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Let's Play a Game... Who Said It?

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Who said this...?

"...I came to realize that there were a variety of other CAD options out there, especially for those who didn't want to pay the hefty AutoCAD price tag..."



Bruce Carlson, President of Carlson Software

Circa 2008...?

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OR



Lynn Allen, Technology Evangelist for [Autodesk](#) from 1997-2018 and “someone who LOVES her AutoCAD”

Circa 2020... ?

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DraftSight Blog

Lynn Allen Talks DraftSight

By MJ Smyth July 15, 2020



Lynn Allen spent over 20 years producing hundreds of video tutorials for Autodesk Magazine and writing three Autodesk User Group newsletters. There are no one else out there who know more about CAD than Lynn. She is always staying on top of the latest news and she is always staying on top of the latest change. She recently shared her insights on [AUGI.com](https://www.autodesk.com/ugroups/AUGI.com) (Autodesk User Group).

Lynn Allen currently works as Global Technology Evangelist at [Dassault Systèmes](https://www.dassault-systemes.com/)

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“...I came to realize that there were a variety of other CAD options out there, especially for those who didn’t want to pay the hefty AutoCAD price tag. But were they good enough? Were they DWG file compatible? Were these “CAD-Clones” like cheap Louis Vuitton knock-offs or were they serious, robust, quality CAD solutions? And most importantly (for someone who LOVES her AutoCAD), could I possibly feel comfortable in a new CAD environment?”

Lynn has left Autodesk and joined the team at Dassault Systèmes, so she has had ample opportunity to check out [DraftSight](#) and see can it really replace AutoCAD in the workplace. Could she feel at home with DraftSight? Would she feel comfortable using DraftSight? I’ll let Lynn answer that:

“I am happy to say the answer is a great big “Yes!” Not only does DraftSight produce 100% compatible DWG files (complete with blocks, dimension styles, layers etc.) for a mere fraction of the price, but you will feel right at home with DraftSight in no time.”

Lynn Allen, [DraftSight blog, 7/15/2020](#)

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Also see [Cadalyst: Lynn Allen Gives AutoCAD Users a Quick Tour of DraftSight](#)



[Carlson Software to Give Users CAD Platform Choice](#)

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"If a user already has AutoCAD, versions 2000 all the way up to and including 2009, then they can work smoothly and effectively on those platforms. If they don't," he added, "and are looking for an alternative, effective and lower cost CAD, Carlson's 2009 product comes with IntelliCAD built in, ready to use for no extra cost."

Bruce Carlson, [Business Wire 4/14/2008](#)

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Is the tide turning? Is the market finally working?

If DraftSight can be the answer, so can [IntelliCAD](#) – and for the same reasons. The quiet part has been said out loud... yay!

