

## Re: Dedicated CAD computer?

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Brad Velandier wrote:

Howdy Mike,  
So you are liking AD6.

Yeah, I reckon so. If there is a problem with memory causing this problem, well, I had Protel crashing on two machines here, and none of the other programs, even memory intensive editing of my Canon 20D 16Mb RAW files, causes crashing, so I dunno. Both machines are laptops, and it's surprising that neither has updates available for the video "cards" or drivers, but that's what I got. Of course I've not installed AD on both machines, but my guess is that some background program that I like and which interferes with none of my other programs is causing the problem. I run the same set of utilities (AV, OOo Quick Launcher, Flash Card readers, background backup systems, and other system tray items) on both machines. And rather than fritter away time removing them and trying to find programs that do the same job as well as I like and which do not interfere w/ AD, it would be simpler just to set up a relatively clean machine. I will take Stephen's suggestions with me to my computer builder and see what they can do with it.

Thanks for the suggestion about the user forum. It's right there on the Help menu, among the KB and KC options — I need to check out the support on the forum and will.

I like Find Similar Items a lot. It's right powerful. Altium will be having two days on online training next week and I think many of my User 101 questions will be answered. I'm also lucky in that one of their top tech support guys is a fan of my work so he's been providing some nice personal support, too.

Best regards,

Mike Elliott

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