



Altair SimLab 2020.1 Features



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SYSTEM



Enable Units For New Database

File > Preferences > Application

• Added a toggle to set the selected unit system for new database.





Entity Highlight and Auto Rotation Enter

File > Preferences > Application

- Added a toggle to disable the highlighting of entities and auto rotation center based on user defined node count limit.
- In earlier version of SimLab, if the node count exceeds 1M it will automatically disable the entity highlight and rotation center.

Note: The performance of entity picking, and rotation of large models will be fast by turning on this toggle.





SimLab X

View > Applications

• Made **SimLab X** as default application.







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USER INTERFACE



Reposition & Axis

Sample model 🗕 📥

Home > Move

- The Reposition mode in the Move tool is simplified for ease of use
- Support is added to reposition the axis of the Move tool/Body using the axis marker





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Groups

Rotation Performance Improvement

• Rotation performance is improved when nodes are selected in FE bodies.

Model Size (Node Count)	SimLab 2020 (Selected all nodes in the model)	SimLab 2020.1 (Selected all nodes in the model)	Performance Improvement				
2.4 Million	1 FPS	14 FPS	93%				
0.5 Million	3 FPS	17 FPS	82%				
0.4 Million	5 FPS	21 FPS	76%				
Note : FPS (Frames per second)							



Select Associated Entities

Sample model 🔶 人

Body Right click > Select

• Support added to select connected RBE's from input bodies.

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Experiments

Parameters browser > Process Right click

• Added plot support for responses against iteration in DOE.

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Runs	Pattern_SL	SL_Radius	Response_1 Element Stresses (2D & 3D)-Von Mises	Response_2 Displacement-Resultant	
Run 0	5	25	0.0426098	1.42264e-05	
Run 1	4	22.5	0.0462458	1.56229e-05	
Run 2	4	27.5	0.0452978	1.40169e-05	
Run 3	6	22.5	0.0486508	1.48723e-05	
Run 4	6	27.5	0.0413739	1.32535e-05	
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SKETCH



Sketch

• The new ribbon "**Sketch**" is added. It contains the tools to create 2D sketches with design variables.





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GEOMETRY



Edge Offset

Geometry > Edge > Create

• Enhanced the edge offset tool to improve the mesh quality.



Edge Offset

Geometry > Edge > Create

• Robustness in improved in edge offset tool.







Simplify

Geometry > Body > More Tools

• Added option – "Create CAD – Parasolid" to create simplified CAD geometry.

	Simplify Bodies ::::: × Bodies Body 21 Shape: Box Cylinder Hollow cylinder Create CAD - Parasolid Mesh size Element type Tri3 V Apply QK Cancel	
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Simplify

Geometry > Body > More Tools

- In case of single body as input, input body name is retained for simplified body.
- Undo supported.





Simplify

Geometry > Body > More Tools





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MESH





Mesh Control

Mesh > Controls

- Added boundary layer mesh control to define various boundary layer parameters for different domains.
- These boundary layers can be created in one shot through Mesh > 3D Mesh > CFD.



Circular Element Size

Sample model 🔿 📥

Mesh > Controls > Mesh controls

• Option added in cylinder mesh control to specify "element size" for circumference of cylinder.





Tet Mesh

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Mesh > 3D Mesh

- Renamed "Volume Mesh" to "Tet Mesh".
- Removed Wedge6 and Hex8 options. These options are moved to '2.5D Hex Mesh' tool.

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Hex Mesh

Mesh > 3D Mesh

• Hex Mesh related tools are grouped and placed under new secondary ribbon 'Hex Mesh'.



Hex / Wedge' tool is renamed as 'Modify'





Identify Bodies to Hex Mesh



Mesh > 3D Mesh > Hex Mesh

• Enhanced the tool to identify the cyclic symmetric bodies using 'Axis symmetric' option.

Identify Bodies to Hex Mesh	
Input bodies	
Body Types:	
✓ Axis symmetric	
Screw	
☐ Pipe	
2.5 D	
Extrude in one direction	
Extrude in multiple directions	
Apply OK Cancel	
	Cyclic Symmetric Body





Auto Hex Mesh

Mesh > 3D Mesh > Hex Mesh

• Support added to hex mesh the uniform sweep bodies.



• Enhanced the tool to hex mesh the cyclic symmetric bodies.



Auto Hex Mesh :::::::		×			
Input bodies	Body 26				
Average element size		0.1 mm			
Minimum element size	0.01 mm				
Allow quad mesh tra	ansition				
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Auto Hex Mesh

Mesh > 3D Mesh > Hex Mesh

Enhanced the tool to capture geometry properly and to have uniform mesh on concentric circles • for 2.5D bodies.

0.1 mm

0.01 mm

Cancel







Auto Hex Mesh

Mesh > 3D Mesh > Hex Mesh

• Enhanced the tool to mesh the bodies extruded along with multiple directions.





Re-mesh

Mesh > 3D Mesh > Hex Mesh

• Added a tool to support re-meshing on a hex meshed body.



Select one of the foll A) Mesh faces B) 2D Elements	owings:					
Average element size	e	0.5				
Minimum element size 0.05						
Preserve bounda	ry edges					
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Axis Symmetric

Mesh > 3D Mesh > Hex Mesh

• Enhanced the tool to hex mesh the cyclic symmetric bodies.

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Cyclic Symmetric Body

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Mesh size (Axial and radial direction)	0.1 mm						
Number of elements along circumference	24						
Element Type: • HEX8 • HEX20							
Avoid spider wedge along axis							
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Pipe Mesh

Mesh > 3D Mesh > Hex Mesh

• Added a new tool to Hex mesh the various cross-sectional pipes bodies with reference cross sectional mesh.



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Solutions Ribbon

- Moved the Solutions ribbon to the front of all the ribbons
- Added support to dynamically update the ribbons when a solution is defined



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Fatigue and Optimization Solutions

Solutions Ribbon

solution.

• Added an option to create Fatigue and Optimization solution in solution ribbon.

Note: These solutions can be created only when the database contains at least one Optistruct

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Solution Folder Name

Solutions Browser > Update

• Simplified the solution folder name by removing solving date and time. Now, solution name will be the name of the solution folder.

This change will help the user to predict the solution folder name in automation.





Hide Solution Bodies

Solutions Browser > FE Bodies > Right Click

• Added an option to hide the bodies associated with solution.





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ELECTROFLO SOLUTION





ElectroFlo Solution

• Added Electronic Thermal Management solution.





Background Solve and Solver Log

Results > Right Click

Support added for background solve and viewing the solver log file while solving. ۰



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RESULTS



Plot Convergence

Solution > Results > Plot Convergence

- Added support to check the progress of solving. This option is supported for the following solvers
 - ElectroFlo
 - Radioss
 - AcuSolve
 - OptiStruct (Only for Non-Linear static solutions)

Note: For AcuSolve solutions Convergence can be plotted after the solution is solved.





Iso Surface

Results > Tools

• Added support for Iso Surface post processing.





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WELD





Create Plug Weld

Advanced > Weld

• Added a new tool to create plug weld.





Create Plug Weld

Advanced > Weld



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