

Changing the Appearance of the Ribbon

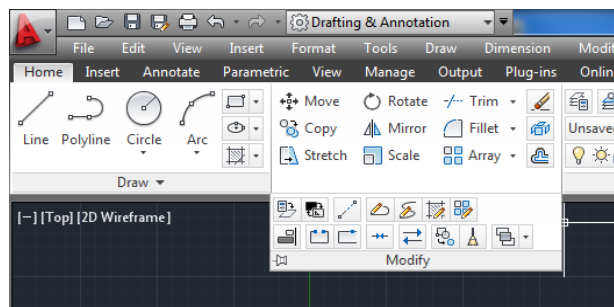
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Quick Display Tip 3 – Changing the Appearance of the Ribbon

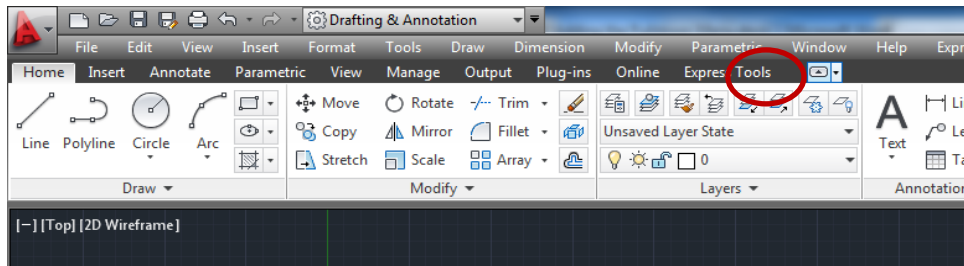
It is wrong to think that, that's the ribbon and that's what you have to work with, the Ribbon's appearance can be changed to suit your specific needs. For example, a general comment is that "it takes up too much space on the screen, and the drawing area is reduced."

Each Tab of the Ribbon is divided in to sections, called Panels these panels contain all the tools relating to that Panel name. Most Panels have a drop down arrow to the right of the Panel name, by left clicking on Panel name; this will expand the Panel giving access to additional tools with in that Panel.

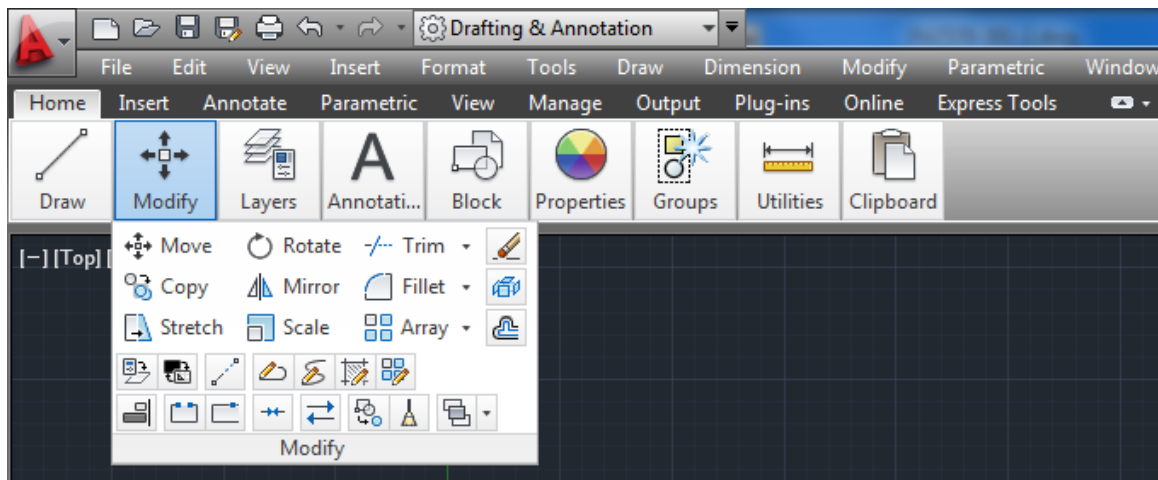


The view above shows the Panel expanded, as soon as you move the pointer off the Panel it will close down back to its previous form, to keep the Panel open select the push pin in the bottom left hand corner of the now expanded Panel.

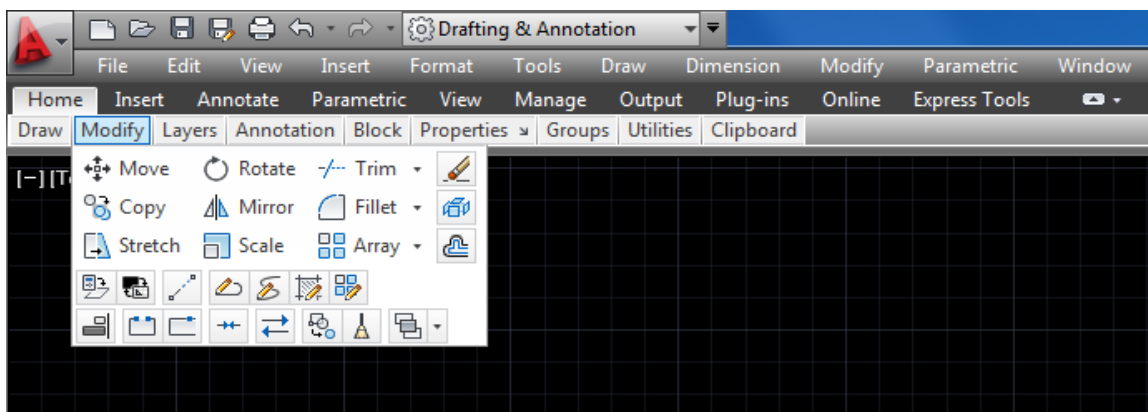
The Ribbon may be changed to a number of styles or formats, by left mouse clicking on black up arrow on the Ribbon, as below.



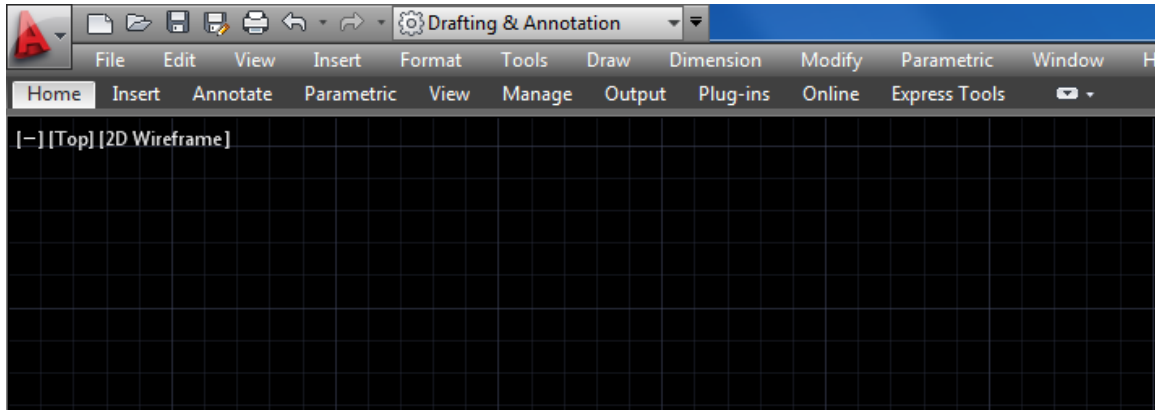
The first click will change the ribbon display from showing all the individual tools in the panels to one large icon which represents the tool panel, or “minimise to panel buttons” just moving the mouse point on to the panel will then display all the tools with in that panel. The push pin option is not displayed when using this form of Ribbon, since all tools are displayed.



A second click on the ribbon tabs button again change the ribbon display, this time instead of large icons the panels are represented by words or “minimise to panel titles” enabling more space to be allocated to the drawing area. Again by moving the mouse on to the required tool panel, the tools in that panel are displayed, once the tool is selected the panel will close.

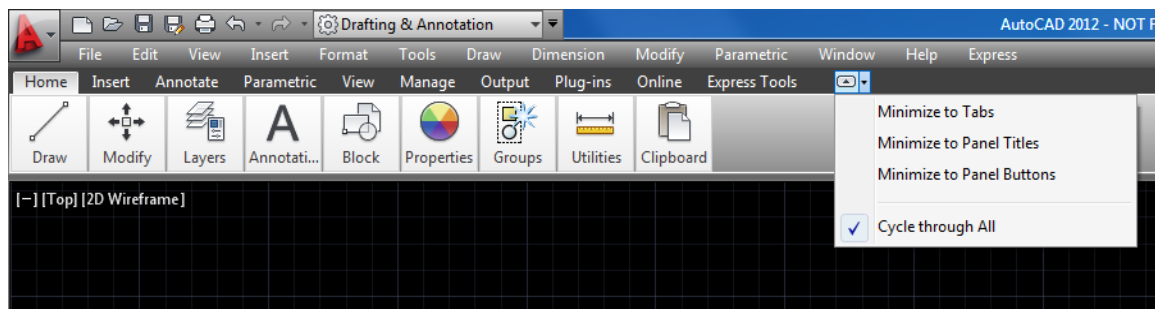


A third left click on the ribbon tabs button will display the ribbon tab headings or “minimise to tabs”, to access the tools with in the panel, a left mouse click is now required. This style of ribbon does again give more drawing space, but at the cost of a greater number of mouse clicks.



Another click on the ribbon tab button will return to the original setup.

Selecting the drop down arrow to the right of the ribbon tab, will allows the user to select the type of ribbon display instead of cycling through the various options.



One last option, the Ribbon can be turned off by typing “ribbonclose “ in the command line and reinstated by typing in “ribbon”.