

# Ashlar-Vellum Channel Partner Newsletter December 2013

#### Graphite<sup>™</sup> v9 Release

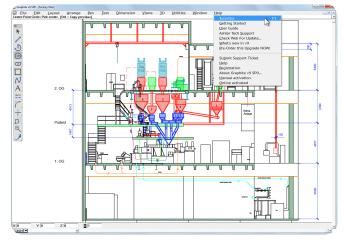
Graphite v9 was released on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> with an even more approachable user interface.



The new features and

enhancements to v9 include the

following list. For details on each listing <u>click here</u> and go the learn more section.



Greater Usability Enhancements

- Enlarged Text for User Interface Items
- Updated & Enlarged Icons
- Tool Tips
- Help Tool Hyperlink
- Visual Assistance including:
  - Cursor Options
  - Scaled Line Weights
  - Menu Fonts

New Features & Functions

- General Function Tool Palette
- New Construction Line Tool
- Infinite Grid and Construction Lines
- Copy Along Path Tool
- Stretch Tool
- Visual Color Selection Palettes
- Drag & Drop Re-ordering in Layers, Sheets, and Models Dialogs

Increased Redraw Speed

- Redrawing Interrupt
- Grid Display

Import Export Enhancements

- Latest DXF/DWG Support
- 2D PDF IMPORT
- PDF Large Size Export
- Drawing Size Window Supports PDF Page Size
- EPS Export Enhancements

International Enhancements

- Unicode Core Base
- Support for 11 Languages
- Support for Hebrew Typing (Windows only)
- Support for Files from Pirated Versions of Graphite and Vellum

To reach the download link for Graphite v9 on the Ashlar-Vellum website go to <u>www.ashlar.com/</u> <u>v9</u>. From there choose Graphite and then Mac or Windows. On the Graphite page is a new link to a list of known issues and another to fixed issues.

This release has fewer new features. It also has a lower upgrade price than those offered previously.

Early Adopter Release	Dec 14-31, 2013
Upgrade Graphite v8 to v9	US <b>\$195</b>
Upgrade Graphite v7 to v9	US <b>\$595</b>
Full Release	Jan 1, 2014 on
<b>Full Release</b> Upgrade Graphite v8 to v9	Jan 1, 2014 on US <b>\$245</b>
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#### Free v8 to v9 Upgrade

Customers who purchased Graphite v8 on or after October 1, 2013 will receive Graphite v9 for free.

#### **Cobalt™ Plus and Xenon™ Plus Owners**

Those using Cobalt and Xenon Plus can upgrade their companion license to Graphite now and will be offered a discount off of their Cobalt or Xenon v9 upgrades later.



## **Q4** Design Explorer

The latest edition of *The Design Explorer* user newsletter was published this week. This quarter's news included:

- Release of Graphite v9
- AlphaCorr Dieline Genius
- Blessings for the Season
- Dear Ashlar-Vellum...
- Lightyears Ahead with SteelRules
- Success Pops Up All Over for Americhip
- It all Starts with a Cobalt Model



#### Welcome Nate

Nathanial Delp is consulting with our team as a valuable asset working in product management for Ashlar-Vellum's 3D modeling software and for AlphaCorr's packaging and point-of-purchase CAD software. Nate's creative engineering talent, education, and professional experience in the power and aviation industries give him insight into how our design software can better increase productivity and more effectively support design & manufacturing. Nate has been an avid Cobalt user since he was a student at Penn State more than a decade ago. He's been instrumental through the years finding bugs, suggesting enhancements and envisioning new products including our upcoming Iridium FEA software.

## Notifying Users of Graphite v9

Emails have been flying out notifying users of the Graphite v9 release. Even snail mail has been resurrected in an attempt to reach old Graphite v7 users for whom we have no email addresses. A press release announcing the beta went out on December 4<sup>th</sup> and another for the full release on the 18<sup>th</sup> to our usual list, plus PRMac and the Business Wire.

### All the Best this Season



**The Ashlar-Vellum administrative offices** will be closed December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup>. During this time, orders placed through our website will be processed through our European offices and registration codes sent via email as usual. Please be sure to send orders to <u>order.processing@ashlar.</u> <u>com</u>. Shipping of physical materials will resume the week of January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Requests for demo codes will be monitored and fulfilled. Technical support will be handled as usual through our website.



Let the Light of Christmas Shine in your Heart throughout the New Year.

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We wish you a blessed holiday season and a new year filled with joy.



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