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Customer Success Story: CSI

Central States Industrial Equipment & Service, Inc. (CSI) is a Missouri-based company that Engineers to Order equipment to makes fabrication & installation easy for their customers.

[Click Here](#) to read about a project with an extremely tight deadline that CSI was able to complete on schedule with a Digital Prototyping workflow.

If you'd like to know more about Digital Prototyping, [contact us](#) at D3.

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March AMUG Meetings

Special Offers

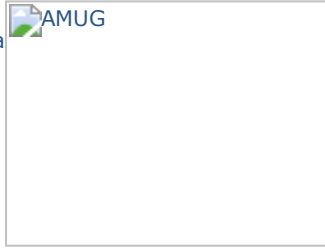
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March AMUG meetings were held at the Springfield, Kansas City, Wichita, Oklahoma City and Tulsa D3 offices on March 10th. AMUG, the Autodesk manufacturing User Group, is a place to connect with your fellow Autodesk manufacturing users and learn about their experiences with the products. Each meeting is different, but our March meetings included user presentations, skill builders, and helpful tips and tricks.



If you'd like to see photos from past AMUG meetings, visit our [Flickr](#) page.

Don't miss the next AMUG meeting on **June 9th!**

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New Ways to Connect with D3

We at D3 TECHNOLOGIES want to stay connected with you, and allow you access to the latest industry news at all times. That's why we've been stepping up our social media game and are now active on Facebook, Twitter, Flickr and Youtube.

No matter whether you want to hear about the latest industry buzz, find a good article or blog to read online, or see photos of events held at D3, you'll find it on our social media pages. Follow our Twitter feed for updates on D3 and links to great articles and blogs, visit our YouTube channel for video tech tips, check out our photostream on Flickr for pictures from events (including AMUG meetings) and "like" us on Facebook to keep your finger on the pulse of all things D3! And be sure to give us feedback so we know if what we're posting is helpful. We'd love to hear from you!

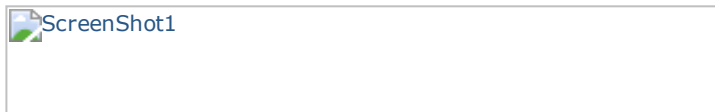


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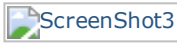
Tech Tip: Dynamic Input in Plant 3D

One AutoCAD feature that is normally turned off in Plant 3D is dynamic input. When dynamic input is active, tooltips display information near the cursor that is dynamically updated as the cursor moves. When a command is active, the tooltips allow for user input.

To toggle dynamic input, click the appropriate button in the drafting settings:



With dynamic input enabled when you click the "change elevation" grip on a pipe run the BOP (bottom of pipe), COP (center of pipe), and TOP (top of pipe) will display as a tool tip. Press the TAB key to cycle between them and type in a value to change the pipe elevation.



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New Training & Events Calendar

We've released our new training & events page on our website! Now, all training classes and events are searchable by category, timeframe and location so you can find what you're looking for quickly. The search window displays the event name, location, and dates for quick reference, and you can click on any event to find out details.

[Click here](#) to check out the new page, or go to d3tech.net and click on the Events and Training tab.

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Innovation & Semantic Search

In order to innovate - develop new products, improve existing products and find new markets - you need access to internal and external knowledge to help you solve problems and make decisions.

Most companies use Intranets or shared drives to allow access to knowledge that has already been gathered. Despite this fact, market research studies indicate that up to 80% of research time is spent doing work that has already been done.

If you're relying on traditional search like Google, you know that those search engines look for keywords, but don't understand queries or the meaning of the content they're filtering for you.

Semantic Search is about understanding searcher intent and the contextual meaning of terms as they appear in the search results, whether on the Web or within a closed system, to generate the most relevant results.

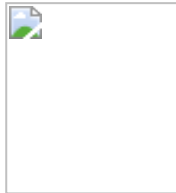
To get the full story behind Semantic Search or to find out more, [contact us](#) at D3.

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Employee Spotlight

Meet Jason Drew, one of D3's newest employees. Jason works at D3's Tulsa office and his title is Plant Solutions Application Engineer. Jason has been with us since June 2010.

[Click Here](#) to learn more about Jason and read his article.



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D3 Moving Away from Constant Contact

In the past, D3 has used Constant Contact to send newsletters, upcoming events emails, and other notifications. However, due to Constant Contact's policies that inhibit our abilities to get vital information to our customers, we have decided to move to another email vendor that provides us the professional service and flexibility we need. You will still get the same types of emails from D3 that you always have, but look for new designs and different formatting. As we're making this transition, give us feedback on what works and what doesn't so we're able to better serve you. As for a reference for Constant Contact; they have great

marketing of their own, but obviously we're less than satisfied with the results we had.

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D3 Springfield Looking to Relocate Office

D3's current building in Springfield will soon be up for sale or lease. The sole reason for this is to relocate to the south part of Springfield or possibly even Nixa.

When we decided to build at our current location we felt that being near the airport and in an industrial area would be ideal for us. With the terminal change (and ticket prices remaining high), the Branson airport opening, along with the dynamics of the business evolving, we feel the Headquarters can be located virtually anywhere in the Springfield metropolitan region.

Wherever the new Springfield D3 office may end up, we are committed to making sure it is a facility that exceeds our needs and is at the same professional level (or greater) that our current building is.

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Current Autodesk Promotions

If you're thinking about upgrading or buying new seats of Autodesk software, now is the time to do it and take advantage of one of the promotions Autodesk has going on right now.

- **Validate Your Inventor Program**
The Validate Your Inventor program allows Autodesk® Inventor® users on subscription the ability to download an extended free trial of Autodesk® Algor® Simulation software. Inventor users on subscription will have the ability to download the Algor Simulation extended free trial through **October 1, 2011**. After a customer downloads and registers the extended free trial of Algor Simulation, it will run until **October 14, 2011**. Read more about this promotion [here](#).

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New: Autodesk 2012 Product Line

Autodesk has refreshed its family of manufacturing products for their 2012 line. If you're thinking about upgrading, now is the perfect time to get the latest and greatest software from Autodesk.

If you're curious about what the new products have to offer, please visit our [news page](#) to read press releases from Autodesk. You can also watch our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for news, sneak peeks, and tips on the new products.

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D3 Product Seminars

D3 will hit the road this June with a series of events highlighting Autodesk's new Manufacturing products line. Watch for more announcements about these events coming soon!

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Simulation Training

D3 will offer training in Autodesk Algor Simulation and Autodesk Algor MES. An Algor Simulation class will be held at the Springfield office May 4th - 5th. Look for more information about this course and more new courses coming soon.

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About D3 TECHNOLOGIES

D3 TECHNOLOGIES is focused 100% on manufacturing to provide engineering efficiency. D3 is an Autodesk Gold partner and maintains training centers at each of its locations. Our goal is to provide clients with high quality service so they may receive an improved return on their investment.

If you would like to know more about us, please visit our website:
<http://www.d3tech.net>

