At A Glance

Engineering and manufacturing organisations hold substantial intellectual property assets in the form of design documents and drawings produced by CAD applications. Managing and controlling these assets is a challenging task in today's collaborative environments with many external partners involved in the supply chain.

Boldon James CAD Classifier family of products bring the benefits of data classification to key design documents produced by specific CAD applications. CAD Classifier for AutoCAD allows users of Autodesk® AutoCAD® to apply relevant visual and metadata labels to CAD documents and receive guidance on labelling policy, all via the user interface common to all Classifier products.

Key Benefits

- Engages users
- Increases awareness
- Enforces policy
- Drives security solutions
- Exploits a common platform
Engages Users

Simple Label Selection
Classification choices are made via the familiar labelling dialog common to all other Classifier products, with a range of fully customisable interface styles including simple single-click buttons. For more advanced classification schemes the users can be guided through a series of labelling choices, reducing complexity and ensuring validity of the final selection.

Increases Awareness

Visual Marking
Your Classifier policy can be set to add visual markings to CAD drawings within the plot stamp area in order to ensure that printed documents can convey the classification and other instructions.

Metadata Marking
CAD Classifier ensures that the classification metadata is retained in a persistent form within the file formats commonly used to exchange CAD documents including DXF (Drawing Interchange Format) and DWG file formats. This metadata persists regardless of the medium the files are stored in or the methods used to exchange them and may then be used to coordinate the actions of other technologies such as DLP and Data Retention.

Enforces Policy

Classification Rules
As with all other Classifier products, policy rules can be defined via the Classifier Administration console and applied to the CAD classification activity using the common rules engine of the Classifier Platform. These rules allow, for example, that changes to a document’s classification are controlled to prevent inappropriate modification.

Policy Feedback
Users can be given direct feedback where their actions contravene classification policy in the form of the policy check dialog common to other Classifier products. The policy check dialog can provide fully customisable warnings and may also be used to challenge the user to justify an action or to block the action altogether.

Drives Security Solutions

Enhancing Data Loss Prevention (DLP)
Data Loss Prevention (DLP) solutions cannot use content analysis techniques to distinguish the value of a CAD drawing. Using the classification metadata applied by the drawing author can improve the accuracy of DLP solutions, accelerate implementation projects and reduce frustrating false positives.

Exploits A Common Platform

Unified Administration
The Classifier Administration console unifies the policy configuration of all Classifier products – handling policies from the simple to complex, ensuring a quick implementation with the minimum of expertise (see the Classifier Administration datasheet).

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