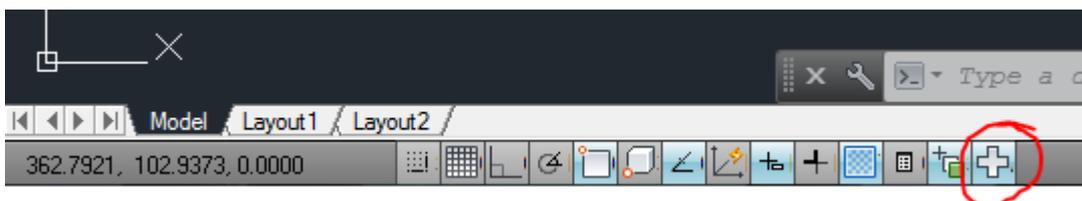


AutoCAD: What is 'Annotation Monitor'?

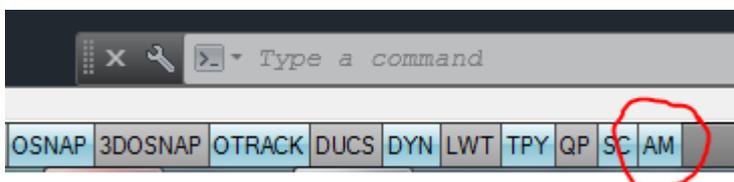
Introduced in all versions of AutoCAD 2013 onwards.

'Annotation Monitor' is a new feature in AutoCAD that helps you keep track of dims which have become orphaned from objects they originally annotated. In other words it keeps 'a check on the validity your dimensions'.

It has a toggle button that now appears in the drawing status bar, usually at the right hand end. If you are using toggle icons it looks like a big cross ...

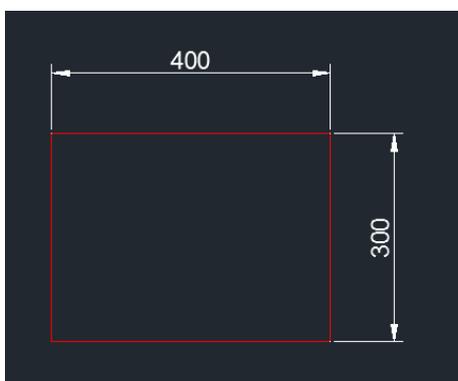


If you have the text buttons showing then it's the **AM** one...

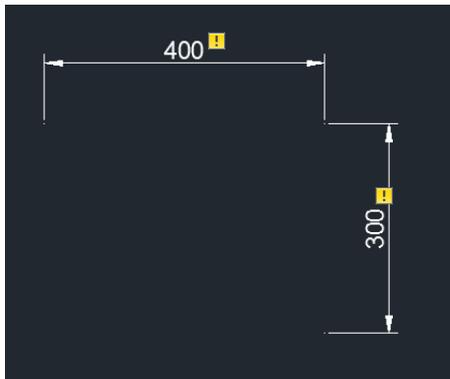


So, how does it work ?

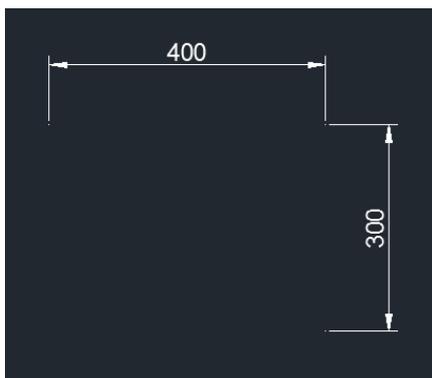
Shown below is the normal view of some dimensions on a rectangle, which as it happens were placed using the OBJECT option of DIMLINEAR. So far so good...



Now let's say something happens to that original rectangle, in this example I will just delete it. Now the dimensions are left 'hanging' and this is what Annotation Monitor highlights with a yellow exclamation box on each dim. Just like this...



So now it's very easy to check a whole drawing for hanging dims by just turning on AM. Once it's turned off the dims will remain, but just not highlighted, as before .



Remember that normally your dims will adjust with the rectangle if you edit it, so **AM** is all about checking the original object is still valid for the dimension.

Hint: If you can edit your rectangle and the dims do not update then check your **DIMASO** setting is ON (which is the install default).