

Ashlar-Vellum Channel Partner Newsletter

May 2007

New Product Sheets and Pages

The Ashlar-Vellum Product pages have been undated with a new look and features to reflect the v8 releases.

If they're not yet live, they will be shortly. Take a look at:

<http://www.ashlar.com/sections/products/graphite/graphite.html>

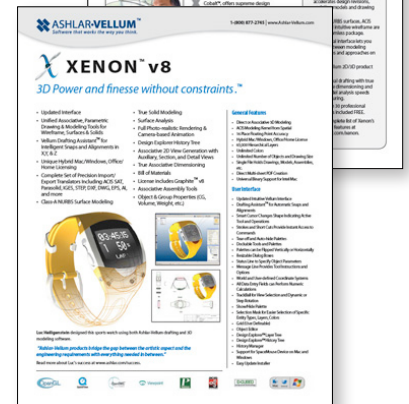
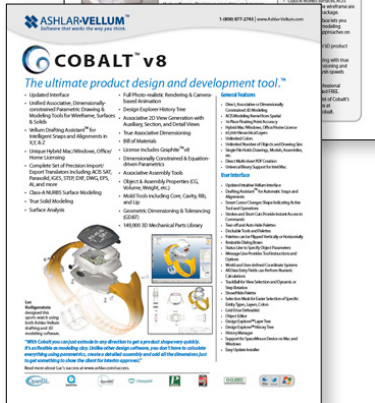
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You'll also find a feature list and system recommendations linked to these pages. Check them out.

New product sheets and specification sheets are available in 8 1/2"x 11" and A4 paper formats. We're also creating 11"x17" tabloid size, though those may not be available until next month. You'll find all of these listed in the right column. The resource files for these will be available in the Resource Library soon.



Maria Bondarenko, left and Yuliya Leonova, collaborate on the graphic design and layout of the v8 sheets and web pages.

Going Virtual for Production

We've moved to virtual production of our CDs and DVDs using an outside fulfillment house. When an order is placed we

trigger a disk to be shipped to the customer directly. All products use our color artwork for both the disk and the mailer.

We are preparing to do the same thing for all printed manuals and training materials. These will be printed on demand in color or black and white as required, then shipped directly to the customer.

Meet Michael Urisman

Michael Urisman joined our technical support team this month. He has a degree in engineering technique and experience in both design and production engineering using a



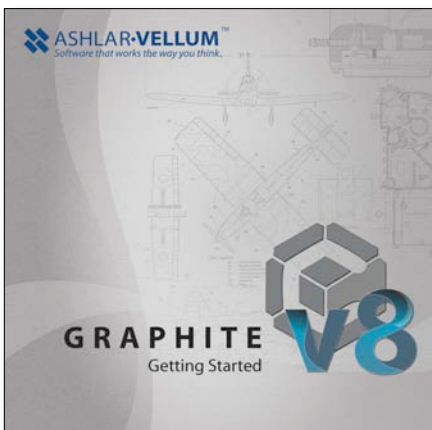
number of CAD systems including T-Flex, a Russian parametric modeling program. Michael is also a musician playing the bass guitar in rock and blues bands. His birthday is on leap year.

Manual Update

The Graphite v8 *User Guide* is in final review and should be available early next month. The *Getting Started Guide* is in technical review and will follow shortly there after.

The changes to Cobalt, Xenon and Argon v8 are significant enough to require an addendum manual until the changes are incorporated into the full documentation.

Galina Ovsyanko is drafting that addendum manual along with making the final updates to the Graphite docs. But don't blame her for any delays. It's review by Austin that is holding her up.



Training at Dimension Design

This month, training consultant Nick Slaughter traveled to Chicago to do beginning and advanced 3D modeling training for seven Xenon users at Dimension Design. Dimension Design creates exhibits for major trade fairs.

Upgrade to 2.7 Discontinued

Please remember that as of June 30th, 2007 we will no longer offer an upgrade path from Vellum 2.7 and earlier versions to the current version. Since this software is over 10 years old, it's no longer reasonable to offer upgrades at a discounted price.

Product Status

Graphite Updates

Graphite v7 SP3 Hotpatch 1 (Build 786) is available now in limited release. Please email support at support@ashlar.com for the link. The second and final hot patch for Graphite v7 SP3 should be available about the end of June. This will get rid of the last of the network checking and script problems and various other minor annoyances. A complete installer will be available with this build in addition to just the patch.



A patch for Graphite v8 SP0 should be available for download this week. This fixes the crashing problem on Mac reported by about 30 users out of 4000. Download it at www.ashlar.com/v8 or do **Help>Check Web for Updates**. There will probably be one more patch for v8 SP0 before doing SP1.



Cobalt, Xenon and Argon

A hot patch for Cobalt, Xenon and Argon v7 (Build 615) is available. This build fixes a number of issues. For the complete list, see: http://update.ashlar.com/cov7_6_602.html and http://update.ashlar.com/cov7_6_615.html. Download them at www.ashlar.com/v7 or do **Help>Check Web for Updates**.



Version 8 for the 3D modeling programs is in beta testing for the Windows version and will soon start beta testing for the Mac Power PC. The Mac Intel platform will require a few more weeks.

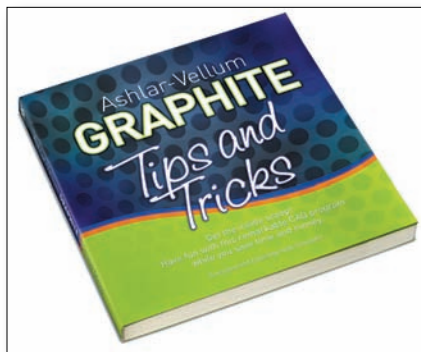


Focus on Ashlar-Vellum Accessories

Ashlar-Vellum offers great accessories for use with Graphite or with Cobalt, Xenon and Argon.

Graphite Tips & Tricks

This is the power-users' guide for all kinds of insider information saving loads of valuable time for both new and experienced users. Designed for both Mac and Windows, this spiral bound book retails for US\$49.95 and makes a nice closing gift for any customer you'd like to thank.



Vellum:tracks

Now you can have royalty free soundtrack music for your 3D animated movies using Vellum:tracks. Thirteen original tracks provide a wide variety of musical styles. Using any audio editing program, the tracks can be edited to the appropriate length and dropped into your movie. Retail price: US \$100 with CD. Click on the link below and listen:

<http://www.ashlar.com/sections/products/vellum-tracks/images/Track-03.mp3>.



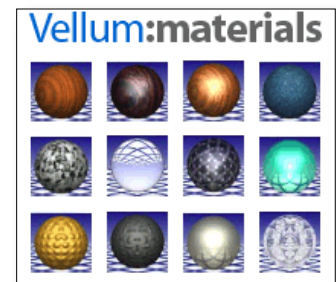
Vellum:environments

This set of 15 virtual photography studios provides an easy starting point for fast 3D renderings. The studios' large, smooth surfaces are pre-lit for easy modification. A full-color book offers easy step-by-step instructions for great renderings and trouble-shooting. Retail price US\$100 with color book and CD.



Vellum:materials

This collection of surfaces and finishes cuts the work involved in preparing a model for rendering. Materials are available for anything designed in Cobalt, Xenon or Argon. The collection includes ceramics, metallic paints, plastics, metals, fabrics, woods, leather, glass and more. Retail price US\$100 with CD.



Vellum:decals

Choose from over 300 commonly used decals when rendering computer-generated objects such as AV, computers, digital, hazard, keyboard, recycle, shipping, signage and telephone. Retail price US\$100 with CD.



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