DraftSight – Important Critical Hotfix (February 2017)

Dear DraftSight Users,

It has come to the attention of the DraftSight team that, due to an expired certificate, Windows* 32 & 64-bit versions of DraftSight released from 2012 to 2017 will not launch and/or will stop running as of March 1, 2017. However, we are making available a critical hotfix to resolve this issue before that date.

To avoid usage interruption, please make sure to immediately download and install this critical hotfix, which can be found on the main product download page (https://www.3ds.com/products-services/draftsight-cad-software/free-download)

The affected releases are as follows:

Version (Windows 32 & 64 bit)	Release Date
DraftSight 2017 SP0	November 2016
DraftSight 2016 SP2	July 2016
DraftSight 2016 SP1	April 2016
DraftSight 2016 SP0	February 2016
DraftSight 2015 SP3	June 2015
DraftSight 2015 SP2	April 2015
DraftSight 2015 SP1	February 2015
DraftSight 2015 SP0	October 2014
DraftSight V1R5.2	July 2014
DraftSight V1R5.1	April 2014
DraftSight V1R5.0	January 2014
DraftSight V1R4.0	October 2013
DraftSight V1R3.2	July 2013
DraftSight V1R3.1	January 2013
DraftSight V1R3.0	November 2012

We apologize for any inconvenience and continue to be fully committed to providing the highest quality of software solutions for our growing community of DraftSight users.
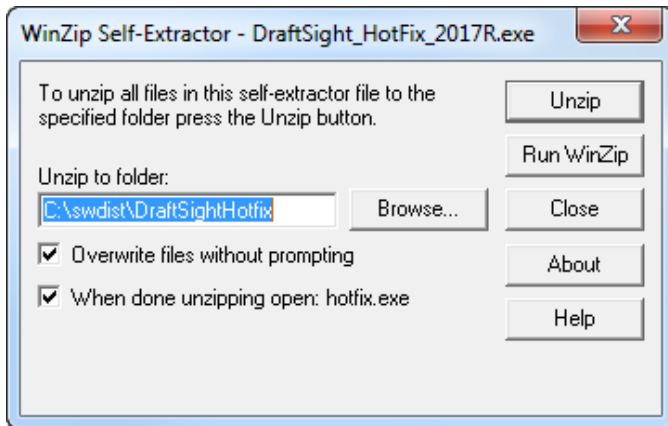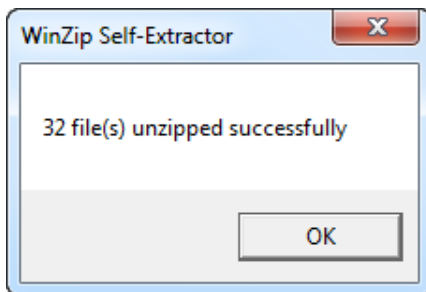
Thank you,

The DraftSight Team

Note: Mac and Linux versions of DraftSight (Free and Beta only) do not require this hotfix as they are not affected by the expired certificate.

Method #1 => Critical Hotfix .exe Installation Instructions
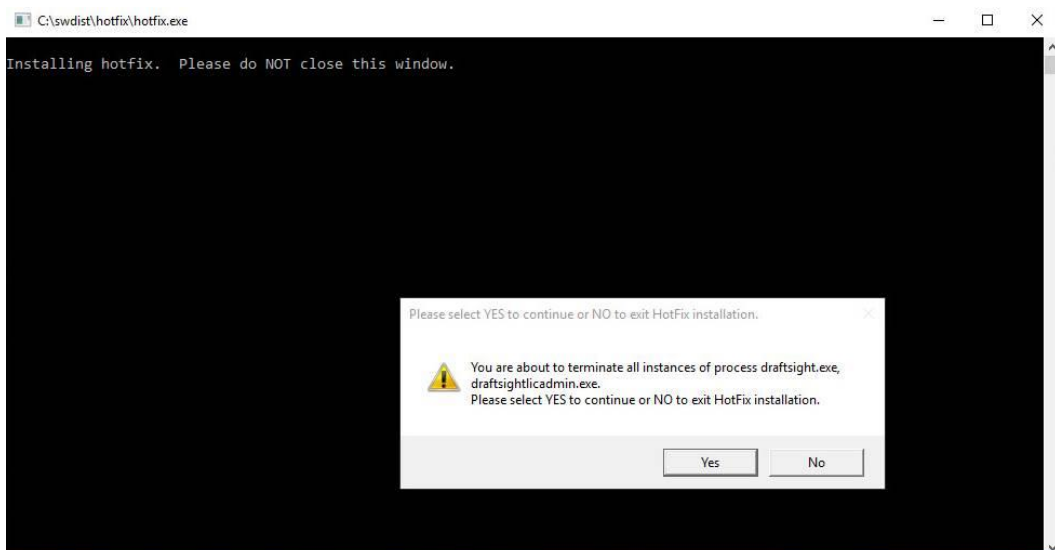
1. Save your work and close the DraftSight application.
2. Double-click on the hotfix file *"DraftSight_HotFix_2017R.exe"*. The WinZip Self-Extractor appears on the screen.
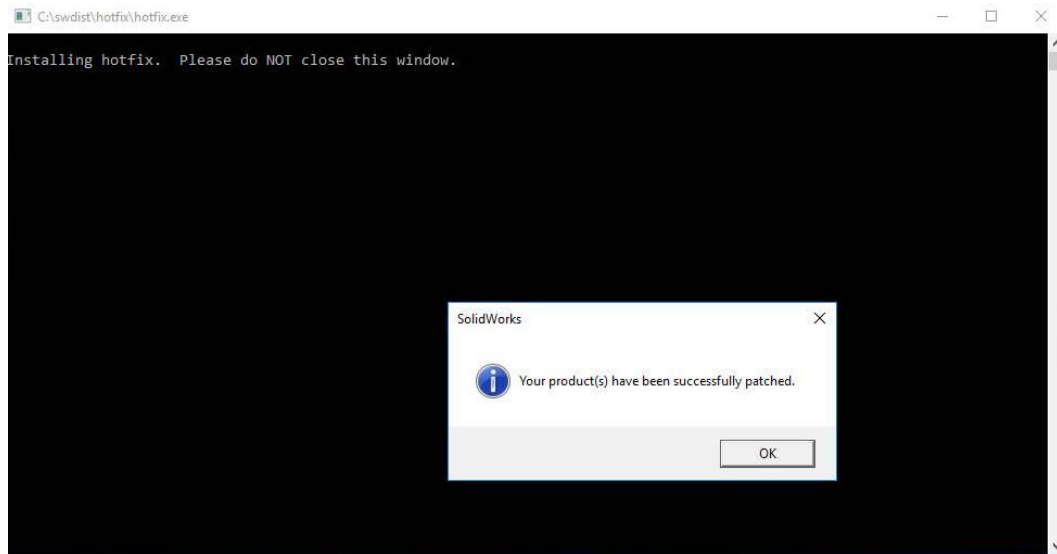

3. Click **Unzip**, then click **OK** in the confirmation box.

4. Click **Yes** to continue installation.

5. Click **OK** to complete installation.

6. It is recommended to reboot the system after installing the hotfix.

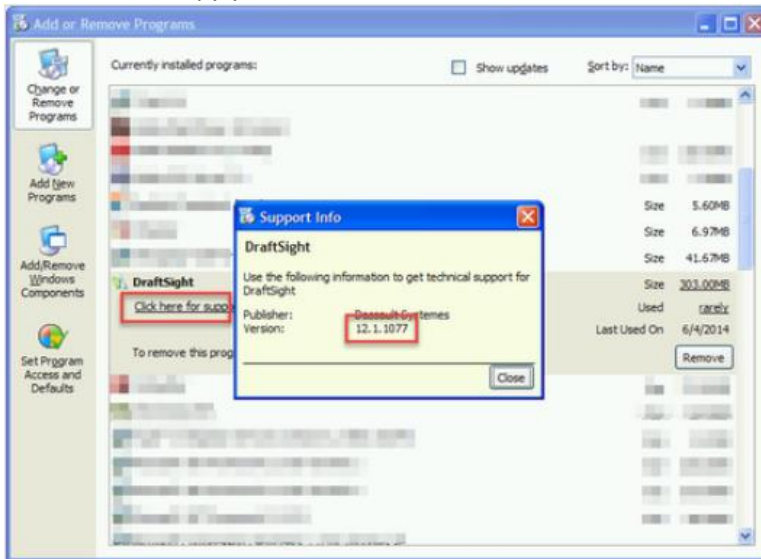## Method #2 => Multi-Machine Silent Install Option
(Note: step #2 can be scripted by the local IT team as needed)

1. After extracting the HotFix contents,
2. run from an administrative command prompt:
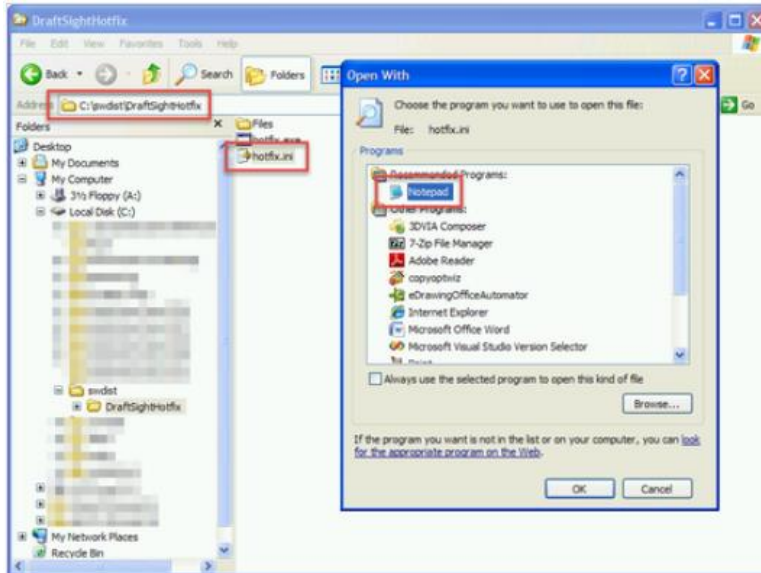   **<extracted folder>\hotfix.exe /s /k**

Method #3 => Windows XP for Manual Replacement of the DDKERNEL.dll File Instructions

1. Make sure you have downloaded the newest version of the hotfix. The file name is **DraftSight_HotFix_2017R3.exe**.
2. Start > Control Panel > Add or Remove Programs.
3. Wait for you list of programs to load, select **DraftSight**, and click on '**Click here for support information**'.

4. A **Support Info** dialog will display and indicate a **product version number**.
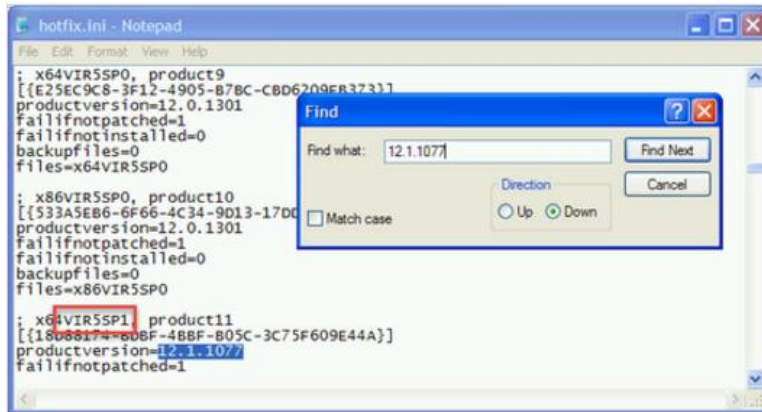*Remember or copy your version number.*

5. Open Windows Explorer, after extracting the HotFix contents navigate to **C:\swdist\DraftSightHotfix**.
6. There are three files in this folder: a folder named **Files**, **hotfix.exe**, and **hotfix.ini**. Right click on **hotfix.ini** and choose **Open with...**
7. In the **Open With** dialog, choose **Notepad** and click **OK**.
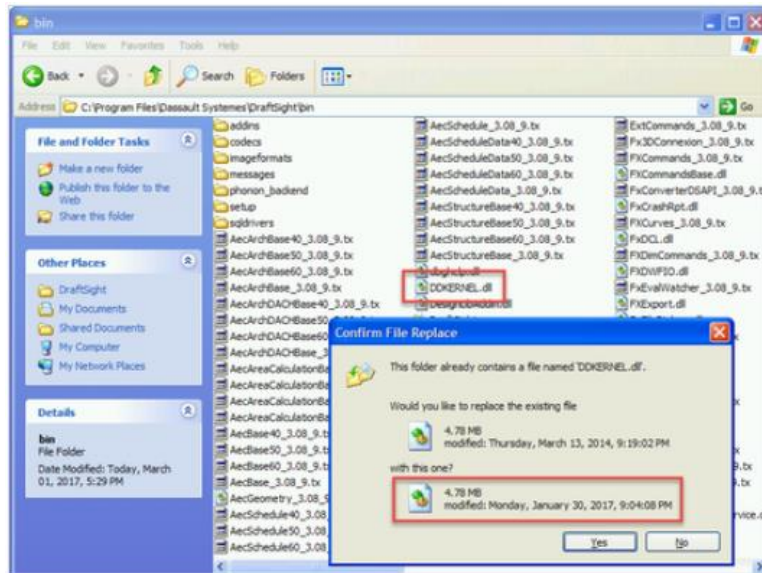

The **hotfix.ini** file opens in Notepad.

8. In Notepad, go to **Edit** > **Find...**, enter your version number from step 4, and click on **Find Next**.

9. Your version number should highlight. Look a line or two above that selection to identify the **release name**. _Remember or copy your release name._
   (For this step, it does not matter if the x64 or the x86 release is found.)

10. Go back to Windows Explorer and navigate to **C:\swdist\DraftSightHotfix\Files** folder.
    Note: There are 30 folders in this location.

11. Find the **x86** folder that matches with the release name from step 9 and open that folder.
12. Copy the **DDKERNEL.dll** file that is in this folder.
13. Open a new Windows Explorer window and navigate to **C:\Program Files\Dassault Systemes\DraftSight\bin** (or your custom location if you chose a different location during installation).
14. Paste the **DDKERNEL.dll** file from step 11 and replace the existing version of that file.

DraftSight should now startup correctly.