

DWG Export for SketchUp Help

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Welcome to *DWG Export for SketchUp* Help!

This help file provides all the information you need to understand and use *DWG Export for SketchUp*. 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 *DWG Export for SketchUp* help file is divided into the following sections:

- [Introduction](#) - Introduction to *DWG Export for SketchUp*.
- [Command Reference](#) - Quick reference of all the commands added by *DWG Export for SketchUp*.
- [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 *DWG Export for SketchUp* plug-in file into the SketchUp environment, please refer to the [ReadMe](#) file.
- Please read the [License Agreement](#) before using the software.

Introduction

DWG Export for SketchUp is an AutoCAD DWG file export plug-in for Google SketchUp®. This plug-in gives SketchUp the ability to export objects from SketchUp to 3D meshes in an AutoCAD DWG file.

DWG Export for SketchUp tessellates objects in a SketchUp document into a set of triangular meshes. These meshes are then exported to a DWG file as mesh objects. These meshes can be exported to a DWG file as 3D Polyface Mesh, 3D Face, Line or Point objects.

DWG Export for SketchUp is very easy to use. It adds new commands to SketchUp. Once installed, it automatically loads itself into SketchUp and adds a new submenu called "DWG Export for SketchUp" to the SketchUp Plugins menu containing the newly added commands.

DWG Export for SketchUp comes with detailed documentation as well as a [tutorial](#) to get you started in the shortest possible time.

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The DWG File Format

DWG is a format used for storing two and three dimensional design data and metadata. It is the native format for the AutoCAD Computer Aided Design package, as well as IntelliCAD (and its variants), and PowerCAD. DWG is supported non-natively by several hundred other software applications.

DWG (denoted by the .dwg filename extension) was the native file format for the Interact CAD package, developed by Mike Riddle in the late 1970s, and subsequently licensed by Autodesk in 1982 as the basis for AutoCAD. From 1982 to 2007, Autodesk created versions of AutoCAD which wrote no less than 18 major variants of the DWG file format, none of which it publicly documented.

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ReadMe

This is the *DWG Export for SketchUp* ReadMe file.

DWG Export for SketchUp is a plug-in for Google SketchUp.

Installation:

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The plug-in installation involves copying the plug-in file "DWGExport.dll" into SketchUp's plug-ins folder typically called "Plugins". The installer automatically does that for you so that the DWG Export for SketchUp is loaded automatically the next time you run SketchUp. For some reason, if the installer was unable to locate the SketchUp installation folder, it will prompt you to specify the folder during the installation process.

Usage:

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DWG Export for SketchUp adds new commands to SketchUp. It also adds a new menu to SketchUp called "DWGExport" under SketchUp's "Plugins" menu containing these new commands. Simply click on the menu items in the "DWGExport" menu to run these new commands.

The new commands are:

- 1) Export - Export an AutoCAD DWG file
- 2) Help - Display the DWG Export for SketchUp help file
- 3) Register - Register your copy of DWG Export for SketchUp
- 4) About - Display the DWG Export for SketchUp about box

Sample files are copied into the Samples folder (typically "C:\Program Files\SYCODE\DWG Export for SketchUp\Samples"). You can use these sample files to try DWG Export for SketchUp.

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Command Reference

DWG Export for SketchUp adds new commands to SketchUp. It also adds a submenu to the SketchUp menu called "DWG Export for SketchUp" containing these new commands. Simply click on the menu items in this submenu to run these new commands.

The new commands are:

Export	Exports an AutoCAD DWG file
Help	Displays the <i>DWG Export for SketchUp</i> help file
Register	Displays the <i>DWG Export for SketchUp</i> product registration dialog box
About	Displays the <i>DWG Export for SketchUp</i> about box

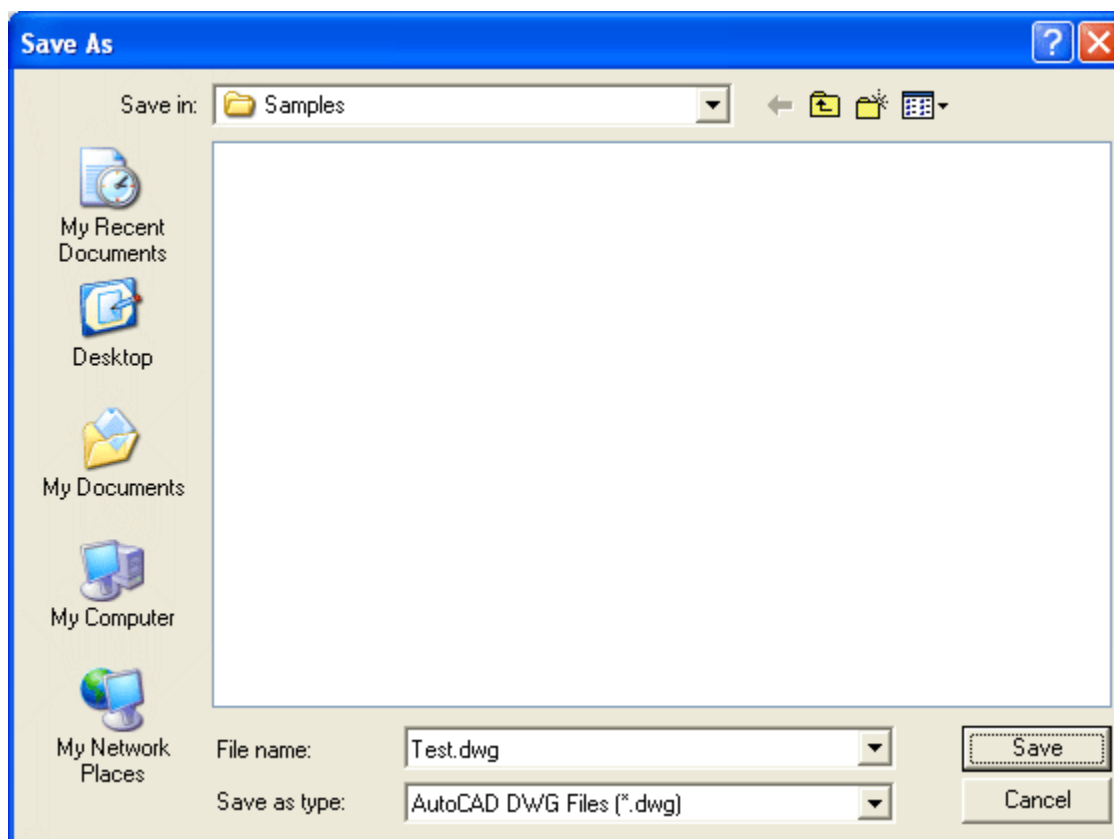
Export

Menu Button Plugins > DWG Export for SketchUp > Export

This command exports to a DWG file.

To export a DWG file

1. Select *Export* from the "DWG Export for SketchUp" submenu
2. The SketchUp "Save As" dialog box is displayed. Enter the name of a DWG file and click *Save*.



3. The "*DWG Export for SketchUp Options*" dialog box is displayed. Select the as required options and click *Ok*.

Help

Menu Button Pligins > DWG Export for SketchUp > Help

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

Register

Menu Button Plugins > DWG Export for SketchUp > Register

This is used to register your copy of *DWG Export for SketchUp*.

The dialog box contains the product name (including version) and lock number. During the trial period this dialog box will be displayed every time you run the command. You can click the "Continue Trial" button to close the dialog box and continue evaluating the software. After the trial period ends, you will have to enter the key to continue working.

The Product Registration dialog box is shown below.



SYCODE Product Registration

Product: DWG Export for SketchUp 7 version 1.0

Lock: 1605890536

Key: 123456789

Name: John Smith

Company: ABC Company

You have 10 days or 10 runs left in the trial period. To place your order please click the 'Order' button.

Buttons: Register, Continue Trial, Order, Request Key

Note:

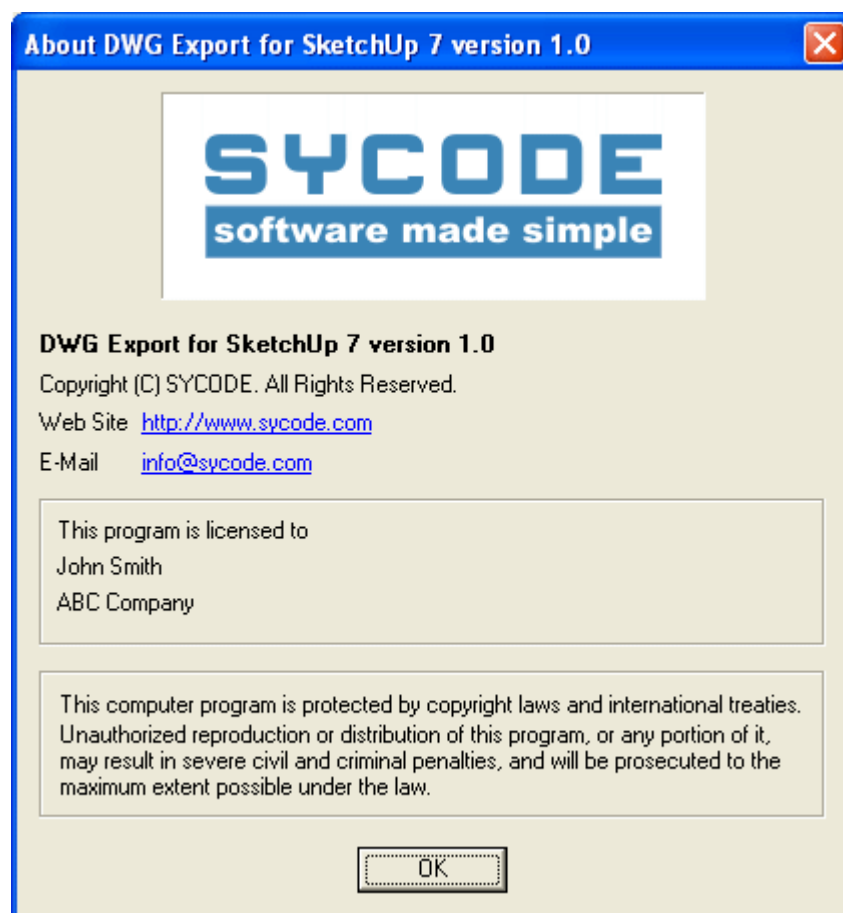
- To avoid disruption in your work-flow we urge you to place your order before the trial period ends.

About

Menu Button Plugins > DWG Export for SketchUp > About

This command displays the *DWG Export for SketchUp* About box. The About box lists the software version and name of the person and company the software is licensed to.

The software version has three parts: major version, minor version and build number (in the form *#. #. #*). In the About box shown below the version is 1.0, which translates as major version = 1, minor version = 0. There is no build number.



Tutorial

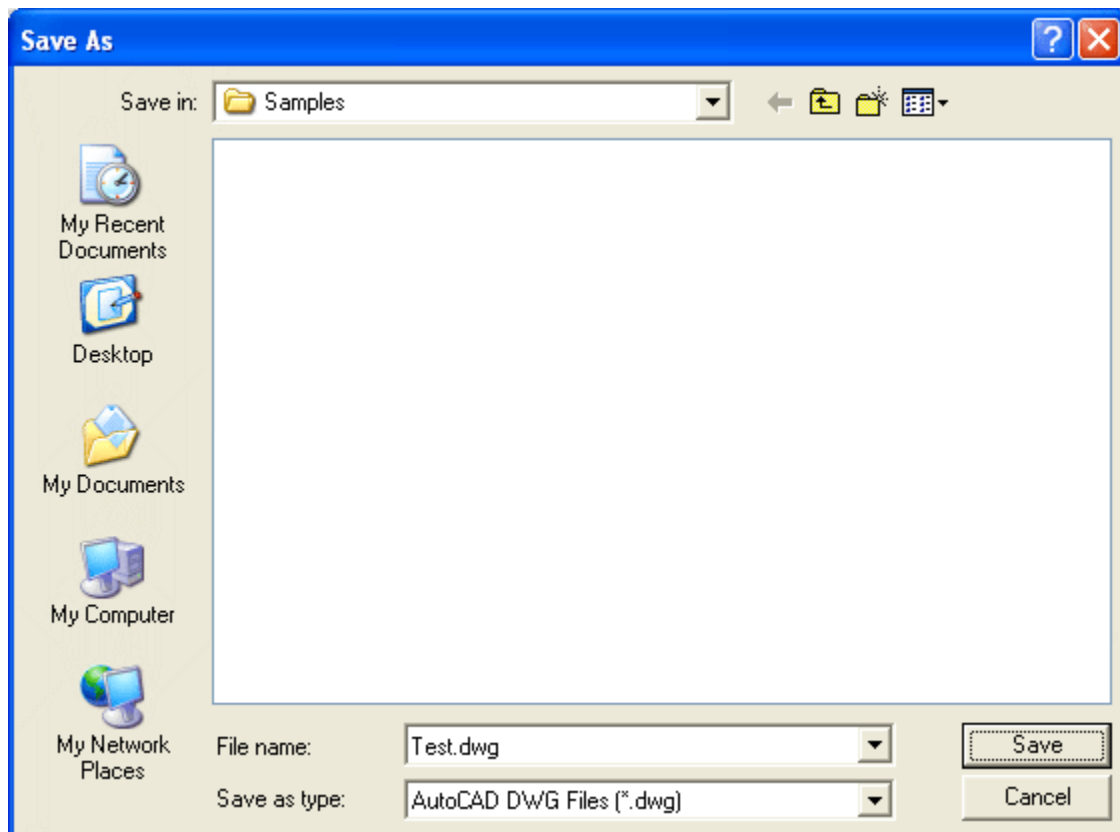
This tutorial provides the necessary information and hands-on experience to help you get started with *DWG Export for SketchUp*.

Step 1: Start SketchUp.

Step 2: Select *Open* from the "File" menu. You will be presented with the "Open File" dialog box. Browse for the file typically located at "C:\Program Files\SYCODE\DWG Export for SketchUp\Samples\Sample 1.skp") and click *Ok* to open.

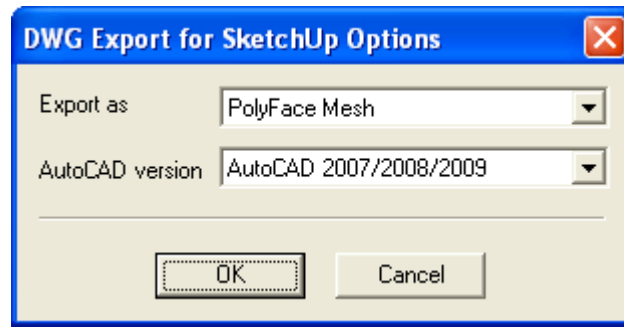
Step 3: Run the *Export* command (Plugins > DWG Export for SketchUp > Export).

Step 4: The SketchUp "Save As" dialog box is displayed. Enter the name of a DWG file and click *Save*.



Step 5: The "DWG Export for SketchUp Options" dialog box is displayed. Select the options as required and click *OK*.

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The model will be exported to the DWG file you specified.