

ASCENT – Center for Technical Knowledge:

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A wholly owned subsidiary of RAND Worldwide, ASCENT develops and produces a wide range of knowledge products and courseware for the industry's leading engineering software tools for Autodesk, Dassault Systèmes and PTC.

This historical timeline highlights some ASCENT's achievements and key events spanning the last two decades as RRTC and as a RAND Worldwide company.



Autodesk selects RRTC as an AOTC development partner for its **Introduction to AutoCAD LT 98** AOTC title for the second time

1994 - 2000 Autodesk certifies all of RRTC's courseware titles until Autodesk ends the ACC program in 2000. RRTC continues to work closely with Autodesk

February: 2001
RAND Worldwide acquires RRTC's Autodesk courseware business, combining it with RAND's existing Pro/ENGINEER and CATIA courseware development team under the ASCENT division

June:
ASCENT released its first series of WebShops eLearning tools for Pro/ENGINEER 2000i²

July:
Free online Orientation Overview for Pro/ENGINEER released

2002 ASCENT's expert-Led training material is launched and released for CATIA V5R9 in October

January: 2003
First expert-Led training launched and released for Pro/ENGINEER Wildfire

July:
ASCENT's Live Learning Series for Pro/ENGINEER is launched

2004 ASCENT's Live Learning Series for CATIA V5 is launched

2005
SOLO (Searchable Online Learning Objects), a user-friendly, search engine style tool providing access to tips and techniques, demonstrations, hands-on exercises, and solutions related to key engineering software is launched

Today ASCENT continues to develop a full line of courseware titles based on the previously certified, award-winning versions

From the unique perspective of being a courseware developer, ASCENT fully understands the importance of providing the highest quality training materials along with excellent customer service to its own customers

ASCENT retains its authorization as an Autodesk Authorized Author through the Autodesk Developer Network (ADN) initially acquired under RRTC