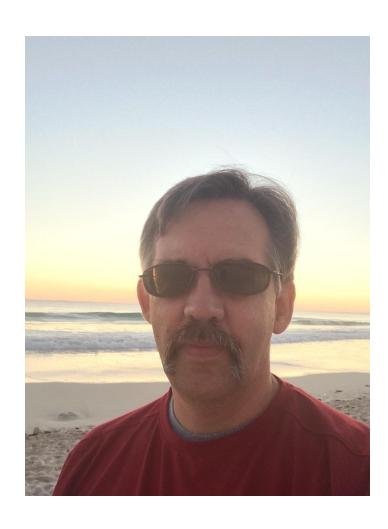
Revit to Advance Steel Collaboration Via SMLX.

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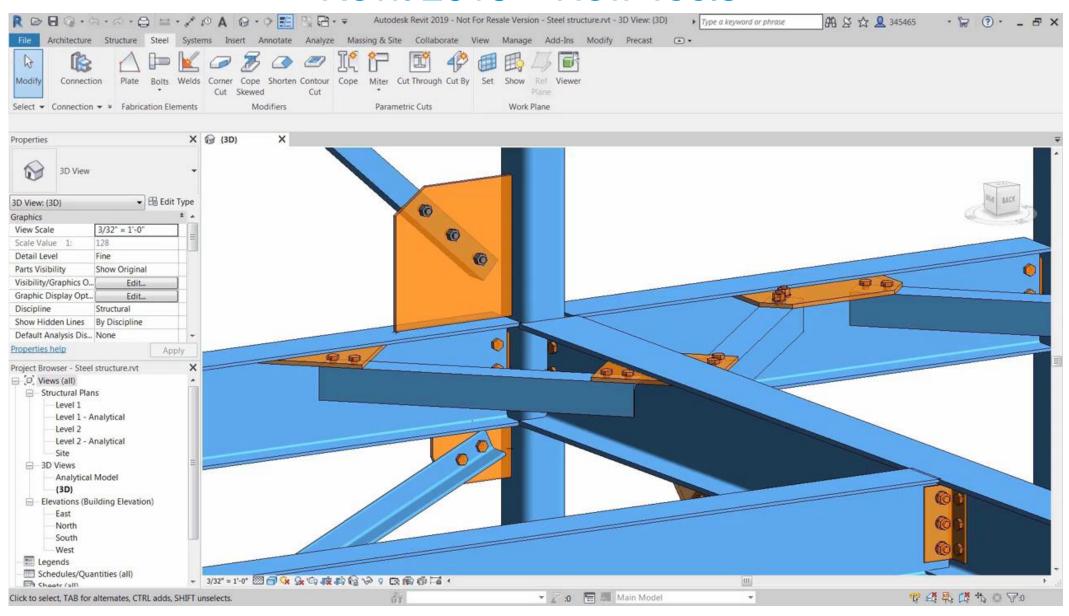
MY BACKGROUND

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Introduction & Key Learning



Revit 2019 – New Tools



Introduction- Revit to Advance Steel (Advance to Revit)

We see this question many times recently and are asked where to find the information.

- How do we do this, what is the best method, What is the SMLX file.
- What will be transfer. Where do we find the information.

We have many questions over the route used and the settings required, can we create a template in Revit, what should we look for.

With so many questions it is not always easy to see the workflow or even understand it, what is happening in the background. This was the idea for this class coming from the 2018 version, with its several updates and different file locations and changes.

Key Learning Objectives

REVIT ADVANCE STEEL EXTENSION

What is the Extension, were is it found, why is it required?

SMLX FILE

 An understanding of the SMLX file and what it is doing to transfer the meta Data from Revit to Advance Steel/ Advance Steel to Revit. Look at the different mechanisms used in the file

ELEMENTS TRANSFER

 Understanding the limits of what can be transfer, how this is changing each release to include more compatibility between the platforms. Insight into the Connections and New Customs Connections

CONNECTION TRANSFER

- What can be created in the Recent Versions, the Changes made in the 2019.
- How do you install it/ do you need to install it.

TIPS AND TRICKS

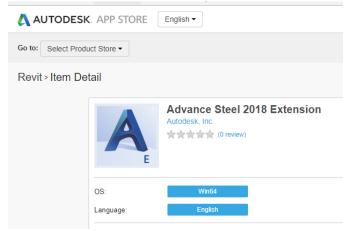
Tips along the way, we think Engineering and detailing work together easier.

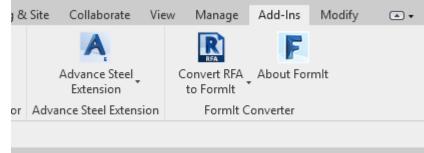
Revit to Advance Steel The Extension.

Revit Advance Steel Extension. – Install and Version

WHERE DO WE FIND IT:

- On the Autodesk Apps Store
- In your Autodesk account.
- Where is it on the ribbon
- Help files





ARE THE VERSIONS DIFFERENT:

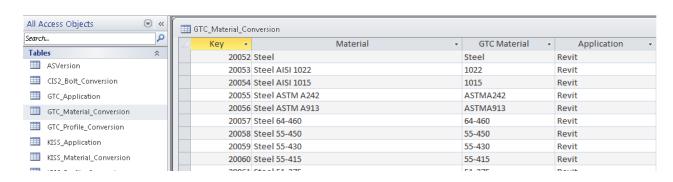
- Yes each build of Revit and Advance Steel have a specific extension install.
- Recently each year we have seen improvements to interoperability of the Extension to handle different elements of Steel Fabrication and connections, as well as main beams and columns.
- Revit 2018 apps store link
- Revit to Advance Steel 2018 Help.
- Revit to Advance Steel 2019 Help



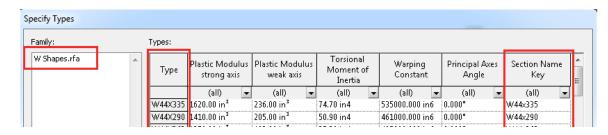
Revit Advance Steel Extension. – How does it work

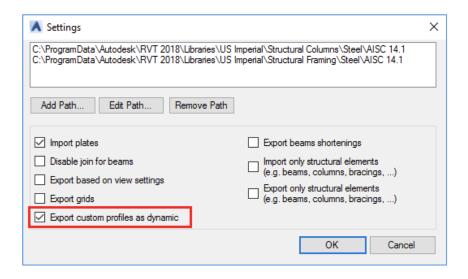
MECHANISMS BEHIND THE EXTENSION:

- What is the SMLX File: Steel markup language file format.
- Within the extension there are several different ways it Transfers this data:
- Sections Mapping based upon Expression rules from object shape references, Direct 1 to 1 mapping.
- Revit Family based section mapping (Section Key)
- Custom Profiles Mapping as Dynamic
- Materials Mapping





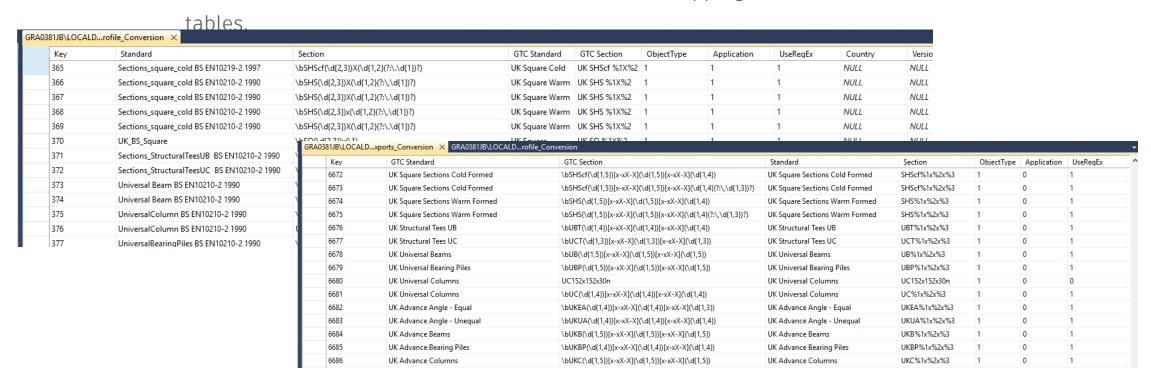




Revit Advance Steel Extension. – Mechanism -1

SECTIONS MAPPING - BASED UPON EXPRESSION RULES FROM OBJECT SHAPE REFERENCES.

- Sections Mapping –Use the object shape references for the profile transfer, use a Formulae entry
- These entries are stored in the Advance steel GTC mapping database, under two



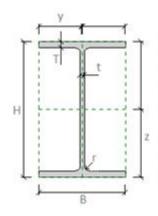
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SECTIONS MAPPING - BASED UPON RULES FROM OBJECT SHAPE REFERENCES.

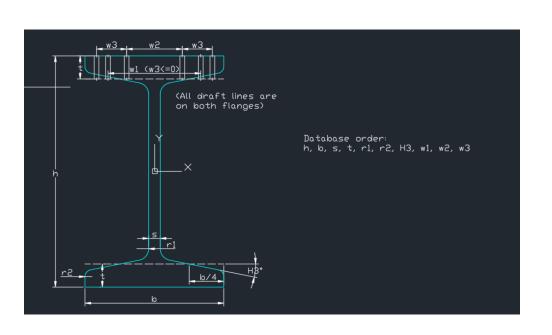
- **Sections Mapping** –Use the object shape references for the profile transfer, use a Expression Formulae entry
- Rule based mapping, where a certain rule (using tokens) will allow the mapping of an entire

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I-shape Parallel Flange



- B. Width: the external width of the section shape.
- H. Height: the external height of the section shape.
- T. Flange Thickness: the distance between the exterior surfaces of the flange in the section shape.
- t. Web Thickness: the distance between the exterior surfaces of the web in the section shape.
- r. Web Fillet: the radius of the fillet between the web and flange.
- y. Centroid Horizontal: the distance from the centroid of the section shape to the left extremities along the horizontal axis.
- z. Centroid Vertical: the distance from the centroid of the section shape to the lower extremities along the vertical axis.



Revit Advance Steel Extension. – Mechanism -1.3

SECTIONS MAPPING – 1 TO 1 REFERENCES.

- 1 to 1 mapping, where each section size is mapped individually.
- All manual mappings requested by Advance Steel or Revit during import are saved in the database for further use as one to one mapping.
- Mapping configuration can be made country-dependent; this allows specific selectable country mapping during import / export.

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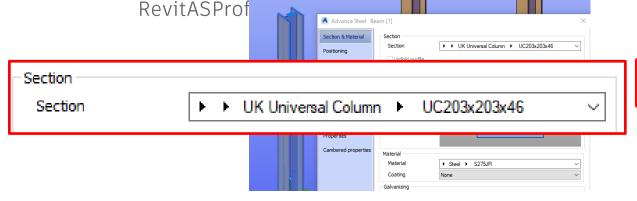
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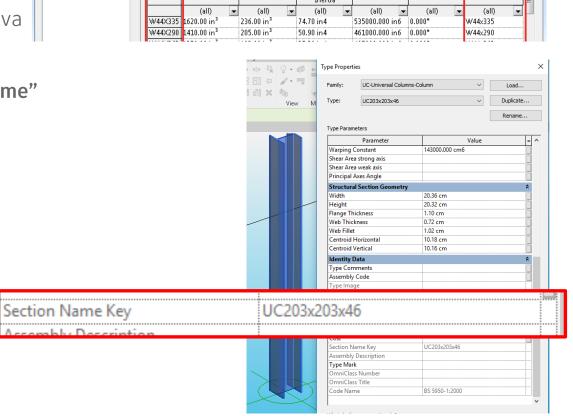
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REVIT FAMILY BASED SECTION MAPPING

This process uses the internal Section name inside Adva Steel links it to the Approved Revit Family.

- The link is via the Section class and the key is the "Name"
- These families contain 2 parameters:
 - Family Name Key ,Section Name Key
- Table inside AstorProfiles database, called





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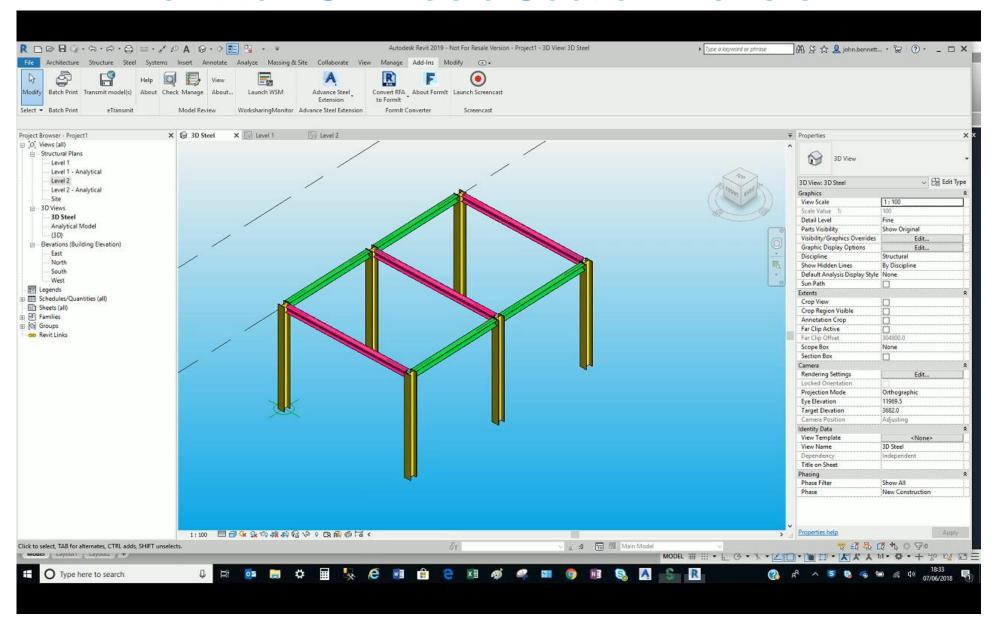
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Section Name

Tip: if the Revit project uses Structural Steel, Try first to use the designated approved Families provide by Autodesk, this makes collaboration workflow smoother.

Revit Family based mapping help link

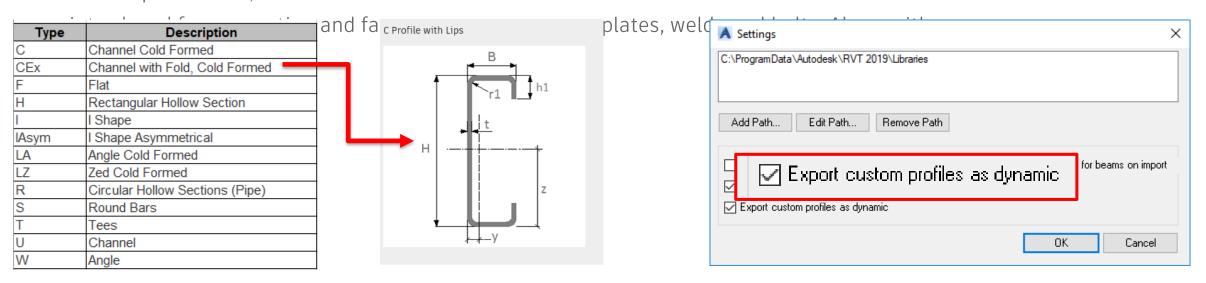
Revit to AS – Basic Section Transfer



Revit Advance Steel Extension. – Mechanism - 3

CUSTOM PROFILES MAPPING AS DYNAMIC

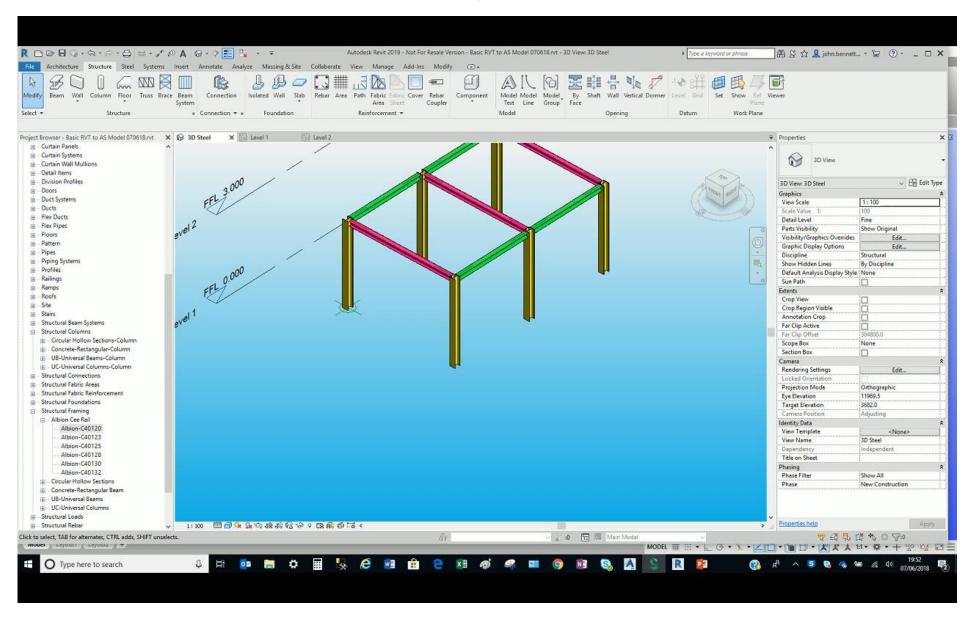
- This is for profiles that are from approved Structural family shape references, but do not exist in Advance steel, the Profile is mapped as Dynamic type.
- This method places a profile inside advance steel model, it is not added to the Advance steel database.
- 2019 improvement, this mechanism is used as the basis for the Steel Fabrication Format



Tip: Dynamic profiles are transferred in Advance Steel and saved inside the model. There are no entries created inside the AstorProfiles.mdf

Revit Dynamic Profile Transfer help

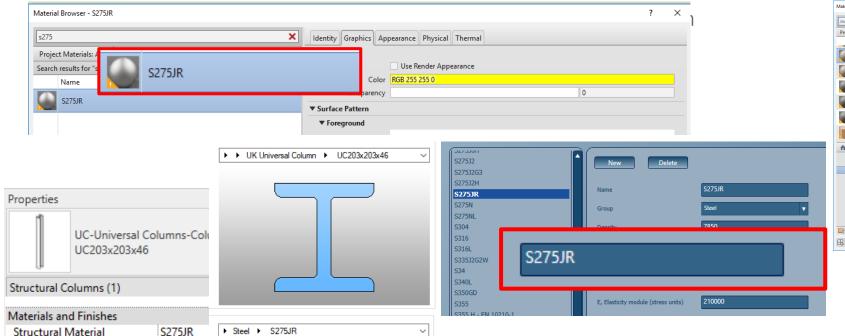
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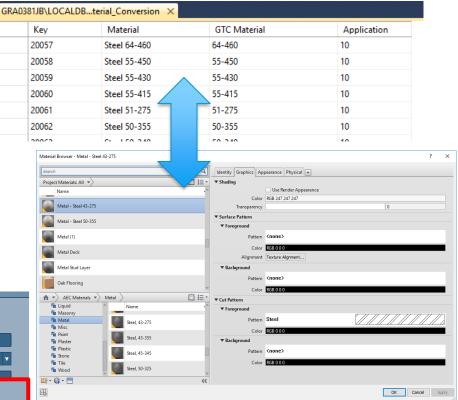


Revit Advance Steel Extension. - Materials

MATERIALS MAPPING

- Materials Mapping uses the AEC materials in Revit as a Basis.
- Link is via a materials table in the GTC Database inside AS.



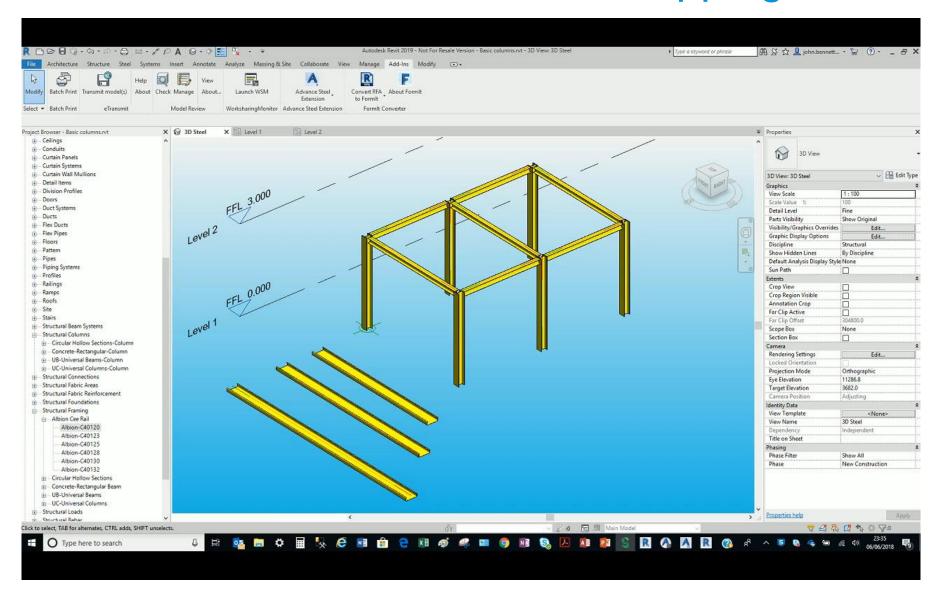


Note: AS to Revit will create a material if not found in Revit Material browser

Tip: Materials Mapping – creating new material in Revit, note that and explain to detailer, they can create corresponding materials in Advance steel, to help the mapping dialog. Use the Key Name in AS if known, make key name same as Revit MATLs.

Revit AS Extension Mapping help link

Revit to AS – Materials Mapping



Revit to Advance Steel Approved Families.

Revit Approved Families

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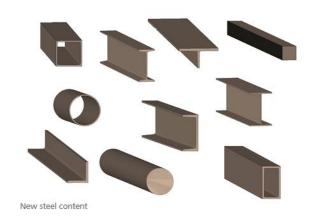
- These are the ones with the Section keys.
- Linked to standard structural shapes in Revit and Advance Steel
- Approved families found via blog link, to into Revit 2018.1
 - Revit 2018.1 update

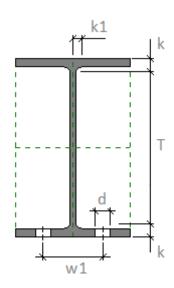
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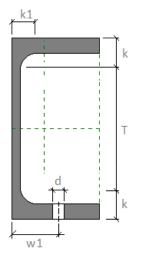
- Only Structural steel columns and framings are supported in the steel fabrication workflow.
- Framing Elements need to meet a series of requirements for the steel fabrication workflow
 - Material for Model Behaviour parameter must be set to Steel
 - Section Shape parameter must be set to a supported shape.

Supported Structural Steel Shapes and Families for Steel Fabrication

Structural Section Shapes in Revit







Tip: Try To use the approved families for Revit Structural beams and columns, these are the only ones with the Section keys.

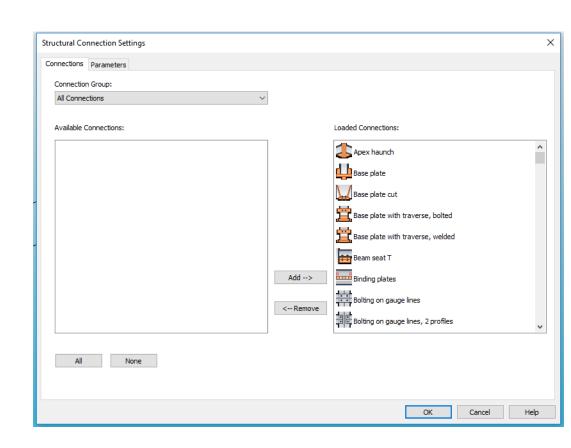
Help: Family And Category

Revit Steel Connections Where and Why.

Revit – Steel Connections – 2017/8 Slide 1.1

STEEL CONNECTIONS

- Available as a additional download and install to the Revit 2018 platform, from your Autodesk account
- Revit 2019 **Steel connections are installed with the delivery**.
 - Now found on the Steel Ribbon tab.
 - Also on the Structure Tab.
 - 130 no standard connections
 - Transfer as part of the SMLX. (We see the new "steel Fabrication format" come into play.



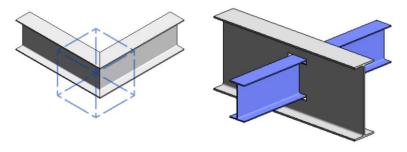
Revit Steel Tools 2019 New Tools and Transfer Method.

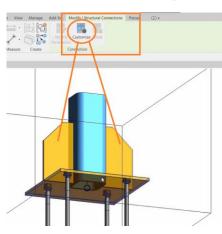
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STEEL TOOLS 2019

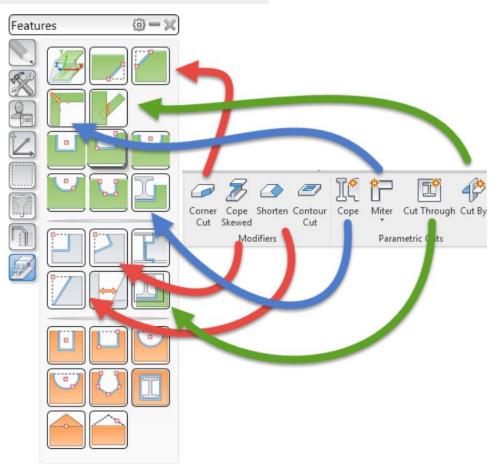
- New Steel Ribbon. With Tools for Notch (Cope), Miter, shorten, and many other options
- Revit Elements change when using these Tools to <u>Steel Fabrication format.</u>
- With 2019, these New tools, replicate the tools that we already have inside
 AS, a clear message for connection collaboration.
- Also the Ability for custom connections now added via this new development.



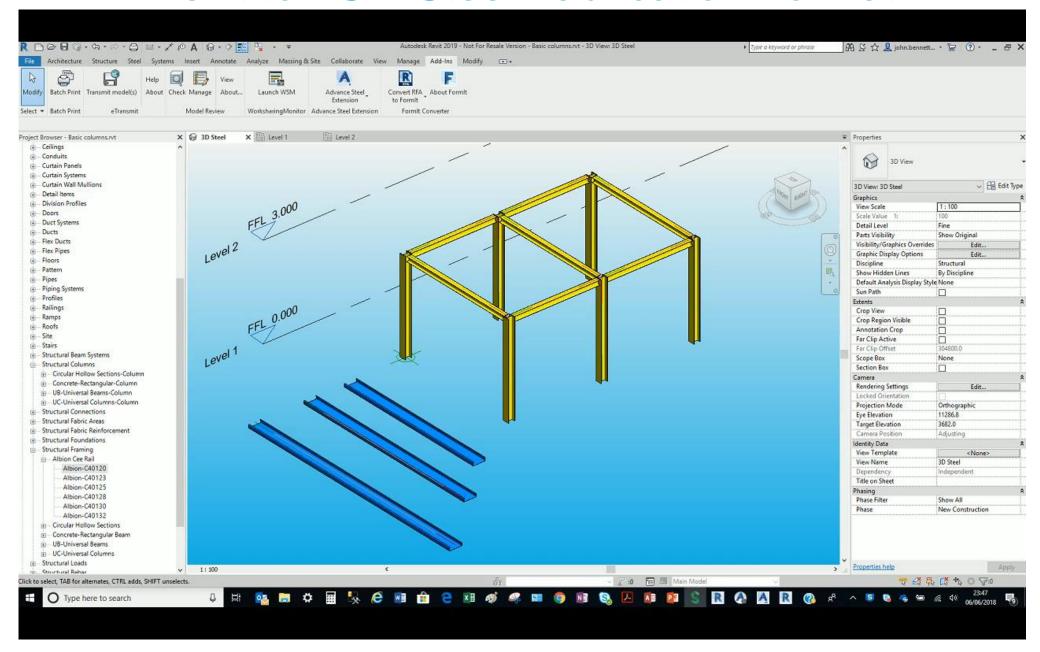


Tip: Blog post, Grumpy's Article on LinkedIn.

Graitec Blog - New tools in Revit 2019, Stephan's LinkedIn Article



Revit to AS – Steel Fabrication Format

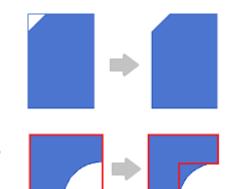


Revit 2019 Steel Fabrication Transfer.

Revit – Steel Fabrication Element Transfer.

STEEL FABRICATION TRANSFER METHOD 2019

- With 2019, The Copes/Cuts/Shortens are now transfer via the Steel fabrication elements. This is taken into the SMLX via this format.
- This works with the Steel Fabrication Format, transferring the Structural Beams as the Steel fabrication Shape into Advance Steel With the Connections.



Note: Any structural framing or column, exported from Revit or Advance Steel that has an associated cut in the SMLX file, will be imported in Revit as a structural framing or column with a <u>Steel fabrication shape</u>.

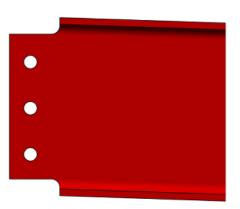
Revit 2019 Supported Structural Steel Shapes and Families for Steel Fabrication

Revit 2018 Supported Structural Steel Shapes and Families for Steel Fabrication

Note: the 2018 method is Different, the supported list is different, this is a new approach in 2019.

Tip: Note that this is New format for 2019, SMLX is different structure in 2019 to accommodate the change in Shape format and connections. Note fabrication shape displays the exact shape of the element and the process of creating it is irreversible

Steel Fabrication Element Transfer



Revit 2019/ Advance Steel 2019 Template Ideas for Modelling.

Revit – Template Ideas. Slide 1.1

TEMPLATE: CREATION ELEMENTS

• **Origin** - In AS, try to model about the 0,0,0. modelling in Revit at this reference makes the transfer easier.

Levels

- Use them, place beam on them, they are transferred providing they have
 Beams elements on them
- Try not to use large offsets for beams, affects in the transfer.

Grids

• **Transferable,** but watch if coming from AS, as you only need the level 1, multi levels used in AS, can lead to confusion.

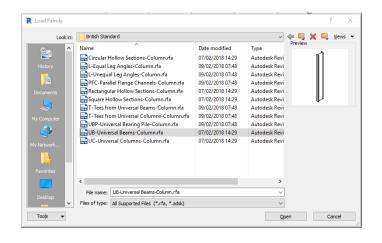
Steel Sections/Families

- C:\ProgramData\Autodesk\RVT 2019\Libraries\UK\Structural
 Framing\Steel\British Standard
 - Personal View –load the correct country libraries, all of them, just makes it easier to model steel in Revit.









Revit – Template Ideas. – Slide 1.2

TEMPLATE: CREATION ELEMENTS

- Steel Connections just load them all, is easier, then use search feature.
- Steel Materials there are some in the system, by default Revit is mapped to AS
 via the AEC materials, but you can add you own, If you have access to steel guide
 then look, if New materials, Create the same in AS.
- Colours Revit is different to AS, New users need to get to grip with materials and also Visual graphics and the overrides.
 - Personal view, try to make the steel and connection elements different base colours, just helps to see them in model.
 - When creating materials, use this as the basis to change the colour for steel, if working with AS, try to match what you would expect to see.

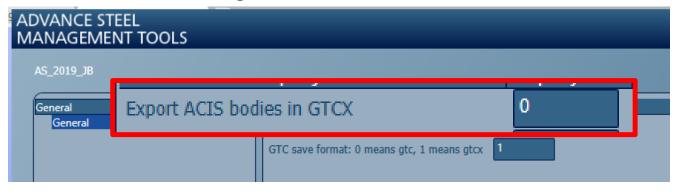
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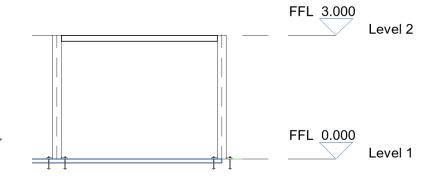
Revit Help - Setting you default template adding to list

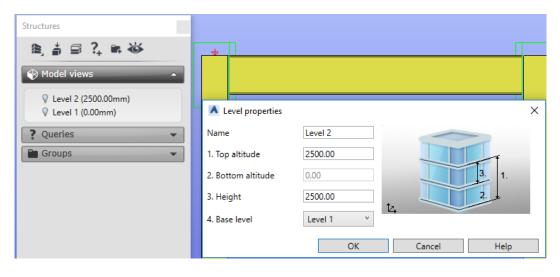
Advance Steel – Model Settings – Slide 1.1

MANAGEMENT TOOL SETTINGS

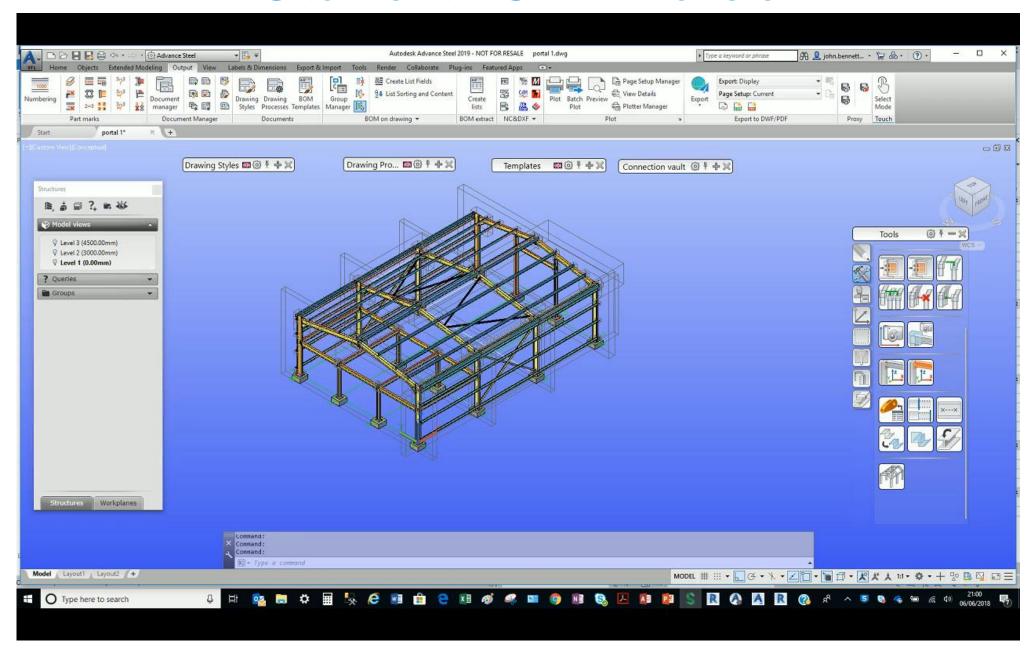
- GTC AS Defaults Settings- Change this (UK) so you do not need to number the model before the export.
- AS Levels— Use levels in the project explorer, if working with Revit, attach beams to levels, the levels are transferred into Revit.
- Origin In AS try to start your model at the WCS, 0,0,0 position, this helps when transferring to Revit. As the levels are based around that reference point.







AS to Revit – SMLX Transfer.





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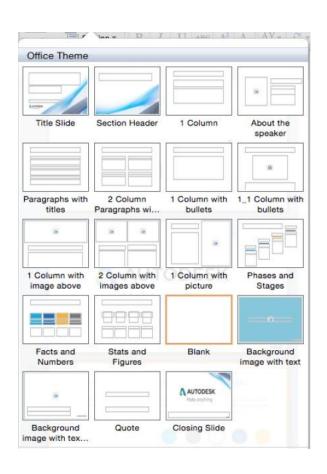
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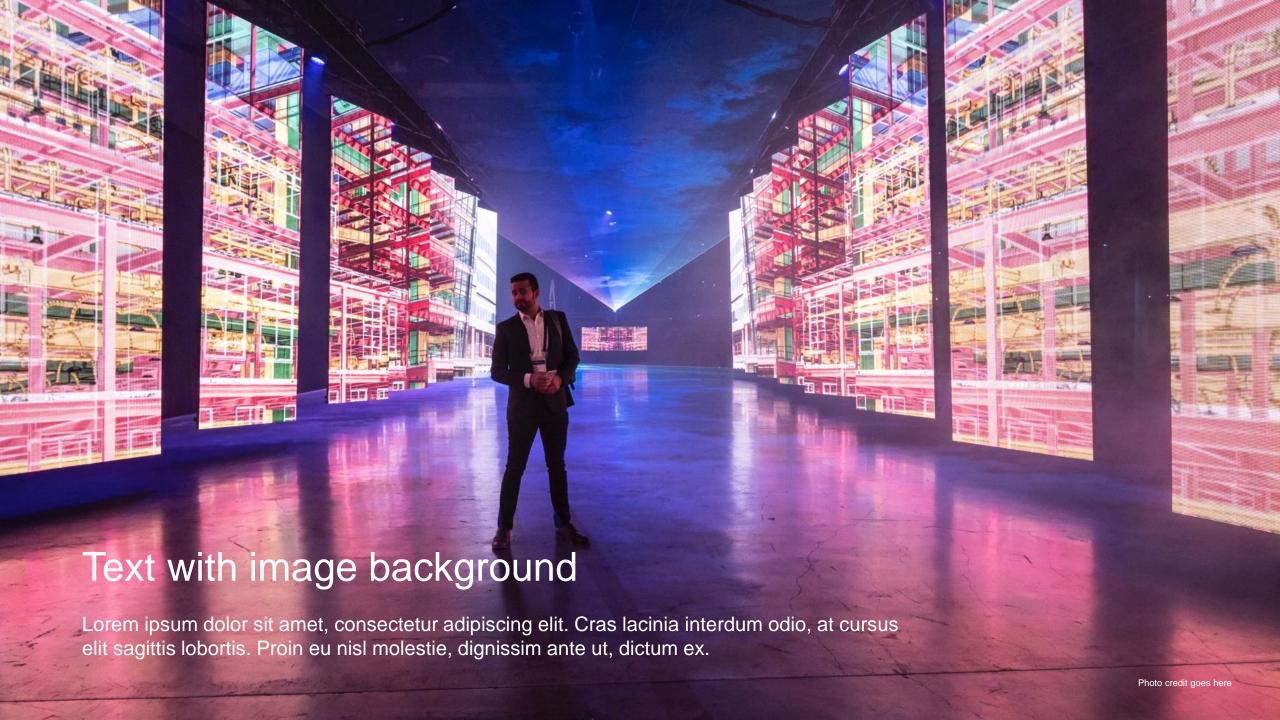
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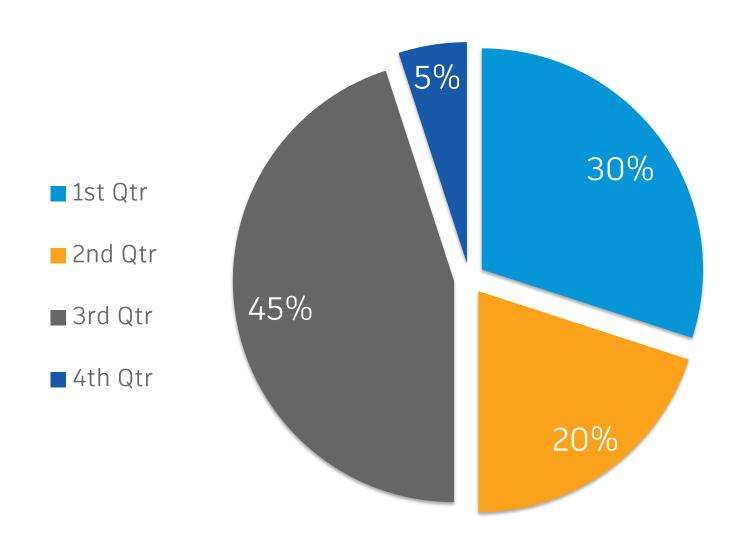
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