Autodesk Installation

All of the Autodesk products install in a similar fashion. I have included some screenshots of what you can expect to see during the installations.

The first thing you need to check, before running the installers, is that Windows is up to date. To check for updates in Windows 7 or 8 go to your Control Panel. Change the “View by:” in the top right corner to say “Large icons.”

At the bottom is the icon for “Windows Updates”. Click that, and then in the left-hand pane click “Check for Updates”. Install these and return to the Control Panel after it is done and check again, until there are no updates to install. Don’t worry about the “Optional” updates.
If you have Windows 10 the process is a little different. You need to open the “Settings” app. You can type “Settings” in the search bar at the bottom by the Start button.

Click the icon for “Update & security.” Then “Check for updates.”
Once that is done you can go to http://students.autodesk.com/ and create an account, or use your existing account. Be sure to use your @huskers.unl.edu email account. This is how they know you are a student.

Click on “Sign In” at the top of the page to get started. Click “Educational Community.”

This opens a logon box to enter your credentials again or click “Signing up” to create an account.
If you have to create an account you will need to fill out this form.

**Education status**

- **I am a**: Student
- **Type**: College/University
- **School**: University of Nebraska
- **School website**: architecture.unl.edu

**Account information**

- **First name**
- **Last name**
- **Autodesk ID (Username)**
- **Email**: @huskers.unl.edu
- **Confirm email**
- **Password**
- **Confirm password**

**Terms & conditions**

- I would like to receive e-mail communications from Autodesk, including information about new products and special promotions.

- I agree to the Autodesk 360 Terms of Service and to the use of my personal information in accordance with the Autodesk Privacy Statement (including cross-border transfers as described in the statement).

- I have read and agree to the Terms of Use, and confirm that I am a faculty member, student or other eligible participant, as more fully described here.

[Next button]
They will email you and have you click a link to confirm your @huskers.unl.edu email address is legitimate.

Once you have done this you will be able to logon and you will see your name at the top along with the “SIGN OUT” option.

On the left side of the screen click “Free software.” This only gives you a “Featured” sample of products. To get a list of all the packages they offer to students click the tab for “All Products.”
Here are the three packages you will need.

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Click each package and select the options seen below to get your serial number and product key before beginning the download process. They will email them to your @huskers.unl.edu email address, but it is a good idea to write them down too.

2.) Select the free software you want.

- Revit 2016
- English
- Windows 64-bit

3.) Review and download.

Autodesk Revit 2016 - WIN 64 - EN

Your serial number: [REDACTED]
Product key: [REDACTED]

An email containing the license information above has been sent to you.

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Click the little text balloon to expand download options. I recommend you select “Browser Download” to download the installer package. By default it will place the installer package in your “My Downloads” folder. You then run the install manually. The “INSTALL NOW” option uses an Autodesk software you install first, it then download’s the software installer and helps start the installation for you. HOWEVER, it does not always work. If you keep the default “INSTALL NOW” you will see the following, or something very similar.
First you install the Autodesk Download Manager.

At the bottom of your browser you will see this. Click “Run” to begin installing the download utility. This will vary by which browser you are using.

You may get the following installation windows and warnings from Windows. They may look different depending on your version of Windows and Firewall software. Click “Allow”

Once the Download Manager is installed it will prompt you for the location to download the actual installer file. You can change it or leave it as the default.
NOTE: If you selected the “BROWSER DOWNLOAD” option (recommended above), this is what you will see when you double-click the installer file you downloaded. After this, it will be the installation splash screen below.

Notice that the file size just for Revit is 2Gb. This is going to take a while to download from home. If you have the option to do these downloads while plugged into the UNL campus’s Ethernet instead of over wireless on campus or at home, I recommend doing it that way. You will not be able to download a 2Gb file from home in 7 minutes. This will decrease the chance of you losing the download part way through. I would also only download one at a time to increase your success rate.

If you left the previous step at its default download location this process is going to create a folder directly off of the C:\ drive called Autodesk. What they don’t make clear is that inside of this Autodesk folder will be another nest of folders for each individual program. So for 3ds Max Design, for instance, there will be a folder named “3ds Max Design.” Inside that is yet another 3ds Max folder. If you ever need to re-install, this is where to look for the installation files.

When it finishes downloading the installer may start on its own, or you may have to click the “install” button that appears. This process is what creates another folder one rung deeper and then extracts the actual installer files to that location. When it is done it automatically deletes the original file you downloaded to save hard drive space and then begins the installation.
During the installation there may be more screens that you have to go through, but I have included a couple of interest.

Make sure the bubble for “Stand-Alone” and “I have my product information” are the ones selected. This is where you enter your “Serial number” and “Product key.” You will get green check marks when the correct codes are entered. Click “Next.”
Now the install will begin. It will take approximately 30 minutes to finish, depending on which software package you are installing.

When it is finished you will get this screen. Sorry the “Finished” box did not show up in the screenshot below.
After the install is complete it is a good idea to check for updates. As part of the install Autodesk installs an update software package. To have it check for updates look for the blue-green triangle in the system tray. Right-click it and select “Check Now.” If there are updates you will be prompted to open the program. You can open it the same way by right clicking and select “Open.”

From here you can select “Install Selected” at the bottom of the window. This process may prompt more screens to click “OK” in order to get all the updates installed.