



## **Dassault Systèmes Launches Free 2D CAD Product & User Community** **A Better way to Read, Write and Share DWG Files**

Recently Dassault Systèmes, a world leader in 3D and Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) solutions, announced the availability of an open, online community accessible through DraftSight.com, aimed at providing all computer-aided design (CAD) users access to new services and products to unlock

valuable data stored in billions of DWG files. The launch of this community comes as a direct result of customer demand and marks the next step in bringing DWG file management and storage into an easy-to-use, online, service-oriented environment.



Dassault Systèmes also launched the DraftSight solution, a free, professional-grade 2D CAD product delivered using an open business model. Currently available for download at [www.draftsight.com](http://www.draftsight.com), DraftSight provides users with a better way to read, write and share DWG files. Based on an advanced architecture, DraftSight is easy to use, generally takes only a few minutes to download and runs on multiple operating systems including Windows XP, Windows Vista and Windows 7 (Mac OS and Linux support will be available later this year). DraftSight is available for all users, including CAD professionals, students, and educators.

Within the online community, users can learn by interacting with members and letting their opinions be heard about specific topics, challenges, or anything they're passionate about when it comes to CAD and DraftSight. In addition, community members will have the opportunity to share ideas and participate in DraftSight's transparent, open product development process.

According to Aaron Kelly, senior director, DraftSight, Dassault Systèmes, "DraftSight was developed in response to comprehensive customer interviews that showed an overwhelming need for the ability to share DWG files. When our customers express the challenges they're facing, we listen and do our best to deliver. The community created through DraftSight.com and the immediate availability of the DraftSight product, represent a natural next step in our efforts to drive user-based knowledge sharing and high-quality service that will provide real value to our customers and all CAD users around the globe."

"C.G. Bretting Manufacturing is on a quest to eliminate waste and improve productivity", said Dave Vedder, director of Engineering at C.G. Bretting Manufacturing Company. "As a SolidWorks (Graphics Systems Corp.) customer, several months ago we approached them with a concern that their 2D editor product was slow and not customizable. In turn, the company invited us to participate in Dassault Systèmes' DraftSight alpha program where we provided input to the user interface, core features and participated in early testing. With DraftSight, C.G. Bretting Manufacturing has improved productivity and eliminated waste associated with legacy DWG files. Our experience with DraftSight is a solid example of Dassault Systèmes' continued commitment to their customers. DraftSight will provide an excellent solution for companies that have 2D needs."

