



DataCAD Boston Users Group

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DBUG Meeting Notes

CadVantage

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About 20 DataCAD Users Gathered at Jeff Tagerman's office on Congress Street in Boston for an informative evening of schmoozing and Datacad information.

Jeff's offices were in the 95% completion stage and the LCD Projector offered the guests a full view of all of his demonstrations.

CadVantage is a full service DataCad Dealer offering Training, Support and Productivity Solutions to Architectural and Interior Design Firms in the greater Boston area. It became clear that a day with Jeff would indeed be a great ROI.

Discussions and Training centered around:

1. Datacad PLUS LT - Could THIS ever be ?
2. Overview of DC 9.07 enhancements including O2C and the various new command keys
3. Jeff went on to explain some of the KEY elements he uses in setting up Clients offices for maximum productivity.

3a. Default Sheets - Jeff explained that a Default Sheet should contain all the information needed for a Project - "Just add Project"Pre-Set your Layers, Grids, Snaps, Pen tables....etc.....So that when the Default Is brought up you are all set and ready to go.

3b. Two hand Cadding - Left hand on the Keyboard - Right Hand on the mouse

3c. Keyboard shortcuts for everything....Alt I - Identify/Set All , Alt Z Change Text Content....etc...

3d. Memorize the location of F1-Entity, F2-Group, F3-Area....etc... for faster Cadding in all of the Menus

3e. Use the (Rick Morse) Productivity Pack Tool Bars - Now bundled with Datacad

3f. Use 3D GTV's

3g. The Old "comma" key trick for undo's

3h. Tweak the Program Preferences to suit your needs

3i. Use Oran Woody's EZ Tools (.dcx) for speed

3j. Insert Excel/Word Documents as Schedules....as well as many more very helpful hints

The remainder of the evening was devoted to DC+ and Jeff having to jump through hoopssuccessfully demonstrating the various questions thrown at him from the audience - (Manny Snyderman would have been proud)

Next meeting will be held at David Sargent's offices in Springfield, MA on 09-17-01