Setting the Print Scale

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QUESTION

When I try to print my plan file, the Drawing Scale is set at 1/4" = 1'. I would like the scale to be something different. How do I change this?

If you have already sent a view to your layout file at a specific scale, and are printing from the layout, the Drawing Scale should remain at a 1:1 scale, and should not be changed.

ANSWER

When the Print View dialog is opened, the scale can be seen, but cannot be changed. To change the Drawing Scale in a plan file, access the Drawing Sheet Setup dialog.

To set the Drawing Scale for a plan file

1. While in a plan, select **File> Print> Drawing Sheet Setup**

2. In the **Drawing Sheet Setup** dialog that opens, specify your desired **Drawing Scale**, then click **OK**.

| Drawing Sheet Setup | | | |
|---|----------------------------|-------------|--|
| Drawing Sheet Orientation: O Portrait Landscape | | | |
| Size: | ARCH C (18" x 24") | ∨ Customize | |
| | Show Drawing Sheet in View | | |
| Drawing Scale | 1/4 in ~ = 1 | ft v | |

- 3. Select **File> Save** 🔚 to save the changes with the current plan.
- 4. When you're ready to print, select **File> Print> Print**
- 5. In the **Print View** dialog that opens, make sure the **To Scale** radio button is selected under the Drawing Scale heading, and that the scale you specified in Step 2 above is listed.

| ⊳ P | rint View | | |
|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Destination | | | |
| | Name: | Chief Architect Save As PDF \sim | |
| | DPI: | 600 ~ | |
| Paper | | | |
| | Orientation: | O Portrait Landscape | |
| | Size: | ARCH C (18" x 24") ~ | |
| | Source: | ~ | |
| Print Source | | | |
| | | ○ Drawing Sheet: ARCH C (18" x 24") | |
| | | Ourrent View | |
| Drawing Scale | | | |
| | | O Fit to Paper 95% | |
| | | To Scale: 1/4 in = 1 ft | |
| | | ○ Check Plot at 1/2 Scale ∨ | |

6. You can now click **Print** to print your plan to scale, or click **Save As PDF** to create a scaled PDF file.

To learn more about printing at a specific scale in Chief Architect, navigate to Help> Launch Help in your program, and search: Printing to Scale.

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