

From Laser Scan to Facilities Management: A Workflow Case Study

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Class Agenda (Why are we here?)

- *How do I use a Laser Scan to Build a Model?*
- *How and what data do I put in the model for use downstream?*
- *What are some unexpected issues I'm going to run in to?*
- *How do I get this information in to an FM program?*
 - *(What did I sign up for, and where is my easy button??)*

Learning Objectives

At the end of this class, you will be able to:

- Work with **Laser Scans**, to build a model
- **Populate a model with data** for more than just **Design**
- **Format the Data** in a way that someone else can use it
- **Know what to expect**, and how to communicate what's possible, and what isn't...

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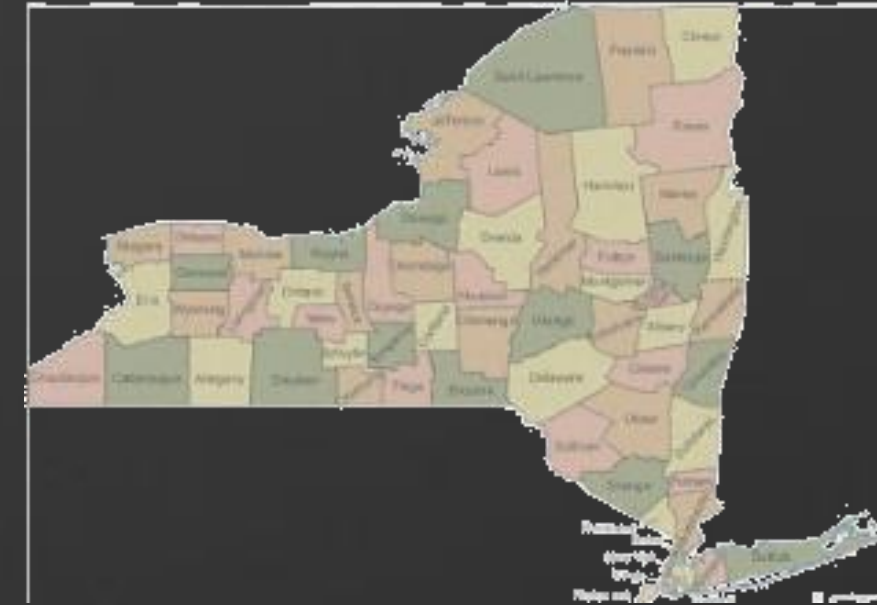
“Fell in to BIM”

- AutoCAD and ADT / ACA / 3DS

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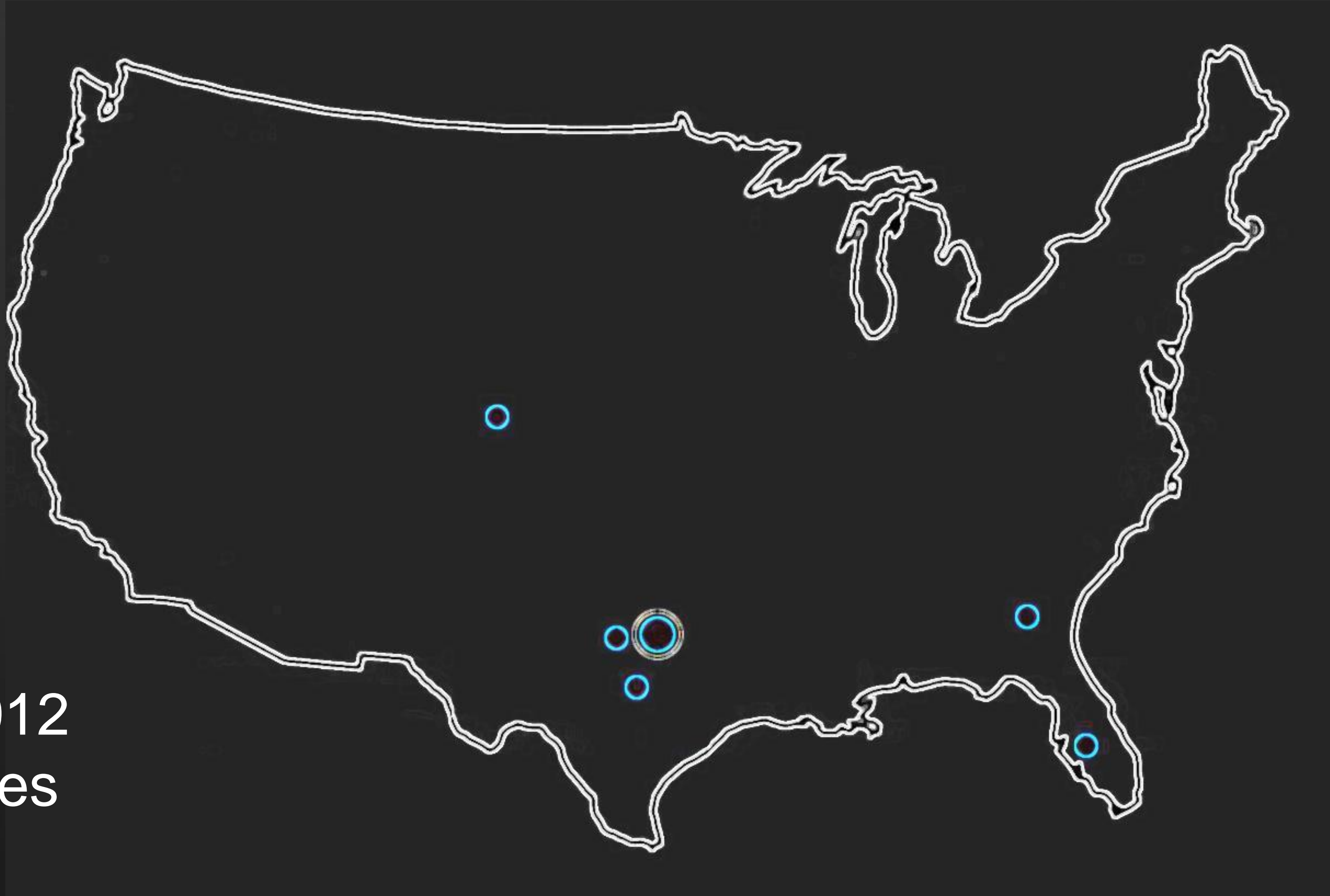
- Digital Project
- Vectorworks
- ArchiCAD
- Revit (since version 8)

Implemented at 4 Revit firms since 2005



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I have no idea what you're talking about...



...so here's a bunny with a pancake on its head.

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Project Introduction

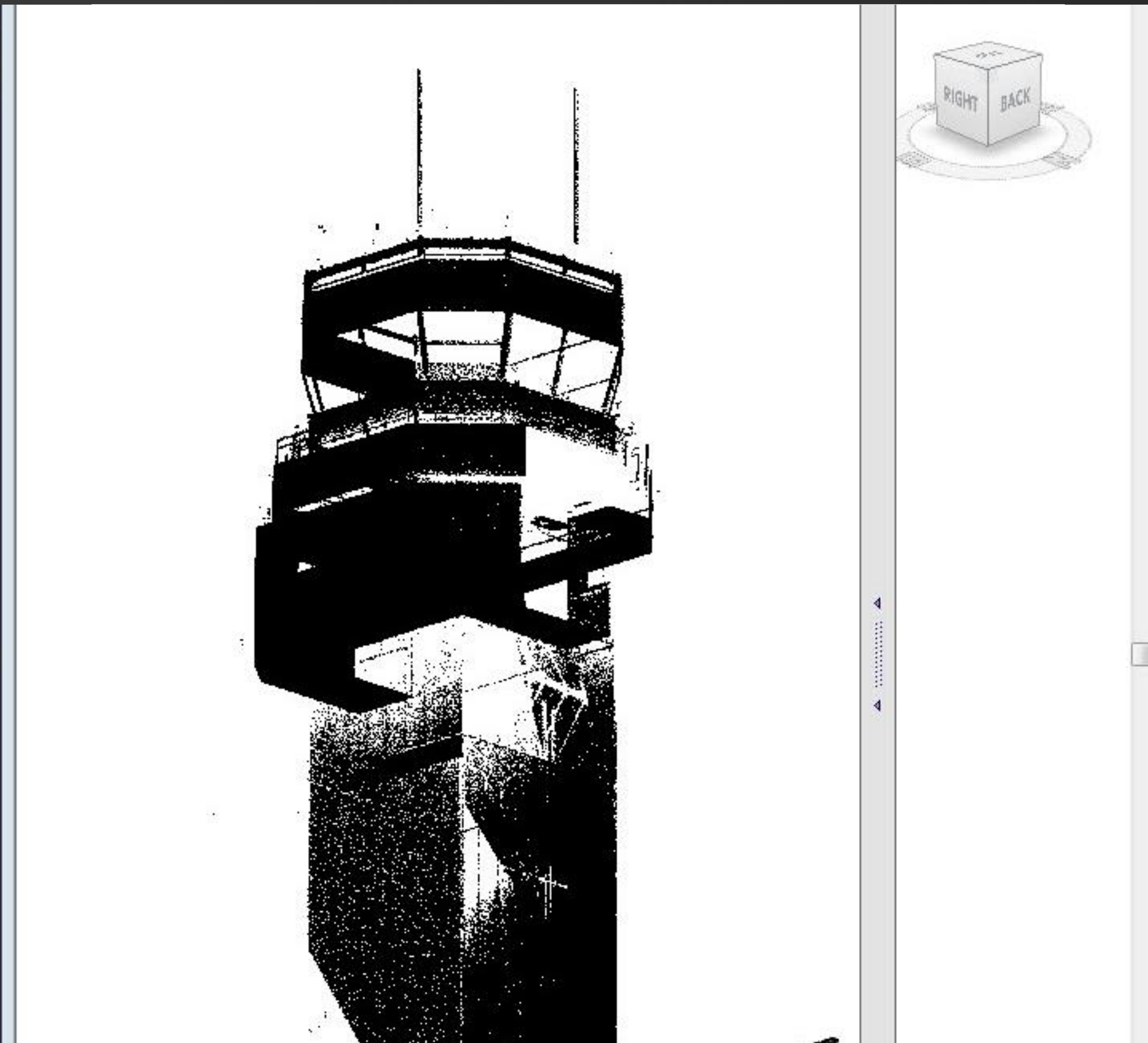
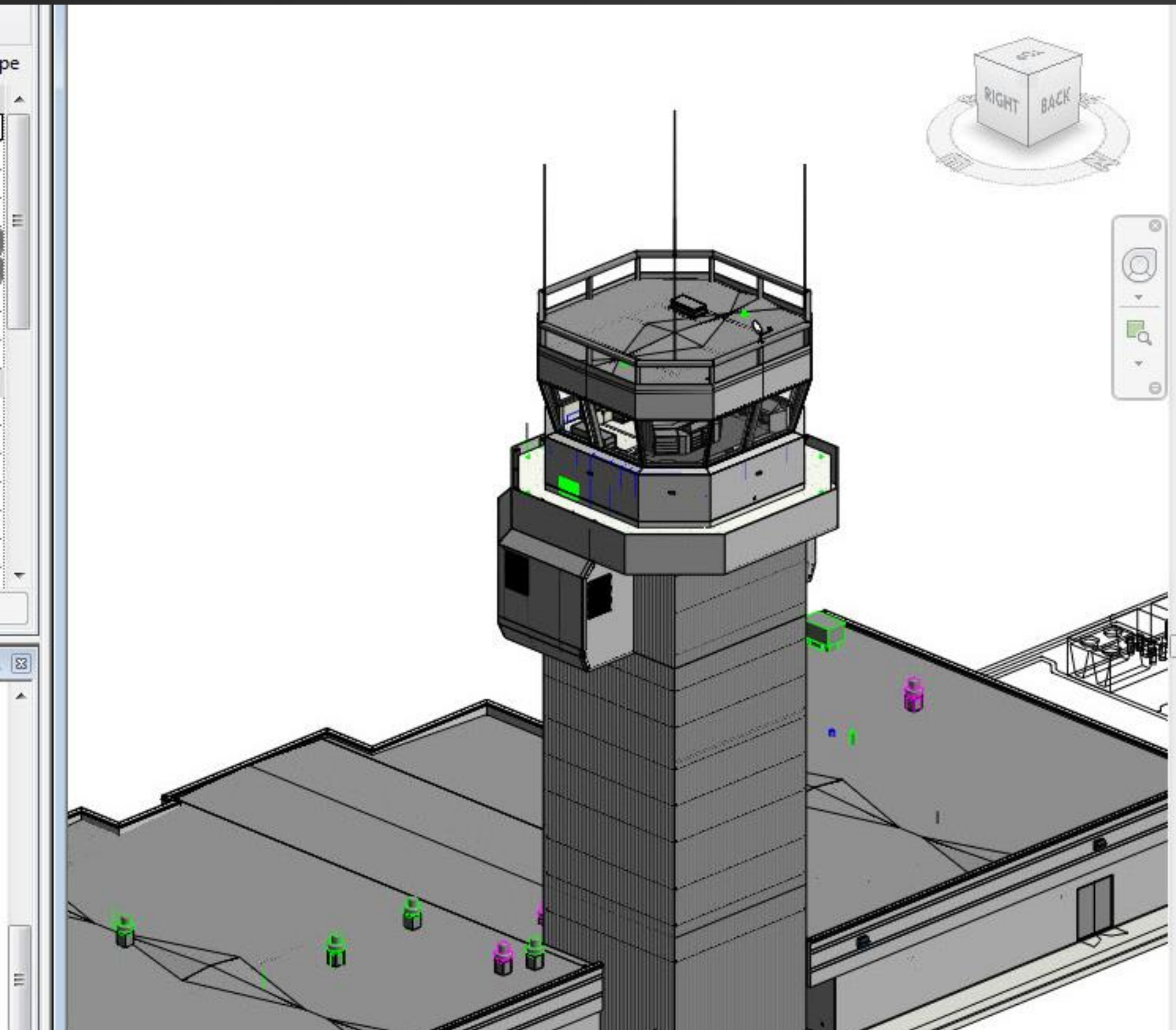
- 3 buildings, largest was 10,000 Square Feet
- Limited Drawings, plus Laser scans to model from
- The goal: Complete the models, input asset data in to objects, load in to FM software for Client's evaluation

Working with Laser Scans to Build Models

Why are we using a Laser scan?

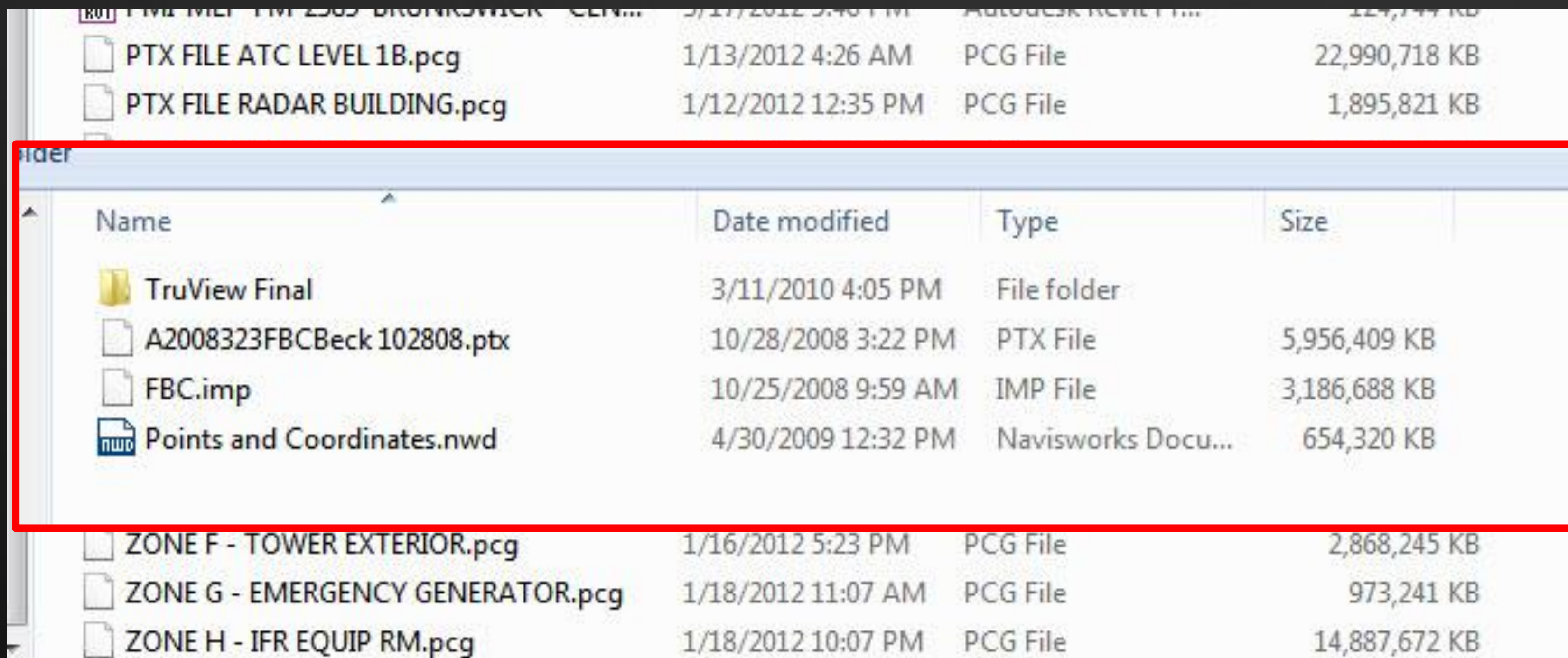
- It's the only source of documentation
- Its to verify what we have for documentation
- What takes precedence / Whats the intended level of accuracy?
- **What is the purpose of the model?**
- What was asked for, and why? (*Who is hoping for an easy button?*)

Why are we using a Laser scan?



Who is responsible for the laser scan?

- Quality is a concern: Is it good enough? Is it **too good?**
- Registration and coordinates- Are the Point clouds assembled correctly?

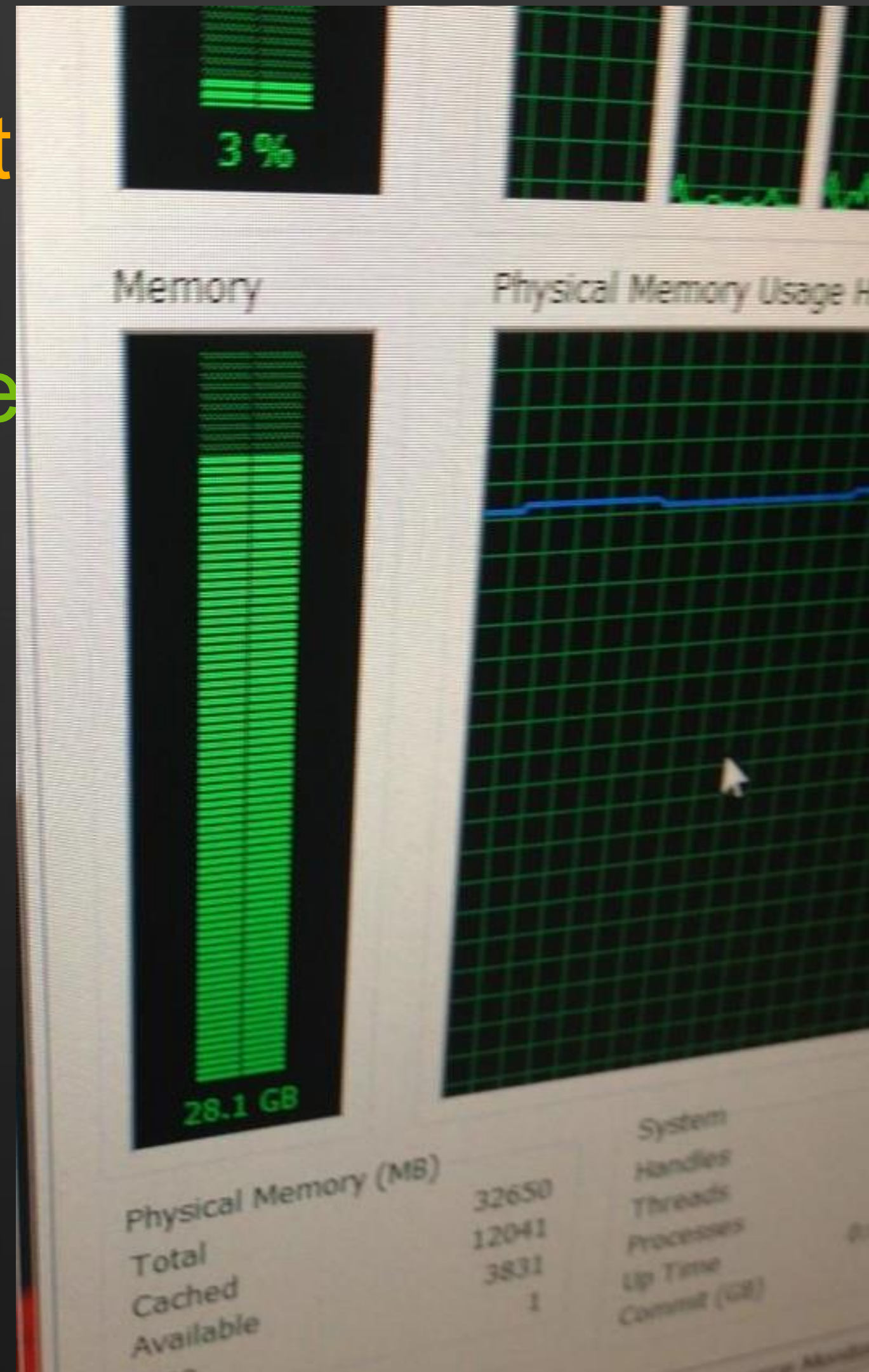
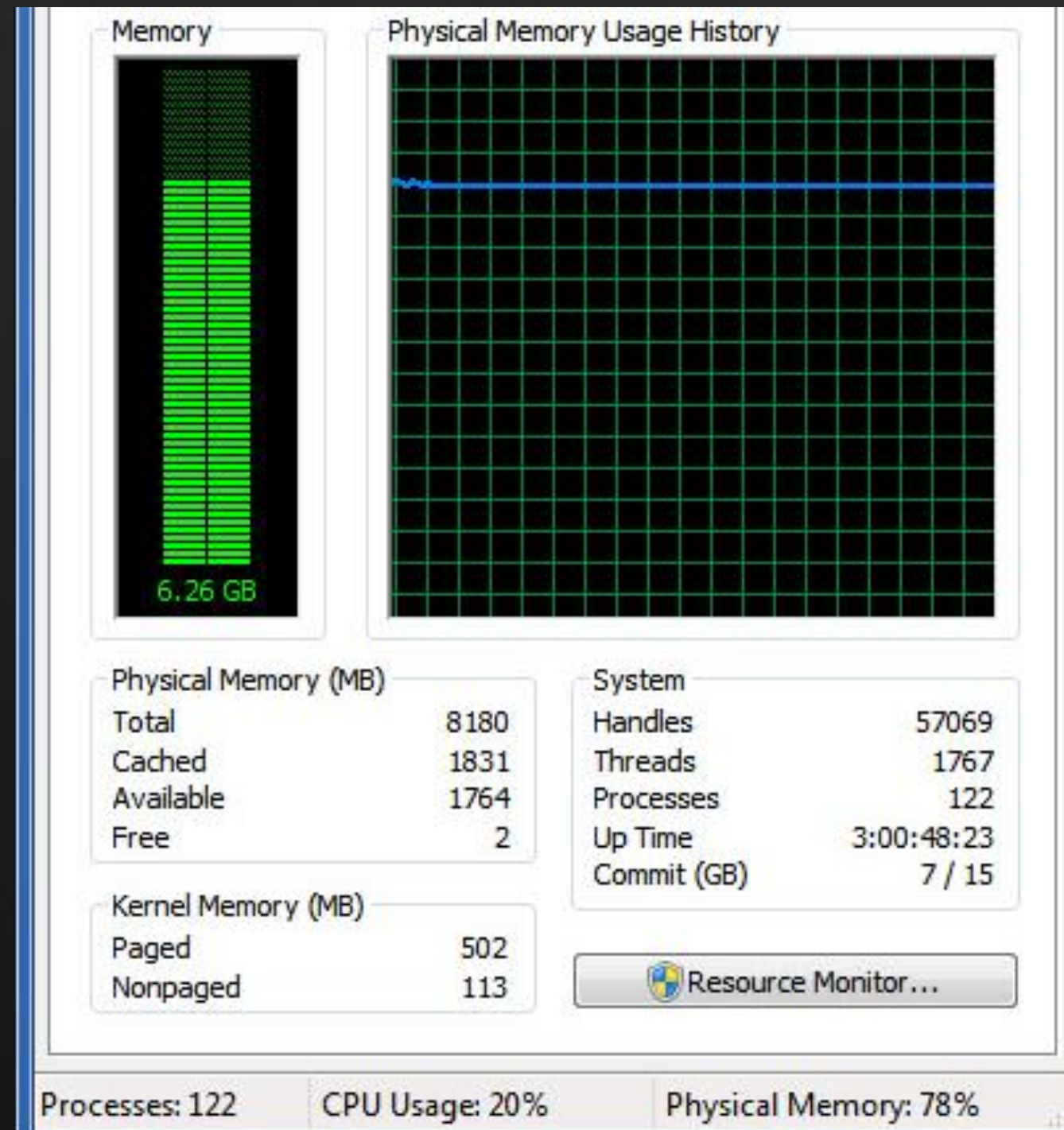


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- 10k SF - 93.4GB
- (after compression)
- Was almost 250GB prior (yikes!!!)
- Full city block – 6GB (uncompressed)

Who is responsible for the laser scan?

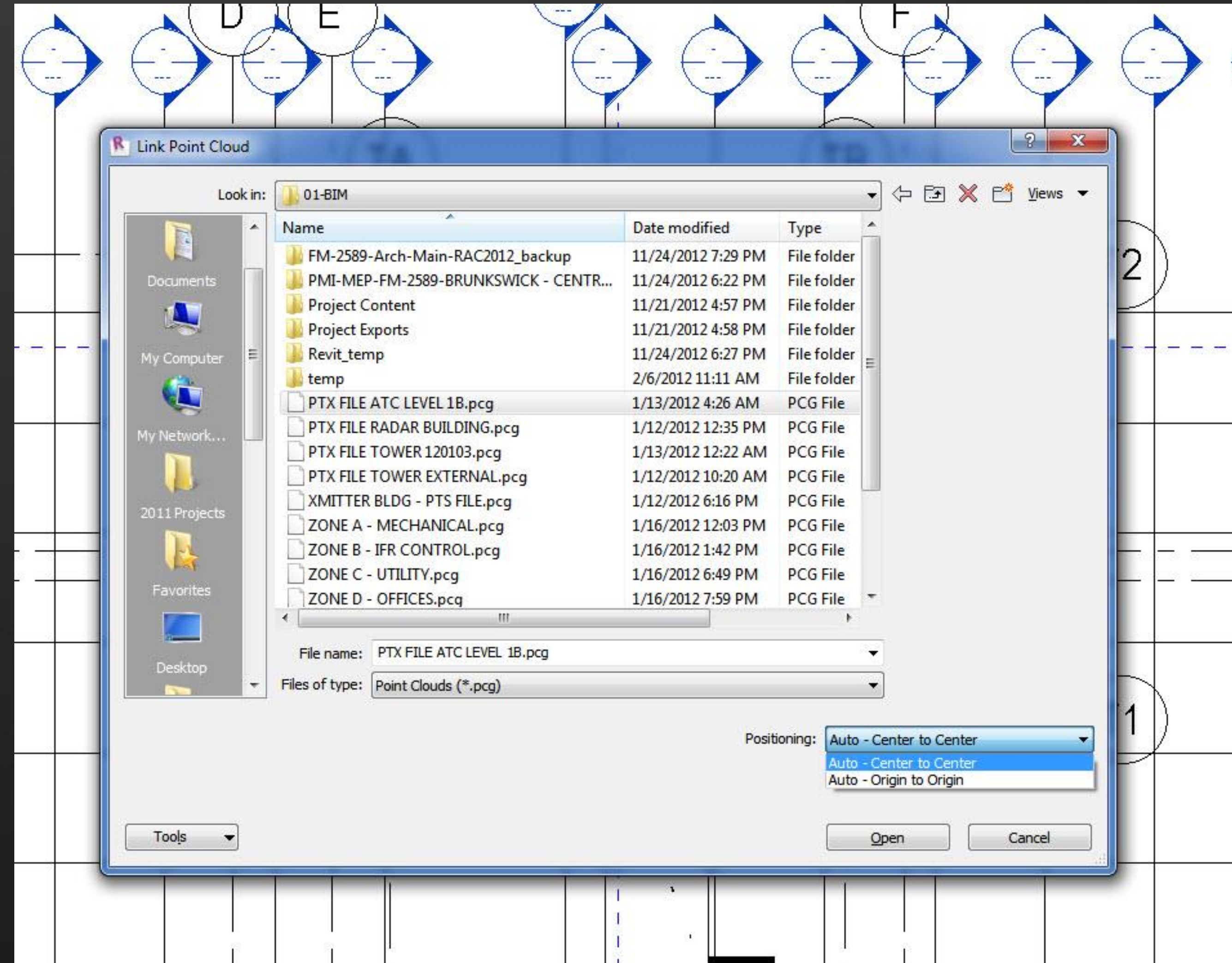
- Is the scan serving another purpose (e.g., simulations, etc)
- If so, who is “scaling the scan”?



(TruView Demonstration)

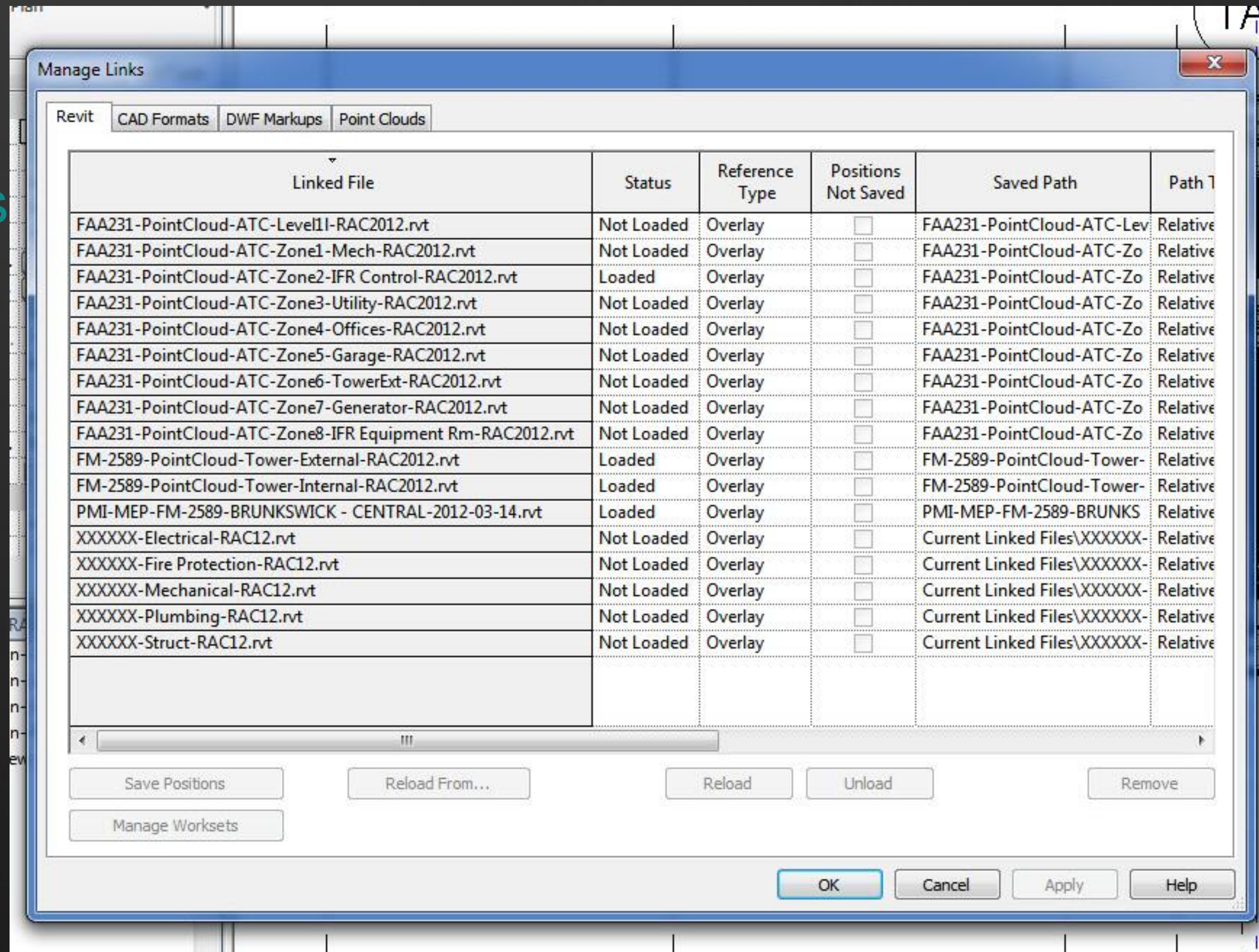
Getting the scan in to Revit (2012)

- Link Directly:
 - Center to Center
 - Origin to Origin
- Manage Links: Point Clouds



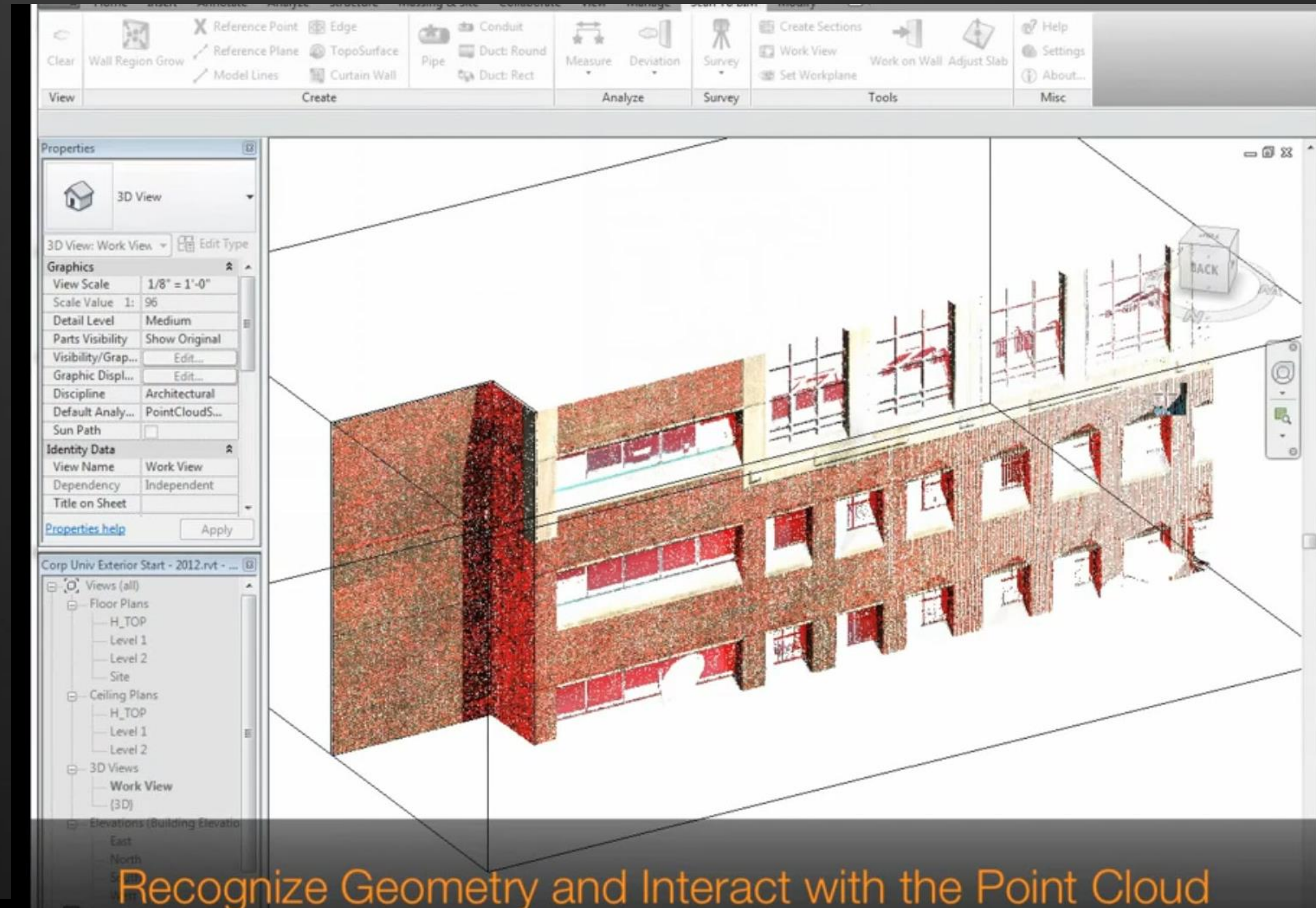
Getting the scan in to Revit (2012)

- Link Directly (in to RVT Link)
 - Revit coordinates to position scans
- Manage Links: RVT Links
 - In Linked File, PC under Manage Links: Point Clouds
- (2013)- Can Link Directly with Shared Coordinates



Modeling with the Laser Scan- Scan to BIM

- <http://imaginit.com/software-solutions/building-architecture/scan-to-bim>
- Point Cloud visualization alterations
- Measurements on the Cloud
- Modeling-
 - Walls, Curtain Walls (plus embedded), Pipes, Ducts, Topography

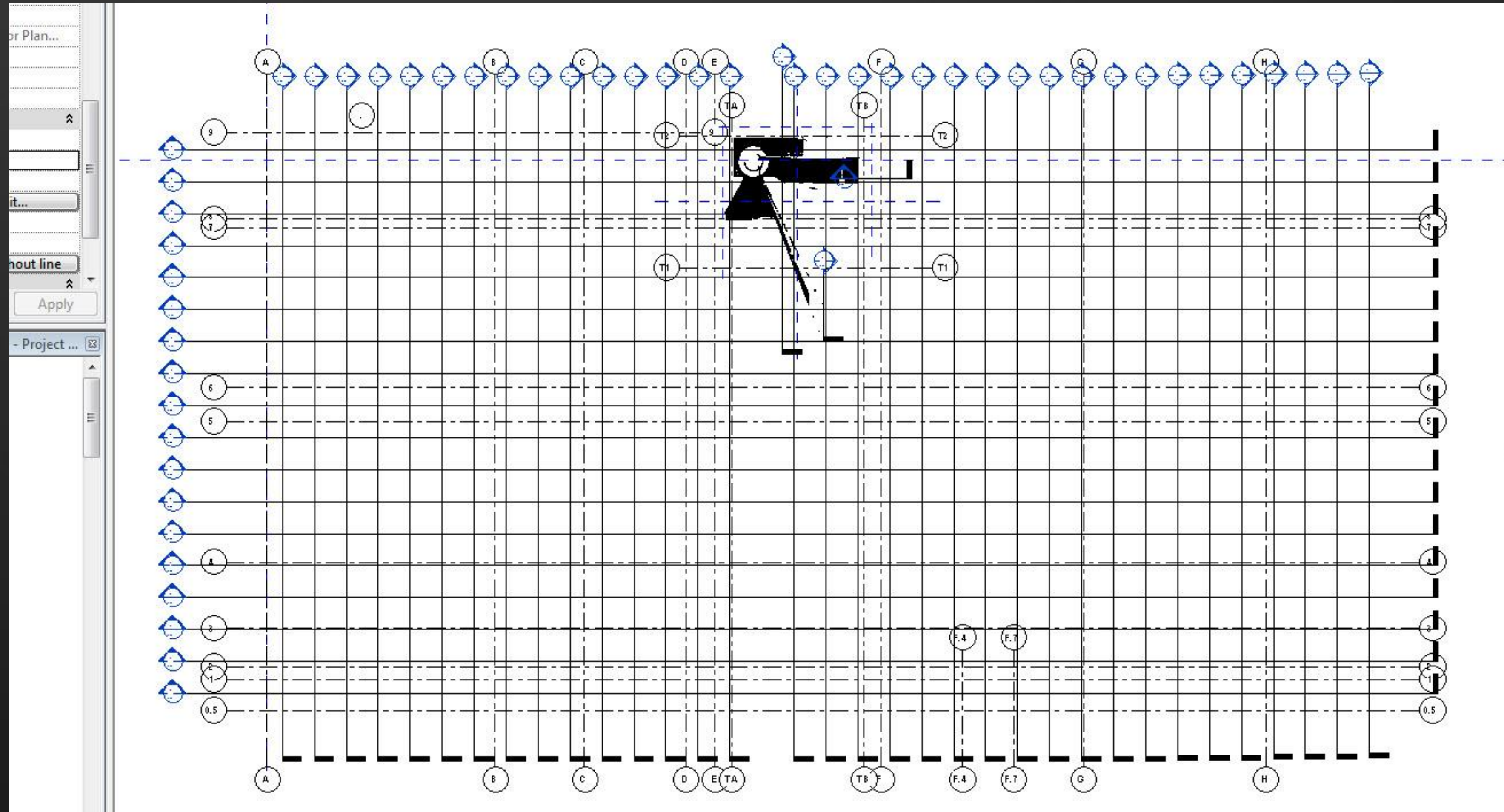


Modeling with the Laser Scan- Tracing

- Loading and Unloading
 - Depends on Memory and size of scans
- View Range and Section Boxes
 - Try to eliminate as much noise as you can
 - (Show Plan- Level 3/5, Section 20)
- (2013)- Can Link Directly with Shared Coordinates

Modeling with the Laser Scan- Tracing

- Make a “View grid,” of shortened views.
- *** I link the Point Clouds in one phase early. With multiple Clouds, its easier to shut them all off with the Phase Selector. Reversing that to see ONLY the clouds works too.*
- *The game is “not to regenerate.” Panning, Zooming, moving, view depths, etc.*



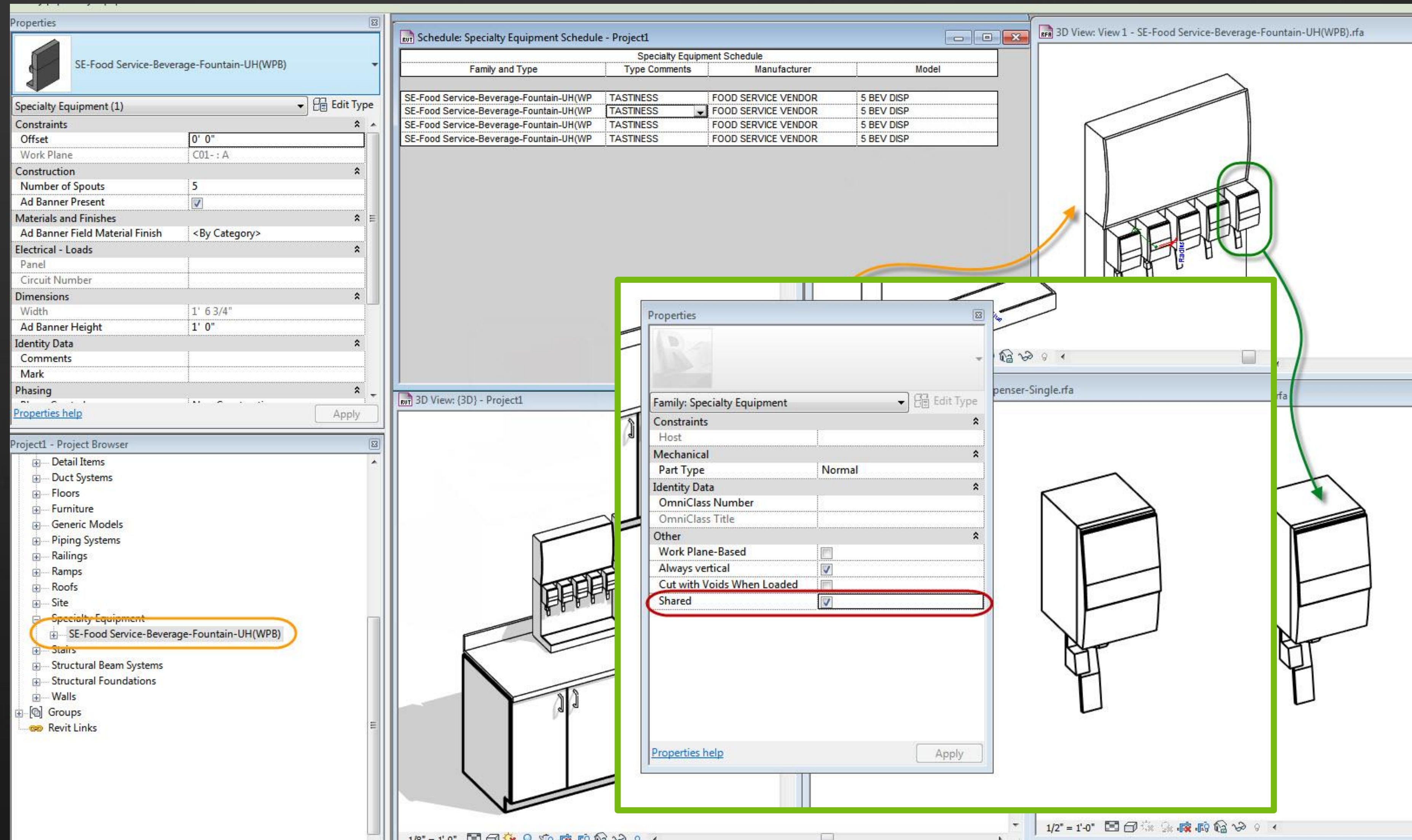
Putting Data inside the Model... What has to change about the model?

Recap- Shared Nested versus Nested Families

■ In Project-
Only “Parent Family”
Appears. Only “Parent”
Schedules and can be
Tagged

“Child” families definition
Lives in Parent, NOT
In Project.

2 Parents with same
Child (haha) can have
Different definitions



Recap- Shared Nested versus Nested Families

■ In Project-
*All Families appear
Appears. All families
schedule and tag, and
have Identity Data*

*“Child” families definition
Lives in Project, NOT
In Parent .*

*2 Parents with same
Child must have the same
definition (its driven in
project)*

The screenshot displays the Revit interface with several panels open:

- Properties Panel:** Shows the 'Schedule' tab for 'Specialty Equipment Schedule'. It includes fields for 'View Template' (set to '<None>'), 'View Name' (set to 'Specialty Equipment Schedule'), and 'Dependency' (set to 'Independent'). There are also buttons for 'Edit Type', 'Fields', 'Filter', 'Sorting/Grouping', 'Formatting', and 'Appearance'.
- Project Browser:** Located at the bottom left, it shows a tree view of the project structure. The 'Specialty Equipment' folder is expanded, showing two sub-families: 'FountainBev-Dispenser-Single' and 'SE-Food Service-Beverage-Fountain-UH(WPB)'. Both are highlighted with a red box.
- Schedule: Specialty Equipment Schedule - Project1:** A table listing equipment items. The first 10 rows are 'WEEE I GOT SHARED' with manufacturer 'TASTY TASTY' and model 'SLURP SLURP SLURP'. These rows are highlighted with a red box. The last 4 rows are 'TASTINESS' with manufacturer 'FOOD SERVICE VENDOR' and model '5 BEV DISP'.
- 3D Views:** Three 3D views are shown on the right:
 - 3D View: View 1 - SE-Food Service-Beverage-Fountain-UH(WPB).rfa:** A detailed view of a beverage fountain with multiple dispensers. A red arrow points from this view to the 'SE-Food Service-Beverage-Fountain-UH(WPB)' family in the Project Browser.
 - 3D View: {3D} - Project1:** A perspective view of a long counter with a row of dispensers. A red arrow points from this view to the 'FountainBev-Dispenser-Single' family in the Project Browser.
 - 3D View: View 1 - FountainBev-Dispenser-Single.rfa:** A detailed view of a single beverage dispenser. A red arrow points from this view to the 'FountainBev-Dispenser-Single' family in the Project Browser.

So uh... Why don't I just share all of them?

Unshared → Parameters Controlled by Parent Family, local definition

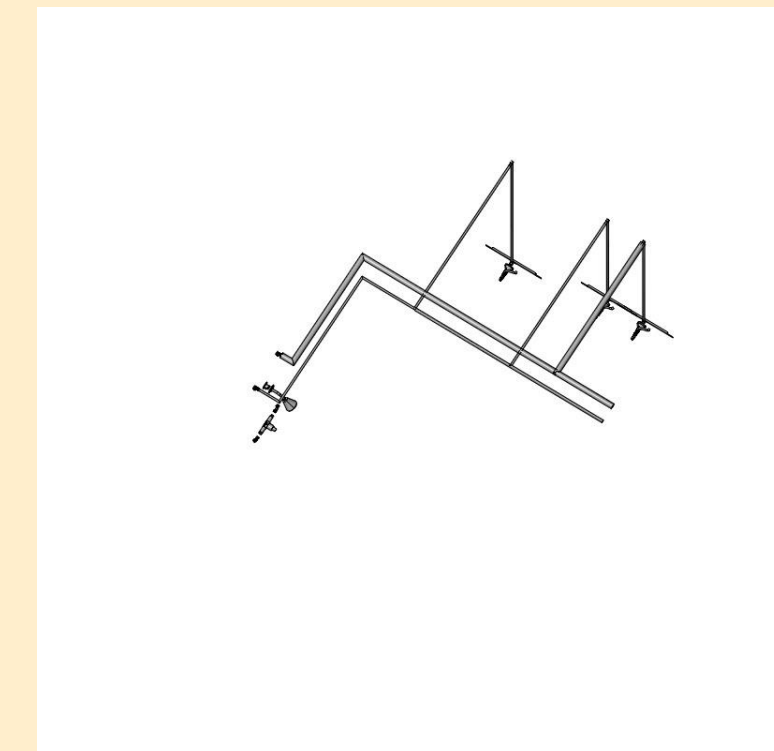
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Parent Family 1



Nested Family 1



Instance Properties

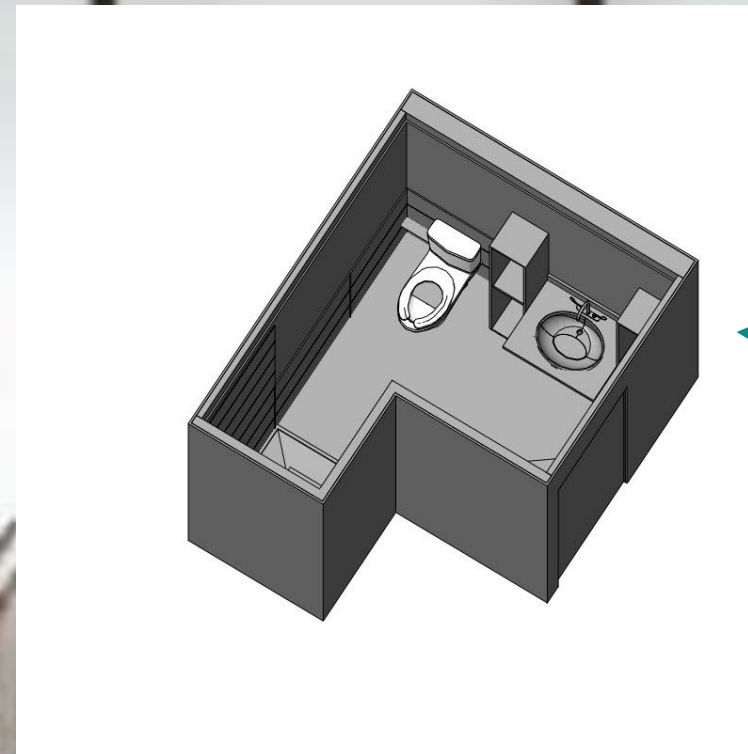
Type Properties

Nesting things for “Revit Convenience”

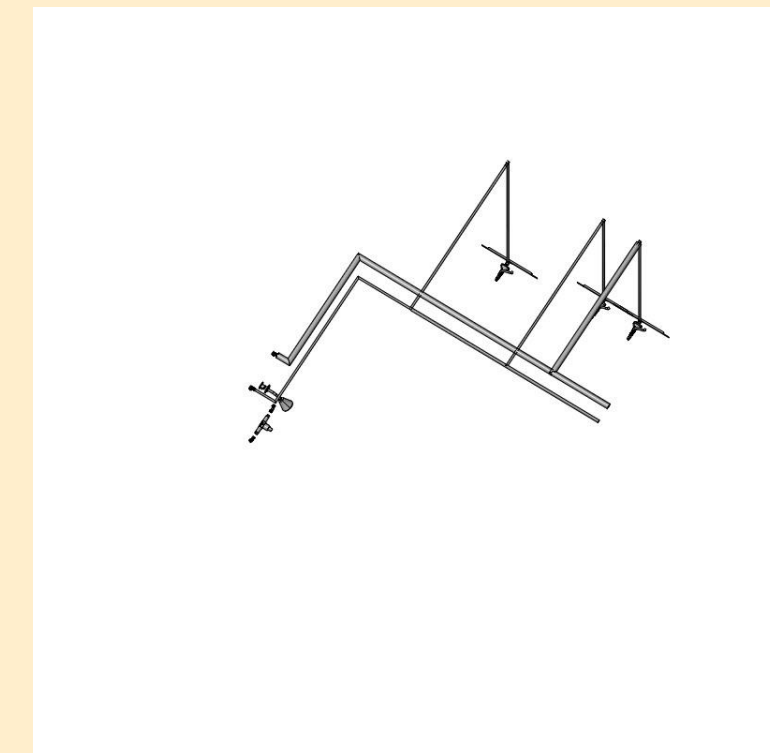
So uh... Why don't I just share all of them?

Shared → Parameters Controlled by **BOTH**, plus **Global** definition

Parent Family 1



Nested Family 1



Instance Properties

Type Properties

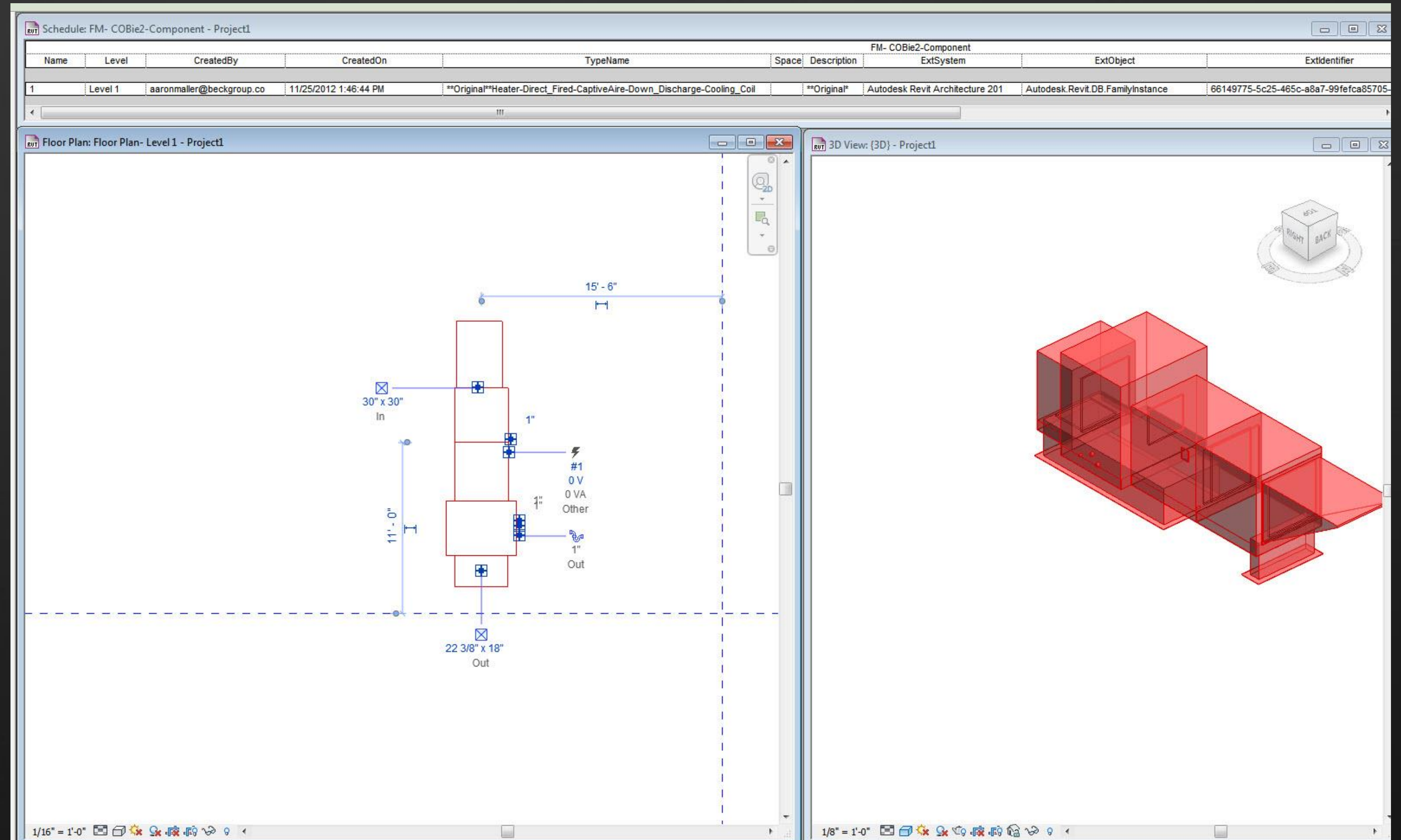
Project



Nesting things for “real association”

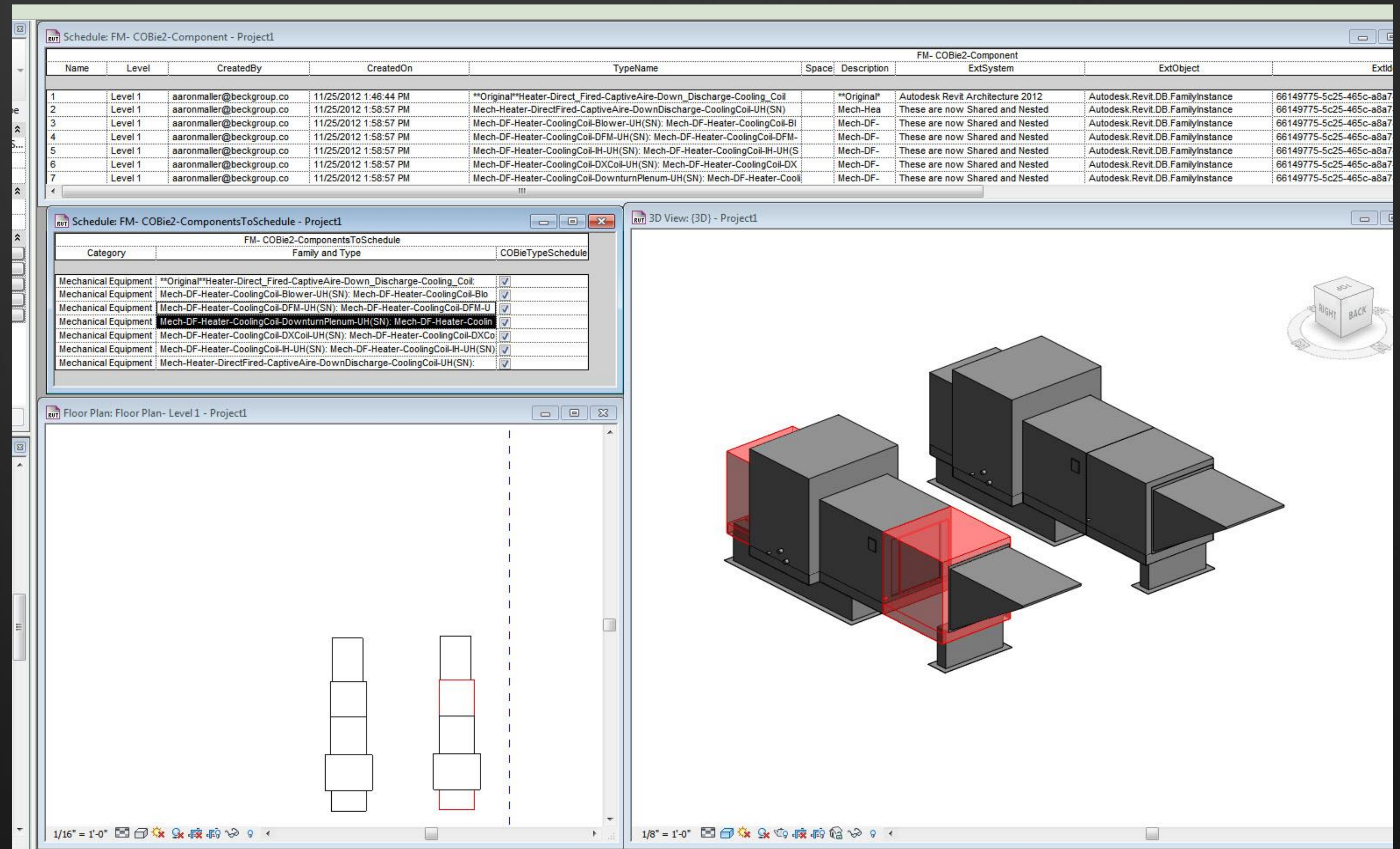
Changing Content for Facilities Use

- **CaptiveAire unit (Autodesk Seek).**
- *Built with Nested Components (unshared). Done so they SubFamily Type parameters can be nested to the parent*
- *Allows for many options in Design and Documentation*



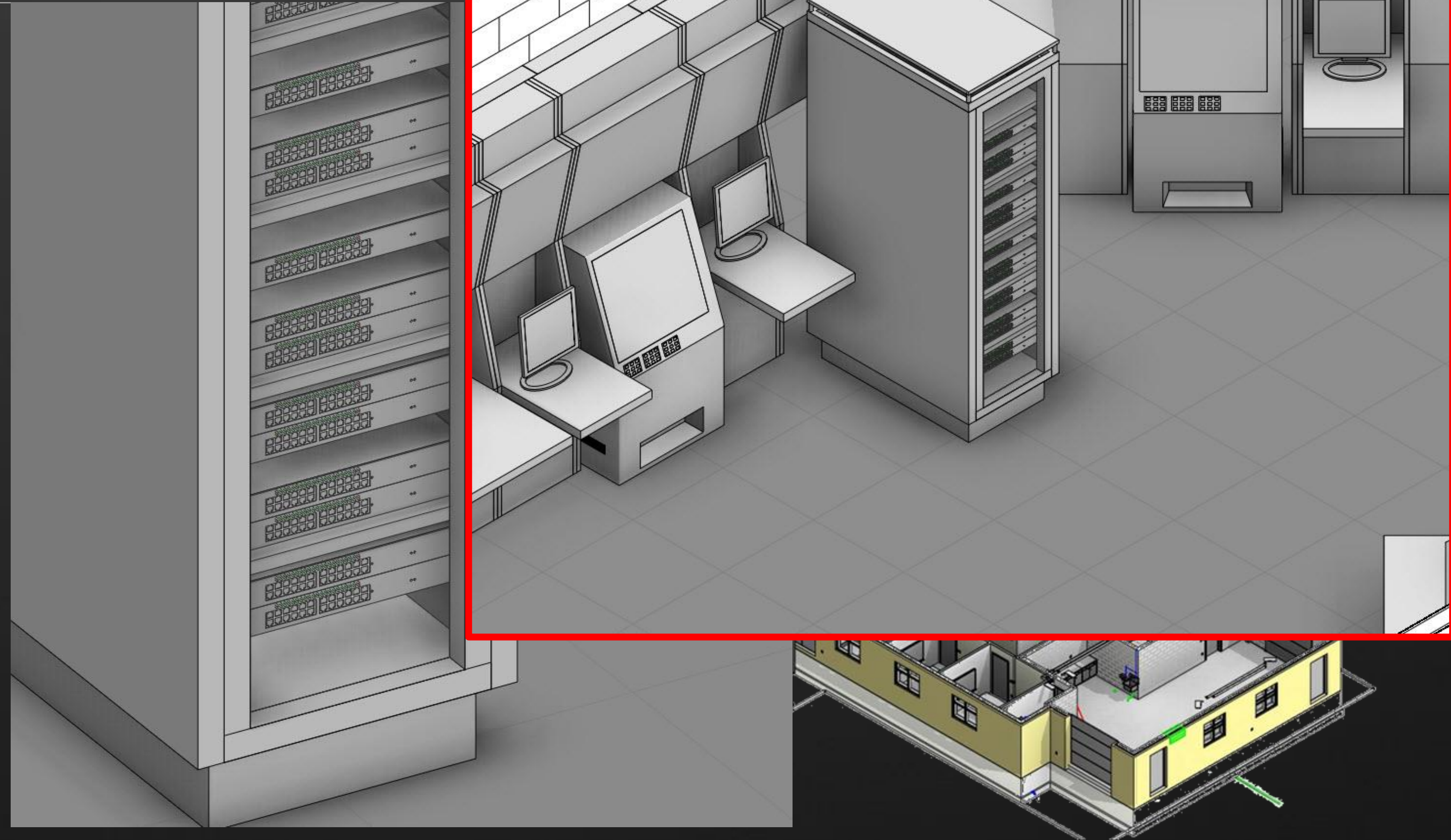
Changing Content for Facilities Use

- *Modified to have all Nested (important) parts Shared.*
- Loses its ability to be parametric, where Type Properties were linked to Parent Family.
- All Nested Parts now schedule as unique Assets.



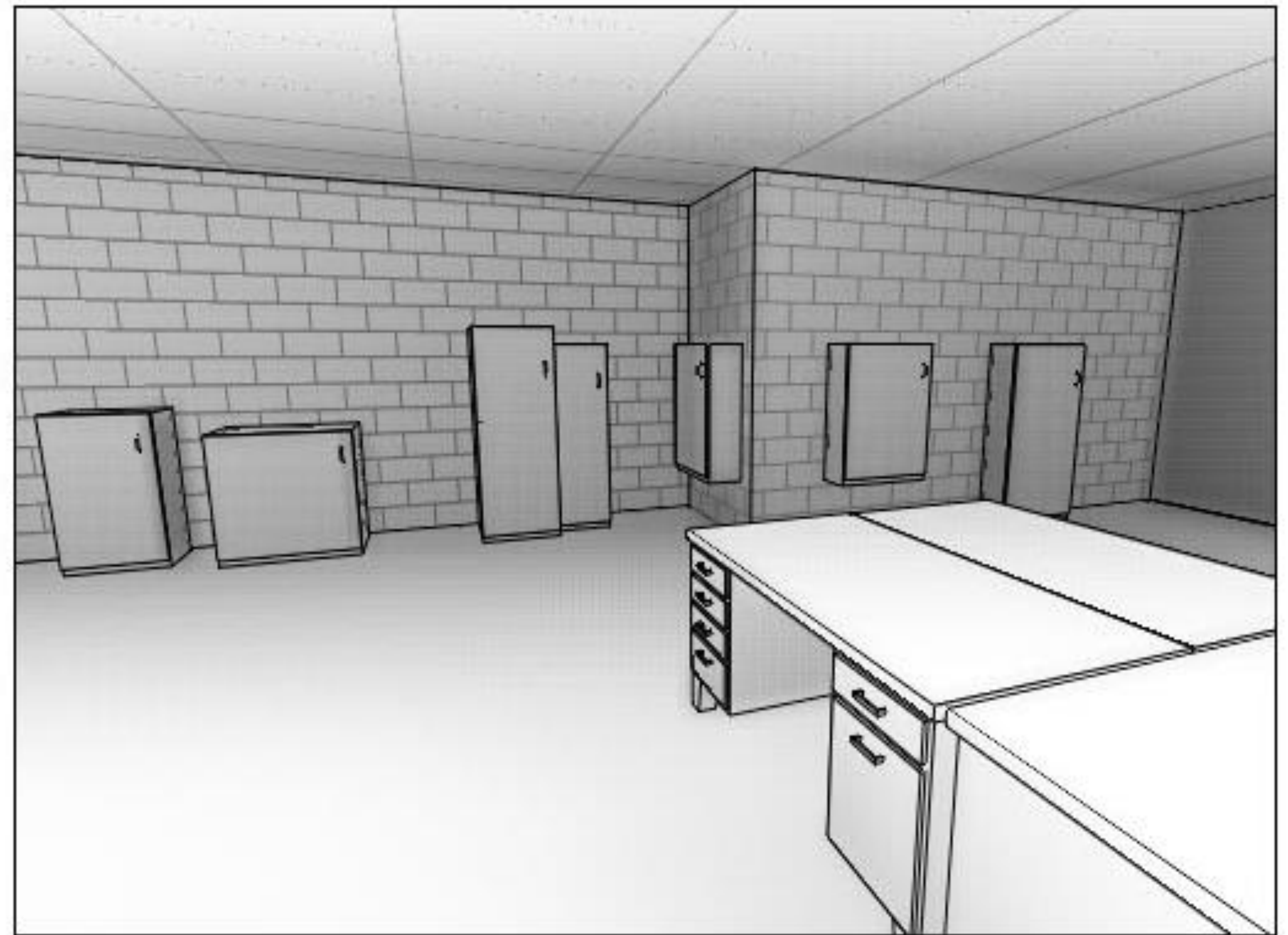
Content for this Project

- Wherever an item was deemed “trackable asset” it became its own family (Shared and Nested)
- More important to have right *number* and locations of families, than to have over detailed models.



Content for this Project

- Repurposed Millwork Content



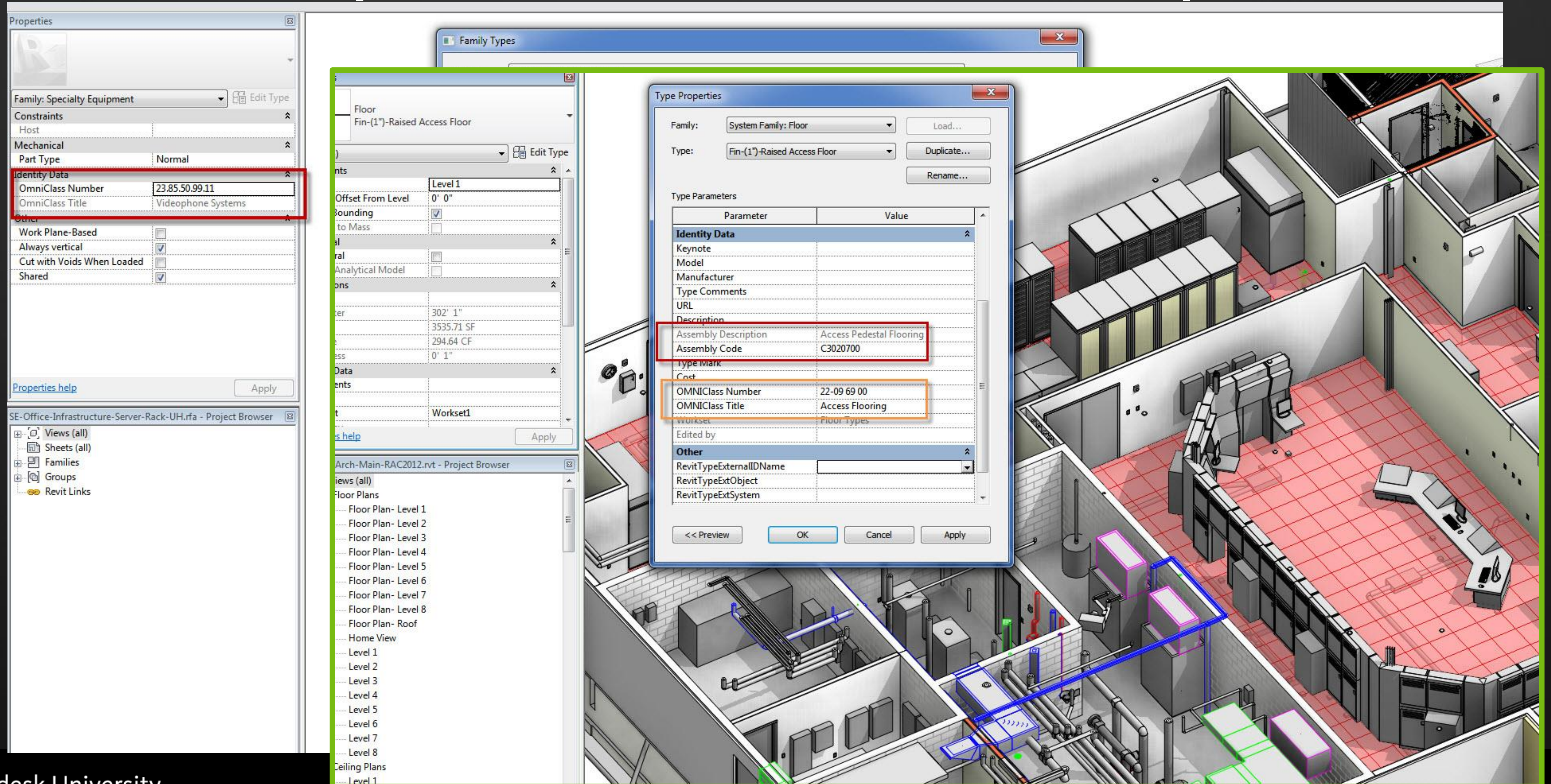
Putting Data in to the Model

Data Standards.... OMGFail.

- OmniClass: <http://www.omniclass.org/>
- (Uniformat): <http://uniformat.com/index.php/background>
- (MasterFormat): <http://www.masterformat.com/>
- COBie: (Construction Operations Building Information Exchange)
<http://www.wbdg.org/resources/cobie.php>
- Client Specific (or Client Amended)

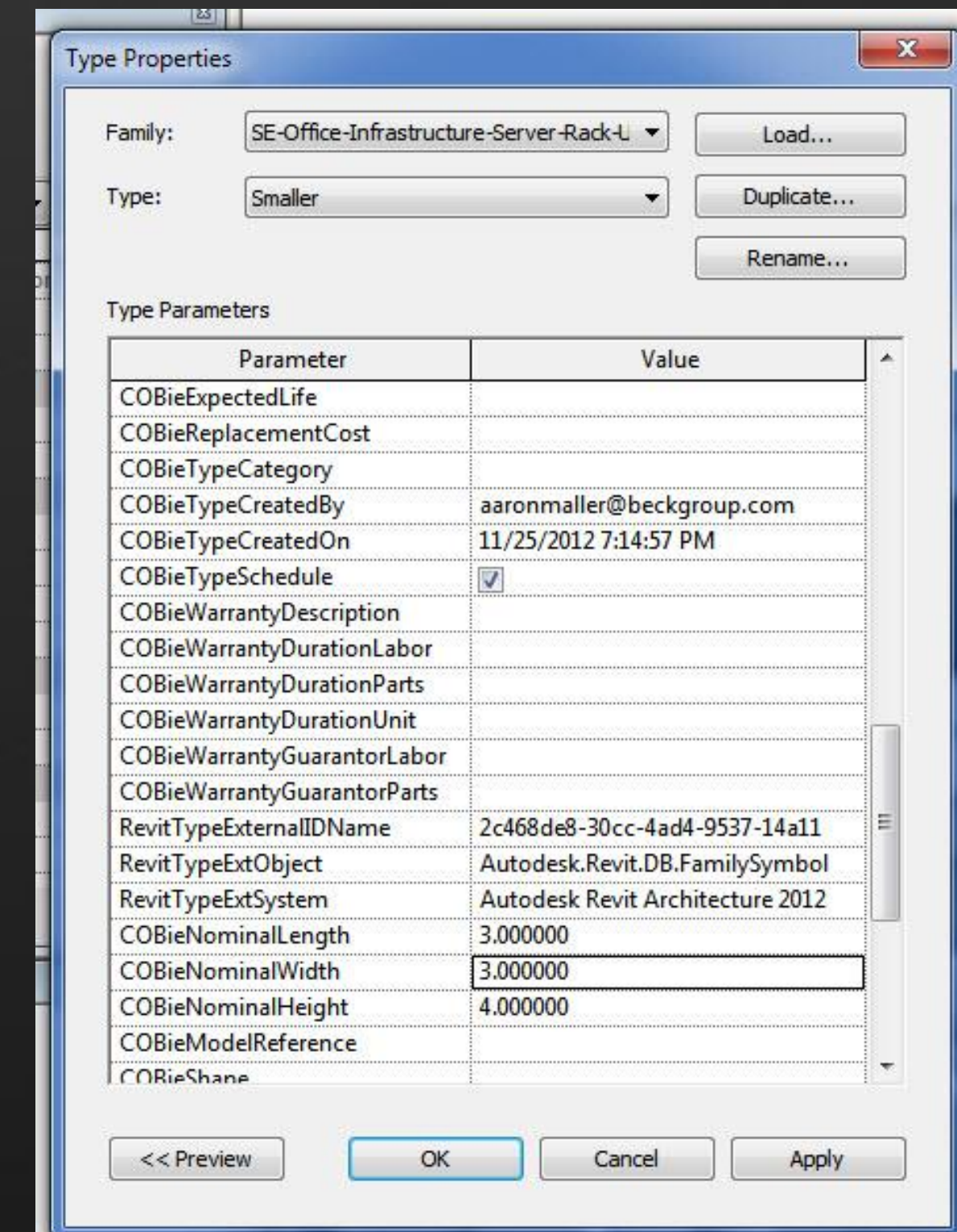
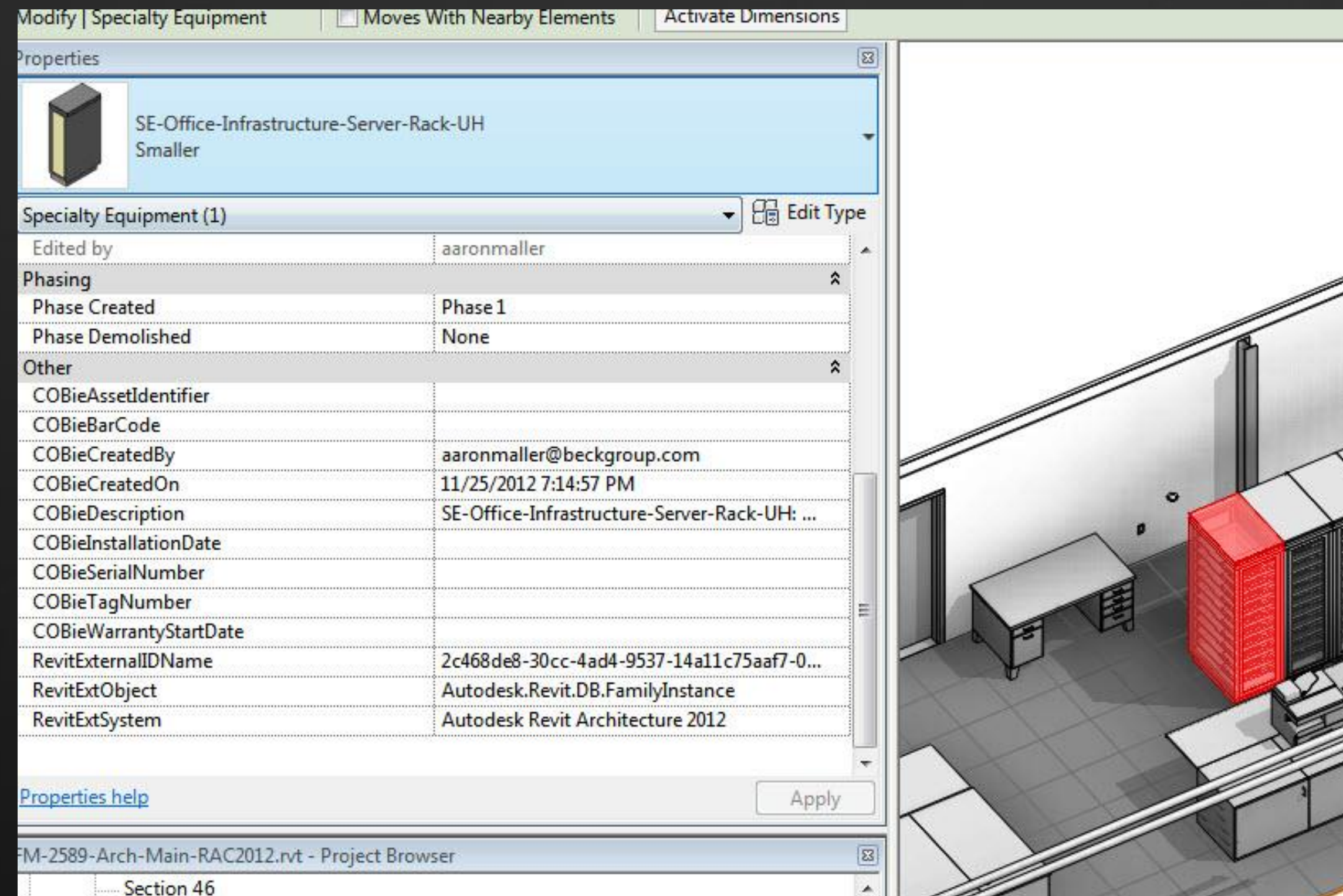
Where do you put all of the data?

Parameters (Hardcoded versus created)



COBie Data parameters and app

- <http://usa.autodesk.com/adsk/servlet/oc/offer/form?siteID=123112&id=18070390>
 - Download Link for the App and the Shared Parameters
 - SP's and COBie schedules also in the Datasets for this class



Handy uses of the Adsk COBie App / COBie parameters

- Your Clients Naming convention probably isnt the same as yours.
- *Use the COBie AssetID and AssetIDType parameters for these things*
- *Make tags (if you need FM/O&M drawings) that reference these parameters*
- *In some cases I've seen Client Mandated names mean the same name for Different Families*
- *The app is a free way to get the EID or GUID inside Revit Parameters (not a huge value add, since most API apps don't need it, but its handy for those than don't write API well yet (me...))*

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The COBie “Do I count” parameter

- COBie App only populates things Marked Yes.
- Use this in your Revit Schedules, in lieu of *other parameters* we use for the same purpose

(That’s sort of the trick with COBie)

FM- COBie2-ComponentsToSchedule			
Category	Family and Type	COBieTypeSchedule	Count
Casework	B01-: 24x18.5x24A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Casework	B02-: 36x16x24A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	14
Casework	B03-: 15x34x24A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Casework	B05-: 36x34x24A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5
Casework	B06-: 24x34x24A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3
Casework	B06-: 36x34x24A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3
Casework	BF--: 18.5x24A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Casework	Casework 1: Casework 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Casework	CW Hardware-Handle-FB: CW Hardware-Handle-FB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	76
Casework	CW Hardware-Lock-FB: CW Hardware-Lock-FB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Casework	CW- Control Tower Casework 2: CW- Control Tower Casework 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Casework	CW-Countertop-Control Tower: CW-Countertop-Control Tower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Casework	U01-: 15x24x12A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Casework	U02-: 32x12x12A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Casework	U02-: 36x12x12A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Casework	U02-: 36x18x12A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Curtain Panels	CW-Panel-Mechanical Louver-Horiz-UH: CW-Panel-Mechanical Louver-Horiz	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Curtain Panels	System Panel: (Chainlink)	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Curtain Panels	System Panel: (GLS-1)-(1")- Insulated Glazing	<input type="checkbox"/>	65
Curtain Systems	Curtain System: Tower Glazing System	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Data Devices	SE-Office-Infrastructure-Network Switch-UH(WPB): Wireless	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	190
Doors	Door- Double: Exterior	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3
Doors	Door- Double: Interior	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Doors	Door- Single: Exterior	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5
Doors	Door- Single: Interior	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	65
Doors	F00: F00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	73
Doors	NF: NF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Doors	NP: NP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Doors	P00: P00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	77
Doors	P65: P65	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Electrical Equipment	Elect. Air Terminal Support UH: Elect. Air Terminal Support UH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4

Revit “Placement tools” and data

- Right now FM/O&M data is stored just like all other data:
 - Instances
 - Types
- There are three Revit Items that are (right now) going to let you down:
 - Model Groups (Instances don't get “instance” data, they get “copied” data
 - Need to be ungrouped
 - Stacked Walls (the nested walls don't get Identity Data at all)
 - Need to be “Broken Up
 - Multiple Instances of Linked Files
 - Need to be Bound

Putting the model in the FM tool!

- This is probably the part youre hoping for the easy button on.....
So I hope you don't get disappointed
- Unfortch... Different FM tools will use the model differently

Putting the model in the FM tool!

- Some downstream tools will use a DWF export
- Some (Ecodomus) will use a Navisworks Export
- In addition, they may also require the COBie Exports (schedule export to text, import to Excel; or a Database Export)

The “gotchas” of exporting models

- Can they see what you see?
 - DWF and item transparency: Sounds silly, but if they cant touch it... they cant touch it!
- Translations:
 - IFC, did you look at it? Does it look like your project still?
- Navisworks:
 - Did you try to export Nested Links? Did you get Legend Views in your model?

The “gotchas” of exporting models

- Model Review:
 - What's realistic, and who is setting those standards?

Combined_Nov17_2012	Time: 2011-11-19 14:50:22 Application: Autodesk Revit Architecture 2012 IFC: IFC2X3				
GST/IDFGeneratorRuleSetV8.2	Acc	Rej	Maj	Nor	Min
BasicRules				x	
1 - Unique GUID	OK				
1 - Model Structure (relations to building and building story)				x	
2 - Required Components				x	
2 - Check for orphaned doors or windows				x	
3 - Storey Elevations	OK				
Space Checking			x	x	x
1 - The Model Must Have Spaces				x	
1 - Space Validation			x	x	x
1 - SpaceBoundary check			x		
2 - Internal walls must bound at least two spaces	OK				
3 - Spaces Must Have a Type, a Name and Number				x	
Geometric rules			x	x	x
2 - Allowed Profiles for columns				x	x
2- Wall Validation				x	

EcoDomus

User: Neil Parker, EcoDomus, Inc. | System Role: System Admin | Project: USC SC31148 | Project Role: No Role

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Dashboard

Project Data

Tasks

Reports

Settings

Missing attributes

Search

Clear

Export to PDF

OmniClass Type	Name	Missing attributes
23-75 70 21 24 14 Variable Volume Air Terminal Units	YAY-w-Reheat10 Inch	Minimum CFM, Model Number, Operating Weight, Radiated NC, Tag
23-75 35 14 Air Handling Units	AHU-D1-D-1	Cooling/Heating Coil CFM, Cooling/Heating Coil Fins Per Inch, Manufacturer, Model Number, Supply Fan CFM, Supply Fan Ext Static Pressure, Supply Fan Motor Break Horse Power, Supply Fan Motor Hertz, Supply Fan Rotations Per Minute, Supply Fan Total Static Pressure, Tag
23-75 70 21 24 14 Variable Volume Air Terminal Units	YAY-w-Reheat6 Inch	Branch Pipe Size, Discharge NC, Maximum CFM, Minimum CFM, Model Number, Operating Weight, Radiated NC, Tag
23-75 70 21 24 14 Variable Volume Air Terminal Units	YAY-w-Reheat6 Inch CAV	Branch Pipe Size, Discharge NC, Maximum CFM, Minimum CFM, Model Number, Operating Weight, Radiated NC, Tag
23-75 70 21 24 14 Variable Volume Air Terminal Units	YAY-w-Reheat8 Inch	Branch Pipe Size, Discharge NC, Inlet Size, Maximum CFM, Minimum CFM, Model Number, Operating Weight, Radiated NC, Tag

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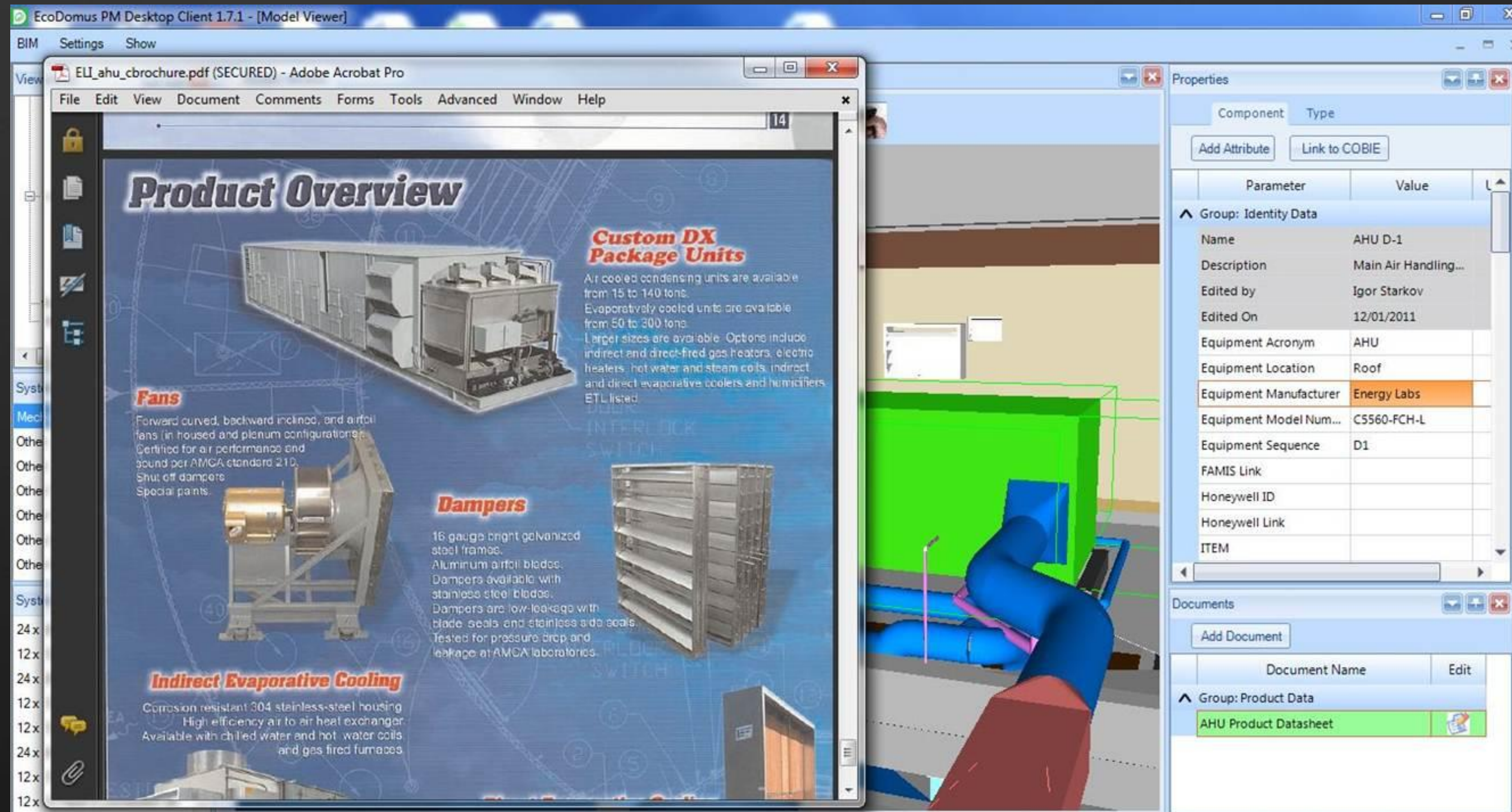
What happens in the FM Software that relates to CMMS?

- Components:
- From the Model:
 - *What are they*
 - *Where are they*
 - *What are they doing*
 - *What are they connected to?*



What happens in the FM Software that relates to CMMS?

- From the FM Tool:
 - Work backwards from Space
 - Find the Systems
 - Find the pieces
 - Find the data



What happens in the FM Software that relates to CMMS?

Components:

From the Model:

- What are they
- Where are they
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From the FM Tool:

- Work backwards from Space
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The screenshot displays the EcoDomus software interface. The central 3D model shows a building structure with a green rectangular component highlighted. The left sidebar contains several panels: Viewpoints, System, System Component..., Room Data Sheet, Search Component, Search Space, and BAS Information. The BAS Information panel lists various parameters and their values. The bottom left panel shows a Work Order list. The right sidebar displays the Properties panel for the selected component, showing a table of parameters and their values.

Parameter	Value	UOM
Group: Identity Data		
Name	VAV-D05	
Description	VAV w/Reheat 10 Inch	
Alternative Manufact...	ENVIRO-TEC	
Edited by	Igor Starkov	
Edited On	12/01/2011	
Room number	100	
Serial Number	GH-251526	
Tag number		
Id	670277	
Asset Identifier		
Barcode		
Installation date	12/01/2011	
Warranty start date		
Group: Constraints		
Offset	11' - 6"	FFIN...
Group: Electrical Loads		
Circuit Number		
Panel		
Group: Mechanical Airflow		
EAT	55.00 *	FAH...
Max CFM	570	CFM
Max PD (Air)	0.1600	INWG
Min CFM	190	CFM
Group: Mechanical Loads		
LWT	170.00 *	FAH...
Min GPM	1	GPM
Group: Other		
DISCHARGE NC	< 20	

- What's already been worked on, and what could be our problem?

Monday Morning Quarterbacking

What didn't go well?

- Time to convert Point Clouds to PCG from native file format
 - Order of magnitude more time than expected, due to file sizes. (Lesson learned)
- Data Associations (*ask how the downstream software works*)
 - Space association from System Browser, not from FamilyInstance
- Model Review:
 - If you're building a true as-built, you cant always correct “Revit warnings.”

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