

Writing a DXF File



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SECTION

2

ENTITIES

Object type follows

In this case it marks the start of a "section"

Type of section follows

In this case the section contains "entities"

. . .

. . .

. . .

Then we define all our "entities"

in similar looking blocks of pairs of

a number ID and then a description or data

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ENDSEC

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EOF

Object type follows

In this case it marks the end of the section

Object type follows

In this case it marks the End Of File

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SECTION
ENTITIES
CIRCLE
8
Undeflected
10
0.0
20
0.0
30
0.0
40
0.02
62
ENDSEC
EOF
```



Object type follows

CIRCLE In this case draw a Circle (can be LINE, TEXT, etc)

8 Layer name follows

Undeflected In this case draw on layer called "Undeflected"

10 X Coordinate follows

0.0 In this case x=0.0

Y Coordinate follows

0.0 In this case y=0.0

Z Coordinate follows

0.0 In this case z=0.0

40 Circle radius follows (only valid for things with radii)

0.02 In this case radius = 0.02

62 Colour follows

O In this case colour=0=black (1=red, 3=green)



Object type follows

LINE In this case draw a Line (can be POINT, 3DFACE, etc)

8 Layer name follows

Undeflected In this case draw on layer called "Undeflected"

10 Start X Coordinate follows

0.0 In this case x1=0.0

20 Start Y Coordinate follows

0.0 In this case y1=0.0

11 End X Coordinate follows

1.0 In this case x2=1.0

21 End Y Coordinate follows

1.0 In this case y2=1.0

62 Colour follows

5 In this case colour=5=blue (2=yellow, 4=cyan)



Summary

- DXF Data comes in blocks
- Each block is made from pairs of lines
- First line is a number code to tell it what to expect next
- Second line is the data itself
- DXF Starts and Ends with special blocks

