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## **Ashlar-Vellum™ Announces Support for Unicode**

**February 28, 2011, Austin, TX.** Ashlar-Vellum announces support for Unicode in their Graphite 2D/3D Computer-aided Design program. Unicode will be implemented in Japanese versions of Vellum-Nitrogen v8 and in the future Graphite v9, worldwide.

ASCII and ISO 8859 computer text traditionally can only read 256 characters from any one language at a time. This makes it difficult to use multiple languages in a document or to support ideogram languages such as Chinese. By implementing Unicode, a program can support over 100,000 characters from multiple language sets.

Robert Bou, president of Ashlar-Vellum remarked, "The implementation of Unicode supports today's global economy where design projects are shared seamlessly by international teams."

### **About Ashlar-Vellum**

Founded in 1988, Ashlar-Vellum is the leading provider of precision CAD and 3D modeling software that automates and simplifies the design process for drafting, design, and engineering professionals on both Macintosh and Windows platforms. Ashlar-Vellum's unique Organic Workflow™ featuring their renowned Vellum® user interface and powerful toolsets have earned the loyalty of innovators around the world. Ashlar-Vellum operates from its headquarters in Austin, Texas. To learn more call +1 800-877-2745 or visit [www.ashlar.com](http://www.ashlar.com).

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