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SolidWorks users now benefit from a sexier line of stand alone converters

Datakit's complete range of stand-alone converters including SolidWorks ones has had a complete facelift. The end result comes to you with a modern, user-friendly appearance and a far more attractive price list.

For Datakit's management the new model addresses a number of needs:

- * A clearer perception of Datakit's offering for end customers, even for the huge community of SolidWorks users

Now it is easier to distinguish between the two ranges of products offered to SolidWorks users: CrossCad/Sta for stand-alones and CrossCad/Plg for plug-ins.

- * A brand image to match the quality of the technology content

The importance of graphics and ergonomics in today's software made the previous operating method look dated, even obsolete. For products as sophisticated as these converters the situation had to change.

- * More efficient licence management

The ever-increasing number of users means managing thousands of licences. This more operational management system will make it easier for us to keep track of ongoing maintenance contracts and updates.

Users consequently have direct access to all the interfaces and, in this dedicated environment, can select the product they want to test and submit a licence request, using a far more intuitive approach.

There is now a choice of two operating modes: Classic and Wizard. The Wizard mode is designed for users who want to fine-tune their choices based on selected files, the characteristics of the data they want to convert or the files they want to generate. Depending on the information provided by visitors and the extensions read by CrossCad, a range of interfaces adapted to the required conversion work is offered. The visitor is then free to select one or more products and submit a licence request. The user's network board is read automatically, and there is no need to fill in the field unless the user wants to implement the product on another PC.

Classic mode is what Datakit customers will be more familiar with. Its new ergonomics make it a far more pleasant tool to use for requesting a test licence.

Whichever mode is chosen, the result is displayed for products that offer a preview (as those dedicated to SolidWorks). A report is also generated automatically with the results of the conversion.

The magic "Upgrade" button is the major new feature introduced in CrossCad. With just one mouse click, users can find out whether any changes have been made to the product they are using and whether a more up-to-date version is available. The version number in use is compared with the number of the latest version generated by Datakit enabling the information to be generated automatically. In the near future, users will be able to access "release notes" for each product giving them information on the contents of the modifications introduced with each new version.