

USER GUIDE



User Guide CADIUM 2012

CADIUM 2012 is a very useful product when you automate your scripting or make changes to your title blocks, in CADIUM 2012 known as drawing stamps. There is no need to have AutoCAD installed at your computer to be able to edit the attributes in your drawings!

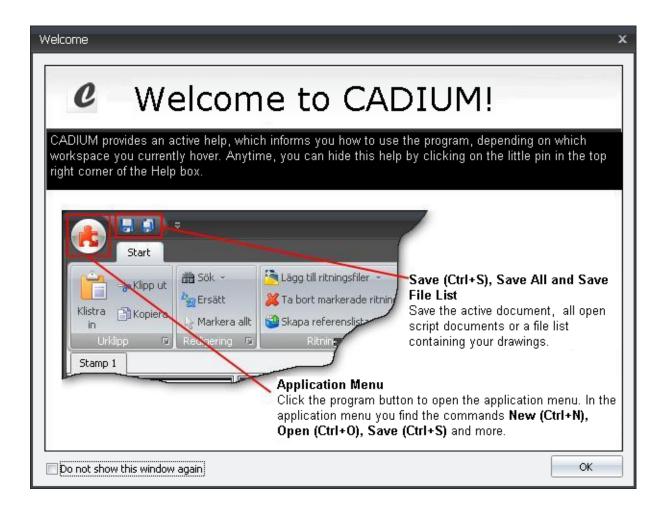


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1 Application Menu

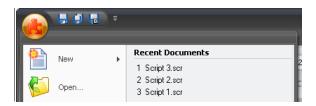
Click the application icon to display available options for the current document.



- New Hover over New to display the New Document dropdown, see Chapter 1.1. Select New to display the Create New Document dialog, see Chapter 1.2.
- Open Select Open to open an existing script (*.scr) or a text file (*.txt).
- Save Select Save to save changes in the current Stamp document to the drawing or to save current Script document for reuse at a later date.
- **Save As** Select Save As to save or rename the current Script document.
- Save All Select Save All to save all open Script documents.
- Save File List Select Save File List to create a file list (*.txt) containing paths for all drawings in the current document.
- Print The Print option is currently not enabled.
- Close Select Close to close the current document. If the document has been changed, there is an option to save it.



Recent documents The Recent Documents list displays the 15 last used documents.



Options...

Options Select Options to display the Options dialog, see Chapter 1.4.

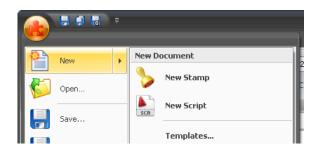


Exit Select Exit to close CADIUM 2012. If the documents have been changed, there is an option to save them.



New Document Dropdown Menu 1.1

The New Document dropdown menu displays options to create a new Stamp or Script document, the latter optionally from a script template.



New Stamp Hover New and select New Stamp to create a new Stamp document, to edit attributes in your drawing stamps.

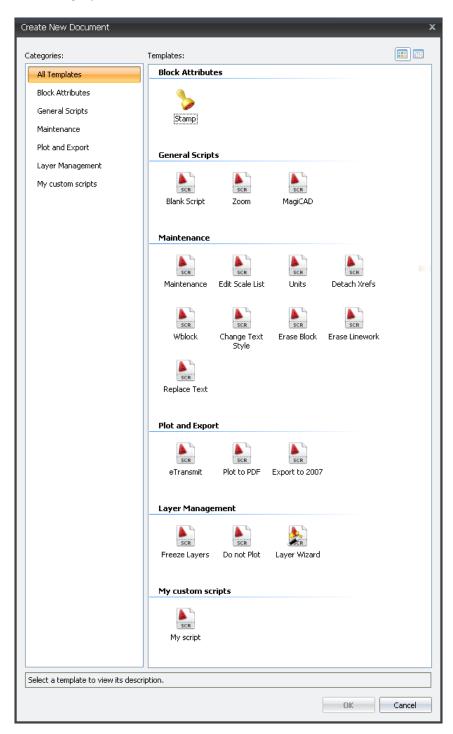


New Script Hover New and select New Script to create a new Script document, including nothing but a trailing QSAVE.

Templates Hover New and select Templates to create a new document from a template, see Chapter 1.2.

1.2 Create New Document Dialog

In the Create New Document dialog you have an option to create a new Stamp or Script document. Use one of the predefined script templates as a start for your new script. Filter the template list by selecting a relevant category in the left-hand list.



Select a template to display a description below the template list. You could also copy the content from several different templates to form your custom script. Use the Layer Wizard to create scripts based on existing drawings, see Chapter 1.3.

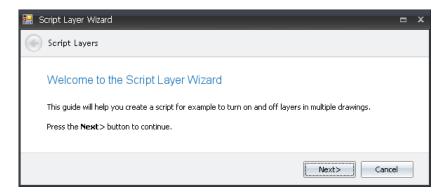
1.3 Script Layer Wizard



The Script Layer Wizard assists in creating a layer script based on an existing drawing. Select the Layer Wizard template in the Create New Document dialog.

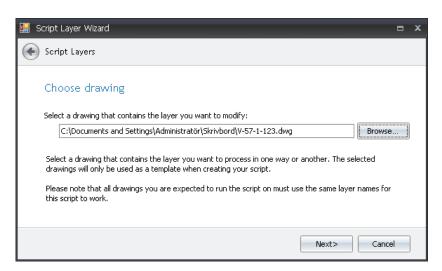
Welcome to the Script Layer Wizard

Click Next to select drawing.



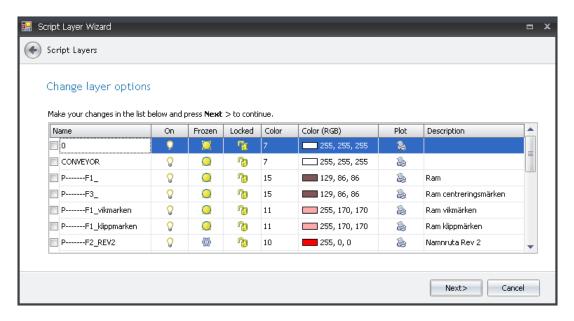
Select drawing

Click Browse to select a drawing containing the layers you wish to modify. Click Next to change layer options.



Change layer options

Change the layer properties that should form your script. Currently the following layer settings are editable: Name, On, Frozen, Locked, Color, Color (RGB), Plot and Description. Click Next to finish.



Finish

Click Finish to create a script that executes the changes made in the guide.



N.B. The Script Layer Wizard is resizable. Thus all properties are visible without the need to scroll.

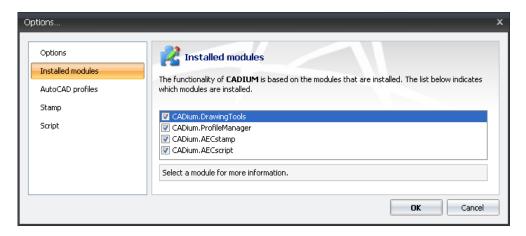
1.4 Options Dialog

The Options dialog is used to configure the behavior of CADIUM 2012. Click the application icon and select Options.

Options Select Options to configure general software settings such as startup document and language setting. There are options to start CADIUM 2012 without a document, with a Stamp or a Script document. Currently CADIUM 2012 supports English and Swedish language settings. N.B. The Sheet List functionality follows the Swedish Standards regardless of the language settings.



Installed modules Select Installed modules to detect installed CADIUM modules. Select a module to display more information below the module list.

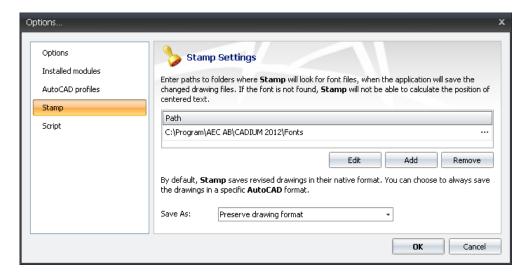


AutoCAD profiles Select AutoCAD profiles to manage AutoCAD profiles. Click Scan to scan your desktop and Start menu for shortcuts to acad.exe. The profile name is derived from the description of the shortcut. Click Add to launch a guide to create your own profiles by selecting an acad.exe file or an existing shortcut, see Chapter 1.5.



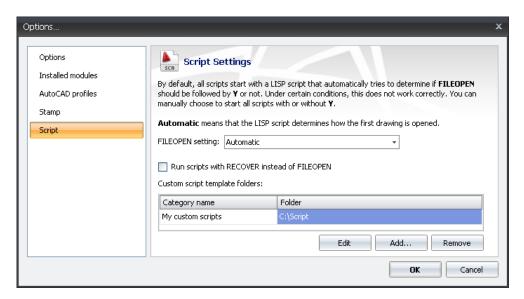
Stamp Select Stamp to manage the Stamp settings. CADIUM 2012 installs a folder containing AutoCAD fonts, whose path is predefined in the settings. Select Add to specify your own paths for other folders containing fonts. If the path is not specified, CADIUM 2012 cannot properly calculate the insertion point of centered texts using these fonts.

By default, CADIUM 2012 preserves the drawing format, but there are options to select a specific AutoCAD drawing format.



Script Select Script to manage the Script settings. By default, CADIUM 2012 opens drawings by automatically determining if FILEOPEN should be followed by a Y or not. If the software is not able to determine this setting, you have to manually select if FILEOPEN should be followed by a Y or not. There is also an option to run the scripts with RECOVER instead of FILEOPEN.

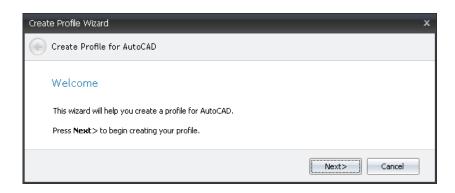
Select Add to add your custom script template folders, and you will easily access the script templates via New – Templates and the Create New Document dialog, see Chapter 1.2.



1.5 Create Profile Wizard

The Create Profile Wizard will assist in creating an AutoCAD profile to be used when scripting.

Welcome



Click Next to enter a profile name.

Profile Name

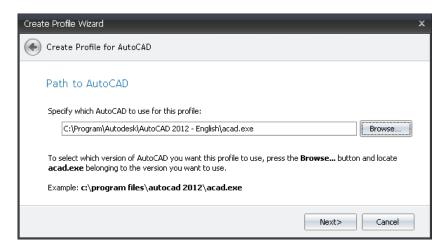
Enter a unique name for the profile.



Click Next to enter a path to AutoCAD.

Path to AutoCAD

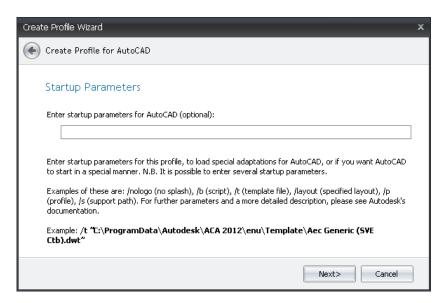
Select Browse to associate an acad.exe file with the profile.



Click \leftarrow to change profile name or Next to enter the startup parameters.

Startup Parameters

Enter the startup parameters to use with your profile. Examples of these are: /nologo (no splash), /b (script), /t (template file), /layout (specified layout), /p (profile), /s (support path). For further parameters and a more detailed description, please see Autodesk's documentation.



Click ← to change path or Next to finish.

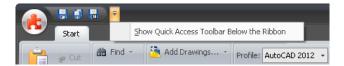
Finish



Click \leftarrow to change startup parameters or Finish to end the wizard.

2 Quick Access Toolbar

The Quick Access Toolbar contains shortcuts to certain functions, and enables the tools available for the current document.



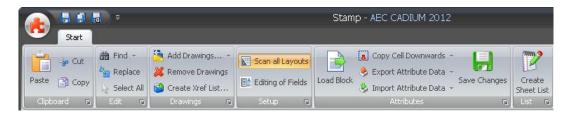
- Save Select Save to save changes in current Stamp document to the drawing or to save the current Script document for reuse at a later date.
- Save All Select Save All to save all open Script documents.
- Save File List Select Save File List to create a file list (*.txt) containing paths for all drawings in the current document.

2.1 Quick Access Dropdown Menu

Select if the Quick Access Toolbar should be displayed above or below the ribbon.

3 Stamp Documents

The Stamp module is used to edit attributes in drawing stamps. Select a block to edit its attribute data will display for all layouts and drawings in a project. Standard functionality to cut/paste and search/replace is supplemented with options to copy cells or paste series downwards.



3.1 Clipboard Panel

The Clipboard panel contains standard tools to copy, paste and cut data.



- Paste Select Paste to paste copied data from the Clipboard.
- * Cut Select Cut to place data on the Clipboard.
- **Copy** Select Copy to place data on the Clipboard.

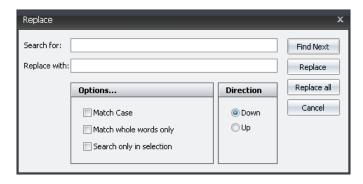
3.2 Edit Panel

The Edit panel contains tools to search, replace and select all.



- **Find** Select Find to display the Find dropdown menu, see Chapter 3.2.1.
- Replace Select Replace to search for specified text and replace it in current document.

 Optionally, select if the search should match case or whole words only. Specify search direction and select if the search should be limited to selected cells. The Replace dialog is not modal, thus you can modify the document while the dialog is still open.



Select All Select Select All to highlight the entire content of the current document.

3.2.1 Find Dropdown Menu



Find Select Find to search for specified text in current document. Optionally, select if the search should match case, whole words only and specify search direction. The Find dialog is not modal, thus you can modify the document while the dialog is still open.



Go to Select Go to in order to select an entire row in current document.



3.3 Drawings Panel

The Drawings panel contains tools to manage the drawings processed in i CADIUM 2012.



- Add Drawings Select Add Drawings to display the Add Drawings dropdown menu, see Chapter 3.3.1.
- **Remove Drawings** Select Remove Drawings to remove the selected drawings from the Drawing List.
- **Create Xref List** Select Create Xref List to save a tab separated text Xref list (*.csv) containing drawing names, Xref names, paths and reference type for all drawing in current document.

3.3.1 Add Drawings Dropdown Menu

The Add Drawings dropdown menu contains tools to add drawings to the Drawing List.



- Add Drawings Select Add Drawings to select one or more drawings to add to the Drawing List.
- Add Folder Select Add Folder to add all drawings from selected folder to the Drawing List.
- Add File List Select Add File List to select a file list containing drawings to add to the Drawing List.

3.4 Setup Panel

The Setup panel contains general settings concerning management of drawing attributes.



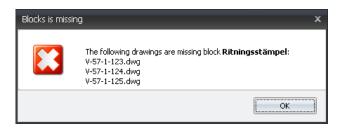
- Scan All Layouts Toggle Scan All Layouts to set if current layout or all layouts should be scanned for block to display in the Block List and Attribute List. This option is enabled by default in CADIUM 2012.
- **Editing of Fields** Toggle Editing of Fields to set if editing of fields should be enabled. Editing of fields is not recommended, and this option is disabled by default in CADIUM 2012.

3.5 Attributes Panel

The Attributes panel contains tools to edit and manage drawings attributes.



Load Block Select Load Block to load the selected block from the Block List to the Attribute List. A warning is displayed if any of the drawings in the Drawing List does not contain the selected block.



N.B. By double-clicking a block in the Block List, it will be loaded to the Attribute List.

- **Copy Cell Downwards** Select Copy Cell Downwards to display the Copy Cell Downwards dropdown menu, see Chapter 3.5.1.
- **Export Attribute Data** Select Export Attribute Data to display the Export Attribute Data dropdown menu, see Chapter 3.5.2.
- Import Attribute Data Select Import Attribute Data to display the Import Attribute Data dropdown menu, see Chapter 3.5.3.
- Save Changes Select Save Changes to save the changed attribute data to the drawings.

3.5.1 Copy Cell Downwards Dropdown Menu

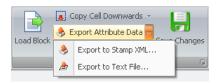
The Copy Cell Downwards dropdown menu contains tools to copy cells and paste series.



- **Copy Cell Downwards** Select Copy Cell Downwards to copy the uppermost selected cells in the selection to the selected cells below.
- Paste Series Downwards Select Paste Series Downwards to copy the uppermost selected cells in the selection to the selected cells below, while updating trailing numbers.

3.5.2 Export Attribute Data Dropdown Menu

The Export Attribute Data dropdown menu contains tools to export to Stamp XML and text file.



- Export to Stamp XML Select Export to Stamp XML to export attribute data to a Stamp XML file (*.xml).
- **Export to Text File** Select Export to Text File to export attribute data to a text file (*.txt). The Export to Text File Wizard configures the setup, see Chapter 3.7.

3.5.3 Import Attribute Data Dropdown Menu

The Import Attribute Data dropdown menu contains tools to import from XML and text files.



- Import from XML Select Import from XML to import data from an XML file (*.xml). The Import from XML Wizard configures the setup, see Chapter 3.8.
- Import from Text File Select Import from Text File to import data from a text file (*.txt) or a comma separated textfile (*.csv). The Import from Text File Wizard configures the setup, see Chapter 3.9.

3.6 List Panel

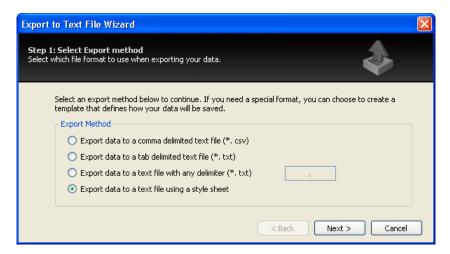


Create Sheet List Select Create Sheet list to create a sheet list in Excel. In the Create Drawing List dialog, the sheet list is configured using the attributes of the loaded drawings. The predefined sheet list follows the Swedish Standards.

3.7 Export to Text File Wizard

Step 1 Select export method

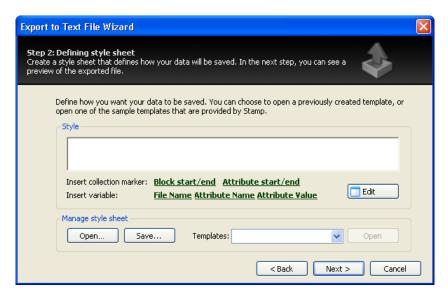
Select one of the predefined formats or use a custom format.



Click Finish if any of the three predefined formats has been selected or Next to define a style sheet.

Steg 2 Define a style sheet

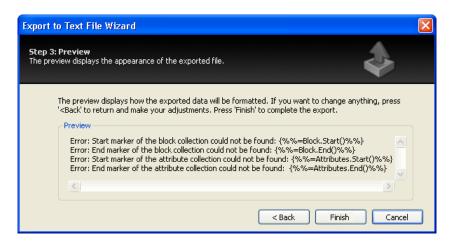
Define a custom style sheet with the options to insert collection marker (Block Start/End and Attribute Start/End) and variable (File Name, Attribute Name and Attribute Value). Click Edit to display the style sheet in a separate editor. Click Open to open an existing style sheet and Save to save an edited ditto. The Templates option is currently not enabled.



Click Back to change export method or Next to preview the style sheet.

Step 3 Preview

The preview shows the layout of the data to be exported and displays if the style sheet contains any error.



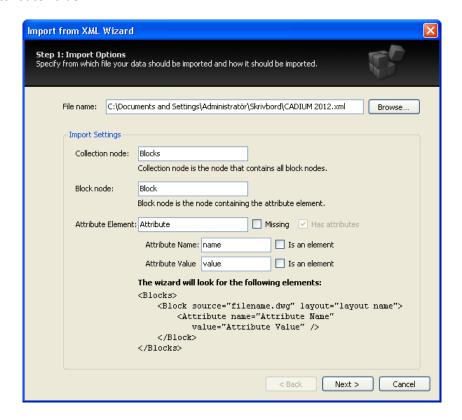
Click Back to redefine the style sheet or Finish to carry out the export.

3.8 Import from XML Wizard

Step 1 Import options

Click Browse to select an XML file to import. It is possible to import XML files created by other programs than CADIUM 2012. Select Click here to display more import options.

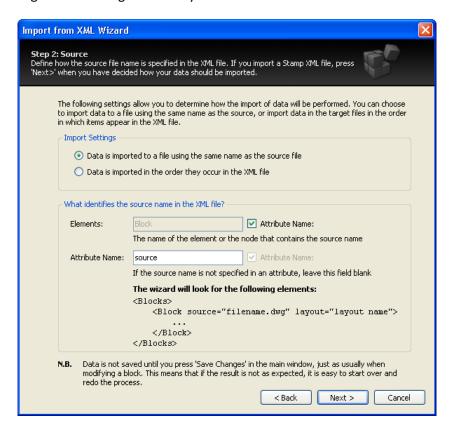
The import settings allows you to configure collection node, block node, attribute element, attribute name and attribute value.



Click Next to define source name.

Step 2 Source

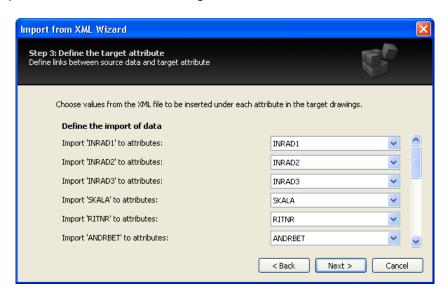
Select if data should be imported to a file using the same name as the source file or if data should be imported in the order they occur in the XML file. Select the Click here link to display more import options, and configure the settings to identify the source name.



Click Back to change import options or Next to analyze data and define target attributes.

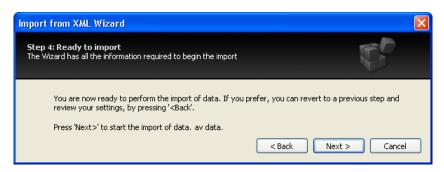
Step 3 Define target attributes

Define how imported data will be linked to target attributes.



Click Back to redefine source name or Next to proceed.

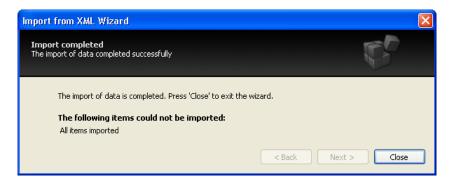
Step 4 Ready to import



Click Back to redefine target attributes or next to perform the import.

Import completed

The software displays if any items could not be imported.



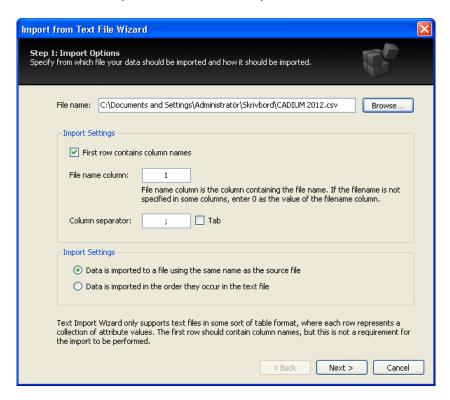
Click Close to close the dialog.

N.B. Attribute data is not saved until you click Save Changes in the main window, just as usual when modifying a block in CADIUM 2012. This is convenient if the imported data somehow is corrupt.

3.9 Import from Text File Wizard

Step 1 Import options

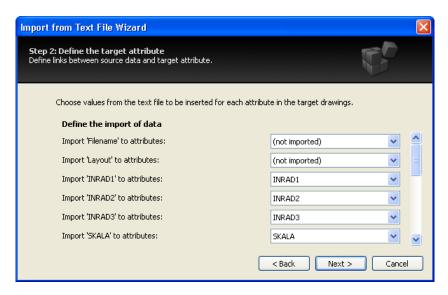
Click Browse to select an XML file to import. CADIUM 2012 supports text files (*.txt) and comma separated text files (*.csv). Select if data should be imported to a file using the same name as the source file or if data should be imported in the order they occur in the XML file.



Click Next to analyze data and define target attributes.

Steg 2 Define target attributes

Define how imported data will be linked to target attributes.



Click Back to change import options or Next to import.

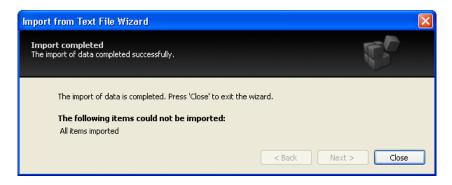
Step 3 Ready to import



Click Back to redefine target attributes or next to perform the import.

Import completed

The dialog displays if any items could not be imported.



Click Close to close the dialog.

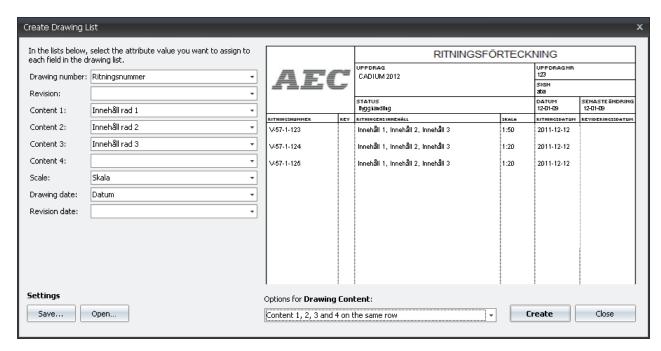
N.B. Attribute data is not saved until you click Save Changes in the main window, just as usual when modifying a block in CADIUM 2012. This is convenient if the imported data somehow is corrupt.

3.10 Create Drawing List Dialog

Select attribute values to assign to each field in the sheet list. Available fields are Drawing number, Revision, Content 1, Content 2, Content 3, Content 4, Scale, Drawing date and Revision date. Drag company logotype to the sheet list and drop it in the upper left corner. Enter Uppdrag (Assignment), Uppdragsnummer (Assignment Number), Signatur (Signature), Status (Status), Datum (Date) and Senaste ändring (Last Revision).

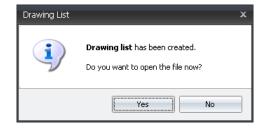
There are four options to configure Drawing Content (Ritningens innehåll). The preview displays the outcome of the generated sheet list.

N.B. The Sheet List functionality follows the Swedish Standards regardless of the language settings.



Click Save to save your settings for reuse at a later date. The file is by default named by the assignment (uppdrag). Click Open to open an existing setting file (*.cadium).

Click Create to create a sheet list in Excel (*.xlsx). Upon creating, you have an option to open the file in Excel.



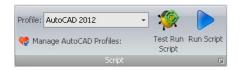
4 Script Documents

The Script module is used to script drawings. The Clipboard, Edit and Drawings panels are described in Chapter 3.1 - 3.3.



4.1 Script Panel

The Script panel contains settings to run scripts.



Profile Select the AutoCAD profile to use when running your script. Please notice, it is not recommended to use a MagiCAD profile. Instead it is recommended to use an AutoCAD profile and load MagiCAD via the script, see the installed MagiCAD script template.



- Manage AutoCAD profiles Select Manage AutoCAD profiles to launch the Options dialog, with the AutoCAD profiles alternative selected.
- Test Run Script Select Test Run Script to verify the script is correct. The script is run using the first two drawings in the Drawing List, which are copied to a temporary folder. Thus, the original files remain unchanged.
- Run Script Select Run Script to execute the script at all drawings in the Drawing List.

5 Drawing List

The Drawing List is displayed for Stamp and Script documents. It displays all drawings loaded in the current document. Add drawings to the Drawing List by using Add Drawings, Add Folder or Add Drawing List from the Drawings panel. You could also drag and drop drawings to the Drawing List. By double-clicking a drawing in the Drawing List, it will be opened in the last used AutoCAD.



6 Block List

The Block List is displayed for Stamp document. It displays all blocks in selected drawing in the Drawing List. By double-clicking a block, it will be loaded in the Attribute List.

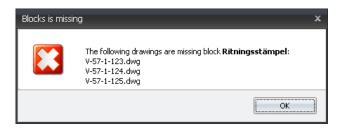


7 Attribute List

The Attribute List is displayed for Stamp documents. It displays attributes of the block loaded from the Block list. To load blocks to the Attribute List, select Load Block from the Attributes panels or double-click the block in the Block List. All drawings containing the selected block will be loaded from the Drawing List. If Scan All Layouts is enabled, then attributes from all layouts in all drawing will be displayed.

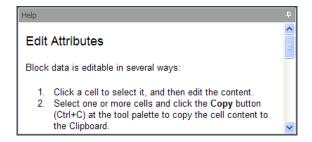


A warning is displayed if some of the drawings do not contain the selected block.



8 Help Dialog

The Help dialog is dynamic and updates depending on which area is hovered in CADIUM 2012. The Help could be docked at any of the sides of the CADIUM 2012 main dialog. It can also be pinned or auto-hided.



9 Status Bar

The Status Bar reflects the software status. Common messages are; the drawing is loaded or saved, blocks are loaded and the Attribute List should be updated. In normal state the Status Bar displays Ready.

Loading C:\Documents and Settings\Administratör\Skrivbord\V-57-1-123.dwg...

10 Tips & Tricks:

- Attribute Name Make sure the drawing stamps do not contain multiple attributes (tags)
 using the same name. Those blocks are displayed in the Block and Attribute Lists, but the
 attributes cannot be edited. Such attributes are highlighted in red in the Attribute List.
- Attribute Location If your attributes change locations after being updated with the Stamp module, this is because the path for the used font is missing in CADIUM. Add the folder containing the font, by specifying its path in the Stamp Settings, see Chapter 1.4.
- Old Scripts Old scripts from CADium 2010 might need to be updated with a final Enter as
 CADium 2010 automatically added an Enter. This behavior has changed in CADIUM 2012 to
 make it possible to use the very same scripts in both CADIUM 2012 and AutoCAD.
- MagiCAD When scripting in MagiCAD, make sure to use the installed MagiCAD script template as a start of your script and to use an AutoCAD profile. The reason is that both CADIUM 2012 and MagiCAD tries to use a startup script in AutoCAD, which is not supported by the application. N.B. The template shows an example of how to load MagiCAD, and must be adjusted for your installation of MagiCAD.
- **Trouble Shooting** If your script does not work, please examine it as following:
 - 1) Start AutoCAD with a drawing and drag your script (*.scr) to the drawing area in AutoCAD. If the script does not work in AutoCAD, it will not work in CADIUM 2012 either.
 - 2) Run short sequences of your script. It is also possible to exclude script sequences, by adding a semi-colon (;) at the start of these lines.
 - 3) Step through your script in AutoCAD. Enter the commands you use in your script at the command line. The script will halt if you enter an option in your script, which is not available at the command line.
 - 4) Please notice that a space equals an Enter. It is often hard to detect if a script line is finished with a space or not. Thus, make a practice of never finishing your script lines with a space, even if the script requires consecutive Enter commands.



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