



HaloCAD

HaloCAD for SOLIDWORKS PDM

Release Notes

Version 1.6

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1. Introduction

The release notes provide brief and high-level descriptions of the new features of HaloCAD. Before installing HaloCAD, it is recommended to read the release notes to understand any current limitations or bugs that may apply to this version of the software.

2. Product Description

HaloCAD for PDM solution includes HaloCAD PROTECT and MONITOR capabilities and interacts with the respective PDM application. Files in SOLIDWORKS PDM folders are closely monitored. When a file is cut or copied to a non-SOLIDWORKS PDM folder, HaloCAD intercepts and protects it before reaching the destination folder. Also, any previously encrypted SOLIDWORKS application files or PDF files copied/moved to the SOLIDWORKS PDM folder will be decrypted and saved.

3. Requirements

The following system requirements table specifies the minimum and recommended technical specifications, such as software and network resources, necessary to run the product.

Components	Details
SOLIDWORKS PDM	<p>SOLIDWORKS PDM Server:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">20222024 SP 4.02025 SP 1.2SolidNetWork License Manager, version 29.51.0001 <p>Supported SOLIDWORKS PDM Clients:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2022, 2024, 2025Supported Operating System: Windows 11 or above with installed updates.
Supported file types	.sldprt, .sldasm, .prt, .asm, .slddrw, .x_t, .tif, .dwg, and .dxf
Other components	HaloENGINE

Requirements

4. Prerequisites

Before installing the HaloCAD component, ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

1. An application of type Public client/native (mobile & desktop) is registered with Microsoft Entra ID.
2. An active Office 365 subscription is available.
3. Access to the recommended URLs is enabled.
4. TLS 1.2 or later is enabled on all client workstations to ensure secure communication.

For more information, refer to the **Technical Reference Manual**.

5. Code Quality and Security

Secude focuses on software quality and security. This is accomplished by adhering to and exceeding best practices in development, testing, and quality control. Secude has chosen SonarQube as the first building block for building and implementing a robust continuous code quality assurance (QA).

SonarQube is a platform for static code analysis for continuous inspection of code quality. It performs automatic reviews of code to detect bugs, code smells, unit test coverage, and security issues in 29 programming languages.

SonarQube is utilized throughout the development process at Secude, and only the highest marks are accepted for a product to be released. It helps to regulate code quality from the beginning of development, find and repair issues promptly, and improve overall software stability.

Each build report can be found under its relevant version heading in this release notes.

Reliability Rating

1. A = 0 Bugs
2. B = at least 1 Minor Bug
3. C = at least 1 Major Bug
4. D = at least 1 Critical Bug
5. E = at least 1 Blocker Bug

Security Rating

1. A = 0 Vulnerabilities
2. B = at least 1 Minor Vulnerability
3. C = at least 1 Major Vulnerability
4. D = at least 1 Critical Vulnerability
5. E = at least 1 Blocker Vulnerability

Security Review Rating

The Security Review Rating is a letter grade based on the percentage of Reviewed (Fixed or Safe) Security Hotspots.

1. A = $\geq 80\%$
2. B = $\geq 70\%$ and $<80\%$
3. C = $\geq 50\%$ and $<70\%$
4. D = $\geq 30\%$ and $<50\%$
5. E = $< 30\%$

Maintainability Rating

A=0-0.05, B=0.06-0.1, C=0.11-0.20, D=0.21-0.5, E=0.51-1

The Maintainability Rating scale can be alternatively stated by saying that if the outstanding remediation cost is:

1. $\leq 5\%$ of the time that has already gone into the application, the rating is A
2. Between 6 to 10%, the rating is a B
3. Between 11 to 20%, the rating is a C
4. Between 21 to 50%, the rating is a D
5. Anything over 50% is an E

6. Build 1.6

This chapter provides an overview of the updates and quality insights included in this release. It covers the fixed issues, improvements, limitations, new features, and known issues, along with a summary of SonarQube's key parameters to highlight code quality metrics and analysis results.

6.1. New Features

This section lists the new features in the current release.

Support for enabling the FIPS module has been added to both the installer UI and silent installation. When enabled, MPIP uses only FIPS-compliant encryption algorithms, and when disabled, it uses standard encryption algorithms. If this option was not enabled during installation, it can later be enabled through a registry entry. HCADSWP-270

6.2. Improvements

This section lists improvements added to the current release.

1. Integrated REST API support with JSON-based request and response handling in HaloENGINE with HaloCAD for SOLIDWORKS PDM. HCADSWP-267
2. Improved logging to ensure the HaloENGINE_Monitor log captures the correct value for AUTHOR_NAME. HCADSWP-265, HCADSWP-276

6.3. Limitations

This section lists the limitations of the current release.

When a non-office-protected file with a .pfile extension is copied to the SOLIDWORKS PDM vault folder, the file is decrypted, but the extension is not removed. HCADSWP-133

6.4. Fixed Issues

There are no major issues resolved in the current release to list.

1. Fixed an issue where files could be copied from the PDM vault to non-PDM vault folders using the COPY and **XCOPY** operations. HCADSWP-34
2. Fixed an issue where a 0 KB file was copied to the destination folder when using the SOLIDWORKS **Pack and Go** option from the PDM vault folder. HCADSWP-150

3. Fixed an issue where the 2027_vcrist_x64.exe file was created in the build location after installing HaloCAD for SOLIDWORKS PDM in silent mode. HCADSWP-215

6.5. Known Issues

This section describes the known issues with the current release.

1. A screen capture of a protected HaloCAD file is possible. HCADSWP-15
2. If **Folder Name** or **Client Hostname** metadata is defined in the classification engine, files will not be encrypted when copied from a SOLIDWORKS PDM folder to a non-SOLIDWORKS PDM folder.
HCADSWP-85, HCADSWP-41
3. Files become corrupted when copied from the SOLIDWORKS PDM folder to a destination folder using the **History** option. HCADSWP-216
4. When copying files from the SOLIDWORKS PDM folder using the **Copy to** or **Move to** options, the file is copied without protection, and the audit log is not updated. HCADSWP-214
5. A .tmp file is created when opening a file from SOLIDWORKS PDM using the SOLIDWORKS application with HaloCAD for SOLIDWORKS PDM installed. The .tmp file is not cleared automatically even after closing the SOLIDWORKS application. HCADSWP-242
6. A file that was applied with a watermark label by HaloCAD for SOLIDWORKS PDM does not display the watermark text when opened from the SOLIDWORKS PDM local folder. HCADSWP-248
7. Copying files from the PDM folder with an unconfigured rule may take longer than expected.
HCADSWP-278
8. An "Item Not Found" pop-up may appear. Clicking Try Again displays the same pop-up again, after which the file is copied successfully to the local folder. HCADSWP-279
9. When using the **Pack and Go** option, files are copied to the destination folder; however, only the main assembly file is protected, while dependent files are not. HCADSWP-280

6.6. Unsupported Versions

Support for Dassault SOLIDWORKS PDM Server 2024 SP 3.1 has been removed in this release.

7. Quality Gate Report

Please see the table below for a list of SonarQube's key parameters for this version. Refer to the "[Code Quality and Security](#)" section for more information on rating definitions.

Metric	Value
Coverage	82.7%
Maintainability Rating	A
Reliability Rating	A
Security Hotspots Reviewed	A
Security Rating	A

Quality Gate report



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