



Bionatics introduces its EASYnat® plant simulator for AutoCAD® 2008

Paris/France, Vancouver/Canada – March 26th, 2007 – Bionatics, the leading developer of 3D plant modeling and simulation tools for the 3D industry, announces the launch of its EASYnat software for AutoCAD 2008. Bionatics continues to extend its technological collaboration with Autodesk in making EASYnat compatible with the world's best selling CAD software. EASYnat is now offered free to all AutoCAD 2008 users with 6 plants. Additional plant libraries may be purchased online through the Bionatics' website, or through AutoCAD 2008 resellers.

The largest 3D plant library available for AutoCAD Architecture

EASYnat is a 2D and 3D plant modeler for use in the Architecture, Landscape, and Civil Engineering industries. EASYnat is a quick and simple solution for AutoCAD users to easily integrate vegetation into their projects in either plan view or in 3D. The Bionatics' catalogue offers more than 400 plants which can be simulated at any age or season with a perfect botanical coherence. Once positioned in the 2D plan, the EASYnat plants can be automatically and realistically rendered in 3D.

Making it easy for architects to integrate vegetation into their projects

Thanks to this newest integration into AutoCAD 2008, Bionatics aims to simplify the process of moving from a 2D plan to a realistic 3D rendering. EASYnat offers a fully and smoothly integrated interface into AutoCAD 2008 with its use of « proxys » to allow insertion of rich and dense vegetation from 2D to 3D without the usual heavy file constraints that this would normally bring. The plants are represented in 2D in the plan views and the 3D plants are not converted into polygons until the realistic rendering process. EASYnat also offers now a full compatibility with Mental Ray and all the 2D and 3D display options now available with AutoCAD 2008.

Developed for Architectural & Landscape Design Visualization

Simulating vegetation for virtual models has always been problematic for architects working in 2D or 3D. However the integration of plants has become a necessity in architectural design and current urban planning regulations require certain representation. Due to its unrealistic nature and heavy file sizes, plant integration into 3D projects has often been put aside. EASYnat now offers a practical and realistic solution, which also makes it possible to easily conform to specific urban planning and impact studies regulations.

Availability of EASYnat for AutoCAD 2008

EASYnat is available for free along with 6 plants for all AutoCAD 2008 users. It can be downloaded online from Bionatics website: www.easynat.com

About Bionatics

Bionatics® is the world leader in plant modeling and simulation technology. The company develops a complete lineup of innovative solutions today used by leading firms in the industry of Architecture, Video Game, 3D Animation and Military Training Simulation (Foster & Partners, Jean Nouvel, Disney Feature Animation, Weta Digital, Electronic Arts, Ubi Soft, SEGA, CAE, Thales, Lockheed Martin, Boeing ...). Established in 2000 by Stéphane GOURGOUT and Michel MURAIL, Bionatics was born from the scientific research lead by CIRAD which brought to life the AMAP technology used behind its EASYnat®, natFX® and REALnat® products. The company has developed strategic collaboration with the leading manufacturers such as Autodesk® with products compatible with AutoCAD®, Autodesk® VIZ, Autodesk 3ds Max® and Maya®

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