local Settings\Application Data\Autodesk\AutoCAD 2004\R16.0\enu\Template** path and click on the **Remove** button. Include the **N:\AutoCAD\_Share\Template** folder by clicking on the **Add...** button and locating the folder using the **Browse...** button.

Click on the **OK** button when finished.

I hope you've found this information useful and time saving.

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