Home Design & Remodeling
Kitchen & Bath Design
Interior Design
Terrain & Site Planning
CAD Details & Drafting
Cost Estimating
Construction Documents
Chief Architect – Professional 3D Architectural Home Design Software

Chief Architect is specifically designed for residential and light commercial design professionals. Discover today why millions of people use Chief Architect products for their 2D and 3D design projects.

— It’s Powerful and It’s Easy!

Home Design & Remodeling

Quickly drag and arrange walls, windows, doors, cabinets, and more in both 2D and 3D. Use automated and manual building tools for framing, roofs, stairs, and foundations to make quick and efficient work of the design process.

Kitchens & Baths

It’s easy to create that perfect kitchen or bath. Drop in cabinets from catalogs or customize using powerful Smart Cabinet design tools. Change countertops, create kitchen islands, add fixtures and appliances – create any style of cabinet!

Plan Sets & Construction Documents

Creating a full set of working drawings is easy with the Layout tool and over 500 built-in CAD Details. Print to any size paper and any scale – use a PDF print driver to send your documents electronically to a print service.

Residential & Light Commercial

Perfect for residential and light commercial with powerful tools like Auto Dimension™ Automatic Roofs, and Visual CAD Snaps™ Copy and Replicate floors, walls, and windows to make design work fast and efficient.

Cost Estimating

Automatically generate a detailed Materials List by category from your design. Doors, windows, cabinets, and concrete, are added in spreadsheet format. Assign costs for each item, use a Master List, or create Cut and Buy Lists for your estimating needs.

Terrain & Site Plans

Create a detailed plot plan or custom landscape with built-in terrain tools – roads, sidewalks, hills, valleys, elevation contours and more. You will even find over 4,000 plants and a plant encyclopedia.

“Chief Architect is far and away the best design tool I’ve ever put my hands on – instead of being a technician it makes me feel like an architect again!”

Wendy Welton, AIA
Art Form Architecture, Inc.
Home Design & Remodeling – Powerful Building Tools

All-in-One Home Design Solution
- Quickly place and arrange walls, windows, doors, cabinets, floors, foundations, framing, and roofs.
- Generate a Materials List automatically.
- Create your own custom home designs and save to a sample plan database for future use.
- Use the Time Tracker™ to allocate billing.
- Choose from over 500 CAD Details – you can customize the Details and reuse – save time in your design work!

Floor Plans & Construction Drawings
Create accurately scaled floor plans with powerful tools like One-Click Auto Dimension™ Auto Floors, Foundations, Reverse Plan, and more.

Design in 3D & 2D
Design in a 2D Plan View™ or continue your design work in 3D with over nine different camera rendering styles – you can even design in 2D and 3D at the same time.

Wall Tools & Layers
Choose from a variety of Wall Types or define your own custom Wall Types. Use Layer Sets to place your Wall Types on different Layers – great for showing additions in remodeling!

Elevations & Cross-Sections
Create interior and exterior elevations – toggle color on/off, add dimensions, change line weights, and callout text. Any changes you make to an Elevation view are automatically linked in Layouts.

Automatic & Manual Framing
Use the automatic framing tools to create your framing and manually adjust including hand framing or truss framing. Change the material type – metal, wood, I-joist, and glulam.

Electrical & HVAC
Create Electrical, HVAC, and Plumbing plans. Automatically place electrical items for each room, switches, outlets (GFI, 110, 220, and more), assign lighting, connect circuits, and dimension.

One-Click Auto Dormer™

"The high end, photo realistic 3D rendering capabilities absolutely blow my clients away. Chief Architect – in a word, is nothing short of spectacular!"
Glenn Travis, President GMT Home Designs, Inc.
Kitchen & Bath — Design & Visualize For Your Clients

Fixtures
With the built-in Catalog you will find several styles of fixtures to complement your design.

Appliances
Choose from a wide variety of appliances. Easily change the colors to match your client’s needs.

3D Parametric Objects (BIM)
Every object you place into your design can be completely customized. In this cabinet object, notice all the tabs along the top. They allow you to create as much detail as you choose – colors, moldings, hardware, door styles, drawers, dimensions, appliances, and more.

Kitchen Cabinets
Create any style of cabinet with powerful Cabinet Designer™ tools. Select from a Library of thousands of door, drawer, colors, and styles. Choose specific manufacturer catalogs. Create shaped cabinets, custom countertops, backsplashes, cabinet feet, or choose fixtures and appliances.

Architectural Blocks
Kitchen islands are perfect examples of architectural blocks. If you spend much time creating these objects, you can group select them and save them to your Library for future use – a great time saving feature!

3D Camera Tools
There are a number of 3D tools and camera styles to help you visualize and display your design work.

Wall Elevations
Easily create wall elevation views with Cross-Section and Wall Elevation camera tools – including automatic Room Elevations.

Schedule of Materials
Generate door, window, room, cabinet, and appliance schedules in a spreadsheet format. The schedules automatically update as you change your design model.

“Clients love to understand the finished product before a hammer is lifted. Chief Architect makes me the hero.”
Adam Gibson, CKD, CBD AG Design

Use Chief Architect to take NKBA certification exams.
It All Begins with a Great Plan!

“...I purchased Chief after investigating the market and talking to numerous designers... I am so glad that I switched CAD programs. Keep up the great work!”

Adel Visser, CKD, CBD, CID

All About Kitchens & More

Customize Doors & Windows

Easily choose and customize doors and windows for that perfect look with colors, moldings, styles, shape, dimensions, and more. Choose or assign name-brands.

Design Objects

Drag-and-drop from thousands of design objects in the built-in Library organized by category. Create or import your own custom Libraries to detail your designs.

Name-Brand Catalogs

Download manufacturer catalogs for windows, doors, cabinets, fixtures, paints, tiles, and more to use name-brand products in your design.

Colors, Materials & Textures

Point-and-click to choose from unlimited colors and textures with the Material Painter® or you can create your own with the Color Chooser™.

Furniture & Accessories

Choose from a variety of interior and exterior items - including chairs, tables, sofas, sinks, or import your own. Resize, change colors and materials for your exact needs.

Millwork & Moldings

Creating detailed millwork in your design is easy – choose from the built-in Library or draw your own molding profile and the program will automatically generate the 3D model.

Room Finish Schedule

Generate room finish schedules for room dimensions, ceiling heights, moldings, wall coverings, and flooring materials.

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Discover the Power of Chief Architect

Chief Architect makes it easy for you to visualize your design ideas for your client’s home or remodeling project. Powerful design tools make quick and efficient work of tedious tasks that will help you be more productive and efficient in your design business. Show your clients in 3D and win more business.

- **Auto Dimension™** – One-Click to place your exterior dimensions, imperial or metric
- **Materials Lists** – Automatically generate materials by room, area, or project. Create Cut & Buy Lists
- **Architectural Layers** – Choose and filter views from default layers and Layer Sets
- **Automatic & Manual Roof Tools** – Create any style of roof or ceiling

### Wall Framing Details
For any wall, view and modify the specific framing members and details.

### Foundations
Automatically build slab, crawl space, pier, full foundations, step walls, and define vertical footings.

### Custom Ceiling Details
Create custom ceilings – vaults, treys, coffers and easily adjust room heights.

### Terrain Tools & Site Plans
Define any shape of lot – sloped to flat. Use a GPS or surveyor’s data to define the lot’s elevation and boundaries. Road, sidewalk, hill, and valley tools make it easy to create single and multi-site developments.

### Landscaping & Decks
Design beautiful landscapes with over 4,000 realistic 2D & 3D plants. Use the Plant Chooser™ to learn about and search plants. Create any style of deck or patio with the Deck Designer™ tools.

### Stair & Ramp Tools
With the Stair Designer™ tools easily create straight, split entry, curved, and multi-level stairs. Define heights, widths, tread depth, risers, angles, handrails, balusters, and much more.

### Plan Sets & Construction Documents
Use the Layout tools to send any view to a layout page. Choose from pre-defined layout templates or create your own custom title block. Print the pages to large format, span prints across smaller paper, or use a PDF print driver.

### Over 500 CAD Details
Choose from a wide variety of architecturally correct and scaled details. Customize the details to your exact needs and save to the Library for future use. Import your existing CAD Details.

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**ROOF FRAMING / TRUSS NOTES:**

1. TRUSS DRAWING IS FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY. ALL TRUSSES SHALL BE MANUFACTURED BY ____________________.
2. ALL TRUSSES SHALL CARRY MANUFACTURERS STAMP.
3. ALL TRUSSES WILL NOT BE FIELD ALTERED WITHOUT PRIOR BUILDING PERMITS.
4. TRUSS TO BE PLACED IN FLOOR OPENING.
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Fred Hahn, Designer
“Chief Architect Makes 3D CAD Easy”
– Builder Magazine

“Chief Architect is simple and intuitive, yet offers a number of sophisticated tools and functions that greatly automate and assist...the residential designer”
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– The Washington Post

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2.4 GHz Processor or Multi-Core
2 GB Memory (32 bit)
4 GB Memory (64 bit)
5 GB Hard Drive
256 MB Video Memory
2.1 or higher Open GL
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