

Questions and Answers

In March 2011, several products in the infrastructure 2012 portfolio will be launched with changes and enhancements to its current offering. The changes include persona-based improvements, product consolidation, and modifications in product branding.

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General Product Information

1. What changes are being made to the Autodesk Infrastructure product line in March 2011?

- AutoCAD® Map 3D and Autodesk® Topobase® Client software are being combined to create AutoCAD® Map 3D 2012.
- AutoCAD Map 3D 2012 and Topobase Client functionality for Oracle® are being combined and introduced as AutoCAD® Map 3D Enterprise 2012 software.
- Autodesk MapGuide® Enterprise and Autodesk® Topobase® Web are being combined and branded as Autodesk® Infrastructure Map Server 2012 software.

2. Why is Autodesk consolidating AutoCAD Map 3D 2011 and Topobase Client 2011?

Combining the two products will enable us to focus the efforts of our development and support teams on the core functionality and extensions for one product. In addition to the operational efficiencies, the new product will provide a comprehensive infrastructure plan and management solution.

3. What is the new name for the consolidated Autodesk Topobase Client and AutoCAD Map 3D product?

The consolidated product will be called AutoCAD Map 3D 2012 and is available as two separate offerings. AutoCAD Map 3D will include the Topobase Client functionality without the requirement for Oracle. Customers who need a product with specific industry models that will work with their Oracle database will be able to purchase AutoCAD® Map 3D Enterprise.

4. When will Topobase Client go away?

The Topobase Client functionality will be available via AutoCAD Map 3D or AutoCAD Map 3D Enterprise. However, sales of the Topobase Client product will be discontinued shortly after the new product is released.

5. What is the difference between AutoCAD Map 3D 2012 and AutoCAD Map 3D Enterprise 2012?

AutoCAD Map 3D Enterprise is akin to the previous Topobase Client offering for customers who use Oracle to store and manage industry models. AutoCAD Map 3D 2012 will offer the features and functionality of Topobase Client running on stand-alone DWG™ files rather than Oracle, giving users the opportunity to use industry models without the need to set up a separate Oracle database environment.

6. What is the price difference between AutoCAD Map 3D and AutoCAD Map 3D Enterprise?

Please check your regional pricelist for exact pricing.

7. When will AutoCAD Map 3D Enterprise be available?

AutoCAD Map 3D Enterprise will ship when AutoCAD Map 3D 2012 ships, in March 2011.

8. What is the benefit of the product consolidation for Map 3D customers?

AutoCAD Map3D 2012 customers can utilize out-of-the-box industry models for the gas, electric, water, and wastewater industries, and they can create custom industry models without the need for Oracle, which was previously required.

9. What is the benefit of the product consolidation for Topobase Client customers?

Topobase Client subscription customers will automatically receive AutoCAD Map 3D Enterprise. AutoCAD Map 3D Enterprise users will be able to access industry models and related tools remotely from Oracle, as well as being able to access the models and tools at the desktop, deploy the same product for different users in mixed environments, and get new features and functionality as soon as they are available.

10. What is the key message for the new AutoCAD Map 3D 2012?

AutoCAD Map 3D 2012 software is a model-based infrastructure planning and management application that provides broad access to CAD and GIS data, helping users make more informed design and management decisions. With intelligent industry data models and tools, infrastructure professionals can apply regional and discipline-specific standards to improve data quality, support productivity, and better manage infrastructure assets—all in a single, familiar AutoCAD-based environment.

11. How can AutoCAD Map 3D customers get Map 3D Enterprise 2012?

- A. Subscription customers of AutoCAD Map 3D 2012 will be able to upgrade to AutoCAD Map 3D Enterprise 2012 using the current version upgrade SKU.
- B. Subscription customers of AutoCAD Map 3D 2011, 2010, and 2009 can upgrade to AutoCAD Map 3D Enterprise 2012 using the previous version upgrade SKU.
- C. Subscription customers of older versions of AutoCAD Map 3D (2008 and older) can upgrade to AutoCAD Map 3D Enterprise using the legacy SKU.

Please check your regional pricelist for exact pricing. Non-Subscription customers can use methods B and C to upgrade to Map 3D Enterprise, but must also purchase a new Subscription.

12. What is the retirement date for the Topobase Client products released prior to 2012?

Topobase Client products will be discontinued; however customers will be able to purchase legacy Topobase Client products, extending to three previous versions.

13. How will the consolidation of Autodesk Topobase Client and AutoCAD Map 3D be communicated to current customers?

Topobase Client Subscription customers will receive an email with the news of the new offering. Additionally, when Subscription customers are auto fulfilled with AutoCAD Map 3D Enterprise there will be a letter in the product box they receive.

14. What will an AutoCAD Map 3D 2011 customer on Autodesk Subscription receive for their Autodesk Subscription fulfillment?

AutoCAD Map 3D customers currently on Autodesk Subscription will automatically receive AutoCAD Map 3D 2012 with all of the new added functionality of Topobase Client. Non–Autodesk Subscription customers will be able to purchase AutoCAD Map 3D 2012 using traditional methods.

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