

# Introduction to Carlson Software – Settings, Setup, Configuration & Points

## A Virtual Webinar Using Carlson Software – Learn to Create Custom Title Blocks

This webinar introduces new users to Carlson Software, focusing on key setup topics such as system configuration, file structure management, default settings, and point handling. The session walks participants through configuring the software environment, importing data, managing projects, and customizing display settings for optimized CAD workflows.

### Key Topics:

- Carlson Software user interface and controls
- Settings and configuration management (CFG files)
- Project and data folder structures
- Drawing setup and scale management
- Point import, defaults, and annotation customization

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## **Working with Blocks and Creating Custom Title Blocks**

### **A Virtual Webinar Using Carlson Software – Learn to Create Custom Title Blocks**

This webinar demonstrates best practices for building and using CAD blocks—including symbol creation, layer management, and attribute-driven title blocks—within Carlson 2020, IntelliCAD®, and AutoCAD®. Participants learn how to set up flexible,

reusable drawing components and automate title information in company templates.

**Key Topics:**

- Block and Symbol Creation
- Layer Management and Layer Zero Best Practices
- Attributes and Title Block Automation

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## **Overview of Carlson GIS**

### **A Virtual Webinar Using Carlson Software – Learn to Use GIS Mapping Tools**

This webinar provides an in-depth overview of Carlson GIS, demonstrating how to import, manage, and visualize shapefiles and database data in CAD. The session shows practical examples including importing municipal shapefiles, creating GIS databases from CAD drawings and Excel files, and using imagery services within Carlson GIS.

**Key Topics:**

- Introduction to Carlson GIS structure and shapefile components
- Importing and linking GIS data (SHP, SHX, DBF files)
- Creating and managing Carlson GIS databases (MDB files)
- Utilizing GIS tools: Inspector, Query Builder, Labeling, and Legends
- Incorporating ESRI and Google imagery layers

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# **Surfaces and Breaklines – the Basics**

## **A Virtual Webinar Using Carlson Software – Learn to Build Surface Models**

This instructional webinar explains the essential concepts of building surface models and defining breaklines in Carlson Software. Participants learn how to triangulate points, integrate 3D polylines, merge elevation datasets, and identify common pitfalls when constructing or sharing terrain surfaces.

## **Key Topics:**

- Creating surfaces from points in Carlson Software
- Purpose and definition of breaklines/fault lines
- Manual vs. Field-to-Finish creation of 3D polylines
- Merging TIN surfaces and importing National Elevation Data set (NED) data
- Problems using only contours versus comprehensive surface data

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# **Standardizing CAD and Carlson**

## **A Virtual Webinar Using Carlson Software – Learn to Standardize CAD Workflows**

This webinar explores how Carlson Software operates on top of AutoCAD or IntelliCAD platforms and provides guidance for standardizing settings, configurations, and layer structures across CAD

environments. Participants learn to manage Carlson Configure, templates, layers, and quick keys to ensure consistent and efficient drafting workflows.

**Key Topics:**

- Integration between Carlson Software and CAD platforms
- Managing default settings and configuration files (CFG, DWG, STA, LA)
- Creating individualized templates and layer libraries
- Customizing quick keys and command aliases
- Ensuring consistency across offices and field laptops

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# **Tips & Tricks to Recover Corrupt Drawings**

## **A Virtual Webinar Using CAD – Learn to Recover Corrupt Drawings**

This webinar by That CAD Girl explains practical methods for diagnosing and repairing corrupt AutoCAD and Civil 3D DWG files. It includes demonstrations of built-in commands, file-recovery

utilities, and best practices to restore drawings that will not open or behave incorrectly.

### **Key Topics:**

- Using **Purge, Audit, Recover, and Recover All**
- Handling corruption in **Civil 3D** drawings
- Exporting, **Wblock**, and **Insert as Exploded Block** recovery methods
- Leveraging **Design Center** and **DWG TrueView / DWG Convert** for repair
- Preventive maintenance and cleanup strategies

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## **Jennifer's Favorite Things in Carlson**

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In this detailed webinar, Jennifer from The CAD Girl showcases her favorite productivity commands and workflows in Carlson Software. The session covers smart methods for entering deed descriptions, editing 3D polylines, and automating CAD tasks to

reduce manual clicks and improve drafting efficiency.

**Key Topics:**

- Entering and Processing Deed Descriptions
- 2D/3D Polyline Drawing and Editing Techniques
- Using Field-to-Finish, Non-Surface Points, and Shrink-Wrap Tools

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# **The Very Basics of Carlson Field to Finish**

## **A Virtual Webinar Using Carlson Software – Learn Field to Finish Basics**

This webinar introduces the fundamental steps to setting up and using Carlson Field to Finish, covering FLD file creation, coding structures, and practical workflows for processing survey data efficiently. The session provides hands-on instruction for linking field codes, points, and layers to automate drawing production.

## **Key Topics:**

- Overview of Field to Finish and FLD files
- Creating and editing field codes
- Layer and symbol management
- Using Draw Field to Finish vs. Draw Locate
- Managing point attributes and raw descriptions
- Using special codes for descriptive customization

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# **Site Project Grading from Start to Finish**

## **A Virtual Webinar Using Carlson Software – Learn to Complete Site Grading**

This webinar from *That CAD Girl* provides a complete walkthrough of grading a small site project—from setup to balanced design—using Carlson Civil Software. It demonstrates practical 3D data management, polyline conversions, surface creation, and balancing methods essential for site design professionals.

## **Key Topics:**

- Carlson Civil setup, configuration, and linking settings
- Elevating polylines and creating 3D grading plans
- Grading workflow for building pads, curbs, and parking lots
- Surface model creation, densification, and balancing cut/fill volumes
- Visualization and verification of final design surfaces

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# **Mark's Favorite Things in Carlson Desktop Software—by Mark Long**

## **A Virtual Webinar Using Carlson Software – Learn to Improve Desktop Workflows**

This webinar, hosted by That CAD Girl and presented by Mark Long from Carlson Software, highlights Mark's favorite time-saving features and techniques in Carlson's desktop civil design tools. The session demonstrates practical workflows in Roadnet, cross-section generation, cul-de-sac design, and the new 2020 utility

network functions.

**Key Topics:**

- Using Carlson Roadnet for roadway design efficiency
- Cross sections, profiles, and intersection editing
- Customization of cul-de-sacs and curb ramps
- Introduction to the Utility Network module
- Carlson year-end software offers and webinar schedule

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