Ashlar-Vellum Channel Partner Newsletter
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Support for Snow Leopard and Windows 7

V8 SP2 Supports Snow Leopard and Windows 7

Current versions of Ashlar-Vellum Cobalt, Xenon, Argon and Graphite v8 are compatible with the following operating systems:

- **Mac 10.4+ (Tiger)**
- **Mac 10.5+ (Leopard)**
- **Mac 10.6+ (Snow Leopard)**

- **Windows XP**
- **Windows Vista**
- **Windows 7**

Latest Hot Patch 1 for Cobalt, Xenon & Argon

The beta builds for Cobalt, Xenon and Argon v8 SP2 Hot Patch 1 are available on the private beta tester's forum. A number of small issues were tidied up in this latest service pack including the following:

- Added Photo-render options to Argon's Model to Sheet.
- Added Polyline as identified entities.
- Enabled text and dimension sizes to remain relative to scale outside Model to Sheet.
- Added Lip and Rib tools to Argon.
- Added Slovak language support.

- Corrected and enhanced STL mesh creation parameters and preview of Change Object Type and STL Export.
- Corrected STL import and export on Intel Mac.
- Fixed miscellaneous bugs introduced in SP2 features.
- Fixed miscellaneous regression errors.
- Fixed several file-specific crash conditions.

Graphite v8 SP2

The beta build for Graphite v8 SP2 should be on the private beta tester's forum by the end of the month. In anticipation of a favorable ruling by the Japanese court as to who owns what, we've voluntarily removed or rewritten without reference to the offending code approximately 10,000 lines out of Graphite's one million lines of code.

New Price Lists

New price lists are again attached to this newsletter. There have been some slight corrections in a few items.

As before, the Commercial lists are marked with a blue band, RCR with purple and STU in orange. E-only pages come first and are shaded gray.

Support for CAM

While the pathway from our software to CAM seems obvious to us we are continually getting more and more questions on this topic. So we are working on new web pages and articles of the *Design Explorer* user newsletter.

If you have ideas of how to better communicate this information, please drop a line to Julie Bou at julie.bou@ashlar.com. We'd love to hear your ideas.

STU Renewals

It's possible that you'll get calls from frustrated students or teachers saying that their software has expired. Not everyone has responded to our emails notifying them that it's time to re-verify their eligibility to renew their STU registration codes for v8 products. Our emails to them are most likely blocked somewhere in a spam filter.

If you get a call, direct them to sign and send in the STU agreement found on the website under **Shop>Special-use Licensing**.

Partner News

AlphaCorr is releasing their newest versions of Rules and SteelRules concurrent with Graphite v8 SP2.

Comnet anticipates the release of the Japanese version of Graphite v8 SP2 shortly after the English release. They are preparing the next version of Box Vellum to run on top of SP2 sometime after that.

Each and every effort for our customers!

New Success Story

A new success story on Sherwill Design is in the works. Look for it in the Fourth Quarter edition of the *Design Explorer* next month.