Improved Collaboration with Revit and BIM 360 Design

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Learning Objectives

- Learn how to publish 3D models from Revit to BIM 360 Design Collaboration
- Learn how to use the timeline in BIM 360 Design to consume and create packages to share with other design teams
- Learn how to use BIM 360 Docs to track changes in models and drawings, and how to use them to communicate
- Learn how to create issues in BIM 360 Docs to add tasks to project members

Class summary

- This class will demonstrate how BIM360 Document Management and BIM 360 Design are being used to communicate and to collaborate in the cloud.
- The class will show workflows and tips and tricks, using an ongoing project as an example.



About the speaker

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- Over 13 years of experience in the industry, from small to large scale multidisciplinary projects.
- Revit and Cloud collaboration enthusiast





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Key Figures

•	3	800	Employees
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• 101 Offices

Business areas

20 000 Projects

5,3 Billion NOK revenues*

• 44 Countries in which we

have projects

*Per. 31.12.2018



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Business Areas



IT



Transport



Buildings



Environment



Risk Management



Energy



Oil and Gas





Industry



Planning



The project

The project

- 5 500 sqm indoor water park, with 5 swimming pools, slides, diwing tower.
- 4 000 sqm residental building consisting of 35 appartments.
- Connected to existing parking facilities in the mountain.
- Built in old-town city centre.
- Finished December 2020.
- Contractor Veidekke ASA







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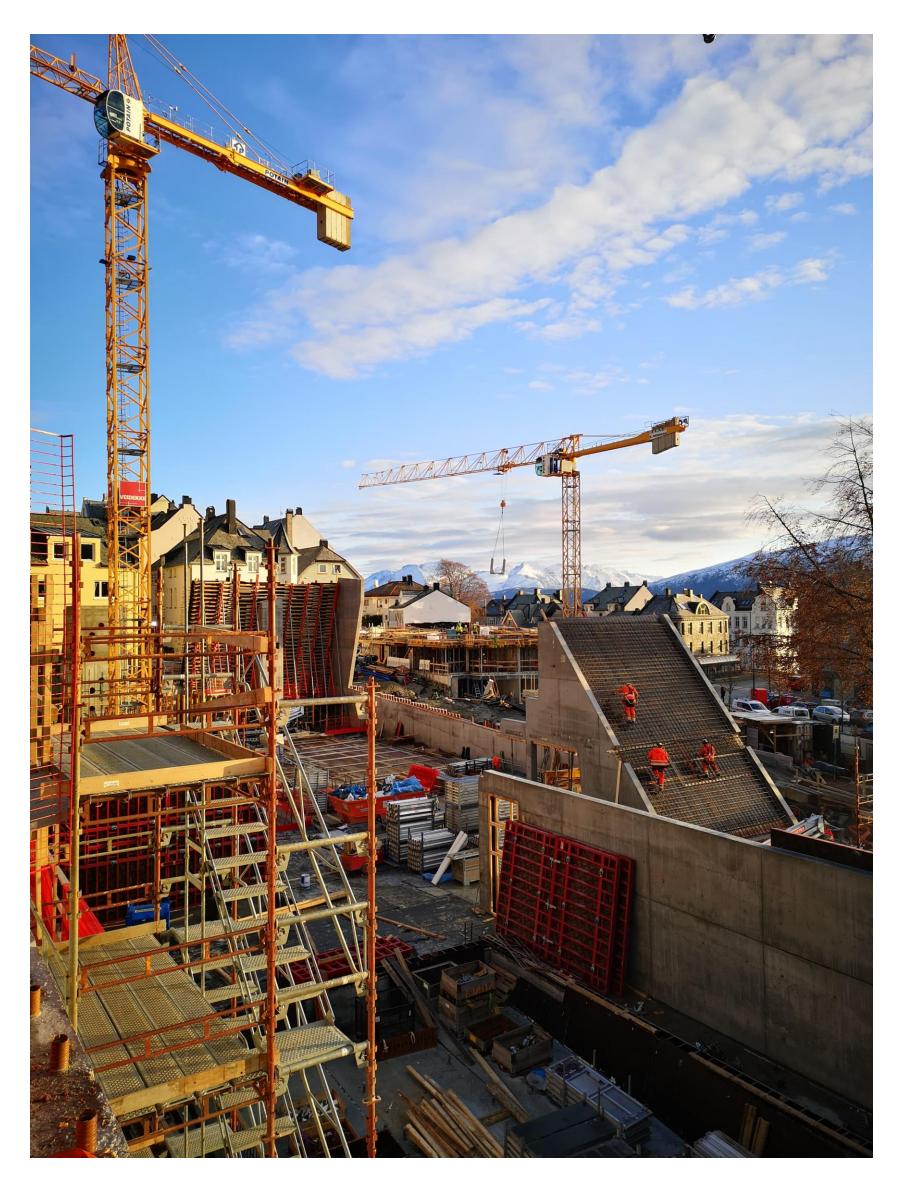
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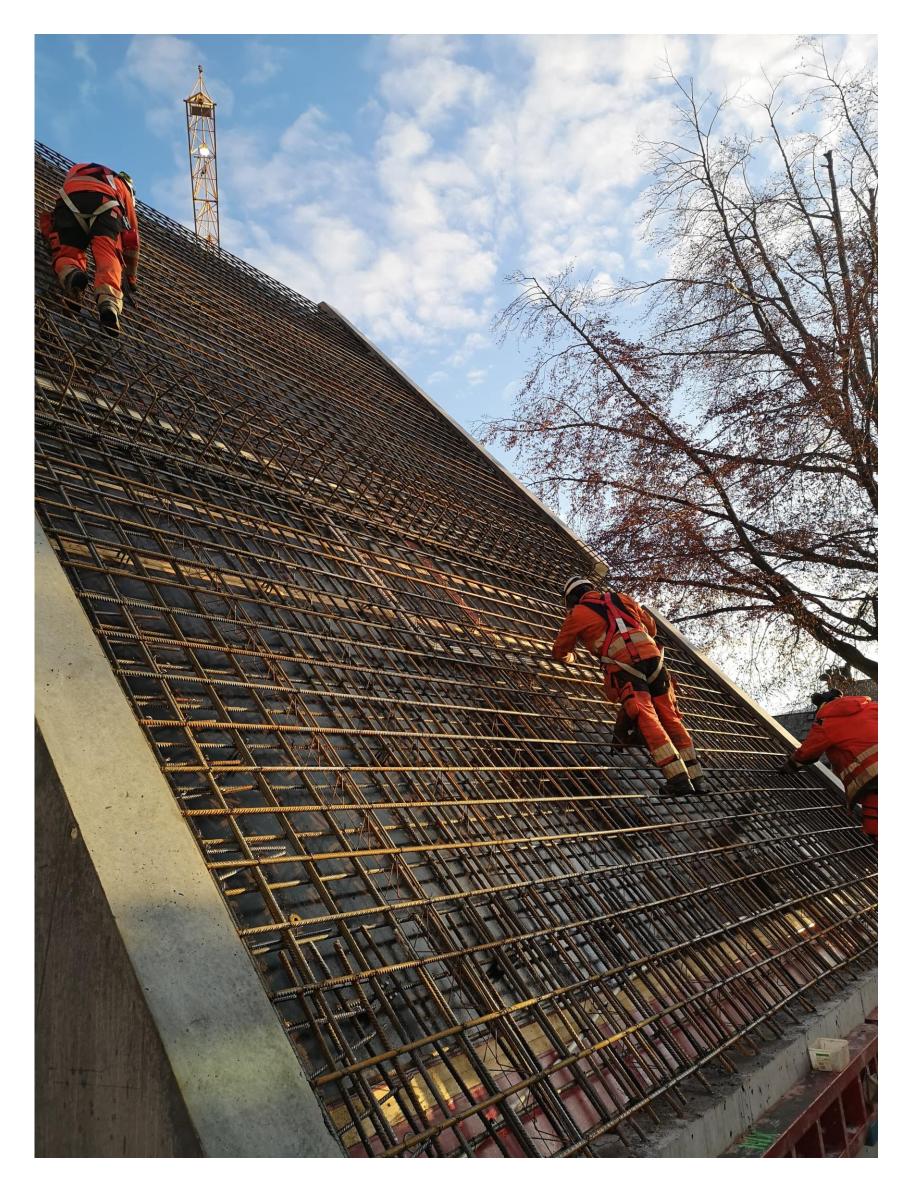


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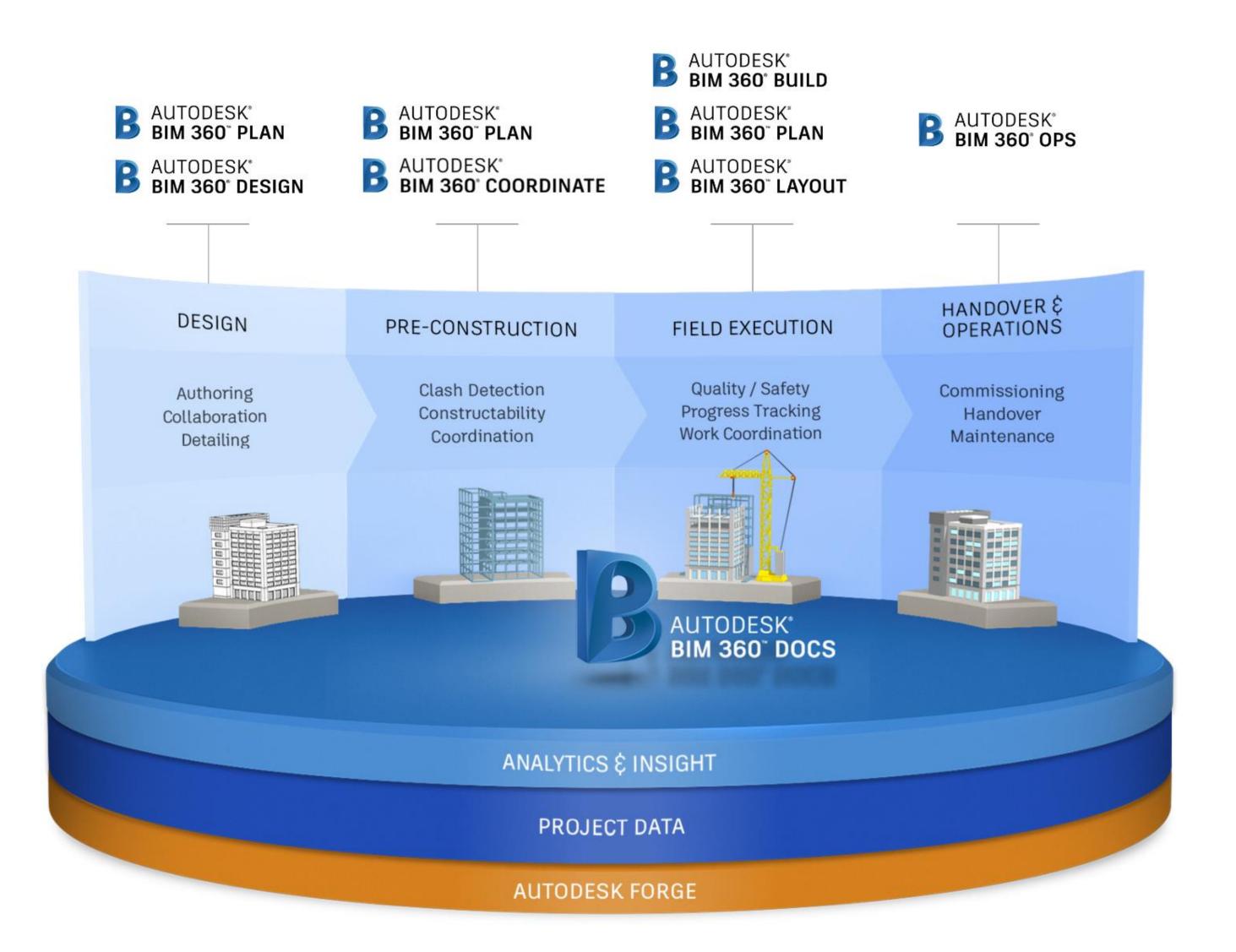
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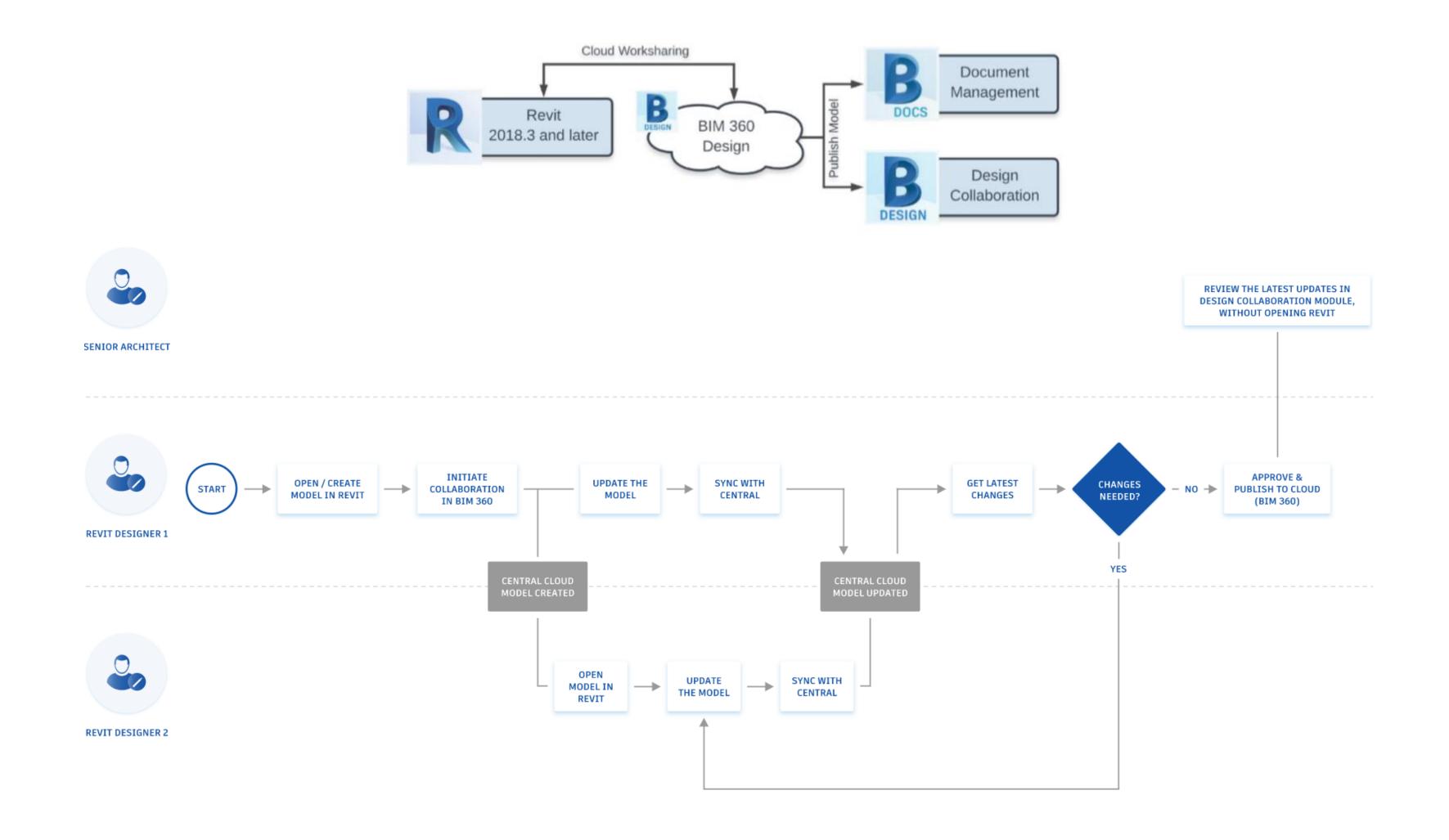


Overview

The BIM 360 cloud software



Revit Cloud Worksharing



BIM 360 in Norconsult

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ACTIVE PROJECTS

956
ACTIVE USERS

164
COMPANIES

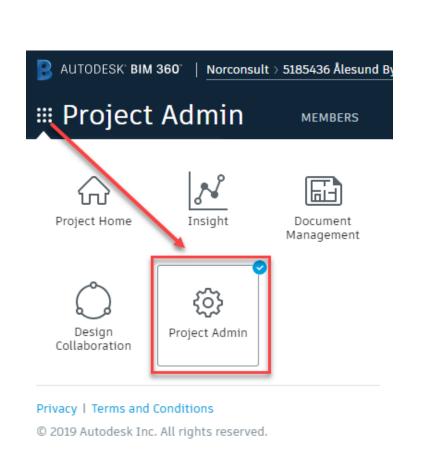
BIM360 Project Startup

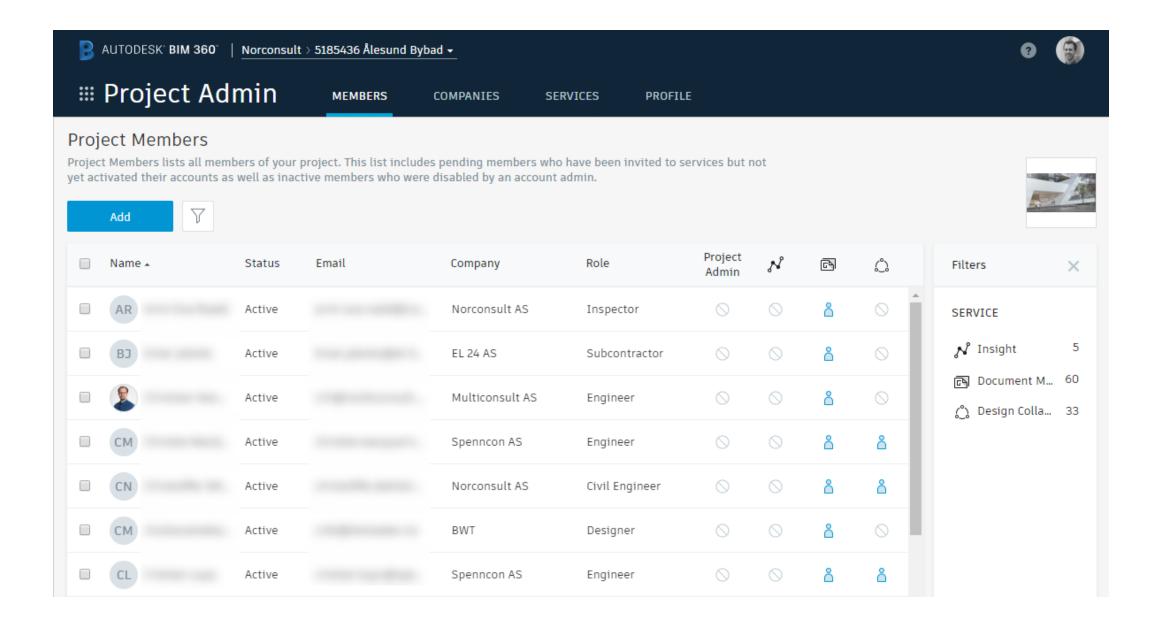
How do I access Revit Cloud Worksharing?

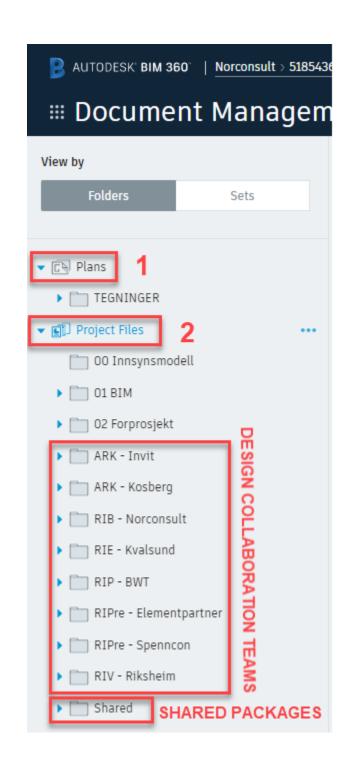
- Revit subscription (Revit 2017 or later)
- BIM 360 Design Subscription
- Access to Revit Cloud worksharing service (Set up by Contract Managers or Software Coordinators)
- A BIM 360 Docs account
- Invitation to at least one BIM360 Docs project

First things first!

- Set up a folder structure in BIM 360 Document Management.
- Invite project members to the project.
- Add folder permissions to members.





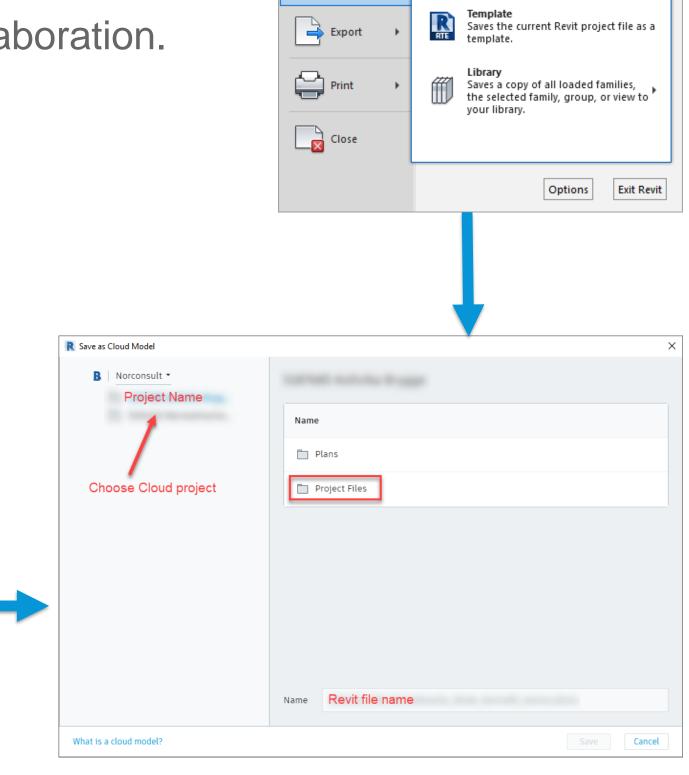


Starting Cloud Worksharing

- Either create a new Revit file or use an existing project file.
- It's possible to save non-workshared files to the cloud for viewing and collaboration purposes.
- Only workshared files can be used in Design Collaboration.

Worksharing must be enabled

to use Design Collaboration



Open

Save

Save As

Saves current project or family. Saves current

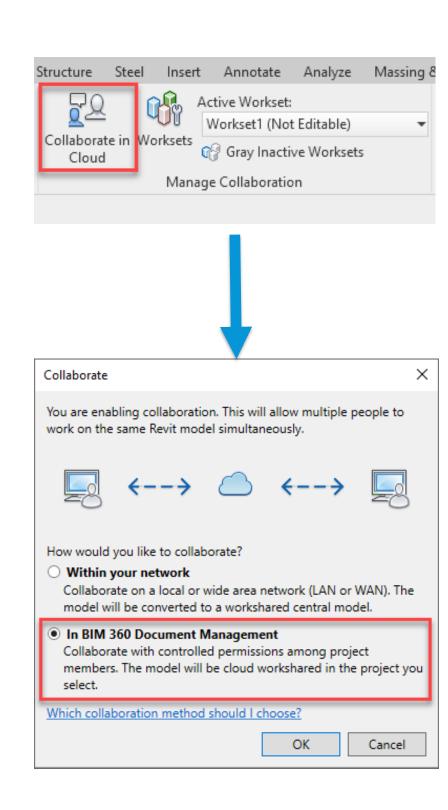
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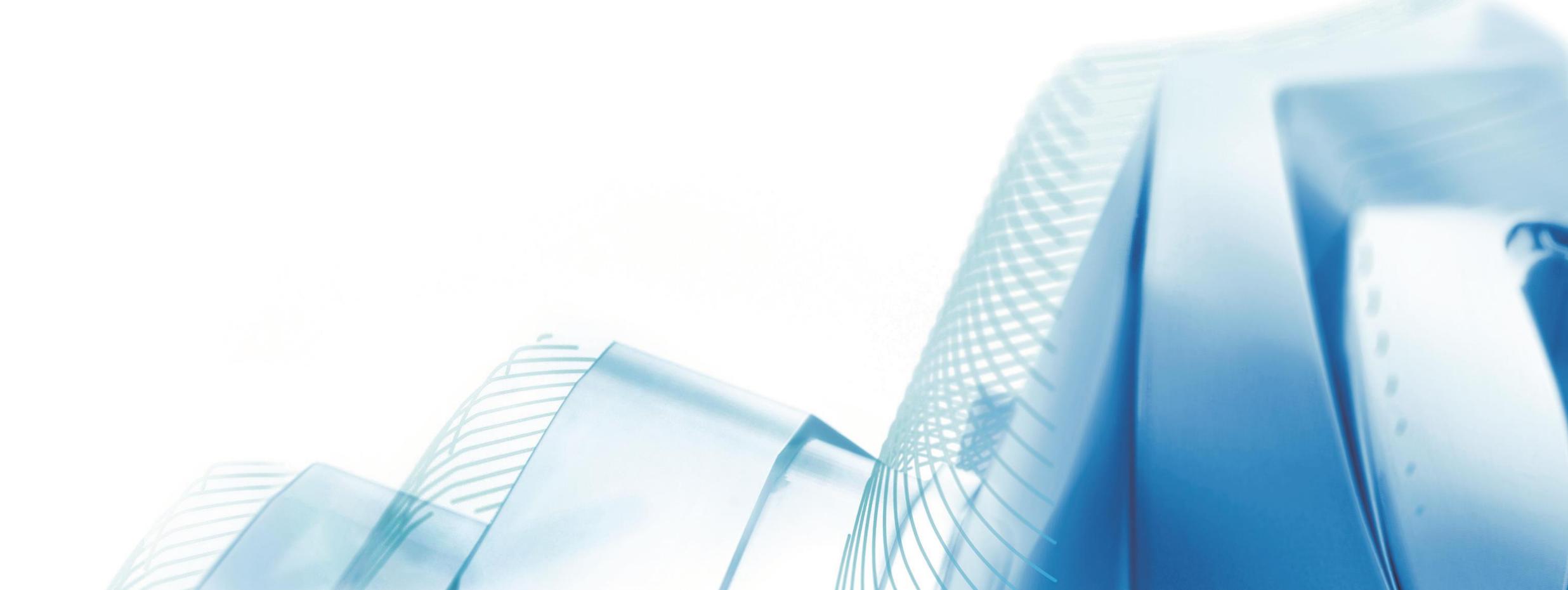
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Saves the current Revit project file.

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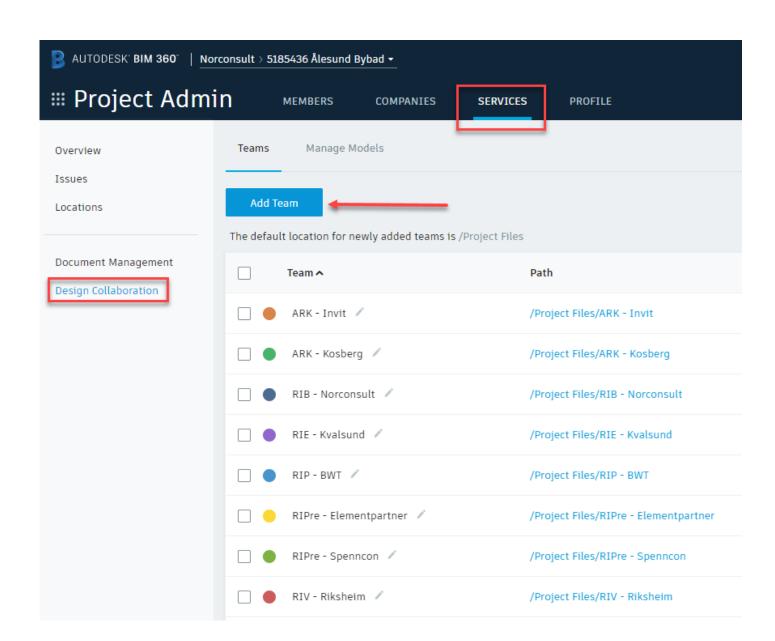


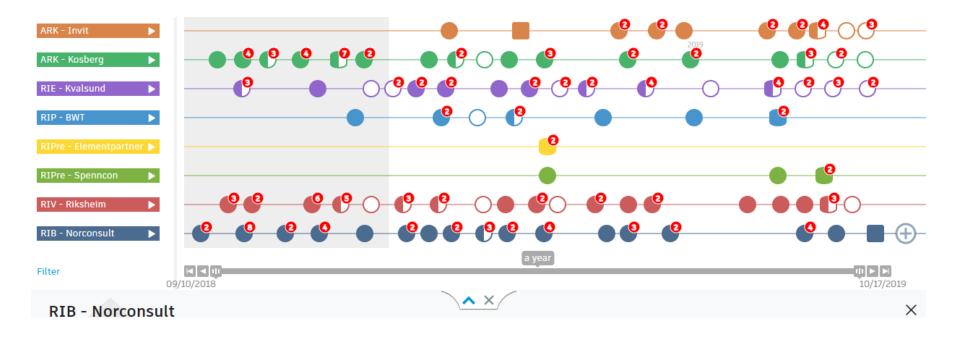
BIM360 Design Collaboration



Adding design teams in BIM 360 Design

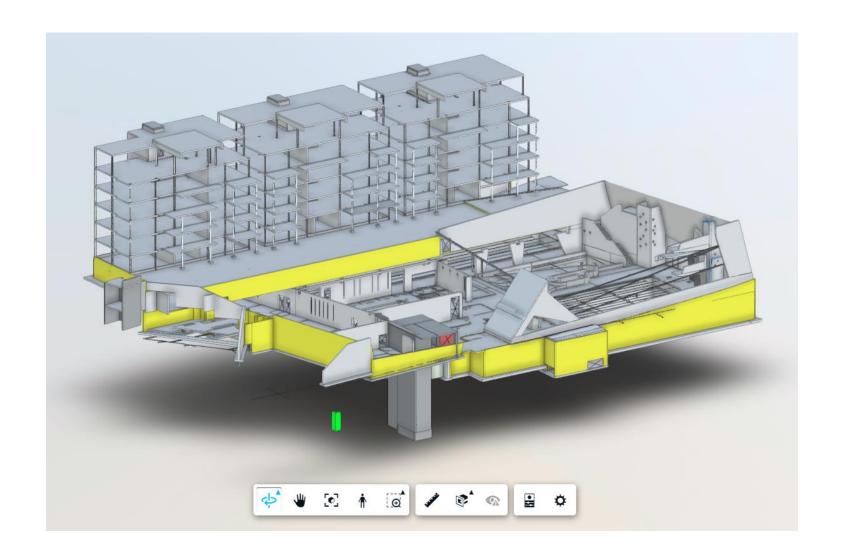
- BIM 360 Design teams must be added in the project admin menu in BIM 360.
- Linking the team file-path to the folder with the Revit central file in BIM 360 Docs.
- Teams get their own team space in BIM 360 Design
 Collaboration.
- The timeline in BIM 360 Design shows a line for each team created.

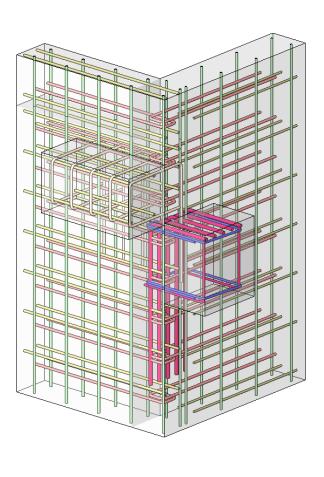




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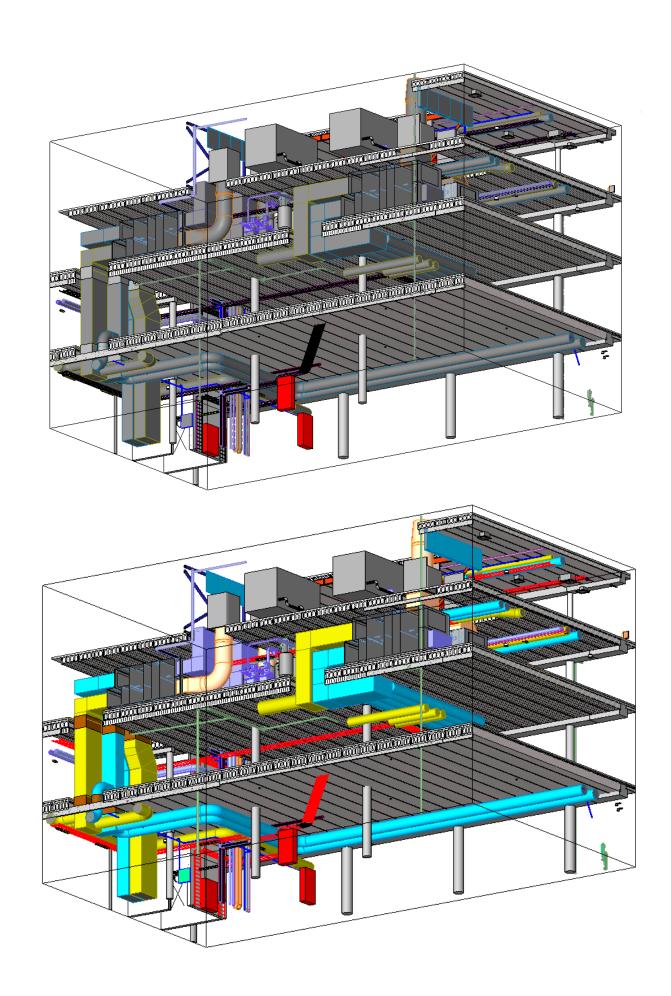
- Setting up views to be published with the model helps track changes in the model.
- Atleast one 3D-view of all components in the Revit model should be uploaded every time.
- 3D-views of detailed areas can be very useful.
- Add 2D-plans and 2D-sections to support the 3D-views.
- Think about what you want to show to the rest of the design group!
- Add view templates when you got the views exactly the way you want.





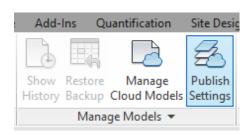
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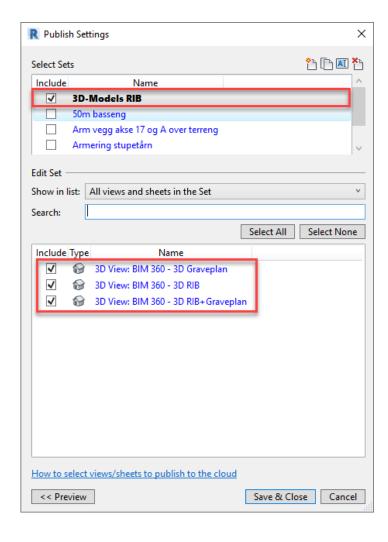
- Possible to publish views containing linked Revit files.
- The linked Revit files must be workshared.
- Colors on objects from technical disciplines.
- Use «By linked view» in Visibility Graphics in the linked file.
- Tell the MEP engineers to set up views you can borrow.

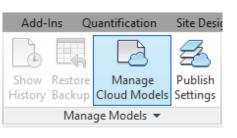


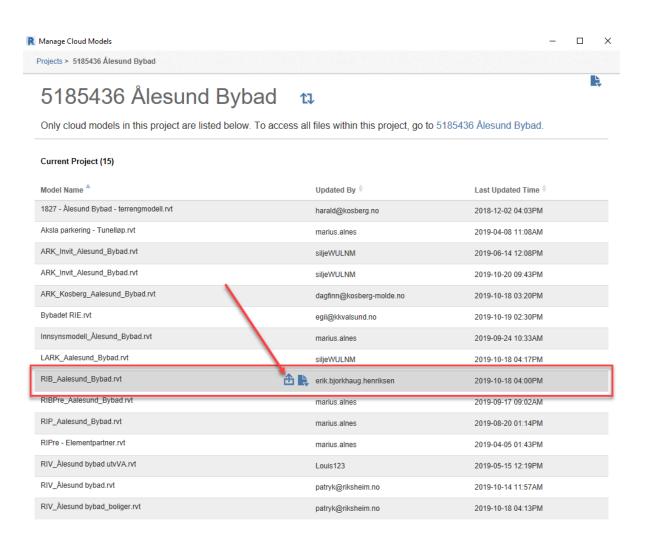
Publishing views and models to BIM 360

- Make a set in Publish settings and add the views and/or sheets you
 want to include in that set. It is possible to publish multiple sets.
- Remember to synchronize to central after setting up the views!
- Go to Manage Cloud Models to publish the model and views.
- Publishing is done by a 1-click process!





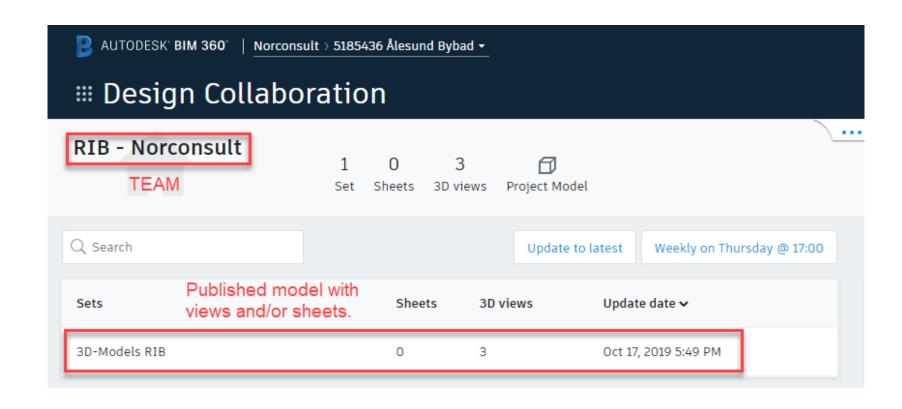


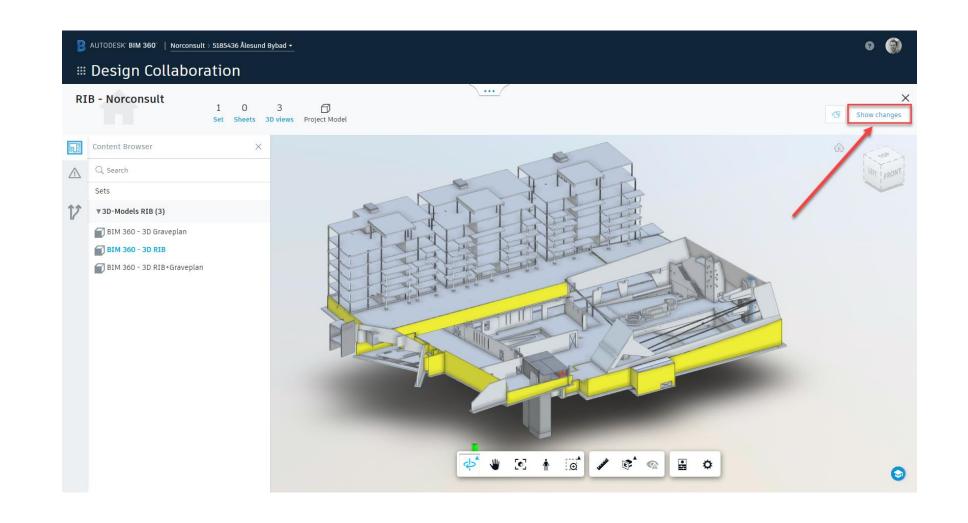


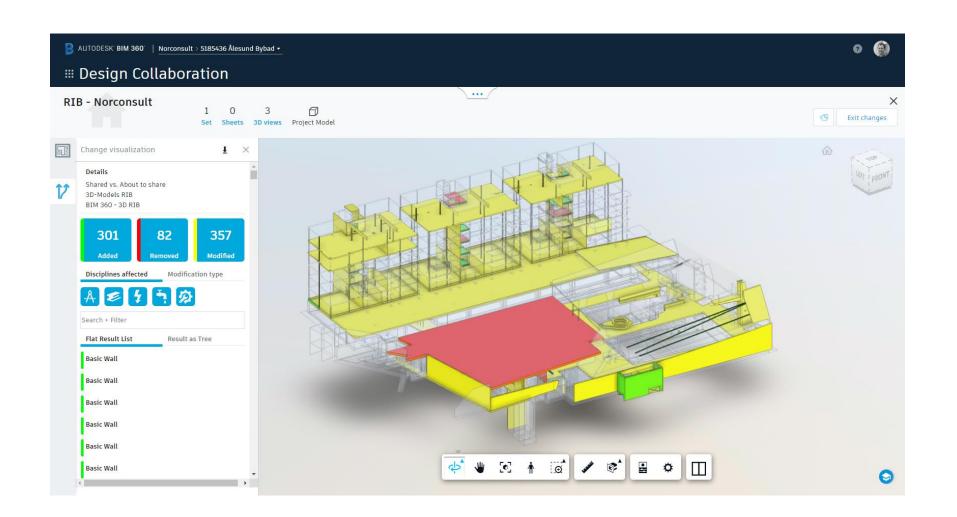
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BIM 360 Design Team Space

- In the team space in BIM 360 Design Collaboration, the published views can be explored by anyone in the team.
- Team mebers who don't have Revit are able to track changes in the model before it gets shared with the rest of the design teams.

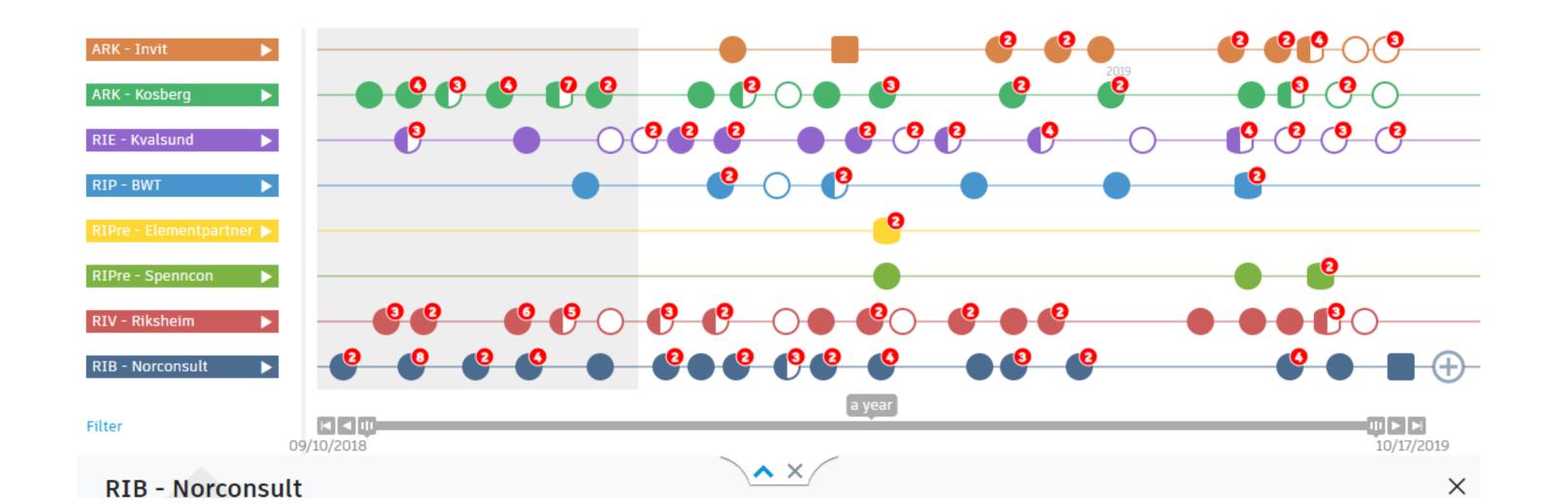






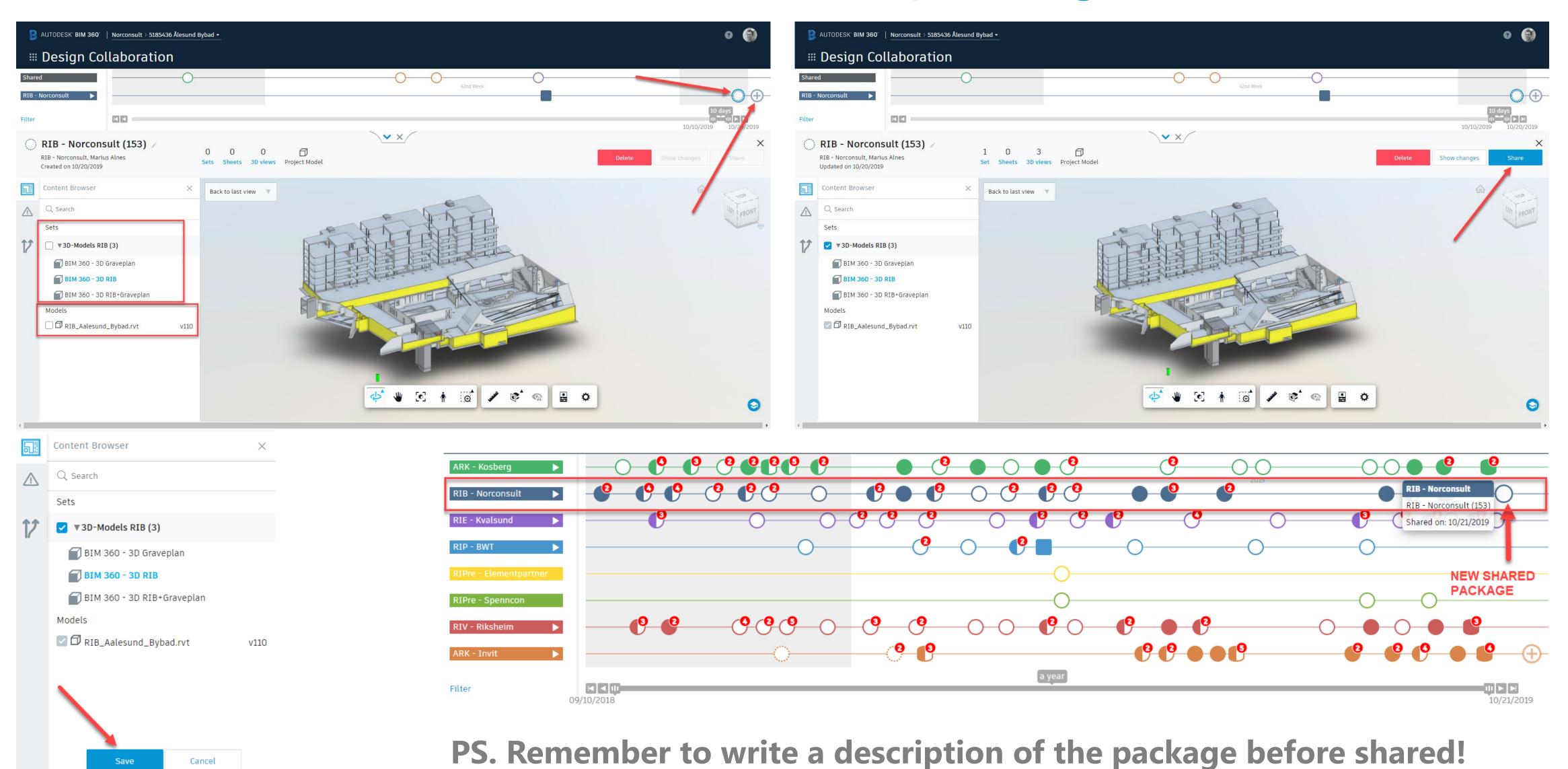
BIM360 Design Timeline

- The timeline gives an overview of the models that have been shared in the project.
- Published models and new packages by your own team.
- Shared packages from other teams
- Consumed packages from other teams.
- Filter is available to hide/show different type of models.



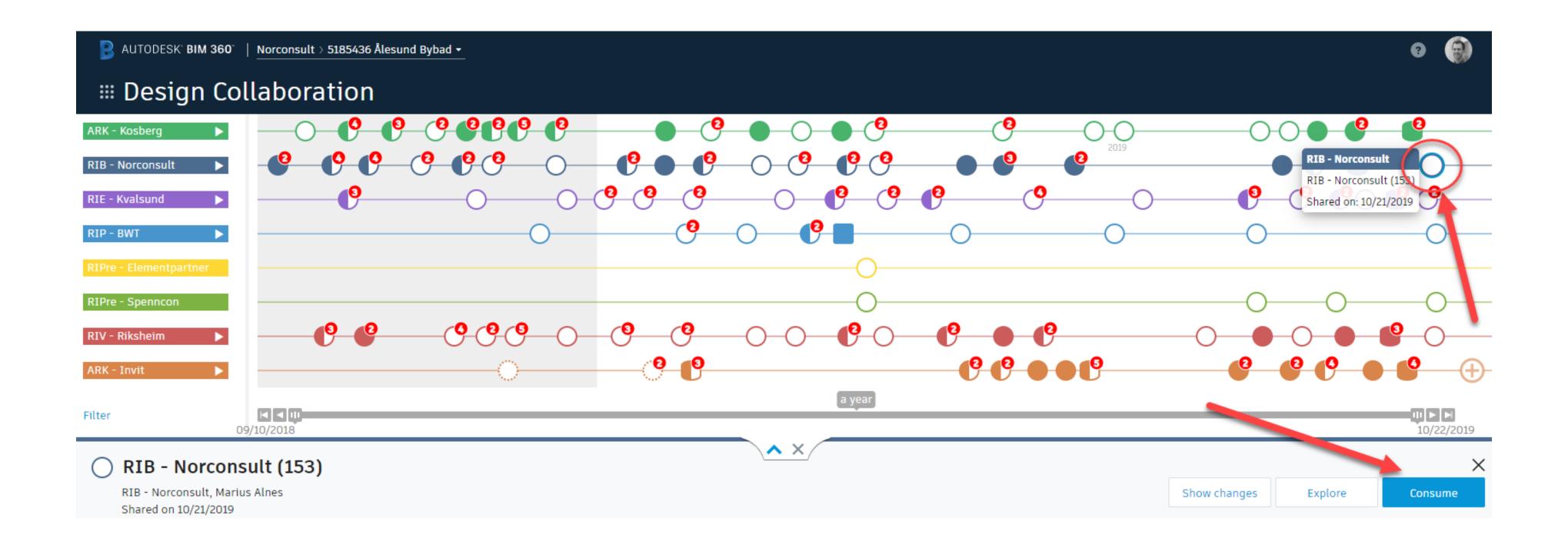
Node Type	Description	
0	An empty circle on another team's line represents a package that has been shared, but not consumed by your team.	
Shreit	A filled circle on another team's line represents a package that your team has consumed.	
Sen •	A filled circle on your team's line represents a package you have shared.	
0	A dotted-line circle on your team's line represents the start of a new package that you haven't shared yet.	
9	A numbered badge with a circle represents a cluster of packages. The two-tone color means some have been consumed, some have not. Click or zoom to expand the cluster.	
-0-	A numbered badge with an empty circle represents multiple packages that haven't been consumed. Click or zoom to expand.	
•	A numbered badge with a filled circle represents multiple packages that have been consumed. Click or zoom to expand.	
	A square represents a model uploaded to the team folder in Document Management.	
2	A numbered badge with a square represents a cluster of models. Click or zoom to expand.	
•	A numbered badge with a hybrid square and circle shape represents a cluster of models and packages. Click or zoom to expand.	
•••	A numbered badge with a hybrid square and circle shape represents a cluster of models and packages. The two-tone color means some have been consumed, some have not. Click or zoom to expand the cluster.	
+	The plus node allows you to create a new package to share your team's work.	

Create and share a package



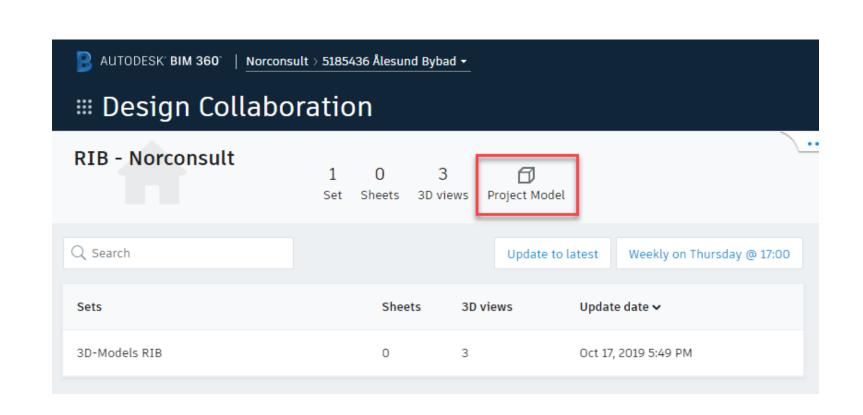
Consume packages

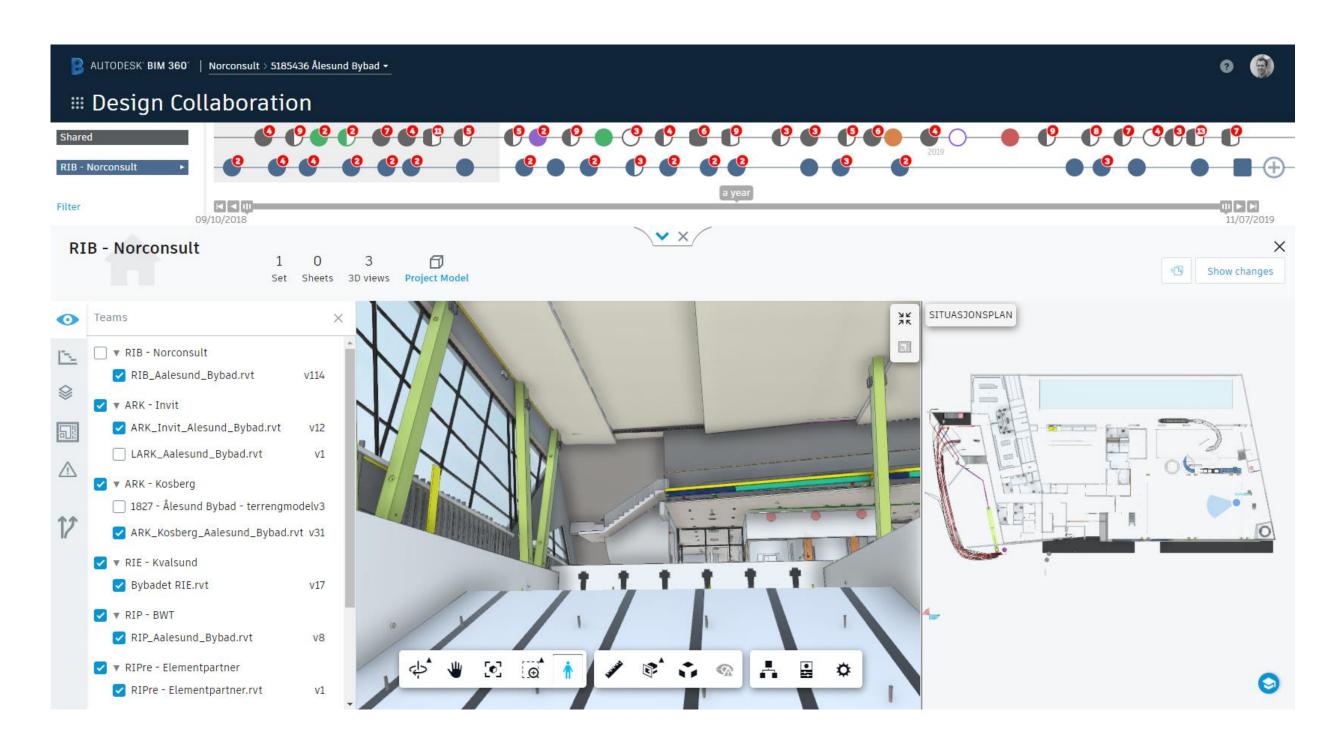
- Consuming packages is very easy and is done by clicking on the package you want to consume in the timeline.
- Remember to explore the model you want to consume and use the «show changes» button to see what's been changed in the model.



The project Model

- A multidisciplinary model which contains the latest published model for the specific team, and all the consumed models
 from the other teams.
- A «live» model that can be used in the design process, besides Revit itself.
- All the models must share the same site when published. If not, the models will not be placed correctly.





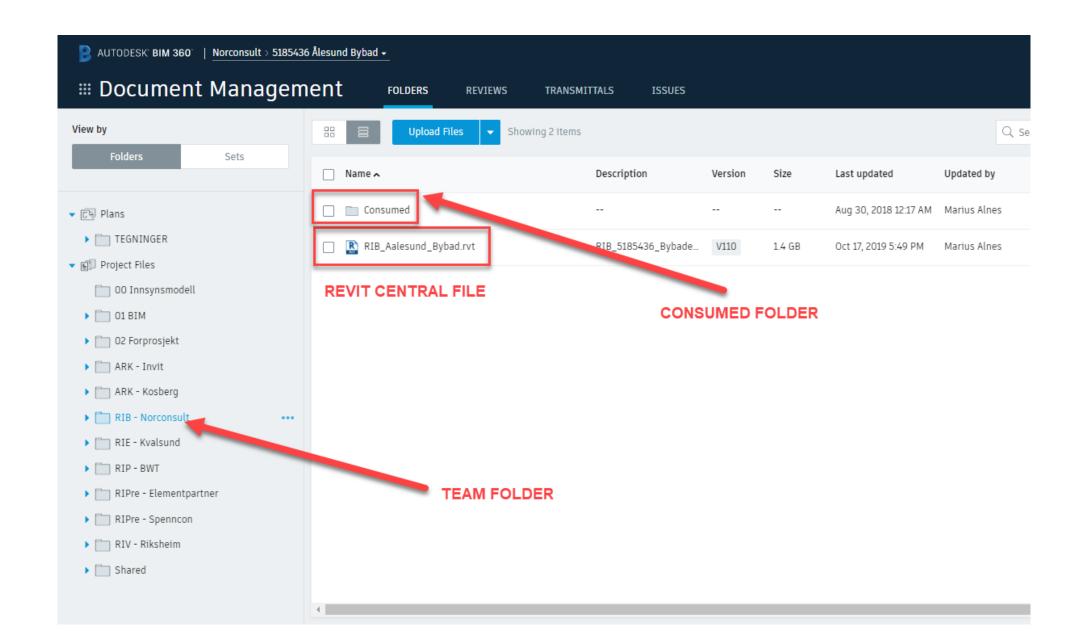
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Workflow with IFC-files

- 1. Add a team in BIM 360 Design to have a folder to store the model in.
- 2. Open the IFC-file in Revit.
- 3. Check the file for errors.
- 4. Activate worksharing of the model and save it to the team folder in the cloud.
- 5. Go to the Design Collaboration module and create a package and share it on the timeline with the rest of the teams.
- 6. When an updated IFC-model are received, the central file in the design folder must be deleted before repeating point 2-5.
- 7. The files in the Shared Folder will be updated, so the version history of the model will be taken care of.

Linking Revit files to your project

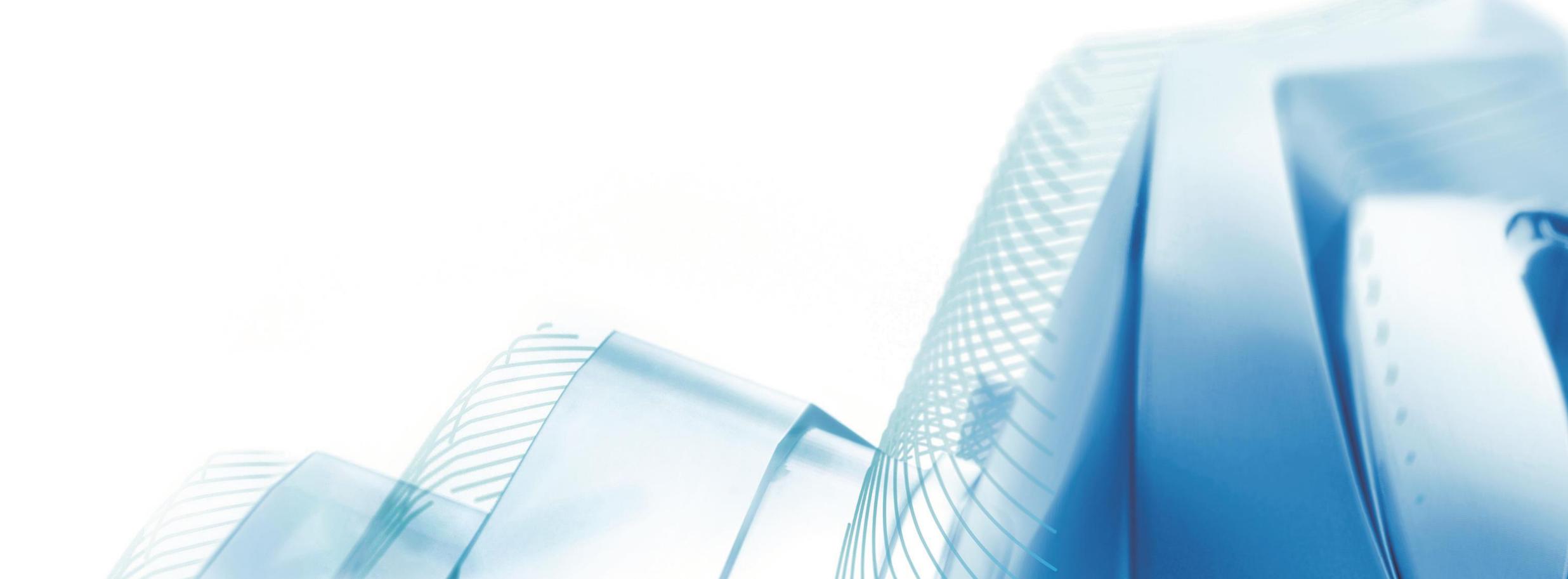
- Each team has their own folder for storing central files.
- Revit workshared files should be linked in through the teams consumed folder.
- Consumed models from other teams are stored in the consumed folder in BIM 360 Docs.
- When a new model are consumed, the Revit file in the consumed folder are overwritten, and links are beeing updated in the Revit project.



Collaboration attitude!



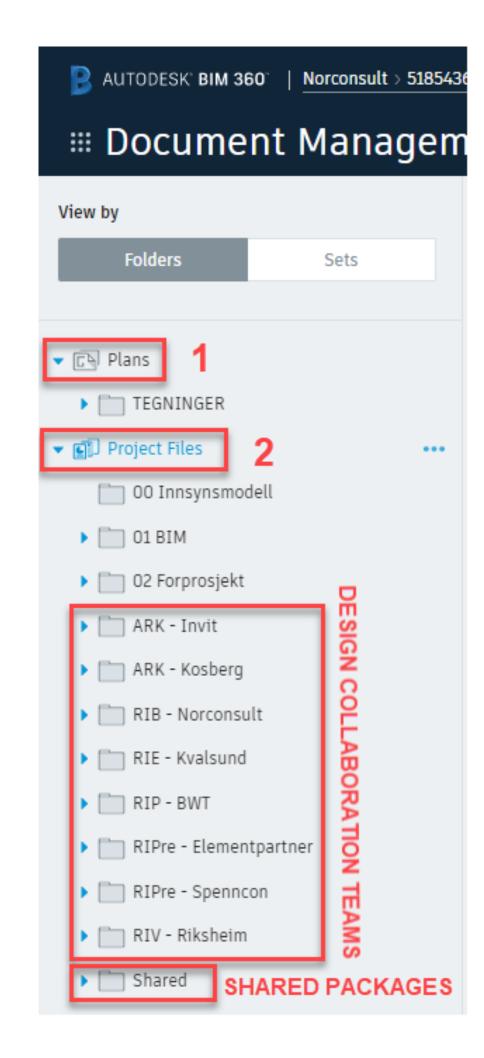
BIM 360 Document Management



BIM 360 Docs Folders

Plans Folder

- Use the Plans folder to manage, download, review, and publish the latest set of construction documents in both 2D and 3D formats. This is the digital equivalent to the printed set of contract drawings for the project.
- Workshared models should not be initiated to the plans folder!
- Project Files Folder
 - Use the Project Files folder for any project document, including design data and all other document types. For example, photos, reports, schedules, budgets, requirements documents, etc
 - The folder are used for storing Revit central files for design collaboration.



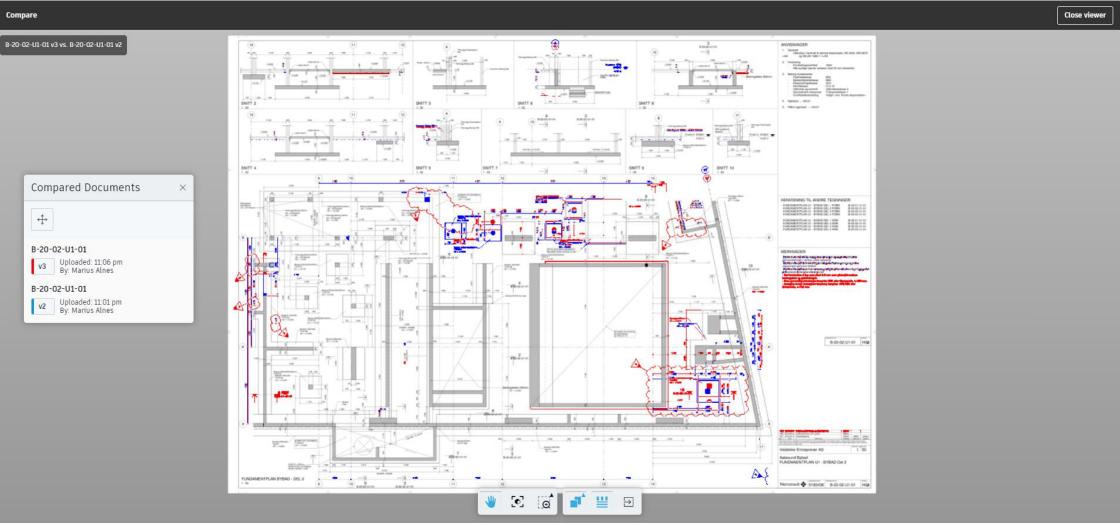
Project Coordination Model

- Alternative 1
 - o BIM 360 Coordinate. This module can bring together multi discipline models in shared coordination spaces and run clash detection test on them.
- Alternative 2
 - Linking all the Revit models in the project to an empty Revit file and enable worksharing.
- Alternative 3
 - Use a Navisworks file and upload it to a folder in BIM 360 Docs.

Track changes in models, drawings and documents

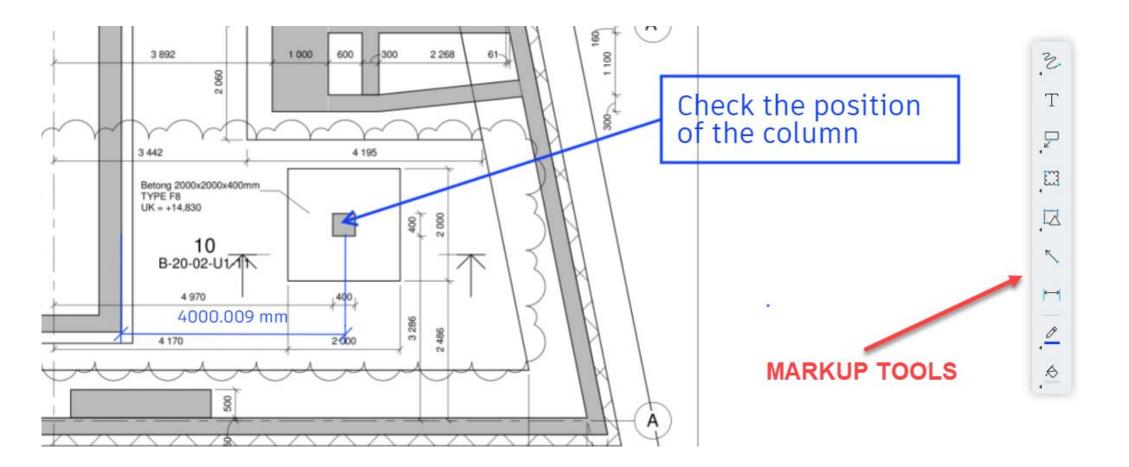
- Same functionality to track changes in models as in BIM 360 Design.
- Even PDF-documets can be compared to see what changes have been made.

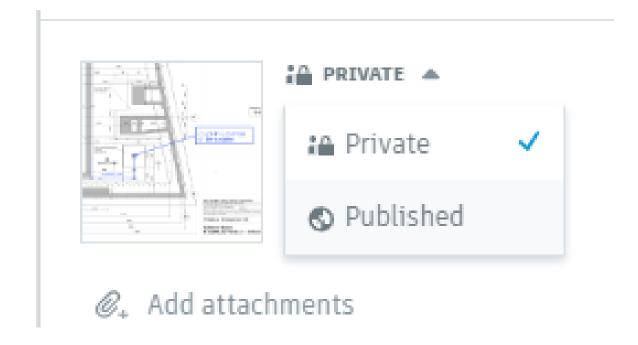




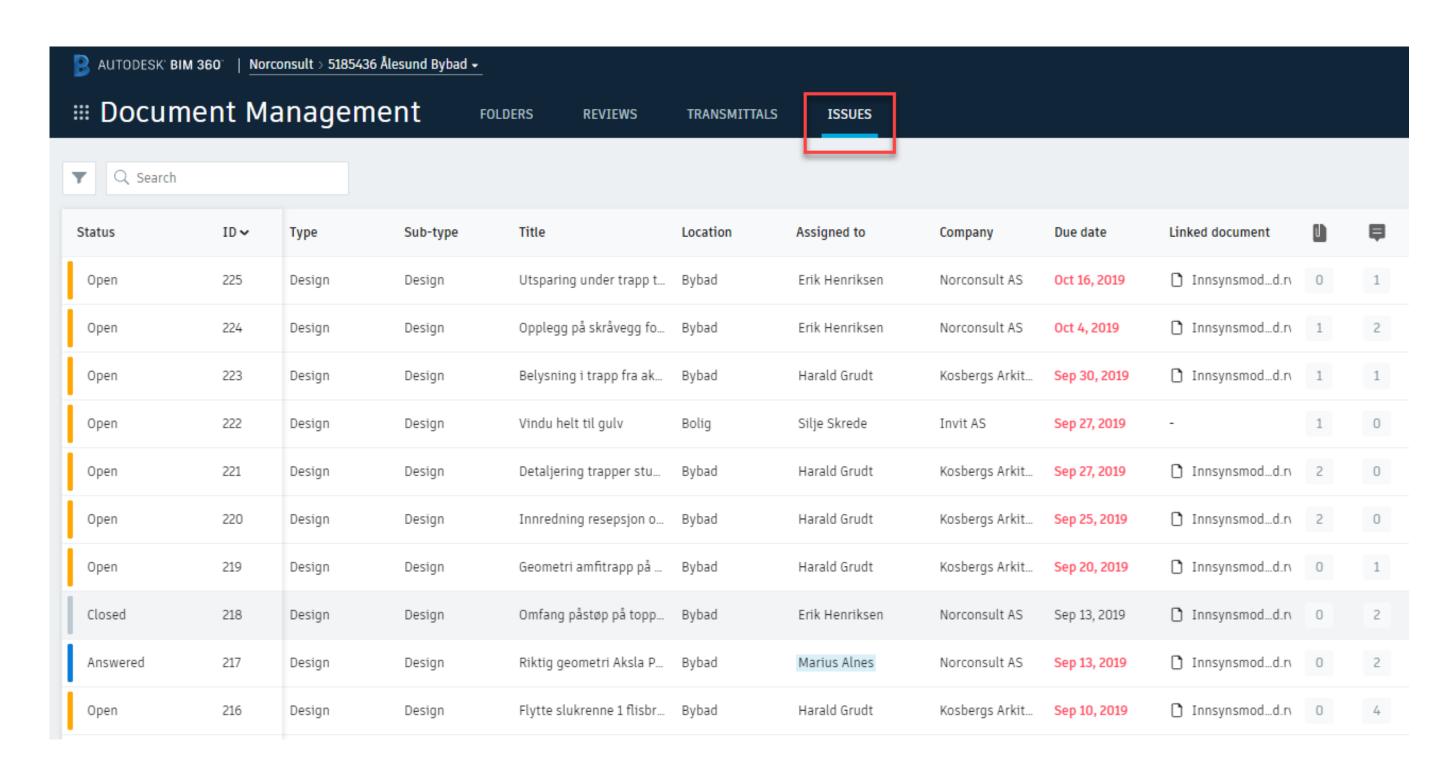
Markups

- Markups can be added to any type of viewable document.
- Markups can either be private or published.
- Ability to add attachments from any folders in Docs.

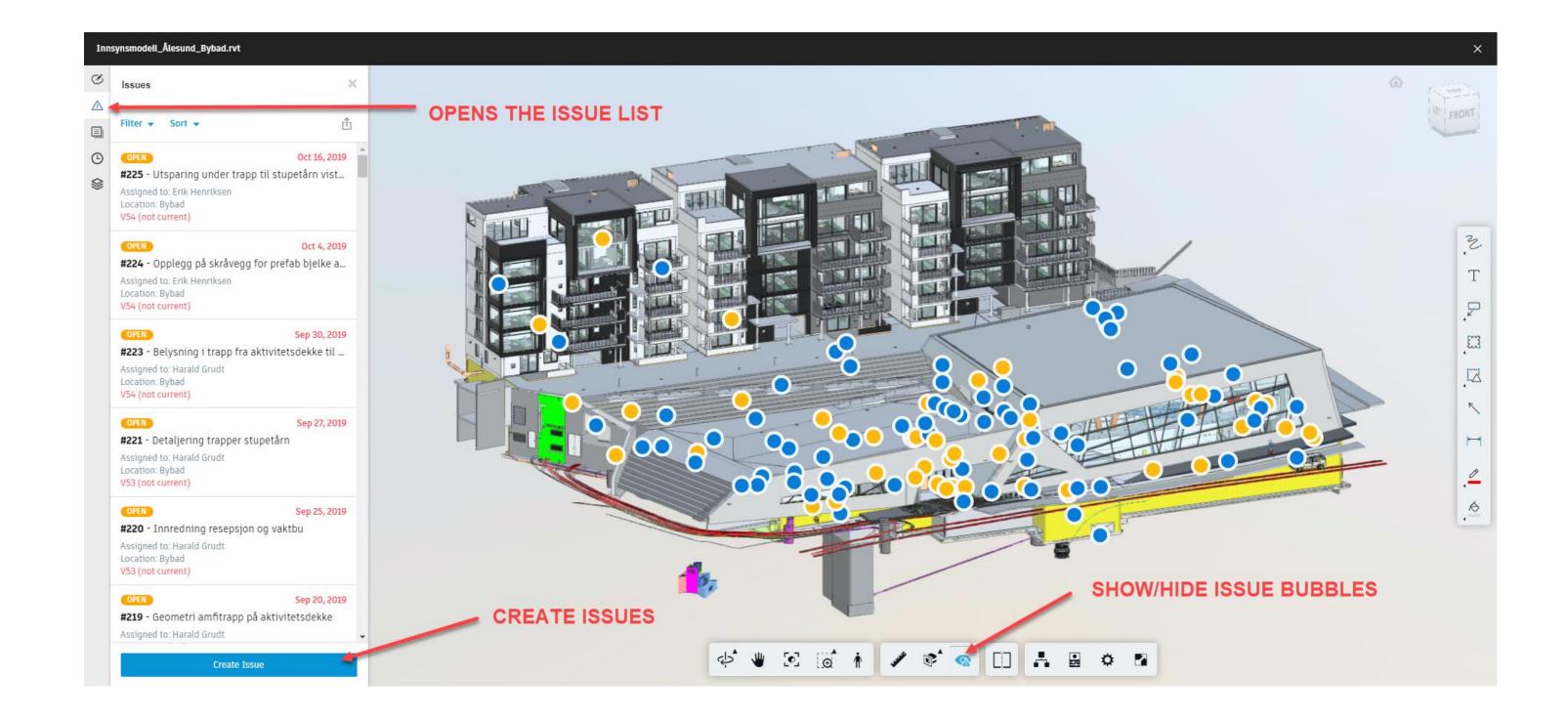




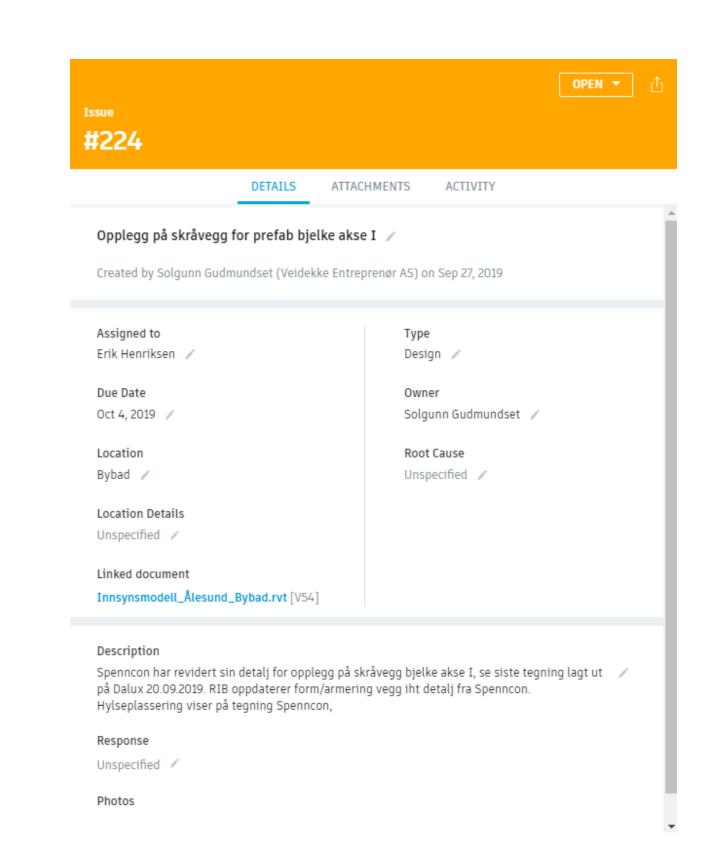
- The best tool for a successful project collaboration!
- Project issues gets stored at one place.
- Easy for project members to view and create.
- Full project history are stored.
- #Noneedforemails

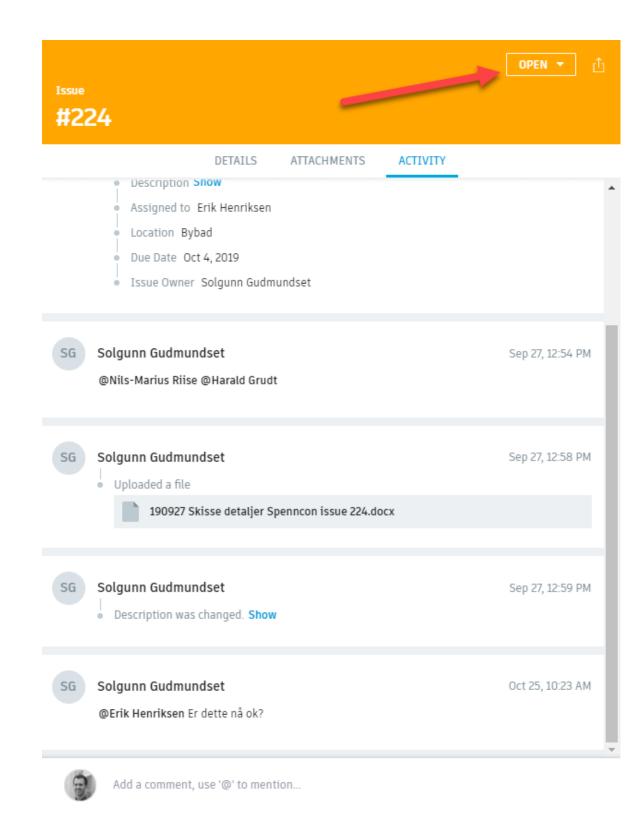


- Issues can be created in models, drawings and other documents.
- Smart to use a common coordination model to adress model issues in.
- Use the issue list or navigate through the model.

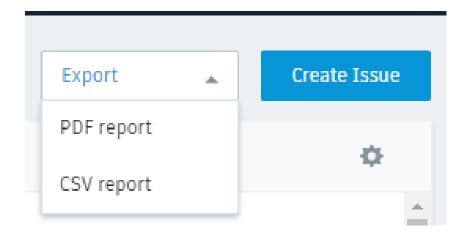


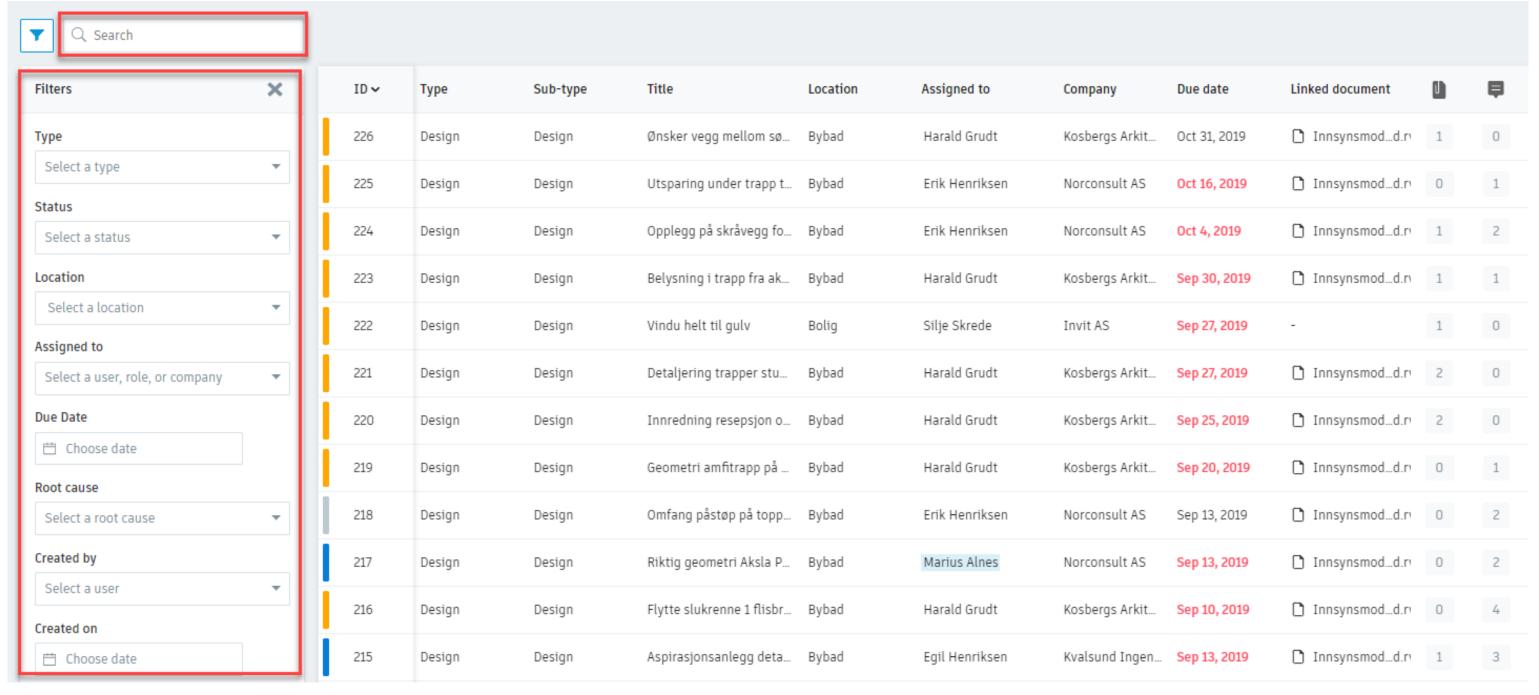
- Assign issues to project members or project companies
- Set a due date for the issue
- Attachments can be added to issues.
- All activity are logged in the issue.
- Remember to change the issue to answered.
- Ability to tag other persons than the person who is assigned to the issue.





- Filter issues on type, status or persons who are assigned to the issue
- Export issue reports in pdf or csv format.



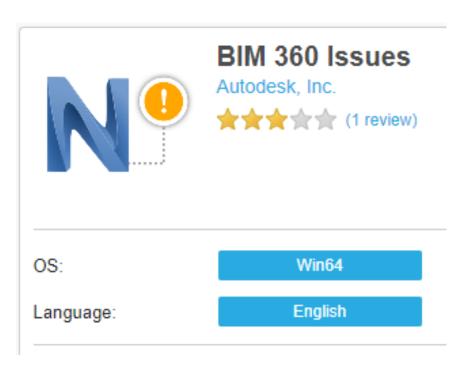


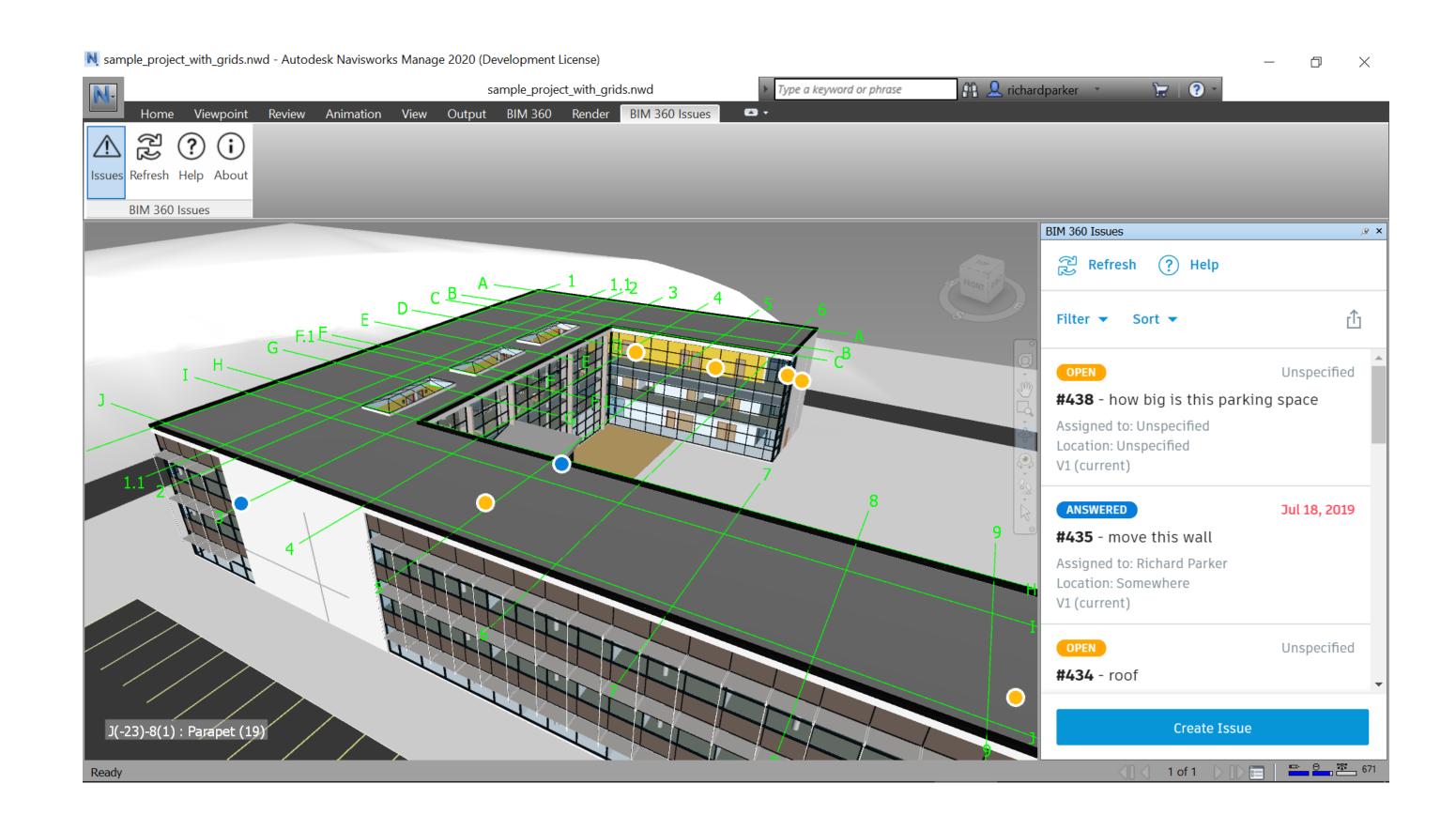
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Navisworks and BIM 360 issues

- Ability to add issues in coordination models in Navisworks.
- Issues are synchronized to the cloud, ad back to the desktop version of Navisworks.
- Free app!

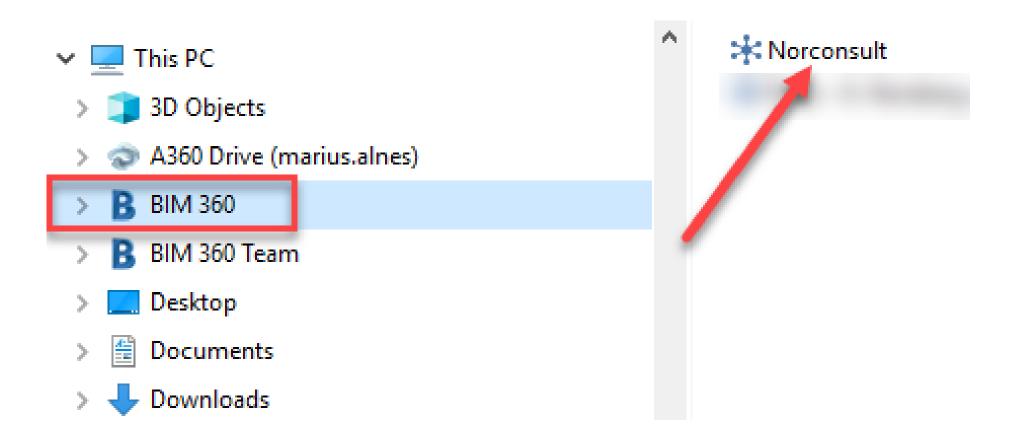






Desktop Connector

- Possible to link in dwg, IFC and non-workshared Revit files stored in BIM 360 to a Revit project.
- Can add and remove files through the desktop explorer.



Questions?

Session feedback

- Your feedback is important. Fill out the class survey
- Use the AU mobile app or fill out a class survey online.
- Give feedback after each session,





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