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Software for Architecture

DATACAD LLC Ships DataCAD® 8 for Windows® 95/NT™

32-bit Windows 95/NT version of popular 2D/3D CADD program
includes Visual Reality Suite and DC Viewer

AVON, Conn. - May 15, 1998 - DATACAD LLC has released DataCAD 8 for Windows 95/NT, the first 32-bit version of its popular 2D/3D computer-aided design and drafting (CADD) software for architectural, engineering, and construction (AEC) applications. Bundled with the release of DataCAD 8 at no additional charge is the Visual Reality Suite™ 2.0, a 32-bit rendering and animation program from Micrografx® Corporation (NASDAQ: MGXI), Richardson, Texas, as well as DC Viewer, a program for sharing DataCAD files and producing VRML output.

“DataCAD focuses on ‘the basics’ of AEC automation-the tasks that architects and builders spend 50%-70% of their time doing,” said Mark Madura, president of DATACAD LLC. “Our customers cite DataCAD’s ease-of-use and ability to quickly create production drawings as the product’s strong suit. With this in mind, DataCAD for Windows 95/NT features the familiar DataCAD for DOS menus, icons, and hot keys for a smooth transition to the Windows platform. And, because photorealistic presentations are becoming increasingly important to AEC firms, we are including the acclaimed Visual Reality Suite with DataCAD.”

“At an introductory price of \$495, DataCAD 8 provides high-end CADD capabilities at a business software price for architects and other AEC professionals,” continued Madura. “This is not a ‘light,’ entry-level product. DataCAD’s powerful 2D/3D CADD toolset is comparable to competitive products that cost ten times the price. With more than 200,000 users worldwide and counting, DataCAD continues to deliver price-performing CADD for the design/build desktop.”

Highlights of DataCAD 8

As a true 32-bit Windows 95/NT application, DataCAD 8 is compatible with Windows 95/NT-supported devices. Additionally, DataCAD 8 is fully compatible with previous versions, sharing the same drawing files, templates, symbols, fonts, linetypes, hatch patterns and DCAL macros. DataCAD 8 supports bi-directional DXF/DWG file translation and features improved online and printed documentation. Menus retain

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scenes, objects, material and images from previous projects. 3D Objects and Textures is a sample library of 3D objects and textures. Models and images created using Visual Model, Visual Image, and Visual Font can be brought into Renderize Live! via a graphical drag-and-drop operation.

Pricing

The introductory price of U.S. \$495 for DataCAD 8 is valid through June 30, 1998 in the U.S. and Canada only. After June 30, the retail price of the CD-ROM is U.S. \$695 in the U.S. and Canada only. DataCAD 8 for Windows is available for U.S. \$99.95 to registered users of DataCAD 7.50 and for U.S. \$249.95 for registered users of DataCAD 7.04 or earlier in the U.S. and North America only. Please contact your international dealer/distributor in your area for local prices. All purchasers will receive DC Viewer and Visual Reality Suite at no additional charge.

DataCAD products are available through authorized dealers worldwide, or directly from DATACAD LLC. For the name of the dealer nearest you, please call (800) 394-2231 or (860) 677-4004 outside the U.S. or access the "Support" section of DATACAD LLC's Web page at www.datacad.com.

About DATACAD LLC

DATACAD LLC is an independent, privately held company that provides robust computer-aided design and drafting solutions to architecture, building, engineering, and construction firms. With over 200,000 installations worldwide, DATACAD LLC's award-winning DataCAD architectural design products are some of the most popular, cost-effective CADD products available.

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