

QAD / Installation of Addon

WORK IN PROGRESS | Development build 5.3.0. Features and interface may change. Reviewed 8 October 2026.

1 / Match Blender and the package

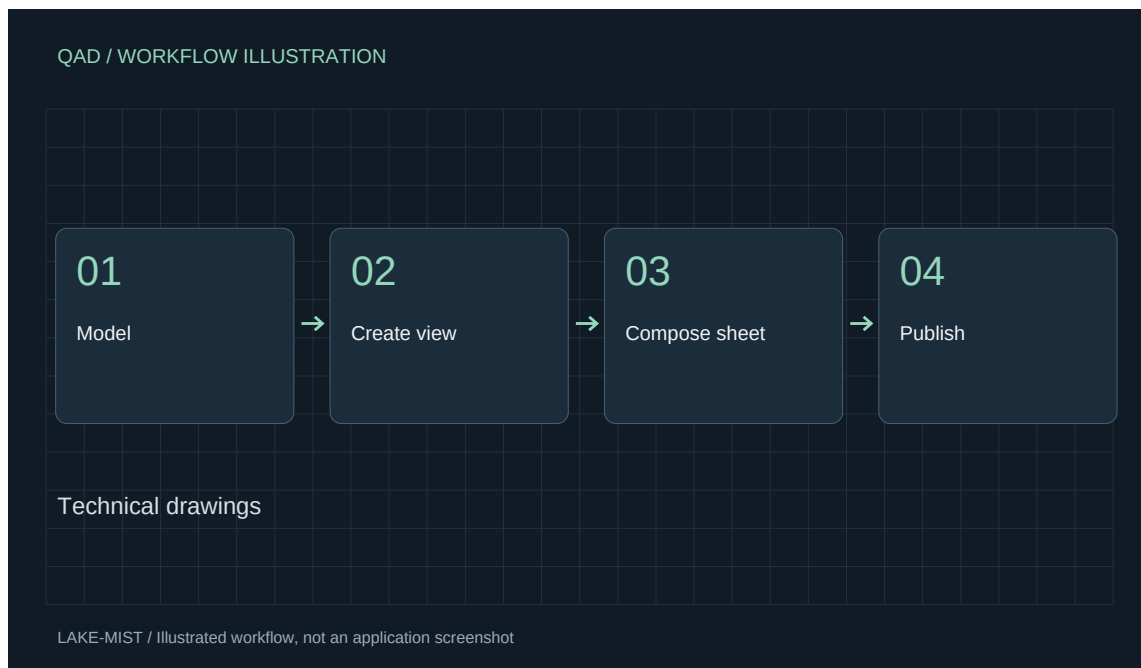
Use Blender 5.3 for the packages covered here. A 5.3 extension may be rejected by Blender 5.2. Use the package for your platform where platform builds are supplied.

2 / Gather the complete bundle

QAD (or QAD Lite), XForm, Assy, Profiles, Para and Shell. If delivered inside an outer bundle archive, extract it to expose the individual extension ZIP files. Keep those ZIPs compressed.

3 / Install the extensions

In Blender choose Edit > Preferences > Get Extensions, open the menu and choose Install from Disk. Select each supplied extension ZIP. Enable the installed extensions in Preferences > Add-ons. Install/enable companion extensions before starting the main product workflow.



After installation, these are the main stages of the product workflow.

Verify the installation

4 / Complete the product-specific setup

Install either QAD or QAD Lite from the supplied edition package. Do not install both editions together. Keep its companion extensions enabled. For DWG, configure the ODA File Converter path in QAD preferences; PDF and SVG do not need that converter.

5 / Check the interface

Open the 3D View sidebar with N and find QAD. Confirm the Views, Sheets and Publish phases are available. View Create and View Edit live under Views; drawing controls live under Sheets. Save a new .blend in a writable tutorial folder.

6 / Save a practice file

Use a new scene or a copy of a project for the first tutorial. Save to a writable folder, then continue with the Quick Start Tutorial linked on the product page.

If the product does not appear

Recheck the application version, correct ZIP and enabled state. Restart after installing binary dependencies. Read the first error reported by the application before reinstalling; it often identifies a missing companion package or incompatible build.

Compatibility and scope

This is a work in progress. Interface, editions and output behaviour may change. Check the supplied edition before relying on a Pro feature. Older screenshots illustrate the workflow and are not the current 5.3 interface.

Product page and all guides: lake-mist.com/qad.html.