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Who will benefit from this extension?

The Reference Manager Extension is useful to anyone who has to manage large numbers of AutoCAD® platform-based drawing files (DWG) in an environment where external references (xrefs) are used. CAD managers in particular will benefit from the ability to report on network-wide reference dependencies from a central location using the Reference Manager Extension.

Does this extension work with industry-specific products based on the AutoCAD 2002 platform?

Yes. Although the Reference Manager Extension runs as a stand-alone application, it does require that one of the following AutoCAD platform-based products be installed on the computer:

- AutoCAD® 2002
- AutoCAD® Mechanical 6
- Autodesk® Architectural Desktop 3.3
- Autodesk® Building Electrical
- Autodesk® Building Mechanical
- Autodesk® Land Desktop 3
- Autodesk Map™ 5
- Autodesk® Mechanical Desktop® 6

Does this extension work with AutoCAD LT?

No. The Reference Manager Extension does not work with AutoCAD LT® software.

Does this extension require a service pack?

No. This extension does not require any special service pack to operate.

What types of references does the Reference Manager Extension support?

The Reference Manager Extension checks for

- Xrefs
- Images

- Standards

- Fonts and shape file references

- Plot styles and plot configurations

What output options does the Reference Manager Extension report have?

The Reference Manager Extension report can be exported as XML, comma-separated text (*.csv*), or Microsoft Excel (*.xls*) formats.

If I make a mistake during an editing session, can I restore my network to its previous state?

Any edits you make during a Reference Manager Extension session, including those that have been committed to disk, can be undone during that session.

Does the Reference Manager Extension support profiles?

Yes. Profiles can be used to set search paths, which tell AutoCAD software where to look for external references when their locations are not explicitly defined. You also have the option to instruct the Reference Manager to search for references based on the locations defined in a profile.

What AutoCAD versions of DWG files will Reference Manager Extension search for and edit?

The Reference Manager Extension will report on all DWG files it locates, regardless of product version. However, when the Reference Manager Extension edits a file to reset a path, the file is automatically saved in the file format common to AutoCAD® 2000, AutoCAD® 2000i, and AutoCAD® 2002.

Does the Reference Manager Extension support nested xref files?

Yes. You have the option to set Reference Manager Extension to search for and report on nested xrefs.

How do I keep track of the changes I have made using the Reference Manager Extension?

The Reference Manager Extension keeps a running log of all edits made. The file name, original path, new path, and time and date of edit are kept in the log.

The Reference Manager Extension is a powerful tool, but it could do damage in the wrong hands. How do I prevent unauthorized use?

In general, the best way to secure data is to set file access permissions and rights at the operating system level. The Reference Manager Extension supports all security settings at the operating system level; subsequently, users can edit only those files to which they have write access.

Will the Reference Manager Extension work on files on my network?

Yes, the Reference Manager Extension is intended to operate on your network. Again, you need to have read access on the computers you want to query and read/write access on the network files you want to edit. Consult your IT/IS department for more information.

Does the Reference Manager Extension locate and edit files that are stored on Autodesk ProjectPoint and Point A's MyFiles?

No. The Reference Manager Extension was designed as a management tool for files on a network. Services such as Autodesk® ProjectPoint™ and MyFiles use transient Internet (HTTP) connections that are not suitable for the type of batch edit operations the Reference Manager Extension carries out.

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