



ASCENT RELEASES UPDATED COURSE FOR AUTOCAD 2009 SOFTWARE

Mississauga, ON, June 11, 2008 – RAND Worldwide, a global leader in providing technology solutions to organizations with engineering design and information technology requirements, announced today that its courseware division, ASCENT – Center for Technical Knowledge®, added a training course to its AutoCAD 2009 curriculum line-up: *AutoCAD 2009 Advanced*.

AutoCAD 2009 Advanced is an extension of ASCENT's *AutoCAD 2009 Fundamentals* course, launched in May 2008. This updated 2009 training guide covers AutoCAD® 2009's new Action Recorder feature, which records the commands a user runs and automates tasks without programming experience, as well as the new Ribbon interface for accessing commands. Focus is also placed on the application's advanced annotation, drawing with complex objects, and defining blocks and attributes. Other topics covered in the guide include sheet set creation, layout and advanced plotting functions, external reference and image file features, as well as how to use simple customization techniques to enhance productivity.

"ASCENT continues to update its courses based on client demand," said Joe Oswald, Executive Vice-President, PLM Operations, North American and Europe, RAND Worldwide. "We review all new features and changes to workflow in the new software version to determine which will have the greatest impact on user productivity and in which course they should be presented. The goal of all our training guides is to ensure users are presented with the most relevant topics that enable them to get the most from the software."

ASCENT is an Authorized Author, Publisher and Developer of the Autodesk® curriculum. All of the company's Autodesk® courses are available to educational institutions, individuals, and corporations.

ASCENT is planning to release the following titles early this summer: *Civil 3D 2009 Fundamentals*, *Revit Architecture 2009 Fundamentals*, *Inventor 2009 Advanced Assembly Modeling*, and *AutoCAD Electrical 2009 Fundamentals*. To see the company's complete courseware lineup for Autodesk, Dassault Systèmes and PTC software solutions, please visit www.ASCENTed.com.

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