



September, 2010

**Welcome**

Welcome to this month's edition of the DesignPoint Newsletter. SolidWorks 2011 Beta is now available which means the DesignPoint Rollout events are coming soon. See below for the "Save the Date" and watch for a separate e-mail to register next week.

**Announcements**

- ➔ [DesignPoint announces SolidWorks 2011 Rollout Dates](#)  
DesignPoint Solutions hopes you can join us for one of our annual Rollout Events being held on October 19, 2010 in Lancaster, PA and October 21, 2010 in Clark, NJ. This is our official Launch of the SolidWorks 2011 release. A formal registration notice will be sent soon - so mark your calendars!
- ➔ [DesignPoint continues its Customer Appreciation program](#)  
As a continued "Thank You" for naming us the #1 Customer Satisfaction reseller, DesignPoint is continuing to thank our customers through free training and special offers. The link above provides details on the offers available for the month of **September**. Thank You!
- ➔ [SolidWorks 2011 Beta now available!](#)  
Login to the Customer Portal to review the latest features coming in the next release of SolidWorks and download 2011 Beta for yourself
- ➔ [Dassault Systèmes launches DraftSight 2D drafting tool](#)  
DraftSight is a professional-grade, open 2D CAD product for users who want a better way to read, write and share DWG files. DraftSight is easy to use and is available for professional CAD users, students and educators to download and activate for free.
- ➔ [SolidWorks 2010 SP4 is Now Available](#)  
SW 2010 Service Pack 4. Login to the Customer Portal for the download.
- ➔ [3DVIA Composer V6R2011 SP0 Now Available](#)  
The latest major release of 3DVIA Composer is now available to all active Subscription Service customers through the Customer Portal.

**Upcoming Events**

- ➔ [Customer Appreciation Webinar](#)  
September 21, 2010
- ➔ [SolidWorks eTV Webinar Series](#)  
September Episodes Available Now

**Upcoming Training Classes**

- ➔ [SolidWorks Advanced Assembly](#)  
Lancaster, PA 9/9 - 9/10
- ➔ [SolidWorks Fundamentals I](#)  
Clark, NJ 9/13 - 9/16
- ➔ [SolidWorks Fundamentals I](#)  
Lancaster, PA 9/20 - 9/23

[FULL SCHEDULE](#)

**Product Spotlight**

**SolidWorks Premium**

TAKE A BREAK...AND TRY THE SOLIDWORKS "PREMIUM" BRACKET DESIGN CHALLENGE!!!

SolidWorks Premium software integrates a broad range of mechanical CAD, design validation, product data management, design communication, and CAD productivity tools in a single, affordable easy to use package that helps you tackle the toughest design challenges.

Go from concept to virtual prototype faster than you ever thought possible with the desired quality using a single easy to use application. SolidWorks Premium is so complete, you can progress from a product concept to a highly accurate virtual prototype without employing any other software.



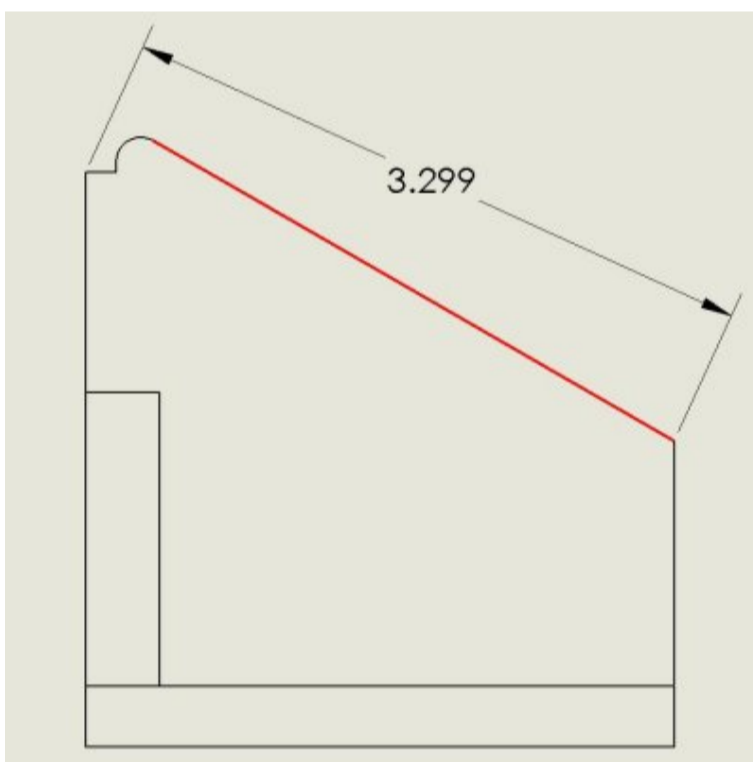
Click [here](#) for a fun and interactive opportunity to see if you are up to this design challenge!!!

**Technical Tip**

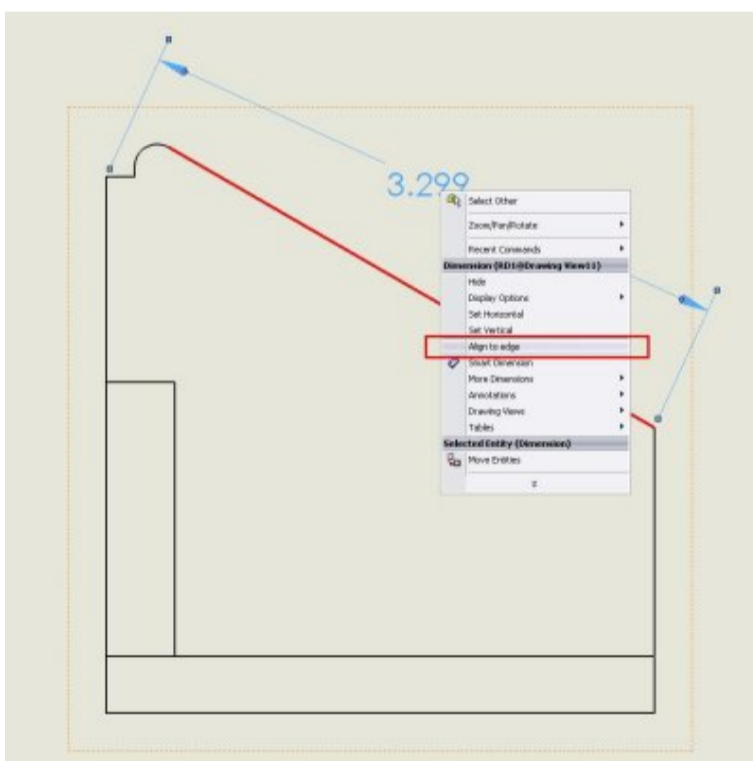
**Align to Edge**

Here's a Tech Tip highlighting some little known functionality in the SolidWorks Drawing mode. One of the strengths of the tool is its long history of customer-driven enhancements. In this example, Align to Edge is a detailing feature you can use to clean-up a dimension. Its certainly something many users might ignore anyway but its great to see the depth of the Drawing environment can come in handy at times.

In the first view you'll see a dimension that is accurate displaying a point-to-point length.



While not required, it would certainly be a more professional looking drawing if the dimension was aligned to the edge of the part. To do this right-click on the dimension and choose "Align to Edge", then select the alternate edge.



Here's the final result ...

