Insights to preparing for IFC-SG

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Architect's Model C&S Engineer's Model M&E Engineer's Model Multi-Disciplinary Federated Models

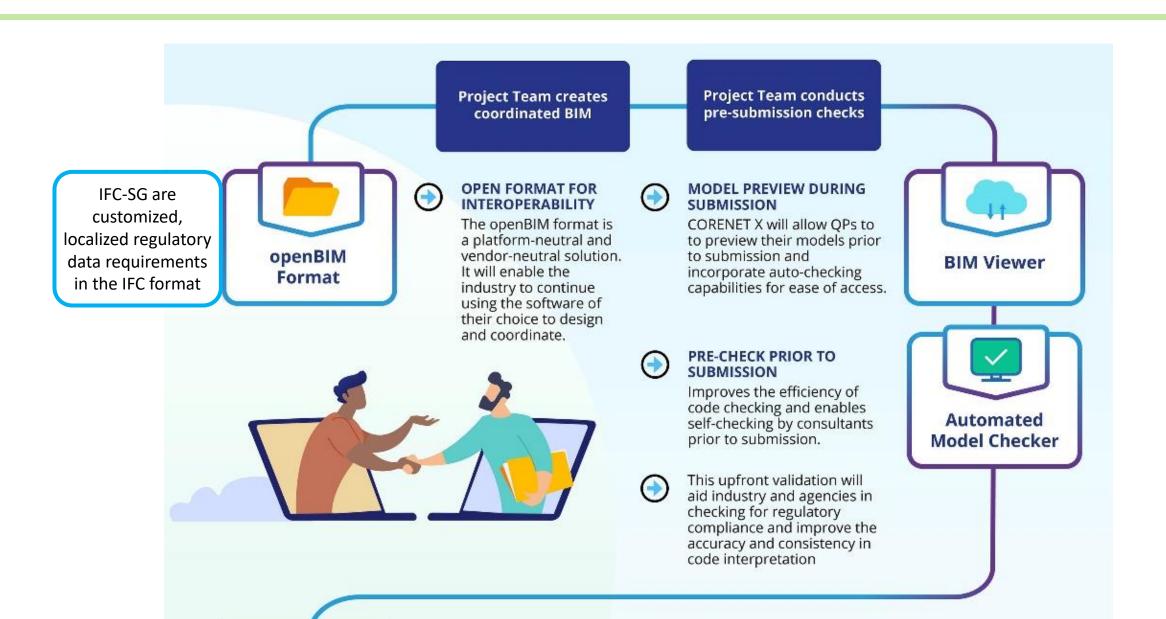
Background

BCA, GovTech, HDB, P&T and UPC carried out a CORENET X modelling study on a completed project, Tampines Greenbloom Blk 875B

Insights from the study will be shared, including:

- What is IFC-SG
- Using CORENET X Config Files with existing company templates
- Workarounds, tips & tricks

IFC-SG in CORENET X



Project Team makes submission for the project



LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY TO EXTRACT RELEVANT INFORMATION

New Submission - Today, QPs need to prepare different sets of plans for different agencies. Leveraging technology, QPs will prepare one coordinated model and agencies will extract relevant information. This reduces the need for manual annotations on plans.

Amendment Submission - Today's amendment plans require QPs to prepare the submission highlighting deviations from earlier approved submissions. This process is currently carried out by QPs manually.

Going forward, QPs will only need to submit the amended model. Agencies will conduct model comparison with the previously approved model to identify amendments made.



COLLABORATION AMONG AGENCIES

Aims to transform the current way agencies review plans, bringing agencies together to concurrently access the same coordinated BIM model.

Agencies will then collaborate within the same Collaboration Platform, and provide a coordinated response to the industry.

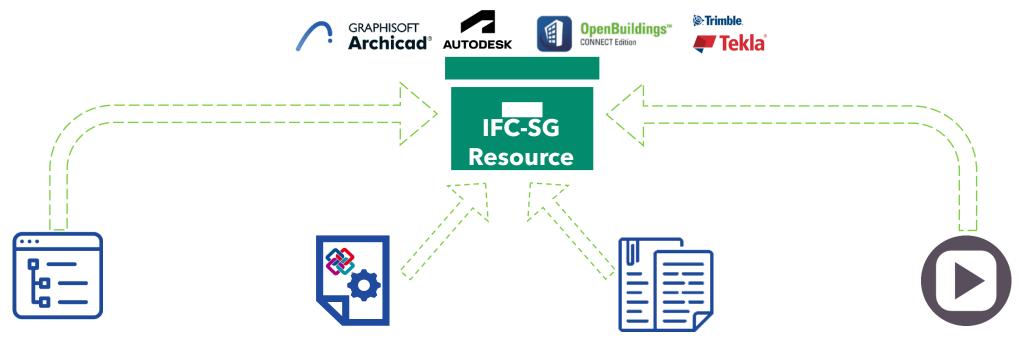








GovTech's IFC-SG Resource Kit @ https://go.gov.sg/ifcsg



IFC-SG Mapping Table

 Regulatory information in IFC-SG representations for reference

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 Templates and configuration for native BIM authoring software to export to IFC-SG

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 Documentation such as the IFC-SG object listing, How-to guides for respective BIM software

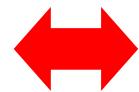
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 Quick and easy step by step videos/demos to input information and export to IFC-SG for respective BIM software

Architectural BIM Manager's Perspective

Modelling Tool and IFCSG mapping Excel file







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IFC-SG Resource

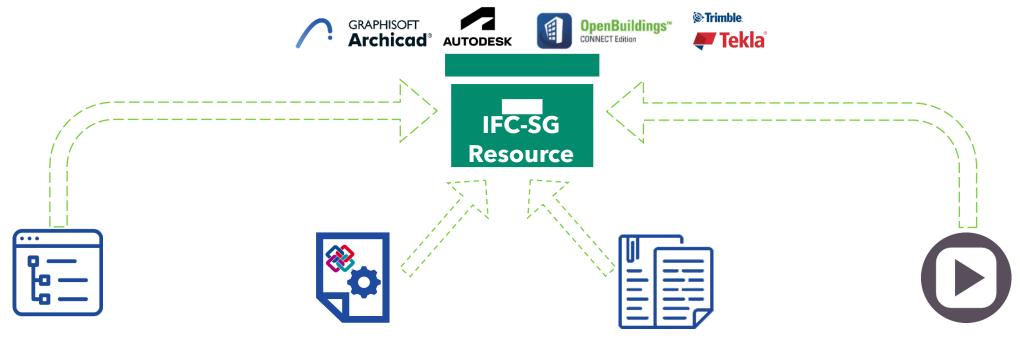
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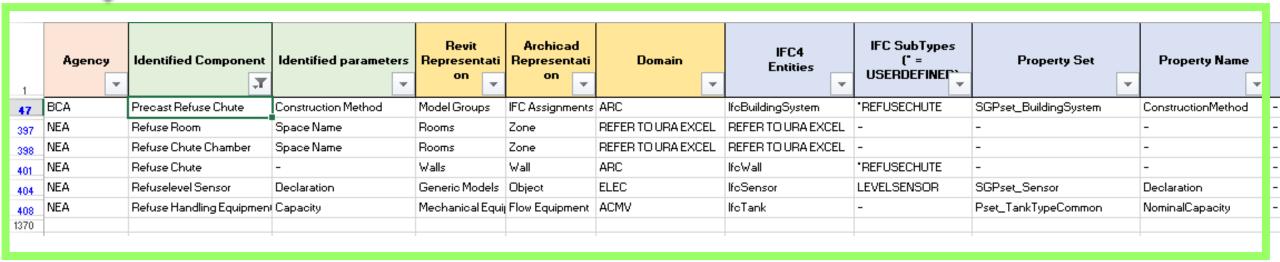
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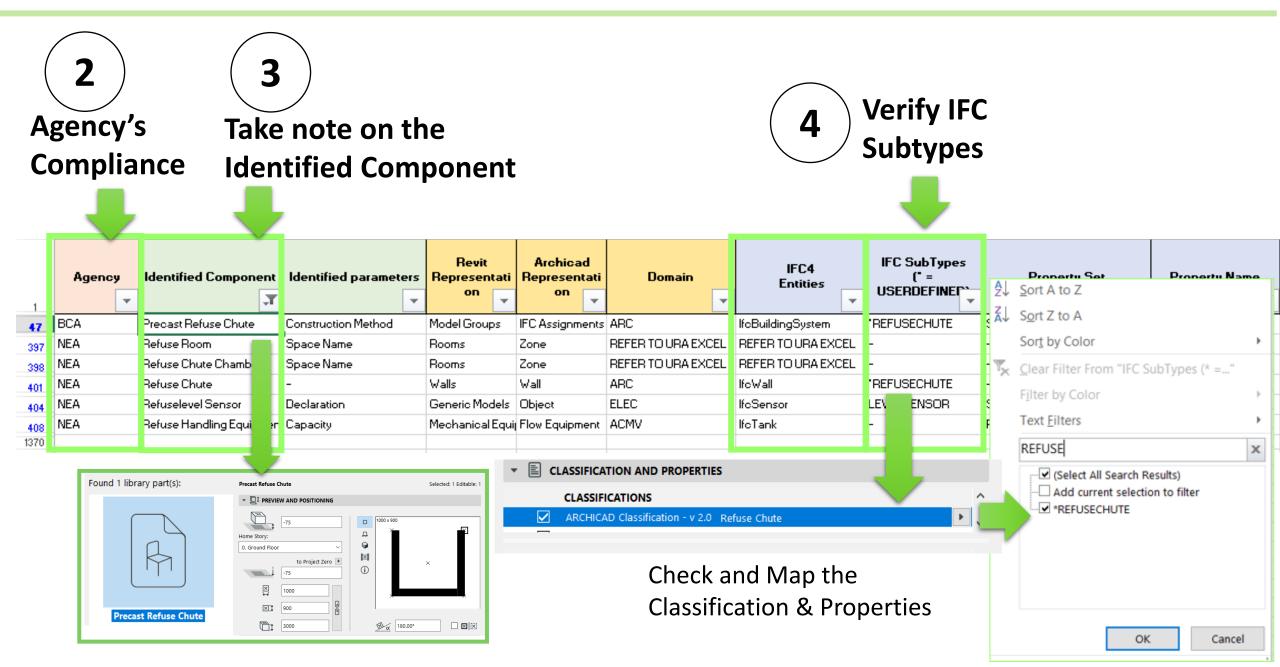
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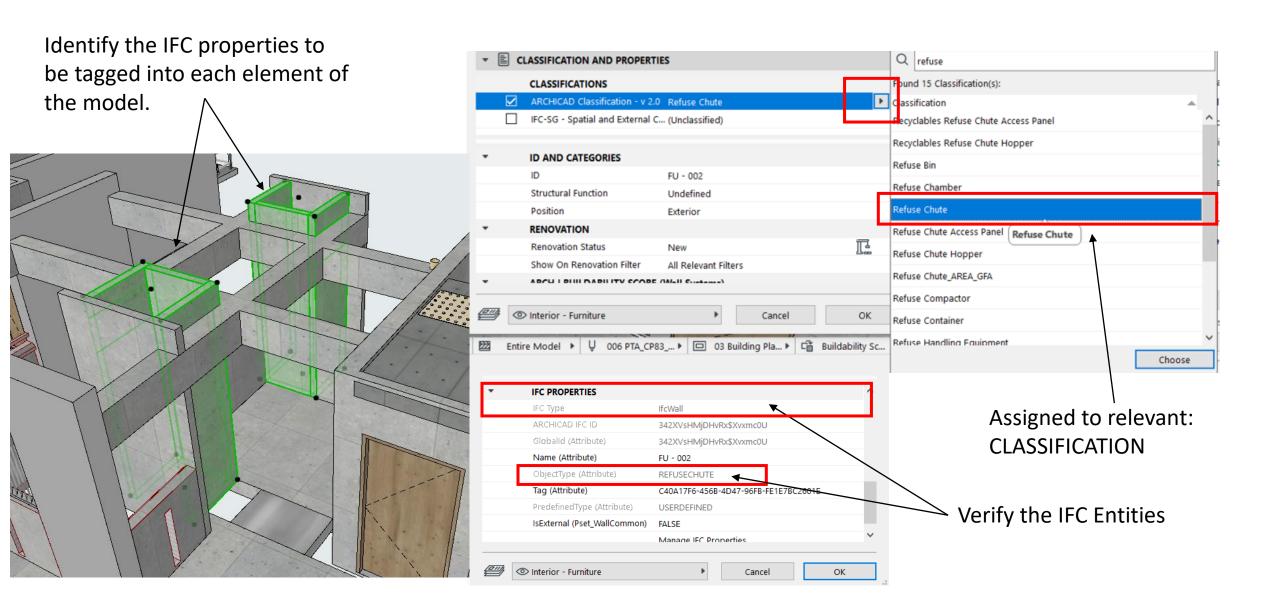


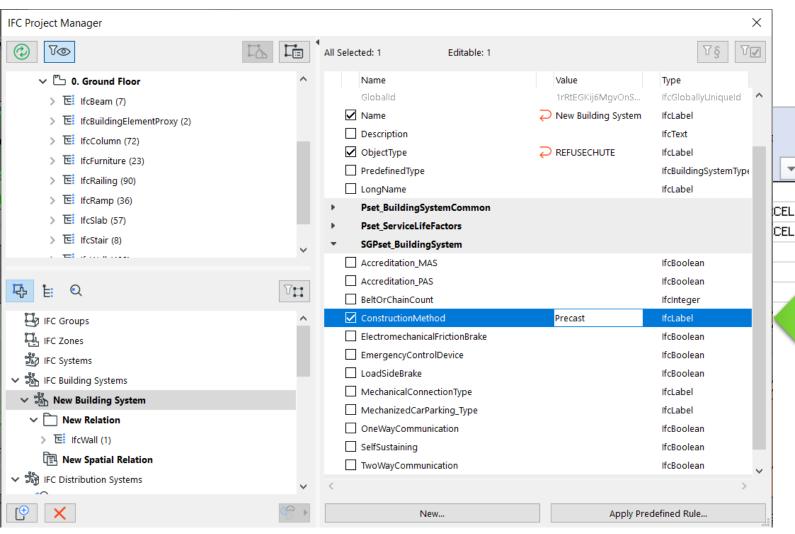


Understanding the IFG-SG Mapping Table / Excel Columns



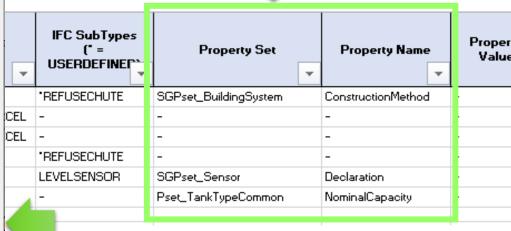








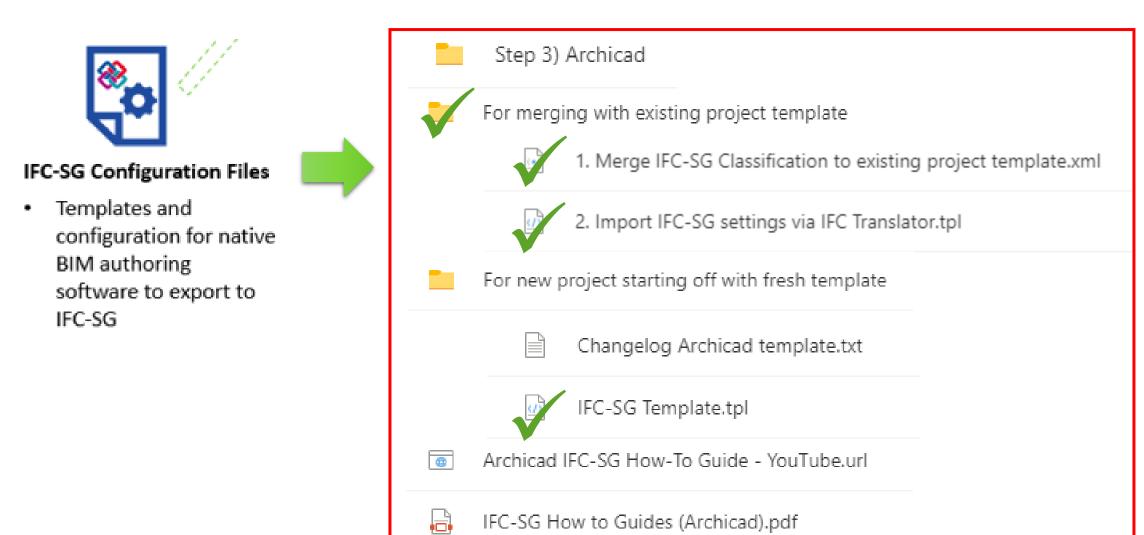
Identify SG Property set & name



Check and Map the SGPset & Name

Preparing your model for the Archicad Configuration File

How to extract updated properties from IFC-SG Template from IFC-SG resource kit

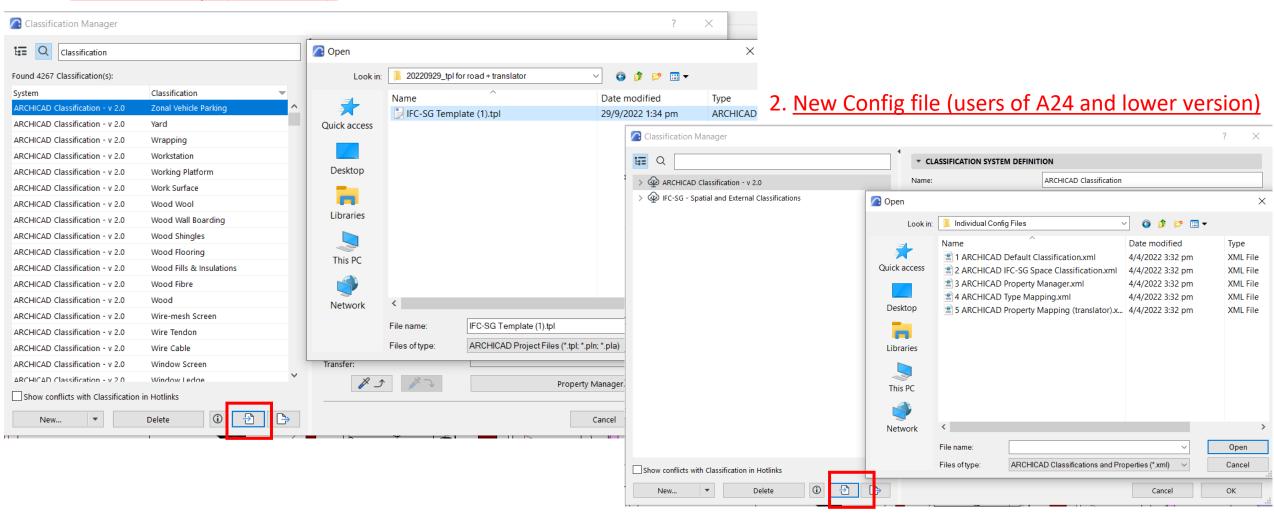


Using the IFC-SG Template & Configuration Files



Import updated Template/Config files from resource kit to setup the project For input of updated information, eg: Classification Manager

1. New IFC-SG Tpl (A25 users)



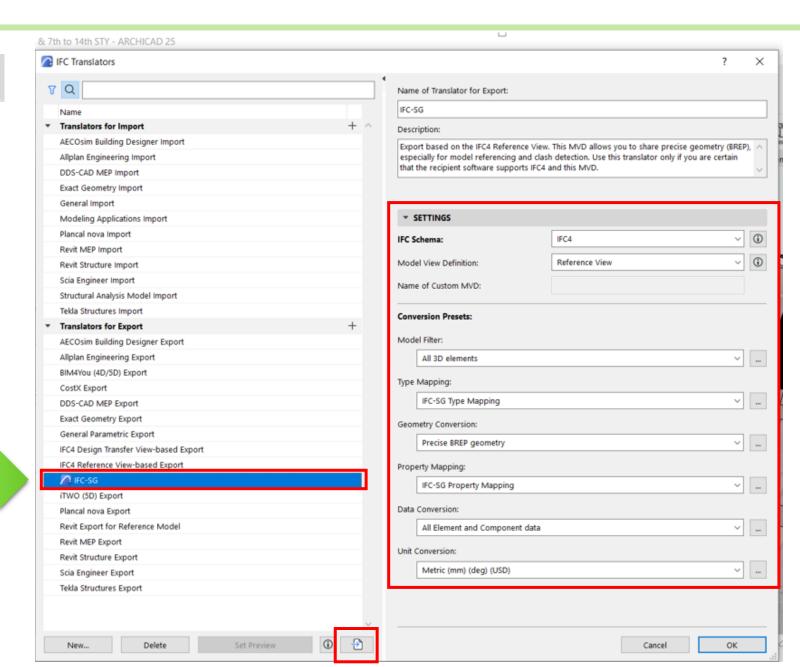
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3. New Translator

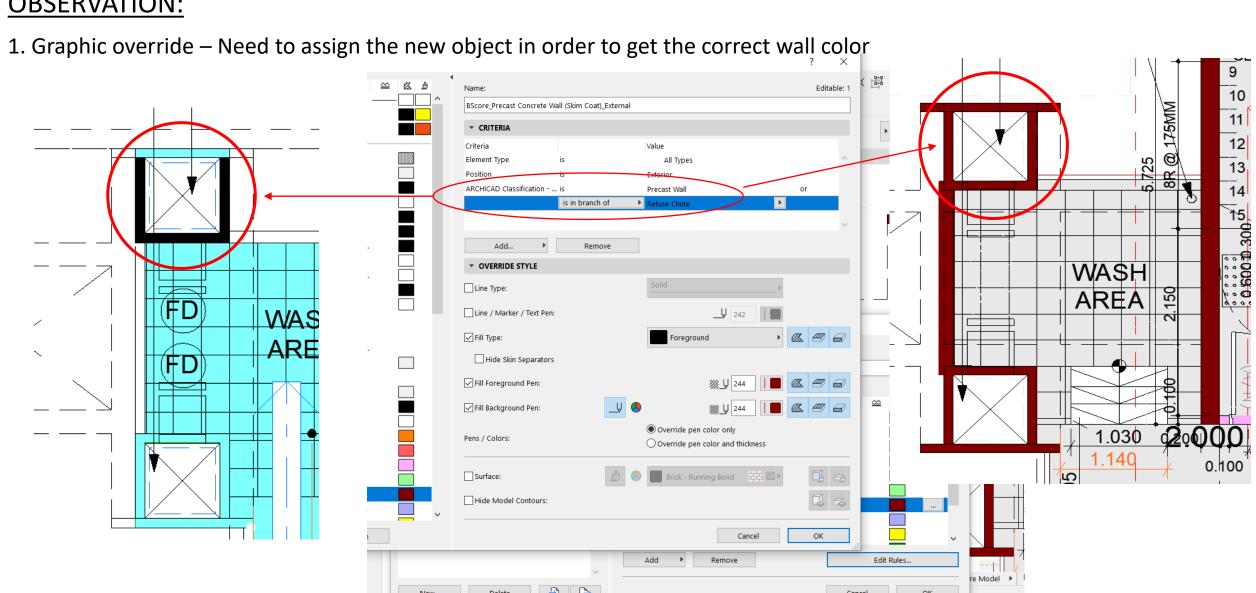
Import updated Template/Config files from resource kit to setup the project For input of updated information, eg:

Import Updated Translator before export to IFC, using the correct Translator



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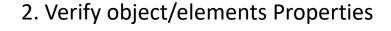
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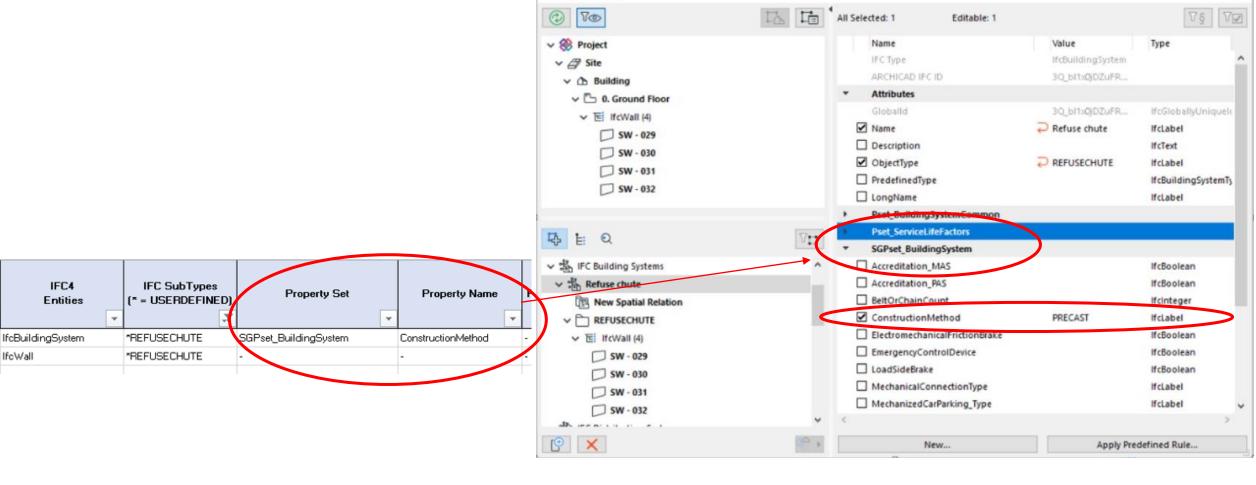


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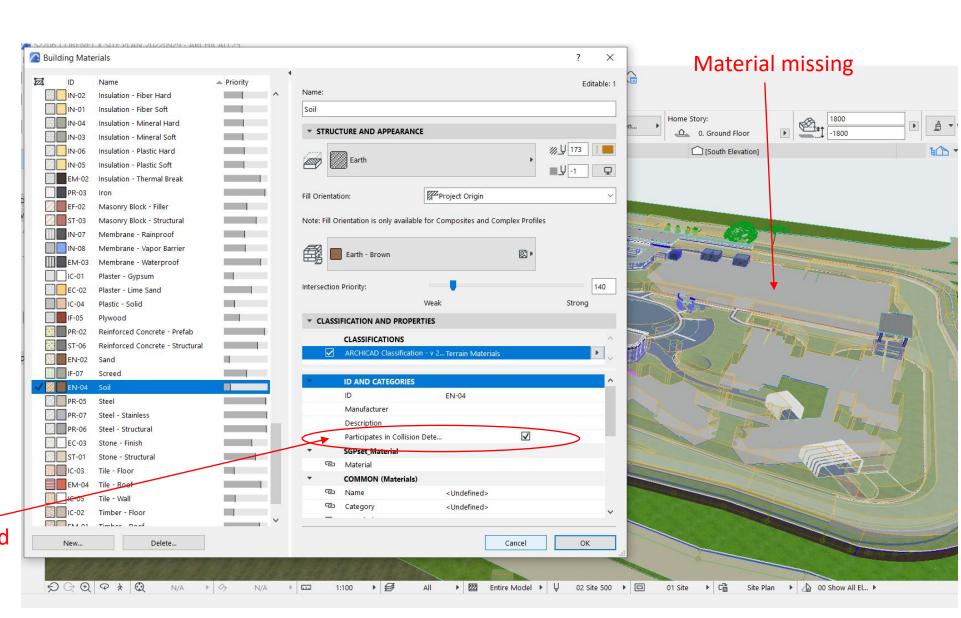


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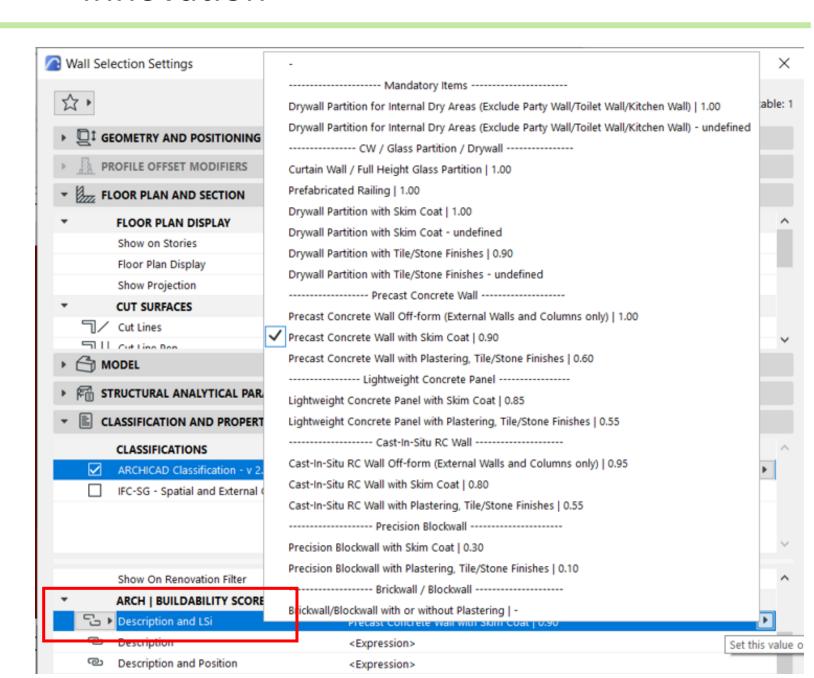
3. Building Material missing in the Exported IFC

Need to check the materials ____ that are required to be included in the IFC



Innovation

<u>Archicad drop down feature:</u>
<u>Eg: Architecture Buildability Score</u>



Using IFC Viewer for Model Review

Published model to IFC 4 (IFC-SG Translator) for Multi-disciplines' Model exchange.

*Archicad (AC) user finding:

- "direct publish / save IFC from a Central file with multiple links" e.g. binding of models is not needed and not time consuming in AC workflow
- Default setting with Classification been made to be similar to IFC-SG Structure. The required information has been pre-set in the template.
- eg: Classification to be assigned and is conforming to the IFC-SG output when exported. User just needs to classify the objects correctly following the IFC-SG Excel template.

IFGSG – user findings

- Inter-disciplinary model coordination will need to be brought forward at the Design stage in order to ensure all the discipline models are geo-referenced "to agreed real world coordinates" among consultants before submission, i.e. federated models by all stakeholders need to be virtually reviewed from the Design stage.
- Instead of previously presenting agency information by annotation or text in 2D sheets, the information is now embedded within the 3D components in the model.
- Although IFC-SG / Corenet X workflow will require longer modelling processes to enrich the elements with parametric data at earlier design stages, Authorities' approvals and replies can be synchronized and we anticipate the processing time will be shortened.
- There is a learning curve to IFC-SG, but once we are used to the workflow, it will be useful for the Industry as it "unites" the model elements' information across the Authorities.
- By embedding 3D elements with data, models provide more value to the downstream stakeholders, who can extract information instantly from the model. This helps multi-disciplinary coordination and collaboration processes.

C&S BIM Manager's Perspective

IFC-SG pre-defined Structural Parameters

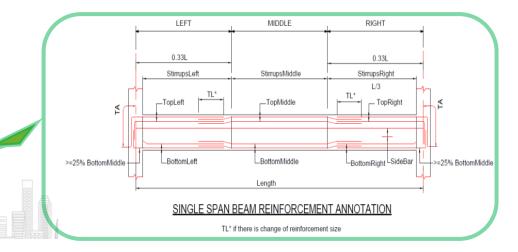
IFC-SG pre-define structural parameters



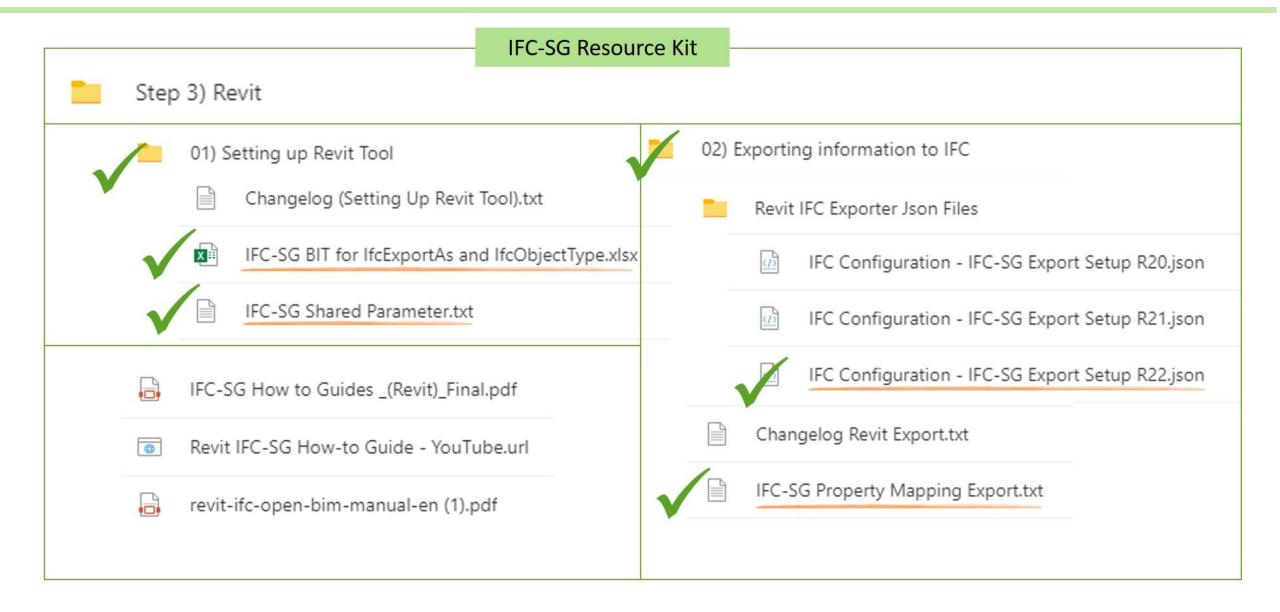
Beam elements

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10		ConstructionMethod		SGPset_Beam	Label	Yes	CIS / PC / PT	
11		BeamSpanType		SGPset_Beam	Label	Yes	Single / End / Interior / Cantilever	
12		TopLeft		SGPset_BeamReinforcement	Label	Yes	3H32+3H25	ľ
13		TopMiddle		SGPset_BeamReinforcement	Label	Yes	3H25	
14		TopRight		SGPset_BeamReinforcement	Label	Yes	3H32+3H25	
15		BottomLeft		SGPset_BeamReinforcement	Label	Yes	3H25	
16		BottomMiddle		SGPset_BeamReinforcement	Label	Yes	3H32+3H25+3H20	
17		BottomRight		SGPset_BeamReinforcement	Label	Yes	3H25	
18		OuterStirrupsLeft		SGPset_BeamReinforcement	Label	Yes	H13-300	
19		InnerStirrupsLeft		SGPset_BeamReinforcement	Label	Yes	H13-300	
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- Definition of IFC-SG structural parameters
- 1. Text format of TopLeft, TopMiddle, TopRight, BottomLeft, BottomMiddle & BottomRight:
 - Use '+' for more than 1 layer of reinforcement: BottomMiddle = 5H32+2H20
- 2. Text format of StirrupsLeft, StirrupsMiddle & StirrupsRight:
 - Use '+' for more than 1 layer of reinforcement : StirrupsLeft = H10-100+H8-100



Revit IFC-SG Setup Files



Revit IFC-SG Setup Files

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IFC-SG Property Mapping Export

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IN-HOUSE REVIT FAMILY PARAMETERS

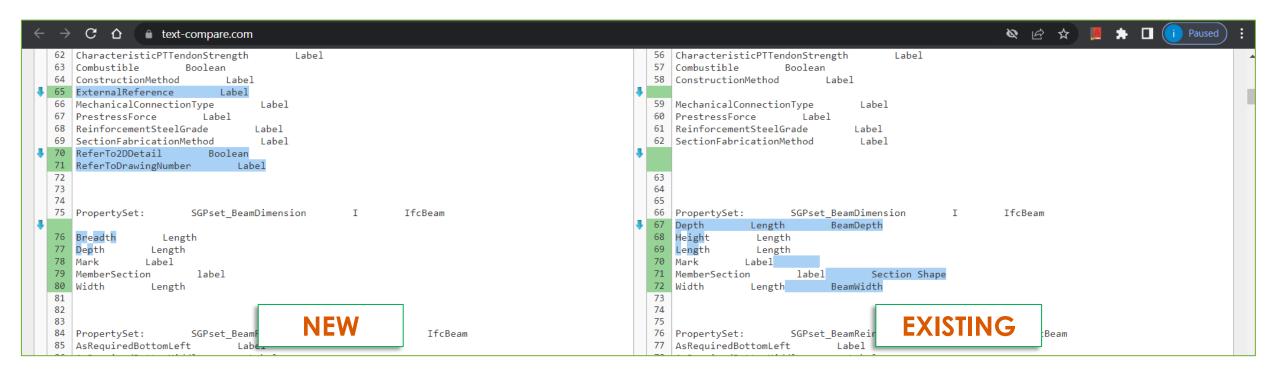
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  1862 PropertySet:
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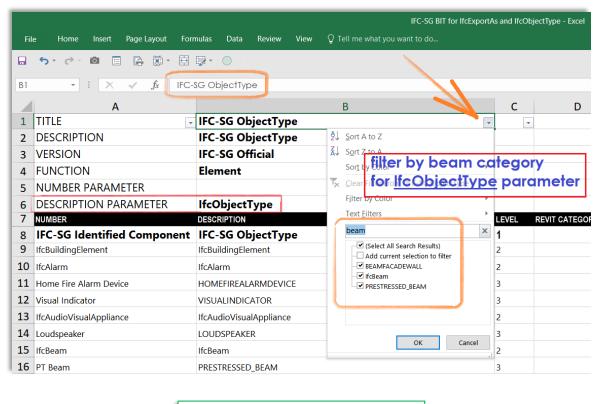
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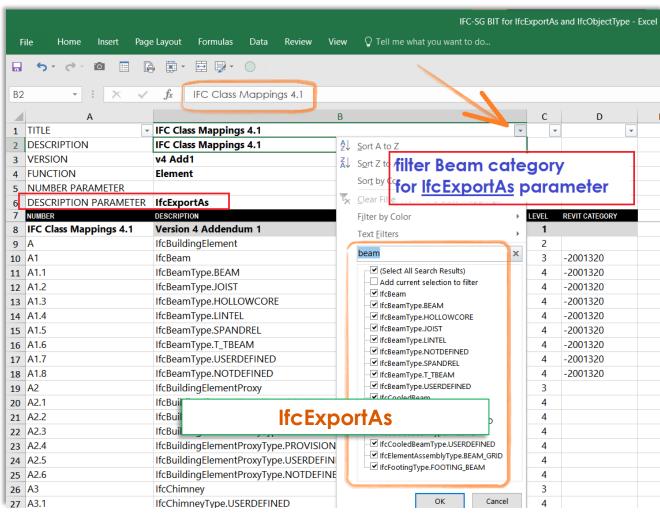
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IFC-SG Element Classification

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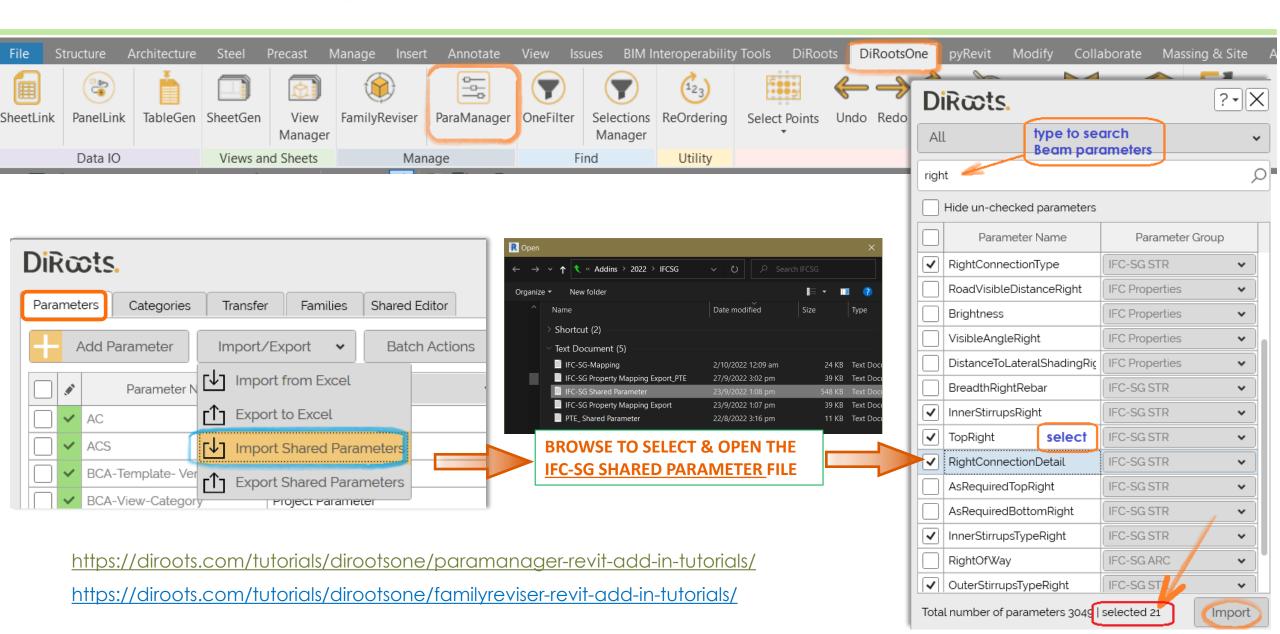
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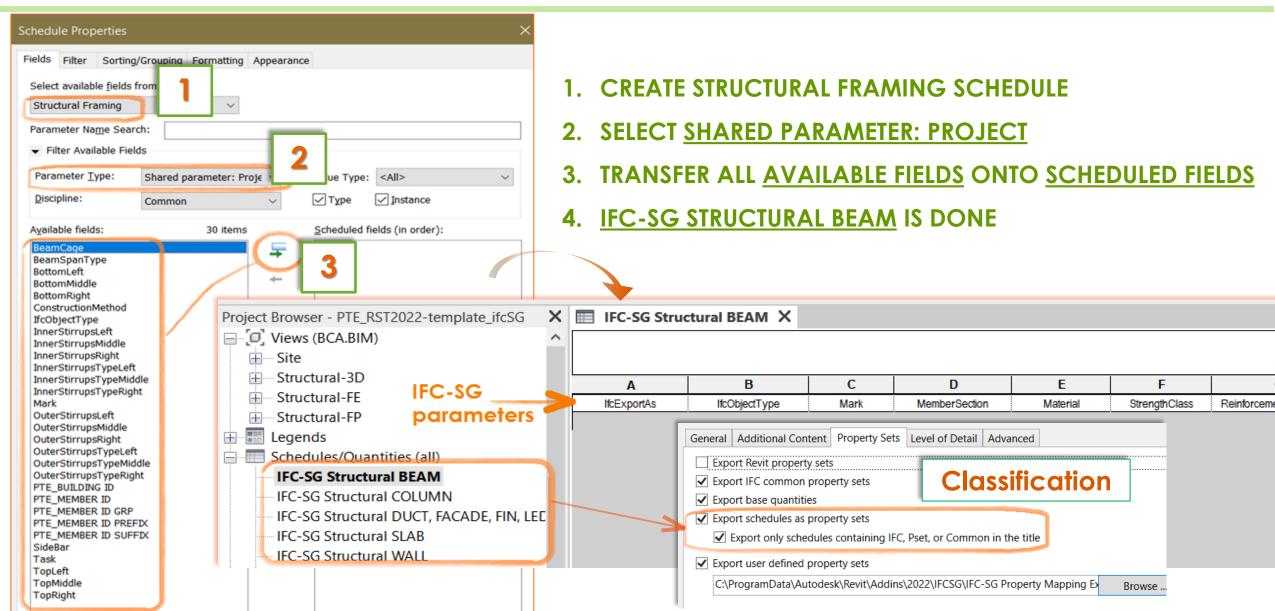
STRUCTURAL IFC-SG MODEL FOR SUBMISSION



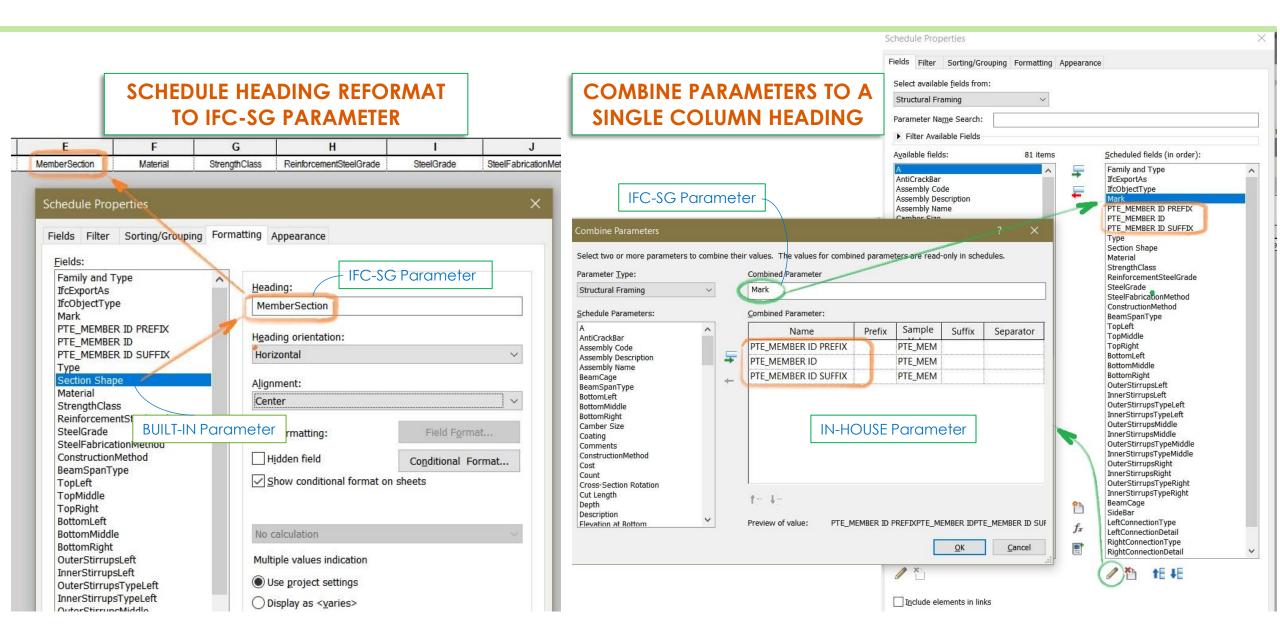
IMPORTING IFC-SG Shared Parameter



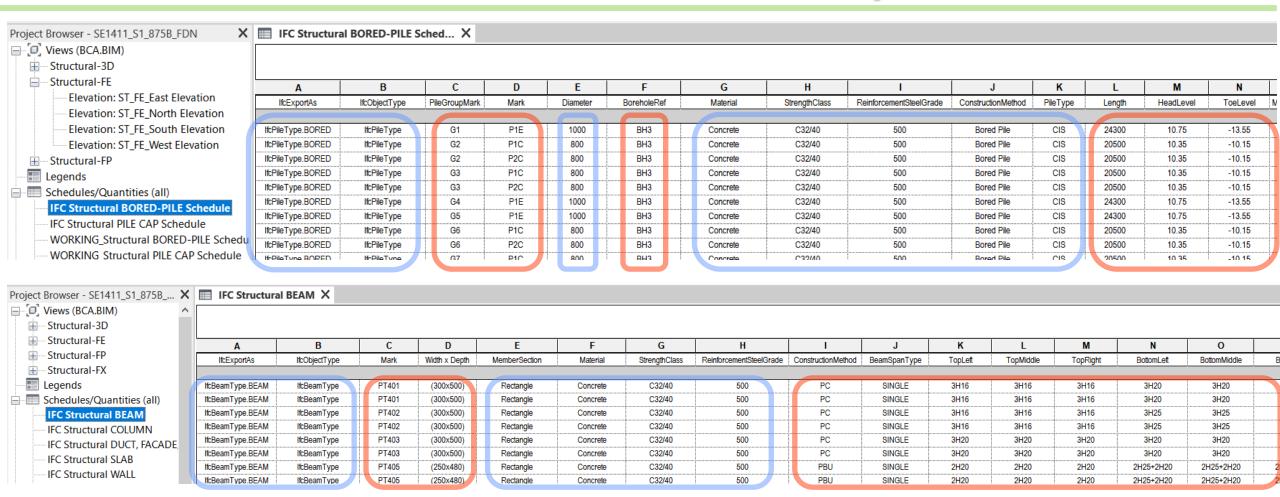
Preparing Schedules to include IFC-SG and In-House parameters into an organized manner



Organize Internal Parameters to Align with BCA's Format

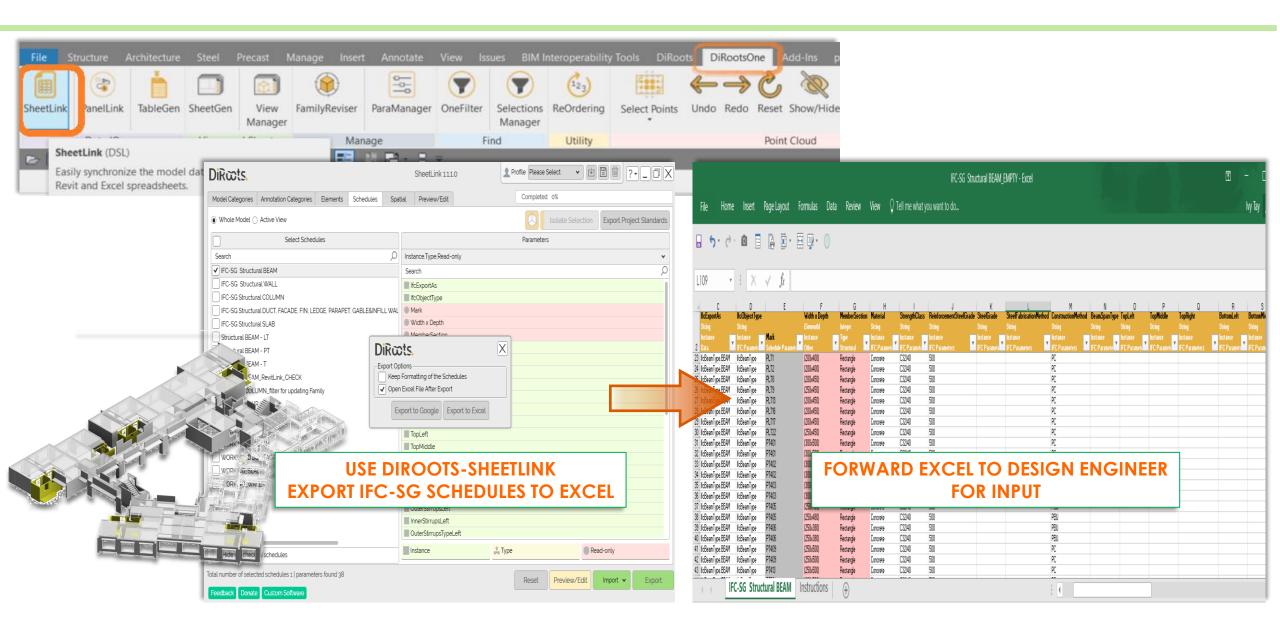


Overview of parameters populated by Revit families + Information from imported Excel

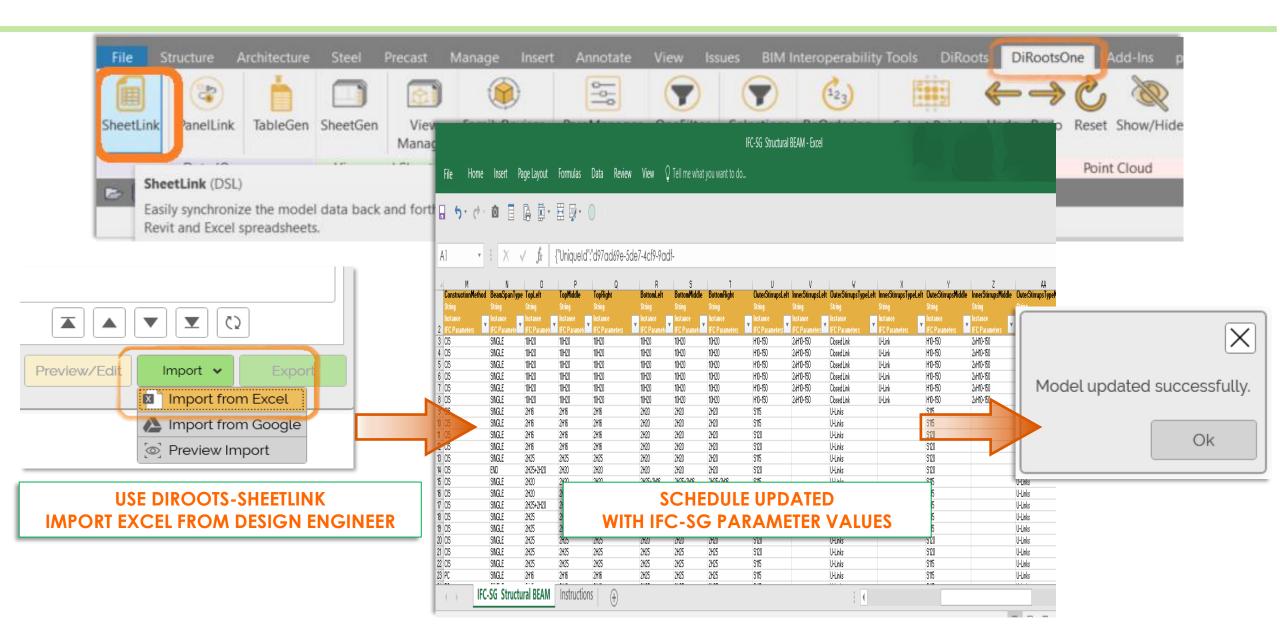


[Automatic] DEFAULT PARAMETER VALUES - ADDED INTO REVIT FAMILY (RFA)
[Manual] PROJECT SPECIFIC PARAMETER VALUES – IMPORTED FROM EXCEL

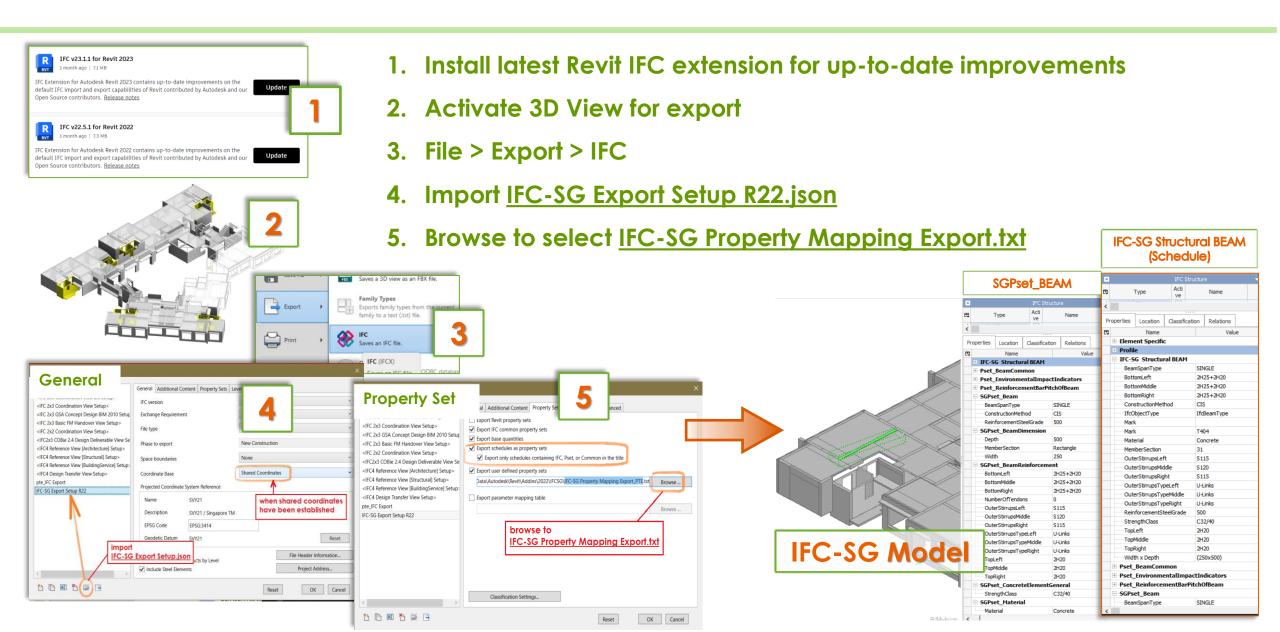
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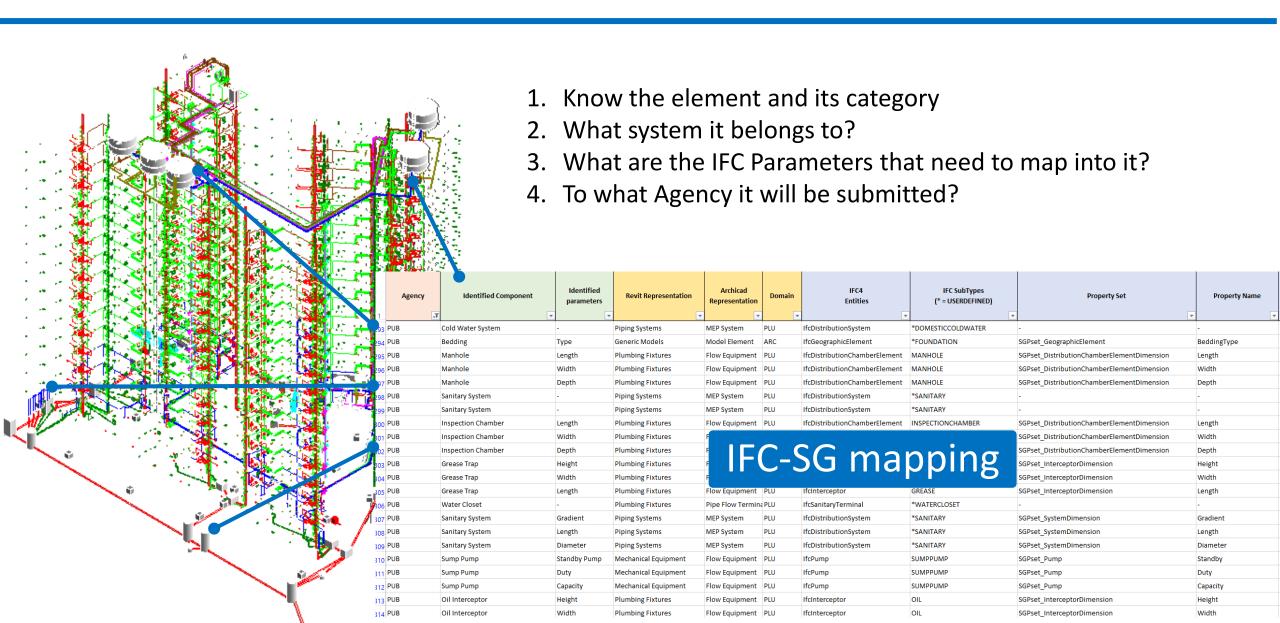


REVIT EXPORT TO IFC-SG MODEL

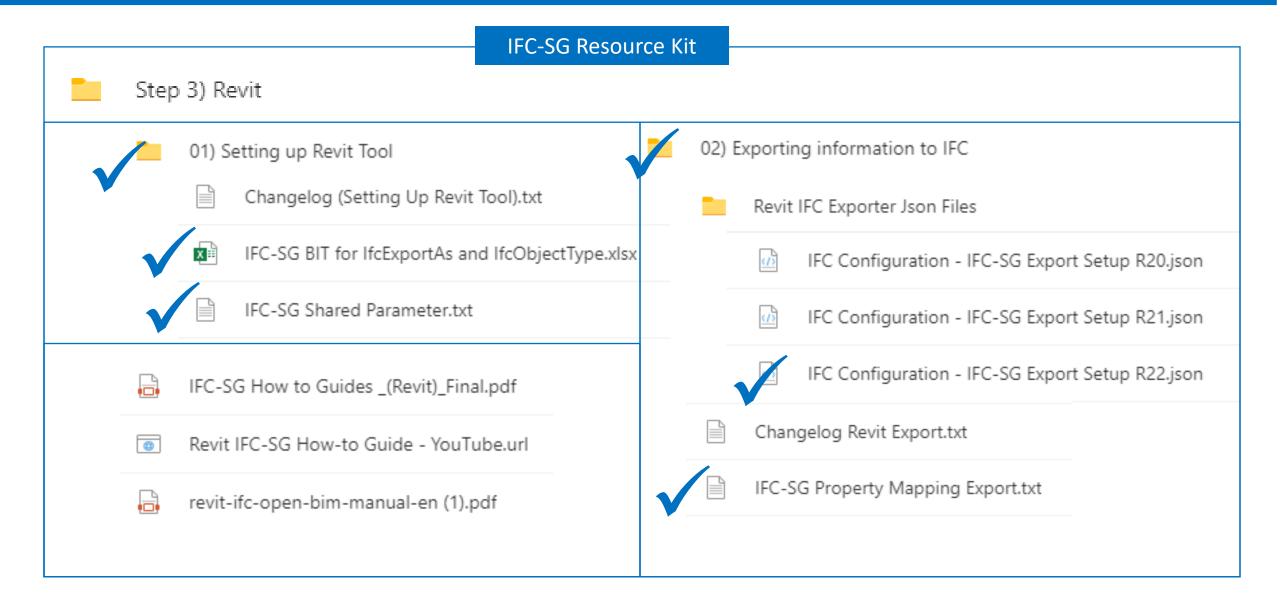


M&E BIM Manager's Perspective

Tips on reading the IFC-SG mapping



Preparing your model for the Revit Configuration File

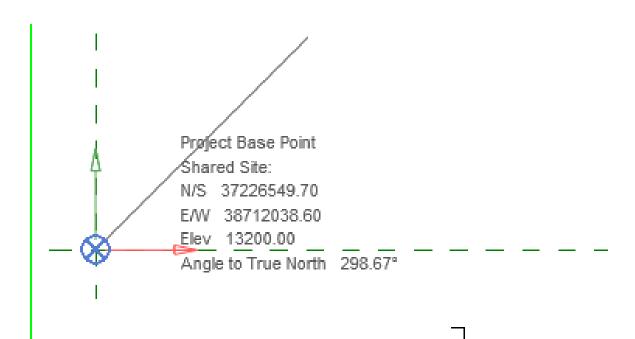


Preparing your model for the Revit Configuration File

WORKFLOW

1. Set your model into the agreed coordinates.

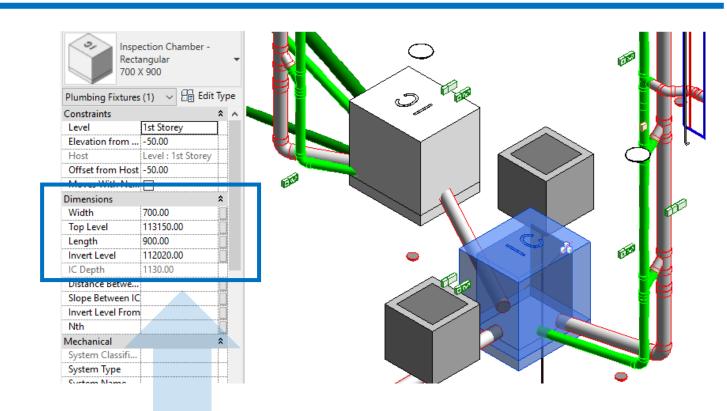
 To place the M&E model into the correct location with Architecture and Structure models.



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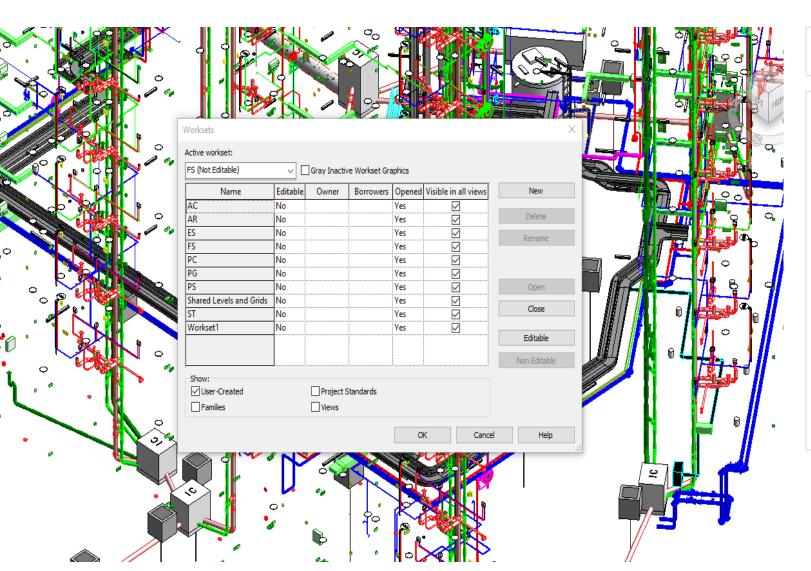
2. Identify the IFC properties to be tagged into each element of your model.

- Element's properties can be assigned while modeling.



Agency	Identified Component	Domain	IFC4 Entities	IFC SubTypes (* = USERDEFINED)		Property Set	Property Name	Property Value	Property Unit	IFC4 Material Set
293 PUB	Cold Water System	PLU	IfcDistributionSystem	*DOMESTICCOLDWATER	-		-	-	-	-
294 PUB	Bedding	ARC	IfcGeographicElement	*FOUNDATION	SGPset_Geog	raphicElement	BeddingType	-	-	-
295 PUB	Manhole	PLU	IfcDistributionChamberElement	MANHOLE	SGPset_Distri	bution Chamber Element Dimension	Length	-	mm	-
296 PUB	Manhole	PLU	IfcDistributionChamberElement	MANHOLE	SGPset_Distri	bution Chamber Element Dimension	Width	-	mm	-
297 PUB	Manhole	PLU	IfcDistributionChamberElement	MANHOLE	SGPset_Distri	bution Chamber Element Dimension	Depth	-	mm	-
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Preparing your model before adding the Revit Configuration File



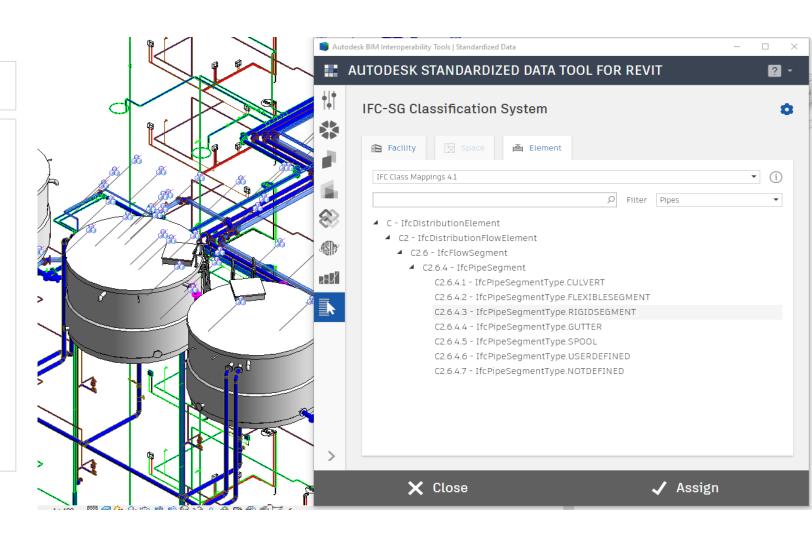
3. Set the Revit Workset.

- To easily select the elements during IFC-SG Parameters mapping.
- To filter the views per Agency Submission.
- To reduce time when Exporting model in IFC format.
- To easily navigate when modeling and model auditing.

Preparing your model before adding the Revit Configuration File

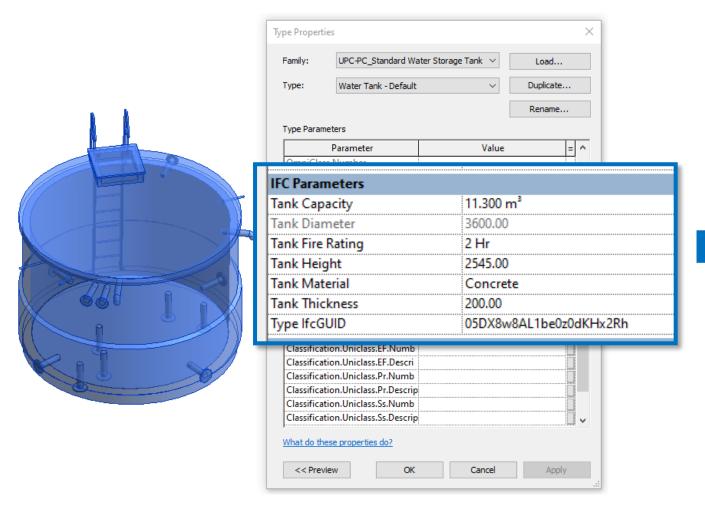
4. IFC-SG Mapping.

- Use BIM Interoperability Tools to assign IFC parameters
- To avoid misspelled IFC parameters(misspelled parameters will not be exported).
- More faster than manual parameter key-in.
- Elements will be exported into correct IFC category.

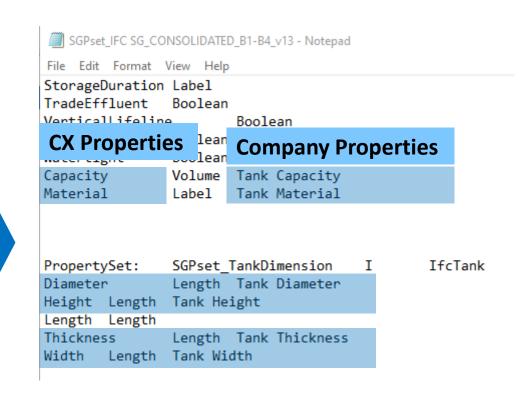


Editing the Configuration File to Adapt In-house Company Properties into Configuration

Revit Library

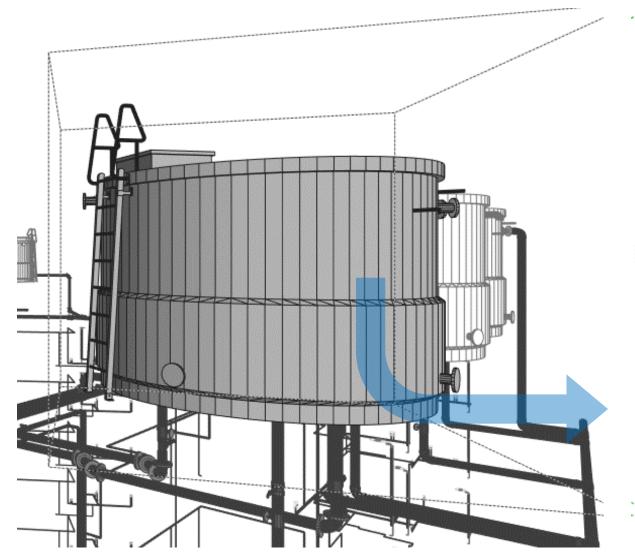


Configuration File



Editing the Configuration File to Adapt In-house Company Properties into Configuration

IFC Model



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Tips to Prepare Models for Future Submission

Upgrading the current MEP
Template into Corenet X
Template



Pull out the common properties and assign as the object type properties.



Map the existing object library properties into configuration file.

- Study the existing object properties.
- Know the properties that needs to be edited inline with the IFC Configurator

- To avoid re-entering of properties.
- To avoid Duplication of property when exported into IFC.

- One time process
- Can be used into the future projects
- Eliminate double works and errors
- Standard IFC exports for all you projects

Top 3 Most Common Challenges, and Solutions

Challenge 1

Accidentally spelling IFC wrongly

e.g.

- ✓ IfcTank
- IfcTang

Implications:

Missing data in IFC

- IFC properties cannot be exported
- Existing in-house properties not mapped properly (to wrong IFC properties), thus also can't be exported

Solution:

Avoid manual typing where possible

- Use BIM Interoperability Tool, select from drop down list
- Copy Paste the information from IFC-SG Industry Mapping (.XLS file from GovTech)

Top 3 Most Common Challenges, and Solutions

Challenge 2

Forgetting to update

IFC after changes /

modifications to model

Implications:

Missing data in IFC

- IFC properties cannot be exported
- Existing in-house properties not mapped properly (to wrong IFC properties), thus also can't be exported

Solution:

Check mapping

- Redo the mapping
- Use Schedule to cross check if all M&E Elements were tagged properly.

Avoid manual typing where possible

- Use BIM Interoperability Tool, select from drop down list
- Copy Paste the information from IFC-SG Industry Mapping (.XLS file from GovTech)

Top 3 Most Common Challenges, and Solutions

Challenge 3

Cannot export Revit linked files to a federated IFC (model with multiple link files)

e.g. MEP sub-discipline models

Implications:

Missing data in IFC

- Assigned systems will be lost
- IFC properties cannot be exported
- Existing in-house properties not mapped properly (to wrong IFC properties), thus also can't be exported

Solution:

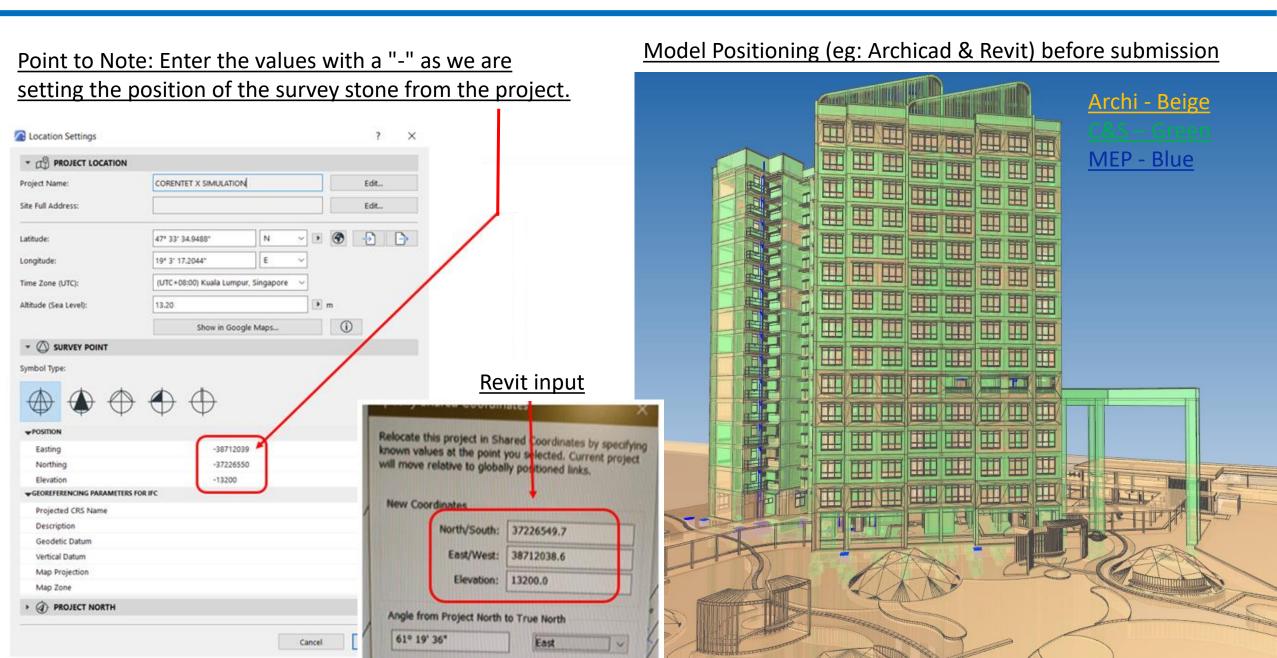
Today:

- Tag information after binding models
- Use Group Models instead of Binding
- Avoid binding if possible (i.e. export linked files one by one)

Future:

- Through CORENET X community of practice, we have feedback to Autodesk to enable export of federated IFC
- Autodesk shared that this is part of the Revit Roadmap and will be included progressively in early 2023

Coordinated 3 Discipline Models

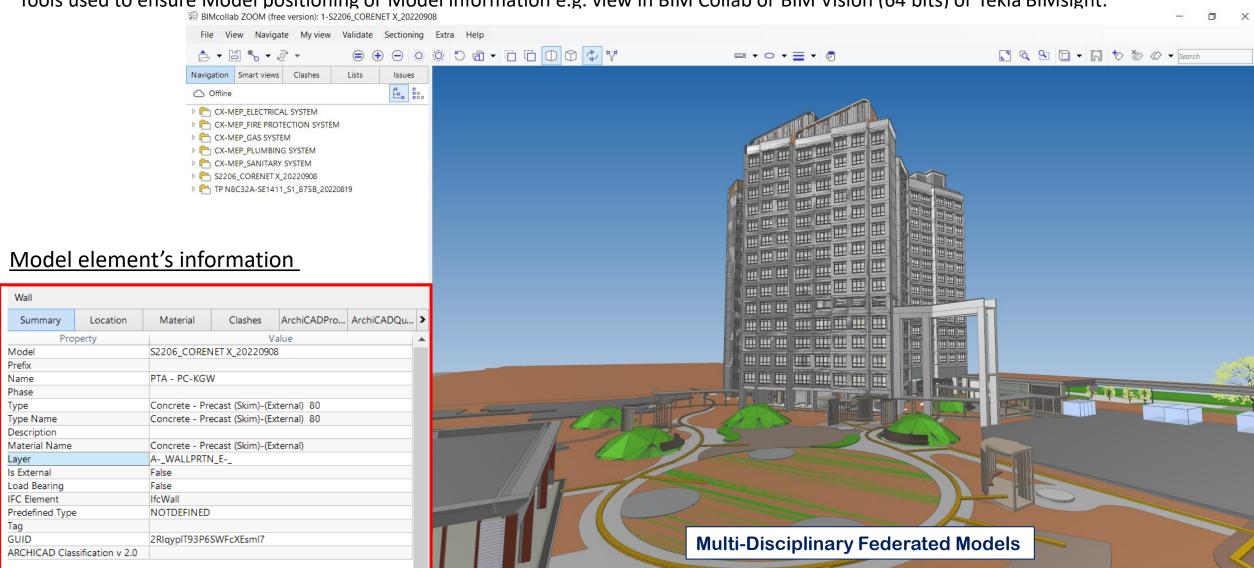


Using an IFC Viewer for Model Review

Consultants IFC models review:

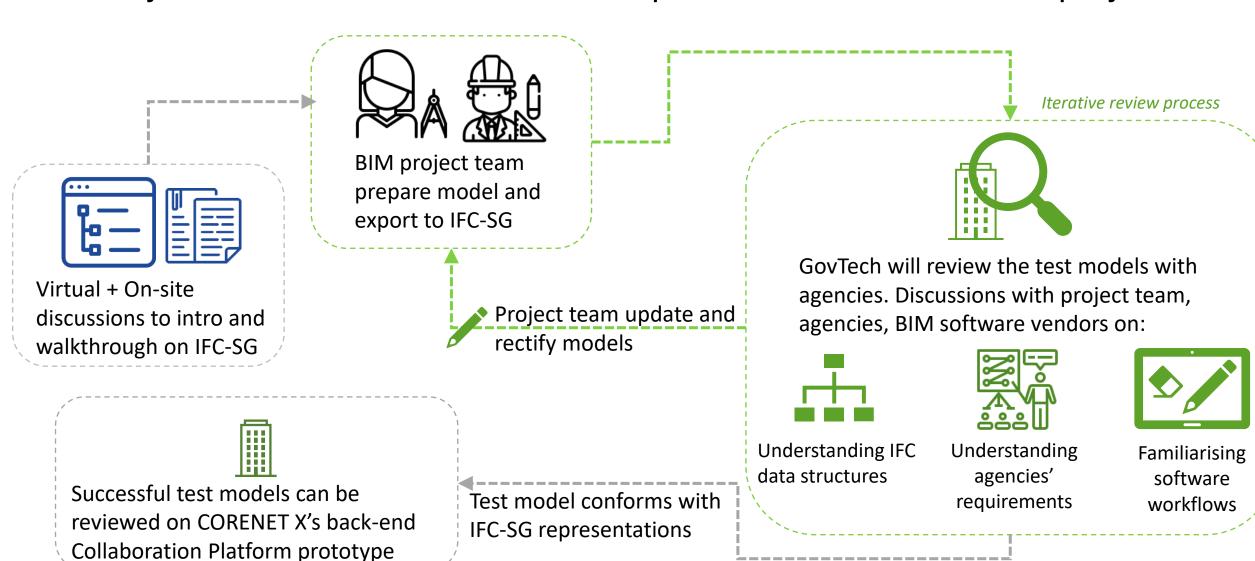
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Tools used to ensure Model positioning or Model information e.g. view in BIM Collab or BIM Vision (64 bits) or Tekla BIMsight.



My view: 0 Selected: 0

GovTech, Agencies and BIM Software Vendors will Support Multi-disciplinary Project Teams who are interested to practise IFC-SG in sandbox projects



THANK YOU