

# Ashlar-Vellum Channel Partner Newsletter

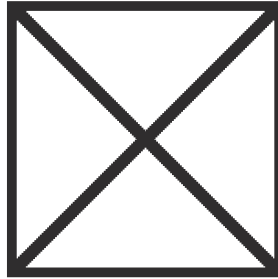
## August 2008

### Diagonal Line Issue Solved



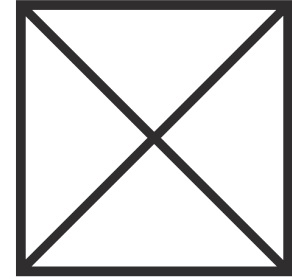
Developers Vladislav Antonenko (left), Georgiy Sokolov and Andrew Patlan solve the diagonal line issue.

Three cheers to our Graphite team, Georgiy Sokolov, Vladislav Antonenko and Andrew



Previously, diagonal lines appeared thicker.

Patlan, who have done what no developers at Ashlar-Vellum have done before. They solved the Graphite issue of diagonal lines appearing thicker than vertical or horizontal lines of the same pen weight on Mac under



Now, all lines of the same pen weight display correctly.

OS X. Previous developers said it couldn't be done, but our team proved them wrong. This enhancement to diagonal lines is part of the Graphite v8 SP1 release, due out shortly.

### DXF/DWG Challenge

As we continue to strengthen the DXF/DWG translator within Graphite we're issuing the *DXF/DWG Import Challenge* to our channel partners and Ashlar "family" members. Issues learned from this challenge will be fixed in future hot patches and service packs after the initial release of SP1.

Between now and September 30th, send us your delinquent files. Specifically we need DXF or DWG documents that can be accurately EDITED in AutoCAD LT but will not work in the latest build of Graphite v8 SP1.

To enter the challenge, please send your file via email to [support@ashlar.com](mailto:support@ashlar.com) with ALL of the following:

- The DXF or DWG file in question.
- A screen shot of the errant section shown in Graphite.
- A screen shot of it displayed correctly in AutoCAD LT after an edit.
- Be sure to include "DXF Challenge" in the subject line.

We are specifically looking for issues of which we were not previously aware. For example,

files with the following issues are NOT eligible for the challenge:

- X-refs
- Blocks inserted with X-clip sets

As additional issues become known they will be posted to: [www.update.ashlar.com/ACP-Challenge-08](http://www.update.ashlar.com/ACP-Challenge-08). Please check this list before submitting your file. Presence on this list does not mean that it will be fixed nor that we are ignoring the issue.

We will be recognizing those sending us the most new issues and rewarding their efforts, not only with much stronger software, but a Graphite coffee mug, too.

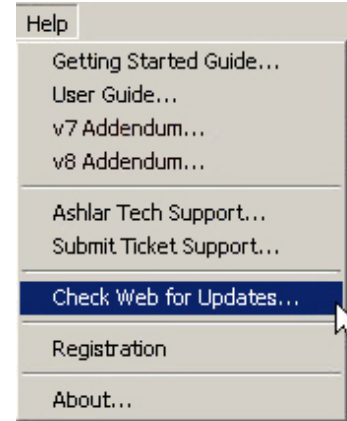
## Check Web for Update

We are encouraging customers to make sure that they are using the latest version of the software to which they are entitled.

- For Cobalt Xenon or Argon v8 owners: SP0 Build 824 (Win) or 824b (Mac).
- For Cobalt, Xenon or Argon v7 owners: SP2 Build 616.
- For Graphite v8 owners: SP0 Build 825 (or the beta for SP1).

- For Graphite v7 owners: SP1 Build 788.

Using the latest builds solves a number of issues that customers run into. It also makes sure that those using older versions without the extra security update into software with network checking for multiple users of the same license.



## Bou & Tanaka in Kiev

Robert Bou was joined this month by Ryuji Tanaka of Comnet in our development offices in Kiev, Ukraine. They were working on the Japanese release of Graphite v8 with developers Vladislav Antonenko and Georgiy Sokolov. Robert and Tanaka-san were also busy with preparations for further legal proceedings in Ashlar's suit against Concepts Technology in



From left to right Georgiy Sokolov, Ryuji Tanaka and Vladislav Antonenko working on Graphite.

Japan and Concept Technology's suit against Comnet. Exhausted, Robert Bou described it as, "Writing *War and Peace*, except Tanaka-san writes one word and I have to guess the next word, then he has to guess what I really meant with my last word."

## Get Well Soon

Anna Begma, a Graphite developer assigned to the True-fit team, is now recovering at home from a major motorcycle accident. Anna badly fractured her leg early this month when she and her husband were run off the road by a cement truck. Doctors managed to save Anna's shredded leg from amputation. Her husband was in satisfactory condition following the accident. We hold her in our thoughts and prayers as she heals.



Developer Anna Begman is healing at home.

## RCSI to License Graphite Custom

Roofing Contractor Solutions Inc. has signed a contract with Ashlar-Vellum to license Graphite Custom as the basis on which to develop a new estimating application to assist the building industry. Both companies are looking forward to a long and prosperous relationship together.