

DXF Export for SketchUp Help

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DXF Export for SketchUp Help

Welcome to *DXF Export for SketchUp* Help!

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

- [Introduction](#) - Introduction to *DXF Export for SketchUp*.
- [Command Reference](#) - Quick reference of all the commands added by *DXF 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 *DXF 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

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

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

DXF 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 "DXF Export for SketchUp" to the SketchUp Plugins menu containing the newly added commands.

DXF 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 DXF File Format

The AutoCAD DXF (Drawing Interchange Format, or Drawing Exchange Format) is a CAD data file format, developed by Autodesk as their solution for enabling data interoperability between AutoCAD and other programs. DXF was originally introduced in December 1982 as part of AutoCAD 1.0, and was intended to provide an exact representation of the data in the AutoCAD native file format, DWG (Drawing), for which Autodesk didn't (and doesn't) publish specifications.

DXF is probably one of the most widely supported vector formats in the world today. DXF is rich in features, including: support for 3D objects, curves, text, associative dimensioning, etc. Although DXF was developed to represent the data used in a CAD program, it is used by many programs as a "least common denominator" format for the exchange of many different types of data, most commonly vector-oriented information but also text and 3D polygons.

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ReadMe

This is a *DXF Export for SketchUp* ReadMe file.

DXF 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 "DXFExport.dll" into SketchUp's plug-ins folder typically called "Plugins". The installer automatically does that for you so that the DXF 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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DXF Export for SketchUp adds new commands to SketchUp. It also adds a new menu to SketchUp called "DXFExport" under SketchUp's "Plugins" menu containing these new commands. Simply click on the menu items in the "DXFExport" menu to run these new commands.

The new commands are:

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

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

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Command Reference

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The new commands are:

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

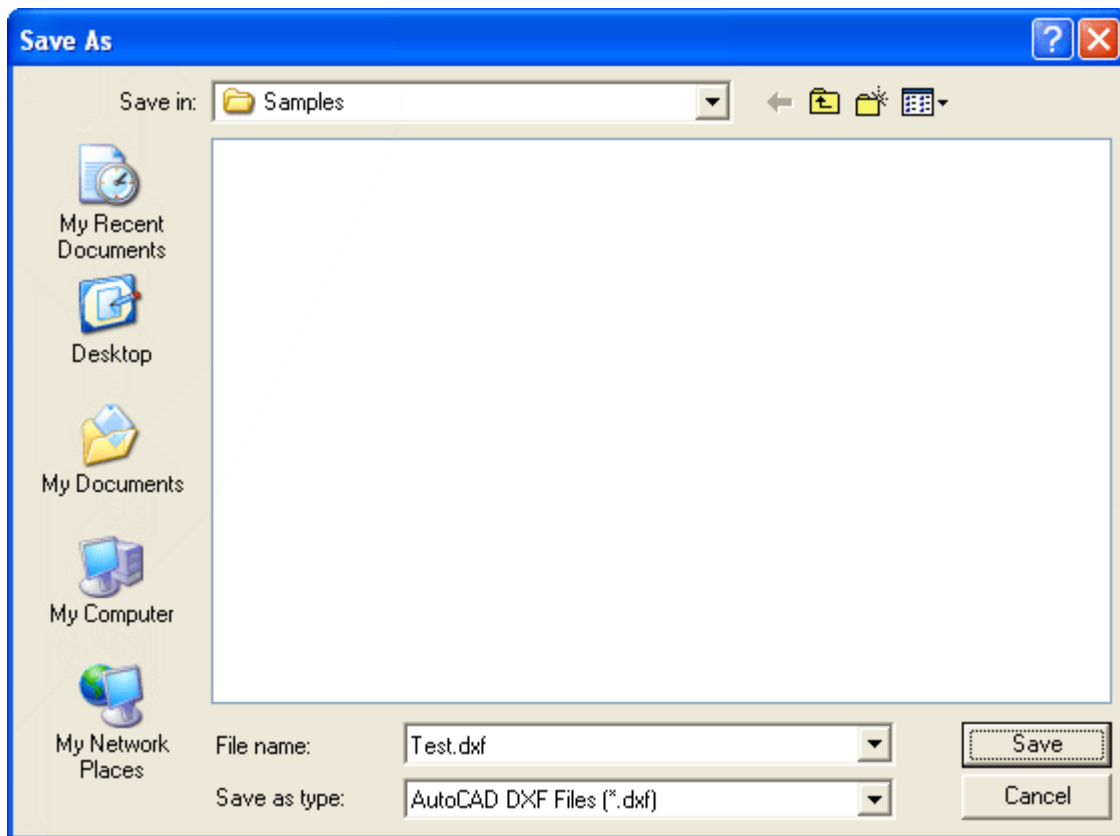
Export

Menu Button Plugins > DXF Export for SketchUp > Export

This command exports to DXF file.

To export a DXF file

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



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

Help

Menu Button Plugins > DXF Export for SketchUp > Help

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

Register

Menu Button Plugins > DXF Export for SketchUp > Register

This is used to register your copy of *DXF 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: DXF Export for SketchUp 7 version 1.0

Lock: 1488343484

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.

Register Continue Trial Order Request Key

Note:

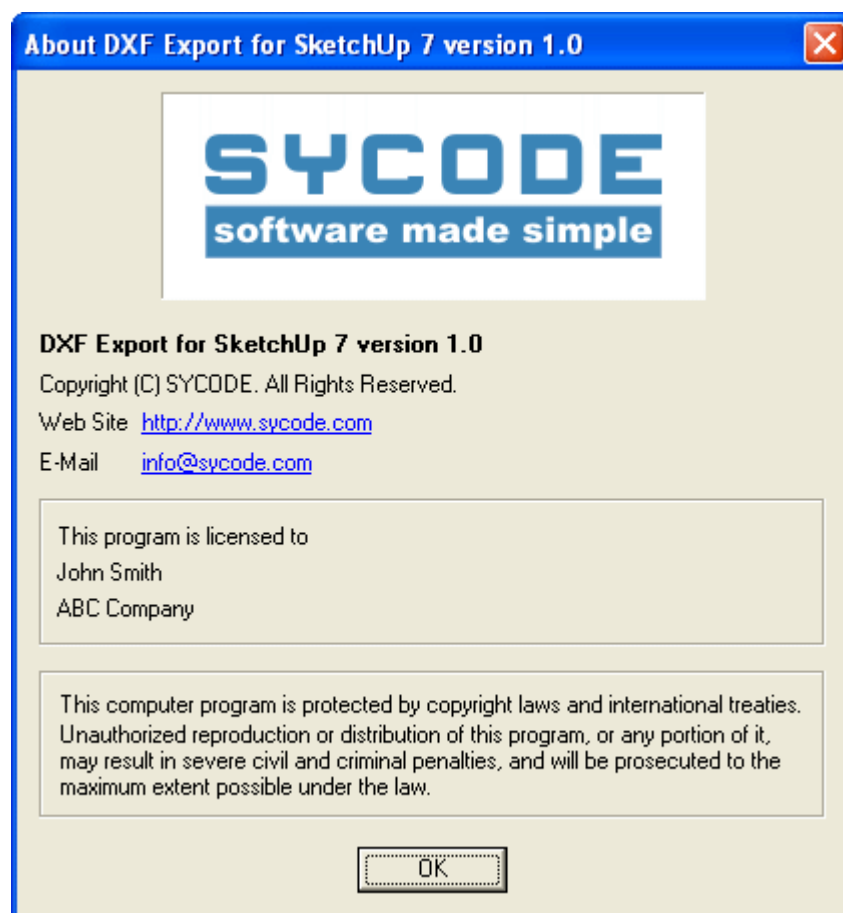
- To avoid disruption in your work-flow we urge you to place your order before the trial period ends.

About

Menu Button Plugins > DXF Export for SketchUp > About

This command displays the *DXF 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

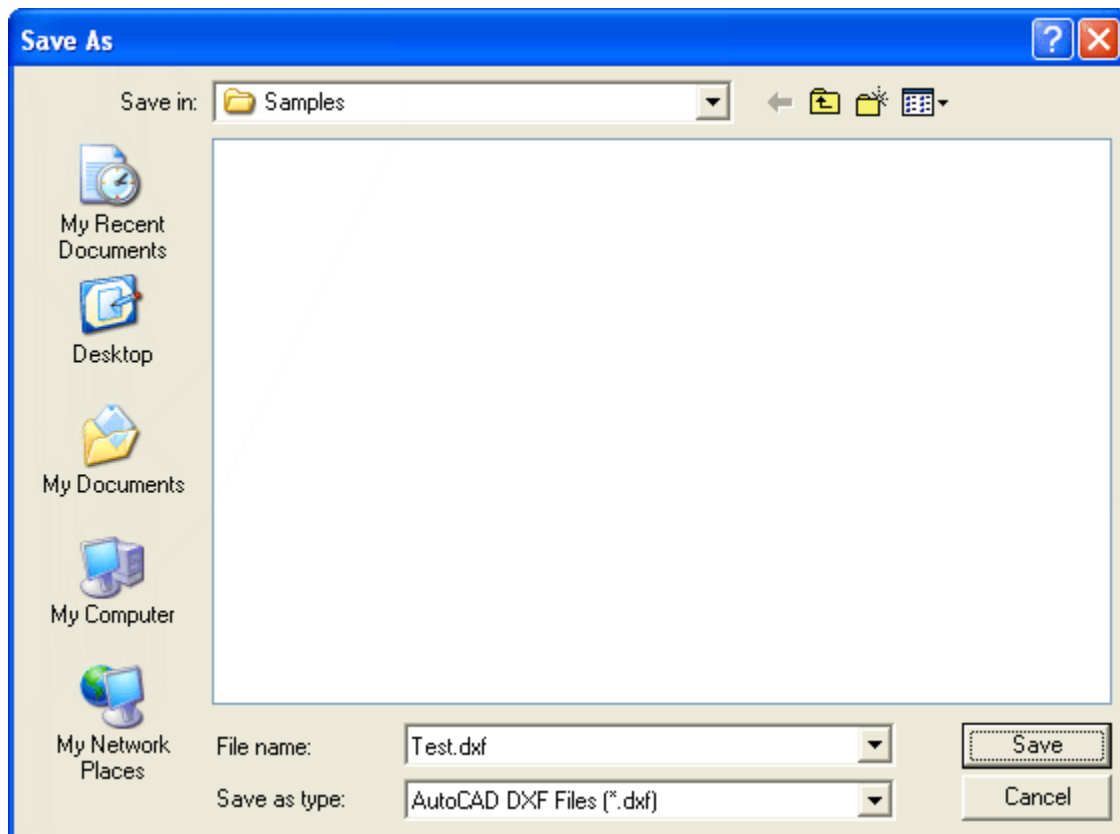
This tutorial provides the necessary information and hands-on experience to help you get started with *DXF Export for SketchUp*.

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\DXF Export for SketchUp\Samples\Sample 1.skp") and click *OK* to open.

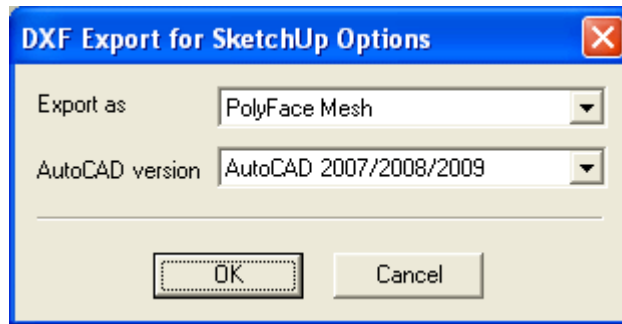
Step 3: Run the *Export* command (Plugins >> DXF Export for SketchUp >> Export).

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



Step 5: The "DXF 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 DXF file you specified.