

# DRAWING TEMPLATES

A new drawing created without using a template file will contain only layer 0 and the standard text style, dimension style, and table style.

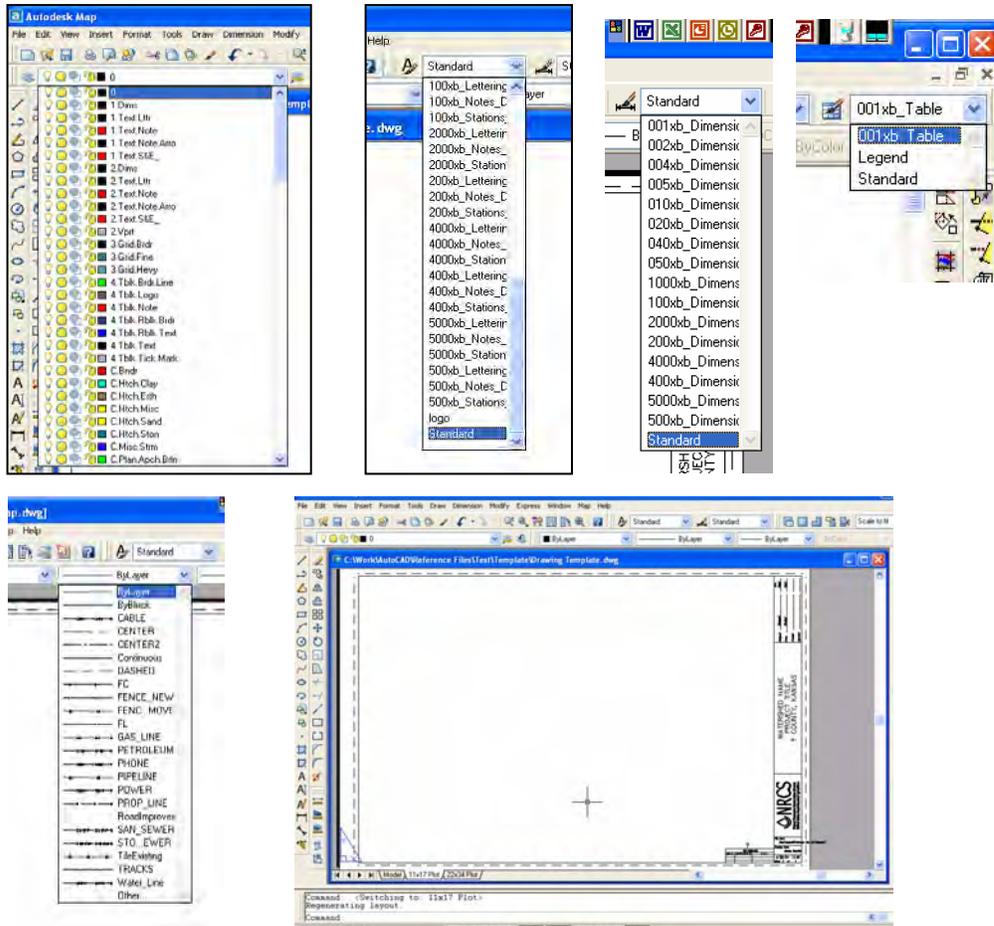


If you have layers, text styles, and dimension styles that you want to use as a template for new drawings, you can create a template file containing these custom settings to use when creating new drawings. A template file can also contain additional line styles and custom layouts which contain objects such as title blocks and which can be set up with your choice of printer, pen table, paper size, scale, and plotting layout.

A template file can be created from an existing drawing file if you have one created which contains setting that you want to use as a template for future drawings.

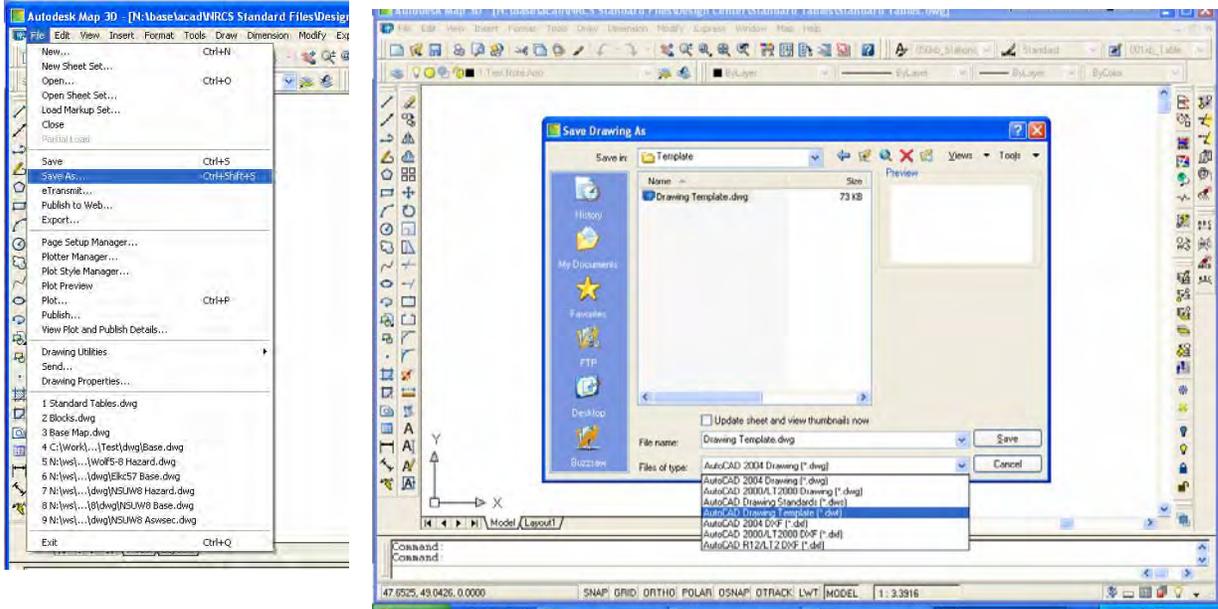
**NOTE:** It is easier to create template files using the Autodesk Map program, rather than Land Desktop. Autodesk Land Desktop will attempt to create the standard project-specific directories such as cogo, dwg, survey, etc., in the location you save your template file, which can clutter your directories with unnecessary folders.

In this example, a drawing file named Drawing Template.dwg is going to be used to create a template file. Notice that the drawing file already contains layers, text styles, dimensions styles, table styles, additional line styles, and a layout containing a standard title block.

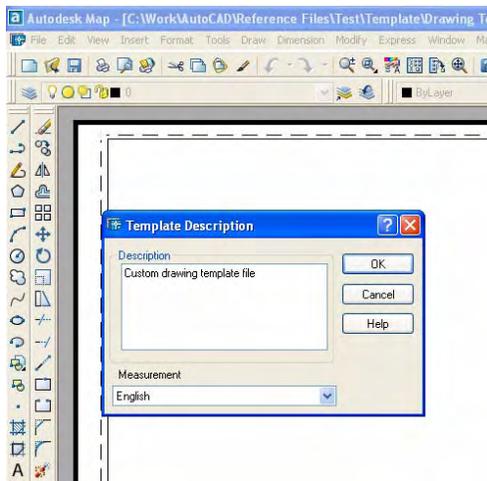


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In order to create a template file using an existing drawing which contains settings that you want to use as a standard, save the file using the Save As... command in the File drop-down menu. In the Save Drawing As window, and choose the AutoCAD Drawing Template (\*.dwt) file format under the Files of type: pull-down menu. Give the template a file name and hit the Save button.



The Template Description window will appear where you can assign a description to the template and choose its units of measurement.



You will not have a drawing template file set up that can be used when creating new drawing files. Any new files created using this template file will automatically contain the layers, text and dimension styles, and layout that you set up in the template file.