

Workshop Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- Q. How many hours do you think it takes someone to learn SketchUp to use it in a professional office?
- A. Everyone learns at a different pace and has different levels of skills, but I believe with approximately 12-16 hours of training, an individual can use SketchUp to create quality drawings and to use them professionally.
- Q. What is a typical workshop training classroom like?
- A. A workshop can be anywhere from 5-25 individuals in the classroom. Each venue is in a professional building. We take an hour break for lunch that will be provided, also we take 2-10 min. breaks throughout the day.
- Q. What should I bring to a workshop?
- A. I ask that each attendee brings their own laptop to the workshop, and any notepad and writing material they would like to have to take notes. Recording devices are also allowed. Cell phones are allowed, I just ask that you place them in a vibrate mode and take any calls out in a hallway away from the classroom.
- Q. Do I need to bring SketchUp already loaded onto my computer?
- A. No, we will help you to load the latest program onto your computer. Please bring any "Administration Passwords" with you, to allow us to help you.
- Q. Do I need to already know any SketchUp?
- A. No, you do not need any prior SketchUp knowledge. The workshop will cover all the Basics of SketchUp and you will be able to use the program after the first few hours well enough to follow along and participate in the exercises.
- Q. Can I use SketchUp to create a construction drawing set to build a house with?
- A. Yes, after training in both of the basic and advanced workshops, you can create a drawing set, but your set will still need to be looked over from a professional Architect and professionally stamped and approved by them.
- Q. Is the "free" SketchUp version able to be used in a Professional environment?
- A. Yes, but only for drawings that do not have a title block. The professional version has the program called "LayOut" that works with SketchUp that adds a title block to your model to present it professionally.
- Q. What are the basic problems you see in training individuals to use SketchUp?
- A. Since everyone learns at a different pace and has different skills sets, I believe some individuals may need more time to practice after listening in a workshop, and do the exercises themselves on their own time, and read an instruction exercise sheet, as well as watch several video's before picking it up efficiently. These are not so much a problem as a step process to learn to use this program efficiently and to get a better understanding of it.
- Q. Does Design-Time, LLC. offer individual training and what is the cost?
- A. I do offer individual training, and it is at the rate of \$75 an hour. I ask that each individual will commit to a minimum of 12-hours of training, this is considerably cheaper than most training cost. I can meet at local coffee shop near you.
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