

What's New In SA

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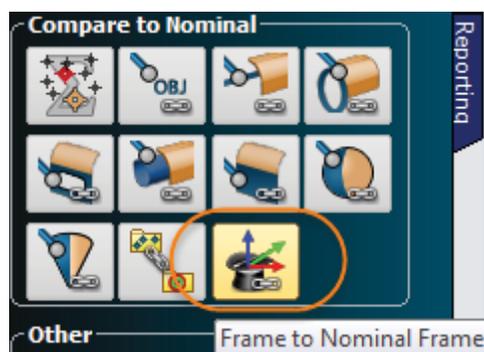
One of the advantages of SpatialAnalyzer is that development occurs at a brisk pace. New feature requests, bug fixes, and changes are implemented quickly, giving you the opportunity to start taking advantage of newly implemented features in a very short period of time.

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Relationships

Frame Wizard Relationship

A new Relationship type has been added to SA called a **Frame to Nominal Frame** relationship. This function operates like a Geometry Relationship in that it provides a customized comparison report between the nominal and measured features. It also combines the best features of our Frame Wizard utility with the 6D dynamic comparison power of a Frame to Frame relationship. This powerful new tool allows you to build a dynamic frame from measured features and have it continually update as those features are recomputed or moved. It also provides a convenient way to perform a frame to frame alignment.



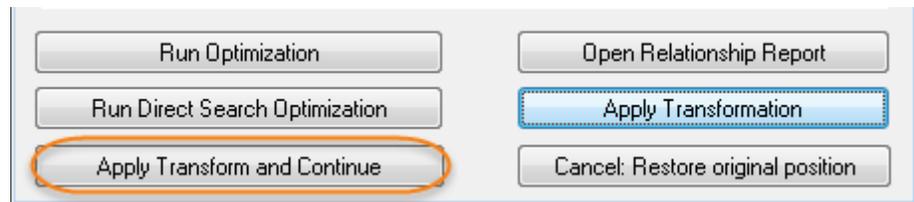
Cloud Based Geometry Relationships

Point clouds can now be used to build Geometry Relationships providing a dynamic tool for cloud feature extraction. This feature has been added as an additional association option. When a cloud is used to build a relationship, subsampling options will become available within the relationship properties.



Added Sequential Fit Control to Relationship Fit Dialog

A new button was added to the "Minimize Relationships" dialog to allow sequential application of transformations developed from sequential minimization steps with different criteria. This provides a clean way to isolate sequential rotations and translations relative to particular frames without closing and re-opening the dialog.



Relationships Auto-vector Reports

Relationship auto-vector reports have been expanded to include the projection settings used in the relationship computation for greater clarity.

Callouts

Max/Min Auto-Vector

Max/Min Vector callouts added directly to auto-vectors now refresh dynamically as points are added to the relationship such that the highest and lowest vectors always have the callout labels attached.

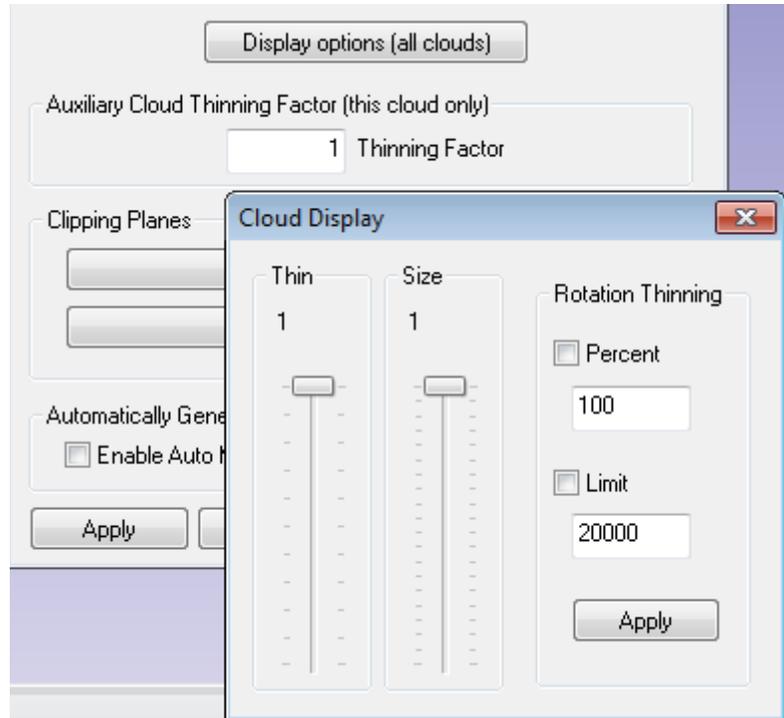
Improved Callout Configuration

Added callout configuration controls for Points to Objects, Point Clouds to Objects, Groups to Group relationship Callouts such that the information can be configured as needed to save graphic space. New Object callout options were also added for planes to display origin XYZ and orientation.

Point Cloud Handling Improvements

New Thinning Controls Added for Clouds Points and Vectors

Greater point cloud thinning control has been added to point clouds and the point cloud Display Control. This includes the ability to set thinning independently for different clouds in the same job, set an upper limit for the total number of displayed cloud points, and control the extent of thinning during graphical manipulations.

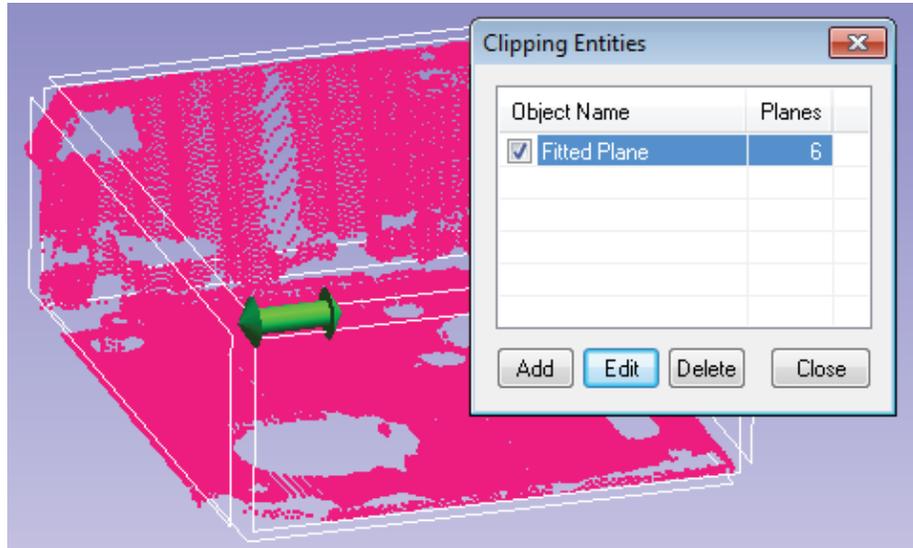


Fast Cloud to CAD/Mesh

A new intelligent Cloud to CAD or Cloud to Mesh alignment has been added. This function is available directly through the cloud's right-click properties and provides a convenient way to align an instrument.

Clipping Planes for Clouds

Clipping Planes were added to the Point cloud properties along with a delete hidden cloud points control. This provides an easy way to remove splash points recorded from a tabletop for example. It can also be set up in advance to act as a pre-filter during scanning.

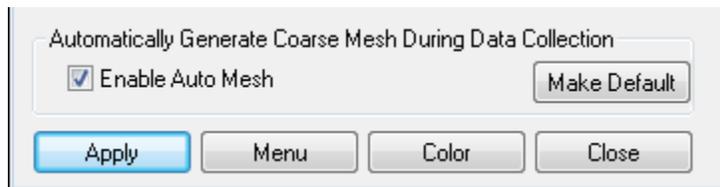


Scan Stripe Point Clouds

A new point cloud type called a Scan Stripe Cloud was added. This cloud type includes additional information including embedded transforms per scan stripe to facilitate meshing.

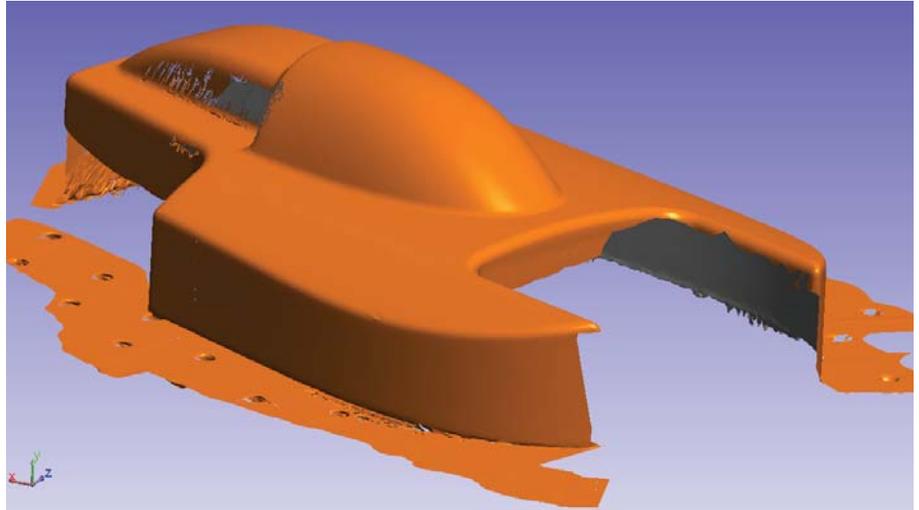
Real-Time Course Mesh

A course mesh can be built from cloud points as you scan. This makes it easier to see the extent of data coverage during a scanning operation. This can be turned on through the cloud's properties and set as default if you want a course mesh generated for all clouds.



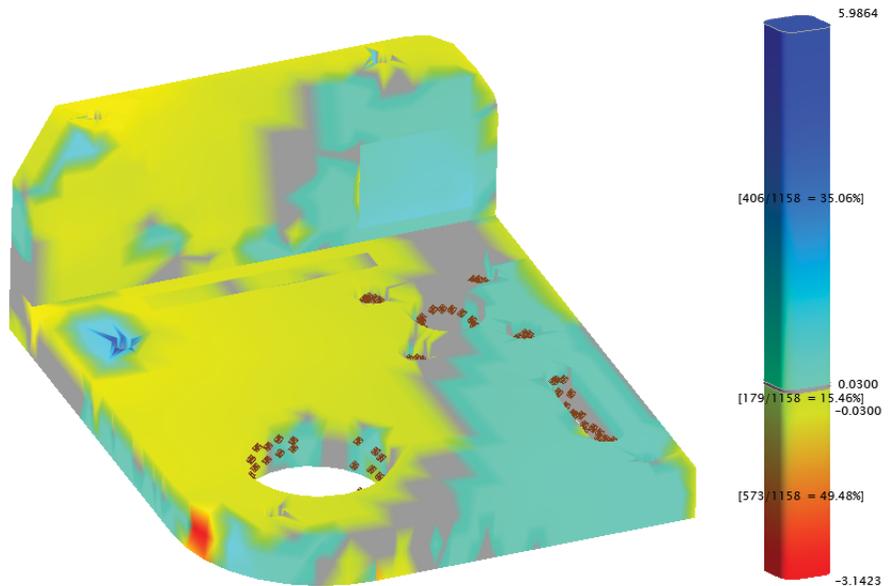
New Scan Stripe Mesh

A refined mesh can now be built from Scan Stripe Clouds with a significant amount of control. These settings are provided within the Mesh properties and the fine mesh can be re-generated as needed based upon changes made to the originating cloud.



Added Colorized Mesh from Point Clouds

While SA could build a colorized mesh to display point deviations in the prior version, this function has now been expanded to be used with point clouds. It provides a means to display a colorized surface displaying deviations as transitions between colors. Colors can be configured using the same parameters used for vector groups.



Improved Query Speed with Point Clouds

Significant enhancements were made to accelerated vector generation and cancellation for point clouds as part of a query. Additional sub-sampling controls have been added. This subsampling option has also been added to geometry fit operations.

Instruments

- Added option to export individual measurement profiles so that specific profiles can be moved from machine to machine.
- Added tighter integration with the Leica LAS scanner
- API I-probe and V-probe improvements
- Improved Leica MS60 integration
- Aicon DPA system upgrades
- Arm simulation improvements
- Faro arm interaction improvements including auto-proximity scanning

New MP Commands

DataShare Operations

- **Load HTML Form.** This new MP command adds the ability to present a custom webpage to an operator in order to ask for a wide range of data entry needs. It can eliminate the need to present the operator with a series of data entry dialogs. The default inputs are read from a data share file and the operator's responses are then written back into the corresponding data share fields.

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "User Input for DataShare File" containing a form titled "SA MP Form Example". The form is organized into several sections:

- Operator Personal Information:** Includes text input fields for "First Name:" and "Last Name:", and a "Gender:" section with radio buttons for "Male" (selected), "Female", and "Other".
- Select CAD File:** Features a text input field and a "Browse..." button.
- Select Tracker From List:** Contains a dropdown menu currently showing "Faro Xi Laser Tracker".
- Select Misc. Options:** Includes three unchecked checkboxes: "Prompt for Tooling Selection", "Auto-Align to Nominals", and "Display Watch Window".
- Measurement Count:** A text input field containing the value "0".
- Circle Diameter:** A text input field containing the value "0.000000".
- Show in Callout:** Radio buttons for "Radius" (selected) and "Diameter".

At the bottom of the form are "Save" and "Cancel" buttons.

Other MP Types

- **Make UDP Settings**

Relationship Operations

- **Move Collections by Minimizing Relationships**

Relationship Attributes

- **Set Geom Relationship Projection Plane**
- **Set Geom Relationship Nominal Geometry**
- **Get Geom Relationship Nominal Geometry**
- **Set Geom Relationship Measured Geometry**
- **Set Geom Relationship Cardinal Points**
- **Set Geom Relationship Auto Vectors Nominal (AVN)**
- **Set Relationship Auto Vectors Fit (AVF)**
- **Set Relationship Desired Meas Count**
- **Get Geom Relationship Nominal Avg Point**
- **Get Geom Relationship Measured Avg point**