Drawing from Experience: 4 CAD Managers with More Than 100 Years of Combined Experience Tell All

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Learning Objectives

• Understand how others have successfully implemented CAD standards
• Learn how to communicate better with management and other nontechnical people
• Learn about keeping your skill set sharp, and keeping up with rapidly changing technology
• Learn how to work with budgeting and senior management to get what you need for your department

Description

This panel is back with a new list of topics to discuss. Learn from the experiences of this panel of diverse CAD managers who are widely respected as leaders in their field. Hear their unique perspectives and solutions to challenges faced by CAD managers from organizations of all sizes and backgrounds. Topics include understanding CAD standards, keeping up with rapidly changing technology, managing users, communicating with management and other nontechnical people, budgeting, and much more. There will also be time for questions and answers when you can ask these experts the questions you’ve always wanted answered. Bring your questions and get answers from 4 CAD managers who have been there and done that.
Moderator
Rick Ellis
Rick Ellis is the President of CADapult Software Solutions, Inc., where he provides training and consulting services to clients around the country, helping them get the most out of their design software investment. Rick specializes in AutoCAD® Civil 3D®, AutoCAD® Map 3D, Autodesk® InfraWorks™, AutoCAD® Raster Design, and AutoCAD®. He is a member of the Autodesk Developer Network, and author of several critically acclaimed books on AutoCAD Civil 3D, AutoCAD Map 3D and AutoCAD; including the Practical Guide series. Rick continues to use AutoCAD Civil 3D on projects in a production environment, in addition to teaching classes to organizations both large and small around the country. This practical background and approach have made him a sought-after instructor by organizations around the world.

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Meet the Panel
Kate Morrical
Silman is a structural engineering firm with offices in New York, Boston, and Washington, DC. As the Digital Design Manager, Kate Morrical is responsible for coordinating procedures and standards for software used in the design process, whether CAD, Building Information Modeling (BIM), or design/analysis programs. Before rejoining Silman in 2012 (where she also worked from 2003 to 2008), Kate was a Technical Marketing Manager for Autodesk, Inc. There, she worked on the AutoCAD software family of products, specifically AutoCAD LT software. She has over 15 years' experience with Autodesk products, is currently serving as President of the Autodesk User Group International (AUGI) Board of Directors, and has presented at numerous technical events, including Revit Technology Conference North America and several Autodesk University conferences.

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Curt Moreno is a freelance content creator for clients such as the Autodesk, Inc.; Hewlett-Packard; and other corporations, large and small. He has a long-time member of the CAD community having been a member of the board of directors for Autodesk User Group International (AUGI), and an award-winning Autodesk University speaker. He has written and spoken on topics revolving around the CAD profession, management issues, presentation topics, and customer relations for the past 9 years, and he hopes to broaden his reach. Moreno currently lives in Houston where he is the IT Manager for a Texas-based engineering firm. He is a public speaker and trainer and enjoys spending time with his dogs. Visit his new site at www.strangeland.work or follow him on Twitter.

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R.K has worked in the Civil Engineering/Survey field for 20+ years, designing projects for public and private clients using skills ranging from hand drafting to the use of the latest CAD applications. He currently serves the IT department as CAD Manager for a leading Civil Engineering firm in Texas.

R.K. has 20 years’ experience in application development for various CAD applications using autolisp and VBA, and has been presenting professional training seminars in this field for almost as long. He continues to serve as a contributing editor for Cadalyst magazine.

R.K. created CAD Panacea (http://cadpanacea.com) in 2005 as a resource for CAD users all over the world. He is a member of the Autodesk Expert Elite and multiple Autodesk Customer Councils.

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