

2019 PLS-CADD Advanced Training and User Group

File Management

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Power Line Systems

PLS-CADD File Types For Project

- Project.xyz or .pfl file
 - Terrain File that stores information about surveyed points and obstacles.
- Project.num
 - Stores the alignment information in the project and is created automatically by PLS-CADD
- Project.tin
 - Stores the Triangulated Irregular Network (TIN) or surface
 - ***Terrain/ TIN/ Create TIN or Load TIN File or Save TIN File***

PLS-CADD File Types For Project

— Project.fea

- Dictates how survey points appear within a project and clearance requirements for various voltages.
- **Terrain/Feature Code Data/ Edit or Load FEA file**

— Project.brk

- Break Line information in the project. They are linear features dictating smoothness and continuity of a surface. TIN triangles may not cross.
- ***Terrain/ Break Lines/ Add, Delete, Show, Import, Load, or Save*** commands to add or create as well as merge

PLS-CADD File Types For Project

— Project.cri file

- Design Criteria for the line which includes sag-tension, loads, weather cases, load cases, etc.
- ***Criteria/ Load CRI File*** or ***Save CRI File***

— Project.don

- Heart of PLS-CADD project. Stores structure locations, types, materials, cable installation, etc.
- Lines/ Load DON file or Save DON file which allows you to load different designs on the same terrain model.

PLS-CADD File Types For Project

- Project.pps file

- Stores view and drafting settings for the project.
- ***Drafting/ Load PPS or Save PPS*** commands

- Project.str

- List of structure files used within a project as well as structure related information used in Optimum Spotting.
- ***Structures/Available Structure List/Load STR File or Save STR File***

PLS-CADD File Types For Project

— Project.con

- Terrain constraints used in optimum spotting prohibited zones, extra cost zones, required structures or structure locations.
- ***Structures/Automatic Spotting/Spotting Constraints/Load CON file or Save CON file***

PLS-CADD File Preferences

– ***File/ Preferences***

- PLS-CADD.ini file
 - Preference settings
- Part and Assembly Library
 - Material and Labor units for use in the structures programs or material added in the PLS-CADD project
 - ***Structures/Material/Parts and Assemblies File/Edit Parts*** or ***Edit Assemblies***
- PLS-CADD.sma
 - Schema file for personal customizations such as report or toolbars.

Other PLS-CADD Files

- Import Files
 - .imp for ASCII text file import or .Imp for .las/.laz import settings
- Wire Files
 - Conductor or wires strung in the project (drake.wir)
- Structure Files
 - PLS-POLE.pol or TOWER.tow files (Method 4 structures)
 - PLS-CADD.stk stick files (Method 1 structures)
- **Drafting/ Attachments/ Attachment Manager**
 - .jp2, .jpg, .png, .ecw, .bmp, .tif, .dxf, .shp, files as references

PLS-POLE and TOWER files

- PLS-POLE.pol file
 - PLS-POLE model that references several component libraries
- TOWER.tow file
 - TOWER model that references several component libraries
- Loading files
 - Loading .lca or .lic files that can be manually input in the program or created using PLS-CADD

PLS-POLE and TOWER Component Libraries

- Common Component Libraries under ***File/ Preferences***
 - Part/Assembly Library.prt
 - Equipment Library.eqp
 - Connect and Anchor Library.can
 - Insulator Library.inl

PLS-POLE files

- Brace Library.brc
- Davit Arm Library.dvt
- Tubular Davit Arm Library.tdv
- X-arm Library.xrm
- Tubular X-Arm Library.xtm
- Framing Library.frm
- Mast Library.mas
- Wood Pole Library.wpp
- Wood Material Library.mat
- Steel Pole Library.spp
- Concrete Pole Library.cpp
- Lam Wood Pole Library.lpp
- FRP Pole Library.fpp
- Steel Shape Library.ssl

TOWER files

- Steel Material Library.smp
- Angle Library.ang
- Bolt Library.blb

Standard Files

- Setup Standard Files
 - Structures (.pol, .tow, .stk)
 - Feature Codes (working.fea, final.fea, printing.fea)
 - Criteria (voltage, design districts)
 - Conductor and Wire Files
 - Part and Assembly (Contractor A, Contractor B)
 - Plan and Profile (working.pps, final.pps, printing.pps)
 - Attachments (P&P borders, company logos)

Seed Files

- Setup Seed Files
 - NESC Heavy 69 KV.xyz
 - GO95 Light.xyz
 - Working.xyz
 - Use the working file to set up any annotation or such.
 - Seed files should have reference to other files
 - Wires in the Automatic Sagging
 - .STR file for structures
 - Use notes to include items such as import files or .prt files

Distribution Files as .bak

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Seed File Advantages with .bak

- All standard files kept under the control of one team for update and distribution.
- Changes to standard files do not propagate through to archive projects.
- Designers are more productive.
- Legacy projects created with same conventions easily updated.
- Project design specifications easily delivered and final deliverables easily merged into filing system.

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