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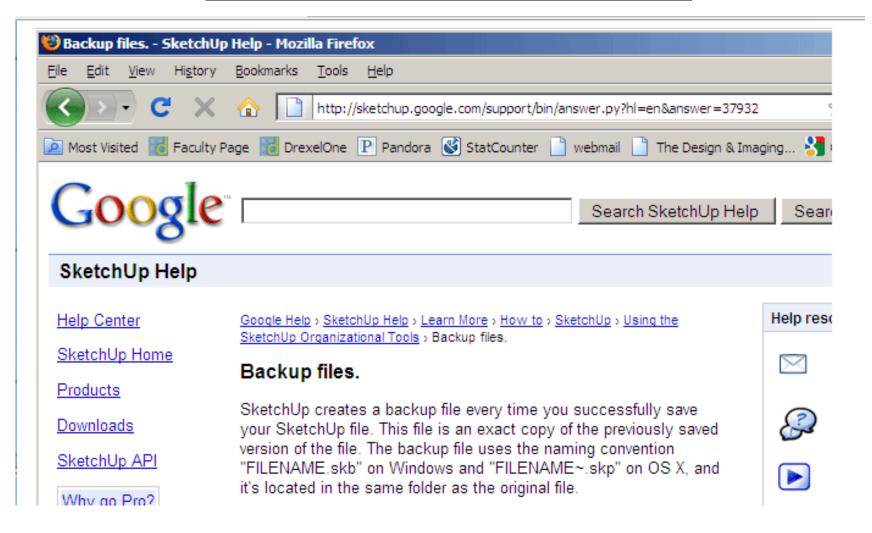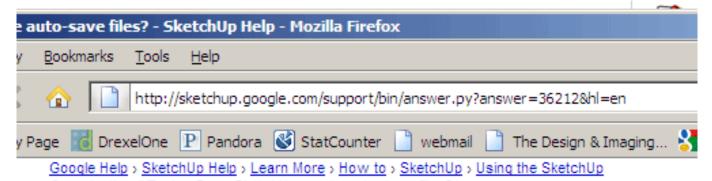
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## Does SketchUp create auto-save files?

By default, SketchUp automatically saves your files every five minutes while you're actively working. If, for example, you're working on a file named MyDrawing.skp, the automatic save creates a file named AutoSave_MyDrawing.skp. The auto-save file is different from the backup file (so while you're working on a model, you can have three files: the original .skp file, the backup file, and the auto-save file).

The auto-save file is kept until you successfully save your original file. If SketchUp crashes while you're working on a model the auto-save file is not deleted. You can recover your work from the point the last auto-save was performed. If you've never saved your work the auto-save file is stored in a default location specified below:

- PC. The file is saved in your "My Documents" folder.
- Mac. The file is saved in your user folder › "Library" › "Application Support" › "Google SketchUp #" › "SketchUp > "Autosave."

After saving your SketchUp work, the auto-save file will be created in the same location as the original file.

You can control whether auto-save files are created and, if so, how often the auto-saves are performed:

1. In SketchUp, open the "Window" menu (Mac = "SketchUp" menu).
2. Click "Preferences."
3. Select "General."
4. To enable auto-saving, in the "Saving" section, click the "Auto-save" check box so that it has a check mark in it.
5. To change the how often the auto-saves are performed, in the "Every" box, select the number of minutes.
6. Close and restart SketchUp.

*Note*: On a PC, you can change the default folder in which SketchUp files are saved from the "My Documents" folder to another folder:

1. Open the "Window" menu.
2. Click "Preferences."
3. In the left pane, click "Files."
4. In the right pane, browse to and select the file location for "Models."
5. Click "OK."