



ASCENT RELEASES INVENTOR AND AUTOCAD ARCHITECTURE TRAINING GUIDES FOR 2009 SOFTWARE

Mississauga, ON, May 22, 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®, released one new training guide and two updated training guides for Autodesk® 2009 software:

- AutoCAD 2009 Update for AutoCAD 2006-2007 Users
- AutoCAD Architecture 2009 Fundamentals
- Inventor 2009 Advanced Part Modeling

“ASCENT is pleased to provide our clients with a wide range of high-quality Autodesk curriculum in a timely fashion,” said Joe Oswald, Executive Vice-President, PLM Operations, North American and Europe, RAND Worldwide. “By continually updating our courseware materials, we are able to help our clients stay ahead with software upgrades and enhancements.”

ASCENT’s new courseware release, *AutoCAD 2009 Update for AutoCAD 2006-2007 Users*, is an ideal training guide for users that are upgrading from AutoCAD 2006 or 2007. The guide focuses on the newest features released in AutoCAD 2008 and 2009 including the Ribbon and Menu Browser; workflow for using annotative objects and annotation scales; Quick View Layouts and Drawings; and the Layout Properties Manager. A comprehensive overview of the AutoCAD 2009 interface is also provided.

The *AutoCAD Architecture 2009 Fundamentals* training guide concentrates on the design development and construction documentation features within AutoCAD Architecture 2009. Users are exposed to the tools required to create a basic floor plan and specialty objects such as column and ceiling grids, stairs, and roofs. The training guide also introduces drawing management through the Project Navigator.

Inventor 2009 Advanced Part Modeling builds upon the skills users acquire from ASCENT’s recently released *Inventor 2009 Introduction to Solid Modeling* training guide. This advanced Inventor training guide includes more content for users that want to expand their knowledge of designing and documenting part models. The training guide presents part modeling techniques such as advanced lofts, sweeps, coils, and surfaces. Users will also gain an understanding of how to create revision and hole tables and custom sketch symbols.

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.

In June, ASCENT continues its release of Autodesk 2009 training guides, including *AutoCAD 2009 Advanced*, *Revit Architecture 2009 Fundamentals*, *Revit Structure 2009 Fundamentals*, *Civil 3D 2009 Fundamentals*, and *Inventor 2009 Advanced Assembly Modeling*. To see the company’s complete courseware lineup for Autodesk, Dassault Systèmes and PTC software solutions, please visit www.ASCENTed.com.

About ASCENT:

ASCENT- Center for Technical Knowledge is the leading developer of high-quality professional training, technical documentation, and knowledge products for engineering applications. ASCENT’s products are used to train thousands of people in the engineering and manufacturing fields around the world each year and are developed by a multidisciplinary team of engineers, technical writers, courseware developers, and instructional designers. ASCENT is a division of RAND Worldwide. More information about the company can be found at www.ASCENTed.com.





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