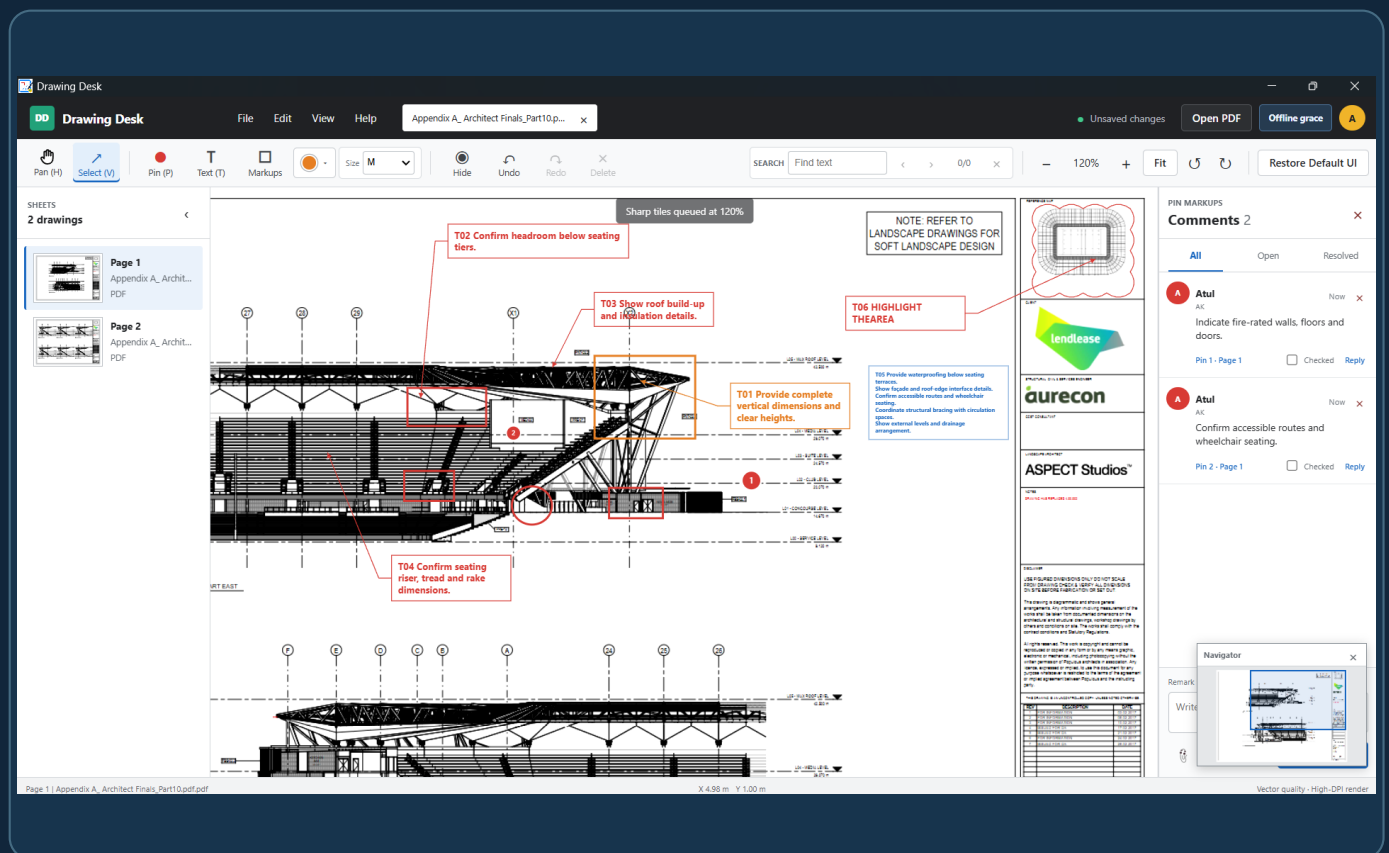




DRAWINGDESK
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User Guide

Installation, account access, drawing navigation, markups, comments, export, viewing choices, shortcuts and user-level troubleshooting.



ACTUAL DRAWINGDESK WORKSPACE

Technical drawing review with markups, comments, Sheets and Navigator visible in one focused Windows workspace.

Install and open your first drawing

Choose the package that suits the computer, extract the download and open a PDF without changing the source drawing.

Windows Installer

Recommended for regular use. Extract the ZIP, run the installer and follow the Windows prompts.

Portable Version

Extract the complete ZIP into a writable folder and run DrawingDesk from there. Do not launch it inside the ZIP.

Before you begin

- Use Windows x64 and follow your organisation's IT policy.
- Compare the package with the published SHA-256 checksum when required by your security process.
- Open PDFs with File > Open PDF, Ctrl+O, the Open PDF button or drag and drop.
- Each PDF opens in its own tab. DrawingDesk does not silently overwrite the source drawing.
- Use Fit to see the complete sheet before moving into detailed review.

Recommended first review

- Confirm the correct local reviewer profile.
- Choose Automatic viewing and select the required sheet.
- Navigate to the issue, add a precise pin or markup and save a separate commented PDF.

15-DAY TRIAL

Free Viewer provides permanent PDF viewing without an account. Trial, Student and paid modes activate in this same application without reinstalling.

Sign in, trial and activation

The website account controls trial and licence access. A local reviewer profile identifies the author of comments and stamps on this computer.

Create an account and start the trial

- 1 Choose Sign in with DrawingDesk from the licence window.
- 2 Complete browser sign-in. New users verify their email and create a password.
- 3 Authorise the desktop request and return to DrawingDesk.
- 4 An eligible first sign-in can start the 15-day trial on one device.

Choose a licence

Individual Licence

INR 1,499 for 12 months. One user and one active Windows device.

Office / Group Licence

INR 9,999 for 12 months. Ten assignable seats; released seats can be reassigned after 24 hours.

Student Edition

Free for 12 months after institutional-email verification: one student, one Windows device, educational/non-commercial use, export notice and annual re-verification.

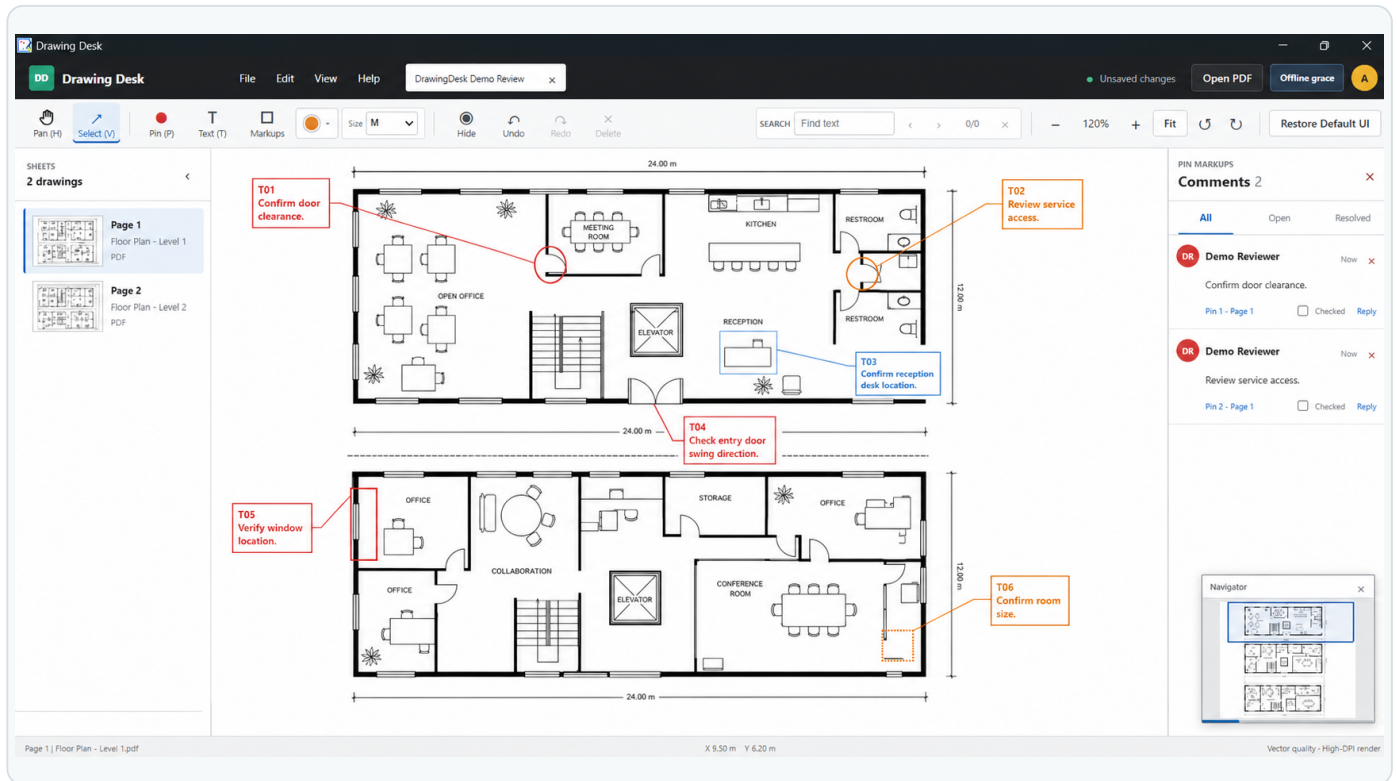
Manage access

- Enter a purchased or issued licence key after sign-in and choose Activate.
- Refresh the licence before extended offline work; offline use is available for up to seven days after validation and never beyond expiry.
- Deactivate the old device in the dashboard before activating a replacement computer.

After expiry, DrawingDesk returns to Free Viewer while preserving PDFs, preferences, optimisation and review data. Its closable upgrade window appears once per launch after the first PDF opens.

Understand the review workspace

The drawing remains central while tabs, sheets, comments, navigation and markup controls stay close.



DrawingDesk demonstration view: floor-plan review with coloured notes, comments, sheet thumbnails and Navigator.

Document tabs

Keep several PDFs open.

Ribbon

Open, edit, view, search and markup controls.

Sheets

Page thumbnails for quick navigation.

Drawing canvas

PDF content, markups and search highlights.

Comments

Pins, replies and issue-state filters.

Navigator

Overview of the current viewport.

Status bar

Sheet, cursor and viewing state.

Move through drawings, sheets and text

Engineering drawings are explored spatially. Use direct controls to move between complete-sheet context and fine detail.

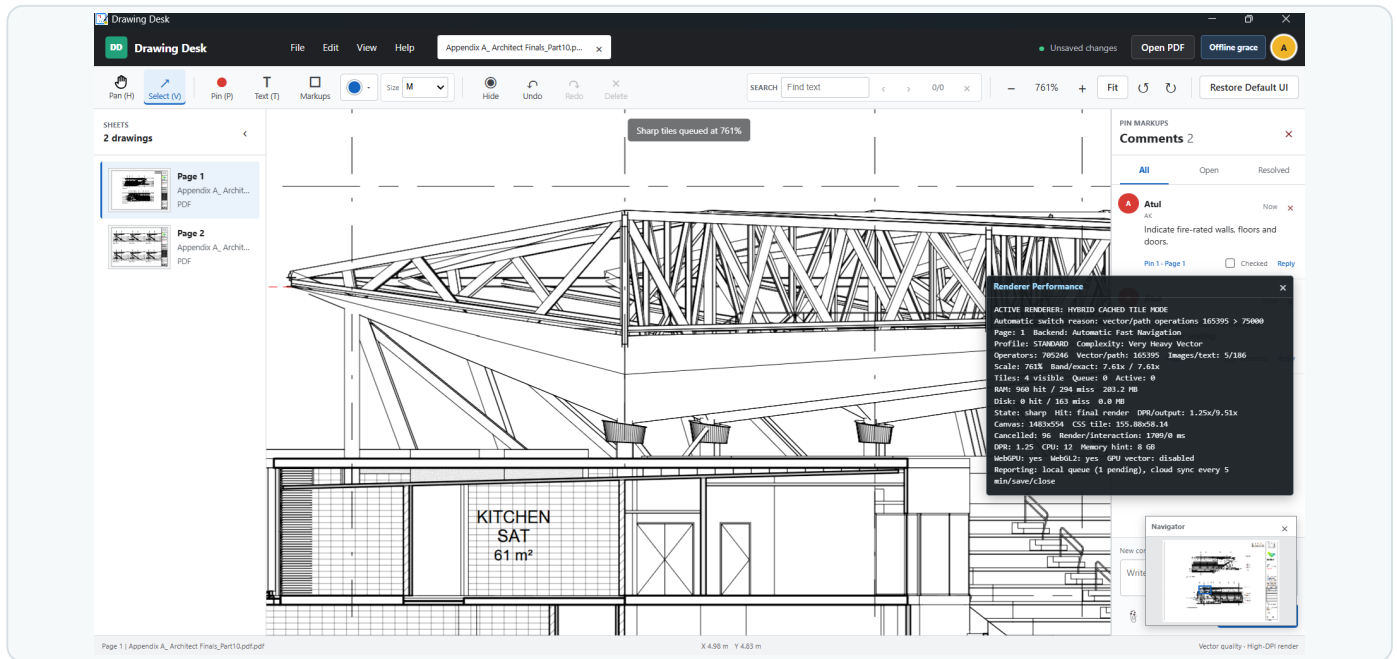
CONTROL	ACTION
Ctrl+O / Ctrl+W	Open PDFs / close the current tab.
Mouse wheel	Zoom around the pointer.
Middle drag	Pan at any time.
H / Space + drag	Pan tool / temporary pan.
0	Fit the complete drawing.
+ or = / -	Zoom in / zoom out.
[/]	Rotate counterclockwise / clockwise.
Sheets panel	Select another page by thumbnail.
Navigator	See and reposition the visible area.

Find drawing text

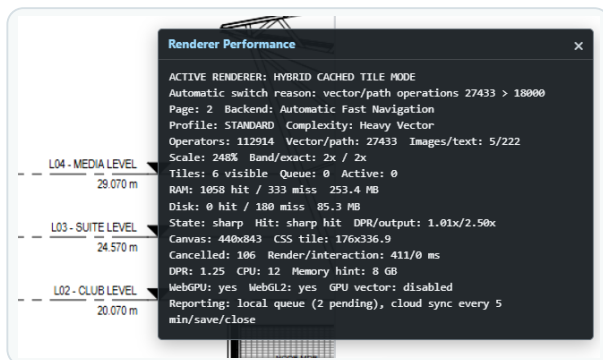
- Press Ctrl+F, enter a label or note, then use Enter or F3 for the next match.
- Use Shift+Enter or Shift+F3 for the previous match.
- Search depends on text stored in the PDF. Image-only scans may need OCR.
- Fit first, choose the correct sheet and keep Navigator visible on large plans, elevations or sections.

Viewing modes and local optimisation

DrawingDesk identifies demanding technical drawings and adapts viewing behaviour while keeping user choice available.



Actual high-zoom DrawingDesk view with a demanding drawing, Navigator and optional Advanced Diagnostics.



Closer view of active viewing status, current zoom and measured troubleshooting information.

Viewing choices

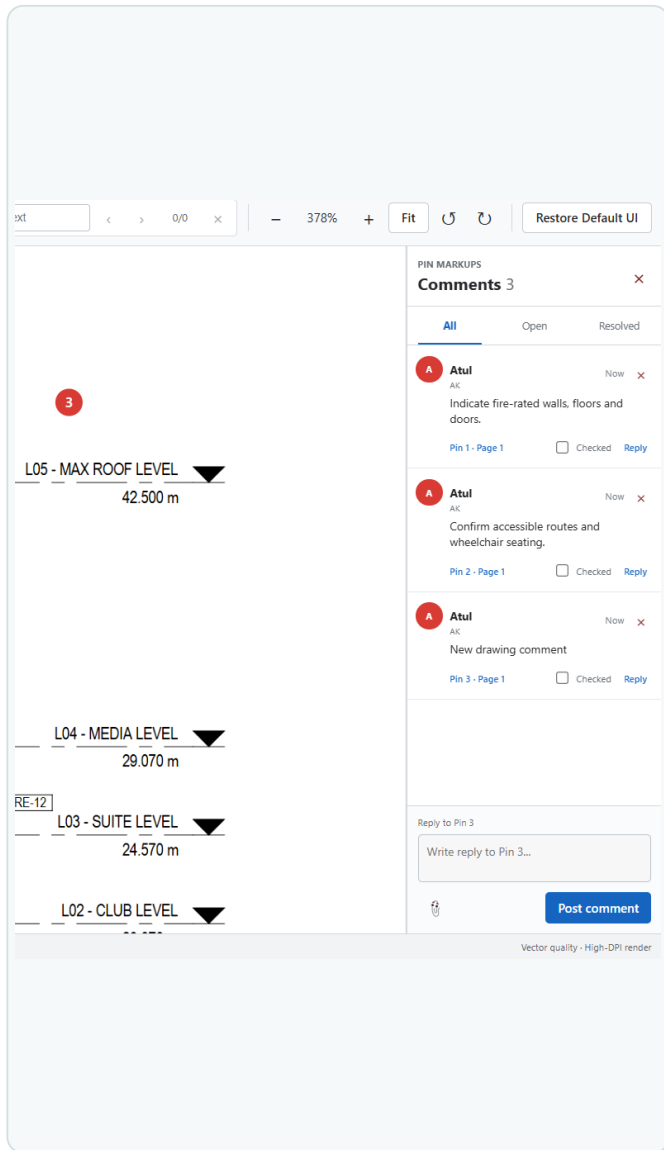
- Automatic adapts to the drawing and computer.
- Fast Navigation prioritises movement.
- Balanced balances movement and settled clarity.
- Maximum Clarity prioritises the clearest settled view.
- Optimise Current Page or Optimise Document prepares reusable local drawing areas.

ADVANCED DIAGNOSTICS

Advanced Diagnostics shows viewing status and measured troubleshooting information. Open it only when investigating performance or when support requests it.

Pins, comments and replies

Use a numbered pin when an observation needs an exact drawing location, discussion or review status.



Numbered pin beside organised comments, replies, checked state and All, Open or Resolved filters.

Comment lifecycle

1 Place

Choose Pin and click the issue location.

2 Describe

Write a concise observation or required action.

3 Discuss

Add replies without covering drawing content.

4 Check

Mark the item checked after review.

5 Resolve

Move completed items to Resolved; reopen if required.

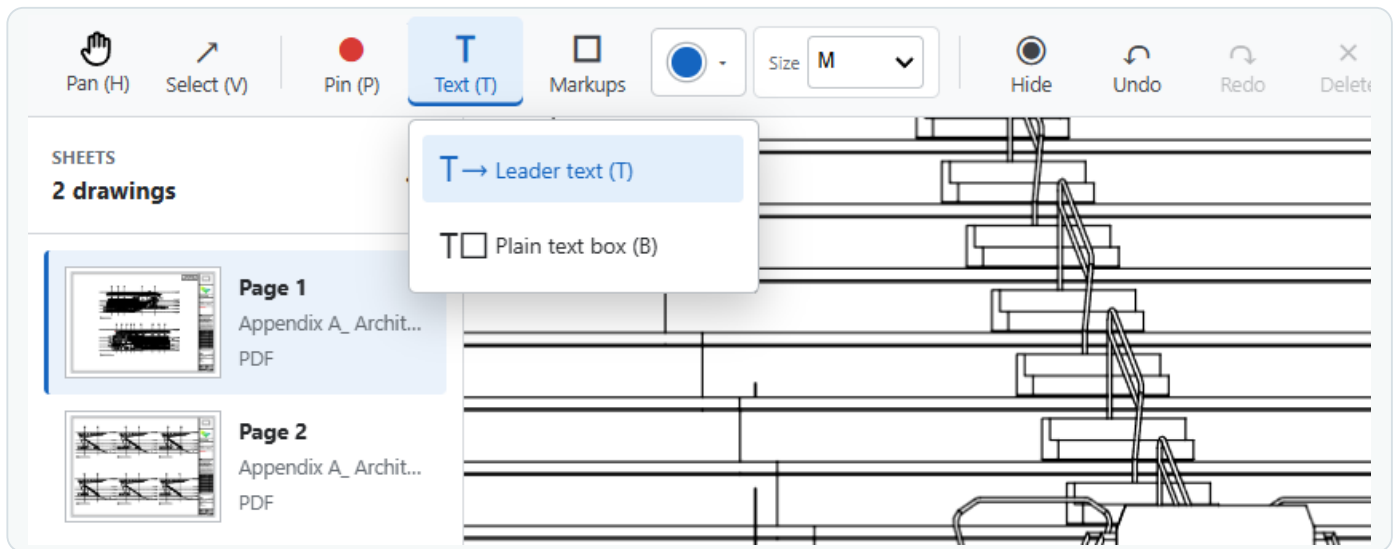
Reviewer profiles

Choose the correct local profile before adding comments or stamps. Profiles identify authorship on this computer; they are separate from the website account and do not grant a licence.

The issue stays visible on the drawing while the detailed discussion remains in the Comments panel.

Leader Text and Plain Text Box

Move from an observation to a clear drawing instruction using direct text tools and repeat-work shortcuts.



DrawingDesk Text menu showing Leader Text and Plain Text Box with their keyboard shortcuts.

Leader Text | T

Create a concise note with a leader pointing to the exact drawing detail. Use this for coordinated instructions and callouts.

Plain Text Box | B

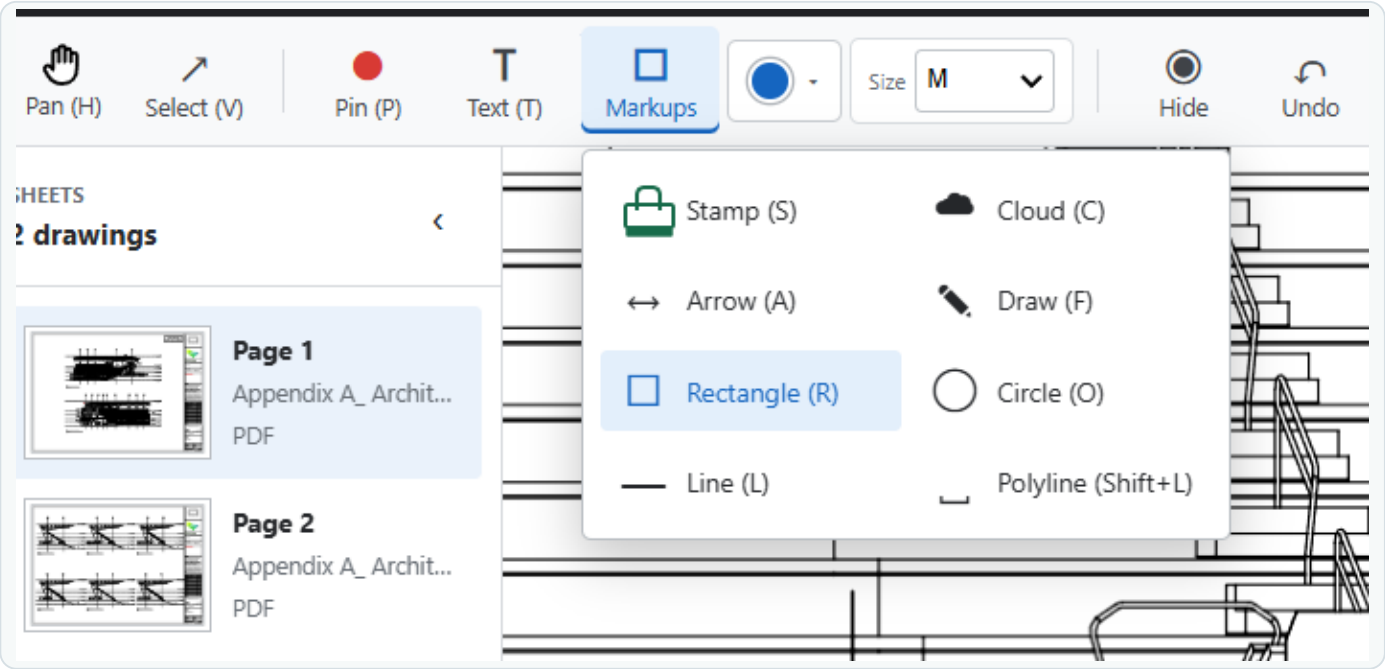
Add text without a leader. Drag the required width, enter the note and keep important linework readable.

Useful habits

- Keep instructions concise and point the leader to one unambiguous location.
- Choose a consistent review colour and size before placing repeat notes.
- Use a numbered pin instead when the issue needs replies, checked state or resolution history.
- Select an existing text markup to move, resize or recolour it.

Shapes, redlines and review stamps

Choose the visual markup that communicates each issue most clearly.



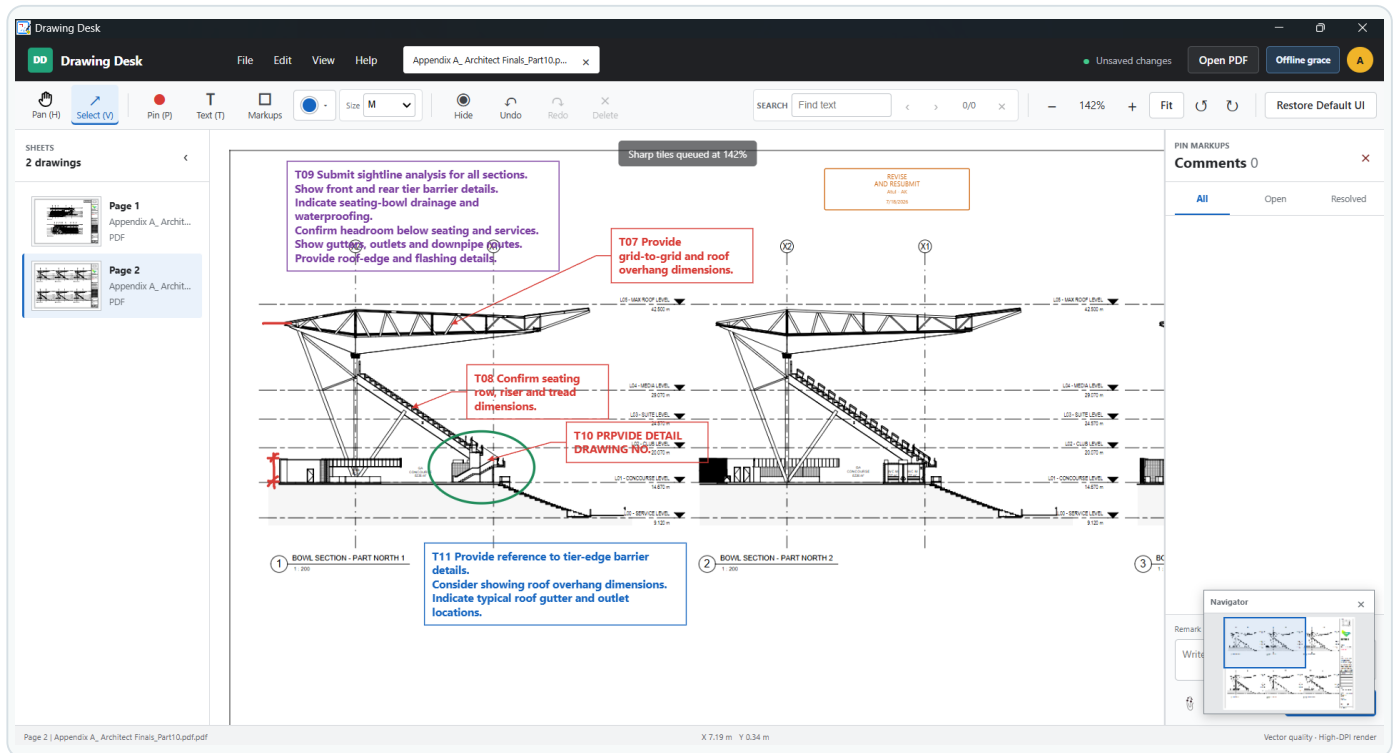
DrawingDesk Markups menu with stamps, clouds, arrows, freehand, rectangles, circles, lines and polylines.

TOOL	USE
Stamp S	Apply a dated review status.
Cloud C	Enclose a revised or attention area.
Arrow A	Point to an issue or direction.
Freehand F	Sketch an irregular redline.
Rectangle R	Box an area or interface.
Circle O	Ring a point, symbol or dimension.
Line L	Draw a straight review line.
Polyline Shift+L	Create connected segments.

Use light fill where helpful, keep colour conventions consistent and press Esc to cancel an unfinished markup.

Drawing-wide visual review

Keep the complete technical drawing readable while comments and visual instructions remain connected to exact locations.



Actual DrawingDesk drawing-wide review with coloured leader notes, shapes, a review stamp, Sheets and Navigator.

A practical sequence

- 01

Open

Open the correct PDF and sheet.
- 02

Orient

Fit the drawing and use Navigator.
- 03

Inspect

Zoom into dimensions and interfaces.
- 04

Communicate

Add leaders, shapes, stamps or pins.
- 05

Confirm

Check comments and reviewer identity.
- 06

Export

Save a separate commented PDF.

Edit confidently and save reviewed output

Use familiar selection, clipboard and history commands, then save a separate reviewed PDF or comments CSV.

Selection and styles

Press V, select an item, then move, resize, recolour or change its size. Ctrl+A selects all review items on the current page.

Clipboard and history

Ctrl+X, Ctrl+C, Ctrl+V, Delete, Ctrl+Z and Ctrl+Y support quick corrections and repeat markup work.

Save and share

Commented PDF | Ctrl+S

Choose a new file location. Visible markups and comments are included in the reviewed output.

Comments CSV | Ctrl+E

Create a tabular comments record for coordination, follow-up or reporting.

Before sharing

- Review All, Open and Resolved comment filters.
- Confirm the correct reviewer profile and readable note text.
- Use a clear output filename and follow your document-control procedure.
- Open the exported PDF or CSV once to verify the result.
- The source PDF remains separate and is not silently overwritten.

Keyboard and mouse shortcuts

Keep this page nearby during repeat review work.

SHORTCUT	ACTION
Ctrl+O / Ctrl+W	Open PDF / close current PDF
Ctrl+P	Print
Ctrl+S / Ctrl+E	Save commented PDF / export comments CSV
Ctrl+F	Search PDF text
Enter / Shift+Enter	Next / previous search match
Mouse wheel	Pointer-centred zoom
Middle drag / Space+drag	Pan / temporary pan
0 / [/]	Fit / rotate left / rotate right
H / V / P	Pan / Select / Pin
T / B / S	Leader Text / Text Box / Stamp
C / A / F	Cloud / Arrow / Freehand
R / O / L	Rectangle / Circle / Line
Shift+L	Polyline
Ctrl+Z / Ctrl+Y	Undo / redo
Ctrl+X / C / V	Cut / copy / paste
M / Esc	Show or hide markups / cancel input

Common user-level fixes

Try these steps before contacting support. Advanced Diagnostics remains optional during normal work.

PDF does not open

Confirm the file is a PDF, copy it to a local writable folder and try again.

Drawing is demanding

Use Automatic or Fast Navigation and allow the visible area to finish preparing.

Text is unclear after movement

Stop moving briefly or choose Maximum Clarity.

Search finds no text

The page may be an image-only scan and may need OCR.

Local data uses space

Choose Clear Local Optimisation Data. Source PDFs are not deleted.

Licence needs refresh

Reconnect, open the licence window and choose Refresh Licence.

Changing computer

Deactivate the old device in the dashboard before activating the replacement.

Export looks incomplete

Confirm markups are visible, save to a new filename and open the result.

Portable app will not start

Extract the full ZIP into a writable folder before launching.

Support requests diagnostics

Open Advanced Diagnostics and share only the requested user-level values.

Privacy-aware support and next steps

Source drawings remain local during normal review. Account setup, licensing and support use the DrawingDesk online service.

Contact support

info@appvedalabs.shop

drawingdesk.appvedalabs.shop/support

Include the DrawingDesk version, Windows version, steps to reproduce and the exact error message.

Protect genuinely private information

- Never send passwords, private API keys, complete licence keys or full payment credentials.
- Do not attach a private customer drawing unless your organisation permits it and support requests a limited example.
- The open-to-public reference drawings shown in this guide are approved marketing captures; apply your own organisation's rules to support attachments.
- Anonymous performance diagnostics are off by default and require explicit opt-in. They do not include filenames, drawing content, comments or markups.

Useful links

- Downloads: drawingdesk.appvedalabs.shop/download
- Pricing and trial: drawingdesk.appvedalabs.shop/pricing
- Terms, privacy, refunds and licence pages are linked in the website footer.

READY TO REVIEW

Open a drawing, choose Automatic viewing, add precise feedback and save a separate reviewed output.