

Creating a DWG or DXF File

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QUESTION





How do I convert my plan to a file format that an AutoCAD user can open?

ANSWER

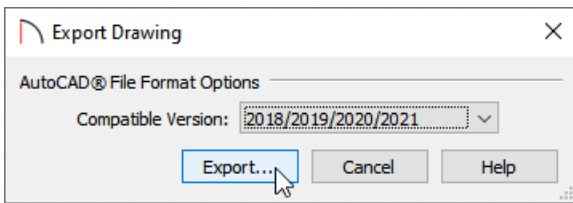
Line-based 2D files can be exported from by navigating to File> Export and choosing the Export Current View or Export All Floors option.

You can specify the version of AutoCAD to export to, however, compatibility with other software may vary.

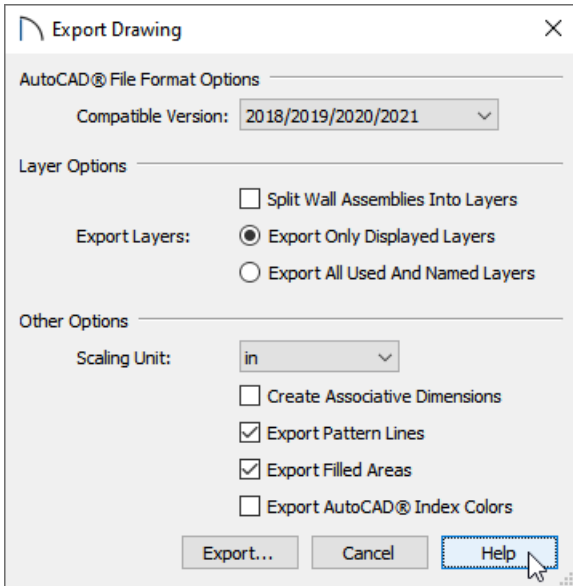
To create a DWG or DXF File

1. First, launch Home Designer and **Open**  the .plan file that you want to export.
2. Navigate to **File> Export** , from the menu, then select either **Export Current View (DWG, DXF)**  or **Export All Floors (DWG, DXF)** .
3. In the **Export Drawing** dialog that displays, choose a compatible AutoCAD version, then select **Export**.

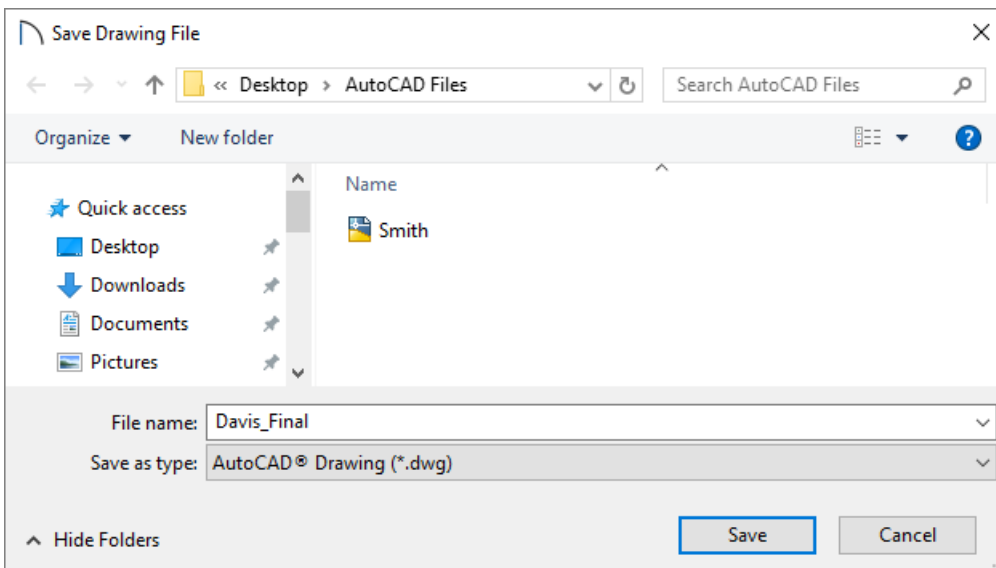
Note: If you will be sending this file to someone using an older version of AutoCAD, find out which version they have and select it from the drop-down menu here before exporting.



In Home Designer Pro, a few additional options are available. You can learn more about each of these options by clicking the **Help** button at the bottom of the dialog.



4. In the **Save Drawing File** dialog that appears next, navigate to the location on your computer where you would like to save your file. In the **File name** field, or the **Save As** field if you are on a Mac, enter a name for the file. Choose to save the file as a .dwg or .dxf using the **Save as type** drop-down.



5. Click the **Save** button to close the dialog and the file will be saved on your computer under the name and location that you have chosen.

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