Leica CloudWorx-VR

Point Cloud Plug-in Software for 3ds Max and Maya

Users can create models from the point cloud.



Import scan data to use as background and scene information or as a basis for modeling.

Create stunning photo-realistic images and animations derived from point clouds.

Convenient plug-in for efficiently creating models, renderings, animations and photo-realistic 3D content based on rich point cloud data directly – within 3ds Max or Maya.

Leica CloudWorx-VR is available for Autodesk® 3ds Max, 3ds Max® Design and Maya®. It seamlessly extends these applications to directly support the use of large point cloud data sets – captured by laser scanners – with all standard visual effects tools.

Now, you can easily use point cloud data in your native modeling environment to create compelling fly-through movies; serve as a template for modeling 3D geometry or lighting effects; and serve as a 3D background for visual effects processes.

The versatility of Leica CloudWorx-VR serves the needs of surveyors, architects, engineers, forensic investigators, game makers, movie effects artists and visualization specialists across a wide variety of applications.

Features and Benefits

- Import from a wide range of point cloud data sources: Leica Geosystems PTG, PTS and PTX, Optech-IXF, LAS, Faro-FLS, Riegl-3DD, ASCII
- Limit Boxes for convenient point cloud segmentation
- Point Snapping
- Navigation and camera controls
- Advanced Rendering
- Point Cloud Coloring control



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This photorealistic image was created by first modeling the boat from a point cloud as shown.*



A 3D wire-frame is developed by tracing over the point cloud.

Works Efficiently with any Point Cloud Data

Leica CloudWorx-VR utilizes point cloud data from all Leica Geosystems 3D laser scanners, and other sources such as Faro, Riegl and LAS format. The built-in ability to work efficiently with billions of points ensures a productive environment for creating highly accurate virtual worlds.

Intuitive, High-Fidelity Movie-Making

The built-in animation tools of Autodesk® 3ds Max, 3ds Max® Design and Maya® are ideal for movie making. Users can now create professional grade movies with point clouds. Users can light the point clouds and cast shadows from modeled geometry.

Modern Viewing Toolset

The "Limit Box" tool, common to high-end point cloud applications, lets users contain the cloud display to a defined cube. Users can apply standard top or side view tools and control background coloring as a gradient or image.

Cloud Coloring and Rendering

Users can switch color schemes on the fly. They have options for grayscale, intensity mapped rainbow colors from scanner, and elevation mapping. Dynamic point size control is another helpful visual management tool.

Lighting

User can improve depth perception with lighting. All standard lighting effects of the underlying systems (Max and Maya) are available for use on point clouds including ambient, shadows, spots, and other effects. Point clouds can also be included in stereo rendered output for 3D movies.

Output

Rich, accurate point clouds are fully available as 3D content for any static or dynamic output (images or movies) totally integrated with all standard content such as 3D models, texture maps, background images, lighting effects, animated 3D content and photo-realistic images.

Leica CloudWorx-VR		Hardware and System Requirements
Large point	Interactive visualization of massive, multi-billion point data sets.	Must utilize system requirements of underlying host system
cloud mgt		(3ds Max, 3ds Max Design or Maya) plus one additional GB
Rendering	Cloud color rendering methods include Intensity mapped grayscale,	disk space to accommodate CloudWorx-VR install and minimum
	intensity mapped rainbow, elevation map or colors from scanner.	point cloud data set.
Viewing and	Standard 3D zoom\pan	
Navigation	Orthographic\perspective camera	Minimum
	Walk-through mode	Windows XP / Vista / Windows 7
	Limit boxes, clip boxes	2 GHz 32-bit (x86) processor, 1024 MB of system memory, 100
	Standard views: Top, left, bottom, etc.	Megabytes hard drive space
	Navigate via scanner position	Support for DirectX 9 graphics and 256 MB of graphics
Data formats	Binary: REP, PTG, IXF, LAS, FLS, 3DD; ASCII: PTS, PTX, TXT	memory (Shader model 3.0)
Drawing and	Create construction plane	
Modeling	Draw spline, particle or vertex	Recommended
	Modeling helpers	Windows 7 64-bit
Tools	Units management, Individual cloud toggling, Dockable menus	2 GHz dual or quad core processor, 4 gigabyte of system memory,
	Performance settings	100 Megabytes hard drive space
Output	Point cloud data can be included in any native static or dynamic	Support for DirectX 10 graphics and 512 MB of graphics memory
	output of images or movies.	(Shader model 4.0)

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