



NEW AND UPDATED AUTODESK® COURSES ADDED TO ASCENT CURRICULUM *First Revit® Structure training guide developed, updates to Inventor® guide for 2009*

Mississauga, ON, August 19, 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 two Autodesk® 2009 software training guides: *Revit Structure 2009 Fundamentals* and *Inventor 2009 Sheet Metal Design*.

ASCENT's new training guide, *Revit Structure 2009 Fundamentals*, provides another extension to the company's existing Revit® curriculum offering. The course teaches the concepts and principles from building design through construction documentation. Specifically, the curriculum delivers the tools that users require in order to effectively create, document, and print a variety of Revit® Structure 2009 parametric models. Students are exposed to the interface, available design tools, and the steps to creating a new structural project including Architectural Overlay creation, beginning a structural model, and adding and reinforcing foundations. Framing systems such as beams, brace frames, and flooring; and elevator shafts, stairs and ramps are also covered along with the annotation object styles for creating them.

"Our professional services experience in assisting Revit Structure users in fully leveraging the application's capabilities was the key driver for the creation of the *Revit Structure 2009 Fundamentals* course," said Joe Oswald, Executive Vice-President, PLM Operations North America and Europe, RAND Worldwide. "While working with clients, we have identified a successful workflow methodology based on real world use and have applied this to ASCENT's newest training guide to enhance Revit Structure 2009 users with their application knowledge and usage."

The updated *Inventor 2009 Sheet Metal Design* training guide introduces users to the concepts and techniques of sheet metal modeling in Autodesk® Inventor® 2009. The course focuses on features specific to the process of sheet metal part creation and editing, flat pattern generation, and design drawing documentation. Specific topics in the training guide include design processes, sheet metal styles, rules and parameters, and creating commonly used sheet metal features such as flanges, hems, folds, and bends.

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 will be releasing the following titles later this summer *3ds Max 2009 Fundamentals for Design Visualization* and *Revit Architecture 2009 Advanced*. 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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