

AutoCAD 2000: A Problem Solving Approach

Chapter 3: Drawing Aids

Objectives and Syllabus (Time: 3 Hours)

Objectives

After studying this chapter you should be able to:

- Set up units using the **Drawing Units** dialog box and the **UNITS** command.
- Set up and determine limits for a given drawing.
- Determine limits for engineering, architectural, and metric drawings.
- Set up layers and assign colors and linetypes to them.
- Set up Grid, Snap, and Ortho modes based on the drawing requirements.
- Use Object Snaps and understand their applications.
- Combine Object Snap modes and set up running object snap modes.
- Use Autotracking, current, and global linetype scaling.
- Determine **LTSCALE** factor for plotting.

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