

Goodbye Garrett, Hello Anna

Employee Changes at IES!

13+ years

At the end of 2014, we said goodbye to Garrett as the long-time office manager at IES. Garrett has retired to a life of skiing and other leisurely pursuits in and around SandPoint, ID after a long and very successful term keeping IES customers happy, and the IES business running smoothly. It is hard to say how much his steady presence and capable management has helped us all. We will miss him and wish him a well-earned rest from the working world.

Welcome Anna

For the past couple months, Garrett has been helping our newest employee, Anna as she assumes his duties. We've undergone quite a few office changes in 2014 with the implementation of the new Self Service Portal and licensing system, which has overturned 20 years of accounting and billing practices. So far Anna is taking it all in stride and brings a great attitude and skill set to the job. Anna is not a structural engineer but has a great handle on our products, licensing systems, and can process your invoices and answer your business questions. We trust that she will be meeting your expectations for high quality, personalized service that Garrett has provided.

Say Goodbye to Garrett!

If Garrett was especially helpful or kind in meeting your company's needs for structural software, or if you just want to wish him well, please drop an email to Anna (info@iesweb.com) to that effect and we'll make sure Garrett gets it. I'm sure that he will miss his conversations with many of you!

Contact information

If you have been using 'garrettb@iesweb.com' to communicate with IES, you should change your address book to the following:

IES Sales & Licensing: sales@iesweb.com

IES Technical Support: support@iesweb.com

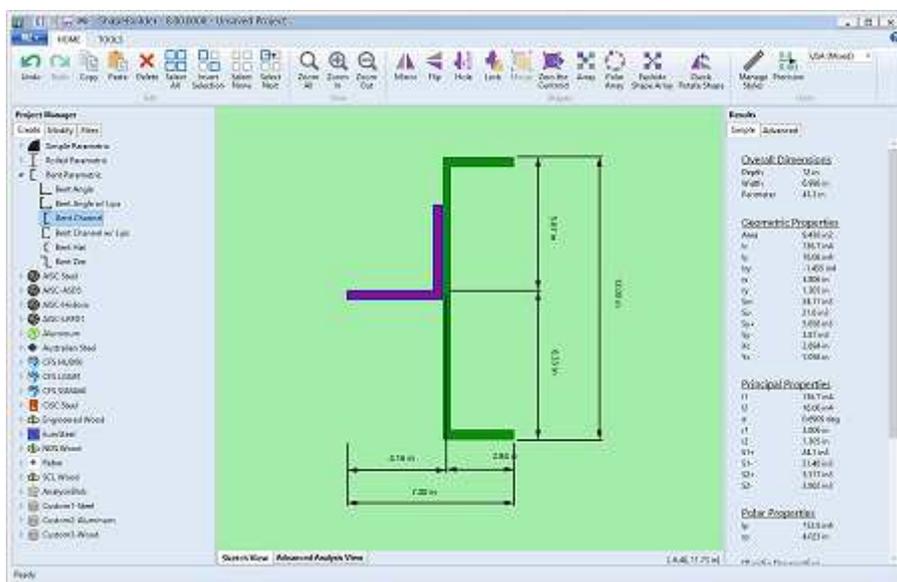
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ShapeBuilder 8.0 On the Way

Development is Almost Done!

Version 8.0 in January

An upgrade to ShapeBuilder 8.0 is coming in January. This will be free for anyone whose maintenance is current on ShapeBuilder.



Benefits

The latest release will offer a number of time-saving and productivity enhancing improvements to streamline your efforts as well as cleaning up any outstanding bugs that have been reported in the past couple months.

- **Explode Array** command
- **Override Shape Color**: see parts more clearly
- **Quick Rotate**: button on toolbar
- **Unit Style Selection**: easier access on the toolbar
- **Material Selection**: offering a **search** feature
- **Copy Command**: both a picture and results on the Clipboard
- **Custom Report Image**: add your company logo to the report header
- **Streamlined User Interface**: less distracting to your work
- And more in the works...

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Happy 2015!

May we Prosper for YOUR Benefit

Exciting Developments

IES is excited about the changes we are making in our structural software systems. Changes that YOU have been asking for and suggesting over the years.

VisualAnalysis

In 2015 we are continuing our rewrite of VisualAnalysis (from the ground-up!) using the latest technologies and a perspective of hindsight, which is allowing us to improve on choices that were made 20 years ago! The new system will take advantage of modern multi-core processors and libraries for superior performance and reliability. It is a long road ahead yet, but we hope to have at least a preview edition available for beta testing by the middle of the year. In the mean-time, a minor upgrade to **VisualAnalysis 12.0** will address some key weaknesses, while not "rocking the boat" very much.

Other Products

We have upgrades planned for other products as well this year, and we'll roll those out over the next few months. If you have complaints or suggestions, please forward those (with as much details as necessary!) to support@iesweb.com and we'll use them to update and rank our feature requests and bug-lists.

Always Listening

If you have suggestions for how IES can better meet your structural-software needs in 2015, be sure to let us know. Our collective ears are wide open to customer ideas. In any case, we hope that your year is filled with exciting and

Retired Products

IES Policy: Out with the Old

At IES we are committed to quality engineering software. We are also not an "Autodesk" or "Microsoft" and our resources are quite limited. To ensure you are getting the best from IES, we restrict the support of very old products to 4 years from when a product is replaced by a newer version. Product-Versions that have dropped off the grid include the following (and all prior versions of that product):

Now Retired:

- VisualAnalysis 7.0
- ShapeBuilder 5.0
- VisualFoundation 1.0
- QuickFooting 2.0
- QuickRWall 2.0
- QuickConcreteWall 1.0
- QuickMasonry 2.0

IES will not provide technical support, download files, or licensing for these products. You may archive anything you have and use them as long as they work, but without our blessing. We fix bugs and introduce new features for business-reasons, but ALSO for engineering and quality reasons.