



## **ASCENT- Center for Technical Knowledge Releases New *Maya 2008 Fundamentals* Courseware and Four New User Quizzes**

**Mississauga, ON, December 16, 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 a new title, *Maya 2008 Fundamentals* and four new User Quizzes.

ASCENT's new title, *Maya 2008 Fundamentals*, provides a thorough introduction to Autodesk Maya's Modeling, Texturing, Lighting, and Rendering capabilities. The courseware has been created to help new users make the most of this sophisticated application, as well as broaden the horizons of existing, self-taught users. The material covered in the courseware is designed specifically for professional designers that make up the majority of Autodesk Maya users and includes tutorials designed for professional designers in the Game Development, Architectural, Industrial/Product Design, and Interior Design industries.

"Autodesk® Maya 2008 is a complex and powerful program that is currently being used by professional designers from variety of different industries," said Joe Oswald, Executive Vice-President, PLM Operations North America and Europe, RAND Worldwide. "The tutorials in *Maya 2008 Fundamentals* have been created to reflect the applications required by the key users of the Autodesk® Maya software."

User Quizzes – an integral component of ASCENT's Knowledge Assessment Tools - allow users to accurately measure their current software knowledge and identify future training requirements or skill gaps. User Quizzes are available online for the following courseware:

- AutoCAD 2009 Fundamentals
- AutoCAD 2009 Advanced
- Inventor 2009 Introduction to Solid Modeling
- Revit Architecture 2009 Fundamentals

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