

# Ashlar-Vellum Channel Partner Newsletter

## April 2010

### Cobalt, Xenon & Argon v8 SP2r4 Released

The most recent hot patch for Cobalt, Xenon and Argon v8 has been released and posted to the website.



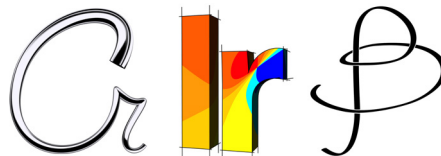
This new hot patch includes:

- Copy/paste options added from/to Graphite
- Geometry tab added to Edit Objects for some tools
- SpaceMouse operation maintained when multiple program file windows are closed
- Corrected infinite Construction lines problem
- Original window size now maintained when collapsed then expanded
- Fixed construction lines when used with parallel line tools
- Fixed miscellaneous bugs

Customers currently using v8 can easily update to this version by using **Help>Check Web for Updates** from inside the software.

### New Products on the Horizon

Ashlar-Vellum has three new products in development. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to release.



For now, the names are rumored to be Chromium, Iridium and Beryllium, but all things are subject to change.

### Graphite in the News

Graphite was included in a list of medium-priced CAD programs in *Rural Builder* magazine. *Rural Builder* is especially for contractors *not* building office high rises in urban centers.



Their readers are more interested in barns, decks, metal buildings and hydraulic doors.



They're just as interested in how productivity and ROI affects their bottom line as any other business person. [Click here](#) to read the article.

## Dreams Reached

Yvette Chaparro of Studio Gelato has recently completed the *Reach for Your Dream* three month trial of Cobalt and Graphite and has moved on to 50% off the monthly rental price. To receive the discount she submitted some excellent files of products created in Cobalt including these handsome housewares, now posted in our Gallery.



Glass Wine Decanter



Cordless Hand Blender

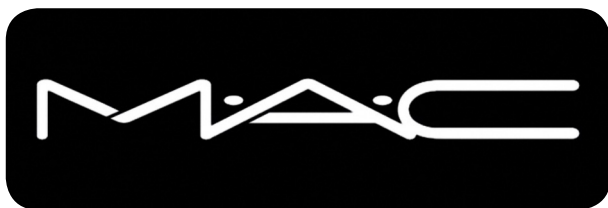


Stainless Utensils & Rack

Designed by **Yvette Chaparro** of Studio Gelato  
Created in Cobalt

## Training at Mac Cosmetics

Nick Slaughter was in the heart of Manhattan this month conducting training for the team at Mac Cosmetics in charge of packaging, point-of-purchase displays and store layout.



Tom Hall, Executive Director of Industrial Design at Mac commented that they were very pleased the three-day course on Cobalt and are looking forward to scheduling an advanced class later this summer.

## New Software Security

Once again, Ashlar-Vellum is concerned about the promiscuous use of unlicensed software. We are looking at ways to further tighten security by instituting a new security system in Service Pack 3 of Graphite, Cobalt, Xenon and Argon v8. Under serious consideration is a new system in which the software must check in to our server every 30 days.



For most customers who are connected to the internet on a daily basis this will be virtually invisible.

For the small percentage of customers who are not continually on-line there are two options:

1. Connect on-line once every 30 days, either through their own internet connection or any public one.
2. Buy our hardware key.

