



ASCENT RELEASES NEW INVENTOR AND REVIT ARCHITECTURE COURSES

Mississauga, ON, December 13, 2007 –RAND Worldwide, a global leader in providing technology solutions to organizations with engineering design and information technology requirements, today announced that its courseware division, ASCENT – Center for Technical Knowledge®, released two new training guides for Autodesk software: *Inventor 2008 Sheet Metal Design* and *Revit Architecture 2008 Advanced*.

“We have a long standing history of successfully developing courses for our Sheet Metal design clients that utilize CATIA V5 and Pro/ENGINEER software,” said Joe Oswald, Executive Vice President, PLM Operations, North America and Europe, RAND Worldwide. “We have leveraged this experience and applied the many strategies and lessons learned from developing course content for these products to create our Inventor 2008 Sheet Metal Design training guide.”

The *Inventor 2008 Sheet Metal Design* training guide introduces users to the concepts and techniques of sheet metal modeling that have been greatly improved on with the release of Autodesk® Inventor™ 2008. 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 and parameters, and creating commonly used sheet metal features such as flanges, hems, folds, and bends.

Revit Architecture 2008 Advanced builds on ASCENT’s *Revit Architecture 2008 Fundamentals (formerly Level 1)* and *Revit Architecture 2008 Intermediate (formerly Level 2)* training guides released in June and August this year. The new advanced training guide focuses on customizing and expanding tools that Revit® Architecture 2008 users work with on a daily basis including the Project Browser, schedules, and elevations. Users are exposed to data exchange options with other design packages for energy analysis and massing studies and provides an in depth look at Worksets for effective project collaboration and data sharing within the Revit family of products. Advanced family processes for creating custom cornices and copings as well as stairs and railings are also covered. Students will also learn how to create and import site information into their models and add structural components.

ASCENT is an Authorized Author, Publisher and Developer of Autodesk® curriculum. All of the company’s Autodesk® courses are available to educational institutions, individuals, and corporations. The company’s complete courseware lineup for Autodesk, Dassault Systèmes and PTC software solutions can be seen at www.ASCENTed.com/courseware.htm.

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