Chapter 20
Design Center and Tool Palettes
The AutoCAD Design Center finds and transfers blocks, text styles, layers, dimension styles, etc from drawings, WEB

1. **Choose**  Tools, AutoCAD Design Center.
   
   or

2. **Press**  CTL+2 on the keyboard.
   
   or

3. **Type**  ADCENTER at the command prompt.

   Command: *adcenter*
Design Center Blocks 20.2

1. **Choose** Blocks from one of the Design Center menus.

2. **Drag** and drop a block from the Design Center into a drawing.

**TIP:**

- Blocks with attributes will be prompted as they are inserted into the drawing.
Hatching from the Design Center 20.3

1. **Choose** a crosshatch pattern from the following AutoCAD directory:
   - `\AutoCADxxxx\Support\acad.pat` or
   - `\AutoCADxxxx\Backup`

2. **Drag** and drop a pattern into a drawing.

**TIP:**
- Be sure the HPSCALE is set before dropping a hatch pattern into a drawing.
20.4 Tool Palettes

1. **Choose** Tool, Tool Palettes Window

2. **Choose** Palettes icon from the Standard Toolbar
Creating Dynamic Blocks 20.5

A dynamic block has flexibility and intelligence. A dynamic block reference can easily be changed in a drawing while you work. You can manipulate the geometry in a dynamic block reference through custom grips or custom properties.

1. **Plan** the contents of the dynamic block.
2. **Draw** the geometry.
3. **Add** parameters.
4. **Add** actions.
5. **Define** how the dynamic block reference will be manipulated.
6. **Save** the block.
7. **Close** the block editor.
Manipulating Dynamic Blocks 20.6

1. **Insert** a dynamic block.
2. **Click** once on the block.
3. **Click** on an action or parameter.
4. **Perform** an action.
Dynamic Block Visibility States 20.7