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# The Dirt Digger



## Welcome

...to the **December 2016** issue of the **Dirt Digger**. Another action-packed issue!

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We look forward to hearing any feedback or news you might have.

Regards,

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## Update: 12d Model 12 & 12d Synergy 3

All users on maintenance are now eligible to download the Release version of **12d Model 12** from the 12d Model Forum.

### 12d Synergy 3

New functionality includes File Replication Servers (FRS) for multi office collaboration. Web Drops enable non-12d Synergy users to upload files via a web browser. New rule types enforce naming conventions on projects. Enhanced features for email management and issuing data (AKA document transmittals). Connectors allow automated data transfer with popular products such as Abtrac, MYOB, Xero, WorkFlow Max and Microsoft Dynamics. Data Sync for Surveyors and Contractors streamline transfer of Central Database Model data to tablets for work in the field.



## Three Waters Month

October saw the launch of our Spotlight campaign. With [Three Waters](#) Month proving such a success, we'll be highlighting a different aspect of 12d products regularly...stay tuned for our Spotlight on 12d Synergy this coming February!

The idea behind this campaign is to draw together the many great resources we have available, into easy-to-find areas—we feel that a product suite as diverse as is offered by 12d warrants a 'guided tour' sometimes!

## 12d International Conference 2016 - Silver Jubilee Celebration

From humble beginnings in the Gregory household's basement, 12d Model has evolved over the last 25 years into the market leading product throughout Australasia, and we couldn't be prouder.

Our 2016 Conference highlighted this Silver Jubilee of the first release of 12d Model (then 4d Model), and it really went off with a bang!

It was again held at the Brisbane Convention Exhibition Centre - on Sunday 24th, Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th July, 2016.

Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with delegates declaring this our best Conference yet!

Comments from delegates' feedback surveys included:

*I loved having the opportunity to see how others are using 12d Model on their various projects, [and the] opportunity to speak directly to developers.*

*It was great being brought up to date with the latest and best practices using the software.*

*I particularly enjoyed the previews of features in the new version.*

*Everyone was so open and helpful!*

*The best aspect was seeing the uses made of 12d to streamline user needs, and taking away ideas for improving [my] own systems/processes.*

We've put together a fantastic [playlist](#) of some of the videos of talks from the Conference, and more videos are being added regularly! [Subscribe](#) to our 12d Model YouTube Channel to stay in the loop!



## Presenting...12d's new training courses!

We've been working hard to give our training courses a complete overhaul, so they'll not only provide the most efficient way to package the multitude of information we can offer about 12d products, but also be consistent across all regions!

We're very excited to announce that the first of these new format courses will be held in January 2017! Public courses will be run across most capital cities in Australia and New Zealand.

In-house training for clients is also available to reduce travel costs and downtime. Our new courses are modular, so in-house courses can be customised for your specific requirements. Inquire about in-house training at your office today.

[Contact us](#) or see the [web page](#) for more information!

## 2016 12d Innovation Awards

Our 12d International Innovation Awards 2016 - the third such Awards we've held - was another great success, with many great entries.

Prizes were awarded at the Conference Dinner on 25th July; we loved the opportunity to show off what our innovative 12d users had been up to! This time we added a category for 12d Synergy, so there were even more opportunities to win!

Congratulations to all our winners, especially our two Overall Winners, David Mares of Lendlease Bouygues Joint Venture and Joshua Allison, Michael Bozikis and Arvind Chovatia of SMEC!



[Click here](#) to view a summary of the 2016 winning/Highly Commended entries (you can also click through to read some of the entries themselves!).

## Building NorthConnex: Managing Australia's largest tunnelled motorway project

The NorthConnex project, to be completed in 2019, will deliver twin nine kilometre tunnels linking the M1 Pacific Motorway at Wahroonga to the Hills M2 Motorway at West Pennant Hills (in Sydney, NSW). Built by a joint venture between Lendlease Engineering and Bouygues Construction Australia (LLBJV), early work started in February 2015 and the first tunnelling work started in April 2016.

The scale of the NorthConnex project, and the densely-populated region in which it is situated, presented a number of unique challenges throughout design, surveying and construction. LLBJV found traditional data management tools had substantial gaps in functionality and flexibility that would limit the way data could be used and managed on the project. Selecting 12d Synergy allowed LLBJV the flexibility to streamline the collection, management and distribution of large volumes of data and efficiently manage their data through tailored workflows and, most importantly, robust file synchronisation.

Recognising the flexibility and adaptability of 12d Synergy, LLBJV successfully eliminated several issues they experienced with their initial third-party file synchronisation software. By customising 12d Synergy's 'Data Sync' tool to align more closely to its unique surveying workflows, LLBJV were able to automate data management and avoid the conflicts that tend to arise when large data sets are being used simultaneously by many users across a range of sites. By doing so, the project was able to ensure the integrity of files and data being collected and distributed. They also gained the ability to synchronise folders of files (rather than just single items) and provide project managers with powerful access and version control capabilities that delivered detailed insight into all activities being undertaken.

Furthermore, survey managers were able to control the dissemination of updated data from the Central Data Model (CDM) across the project. End-users were relieved of the need to perform manual updates or constantly chase the latest data, instead being automatically notified when updates to the CDM were available. Centralising the update of the CDM also reduced network traffic, eliminated duplicated downloads and allowed surveyors to focus on more critical parts of their role. The survey managers created specific synchronisation tasks within 12d Synergy, assigning them to particular



contacts or team roles, and linking the updated CDM data to the task. As users completed the download tasks, the manager was able to track the progress of distributing the data across their team.

These capabilities have proven particularly significant due to the sheer number of surveyors required throughout the duration of the NorthConnex project. The surveyors, from a wide range of backgrounds, had a high variation in skill level, survey coding standards, file and model naming conventions, data management procedures, and plotting and reporting methods. 12d Synergy provided an innovative and effective way of turning a

diverse surveying workforce into a cohesive team ensuring consistently high-quality and time-efficient output by all.

By integrating 12d Synergy as the key component for data management within their CDM, LLBJV were able to safeguard the data being used and generated during each phase of the project. Previously disparate processes were streamlined, boosting the productivity of its surveyors and the [NorthConnex](#) project as a whole.

## Webinars

2016 saw the launch of two very successful webinar series - Industry Solutions and Training. Both have been very popular, as evidenced by attendance and YouTube views.

Industry Solutions Webinars provide insights into overcoming challenges in an evolving industry in more effective and efficient ways. These sessions are shorter and less technical than the Training sessions, and are suitable for managers and non-users of 12d products.

12d Training Webinars are more in-depth, each focussing on training users in a specific topic. They showcase common industry challenges and take a close look at industry best practices and how these can be implemented using 12d Model Software. The aim of these webinars is to upskill 12d Model users and broaden their understanding of the capabilities of 12d Model.

Got an idea for a future webinar topic, or want to be involved/demonstrate a case study? [Contact us](#) today with your ideas!

View the 12d Training Webinars playlist [here](#).

View the Industry Solutions Webinars playlist [here](#).

## Credit card facilities

Most of our customers are using Direct Deposit for invoice payments but we also accept credit card payments, especially for smaller amounts such as 12d Conference registrations and Training Courses.

This is just a reminder that we can now accept credit card payments for Visa, Mastercard and Amex for a nominal surcharge.

We will be adding the facility to [www.12d.com](http://www.12d.com) but before then, please contact us if you'd like to use your credit card.

## Holiday Season Office Closures - Sydney

Our Sydney Head Offices of 12d will close for the holidays at lunch time on Friday 23rd December 2016 and re-open the morning of Monday 9th January 2017. The Support lines will re-open from Tuesday 3rd January.

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 3D Engineering Surveys – Qld  
 AAM Group – NSW  
 Acor Assets – NSW  
 Acor Consultants – NSW  
 Adamson Shaw – NZ  
 Adelaide Civil Design – SA  
 Advanced Civil Solutions – Qld  
 AECOM – NSW, Qld, WA; China  
 Aerodrome Management Services – WA  
 AF Engineering – WA  
 Afflux Consulting – Vic  
 AJC Surveys – Qld  
 Alexander and Symonds – SA  
 Alliance Surveying – WA  
 Allroads – Qld  
 APH Contracting – WA  
 Aquascapes Australia – Qld  
 Arcadis – NSW, Qld; Philippines  
 Arup – NSW, Qld  
 AT & L – NSW  
 Ausenco – Qld  
 Auspat Australia – NSW  
 Australian Consulting Engineers – NSW  
 Ayson & Partners – NZ  
 Banana Shire Council – Qld  
 Barwon Water – Vic  
 BC Survey – Qld  
 Beca – NZ  
 Bennett + Bennett – Qld  
 Bert Kroon & Associates Consulting Engineers – NZ  
 Beveridge Williams – Vic  
 BG & E Consulting Engineers – Qld, NSW, WA  
 BGC Contracting – WA  
 Birch Surveyors – NZ  
 Blacktown City Council – NSW  
 Bligh Tanner – Qld  
 BMD Group – Qld  
 Bouygues Construction Australia – NSW  
 Brazier and Motti – Qld  
 Breese Pitt Dixon – Vic  
 Brookfield Rail – WA  
 Burchills Engineering Solutions – Qld  
 Byrne Consultants – Qld  
 Byrne Surveyors – Qld  
 CADS Survey – WA  
 Calculated Surveys – SA  
 Calibre – NSW, Qld, WA; NZ  
 Callaghan and Toth – Qld  
 Candor3 – NZ  
 Cardno – NSW, Qld, Vic, WA; NZ  
 Catherine Santos – Vic  
 Cato Bolam Consultants – NZ  
 CDAM Survey – Qld  
 Central Surveys – NZ  
 Charter Keck Cramer – Vic  
 City of Busselton – WA  
 City of Gold Coast – Qld  
 City of Port Adelaide Enfield – SA  
 City of Ryde – NSW  
 Civil Edge Contracting – WA  
 Civil Perspective – Qld  
 Civil and Water Design – Qld  
 CivilPlan Consultants – NZ  
 CKL Surveys – NZ  
 Clarence Valley Council – NSW  
 Cogswell Surveys – NZ  
 Complete Urban – NSW  
 Construction Surveys – Qld  
 CPB – NSW, NZ  
 CR Hutchison & Co.  
 Craig and Rhodes – NSW  
 Crescendo Corporation Berhad – Malaysia  
 Cuttriss Consultants – NZ  
 Cyient – India  
 D & M Consulting – NSW  
 D-CEM Co. – Thailand  
 Dalton Consulting Engineers – Vic  
 Daracon Group – NSW  
 David Cook Design – NZ  
 Dempsey Wood – NZ  
 Department of Natural Resources and Mines – Qld  
 Department of Primary Industries – Lands – NSW  
 Department of Transport and Main Roads – Qld  
 Detail Survey – ACT  
 Development Solutions – Vic  
 Dickson Enterprises – Qld  
 Dimension Surveyors – NZ  
 DMC QLD Enterprises – Qld  
 Downer EDi Works – NZ  
 DSC Group – NSW  
 DPTI – SA  
 Dungog Shire Council – NSW  
 Eagle Surveys – Qld  
 Eliot Sinclair & Partners – NZ  
 Elite Survey – NSW, Qld  
 Empire Surveys – Qld  
 Engineering and Mining Surveys – Qld  
 Engineering Studio – NSW  
 Engineering Subdivision Solutions – NZ  
 Engineering Surveys – SA  
 Engenuity – WA  
 Ergon Energy – Qld  
 Ertech – WA  
 ESO Surveyors – NSW  
 EWFW Consulting Engineers – NSW  
 Farr Engineers Associates – Qld  
 Ferroval York JV – NSW  
 FJA Consulting Engineers – NSW  
 Flat Out Surveying – Vic  
 Focus Survey Group – Qld  
 Fulton Hogan Group – NSW, SA  
 Fyfe Pty Ltd – NSW, Qld  
 GCA – NSW  
 GD Survey – NSW  
 GenEng Solutions – Qld  
 GEO Image Services – NSW  
 Geo-Metric Surveying – NSW, Qld  
 GeoSync – NZ  
 GHD – WA  
 GJCM Surveys – Qld  
 GM-CCS – Qld  
 Graham Surveying – NZ  
 Greenhaven Projects – Qld  
 Gundagai Council – NSW  
 Halls Frupp Surveying – Qld  
 Harrison Grierson – NZ  
 Harrison Infrastructure Group – Qld  
 Hornsby Shire Council – NSW  
 Incitus – Vic  
 J. Wyndham Prince – NSW  
 JAC Civil – Qld  
 JAC Surveyors – Vic  
 Jacobs Group – NSW, Qld, SA, Vic, WA; NZ  
 Jem Design (Australia) – NSW  
 Jones Nicholson – NSW  
 JR Land Development – NZ  
 Judge Surveys – NSW  
 Juta Consulting – NZ  
 K & K Blanchard Engineering Surveys – Qld  
 K F Engineering – Vic  
 Kellogg Brown and Root – Qld, WA  
 Kevin Lodge Engineering – WA  
 Keystone Survey – NSW  
 Kimbriki Resource Recovery Centre – NSW  
 King and Campbell – NSW  
 Kirk Roberts Consulting Engineers – NZ  
 KLM Spatial – Vic  
 Koppens Developments – Qld  
 Kramer Ausenco (Pacific) – Qld  
 Kumpulan Liziz – Malaysia  
 Laing O'Rourke – WA  
 Land Design – NSW  
 Land Surveying Dynamics – Qld  
 Land Surveys No Problems Just Solutions – Qld, WA  
 LandLink – NZ  
 Landmark Surveys – NSW  
 LandPartners – Qld  
 Lands and Survey – NZ  
 Legacy Engineers – Qld  
 Lend Lease Bouygues JV NCX LLBJV – NSW  
 Lend Lease Engineering – NSW, Qld, Vic  
 Lim Surveyors – NZ  
 Linders Meten & Peilen BV – Netherlands  
 Lindsay Dynan – NSW  
 Liverpool City Council – NSW  
 Livingstone Shire Council – Qld  
 Locaters – NSW  
 London Underground – UK  
 Lustot – NSW  
 Lycopodium Engineering – WA  
 Lynton Surveys – NSW  
 Lysaght Consultants – NZ  
 Mackay Regional Council – Qld  
 McConnell Dowell – Qld; NZ  
 Macmahon Contractors – WA  
 McFarlane Geomatics – NSW  
 McMullen Nolan Group – WA  
 McMurtrie Consulting Engineers – Qld  
 Marshman and Fields – Qld  
 Martens & Associates – NSW  
 MAS Construction Services – UK  
 Matt Monk – NSW  
 MCM Design and Management – Vic  
 Megex Civil – NSW  
 Millar Merrigan – Vic  
 MinStaff Survey – Qld  
 MLEI Consulting Engineers – SA  
 Mortons Urban Solutions – Qld  
 Mott MacDonald – NSW  
 Mouchel Australia – NSW  
 Murray Hislop Surveyors – NZ  
 MVR Surveys – Vic  
 Nelson Surveys – SA  
 Nexus Surveys – WA  
 North Western Surveys – NSW  
 Northrop Engineers – NSW  
 O2UDP – Qld  
 Opus – Qld; NZ  
 Origin Engineering Surveyors – Qld  
 Ostwald Bros – Qld  
 Owen Roberts Surveying – Qld  
 Pacific Survey – NSW  
 Palmer Bruyn Surveys – NSW  
 Paroissien Grant & Associates – Vic  
 Parsons Brinckerhoff – NSW, Qld, Vic  
 Paterson Pitts Partners – NZ  
 PB Survey Solutions – NZ  
 peakURBAN – Qld  
 Peritas Civil – WA  
 Pinnacle Engineering Group – Qld  
 Pitt and Sherry – Vic  
 PLC Consulting – Vic  
 Polban Jurusan Teknik Civil – Indonesia  
 Pritchard Francis – WA  
 Procvil Consulting – Vic  
 Proteus EPCM Engineers – WA  
 PT Excelcomindo Pratama – Indonesia  
 PT Macmahon Mining Services – Indonesia  
 PT Pama Persada Nusantara – Indonesia  
 PT Sri Rahayu Agung – Indonesia  
 Pulver Cooper and Blackley – NSW  
 Quality Roading and Services (Wairoa) – NZ  
 Queensland Rail – Qld  
 Reeds Consulting – Vic  
 Resolute Project Services – WA  
 Reyburn and Bryant – NZ  
 Riley Consultants – NZ  
 Rio Tinto – WA  
 Roads and Maritime Services – NSW  
 Robert Friend Surveys – NSW  
 Rose Atkins Rimmer – NSW  
 RPC – NZ  
 RPS – NSW, Qld  
 RTN Drafting Services – Vic  
 RTS Civil Consulting Engineers – Qld  
 Ruby Developments – Qld  
 Samana Blue Engineering – Qld  
 Sayoung Enterprises – Qld  
 SCS Engineering Surveyors – NSW  
 Shadforth's Civil Contractors – Qld  
 SMEC – NSW, Qld, Vic  
 Solid Energy NZ – NZ  
 Spatial Technologies – NSW  
 Spiire – Vic  
 SportEng – Vic  
 Stakeout – NZ  
 Subterra Subsurface Locating – WA  
 Sunshine Coast Council – Qld  
 Sunstate Engineering Surveys – Qld  
 Sure Search – NSW  
 Survey Dynamics – WA  
 Survey Dynamics Group – Qld  
 Survey Insight – NZ  
 Survey Planz – NZ  
 SurveyOne – NZ  
 Surveyors @ Work – Qld  
 SurveyPro – Work – NZ  
 Taylors – Vic  
 TGM Group – Vic  
 The Surveying Company – NZ  
 Titec – Qld  
 Tomlinson and Carruthers Surveyors – NZ  
 Tonkin and Taylor Group – NZ  
 Tonkin Consulting – SA  
 Tony Rose Surveying – NSW  
 Toowoomba Regional Council – Qld  
 Total Construction Surveyors – NZ  
 Traffic Design Group – NZ  
 Triaxial Consulting – SA  
 Trinity Engineering & Consulting – Qld  
 Triple Star Management – NZ  
 Tumbull Engineering – NSW  
 Underground Services Australia – WA  
 Urban Civil – Vic  
 VEKTA – NSW  
 Vision Surveys – Qld  
 VKL Consulting – Qld  
 Volker Stevin – UK  
 VT Consulting Engineers – Qld  
 Wainui Environmental – NZ  
 Wallbridge and Gilbert – SA  
 Warren Smith & Partners – NSW  
 Watsons – Vic  
 West Coast Engineering – WA  
 Wood and Grieve – WA  
 Wood & Partners – NZ  
 Woodside Energy – WA  
 WorleyParsons – Qld, WA; India  
 WRM Water and Environment – Qld  
 WW Surveys – Qld  
 Wyong Shire Council – NSW  
 Xcel Surveying – WA  
 Yass Valley Council – NSW  
 York Civil – SA

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 great trees grow -  
 'Welcome Aboard' to our  
 new 12d Synergy  
 licences and upgrades  
 from...

AECOM – NSW  
 Ayson & Partners – NZ  
 Access Land Surveyors – NZ  
 Aurecon – NSW, Qld  
 Bennett + Bennett – Qld  
 CPB CIMIC – ACT; NZ  
 Dalton Consulting Engineers – Vic  
 GM-CCS – Qld  
 Horizon Survey – WA  
 J. Wyndham Prince – NSW  
 Jacobs – Australia-wide  
 Lend Lease Bouygues JV – NSW  
 McKenzie & Co. Consultants – NZ  
 Milton Services – SA  
 Pitt and Sherry – Australia-wide  
 Todd Property – NZ  
 VFT – NSW