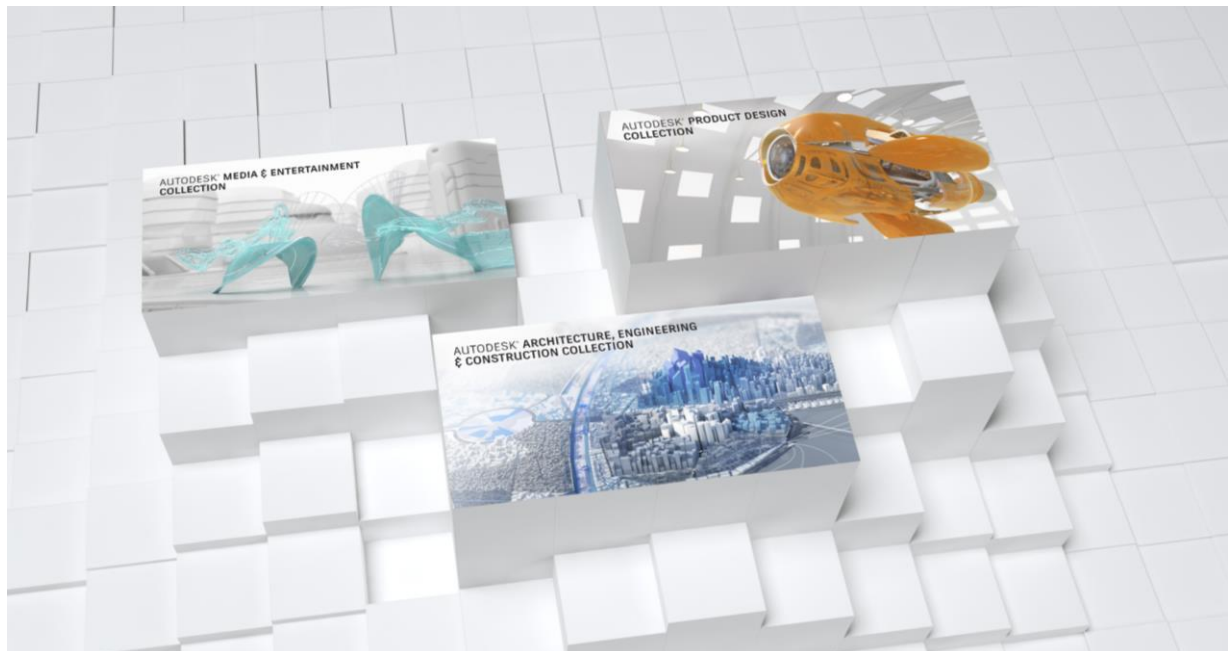


Autodesk® Industry Collections

Moving to Industry Collections

Get access to a wide collection of the most essential Autodesk software and services in one package, giving you more value, more flexibility and more simplicity in one collection.



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Why the Move?

With the changes in technology, the way in which we do business and the way in which our companies are structured, Autodesk saw that they too, have to start looking at better solutions for their clients. Although they are the leader in Computer Aided Design, the way that the product gets sold might need a revamp too. Enter: Industry Collections. Our companies are starting to become more and more multi-disciplinary by the day. When last was an architect contracted by a structural engineering company? Or a quantity surveyor by a civil company. These days, we have most, if not all disciplines in-house. We now need software solutions and packages that can keep up with this multi-disciplinary world.

The Collections

Autodesk compiled three major Collections that fall in their biggest industries:

- Architectural, Engineering and Construction (AEC)
- Product Design
- Media and Entertainment (M&E)



The software included in the Collections¹:

Industry Collections		Product Design Collection		Media & Entertainment Collection	
Architecture, Engineering & Construction Collection					
Desktop	Cloud	Desktop	Cloud	Desktop	Cloud
AutoCAD	AutoCAD 360 Pro	AutoCAD	AutoCAD 360 Pro	Maya	Character Generator
AutoCAD Architecture	Formit 360 Pro	AutoCAD Architecture	Fusion 360	Motionbuilder	ReCap 360 Pro
AutoCAD Civil 3D	InfraWorks 360	AutoCAD Electrical	ReCap 360 Pro	Mudbox	Rendering in A360
AutoCAD Electrical	Insight 360	AutoCAD Mechanical	Rendering in A360	3ds Max	Storage (25GB)
AutoCAD Map 3D	ReCap 360 Pro	Factory Design Utilities	Storage (25GB)		
AutoCAD MEP	Rendering in A360	Inventor Professional			
AutoCAD P&ID	Structural Analysis for Revit	Navisworks Manage			
AutoCAD Plant 3D	Storage (25GB)	Vault Basic			
AutoCAD Raster Design		3ds Max			
AutoCAD Utility Design					
Revit					
Navisworks Manage					
Vehicle Tracking					
3ds Max					

One major thing that you will notice about the Collections, is that there are no more Standard, Premium or Ultimate options. Everything you need in one BOX. This all means that where you would previously require e.g. Building Design Suite, Infrastructure Design Suite and Plant Design Suite, now you only need the AEC Collection that includes all the software of the mentioned Suites. The same goes for Product Design Suite and Factory Design Suite all compiled into the Product Design Collection. You will also notice the significant number of Cloud solutions added to each collection. Like most of our everyday lives currently, Autodesk is also starting to move more to cloud-based solutions. A lot of these solutions are a close second to the desktop solution. For example, AutoCAD® 360 Pro is basically AutoCAD® in the cloud. Draw, edit, and measure like you would on AutoCAD® now in the cloud. This will enable you to access your drawings and designs anywhere, anytime. When subscribing to an Industry Collections, you will receive 100 Cloud Credits as a gift. You are able to buy more [Cloud Credits](#) if you run out.

1. The composition of the Industry Collections may be subject to change from time to time at the discretion of Autodesk®

To Crossgrade or not to Crossgrade

Current subscribers of design suites will have the option to crossgrade to a collection from October 2016. The discontinuation of the Design Suites includes Autodesk Revit Collaboration Suite². Autodesk will also provide a way to switch current subscriptions from certain Individual products to Industry Collections. The sale of perpetual licensing will come to an end in July 2016. This means that you will NOT be able to purchase an Industry Collection. If you are the owner of a perpetual license on a maintenance plan you will NOT be able to crossgrade to an industry collection. This option might become available in future.

You will have to look at the investments you made when acquiring design suites. You will still receive the latest software upgrades every year should you keep up with the maintenance plan. Take into consideration the effects of the initial investment moving from a capital expense to an operational expense. On current calculation you will essentially only “break even” in five years when choosing to subscribe instead of purchasing. After 5 years it does become more expensive to subscribe, however there are other benefits to the subscription model that is not available on perpetual. [Read more on subscription licensing](#)

An arm and a leg

Believe it or not, but currently you can expect to pay more or less the same subscription fee for the AEC Collection as for a Building Design Suite Premium. The Collections will not be available on perpetual licenses, but you will still have the option to subscribe to a 3 months, 6 months, annual or multiyear (2 years or 3 year) license. You also still have single-user or multi-user availability:

	single-user access	multi-user access
Monthly (1 month)		
Quarterly (3 months)	✓	
Annual (12 months)	✓	✓
Multi-year (24 or 36 months)	✓	✓

Premium and Ultimate Subscribers³ will be allowed to crossgrade to an Industry Collection for free, for the remainder of your current subscription term.

2. Currently you can still subscribe to Autodesk® Fabrication Suite and Revit® Lt Suite
3. Exceptions: AutoCAD Design Suite Premium/Ultimate

Downloads

As with the Design Suites, you do not need to download the entire Collection from your Autodesk Account. You only need to download the software when you need to install it. An internet connection will be required for the initial download as well as activation of all subscriptions. Internet connection is also needed in the following cases:

Desktop Software with:		Cloud Services
single-user access	multi-user access	
Users need to connect to the Internet at least once every 30 days after initial activation	Internet access not required	An Internet connection is always required in order to access cloud services

Software Management

All the rules we have become used to with the Design Suites are still applicable to the Industry Collections. User Access, Previous Versions, Trials Etc. You will be able to align your new industry collection subscription to an existing contract's end date. This is only available through an Autodesk Reseller. Read more about User Management [here](#)

Conclusion

In my opinion if you are a new or current subscriber to Autodesk, the Industry collections makes a lot of sense. You have all the software you would need to do almost anything in your Industry all in one package. If there are some individual products that you need that is not included in a collection, e.g. Autodesk Advance Steel, you are still able to subscribe to these products individually.

If however you have perpetual licenses with Autodesk, you will have to consider the cost implications that you made when initially investing in Autodesk Licenses. If you need more than one design suite to complete the job at hand, and you can afford to pay the small difference in maintenance to subscription fee, then it might be a good idea to change over to Industry collections. But if it means there are only one or two extra products you need on top of your Perpetual Design suite, it might be best to just subscribe to those extra products, but keep your initial investment going.

Whatever you decide, we will be here to assist with making the decision and supporting you through this new phase in the life of Autodesk...

Sources

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