

## MicroStation

### *What's a Transient Element?*

**Have you seen** the message *Element is a Transient Element* in either the status bar or message center and wondered what it meant? A *transient element* is an element created by a tool or application that is stored in memory only and not actually written to the file. A fine example of a transient element would be the *Define Cell Origin* tool - the little cross-hair symbol is a transient element that will go away if you point to the Cell Origin tool again, or re-open the design file.