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Frequently Asked Questions

What you should know about purchasing BricsCAD

About BricsCAD

BricsCAD is a DWG-compatible CAD platform built for 2D drafting, 3D modeling, mechanical design and building information modeling (BIM). BricsCAD is now part of Octave, the software company spun off from Hexagon.

Click here to learn more about Octave

About BricsCAD-Based Software

BricsCAD supports 2D drafting, 3D modeling, mechanical design and BIM workflows. BricsCAD offers multiple editions built on the same platform:

- **BricsCAD Lite** – 2D drafting
- **BricsCAD Pro** – 2D and 3D modeling
- **BricsCAD BIM**
- **BricsCAD Mechanical**
- **BricsCAD Ultimate** – all-in-one suite

The applications offer a familiar AutoCAD-like interface and full compatibility with DWG, DXF, DGN, IFC and point cloud formats. BricsCAD runs on Windows, macOS and Linux and includes smart tools such as Blockify and CopyGuided.

Click here for a BricsCAD vs AutoCAD comparison

System Requirements

System requirements change with each release. See our BricsCAD system requirements FAQ for the current requirements on Windows, macOS and Linux.

CAD Platform

All BricsCAD applications (Lite, Pro, BIM, etc.) are built on the same BricsCAD core platform.

How and Where to Purchase

BricsCAD is available directly from BricsCAD and through authorized BricsCAD dealers. Pricing varies by edition and add-ons.

To purchase BricsCAD, please contact an authorized BricsCAD dealer.

Upgrades and Crossgrades

Perpetual licenses can be kept current with BricsCAD Maintenance, which includes automatic upgrades and support, or by purchasing version upgrades.

Subscription licenses include Priority Support and access to all new versions during the subscription term.

If you want to move between editions (e.g. Lite to Pro or Pro to BIM), contact an authorized BricsCAD dealer about your upgrade options.

License Options (License Modes)

- **Academic License:** Free 12-month access for students and faculty, renewable annually with valid academic ID
- **Single-User License:** One computer, one user, one OS
- **Network License:** Shared access on LAN (Local Area Network);

available for perpetual or subscription licenses with 1-year maintenance
- **Volume License:** One license key used across a defined user base; available for perpetual or subscription licensing and includes a 1-year maintenance contract

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License Terms (License Types)

- Perpetual License
- Subscription License

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License Levels

- **BricsCAD Lite:** 2D drafting; no 3D modeling; supports LISP and APIs
- **BricsCAD Pro:** Adds full 3D modeling, rendering, constraints and 3rd-party application support
- **BricsCAD BIM:** All Pro features plus streamlined BIM workflow using DWG
- **BricsCAD Mechanical:** All Pro features plus complete mechanical toolset including sheet metal
- **BricsCAD Ultimate:** Combines BIM and Mechanical in one platform

Click here to learn more about BricsCAD license levels

Software Trials

You can trial BricsCAD Ultimate for 30 days. All features are enabled during this period. Use the SETLICENSELEVEL command to test other levels. After 30 days, a valid commercial license is required.

Click here to learn more about BricsCAD trial mode

If you would like help requesting a trial of this software, please contact an authorized BricsCAD dealer.

Support and Training Options

BricsCAD provides onboarding and learning resources through the BricsCAD Learning portal.

Technical support is available via the BricsCAD Help Center, including their knowledge base and ticket system.

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