File

The commands on the *File* menu allow you to save your drawing to a file, open a drawing you created previously, create a new drawing, or save a drawing to a different file.   As you create your drawing, you should periodically save it to disk.   This will prevent losing your work in case of a system crash or power failure.

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To open a file, choose the *File/Open* command from the menu or click on the open button on the command tool bar.   Choose the *File/Open* command.   This will bring up the open dialog. There are a couple of sample files which come with GammaCAD.   Double click on the *floorpl.gc1* file name to open it.   This drawing will then be displayed in the drawing area.

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If you want to keep the original copy of a drawing and create another copy with some changes, you use the *File/Save as* command.   Choose the *File/Save as* command.   Enter "tutor4" in the *File Name* box and press Enter.   The name in the title bar changes to *TUTOR4.GC1*.   Now when you choose the *File/Save* command, the drawing will be saved in the file tutor4.gc1.   The original file (floorpl.gc1) will remain unchanged.

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Choose the *File/Save* command by clicking on the save button on the command tool bar. The program will display the message: *The document has not been changed*.   The program will not let you save the drawing unless it has been changed.   Choose the *Draw/Line* command and pick any 2 points in the drawing area for the line end points.   Select the *File/Save* command. This time the drawing will be saved to the file tutor4.gc1.

The *File/Save* command saves the drawing to the file name currently specified for the drawing. The *File/Save as* command allows you to specify a name.

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To create a new drawing you use the *File/New* command.   Choose the *File/New* command.   A new drawing is created with no drawing elements.   The title bar will display *Untitled* which means the drawing has not yet been given a file name.   When you select the *File/Save* or *File/Save as* command to save an untitled drawing, the program will prompt you for a file name.

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Now lets re-open the tutor4.gc1 file.   Choose the *File/Open* command and double click on *tutor4.gc1*.   The program will display this file.   The line you drew should be present in this drawing.   Open the original drawing, floorpl.gc1.   It does not contain the line you drew.

This ends this tutorial.