

# Autodesk Design & Creation Suites

## Frequently Asked Questions

This document answers your frequently asked questions about the upcoming end-of-sale of new Design & Creation Suites.

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## Overview

### 1.1 What is changing?

After July 31, 2016 Autodesk will no longer sell Design & Creation Suites (new subscriptions in addition to the previously announced [end-of-sale for perpetual licenses of Suites](#)).

This change affects the following suites:

- Autodesk® 3ds Max® Entertainment Creation Suite
- Autodesk® Building Design Suite
- Autodesk® Entertainment Creation Suite
- Autodesk® Factory Design Suite
- Autodesk® Infrastructure Design Suite
- Autodesk® Maya Entertainment Creation Suite
- Autodesk® Plant Design Suite
- Autodesk® Product Design Suite
- Revit® Collaboration Suite

Exceptions: The following Suites for new subscriptions with single-user access will end sale after January 31, 2017.

- AutoCAD® Inventor® LT Suite
- AutoCAD® Revit® LT Suite
- Structural Fabrication Suite
- MEP Fabrication Suite

### 1.2 Why is Autodesk ending the sale of the Design & Creation Suites?

We heard you—the way you work is changing rapidly, which also changes the tools you use and the ways you buy and access software. Autodesk is ending the sale of the Design & Creation Suites so that we can deliver software solutions in a more flexible and simplified way to better suite your evolving needs.

Beginning August 1, 2016 we will introduce [industry collections](#), which will give you a new way to access the Autodesk software you want and need—while providing you greater value, more flexibility, and a simplified customer experience. [Learn more about how industry collections differ from the Design & Creation Suites.](#)

### 1.3 When is the last day to purchase the Design & Creation Suites?

July 31, 2016 will be the last day you can purchase or subscribe to a Design & Creation Suite.

Exceptions: The following Suites for new subscriptions with single-user access will end sale after January 31, 2017.

AutoCAD® Inventor® LT Suite  
AutoCAD® Revit® LT Suite  
Structural Fabrication Suite  
MEP Fabrication Suite

#### **1.4 Is this a global change?**

Yes, the end-of-sale of the Design & Creation Suites is global, and in some regions has already taken place.

#### **1.5 How will Autodesk ease this transition for me?**

To make this transition as smooth as possible, we are helping you:

##### ***Plan***

Providing as much advance notice of the changes as possible so you have time to assess options and make plans.

##### ***Access***

Subscribers to Suites can continue to access their subscription benefits for as long as they renew their subscription.

Customers with perpetual licenses to Suites on a maintenance plan will be able to access their benefits for as long as they renew their maintenance plans.

##### ***Switch***

If you choose, Autodesk will provide a convenient way to switch your existing subscription to an Industry collection subscription in October 2016.

## **How will this affect me?**

### ***For subscribers***

#### **2.1 Will this change affect my current Suite's subscription?**

No, after July 31, 2016, you can continue to use your software and receive support and benefits for as long as you renew your Suite's subscription.

*For customers on a maintenance plan*

## **2.2 Will this change affect my perpetual licenses of Suites that are on a maintenance plan?**

No, you will continue to receive support and benefits for as long as you renew your maintenance plan.

## **What are my options?**

### **3.1 What are my purchase options between now and when industry collections are available?**

Until industry collections are available, we suggest you consider:

#### **Subscribing to a Design & Creation Suite or Individual Product**

##### ***Annual or multi-year subscription***

Subscribe with confidence to an annual or multi-year subscription of a Design & Creation Suite and have the flexibility to switch to an industry collections subscription later on. See the section on [Switching Your Subscription](#) for more details.

##### ***Monthly or quarterly subscription***

Get a short-term subscription to support your needs between now and the time collections are available; then simply subscribe to an industry collection any time beginning August 1, 2016.

#### **Purchase a Perpetual license to a Design & Creation Suite with a maintenance plan**

Perpetual licenses of the Design & Creation Suites with a maintenance plan will be available for purchase (in most geographies) through July 31, 2016. Customers will continue to receive support and benefits for as long as they wish to renew their maintenance plan.

## Introducing Autodesk Industry Collections

### 4.1 What is an industry collection?

An Autodesk industry collection is the most convenient and flexible way to access a wide selection of the most essential Autodesk software used in your industry; subscriptions to these collections will be available for:

- Architecture, Engineering & Construction
- Product Design
- Media & Entertainment

### 4.2 What are some of the differences between the industry collections and the Design & Creation Suites?

Industry collections provide a superior experience to that of the Design & Creation Suites in the following ways:

**Greater Value** - Industry collections provide you value that well exceeds the premium Suites at a very competitive price point.

**Continuous Improvement** - Industry collections are designed to continuously evolve to provide access to new applications and cloud services to meet your changing business needs with improved workflows. By supporting the demands of your business as it changes, you will receive access to new technology when it becomes available, rather than waiting for a new product release once a year.

**Greater Flexibility and Choice** - Subscriptions to industry collections will be available with single-user and multi-user access and the choice of different term lengths, giving you greater flexibility to choose the option that fits your business needs. Today, subscriptions to the Design & Creation suites are available for single-user access only.

**More Cloud Services** - You will receive access to more cloud services than are currently available in the Design and Creation Suites, giving you more opportunity to leverage the computing power of the cloud.

In addition, when you subscribe to a collection with multi-user access, you will be able to grant shared access to cloud services, whereas with suites, customers are limited to a single named user per cloud service.

**Simplified Packaging** - We've made it easier for you to determine which offering is right for you. Instead of evaluating a multitude of Suites and then having to select standard, premium, or ultimate tiers – all of your most essential software tools are in one of three industry collections:

- Architecture, Engineering & Construction Collection
- Product Design Collection
- Media & Entertainment Collection

#### 4.3 What are the key benefits of subscribing to an Autodesk industry collection?

Autodesk industry collections provide you with the following benefits:

- Access to a wide selection of the most essential Autodesk software for your industry in a single collection that will evolve and get better over time
- Continuous access to the latest software releases and enhancements
- Flexible term lengths (monthly, quarterly, annual, multi-year)
- Both single-user (individual) and multi-user (shared) access offered
- Previous Version Rights
- Global Travel Rights
- Access to more cloud services
- Technical support
- Administrative tools

#### 4.4 Which desktop software products and cloud services are in the industry collections\*?

The following desktop software and cloud services are available in the Industry collections:

Industry Collections					
Architecture, Engineering & Construction Collection		Product Design Collection		Media & Entertainment Collection	
Desktop	Cloud	Desktop	Cloud	Desktop	Cloud
AutoCAD	AutoCAD 360 Pro	AutoCAD	AutoCAD 360 Pro	Maya	Character Generator
AutoCAD Architecture	Formit 360 Pro	AutoCAD Architecture	Fusion 360	Motionbuilder	ReCap 360 Pro
AutoCAD Civil 3D	InfraWorks 360	AutoCAD Electrical	ReCap 360 Pro	Mudbox	Rendering in A360
AutoCAD Electrical	Insight 360	AutoCAD Mechanical	Rendering in A360	3ds Max	Storage (25GB)
AutoCAD Map 3D	ReCap 360 Pro	Factory Design Utilities	Storage (25GB)		
AutoCAD MEP	Rendering in A360	Inventor Professional			
AutoCAD P&ID	Structural Analysis for Revit	Navisworks Manage			
AutoCAD Plant 3D	Storage (25GB)	Vault Basic			
AutoCAD Raster Design		3ds Max			
AutoCAD Utility Design					
Revit					
Navisworks Manage					
Vehicle Tracking					
3ds Max					

\* The composition of industry collections may be subject to change from time to time at the discretion of Autodesk.

#### **4.5 What will an industry collection cost?**

Sample pricing for industry collections can be found on [Autodesk.com](http://Autodesk.com). For final pricing please contact your [Autodesk Authorized Reseller](#) or Autodesk Sales Representative.

#### **4.6 When will the industry collections be available?**

The Autodesk industry collections will be available via a subscription, worldwide on **August 1, 2016**.

#### **4.7 Where can I get more information on industry collections?**

Visit [autodesk.com/collections](http://autodesk.com/collections) for more detailed information on industry collections.

## **Switching your subscription**

#### **5.1 Will I be able to switch my Design & Creation Suite subscription to an industry collection subscription?**

Yes, Autodesk will provide a convenient way for you to switch your existing Design & Creation Suite subscription(s) to an industry collection.

#### **5.2 What options will I have if I want to switch to an industry collection?**

Autodesk plans on providing a convenient way for you to switch your annual, 2- or 3-year Design & Creation Suites or individual product subscription to an industry collection subscription during your current subscription term.

#### **5.3 When will I be able to switch my current Design & Creation subscription to an industry collection?**

You will be able to switch In October, 2016.

#### **5.4 Will I be able switch from a perpetual license on a maintenance plan to an industry collection?**

No, switching from a perpetual license on a maintenance plan will not be available until a later time.



### **5.5 How much will I pay to switch?**

You can switch from a premium or ultimate Design & Creation Suite to an industry collection for free\* for the remainder of your current subscription term. Otherwise, you will only pay the approximate price difference between the two subscriptions, prorated for the time remaining in the subscription term.

\* Exception: AutoCAD Design Suite premium/ultimate

More details on switching subscriptions will be shared as the information becomes available.