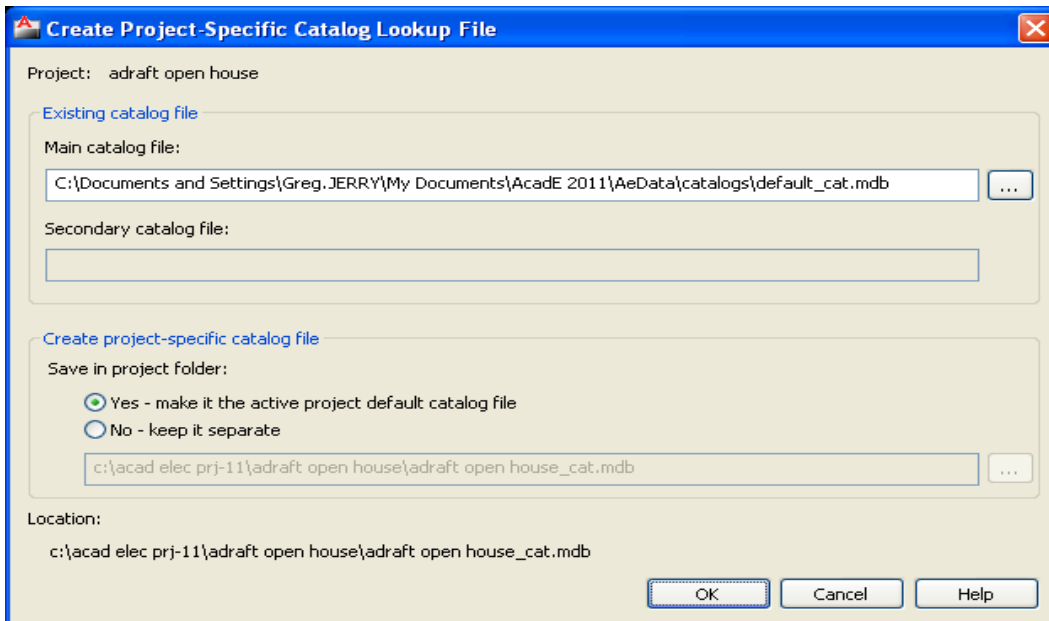


AutoCAD Electrical: Project Specific Catalog Database

Sample catalog information is furnished with the default AutoCAD Electrical installation. The information is held in tables in a Microsoft Access Database file (.mdb) which are populated with sample vendor data. This database can potentially hold hundreds of thousands of entries. Your project likely uses a small percentage of these entries. AutoCAD Electrical 2011 now allows the user to create a project-specific catalog database containing only the entries used in your project. With this functionality the user can send a copy of this smaller catalog database to your client with the finished project and limit catalog selection to components already used in the project.

Creating a project-specific catalog database

1. Click the Project Tab
2. Click Other Tools Panel
3. Click Create Project-Specific Catalog Database

Create Project-Specific Catalog Lookup File

Project: adraft open house

Existing catalog file

Main catalog file:
 ...

Secondary catalog file:

Create project-specific catalog file

Save in project folder:

Yes - make it the active project default catalog file
 No - keep it separate

...

Location:
 c:\acad elec prj-11\adraft open house\adraft open house_cat.mdb

OK Cancel Help

2. Confirm the catalog database name. If necessary, enter or browse to a different catalog file name.
3. If a secondary catalog file is defined in the project properties, the name is shown in the Secondary catalog file edit box. This file name cannot be changed.
4. Select whether to save the catalog file to the project folder with the file name {project name}_cat.mdb.

Yes - the file becomes the new project catalog lookup file.

No - the project does not reference the file. Define the database file name and folder.

5. Click OK