



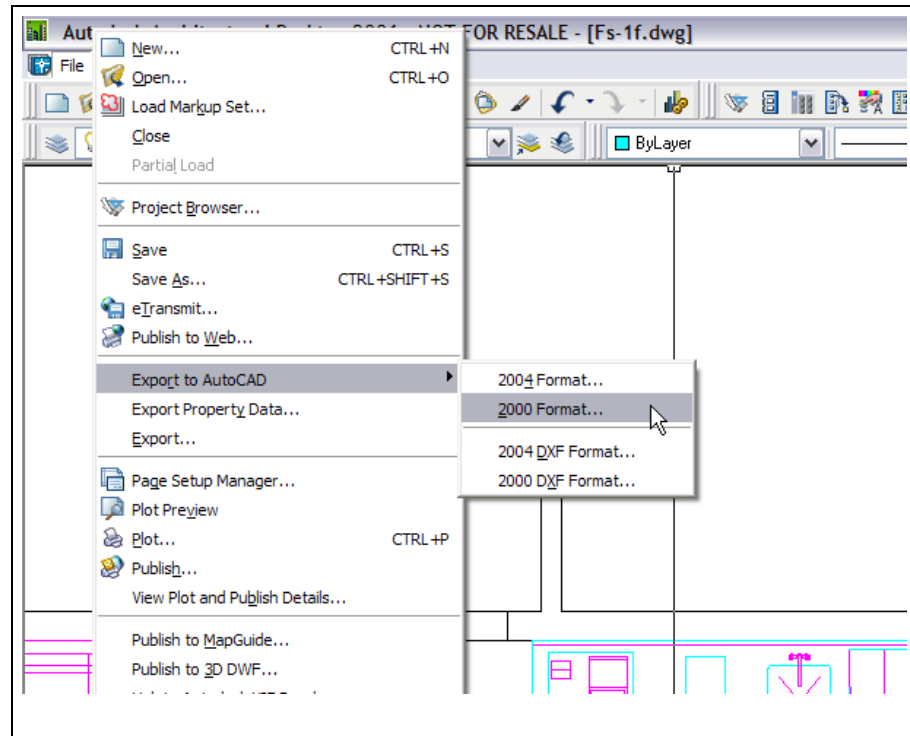
## AutoMATE Technical Bulletin

### Issue:

Architectural Desktop Drawings: In spite of Autodesk's pledge to make Drawings created with Architectural Desktop more user-friendly in plain AutoCAD, we continue to hear about -- and experience ourselves -- problems with these drawings. These problems range from unbelievably slow SAVES (20 minutes or more) to objects that can't be modified or, even worse, can't even be seen.

### Solution:

Architectural Desktop itself provides the solution. So you'll need to get your architect clients' cooperation in solving the problem. Architectural Desktop includes a command on the File pulldown menu named **Export to AutoCAD** and includes four output options: 2004 and 2000 drawing format and 2004 and 2000 DXF format. While 2004 drawing format coupled with **DWG TrueConvert** is useful, we prefer to receive and send drawings in 2000 DWG format. That insures that the broadest range of AutoCAD users can open the drawing file with no conversion required.



The above screen capture displays the entire command path. We're sure that if architects understood the problems ADT drawings present to plain AutoCAD users, and how simple it is to produce a clean AutoCAD version of the ADT drawing, they would be happy to meet your request.