

Thinking of upgrading from Vectorworks® Landmark version 2008? Want to know what you missed in version 2009? Check out this FAQ:

The difference between version 2008 and 2010 is big—Parasolid® big. It's our new modeling engine, and it changes everything. Parasolid is the backbone for hundreds of computer-design, manufacturing, and engineering analysis (CAD/CAM/CAE) applications.

With Parasolid, you can tackle larger and more complex models and enjoy higher levels of modeling automation. You can spend less time verifying accuracy and completeness and more time designing. And, you can do it all at speeds that are 4-5 times faster than our previous versions. Together with Parasolid, Vectorworks Landmark is the most reliable, scalable, and feature-rich design application available.

1. In a complicated drawing, selecting the right object can be a challenge, is it any easier now?

It's a cinch. With the new pre-selection indication option, you'll highlight objects as you mouse over them. With a click, they're selected.

2. Can I draw mixed plants in a single planting area?

You bet. Now there's no need to draw generic plant groupings or calculate landscape areas by hand. You can specify mixed planting areas that are calculated with specific plants from your plant list, gaining you valuable time—and making your drawings really come to life.

3. Can I use site modifiers on the existing DTM?

Yep. Now you can add site modifiers to both the existing and proposed digital terrain model. They'll make your drawing far more accurate.

4. What improvements have you made to working with PDF files?

Now you can snap to the lines and geometry in the imported vector based PDF. So copying geometry from a PDF is, well, a snap.

5. How can I work better with someone's messy files?

You know, the drawing where you don't know what the layer or class name is but you just want to turn objects in the drawing *off*? You can use the visibility tool. Click to turn off any class or layer—and tell your colleague to keep it cleaner next time.

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6. I don't like the layout of the default plant tags. Can I edit them?

Sure thing. You can arrange and apply your own personal style in each planting plan because you have more control over plant tag definition and placement. Choose your own style—your designs will speak for themselves.

7. Can I drag files in to open them?

Absolutely! Not only will Vectorworks files open this way, but DWG/DXF, PDF, EPSF, Metafile, PICT, Shapefile, 3DS, IGES, SAT, image, and SketchUp files will too. So drag away.

8. Can I draw more precise planting beds?

Yes! We added two new modes to the polyline tool so you can create precise arc segments for greater control and flexibility when drawing free-formed shapes like planting beds and hardscapes. Beautiful!

9. Why can't I see the other object in my drawing anymore when I edit a group?

Good question. We wondered the same thing. Now you have the choice to see the other geometry in the drawing when editing a symbol, group, or solid. You can even choose to use Unified view during the editing process.

10. Do you ship with any landscape architectural objects?

Do we ever. Choose from arbors, pools, patio furniture, park benches, grills, and fire pits. Plus we added a library of different landscape and hardscape stipple patterns. So picking your favorite object will be the hardest part.

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