

Changes in CabWriter Version 2.0.0 Beta 6-7-2018

New Functionality

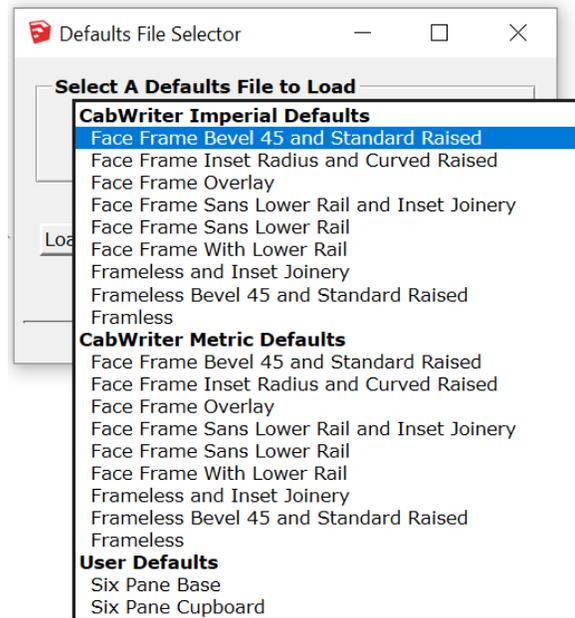
1. Added Metric defaults to the CabWriter Defaults factory install folder. Imperial defaults are stored in:

Plugins\cabwriter\cabwriter_defaults\imperial
and Metric defaults are stored in:

Plugins\cabwriter\cabwriter_defaults\metric

Be sure that the Model Info dialog box, Unit page, has the correct Format and Precision for the defaults you choose. For example, if you choose an Imperial defaults file you should choose a Fractional Format and a 1/64" Precision. If you choose a Metric defaults file you should choose a Decimal Format and 0.00mm Precision (do not choose 0.0mm because rounding may cause problems with this precision).

2. Also changed the Defaults File Selector dialog box to reflect the new folder locations. See image above.



Fixes

1. Fixed the Red/Green lights on the Face Frame tab of CabWriter Settings. When in Decimal/Metric mode the lights could appear red even though the results column show a zero difference.
2. Fixed a problem where some on-edge rectangles were not extended off-edge during the generation of DXF files.

Changes in CabWriter Version 2.0.0 Beta 5-31-2018

Release Summary

This beta release had a purpose; to implement dado, groove and rabbet construction methods, along with the associated DXF features, to provide full support for both inside and outside profile and pocket cuts on the CNC as well as drilling.

New Features:

1. Dado, rabbet, and tongue and groove construction for carcasses, including both stopped and through, including fixed shelves. Includes qualified dado and rabbet construction. Captured backs will also be supported.
2. Automatic detection of user added cutouts and drill holes. These features will be added to the DXF according to a new layer structure defined below.
3. Ability to specify a single DXF file per part as well as the current system of including all parts of similar material in one file.

New DXF Layer Naming:

Many CAM software packages have the ability to automatically create tool paths based on the layer name, but each of the packages uses a different format for layer names. CabWriter now provides the ability for the user to customize the layer names by filling in a table with their preferred names. Since the layer name can include parameters such as depth, drill bit size, or even material thickness, a facility is provided to include those parameters in the layer name using strings and drop down boxes.

Layer names are defined by six strings concatenated together. Strings are contained within curly braces { }, but are not part of the layer name, as shown below. Refer to the CNC Setup tab for this example.

{Prefix 1}{Variable 1}{Prefix 2}{Variable 2}{Prefix 3}{Variable 3}

The resulting layer name for shelf holes would be:

drill_t5mm_do.5_n5mm_drill

If a hole is found to be the diameter of a drill bit in the Drill Bit Table section it will be placed on the Drill layer with a name defined by the Layer Type – Drill. In this case Prefix 1 is {drill_t}. Variable 1 is set to Diameter, so CabWriter substitutes the Diameter of 5mm, because shelf holes are set at 5mm and this diameter is found in the Drill 1 row of the Drill Bit Table. Hence Variable 1 is {5mm}. Prefix 2 for the Drill Layer Type is {_d}, which stands for depth of the hole. Hence Variable 2 will be {0.5} because shelf holes are drilled 1/2" deep. Prefix 3 for the Drill layer is {_n} for name. Lastly, Variable 3 is set to Name and the name shown for Drill 1 is 5mm_drill or {5mm_drill}. Putting all the strings together in order gives us:

{drill_t}{5mm}{_d}{0.5}{_n}{5mm_drill}

Or, because the curly braces are not included in the layer name:

drill_t5mm_do.5_n5mm_drill

CabWriter will examine all holes, dadoes, grooves, rabbets and cutouts to see if they fall in a Layer Type of:

- Drill
- Small Outside Profile
- Large Outside Profile
- Inside Profile
- Pocket

Drill Layer

There will be one Drill Layer for each unique hole diameter/depth combination as long as the hole diameter matches an entry in the Drill Bit Table; if the hole diameter does not match anything in the table, it will be considered a Pocket Layer or Inside Profile Layer, depending on its depth. The drill table is a three entry table that will contain the exact diameter of the drill bits supported by the users CNC as well as a string representing the name as it is in the users CAM software. The exact string that is entered in the table will be used as the label for the diameter in the layer name. The CabWriter detected depth will be used as the depth in the layer name. CabWriter will permit three different drill bits to be defined in the Drill Bit Table. The number of different drill layer names could be large because for each drill diameter there could be multiple drill depths.

Note: The drill layer name should always include at least the drill diameter and depth or it will not be possible to differentiate between different hole sizes and depths.

Small Outside Profile

The Small Outside Profile Layer is used only for outside perimeter cuts on small CabWriter parts. Small parts are those whose area is equal to or smaller than that specified by default CNC Small Part in the General section of the CNC Setup tab. CabWriter permits one outside profile cutting bit to be specified in the Cutting Bit Table. This same bit is used for both large and small part cuts.

Large Outside Profile

The Large Outside Profile Layer is used only for outside perimeter cuts on large (normal) CabWriter parts. Large parts are those whose area is larger than that specified by default CNC Small Part in the General section of the CNC Setup tab. CabWriter permits one outside profile cutting bit to be specified in the Cutting Bit Table. This same bit is used for both large and small part cuts.

Inside Profile

The Inside Profile Layer is for the cutouts on the interior of parts. Note: If CabWriter detects a hole (circle) on a part that goes all the way through and it's diameter does not match an entry in the drill table, it will be considered an inside profile and added to this layer. Inside Profiles are simply cutouts such as those for obstructions, plumbing and electrical fixtures. CabWriter permits one inside profile cutting bit to be specified in the Cutting Bit Table.

Pocket

The Pocket Layer is for cutouts on the interior of parts that do not go all the way through to the other side. This includes interior pockets of any shape, dados, rabbets, tongues, grooves, etc.

The geometry will be defined by the shape of the pocket cut into the material either by CabWriter when drawing the cabinet, or by the user after the cabinet is drawn. In the case of a pocket that runs off the material in the case of a rabbet or dado/groove, for example, CabWriter will need to create a rectangle that extends past each edge that the pocket exits a distance equal to half the diameter of the cutting bit that will be used as specified in the cutting bit table. CabWriter permits one pocket cutting bit to be specified in the Cutting Bit Table.

Labels

The Labels Layer is used to place a part's number and name on. The user can change the tag 'Labels', but whatever the name it will always contain the each part's number and name.

New Functionality

1. Made major changes to the CabWriter Settings in preparation for dado, grove and rabbet joinery and CNC cutting. The number of tabs went from 11 to 12 with the addition of a CNC Setup tab. The Project tab, shown below, has a slightly larger Project Description area and the CNC Small Part default has been removed from this tab and placed on the new CNC Setup tab.

CabWriter Settings

Project Carcass Cut List Doors Drawers Line Boring CNC Setup CNC Boring Panels Face Frame Base Cabinets Upper Cabinets

Client Information

Customer Name:

Company:

Street Number:

Street:

City:

ZIP:

State/Province:

Country:

Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-Mail Address:

Project Name

Project Description

General

Cabinet Style:

Door/Drawer Overlay Distance:

Scribe Allowance:

Door/Drawer Gap:

Door/Drawer Countertop Clearance:

Drilling Method:

Materials

	Type	Name
Frame:	<input type="text" value="Rough Lumber"/>	<input type="text" value="Maple"/>
Door/Drawer Panel:	<input type="text" value="Sheet Good"/>	<input type="text" value="Maple Plywood"/>
End Panel:	<input type="text" value="Sheet Good"/>	<input type="text" value="Maple Plywood"/>
Back Panel:	<input type="text" value="Sheet Good"/>	<input type="text" value="Maple Plywood"/>
Carcass:	<input type="text" value="Sheet Good"/>	<input type="text" value="Maple Plywood - Pre-"/>
Trim & Banding:	<input type="text" value="Rough Lumber"/>	<input type="text" value="Maple"/>
Slab Door/Drawer Front:	<input type="text" value="Sheet Good"/>	<input type="text" value="MDF"/>
Toe Kick Applied Front:	<input type="text" value="Rough Lumber"/>	<input type="text" value="Maple"/>

Walls

Wall Height:

Outdoor Wall Thickness:

Inside Wall Thickness:

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The Carcass tab has also changed; mostly a labeling change, however, one default parameter has been added, called Pocket Depth. This default is in the section now called Top/Bottom/Stretcher Joinery. See the top of the next page.

The CNC Boring tab lost its DXF Layers section. They are now on the new CNC Setup tab and have new names and functionality. See the bottom of the next page and the top of the page after that.

CabWriter Settings

Project Carcass Cut List Doors Drawers Line Boring CNC Setup CNC Boring Panels Face Frame Base Cabinets Upper Cabinets

General

Top/Bottom/Stretcher Recess: 0"

Tongue Clearance: 1/32"

Back

Back Attachment Method: Inset Full

Carcass Groove Width: 1/4"

Carcass Groove Depth: 3/8"

Carcass Groove Inset Distance: 3/4"

Top/Bottom/Stretcher Joinery

Construction Method: Inset

Pocket Front Setback: 1/2"

Pocket Rear Setback: 1/2"

Pocket Width: 3/8"

Pocket Depth: 3/8"

Shelves

Shelf Depth Clearance: 1/8"

Shelf Width Clearance: 1/16"

Toe Kick

Toe Kick Style: Ladder Base

Toe Kick Height: 4"

Toe Kick Depth: 3"

End Rib Inset: 3/4"

Ladder Base Gap: 1/2"

End Panel Inset Distance: 1"

Horizontal Stretcher Width: 3"

Applied Front Thickness: 3/4"

Horizontal Stretcher Position: Bottom

Maximum Vertical Divider Spacing: 36"

Draw Toe Kick Frame?: Yes

Update

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CabWriter Settings

Project Carcass Cut List Doors Drawers Line Boring CNC Setup CNC Boring Panels Face Frame Base Cabinets Upper Cabinets

Base Shelf System Holes

Enable: Yes

Shelf Hole Buffer: 6"

Front Row Offset: 37mm

Back Row Reference Point: Back

Back Row Offset: 37mm

Vertical Spacing: 32mm

Upper Shelf System Holes

Enable: Yes

Shelf Hole Buffer: 7"

Front Row Offset: 37mm

Back Row Reference Point: Back

Back Row Offset: 37mm

Vertical Spacing: 32mm

Hinge Plate System Holes

Enable: Yes

Default Hinge Side: Left

Front Hole Offset: 37mm

Vertical Spacing: 32mm

Small Door Height Delimiter: 16"

Large Door Height Delimiter: 30"

Small Door Hinge Plate Offset: 2 1/2"

Medium Door Hinge Plate Offset: 3 1/4"

Large Door Hinge Plate Offset: 3 3/4"

Construction Holes

Enable: Yes

Hole Diameter: 5mm

Maximum Construction Hole Spacing: 5"

Connector Holes

Enable: Yes

Hole Diameter: 5mm

Horizontal Offset (Front and Back Edge): 2"

Vertical Offset (Bottom Side of Top/Stretcher): 3/4"

Vertical Offset (Top Side of Bottom): 2 1/2"

Drawer Slide System Holes

Enable: Yes

Vertical Opening Offset: 1 1/2"

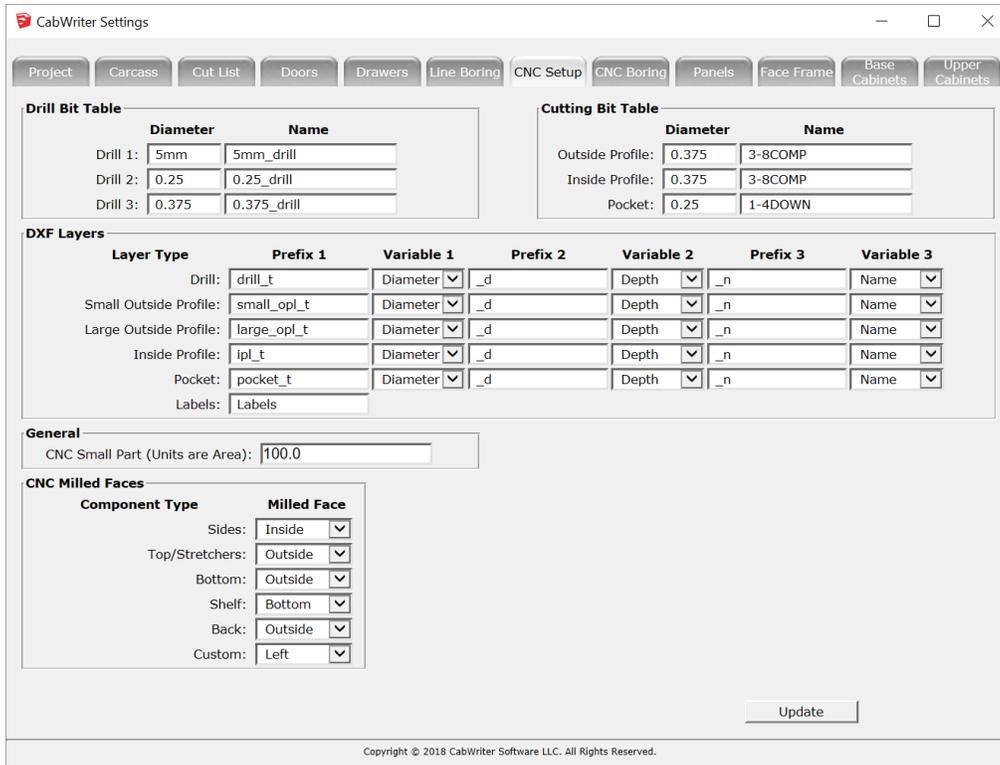
System Holes

Hole Diameter: 5mm

Hole Depth: 1/2"

Update

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Carcass Tab – General Section Defaults (Refer to the Carcass tab image.)

There has been one default added to the General section: Tongue Clearance applies to all tongues resulting from defaults in the Back or Top/Bottom/Stretchers Joinery sections. It is a dimension subtracted from tongues' nominal depth in order to keep them from bottoming out in the groove or pocket.

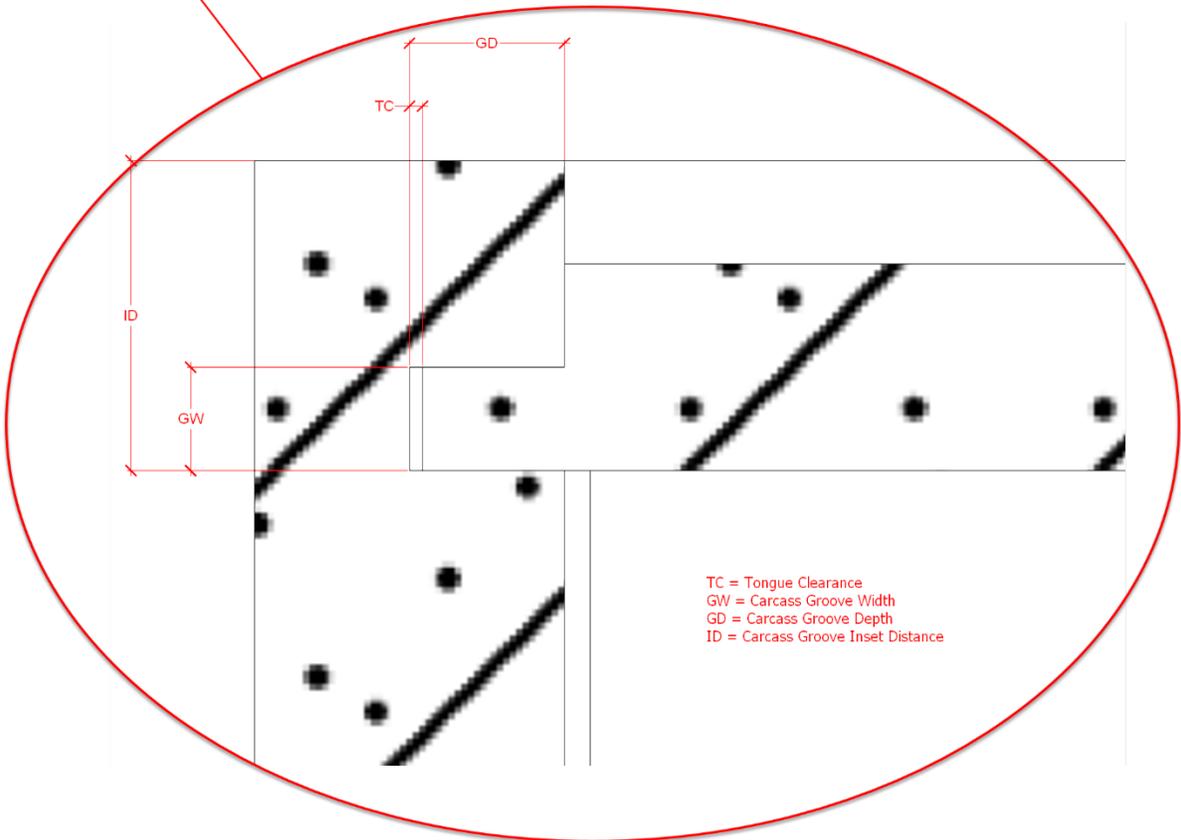
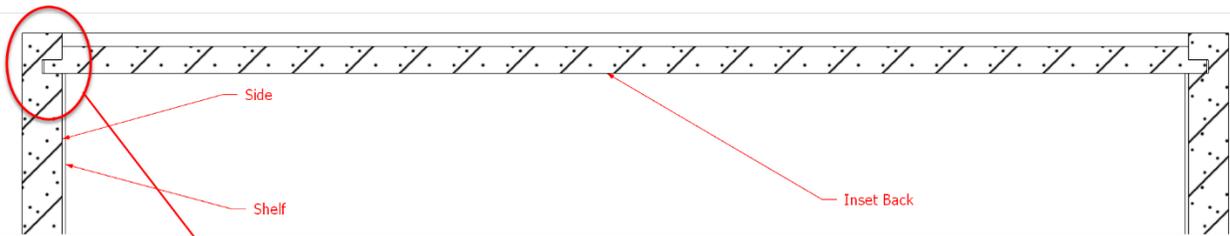
Parameter Name	Possible Values	Default	Comments
Top/Bottom/Stretchers Recess	Positive dimension.	0"	Top, bottom and stretchers, including mid-stretchers, can be recessed from the front edge of the sides as specified by this parameter.
Tongue Clearance (Applies if an Inset value is chosen for Back Attachment Method or Inset is selected for Construction Method.)	Positive dimension.	1/32"	This defines how much shorter a tongue is from its nominal receiving groove or pocket depth. Only valid if captured in a groove, actual size if it's a rabbeted back.

Carcass Tab – Back Section Defaults (Refer to the Carcass tab image.)

The defaults changed in this release fall into two sections of the Carcass tab: the Back section which deals with the joinery of the back to the carcass; and the Top/Bottom/Stretchers Joinery section which deals with the joinery of the top, bottom or stretchers to the sides of the carcass. Below is a description of the Back section defaults:

Parameter Name	Possible Values	Default	Comments
Back Attachment Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planted Inset Full Inset Sides Only Inset Sides/Top Inset Sides/Bottom 	Planted	<p>Inset can be manipulated to be either captured in a groove or inset into a rabbet.</p> <p>Inset Full - Groove in top, stretchers, sides and bottom</p> <p>Inset Sides Only - Groove in sides only, top and bottom butt into back.</p> <p>Inset Sides/Top - Groove in sides and top/stretcher only. Bottom butts into the back.</p> <p>Inset Sides/Bottom - Groove in sides and bottom only. Top or back stretcher butts into the back.</p>
Carcass Groove Width (Applies only if an Inset value is chosen for <i>Back Attachment Method</i> .)	Positive dimension.	3/8"	If the groove width is the same or greater than the thickness of the back, then it's inset into a rabbet. The Carcass Back Groove Inset Distance would also have to be set properly.
Carcass Groove Depth (Applies only if an Inset value is chosen for <i>Back Attachment Method</i> .)	Positive dimension.	3/8"	Note: The corresponding tongue length is assumed to be the same as the groove depth. Clearance is provided by the <i>Back Clearance</i> parameter
Carcass Groove Inset Distance (Applies only if an Inset value is chosen for <i>Back Attachment Method</i> .)	Must be at least the thickness of the carcass back.	1/2"	The distance from the back edge of the cabinet to where the carcass back groove starts if an Inset mode is selected. If <i>Carcass Groove Width</i> is set to a distance greater than the thickness of the back material then this parameter indicates how far the back is inset into the cabinet and thereby dictates the width of the rabbet.

Refer to the drawing at the top of the next page for more information.



Carcass Tab – Top/Bottom/Stretcher Joinery Section Defaults (Refer to the Carcass tab image.)

The Top/Bottom/Stretcher Joinery section deals with the joinery of the top, bottom or stretchers to the sides of the carcass. Its defaults are described below:

Parameter Name	Possible Values	Default	Comments
Construction Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Butt Joint • Inset 	Butt Joint	Tongue and groove or rabbet for top, bottom & stretchers and dado for fixed shelves can be specified for Inset construction using the following defaults.
Pocket Front Setback (Applies only if Inset value is chosen for <i>Construction Method</i> .)	Must be a positive distance value.	0"	This allows you to create a stopped dado, rabbet, or groove. Zero indicates no setback so the pocket goes all the way to the front edge. A positive number indicates how far back the pocket starts from the front edge of the carcass part. The <i>Pocket Bit Diameter</i> (see CNC Setup tab Cutting Bit Table section) also comes into play here because if there is a setback, the rectangle on the DXF needs to extend past the end of the stopped dado by 1/2 the cutter diameter.
Pocket Rear Setback (Applies only if Inset value is chosen for <i>Construction Method</i> .)	Must be a positive distance value.	0"	This allows you to create a stopped dado, rabbet, or groove. Zero indicates no setback so the pocket goes all the way to the back edge. A positive number indicates how far back the pocket starts from the back edge of the carcass part. The <i>Pocket Bit Diameter</i> (see CNC Setup tab Cutting Bit Table section) also comes into play here because if there is a setback, the rectangle on the DXF needs to extend past the end of the stopped dado by 1/2 the cutter diameter.

Parameter Name	Possible Values	Default	Comments
Pocket Width (Applies only if Inset value is chosen for <i>Construction Method</i> .)	Positive dimension.	1/2"	A pocket could be a groove, dado, or rabbet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Width is 3/4", for example, if bottom/top thickness is 3/4" and you want a rabbet for top/stretchers and bottom, and dados for fixed shelves. • Specify less than 3/4" if you wanted a tongue and groove situation. So, if this parameter is less than the thickness of the part that is being inserted, then it becomes a tongue and groove. • <i>Joinery Fit Compensation</i> is always taken into account when something has to fit into a groove or dado. • If this value is greater than the nominal thickness of the plywood, it is ignored and the nominal thickness is used.
Pocket Depth (Applies only if Inset value is chosen for <i>Construction Method</i> .)	Positive dimension.	3/8"	Indicates the depth of the pocket, if one is used. The length of the tongue would be the same as the depth of the pocket + <i>Joinery Fit Compensation</i> (see CNC Setup tab General section).

CNC Setup Tab – Drill Bit Table (Refer to the CNC Setup tab image.)

The Drill Bit Table permits the specifying of three drill bits. These are string fields so they will appear in the various Drill Layer names just as they appear in the table. It is recommended not to use special characters unless necessary. CabWriter cannot assure that all CNC manufacturers software will accept special characters without creating problems. Whenever possible, use the CNC software vendors definitions for drill bit names and formats for diameter.

CNC Setup Tab - Cutting Bit Table (Refer to the CNC Setup tab image.)

The Cutting Bit Table permits the specifying of one cutting bit for each of the Outside Profile, Inside Profile and Pocket cuts. These are string fields so they will appear in the various layer names just as they appear in the table. It is recommended not to use special characters unless necessary. CabWriter cannot assure that all CNC manufacturers software will accept special characters without creating problems. Whenever possible, use the CNC software vendors definitions for cutting bit names and formats for diameter.

CNC Setup Tab – DXF Layers (Refer to the CNC Setup tab image.)

The DXF Layers section permits the customization of DXF layer names. This can be very useful if the CNC software vendor uses layer names for tool pathing. Each Layer Type, with the exception of Labels, has six string fields that can be customized; three fields labeled Prefix are strings that the user can completely customize and three fields called Variable are drop down selectable and CabWriter will supply the appropriate string. Note that any Prefix can be left blank and hence no characters added to the layer

name. Each drop down also has a blank selection and no characters will be added to the layer name. If all fields are blank the layer name will default to the Layer Type name. These are string fields so they will appear in the various layer names just as they appear in the table. It is recommended not to use special characters unless necessary. CabWriter cannot assure that all CNC manufacturers software will accept special characters without creating problems. Whenever possible, use the CNC software vendors definitions for layer names.

CNC Setup Tab – General (Refer to the CNC Setup tab image.)

The General section has only one default described below.

Parameter Name	Possible Values	Default	Comments
CNC Small Part (Units are Area)		100	Specifies the area of the maximum size small part. Parts larger in area than this are considered large (normal) parts. The units will depend on SketchUp's Model Info dialog box, Units page, Format setting. If Inches, the area will be considered sq. in. If mm it will be considered sq. mm.

CNC Setup Tab – CNC Milled Faces (Refer to the CNC Setup tab image.)

There are construction choices that produce components with dadoes, rabbets or pockets on both sides. Because of the nature of CNC machines, both sides cannot be milled; parts cannot be flipped over and re-aligned. The designer has to choose the preferred side for milling on the CNC. The CNC Milled Faces section provides that ability. The following table explains the Component Type(s) and Milled Face defaults found in this section. See number 7 below for where on the Component Type is specified.

Component Type	Options	Default
Sides	Inside:Outside	Inside
Top/Stretchers	Inside:Outside	Outside
Bottom	Inside:Outside	Outside
Shelf/Fixed Shelf	Top:Bottom	Bottom
Back	Inside:Outside	Outside
Custom	Left:Right:Front:Back:Top:Bottom	Left

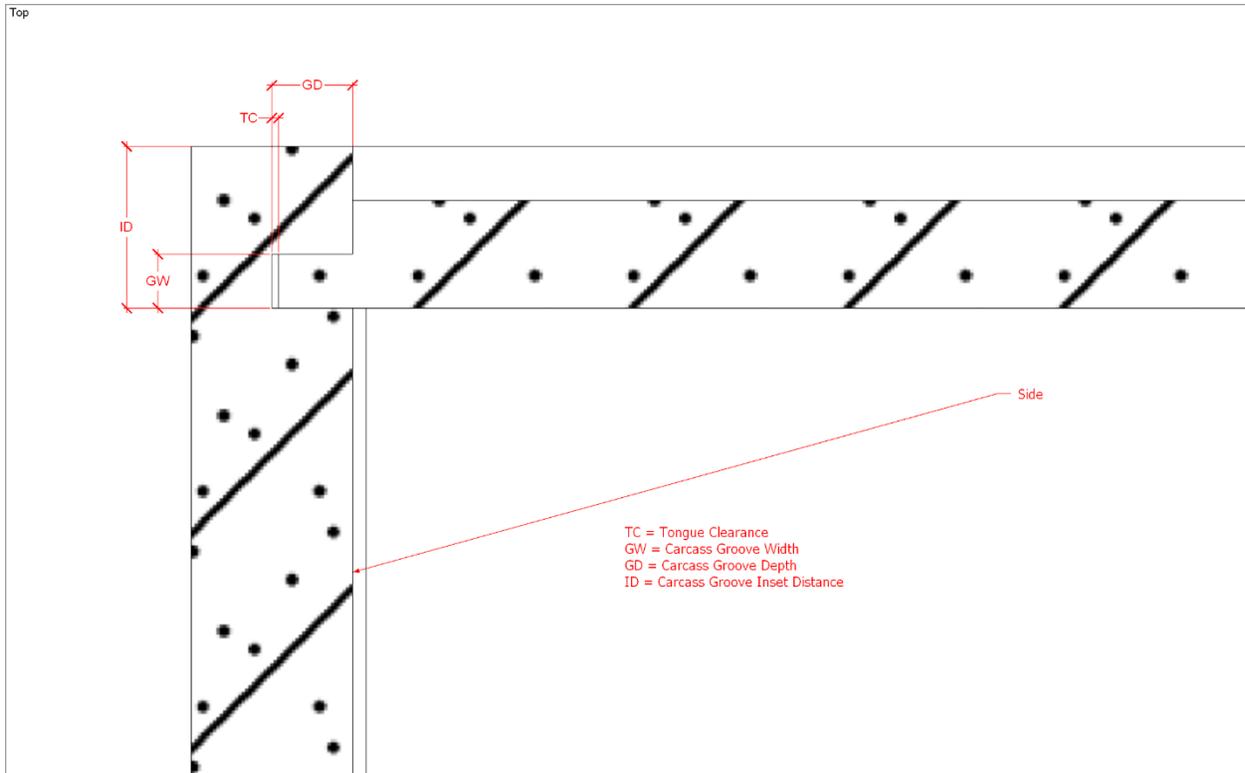
Inside:Outside is determined by a face on the inside of a cabinet's box, or the outside of a cabinet's box.

Left:Right has a red axis normal and Left is the lowest R value and Right the highest R value.

Front:Back has a green axis normal and Back is the lowest G value and Front the highest G value.

Top:Bottom has a blue axis normal and Bottom is the lowest B value and Top the highest B value.

2. Implemented captured backs for all cabinets except Diagonal Corner and Lazy Susan cabinets. Those cabinets also cannot be constructed with captured sides. Cabinets drawn with backs captured with a tongue and groove, shown above, make use of a default called Back Clearance. This keeps the tongue from bottoming out and preventing the sides, top and bottom from reaching the height and



width dimensions, while also allowing the back to aid in squaring the cabinet. Backs captured in a rabet ignore this parameter. In addition to the image at the top of the next page, see the images 3 pages back.

3. Implemented inset construction method for all cabinets except Diagonal Corner and Lazy Susan cabinets when captured sides is chose. Captured sides is not permissible on these cabinets regardless of construction method.
4. Added ability for the user to define where user CabWriter defaults files are stored. This will permit installing new versions of CabWriter without losing user saved defaults. CabWriter factory supplied defaults are still stored in the same place:

Plugins\cabwriter\cabwriter_defaults

However, user saved defaults will no longer be stored here. Instead they will be saved in a directory defined by the user, which can be done in one of three ways:

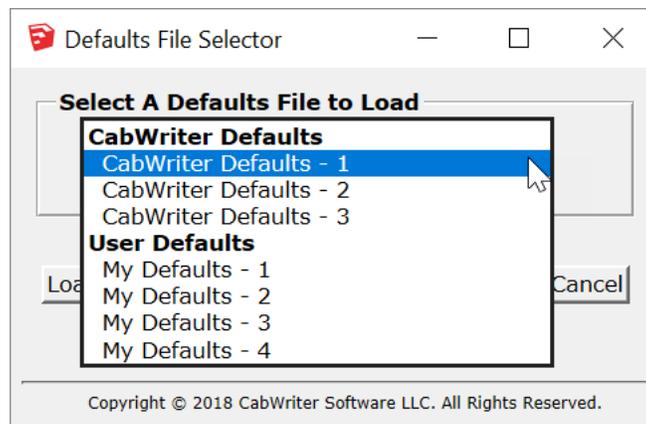
- a) On the Project tab of CabWriter Settings, below the Walls section, is a new section called User Default Files. The input field will be blank until the user specifies a default directory. To do this

The screenshot shows a dialog box with two sections. The top section, titled "Walls", contains three input fields: "Wall Height:" with the value "96\"", "Outdoor Wall Thickness:" with the value "6 1/2\"", and "Inside Wall Thickness:" with the value "4 1/2\"". The bottom section, titled "User Default Files", is highlighted with a red border and contains a "Directory Location:" input field with the text "C:/Users/jpz/Documents/CabWriter" and a folder icon to its right.

click on the folder icon to the right and select a directory using the Select Folder dialog box. This should be done as soon as a CabWriter project is created. But this is not a project only default; it is a CabWriter wide default that will be available from project to project until again changed by the user. So it only has to be specified one time.

- b) If the default directory has not yet been specified at the time the user selects the Save CabWriter Defaults tool, the Select Folder dialog box will automatically open and the user can specify the default directory and then save the defaults in it.
- c) If the default directory has not yet been specified at the time the user selects the Open and Load CabWriter Defaults tool, the Select Folder dialog box will automatically open and the user can specify the default directory and then choose a file to open.

In all three cases the defaults directory will be set and appear in the User Default Files section each time the Project tab is opened. The Open and Load CabWriter Defaults tool opens the Defaults File Selector dialog box, which now also has a different look, shown below.



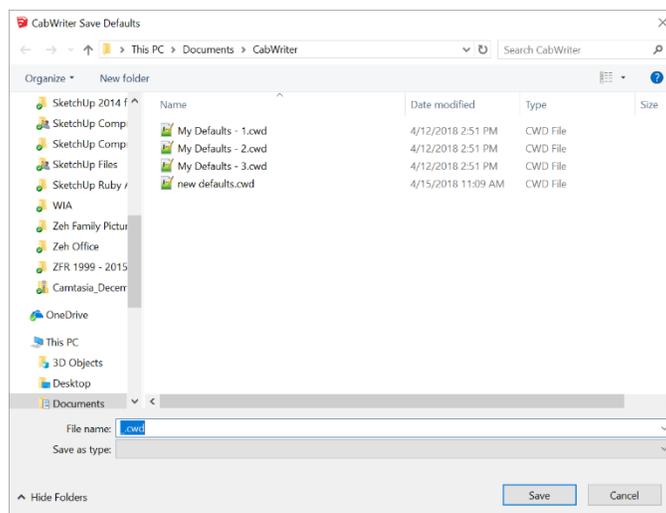
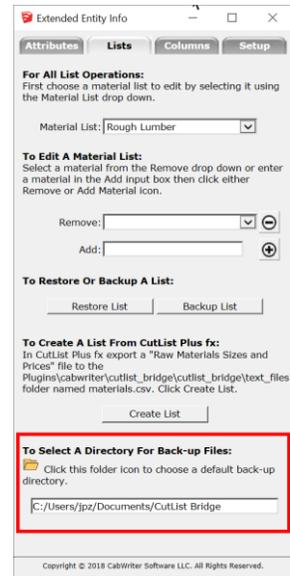
Notice you can select defaults factory supplied by CabWriter, or defaults saved by the user. With the release of CabWriter 2.0 there will be a number of factory supplied defaults to choose from. These will hopefully include a set of Metric defaults in addition to Imperial defaults. They should serve as a good starting point for users, but can be customized and saved as user defaults.

- Added ability for the user to define where CutList Bridge materials backup files are stored. This will permit installing new versions of CabWriter without losing backed-up materials files. CutList Bridge factory supplied materials files are still stored in the same place:

Plugins\cabwriter\cutlist_bridge\cutlist_bridge\text_files

However, user backed-up materials files will no longer be stored here. Instead they will be saved in a directory defined by the user, see image right, which can be done in one of three ways:

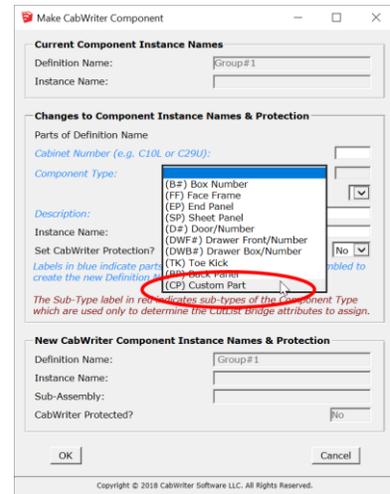
- On the Lists tab of Extended Entity Info, at the bottom, is a new section called To Select A Directory For Back-up Files:. Click on the folder icon to the left and select a directory using the Select Folder dialog box. This should be done when CabWriter is installed. This only has to be specified one time.
 - If the default directory has not yet been specified at the time the user first clicks the Backup List button, the Select Folder dialog box will automatically open and the user can specify the default directory and then backup the selected file.
 - If the default directory has not yet been specified at the time the user first clicks the Restore List button, the Select Folder dialog box will automatically open and the user can specify the default directory and then restore the selected file; provided it exists in the selected directory. If the file does not exist a message will inform the user.
- Changed the dialog box used when the Save CabWriter Defaults tool is selected. The dialog box is now the File Explorer on Windows systems and the Finder on Mac OSX systems. The user can now see the names of previously saved defaults, select one and overwrite it, or supply a different name. Whatever extension the user supplies, CabWriter will replace it with .cwd (CabWriter Defaults).



7. Changed the Attributes tab of the Extended Entity Info dialog box. The Component Type attribute (in the Cabinet/Resize Mode section) is now visible whenever Milled Parts is selected; its visibility is no longer a function of either Cabinet/Resize Mode or Enable Auto-Swap?. In addition a new selection has been added to the Component Type drop down called Custom.

The Component Type attribute will automatically be set to Custom whenever the Make CabWriter Component tool is used and the Component Type (CP) Custom Part is selected in the drop down box.

8. Added numerous .cwd default files to the factory installation of CabWriter. At the moment, all of them are Imperial defaults, but with the next release I will add an equivalent set of Metric defaults. These defaults are intended as a jumping off place for the user to further modify and make their own by saving defaults in their chosen folder and with their chosen naming convention.



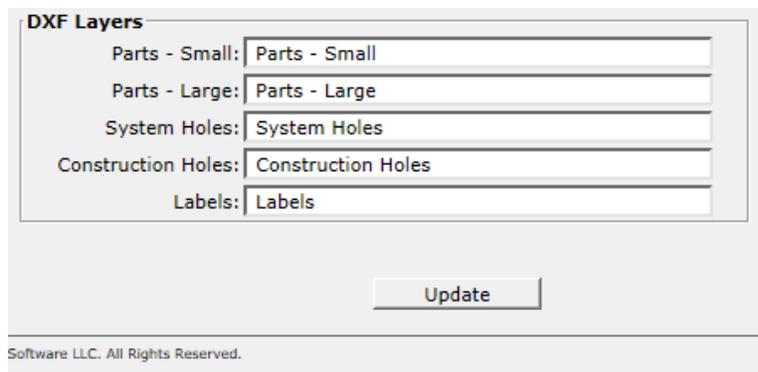
Fixes

1. Fixed an issue with the Associate Material to Hatch dialog box. The Scale drop down box had both a 1 and 1x scale option. The 1 choice returned a scale value of 0.0 and created a SketchUp error. The choice of 1 was removed.
2. Fixed an issue when drawing frameless cabinet with Face Frame /Hybrid selected for Cabinet Style on the Project tab of CabWriter Settings. If either a left or right sheet or panel stile was not drawn the doors and draws would not grow in width to extend to the end sheet or panel.
3. Similar to fix 2 above, top and bottom rails did not extend to the end sheet or panels of a cabinet.
4. Fixed a problem when a sheet stile on the right side of a cabinet was not drawn and the cabinet was at an angle to the red axis; the sheet panel was not positioned correctly. Usually moved to the inside and front of the cabinet.
5. Fixed a problem with divided upper and base cabinets. If captured sides and inset construction method were both chosen, the pockets for any fixed shelf were in the wrong place.
6. Fixed a problem with divided upper and base cabinets. If inset construction method was chosen, the Shelf Offset parameter would operate correctly for shelves, but on stretchers it would offset the pocket but not the stretcher. The code was changed to have Shelf Offset apply correctly to both. So the parameter name was changed to just Offset.
7. When Slab Doors and Drawers was chosen, or when a Drawer size was too small for a frame and panel, the wrong material type and name was stored by CutList Bridge, The correct material type and name is that which is specified by Slab Door/Drawer Front defaults on the Project tab.

Changes in CabWriter Version 2.0.0 Beta 3-20-2018

New Functionality

1. Converted the Production Documentation dialog box to the new UI::HtmlDialog introduced in SketchUp 2017. Beginning with SketchUp 2017 SketchUp ships with a platform-independent web browser called Chromium. The advantage is that the browser is the same in PC and Mac platforms and should look the same. As a developer I no longer have to tailor the dialogs for the specific platform. The Production Documentation dialog box will now look a little different from the rest of the dialog boxes. Significant changes are the borders of the field boxes and no minimize or maximize bottoms in the dialog bar. I have 35 more dialog boxes to convert, which may occur over a number of releases.
2. Rearranged and modified the CNC Boring tab of CabWriter Settings. There is a new section called DXF Layers which corresponds to the layer names used in producing the DXF files. Depending on the specific CNC machine the DXF output is intended for, these names might be interpreted as instructions to the machine. So we have provided the ability for the user to change the default names to names that carry out the desired milling. Below is the default names:

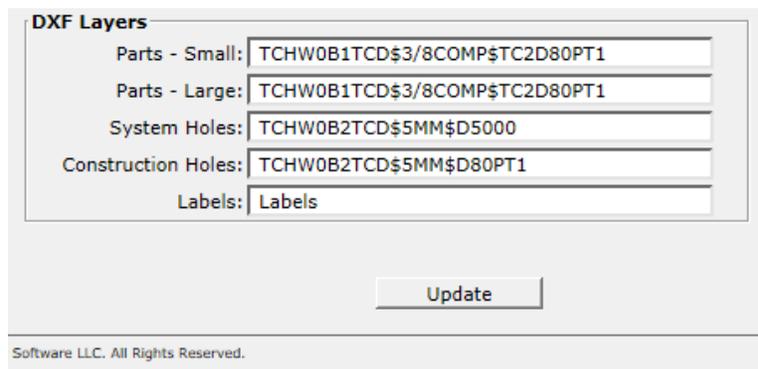


The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "DXF Layers" with five input fields and an "Update" button. The fields are labeled as follows:

Label	Value
Parts - Small:	Parts - Small
Parts - Large:	Parts - Large
System Holes:	System Holes
Construction Holes:	Construction Holes
Labels:	Labels

At the bottom of the dialog box, there is a button labeled "Update" and a footer that reads "Software LLC. All Rights Reserved."

And here is a typical substitution:



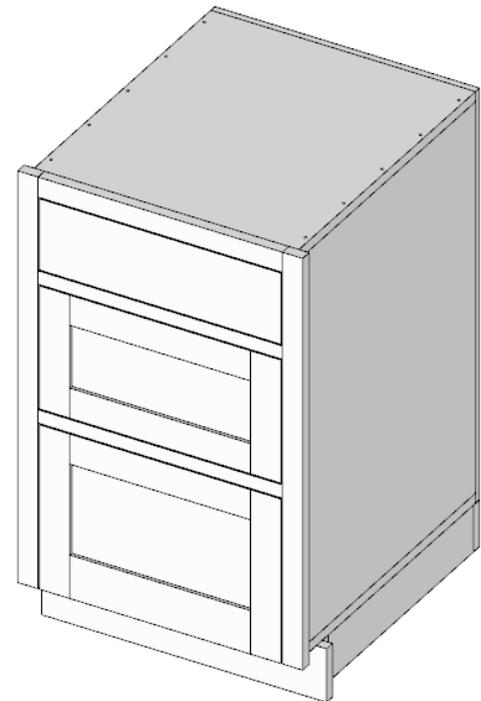
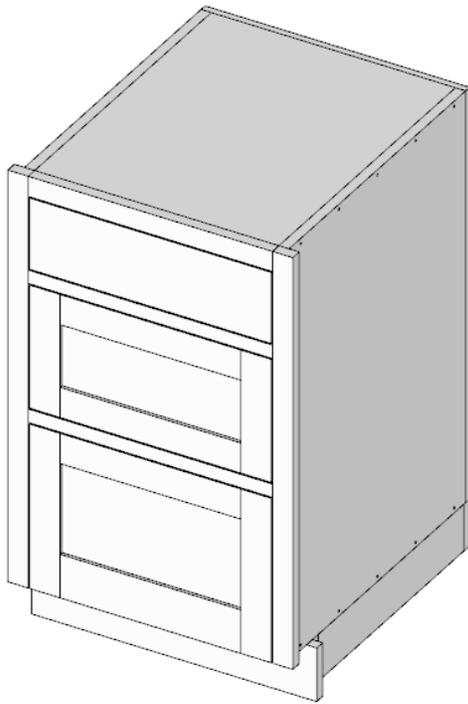
The screenshot shows the same "DXF Layers" dialog box, but with substituted values in the input fields:

Label	Value
Parts - Small:	TCHW0B1TCD\$3/8COMP\$TC2D80PT1
Parts - Large:	TCHW0B1TCD\$3/8COMP\$TC2D80PT1
System Holes:	TCHW0B2TCD\$5MM\$D5000
Construction Holes:	TCHW0B2TCD\$5MM\$D80PT1
Labels:	Labels

At the bottom of the dialog box, there is a button labeled "Update" and a footer that reads "Software LLC. All Rights Reserved."

3. Added one parameter to each of the Base Cabinets and Upper Cabinets tab in the CabWriter Settings. Remember that anytime I add parameters you will need to use the Re-Load Factory Settings tool and save your model to pick up the new parameters. This new parameter, called Side Position, has two options: Outside and Captured.

When selected, Outside you produce the cabinet construction we are used to: the top/stretchers and bottom are enclosed by the sides. Captured is just the opposite: sides are enclosed by the top/stretchers and bottom. The advantage of Captured is primarily that cabinet length will not vary with slight changes in plywood thickness because the width of the boxes are determined by the top/stretcher and bottom length. Note: these parameters have no effect on the Diagonal Corner boxes, Lazy Susan boxes or Refrigerator boxes. Here are two examples of the differences. Notice also the difference in where the construction holes are drilled.



4. Removed the restriction that a Divided Base box had to have a solid top. It can now be constructed with stretchers for a top.
5. Added Education licenses for Pro and CNC.

Fixes

1. Fixed a problem where an illegal file name could be formed from the Project Name of the Project tab in CabWriter Settings and create a SketchUp error which would only appear in the Ruby Console. Now the user gets a message to examine the Project Name.
2. Fixed a problem that occurred only on Mac systems, where the Project Name, created at the time the user uses Create Project, included not only the .skp file name, but also the entire path.
3. Fixed a problem with the with the Production Documentation dialog box. If DXF by Material Name & Thickness was unchecked and the DXF Scene was blank a message would appear instructing the user to select a valid DXF Scene, even though one was not necessary.
4. Fixed a problem introduced with the addition of the CabWriter Production Documentation command. When the user chose CutList Plus fx with DXF, the DXF files were generated but the file location of the DXF files were not included in the .cwx file. Hence, when exporting DXF files from CutList Plus fx no hole geometry appeared.

Changes in CabWriter Version 2.0.0 Beta 2-25-2018

Important Note:

In this release there are a number of changes to Sectioning, Hatching and LayOut tools. You will read about them below. But here are some guidelines and rules of use you should be aware of in order to use these tools appropriately:

1. Your model must completely reside in quadrant 1; i.e. positive R, G and B axes. Sections must be parallel to the Red/Green plane for plan views, and parallel to either the Blue/Green plane or the Blue/Red plane for elevation views.
2. Do things in the order suggested by the order of the command list in File > CabWriter to LayOut.
3. Assign Hatches first, and be certain that you have the ones you want so you don't have to change the assignment later. If you make a change later when you have a number of scenes with sections, you are likely to have to delete all section cuts (those on Z layers) and recreate them.
4. Only when you are sure the model is final, i.e. there are likely to be no future changes, should you begin creating scenes. At that point you should use Create Sections From Section Planes to create all plan and section scenes. Choose the name of all scenes carefully, because those will be the names of the Pages and drawing titles in LayOut. You DO NOT want to change those names in LayOut later, especially if you have done dimensioning. So when naming a scene be sure it is the name you want to see in LayOut.
5. At this point you want to freeze your design and use the CabWriter Production Documentation command to produce the cut lists, CSV files and DXF files you will need.
6. Use the LayOut Document Setup command to specify the template you will use, its margins, line weight and default scale.
7. Use the Send Scenes to LayOut command to transfer all of your scenes to LayOut; there will be one page in layout for each scene in SketchUp. You can use this command multiple times if you add scenes after its first use. Each time you use this command it will add any new scenes to pages in LayOut, but will not change previously transferred scenes. That must be done in LayOut with the

update feature. Also, if you delete a scene in SketchUp you need to manually delete its corresponding page in LayOut. Always close the LayOut file before using this command again.

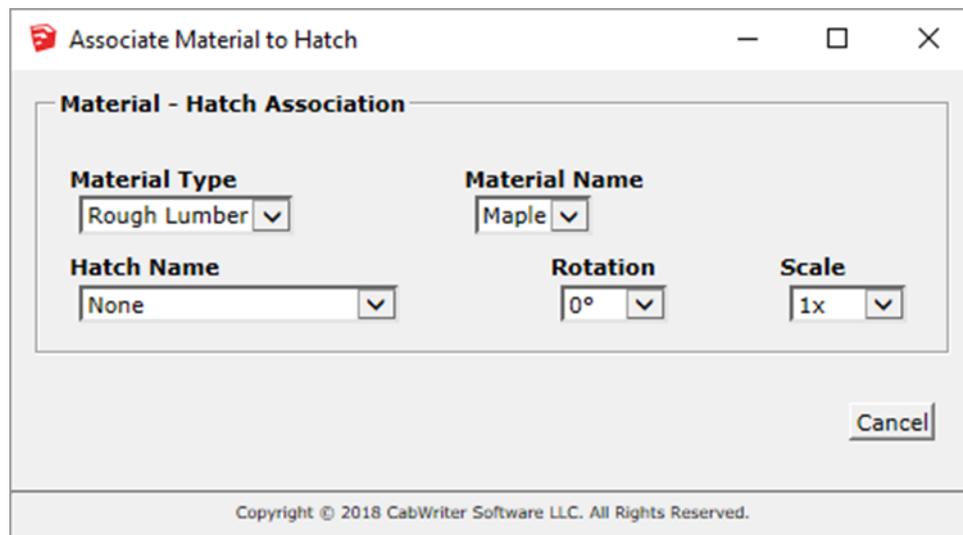
8. Use the Hatch Sections in LayOut to add patterns to the sections in LayOut. CabWriter will create a Hatch layer in LayOut where all the section hatching will reside. You can use this command multiple times, but before each subsequent use delete the Hatch layer and its contents in LayOut and then save and close the file.

Doing things in this order and following these guide lines will make creating LayOut model files easy. Of course you can always make changes at any step along the way, but those changes will result in rework and can be quite time consuming. So be sure you model is really ready before proceeding to the next step.

New Functionality

1. Changed how the Assign Hatches tool works. Before you could use the Assign Hatches tool you needed to bring the hatch materials you wished to use into your model. This is no longer necessary. CabWriter provides the needed materials and they are loaded into the In Model Materials dialog box when the Assign Hatches tool is selected.

The updated Associate Material to Hatch dialog box, which appears when the user chooses the Assign Hatches tool, is shown below.



Notice that it is wider; now 600 pixels wide. This was done to allow for long material and hatch names. Also notice the OK button has been removed. The Cancel button starts out as Cancel.

When the dialog box first opens CabWriter collects all the Material Types used in the model, and for each Material Type, it collects all the Material Names used in the model. Initially the First Material Type will be set in the Material Type field, and the first associated Material Name is loaded into the Material Name field. CabWriter also collects all the CabWriter Materials in the model and loads

them into the Hatch Name dropdown, with None being the first valid selection.

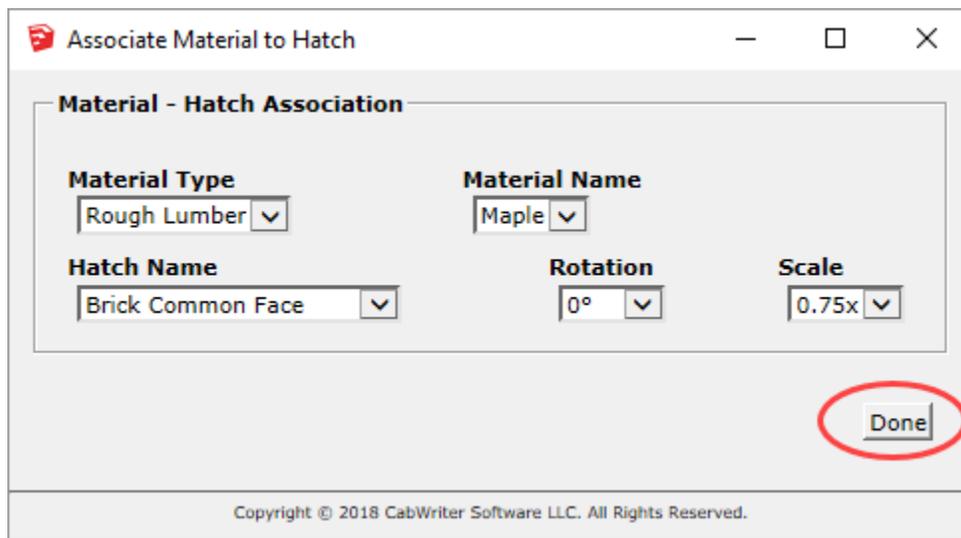
The Rotation and Scale drop down fields permit the user to select parameters used by LayOut to manage patterns; these parameters will be placed in the Pattern Fill dialog box in LayOut in the Rotation and Scale fields. In LayOut, patterns can be rotated and they can be scaled. This is useful in matching pattern sizes and orientation to drawing shapes and sizes. These parameters have no effect in SketchUp.

All five fields are drop down boxes. The procedure for assigning hatches (SketchUp Materials) to each CabWriter Material is as follows:

- a. For the initial Material Type and initial Material Name choose a hatch name from the Hatch Name dropdown. Your selection will automatically be saved.
- b. Select the next Material Name from the Material Name dropdown. Choose a hatch name from the Hatch Name dropdown. Each time you make a selection from the Material Name drop down CabWriter will check to see if that combination of Material Type/Material Name has been assigned a Hatch Name, and if it has that name will be loaded into the Hatch Name field. Otherwise the Hatch Name Field will display None. None is a valid selection for a hatch pattern.
- c. Repeat step b until you have assigned a Hatch Name for each Material Name in the Material Name dropdown.
- d. Select the next Material Type in the Material Type dropdown. Call this the initial Material Type and repeat steps a through c until each Material Type and each of its Material Names have been assigned a Hatch Name. At this point the Cancel button will be renamed to Done. See the image below.

Each time you make a selection from the Material Type drop down CabWriter will check to see if that combination of Material Type/Material Name has been assigned a Hatch Name, and if it has that name will be loaded into the Hatch Name field. Otherwise the Hatch Name Field will Display None. None is a valid selection for a hatch pattern.

- e. You can click Done at this point, or continue to make changes to any Material Type/Material Name combination. When satisfied Click Done.



If you click Cancel before Done you will be asked if you are sure you want to Cancel. If you answer Yes you will exit the Assign Hatches tool and all of your assignments will be lost.

Once you have assigned all of your materials a hatch pattern and click Done, all of the assignments will be saved in the model file. Therefore you can close the file and upon re-opening the file you will have the same assignments available.

Note, that when you reopen the Associate Material to Hatch dialog box in a model that has already assigned hatches to materials, those Hatch Names will appear in the Hatch Name field. Further, unless you have added material types or material names in the interim, the Cancel button will be named Done, indicating that all the materials have been assigned a hatch pattern. You don't have to click the Done button at this point; you can proceed to make changes or just review your assignments.

If you have added either material types or material names since last opening and closing the dialog box, the assignments that you previously made will show up in the Hatch Name field. The new assigned types or names will have None in the Hatch Name field and the Cancel button will still be named Cancel indicating that there are more assignments to be made.

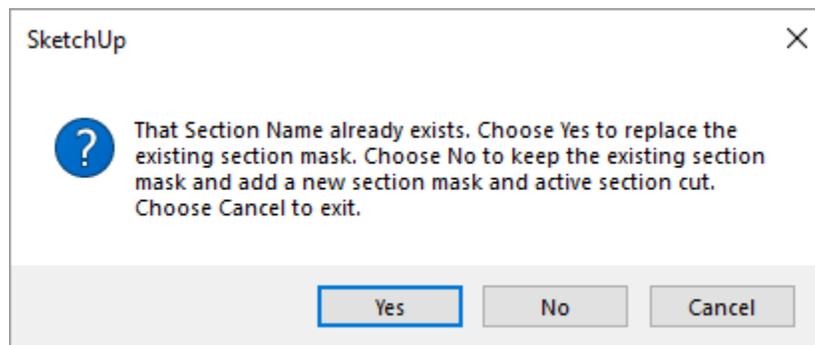
2. Made a number of changes to the Draw > CabWriter > Create Section From Section Plane to make it easy to recreate or redefine a current section. If you are creating a section for the first time you proceed as usual, by placing a section plane where you want it using the SketchUp Section Plane tool, and then select Draw > CabWriter > Create Section From Section Plane. Note: Since you just placed a new section plane, it is the active section cut, and you do not have to select it as you did in the past; just proceed directly to the Draw > CabWriter > Create Section From Section Plane

command. Provide a section view name and color and click OK and the section mask and scene will be created.

Now here is the big change. If you make changes to your model that requires a section change, you have several options. You can begin by placing a new section plane with the Section Plane tool; or you can use the Display Section Planes tool to display the current section planes and you can choose one by selecting it with the Select tool. Then choose the Draw > CabWriter > Create Section From Section Plane command. Type in the name of the section you wish to change exactly as it currently appears in the scene tab (or Scenes dialog box). You will get the following user message.

You have three options. Click Yes will delete the current section mask, create a new one with the model changes and place it on the same Z layer the old one was on. Click No and the old section mask will not be deleted, a new one reflecting model changes will be placed on the same Z layer and will be the active cut. Click cancel to exit without any changes.

Another option now available is to create a new section, with a new name, but using an existing



section plane. Simply use the Display Section Planes tool to display currently available section and choose one with the Select tool. In the Section View dialog box, which appears following the selection of the Draw > CabWriter > Create Section From Section Plane command, provide a new (unused) name.

The last change is that when you use the Draw > CabWriter > Create Section From Section Plane command the Shaded With Textures rendering option is selected. This is to ensure that the scene will display any hatching that the user assigns.

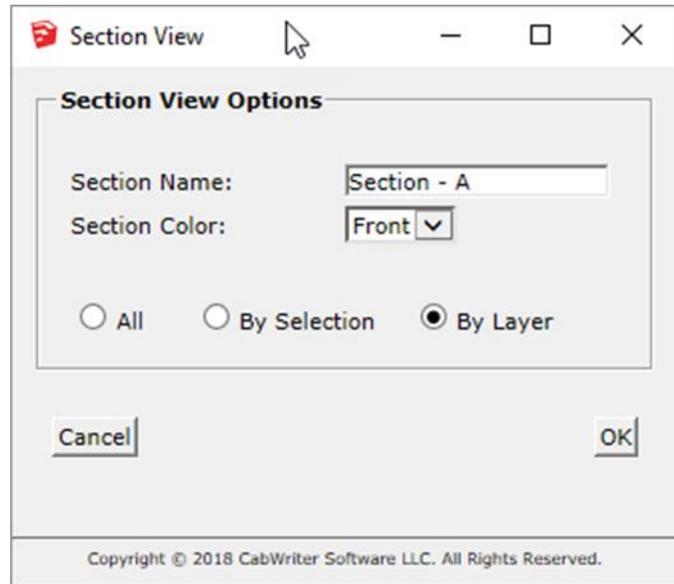
3. Made some more changes to the Draw > CabWriter > Create Section From Section Plane command. The user now has a choice of three modes for creating a section. See the image below.

All – All is the normal mode. The section includes all CabWriter components, including walls, in the section cut. All layers that contain a CabWriter component or wall are visible in the created scene.

By Selection – Any selected CabWriter components or wall will be in the section cut. Components or walls not selected will be hidden. Selection can be accomplished with the Select tool or any of the CabWriter section tools such as the context menu CabWriter > Select Cabinet. Only the layers that

selected CabWriter components or walls reside on are visible. You can choose a section plane from one that currently exists in the model or use the Section Plane tool to create a new one. Whichever method is used, you must actually select that section plane with the Select tool. So the order is important. To use a currently available section plane follow this procedure:

- a. Make your selection of components first.
- b. Choose the Display Section Planes tool to make all section planes visible.
- c. Press and hold the Ctrl key and with the Select tool select a section plane. This will add that plane to the selection.
- d. Choose the Draw > CabWriter > Create Section From Section Plane command.
- e. Choose the By Selection radio button.



To use a new section plane follow this procedure:

- a. Use the Section Plane tool to place and locate your desired section cut.
- b. Make your component selections.
- c. Press and hold the Ctrl key and with the Select tool select the new section plane. This will add that plane to the selection.
- d. Choose the Draw > CabWriter > Create Section From Section Plane command.
- e. Choose the By Selection radio button.

By Layer – You can choose one or more layers from which to create a section view. All of the CabWriter components and walls on those layers will be included in the section cut and only those layers will be visible in the created view. Follow this procedure.

- a. Make only the desired layers visible.
- b. Create a new section plane with the Section Plane tool or select a currently available plane.
- c. Choose the Draw > CabWriter > Create Section From Section Plane command.
- d. Choose the By Layer radio button.

After the view is created the user may have to choose a standard camera view from the view icons or the Camera > Standard Views menu. I hope to rectify this in a future release.

The selections you make in the Section Color dropdown and the radio buttons will be saved and will be the default selections the next time the Selection View dialog box is opened.

4. When a CabWriter project is created, each time the user selects the Assign Hatches tool the pattern files in the Plugins\cabwriter\hatch files\ folder are loaded into the In Model Materials library so they are available for hatch association with the Assign Hatches tool. There are currently thirteen pattern files available, listed below.
 - a. Adobe Rammed Earth
 - b. Aluminum.skm
 - c. Basketweave.skm
 - d. Black Dots 1
 - e. Brick Common Face
 - f. Concrete Masonry Unit
 - g. Herringbone 2x1.skm
 - h. Honeycomb.skm
 - i. Plywood.skm
 - j. Rectangles Running 3x1
 - k. Steel
 - l. Terrazzo.skm
 - m. Windmill.skm

5. Added a new File menu command category called CabWriter to LayOut which has two sub-menus:
 - a. Assign Hatches
 - b. Create Section From Section Plane
 - c. LayOut Document Setup
 - d. Send Scenes to LayOut
 - e. Hatch Section in LayOut

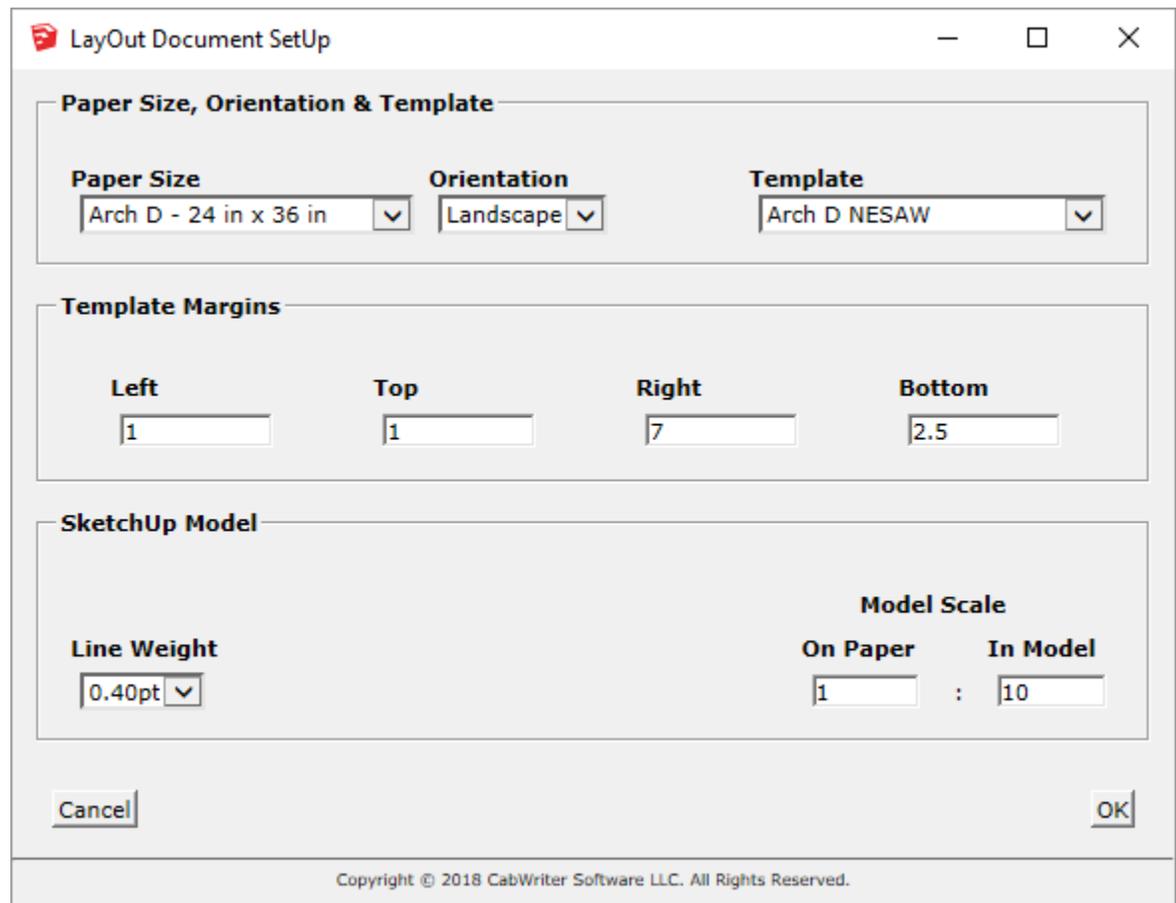
The ordering of these commands are the order in which they operations should be performed. Assign Hatches tool is the same tool as the Assign Hatches tool icon; it is included here to provide a visual sequence to follow. Create Section From Section Plane is also placed here to show the order and is the same as Draw > CabWriter > Create Section From Section Plane.

This new File menu and its sub-menus will only appear if the SketchUp version is 2018 or higher. The purpose of these commands is to permit the user to define a LayOut file, using a selected template, and send each scene in the SketchUp model to a LayOut page. When completed the LayOut file will open. The LayOut file location will be the same folder that the SketchUp model resides in, and the LayOut file name will be the same as the SketchUp model but with a .layout extension.

Before using these commands the user should open LayOut and create one or more custom templates and use the LayOut File > Save as Template command to place them in the users

template folder; LayOut will automatically place them in the correct folder. Do not change their location because CabWriter will expect to find them there. There should be one template for each paper size the user intends to use, and for each of portrait or landscape orientation desired. LayOut has a lot of base templates the user can begin with, but they must be saved in the user's folder using File > Save as Template. Print out each template for measurements you will make shortly.

Once you have saved one or more templates use the File > CabWriter to LayOut > LayOut Document Setup command to open the LayOut Document Setup dialog box shown below.



Choose a paper size from the Paper Size drop down. Select either Landscape or Portrait from the Orientation drop down. Select a template from the Template drop down; in the image above I chose NESAW (New England School of Architectural Woodworking, nesaw.com). See the NESAW template on the next page. Using the printout for this template measure the margins on each side required to place a scene within the useable space. For this NESAW template, which is 24" x 36", I determined that a 1" left and top margin was best. The right required a 7" margin because of the title box and the bottom 2.5". I entered these into the Template Margins fields.

General Notes:

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Hardware Legend:

H1	Burnt Zirconium Undermount Sink, SC
H2	Burnt Zirconium Undermount Sink, SC
H3	Burnt Zirconium Undermount Sink, SC
H4	Burnt Zirconium Undermount Sink, SC
H5	Reversible Upper Cabinet Pull/Drawer
H6	448, WC, SC
H7	Reversible 35 Oz. Waste Container, Polymer, Silver, RV-35-17-52
H8	Maple Base Pull-Out Towel Roll, steel, chrome-plated, right with soft close, 54-07-202
H9	Burnt Zirconium Undermount Sink, SC
H10	Burnt Zirconium Undermount Sink, SC
H11	Burnt Zirconium Undermount Sink, SC

Hatch Legend:

	Pre-finished Maple Ply, VC
	Shop Plywood
	Maple Plywood (A-1, VC)
	Maple Plywood (A-1, MDF)
	MDF
	Solid - Hard Maple
	Solid - Soft Maple

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Left = 1"

Bottom = 2.5"

After filling in the margins fields the user must select a line weight from the Line Weight drop down box. This parameter is placed in two places in the LayOut model file: for each Page in LayOut, in the SketchUp Model dialog box Styles tab, it will be written into the Line Weight field; second in the Shape Style dialog box it will be placed in the Stroke line width field (this field is not labeled). The default Line Weight in CabWriter is 0.40pt. This seems to be a good line weight both visually and for printing.

Next the user needs to select a Model Scale. CabWriter's default for this is 1 : 10, meaning 10 units of length in the SketchUp model will be drawn in 1 unit of length in the LayOut template paper space. The units are unit-less, but a Model Scale of 1 : 10 can be interpreted as 1" (1mm) in LayOut equals 10" (10mm) in the SketchUp model. This default Model Scale works pretty well for kitchen models transferred to Arch D paper in LayOut. It will be used in each Scene/Page pair for scenes that use Camera > Parallel Projection rendering in the SketchUp model.

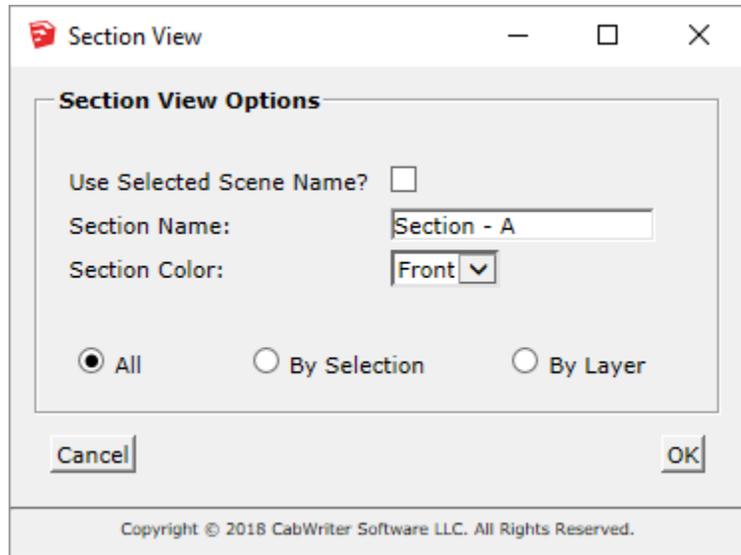
When the Assign Hatches, Create Section From Section Plane and LayOut Document Setup commands/tools have been used in that order, and all of the scenes the user desires have been created, the user is ready to use the Send Scenes to LayOut command. Remember that the Create Section From Section Plane tool creates one scene and one section layer and therefore must be used multiple times to create all the plan and sections views required. The Send Scenes to LayOut command will create a LayOut document with the same name as the SketchUp model and place it in the same folder. Within the LayOut model CabWriter will create a page for each scene with the same name as the SketchUp scene. The user should not change these names in LayOut; rather make sure the scene names in SketchUp are the names you will want in LayOut. CabWriter will place all of the scenes content on a LayOut layer called Models for each page. If the file doesn't have a Models layer CabWriter will create one. When it is done it will save and open the file.

Once the LayOut model file has been created, the user can, and absolutely should at that time, adjust the scale of each Page in LayOut to a scale that is optimal for that page. Be sure to do this before using the Hatch Sections in LayOut command. An example of one such page can be seen on the next page. The model didn't take quite the entire usable space because of the scale I used for that page; 1 : 2.25. However, since this page is not yet dimensioned this is probably a good thing.

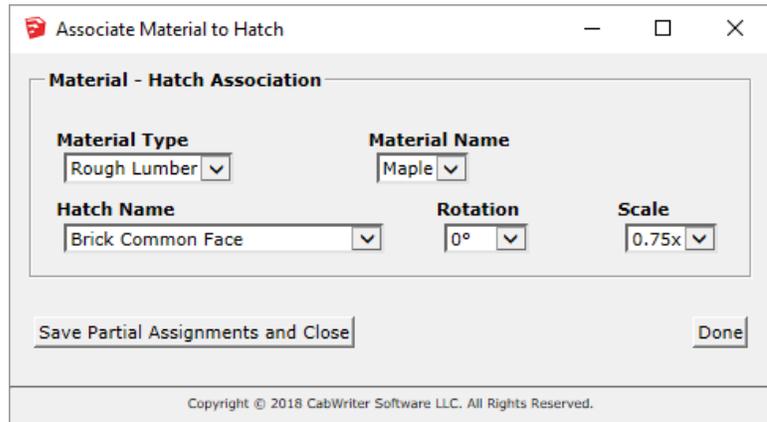
If you add scenes to the SketchUp model after creating a LayOut file you can use the same process to update the LayOut file. CabWriter will leave the current scenes untouched and just add the new scenes.

The user is now ready to use the Hatch Sections in LayOut command. This command will replicate the sections in SketchUp on a Hatch layer in LayOut, applying the hatch material with the Rotation and Scale parameters applied. Hence the hatches may look different than in the same scene in SketchUp. Prior to using this command it is suggested that the LayOut document be closed. It will reopen one the LayOut hatching is complete.

- Added a feature to the Section View dialog box, which appears when the user selects Draw > CabWriter > Create Section From Section Plane. When this dialog box opens the Use Selected Scene Name? check box is unchecked. The Section Name field is populated with the suggested name of Section – A. If the user checks the Use Selected Scene Name? check box the Section Name field will be populated with the name of the current active scene. If the check box is unchecked the Section Name field will revert to the suggested name of Section – A.



- Added one more button to the Associate Material to Hatch dialog box. The name of the button is Save Partial Assignments and Close. There are times when the user does not want or need to assign a hatch material to all CabWriter components; e.g. Walls. This button permits the user to assign one or more materials and save them without



waiting for the Cancel button to turn to Done. Any material that is not assigned will automatically be assign the defaults of None for Hatch Name, 0 for Rotation and 1 for Scale. All other buttons and drop downs work as previously described.

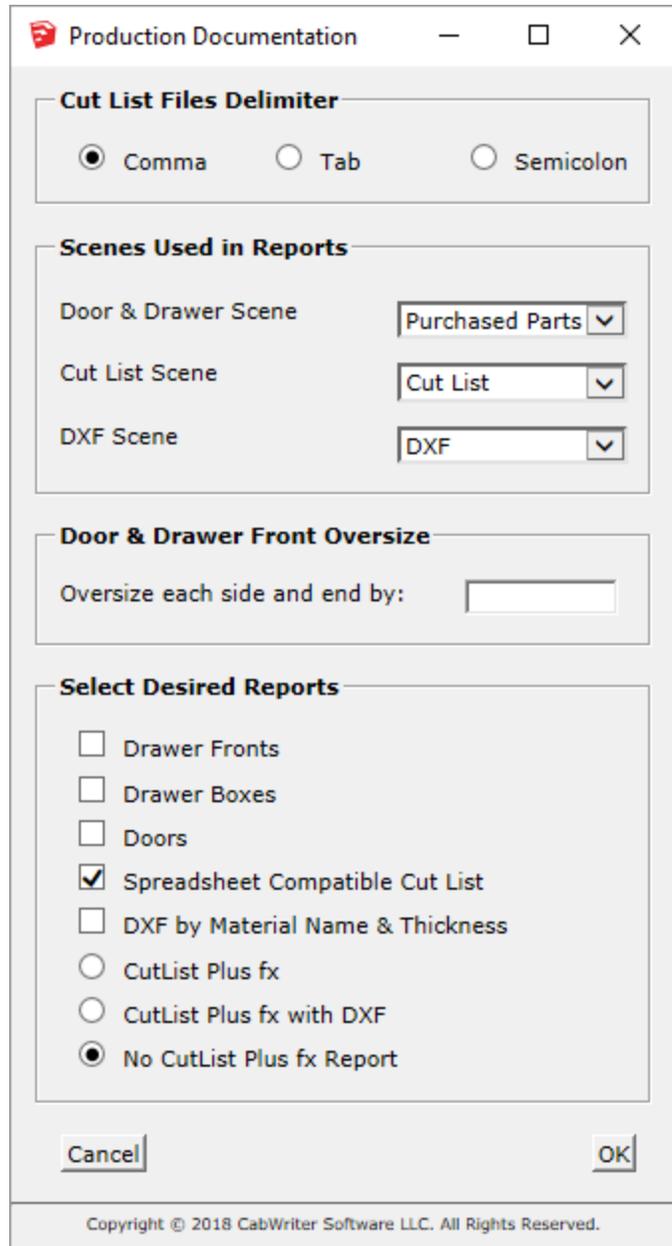
- Changed what sheet good components are included in DXF reports. In the past only box parts were included; e.g. those with prefixes like C2UB6 Back. This meant that parts such as frame and panel door panels were not included in a DXF report. Now, and sheet good is included.

9. Made yet another change to the Production Documentation dialog box. This change was made to eliminate the possibility of double accounting when producing CabWriter Production Documentation. A number of users like to create scenes such as exploded views. This generally meant copying cabinets from one scene to an exploded view scene, and then pulling the parts away from the center to show how they are assembled. This meant that there were duplicates of some parts in the model and hence the possibility of double accounting them in the cut list or DXF files.

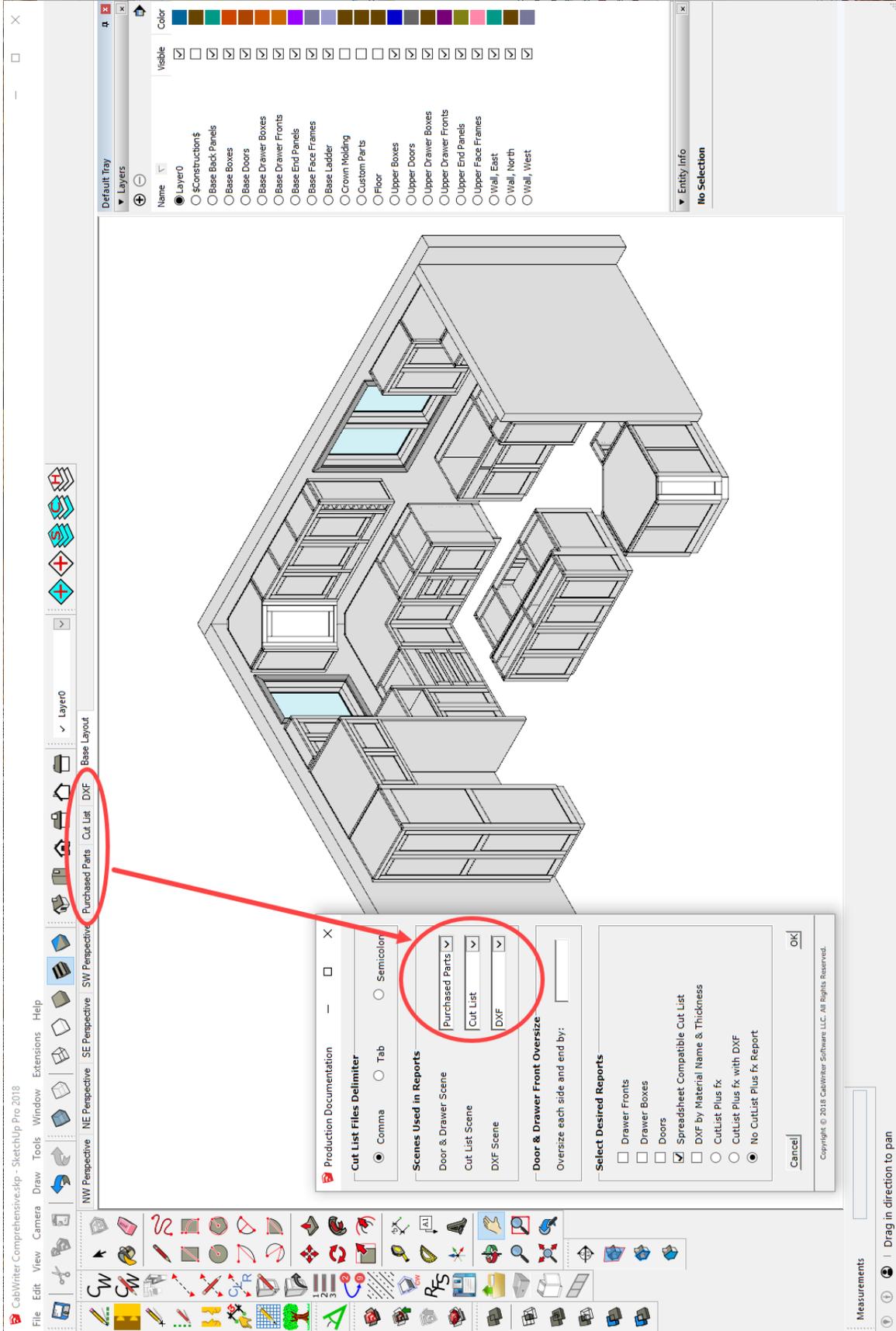
The solution we came up with is both simple and useful. To use the CabWriter Production Documentation command you must first create at least one scene in the model; preferably three or more. One scene should be dedicated to generating a Doors & Drawers report if you plan to purchase those from a third party. In the model on the next page I have created a Purchased Parts scene which includes layers Base and Upper Doors, Drawer Boxes and Drawer Fronts. No other layers, except of course Layer0, are included.

Similarly, I created a Cut List scene dedicated to producing a cut list of every part that will be milled and produced in the shop. This included layers Base Back Panels, Base and Upper Boxes, Base and Upper End Panels, Base and Upper Face Frames, Base Ladder and Crown Molding. Crown molding is not a CabWriter component and will not show up on the cut list unless you use Make CabWriter Component on them and assign them a custom part prefix; e.g. C10UCP Crown Molding #6. Notice that the doors, drawer fronts and drawer boxes do not show up in this scene because they will be purchased from a third party.

Lastly I created a DXF scene with only layers Base and Upper Boxes. This is all I want cut on the CNC machine. Now, with these scenes created, I assign them in the Production Documentation dialog box using the Door & Drawer Scene, Cut List Scene and DXF Scene drop down boxes. So when producing the Doors & Drawers report CabWriter will only include those parts included in the



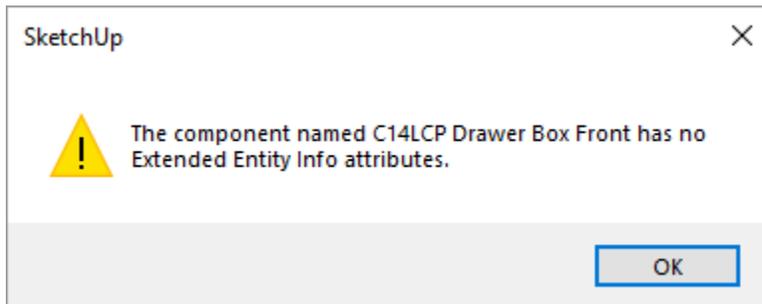
Purchased Parts scene; the Cut List will include only the parts in the Cut List scene and the DXF report will include only the parts in the Cut List scene.



10. Modified the CabWriter toolbar. I re-arranged it and organized it with separators. Also added a new tool icon for the “CabWriter Production Reports” command.
11. Added a message at the beginning of the CabWriter Production Documentation command that let the user know that this command can take several minutes, depending on the number of reports chosen and the size of the model. It also warns the user to close the Outliner dialog box, which can double or triple the compute time of this command.

Fixes

1. Fixed a problem when selecting the Make CabWriter Component tool with no entities selected; this would result in a Ruby Console error instead of a user message box.
2. Fixed a problem when using the Draw > CabWriter > Create Section From Section Plane tool on components without Extended Entity Info attributes. This would raise a SketchUp error in the Ruby Console, but not a user message box indicating the error. Now the user gets a message similar to that below.



The user needs to fix this component and any others that don't have Extended Entity Info attributes. This can be done with either the Extended Entity Info dialog box or the Make CabWriter Component tool.

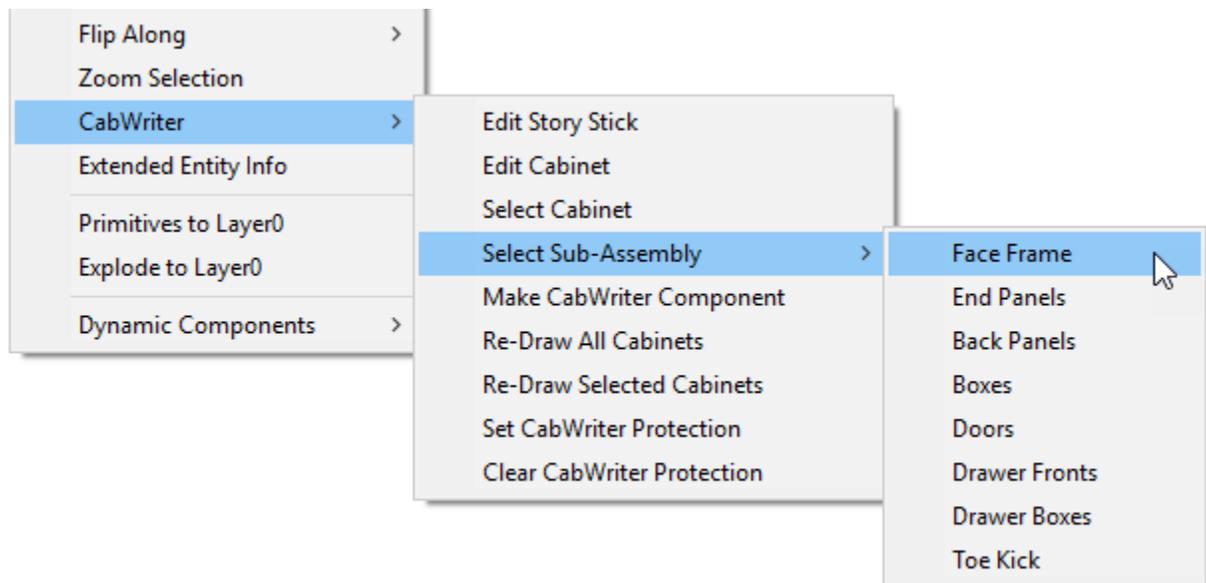
3. Fixed a problem with the File > CabWriter Production Documentation where an error occurred if you did not include either Drawer Fronts, Drawer Boxes or Doors in your selection of reports.
4. Fixed a problem with the Make CabWriter Component tool. When used on renaming or creating door or drawer parts the CutList Bridge attributes were not assigned.
5. Fixed a bug in the door and drawer reports where slab door quantity was not provided.
6. Eliminated the tilde (~) symbol from dimensions output in the door and drawer reports.
7. Permitted the choice of no scene selection in the Production Documentation dialog box if the corresponding report was not selected.
8. Provided a message in the Production Documentation dialog box that requires a type of cut list to be selected when requesting a DXF report.
9. Fixed a problem where the CabWriter Production Documentation tool could try to generate a DXF report before a cut list report which would generate errors.
10. Fixed a problem where there could be gaps between a sheet end, panel end or open end and the side of a cabinet when drawing frameless cabinets.

11. Fixed a problem where Add a Door failed when drawing the door rectangle on the face of the box sides.

Changes in CabWriter Version 2.0.0 Beta 1-1-2018

New Functionality

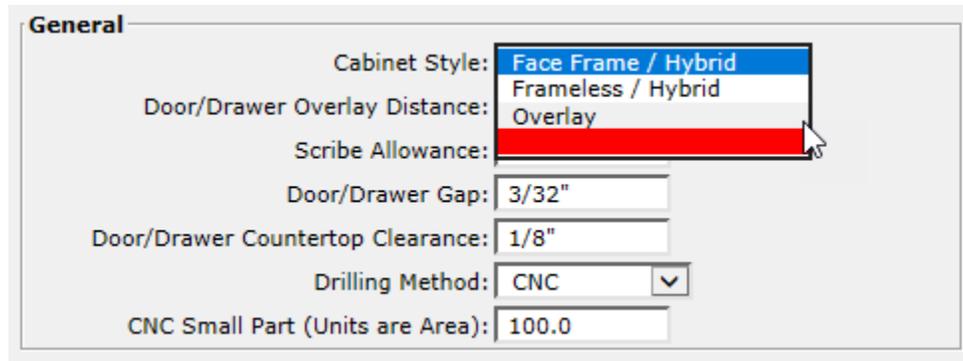
1. Added more profiles for cope & stick joinery and provided code that now allows these profiles to be used on doors, drawer fronts, end panels and back panels greater than $\frac{3}{4}$ " (19mm).
 - a. Outside Edge Profiles
 - i. Basic
 - ii. Bevel 45
 - b. Inside Edge Profiles
 - i. Basic
 - ii. Bevel 45
 - iii. Chamfer
 - iv. Inset Radius
 - v. Ogee
 - vi. Standard
 - c. Panel Edge Profiles
 - i. Basic
 - ii. Cove Raised
 - iii. Curve Raised
 - iv. Shaker Raised
 - v. Standard Raised
2. Changed the context menu CabWriter > Select Sub-Assembly to remove the work Select in front of all the sub-menus.



3. De-Stileized CabWriter. CabWriter appeared to many to be a face frame only drawing tool, largely because that was its genesis and because the Story Stick is focused primarily on placing stiles. In this release we are changing the face frame centric nature of CabWriter. This involves many changes, but they can be divided into two major categories:

a. Distinct Cabinet Design Styles

There are now three distinct cabinet design styles listed in the Cabinet Style drop down in the General section of the Project tab: Face Frame / Hybrid; Frameless Hybrid; and Overlay. This is shown below.



Face Frame / Hybrid is the default set by the factory settings and the Re-Load Factory Settings tool. However, before, when Face Frame was chosen, all of the Draw? check boxes on the Face Frame tab were locked, except Bottom Rail. Now, when you choose Face Frame, all checkboxes are checked but they are all free to be changed, hence the addition of Hybrid to the name.

Similarly the Draw? Check boxes are free to be changed in Frameless / Hybrid style, though they start out all unchecked, to represent pure frameless. Hence again the Hybrid addition.

The major difference between Face Frame and Frameless is how the cabinet ends are treated. End Panels, End Sheets, or End Openings will extend to the front surface of the doors and drawers in the Frameless style.

The Overlay style treats End Panels, End Sheets, and End Openings the same as Face Frame; i.e. they terminate at a stile with either a miter or butt joint. The doors and drawer fronts in the Overlay style sit on, and overlay the face frame by an amounts specified by the Door/Drawer Overlay Distance default in the General section of the Project tab.

The last part of the distinct cabinet design styles change is that the Face Frame Door/Drawer default in the General section of the Project tab has been removed.

b. The Story Stick Defines Cabinet Ends, End Treatment and Connections

Users should now think of the Story Stick as a tool to define the ends of cabinets,

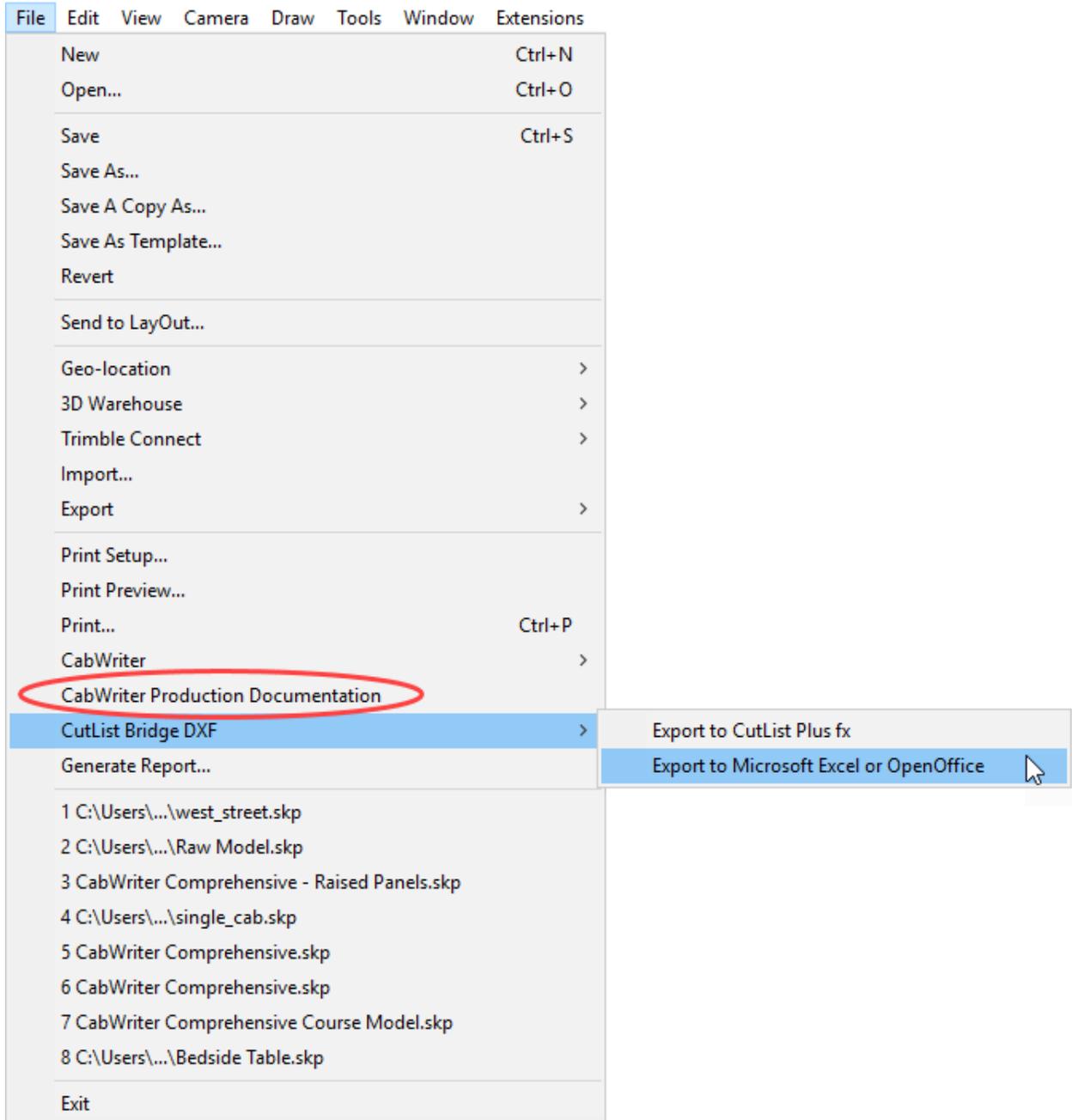
connections between boxes and how cabinet ends are finished. Here are the choices for cabinet ends:

- i. Wall – This is used when cabinets are ending at or near a wall. If the Wall Stile Draw? Checkbox is set a Wall stile will be drawn with scribe allowance added.
- ii. Panel – This is used when a cabinet will end with a frame and panel. If the End Panel Stile Draw? Checkbox is set an End Panel Stile is drawn and the end panel terminates at the face frame with either a miter or butt joint. If the checkbox is not set, the stile is not drawn and the end panel will terminate at the door/ drawer front. The user should choose a butt joint to square the end panel off.
- iii. Sheet – This is used when a cabinet will end with a sheet good panel. If the Sheet Stile Draw? Checkbox is set a Sheet Stile is drawn and the end panel terminates at the face frame with either a miter or butt joint. If the checkbox is not set, the stile is not drawn and the end panel will terminate at the door/ drawer front. The user should choose a butt joint to square the end panel off.
- iv. Opening – This is used when a cabinet will end with an opening for a dishwasher, sink or other appliance. If the Open Stile Draw? Checkbox is set an Opening Stile and filler is drawn and the filler panel terminates at the face frame with a butt joint. If the checkbox is not set, the stile is not drawn and the filler will terminate at the door/ drawer front.
- v. Connector – This is used when a cabinet will end next to another cabinet. If the Connector Stile Draw? Checkbox is set a Connector Stile is drawn. If the checkbox is not set, the stile is not drawn. In either case connector holes will be drawn in the side if enabled.
- vi. Finish – This is used when a cabinet will end next to another cabinet's finished panel or other finished object; for example a refrigerator cabinet side. If the Finish Stile Draw? Checkbox is set a Finish Stile is drawn. If the checkbox is not set, the stile is not drawn. In either case connector holes will not be drawn in the side and no scribe allowance is provided. Note: Finish use to be called Filler. The names Filler and Scribe will now be reserved for a future change that will allow custom parts that the designer can add using native SketchUp tools and the Make CabWriter Component tool.
- vii. Butt – This is used when a cabinet will end next to a Blind Corner cabinet. If the Blind/Butt Corner Stile Draw? Checkbox is set a Butt Corner Stile is drawn. If the checkbox is not set, the stile is not drawn.

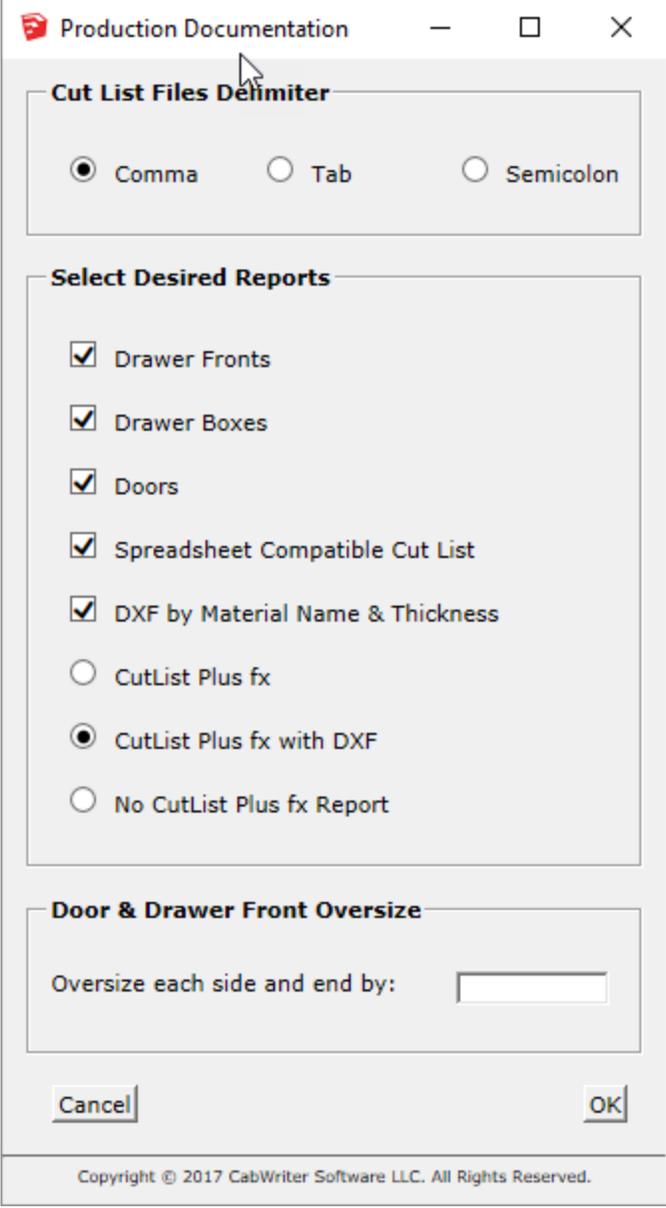


- viii. Blind – This is used with a Blind Corner cabinet on the end that extends toward the wall. If the Blind/Butt Corner Stile Draw? Checkbox is set a Blind Corner Stile is drawn. If the checkbox is not set, the stile is not drawn.

4. Changed the File > CutList Bridge (and CutList Bridge DXF) sub-menu; I deleted all but two sub-menu commands: Export to CutList Plus fx and Export to Microsoft Excel or OpenOffice. **NOTE: These two remaining commands should only be used on NON-CabWriter projects and should NOT be used on CabWriter projects.** See menu below.
5. Added a CabWriter command to the File menu. File > CabWriter Production Documentation should be used whenever the user wants cut lists, DXF files or door & drawer schedule reports. All documentation will be placed in a folder, with a name equal the Project Name in the Project tab, and the folder will be placed in the same folder as the applicable .skp file.



When menu File > CabWriter Documentation is chosen the user will be presented with the following dialog box.



The image shows a dialog box titled "Production Documentation" with standard window controls (minimize, maximize, close). The dialog is divided into three main sections:

- Cut List Files Delimiter:** This section contains three radio buttons: "Comma" (which is selected), "Tab", and "Semicolon".
- Select Desired Reports:** This section contains a list of reports with checkboxes and radio buttons:
 - Drawer Fronts
 - Drawer Boxes
 - Doors
 - Spreadsheet Compatible Cut List
 - DXF by Material Name & Thickness
 - CutList Plus fx
 - CutList Plus fx with DXF
 - No CutList Plus fx Report
- Door & Drawer Front Oversize:** This section contains a text label "Oversize each side and end by:" followed by an empty text input field.

At the bottom of the dialog, there are "Cancel" and "OK" buttons. A copyright notice is visible at the very bottom: "Copyright © 2017 CabWriter Software LLC. All Rights Reserved."

The Cut List Files Delimiter can be selected to Comma, Tab or Semicolon. Comma is most common in countries that use a period for the decimal point. Semicolon is very common in countries that use a comma for a decimal point or where there is a lot of commas in use in their reports. Be sure the application that you are using to open the spreadsheet .csv and .cwx files are set to the same delimiter.

In the Select Desired Reports field the user can select the reports required. The first three selections,

Drawer Fronts, Drawer Boxes and Doors, will be included in a door_and_drawer_schedule.csv file which can be opened in any spread sheet application. This report will look something like the image at the top of the next page. All of the dimensions in this report are finished dimensions EXCEPT those in the red squares. Those dimensions are the finished height and width but oversized on each edge by the amount entered in the "Oversize each side and end by:" field on the Production Documentation dialog box. If you leave this field blank or zero, the dimensions in the red squares will be finished dimensions. The third line of the report, shown in a red ellipse, shows the value of the oversize for reference.

If a door or drawer is a slab it will be listed in either the Slab Doors or Slab Drawer Fronts section. If a door or drawer is a frame and panel it will be listed in the Frame & Panel Doors or Frame & Panel Drawers sections. In all of these sections the slab prefix or the frame and panel prefix is listed. This is the same prefix that shows up in the Sub-Assembly section of the cut list if the Extended Entity Info Setup tab is set to Sub-Assembly Attribute in the Sub-Assembly section. Also included in these sections is the quantity of slabs or frame and panels required for each prefix (sub-assembly), the thickness and in the case of frame and panels the width of the stiles, top rail and bottom rail.

This door_and_drawer_schedule.csv is intended to help shops that purchase drawer boxes, drawer fronts and doors from a third party. In the case of Drawer Boxes it will tell the user the number of each type slides in pairs i.e. each box requires one pair. It will include the manufactures name and part number. This information comes directly from the Drawer Box Depth section of the Drawers tab.

The Drawer Boxes section of the door_and_drawer_schedule.csv will list the unique box sizes required with a name Drawer Box #, the Width, Height, Depth and the Quantity of each. This report will also place in the notes field of each drawer box on the cut list the Drawer Box # for cross reference. In CutList Plus fx output, the drawer boxes are in the Other Items tab, and that note appears as a little red triangle. As your cursor hovers over the triangle you will see the Drawer Box # as shown at the top of the page after the next page.

You can choose a Spreadsheet Compatible Cut List and/or DXF by Material Name & Thickness by checking the appropriate checkbox. CutList Plus fx has three radio buttons and you can select only one at a time. CutList Plus fx provides only the usual cut list. CutList Plus fx provides a folder of individual CabWriter SketchUp component .dxf files which will be used by CutList Plus fx to output optimized .dxf sheet files. If you do not want a CutList Plus fx file simply choose No CutList Plus fx Report.

When you click the OK button CabWriter will begin report generation. The dialog box will remain open until you get a message that the reports are complete and it will inform the user where to find them. When you click OK both dialog boxes will close.

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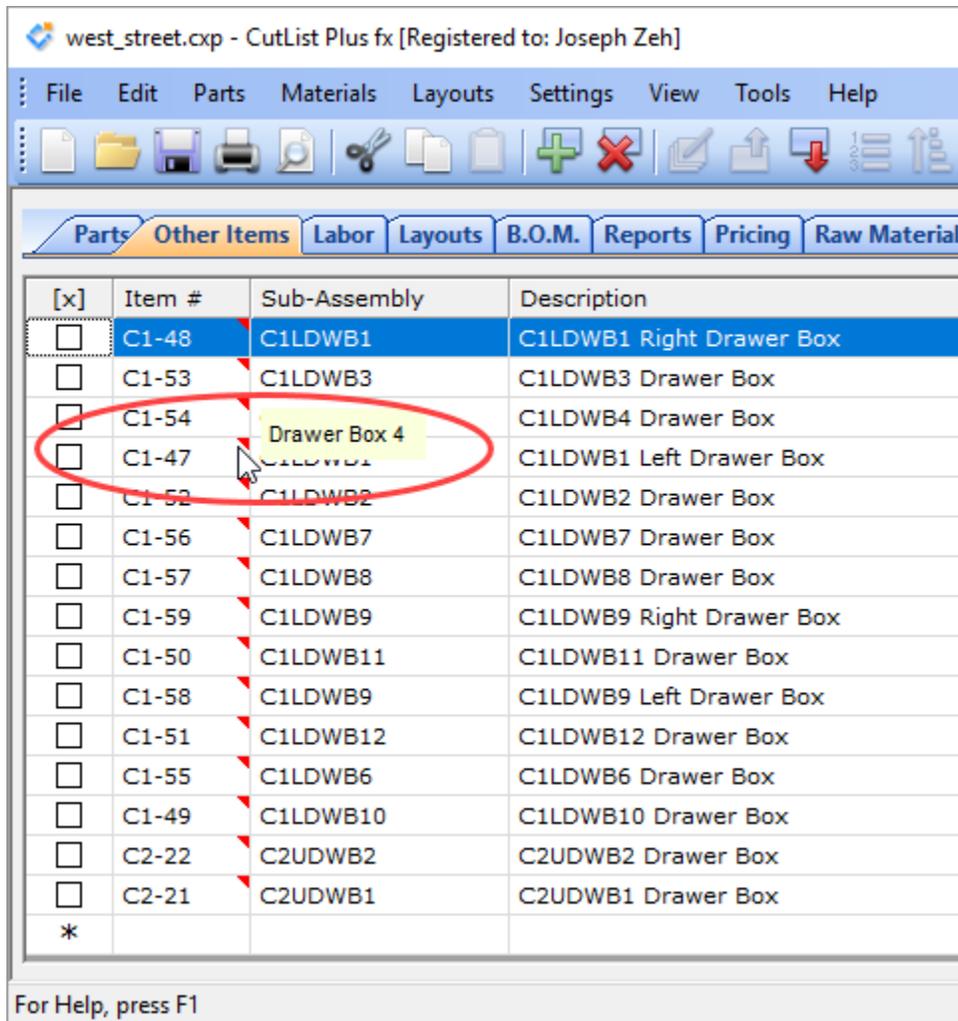
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6. Changed what gets generated for DXF files. In older revisions any component with a Material Type: Sheet Good would be included in a DXF file. This meant that panels in doors, drawers, end panels and back panels would be included in the DXF file. In this revision we have limited the DXF generation to only Box components e.g. C10UB1 Bottom. This means that only carcass parts are included in DXF generation. This was done because panel plywood, which is typically ¼" (6mm) thick, is generally not cut on CNC machines. We may revisit this decision later with more user input.
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Fixes

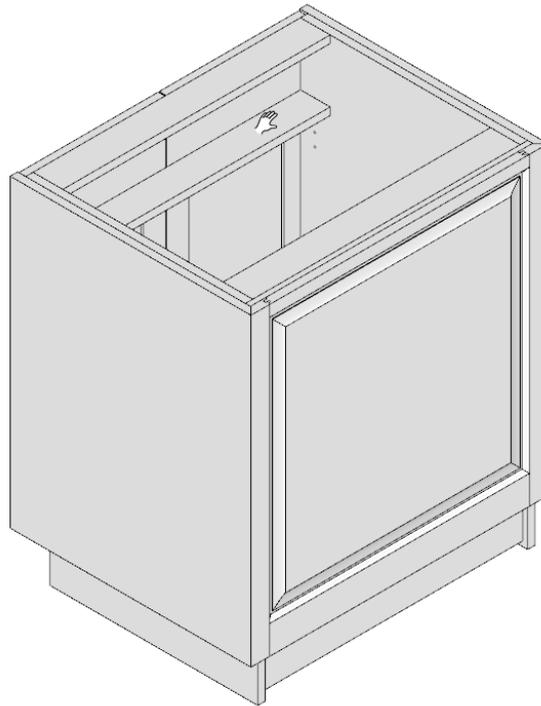
1. It appears that when saving a SketchUp 2018 file as a SketchUp 2017 file, there is a problem with the DefinitionList.load method (and perhaps other issues as well). Implemented a work around for this situation.
2. Fixed a bug where the Save CabWriter Defaults tool was not erasing unregistered defaults before saving defaults to a file.

3. Fixed a problem where old models with Extended Entity Information attributes written prior to the revision that included Resize Thickness By would cause errors when opened and examined in current CutList Bridge versions.
4. Fixed a problem where when Solid top was chosen for base cabinets, Stretcher holes were drilled, not solid top holes.
5. Fixed a problem where when using an inset bottom value, the bottom drawer box did not move up accordingly. The hardware holes did, but not the drawer box.
6. Fixed a problem where when manually adding a drawer to a divided cabinet with a raised bottom the hardware holes and the drawer box did not move up accordingly.
7. The context menu CabWriter > Set CabWriter Protection did not set the attribute to the correct value even though it showed as protected in the Extended Entity Info dialog box. Hence, the component wasn't protected when a Re-Draw tool was used to re-draw a cabinet.
8. Fixed a problem with drawing corner cabinets with non-end panel or sheets when there was only the corner box in the cabinet. Multiple box configurations had no problem.
9. Fixed a problem where corner cabinet End Sheet panels extended to the face frame like they would for frameless.
10. Fixed a problem with using the Insert a Door tool in an upper cabinet Divided Upper.

Changes in CabWriter Version 2.0.0 Beta 12-8-2017

New Functionality

1. The Insert a Door, Insert a Drawer and Create a Back Panel now give the user the option of using the cabinet's stored defaults or the current CabWriter Settings defaults. In the unlikely example below, the cabinet was constructed a frameless cabinet with End Sheet end panels. The CabWriter Settings were modified to use cope & stick back panels and then the back panel was added using those settings, not the cabinet's stored settings.



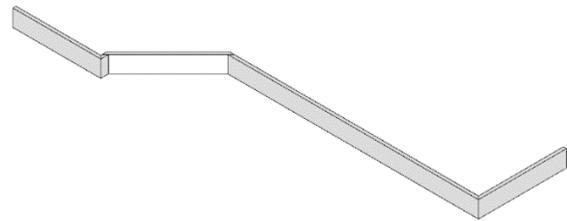
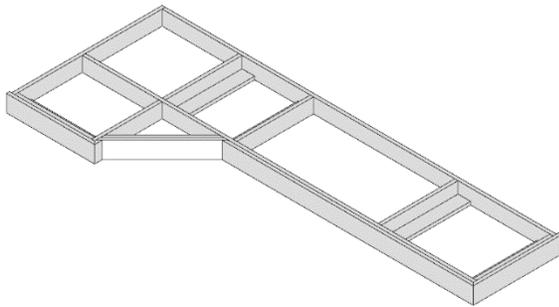
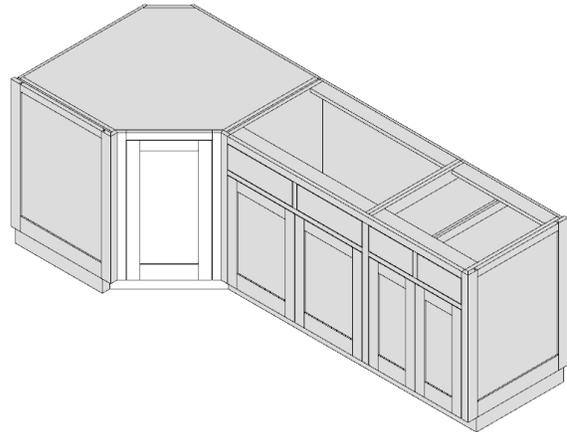
2. When using the Create a Back Panel tool the Back Panel dialog box input field is now case insensitive. See legitimate input in image below.



- Added a new default on the Carcass tab at the bottom of the Toe Kick section called 'Draw Toe Kick Frame?'. The options are Yes or No. Yes means that the entire ladder base is drawn. No means that the stretchers, ribs, and ties are not drawn leaving only the applied trim faces. See the images below.

Toe Kick

Toe Kick Style:	Ladder Base	▼
Toe Kick Height:	4"	
Toe Kick Depth:	3"	
End Rib Inset:	3/4"	
Ladder Base Gap:	1/2"	
End Panel Inset Distance:	1"	
Horizontal Stretcher Width:	3"	
Applied Front Thickness:	3/4"	
Horizontal Stretcher Position:	Bottom	▼
Maximum Vertical Divider Spacing:	36"	
Draw Toe Kick Frame?:	Yes	▼



- Combo Drawers drawn without a mid-stile now have one Drawer Support between them as opposed to a Left Drawer Support and Right Drawer Support. This is true for all base cabinet types that permit Combo Drawers. If the mid-stile is drawn then there is both a Left Drawer Support and Right Drawer Support. Thickness of the single draw support is the same as the box sides. See the Base Cabinets tab on the next page.

CabWriter Settings

Project Carcass Cut List Doors Drawers Line Boring CNC Boring Panels Face Frame Base Cabinets Upper Cabinets

Base Carcass

Solid Top or Stretchers:
 Mid-Stretchers (Frameless Only):
 Draw Bottom Trim?:
 Draw Alignment Slot?:

Stretcher/Top Thickness:
 Side/Partition Thickness:
 Back Thickness:
 Bottom Thickness:
 Bottom Trim Thickness:
 Drawer Divider Thickness (x2):

Stretcher Width:
 Alignment Slot Width:
 Diagonal Shelf Board Width:
 Opening Filler Width:

Alignment Slot Depth:
 Side Setback:
 Bottom Inset:
 Fixed Shelf Offset:

Base General

Counter Top Height:
 Counter Top Thickness:
 Cabinet Depth (Face to Wall):
 Carcass Gap (Back to Wall):
 Door/Drawer Front Thickness:

Standard Base

Number of Shelf Hole Columns:
 Number of Shelves:

Standard Base w/ Drawers

Number of Shelf Hole Columns:
 Number of Shelves:

Blind Corner Base

Number of Shelf Hole Columns:
 Number of Shelves:
 Blind Corner Displacement:

Diagonal Corner & Lazy Susan Base

Number of Shelf Hole Columns:
 Number of Shelves:
 Back Corner:

Divided Base

Number of Shelf Hole Columns:
 Cabinet Height:

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Fixes

1. Fixed a problem where when checking thickness, tongue length and tongue width in cope & stick creation, the comparison of dimensions could fail due to floating point inaccuracies.
2. Fixed a problem in SketchUp 2018 that did not permit the drawing of combo drawer fronts.
3. Fixed numerous problems created by SketchUp 2018. The explode method returns an array of entities. Those entities in 2018 can now include class AttributeDictionaries.
4. Fixed a problem when drawing a multi-box cabinet with a Lazy Susan or Diagonal Corner box, and depending on the direction it was drawn, the front applied face of the ladder base was drawn short and with a butt end instead of a miter end.
5. Fixed a problem where the ladder base ties could be drawn too long by 1" in certain multi-box cabinet configurations involving corner boxes.
6. Removed a redundant and non-functional default from the CabWriter Settings dialog box Face Frame tab. Blind Corner Mid Stile is not needed; its functionality is provided by Drawer Mid Stile.
7. CabWriter allows users to save and open defaults to a file, which is very powerful. These files can be shared by simply emailing them to someone or receiving them in the email. There are two potential and serious problems with this: first those files can be corrupted since they are merely text files.; second they can become obsolete if they were generated on an older version of CabWriter and

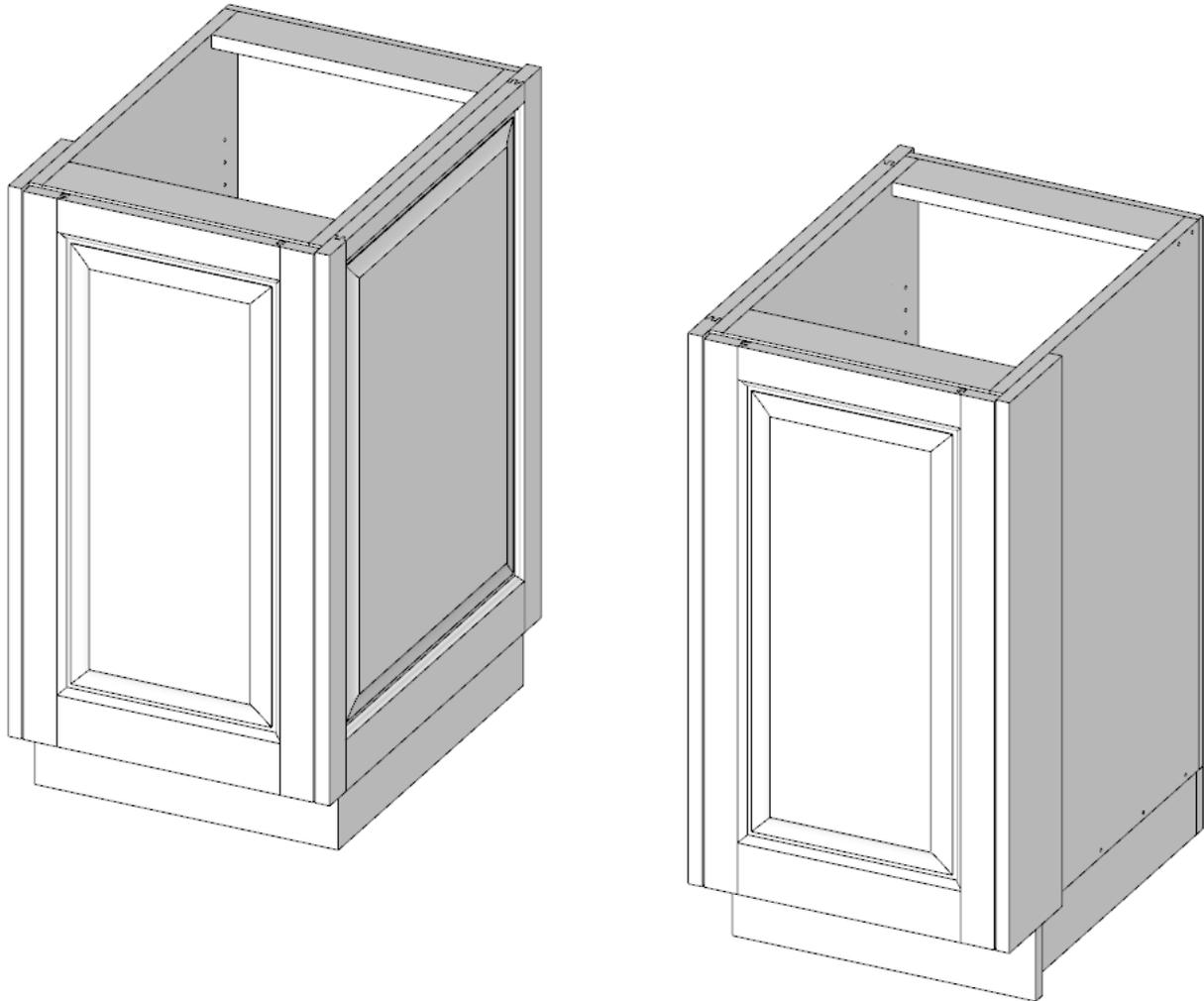
defaults were added, deleted or names changed since. So CabWriter now has a registry of valid defaults. This registry is created when a user opens a CabWriter project with the Create Project tool or uses the Re-Load Factory Settings tool. When a file is saved it checks for illegal default names and blank defaults. A message informs the user to check for and correct blanks in the CabWriter Settings tabs. When a file is opened and a blank is read in it will also display in the CabWriter Settings tabs.

In future releases we will add more checks to these files to help assure that they don't create problems and frustration for the user. However, the user should always visually check the CabWriter Settings tabs to be sure there are no missing or incorrect defaults.

Changes in CabWriter Version 2.0.0 Beta 11-27-2017

New Functionality

1. Completed the frameless end panel inclusion; i.e. End Sheet(s), End Panels(s) and End Opening(s) are now drawn whether or not their end stiles are drawn. If their end stiles are not drawn the front edge of the end sheet, end panel or end opening will extend to the face plane for the door and drawer fronts. See example of frameless below.



Note: When an End Opening is created in a cabinet with End Opening Stile(s) drawn the material type and name is the same as the Carcass. When an End Opening is created in a cabinet with End Opening Stile(s) NOT drawn the material type and name is the same as the End Panel.

2. When creating a CabWriter project with the Create Project tool, a project name is assigned and will appear in the Project Name field of the Project tab. This name can be changed at any time after creating a CabWriter project; simply change it in the Project Name field.

3. The menu Extensions > CabWriter > View License and Check for Updates now includes a Licensed Version (formerly just Version) field and an Installed Version field. Notice in the image below that the Licensed Version is 1.0.0, but the user has installed a beta test version that is newer than the Licensed Version. The message below no longer tells the user if the installed version is up to date or there is a newer one available. Rather it simply informs the user of the latest available version.

View License and Check for Updates

Your Currently Active License

Email:

License Key:

Product ID:

Licensed Version:

Installed Version:

Computer Name:

Platform:

The latest available version of CabWriter is: v1.0.2

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4. Added two new defaults, one each to the Base Cabinets and Upper Cabinets tabs called Back Corner. They are dropdown options with the choices Angled and Squared. These defaults determine whether the back corner is constructed at a 45 degree angle or square.

Diagonal Corner & Lazy Susan Base

Number of Shelf Hole Columns:

Number of Shelves:

Back Corner:

Diagonal Corner Upper

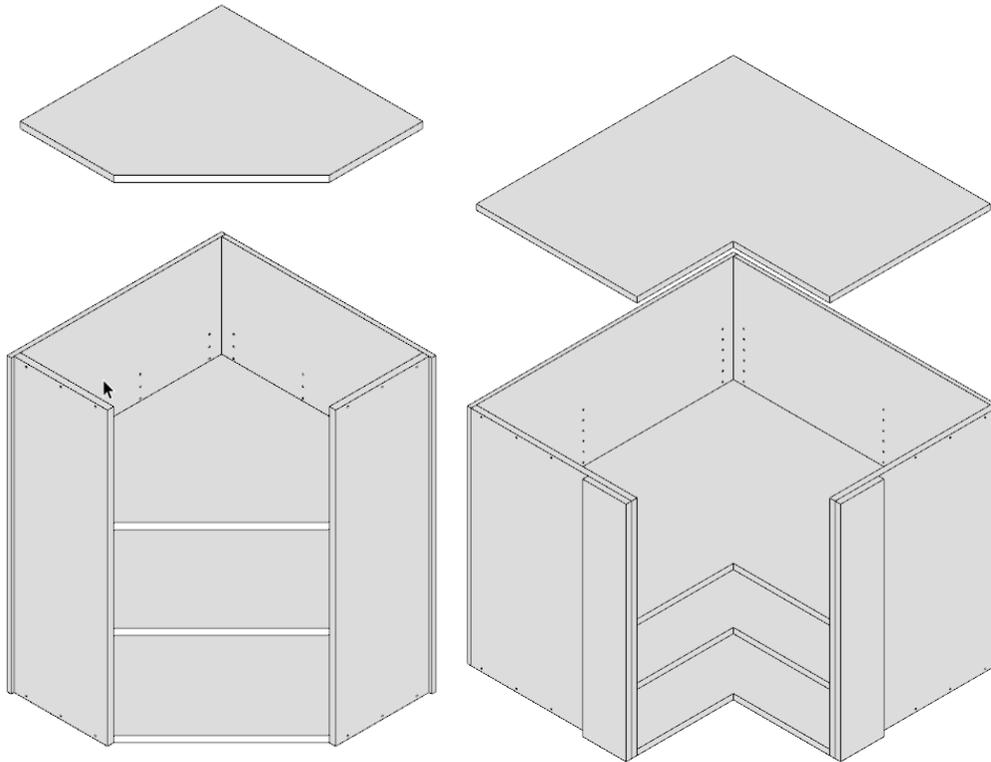
Number of Shelf Hole Columns:

Number of Shelves:

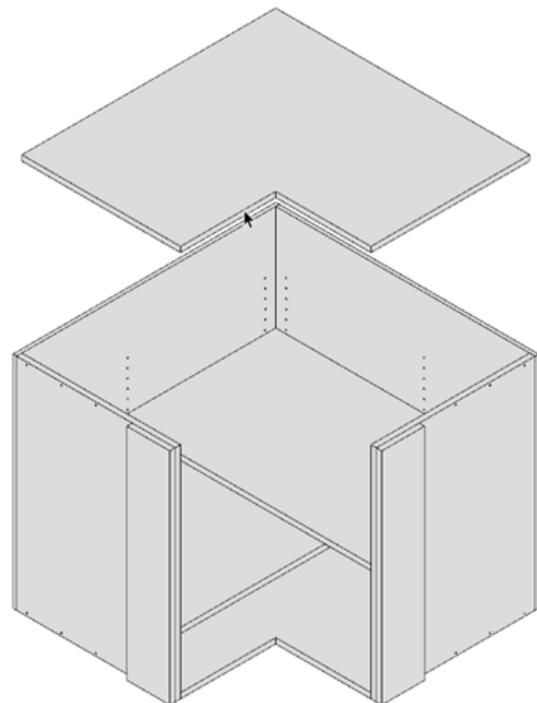
Back Corner:

Carcass Gap (Back to Wall):

When Squared is selected for the Back Corner the angled Shelf Support is not drawn and the Shelf Support shelf holes are consequently not drawn. In their place shelf holes are drawn in the Left and Right Back. See examples below.



Note the shelf hole arrangement and the shelf design and placement. The L-shaped shelves are drawn by CabWriter. The straight shelves, shown right, were simply L-shaped shelves modified in Component Edit mode and one of them rotated. The Diagonal Corner cabinet (box) is now also available with a square corner. Note in these images that CabWriter provides two columns of shelf holes in the backs of the cabinet that match the shelf holes in the box sides. This is so you can have standard L-shaped or straight shelves (image on right).



5.

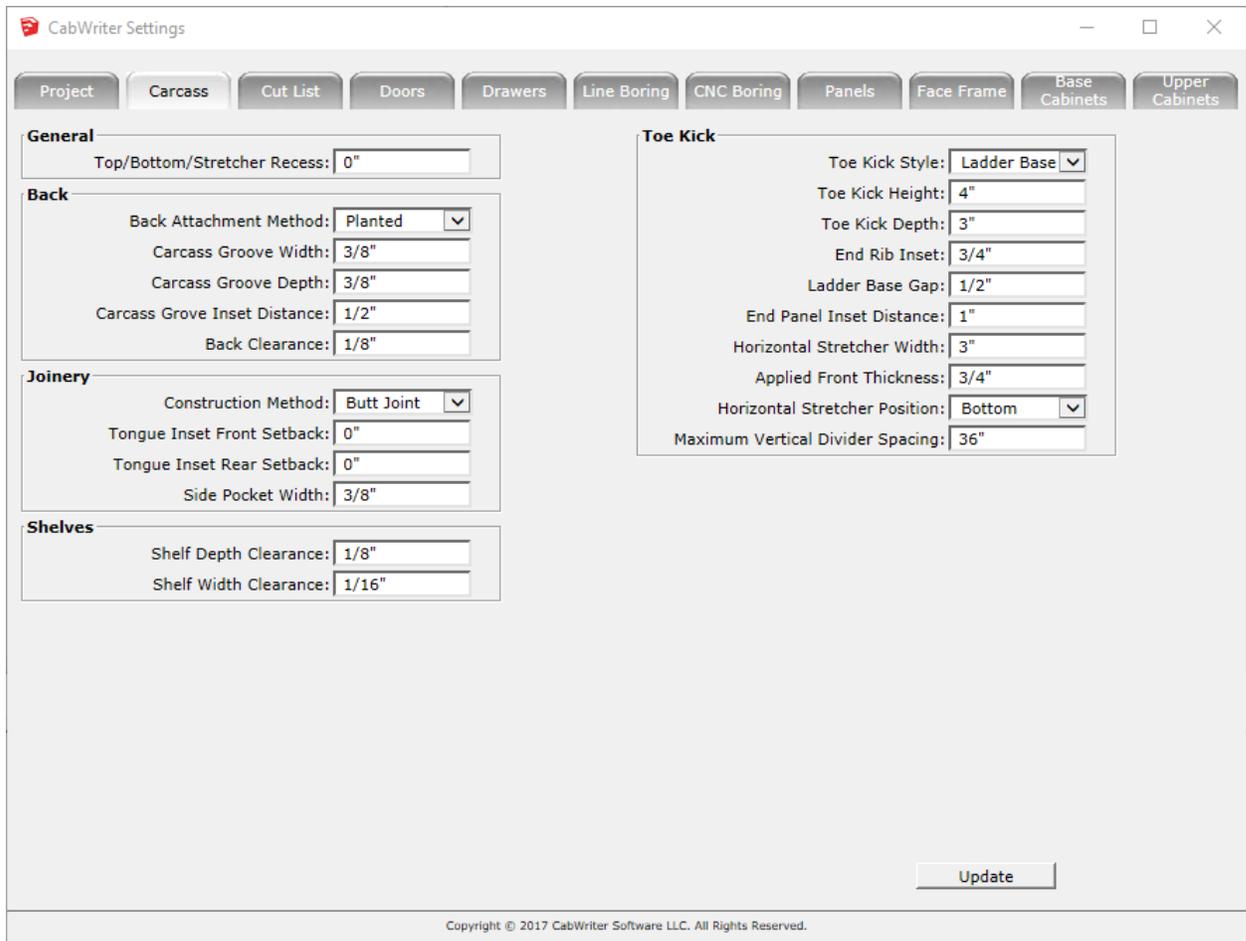
Fixes

1. Fixed a problem with diagonal corner cabinet. If the Cabinet Style was Frameless and the End Stiles were drawn, the door did not position correctly.
2. Fixed the Door/Drawer Panel Profile raised.skp file, which was cause an error because it contained a construction line.
3. Fixed a problem with Diagonal Corner and Lazy Susan cabinet where the End Opening Fillers were not drawn correctly.
4. Fixed a problem with using Make CabWriter Component to add a Mid Stile to a Face Frame, which resulted in a SketchUp error message. The CutList Bridge defaults for Doors and Drawers were not loaded.
5. Fixed the Make CabWriter Component dialog box so that the Description and Instance Name input fields now permits pasting into them.
6. Fixed a problem where, when bottom trim is drawn, on a Lazy Susan cabinet the trim was not placed correctly.

Changes in CabWriter Version 2.0.0 Beta 11-7-2017

New Functionality

1. Added and changed some defaults on the Carcass tab of CabWriter Settings in the General, Back and Joinery sections. The General section is new and has one default called Top/Bottom/Stretcher Recess. This default is implemented and works as described in 2 below. The Back and Joinery sections appear in the Carcass tab but are not yet implemented. These defaults will become important and active when we implement dado, rabbet and packet joinery.



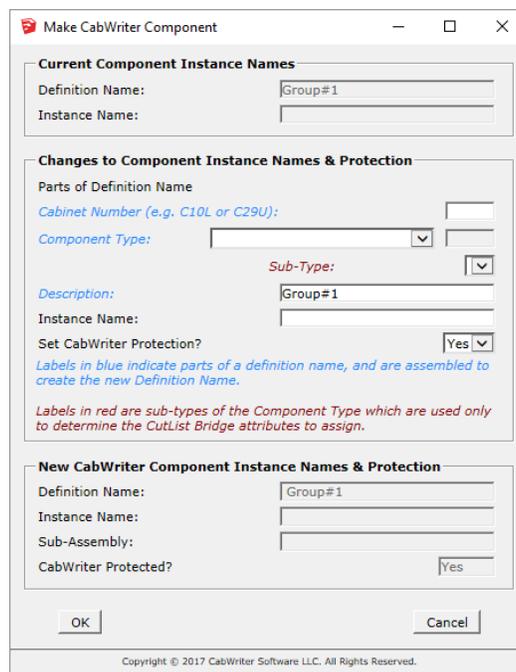
2. The default called Top/Bottom/Stretcher Recess in the General section of the Carcass tab permits the recessing of the top, bottom, top stretchers, mid stretchers and any fixed shelves. The default is 0".
3. Renamed the Re-Name Component tool to Make CabWriter Component, changed its icon from  to  (which I don't like but will change again later) and also changed its functionality. In the past, in order to add a custom component to a CabWriter cabinet you first had to model the component in primitives using native SketchUp tools, select all the primitives and then use

SketchUp's Make Component  tool to make a SketchUp component. Next you used the Re-Name Component  tool to turn the SketchUp component into a CabWriter Component.

I have eliminated one step in this process. To add a custom component to a CabWriter cabinet you first model the component in primitives using native SketchUp tools, select all the primitives and then use the Make CabWriter Component  tool to make a CabWriter Component. This allows you to go directly from selected primitives to a CabWriter Component.

You can still select a component and use the Make CabWriter Component  tool to turn a SketchUp component into a CabWriter component, or select a CabWriter component and use the Make CabWriter Component  tool to rename or change attributes of the component. However, the restrictions are that the selection you pass to the Make CabWriter Component tool must either be all primitives or one component, and that component's definition name must be unique (not currently in the model's definition list). Primitives plus anything else or more than one component will result in an error message.

If the user selection is primitives when using the Make CabWriter Component  tool the Make CabWriter Component dialog box will look similar to the following:



Make CabWriter Component

Current Component Instance Names

Definition Name: Group#1

Instance Name:

Changes to Component Instance Names & Protection

Parts of Definition Name

Cabinet Number (e.g. C10L or C29U):

Component Type:

Sub-Type:

Description: Group#1

Instance Name:

Set CabWriter Protection? Yes

Labels in blue indicate parts of a definition name, and are assembled to create the new Definition Name.

Labels in red are sub-types of the Component Type which are used only to determine the CutList Bridge attributes to assign.

New CabWriter Component Instance Names & Protection

Definition Name: Group#1

Instance Name:

Sub-Assembly:

CabWriter Protected? Yes

OK Cancel

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However, if the user's selection is a CabWriter component prior to selecting Make CabWriter Component tool it will look similar to this:

Current Component Instance Names

Definition Name: C4LB1 Right Side
Instance Name: Right Side

Changes to Component Instance Names & Protection

Parts of Definition Name
Cabinet Number (e.g. C10L or C29U): C4L
Component Type: (B#) Box Number 1
Sub-Type:
Description: Right Side
Instance Name: Right Side
Set CabWriter Protection? No

Labels in blue indicate parts of a definition name, and are assembled to create the new Definition Name.

Labels in red are sub-types of the Component Type which are used only to determine the CutList Bridge attributes to assign.

New CabWriter Component Instance Names & Protection

Definition Name: C4LB1 Right Side
Instance Name: Right Side
Sub-Assembly: C4LB1
CabWriter Protected? No

OK Cancel

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Lastly, if the user's selection is a SketchUp component (non-CabWriter component) prior to selecting the Make CabWriter Component tool it will look similar to this:

Current Component Instance Names

Definition Name: C4LB1 Right Side
Instance Name: Right Side

Changes to Component Instance Names & Protection

Parts of Definition Name
Cabinet Number (e.g. C10L or C29U): C4L
Component Type: (B#) Box Number 1
Sub-Type:
Description: Right Side
Instance Name: Right Side
Set CabWriter Protection? No

Labels in blue indicate parts of a definition name, and are assembled to create the new Definition Name.

Labels in red are sub-types of the Component Type which are used only to determine the CutList Bridge attributes to assign.

New CabWriter Component Instance Names & Protection

Definition Name: C4LB1 Right Side
Instance Name: Right Side
Sub-Assembly: C4LB1
CabWriter Protected? No

OK Cancel

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In all cases the component can be changed to a CabWriter component or a CabWriter component renamed. This change was made to streamline the creating of a CabWriter component. There will be future changes that will further enhance and streamline the process.

In addition to the look and name change of this tool, a lot of functionality has changed. There are three sections to this dialog box. The first section, Current Component Instance Names, simply tells the user what the current definition name and instance name are. These fields will not change until a successful execution of this tool is completed. Note, for this reason they are grayed out and cannot be changed.

The second section, Changes to Component Instance Names & Protection, is where the user will make all the changes desired before execution the tool with the OK button. Inside this section some fields are labeled in blue italics, one in red italics and the rest are normal black. The blue italics fields contain text that will be assembled into a component definition name and displayed in the third section in the field called Definition Name. This will happen in real time so that you will see the changes as you make them. The red italics label, Sub-Type, is a selection from a drop down list that will change as a function of the choice made in the blue italics Component Type drop down. The Sub-Type field is not part of the definition name, but rather a classification of a Component Type, which is used only to determine the appropriate information to write in the component's CutList Bridge attributes.

Starting at the top of the second section the Cabinet Number field is where the user supplies the cabinet number that this new CabWriter component will be assigned. It must be a valid cabinet number and that cabinet must currently exist in the model. The user can type the number into the field without regard to capitalization; CabWriter will correct for capitalization. But the cabinet number must start with the letter C followed by a non-zero integer and end in either U or L.

Next is Component Type. The user must choose a component type from the drop down; blank is not a component type. If the Component Type contains the # symbol, the user must then input a non-zero integer into the unlabeled field next to Component Type. If the selected Component Type does not contain a # symbol the unlabeled field will be grayed out.

Next is the Sub-Type field. This field will change each time a Component Type selection is made. The user can select blank or any item on the list. If blank is chosen the new component will have CutList Bridge attributes initialized to a Milled Part(s) with blank fields except for the correctly assigned Sub-Assembly and CabWriter Protection. If an item other than blank is chosen the component will have correctly assigned attributes based on the current CabWriter defaults, Sub-Assembly and CabWriter Protection.

The next field, Description, is where the user supplies the description part of the definition name. The description part is the part that comes after the cabinet number and component type. The user does not supply the space between the cabinet number/component type and the description; CabWriter automatically inserts that.

The Instance Name field is where the user supplies the new component's instance name.

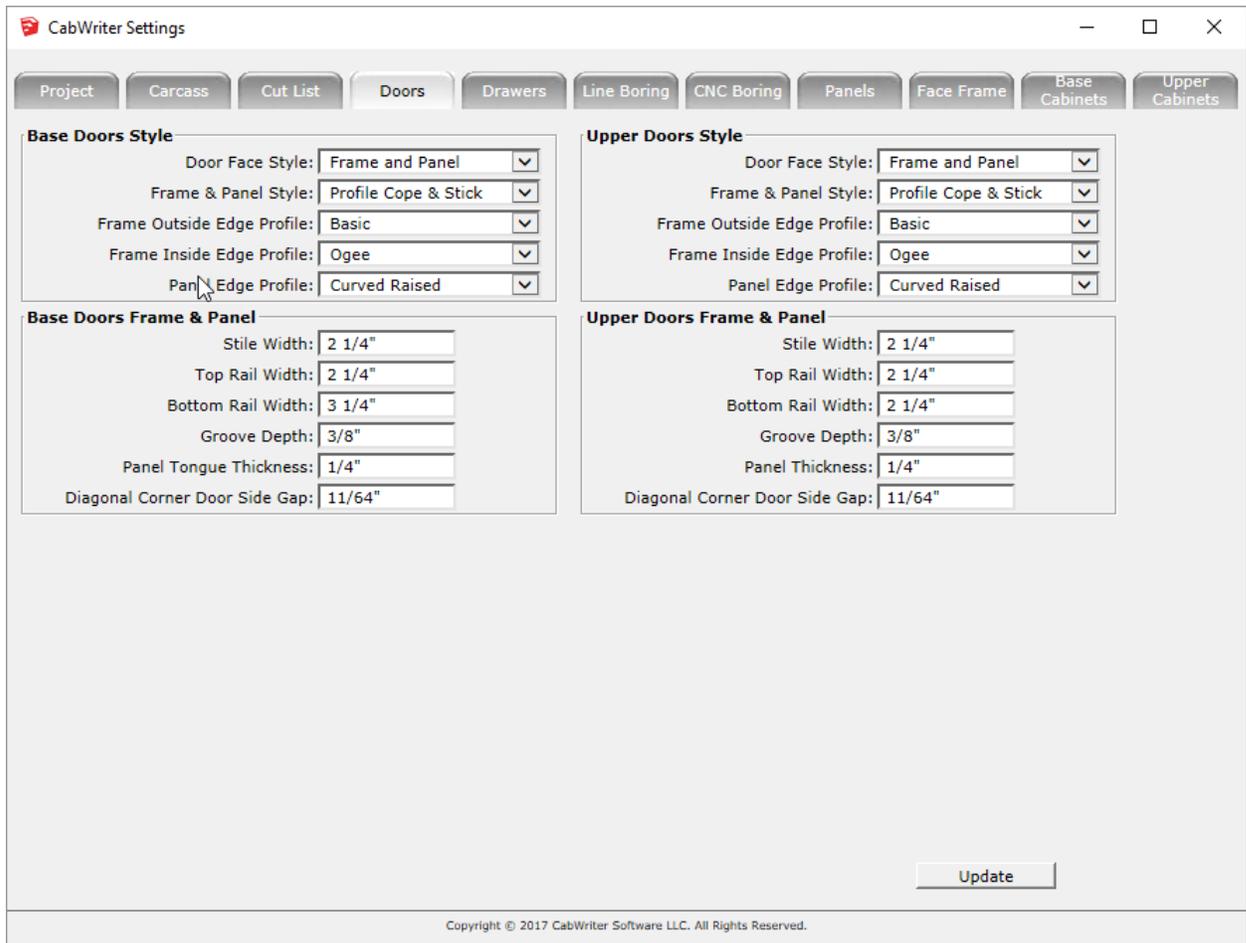
To provide CabWriter protection for this new component the user chooses Yes from the Set CabWriter Protection? Drop down; or No if no CabWriter protection is requested.

Lastly, the third section, New CabWriter Component Instance Names & Protection, show the compiled results from changes made in the Changes to Component Instance Names & Protection section. This is what will be written to the new component along with the appropriate CutList Bridge attributes when the user clicks on the OK button. The user should carefully inspect this before doing so. In addition, once the operation is complete it would be wise for the user to select the new part and examine its attributes with the Extended Entity Info dialog box.

Choosing the Cancel button will return the selection to its original state.

NOTE: The Make CabWriter Component cannot be used to change the Instance Name of a normal or CabWriter component. Use the Entity Info dialog box to change an Instance Name.

4. Changed the name of the dialog box opened by the View License and Check for Updates command in the Extensions > CabWriter menu. Changed it from Active CabWriter License to View License and Check for Updates.
5. A major functionality addition is the ability to include cope & stick door, drawer, end panel and back panel styles. This functionality is only available to users with SketchUp Pro licenses, and at the moment only three coped styles are available. We will add many more by the time Version 2.0.0 is released.



In the above image notice that the Base and Upper Doors Style sections have changed significantly; there are now five defaults in each section. Here is their meaning:

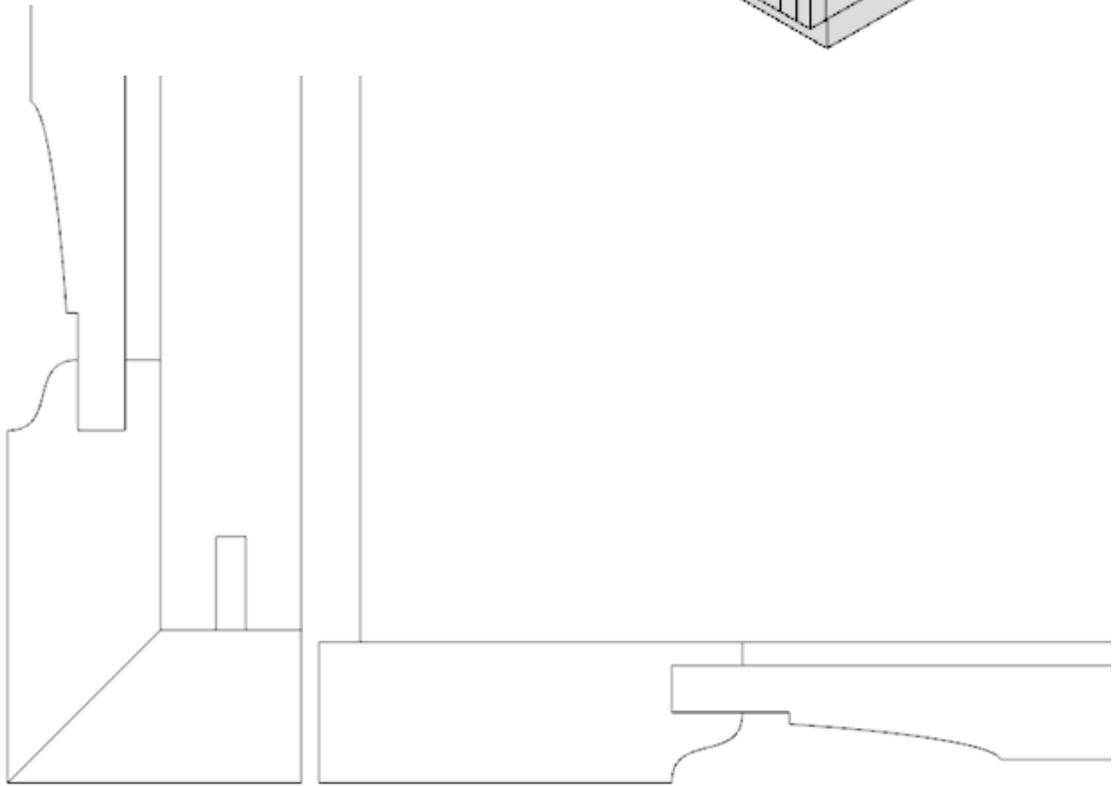
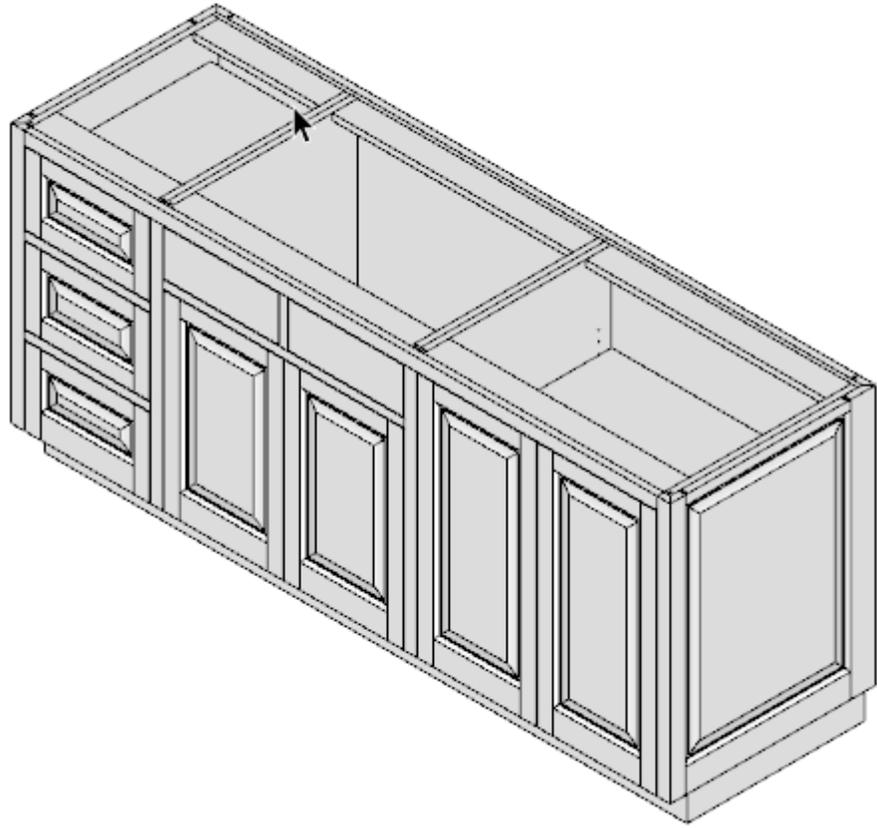
- **Door Face Style** – Drop down options are:
 - Frame and Panel – door fronts will be constructed as frame and panel unless a door is too narrow or too short in which case they will be drawn as a slab.
 - Slab – Doors will be constructed as a Slab.
- **Frame & Panel Style** – Drop down options are:
 - Basic Frame and Panel – door fronts will be constructed as a basic frame and panel.
 - Profile Cope & Stick – door fronts will be constructed by cope & stick profiles defined by the next three defaults.
- **Frame Outside Edge Profile** – Typically a router bit profile used to cut the outside edge of the frame. Drop down options at the moment are:
 - Basic – this is a straight edge profile.
 - Bevel 45 – This is an edge profile with a 45 degree chamfer on the front edge.
- **Frame Inside Edge Profile** – Typically a router bit profile used to cut the inside edge of the frame. Drop down options at the moment are:

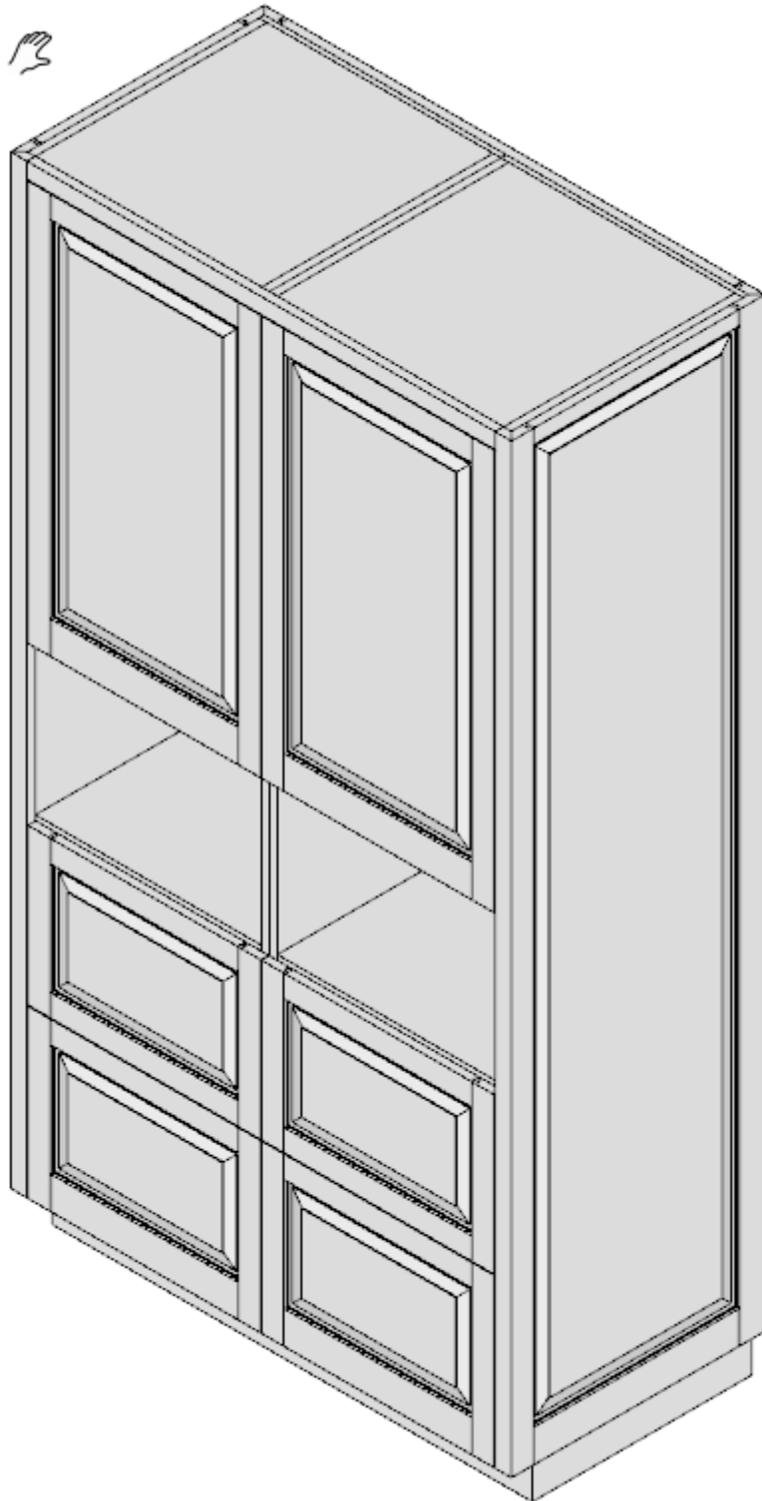
- Basic – this is a straight edge profile.
- Bevel 45 – This is an edge profile with a 45 degree chamfer on the front edge.
- Ogee – This is an edge profile with an ogee curve on the front edge.
- **Panel Edge Profile** - Typically a router or shaper bit profile used to cut the outside perimeter of the panel. Drop down options at the moment are:
 - Basic – this is a straight edge profile.
 - Raised - This is an edge profile with a shallow chamfer and a raised panel.
 - Curved Raised - This is an edge profile with a shallow Bezier curve and a raised panel.

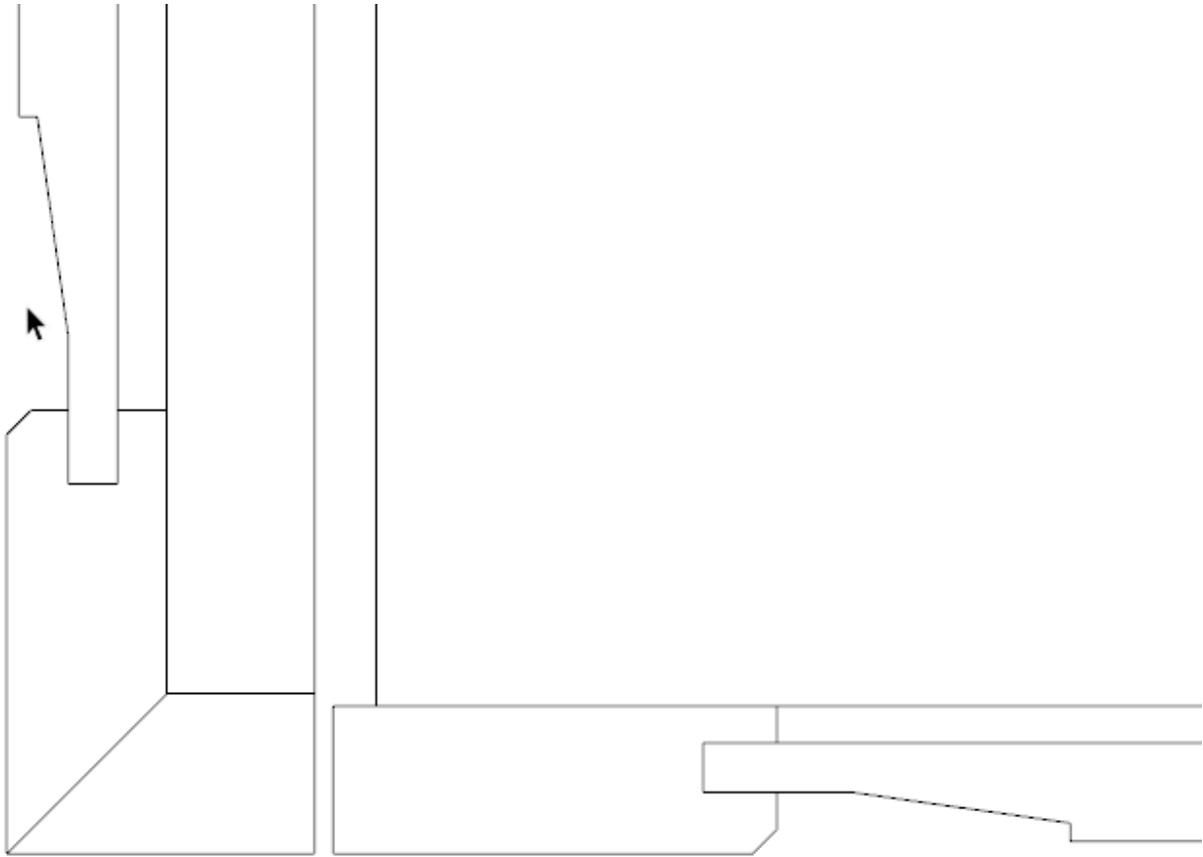
You will not find these five defaults on the Drawers or Panels tabs. It is assumed that drawer fronts, if they are not to be Frame and Panel will be a Slab construction. If drawers are to be a Frame and Panel construction, they will use the same styles as the doors specified by the Doors tab. Hence on the Drawers tab for Drawer Face Style the only drop down options are: Frame and Panel with edge styles defined on the Doors tab; and Slab.

In a similar rationale, it is assumed that End Panels and Back Panels will use a similar frame and panel style to the doors defined by the Doors tab or a basic frame and panel. Hence the End Panel Style and Back Panel Style drop downs only have two options: Same as Door; and Basic Frame and Panel. If you want a Slab constructed End Panel, you can choose that by specifying an End Sheet stile at the end of the cabinet. At the moment, if you want a Slab constructed back panel you can draw the component with native SketchUp tools and then use the Make CabWriter Component tool.

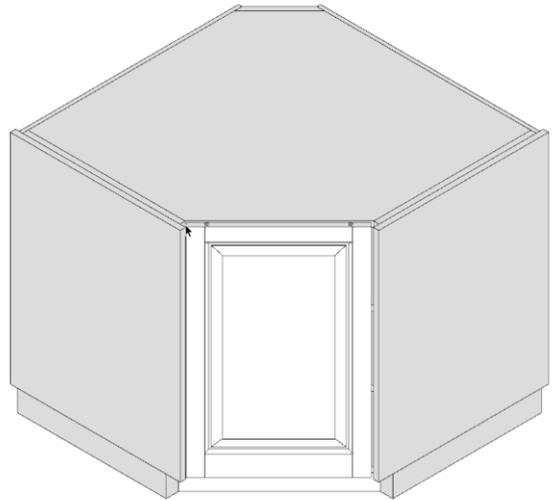
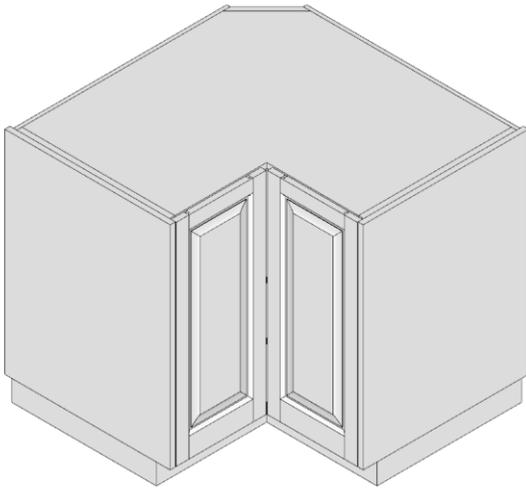
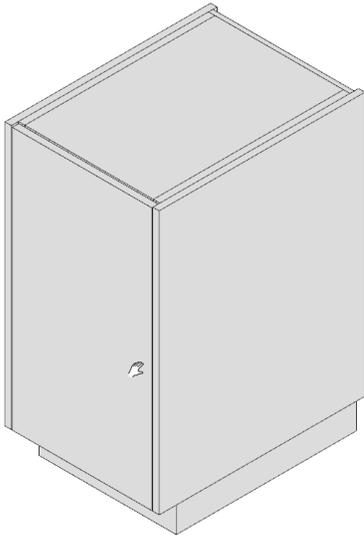
Here are two examples of cope and stick finishes.







6. Changed the default value for Draw Alignment Slot on bot Base and Upper Cabinet tabs to No.
7. CabWriter now draws End Sheet(s) when Sheet Stile Draw? Checkbox is unchecked; i.e. End Sheet(s) are drawn whether the Sheet Stile is checked or unchecked. If Sheet Stile Draw? Is unchecked the End Sheet will extend to the same plane as the door/drawer fronts front plane. This change only affects Sheet Stiles. In the next beta release it will work the same way for End Panel Stiles and Opening Stiles. This change is meant to benefit frameless designs.



Fixes

1. Fixed a problem where the user could not use any of the CutList Bridge File commands on a non-CabWriter project.
2. Fixed a problem with the Create a Back Panel tool. Back panels with larger than two panels resulted in the last panel being a width stretching from the beginning of the second panel to the end of the last panel. The user couldn't visually see this on the basic panel type unless they looked at its dimensions or move it out of the frame and panel assembly.