

The Command Line

AutoCAD Users

Changing the user interface

Quick Display Tip 8 – Command Line

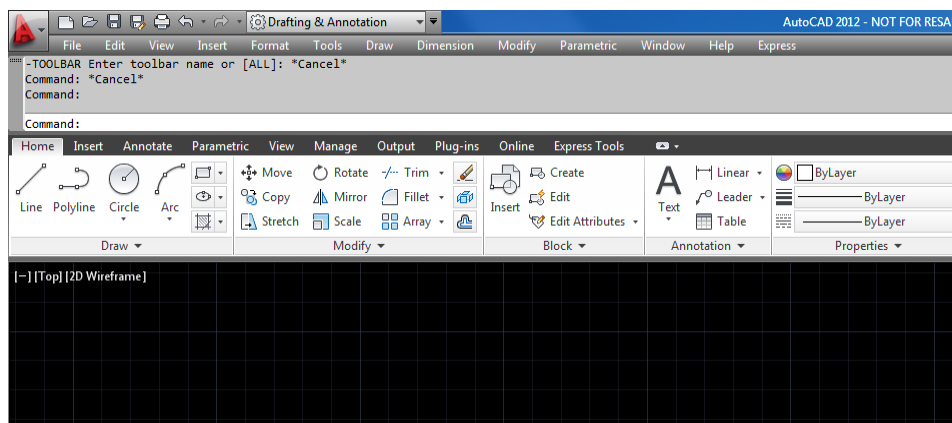
The command line can be very useful, since it will prompt for all steps within the selected command, in the default setup the command line is docked at the bottom of the drawing area. The command line however may be dragged into the drawing area to become a floating panel which may be placed anywhere in the drawing area, or dragged and docked to the top, left or right of the screen area.

The Command Line can also be placed either above or below the Ribbon dependent on the user's preference.

It may be useful to dock it to the top of the screen, since users tend to look at the top of the screen more than the bottom.

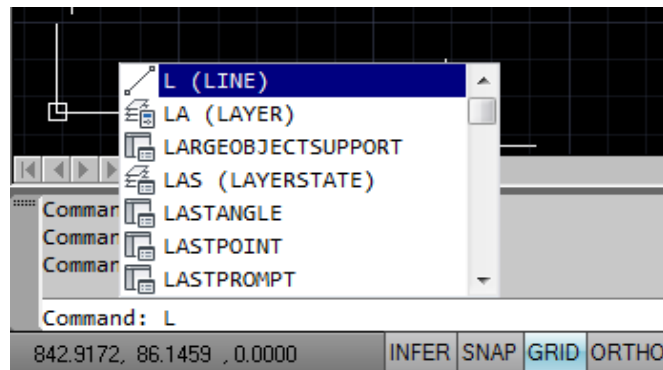
The Command line can also be increased in size by simply dragging the horizontal edge to the size required.

The image below shows the command line above the Ribbon.

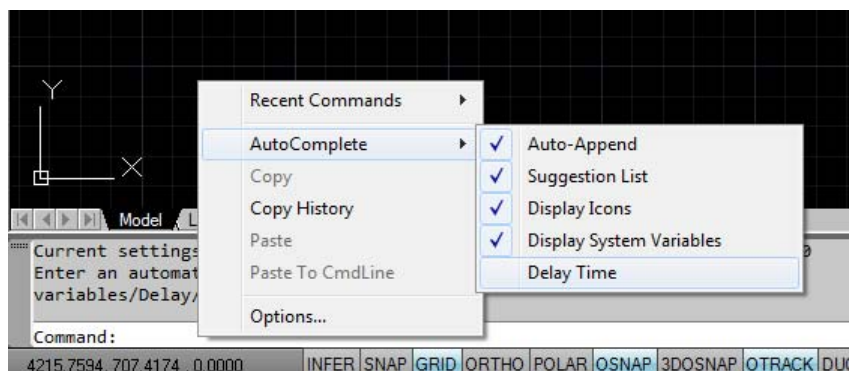


For more advance user the command line may also be hidden, by pressing Ctrl+9, an alert dialogue box will be displayed asking for confirmation, if accepted the Command Line will not be displayed, by pressing Ctrl+9 again the Command Line will be reinstated.

New in AutoCAD 2012 for those users who like to key in commands, Autodesk have introduced AutoComplete as the initial letter of a command is typed and after a pause a list of possible commands and system variables are displayed for easy selection.



The Auto Complete function can also be customised, by right clicking in the display list or in the command line. By default Auto-Append, Suggestion List, Display Icons, and Display System Variables are turned on. The user can also control the pause time by selecting Delay Time.



A couple of other functions which can easily be over looked from this menu are quick access to the Options dialogue box, and also Recent Commands, which when selected will display the last six last used commands, allowing easy selection of a previously typed in command or system variable, this however many be used less due to the introduction of Auto Complete.