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### Customer Spotlight: Handling Systems & Conveyors

Handling Systems and Conveyors designs, fabricates and installs custom handling equipment. This equipment can range in weight from a few ounces to several tons. HSC works with D3 TECHNOLOGIES and Autodesk products to design their custom projects and deliver on schedule.

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[Click Here](#) to read more about what HSC does and how Autodesk Inventor & AutoCAD help them win bids and complete projects on a tight schedule.

If you'd like to know more about making your workflow more efficient, improving your bottom line or digital prototyping, [contact us](#) at D3.

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### December AMUG Meetings

#### Special Offers

[Contact Us](#) today to learn about our promotions and special offers on software, hardware, or training.

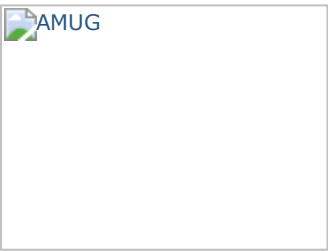
You can always visit our Website or Social Network pages to learn about promotions or special events. Click the icons below to visit the pages:



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December AMUG meetings were held at the Springfield, Kansas City, and Little Rock, offices on December 8<sup>th</sup>. AMUG, the Autodesk Manufacturing User Group, is a place to connect with your fellow Autodesk manufacturing users and learn about their experiences with the products. Each meeting is different, but our December meetings included user presentations, skill builders, and helpful tips and tricks.



If you'd like to see photos from past AMUG meetings, visit our [Flickr](#) page.

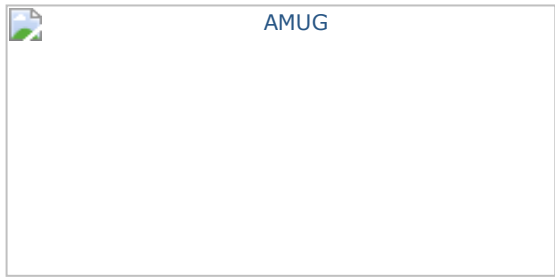
If you live near Tulsa or Oklahoma City, look for reminders about this AMUG meeting, which has been rescheduled for **January 12<sup>th</sup>**.


Don't miss the next AMUG meeting on **March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012!**

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## Tech Tip: Saving & Sharing Searches

Saved Search within Vault is a set of queries based on Vault properties. This can include User Defined Properties and System Properties. These are useful for a variety of Data Management tasks, as in this example where you need to capture files with non-compliant properties.



Once you run a search, you can  save the search; it puts it in a folder that will appear at the bottom of your navigation tree. This is great functionality for all Vault and CAD Admins as well. It's a powerful way to quickly access what Vault already knows about your data.

Once you save the search a file is created in the following location (this example uses Windows, Vault Pro 2012):

```
C:\Users\<username>
\AppData\Roaming\Autodesk
\VaultCommon\Servers\
Services_Security_....\
<servername>\Vaults\
<nameofvault>\Searches
```

To share these searches with the rest of your team, simply copy the directory above to other machines. You may consider writing a script to populate these to each user on a regular schedule.

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## D3's New Employee

D3 Recently welcomed Scott Dibben, an Implementation Consultant, to the team. Scott works from the D3 office in Springfield. Here are some

quick facts about Scott:

### **Scott Dibben**



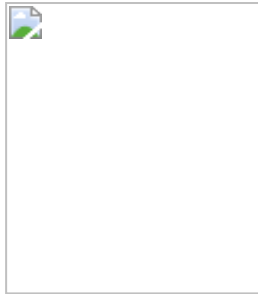
**Education:** Graduated from Columbia College in 2002 with a degree in Computer Information Systems.

**Work History:** Early on, worked for a manufacturing group as a mechanical drafter. Later, switched fields to electrical design. For the past eleven years, Scott has worked as an electrical/controls designer. His previous job involved the controls design of custom automated machinery. He has designed machines for all around the world, including Singapore, Ireland and Switzerland.

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## Employee Spotlight: Stan Suttles

Meet Stan Suttles, a Solution Executive at D3. Stan works at D3's Tulsa and Oklahoma City offices and has been with us since September 2006.



[Click Here](#) to learn more about Stan and read his article.

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## D3 Consulting - D3 Does Inventor ETO in 48 States!

In November, Autodesk granted D3 Technologies a national authorization for Inventor ETO. This means we will be partnering with manufacturers across North America more regularly.

What is Inventor ETO? Glad you asked!

ETO is an acronym for engineer-to-order, and Inventor ETO is the software product that was previously known as Intent. Inventor ETO is specifically targeted at design process and workflow optimization or 'Design Automation'.

These tools go way beyond standard programming. So **don't make the mistake** of minimizing the importance that it addresses for manufacturers. The results we are having challenge the thoughts of what is really possible.

*"Our process has gone from 24 hours to 15 minutes...and I still don't know how you did it"*

*"...we have gone from 100's of hours to 30 hours"*

*"From customer order to cutting steel on the shop floor in less than an hour"*

Not uncommon remarks for us to hear, but could we do the same for you? If we are not talking about it with you, call us...a simple discussion can determine if it makes sense.

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## Subscription Help FAQ

Have Subscription or Technical questions? If you're a Subscription customer, you probably have questions about how to get your software, when new releases come out, and Autodesk Subscription Center. Now, you can find a detailed FAQ whitepaper on our webpage that will help you get started.

[Click Here](#) to download the FAQ and keep it as a reference on your desktop.

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## Current Autodesk Promotions

If you're thinking about upgrading or buying new seats of Autodesk software, now is the time to do it and take advantage of one of the promotions Autodesk has going on right now.

- **Autodesk Amazingly Easy AutoCAD LT Rebate Promotion**  
For a limited time, the Autodesk Amazingly Easy AutoCAD LT rebate promotion offers a US\$200 mail-in rebate when you upgrade from AutoCAD LT 95-2008 to a new seat of AutoCAD LT 2012, Autodesk Inventor LT 2012 or AutoCAD Inventor LT Suite 2012, which is comprised of AutoCAD LT and Inventor LT. Take advantage of the mail-in rebate, but hurry! This offer ends on **January 13, 2012**. Read more about this promotion [here](#).
- **Amazingly Easy Promotion**  
Right now, save up to 45% when you move to the latest Autodesk 2012 software releases from a version 2008 or older by **January 13, 2012**. [Find out more](#) about this promotion.

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## Autodesk Cloud Services Now Available to Subscription Customers

Autodesk Cloud is a collection of web-based features, products, and services that enable you to extend your desktop with cloud computing capacity and capabilities, helping you rapidly design, visualize, simulate, optimize, and share ideas - transforming the way you work.

To promote collaboration and help improve project quality and results, the Autodesk Cloud documents service provides 3GB of cloud-based storage to Subscription customers, allowing you to share design files with anyone, anywhere, through a web browser or mobile device, without the need for desktop software.

Plus, customers with an Autodesk Subscription to select products or suites have exclusive access to powerful cloud-based services, including:

- Autodesk Cloud rendering
- Autodesk Inventor optimization (Coming Soon)
- Autodesk Revit Conceptual Energy Analysis
- Autodesk Green Building Studio
- Autodesk Buzzsaw

With these services, you can perform computer-intensive functions in the cloud - which allow you to explore and visualize more design options, streamline collaboration, and optimize your designs without investing in new hardware or software.

For more information about how the Cloud works, check out this [video](#) from Autodesk or [contact](#) your D3 representative.

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## Autodesk 360 Nexus - Product/Project Lifecycle Management (PLM)

Success today depends on your ability to introduce innovative new products faster than ever before, while improving quality and reducing costs. Autodesk 360 for PLM transforms the way companies solve these challenges with a powerful, affordable, and easy-to-implement solution for PLM (product lifecycle management) that can help you become more competitive and grow your business.

Built on the cloud, Autodesk 360 Nexus software-as-a-service streamlines the management of data, people, and business processes to help you develop products faster with greater profitability and higher quality.

Autodesk 360 Nexus makes powerful PLM business application benefits available to companies of all sizes with low up-front costs and no prerequisites or installation.

If you'd like to know more about PLM or how Autodesk 360 Nexus could benefit your company, [contact](#) your local D3 representative.

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## 'DM it's April', an After Hours Event

D3 has continued to see the increased demand for data management as it relates to:

- speeding up your workflows with data reuse
- increased security on your intellectual property
- simplified collaboration
- controlled versioning process
- release management tools

In this event, we will provide a very interactive review of the tools available to address these issues. You can expect to have a great evening of food and drinks along with a chance to explore and plan for your companies needs alongside your industry associates.

We will also present on the new Nexus 360 as an introduction to the next level of data management.

More details will be published as we plan for this April event.

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### **About D3 TECHNOLOGIES**

D3 TECHNOLOGIES is focused 100% on manufacturing to provide engineering efficiency. D3 is an Autodesk Gold partner and maintains training centers at each of its locations. Our goal is to provide clients with high quality service so they may receive an improved return on their investment.

**If you would like to know more about us, please visit our website:**  
<http://www.d3tech.net>

