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The changes we're making

For many individual desktop software products, we will end the sale of new perpetual licenses after January 31, 2016. Customers who have a perpetual license for an individual product, or who purchase a perpetual license before Jan 31, 2016, will be able to continue to use that license. Customers who have a perpetual license with Maintenance Subscription will receive software updates and corresponding benefits for as long as the subscription remains active.

Our commitment to you

Throughout this period, Autodesk and our partners will work with customers to make this transition from perpetual licenses to Desktop Subscription as smooth as possible, and to deal with exceptional situations accordingly. We will provide as much advance notice as we can so that people can anticipate and plan for these changes.

Please refer to the Questions & Answers section below for more detailed information. We will update this Q&A as we progress through the transition.

If after reading the details below you still have questions, please visit our [Perpetual License Changes Forum](#) to ask questions or review answers we have given to other visitors.

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1. Overview

1.1 What is changing?

Effective Jan 31, 2016 Autodesk will discontinue selling new perpetual (standalone or network) licenses of most individual (non-suite) products. New Desktop Subscription licenses for these products will be available as multi-year, annual, quarterly or monthly plans. Active Maintenance Subscription agreements on previously purchased perpetual licenses will continue to be renewable.

1.2 Who is impacted by these changes?

Any company or individual who wishes to purchase new software licenses of the products listed in Question 1.3 after Jan 31, 2016 will only have the option to purchase as Desktop Subscription or our upcoming network subscription option.

If you are a customer with an active Maintenance Subscription contract(s), see section 3 for details on licenses, benefits and purchasing options. If you are on an Autodesk Enterprise Business Agreement or a customer who is unable to utilize electronic delivery or web-accessed software, please refer to section 4.

1.3 What products are affected on January 31, 2016?

Autodesk plans to discontinue the sale of new perpetual licenses on January 31, 2016 in all countries globally where Autodesk software is available for many individual desktop software products. This affects the following products:

Autodesk® 3ds Max®	Autodesk® AutoCAD® Revit LT™ Suite	Autodesk® Motion Builder®
Autodesk® 3ds Max® with Softimage®	Autodesk® AutoCAD® Utility Design	Autodesk® Mudbox®
Autodesk® AutoCAD®	Autodesk® AutoCAD® Civil 3D®	Autodesk® Navisworks® Simulate
Autodesk® AutoCAD® for Mac®	Autodesk® Fabrication CADmep™	Autodesk® Navisworks® Manage
Autodesk® AutoCAD® Architecture	Autodesk® Fabrication CAMduct™	Autodesk® Point Layout
Autodesk® AutoCAD® Inventor LT™ Suite	Autodesk® Fabrication ESTmep™	Autodesk® Revit® Architecture
Autodesk® AutoCAD LT®	HSMWorks Premium	Autodesk® Revit LT™
Autodesk® AutoCAD LT® for Mac®	HSMWorks Professional	Autodesk® Revit MEP
Autodesk® AutoCAD LT® Civil Suite	Autodesk® Inventor HSM™	Autodesk® Revit® Structure
Autodesk® AutoCAD® Electrical	Autodesk® Inventor HSM™ Pro	Autodesk® River and Flood Analysis
Autodesk® AutoCAD® Map 3D	Autodesk® Inventor®	Autodesk® Showcase®
Autodesk® AutoCAD® Mechanical	Autodesk® Inventor LT™	Autodesk® Structural Bridge Design
Autodesk® AutoCAD® MEP	Autodesk® Inventor® Professional	Autodesk® Vehicle Tracking
Autodesk® AutoCAD® P&ID	Autodesk® Maya®	
Autodesk® AutoCAD® Plant 3D	Autodesk® Maya LT™	
Autodesk® AutoCAD® Raster Design	Autodesk® Maya® with Softimage®	

1.4 Is Autodesk ending the sale of new perpetual licenses for products that are not included in the January 31, 2016 list?

Autodesk plans to continue to offer for sale new perpetual licenses for some individual products and most suites beyond January 31, 2016. This affects the following products listed below. Any decision to change the licensing available for these products will be communicated well in advance.

Design and Creation Suites	Moldflow Design	VRED Design
Advanced Concrete	Moldflow Insight	VRED Presenter
Advanced Steel	Moldflow Synergy	VRED Professional
AutoCAD with Advanced Steel	Moldflow Advisor	VRED Render Node
Autodesk® Alias® AutoStudio	Nastran	VRED Server
Autodesk® Alias® Concept	Nastran in-CAD	Helius Composite
Autodesk® Alias® Design	Vault Office	Helius PFA
Autodesk® Alias® SpeedForm	Vault Workgroup	Autodesk CFD
Autodesk® Alias® Surface	Vault Professional	Studiowall

1.5 Were the Alias products originally on the list for January 31, 2016?

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Yes, they were. Autodesk is allowing more time to purchase perpetual licenses for these products.

1.6 Why is Autodesk discontinuing some perpetual licenses?

With this change, Autodesk is continuing its transition to subscription-based products, which offer customers a lower entry price, greater choice of tools and the ability to pay-as-you-go. With its shift away from selling perpetual rights to use a specific version of software, Autodesk plans to continually innovate and improve its Desktop Subscription products, more tightly integrate them with cloud services, allow access from multiple devices and at any time, make them easier to deploy and manage, and reduce file compatibility issues.

1.7 Does this affect existing software purchased under a perpetual license?

No, if a customer already has a perpetual license or purchases a new perpetual license at any time through Jan 31, 2016, that license doesn't go away. They still retain the perpetual license to that software and can continue to use it in accordance with their perpetual license agreement. If the software product is covered by Maintenance Subscription, they will also continue to receive their Maintenance Subscription benefits.

Customers that need to add licenses to an existing network server deployment will have the option to purchase additional network term licenses as part of an upcoming "network subscription" option. An additional document available [at this link](#) provides more information about the upcoming "network subscription" option.

1.8 How will this change impact Maintenance Subscription customers?

Customers with current Maintenance Subscription contracts on Jan 31, 2016, will retain the option to renew Maintenance Subscription for the affected products and receive corresponding benefits. The elimination of perpetual licenses only impacts the ability to make new purchases of new perpetual licenses.

1.9 How will Autodesk ease this transition for customers?

Autodesk is doing several things to make the transition to Desktop Subscription as smooth as possible for customers:

- Providing the time needed to assess options and make plans by providing a full year of advance notice of changes to come
- Allowing Maintenance Subscribers to continue to renew their Maintenance Subscriptions and receive/access the benefits of their Maintenance Subscription
- Making Autodesk Account the one place to manage all of your products, subscriptions and services
- Providing the ability to lock in your subscription rate by introducing the option of a multi-year Desktop Subscription offering
- Continuing to offer Autodesk Design and Creation Suites as a perpetual license

1.10 Are there any changes to Cloud Service Subscription?

Separately purchased [Cloud Service Subscription](#) offerings, such as BIM 360, PLM 360 or Fusion 360, are not impacted. Cloud services that are included with offerings as Maintenance Subscription and Desktop Subscription benefits will continue to be included in those offerings.

1.11 Will I be able to purchase a network activation after Jan 31, 2016?

After Jan 31, 2016, Autodesk will no longer offer the option to convert a stand-alone license to a shared network license for those products listed in Q1.3 above. After Jan 31, 2016, customers that need new or additional shared network licenses will be able to purchase an upcoming "network subscription" option. [This additional document](#) provides more information about the upcoming "network subscription" option.

2. Desktop Subscription

2.1 What is Desktop Subscription? Does Desktop Subscription use the cloud to store applications and data?

Desktop Subscription gives access to Autodesk software—the same full version as with a perpetual license—but with a flexible, pay-as-you-go approach for a software budget that's easier to manage. Desktop Subscription provides benefits such as Basic Support, access to the latest software and product enhancements, and in some cases, access

to select cloud services. The desktop software application delivered through Desktop Subscription as well as associated user data continue to be stored on a local machine, and any usage of included Autodesk cloud services is optional.

2.2 What are the key features/benefits of Desktop Subscription licenses?

Desktop Subscription grants license holders the right to use the software for a specified period of time with the option to renew their contract. Customers who purchase a Desktop Subscription receive benefits such as Basic Support, options for more advanced support, access to the latest software and product enhancements, and in some cases, access to select cloud services.

2.3 Currently not all Autodesk products are available as Desktop Subscription. What is the timeline for making these products available?

Desktop Subscription, where currently unavailable, will be introduced during the transition. .

Products that recently introduced Desktop Subscription:

Autodesk® AutoCAD® Architecture	Autodesk® AutoCAD® Electrical	Autodesk® Inventor®
Autodesk® AutoCAD® MEP	Autodesk® Vehicle Tracking	Autodesk® Inventor LT™
Autodesk® AutoCAD® P&ID	Autodesk® Fabrication CADmep™	Autodesk® Inventor® Professional
Autodesk® AutoCAD® Plant 3D	Autodesk® Fabrication CAMduct™	Autodesk® Point Layout
Autodesk® AutoCAD® Civil 3D®	Autodesk® Fabrication ESTmep™	Autodesk® Revit LT™

Products that plan to introduce Desktop Subscription include, but are not limited to:

Autodesk® Revit® Architecture	Autodesk® Revit MEP	Autodesk® Revit® Structure
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2.4 I am currently sharing perpetual licenses on a network. With this announcement, what options will be available to maintain or buy new network licenses?

After Jan 31, 2016, customers who have perpetual network licenses for individual products may need a way to add network license seats. As such, we plan to introduce the option to purchase licenses for individual products on a term “network subscription” basis.

2.5 What exactly is a “network subscription”?

A “network subscription” is similar to a perpetual network license with maintenance subscription, with one primary difference. While a perpetual network license is activated and used indefinitely, a network license provided as part of a “network subscription” is usable only for a specified term (e.g., one year) unless renewed. Please review [this additional document](#) for more information about the upcoming “network subscription” option.

2.6 When will a “network subscription” be available?

The “network subscription” offering is currently being developed, and we expect it will be available prior to Jan 31, 2016. Please review [this additional document](#) for more information about the upcoming “network subscription” option.

2.7 Is Autodesk making any changes to Desktop Subscription as part of this transition?

To provide customers greater purchasing flexibility, Autodesk has introduced multi-year (2-year and 3-year) plans for new Desktop Subscription purchases.

2.8 Will Autodesk support previous version (PV) rights under Desktop Subscription?

Customers with an active Desktop Subscription may have access to previous version licenses of eligible Autodesk software. For details more details please reference [Autodesk Desktop Subscription Previous Version Rights Eligibility](#) on the [Autodesk Knowledge Network](#).

3. Maintenance Subscription

3.1 What is Maintenance Subscription?

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Maintenance Subscription ensures a perpetual license holder receives term-based benefits such as Basic Support, options for more advanced support, access to the latest software and product enhancements, and in some cases, access to select cloud services. A Maintenance Subscription agreement must be applied to a separately purchased perpetual license.

3.2 What happens if I am a current Maintenance Subscription customer?

Current maintenance customers will continue enjoying the benefits of Maintenance Subscription so long as they continue to renew. Autodesk has no plans to stop offering Maintenance Subscription renewals. But, for the products listed in Question 1.4 above, you must be on an active agreement as of January 31, 2016 to continue to renew.

3.3 What happens if a Maintenance Subscription expires?

If a Maintenance Subscription is not renewed, customers will have to purchase a Desktop Subscription if they want to get the latest features and functionality. Autodesk will be reviewing Subscription renewal policies before Jan 31, 2016 and will communicate any changes well in advance of the effective date.

3.4 Will Maintenance Subscription customers be able to crossgrade a perpetual license and remain on Maintenance Subscription?

Even after we discontinue the sale of perpetual licenses for a given product, customers may opt to purchase a crossgrade from that product to another product for which perpetual licenses are still sold. For example, a customer with perpetual license of AutoCAD LT after Jan 31, 2016 can crossgrade that perpetual licenses to AutoCAD Design Suite Ultimate. But that customer will not be able to purchase a crossgrade from AutoCAD LT to AutoCAD LT Inventor Suite. The customer's current maintenance agreement will be moved to the new product at the time a crossgrade is purchased.

3.5 How long can current Maintenance Subscription customers remain on Maintenance Subscription?

While Autodesk is announcing our plans to discontinue the sale of new perpetual licenses, we are not eliminating Maintenance Subscription. Maintenance Subscription customers may continue to renew their Maintenance Subscription contract for the foreseeable future.

3.6 Will existing Maintenance Subscription customers be able to add additional perpetual licenses under Maintenance Subscription after Jan 31, 2016?

Once Autodesk has discontinued sales of new perpetual licenses for a product, customers will only have the option to renew Maintenance Subscription contracts for previously purchased perpetual licenses. No new perpetual licenses of affected products may be added to new or existing Maintenance Subscription contracts after Jan 31, 2016.

3.7 What happens if a customer with a perpetual license chooses to discontinue Maintenance Subscription?

Customers with expired maintenance subscriptions can continue using their perpetual licenses. However, they will lose Subscription benefits such as updates, technical product support, flexible license rights, and cloud services. Autodesk will be reviewing Subscription renewal policies before Jan 31, 2016. Changes will be communicated in advance of the effective dates. If a Maintenance Subscription is not renewed, customers will have to purchase a Desktop Subscription to get the latest features and functionality.

3.8 What multi-year Maintenance Subscription options will be available to customers leading up to February 1, 2016?

Autodesk will continue to provide multi-year Maintenance Subscription options so that customers who have purchased perpetual licenses can continue to have access to the most up-to-date software, while locking in the price for the length of their contract. The multi-year Maintenance Subscription discount will be eliminated after July 31, 2015 in most markets.¹ Ask your partner or sales executive about the latest multi-year offerings.

4. Enterprise Business Agreements

4.1 How will this change impact Enterprise Business Agreement customers in the near term?

Customers who currently have an Enterprise Business Agreement with Autodesk for the Enterprise Flex, Multi-Flex or Token Flex Offerings will see no immediate change to the terms or benefits of their agreements.

4.2 What will happen to customers with Enterprise Business Agreements that include perpetual rights to their software when the agreement ends?

Customers with an Enterprise Business Agreement that includes perpetual rights to their software may exercise their rights to receive those perpetual licenses at the end of their agreement, or they may choose to renew those perpetual licenses under Maintenance Subscription at that time.

4.3 Will customers with an Enterprise Business Agreement be able to add new perpetual licenses to their agreement?

Customers with a currently active Enterprise Business Agreement will be able to purchase new perpetual licenses, as permitted by the terms of their agreement. After Jan 31, 2016, customers entering into a new Enterprise Business Agreement will not be offered the option to purchase new perpetual licenses. Customers will have the option to enroll in an Enterprise Business Agreement, purchase “network subscription” licenses, or Desktop and Cloud Subscription licenses, as desired.

4.4 Will the currently available Enterprise licensing models (i.e., Autodesk Multi-Flex, Autodesk Enterprise Token Flex) still be available when new sales of perpetual licenses end?

Autodesk’s currently available enterprise licensing model options will continue to be available for the immediate future. Autodesk Multi-Flex and Autodesk Enterprise Token Flex licensing models will continue to be available for purchase for customers considering a new Enterprise Business Agreement.

4.5 Where can Enterprise customers get more information?

Customers with an Enterprise Business Agreement should speak directly with their Autodesk Account Executive for more information about the perpetual license transition and how it will affect them.

5. General Questions

5.1 How will this change affect customers who are unable to utilize electronic delivery or web-accessed software?

Autodesk is committed to finding solutions that will ease the transition to subscription-based models. Throughout this transition, we will work with our partners and customers to ensure that these changes do not prevent the purchase and use of Autodesk software. For customers that require use of software that is not connected to the internet, our upcoming “network subscription” may be an option. Please review [this additional document](#) for more information about the upcoming “network subscription” option.

5.2 How will these changes affect education customers?

The discontinuation of new perpetual licenses does not impact education customers. Qualified academic institutions, students and educators will continue to have free access to Educational Licenses. For more information, please visit <http://www.autodesk.com/education/free-software/all>

5.3 Is this a global change?

Yes, the discontinuation of perpetual licensing for most individual products (non-Suites) will go into effect on Jan 31, 2016 globally. However, there is one region where this transition will start earlier to provide valuable insight to Autodesk. In ANZ (Australia and New Zealand), the sale of new perpetual licenses for LT Family products will stop after Jun 6, 2015. Affected products are AutoCAD LT for Mac and AutoCAD LT, Inventor LT, Revit LT, Inventor LT Suite and Revit LT Suite. Customers in ANZ will be able to attach Maintenance Subscription to any perpetual licenses of these products

purchased through Jun 6, 2015.