Desktop Radiance 2.0 BETA Installation Instructions

Software Requirements

Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows NT (Service Pack 3 or greater) or Windows 2000. Windows ME and XP will also work but some Desktop Radiance functions may not function properly.

AutoCAD R14, 2000, or 2000i is required. It is advised that AutoCAD be installed on your computer before installing Desktop Radiance.

Note: Only one installation for either AutoCAD 14 or AutoCAD 2000, 2000i, Architectural Desktop , etc. is allowed by the installer.

Hardware Requirements

Minimum: Pentium 200 with 64MB RAM and 100MB of free disk space. 13" RGB Color monitor with 8 - bit color display at 800 by 600 resolution.

Recommended: Pentium 200 or better with 128MB RAM or more, 150MB of free disk space, plus 20-30MB as working space for each project.

17" or larger RGB color monitor with 24-bit color display at 1024 by 768 resolution or greater.

Known Incompatibilities

Desktop Radiance projects created with BETA-1, BETA-2, BETA-3, and 1.0 are not compatible with later versions including 1.2 and 2.0 BETA and should be removed. Version 1.02 can be upgraded with the new 2.0 BETA components using the maintenance mode installation.

Installation Instructions

Make sure that quit AutoCAD prior to beginning the installation process. If AutoCAD is running, some components may not be properly installed. Make absolutely sure that you disable your virus checking software prior to beginning the installation process. Virus programs are known to cause a variety of problems if enabled during installation.

Users upgrading from 1.02 to 2.0.

Please remove from your Program Files/Desktop Radiance 1.02/Support/ directory the following files if they exist: deskrad.mnu, deskrad.mns, deskrad.mnr, and deskrad.mnc.

Windows95 users.

If you are running Windows 95 OSR1, you will need to install the Y2K Upgrade program located on the top level of the installation CD-ROM. The installation program does not know when the upgrade has been installed. The second time you run the installer, you can safely ignore the Y2K Upgrade messages and continue with installation. To determine which version of Windows 95 you are running, right-click on the "My Computer" icon and select, "Properties". Under the "General" tab, you will see a System designation listing "Microsoft Windows 95" followed by a version number on the line below. If this version number is "4.00.95a", then you are running Windows 95 OSR1.

All users.

Unzip the downloaded archive using the password that was sent to your email address during registration, and double click on the setup.exe icon. Select where you want to install Desktop Radiance components and Radiance components, or accept default. When prompted to select the directory for extracting Optics5, click NEXT to accept the default, then you will see a pop-up with OK or CANCEL. Click on CANCEL to continue without installing Optics5.

Please refer to the "Tutorial" for a step-by-step demonstration of the basic capabilities of Desktop Radiance. Please report installation problems via e-mail deskrad@radsite.lbl.gov or the web site:

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http://radsite.lbl.gov/deskrad or the on-line e-mail and web-based support group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DesktopRadiance/

NOTE: To access the features of Desktop Radiance, do not launch AutoCAD from the usual AutoCAD icon. Instead, Desktop Radiance must be launched together with AutoCAD using the Desktop Radiance 2.0 icon created by the installation program. This icon can be found in the program group icon on your Start menu, in the installation directory for Desktop Radiance, and on your desktop. Double-clicking on a drawing will work to launch Desktop Radiance only after that drawing has been used with the Desktop Radiance plug-in and saved back to the disk.

Optics5 was not included in this installation of Desktop Radiance. To download Optics5, please go to http://windows.lbl.gov/software/default.htm

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