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Help for Mac Users

How to Customize a Mac SketchUp Toolbar

To customize your toolbar on a Mac do the following:

1. Go to menu View and choose Customize Toolbar... OR right click on the toolbar and choose Customize Toolbar. A window will open with all the available tool icons on it, including any plug-in tool icons. You may need to use the scroll bar to see them all.
2. Drag and drop any icon, or tool set such as Standard Views, from this window onto the SketchUp toolbar. You can also drag and drop tools from the SketchUp toolbar to this window to get rid of them.
3. When you are finished customizing the toolbar click the Done button.

You will find the Measurements tool in about the middle of the page. But it is probably already in your SketchUp work area. Look at the lower right corner or the lower left corner. From the screen shot you sent me it appears it is already in your lower right hand corner.

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Where is Preferences Located on the Mac OS X Version of SketchUp?

To locate Preferences on the Mac OS X version of SketchUp go to the SketchUp menu and choose Preferences.

Downloading the videos on the Mac

To download a video on the Mac follow these directions:

1. Go to the segment you wish to download e.g. Lesson 1.

2. Click on the link "Click here to watch the video."
3. While the video is playing in your browser right click on the video and choose either "Download Video" or "Download Video As...". You will be able to choose the location you wish to save the video and rename it if you wish.

Toolbar Icons

Unfortunately, on a Mac you cannot remove icons from a predefined toolbar.

The icon on the left is the 'New' tool and is found on the Standard toolbar on the PC. I don't believe it exists as a tool icon on the Mac. Instead use File/New.

The icons and toolbars I recommend are those I set up in Lesson 1. If you are on a Mac you have to use the Large Tool Set and then use the Tool Palette to fill in the rest in the custom toolbar.

Installing Ruby Script Plugins on Mac OS X

For SketchUp Versions Older Than 2017

To install a plugin select **Sketchup** then **Preferences....**

A window opens that has a list on the left. Select **Extensions**.

The area on the right shows plugins you currently have. Ensure you have a checkmark in the ones you need.

To add another, click the button on the lower right labeled **Install Extension....**

A Finder window opens for you to navigate to your desired file.

For SketchUp 2017 and Beyond

See the SketchUp Extension Installation Procedure.pdf provided in Lesson 1.

Can't See the Entire Entity Info Dialog Box

You may find that you can't expand the Entity Info dialog box even though there may be a slider, but it doesn't work. This has been a bug on Mac versions of SketchUp for a while. To fix the situation go to SketchUp Preferences, choose the Workspace page and under the Workspace tile click the Reset Workspace button.

Layers Dropdown Box Changes Active Layer On The Mac

Several of you have been plagued by what is a bug on the Mac version of SketchUp. You seem to be running across it mostly when dimensioning the Bedside Table. What happens is that you add some dimensions and then try to move them to a Z layer with the Layers Dropdown Box and end up changing the active layer. It seems that any layer chosen with the Select tool in the Layers Dropdown Box will change the Active Layer to that selection. This is a bug. Ironically, I discovered this very same bug on the PC SketchUp 8 version back in March of 2011. I reported the bug and it got fixed on the PC but apparently still remains in the Mac versions.

The solution is to use the Entity Info box to choose a layer and not the Layers Dropdown Box. Unfortunately, this bug renders the Layers Dropdown Box useless for Mac users.

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