

# TheConnector

The E-Mail Newsletter  
for Gridgen® Users



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## Gridgen User Group Meeting - Registration Deadline This Friday!

Hop in the driver's seat and test drive V16 at the Gridgen User Group Meeting April 24 & 25.

### Gridgen User Group Meeting Deadline - April 7

For more information, please go to  
<http://www.pointwise.com/ugm/>.

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## Current Release – V15.09

Details on the current release can be found on our web site at:  
<http://www.pointwise.com/library/relnotes.pdf>.

Highlights include:

- support for importing, creating and meshing database solid models
- a new diagnostic for visualizing gaps between database surfaces
- support for FV-UNS Version 3 formatted export
- support for unformatted export to the Cobalt AS/W
- new platform support for AMD Opteron under Windows and Linux, and for SGI Prism

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## Coming In the Next Release – V15.10

Although our next maintenance release is not yet available, as a subscriber to The Connector you have access to a pre-release copy of the release notes.

Find out what new features and fixes are currently slated for the next MR here: <http://www.pointwise.com/library/prerelelnotes.pdf>.

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## AIX Support Ends

Gridgen V15.09 Rel 2 will be the last version built for the IBM AIX operating system. As previously announced ([http://www.pointwise.com/pr/eol\\_mar05.shtml](http://www.pointwise.com/pr/eol_mar05.shtml)), future versions of Gridgen will not be compiled on and will not run on the AIX platform.

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## Pointwise Is Hiring – Earn a Referral Bonus

Know someone looking for a job? Refer them to our open positions page at <http://www.pointwise.com/pointwise/jobs.shtml>.

If we hire them, we will give you a \$500 referral fee. Just have them note you referred them when they initially enquire about an open position.

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## Glyph Script Sharing

A new resource has been added to the Support area of our web site: a facility for exchanging Glyph scripts. A variety of scripts are available for immediate download. Each script has its own page with a detailed description of what it does, including screen shots if the script uses a GUI. Sample files for testing the scripts are available too.

What's even more exciting is that we want to add your scripts to the collection. If you have developed a script that you think will benefit the Gridgen community, look for the Upload A Script button on the web site. Check it out now: <http://www.pointwise.com/glyph/>.

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## Upcoming Gridgen Training Courses (\*New Location Added\*)

Standard 3-day Gridgen training courses are currently scheduled on the following dates at the noted locations:

16-18 May 2006, Fort Worth, TX  
17-19 July 2006, Baltimore, MD  
19-21 September 2006, Fort Worth, TX  
07-09 November 2006, Fort Worth, TX

A 3-day Tcl/Tk/Glyph course will also be offered this summer, which covers Tcl, the underlying programming basis of Gridgen Glyph, and Tk, Tcl's graphical toolkit for building GUI panels, all within the framework of Gridgen Glyph, Gridgen's scripting language. Dates for this course are:

02-04 August 2006, Fort Worth, TX

Register early since the classes are kept small and fill up fast.

More training information, including a registration form, can be found on our web site at: <http://www.pointwise.com/support/train.shtml>.

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## Pointwise Event Schedule

Pointwise will be participating in the following conferences and events:

[Gridgen User Group Meeting 2006](#)

24-25 April 2006  
Irving, TX

[ASME Turbo Expo 2006](#)

08-11 May 2006  
Barcelona, Spain

Lockheed Martin Mechanical Analysis Conference 2006

16 May 2006  
Eagan, MN

[North American STAR Conference 2006](#)

23-24 May 2006  
Novi, MI

Fluent's [2006 CFD Summit](#)

22-24 May 2006  
Monterey, CA

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## Gridgen Tricks and Tips

You can move your center of rotation for model manipulations at any time by holding the *Ctrl* key and picking any pickable point in your database or grid. The new center of rotation's coordinates will be displayed in the Message window.

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## Free Gridgen Manuals for Contributing Focal Point Articles

We are now looking for new article ideas for upcoming issues of Focal Point. Anyone contributing an article that is used in Focal Point will receive a free set of bound Gridgen V15 Manuals, a \$87 value when purchased from our partners at OnDemandManuals.com.

To obtain more information about contributing an article, please send an email to [FocalPoint@pointwise.com](mailto:FocalPoint@pointwise.com). Everything you want to know about Focal Point, including how to subscribe, may be found at: <http://www.pointwise.com/focalpt/>.

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## Resources...

Previous Issues of The Connector:  
<http://www.pointwise.com/library/>

Gridgen Frequently Asked Questions:  
<http://www.pointwise.com/faq/>

Gridgen Installation Instructions:  
Windows - <http://www.pointwise.com/library/installw.pdf>  
Unix/Linux - <http://www.pointwise.com/library/installl.pdf>

Gridgen License Server Maintenance:  
Windows - <http://www.pointwise.com/library/lmw.pdf>  
Unix/Linux - <http://www.pointwise.com/library/lml.pdf>

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