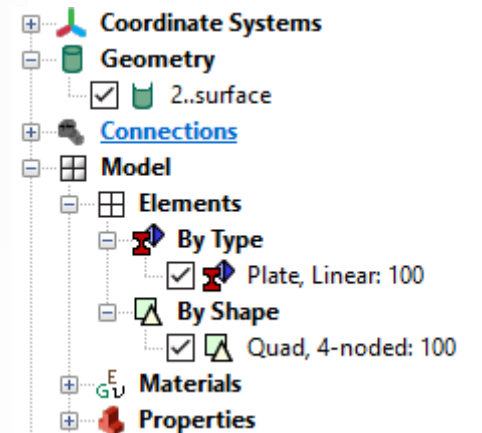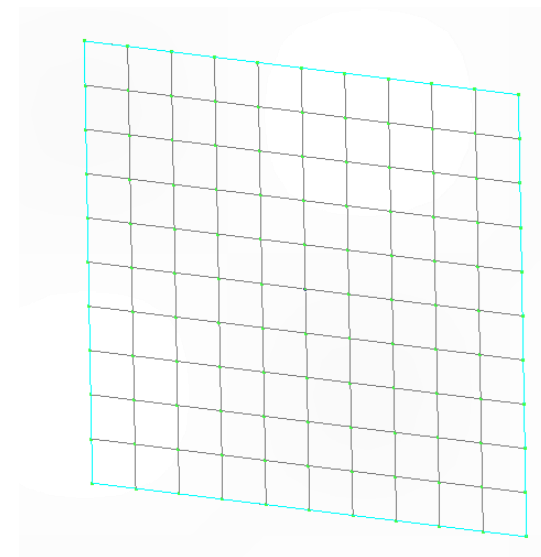# Associating and Reassociating a mesh with Geometry
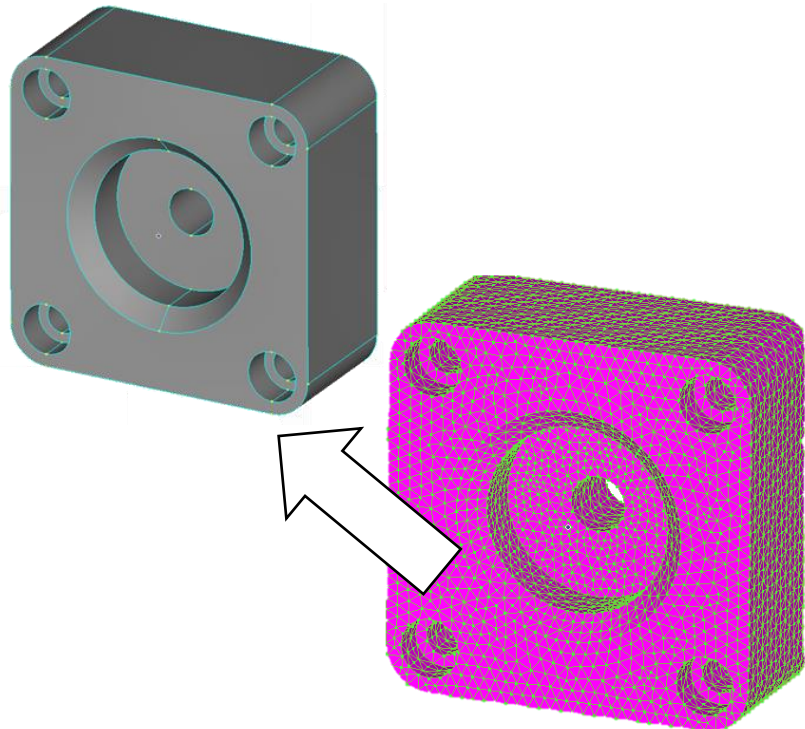
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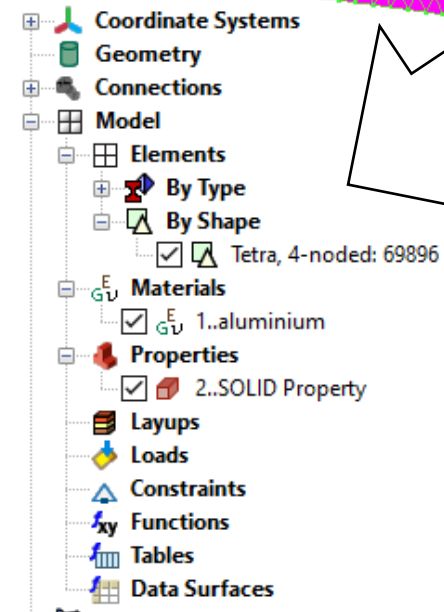
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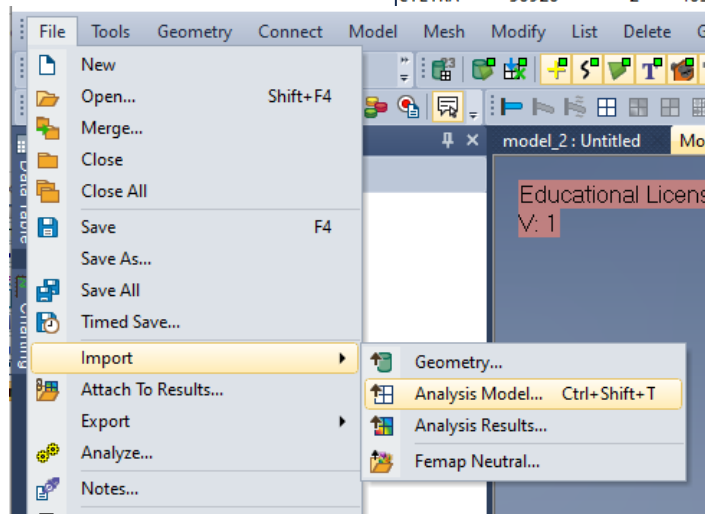
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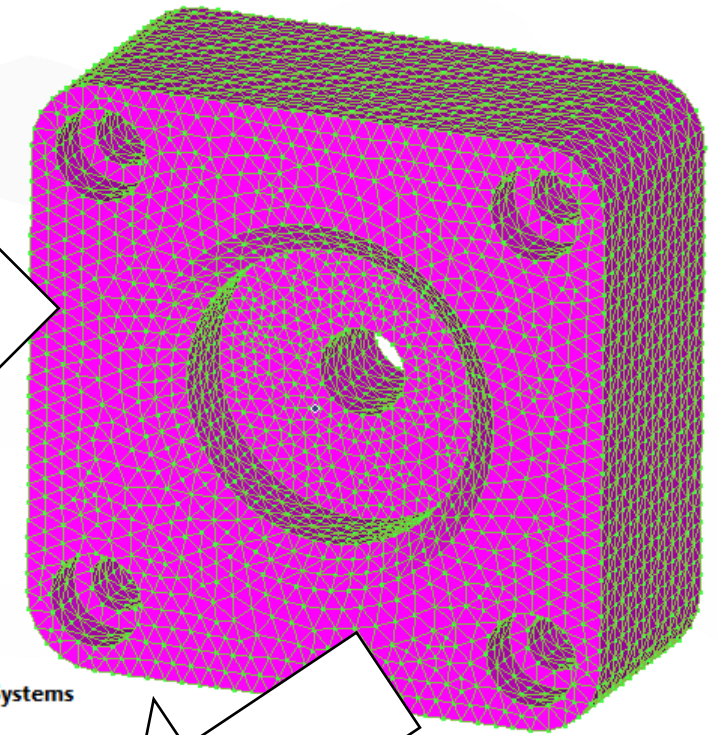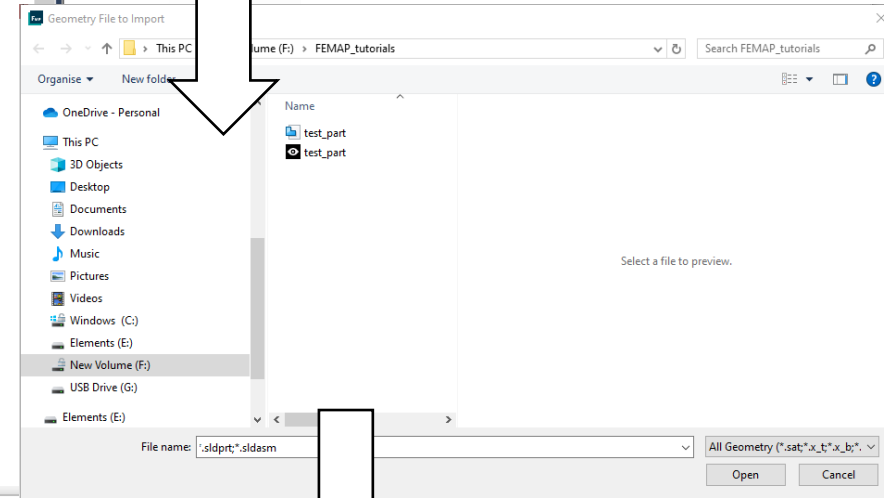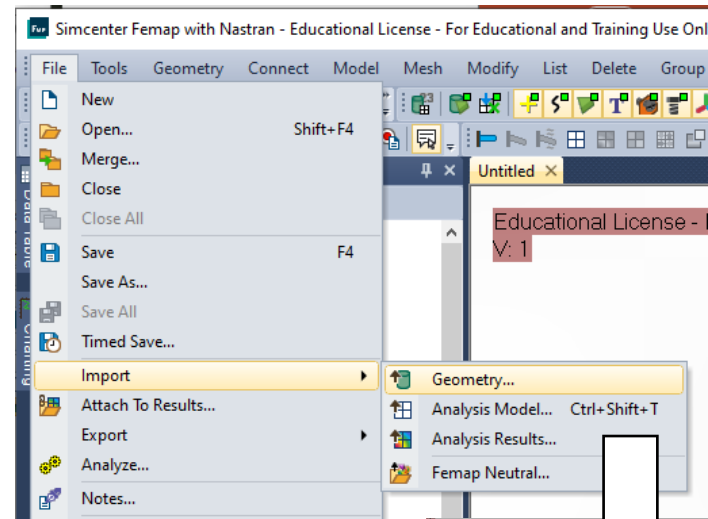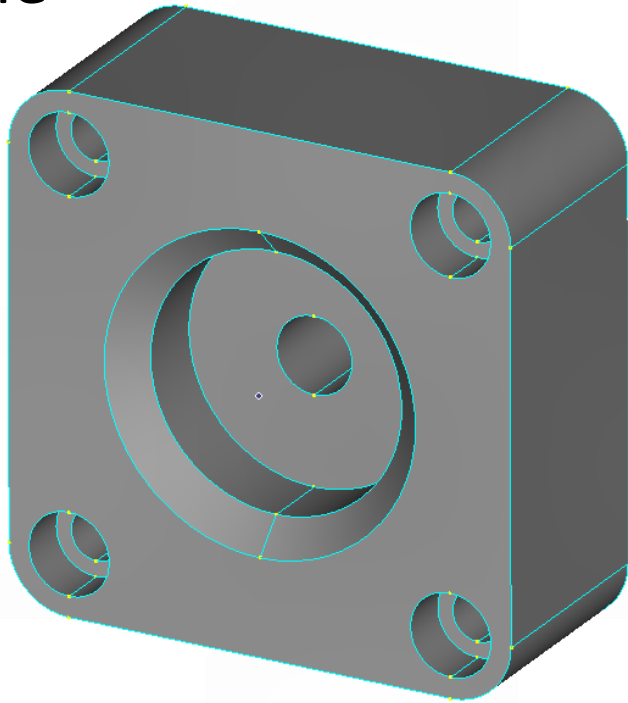
Orphan mesh..

- This model has no underlying geometry. It's just comprised of nodes and elements

- Read in from Nastran mesh file

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Read in CAD geometry

- Read in step file of geometry

We now have geometry and mesh in the same model but they are unconnected

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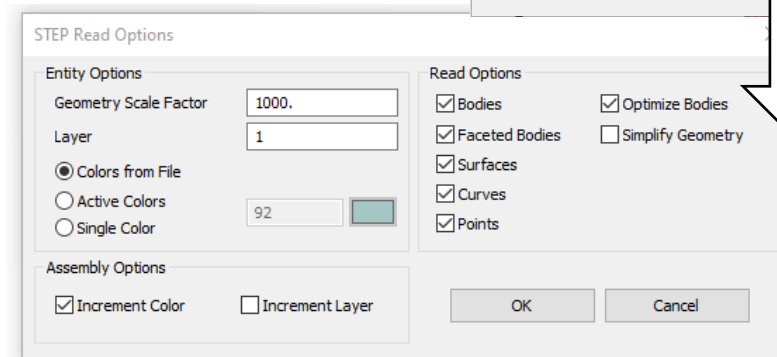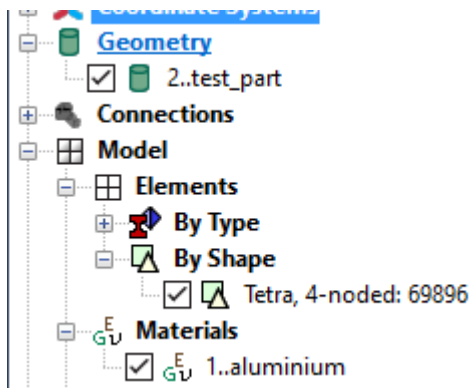
Automatically associate mesh to geometry
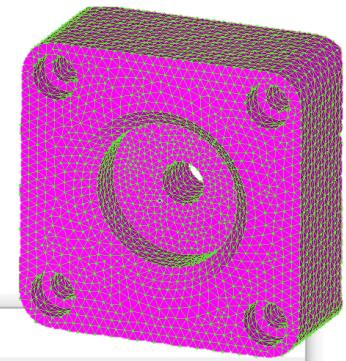
- We are going to automatically associate the mesh to the solid geometry.
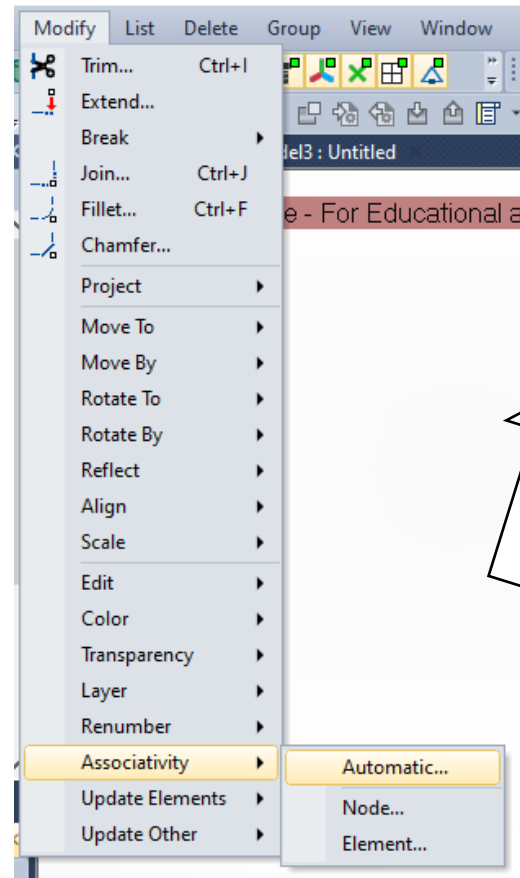
Select the mesh you want to associate
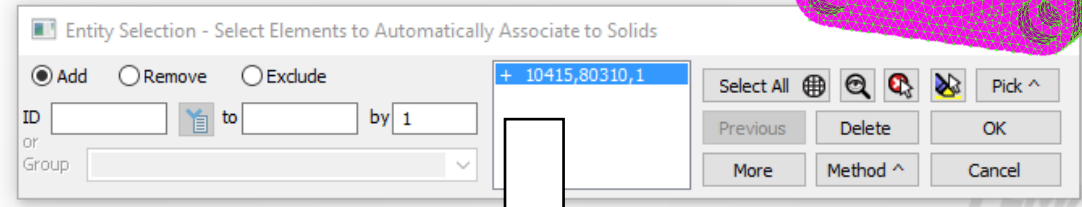
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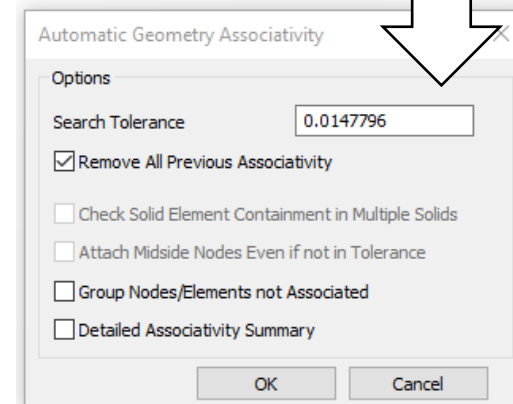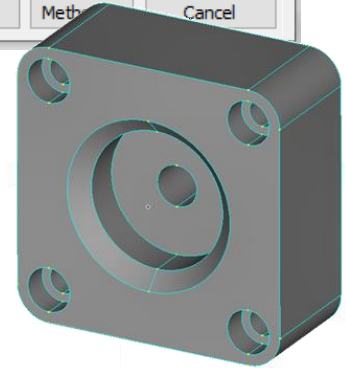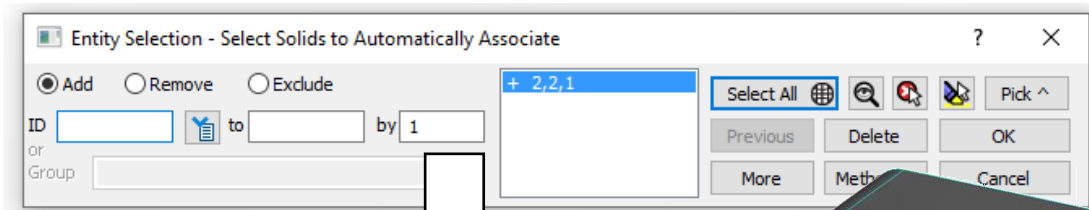
We can now use the geometry to apply loads, BC's, contacts etc

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Manually associate mesh to geometry

- We can manually associate mesh and geometry

Coordinate Systems
Geometry
☑ 2..surface
Connections
Model
  Elements
    By Type
      ☑ Plate, Linear: 100
    By Shape
      ☑ Quad, 4-noded: 100
  Materials
  Properties

Mesh and surface are not associated

Edit ▶
Color ▶
Transparency ▶
Layer ▶
Renumber ▶
Associativity ▶ — Automatic...
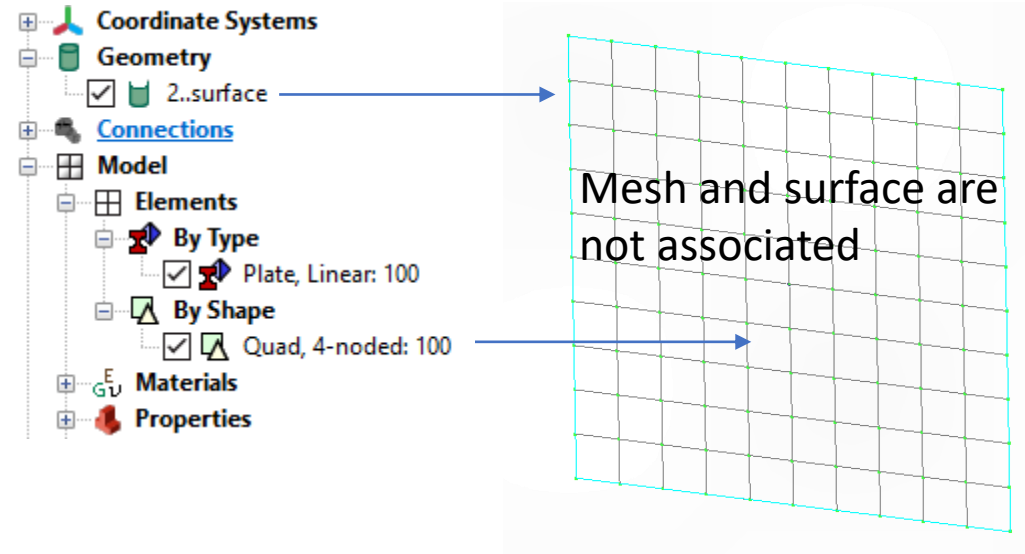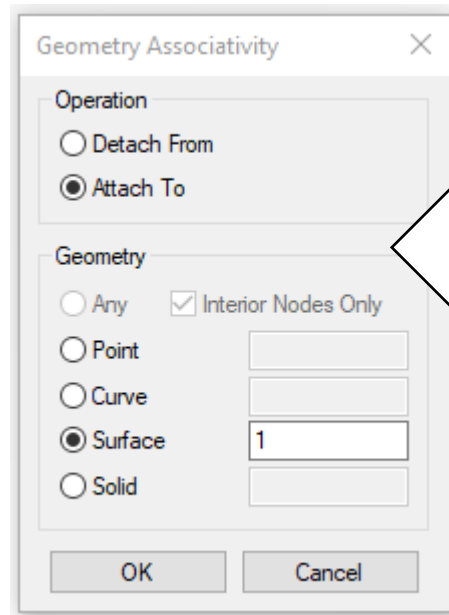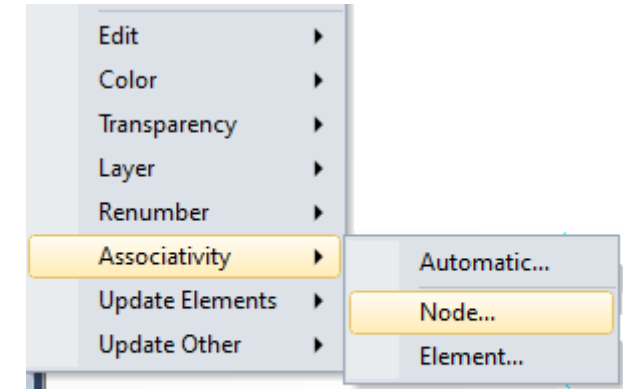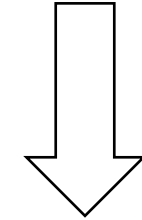Update Elements ▶ — Node...
Update Other ▶ — Element...

Geometry Associativity ✕

Operation
○ Detach From
◉ Attach To

Geometry
○ Any ☑ Interior Nodes Only
○ Point
○ Curve
◉ Surface [1]
○ Solid

OK   Cancel

Select the geometry you want to use

Select the elements you want to associate

Entity Selection - Select Element(s) to Modify Associativity ? ✕

◉ Add ○ Remove ○ Exclude   + 1,100,1

ID [   ] to [   ] by [1]
or
Group [▼]

Select All ⊞   🔍 🔍 🖌   Pick ^
Previous Delete OK
More Method ^ Cancel

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