

## **3DS Import for Alibre Design Help**

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Welcome to *3DS Import for Alibre Design* Help!

This help file provides all the information you need to understand and use *3DS Import for Alibre Design*. Click the links below or use the Contents tab on the left to browse help topics. You can also scroll the topics on the above right hand pane.

The *3DS Import for Alibre Design* help file is divided into the following sections:

- [Introduction](#) - Introduction to *3DS Import for Alibre Design*.
- [Command Reference](#) - Quick reference of all the commands added by *3DS Import for Alibre Design*.
- [Tutorial](#) - Tutorial to get you started in the shortest possible time.

If you need any additional information please [contact](#) SYCODE.

**Note:**

- If you have trouble loading the *3DS Import for Alibre Design* add-on file into the Alibre Design environment, please refer to the [ReadMe](#) file.
- Please read the [License Agreement](#) before using the software.

# Introduction

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*3DS Import for Alibre Design* is a 3D Studio® (.3ds) file import add-on for Alibre Design®. This add-on gives Alibre Design the ability to import mesh data from 3D Studio 3DS files.

*3DS Import for Alibre Design* reads polygon mesh data stored in 3DS files and imports it into Alibre Design. A polygon mesh in a 3DS file is comprised of a set of triangular faces. *3DS Import for Alibre Design* creates trimmed planar surfaces for each triangle and knits them together to create a solid body.

*3DS Import for Alibre Design* is designed to work with the following versions of Alibre Design:

- Alibre Design 12
- Alibre Design 11
- Alibre Design 10

*3DS Import for Alibre Design* is very easy to use as it adds new commands to Alibre Design. It also adds a submenu to the Alibre Design menu called "3DSImport" which houses these newly added commands.

*3DS Import for Alibre Design* comes with detailed documentation as well as a [tutorial](#) to get you started in the shortest possible time.

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## **The 3DS File Format**

The 3DS file format is the native file format of 3D Studio. 3D Studio has now been replaced by 3ds Max whose native file format has a .max file extension. However, 3ds Max is still able to read and write .3ds files. 3ds Max is one of the most widely-used off the shelf 3D animation programs. It has strong modeling capabilities, a flexible plug-in architecture and a long heritage on the Microsoft Windows platform. It is mostly used by video game developers, TV commercial studios and architectural visualization studios. It is also used for movie effects and movie pre-visualization.

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# ReadMe

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This is the *3DS Import for Alibre Design* ReadMe file.

3DS Import for Alibre Design is an add-on for Alibre Design

### Installation:

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The installer adds 3DS Import for Alibre Design to the list of available add-ons installed for Alibre Design. To verify whether 3DS Import for Alibre Design has been properly loaded into Alibre Design invoke the "Add-on Manager" by clicking on the "Tools" menu, then "Add-on Manager". Verify that "3DS Import for Alibre Design" is present in the list of available add-ons and make sure that its check box is checked.

Now 3DS Import for Alibre Design is ready for use.

### Usage:

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3DS Import for Alibre Design adds new commands to Alibre Design. It also adds a submenu to the Alibre Design menu called "3DSImport" containing these new commands. Simply click on the menu items in this sub menu to run these new commands.

The new commands are:

- 1) Import - Imports a 3DS file
- 2) Help - Display the 3DS Import for Alibre Design help file
- 3) Register - Display the 3DS Import for Alibre Design product registration dialog box
- 4) About - Display the 3DS Import for Alibre Design about box

### Support:

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# Command Reference

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*3DS Import for Alibre Design* adds a new menu to Alibre Design called '3DSImport'. The '3DSImport' menu consists of the following commands:

<a href="#">Import</a>	Imports a 3DS file
<a href="#">Help</a>	Displays the <i>3DS Import for Alibre Design</i> help file
<a href="#">Register</a>	Registers your copy of <i>3DS Import for Alibre Design</i>
<a href="#">About</a>	Displays the <i>3DS Import for Alibre Design</i> about box

## Import

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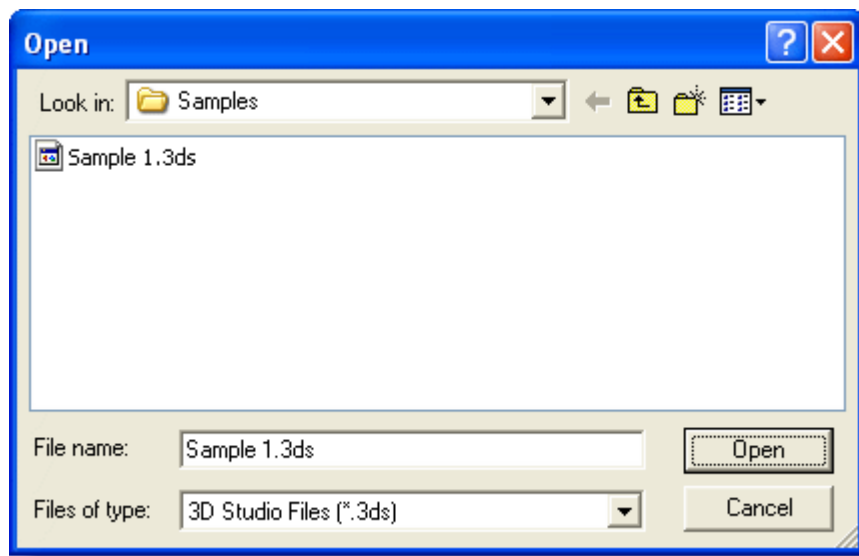
**Menu Button** 3DSImport > Import

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This command imports mesh data from 3D Studio 3DS files into Alibre Design.

### To import a 3DS file

1. Select *Import* from the "3DSImport" menu.
2. The Alibre Design "Open" dialog box is displayed. Browse for the 3DS file you wish to import and click *Open*.



## Help

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**Menu Button** 3DSImport > Help

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This command displays the help file. The [Welcome](#) page is a good place to start.

## Register

**Menu Button** 3DSImport > Register

This command is used to register your copy of *3DS Import for Alibre Design*

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SYCODE License Server

Product Name: 3DS Import for Alibre Design 11 version 1.0

Host ID: 00-1D-7D-FD-AD-1D

License Key: jSAn0D100C01p6c0F044D040AAAq2y308M  
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=== LICENSE KEY PARAMETERS ===  
Key type: Trial  
Expires: 25-Jul-2009  
Runs remaining: 10

### How do I get a Trial Key?

Simply click the 'Request Key' button and select 'TRIAL KEY' as the type of key being requested. Fill the form and submit it. A trial key will be immediately sent to you by email.

### How do I get a Permanent Key?

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- (2) Please be sure to enter a valid email address as the key will be sent to you by email.

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(3) To avoid disruption in your work-flow we urge you to place your order before the trial period ends.

If you need anything else please send an email to [register@sycode.com](mailto:register@sycode.com)

## About

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**Menu Button** 3DSImport > About

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This command is used to display the *3DS Import for Alibre Design* About box. The About box lists the product and its version.



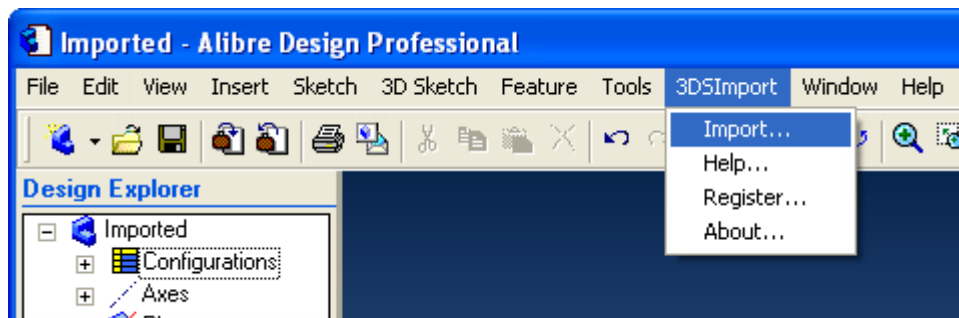
# Tutorial

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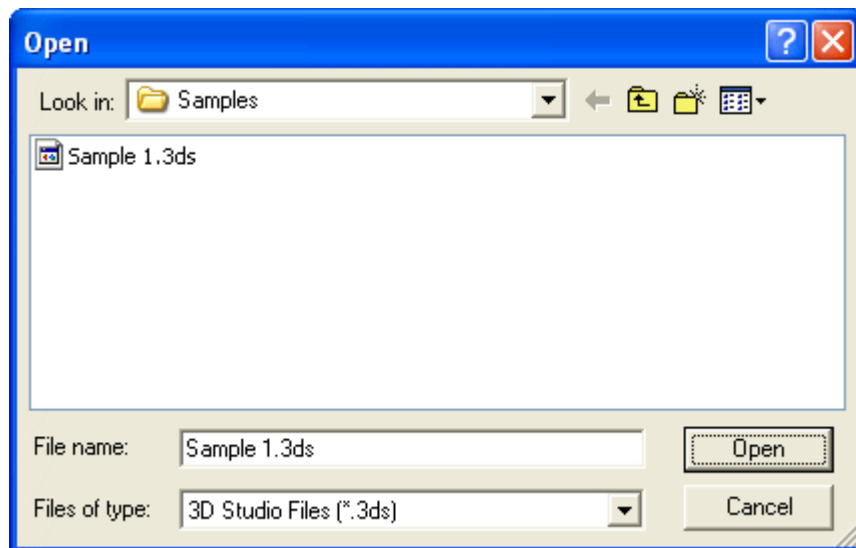
This tutorial provides the necessary information and hands-on experience to help you get started with *3DS Import for Alibre Design*.

**Step 1:** Start Alibre Design.

**Step 2:** Select *Import* from the *3DSImport* menu.



**Step 3:** The Alibre Design Open dialog box is displayed. Browse for the file *C:\Program Files\SYCODE\3DS Import for Alibre Design\Samples\Sample 1.3ds* and click *Open*.



The figure below shows the final result.

