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Discover how Manufacturers are collaborating in an AEC environment

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Class Summary

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It will cover not only how building product fabricators can deliver reusable information to architects, but also how custom fabricators and system integrators can deliver coordinated models into an ongoing project.

1624

The first panelised wood house shipped from England to Massachusetts

1839

Kit houses were shipped by rail for settlers during the California Gold Rush

1903

First concrete prefabricated apartment block constructed in Liverpool

1947

Levittown, New York suburban development started using prefabricated homes. Build at a rate of 150 per week

1837

Portable cottages produced for export to Australia

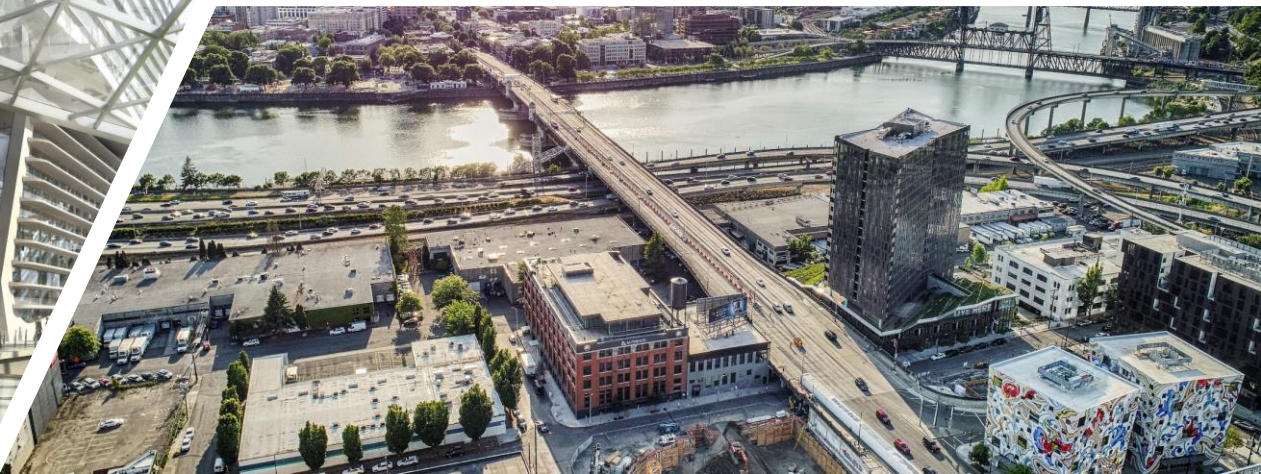
1889

Eiffel Tower completed using prefabricated cast iron sections

1920

Steel framed **Dorlonco** and Timber framed **Weir** houses introduced to overcome post WWI housing shortage





Rendering courtesy of Denver International Airport & Gensler





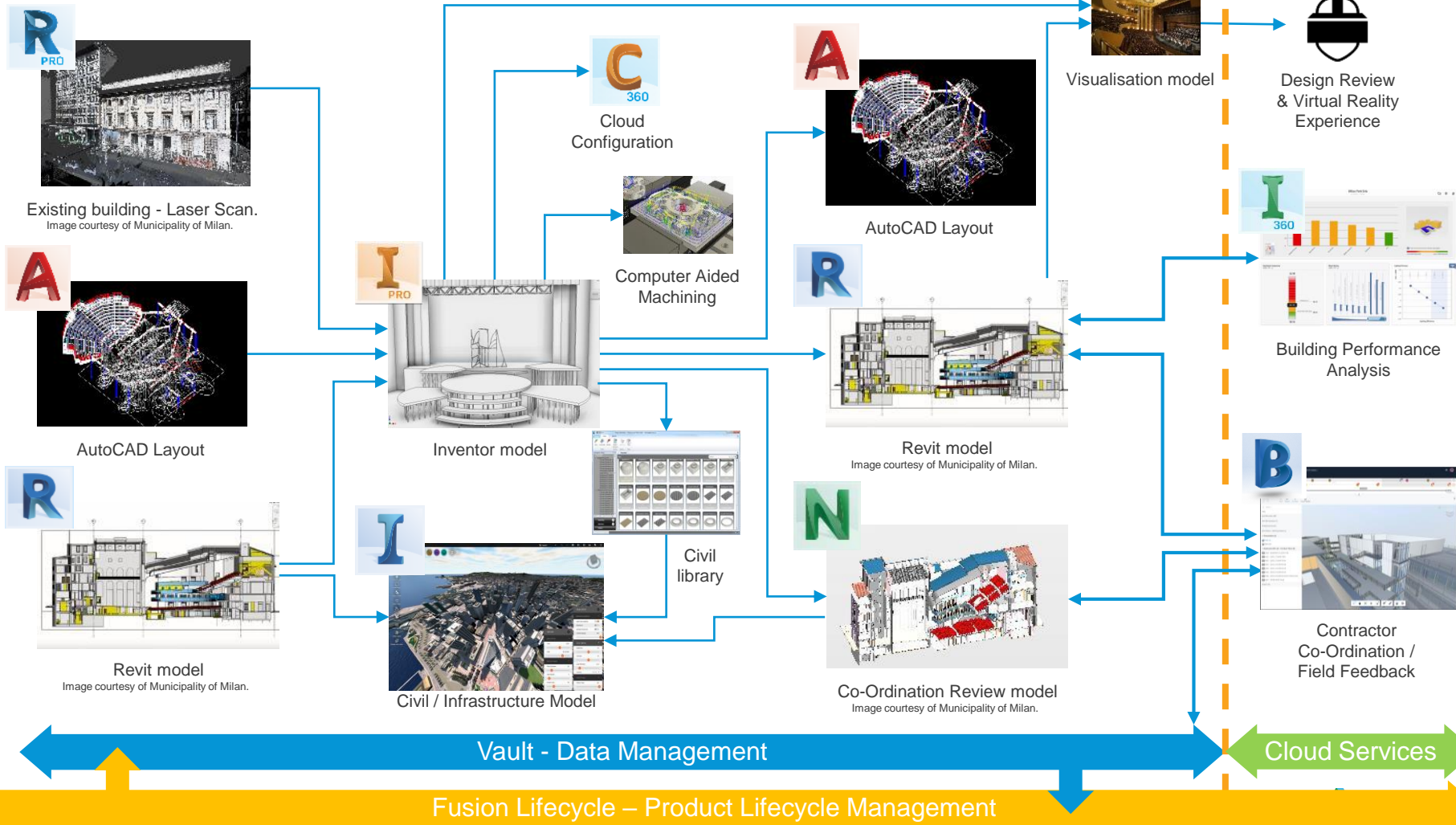
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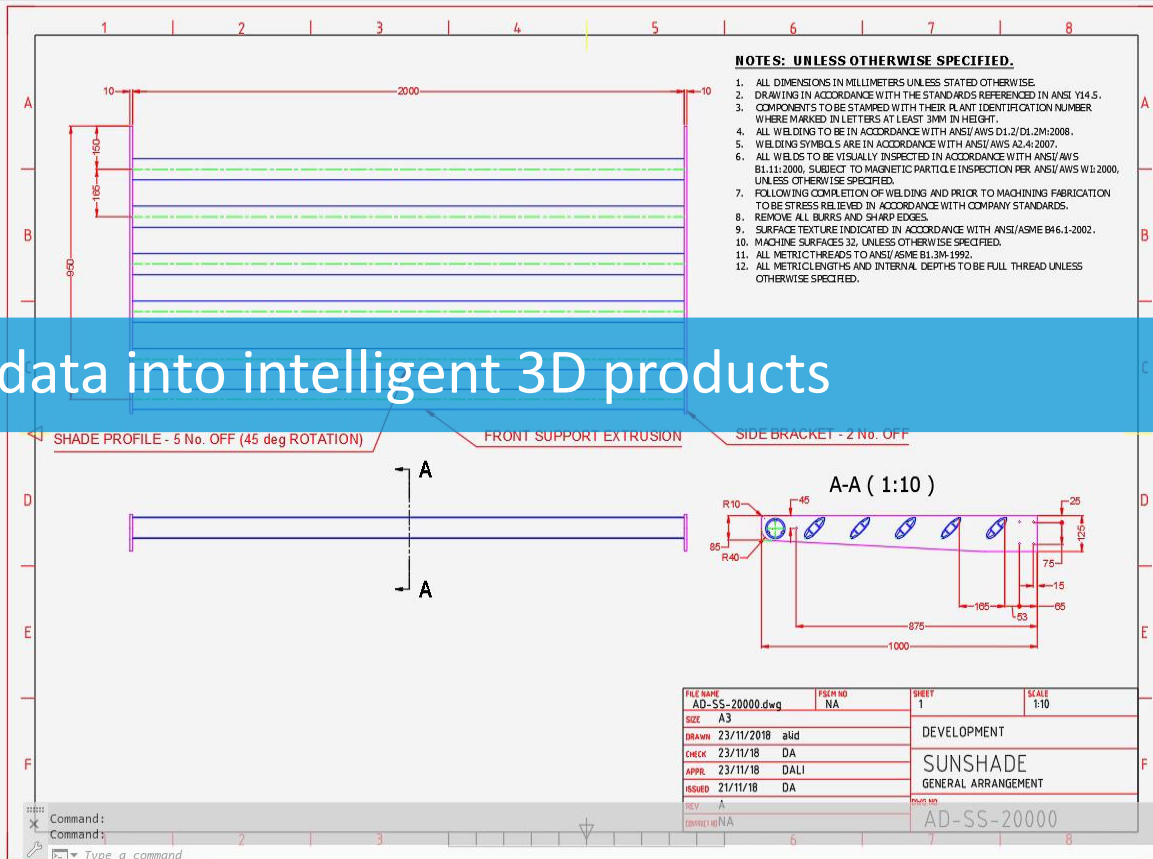
Building Products

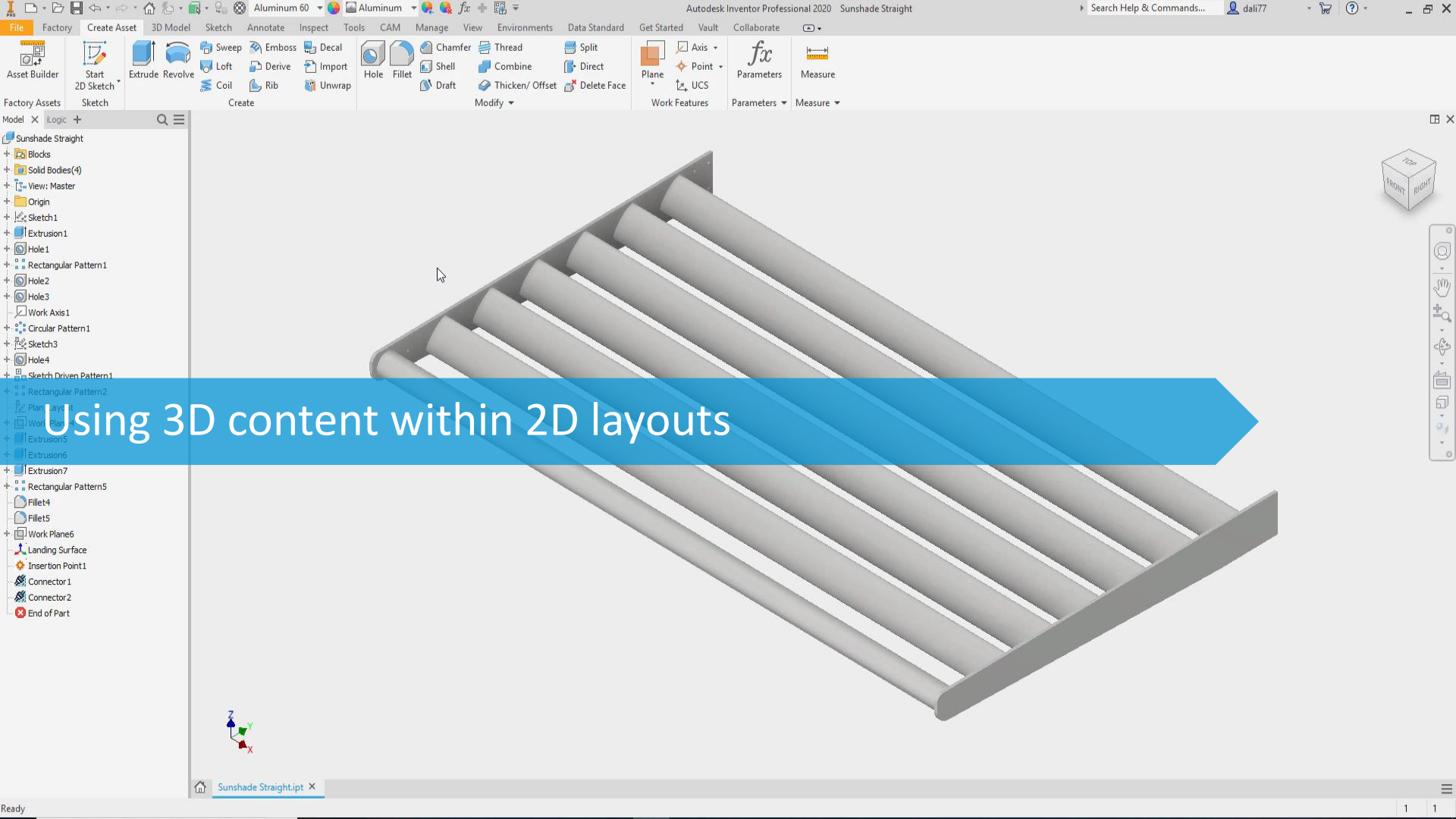
- Discrete manufactured elements
- Standard / configurable building items
- Content access makes being 'specified' easier
- Ideal fit for online catalogue



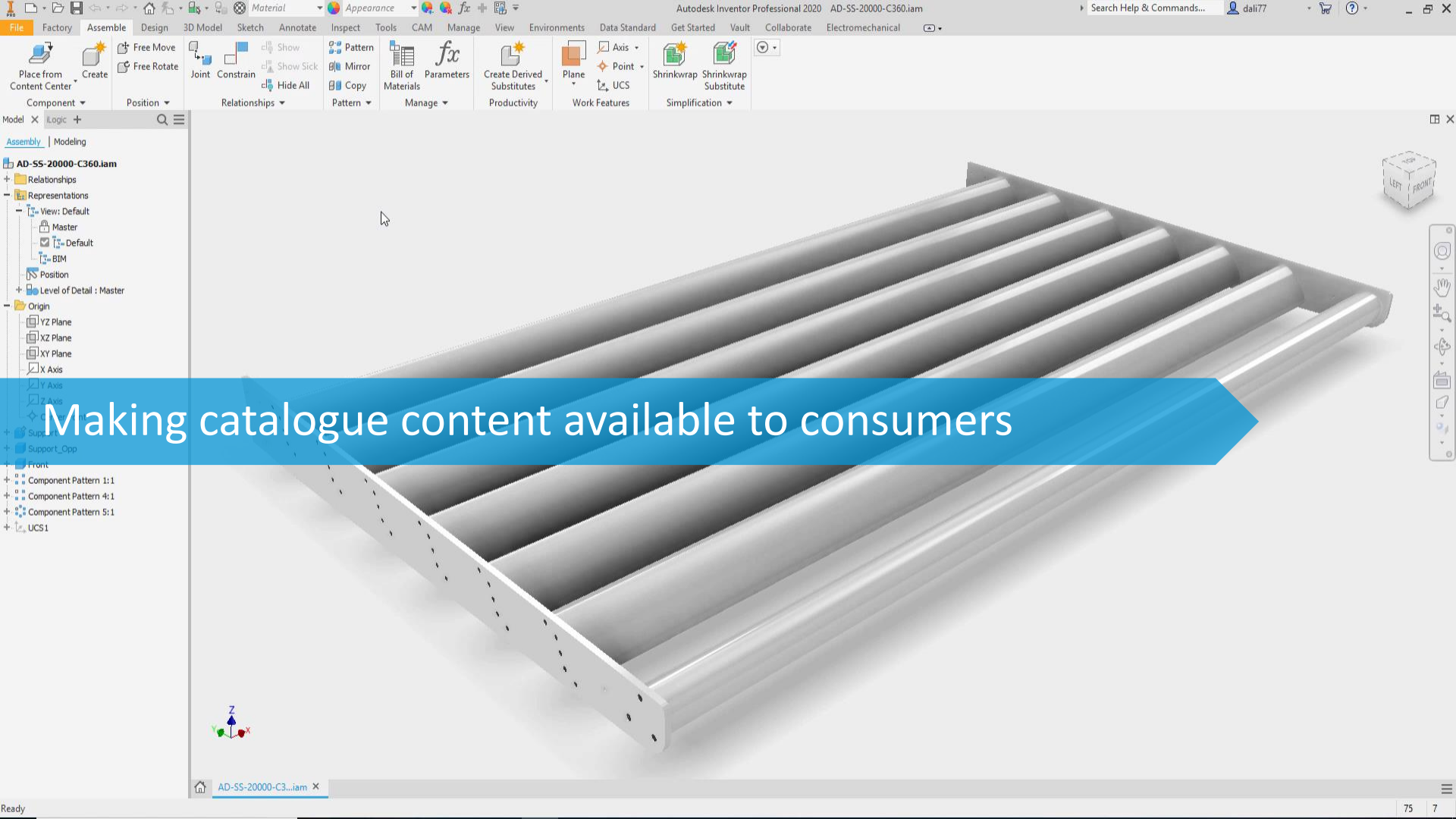
[Top] [2D Wireframe]

Convert 2D data into intelligent 3D products





Using 3D content within 2D layouts



Making catalogue content available to consumers

Building Equipment

- Configured or Engineered to Order
- Complex, often integrated into building systems
- MEP service connections required
- Examples incl. lifts, escalators, HVAC units...



Level of Complexity

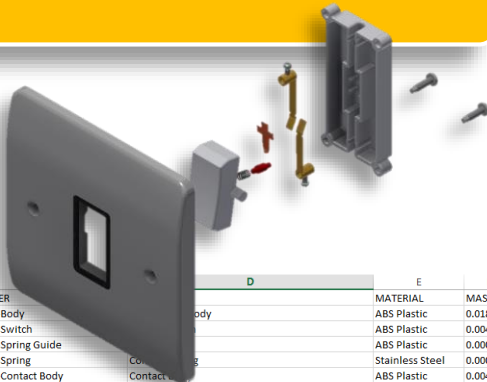
Manufacturing Model

Assembly level detail.

Component level detail.

Assembly Bill of Materials.

BIM specific content to be added to simplified 3D model.



A	B	D	E	F
ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	MATERIAL	MASS
1	1	Single Gang-Body	ABS Plastic	0.018 kg
2	1	Single Gang-Switch	ABS Plastic	0.004 kg
3	1	Single Gang-Spring Guide	ABS Plastic	0.000 kg
4	1	Single Gang-Spring	Stainless Steel	0.000 kg
5	1	Single Gang-Contact Body	ABS Plastic	0.004 kg
6	2	Switch-Contact A	Brass, Soft Yellow	0.001 kg
7	2	ISO 1580 - M2 x 6	Steel, Mild	0.000 kg
8	1	Single Gang-Contact	Copper	0.000 kg
9	4	ANSI/ASME B18.6.5M - M2.5x0.45 x 10	Steel, Mild	0.001 kg
10	1	Single Gang Insert	ABS Plastic	0.000 kg

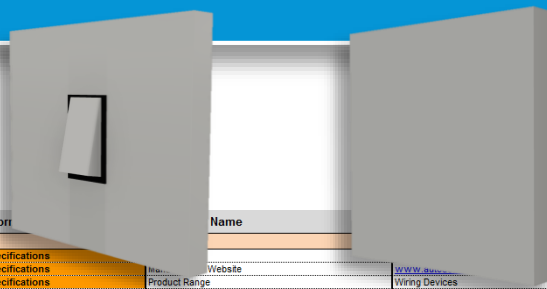
Architectural Model

Top level component metadata required. Such as Mass, Size limits. Content specific information such as Voltage, Warranty, also needs to be included.

'Visual 3D model' suitable for Medium or Fine representation.

'Bounding Box model' Suitable for Course representation.

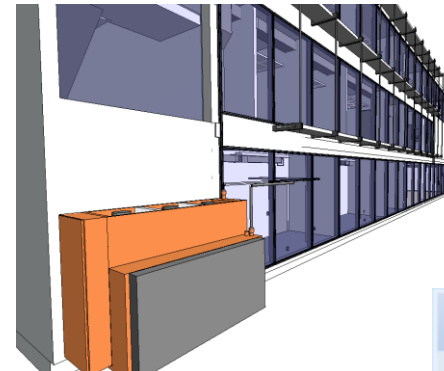
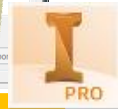
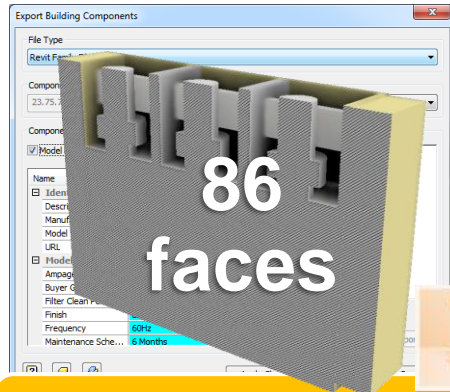
'Annotation sketch' replaces 3D model in Plan views.



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Inform	Name	Units	Notes
Specifications	Website	Text	
Specifications	Product Range	Text	
Specifications	Product Model Number (Code)	Text	
Specifications	CE Approval	Text	
Specifications	Product Literature Webpage	Text	
Specifications	Product Features	Text	
Specifications	Construction Data	Text	
Specifications	Type	Text	
Specifications	Shape	Text	
Specifications	Material	Text	
Specifications	Colour	Text	
Specifications	Finish	Text	
Specifications	Application	Text	
Specifications	Reference Standard	Text	
Specifications	Power Source (if required)	Text	
Specifications	Dimensional Data	Text	
Specifications	Overall Length	Text	

Removing the complexity



Design

Create, detail and document manufacturing level of detail within Inventor or import existing design from 3rd party via AnyCAD capability.

Apply and manage suitable metadata such as product data information

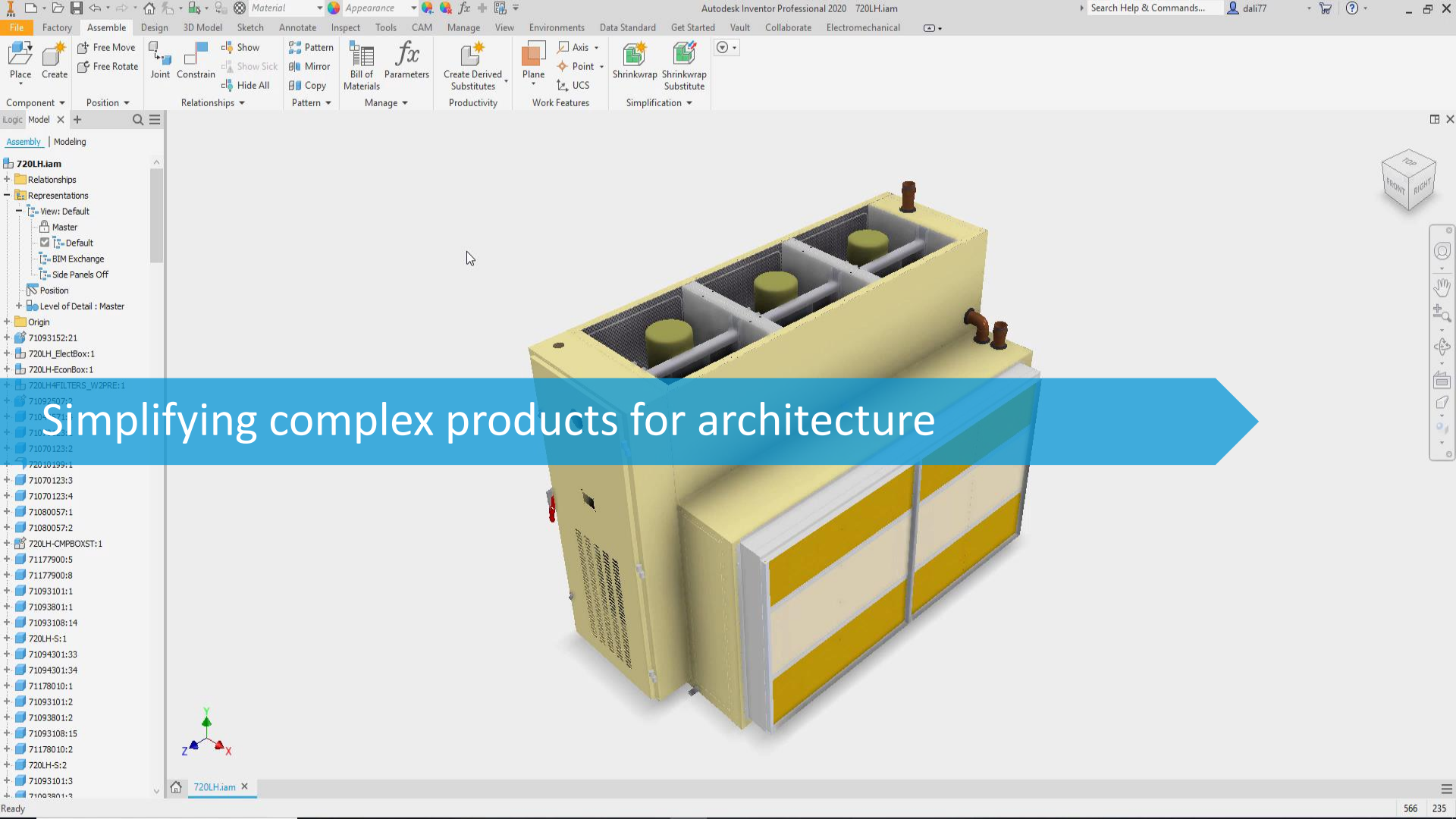
Visibility Control & Simplification

Remove unnecessary detail, add relevant metadata such as classifications, flowrates etc. If connected to services add connections, size and flow direction.

Share & Utilise

Supply and use item without recreation or cross referencing technical specifications for connections and properties.

Create visualisations and layouts faster.



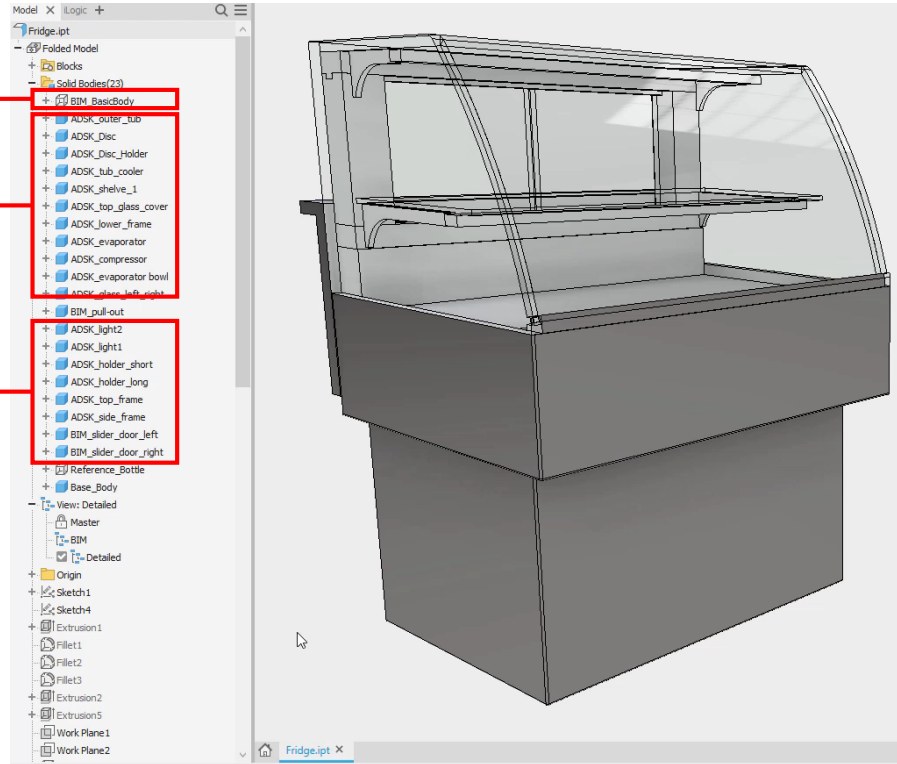
Removing the complexity before exporting

- With PART files, utilise design views to switch off & toggle body visibility

Simple Solid Body Representation

When required set unnecessary solid bodies visibility to **Off**.

Easy to control from Design View Representations



Using part level feature suppression and simplification

- In addition to using Inventors simplification tools, a hybrid approach using Part visibility, Direct Edit, Sculpt & Feature Suppression can be applied to selectively simplify components within a model.
- iLogic can be used to automate the suppression of these features to control simplification.

LEVEL OF COMPLEXITY

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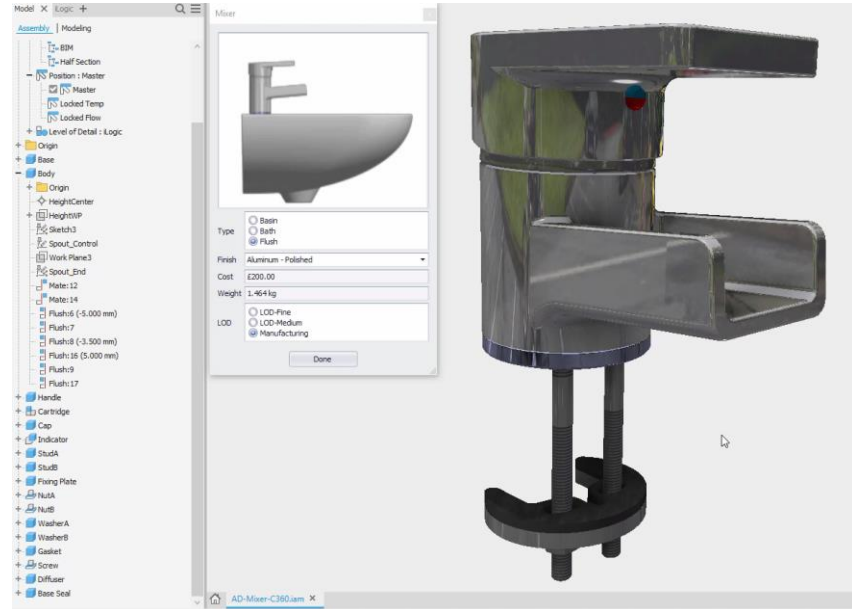
- All parts and features - **Active**
- Boundary Patch Faces - **Suppressed**
- Sculpt / Void Fill - **Suppressed**
- Delete Fillet Faces - **Suppressed**

FINE

- Unnecessary parts - **Suppressed**
- Boundary Patch Faces - **Active**
- Sculpt / Void Fill - **Active**
- Delete Fillet Faces - **Suppressed**

MEDIUM

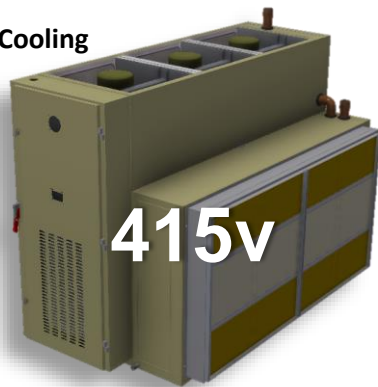
- Unnecessary parts - **Suppressed**
- Boundary Patch Faces - **Active**
- Sculpt / Void Fill - **Active**
- Delete Fillet Faces - **Active**



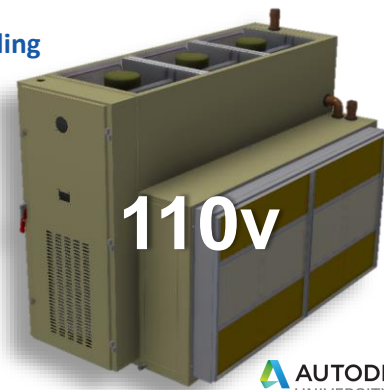
What additional intelligence can be included?

- There may be variations of the design that do not effect the visual representation of the content.
- Different models for example may look the same BUT have different properties that need to be accommodated such as description, voltage, warranty, etc.

Model	720-415v
Part Number	720-LH-A
Voltage	415v
Ampage	60A
Maintenance Schedule	6 Months
SubType	Fluid Type A Cooling
Frequency	60Hz
Filter Clean Period	Bi-Monthly



Model	720-110v
Part Number	720-LH-V
Voltage	110v
Ampage	75A
Maintenance Schedule	5 Months
SubType	Fluid Type B Cooling
Frequency	50Hz
Filter Clean Period	Monthly

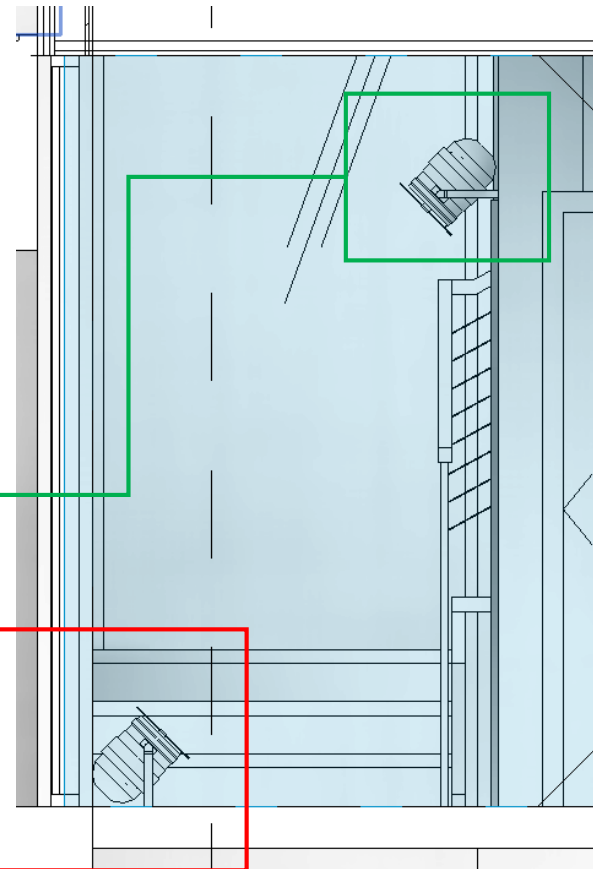


What if a specific template type is required?

- What if you need the content to be a face / wall orientated object instead of the floor?
- Without setting any controls the default template is always generic and level based.

Modified = 'Face Based' Template Position

Default = 'Generic' Level based position



What about backwards compatibility?



When sharing model data, what if the architect is using an older version of Revit compared to Inventor?

Although not via a UI option**, there is the ability to create a Revit '**legacy**' compatible *.rfa files from a newer version of Inventor.

Up to **3** versions back is supported for export.

**Instructions & sample iLogic snippet available in the appendix of this presentation

What's needed to export a previous version?

There are **3** prerequisites to export a **legacy *.rfa**.

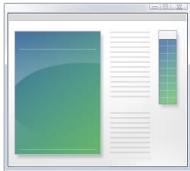
The exporting system must have the following full software installed:



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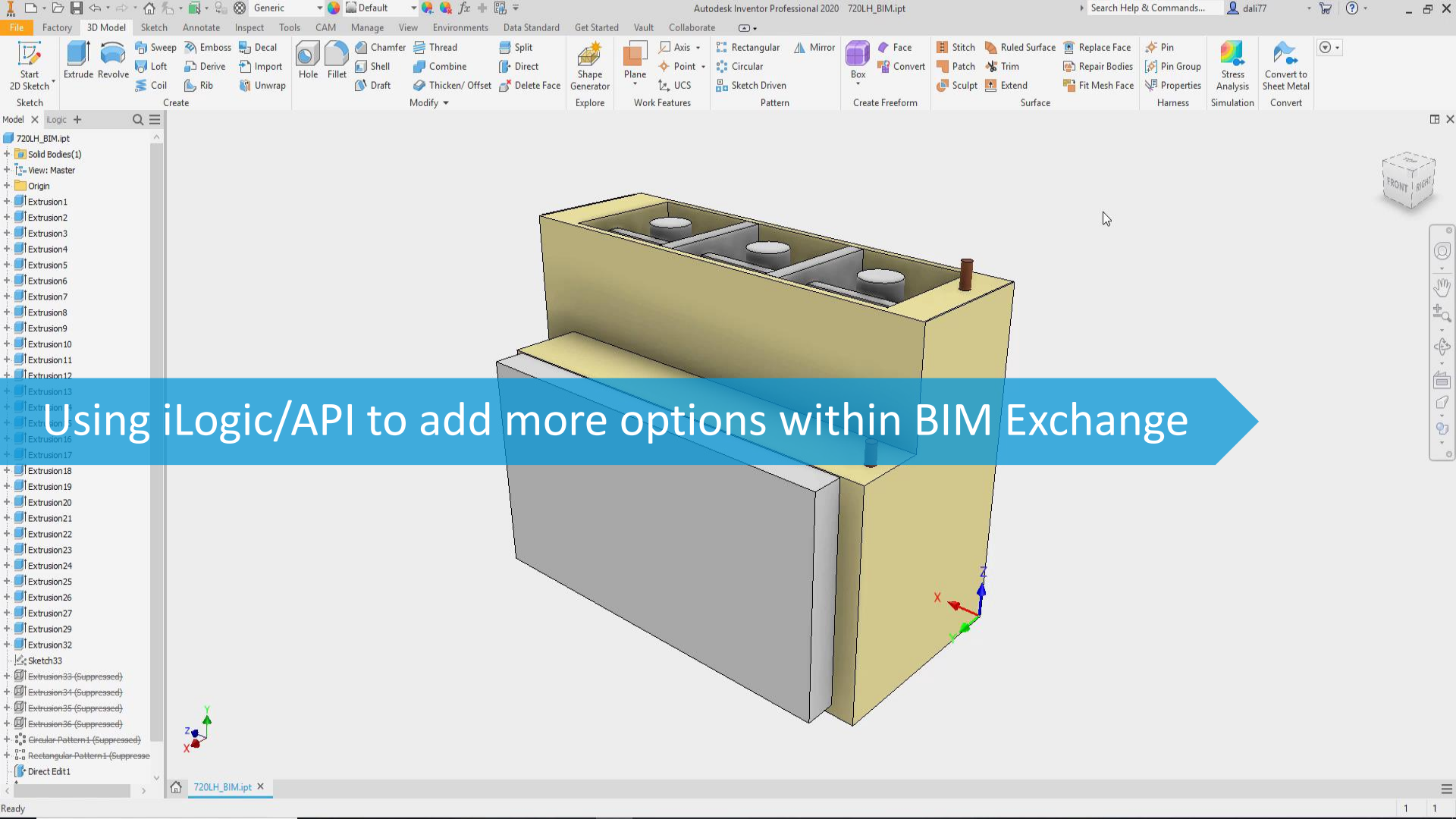


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RFATranslator.Translate.RevitServerLegacy.exe

From the Inventor Server installation included with product installations such as **Navisworks** and **Factory Utilities**



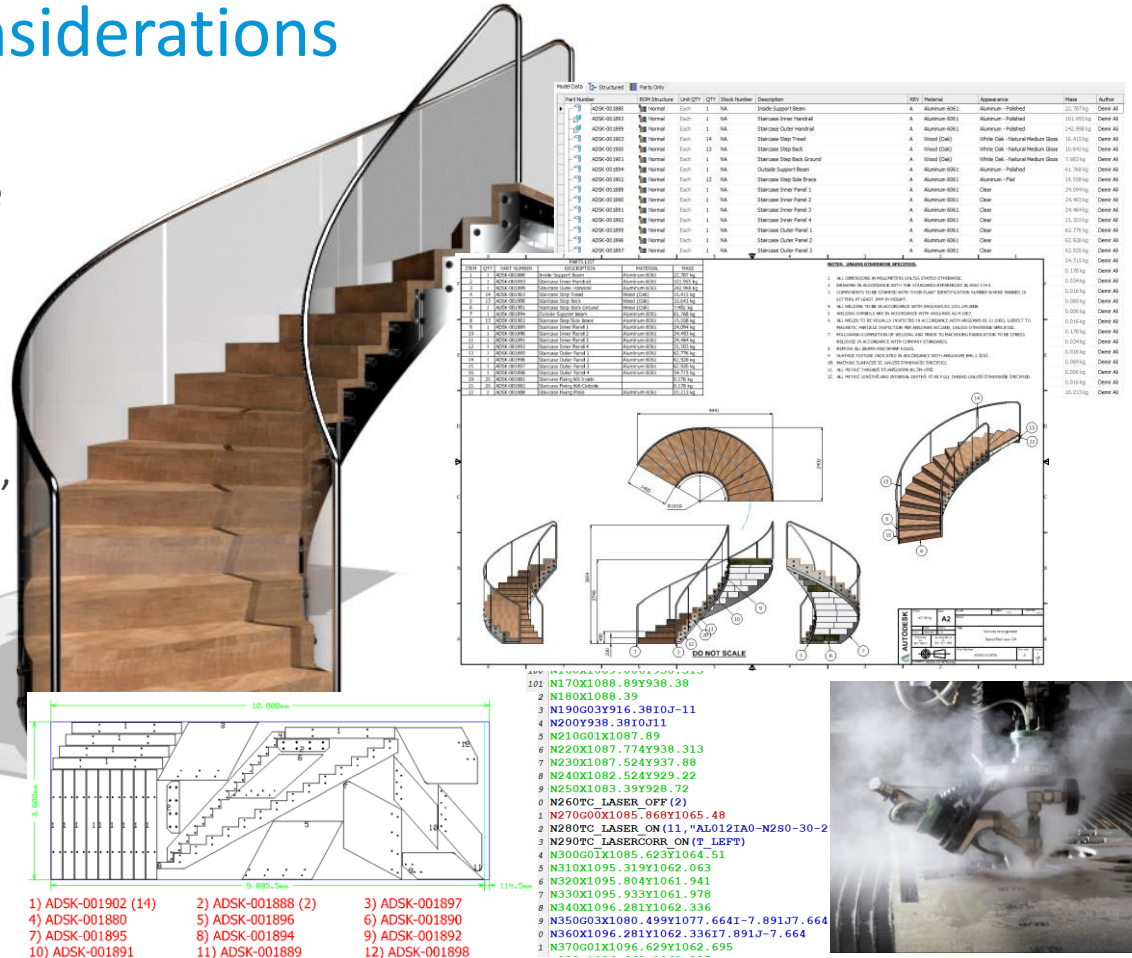
Custom Fabrication

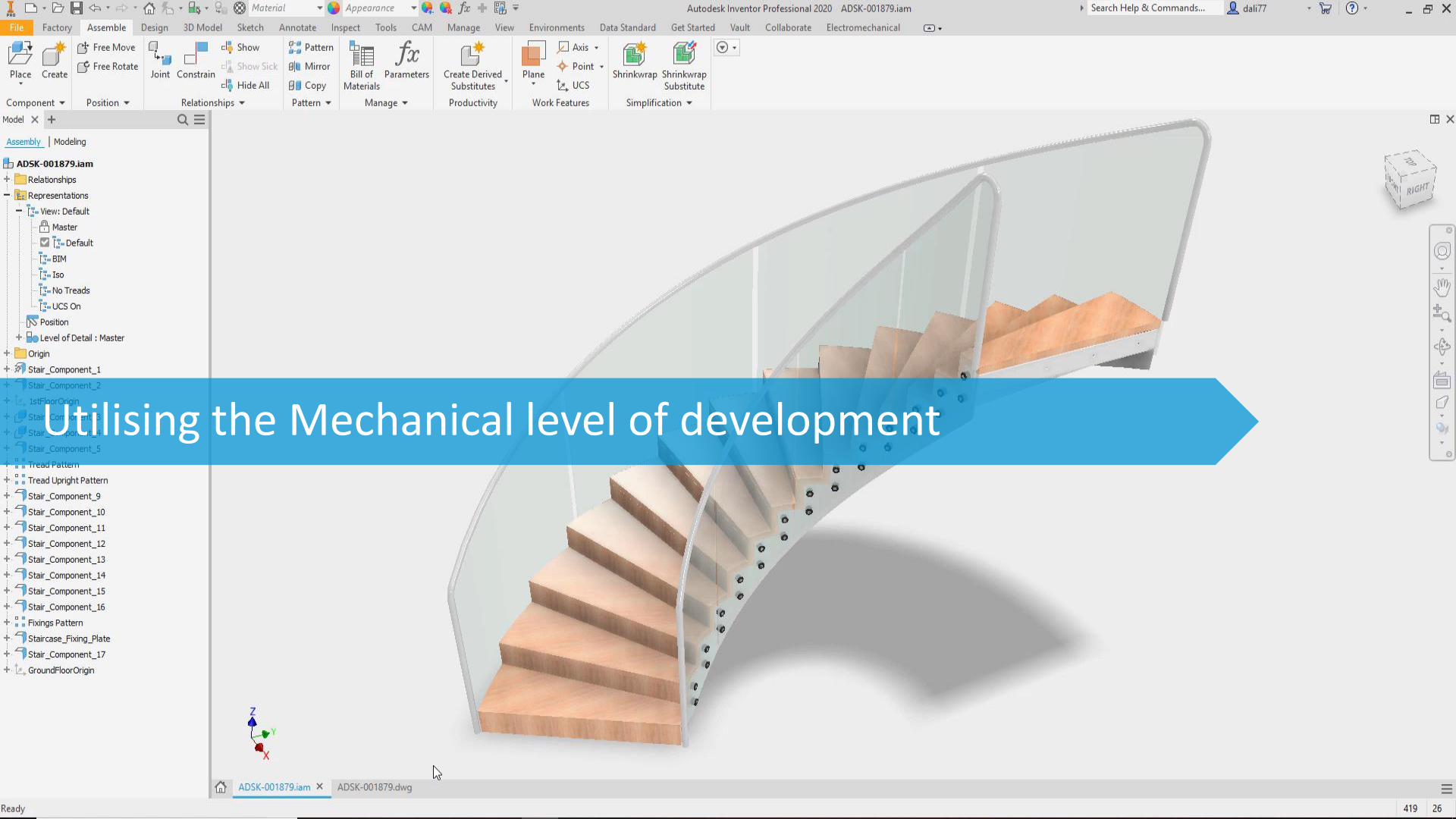
- Project specific building elements
- Reliant on the building interface for fitment
- Data delivery needs to be flexible
- Examples incl. facades, stairwells, railings, chimneys...

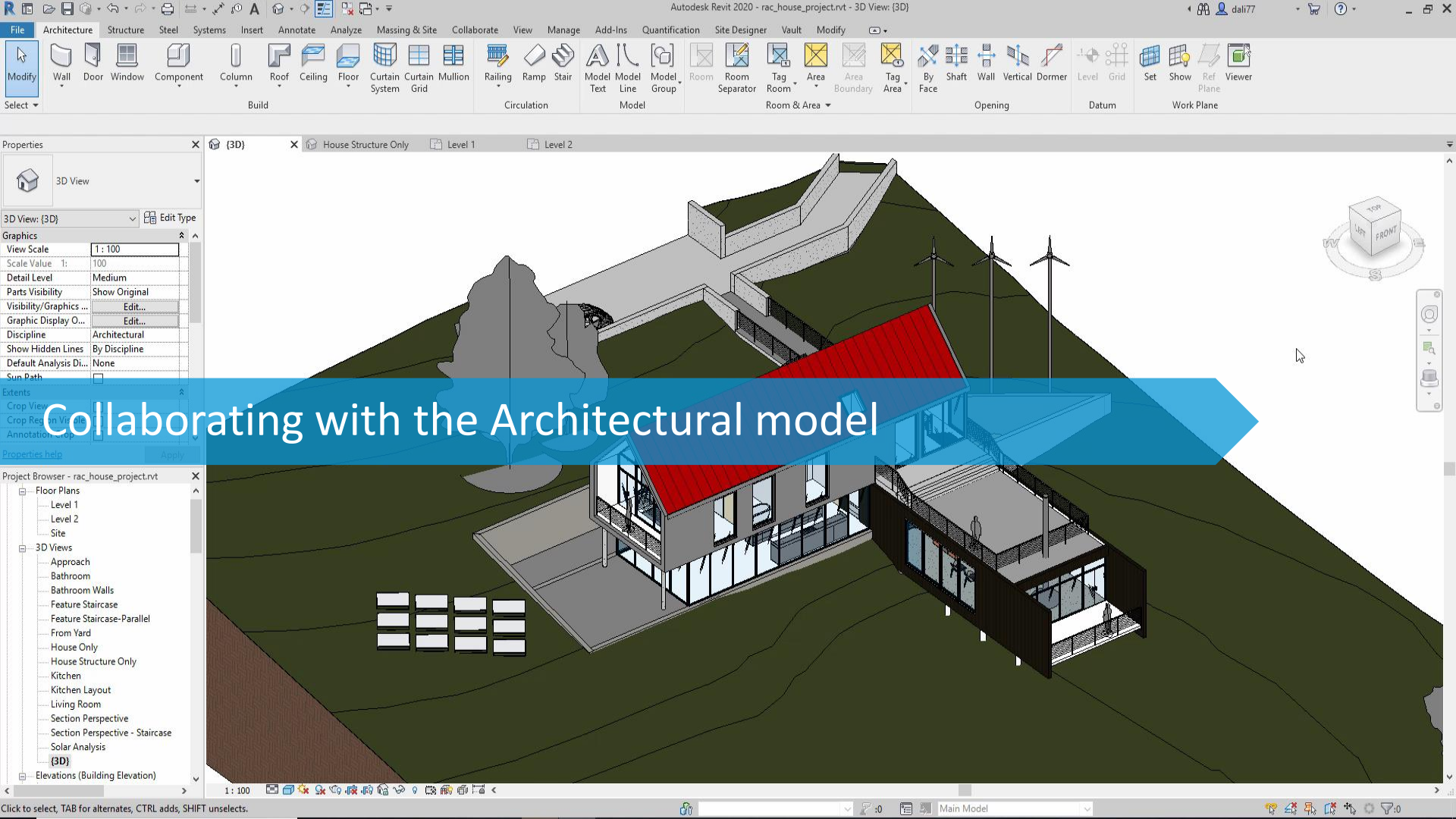


Custom Fabrication considerations

- Due to there bespoke nature this type of model data would not be created within the architectural application such as Revit.
- Project specific details such as fabrication drawings, bills of materials, NC programs are required.
- But the data needs to both reference the building model and be able to be consumed within the architectural space.
- This is done within Autodesk Inventor.



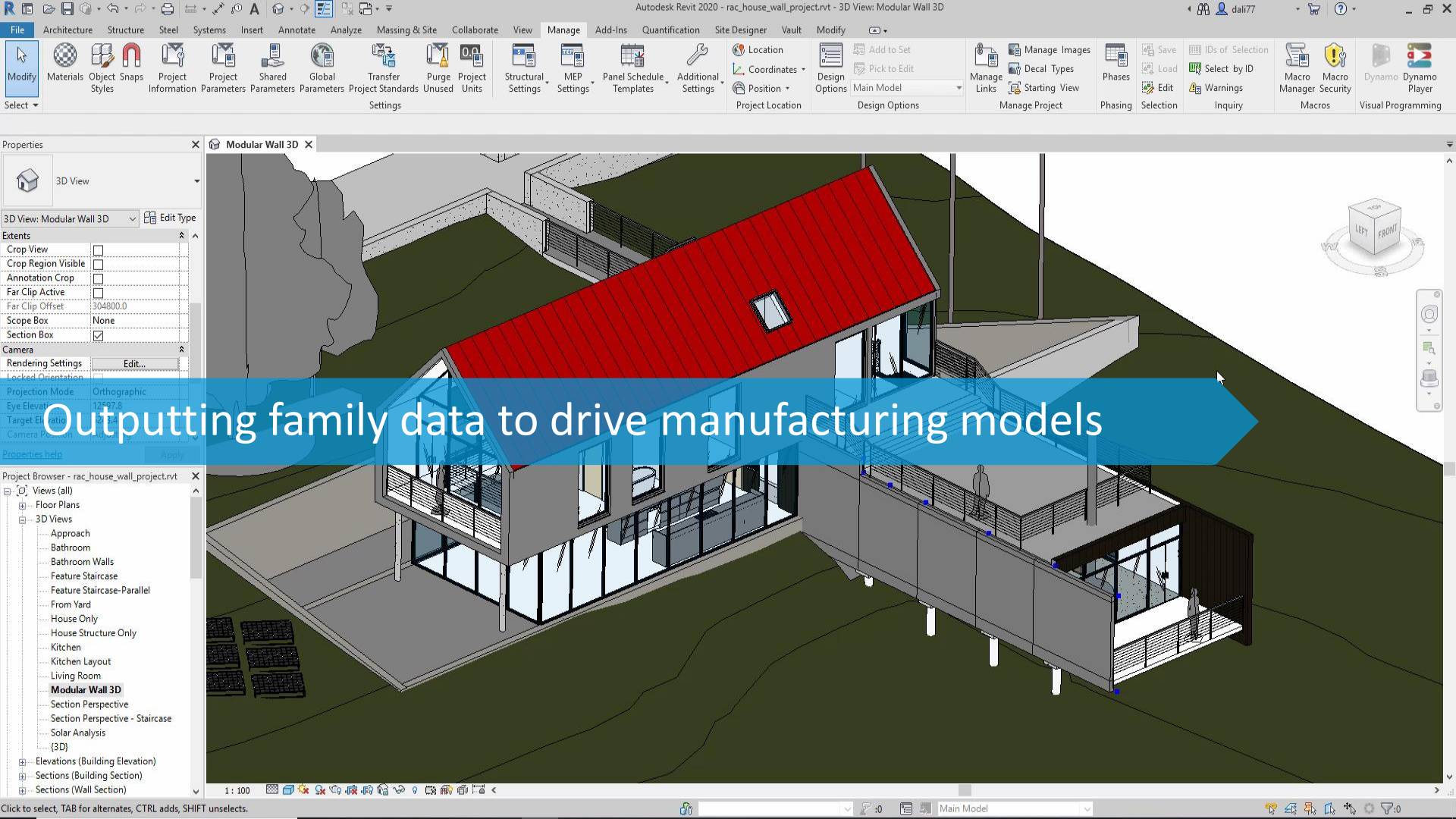


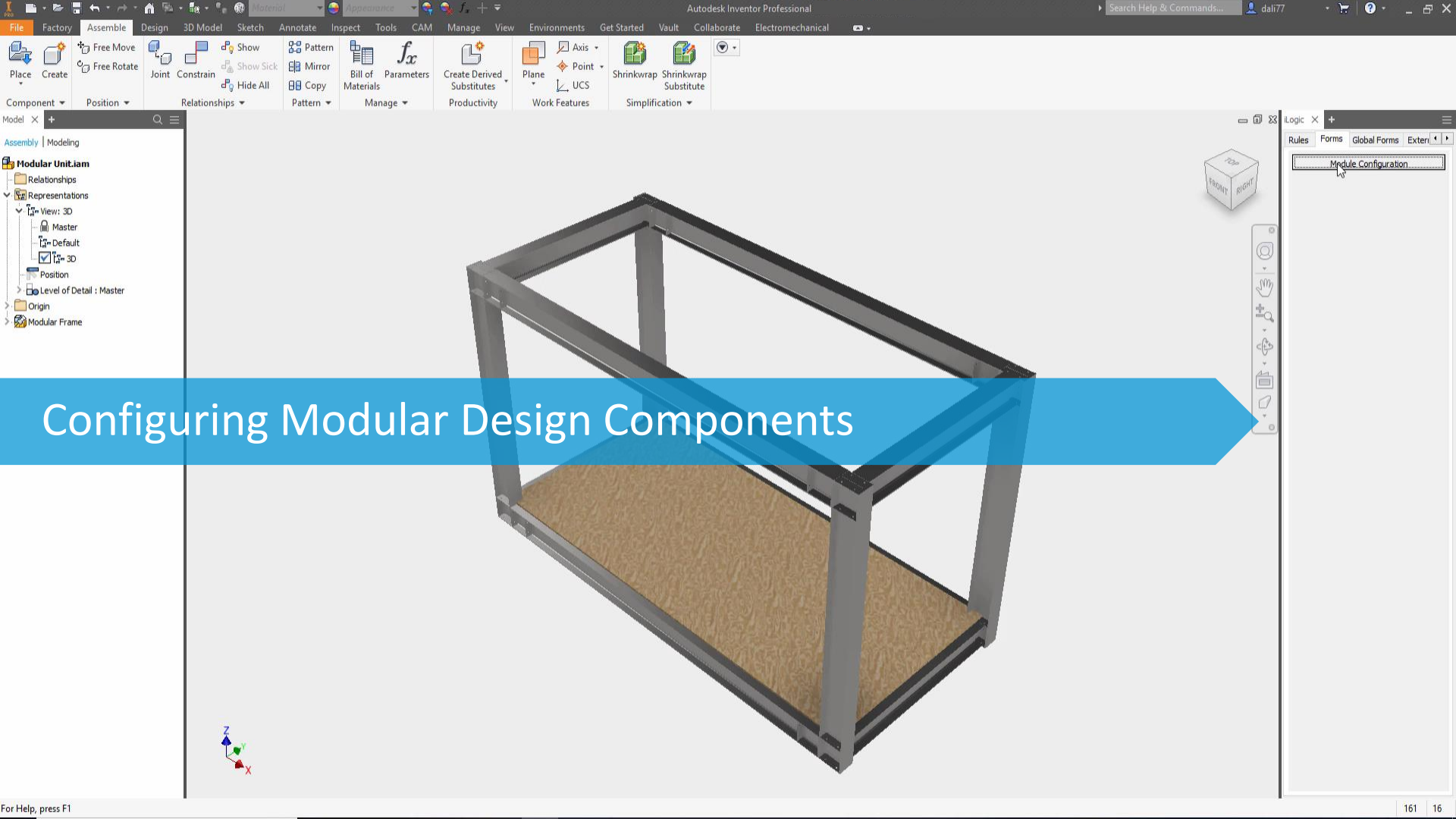


Referencing Architectural data to drive Manufacturing

- Detail required within the Architectural plans is often high level and not suitable for manufacturing.
- Data such as type, size, quantity and position can be utilised within the manufacturing detail.
- Schedule within Revit and extract the Bill of Materials using Inventor.

[illegible]





Configuring Modular Design Components


Infrastructure

- Custom intelligent infrastructure components
- Require more complex modelling capability
- Need for library content directly inside InfraWorks & Civil 3D
- Examples incl. drainage, road furniture, bridges elements..





Developing intelligent Infrastructure content

Pier	
Pier 4	
Bridge 1 > Pier 4	
Type	
Attributes	
Offset	208.916 m
Skew	0.0 °
Azimuth	356.7 °
Diaphragm width	1.5 m
Deck continuity	Deck and Girders
Cap	
Width: Left	7.625 m
Width: Right	7.325 m
Depth	2.5 m
General	
Height	18.559 m
Thickness	2 m
Chamfer width	0.05 m
Transverse offset: Left	0.5 m
Transverse offset: Right	0.5 m
Column	
Slope	95 °
Width: Top	2.5 m
Width: Bottom	2 m
Materials	
Lifespan	
Advanced	
Description	

Factory / Facility Digitisation

- Organisations are working towards Industry 4.0
- A complete digital representation is fundamental
- Collaborating across all stakeholders is a necessity
- Downstream data reuse is an expectation





Connecting the digital facility pipeline

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Cloud Collaboration

- Control and share data more consistently
- Centralise data so people have access 24/7
- Better co-ordination of all model based information



Status	ID	Type	Sub-type	Title
Open	1	Design	Design	Check for H&S Items

Showing 1 - 1 of 1

Issue #1 OPEN

DETAILSATTACHMENTSACTIVITY

Check for H&S Items in Layouts

Created by Demir Ali (Autodesk EMEA TS) on 18 Mar 2019

Assigned to

Demir Ali

Type

Design

Due Date

18 Mar 2019

Sub-type

Design

Location

Unspecified

Owner

Demir Ali

Location Details

Unspecified

Root Cause

Code Compliance

Linked document

Unspecified

Description

Review the facility, look for areas that have a H&S requirement. Due to the type of assembly line, access is on both sides of the cells in quite a few locations.

Response

Unspecified

Photos

Cloud Collaboration and Review



Class Summary

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It concentrated on how building product fabricators can deliver reusable information to architects in addition to how custom fabricators and system integrators can deliver coordinated models into an ongoing project.

Other related AU classes

AULON694 - Inventor and Revit Interop Workflows

19th June | Start Time: **10:45** | End Time: **11:45** | Room : **Research**

AULON492 - Design Automation: Revit and Inventor Better Together

19th June | Start Time: **14:15** | End Time: **15:15** | Room : **Session Room 7**



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Appendix

The background of the slide is an abstract composition of various blue and white geometric shapes. It includes overlapping translucent planes, some with fine grid patterns, and sharp, angular lines that create a sense of depth and modernity. The overall color palette is a range of blues, from light sky blue to deep navy blue, set against a white background.

To export an older version of Revit RFA

Install **Inventor2020** with Autodesk Revit Interoperability for Autodesk Inventor 2020

Install **Inventor2017** with Autodesk Revit Interoperability for Autodesk Inventor 2017

Get **RFATranslator.Translate.RevitServerLegacy.exe**

The file is included as part of software installs that contain the Inventor 2020 Server package

Please copy it to “**..\Common files\Autodesk Shared\Revit Interoperability for Inventor 2017\Rx**” from

Example of Inventor Server install file location from Factory Utilities extracted install package:

“C:\Autodesk\WI\Autodesk Factory Design Utilities 2020\x64\en-US\FIS\A\FD\Util\IS\IVS\Bin\RFATranslator.Translate.RevitServerLegacy.exe”

Run Inventor 2020 and use the following code snippet to export *.rfa 2017 file format when using the “**Legacy**” option.

Sample snippet to export Revit from API/iLogic

'----- Revit Family Output Start-----'

```
Dim ThisDoc As Inventor.Document  
ThisDoc = ThisApplication.ActiveDocument
```

```
'Dim oDoc As AssemblyDocument 'For exporting an assembly file  
Dim oDoc As PartDocument 'For exporting an part file  
oDoc = ThisApplication.ActiveDocument
```

```
'Get File Name of Assembly  
Dim BaseFileName As String  
BaseFileName = Left(ThisDoc.FullFileName, Len(ThisDoc.FullFileName) - 4)
```

```
Dim pRFT As String  
pRFT = "C:\ProgramData\Autodesk\RVT 2020\Family Templates\English\Metric Generic Model wall based.rft"
```

```
Dim Description As String  
Dim PartNumber As String  
Dim ComponentType As String  
Dim Manufacturer As String  
Dim Model As String  
Dim URL As String  
Dim customPropSet As PropertySet  
Dim designPropSet As PropertySet  
Dim propertyName As String
```

```
customPropSet = oDoc.PropertySets.Item("Inventor User Defined Properties")  
designPropSet = oDoc.PropertySets.Item("Design Tracking Properties")  
pDesc = designPropSet.Item("Description")  
pPart = designPropSet.Item("Part Number")  
pVend = designPropSet.Item("Vendor")
```

```
'Set Properties  
Description = pDesc.Value  
PartNumber = pPart.Value  
Manufacturer = pVend.Value  
Model = Left(oDoc.FullFileName, Len(oDoc.FullFileName) - 4)  
URL = "www.autodesk.co.uk"  
ComponentType = "23.75.70.00" 'HVAC Classification
```

'----- RFA Output Start-----'

```
Dim oBIMComp As BIMComponent  
oBIMComp = oDoc.ComponentDefinition.BIMComponent
```

```
'Write Component Type Definition  
oBIMComp.ComponentDescription.ComponentType = ComponentType 'Blank out if deliberately want Generic Model Classification
```

```
oBIMComp.ComponentDescription.OrientationType = 103683 '103681 = ViewCube, 103683 = UCS, 103682 = Model Origin
```

```
'Set Family Type  
oBIMComp.ComponentDescription.FamilyType = pPart.Value
```

```
Dim oNameValueMap As NameValueMap  
oNameValueMap = ThisApplication.TransientObjects.CreateNameValueMap
```

```
oNameValueMap.Add("RevitFileVersion", "Current") 'Supported Revit File Version ("Current" = RFA2020, "Legacy" = RFA2017)  
oNameValueMap.Add("CustomRevitFamilyTemplate", pRFT) 'Supported Revit Template (Generic *.rft options included with Inventor install)
```

```
'Export the file  
oBIMComp.ExportBuildingComponentWithOptions(BaseFileName & ".rfa", oNameValueMap) 'Can also use ".adsk" if required.
```

'----- Revit Family Output End-----'

Note:-

Just copy and paste the text from this slide into an iLogic rule.

This snippet assumes you are exporting a current release Revit *.rfa family file.