What's New In SA

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One of the advantages of SpatialAnalyzer is that development occurs at a brisk pace. New feature requests, bug fixes, and changes are implemented quickly, giving you the opportunity to start taking advantage of newly implemented features in a very short period of time.

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Usability Improvements

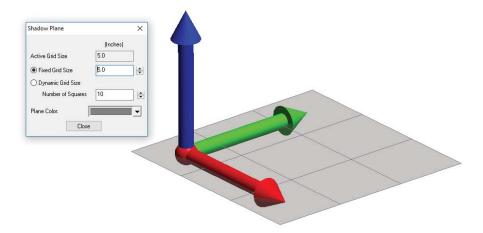
Show Selected Faces

A new option has been added to the Right-click Surface category in the tree. The **Show Selected Faces** option provides a quick way to isolate the CAD faces of interest from a CAD large model by building a single additional surface from the selected faces and hiding the original CAD model.

Shadow Plane

A Shadow Plane has been added to the view. It does two things:

- 1. Provides a visual display of scale that adapts to the extent of the job file automatically.
- 2. Helps greatly with orientation and view navigation by providing a reference that is shaded from the top and clear when viewed from below.



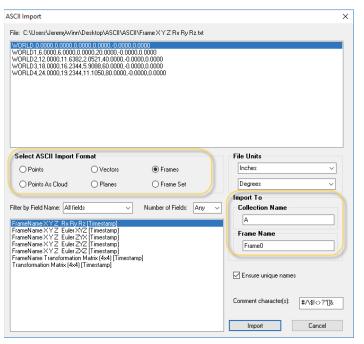
The shadow plane can be enabled through the **View** menu and the properties of the Shadow Plane provide a means to set the grid size to a fixed distance or number of squares in the display.

Improved Relationship Category Controls

The relationship branch in the SA TreeBar has a set of new visibility controls which allows selective display of both the Nominal and Measured features included in the relationships. This makes it much easier to control object visibility. A **Collapse All** option has also added.

Expanded Ascii import controls

The Ascii Predefined Formats importer now includes a more intuitive set of format selections and improved Collection and Group name controls.



Inspection Improvements

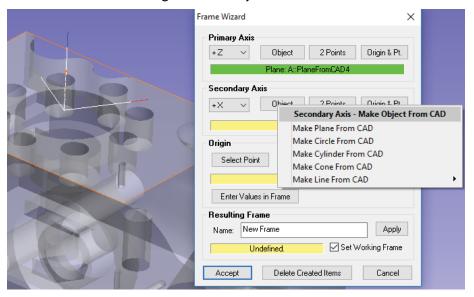
Point Cloud to CAD Face Relationships and Queries

Point Clouds to Surface Faces relationship and query functions have been added. This provides the ability to more precisely limit comparisons to specific CAD faces.

Frame Wizard with CAD

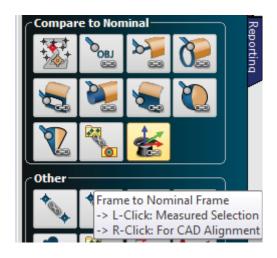
The Frame Wizard utility has been greatly expanded to provide the capability to directly interact with CAD models, thus building geometry from the selected CAD faces interactively as part of building a frame.

This includes simple geometry extract, center point and vertex detection, and intersections. This also provides a preview of the frame under construction for greater clarity.



The Frame Wizard Alignment

Frame Wizard Relationships now offer a second mode of selection that works directly with CAD for Alignment purposes, accessible as a right-click SA Toolkit function. In this mode, the newly built geometry from the CAD is used to define a nominal frame and corresponding geometry relationships are built, ready to measure. Once you execute the alignment, the new measured and nominal frames are aligned.



Tolerances for Scale Bars

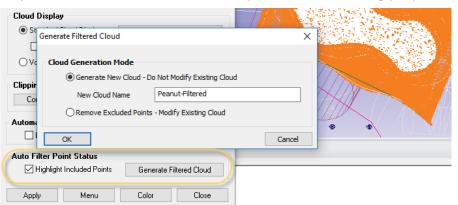
Tolerances can now be set and reported on Scale Bar measurements.

Naming was added to Hidden-Points Bars

Hidden point bars have traditionally been defined using an index and their distance parameters. By adding a name to the bar, it becomes easier to identify individual bars and opens the door to adding and removing them using MP scripting.

Scan Strip Cloud Filter Options

The process of filtering a cloud to CAD faces converts a Scan Stripe Cloud into a set of many individual standard clouds. In order to save the filtered cloud as a Scan Strip Cloud that can be used for meshing, a new Auto Filter Status tool has been added that allows a new Scan Strip Cloud to be added from a filter operation for meshing purposes.



Automation Improvements

Run MPs with Trapping

The ability to launch MP scripts as part of the Inspection process has been added. It is now possible to embed an mp in a job file and associate that MP with a relationship so that when trapping to that relationship begins, the MP will execute.

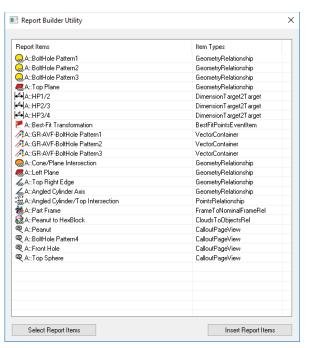
To make this process clearer for users, a new relationship type has been added called an MP Execution. The sole purpose of this relationship is to run an MP and be clearly identifiable in the inspection task list. This opens the door to automation as part of a simple inspection process.



Reporting Improvements

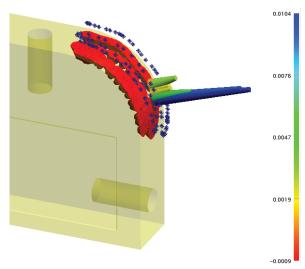
Report Builder Utility

An interactive report designer utility as been added to SA to make it easier to build a report with the information needed. This utility provides a means to select items in a list format, organize those features as desired using drag and drop, and generate a report with the selections.



2D ColorBar Option

A simple 2D color bar has been added as an optional display setting to save graphical space and provide an elegant solution to graphical reporting.



Optional Simplified Report Bar display

The Reporting Tab of the Users Options now provides display control to hide or show the report bar tab controls and grid display.

Instrument Updates

Scanning Enhancement

Improved visualization while scanning by highlighting the first few lines of the incoming data to help identify your active scanning progress.

New Leica AT9x0 Tracker SDK

Added LMF version v.1.5. This includes support for the new SCE (wide acceptance angle) reflector. This requires that you update the tracker's firmware to the corresponding version 1.3.3.

New V-Stars SDK

A new V-Stars SDV version v.4.9.4-1 has been added which includes speed improvements processing S-Mode Data

New LAP Projector SDK

Added support for LAP CAD-Pro api v.2.4.0.363

Expanded CAD Import Support

New Formats Added:

- AutoCAD 2D /38
- Autodesk 3DS
- COLLADA
- GL Transmission Format (v2.0)
- Revit
- Wavefront OBJ

Many formats were also updated, see the Readme file for details.

Measurement Plan

New MP commands were added:

- Set Custom Table Header Row. Provides a simple custom table header that merges all the cells across a table.
- Make a Relationship Reference List Runtime Select. Provides the ability to make a user defined list of relationships.
- Make a Dimension Ref List- WildCard Select. This command provides a way to make a list of dimensions based upon a name search.
- Get i-th Dimension from Dimension Ref List (Iterator). The iterator version added here makes it easy to work through a list of dimensions.
- Clear Hidden Point Bar Database. This command deletes all the previously defined Hidden point bars.
- Delete Hidden Point Rod. Deletes the selected hidden point rod.
- Get Hidden Point Rod Index by Name. Returns the specified hidden point rod index from a specified rod name.