

Ashlar-Vellum Channel Partner Newsletter

November 2015

Graphite™ v10 in Beta

Graphite v10 has been released for beta testing in the real world. Those who enjoy working with beta software are encouraged to load it, input the new v10 serial number and registration code, and take it out for a spin. This is a full working version with all of the new enhancements.

In addition to 100 small issues and bug fixes, the following enhancements are in Graphite v10:

- Draw Order Controlled by Layers or Arrange Menu
- Improved DXF/DWG
- Enhanced Palette & Dialog Memory
- Font Report
- More Raster Image Formats
- Drafting Assistant™ Snap to Work Plane
- SVG Export
- Enhanced Construction Lines
- Ungroup vs. Explode Tool
- Enhanced EPS Export
- Improved Layer Dialog
- Center Hot Points in Circles
- Zoom All Border Area
- DXF/DWG Scale Factor
- Layer Visibility by Viewport
- Enhanced PDF Import
- Enhanced DXF/DWG (Open/Import/Export)
- Grid Color



For more information on each of the features in this list [click here](#).

Please be aware, that while this version has undergone extensive testing by our team, there will still be a few bugs. We do NOT recommend using this version for important production drawings.

Please let us know immediately when you discover these so that they are corrected in the final release.

www.ashlar.com 3.0

Our website has had an extensive makeover to ensure compatibility with tablets and mobile phones. This helps boost Google rankings as well. Check out the new clean design that resizes to almost any width.



Upgrade Pricing for Graphite v10

From now until Graphite v10 is released, special pricing will be in effect. Your normal margins apply:

From	To	Until Release	Upon Release	Part #v
Graphite v7	Graphite v10	US \$695.00	US \$795.00 ↑	11101006
Graphite v8	Graphite v10	US \$295.00	US \$495.00 ↑	11101007
Graphite v9	Graphite v10	US \$145.00	US \$195.00 ↑	11101005

Cobalt™, Xenon™ & Argon™ v9

The development team is working on the next release of Cobalt, Xenon and Argon v9. Release is anticipated around the end of the year. The following enhancements are in Cobalt, Xenon and Argon v9.

- Latest OS Support
- Enhanced Import/Export
- Smart Walls
- Smart Doors
- Smart Windows
- Improved Hatching

- Flattened Perspective View
- Surface from Two Contours
- Conic Surface from Sections and Guides
- Background Image Aspect Ratio
- 3D PDF Export Capabilities
- New Image controls:
 - Transparency
 - Independent Corner Adjustment
 - Use as Infinite Plane
 - Fit to Profile
 - Link to Profile

For more information, [click here](#).

Cobalt, Xenon & Argon v9 Upgrade

Up arrow graphic indicates price increase.

From	To	Until Release	Upon Release	Part #
Cobalt v6 (w/ Graphite v7)	Cobalt v9 & Graphite v10	US \$1,490.00	US \$1,690.00 ↑	15091002
	Cobalt v9 only	US \$ 795.00	US \$ 895.00 ↑	15091003
	Graphite v10 only	US \$ 695.00	US \$ 795.00 ↑	11101006
Cobalt v7 (w/ Graphite v7)	Cobalt v9 & Graphite v10	US \$1,290.00	US \$1,490.00 ↑	15091004
	Cobalt v9 only	US \$ 595.00	US \$ 695.00 ↑	15091005
	Graphite v10 only	US \$ 695.00	US \$ 795.00 ↑	11101006
Cobalt v8 (w/ Graphite v8)	Cobalt v9 & Graphite v10	US \$ 440.00	US \$ 690.00 ↑	15091006
	Cobalt v9 only	US \$ 145.00	US \$ 195.00 ↑	15091007
	Graphite v10 only	US \$ 295.00	US \$ 195.00 ↑	11101007
Cobalt v8 (Plus Graphite v9)	Cobalt v9 & Graphite v10	US \$ 290.00	US \$ 390.00 ↑	15091008
	Cobalt v9 only	US \$ 145.00	US \$ 195.00 ↑	15091009
	Graphite v10 only	US \$ 145.00	US \$ 195.00 ↑	11101005
Cobalt v8 (Plus Graphite v10)	Cobalt v9 only	US \$ 145.00	US \$ 195.00 ↑	15091010
Cobalt v8 Solo	Cobalt v9 only	US \$ 145.00	US \$ 195.00 ↑	15091011
Xenon v6 (w/ Graphite v7)	Xenon v9 & Graphite v10	US \$1,290.00	US \$1,490.00 ↑	14091002
	Xenon v9 only	US \$ 595.00	US \$ 695.00 ↑	14091003
	Graphite v10 only	US \$ 695.00	US \$ 795.00 ↑	11101006
Xenon v7 (w/ Graphite v7)	Xenon v9 & Graphite v10	US \$1,090.00	US \$1,290.00 ↑	14091004
	Xenon v9 only	US \$ 395.00	US \$ 495.00 ↑	14091005
	Graphite v10 only	US \$ 695.00	US \$ 795.00 ↑	11101006
Xenon v8 (w/ Graphite v8)	Xenon v9 & Graphite v10	US \$ 440.00	US \$ 690.00 ↑	14091006
	Xenon v9 only	US \$ 145.00	US \$ 195.00 ↑	14091007
	Graphite v10 only	US \$ 295.00	US \$ 495.00 ↑	11101007
Xenon v8 (Plus Graphite v9)	Xenon v9 & Graphite v10	US \$ 290.00	US \$ 390.00 ↑	14091008
	Xenon v9 only	US \$ 145.00	US \$ 195.00 ↑	14091009
	Graphite v10 only	US \$ 145.00	US \$ 195.00 ↑	11101005
Xenon v8 (Plus Graphite v10)	Xenon v9 only	US \$ 145.00	US \$ 195.00 ↑	14091010
Xenon v8 Solo	Xenon v9 only	US \$ 145.00	US \$ 195.00 ↑	14091011
Argon v6	Argon v9	US \$ 295.00	US \$ 395.00 ↑	13091002
Argon v7	Argon v9	US \$ 195.00	US \$ 295.00 ↑	13091003
Argon v8	Argon v9	US \$ 145.00	US \$ 195.00 ↑	13091004



Cobalt, Xenon and Argon v9 Preview Edition

In a hurry to run our 3D modeling software on the latest operating systems? The Preview Edition of Cobalt, Xenon and Argon v9 updates v8 features to run on Windows 8.1 and 10 as well as Mac 10.10 and 10.11, plus adds 3D PDF export capabilities.



New Holiday Banners



We have new Thanksgiving banners on the home page of our website. Join us in giving thanks for another year and especially that Graphite v10 is in Beta!



Holiday Hours

All of us at Ashlar-Vellum wish you and yours a blessed holiday season. The Ashlar-Vellum administrative offices will be on reduced staff December 21st through January 8th. During this time, orders placed will be processed through our European offices. Requests for demos will be monitored and fulfilled. Technical support will be handled as usual through our website.

Bou to viscom

Robert Bou was in Germany this month for viscom Dusseldorf 2015. The viscom trade fairs (always spelled with a lower case v) provide a 360 degree overview of visual communications across all sectors including large format printing, sign making, interior design, digital signage, point-of-sales display and point-of-sale packaging. Using the science of technology and materials and the art of applications and marketing, they feature the latest developments and trends across the field.



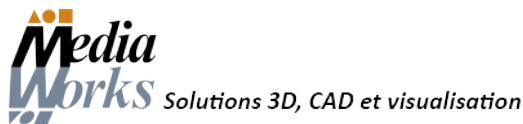
Bou met with Lars Bendixen of Zünd at the show to discuss the success they are having with their partners and Zünd Design Center, built by Ashlar-Vellum and AlphaCorrTM.

Welcome Steve van Wyk

Bou traveled on to South Africa to meet with Steve van Wyk just outside Johannesburg. As a professional engineer, Steve is a long time user of Ashlar-Vellum products. We will now be utilizing his expertise in a consultative sales capacity for both Ashlar-Vellum and AlphaCorr worldwide sales efforts. Steve has a wealth of experience in mechanical design, finite element analysis and product management. He is a patent holder and enjoys spending time with his wife and four boys.



Mediaworks



Bou visited Mediaworks in Paris while he was in Europe, meeting with Eric Godey and Brigitte Picard. They are very excited about showing Dieline Genius and Folding Genius to their extensive list of visual communications professionals and agencies using 3D.

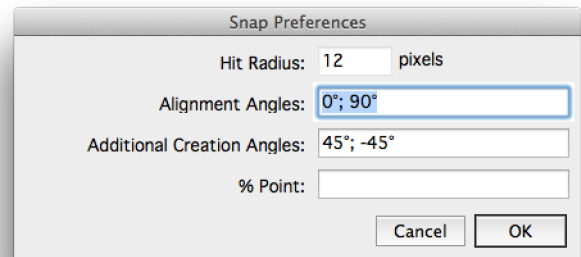
New Kinetics™ Video



A [new sales video for Kinetics](#) motion simulation software is now available. This four minute video talks about the simulation capabilities in Kinetics and will be followed up by another that surveys its photo rendering and animation capabilities for making presentations.

Customizing the Drafting Assistant Settings

Did you know that you could customize several of the settings for the Drafting Assistant in Graphite? Under the Layout menu choose Preferences and then Snap from the ensuing pull down menus. In the Snap Preferences dialog box you'll find the following fields:



Hit Radius

This is how close a point must be to the cursor before the Drafting Assistant will interact with it. The smaller the number, the closer to the point you must be before the Drafting Assistant sees it. A setting of 0 effectively turns off the Drafting Assistant.

Alignment Angles

These angles display temporary construction lines through any point, either from the point of creation or for a point on another object that is brushed over. The defaults are 0 and 90, however, they can be changed as desired, perhaps to 0°; 30°; 60°; and 90°. Use a semi colon to separate the values.

Additional Creation Angles

Additional angles can be added for temporary construction angles that appear only from the initial creation point. For example, the default is 45° and -45° to which you might want to add 15°; 30°; 60°; and 75°. Since these lines appear only from the initial point of creation on an object they will not add so much clutter to the screen every time a point is awoken.

% Point

This makes it easy to divide an object into known increments or segments without actually dividing the object. The % Point designates snap alignments along the length of a line, arc, circle, ellipse or spline at the designated intervals.