



### Default Files

Now that you know from our lead article that you can use any file as your *default file* (think of it as your starting point file), we thought you might appreciate us printing an updated checklist of typical settings that you might set in your default file, so that you are not constantly resetting them, every time you start a new drawing. Check it out, then go and save likewise. ☒



## DATA CAD DEFAULT SETTINGS

- FROM ANY MENU:** (Entity, Group, Area, or Fence? LyrSrch On or Off?)
- MOVE:** (AndCopy?)
- ROTATE:** (AndCopy?)
- MIRROR:** (FixText? AndCopy?)
- STRETCH:** (Point or Area?)
- ENLARGE:** (Standard Enlargement Factor?, AndCopy? Enlrg Z?)
- CLEANUP:** (Set Fillet and Chamfer distances and clip on/off)
- EDITSETS:** (Append? SetActiv?)
- ARCHITECT:** (Walls? Settings: Type Walls/Sides/Centers/Clean/Cap/Hilite Type/Width)  
(DoorSwng: Jamb/Sides/Cntrpnt/Cutout/InWall/JambWdth/Angle/Thickness/Headhgt/DoorType;)  
(Windows: Jamb/Sides/Cntrpnt/Cutout/In Wall/JambWidth/Sill,Glass&Head Hgt Settings;)
- POLYGONS:** (Rectngl/Cntrpnt?)  
(NoSides/Dynamic/Cntrpnt/Vertex/Diametr/Inscrib;)
- TEXT:** (Size/Angle/Weight/Slant/Aspect/Factor/FontName/Dynamic/TxtScale/Left,Center or Right;)  
(Arrows: Size/Style/Aspect/Weight/Color;)
- LINETYPE:** (Linetype/Factor/LineWgt/Color/Spacing/Oversht;)
- DCAD 3D:** (Whew! We need a whole new chart for that!)
- MACROS:** (Select most frequently used macro;)
- TO SCALE:** (Select most frequently used scale;)
- GOTOVIEW:** (Pre-select Layers and Views?)
- LAYERS:** (Select No/Name/Colors/Grids & Snap Grids?)
- TEMPLATE:** (Set Path/DynmRot/Enlarge/Explode;)
- HATCH:** (Associative/HtchType/Pattern/Scale/Angle;)
- GEOMETRY:** (Divide No./Intrsect/Offset Dynamic/Tangents-Tan Divs;)
- MEASURES:** (Area/Per and TakeOffs Settings;)
- DIMENSION:** (Horiznt/Verticl/Aligned/Rotated-Angle;)  
(Associative/TextStyl Settings/Dim Styl Settings/ArroStyl Settings/AutoStyl Settings;)
- SETTINGS:** (ScalTyp/AngleTyp;)  
(EditDefs: Scales,Angles,Distnces;)  
(MissDist/SmalGrid/ScrIst/DistDlay/SaveDlay/DrwMrks/Beeps/Big Curs/  
SmalCursSize/NegDist/Show Z/FixdRef/DisSync/TxtScal;)
- GRIDS:** (Snap On-Off/Disp1On-Off/Disp2On-Off/GridSiz/GridColumn/SnapAng/Angle/Grid Orig;)
- DISPLAY:** ShowTxt,ShowDim,ShowHtch/ShowWgt/UserLin/Oversht/ShowIns/ShowAtrs/  
SmallTxt/ BoxColor/SmallSym/ArcFactr;)  
(LayrOrd-First,Last,InOrder / DispList-RgnWarn,Wndsize;)
- OBJ SNAP:** (Nearest/End Pnt/Mid Pnt/N Pnts/Center/Quadrant/Intsect/Perpend/Tangent/Fast Sym/  
Fast3D/MissDist/LyrSnap/SrchHch/Quick/SelSet/Aptetur;)
- PLOTTER:** (Scale/PaperSiz/PenSpeed/PenWidth/Lyout Sz/LyoutDiv/Rotate/ClrPlt/  
SetPens/PenSort;)
- MULTILAYOUT:** Pre-setup Detail Sheet?
- PRINTER:** Save primary settings as DCAD.SS
- FILE I/O:** (Set File Type, Set Read/Write DXF/DWG Settings;)
- WINDOW IN:** (Free Zoom on/off;)
- DIRECTORY:** (Project/Employee/Rate/Deprtmt/Phase/Service;)
- Z SETTING:** (via "Z" key;)
- INPUT MODE:** (via Insert "Ins" key;)
- OTHER SETTINGS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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- OTHER GRAPHIC ADDITIONS:**  
Titleblocks \_\_\_\_\_  
Legends \_\_\_\_\_  
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