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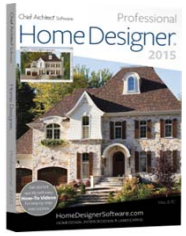
Home Designer®

Feature Comparison 2015



	Feature Description		Interiors	Essentials	Suite	Architectural	Professional
		MSRP	$79	$59	$99	$199	$495
Design Tools	Design Templates aid in quickly beginning a new project.		20+	15+	35+	60+	60+
	Editing Feedback. Preview the placement and orientation of objects while moving your cursor makes adding and moving items easy and fast.		•	•	•	•	•
	Free Sample home plans for design inspiration.		1000	500	1500	2500	5000
	Create Billboard Image. Import a photo of your home as a background scene then design landscaping like plants and pathways.		--	•	•	•	•
	Reference Display Tool. Turn on a Reference of adjacent floors to aid in designing multi-tiered decks or room layout between floors.		•	•	•	•	•
	Custom Room Label Controls. Name individual rooms from a defined list of types or create new custom room labels.		•	•	•	•	•
	Room Labels with Room Size. Display the Dimensional Size and the Square Footage labels for a room at one time.		•	•	•	•	•
	Multiple Select & Edit Rooms. Group select multiple rooms and edit their attributes at once.		--	--	--	--	•
	Multiple-Select Editing. For example, select all your cabinets and change them all with one command.		--	--	--	--	•
	Lock Aspect Ratio for Resizing Symbols and Moldings. Choose to retain the scale of symbol based items and moldings when modifying one dimension.	*	•	--	•	•	•
	Center Objects Tool. Center cabinets under windows, windows in walls, dormers on a roof, and several other items 3D and 2D.		•	•	•	•	•
	Make Parallel Tool. Use the Make Parallel tool to align objects parallel or perpendicular to other objects.		--	--	--	•	•
	Edit Area Tool. Use Edit Area to select, move, edit, and copy entire regions of your design.		•	•	•	•	•
	Rotate and Reverse Plan. Quickly change the orientation of your design for alternate versions or to better fit the lot.		--	Excludes Rotate	Excludes Rotate	Excludes Rotate	•
	Printable Layout Sheets. Create blueprint layouts with 3D, CAD, Cross-Section / Elevation, and Plan Views. Define any scale for the drawing.		--	--	--	--	•
	Labeled Callouts. Use callouts to reference between details, plans, and cross-sections in a blueprint layout.		--	--	--	--	•
	Backup Entire Plan. Export a bundle of all the files referenced in your plan, good for sharing with other users who do not have your custom materials and images.		•	•	•	•	•
	Space Planning Assistant. Layout out room boxes in a bubble diagram to quickly create a floor plan. Convert diagram into walls, windows, and doors to finalized and furnish the design.		•	•	•	•	•

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3D Tools	Model Maker™ Tool. Using the Print Model feature allows you to print paper models that are tabbed for assembly.	--	●	●	●	●
	Virtual Graph Paper™ displays a reference grid.	●	--	●	●	●
	Plan Check™ reviews your design against basic building principles.	--	●	●	●	●
	Room Planner Import. Create designs on your mobile device using Chief Architect Room Planner, and then import the rooms for detailed modification. *	●	●	●	●	●
	Import Adobe® PDF Files. Retain print resolution and quality when printing final documents with embedded PDF files.	--	--	●	●	●
	Import 3D Library objects in .3DS, .OBJ, .SKP, & .DAE formats. *SKP is not supported for Mac.	●	--	●	●	●
	STL Import and Export. Use the .STL format to use with 3D Printers. *	--	--	--	●	●
	Rendering Controls. Set up camera angles and locations to create realistic 3D renderings with shadows in interior and exterior scenes.	●	●	●	●	●
	Reflections and Fast Shadows in Render Views. Quickly generate views where mirrors show reflections, sunlight streams through windows, and objects cast shadows. Navigate these scenes in real-time. *	●	Excludes Reflections	●	●	●
	Rendering Technique Tools. Create artistic views of your designs like Watercolor, Technical Illustration, and Vector Views.	Excludes Vector Views	--	--	●	●
	Export image files of your designs to share. (.JPG, .PNG, .BMP)	●	●	●	●	●
	Crop Picture Images Added to Plan. Crop handles allow picture boundaries to be reduced or enlarged. *	●	●	●	●	●
	Create accurate day or night-time views of your lighting plan.	No Night Views	●	●	●	●
	Custom Lighting. Define shadows, intensity, and more. Locate lights by label name or room location with the Adjust Lighting Dialog.	No Adjust Lighting Dialog	--	--	●	●
	Easily Control Lighting. Edit controls for lighting allow you to turn lights on or off with a single click.	●	●	●	●	●
	Lighting Units. Choose from common wattage/lumens values for lights or specify custom values.	●	--	--	●	●
	Saved Cameras. Save and load 3D and Render Views to quickly view your favorite camera images.	●	--	●	●	●
	Save Cross-Section Slider with Camera. Adjustments to views using the Cross-Section Slider are saved with the view when the camera is saved. Control the cut distance of the Cross-Section Slider with an input value in the dialog.	●	--	●	●	●
	Display Lower Levels with the Floor Overview Camera. A 3D display option allows lower floors to be viewed under a current floor, such as open below rooms used for stairways or lofts.	●	--	●	●	●
	Full control of render settings allows you to customize your photo-realistic rendering for speed or visual quality.	--	--	--	--	●
	Delete Surface Tool. Explore your structure in 3D by temporarily removing surfaces without changing your design.	●	●	●	●	●
	Define the North Pointer for Sun Angles.	--	--	--	--	●
	Convert Polyline Tool. Create 3D objects (countertops, slabs, terrain features, and more) from CAD objects.	--	--	--	--	●

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	Aerial View. Secondary view window gives overview for fast navigation of plan while editing close up.	--	--	--	--	●
	Material Eye-Dropper and Color Chooser™. Quick "drag-and-drop" application of materials and colors.	●	●	●	●	●
	Blend Color Tool. Change the Color of any material while retaining its texture, similar to applying stain to wood.	●	●	●	●	●
	Record Walkthroughs Along a Specified Path. Add key frames at any point on the spline to control view direction and speed; walk up or down stairs and to span walkthrough between floors.	--	--	●	●	●
	iOS Compatible Movies. Record walk-throughs and animations that you can share to watch on your iOS devices. Available in the Mac version only. *	●	--	●	●	●
	Record Walkthroughs with the stylized views of Rendering Techniques.	--	--	--	●	●
Cost Estimating / Materials List	Standard Project Cost Estimation. Automatically generate a materials list for budgeting and planning an entire project.	Interior Materials	House Materials	●	●	●
	Advanced Project Cost Estimator. Automatically generate a materials list for budget planning, by room, by floor, or by entire project.	--	--	●	●	●
	Specify when a room is calculated in the Living Area. For example, specify the garage or attic to be included or excluded in the living area calculation.	●	●	●	●	●
	Deck and Framing Cut & Buy Lists. A Structural Lumber Table can be used to calculate lumber materials for a Cut & Buy List. This calculation is in addition to square feet and lineal feet calculations and can be especially helpful for your framing and decking board calculations.	--	--	--	●	●
	Export Materials Lists to spreadsheet programs including Microsoft® Excel.	Text File Only	Text File Only	Text File Only	Text File Only	●
	Save snapshot Materials Lists for different stages of the project. Allows you to evaluate different ideas, compare cost differences, and plan stages of construction.	--	--	--	--	●
	Add detail to each individual component in the materials list for a comprehensive cost estimate breakdown. For example, assign components to your cabinets, such as doors, pulls, and hinges and assign costs for each item.	--	--	--	--	●
	Master List allows you to store and manage commonly-used material prices.	--	--	--	--	●
Dimensioning	Manual and Automatic dimensioning. Includes One-Click™ Automatic dimensions.	●	●	●	●	●
	Auto Refresh Exterior Dimensions. Keep Auto Exterior Dimensions up-to-date as you move walls and openings in your design. *	●	●	●	●	●
	Automatic Interior Dimensions. Automatically dimension interior rooms. Set defaults for locating objects.	●	--	●	●	●
	Delete Automatic Dimensions. Use the Delete Objects tool to delete Automatic Dimensions from a Floor or the Entire Plan. Manually edited or modified dimensions will remain.	--	--	--	--	●
	Temporary Dynamic Wall Dimension. Display temporary dimensions as walls are drawn.	●	●	●	●	●

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	Advanced Dimensioning Tools. Includes angular, end-to-end, and interior dimensions.	Interior Dimensions	--	Interior Dimensions	Interior Dimensions	●
	Fully Editable Dimensions. Change where dimensions locate walls, windows, doors, and other objects, both when generating dimensions automatically or manually.	--	--	--	●	●
	Input Accurate Dimensions using a DISTO™ or other Laser Distance Meter. Use a Bluetooth or Wireless compatible device to automatically measure a space then input the distances directly into dimension strings.	●	●	●	●	●
	Wall Editing with Dimensions. Adjust wall lengths by selecting dimensions or temporary dimensions that run parallel to the wall.	●	●	●	●	●
	Box and Bumpout Extension Snaps. Snap to projected 90° intersections.	not visual	not visual	not visual	not visual	●
	Dimension Location Snaps for Furniture Items. Set dimensions to snap to the centers and/or sides of furniture objects for Manual and Automatic Dimensions.	--	--	--	--	●
	Manually enter dimensions (lengths or angles) to precisely position walls and objects. Use dimensions to quickly position objects with precision.	Lengths	Lengths	Lengths	Lengths	Lengths & Angles
	Tape Measure Tool. Use the Tape Measure Tool to find the measurements of any item.	●	●	●	●	●
	End-to-End Dimension Tool. Drag dimension from start to finish creating a single dimension string.	●	●	●	●	●
	Dimension Number Height Control. Adjust the number height for dimensions on a per-dimension basis.	●	●	●	●	●
	Default Dimension Format & Arrows. Control the unit formatting, arrows for the default dimensions. Quickly change the look of the dimensions in your design through a single dialog.	●	●	●	●	●
CAD / Elevations	Create Elevation, Wall Elevation, and Cross Section Views for the interior and exterior of your design.	--	No Cross Section	No Cross Section	No Cross Section	●
	Create back-clipped Cross Section/Elevation Views to limit your view to relevant details for precise plan editing.	--	--	--	--	●
	Clip Cross-Section Views at Sides. Turn on clipping for sides of cross-sections views.	--	--	--	--	●
	Create Rendered Elevation and Cross-Section Views with photo-realistic textures.	--	No Cross Section	No Cross Section	No Cross Section	●
	Import / Export files in DXF file format.	--	--	Export Only	Export Only	●
	Standard CAD tools to detail your designs.	--	--	●	●	●
	Advanced CAD tools to detail cross-section views with insulation, cross-boxes, and more.	--	--	--	--	●
	Polyline Editing. Select any polyline and choose Close Polyline to automatically connect the start and end points. Editing of filleted polylines retains fillet radius.	--	--	--	--	●
	Advanced CAD editing tools such as replicate, line weights, point-to-point move, custom patterns, and more.	--	--	--	--	●
	CAD-to-Walls™. Convert CAD lines from DXF file format to walls. Convert plans created in other CAD programs.	--	--	--	--	●
	Visual CAD Snaps™ feature with setup dialog and snap options to control.	--	--	--	--	●
	Toggle control for Angle Snaps & Object Snaps.	●	●	●	●	●

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	Layers can be used to separate key building components such as electrical or framing. Display or hide features of your design, set colors, lock layers, and use reference layers for precise editing. Use layers to control the display of labels in plan views like: Architectural Blocks, Cabinets, Electrical, Fixtures, Furniture, Shapes, Hardware, Millwork, Plants, and Sprinklers.	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited	●
	Control Placing Objects on Hidden and Locked Layers. Ability to override the placement of objects on layers that are turned Off or that are hidden.	●	●	●	●	●
	Layer for Camera Labels. Label display for cameras is now independent from the camera display.	●	●	●	●	●
	Automatic Roof Labels. Display labels for roofs, skylights and holes. Label includes pitch direction arrow and the roof angle in pitch or degrees. Modify the arrow style and text style of the roof labels.	--	--	--	●	●
	Labels for Layout Boxes. Automatic labels for layout views will display the camera name for elevation and section views or the floor plan name for plan views. Create custom labels that will move with the views as you set up your layout.	--	--	--	--	●
	Specify labels for Light Source or “added light” objects. Uniquely name light sources in your scenes for easy recognition.	--	--	--	--	●
	Soffit, Shelf, and Partition Labels. Assign custom labels through the new Label Tab for soffits, shelves, and partitions.	--	--	--	--	●
	Labels for Bay, Box, and Bow Windows. Customize labels through the Label Tab of the Bay, Box, and Bow Window dialogs.	--	--	--	--	●
	Primary and Secondary Terrain contour labels. The primary and secondary labels are now independent of each other. Control the highlight for negative value contour labels.	--	--	--	--	●
	Control Over Arrowhead Style. Specify the arrowhead type used for Joist Directions, Sun Angles, Roof Labels, and Stairs and Ramps.	--	--	--	--	●
	Text Style Tools. Create Text Styles and assign them per layer, per default, or per object to control the appearance of labels, dimensions and other text in your design.	--	--	--	--	Limited
	Show or Hide Electrical Connections, Architectural Blocks, Hardware, Plant Schedules, and Light Sources using layer controls.	●	●	●	●	●
	Plant Schedules. Manage multiple schedules of the same type and independently control their display of labels. Schedules update when items in the plan are added to or removed from the schedule display.	--	--	--	--	●
	Specify Line Style and Fill Style for Schedules. Change schedule grid color and overall background color on a per schedule basis.	--	--	--	--	●
	Automatic GFCI Outlets in Kitchens. Use the Auto Place Outlet tool to add GFCI outlets to your kitchen rooms.	●	●	●	●	●
Windows / Doors / Cabinets	Standard Cabinet Tools.	●	●	●	●	●
	Advanced Cabinet Tools. Attach moldings & hardware, angled front cabinets, and more.	Moldings Only	--	--	●	●

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Place Multiple Appliances in a Cabinet. Add an oven and a warming drawer to the same cabinet; adjust or replace the appliance type by editing it in the Cabinet Specification dialog.	--	--	--	--	●
Multiple Door and Drawer Styles per Cabinet. Assign different door or drawer styles to a single cabinet; wall cabinets with glass doors on top; base drawer bases with slab and panel drawers.	--	--	--	--	●
* Custom Backsplash Tool. Click to generate a Custom Backsplash that automatically fits around cabinets, openings, and appliances.	--	--	--	●	●
Rounded Countertop Corners for Automatic Countertops.	--	--	--	--	●
Frameless Cabinet Settings. Change the cabinet style in one click with the new Frameless and Full Overlay options for cabinets.	--	--	--	--	●
Design and edit Custom Countertop shapes and styles.	--	--	--	●	●
Pass-Thru Tool. Create an opening between two rooms.	●	--	●	●	●
Atrium Door Options. Create Center Swing Double Doors, also known as atrium patio doors.	--	--	--	--	●
Visualize door placement prior to actually placing the door with intuitive control of the hinge and swing.	●	●	●	●	●
Window and Door Casings Display in Plan View. Display or hide interior and exterior casings using the “Casings, Interior” and “Casings, Exterior” layers.	--	--	--	--	●
Lintel and Sill Control. Separately display Lintels or Sills for windows.	--	--	--	--	●
Automatic Frame Depth. Set window frame depth to automatically fit into wall.	--	--	--	--	●
Door Defaults by Door Type. Set unique door defaults for different types of doors: hinged, pocket, bifold, sliding, and garage.	●	●	●	●	●
* Control Trim for Interior Doors and Windows. Separately specify the materials and trim assigned to each side of an opening.	●	●	●	●	●
3D Door Display Options. Edit tools “Show Door Open in 3D” and “Show Door Closed in 3D” make it fast and easy to control the state of doors in 3D views.	●	●	●	●	●
Adjust the Hinge/Swing Amount for Bi-fold doors.	--	--	--	--	●
Parametric Window Tools. Create Double-Hung, Fixed, Casement, Hopper, and other windows styles and change a window's style on the fly using parametric tools.	●	●	●	●	●
Bay, Box, Bow Window Tools. Click and drop bay, box, and bow windows in a wall. Resize and customize the unit as a whole.	●	●	●	●	●
Floor and Ceiling Material and Thickness Control for Bay/Box/Bow Windows. Specify floor and ceiling finish and platform thickness in the windows’ specification dialog.	●	●	●	●	●
Adjustable Louver Sizes. Louver attribute allows you to control their size in windows and doors.	--	--	--	--	●
Arched Top Windows & Doors. Specify Round Top, Gothic Arch, or Broken Arch shapes to windows and doors. Adjust the amount of curvature.	●	--	●	●	●
Angled Top Window Controls. Adjust the angle of window tops. Apply changes to the left, right, or center of the window.	●	--	●	●	●

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	Window Treatments & Interior Shutters. Adjust curtains by the height off floor and height above casing. Specify shutters on the interior of a window. Blinds fit inside casing when attached to windows.	•	--	--	•	•
Libraries / Catalogs	Library Items to customize and create designs.	4,800+	5,000+	6,500+	8,800+	8,800+
	Catalog Migration. Core, Bonus, Manufacturer and User Catalogs from previous installs automatically migrate and update to latest version at install time. Use the catalog migration dialog to specify which catalogs to bring forward.	•	•	•	•	•
	Automatic Catalog Updates. Check for updates for catalogs distributed by Chief Architect and automatically update to the latest version.	•	•	•	•	•
	Advanced library items - Cabinet/Door Hardware, and molding profiles.	Moldings Only	Moldings Only	Moldings Only	•	•
	Ability to Add items to the Library Browser.	•	--	•	•	•
	Ability to Export Custom Libraries. Share your libraries with other Home Designer Users.	•	--	•	•	•
	Library Search Bar. Quickly search for Library items by keyword, object type, or style. Search results instantly display nad update as you type. Customize search attributes for User Catalog content.	•	•	•	•	•
	Library Browser filtered views. Choose to show or hide entire library catalogs in the Library Browser tree.	--	--	--	--	•
	Library Tree Categories. Manufacturer, User, Home Designer Core, and Bonus catalogs are grouped into separate categories for easier navigation.	•	Excludes Manufacturer and Bonus categories.	•	•	•
	Library Object Shortcuts. Create shortcut items to any object in the Library Browser to customize your organization.	•	•	•	•	•
	Library Catalog Downloads Status. Options to Continue or Cancel downloads when Home Designer closes. Catalog Downloads automatically restart if Home Designer is closed then re-launched.	•	•	•	•	•
	Multiple Select Library Items. Use the Shift or Ctrl keys to copy, move, and edit groups of objects.	•	•	•	•	•
	View number of Objects in Library Catalog. Select any folder to view on the Status Bar the number of items.	•	•	•	•	•
Stairs / Ramps / Railings	Shoe Control for Railings. Control the height off of floor for the bottom rail (shoe) for Railings and Ramp Railings.	Railings Only	Railings Only	Railings Only	•	•
	Control Railing Beam Materials. Set the material assigned to beams above railings separately from other railing components.	•	•	•	•	•
	Assign symbol Railing Balusters, Newels, and Panels. Specify railings, balusters, and newels from the Library Browser for railing walls.	•	•	•	•	•
	Advanced stair tools allow control of shape, starter treads, flaring, tread width, and more. Full control over curved staircases.	--	--	--	Limited	•
	Wrap Around Stairs. Join stairs on outside or inside corners.	•	•	•	•	•

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Building Tools	One-Click™ Stairs & Ramps. Auto place stairs from platform to platform. Place full length stairs with a single click. Stairs and Ramps automatically connect to the terrain when drawn from the ground to the structure.	Excludes Ramps	Excludes Ramps	Excludes Ramps	●	●
	Define Stair Starting Elevation. Specify whether stairs and ramps are located at the sub-floor or the finished floor elevation.	--	--	--	--	●
	Landing Tool. Create Custom Landings to auto-connect Stair sections or Ramp sections together. Choose auto adjust features for the height and thickness based on stair or ramp connection. Turn railings on or off per Landing edge.	Excludes Editing and Auto Adjust	Excludes Editing and Auto Adjust	Excludes Editing and Auto Adjust	Excludes Editing and Auto Adjust	●
	Ramp Tool. Default Ramp is ADA compliant. Specify length, slope rise and run for non-traditional ramps such as skateboard ramps.	--	--	--	●	●
	Automatic building tools for roof generation, stairs, dimensioning, foundations, and more.	●	●	●	●	●
	Automatic building tools for framing and electrical.	--	●	●	●	●
	Ceiling Plane tool - create custom ceilings of any slope and shape; vaulted, cathedral, and more.	--	--	--	--	●
	Building tools to customize floors and ceilings. Control over ceiling height and vault.	●	●	●	●	●
	Automatic Roofs. Gable, hip, shed, gambrel, and more.	●	●	●	●	●
	Gable & Hip Roof Toggle tool. Toggle the roof between these two styles using the Gable / Hip tool in 3D and 2D.	●	●	●	●	●
	One-Click Auto Dormer™. Build dormer on roof automatically while cutting a hole for the ceiling.	--	--	●	●	●
	Automatic Structural Dormers. Build dormers automatically with walls that reach the floor.	--	--	--	--	●
	Dormer Overhang Controls. Separately control the eave and gable overhang distance for automatic dormers.	--	--	●	●	●
	Unblock and manually edit Automatic Dormers.	--	--	--	--	●
	Auto Place and Delete Corner Boards and Quoins. Automatically add or remove trim details to wall corners.	--	--	--	●	●
	Auto Roof Returns™.	--	--	●	●	●
	Ridge Caps automatically generate on roofs.	●	●	●	●	●
	Actual and Projected Area of Roof Planes. Find references to both the Actual and the Projected square footage of Roof Planes in the roof dialog's Polyline tab.	--	--	--	--	●
	Manual Roof Tools. Create and edit any custom roof planes. Start with an automatic roof and then add custom details, or create the entire roof manually.	--	--	--	--	●
	Control Rafter Spacing per Roof Plane. Specify rafter spacing values for individual roof planes in a design.	--	--	--	--	●
	Customize construction methods for walls, floors, ceilings, and foundations. Specify wall layers, floor structure, platform height, mudsills, framing methods, and more.	--	--	--	--	●
	Design Multiple-Story Buildings. Create structures with up to 5 floor levels in addition to an attic and basement foundation. *	3 Levels	3 Levels	3 Levels	●	●
	Custom Wall Types. Create, copy, and delete wall types with layers to match your projects.	--	--	--	●	●
	Half-Wall Tool. Draw half walls and specify their default values (also known as solid railings).	●	--	●	●	●

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	Create pony walls and edit wall shape in cross-section view. Add beadboard to a kitchen, add stone to the outside of your design, or create a stepped foundation for a hillside lot.	--	--	--	Limited	●
	Pony Wall Height Controls. Adjust the height of individual Pony Walls by typing the lower wall's height into the dialog.	--	--	--	●	●
	Specify Foundation types by room.	--	--	--	--	●
	Treated Bottom Plates. Any wall over concrete foundation or flooring automatically generates a treated bottom plate.	--	--	--	--	●
	Elevation and Cross-Section cameras show the foundation in the view - see your basement, slab, or crawlspace in a section view.	--	No Cross Section	No Cross Section	No Cross Section	●
	Vertical Footing Control. Define stepped foundations with vertical footing control. Choose to show or hide vertical footings for stepped foundations.	--	--	--	--	●
	Specify Foundation Piers as Round or Square.	--	--	--	--	●
	Garage Slabs with Monolithic Foundations. Select components of the slab and adjust garage specific settings to suit your design	--	--	--	--	●
	Foundations with Slab at top of Stem Wall.	--	--	--	--	●
	Display cutout indicators for Garage Doors in foundation stem walls and curbing. Choose to show or hide foundation cutouts in Plan view through the window or door's dialog.	●	●	●	●	Show or Hide through Dialog
	Foundation Defaults. Detailed control over the foundation automatically generated for Garage rooms.	●	--	●	●	●
	Monolithic Slab technology. Designing slab foundations is fast, easy, and accurate.	●	●	●	●	●
	Slab Volume listed in the slab specification dialog for easy reference.	--	--	--	--	●
	Control Roof Lookout Framing. Turn on or off the automatic generation of lookout framing in the Framing dialog.	--	--	--	--	●
	Manual framing tools for fully editable framing, including joists, rafters, trusses, beams, posts, and more. Create any framing system for your design.	--	--	--	--	●
	Automatic Framing Control. Set the program to update your framing as the design changes.	--	--	--	--	●
	Post & Beam Framing Tools. Specify Round or Square posts. Set the Default Material for Posts in the framing defaults.	--	--	--	--	●
	Specify the size and style (In Line, Stagger, or Cross) of Roof Blocking and Bridging.	--	--	--	--	●
	Advanced architectural object editing including replication, rotation, and reflection.	--	--	--	--	●
Landscaping / Decking / Terrain	Landscaping Plants	Interior Plants Only	500+	1,500+	3,600+	3,600+
	Plant Encyclopedia & Plant Chooser™	--	--	●	●	●
	Plant Hardiness Zone Maps	--	--	●	●	●
	Plant Schedules. Generate a list of all the plants used in your design.	--	--	--	●	●
	Grow Plants Slider Tool - 0 - 20 years.	--	--	--	●	●
	Distribute Objects in Garden Beds. Auto-populate your garden beds automatically.	--	●	●	●	●
	Show plants with filled colors in your 2D landscape design.	--	●	●	●	●

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	2D plant symbol types allow you to customize the look and feel of your landscape and plants.	--	●	●	●	●
	Lock and Reset the aspect ratio for plants and images - choose to stretch or resize plants and images based on your design needs.	●	●	●	●	●
	Landscaping Style Templates.	--	--	Limited	●	●
	Complete Deck & Fence Tools.	--	--	--	●	●
	Deck Designer™ Tool. Design Straight and Curved Decks. Define roof and ceiling attributes for a covered deck. Control the orientation and size of deck planking, gap, width, overhang, direction, border planks.	--	--	--	●	●
	Auto Re-Build Deck Framing. Deck Framing updates as the deck design changes.	--	●	--	●	●
	Advanced Railing Tools. Custom Railing Panels, Control of Height & Railing Styles, great for custom decks.	--	--	●	●	●
	Polygon Deck tool creates deck shapes automatically.	--	--	●	●	●
	Deck Planking Control. Change angles, borders, and create patterns with deck planking.	--	--	--	●	●
	Pre-Arranged Garden Beds.	--	●	●	●	●
	Standard Landscaping Terrain Tools.	--	●	●	●	●
	Advanced Landscaping Terrain Tools. Hill and Valley tools for terrain features.	--	--	●	●	●
	Terrain Hole Tool. Cut holes in terrain for pools, spas, and advanced terrain features.	--	--	●	●	●
	Define custom Terrain, including sloped lots and input elevation points.	--	--	●	●	●
	Import Terrain Assistant.	--	--	●	●	●
	Create split-entry homes with daylight basements.	--	--	●	●	●
	Straight & Curved Terrain Walls, Curbs, & Retaining Wall tools.	--	--	●	●	●
	Straight & Curved Roads & Sidewalks, & Driveway & Parking Lot tools.	--	Straight Sidewalks Only	●	●	●
	Stepping Stone Tools. Click and drop stepping stone shapes onto terrain to quickly create paths and hardscaping interest.	--	--	●	●	●
	Water Feature Tools. Create various shaped ponds and water features or design a lake front home.	--	Round Only	●	●	●
	Stream Tools. Add streams, creeks, and water features to your design.	--	--	●	●	●
	Image/Plant Object Specification. Set the X and Y coordinates for image and plant objects for specific planting definition.	--	--	●	●	●
	Define Terrain Elevation Splines, Elevation Regions, and Terrain Breaks.	--	--	Elevation Regions	Elevation Regions	●
	Import GPS Assistant. Quickly model your terrain with GPS data.	--	--	●	●	●
	Display angles as Azimuth Bearings.	--	--	--	--	●
	Dimension to Plants & Images.	●	--	●	●	●
General / Support	Updated User-Interface. Dialogs have been updated with a new look and feel, and have been re-designed to optimize the access to controls. *	●	●	●	●	●
	Mac & PC compatible. Chief Architect can be installed and run natively either on Mac or Windows operating systems with a single license. *	●	●	●	●	●

Feature Description		Interiors	Essentials	Suite	Architectural	Professional
64-bit Software Installation option. The 64-bit version is more efficient in managing memory and you will see better performance on larger plan files. A 32-bit version is available and will also run on 64-bit operating systems.	*	●	●	●	●	●
Support for Multiple Monitors. Tabbed view windows can be torn or undocked from main user interface and moved between monitors independently.	*	●	●	●	●	●
Rendered Previews in Dialogs. View, rotate, and spin previews of 3D objects in specification dialogs to get a better sense of their attributes while making modifications.	*	●	●	●	●	●
Maximum Print Size		12"x18"	8.5" x 14"	12" x 18"	12" x 18"	Architectural C 18" x 24"
Save Prints in PDF Format. Save to a PDF file for outsourcing a print job.	*	●	●	●	●	●
Loan/Mortgage Calculator.		--	--	●	●	●
Fully editable working environment including customizable toolbars.		--	--	--	--	●
Home Designer Pro compatibility with other Home Designer Products.		View & Notate Only	View & Notate Only	View & Notate Only	View & Notate Only	Edit, View & Notate
Compatible with - 3D Home Architect® (Version 3.0 and 4.0).		●	●	●	●	●
Compatible with Chief Architect® (Version 10.0 and prior).		Viewing Mode Only	Viewing Mode Only	Viewing Mode Only	Viewing Mode Only	Viewing Mode Only
Compatible with Chief Architect® (Version X1-X6). Edit plans created using Chief Architect.		Basic Editing, Change Materials & Colors, Move Furniture	Basic Editing, Change Materials & Colors, Move Furniture	Basic Editing, Change Materials & Colors, Move Furniture	Basic Editing, Change Materials & Colors, Move Furniture	●
Online Training Tutorials with "How-To" videos.		40+ videos	25+ videos	30+ videos	40+ videos	90+ videos
Searchable Training Videos. Use keywords to find exactly the help you need.		●	●	●	●	●
Windows® 8 / 7 / Vista. Mac OS X		●	●	●	●	●
Free Online Technical Support		●	●	●	●	●