

# A Practical Guide to GIS in AutoCAD Civil 3D

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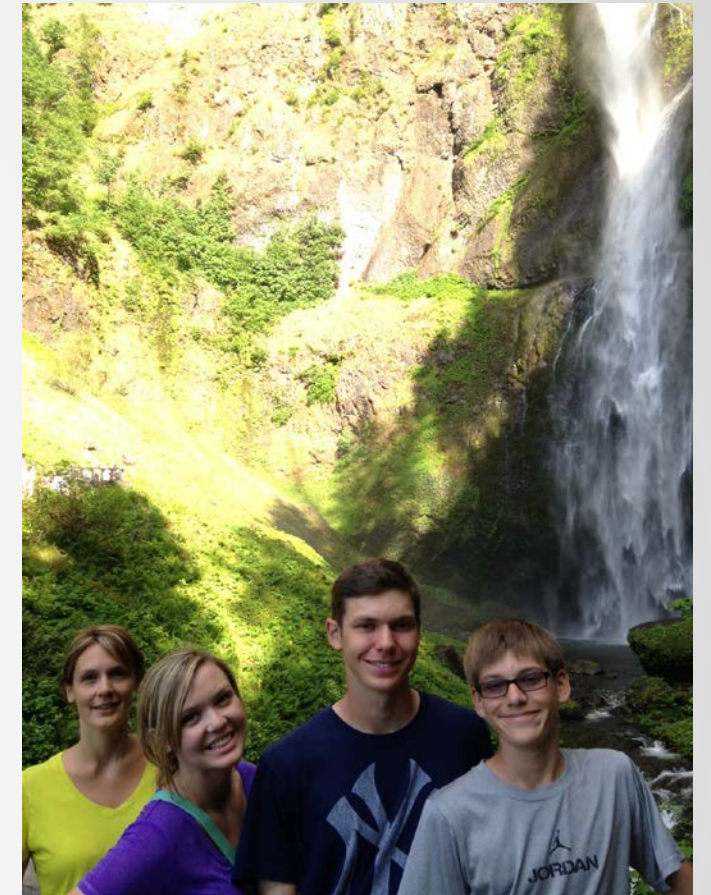
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# Who am I...

- Rick Ellis
- Portland, Oregon
- Originally a CAD Manager and Civil Designer
- I've been teaching AutoCAD, Civil 3D, and AutoCAD Map since mid-90's
- Consultant
- Author
- 10<sup>th</sup> year teaching at AU
- Member of the national speaker team for AUGI CAD Camps



# Introduction

- Welcome
- Who am I
- Who are you
- Class surveys



# Lab Assistants

- Brian Glidden
  - Civil Engineer, Land Surveyor and GIS Consultant, GDMS
- Sam Lucido
  - Civil Designer and CAD Services Manager, Haley and Aldrich
- Brian Hailey
  - Technical Specialist, CAD-1

# Course Agenda

- Introduction to GIS in Civil 3D
- Using GIS Data from other Formats
- Label Objects with Annotation Templates
- Exporting GIS Data

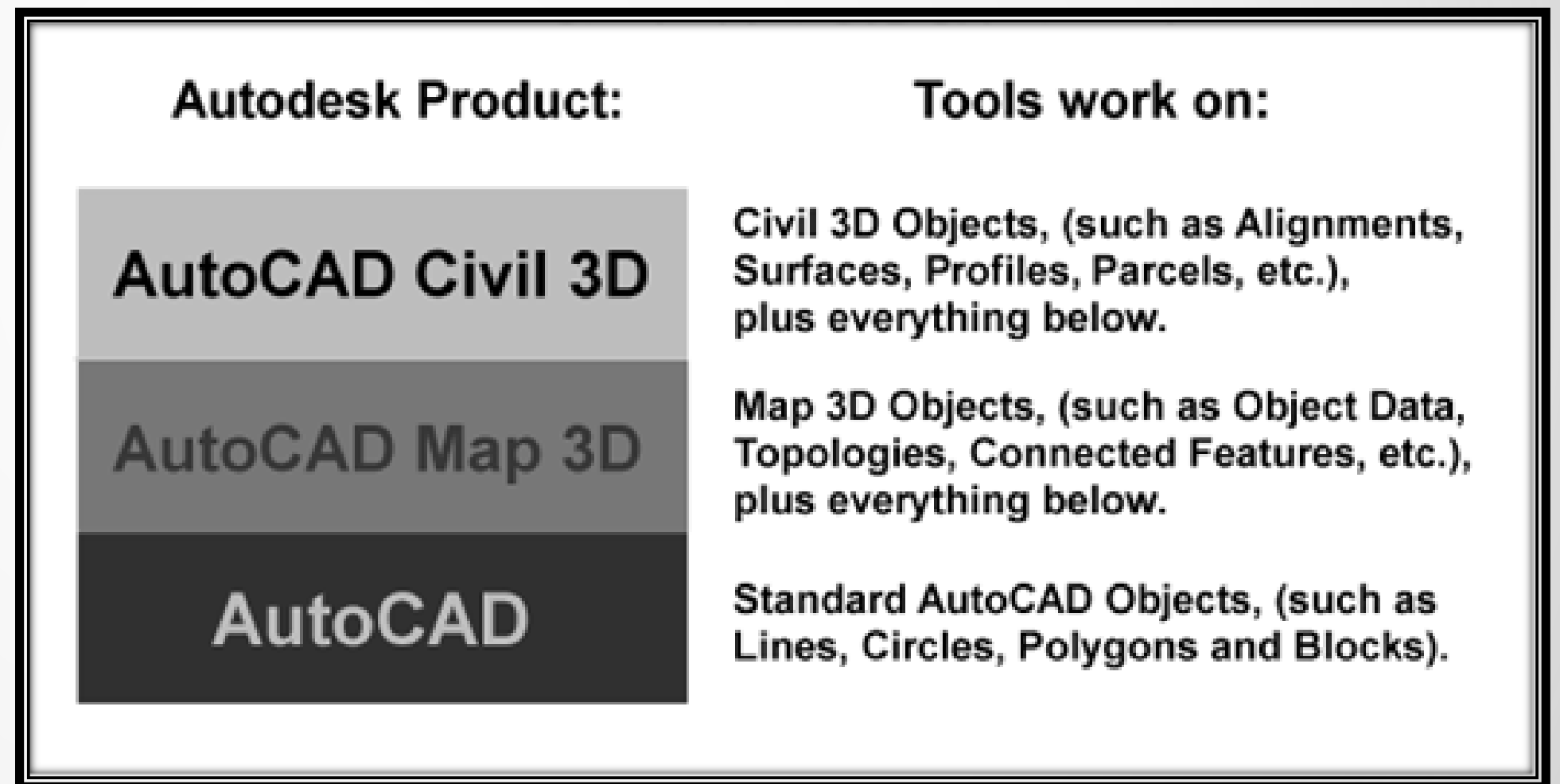
# What About Questions???

- Lab Assistants are here to help you
- Short time for questions at the end of each topic
- After the session
- Via email [rick@cadapult-software.com](mailto:rick@cadapult-software.com)



# Introduction to GIS in Civil 3D

- It's really 3 programs in 1
  - So what data can I create and who can use it?



# Using GIS Data from other Formats

- Three ways you can bring GIS data into Civil 3D:
  - Importing GIS Data as AutoCAD Objects
  - Importing GIS Data as Civil 3D Objects
  - Connecting to GIS Data
- Important to understand how GIS data is structured
  - Feature Classes



# Importing GIS Data as AutoCAD Objects

AutoCAD Civil 3D can import the following types:

- Autodesk SDF
- ESRI ArcInfo Coverage
- ESRI ArcInfo Export (E00)
- ESRI Shape file
- GML
- MapInfo MIF/MID
- MapInfo TAB
- Intergraph/MicroStation Design (dgn)
- OS (GB) MasterMap (GML 2)
- Spatial Data Transfer Standard (SDTS)
- Vector Product Format Coverage (VPF)

# Exercise

# Annotation Templates

Several types of data can be used to drive an Annotation Template. These include:

- Object Data
- Linked data sources
- Object properties



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# Importing GIS Data as Civil 3D Objects

There are two types of Civil 3D objects that can be created directly from GIS data.

- Surfaces
- Pipe Networks



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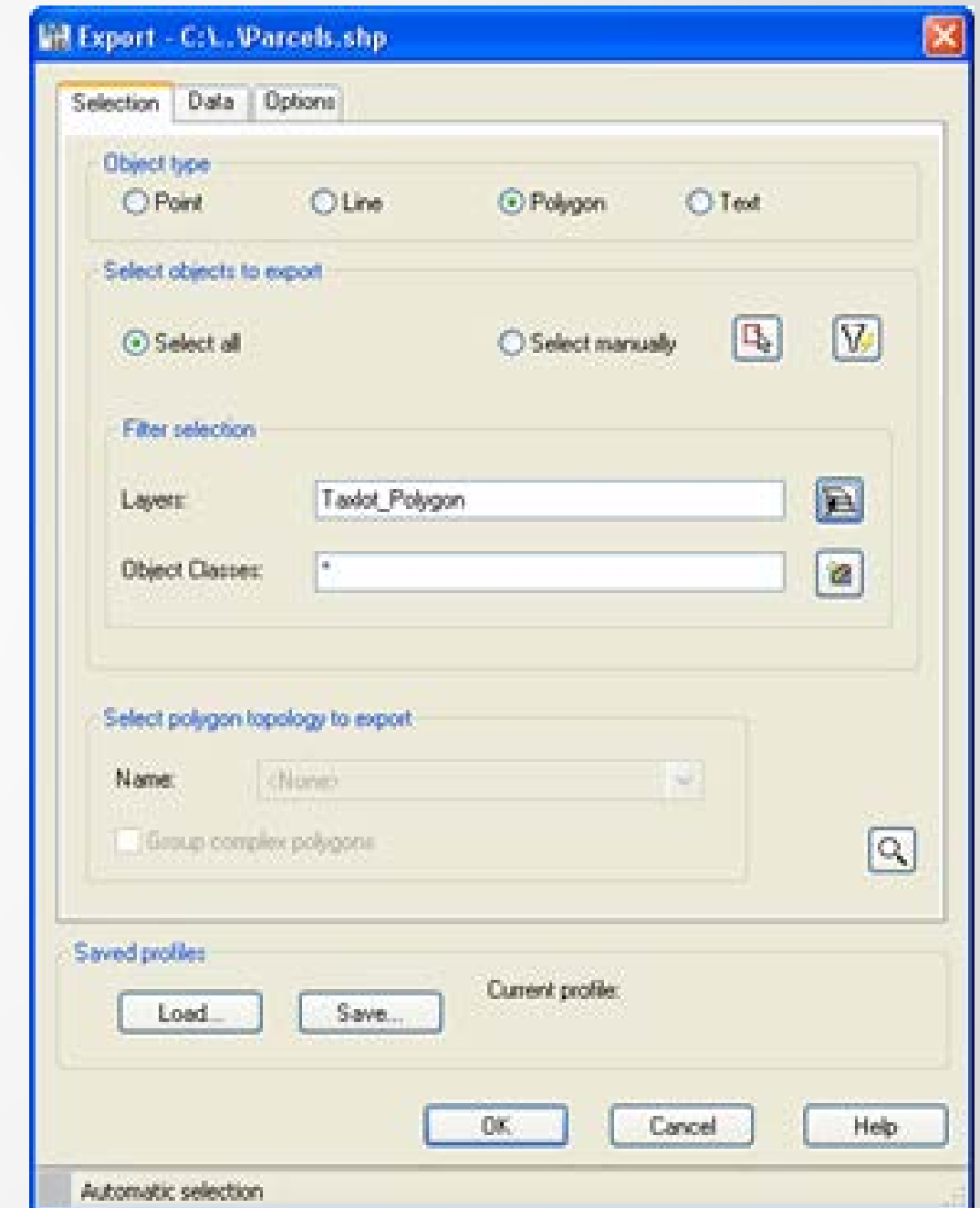
# Connecting to GIS Data

- Direct Connection
- Not an Import
- Creates Map Features not AutoCAD Objects
- Stylized in the Display Manager

# Exercise

# Exporting CAD Data

- MAPEXPORT command
- Exports AutoCAD Objects
- Does not export Civil 3D Objects
- Must export each Feature Class individually



# Exporting Civil 3D Objects as GIS Data

Types of Civil 3D objects that can be exported:

- Points
- Alignments
- Parcels
- Pipes
- Structures



# Exercise

# Other useful GIS tools in Civil 3D

- Drawing Cleanup tools
  - Automate the process of cleaning many common geometry errors
- Thematic Mapping
- Dynamic North Arrows, Scale Bars and Legends
- Map Books

# Still Have Questions???

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