

Skeptic “opposed” to purchase becomes believer.

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“The Axiom tool we use most frequently is *RefMerge*. This tool is vital to properly translate MicroStation design files to other formats (like AutoCAD and PDF). Before we had this tool, merging a design file and its reference files into one file took lots of effort. Before, the process went

like this: 1) open the file, 2) make note of all used levels, 3) de-select all used levels, 4) create a fence on a new level encompassing all the elements, 5) copy the fence contents and paste them into the new level and 6) unlink all reference files. This process is bearable on one file, but on multiple files, which requires you open each file and

go through the process, it can be a tedious task. With *RefMerge*, I just select the list of files I want to merge and let it run.

“*RefMerge* indeed increases my productivity, but it’s nothing compared to what I can do with *FileFixer*. I am sure I don’t have to tell *FileFixer* owners how useful it is, because they

know. Just wait until you find yourself face to face with a corrupt design file and its corrupt backup copies. Then you will see firsthand why *FileFixer* is great.

“Another situation in which I find *FileFixer* useful is when we translate AutoCAD 2000 files into MicroStation design files. Usually,

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ally, there is corruption in the files after translation. *FileFixer* has fixed

every single instance of that corruption.

“Lastly, I would like to add that when my boss, Mr. Pio Manuel Peroy, asked me to try out Axiom tools I was a bit skeptical of their worth and opposed their purchase. But now Axiom tools help me in my work in a way I could have never imagined. I would like to thank my boss for giving me such a gift. I may

look busy in my picture, but the truth is that with Axiom tools, I work less each day.”

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For more information on *FileFixer* and *RefMerge* contact an Axiom MicroStation Consultant today! Call +1-727-442-7774 extension 9084, e-mail 9084@axiomint.com or visit Axiom on the Web at www.axiomint.com now! **MST**

FileFixer returns stray elements automatically.

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to other files identified elements with coordinate values outside the legal MicroStation range -4.5×10^{15} to $+4.5 \times 10^{15}$. These elements are outside the legal MicroStation universe! The IEEE standard allows 64 bits to contain values outside this range so incorrectly initialized or damaged element coordinates can contain out-of-bounds values.

When a V8 element coordinate contains an out-of-bounds value, the element might be unselectable or might disappear entirely when zooming.

FileFixer for V8 recognizes this new V8 error condition and automatically corrects out-of-bounds element coordinates by moving the element back inside the “legal” design file edge. The element can then be manipulated (or deleted)

normally.

The most common scenario is a line which has one good coordinate and another illegal (out of range) coordinate. We move the illegal coordinate inside the design plane edge and the good end remains unchanged (and retains its context amongst other healthy elements in the drawing). Zooming, selection and other element manipulations are then successful.

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That’s just a sampling of recent *FileFixer* enhancements. If you are curious about more of the latest V8 enhancements to *FileFixer*, please contact Axiom for an online demonstration. Call +1-727-442-7774 extension 9085, e-mail 9085@axiomint.com or visit Axiom on the Web at www.axiomint.com now! **MST**



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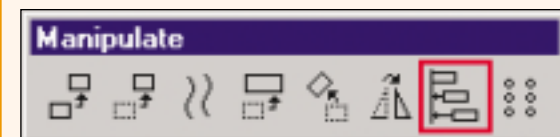
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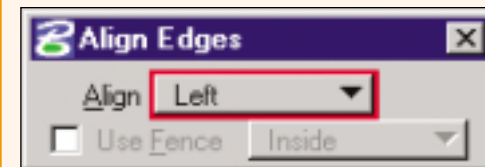
MicroStation Tip Corner Align Tool in MicroStation J

Let's say you've got a bunch of text elements that need to be left aligned due to the fact that they were placed without regard for alignment and look rather sloppy. To fix this, use the “Align Edges” tool and have it done in no time flat. This tool works on any element type and makes it quick and easy to align elements to others along the top, bottom, left, right or center points of the element.

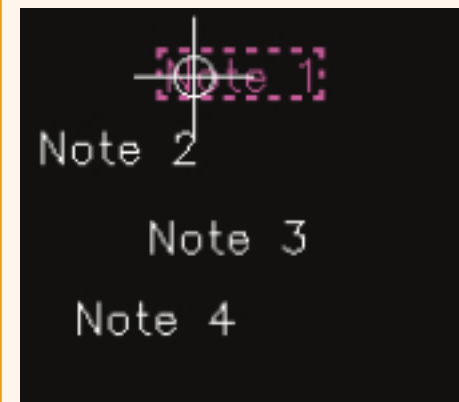
To align these off-kilter text elements, select the “Align Edges” tool located within the “Manipulate” toolbox.



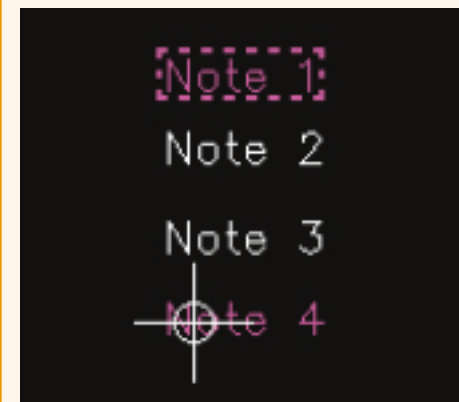
Then set the “Align” setting to “Left” in the “Tool Settings” dialog box.



Next, select the text that you want the other elements to align to.



Accept it with another data point and then select each element whose left edge you want to align to the original element selected.



If you make a mistake by selecting an element you do not want to align, just reset once and the element moves back to its original position. Then you can continue to select more elements. When the last element you want to move has been processed, accept it with a data point and then reset to start over with a new set of elements or select another tool. Very slick.

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