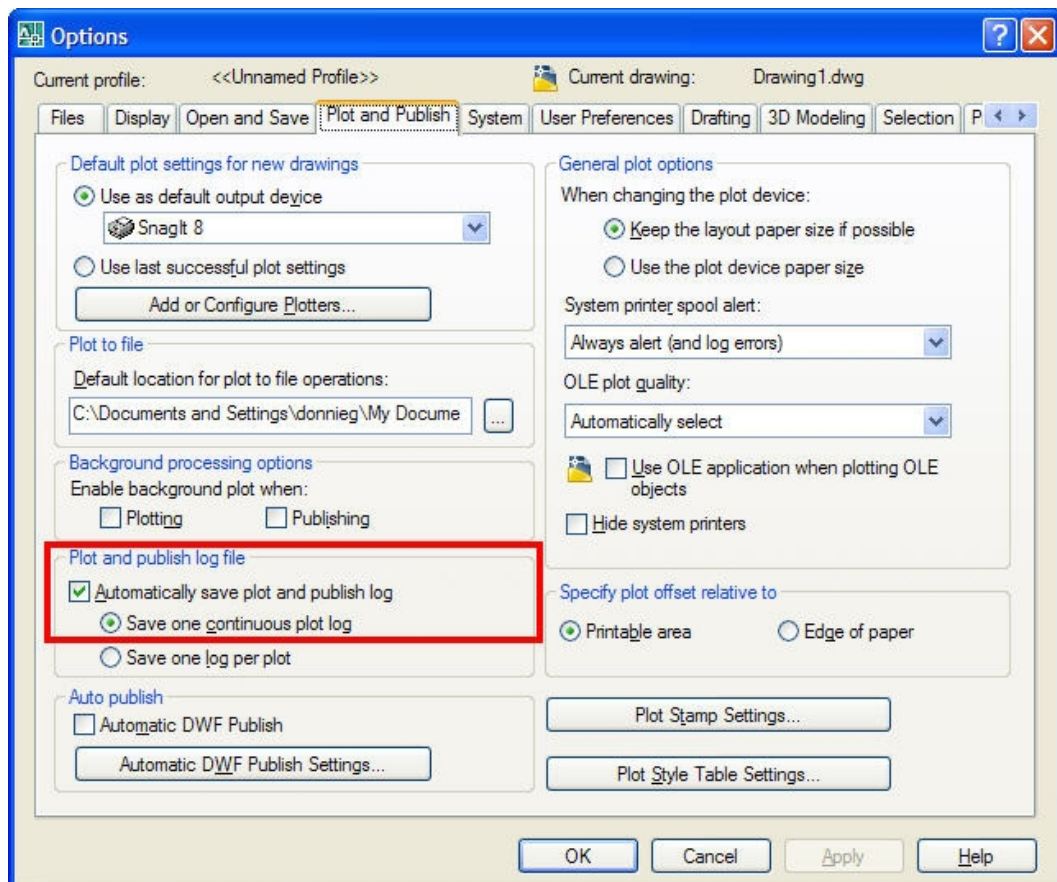


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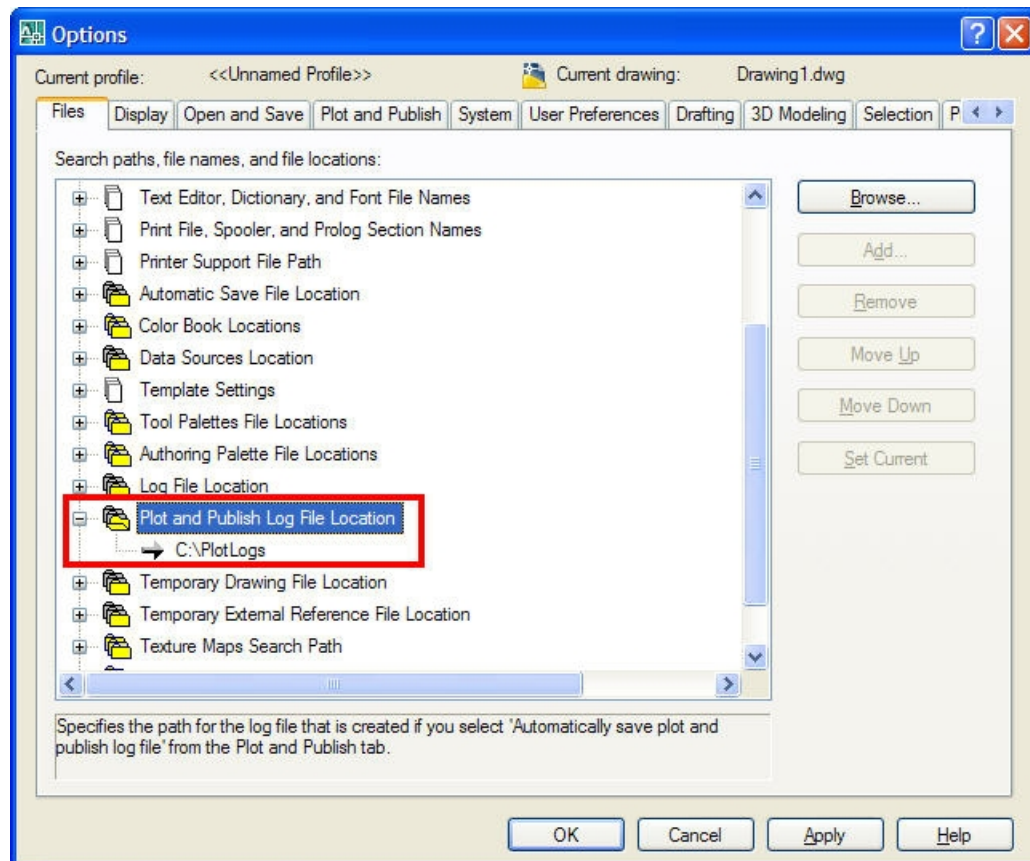
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AutoCAD has the ability to write a log of every plot that is sent from AutoCAD. We have two options; a separate plot log file can be created for EVERY plot you make, or the friendlier option to make one “continuous” plot log for every plot you make. Making this feature even more helpful is the fact we can define where we want the log file to be written. Thus if you give everyone write access to a directory on your server, you can have AutoCAD generate a single plot log file for your entire company. So how exactly is this done?

1. Go to the “Plot and Publish” tab under options (OPTIONS command). To enable the logging feature, click “Automatically save plot and publish log”, and select the “Save one continuous plot log” radio button.



2. After enabling the feature, go to the “Files” tab (also under options), and find “Plot and Publish Log Location”. Change that path to a shared directory, and hit [Ok].



AutoCAD will create a CSV (comma separated) file in that location. Each time someone sends a new plot it will be appended with the information about that plot. Using that CSV file you can use something like MS Excel to analyze the file and generate a billing report for your plotting.