

The Productivity Power of AutoCAD Tool Palettes – Revealed!

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Learning Objectives

- At the end of this class, you will be able to:
 - Create palette tools from existing AutoCAD content
 - Create and manage legacy and dynamic block libraries
 - Manage company standards for blocks, hatch, layers and objects with tool palettes
 - Manage enterprise tool palettes and demand load as needed

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Course Agenda

- The What and Why of Tool Palettes
- Understanding Tool Palettes
- Working with Tool Palettes
- Making Palatable Tools
- The Power of Content
- Sharing your Tools
- Controlling Palette Roll-up Speed

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Introduction to Tool Palettes

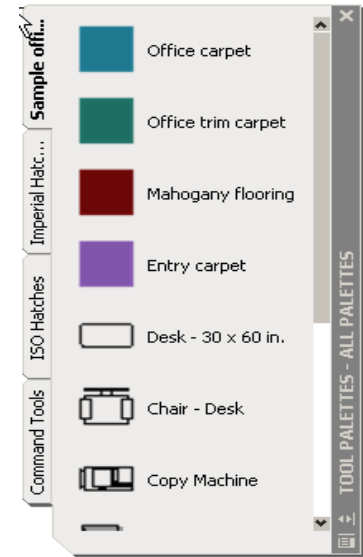
- What are Tool Palettes?
 - They are the easiest way to gain productivity by:
 - Inserting blocks and hatch patterns
 - All types of AutoCAD content
 - Creating content tools from multiple sources
 - Organizing your tools in groups or drive folders
 - Sharing your tools with others



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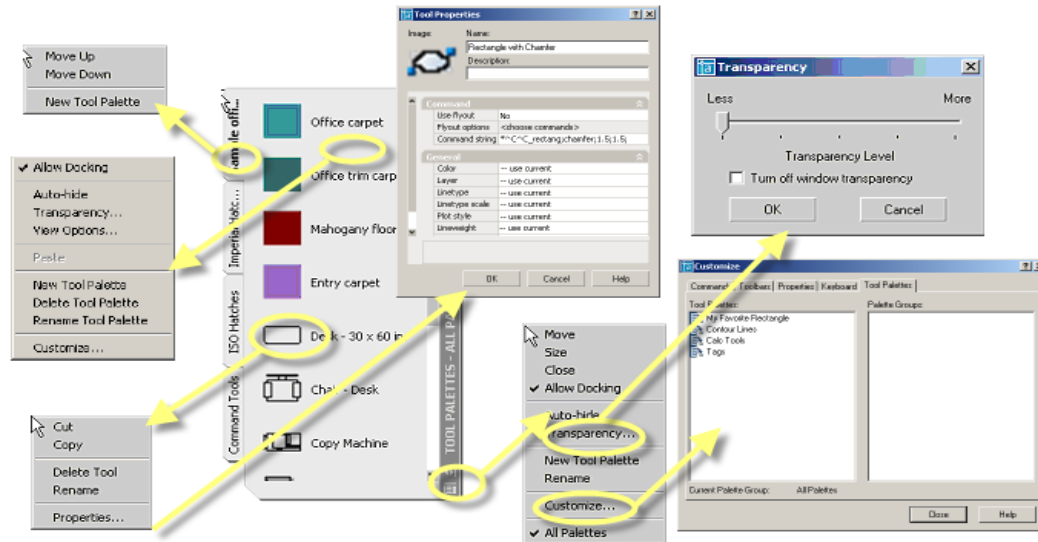
- Why use Tool Palettes?
 - They are the easiest way to customize AutoCAD
 - They can float, be docked, hidden or anchored
 - They will make you more productive by:
 - Gaining real estate
 - Greater organization
 - Maintaining standards
 - Need fewer clicks and picks



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Understanding Tool Palettes

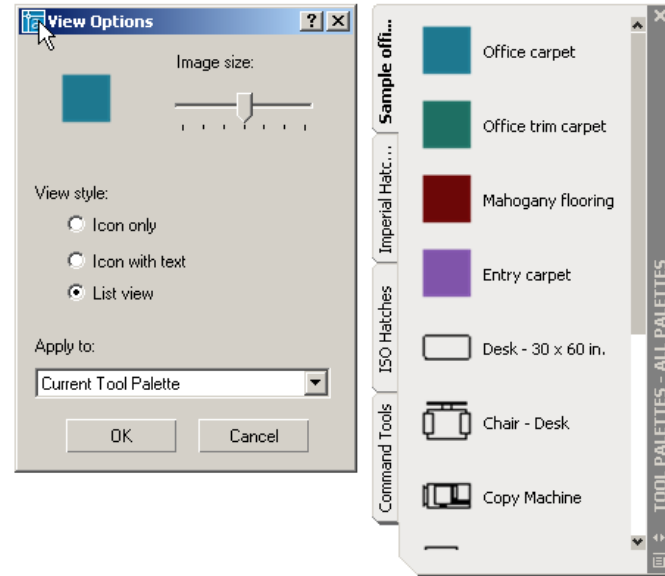
- The properties of the Tool Palette Window
- Right-click everywhere!



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Working with Tool Palettes

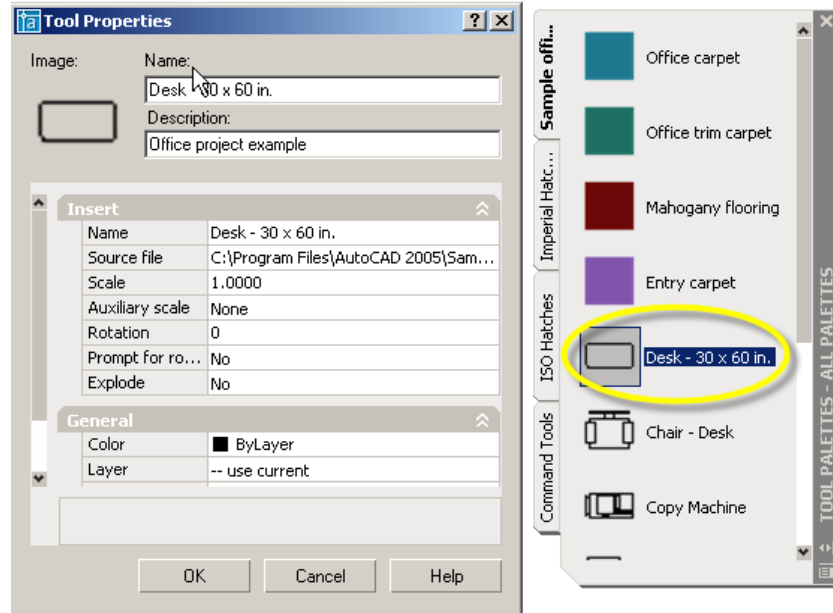
- Loading the Tool Palette Interface
- Modifying an Existing Tool
- Copying an Existing Tool
- Moving a Tool
- Changing the Look



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Making Palatable Tools

- What type of tools can I put on Tool Palettes?
 - Block Tool
 - Hatch Tool
 - Fly-out Tool
 - Command Tool
 - Content Tool
 - Table Tool



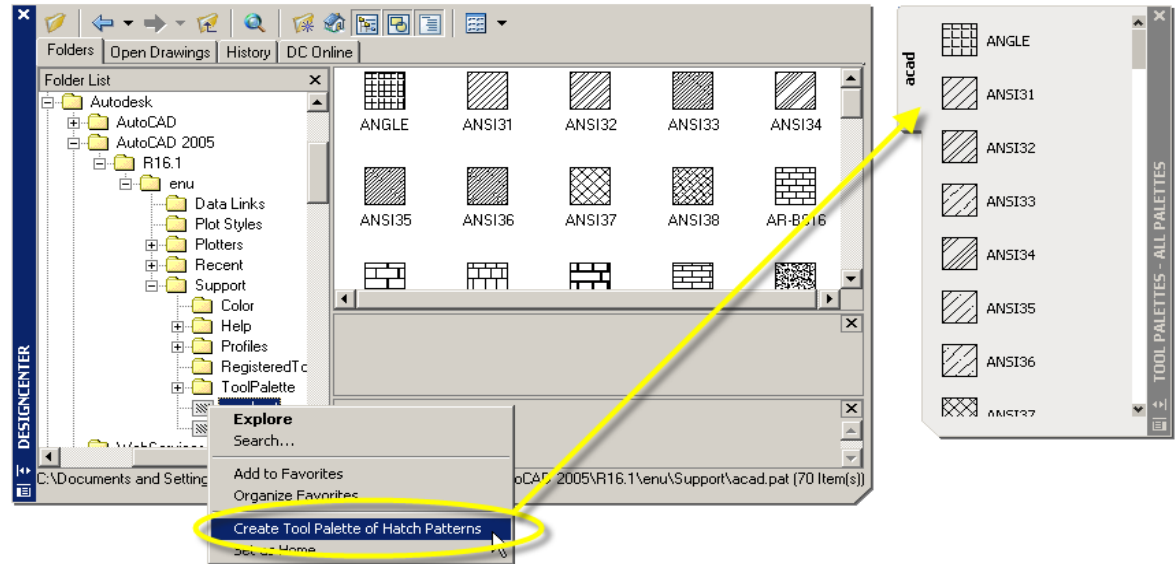
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A Common Tale

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The Power of Content

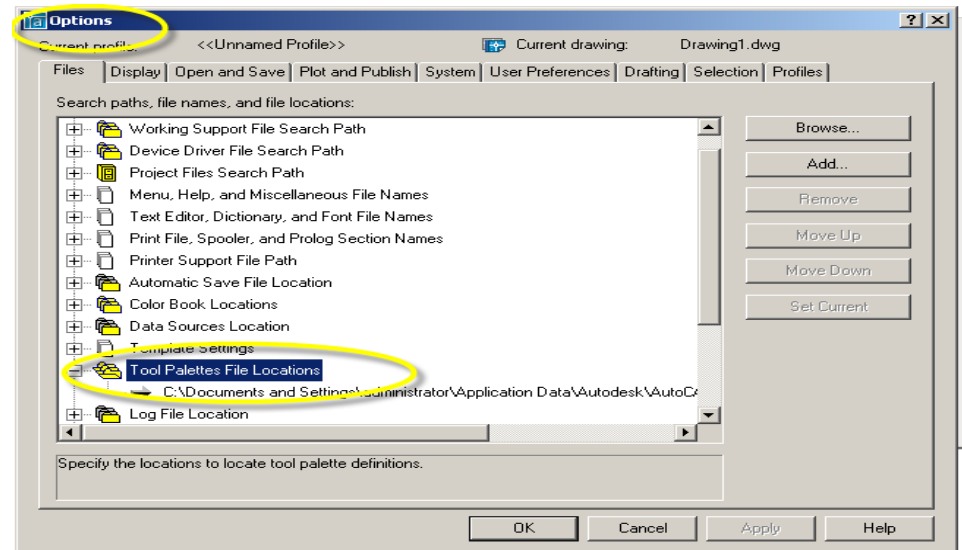
- Good content is everywhere – use it!
 - Drag-n-drop
 - DesignCenter (ADC)
 - Windows Explorer
 - Internet Explorer



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Sharing Your Tools

- Organizing your tools
 - Tool Palette folders
 - Environment variable `_TOOLPALETTEPATH`
 - Importing and exporting Tool Palettes (but not groups)
- Sharing your tools
 - Enterprise Palettes
 - Lock and protecting your content
 - Maintaining order



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Can you control Palette Roll-up Speed?

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Controlling Palette Roll-up Speed

- Editing the Profile.aws
 - PaletteRollout
 - PaletteRollup
 - PaletteHoldopen
 - Set Delay time in milliseconds
 - Do not add spaces within the settings
 - Spaces and returns do not affect the fixed profile syntax
- Backup your original Profile.aws

Located in:

C:\Documents and Settings\”user login name”\ Application
Data\Autodesk\AutoCAD 201x\ Rxx\enu\Support\Profiles\”running profile folder”

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