

Trim and Extend Commands

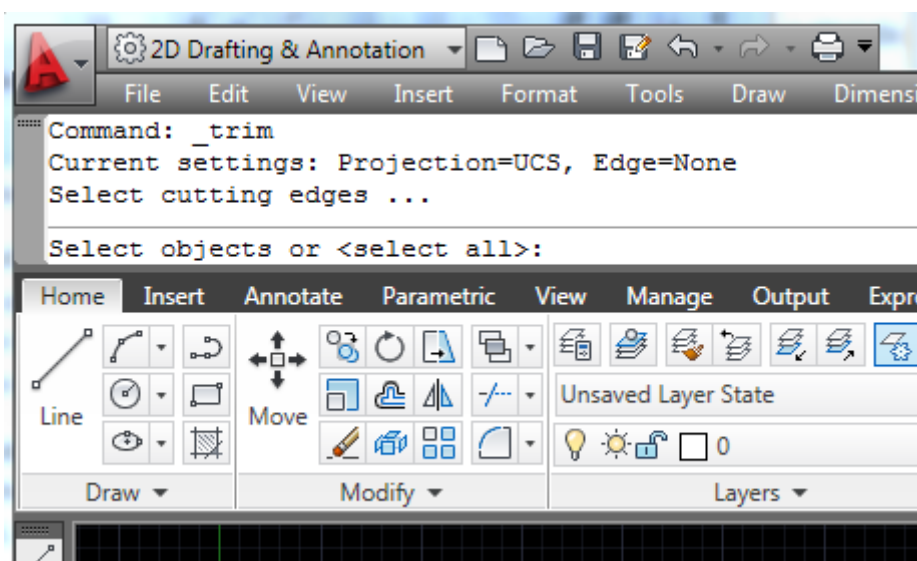
All AutoCAD Users

The trim and extend commands are normally used separately, for example when you select the trim command, you first select the required cutting edges, press enter or right mouse click, and then select the objects you wish to trim back to the previously selected edges. A similar process would be used for the extend command, but boundary edges are selected instead.

So how can this function become more productive?

The function below will work in most situations, and may be used with both trim and extend commands. Once the command has been selected, instead of selecting all cutting or boundary edges individually, which can be very time consuming. Press enter or right mouse click, this will select all visible object in the drawing. This function has been in AutoCAD for a number of years, but only recently been documented.

This option is clearly displayed on the command line, but is often overlooked. Users often forget or don't tend to look at the command line, but the command line is a good indicator to the status of the current command.



A useful tip to make the command line more visible is to drag it to the top of the screen and dock it either above or below the ribbon menu; it is now positioned at eye level, and is more noticeable.

Going back to the trim and extend commands, once the cutting edges have been selected and objects are being trimmed, if an object has been trimmed too far, or trimmed by mistake, by holding down the shift key the cutting edges can now be used as extendable boundaries.

To summarize, to quickly select objects to be cutting edges or extendable boundary edges, simply press enter, to reverse the command from trim to extend or vice versa, hold down the shift key.



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