

Re: Protel 2004

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Michael Bohlander wrote:

Hi Fred,

Fred <fps@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
news:1126113470_15923@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx:

Hi,

I'm using Protel99SE and have been approached by Altium with an upgrade path to Protel 2004. Has anyone got 2004 that could give a heads up on how it compares to 99SE?

Hm, seems to be the same around the world ... we had this first some months ago, and since then, every three-four weeks ... ;-)

For the comparison have a look at their webpage (www.protel.com) and look for some documents which list a number of features of DXP2004 which are not available in 99SE. They show this as a kind of "field test" with their own engineers. I received the printed version of this but at the moment can't remember the document's title.

For a "hands-on" comparison just tell them to send you the demo CD install it and work with it! But MAKE A BACKUP of all your 99SE design files because AFAIK the file format has changed completely!

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Regards
Michael

Hi Michael,

Thanks for the response and I certainly will do these things before upgrading. I guess what I'm looking for is current users of 2004 reaction to the change from 99SE.

I remember when Protel 98 first came out. It was so full of bugs that the user base was driven nuts. The program would lock up capriciously and a lot of work could be (and was)lost. It was very frustrating. As if this wasn't enough, when 99 came out, it was a similar situation. The user interface was also quite different and was alot of work to learn. This coupled with the 99 bugs was a platefull. 99SE has been a good stable performer but it was quite a while before it was available.

What I'm saying is I don't trust Altium to deliver a satisfactory product until some time after it's initial introduction; I'm gun-shy. I'm looking for how previous users of 99SE felt about learning yet another user-interface, how long it took to learn, how stable it is and was it worth the effort.

Thanks,