

MicroStation

Aligning an Element's Edge

Did you know that you can align an element's edge (the top, bottom, left, or right) to another element's edge by using the Align Elements by Edge command in the Manipulate Tool Box. This is the best way to line up general notes or data in a table that are not aligned to each other either vertical or horizontally.

Two ways to do this:

1. Pick the Element Selection icon, than pick the element(s) that you want to align. Next, pick the Manipulate tool box icon (copy, move, and scale etc.), open that up, than scroll over and pick on the Align Elements by Edge icon (3 rectangular boxes aligned diagonally). Choose the edge (the top, bottom, left, or right) how you want your selected element(s) to line up with the element you want to align too. Then, pick the element you want to align too, and accept it (left mouse key). Your selected element(s) will move and it's edge will be aligned to the same edge of the base element (which was signified by a dashed rectangle around it).

2. Pick the Align Elements by Edge icon first, make sure the edge for alignment (kind of like the element's justification point) is correct, pick the base element you want to align too, than pick the element you want to be aligned, accept this, then reset (right mouse key). The element that you wanted to align will line up with the element (base element) that you chose to align to.

It will take several minutes of practice to get it, but it will be worth the time and effort because this will reduce a lot of work and be a huge time saver. Give it a try. *Tip from Louis Avgeris- Standards and Specs HQ*