

Immediate Release

VRcontext announce CATIA v4 & v5 converter for Walkinside™ New capabilities of leading real time visualisation software for industry

Brussels, Belgium – October 8, 2004 – Full project visualization in real time of CATIA files will increase the productivity and add quality to large scale projects. CATIA v4 & v5 files are read effortlessly into Walkinside™ and its strong visualization capabilities enable the users to conduct project reviews and cross-discipline collaborative efforts.

The CATIA file converter is seamlessly integrated with Walkinside™. CATIA projects are read in their entirety and converted for loading and visualisation in Walkinside™. Walkinside™ is 3D CAD visualization and simulation software able to instantly render very large, complex, computer generated models.

Support for CATIA v4 & v5

The Walkinside™ exporter supports both CATIA v4 & v5 giving flexibility back to the design process. No more cumbersome conversion routines – the exporter is designed and constructed from the notion that Walkinside™ is a VR companion tool and conversion to the Walkinside™ format must be trouble free for the user.

Massive models

CATIA and Walkinside™ work faultlessly together because Walkinside™ reads, translates and visualises the complexity of the CATIA models without loss of details. Walkinside™ is able to handle massive models in excess of 800 million polygons and is able to display these at a sustained high frame rate.

The ability to read entire project makes Walkinside™ stand out. A project review can move from overview to detail in the same session and without the need for additional components.

Cross platform compatibility & 64 bits

CATIA users will benefit from this new conversion functionality across the Windows, IRIX and Linux platforms – in both reading the CATIA data and in running Walkinside™. This means that users working on IRIX platforms can share data with users working on Linux and Windows at the same time and without the need to do additional conversions. In addition, Walkinside™ operates in both 32-bit and 64-bit environments.

Merge CAD files

As an unprecedented collaborative possibility – Walkinside™ merges multiple CAD formats into one Walkinside™ file. Users of mechanical CAD applications (like Unigraphics, PRO/Engineer and CATIA) can integrate and merge their files with users of AEC CAD applications (like Microstation, PDMS and PDS).



For construction projects this means that facilities engineers, mechanical engineers and production engineers can sit together and review and optimize new and existing facilities with one common model that incorporates building(s), machines, production tools and storage.

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Available: Immediately

For more information: www.vrcontext.com/download/Oct2004catia.pdf

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Walkinside™ (www.walkinside.com)

Walkinside™ is a leading software application for the real time virtual reality market. The software is able to instantly render very large, complex, computer generated 3D models. The software is targeted towards Energy, Homeland security & defense and Aerospace markets. The technology behind Walkinside's™ patented Real-Time Collision Detection and Gravity Simulation technology allows the users to immediately and effortlessly explore virtual reality generated models in contrast to other visualization applications that only offer a complicated, non-intuitive walkthrough.

Walkinside™ is useful for project reviews, simulation facilities (VR centers), facility maintenance programs, safety and security training exercises; all being delivered in real-time, multi-users, LAN and Internet environments.

About VRcontext (www.vrcontext.com)

A spin-off from Tractebel Energy Engineering (Suez Group), VRcontext was formed to bring the power and enhanced realism of Walkinside™ virtual reality technology to the market place. VRcontext is committed to providing their customers with the most technologically advanced, cost-effective software products for visiting and interacting with the largest of 3D models.

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