

# Questions and Answers

This document provides Autodesk customers with information about changes to the Autodesk® Algor® Simulation portfolio, brand, and the migration of Autodesk Algor Simulation Subscription customers to the new Autodesk® Simulation Mechanical 2012 and Autodesk® Simulation Multiphysics 2012 products.

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# 1. The Autodesk Simulation Brand

## 1.1 What is Autodesk Simulation?

In response to competitive pressures, many manufacturers have decreased their reliance on physical prototypes by using a viable alternative—Digital Prototyping. Digital Prototyping enables you to design, visualize, and simulate a complete product. Giving you the understanding typically associated with time-consuming and expensive physical testing, simulation is a critical part of a Digital Prototyping workflow.

Therefore, we’re launching a family brand, Autodesk® Simulation, to further build awareness of Autodesk products in the simulation market. The portfolio includes a range of scalable simulation solutions. You can find more information at [www.autodesk.com/autodesk-simulation](http://www.autodesk.com/autodesk-simulation).

## 1.2 What are the product name changes and why is Autodesk making these changes?

Autodesk® Simulation Mechanical is the new name for the previous Autodesk® Algor® Simulation MES product. Autodesk® Simulation Multiphysics is the new name for the previous Autodesk® Algor® Simulation Professional product. The new product names are descriptive and closely adhere to industry terms.

# 2. The Autodesk Simulation Portfolio

## 2.1 What changes are being made to the Autodesk Simulation portfolio?

The 2012 portfolio incorporates changes in product naming, product offerings, and licensing.

## 2.2 What are the Autodesk Simulation product offerings for 2012?

Autodesk Simulation Mechanical 2012

Autodesk Simulation Multiphysics 2012

Product Legal Name (FROM)	Product Legal Name (TO)
Autodesk Algor Simulation 2011	Autodesk Simulation Mechanical 2012
Autodesk Algor Simulation MES 2011	
Autodesk Algor Simulation CFD 2011	Autodesk Simulation Multiphysics 2012
Autodesk Algor Simulation Professional 2011	

Note: Autodesk Algor Simulation and Autodesk Algor Simulation CFD are no longer offered. Their capabilities are included in Autodesk Simulation Mechanical 2012 and Autodesk Simulation Multiphysics 2012, respectively.

**2.3 Why is Autodesk making changes to the product offerings?**

Autodesk Simulation Mechanical and Autodesk Simulation Multiphysics are packaged in a way that is easier to purchase and use. It also paves the way to more easily expand the Autodesk Simulation portfolio and your simulation toolkit.

**2.4 What GEOs are affected by these changes?**

All GEOs are affected.

**2.5 Are Autodesk Simulation 2012 products available in different languages?**

Autodesk Simulation 2012 products are available in English, German, and Japanese.

## 3. Autodesk Simulation 2012 Prices

**3.1 How have the Autodesk Simulation standalone prices changed for 2012?**

Product Name (FROM)	2011 MSRP* (US\$)
Autodesk Algor Simulation	\$7,995
Autodesk Algor Simulation MES	\$14,995
Autodesk Algor Simulation CFD	\$14,995
Autodesk Algor Simulation Professional	\$21,995

Product Name (TO)	2012 MSRP* (US\$)
Autodesk Simulation Mechanical	\$14,995
Autodesk Simulation Multiphysics	\$21,995

**3.2 How has the Autodesk Simulation Subscription pricing changed for 2012?**

Autodesk Material Description	2011 MSRP* (US\$)	New name and migration path	2012 MSRP* (US\$)
Autodesk Algor Simulation Commercial Subscription with Gold Support (1 year)	\$1,585	Autodesk Simulation Mechanical Commercial Subscription with Gold Support (1 year)	\$2,995
Autodesk Algor Simulation MES Commercial Subscription with Gold Support (1 year)	\$2,995		
Autodesk Algor Simulation CFD Commercial Subscription with Gold Support (1 year)	\$2,995	Autodesk Simulation Multiphysics Commercial Subscription with Gold Support (1 year)	\$4,390
Autodesk Algor Simulation Professional Commercial Subscription with Gold Support (1 year)	\$4,390		

*\*The Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) shown is Autodesk's suggested price for the specified product and services in the United States. The MSRP does not include any allowance or provision for installation or taxes. The MSRP is displayed for reference purposes only, as the actual retail price is determined by your reseller. Other terms and conditions may apply. Autodesk reserves the right to alter the MSRP, product offerings, and specification of its products and services at any time without notice, and is not responsible for typographical, graphical, or other errors that may appear on this document.*

## 4. Customer Migration

### **4.1 How is Autodesk informing Autodesk Subscription customers about changes to their products?**

Autodesk will begin notifying Contract Managers and Software Coordinators about the new product offerings and make information available at [autodesk.com](http://autodesk.com) on or about March 23, 2011.

### **4.2 How will Autodesk Algor Simulation customers with active Subscription contracts be impacted by these changes?**

Autodesk Algor Simulation 2011 and Autodesk Algor Simulation MES 2011 customers with an active Subscription contract as of the First Customer Shipment (FCS) date for Autodesk Simulation Mechanical 2012 will receive Autodesk Simulation Mechanical 2012.

Autodesk Algor Simulation CFD 2011 and Autodesk Algor Simulation Professional 2011 customers with an active Subscription contract as of the FCS date for Autodesk Simulation Multiphysics 2012 will receive Autodesk Simulation Multiphysics 2012.

The FCS dates for Autodesk Simulation Mechanical 2012 and Autodesk Simulation Multiphysics 2012 are as follows:

English language: on or about March 24, 2011

German and Japanese languages: on or about April 15, 2011

### **4.3 Are there any additional costs for upgrading to 2012?**

There is no additional cost for customers with active Subscription contracts. Customers will have to pay the 2012 Subscription fees after their existing Subscription contract expires.

### **4.4 How will Autodesk Algor Simulation customers without active Subscription contracts be impacted by these changes?**

Expired and inactive Subscription customers will not be eligible for migration. Standard pricing for upgrading to the 2012 products will be available to these customers.

### **4.5 As an active Subscription customer, if I migrate to Autodesk Simulation Mechanical 2012, what previous versions will I have access to?**

If you owned licenses of Autodesk Algor Simulation prior to migration, you will have access to Autodesk Algor Simulation 2011 and Autodesk Algor Simulation 2010. If you owned licenses of Autodesk Algor Simulation MES prior to migration, you will have access to Autodesk Algor Simulation MES 2011 and Autodesk Algor Simulation MES 2010.

**4.6 As an active Subscription customer, if I migrate to Autodesk Simulation Multiphysics 2012, what previous versions will I have access to?**

If you owned licenses of Autodesk Algor Simulation CFD prior to migration, you will have access to Autodesk Algor Simulation CFD 2011 and Autodesk Algor Simulation CFD 2010. If you owned licenses of Autodesk Algor Simulation Professional prior to migration, you will have access to Autodesk Algor Simulation Professional 2011 and Autodesk Algor Simulation Professional 2010.

**4.7 Are there any licensing changes?**

Autodesk Simulation Mechanical 2012 and Autodesk Simulation Multiphysics 2012 support dynamic licensing. If a customer has a seat of Autodesk Simulation Mechanical and a seat of Autodesk Simulation Multiphysics in a network license environment, the software will use the appropriate license based on the functionality being used. The less expensive licenses are always used first. As this is done silently, use of each license is maximized.

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