



The Benefits of SketchUp

What is Google SketchUp?

- 3D modelling program
- Connected to many other Google products
- Conceptual modelling with plugins for rendering
- \circ Vast component library

• What can it do?

- Insert your model into Google Earth
- Make sections from 3D models
- Produce digital sketch or massing models



Workshop Goals

• What we'll cover:

- \circ Basic commands
- Applying materials
- Components
- \circ Styles
- \circ Shadows
- Exporting graphics

• What we won't cover:

- Importing other files
- Insertion into Google Earth
- \circ Layers
- Section Planes
- Camera Views
- Creating scenes



Moving Around



Drawing Commands



- Line Set start and end points
- Circle Set center point and radius
- Rectangle Set opposite corners
- Arc Set start-end-middle points
- Polygon Specify # of sides, then center and radius

Manipulation Commands



- Push/Pull Extrude a face, but only perpendicular to it
 - Offset Set the distance to offset the concentric shape
 - Rotate Set the reference angle and angle of rotation
- Move Set the base point and new location
- Follow Me Extrude a face along any path
- Scale Select a direction and magnitude to scale

Applying Materials



- Paint Bucket (B) Apply materials to faces
- Lots of preset textures and colors
- Can create new materials with buttons in window

 Can load in images to use as materials
- Select material and click on face to apply to
- Use eyedropper to match another object's material

Making/Using Components



- Make Component (G) select pieces, give a name
- Great for large-scale projects with repeating components; e.g. beams, columns, stairs
- Double click on a component to open it and make changes
- SketchUp has a database of shared components, such as people and furniture

Changing Styles



- Open the Styles UI from the *Window* menu
- If the Styles toolbar is not there, open with View-> Toolbars->Styles
- Styles change the visuals of a project with one click
- You can make a new style with the button on the right
- The Styles toolbar will let you change face styles without changing edges or corners.

Using Shadows/Sun Data



- Open the Shadow UI from Window->Shadows
- Ensure that Shadows are turned on under View
 You can also click the button on the left
- If you have the correct timezone, you can create approximate sun studies
 Use the Geo-Locate function to be more exact

Exporting Graphics



- You can save a 2D image of your current view, without just taking a screenshot
- The graphic will not show the axes or anything that is not part of the model
- You can also export a 3D model for use with Google Earth
 - In Pro, there are other formats possible

What's Next?

• Some other useful tools:

- Camera Views
- Creating Scenes
- Using Layers
- Section Planes
- Importing other files
- Insertion into Google Earth
- http://sketchup.google.com

- There are also outside plugins for rendering
 - SkIndigo
 - \circ VRay
 - SU Podium
 - Twilight Renderer
 - Shaderlight
 - \circ Kerkythea