

ArchiCAD 15 export plug-in to Artlantis Render/Studio 4

1/ Installation

Windows:

WARNING!

Please check your ArchiCAD 15 installed version if it is 32-bit or 64-bit. Please download and install the plug-in corresponding to your ArchiCAD 15 32-bit or 64-bit versions.

1- Drag into the first level of your installed 32-bit ArchiCAD 15 folder the CATl4_32.dll file or in case your ArchiCAD is 64-bit, drag the CATl4_64.dll file into the same folder.

2- Drag into the Import-export folder of ArchiCAD 15 the "ArtlantisRender-Studio_4_Out.apx" file.

Macintosh:

Add to the Import-export folder of your installed ArchiCAD 15 application folder the add-on "Artlantis Render Studio 4 Out".

2/ How to use?

Using this export plug-in you can export the ArchiCAD 15 models into Artlantis Render and Studio versions 4. Installed by default with ArchiCAD, the export plug-in remains the property of Abvent R&D, which ensures its development and maintenance.

The export dialog: display the perspective 3D view in ArchiCAD and select **File > Save as...** In the "**Format**" list of the Save file dialog, choose « **Artlantis Render-Studio 4** option. Click the **Save** button, and the Export dialog box will be displayed.

Check the items to export.

- **Perspectives Cameras:** All cameras created in ArchiCAD will appear on Artlantis's Perspectives Inspector List.

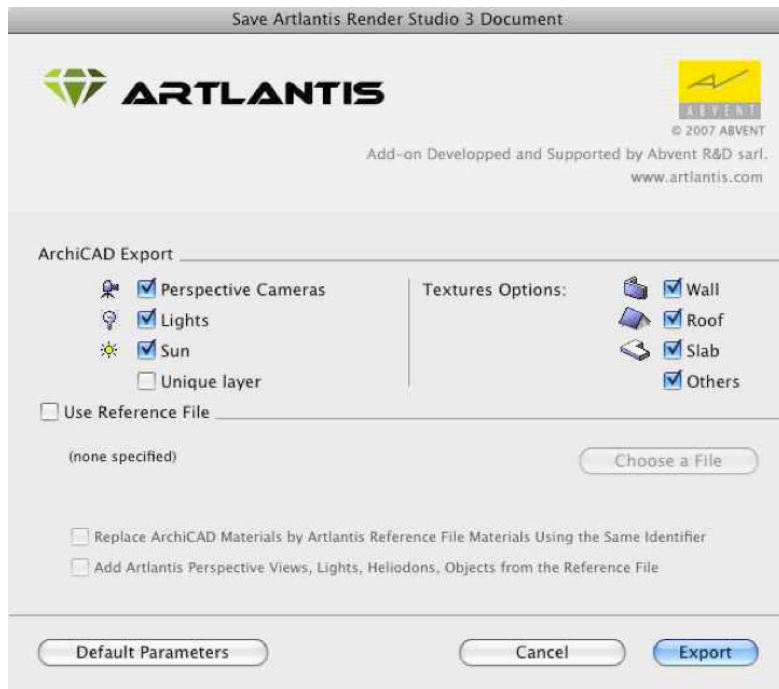
- **Lights*:** All the lamps inserted into the ArchiCAD project will appear on Artlantis's Lights inspector List.

- **Sun*:** The heliodon (geographical position, date and time) will appear on Artlantis's Heliodons inspector List.

*Note: If Lamps and Sun items appear grayed, you have to activate them first in the **Internal Rendering Engine** tab of the **PhotoRendering Settings** dialog box. To get to this palette, choose **Document > Creative Imaging > PhotoRenderings Settings...**

On the **Effects > Light sources** area check **Sun** and **Lamps**.

- **Unique Layer:** if checked, all ArchiCAD layers are merged and exported into a single layer to Artlantis, if unchecked all the ArchiCAD layers will be recovered into the Layers list of the Objects Inspector of Artlantis.



- **Texture Options:** • **Wall, Roof, Slab, Others***: Textures associated with the ArchiCAD materials will be exported.

*Note: **Others** include all ArchiCAD tools such as Post, Beam, Stair, Door, Window, as well as Mesh and Object.

Updating an existing Artlantis files

Select «**Use Reference File**», and click on the «**Choose a File**» button. Then select the .atl reference file.

Available options:

- **Replace ArchiCAD Materials with Artlantis Reference File Materials Using the Same Identifier**

- **Add Artlantis Perspective Views, Lights, Heliodons, Objects from the Reference File Export:**

Note: If the **Replace ArchiCAD Materials with Artlantis Reference File Materials Using the same Identifier** and the **Add Artlantis Views, Lights, Heliodons, Objects from the Reference File** check boxes are selected in the **ArchiCAD Export** options, only the ArchiCAD Export options will be applied to the newly created elements of ArchiCAD that are not parts of the existing .atl file (new geometry, new viewpoints, new lamps, new heliodon).

Remarks

By default, curved ArchiCAD elements exported into Artlantis are never smoothed. To smooth the curves in Artlantis, go to the **Shaders inspector** tab "**Advanced Parameters**" area, select the needed material, and use the "**Smoothness**" slider.

Configuration

Minimum requirements: Artlantis Render/Studio 4 installed. The add-on creates files in .atl file format. Note, that Artlantis 4 files cannot be opened by the older Artlantis versions but Artlantis 4 opens all previous versions' file formats.

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