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Saving DGN to DWG with paperspace and viewports UPDATED

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In our little example file we have both self-attachments that are clipped as well as an external reference. In dealing with the self-attachments, it's important to recognize that AutoCAD does not support these references and you must therefore merge them in to preserve their display.

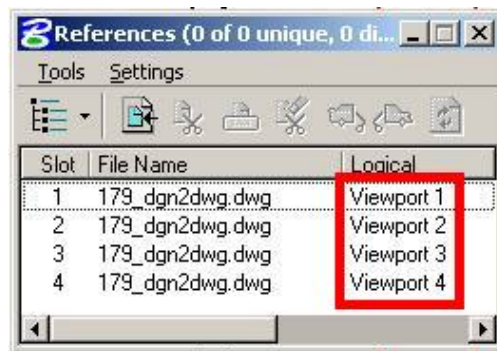
Set the option for *Self Attachments* to *Merge*.

The *External Refernece* setting controls how attachments are handled when you save a DGN file to a DWG file. Generally speaking, it is better to retain these types of attachments as XREF's, but you can also choose to merge attachments into the file during the export process.

Adjust the setting to *Merge*

Click OK and finish saving the file to DWG.

Once complete, MicroStation will open the resulting DWG file as your active file. Upon closer inspection of the reference dialog, you can see that the border file has been merged and the four clipped self-references were converted to viewports within the paperspace environment.



To eliminate MicroStation opening the resulting DWG file, you can use *File > Export* - just double-check your settings first.

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Lawrence Eaton

Lawrence was last seen waving hysterically from a gondola while the Louvre has flooding. On top of that, his holiday was a mess. Lines, arcs and circles were everywhere, cells were imploding around

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him and and those blessed DWG's (with thier little neo socks) were littered around him as if it was recess time at school and they were skulking off to the bikesheds for a quick smoke.

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