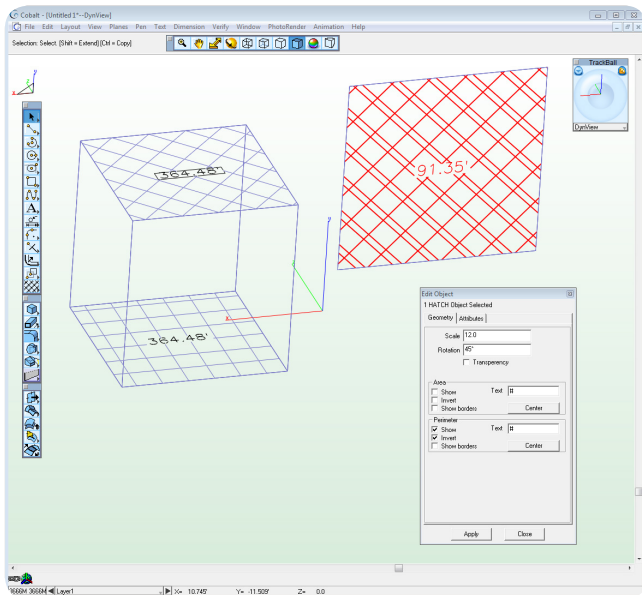


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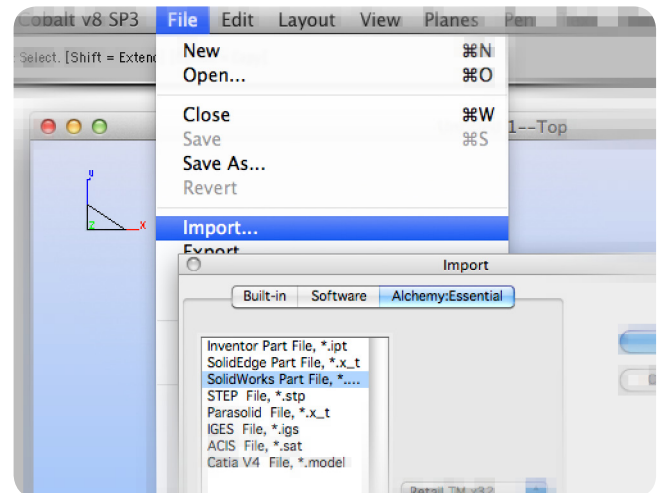
Improved Hatching in CobaltTM, XenonTM & ArgonTM v9

The hatching function is being enhanced in the upcoming version 9 of Cobalt, Xenon and Argon. Hatching options will include calculation and display of perimeters and areas of any designated object. Hatching patterns can only be applied to a 2D object but can be used in any 3D plane.



SP3 with Alchemy

Service Pack 3 of Cobalt, Xenon and Argon v8 is in development and testing. Among other things, this service pack will include awareness and integration of the plug-ins for Alchemy:AdeptTM and Alchemy:EssentialTM. Both Alchemy programs empower users to open SolidWorks and Autodesk Inventor files directly in Ashlar-Vellum 3D modeling software under Mac or Windows. Alchemy:Adept also accesses Catia v5, Pro/E and Siemens Unigraphics files.



From our Email

"I have always wanted to try and convey just how profoundly important Ashlar-Vellum has been for my life in ways that a kind of technical or engineering mind set would probably never imagine. But an educational psychologist would and does."

—Doug Blair



Reminder about Teigha Viewer

The Teigha Viewer from the Open Design Alliance is a free product that opens, views, prints and saves the latest .dwg and .dxf files as a previous version. This is helpful to Ashlar-Vellum users because Cobalt, Xenon and Argon currently support .dxf and .dwg files up to 2007 and GraphiteTM currently supports these files up to 2008.



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[Click here](#) for more information on the Teigha Viewer from the Open Design Alliance.

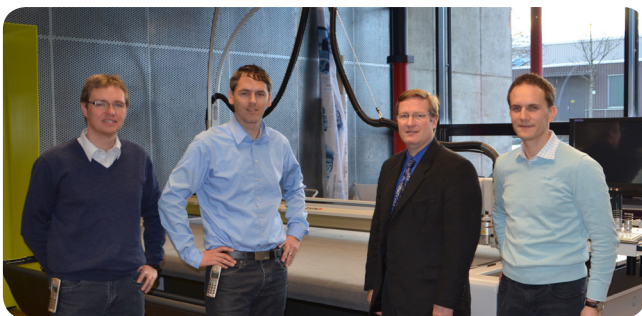
Icicles in Europe

Robert and Julie Bou made separate European treks earlier this month with various business missions, while nearly freezing through one of the coldest European cold snaps in memory. While Robert was working with our development teams in Ukraine (in -16°F, -25°C temperatures), Julie met with Chris Easton at Academia in the UK (where it was merely freezing). Discussed in depth was new department- or faculty-wide pricing for universities. Look for announcements to this effect in the time ahead. She also visited Steve Braun of CAD School in the United Kingdom. After a live sales discussion with Julie, Steve and Rob did some remote screen sharing discussing technical issues.



Steve Braun in his Twyford Moors studio.

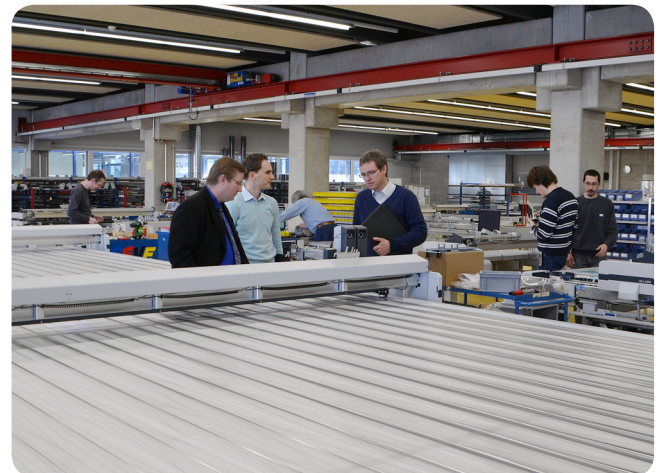
The Bous then met up for a visit with Zünd Systemtechnik, AG in Altstätten, Switzerland, east of Zurich, as part of Ashlar-Vellum's joint venture with AlphaCorr.



Lars Bengdixen, Oliver Zünd, Robert Bou and Roman Haslar at Zünd headquarters in Switzerland.



Zünd develops flatbed digital cutters like the ones shown here for a range of materials including leather, textiles, composites, packaging, signs and displays.



The production area of Zünd's Altstätten facility.

Rendering Tiger Team

The first communication to our Rendering Tiger Team was sent out recently with a new proposed menu layout and supporting dialog boxes. The goal is to make the rendering functions in Cobalt, Xenon and Argon more intuitive and user friendly. If you have not previously signed up and would like to have input into this team, send an email to rendering@ashlar.com.

