

SofTutor® for MicroStation® J 2D

On-Screen *No Reading Required*™ Training for MicroStation

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- NEWS:** SofTutor releases on-line, *100% No-Reading- Required* training and technical support software for MicroStation J 2D.
- WHO USES:** Anyone using MicroStation J, wishing to learn MicroStation J 2D, teaching MicroStation J 2D, or requiring or providing technical support for MicroStation J 2D.
- MAIN FEATURES AND BENEFITS:**
- SofTutor's *Learn-By-Doing*™ approach increases training productivity by more than 100%.
 - Allows simultaneous use of MicroStation J and SofTutor
 - Allows anyone to learn MicroStation J 2D in less than 20 hours.
 - Provides on-line individualized training and technical support.
- PRICE:**
- Personal license - \$398. Multi-user and network license pricing on request.
- AVAILABILITY:**
- Immediately

Barrington, Illinois – New Vision Software, Incorporated, an industry leader of on-line training software applications, announces the release of **SofTutor for MicroStation J 2D**, the 2D computer aided drafting and design (CADD) application. SofTutor is a revolutionary on-line training and technical support software application that employs both leading-edge teaching technique, and state of the art computer multi-media technology to provide *No-Reading-Required*, and *Learn-As-You-Work*™ training. SofTutor comes with a 30-day money back guarantee. A personal license retails for \$398. Multi-user and network license pricing available on request. Free demonstration samples of the new SofTutor program for

MicroStation J can be downloaded, or viewed on-line at the SofTutor web site at www.nvsi.com.

The End of the Learning Curve

Traditional computer training tools have for years followed text-based processes to teach the use of CADD. These training tools, both book and software form, typically allow the user to watch as the application shows how a particular process is performed, with text-based explanations.

SofTutor is completely different than other training and reference tools on the market. It eliminates the limitations of traditional training tools by creating a computer based audio/visual training center that runs concurrently with MicroStation J. This allows the user to see and hear instruction from SofTutor while simultaneously following along in MicroStation. This creates a learning process that maximizes the three key ways of learning: SEEING – HEARING – PRACTICE.

A report from the CADD Department at Purdue University comments that SofTutor reduced their training time by more than 50%, and reduced the instructor's hands-on training by 95%. Other industry users have reported similar results with SofTutor increasing training productivity by 100% and more.

Unique Features Combine to Give Significant Results

This simple to use, yet comprehensive approach to on-line training and technical support is achieved through the combination of several unique factors. SofTutor has a *comprehensive software design* that insures training on primary and secondary level commands used in MicroStation. With 6 hrs of audio/video instruction covering over 400 topics and 108 follow along example files, the user can customize their use of SofTutor to fit their own training or technical support needs. This multi-level approach has made SofTutor not only the perfect training tool, but also the perfect on-line technical support tool for experienced MicroStation J 2D users. D. Wheaton of Chevron – El Segundo, CA says that SofTutor answers approximately 70% of the *"How do I?" questions that come up in their design group.*

SofTutor provides a window overlay that can be viewed in conjunction with MicroStation J. This window, which can be located anywhere on the computer screen, allows the student or

CADD user to watch and hear the instruction in the window, while following along in MicroStation J. The student does what the instructor does, and the results are identical. SofTutor eliminates the frustration and extended training times caused by misinterpretation, or misunderstanding of the instruction.

SofTutor's *No-Reading-Required* approach to training speaks to both the MicroStation J 2D novice and expert. The lessons are structured in an intuitive, easy to follow format, and the instructor's voice is professional, yet relaxed; creating a personal learning environment that maintains interest and is easy to understand.

A *video-player like user interface* provides the student familiar commands to control the learning process. With SofTutor the student can easily move between tutorials in a few seconds. SofTutor even allows the student to increase or decrease the speed of the instruction. This intuitive user interface creates a comfortable learning environment that makes learning MicroStation J 2D easy and fun.

Sequential or Custom Learning

SofTutor can be viewed in sequence, or by subject as defined by the user. If viewed in sequence the user will be learning in minutes, and become an expert in MicroStation J 2D in hours. SofTutor For MicroStation J 2D also includes the capability of creating a custom play list in which the user can specify the sequence of chapters or topics they wish to view. Because the entire course covers 6 hours of easy to complex subjects, It is recommended that the student repeat the course up to three times over a period of a few weeks to master the more complex features of MicroStation J 2D. Once mastered, SofTutor can remain on the system for quick reference or on-line technical support.

Promotes Expanded Use Of CADD System

“SofTutor users have reported fewer technical support questions and expanded use of CADD when SofTutor is installed on a workstation.” says Randy Hilgers, President of New Vision Software, “Fewer questions going to the CADD administrator, results in significantly lower in-house CADD support cost, and higher productivity. Easy access to instruction and support results in expanded use of the CADD system. Normally people use about 25% of the capability of CADD software, SofTutor helps them learn more, so they get more use and

productivity out of MicroStation. As an on-line technical support tool, SofTutor gives 4-second access to topics that will answer hundreds of CADD user questions, promoting greater confidence and increased productivity.”

99.9% Approval Rating

Since 1995 SofTutor has become a standard in the CADD industry. SofTutor is currently being used as a training and technical support tool by tens of thousands of users in over 1000 companies, including many U.S. Government agencies, 8 of the top 15 Fortune 500 companies, leading engineering and construction companies and all three U.S. auto makers. New Vision Software guarantees customer satisfaction with a 30-day money back guarantee. Based on product returns of previous CADD software training applications, SofTutor has a 99.97% customer satisfaction rating.

Product Specification

SofTutor runs concurrently with MicroStation J, or can be used as a stand-alone application. Versions are available for MicroStation J 2D, MicroStation SE Update, MicroStation 95 2D and 3D versions. SofTutor requires a CD-ROM drive, and 4.4MB to 16MB of disk space (depending on installation type); is available as a personal, multi-user, or network license; a soundboard is recommended; and has the same system requirements as MicroStation.

Company History

New Vision Software, Incorporated was founded in November 1994 in Illinois, USA, and is a privately held company with a select group of shareholders and a five member board of directors. New Vision Software has plans for significant structural and technical development in the next six to twelve months that will continue their growth, and provide benefit to their customers.

New Vision Software was founded to develop state of the art training systems that would allow users to learn faster with higher retention. As a result of this commitment, SofTutor was created in 1994-1995 and continues to evolve to be the leading learning and training tool.

(See following page for contact information and availability of high resolution image files)

Editor Notes:

IMAGES

Editors can download high resolution graphics at:

<ftp://www.nvsi.com/graphics/mstnj2d/>

(At this site you will also find a Readme.txt file that explains the formats of the files).

PRODUCT REVIEWS

If you are interested in reviewing SofTutor please contact Nick Vasilieff at

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