

PIX Import for Rhino Help

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PIX Import for Rhino Help

Welcome to *PIX Import for Rhino* Help!

This help file provides all the information you need to understand and use *PIX Import for Rhino*. 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 *PIX Import for Rhino* help file is divided into the following sections:

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

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

Note:

- Please refer to the section "Loading Instructions" in the [ReadMe](#) file to load *PIX Import for Rhino* plug-in file into the Rhino environment.
- Please read the [License Agreement](#) before using the software.

Introduction

PIX Import for Rhino is a Dr. Picza (.pix) file import plug-in for Rhinoceros® 3.0 and 4.0. This plug-in gives Rhino the ability to import geometric data from ASCII and Binary PIX files.

PIX Import for Rhino reads surface and polygon mesh data stored in PIX files and imports it into Rhino. If the PIX file contains a scan of a surface, *PIX Import for Rhino* can recreate the surface as a single nurbs surface or sets of nurbs curves, polylines or lines describing the isocurves or even a set of node points. If the PIX file contains the scan information in the form of a polygon mesh, *PIX Import for Rhino* recreates the mesh model inside the active Rhino drawing. The mesh can be recreated as set of points, lines, faces or a polygon mesh.

PIX Import for Rhino is designed to work with the following versions of Rhino:

- Rhino 5.0 (64 Bit)
- Rhino 4.0, 5.0 (32 Bit)
- Rhino 3.0

PIX Import for Rhino is designed to be extremely user friendly and easy to understand. Once installed, it automatically loads itself into the Rhino environment. If automatic loading fails there are manual loading instructions in the [ReadMe](#) file. Once loaded it adds new commands to Rhino's existing commands and a new submenu called "PIXImport" to the Rhino menu containing these newly added commands.

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

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The PIX File Format

The PIX file format is the native file format of a digitizer software called Dr. Picza which comes bundled with Roland DG digitizers. The digitizer scans an object and transfers the 3D point data to the Dr. Picza software which saves it in the PIX file format. PIX files can contain scan data in two formats: surface and polygon mesh. The surface format is used when the top surface of an object is being digitized, whereas the polygon mesh format is used when the entire surface of an object is being digitized.

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ReadMe

This is the *PIX Import for Rhino* ReadMe file.

PIX Import for Rhino is a plug-in for Rhinoceros. PIX Import for Rhino adds several new commands to Rhino. It also adds a new menu to the Rhino menu called "PIXImport" which contains these newly added commands.

Automatic Loading:

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PIX Import for Rhino has to be loaded into the Rhino before it can be used. The installer does this automatically. The next time you run Rhino you will see the "PIXImport" menu added to the Rhino menu. Due to an installation problem, if the "PIXImport" menu does not appear then you will have to manually load the plug-in into Rhino.

Manual Loading:

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The PIX Import for Rhino plug-in files are installed into the PIX Import for Rhino installation folder (typically "C:\Program Files\SYCODE\PIX Import for Rhino\"). The plug-in files have an extension of ".rhp". There is one plug-in file for each version of Rhino. The plug-in file name indicates the version of Rhino that it has been designed for.

The list of plug-in files along with the version of Rhino is shown below. Please be sure to use the plug-in file that corresponds to your version of Rhino.

PIXImport_VC60.rhp -> Rhino 3.0
PIXImport_VC80.rhp -> Rhino 4.0, 5.0 (32 Bit)
PIXImport_VC80x64.rhp -> Rhino 5.0 (64 Bit)

To load PIX Import for Rhino into Rhino please follow the steps listed below:

- (1) Start Rhino
- (2) Type "PlugInManager" at the command prompt and press "Enter"
- (3) Click the "Install" button.
- (4) Browse for the plug-in file for your version of Rhino in the PIX Import for Rhino installation folder.
- (5) Click the "Open" button.
- (6) Click the "Close" button.

Usage:

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PIX Import for Rhino adds a new menu to Rhino called "PIXImport". All the PIX Import for Rhino commands can be invoked from this new menu.

Support:

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Command Reference

PIX Import for Rhino adds new commands to Rhino and a submenu called *PIXImport* which houses them. The new commands are:

PIXImport	Imports a PIX file
PIXImportHelp	Displays the <i>PIX Import for Rhino</i> help file
PIXImportRegister	Register your copy of <i>PIX Import for Rhino</i>
PIXImportAbout	Displays the <i>PIX Import for Rhino</i> about box

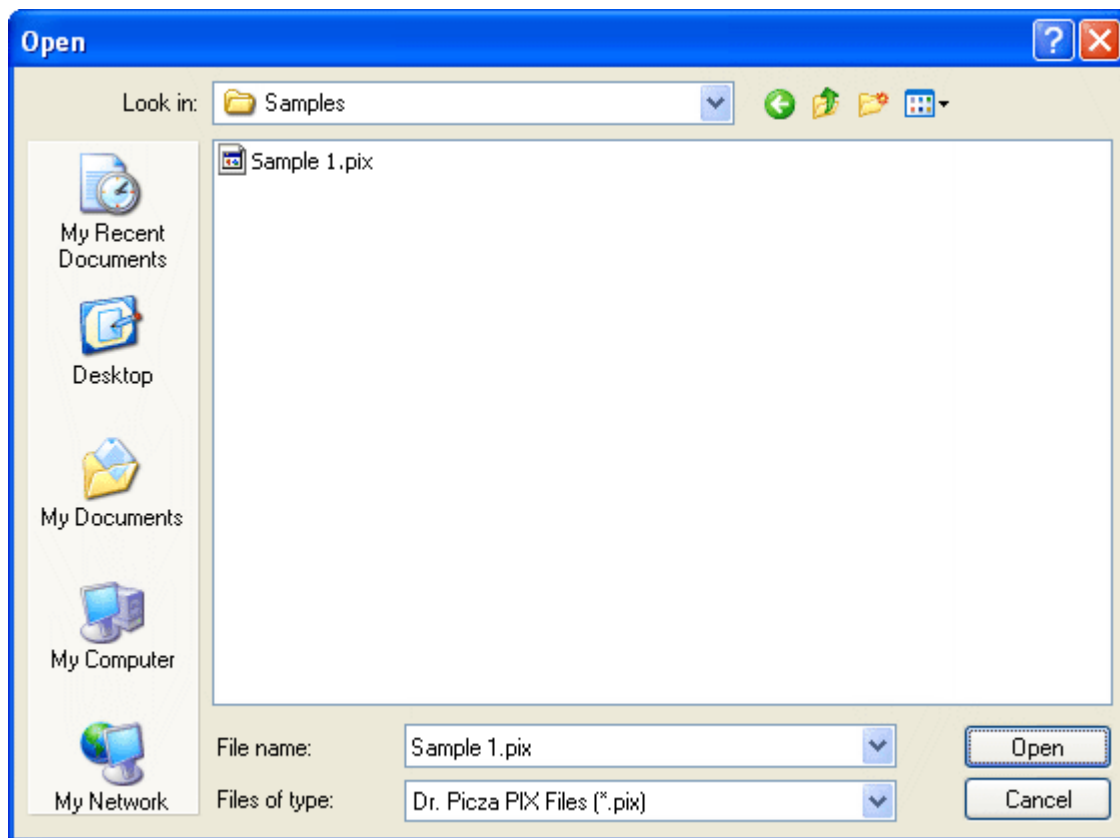
PIXImport

Menu Button	PIXImport > Import
Command	PIXImport

This command imports a Dr. Picza PIX file into Rhino.

To import a PIX file

1. Select *Import* from the PIXImport menu or type *PIXImport* at the Rhino command prompt and press *Enter*.
2. The Rhino *Open* dialog box is displayed. Browse for the PIX file you wish to import and click *Open*.



3. The *PIX Import for Rhino Options* dialog box is displayed. Set the options as desired and click *OK*.

PIXImportHelp

Menu Button	PIXImport > Help
Command	PIXImportHelp

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

PIXImportRegister

Menu Button	PIXImport > Register
Command	PIXImportRegister

This command is used to register your copy of *PIX Import for Rhino*.

You need a license key to start using the software. A license key can be of two types: Trial or Permanent. A trial key is issued to you instantly and completely free of cost so that you may try the software before you purchase a license. A permanent key is issued after you have purchased a license.

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "SYCODE License Server". It has a blue title bar with a close button (X) on the right. The main area is light beige and contains the following elements:

- Product Name:** A text box containing "PIX Import for Rhino 5.0 version 1.0". To its right is a "Buy Online" button.
- Host ID:** A text box containing "00-1E-8C-9C-71-44". To its right is a "Request Key" button.
- License Key:** A large text area containing a long alphanumeric string: "vDAa4C107201uDc0F04moB90AAu33u406QDRA0I9217D5b047C50r17E2FX94C8D0A14c54uQ8nZB65Cjr46089360HEAAJmH2E". To its right is an "Update Key" button.
- Below the License Key field is a button labeled "How do I get a license key?".
- At the bottom, there is a section titled "=== LICENSE KEY PARAMETERS ===" with the following text: "Key type: Trial", "Expires: 05-Apr-2010", and "Runs remaining: 10".
- A "Close" button is located at the bottom center of the dialog.

How do I get a Trial Key?

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IMPORTANT:

(1) Please ensure that your computer is connected to the internet before you request for a 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.
- (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

PIXImportAbout

Menu Button	PIXImport > About
Command	PIXImportAbout

This command displays the *PIX Import for Rhino* About box. The About box lists the software and its version.



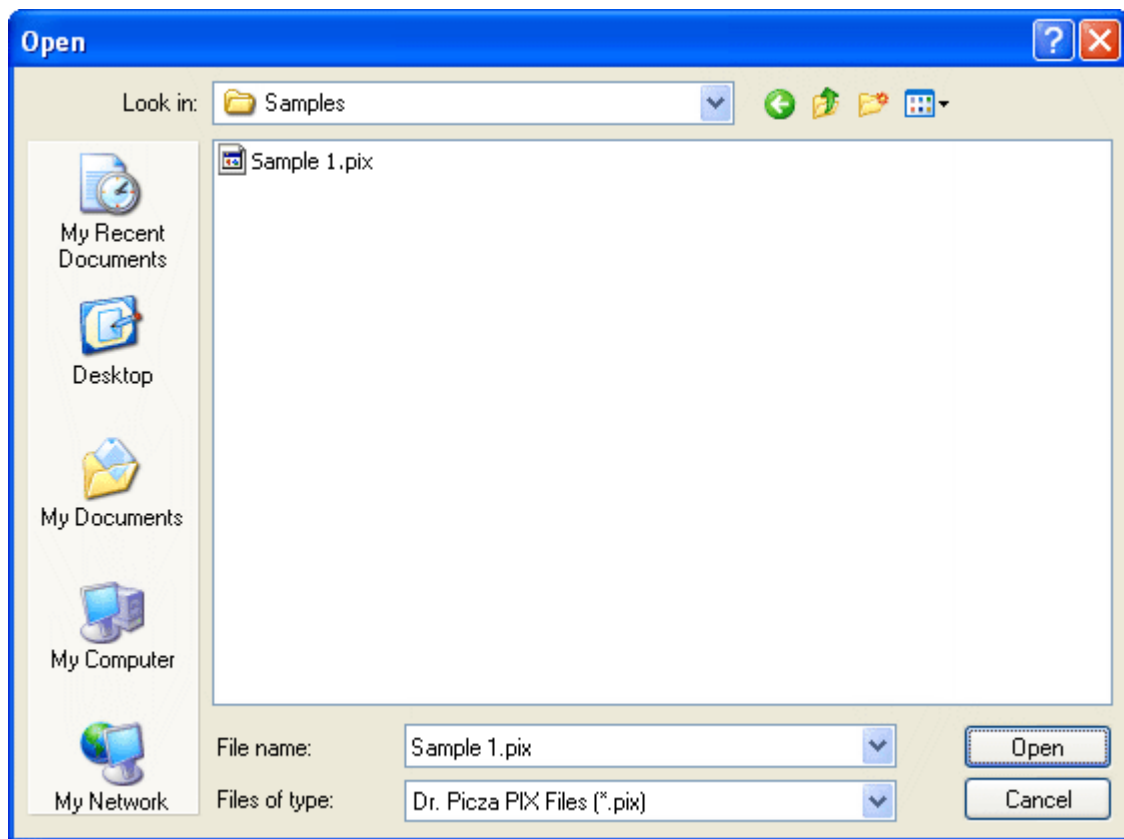
Tutorial

This tutorial provides the necessary information and hands-on experience to help you get started with *PIX Import for Rhino*.

Step 1: Start Rhino.

Step 2: Select *Import* from the *PIXImport* menu or type *PIXImport* at the Rhino command prompt and press *Enter*.

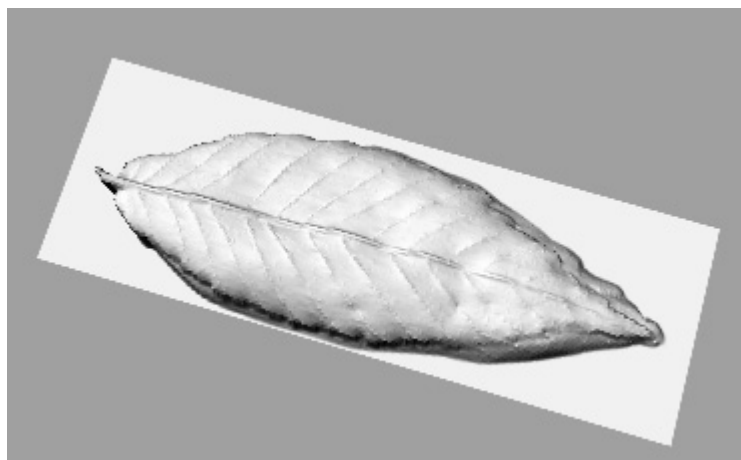
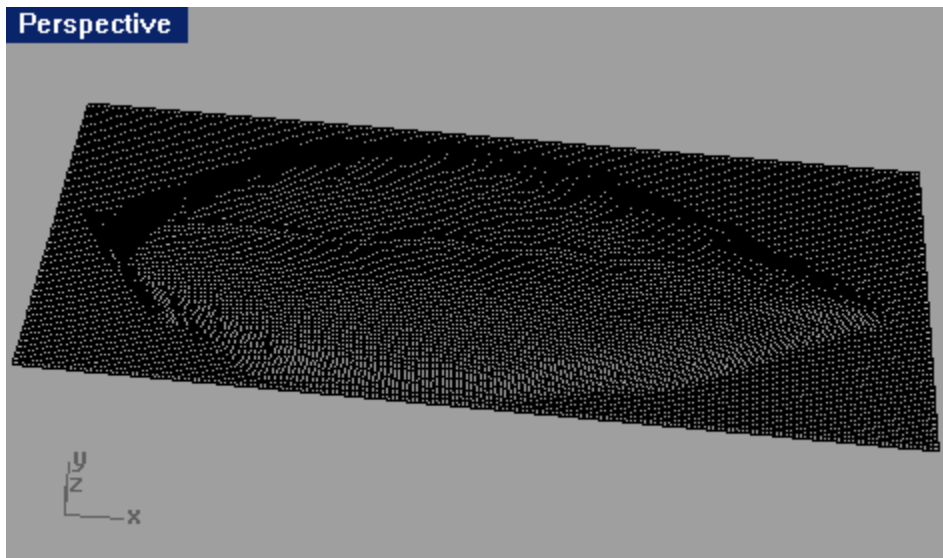
Step 3: The Rhino *Open* dialog box is displayed. Browse for the file *C:\Program Files\SYCODE\PIX Import for Rhino\Samples\Sample 1.pix* and click *Open*.



Step 4: The *PIX Import for Rhino Options* dialog box is displayed. Set the options as shown below and click *OK*.



The figure below shows the final result.



the above figure is in shaded view