

9/1/2019... Carlson Maintenance Pricing is Going UP!

The Bad News: Carlson Software announced last week that they will be increasing the cost of maintenance renewals as of 9/1/2019. The Carlson Software price for maintenance is going up! (View this as PDF)

The Good News: The increases will only apply to licenses for which the maintenance has expired.

Putting your licenses on maintenance is still completely optional (and won't affect access to Carlson's free tech support) and the annual cost to renew CURRENT maintenance will still be 10% of the retail price of the software. But, after Sept 1, the cost to renew EXPIRED maintenance will increase from 5% to 10% for each year that license is out-of-date.

Here's an example... Renewing maintenance now for a license of Civil Suite 2016 that has expired will cost \$987.50 (25% of retail price of \$3,950) but, after 9/1/2019, will cost \$1,580 (40% of retail price of \$3,950). By renewing maintenance you will receive an immediate upgrade to the 2019 version of the software plus you'll receive 2020 when it's released in a few weeks.

So, if you have accidentally, or on-purpose, let maintenance on some licenses lapse, now's the time to consider renewing. Please call or email to request pricing!

2018 Year End Specials!



**** Year End Special ****
Starts Nov 1 - Ends Dec 31

Carlson's Year-End Specials were announced on November 1st and there are a couple surprises this year! You can purchase from our online store or contact us directly for a custom proposal.



Pick any 4 of the programs shown above

**Carlson Civil Suite or Pick 4 Bundle with maintenance thru
9/1/2019**



**with embedded
AutoCAD (OEM)**

Carlson Survey with embedded AutoCAD (OEM)



Carlson Takeoff Suite with maintenance thru 9/1/2019

Carlson Survey 2019 with embedded AutoCAD (OEM) has been released!

Carlson has now released Carlson Survey 2019 with embedded Carlson AutoCAD (OEM) earlier this week. If you have recently purchased a new license of Survey 2018 OEM or upgraded to this product, you MAY be eligible for a free upgrade to 2019. Please email me to find out if your purchase qualifies.

FAQ: What are the latest improvements in Carlson Software?

Also, Survey 2019 with embedded Carlson AutoCAD (OEM) is one of the products included in our end-of-year sale! View the product in our online store



Time to Register for our North Carolina 2018 Carlson Training Workshops!



We tried something new at last year's Carlson training workshops... having one day of "Overview" and another of "In Depth" topics. We got a lot of great feedback on the format so we're repeating that again this year. We have the same team together but we'll be presenting new and different topics than last year. Also, as much as possible, we will avoid showing any of the same content on day 1 and day 2 so attendees see all new information both days.

Cost is \$99 per day but will have an extra \$10 late fee assessed approximately a week before each event. Lunch is included and each attendee will receive a certificate showing 8 hours credit for each day of training attended.

Registration links can be found here: www.thatcadgirl.com/workshops. See below for more details...

Overview of 2018 Carlson Software Training Workshop for Surveyors, Engineers and Contractors

11/14/2018 in Statesville NC or 12/12/2018 in Raleigh NC

Topics include:

- Overview of 2018 Carlson Desktop Software including Survey, GIS, Civil, Hydrology, CadNet & Precision 3D
- Best Practices for Surface Modeling in Carlson Software

- Processing Drone Data with Carlson's Photo Capture & Precision 3D

In-Depth with Carlson Software

11/15/2018 in Statesville NC or 12/13/2018 in Raleigh NC

This year we will have two concurrent sessions to choose from:

Room 1) In-Depth Carlson Survey with Doug Aaberg, Jennifer DiBona & Jeremy Taylor

- Survey Project Start to Finish
- Overview of Field to Finish
- Staking Tips & Tricks with Survey and SurvCE/SurvPC

Room 2) In-Depth Civil, Hydrology & Precision 3D with Mark Long & Scott Griffin

- Subdivision design with LotNet and RoadNet
- Storm and sanitary sewer design and sheet production
- Site layout, grading and sheet production
- Overview of Precision 3D Hydrology

Carlson 2019 Released!



Carlson Software released the 2019 version of their desktop software yesterday and it is now available for download [here](#). You can review the list of improvements [here](#).

The following modules are included in this release: Programs of the Carlson Civil Suite 2019 (Survey, Civil, Hydrology, GIS), Basic Mining, Geology, Underground Mining, Surface Mining, Natural Regrade, Field, programs of Takeoff Suite (CADnet, GeoTech, Trench, Construction) and Point Clouds. The program can be installed on AutoCAD 2010-2019 or with included Intellicad 9.0 and will run on 32- or 64-bit Windows 10, Windows 8, Windows 7 and Vista Professional operating systems.

A Carlson 2019 Serial number is required for installation and users with an active maintenance agreement can look up your upgraded serial number [here](#). (NOTE: Installing Carlson Civil Suite 2019 with your upgrade serial number will cause your old version to become inactive in approximately 60 days)

If you're not a current Carlson user or would prefer to use a 30 day trial serial number, please click [here](#) to submit your request.

If your maintenance has expired or you're not able to generate your new 2019 serial numbers, please send me an email or request a proposal for your custom pricing.

Carlson 2018 (and updated Build) Has Been Released!

Carlson Software released the Carlson 2018 version of their desktop software about a month ago but, as I usually do with all new software upgrades, I've waited for the first new Build to come out before jumping into it completely.

You can [click here](#) to download the 10/4/2017 Build of 2018 and [here](#) to see the list of improvements in 2018. This is the "for CAD" version of the software that includes IntelliCAD 8.2 and can be installed on top of AutoCAD versions 2010-2018.

If you are current on your maintenance plan and Carlson training, you can visit this page and use your 2017 serial number to retrieve your 2018 serial number.

If your maintenance has expired or you're not able to generate your new 2018 serial numbers, please send me an email or request a proposal for your custom pricing.

The 2018 version of Survey with embedded AutoCAD (OEM) can be downloaded [here](#).

The 2018/R10 version of Takeoff with embedded AutoCAD (OEM) can be downloaded [here](#).

[Click here](#) to download a Carlson training PDF of improvements in Takeoff T10.

2017 Workshops! Registration is now open!

We are finally ready to announce our 2017 Workshops in North Carolina!

There has been a bit of a delay in getting the registration open but details and registration links were posted here yesterday: www.thatcadgirl.com/workshops.

PLEASE NOTE: This year's workshops will have a bit more limited seating than previous years – Register Soon! to get your spot...

Carlson Workshop for Surveyors, Engineers & Contractors

11/7/2017 in Statesville NC

12/12/2017 in Raleigh NC

Topics include:

- What's new in Carlson 2018
- Overview of staking and field to finish
- Working with 2D and 3D PDFs to generate surface models
- Overview of surface modeling, road design and sheet production
- Importing Lidar data for use in presentations and surface modeling

In-Depth with Carlson Software

11/8/2017 in Statesville NC

12/13/2017 in Raleigh NC

Room 1) In-Depth Carlson Survey with Doug Aaberg

- Field to Finish
- Subdivision layout & design
- Surface modeling and analysis

Room 2) In-Depth Civil, Hydrology & Precision 3D with Mark Long

- Advanced roadway design including profiles & cross-sections
- Storm drainage design and detention pond design with multiple outlets using Carlson Hydrology
- Presentations, surface modeling, watershed analysis and culvert design with Precision 3D

IntelliCAD and Carlson
Software – What are you
waiting for?



"IF YOU DON'T SHUT UP ABOUT HOW GOOD ZAPCAD 8 IS WE WON'T BE GIVEN THE BRAND NAME VERSION"

Changes to Autodesk licensing and purchasing options seem to be coming like clockwork... and those options are becoming more and more limited!

So, Is IntelliCAD (and Carlson Software) the Answer to Your Pain And Suffering...?

Join us for our FREE webinar on Wednesday June 28th to hear Dave Lorenzo, President of the IntelliCAD Technology Consortium (ITC), explain the history and the future of IntelliCAD as well as Dave Carlson, Exec VP of Carlson Software, to describe the relationship between Carlson Software and IntelliCAD and explain the reasons that Carlson delivers on IntelliCAD.

Lastly, I will spend a few minutes in the IntelliCAD software showing the similarities (and differences) between it and AutoCAD and the features I believe will be of most interest to civil/survey/construction software users.



"EITHER THE CAD SOFTWARE IS CORRUPT OR IT'S THE UPGRADE SUBSCRIPTION"

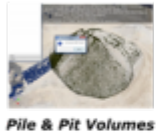
See below for more information about IntelliCAD:

IntelliCAD is a cooperative CAD development platform that is becoming more and more accepted as an alternative to AutoCAD.

Feature-wise, IntelliCAD is closer to AutoCAD than to AutoCAD LT; just a couple generations older... but it's catching up!

Click [here](#) to see all our Frequently Asked Questions about IntelliCAD

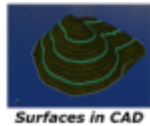
**Precision 3D Topo – Attend
June Webinars and Take
Advantage of Introductory
Pricing**



Pile & Pit Volumes



Raw Point Data



Surfaces in CAD

Carlson Precision 3D Topo software is the hottest ticket in town!

Process raw point and cloud data...? Check!

Filter for bare ground data...? Check!

Export Carlson TIN or LandXML surface data...? Check!

Create, Edit and Merge Surfaces and Calculate Volumes on the fly...? Check!

Attend my Carlson software training seminars in June and take advantage of the introductory price of \$1,100 for P3D Topo 2017 that includes a year of maintenance (updates) before the price goes up on July 14, 2017.

Or, request a custom proposal [here](#)

And, if you haven't yet seen it in action, [click here](#) to register for one of these Tuesday webinars:

- Tuesday June 13 at 2:30 ET

- Tuesday June 20 at 2:30 ET

Or click one of the links below to register for a Friday webinar:

- Friday June 16 at 10:30 ET
- Friday June 30 at 10:30 ET

See below for a link to videos and additional descriptions and specs of the product...

Recording of Precision 3D 2017 Topo: Surface Editing 1

Other Precision 3D Topo Videos

Carlson Software Training Seminars

Carlson Precision 3D Topo: Allows Civil Engineers, Surveyors, and Contractors to bridge the gap between large point cloud data sets created from Drone and Lidar data into a more manageable data to use in today's CAD environments.

Carlson Precision 3D Topo: A Windows OS software application to enable Engineers and Surveyors to create surface models (TIN'S or LandXML) using Drone and Lidar Data from the following file formats .las, .laz, .ply, .xyz, .pts, .e57, .pcd files

Carlson Precision 3D Topo: Main Features

- Import point clouds from .las, .laz, .ply, .xyz, .pts, .e57, .pcd files
- Bareground classification and Outlier filter for .las, laz files
- Supports mixed Metric/Imperial units
- Supports georeferenced data import/export
- Fast Point Cloud Editing
- Creating TIN's and XMLfiles of large point clouds

- Surface Model Creation, Editing, and Merging
 - Volume Calculation straight from Point Clouds
 - Presentations and Visualizations
 - Drag and Drop File Support
 - Machine Control Data Review and Edits
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How to Control Object- and File-Linking in Carlson Software

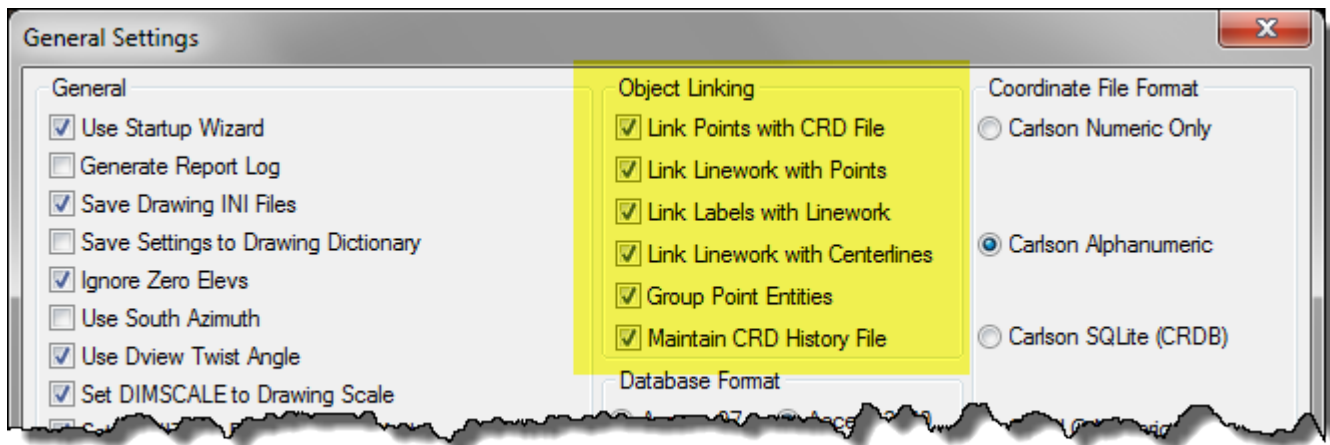
I just received an email with a common Carlson Software support question and figured it's high-time to write a post about it!

The question was:

Do you know if there is a way to annotate a bearing/distance on a line so that the call will update if I move the line?

The answer is: *Yes, I do and Yes there is!*

While a lot of people want the control object and file linking in Carlson Software to be an automatic feature, Carlson Software gives you the option of having entities in a DWG file associated and "linked" with external data files. The specific scenario mentioned above, annotation of lines, is managed with the Object Linking settings under Settings > Carlson Configure > General Settings. The option he needed to turn On was "Link Labels with Linework".



Similarly, when we're working on larger design projects such as a road design that has associated data files such as centerlines, profiles, surfaces and pipe networks, we need to have control over which, if any, part(s) of the design automatically update when one part of the design changes.

For instance, if the proposed profile of a new road changes, do we want the proposed surface to automatically update? Or update only when we manually force the design changes through the rest of the project? Or do we want to be reminded and prompted that there are dependencies "downstream" in the design that are being affected by the change? Likewise, do we want rim elevations of manholes to automatically update if a centerline or surface changes?

At every stage of design, file linking in Carlson Software gives users a setting to "Link" or associate to files that can be set to "Off" (requires the user to click "Process"), "Prompt" (displays a warning box prompting the user to apply or ignore changes) or "Auto" (automatically processes updates).

Some examples are shown below:

