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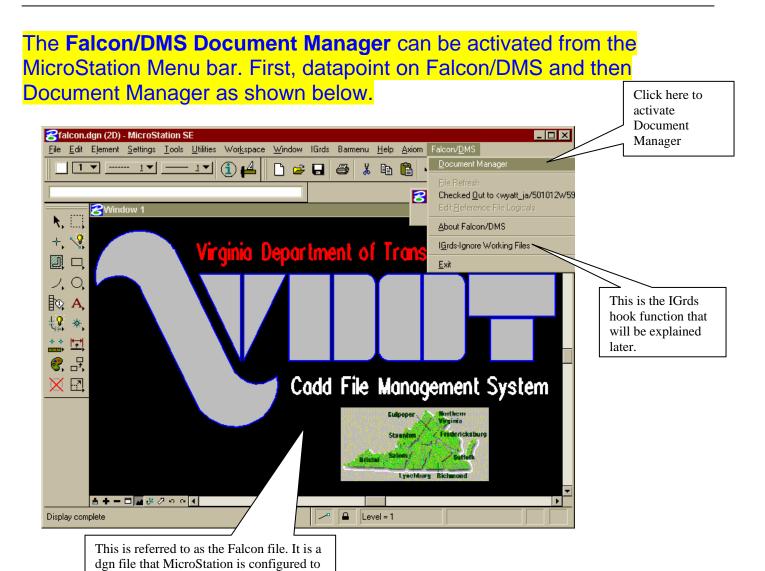
Cadd File Management System – FALCON

These Instructions have been developed to guide users through using Falcon in conjunction with MicroStation, IGrds and CAiCE in order to manage Cadd files. The following topics will be covered:

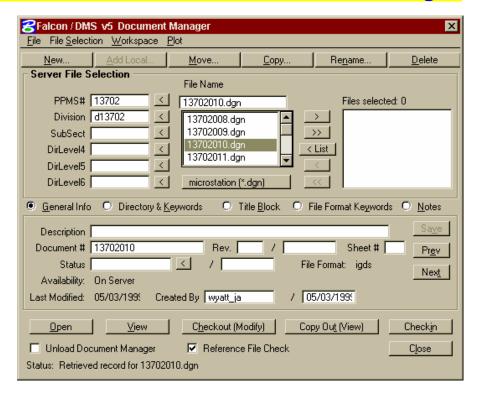
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Shown below is the Falcon/DMS Document Manager.



There are two File Selection modes. Server File Selection mode allows the user to obtain a list of stored files on the server for the selected PPMS# directory. Local File Selection mode allows the user to obtain a list of files that are currently checked out to their workstation.



User Preferences

Directory Selection

Directory List Button

Database Info Tabs

Master PPMS# Descriptions

Subdirectory Descriptions

Post Reference Dialog

Auto Delete Local Reference Files

Server View Mode

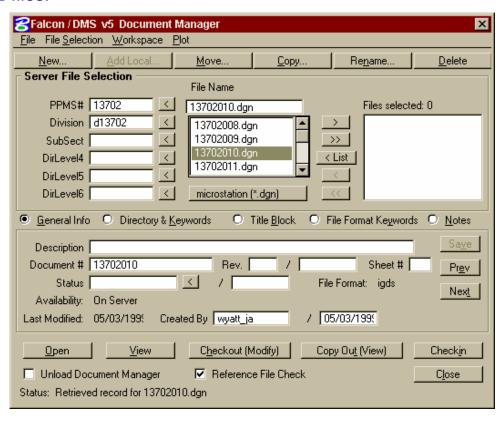
Database

Directory ON

Under Workspace → User Preferences is a list of items that the user can set as their own preferences. The most commonly used item is the **Directory** List Button, which inserts a list button on the Document Manager that the user datapoints on to manually generate the list of files. If this is turned off, the list is automatically generated. Another commonly used item is **Server View** Mode, which allows the user to generate a list for directory or database. **Directory mode** gives a list of the files on the server whether they have database records or not. Database mode provides a list of files that contain records in the database.

MicroStation DGN files Check out / Check in (single and multiple files)

Note: Use the following instructions for MicroStation **dgn** files only and **not** IGrds or CAiCE files.

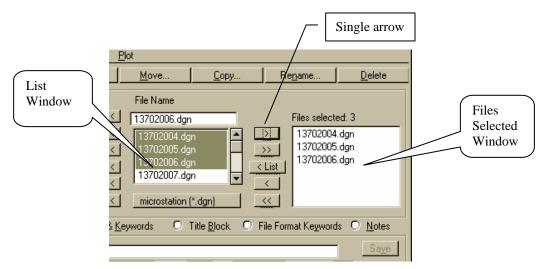


Single File - Check out / Check in

- 1. Set the File Selection to Server File Selection.
- Change to the directory where the files are located. Choose the PPMS# first and then the Division. If the file name list does not automatically appear, datapoint on the list button and this will populate the list of files.
- 3. Reference File Check should have a check \(\subseteq \) in the box. This will copy down the reference files automatically for view only. The software verifies every time the user checks out a file that the most up-to-date reference files are on the local workstation. This verification only occurs when the check is in the box. The user should select "All" for all reference files and "OK" on the Post Reference dialog box.
- 4. Highlight the file and select **Open**. This will check out the file and open it in MicroStation.
- 5. After the needed changes have been made to the file, highlight the file and datapoint on **Checkin**; this places the file back on the server.

Multiple Files - Check out & Check in

- 1. Set the File Selection to Server File Selection.
- Change to the directory where the files are located. Choose the PPMS# first and then the Division. If the file name list does not automatically appear, datapoint on the list button and this will populate the list of files.
- 3. Reference File Check should have a check in the box. This will copy down the reference files automatically for view only. The software verifies every time the user checks out a file that the most up-to-date reference files are on the local workstation. This verification only occurs when the check is in the box. The user should select "All" for all reference files and "OK" on the Post Reference dialog box
- 4. Highlight the needed files and select the single arrow to move them from the List Window to the Files Selected Window as shown below. Datapoint on Checkout (Modify) button. This will check the selected files out to the local workstation.



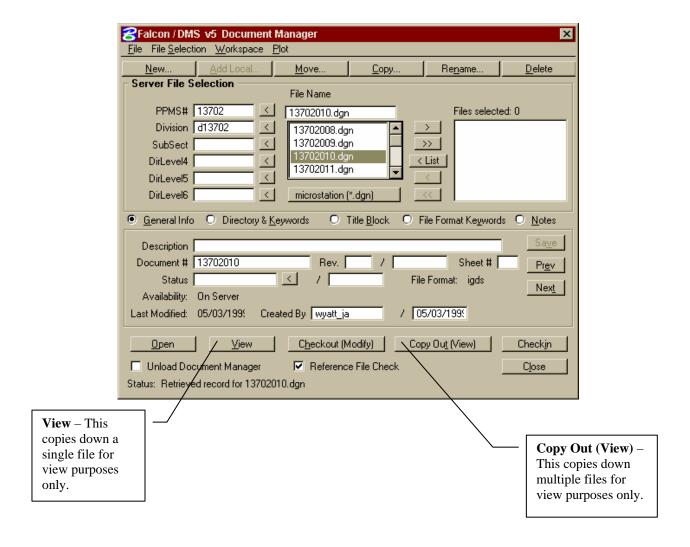
5. After this is complete the user can switch to Local File Selection or stay in Server File Selection, highlight the file and datapoint on Open. This opens up the file into MicroStation.

When switching between files, select the file and datapoint on Open.

6. After the revisions have been made to the files, place all the files that need to be checked in inside the Files Selected Window. Datapoint on Checkin and Falcon will place the files back on the server.

Checking Files out for View Only.

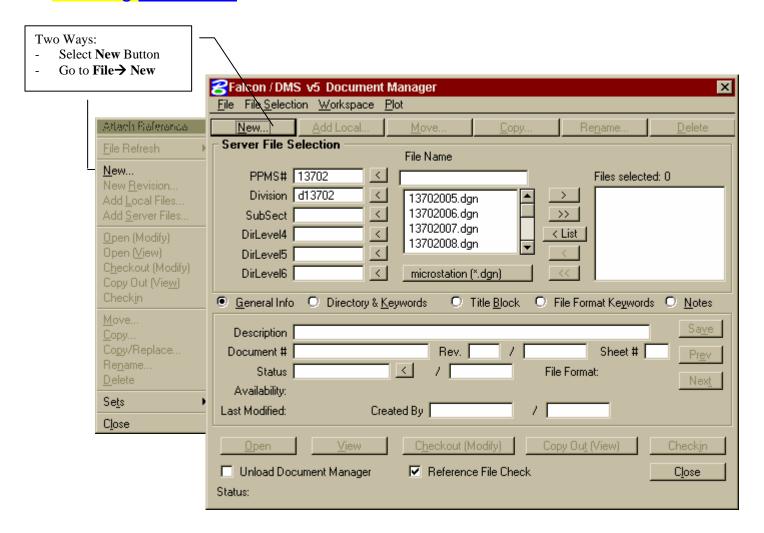
Note: View only means files are copied down to the local workstation with Read-Execute privileges. They can be used for plotting or plan checking. No changes or additions can be written to the file.



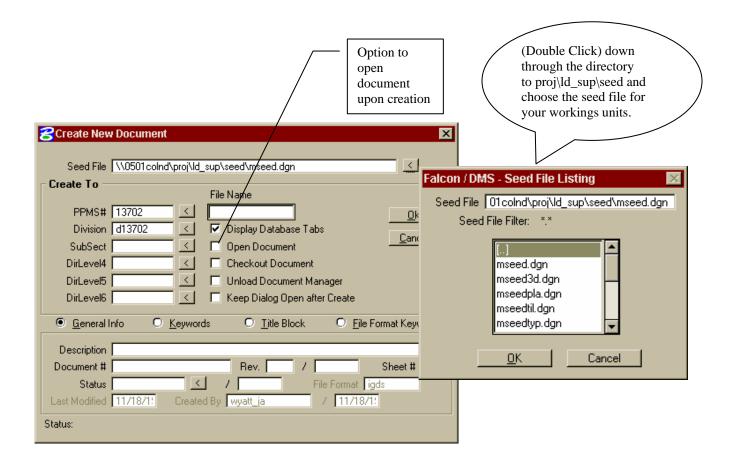
- 1. Set the File Selection to Server File Selection.
- Change to the directory where the files are located. Choose the PPMS# first and then the Division. If the file name list does not automatically appear, datapoint on the list button and this will populate the list of files.
- 3. Reference File Check should have a check in the box. This will copy down the reference files automatically for view only. The software verifies every time the user checks out a file that the most up-to-date reference files are on the local workstation. This verification only occurs when the check is in the box. The user should select "All" for all reference files and "OK" on the Post Reference dialog box.

- 4. Highlight the file and select View for a single file and Copy Out (View) for multiple files. Multiple files need to be placed in the Files Selected Window as described in the previous section on page 4 before the Copy Out (View) command is selected.
- 5. Files that are copied out for view only cannot and will not check back in. These files reside on the local PC until manually deleted using Explorer. It is suggested to deleted the files that are copied out for view only at least once a month.

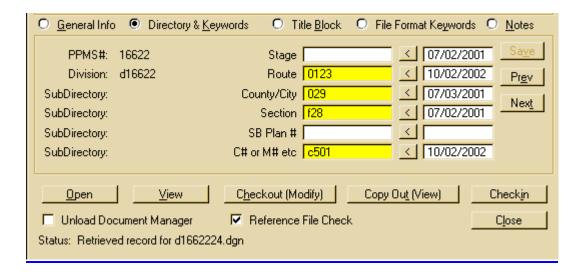
Creating New Files



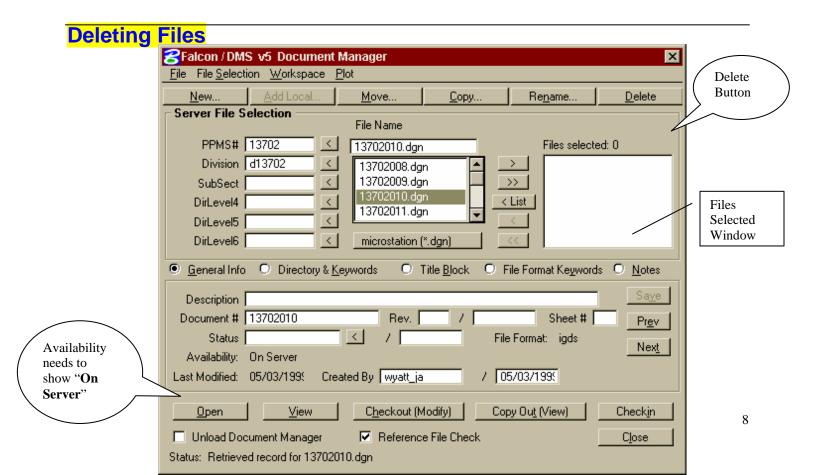
- 1. Select File → New or select the New button on the Document Manager.
- 2. After New is selected the following Create New Document dialog box will appear.



- 3. Select the appropriate seed file from the **Seed File Listing** dialog box.
- 4. Key in the new file name. The first letter of the file should correspond to your division. (ie b,d,s,t,r). Following the first letter is the PPMS# then a trailing user description. (Example-d13702des.dgn)
- 5. Key in a brief Description and Document #. The document # should be the sheet number. If the sheet number is 1 thru 9 put a zero in front of the sheet number. (Example: sheet 2a should be 02a.)



- 6. Fill in Keywords. This should match your project number exactly. Route number will always have 4 digits. For a more detailed explanation of what MUST be filled in for database fields see <u>Falcon Database Information</u>.
- 7. Select OK.
- 8. If the Open Document was not checked inside the Create New Document dialog box, the user will need to select Open from inside the Document Manager.



- 1. Highlight the file that needs to be deleted
- 2. Make sure the availability shows "On Server".
- Select Delete Button. This will delete the file and database record. When a file is deleted it is moved to a deleted directory on the server. This directory is periodically cleaned out to conserve space.

Note: **Do not** use the Explorer to delete any local files in the c:\documents\cfms_local\ppms#\dppms# directory.

4. To delete multiple files, place the files in the **Files Selected** window and then select the **Delete** Button.

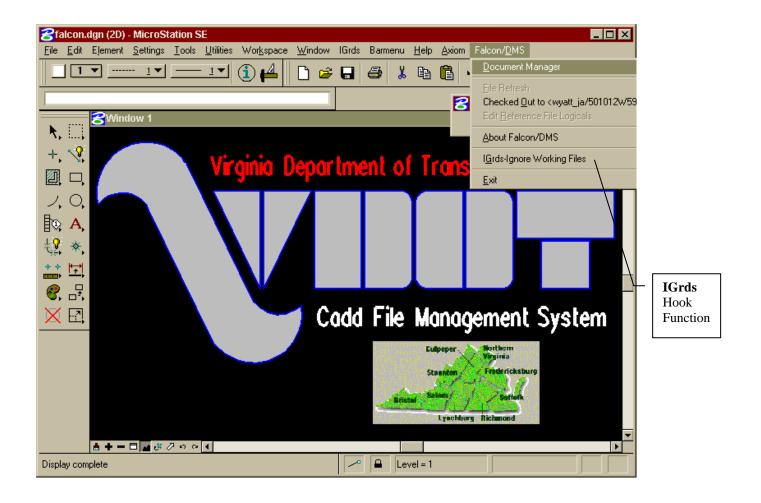
IGrds Working files - Check out / Check in

Check out - IGrds files

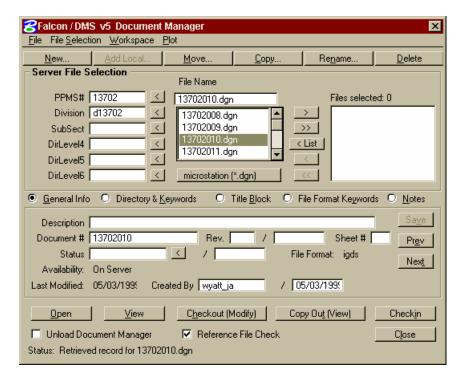
1. Select IGrds-Include Working Files from the Falcon/DMS menu. This option is referred to as the IGrds hook function. This hook function is a toggle switch and will either read IGrds-Ignore Working Files or IGrds-Include Working Files. If your PC has not been updated with the latest version of Falcon/DMS the hook function will read IGrds-On or IGrds-Off.

Note: This option should only be used when the user needs to open an IGrds working file in conjunction with a MicroStation graphics file or switching between graphics files and opening multiple working files. If this option is left on when not needed it will increase the time of check in and check out. This should be set to IGrds-Ignore Working Files when checking in and out only graphics files and there are no plans to open IGrds during that session.

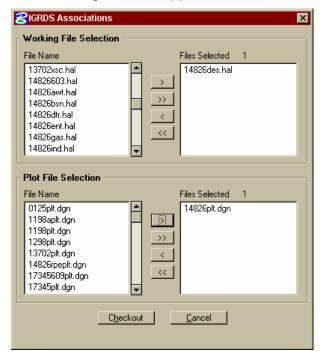




2. Select the Document Manager from the Falcon/DMS menu. The Document Manager will appear as shown on the next page.



- Highlight ONLY ONE MicroStation graphics file (.dgn file) or place it in the Files selected window.
- 4. Select the Open button. This will start the check out process and scan the server directory for IGrds status files (.i01,.i02,.i03,etc). The IGrds Hook function only works with Open, not View, Checkout (Modify) or Copy Out (View).
- 5. If the Reference File Check is On, two additional dialog boxes will appear. The user should select "All" for all reference files and "OK" on the Post Reference dialog box.
- **6.** The **IGrds File Associations** dialog box will appear as shown below.

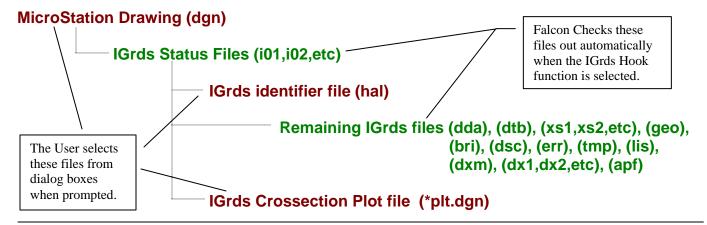


- 7. Place the IGrds Working File (.hal) into the Files Selected window. Place any Crossection plot files (*plt.dgn) into the Files Selected window only if the crossection sheets need to be updated during this session.
- Select Checkout. This will check out all the files needed for the <u>complete</u> set of selected working files. The check out process is complete at this point.
- 9. Load IGrds from the MicroStation Menu bar and open the working file.

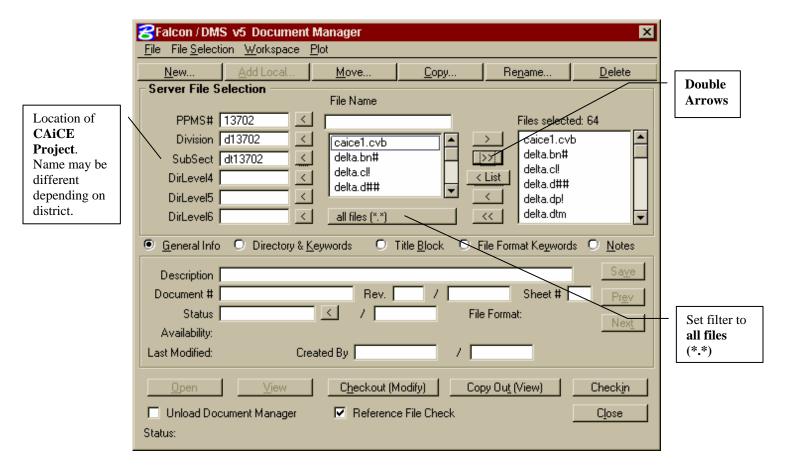
Check In - IGrds files

- 1. Close the working file and exit IGrds.
- Select IGrds-Include Working Files if not already set from the Falcon/DMS menu. If your PC has not been updated with the latest version of Falcon/DMS the hook function should be changed to read IGrds-On.
- 3. Select the Document Manager from the Falcon/DMS menu.
- 4. Highlight ONLY ONE MicroStation graphics file (.dgn file) or place it in the Files selected window.
- 5. Select the **Checkin** button. This will start the check in process and scan the local directory for IGrds status files (.i01,.i02,.i03,etc). The IGrds Hook function only works with **Checkin**.
- 6. In the IGrds File Associations dialog box place the IGrds Working File (.hal) into the Files Selected window. Place any Crossection plot files (*plt.dgn) into the Files Selected window that have been revised or created during this IGrds session.
- 7. Select Checkin again. This will check in all the files needed for the complete set of selected working files.

The following is a quick reference for IGrds Files and the actions Falcon is performing behind the scenes when the IGrds Hook function is selected.



CAiCE Files - Check out / Check in



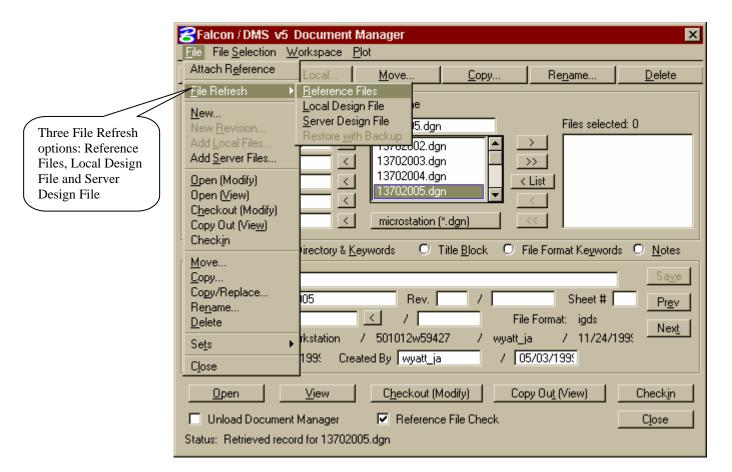
Check out

- 1. Set the File Selection to Server File Selection.
- Change to the directory where the files are located. Choose the PPMS#, Division and SubSect. The name of the CAiCE project that appears in the SubSect box may vary from Central Office to District Office.
- 3. Change the filter to all files (*.*). If the file name list does not automatically appear, datapoint on the list button and this will populate the list of files.
- 4. Select the DOUBLE ARROWS to move all files from the List Window to the Files Selected Window. Datapoint on the Copy Out (View) button. This will copy the selected files down to the local workstation for view only. This allows IGrds to perform all functions needed from a CAiCE project. (ie Extract Crossections, Profile from DTM, Design Section Display)
- 5. If the CAiCE files need to be manipulated such as merging a surface or creating a contour file, use the Checkout (Modify) button to check out all the files selected to the local workstation.

Check in

- 1. The CAiCE files that were checked out for modify purposes are the only files that need to be checked back in. View only files will not check back in. Switch to Local File Selection and scroll down to the directory which contains the CAiCE Project.
- 2. Change the filter to all files (*.*). If the file name list does not automatically appear, datapoint on the list button and this will populate the list of files.
- Select the DOUBLE ARROWS to move all files from the List Window to the Files Selected Window. Datapoint on the Checkin button. If any files were created during this CAiCE session, Falcon will prompt the user to add the files. All new files should be added as an IGDS file format.

Refreshing files – Reference Files, Local Design File and Server Design File



The File Refresh options are only activated after a file is checked out to modify. They also **only** refresh **MicroStation DGN files**, not IGrds or CAiCE files.

Refresh Reference Files

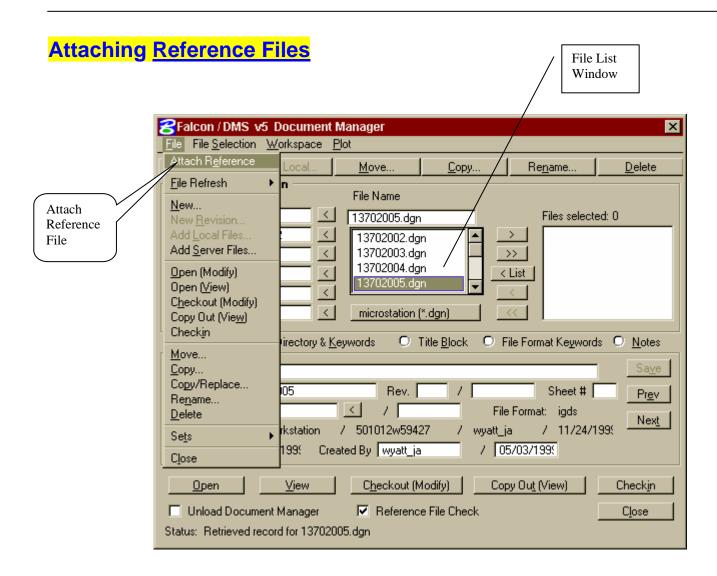
This option checks to see if the reference files attached to the active Microstation DGN file are the most current files. If not Falcon will replace the DGN files in the c:\documents\cfms_local\ref directory with the most up-to-date. This option should be used if other users are making changes to the reference files and you need their changes before a plot is processed. However the other user must refresh their file back to the server first.

Refresh Local Design File

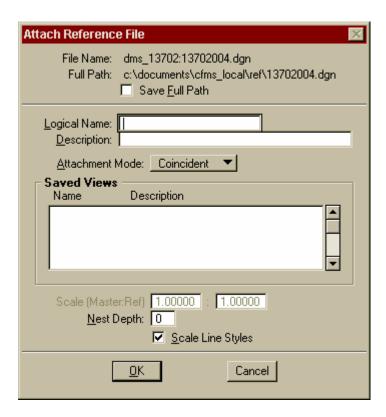
This option replaces the local design file that the user has checked out on the local directory with a copy of what is on the server. This can be used if the user corrupts the DGN files and needs the original file restored. If this does not correct the problem, files can still be recovered through other methods.

Refresh Server Design File

This option sends a copy of the file or files you have checked out back to the server without checking them back in. This can be used if another user needs your changes for plotting or viewing purposes.

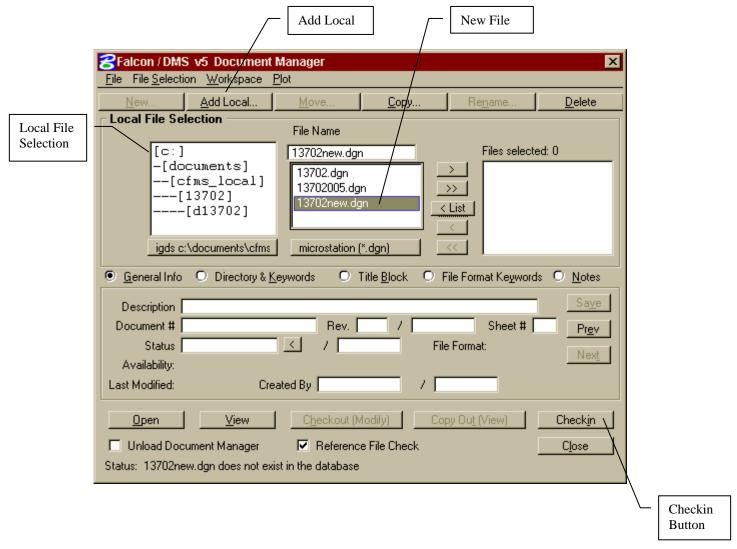


- 1. Highlight the file in the **File List Window** that needs to be attached to the active drawing.
- 2. Go to File → Attach Reference and the dialog box shown below will appear.



- Save Full Path should not be checked and no logical name is required. Select "OK". The reference file is now attached and will show up as a reference file the next time the file is checked out.
- 4. Detaching a reference file has not changed. This command is found under MicroStation→ File→ Reference.

Adding Local Files - Such as Files received from a consultant on a floppy, CD or FTP Server.



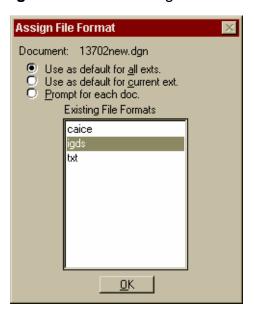
1. Place the new file in the Falcon local directory. The local directory path is:

c:\documents\cfms_local\ppms#\dppms#.

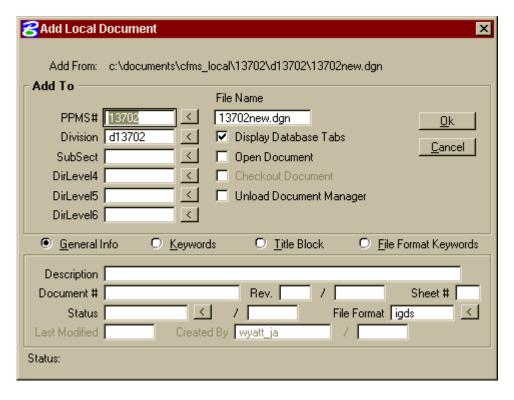
2. Highlight the file and select Add Local or Checkin. The dialog box shown below will appear:



3. Select "Yes" and the Assign File Format dialog box below will appear:



4. Select "Use as default for all exts." and choose "Igds" and the Add Local Document dialog box will appear:



- 5. Key in a Description and Document#. The Document# should be the sheet number. If the sheet number is 1 thru 9 put a zero in front of the sheet number. (Example: sheet 2a should be 02a.). For a more detailed explanation of what MUST be filled in for database fields see Falcon Database Information.
- **6.** Click on "**OK**". The file has now been copied back to the server and a database record created.

Falcon Local Directory Structure

