Ashlar-Vellum Channel Partner Newsletter
March 2012

First Quarter *Design Explorer*

The first quarter 2012 *Design Explorer* is in production and will be sent out about the end of this month. Included in this edition are:

- Improved Hatching in Cobalt™, Xenon™ & Argon™ v9
- Customer Quotes
- Drawing & Modeling Quick Tips: Creating Lines Tangent and Parallel to Objects
- Welcome Back Fedor
- Vellum Nitrogen
- Seeking New OEM Opportunites
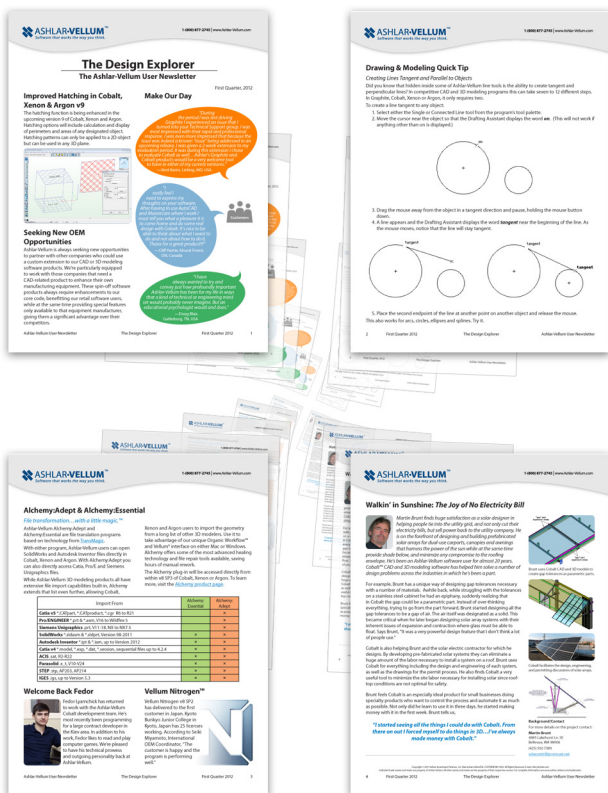- "Walkin' in Sunshine" Proven Success Story

Welcome Back Fedor

Fedor Lyamchick has returned to work with the Ashlar-Vellum Cobalt development team. He's most recently been programming for a large contract developer in the Kiev area. In addition to his work, Fedor likes to read and play computer games. We're pleased to have his technical prowess and outgoing personality back at Ashlar-Vellum.

Seeking New OEM Opportunities

Ashlar-Vellum is always seeking new opportunities to partner with other companies who could use a custom extension to our CAD or 3D modeling software products. We're particularly equipped to work with those companies that need a CAD-related product to enhance their own manufacturing equipment. These spin-off software products always require enhancements to our core code, benefitting our retail software users, while at the same time providing special features only available to that equipment manufacturer, giving them a significant advantage over their competitors.
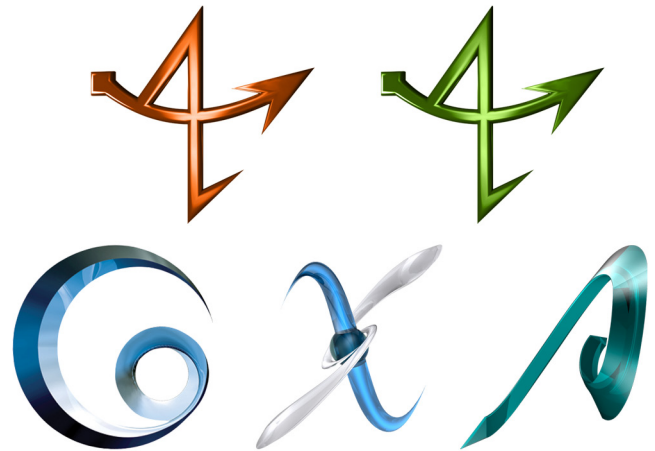
Website Update Complete

This week, web designer Andrey Simakov put the final touches on the completely revised Ashlar-Vellum website. All pages have been optimized for the search engines, the Gallery enhanced and the success stories updated. In this year-long process we've touched nearly 400 different web pages on our website. Now on to other things.

Latest Cobalt Service Pack Posted to Forum

Version 8, service pack 3 of Cobalt, Xenon and Argon was posted to the forum mid month. This service pack had an especially long gestation period because of integration with Alchemy:Adept™ and Alchmey:Essential™.
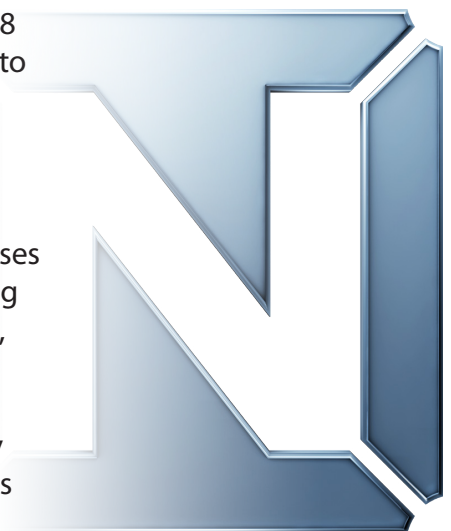
A long list of items has been fixed, enhanced or added. Among those included in this service pack:

- Made snaps also infinite along infinite construction lines.
- Enabled the Drafting Assistant to more readily pick up the origin or vertex items when near a construction line.
- Enabled temporary change of Windows theme to something more compatible while Cobalt is running.
- Fixed Select Chain shortcut.

Vellum Nitrogen™

Vellum Nitrogen v8 SP2 has delivered to the first customer in Japan. Kyoto Bunkyo Junior College in Kyoto, Japan has 25 licenses working. According to Seiki Miyamoto, International OEM Coordinator, "The customer is happy and the program is performing well."