

Autodesk Products Tip & Tricks

Product: Civil 3D 2009
Topic: Transfer Workspaces
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Issue:

You want to transfer a workspace from one computer to another without having to transfer the entire CUI file.

Reasons someone might want to do this:

- A user on another computer deletes his/her workspace or modifies the workspace in a way they should not have and the user does not want to create a new one. If another user has the same one or a simpler one then they could save that workspace on the other computer.
- You have a workspace with menus and toolbars that you always use and you want to keep a copy just in case something happens to that workspace.
- Standardization, all employees using the same the interface.

To simplify this, you can transfer the workspace into a new CUI file.

1. On the command line, enter CUI. (Figure 1)

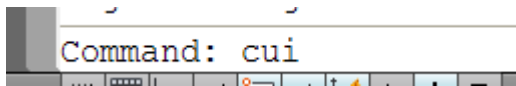


Figure 1

2. On the Transfer tab of the Customize User Interface dialog box, verify that you have an empty CUI file in the right panel. If you do not, click Create a New Customization File. (Figure 2)

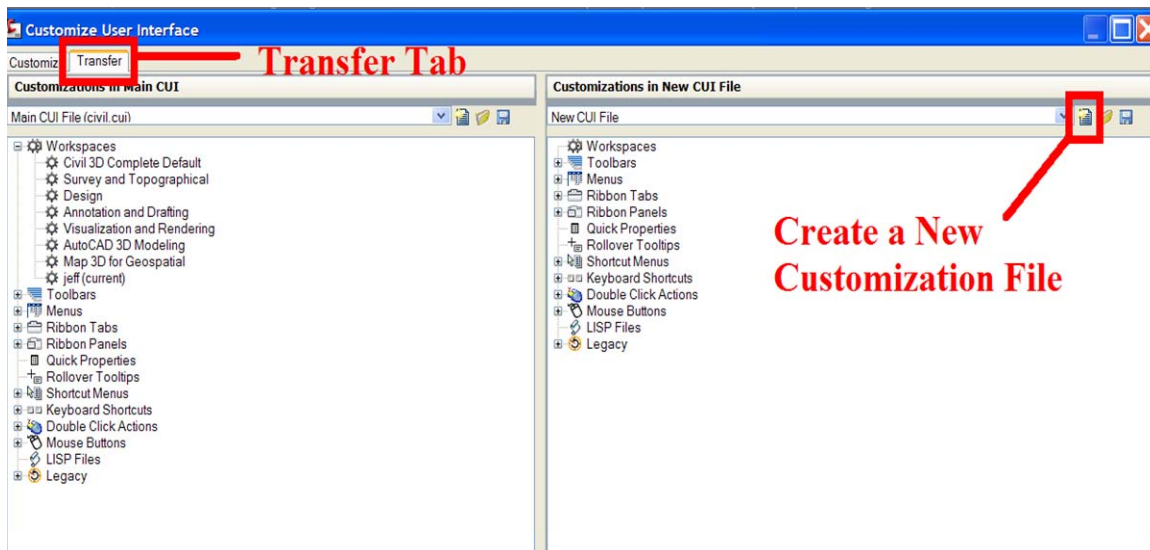


Figure 2

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3. In the left panel, click the workspace you want to transfer (in the Workspaces tree) and drag it into the Workspaces section of the right panel. (Figures 3 & 4)

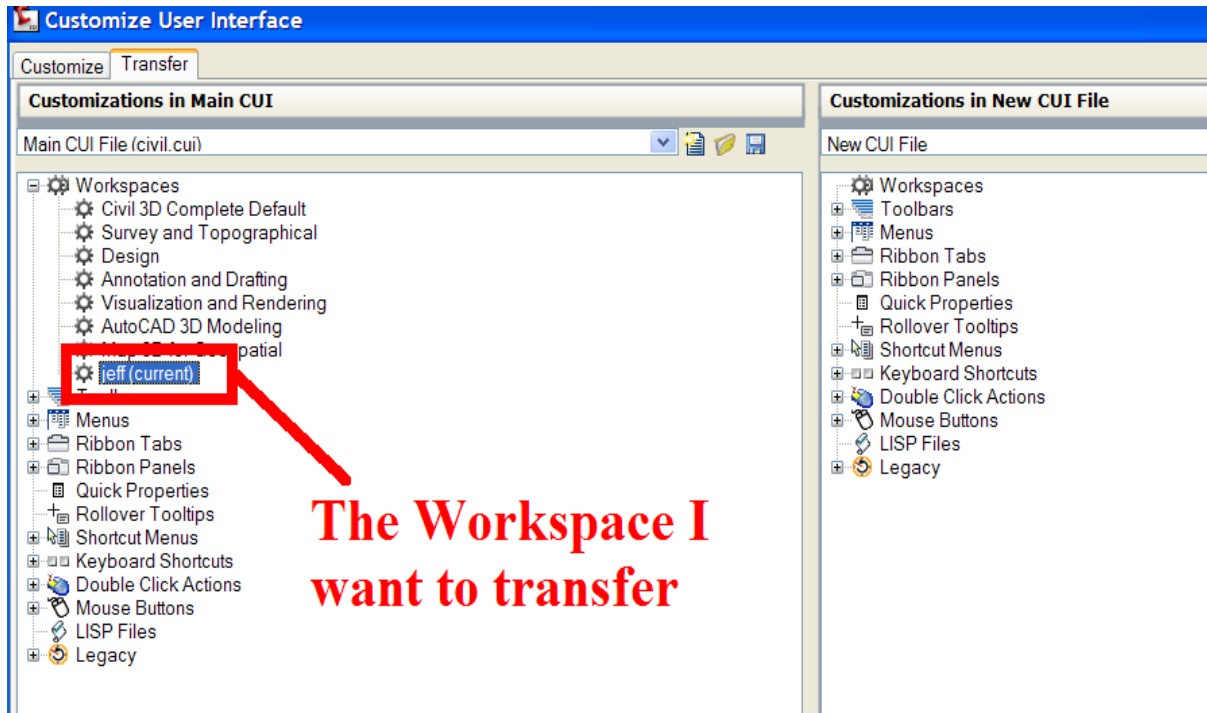


Figure 3

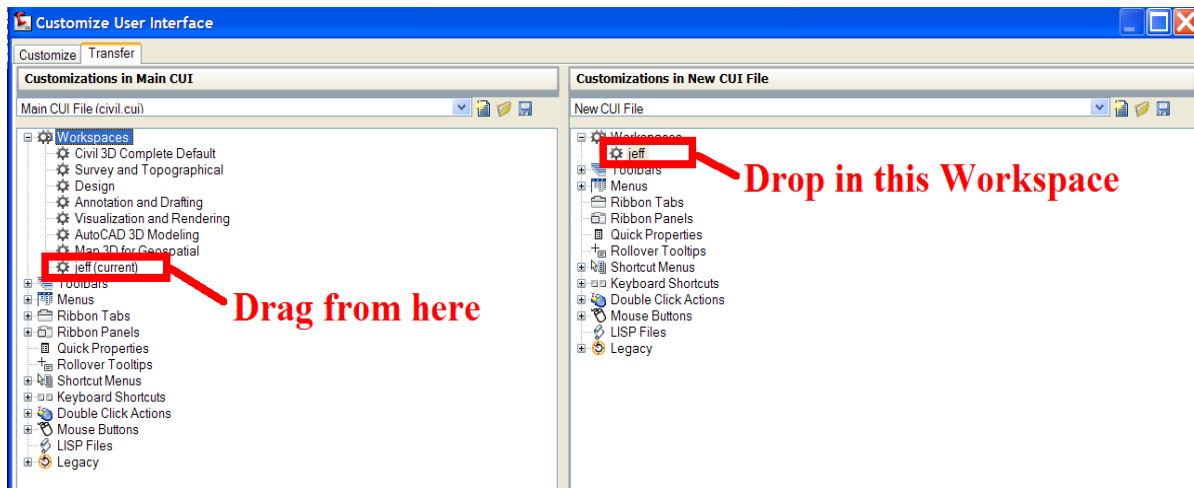


Figure 4

4. Repeat step 3 for any other workspaces that you are transferring.

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5. Save the resulting CUI file by clicking the floppy disk icon. (Figure 5)

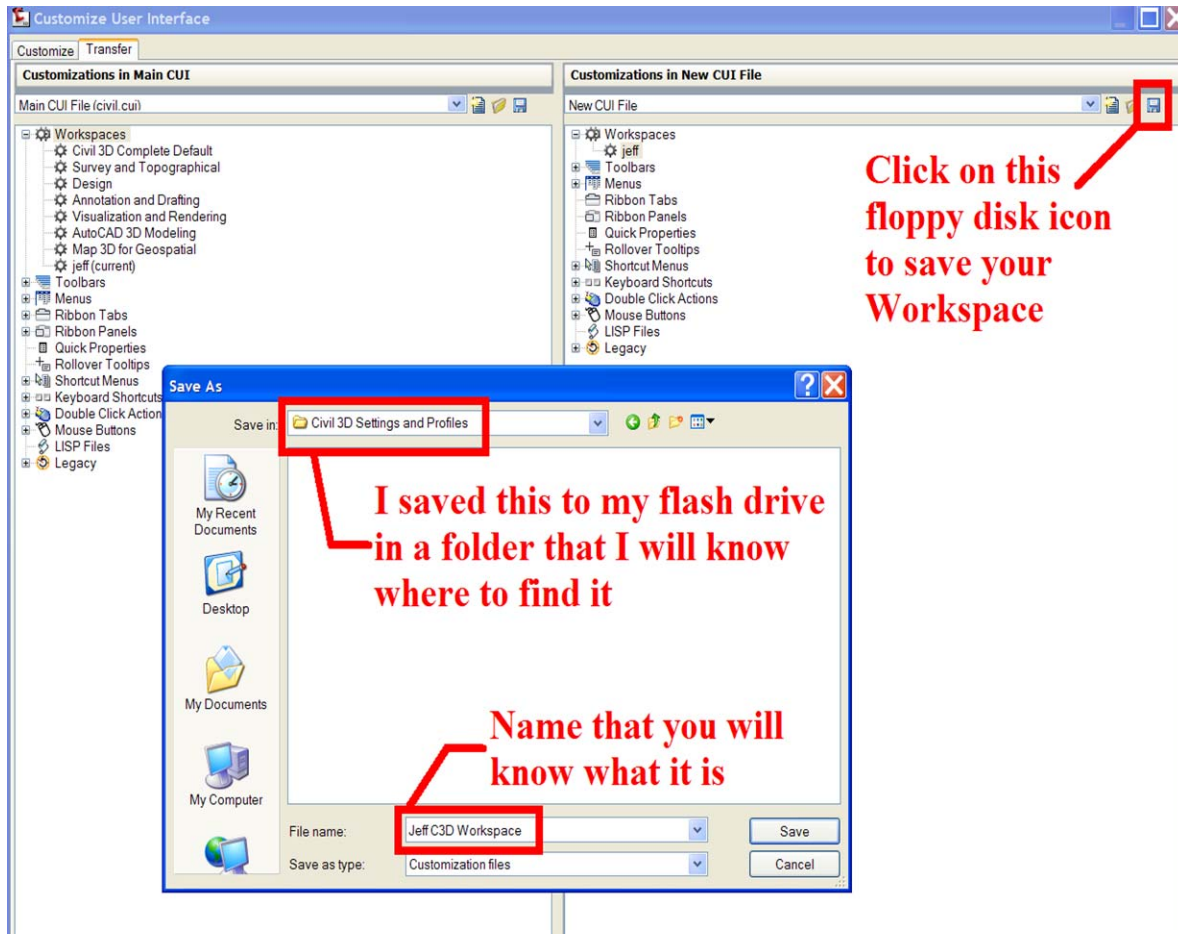


Figure 5

6. Switch to the computer where you want the workspace transferred.
7. Enter CUI on the command line to open the Customize User Interface dialog box. (Figure 6)

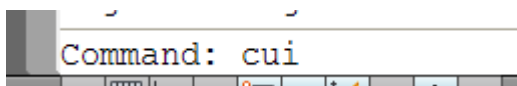


Figure 6

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8. On the Transfer tab, in the right panel, open the newly created CUI file. (Figure 7)

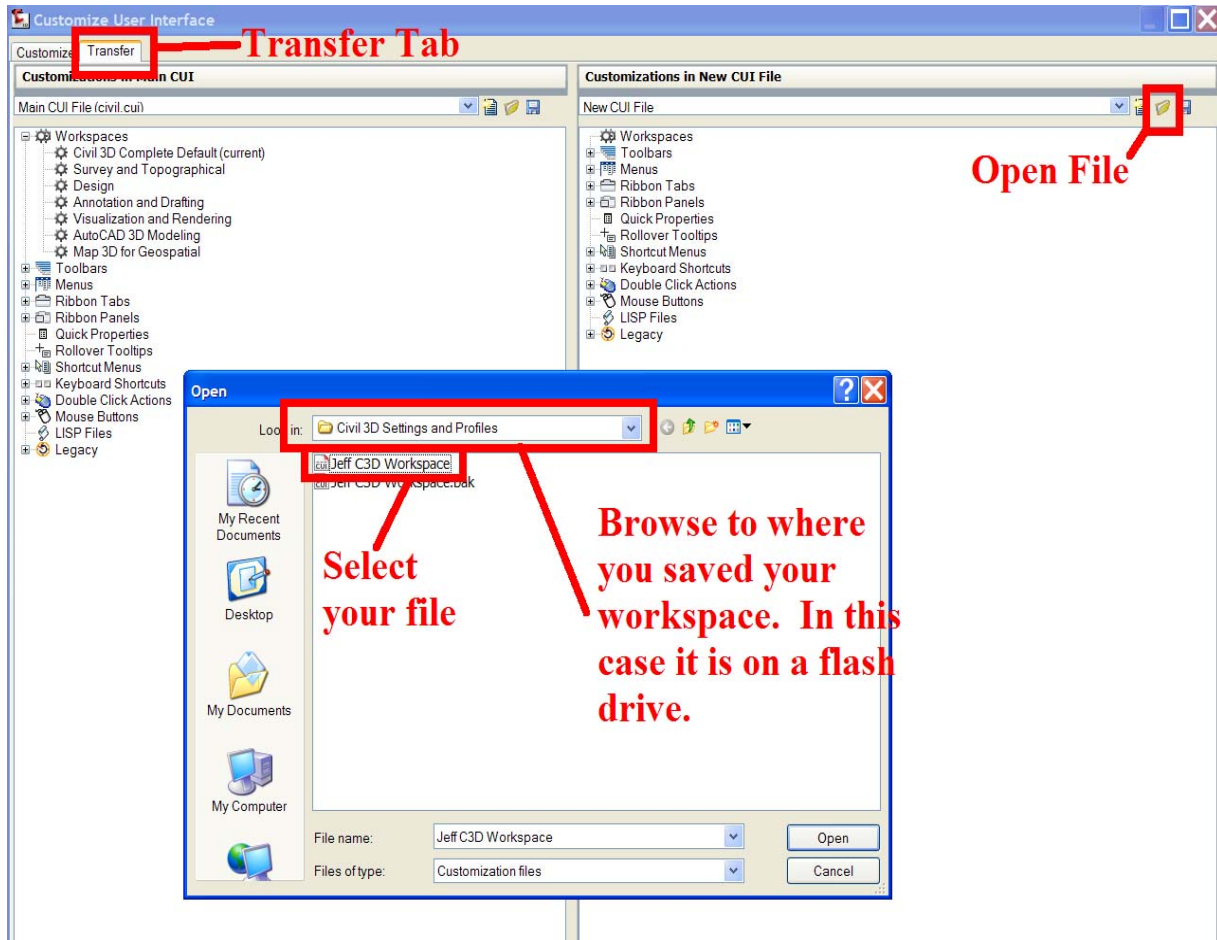


Figure 7

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9. Select the workspace you want to import and drag the workspace into the Workspaces section of the Main CUI file in the left panel. (Figure 8)

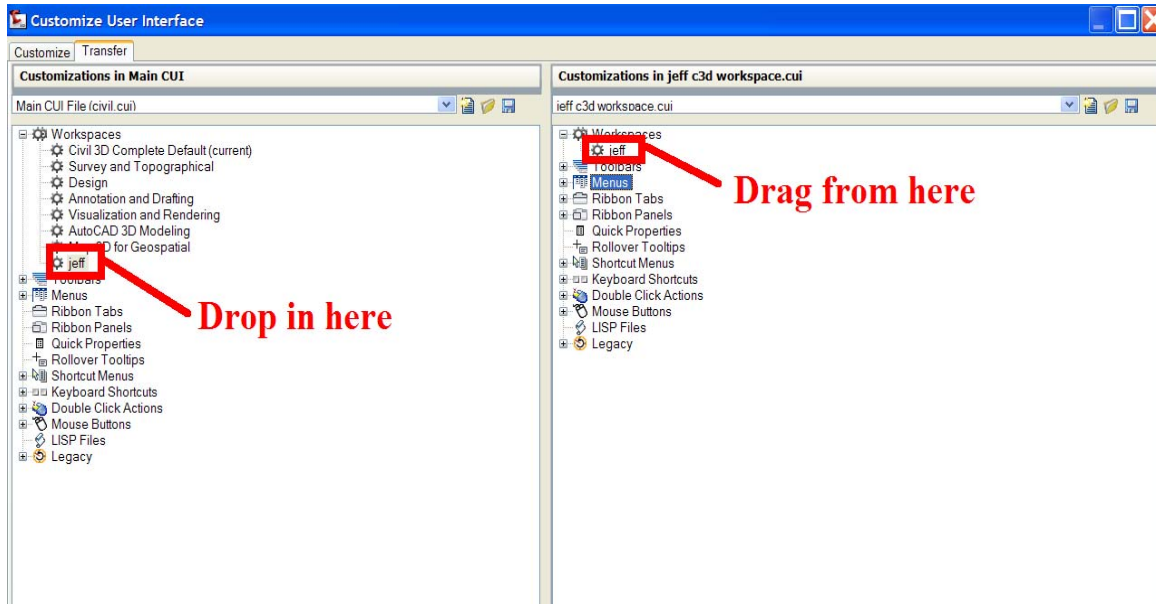


Figure 8

10. Save the Main CUI file by clicking the floppy disk icon. (Figure 9)

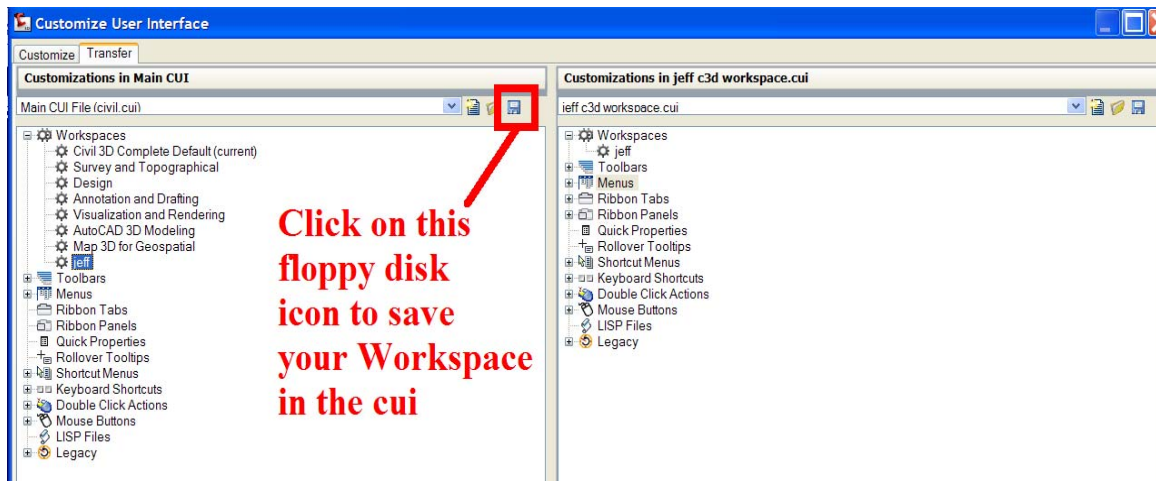


Figure 9

Rule of Thumb:

Since custom files or any files that you have can get corrupt or lost it is best to save a backup copy of your settings somewhere. I know several people who back them up on their workstation and some that put them on the network. Those are good places but they still have the ability to get lost or deleted overtime. The best place to save a copy would be on a flash drive. Get a flash drive and only use it for your AutoCAD settings. As long as you don't forget where you put your flash drive you will always have a copy of your workspace and/or CUI files.