AutoCAD Basics – Intro: Getting Familiar with AutoCAD

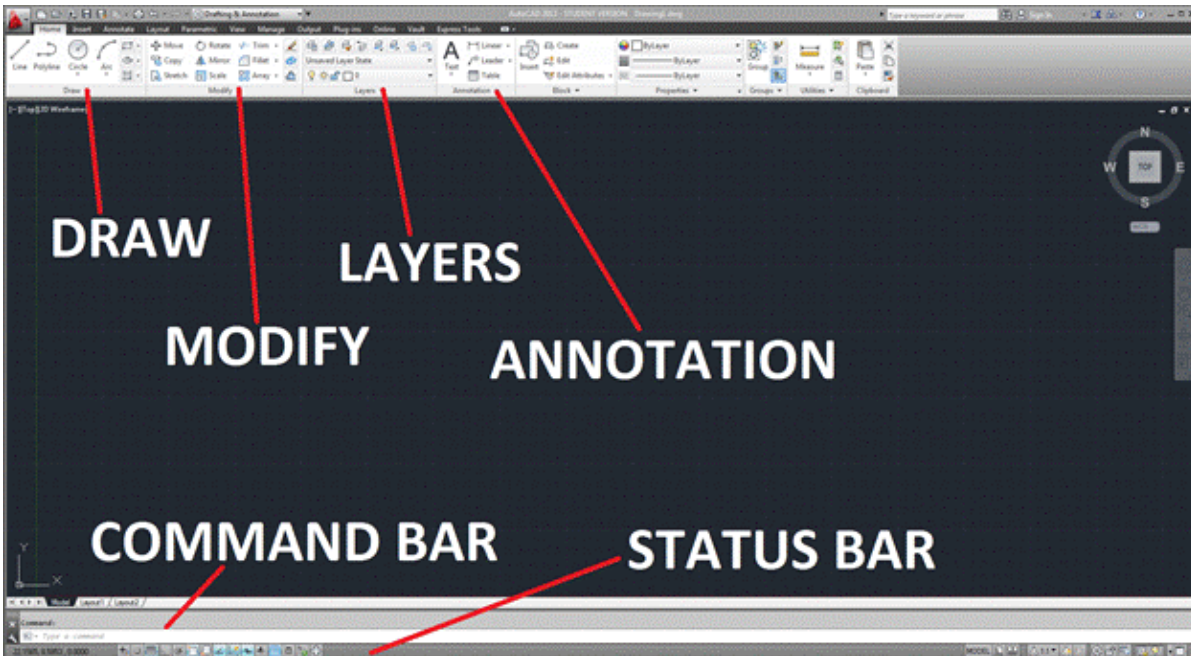This tutorial will help you learn where the following tool bars are and what they do:

- Assists
- Draw
- Modify
- Undo/Redo
- Redraw

KNOW where these toolboxes are before you move on to the next tutorial.
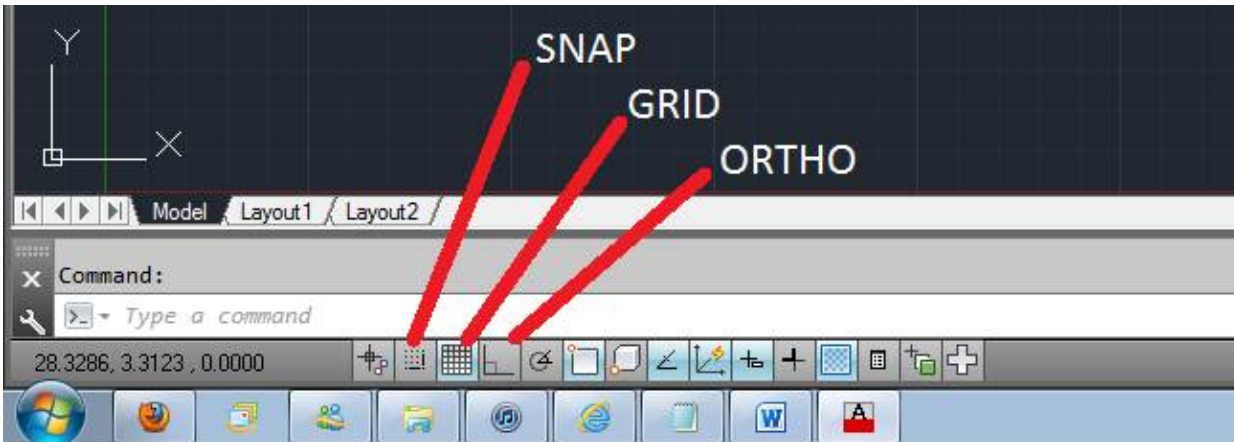
CLICK HERE TO OPEN and PRINT the HANDOUT

THE MAIN SCREEN

When AutoCAD opens, you are presented with this screen:

ASSISTS

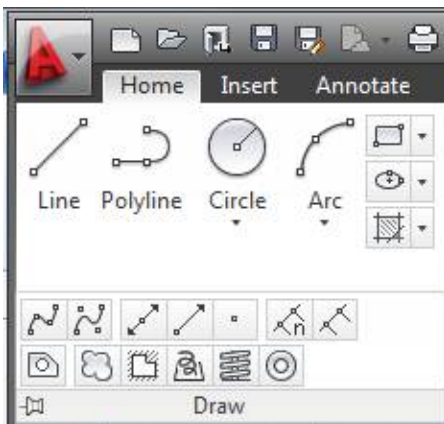There are a couple of tools that you will find most helpful!

GRID: Places dots on the screen much like graph paper lines

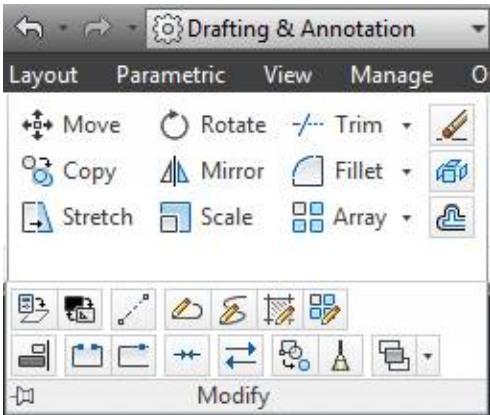**SNAP:** Restricts the cursor to move only on the GRID dots

ORTHO: Restricts the cursor to move ONLY horizontally or vertically

THE DRAW TOOLBOX

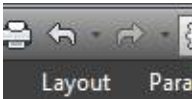
HOVER over any button icon to get more information about what it does.

THE MODIFY TOOLBOX

UNDO and REDO

THESE are your friends, especially as you learn this.

SAVE

And **OFTEN! TRUST ME!**

BUT WAIT... THERE'S MORE!!

This program can do a phenomenal number of things. And there is often more than one way to do the same thing. You will find ways that work for you, hopefully ones that make you much faster!

DO YOU KNOW where these toolboxes are? Show your instructor NOW for marks.

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