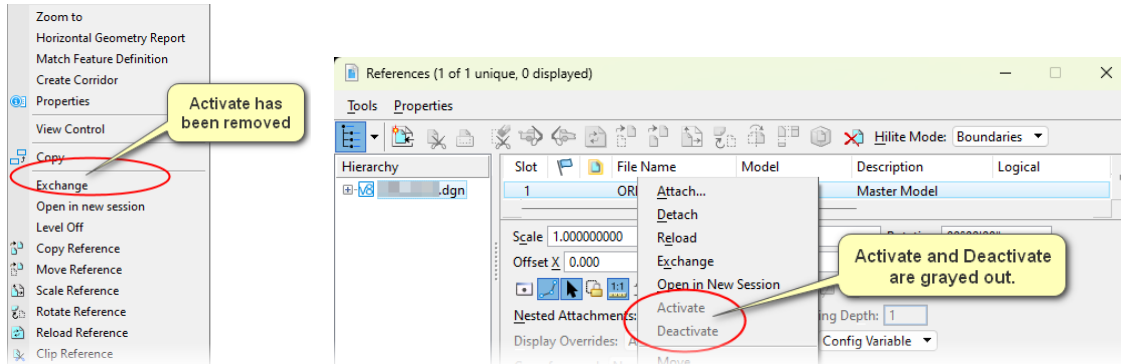
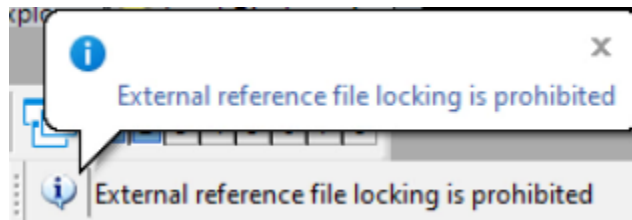


Reference Activate Disabled in OregonDOT WorkSpace

ODOT's standard configuration was updated in September 2024 for OpenX and in April 2025 for MicroStation, so that when any CADD product is used with the OregonDOT WorkSpace, the capability to activate a reference is disabled. The Senior Automation Engineer and the Senior Standards Engineer agreed with recommendations from the vendor, Bentley Systems, Inc., to disable the **Activate** command because ODOT has been experiencing corrupted civil .dgn files. The Activate command will be reenabled when the file corruption issue has been resolved by the vendor. Please explore the usage of the **Exchange** command in the meanwhile.



When opening DGN files with MicroStation, OpenRoads Designer, OpenSite Designer, or OpenBridge Modeler, you may notice a balloon message in the Message Center that states “External reference file locking is prohibited”.



This message is informing you that you cannot Activate a reference file, and this is the correct behavior when using the OregonDOT WorkSpace.