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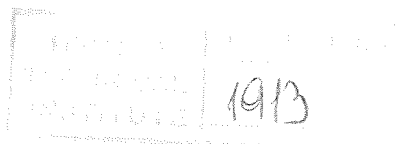
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CUSTOMISING AUTOCAD FOR PIPING SYSTEMS

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Getting Started !!!

Basic Settings

Before anyone run or even write an Autolisp program like the one in this project he has to make some settings in order to be able to run the program. First one must set lispheap and lisp-stack. These settings are readable by Autocad and they are used to reserve enough memory for Autolisp.

SET LISPHEAP= allocates memory for Autolisp functions and variables (nodes). If you use many Autolisp programs or if you use large Autolisp programs like the particular case you need to increase this value. More heap space increases Autolisp speed by reducing the swapping (paging) of functions. If you have extended memory, using extended Autolisp gives Unlimited Heap Space. For the particular case a value of `lispheap=40000` is enough.

SET LISPSTACK= defines Autolisp's temporary working data area during execution. Complex Autolisp programs using many arguments, recursive or nested routines, or large amounts of data may require more stack space. For the particular program a value of `lispstack=5000` is enough.

Another setting that must be done is to set the acad-freeram=24. This setting allows you to set as much free RAM area as available for Autocad. For the particular case a value of 24 for a 640K machine is adequate.

Since .LSP files are not really program files we use another set command the acad=\lisp which tells the computer where to look to find the .LSP programs.

Construct a .BAT file containing the following lines to take care of the above settings.

```
cd \acad
set lispheap=40000
set lispstack=5000
set acadfreeram=24
set acad=\lisp
acad
```

The (vmon) function.

(vmon) is a virtual memory pager. For all practical purposes, it eliminates all insufficient node space errors. When run out of memory (vmon) will first page you out to the extended or expanded memory and then if necessary to disk. Simply include (vmon) in the ACAD.LSP file.

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