

MINUTES OF SOFT TECH V6 USERS GROUP MEETING #42

**Thursday 1 September 2011
Soft Tech Australia Office, Sydney**

Meeting opened 10.04 am

Attendance

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| ● Capral | - Craig Johnson |
| | - Riri Hohaia |
| ● Alspec | - Allan McCubben |
| ● G.James | - Mike Eccles |
| | - Shane Baker |
| | - John Staunton |
| ● Micos | - Jay Phillips |
| ● Shelley Glass | - Francis Yen |
| ● Aneeta | - Robert Langner |
| ● ASA | - James Gillian |
| ● Select Windows | - Ian Rickards |
| ● APL NZ | - Dan Rigg |
| | - Frex Vincent |
| ● Rylock | - Doug Andrews |
| ● Seaview Joinery | - Shaun Forst |
| ● Spectrum Comm. Glazing | - Michael Molina |
| ● AJ Glass | - Paul Murphy |
| ● Envirotech | - Steve Parkes |
| ● Lidco | - Chinton Shah |
| ● Darley Aluminium | - Graeme Butler |
| | - Tony Zhu |
| | - Alex Cai |
| ● Trend Windows | - Joanne Celebrin |
| | Ray Schroder |
| | Suman Singh |
| | Chantel da Fonseca |
| ● Soft Tech | - Anne Coulter |
| | John Ball |
| | Kerry Williams |

Apologies

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| ● AWS (Vantage) | - Michelle Sealey |
| ● Trend Windows | - Ray Schroder |
| | - Suman Singh |
| ● Canterbury Windows | - Lydia Amour-Naidoo |
| | - Peter Leeke |
| | - Glen Morgan |

Soft Tech Update - John Ball

Company Founder and Chairman



John gave an insightful talk about technology changes and the hugely increasing role of software within the smallest to the largest business. John's seat on the NZ Government IT Research Grants Board gives him an ideal perspective on this rapidly changing world.

- Influx of Tablets
- Cloud replaces private servers
- SaaS replaces stand alone
- Software dominates infrastructure

3rd South African Customer - Swartland

- Timber Windows
- Sustainable practices platform
- Turnkey solution from Soft TEch



New Production Software sale - UK

- Construction Coy
- Own uPVC Manufacturing



Demonstration - V6 New Version - 3.50.03

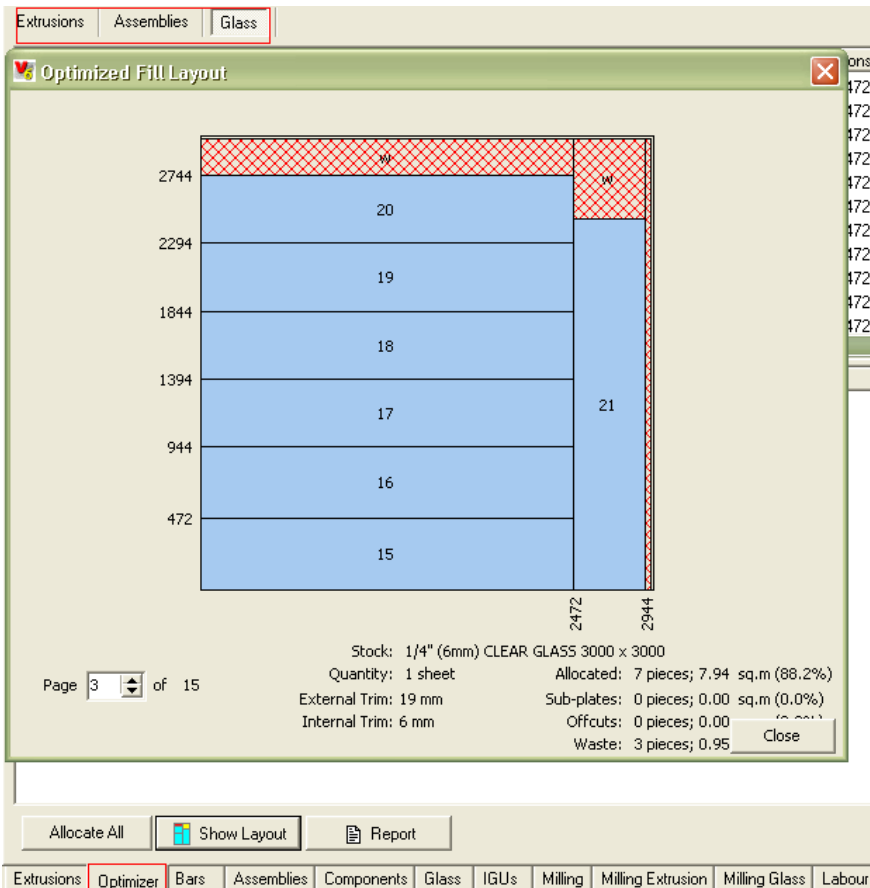


Anne Coulter **Kerry Williams**

Anne gave a demonstration of new quoting/operational changes in this release and Kerry demonstrated the new database developer features of 350.03.

A small collection of the new features include –

1. Inbuilt Glass Optimising



The screenshot shows the 'Optimized Fill Layout' window with a grid of glass pieces. The pieces are numbered 15 through 21. Dimensions are shown on the left (2744, 2294, 1844, 1394, 944, 472) and bottom (2472, 2944). A summary table at the bottom provides the following data:

Stock:	Quantity:	Allocated:
1/4" (6mm) CLEAR GLASS 3000 x 3000	1 sheet	7 pieces; 7.94 sq.m (88.2%)
External Trim: 19 mm	Sub-plates: 0 pieces; 0.00 sq.m (0.0%)	
Internal Trim: 6 mm	Offcuts: 0 pieces; 0.00 sq.m (0.0%)	
	Waste: 3 pieces; 0.95 sq.m (11.8%)	

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Buttons: Allocate All, Show Layout, Report

Navigation: Extrusions, **Optimizer**, Bars, Assemblies, Components, Glass, IGUs, Milling, Milling Extrusion, Milling Glass, Labour

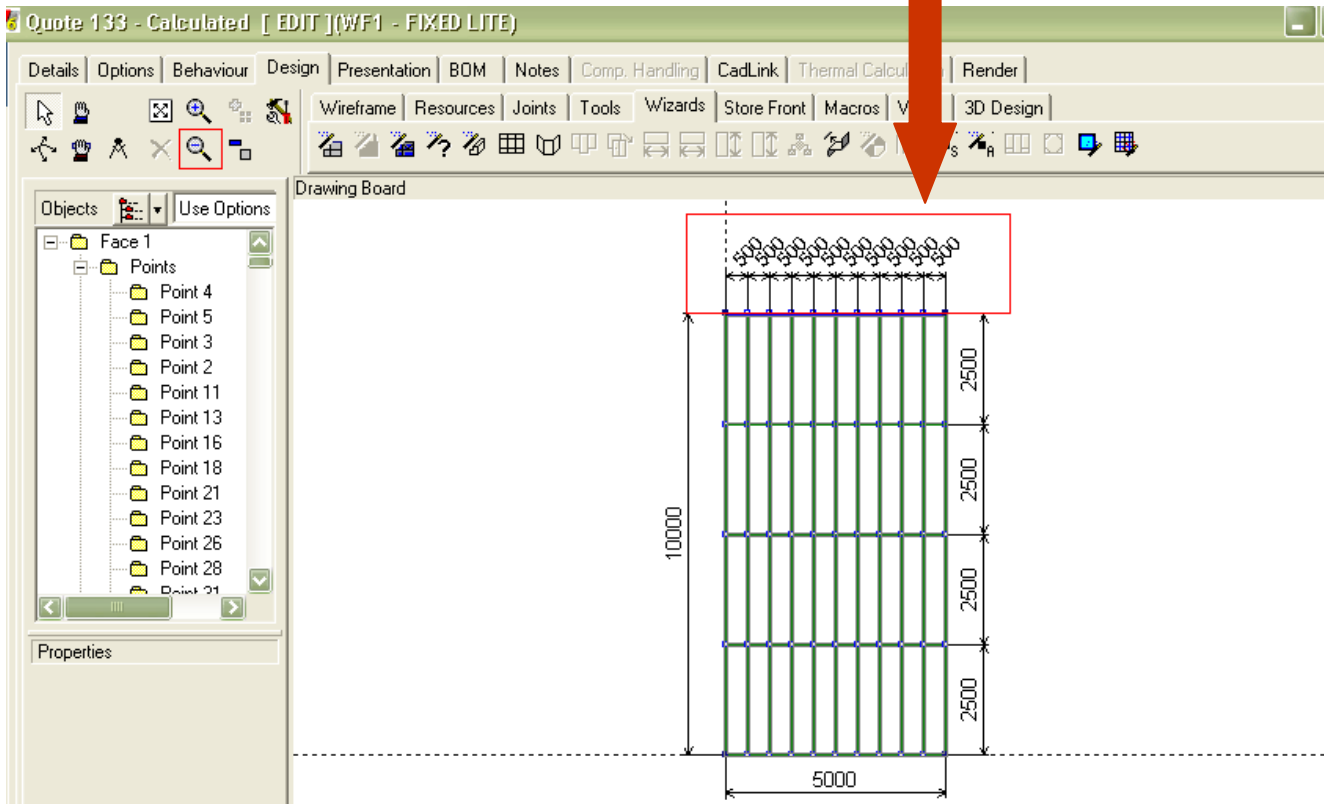
2. New Colonials Wizard allows frames created with different grid patterns –e.g.

The diagram illustrates the process of aligning colonial window frames horizontally. It starts with a drawing board showing a window frame with dimensions: a total height of 1829, a total width of 1524, and two vertical sections of 914 each. A red arrow points from this drawing to the **Grid Alignment Wizard** dialog box. The dialog box has a toolbar and a list of options: **Align Horizontal Bars** (selected), **Align Vertical Bars**, **Align Horizontal/Vertical Bars**, and **Align to the Largest Light**. The wizard is applied to a window frame, which is shown with red hatching. A second red arrow points from the wizard to the final drawing board, which shows the window frame with the horizontal bars aligned. The dimensions remain the same: 1829 height, 1524 width, and 914 sections.

To have the colonials aligned Horizontally e.g.

And result in this

3. Changes to viewing small dimensions on large frames



4. Quote Pricing columns now provide totals

Cu	Qu	Status	Id De:	Quc	Quote Date	Total Selling	Is Au	avec	Gross Sell Price	f
CUST1	130	New Item		1	23/08/2011	\$1,272.36	F		\$853.66	T
CUST1	129			3	22/08/2011	\$1,506.23	F		\$1,068.51	T
	129			1	22/08/2011	\$811.64	F		\$534.26	T
CUST3	128	New Item		2	22/08/2011	\$2,013.57	F		\$1,566.08	T
	127			1	16/08/2011	\$0.00	F		\$0.00	T
CUST1	126	New Item		5	15/08/2011	\$8,386.19	F		\$6,906.51	T
CUST1	125	New Item		3	15/08/2011	\$953.35	F		\$700.82	T
	124			3	15/08/2011	\$2,785.15	F		\$2,056.24	T
	123	New Item		1	15/08/2011	\$926.42	F		\$729.02	T
	122	New Item		2	15/08/2011	\$479.00	F		\$381.86	F
	121	New Item		1	8/07/2011	\$1,030.92	F		\$813.48	F
CUST2	120	New Item		2	16/06/2011	\$50,408.02	F		\$43,000.16	F
CUST2	119	New Item		3	16/06/2011	\$37,048.44	F		\$31,544.13	F
CUST2	119	New Item		1	16/06/2011	\$0.00	F		\$0.00	F
	118	Accepted		7	2/06/2011	\$1,486.98	F		\$1,354.49	F
	117	New Item		2	1/06/2011	\$1,827.73	F		\$1,414.48	T
	116	New Item		1	26/05/2011	\$50.97	F		\$42.48	T
	115	New Item		1	23/05/2011	\$687.38	F		\$508.89	T
	113	New Item		2	15/04/2011	\$1,139.48	F		\$889.83	T
						\$784,734.82			\$678,913.02	

V6 Technical Update

V6 Latest Versions

Current releases are –

2.10.1284	Aug 2008
3.20.0553	Sep 2008
3.30.0857	May 2010
3.40.1579	Jun 2011
3.50.1349	Aug 2011

Available from

ftp://V6_Aus:zx81@ftp.softtechnz.com

Enhancement Requests from Users

1. Report Links Changes

Agreed to Submit

Is Softtech planning to make report links operating system environment friendly at any stage soon?

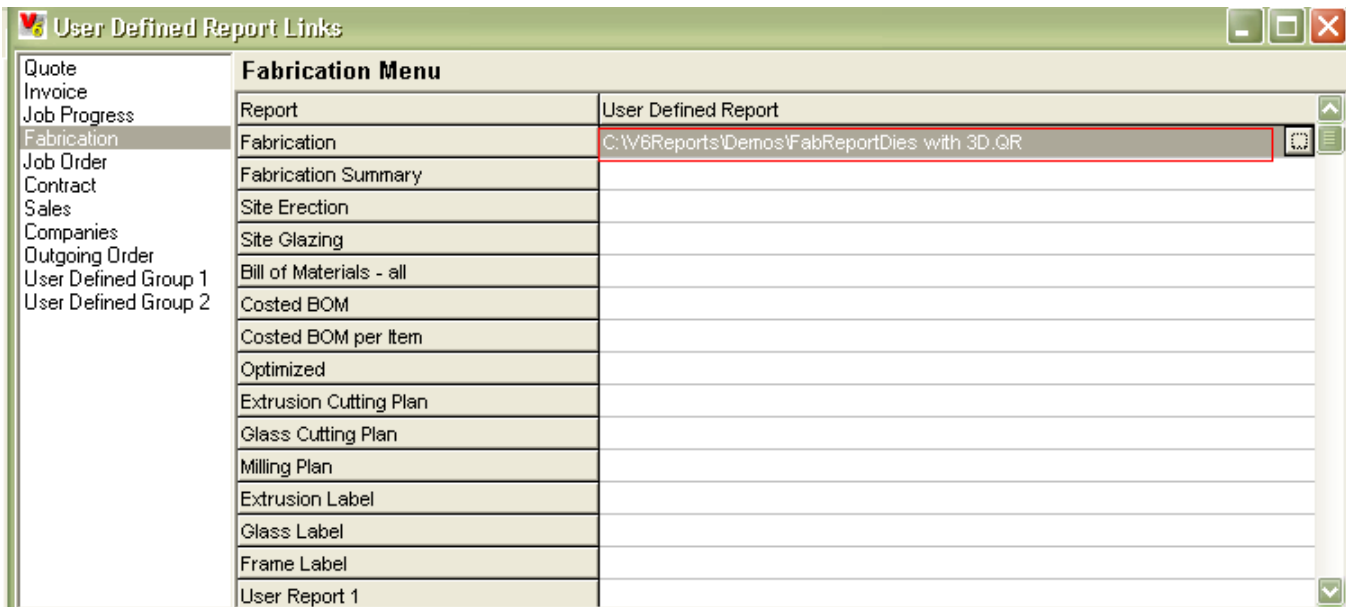
By this I mean instead of using a report link like

C:\Program Files\V6_Alspec_SQL\QReports

we use something like

%ProgramFiles%\V6_Alspec_SQL\QReports

This would make it possible for 32bit and 64bit machines networked together using V6 to work with QReports properly. At the moment they don't unless you dump the QReports on a 64bit machine into the 32bit program files directory



2. Labour Split on BOM

Agreed to Submit

Can we get 2 separate labour tabs as we have factory and site (sub contract) labour information and would like totals of the 2 areas separated on the BOM pages of a quote.

Quantity	Area	Type	Layer
▶ 133:40:00	FRAME	Pre ASSEMBLY	Default
33:25:00	FRAME	MACHINING	Default
33:25:00	FRAME	CUTTING	Default

Total Labour
200:30:00

Extrusions Optimizer Bars Assemblies Components Glass IGUs Milling Milling Extrusion Milling Glass Lat

3. Separate Finishing Cost & Extrusions on BOM

Agreed to Submit

Can we get finishes (powdercoating or anodising) on a separate tab or area from extrusions.

We buy all our extrusion in in mill and send to a separate companies for finishing so it is a separate cost 'header'.

I/a	Quantity	EMark	Extrusion	Finish Color	Length	Cut2	Part Code	Bends	Cost	Attribute
▶ No	360		ST-STOP-1	BRONZE (BRONZE AI	456	0.0T	ST-STOP-1		Not available	
No	40		ST-STOP-1	BRONZE (BRONZE AI	433	0.0T	ST-STOP-1		Not available	
No	360		ST-HORZ-1	BRONZE (BRONZE AI	456	0.0T	ST-HORZ-1		Not available	
No	40		ST-HORZ-1	BRONZE (BRONZE AI	433	0.0T	ST-HORZ-1		Not available	
No	21		ST-HEAD-1	BRONZE (BRONZE AI	10000	0.0T			Not available	
No	18		ST-HEAD-1	BRONZE (BRONZE AI	456	0.0T			Not available	
No	2		ST-HEAD-1	BRONZE (BRONZE AI	433	0.0T			Not available	
No	19		ST-DFILLS-1	BRONZE (BRONZE AI	10000	0.0T	ST-DFILLS-1		Not available	
No	342		ST-DFILLS-1	BRONZE (BRONZE AI	456	0.0T	ST-DFILLS-1		Not available	

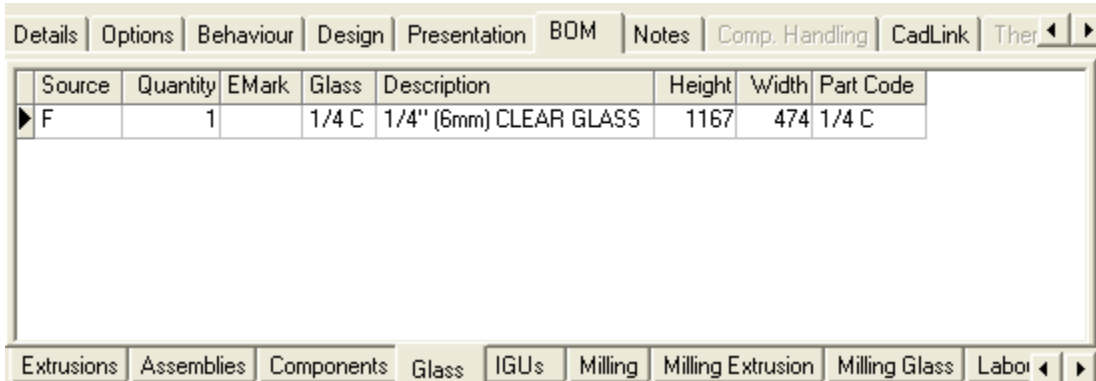
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4. Glass Processes on BOM

Agreed to Submit

We buy all our glass in cut to size and with all processing done (i.e. polishing and holes cut etc.).

I would like all these processes to be in the glass tab.

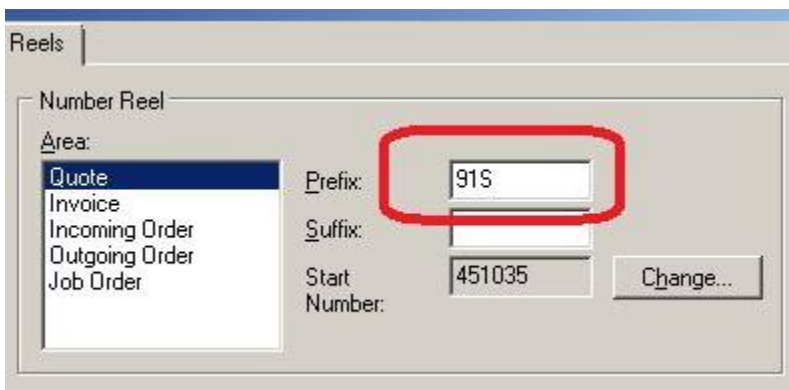


Source	Quantity	EMark	Glass	Description	Height	Width	Part Code
F	1		1/4 C	1/4" (6mm) CLEAR GLASS	1167	474	1/4 C

5. Quote Prefixes

Agreed to Submit

Could you please increase the prefix field to 6 characters?



Reels

Number Reel

Area:

- Quote
- Invoice
- Incoming Order
- Outgoing Order
- Job Order

Prefix: 91S

Suffix:

Start Number: 451035

Change...

6. Hide from Pickers – quote only

Agreed to Submit

This applies mainly to 'frames' but could be possibly be useful elsewhere.

When the 'hide from picker' flag is set for a frame, it stops that frame being seen under all circumstances.

What we would like to suggest is a more sophisticated set of settings:

- a) 'Hide from all pickers' *This is the same as now*
- b) 'Hide from quote item picker only' *This would 'hide' the frame when adding items to a quote but still allow it to be selected as a nested frame.*

This would allow the users to manually nest a frame into a light but not use it on its own.

In addition, it would be useful if these settings could be applied to families, so that the size of the 'tree' could be reduced.

7. Display Sash Overall Sizes on Drawing Board

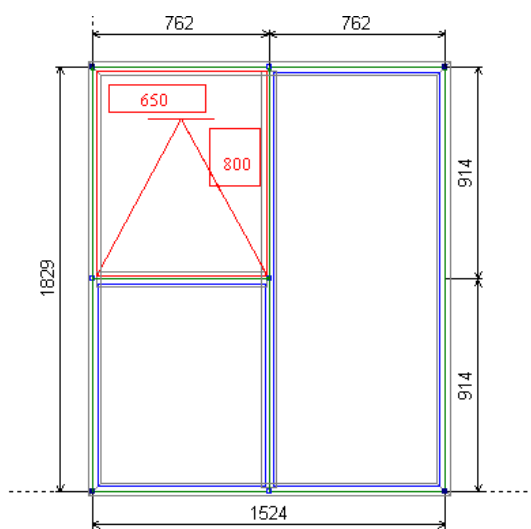
Not Submitted

The Group believed that the writer could achieve the sash sizes via User defined Dimensions.

The concept of placing them within the sash was not considered sufficiently beneficial to submit.

Is there any reason why V6 can't display the overall sash size (height & width) as an option on the Drawing Board?

It would be extremely useful – I'd suggest the dimensions be within the sash not outside it.



8. Merging Databases – Problem with Finishes

**Not Submitted
At this point**

We need a way to make merging databases more user friendly.

The issue has always been the 'Finishes' which are specific to each library.

If databases like Aneeta are released to the general V6 community, we would like to be able to merge it into our current database (which is non supplier specific).

9. Wers Rating – variety of glass within frames

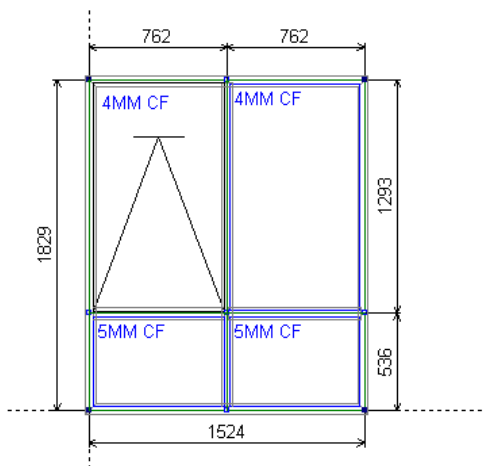
Agreed to Submit

Increasingly we are finding that users are requesting to have different glazing requirements within the one frame.

An example of this would be a frame with Lowlite/s, where they may have 5mm in the Lowlite and 4mm in the Top Lite (Opening Sash) of the window.

Currently in V6 the WERS feature (on screen or reporting) does not cater for these instances. I have been informed by the Research and Development Team that in these instances WERS should return the values of the lites with the lower glass thickness – i.e. for the Top Lites (Opening Sash) of the window

Can V6 WERs be altered to allow us to work with this decision? If other companies view this differently can we have a set up to cater for their choices in this?



The Group considered that since no specific direction from WERs was available on this, multiple solutions will be necessary within setup options including the one requested above.

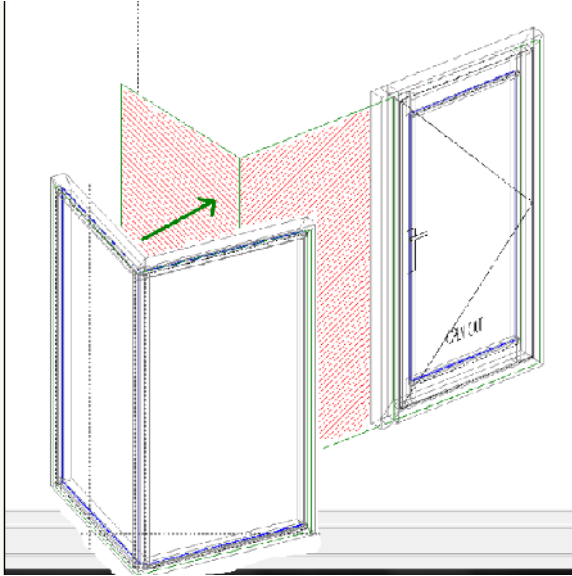
The alternative solution of – as current should be the default.

Other solutions are expected to be submitted at future meetings.

10. Nesting multi-face Frames

Agreed to Submit

We would like to be able to nest multi-faced frames into outer frames



Next meeting

**Thursday, 1 December 2011 (10am)
To be held at –**

**Soft Tech Australia P/L
10 Warby Street
Campbelltown NSW 2560**