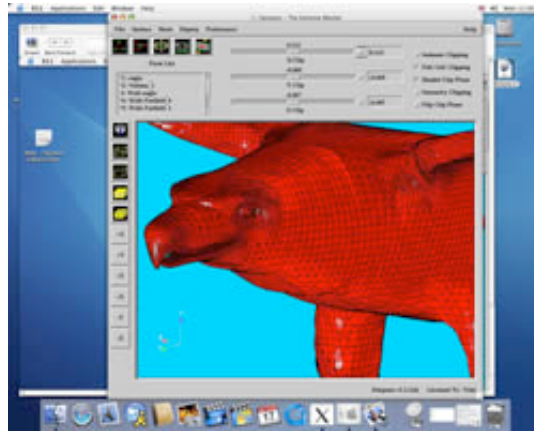


CEI adds Macintosh OS X support to its extreme meshing software

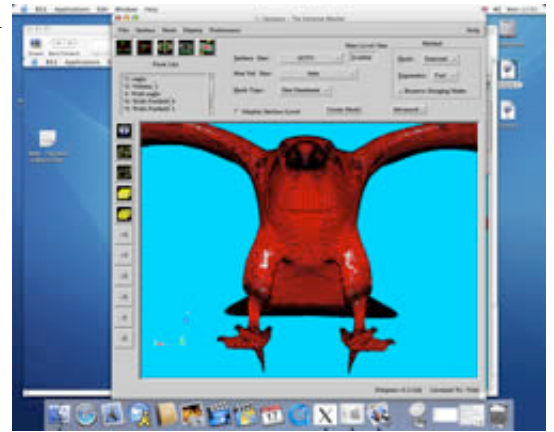
APEX, N.C., April 29, 2004 - CEI has added support for the Macintosh OS X platform to Harpoon, the extreme meshing program that the company launched in March 2003.

Harpoon turns a CAD file into a finished mesh with three clicks of a mouse. Proprietary meshing algorithms enable the software to process up to two million cells per minute on standard hardware. A HEX-dominant structure within Harpoon ensures better quality cells, even if CAD data is poor. And, Harpoon automatically checks the generated mesh for inconsistencies and repairs any sub-par cells.



CEI officially supports the Panther (10.3) version of Mac OS X, which includes support from Apple for X11 graphics. The company recommends that Jaguar (10.2) users upgrade to Panther for its software enhancements and improved X11 support. Harpoon is currently an X11-based application.

Because CEI's licensing model is platform-independent, Mac users within existing CEI customer sites can simply install Harpoon and contact the network administrator to obtain the license key to use the software.



"When we saw the tremendous response we received from introducing our EnSight, EnLiten and EnVideo visualization tools for the Mac platform, we knew that we had to have Harpoon running on the Mac as well," says Darin McKinnis, CEI's director of sales. "The Mac is great for Harpoon since meshes are often quite large and require good CPU and graphics performance."

About CEI

CEI offers a complete suite of tools for engineering and scientific visualization, from meshing to plotting to animations that can be run on the most advanced VR displays. The company has corporate headquarters in Apex, N.C., and authorized distributors around the world. In addition to software products, CEI provides consulting services to engineers and scientists from organizations that need to visualize computational results for research, product design or product refinement.

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