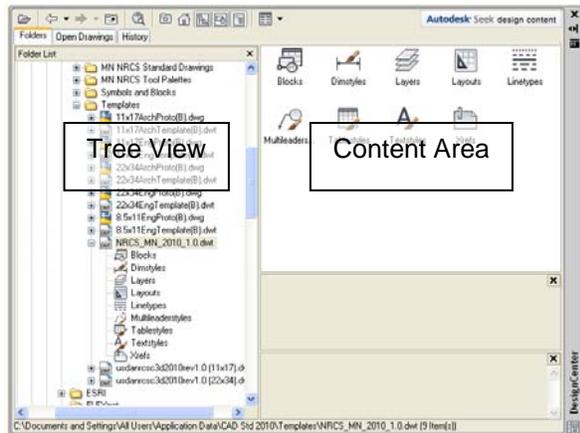


The Design Center is a tool that can be used to transfer drawing content from a source drawing into your current drawing. Some of the drawing content that can be transferred includes blocks, layouts, text styles, dimension styles, linetypes and layers.



Design Center is opened by clicking on the icon on the Palettes panel of the View ribbon.



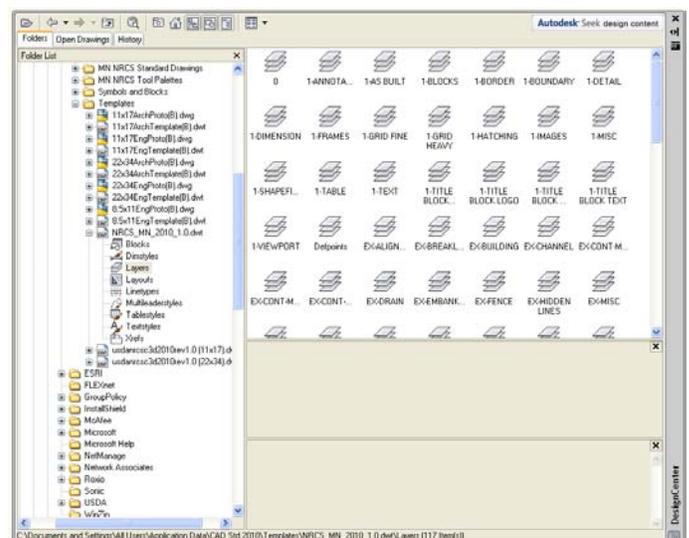
The Design Center is organized into a tree view in the left hand pane of the window and a content area in the right hand pane of the window. You can navigate to a drawing file in the tree view and click on the + to the left of the drawing name to expand a list of all of the content items that can be brought in to your current drawing. You can also use the tabs above the left hand pane to access open drawings, history, and the DC Online system which contains content that is available from various websites.

Below is a summary of the icons that control tree view and content area options.

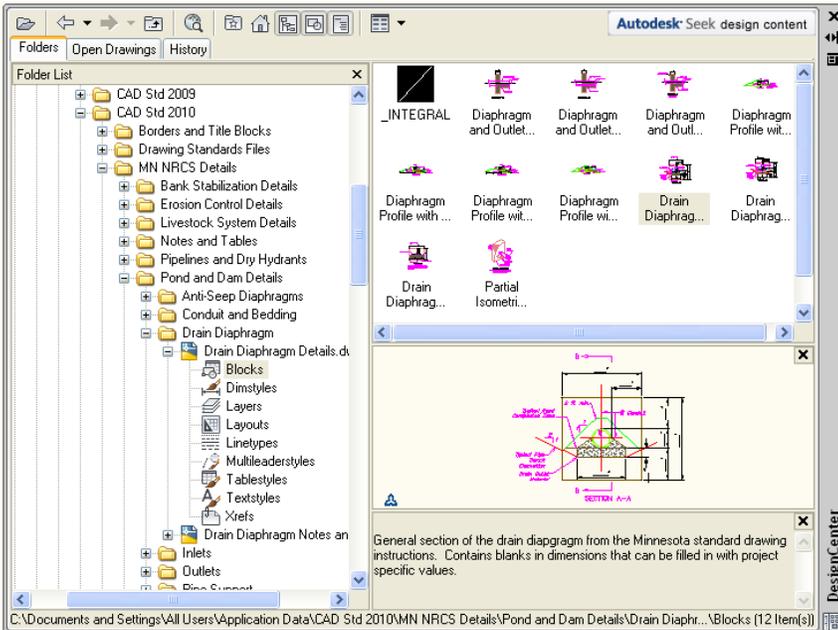


1. Allows you to browse to and select a file to load into the content area
2. Returns to the most recent location in the history list
3. Goes to the next location in the history list
4. Scrolls up one file in the tree view
5. Search dialog box
6. Displays the contents of the favorites folder. Items are added to this folder by right clicking on them in the tree view pane and selecting *Add to Favorites*
7. Returns Design Center to the home folder. The home folder can be set by right clicking on a folder location in the tree view pane and selecting *Set as Home*
8. Toggle button that displays or hides the tree view pane
9. Preview button that displays or hides the preview pane in the content area
10. Description button that displays or hides the description pane in the content area
11. Provides display format options for items in the content area. Items can be displayed as large icons, small icons, as a list, or with details.

Select a content category for a file in the tree view in the left hand pane of the Design Center to display all of the objects of that type in that drawing. For example, the window to the right shows all of the layers in the NRCS\_MN\_2010\_1.0 drawing template file. To import a layer from the drawing template file into the current drawing, you can either select it from the listing in the right hand content area and drag it into the current drawing, or right click on the layer name and select *Add Layer(s)* from the menu. The same procedure is used to import blocks, dimstyles, layouts, linetypes, multileaderstyles, tablestyles, textstyles and xrefs.



A link referencing an external file, such as a drawing file or an aerial photo image file, can be transferred from one drawing to another. Right click on the external reference in the content area and select *Attach Xref...* This process will create a link between the current drawing and the files being referenced in the original drawing, and not a link to the drawing that is selected in the tree view in Design Center.



When importing a block into a drawing, you can either select it and drag and drop it into the current drawing or you can right click on the block in the right hand content pane and select *Insert Block...* If you drag a block directly into the drawing it will be inserted at its current size and rotation, but if you use the insert block command a window will appear where you can change the block's scale and rotation.