

# TheConnector

The E-Mail Newsletter  
for Gridgen® Users



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### Current Release – V15.09 Rel 3

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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## Pointwise Beta – Introductory Training Seminar

Our next-generation meshing software, Pointwise, will be available for beta testing after the first of the year. Pointwise features a new graphical user interface, a streamlined user interaction model, and the robust meshing techniques we developed over the last 22 years. We need beta testers who will be willing to put this exciting new product through its paces and work with us to tune it prior to production release. If you are interested in becoming a Pointwise beta tester, please send an email to [pointwise@pointwise.com](mailto:pointwise@pointwise.com).

To kick-off Pointwise's beta testing, we are offering a half-day Introduction to Pointwise seminar on the Sunday prior to the AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting in Reno, Nevada. All beta testers and other interested parties are urged to attend. Please send an email to [pointwise@pointwise.com](mailto:pointwise@pointwise.com) if you want to register for this seminar.

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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 Exchange

Be sure to visit the Glyph Script Exchange web site at [www.pointwise.com/glyph](http://www.pointwise.com/glyph) where you will find scripted utilities, macros, and templates available for immediate download.

Upload your favorite scripts and share them with the rest of the Gridgen community. Look for the *Upload A Script* button on the Glyph Script Exchange page.

For all the details, go to [www.pointwise.com/glyph](http://www.pointwise.com/glyph).

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## Upcoming Gridgen Training Courses

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

07-09 November 2006, Fort Worth, TX  
23-25 January 2007, Cleveland, OH  
27-29 March 2007, 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:

### [VINAS Users Conference 2006](#)

26-27 October 2006

Tokyo, Japan

### [AIAA Aerospace Science Meeting](#)

08-11 January 2007

Reno, NV

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## Gridgen Tricks and Tips

Many users are not aware that the Examine tool is also available from the ANALYSIS S/W COMMANDS menu. There are two diagnostic functions available, spacing and orthogonality. Spacing provides the first cell height off the boundary, and orthogonality gives a measure of the incidence angles of grid lines normal to the boundary. These diagnostics were made available for boundary patches or domains since they are not really domain or block quality measures. They are excellent diagnostic tools for viscous structured grids.

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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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