

CAD Manager



DFS ARCHITECT: THE KEY TO MANAGING DESIGN DOCUMENTS

Managing design documents for multiple projects with many different owners can be a significant challenge. However, now you can streamline your design, collaboration, and distribution processes with DFS Architect. This ReproMAX solution will ensure that all team members have access to the correct and most current design documents.

Easily Manage and Distribute Your Drawings

DFS Architect is the industry's leading and most comprehensive solution for storing, managing, and distributing your design documents. With DFS Architect, you can store all of your design drawings and project related documents in one central location—the DFS Vault. It's Version Control System tracks every version of every document and keeps track of the most current version. You and your project team will always know which documents are current! No documents will be deleted, overwritten, or lost. No more emailing and uploading documents to FTP sites. Once a document is in the DFS Vault, it is there to stay.

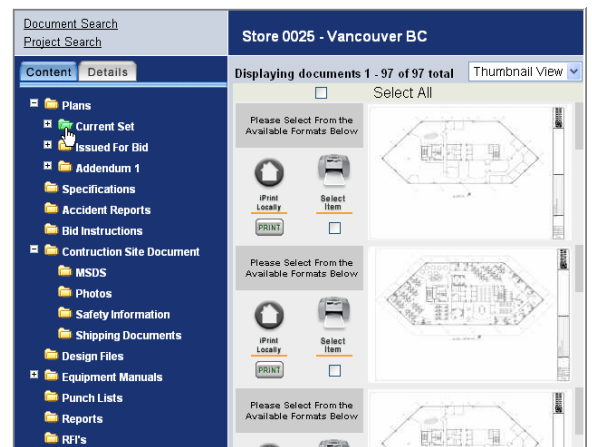
And, DFS Architect stores more than just drawings! *All* project documents can be stored in the system: project schedules, bid instructions, warranties, contracts, RFI's, MSDS, construction site photos, manuals, *and more*. You name it, and DFS Architect can store it.

Quickly Publish and Share Design Documents

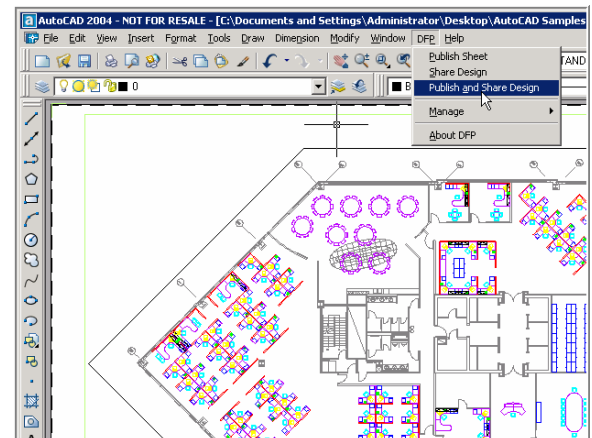
DFS Architect's two flagship products are DFS AutoCAD and DFS File Sharing.

DFS AutoCAD is an integration with AutoCAD that adds the ability to *publish* and *share* documents directly from AutoCAD into DFS Architect. With a simple click of the menu, architects can *publish* a "snapshot" of the drawing. DFS Architect creates a printable and viewable file and imports them into the vault. Once there, they are immediately accessible by authorized users from the project website to view, print, and discuss online.

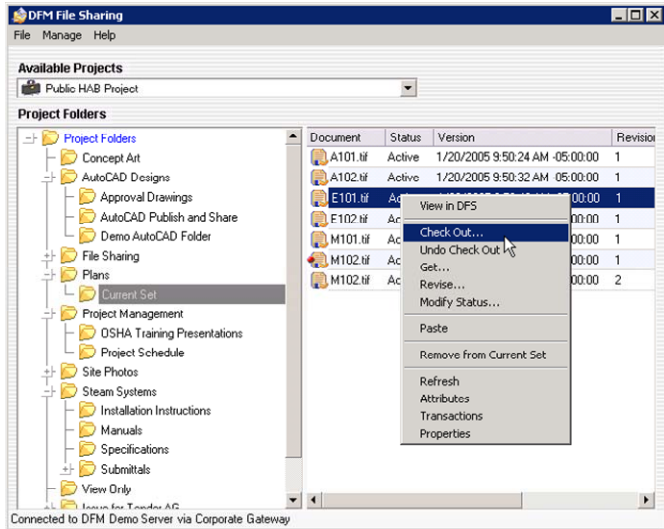
Architects can also elect to *share* their design files—in which DFS Architect will package up the DWG and all associated files (like xrefs and font files) and import them into the vault. From there, other designers can check out the file, make changes, and check it in as a new version.



Documents are displayed on a secure, customized website. Authorized users can view, print, and collaborate on documents online.



The DFS AutoCAD integration allows architects to publish printable files and share design files directly from AutoCAD.



Check-In and Check-Out Files

DFS File Sharing is perfect for architects, engineers, consultants, owners, and anyone involved in the construction project process to share files. It gives project team members access to documents in the DFS Vault. They can check out, modify, and then check in documents. They can also get a copy without disturbing the original, and drag and drop files into the vault. They can create folders to organize their documents. It's as easy as an FTP site, but with complete version control!

It's great for communicating with owners since they don't need AutoCAD to view documents. They simply click "View" to look at the document or click "Get" to download a copy of the file to their PC. Or they can add files to the project by dragging files into a DFS File Sharing folder.

DFS File Sharing allows architects and engineers to check drawings out, make changes, and check it back in as a new version. Old versions are signified with a red dot.

Eliminate Clumsy Distribution

With DFS Architect, you can eliminate clumsy file distribution. There is no longer a need to use different systems to pass files around like email, FTP sites, and network drives. These systems are inefficient and unorganized.

With these other methods: documents are not stored in a central, easy to access location, there is no check-in/check-out ability, version histories are not kept, documents are often overwritten and data is lost, documents are not organized, discussions and comments are not stored in a central location, you cannot roll back to an earlier version of a document if it is overwritten, and ISP's often block FTP ports preventing some project team members from accessing the site. DFS Architect solves all of these problems and more!



DFS Architect's Threaded Discussions feature gives you the ability to discuss documents by posting comments on the project web site. All comments are recorded and displayed for the duration of the project.



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