

Dear PowerCADD Users,

The last few years have been very quiet for PowerCADD, and this has caused many of you to wonder about the future of the application. As you know, the economy has been in the doldrums, and the housing market and associated industries have been sluggish during the recession. As you have reduced your staff and expenditures, we have done the same.

Although the economy is not exactly robust, we see many pockets of activity. In anticipation of a continued recovery, Engineered Software is ramping up. We want to tell you about some changes that are in process and put your mind at ease.

Many of you may already know, or know of, Todd Stanley. As a young man back in the 1980s, Todd was single-handedly responsible for the creative programming and vision that went into PowerDraw. He worked tirelessly and was driven by a passion that made a difference.

Todd was the engineering leader through PowerCADD 6. He has since expanded his skills as a lead programmer for Bradford Technologies, Livescribe, MathWorks and Cisco Systems, developing core technologies in Livescribe Desktop, MATLAB and Cisco's AnyConnect.

We are pleased to announce that Todd is back, driving PowerCADD's development. He brings many years of experience with PowerDraw and PowerCADD, supervisory and programming skills and—most importantly—a clear vision where he wants to take the program. With Todd at the helm of the development, you can expect many changes in the future.

PowerCADD 9.1.2 is a minor release to address several user issues.

Following that, Todd's efforts will be to implement internal changes and modernization to insure that PowerCADD will run on Mavericks.

In the fall of 2013 there will be a release of PowerCADD 9.1.3 which supports Mavericks and resolves additional user issues.

Next year there will be a release of PowerCADD 10 to give the program a more modern appearance, which will support high-resolution monitors, full screen mode, trackpad gestures, tags, etc. We plan to make the PowerCADD less modal so you will be able to work without the software getting in your way. The text tools will be unified, providing in-place editing. It will run at blazing speeds on next-generation machines and operating systems ... now and far, far into the future.

You will be able to download a demo from the website and then, with the purchase of a serial number, you will be off and running. There will be frequent updates and a constant stream of bug-fixes, new tools and features.

We plan to offer the program in three levels: an entry-level drawing program with a basic set of tools and options, an advanced illustration program without architecture- and engineering-specific tools, and the full-featured CAD and illustration program you are all using today. Everyone should have one of these.

You have seen the great things that have happened over the years with PowerCADD and WildTools. There is much more to come. The future is bright.

We appreciate your loyalty to PowerCADD and WildTools and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,  
Engineered Software