

Getting Started with CAD, Session 1-1

Learn the fundamentals of CAD with That CAD Girl's *Getting Started with CAD* training series. This introductory session covers essential CAD concepts, interface navigation, command-line skills, and best practices for working in Carlson, MicroSurvey, and Civil 3D.

Key Topics:

- Understanding CAD platforms (IntelliCAD vs. AutoCAD)
- Navigating Carlson, MicroSurvey, and Civil 3D interfaces
- Using workspaces, ribbons, and toolbars effectively
- Command-line basics and shortcut aliases
- File management, auto-save, and backup strategies
- Customizing options and display settings
- Status bar tools and function key shortcuts
- Drawing settings, units, and coordinate systems
- Line vs. Polyline fundamentals
- UCS icon setup and coordinate orientation

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