

# SBS5322 Basics of Building Information Modelling

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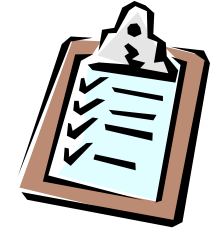
## Introduction



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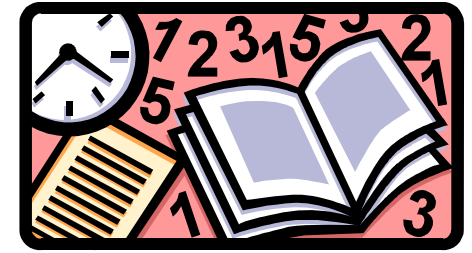
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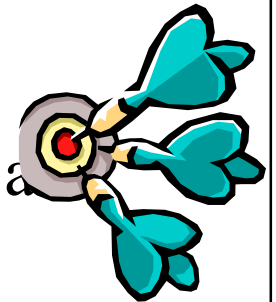




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- Module Aim(s):

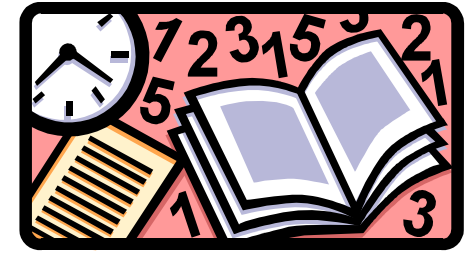
- This module introduces the basic concepts and essential background of **building information modelling (BIM)** to students of building services engineering and other related professional disciplines. It extends the knowledge in engineering drawing and computer-aided design (CAD) in construction projects, and develop skills necessary for understanding **virtual design and construction (VDC)**. Students will learn the conceptual background of BIM and apply the principles for the various aspects of BIM.



## Related module:

- SBS5411 Building Information Modelling for BSE

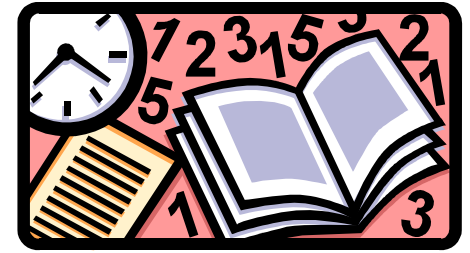
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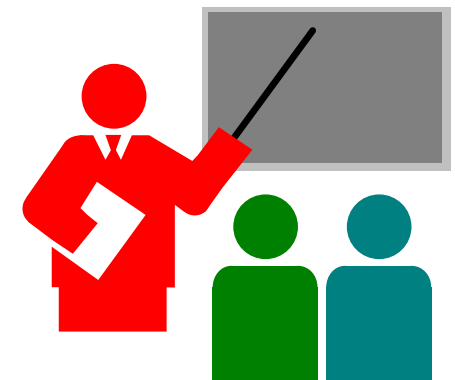
- 1. explain the basic concepts of BIM for construction and building projects;
- 2. identify the various aspects of BIM and evaluate their potential benefits for different building professionals and stakeholders; and
- 3. apply the fundamental techniques of BIM to CAD applications and automated construction solutions.

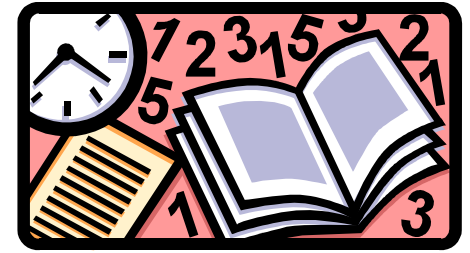




# Background

- Lecturers:
  - Ir Dr. Sam C. M. Hui (cmhui@vtc.edu.hk)
  - Dr. PAN Yan, Penny (pennypan@vtc.edu.hk)
- Course Website: (with links and resources)
  - <http://ibse.hk/SBS5322/>
- Moodle system
  - <http://moodle.vtc.edu.hk/>
- Your previous learning forms a basis:
  - Engineering Drawing and Construction CAD



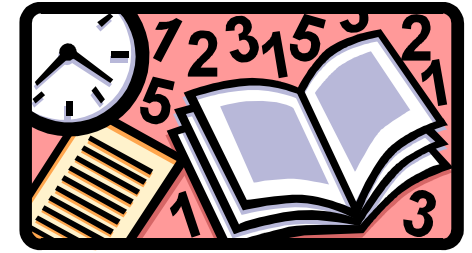


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- Assessment Components:
- Assignments (50%)
  - Assignment by Dr. Hui (25%)
  - Assignment by Dr. Pan (25%)
- Examination (50%) (3 hours)
  - Section A by Dr. Hui (5 out of 6 questions @ 10 marks)
  - Section B by Dr. Pan (5 out of 6 questions @ 10 marks)



# Background



- Study topics:

- 1. Introduction
- 2. What is BIM?
- 3. Computer modelling and BIM software
- 4. Computer visualization
- 5. BIM collaborations
- 6. Teamwork solutions

**Dr. Hui**

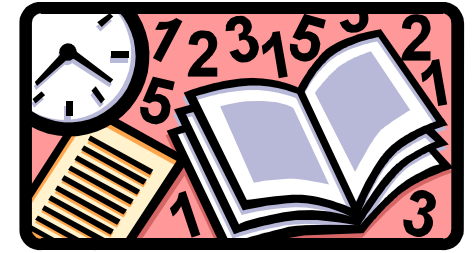


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- 7. Construction coordination
  - 8. BIM 5D model
  - 9. BIM and sustainable design
  - 10. Building energy analysis
  - 11. BIM documentation
  - 12. Latest BIM trends

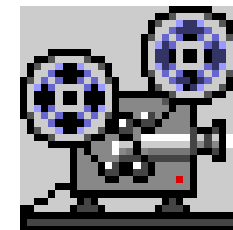
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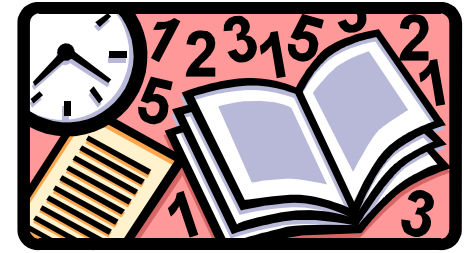
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- Learning Methods:
  - Lectures + Further Reading
  - Individual Assignments
  - Discussions
    - During lectures/tutorials
  - Guest lectures
- Resources:
  - Video presentations
  - Web links + References



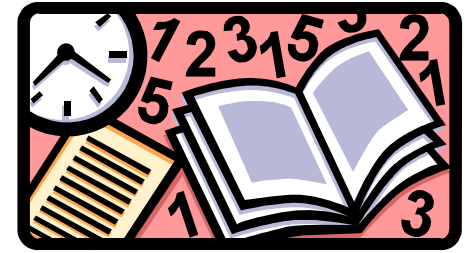




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- Useful referencs:

- Denis, F., 2015. *Building Information Modelling – Belgian Guide for the Construction Industry*, ADEB-VBA, Brussel. (<http://adeb-vba.be/the-guide-to-bim.pdf>)
- Garber, R., 2014. *BIM Design: Realising the Creative Potential of Building Information Modelling*, Wiley, Chichester, England. (ebook: <http://webpac.vtc.edu.hk/record=b11337834>)
- Holzer, D., 2016. *The BIM Manager's Handbook: Guidance for Professionals in Architecture, Engineering, and Construction*, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd., Chichester, West Sussex, UK. (ebook: <http://webpac.vtc.edu.hk/record=b11468140>)
- Lévy, F., 2012. *BIM in Small-scale Sustainable Design*, Wiley, Hoboken, NJ. (ebook: <http://webpac.vtc.edu.hk/record=b11305579>)



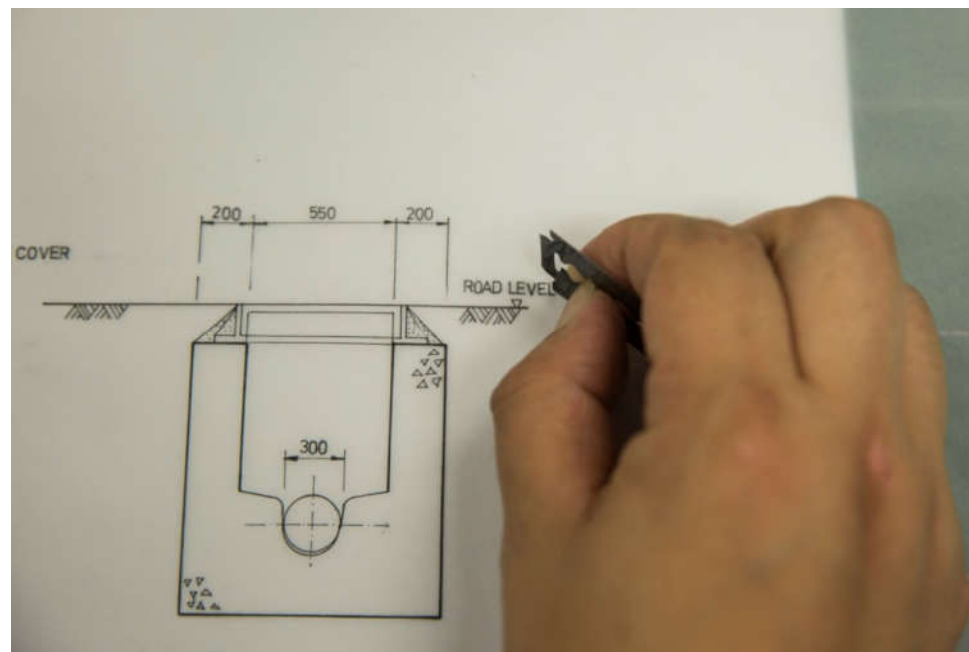
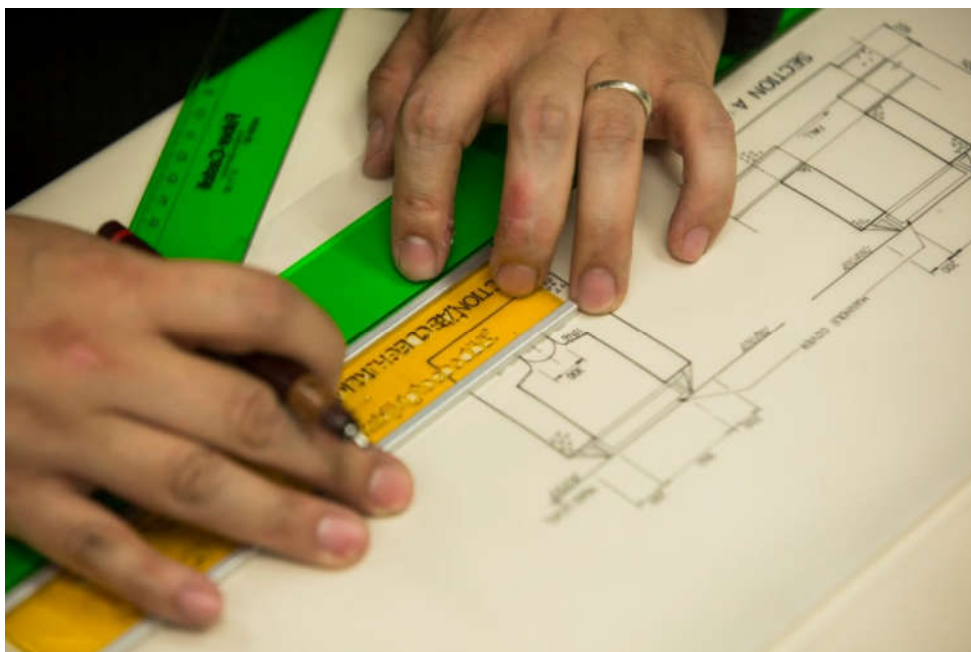
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- Useful Websites:
  - Autodesk Design Academy
    - <http://academy.autodesk.com>
  - BIM Basics [BIM+]
    - <http://www.bimplus.co.uk/bim-basics/>
  - BIM For Beginners [theb1m.com]
    - <http://www.theb1m.com/BIM-For-Beginners>
  - Graphisoft BIM Curriculum
    - <http://www.graphisoft.com/learning/bim-curriculum/>

# Drawing skills and BIM

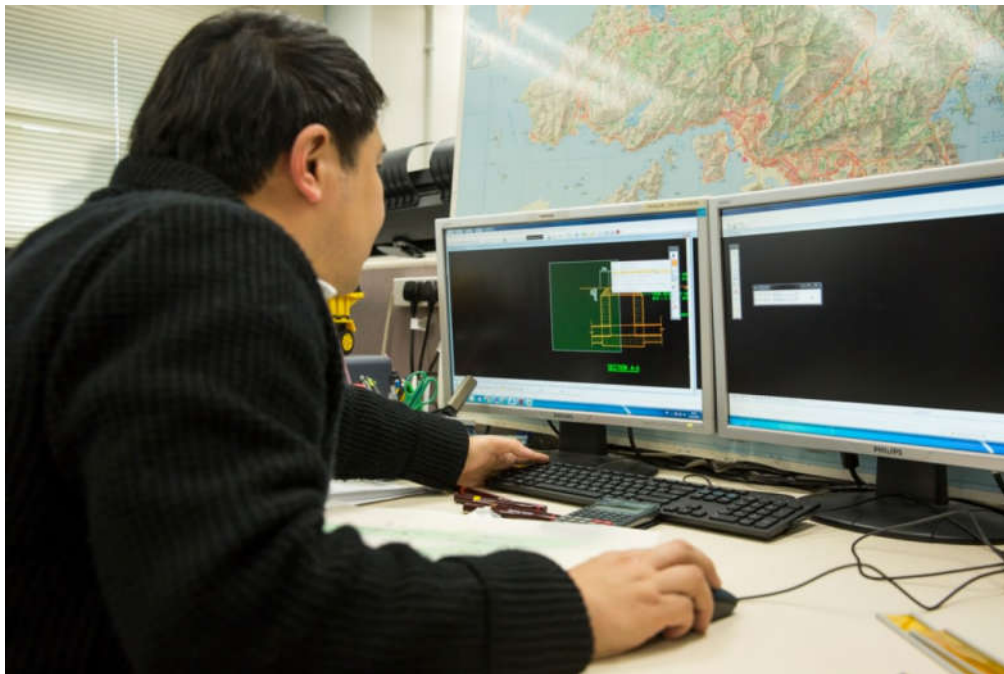
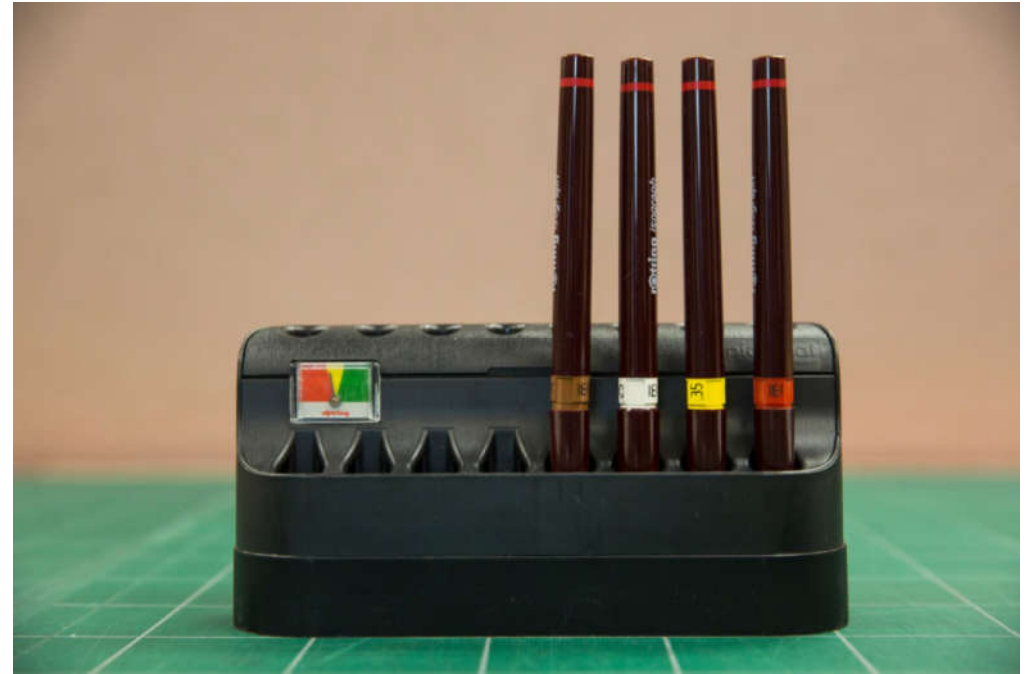


# Hand drafting of technical and engineering drawings becomes a history





# Hand drafting tools and computer-aided drafting

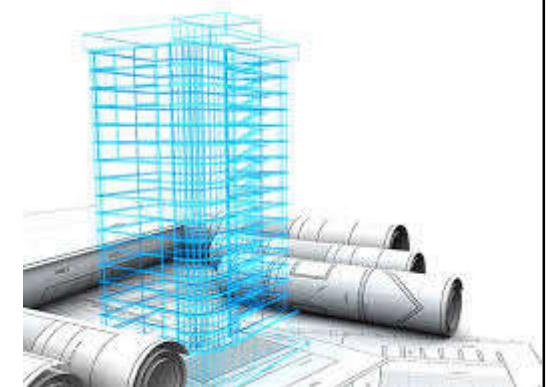


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# Drawing skills and BIM



- How are your drawing skills?
  - Hand drafting with ink pens and pencils
  - Computer-aided drafting/drawing (CAD) with software e.g. AutoCAD and Microstation
  - 3D models with BIM software
- Year 1 and 2 modules:
  - SBS4122 Engineering Drawing
  - SBS4212 Construction CAD by AutoCAD





# Drawing skills and BIM



- Architectural documentation
  - Drawings
    - Floor plans, sections, elevations
    - Interior elevations
    - Details, 3D views
  - Documents
    - Descriptions, calculations
    - Schedules
    - Quantity Take-offs (QTOs)
    - Cost Estimations

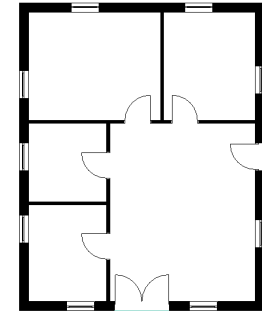


# Graphical Projections

## Orthographic Projections

Planar Views:

- Plan
- Sections
- Elevations



## Axonometric Views

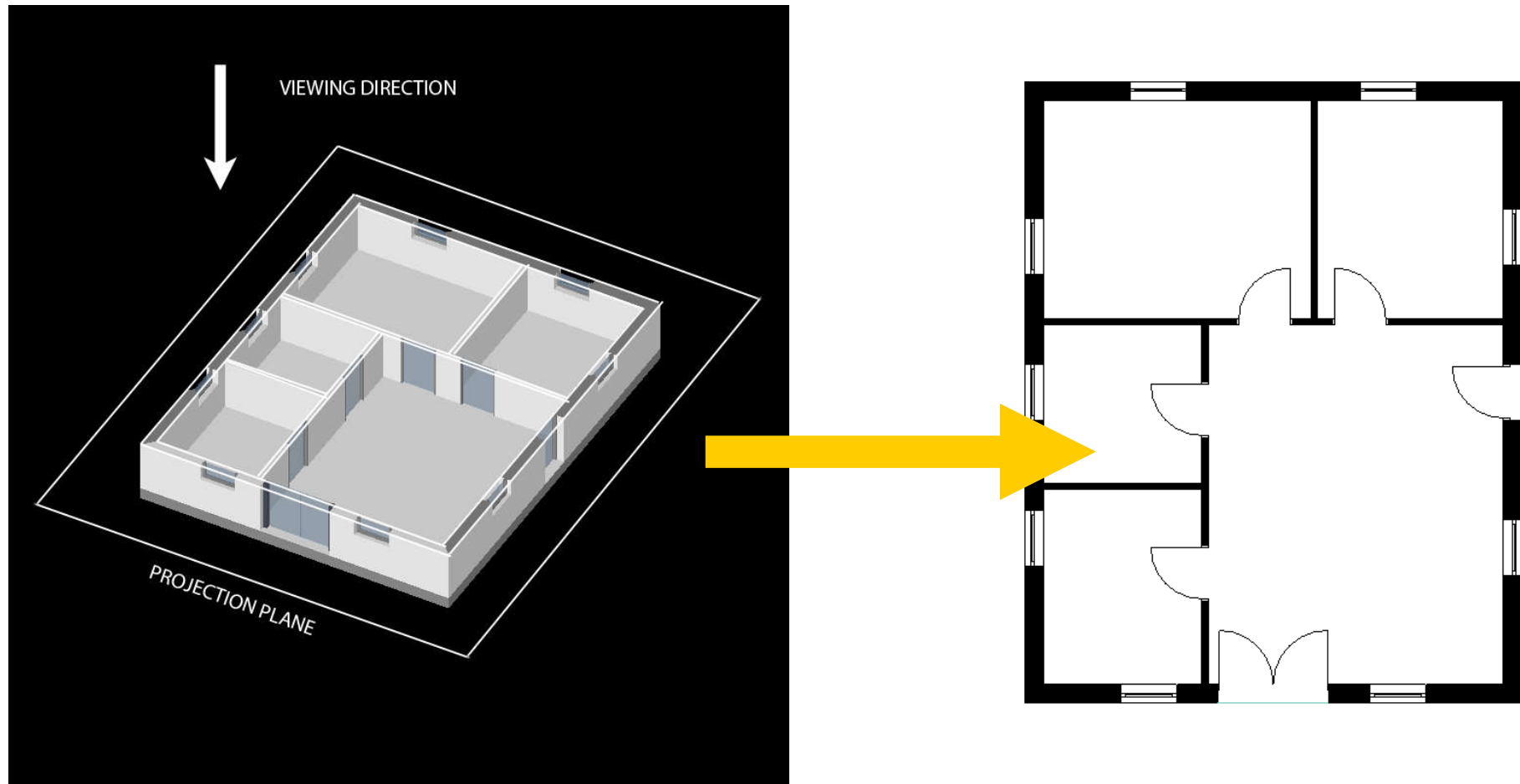


## Perspective Projections



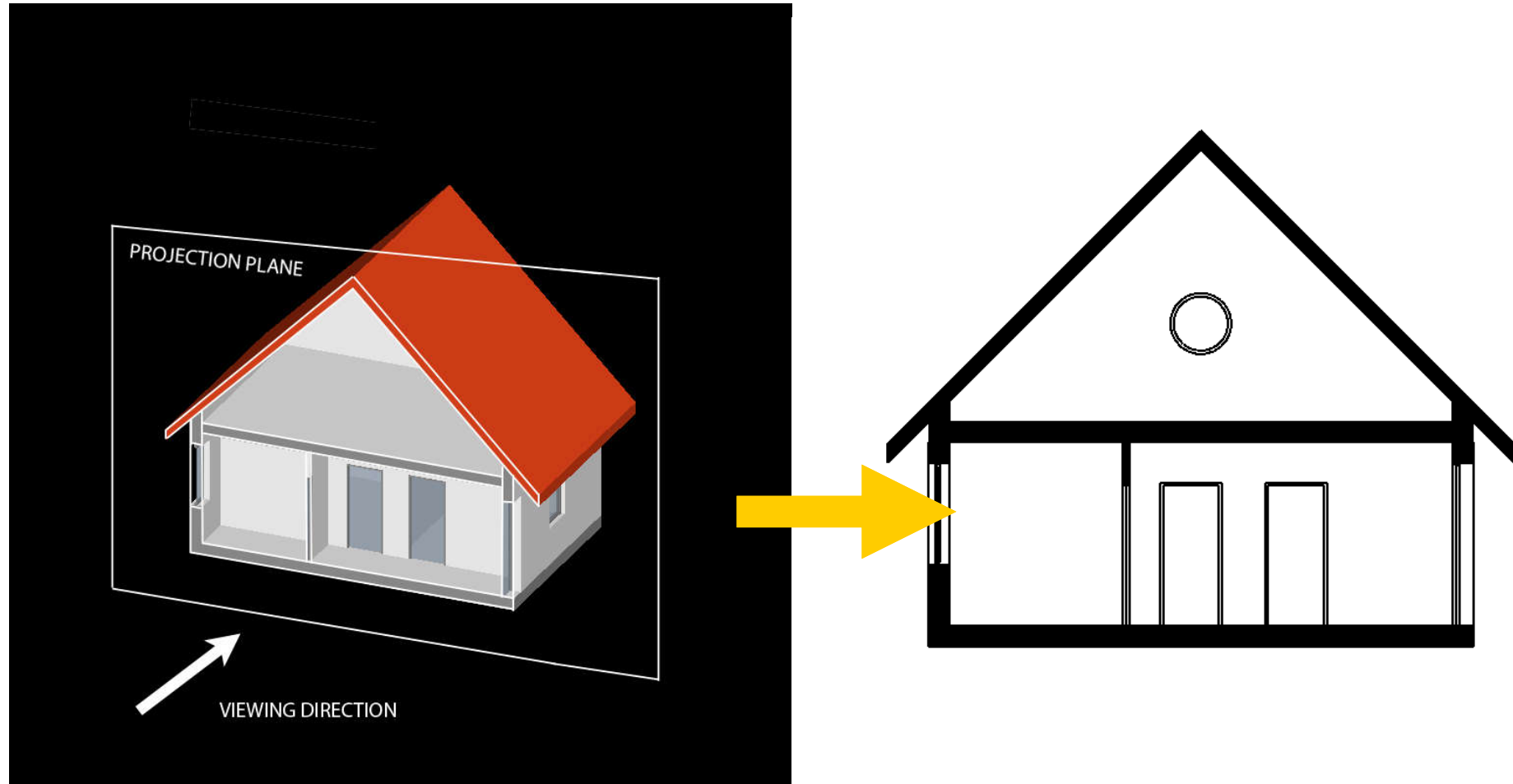


# Planar Views: Floor Plans





# Planar Views: Sections



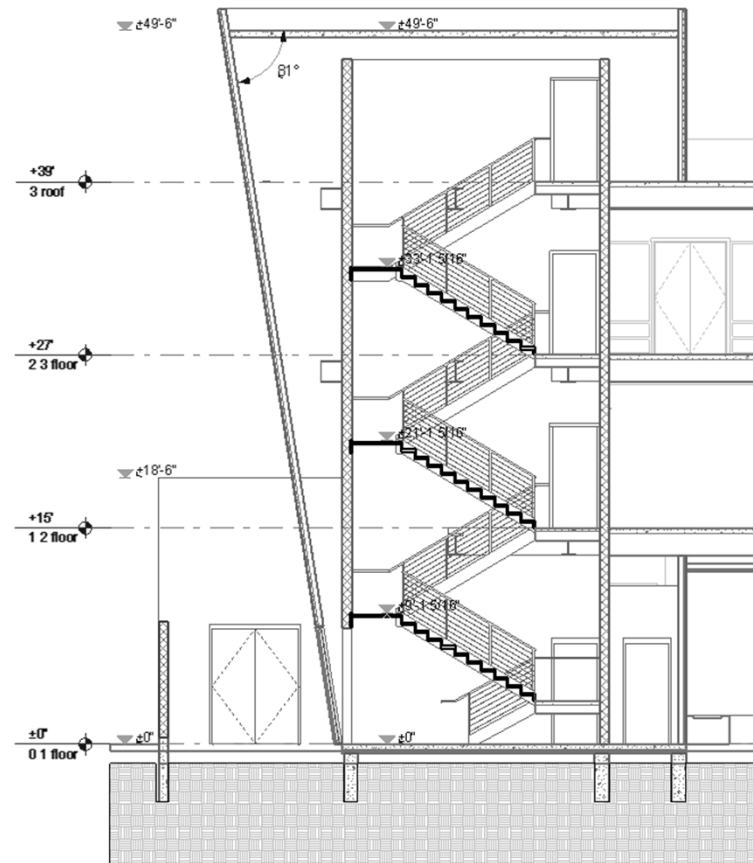
# Sections

## Drawing Content

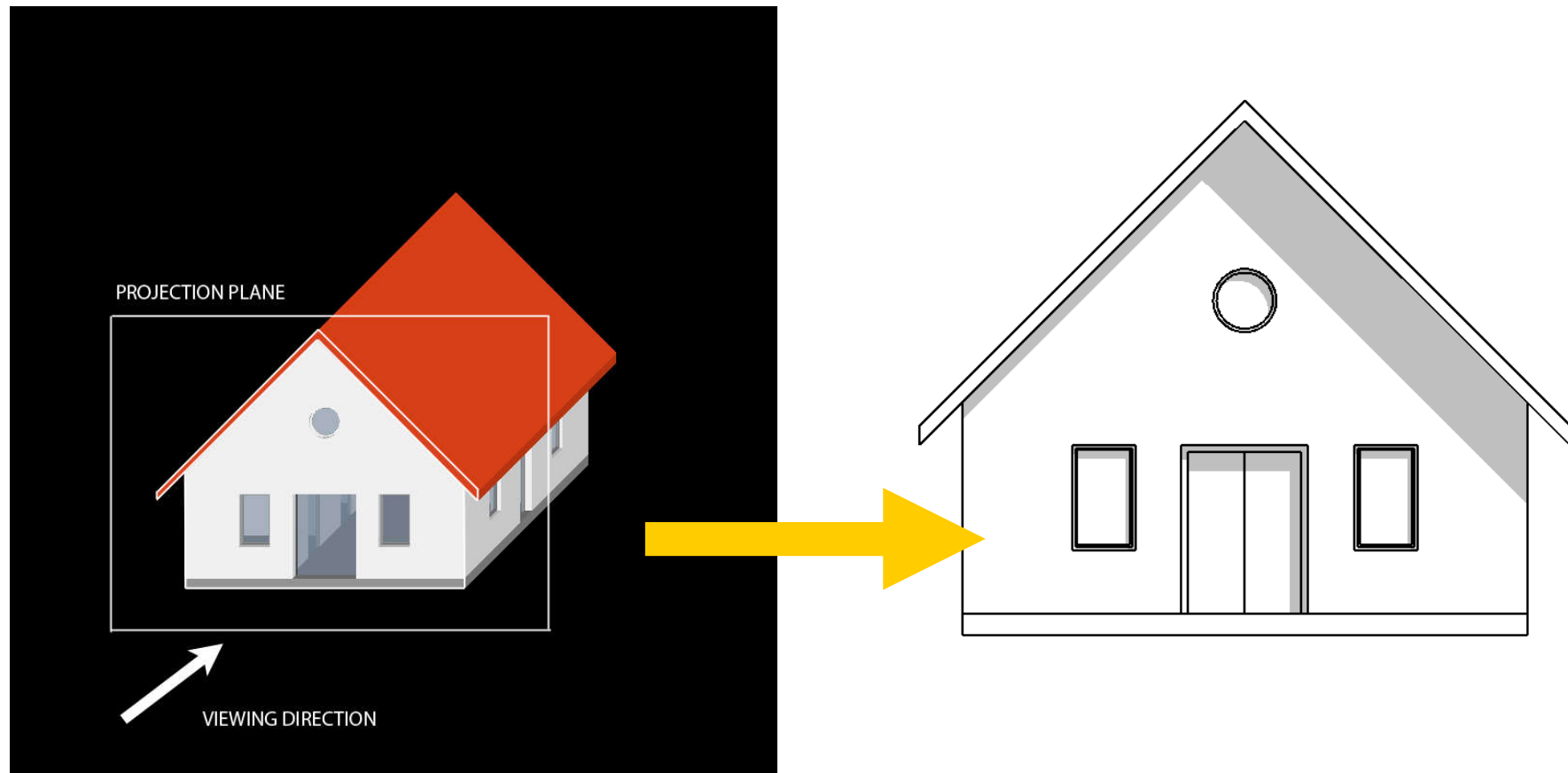
- Structural Elements
- Fix Furniture
- Dimensions
- Level Dimensions
- Annotations

## Types

- Architectural
- Structural
- Electrical & Plumbing
- Etc.



# Planar Views: Elevations



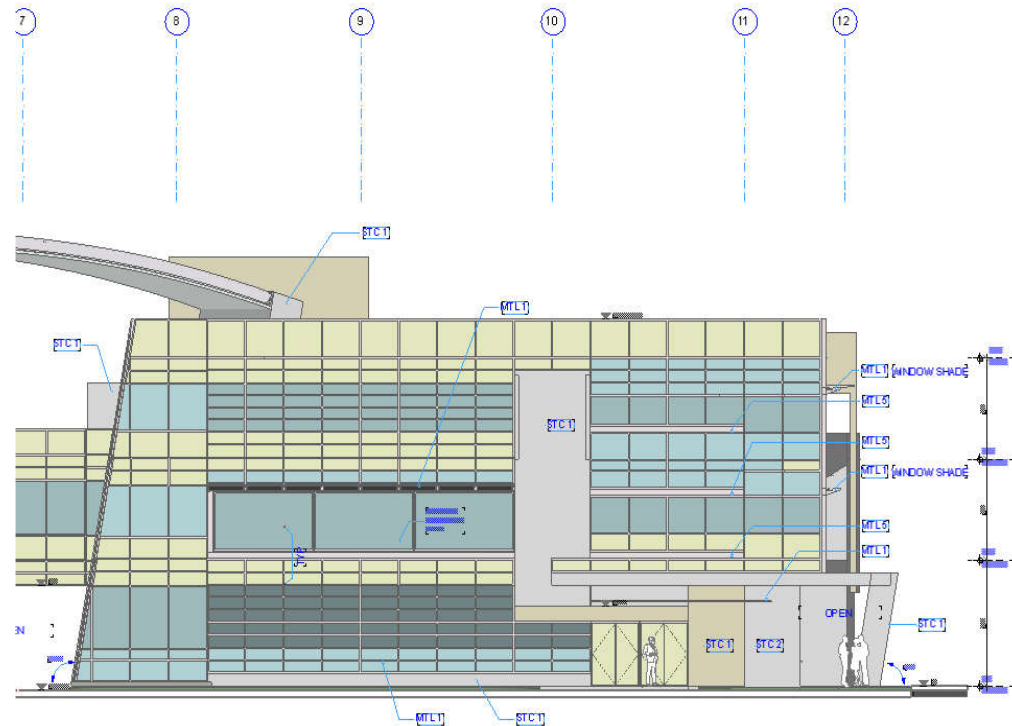
# Elevations

## Drawing Content

- Exterior Building Elements
- Dimensions
- Level Dimensions
- Annotations
- Material Information
- Colors, Shadows

## Types

- Architectural
- Structural
- Interior Elevations
- Etc.



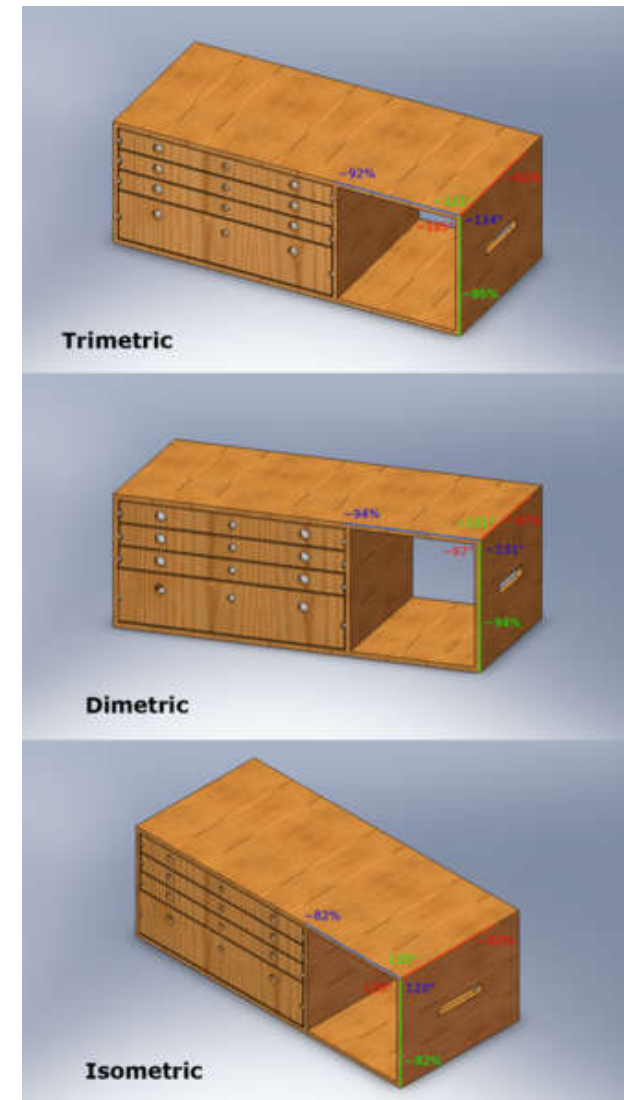
# Axonometric Views

## Axonometry:

*"Image of an object as viewed from a skew direction in order to reveal more than one side in the same picture"*

- Basic View Types

- Trimetric
- Dimetric
- Isometric



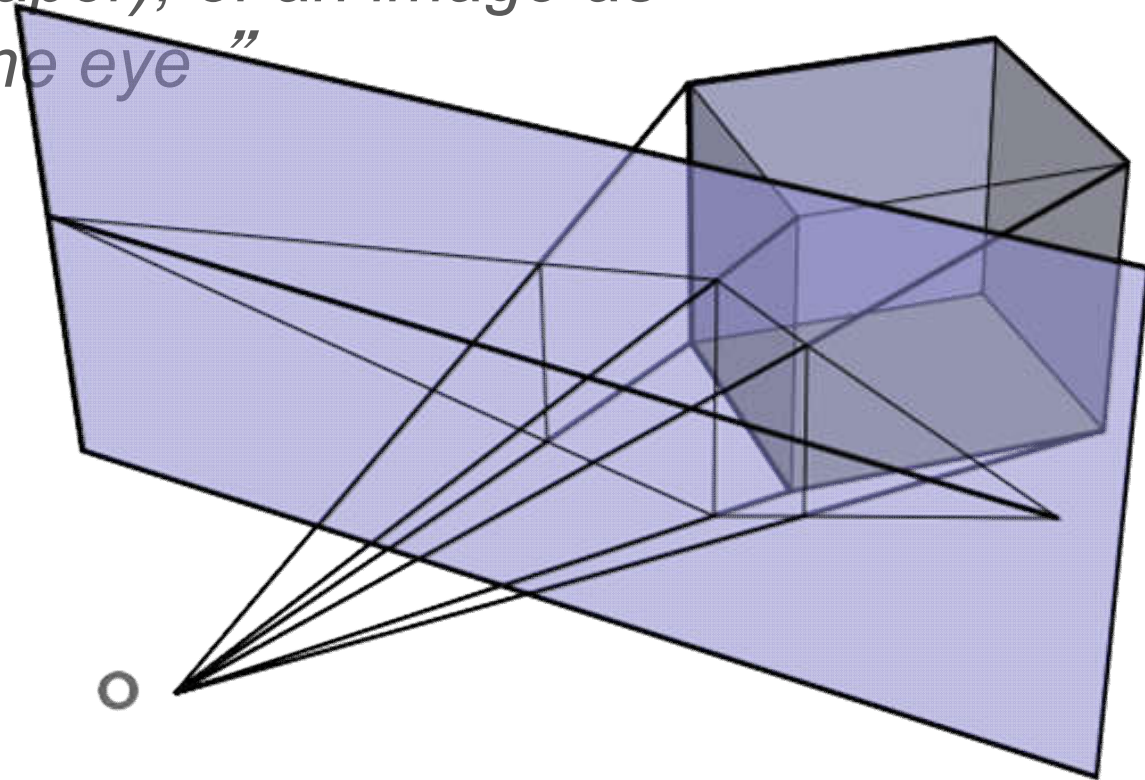
# Perspective Views

## Perspective:

*” approximate representation, on a flat surface (such as paper), of an image as it is perceived by the eye ”*

- Main Concepts

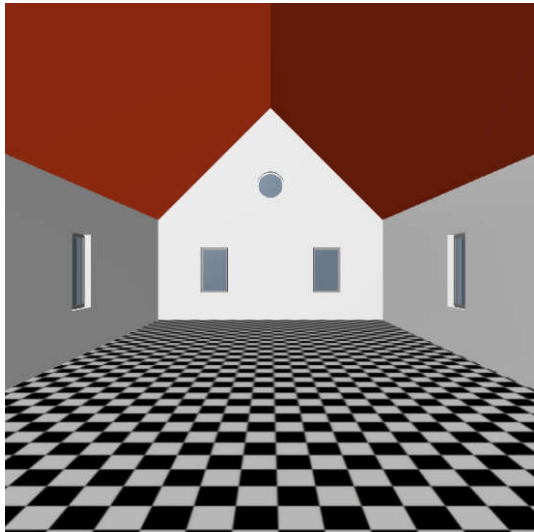
- Foreshortening
- Horizon Line
- Vanishing Point





# Perspective Views

- Basic Types



One-point Perspective



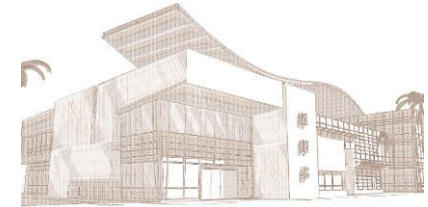
Two-point Perspective



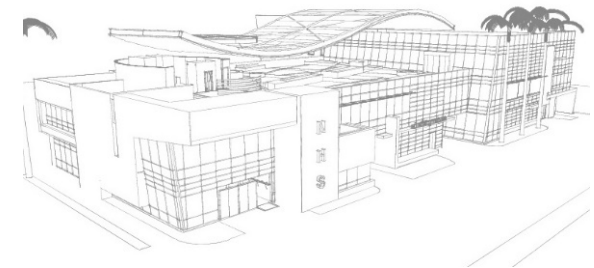
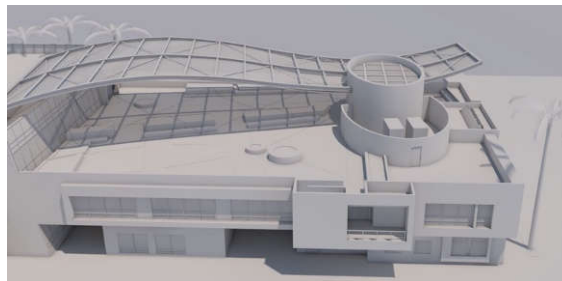
Three-point Perspective

# Computer Visualization

- Photorealistic images (rendering)



Artistic images



Interactive virtual models



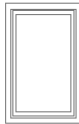
Fly through animations

Sun studies

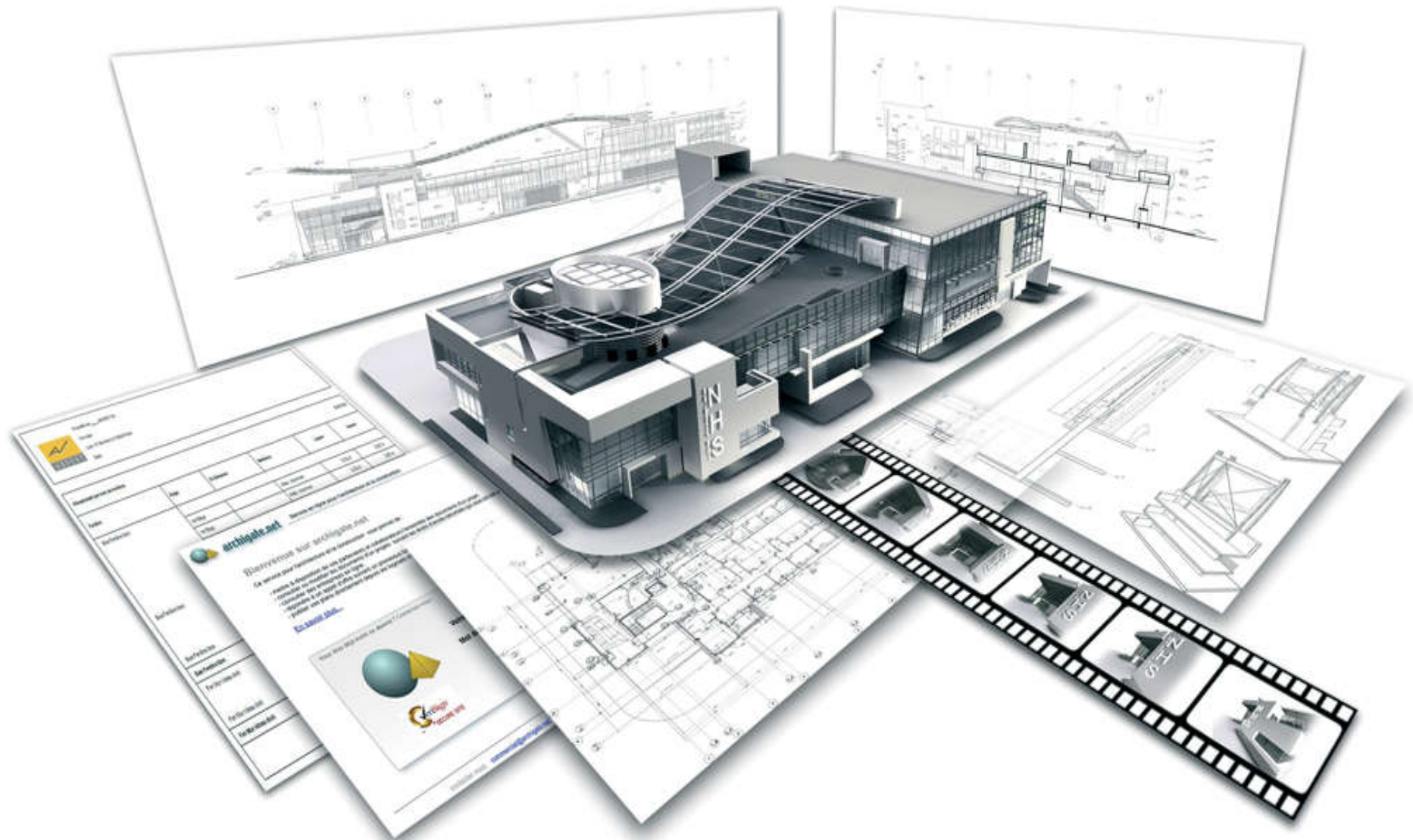
# Non-graphic Documentation

- Descriptions
- Instructions
- Calculations
- Lists
- Schedules
- Quantity Take-offs
- Cost Estimations



TEXTFIELD 1		
TEXTFIELD 2		
TEXTFIELD 3		
TEXTFIELD 4		
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	Height:	1,50 m
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	User ID	W01
	Opening orientation	0
Material	Wood-Fine	

# The BIM Concept



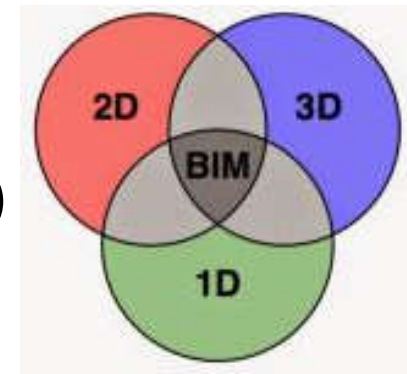
# Basic concepts of BIM





# Basic concepts of BIM

- BIM:
  - Building Information Modelling
    - 建築資訊模擬 / 建築資訊模型
  - Building Information Management
- Information and Model
  - 1D: Data/Text information (non-graphical)
  - 2D: Drawings/Diagrams (graphical)
  - 3D: Modelling (geometric information, objects)
  - Object based (with attributes, parametric)



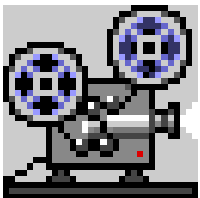
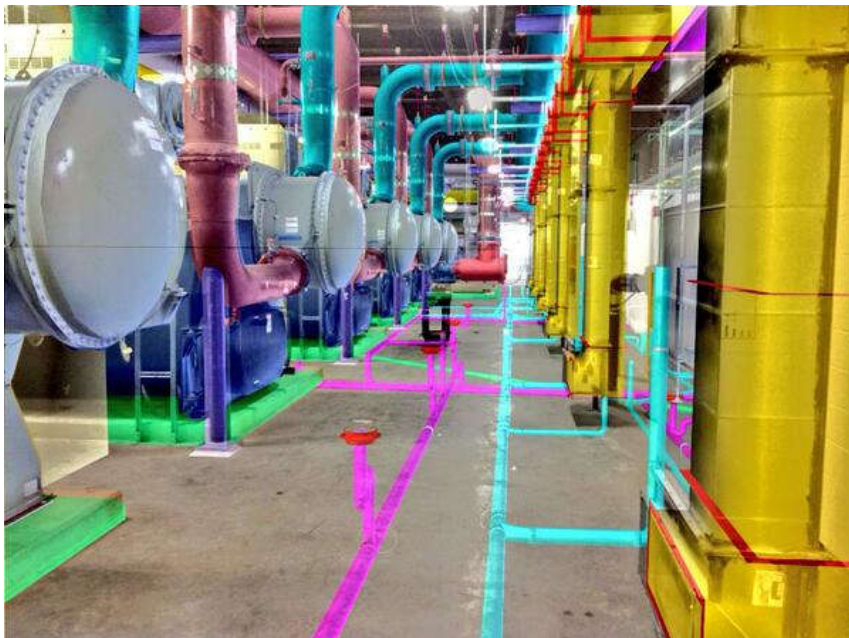




# Basic concepts of BIM

- Definition of BIM (from Autodesk)
  - BIM (Building Information Modeling) is an **intelligent 3D model-based process** that gives architecture, engineering, and construction (AEC) professionals the insight and tools to more efficiently plan, design, construct, and manage buildings and infrastructure
- BIM is not about the B and the M it is about the **I = Information** is the key

# BIM is an intelligent 3D model-based process



Videos: Examples of BIM applications in AEC and building services engineering

- What is BIM (Building Information Modeling)? (3:00) <https://youtu.be/suNadRnHy-U>

- Introduction: What is BIM? (2:20) <https://youtu.be/rAAGRUXNeNQ>





# Basic concepts of BIM

- National BIM Standard (US): Definition of BIM
  - A Building Information Model (BIM) is a **digital** representation of physical and functional characteristics of a facility. As such it serves as a **shared knowledge** resource for information about a facility forming a reliable basis for **decisions** during its **life-cycle** from inception onward.
  - A basic premise of BIM is **collaboration** by different stakeholders at different phases of the life cycle of a facility to insert, extract, update or modify **information** in the BIM process to support and reflect the roles of that stakeholder. The BIM is a shared digital representation founded on open standards for **interoperability**.



# Basic concepts of BIM

- Key concepts of BIM

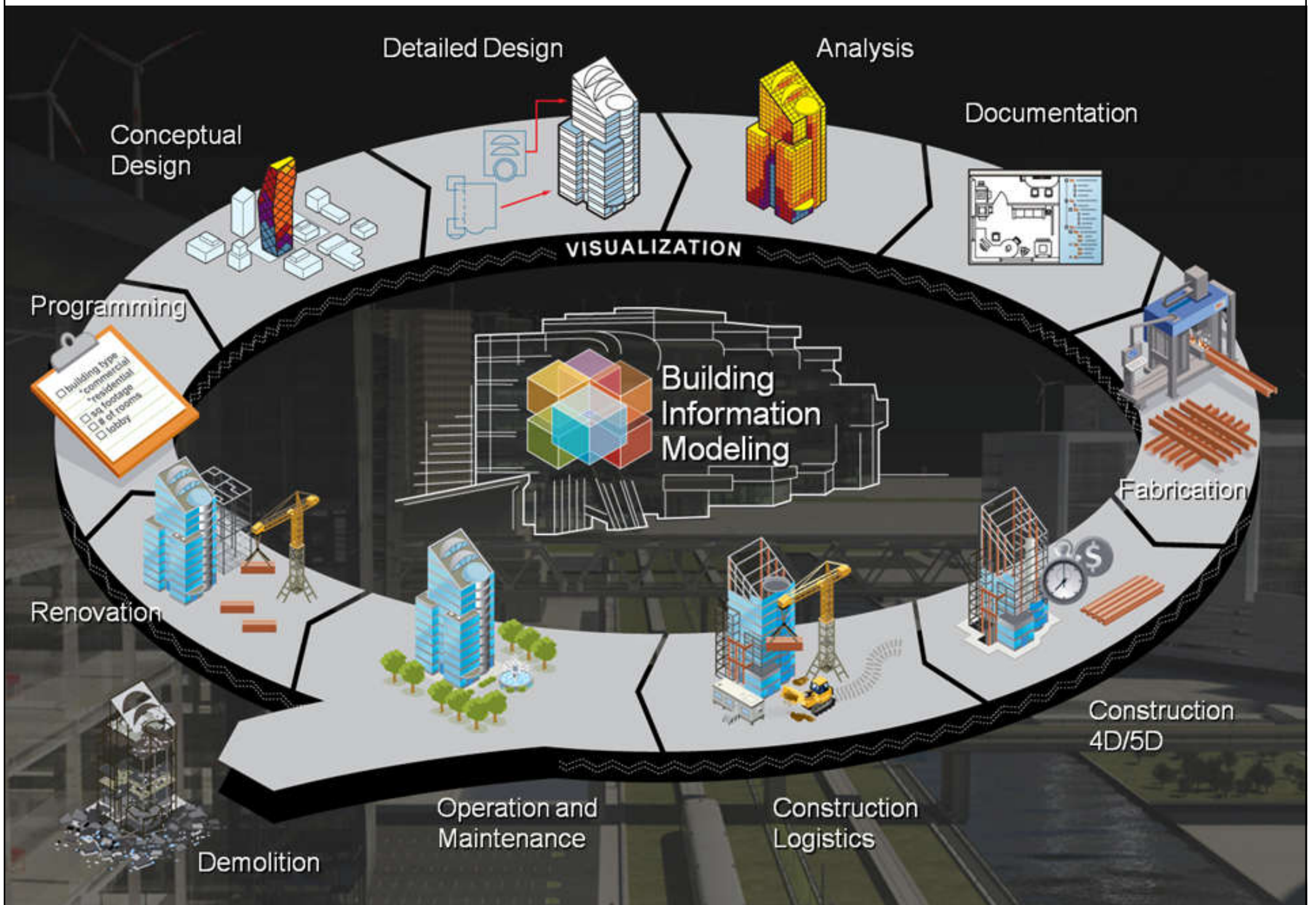


- It is a **database** – not just 3D drawings/images
- It is all about **sharing** info through a model with all disciplines (requires all parties to collaborate)
- Refers to a “**model**” but it is a “**process**” not a product (it is a way of working)
- Working in a BIM environment (a common data environment)
- Information model => collection of data
- Connects formerly disconnected silos of info



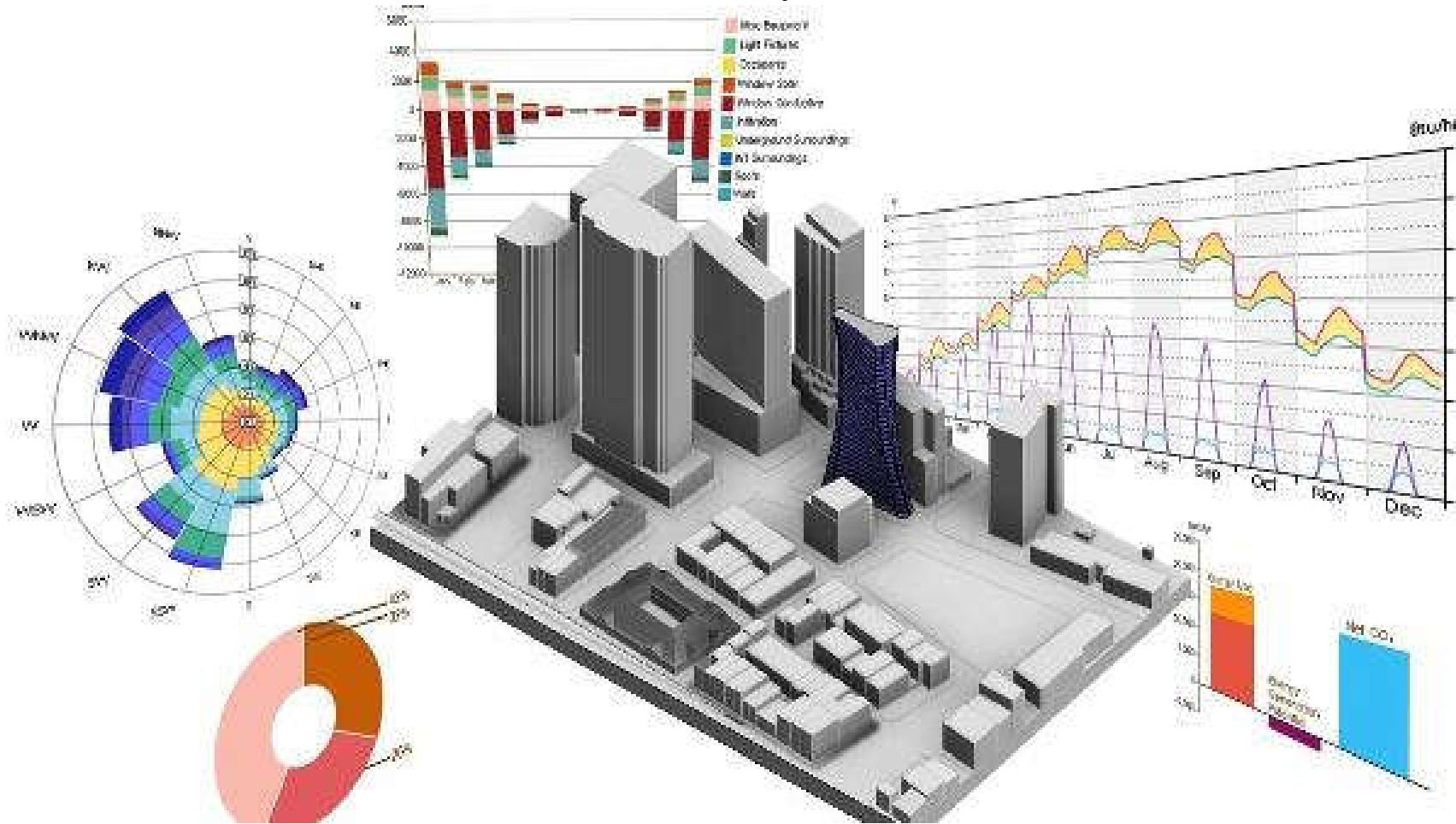
# Basic concepts of BIM

- Key concepts of BIM (cont'd)
  - Information models can be used to inform all stages of a built asset's **life cycle**
  - Ultimate communication tool because it's visual
  - **Collaboration** to the Nth degree
  - Process + Tools = Power of BIM
  - Enabler for lean construction – can rely on model to help facilitate prefabrication
  - **Virtual Design & Construction (VDC)** + Analysis + Facility Information = BIM





# BIM Process + Analysis Tools = Power of BIM



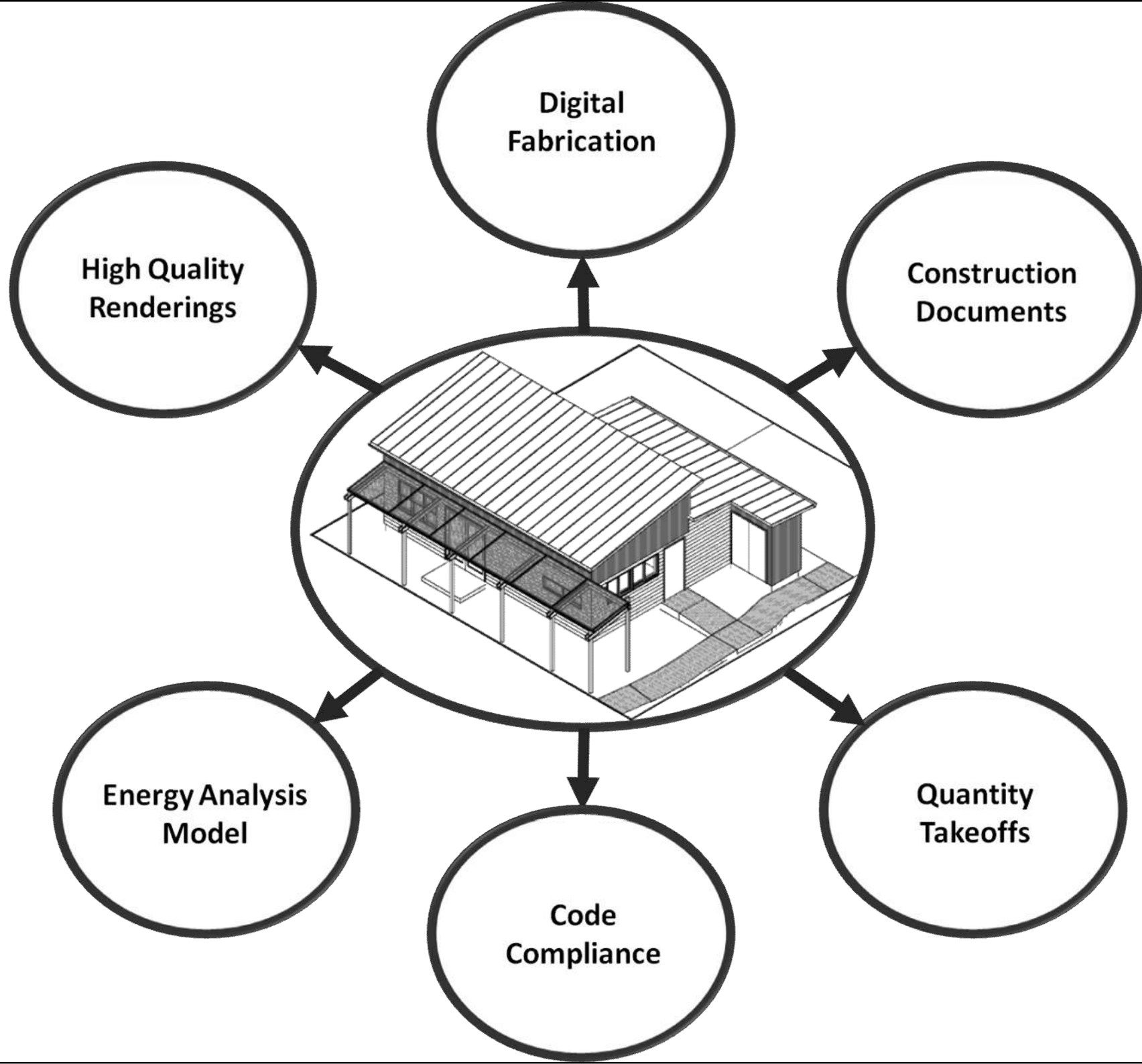
Energy, green building and structural analyses



3D Scanning



Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) / Drone





# Basic concepts of BIM

- The BIM **information model** contains
  - Graphical model: Specific 3-D geometric information such as sizes, areas and volumes
  - Non-graphical data: Cost data, material and component quantities
  - Documentation: Schedule, zoning analysis, environmental performance, instructions for fabrication and construction, reports, manuals
- BIM is a digital design environment



# Basic concepts of BIM

- The BIM **information model** can enable
  - Collaboration among project team members
  - Efficient sketch design
  - Simulation for sustainability, energy and environmental issues, or construction purposes
  - 2D drawing output and numeric export to spreadsheets or other hardware for scheduling or digital fabrication
  - Effective building operation, maintenance & facility management





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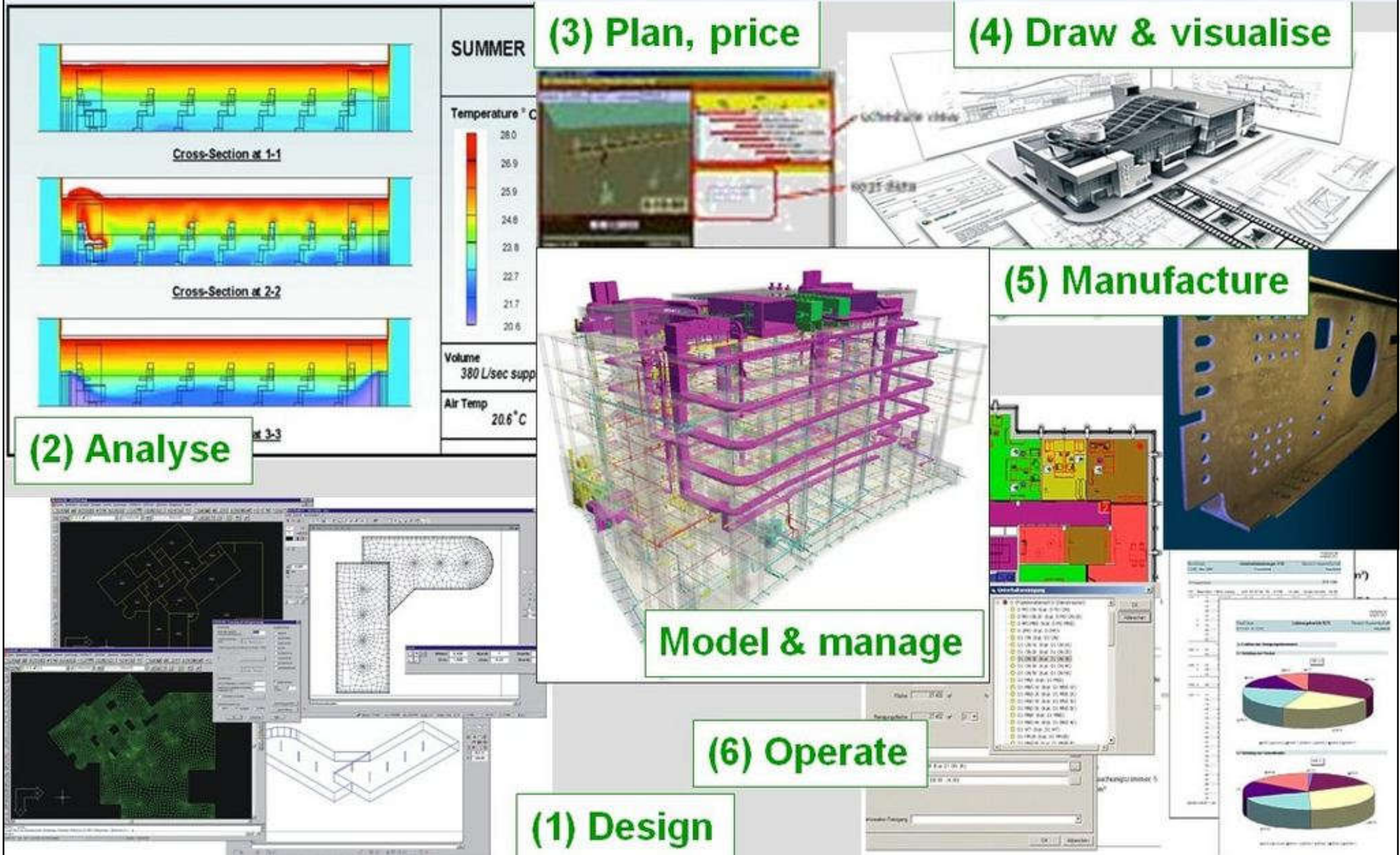
- Based on the use of the information, the BIM **information model** can be broken down into:
  - 1. Design intent model (by the designer for the designer)
  - 2. Build intent model (by the contractor for the contractor)
  - 3. Fabrication intent model (by the subcontractor for the subcontractor)
  - 4. Facility management model (by the owner for the owner)



# Basic concepts of BIM

- Applications for BIM:
  - Architecture
  - Structures
  - Building Services (or MEP )
  - Construction Management, Scheduling
  - Sustainability
  - Utilities
  - Road Construction
  - Property Management

# Practical uses of BIM model and information



# Examples of BIM use in building, construction and infrastructure

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Existing conditions modeling</li><li>• Site analysis</li><li>• Architectural programming</li><li>• Quantities Take Off (QTO)</li><li>• Cost analysis</li><li>• LCC analysis</li><li>• Specification production</li><li>• Design authoring and briefing</li><li>• Sustainability evaluation</li><li>• Engineering analysis</li><li>• Energy analysis</li><li>• Structural analysis</li><li>• Lighting analysis</li><li>• Mechanical analysis</li><li>• Other engineering analysis</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Building system analysis</li><li>• 3D coordination</li><li>• 3D control and planning</li><li>• Site utilization planning</li><li>• Product library</li><li>• Product selection</li><li>• Perform procurement</li><li>• Manufacturers information (incl. LCA)</li><li>• Code compliance checking</li><li>• Design reviews</li><li>• Consistency control</li><li>• Construction system design</li><li>• Digital fabrication</li><li>• Phase planning (4D modeling)</li><li>• Commissioning</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Record modeling</li><li>• Asset management</li><li>• Space management and tracking</li><li>• Disaster planning / emergency preparedness</li><li>• Building (preventative) maintenance</li><li>• Scheduling</li><li>• Security &amp; key management</li><li>• Telephone move/add/change management</li><li>• Way finding</li><li>• Facility management (FM) documentation</li><li>• Maintenance &amp; repair information</li></ul>
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# Why BIM?







# Why BIM?

- Examine problems of construction projects
  - Owner has “clouded” vision of final deliverable
  - Inaccurate/Incomplete plans/specs
  - Trades are picked by lowest price (in most cases no “value added” assigned to competence)
  - Nobody will share info because of liability
  - Everyone wants to shove risk to someone else
  - Because the job is awarded on low price, subs need to make up money on change orders

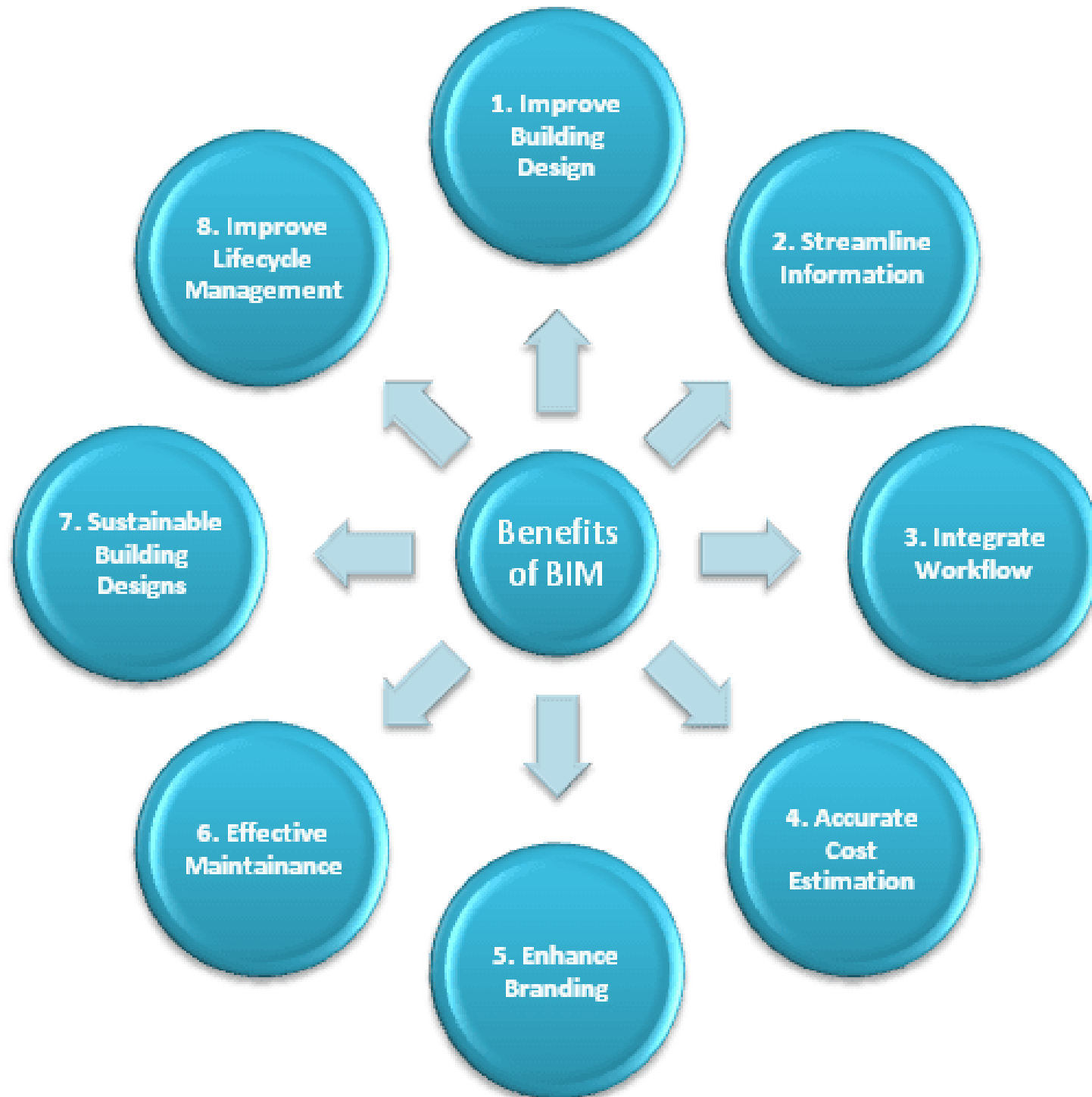


# Why BIM?

- Biggest BIM adoption hurdles:
  - Lack of BIM expertise
  - Lack of industry standards
- Greatest BIM benefits:
  - Improved communication
  - Improved collaboration
  - Higher quality project decision making
  - More comprehensive planning and scheduling



# Benefits of BIM



# Use of BIM throughout building project development cycle



## Conceptualization

- Collaborative processes
- Key stakeholders contribute expertise
- Improved decision-making and quality

## Design

## Implementation

### Docs

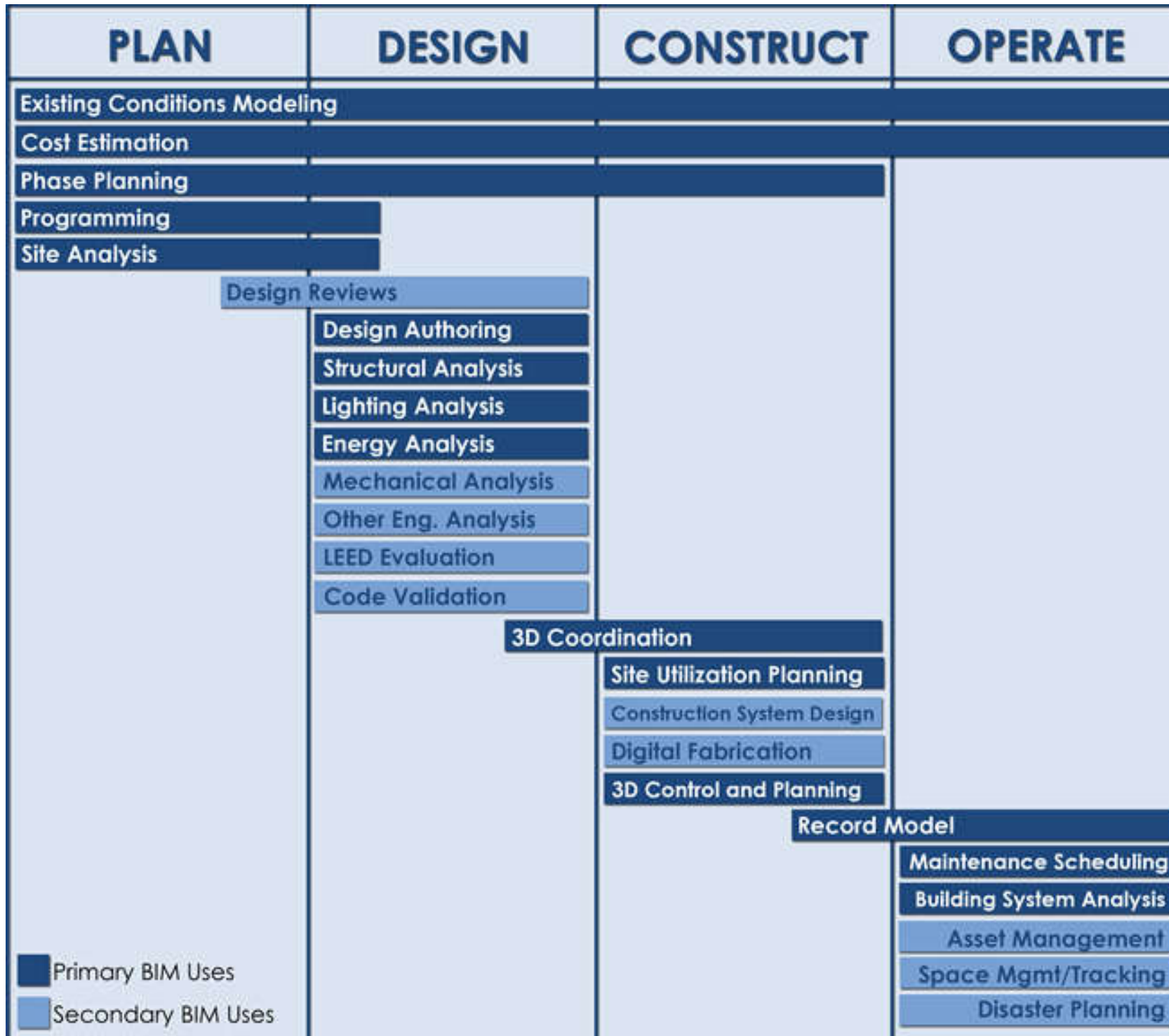
- Controlled by precise design model
- Improved coordination and documentation

## Construction

## Own/Operate

- Early planning = efficient material use, less waste
- Change orders are minimized
- Construction: on schedule/budget

# Primary and secondary BIM uses in building process







# Why BIM?

- BIM creates efficiency and business benefits
  - Reduce rework
  - Improve productivity
  - Reduce conflicts and changes during construction
  - Clash detection and avoiding rework
  - Promote new BIM-related services
  - Reduce errors and omissions in construction documents



# Why BIM?

- BIM provides a single, intelligent model to coordinate the following information:
  - Construction documentation
  - Visualisation (design and construction)
  - Material and equipment quantities
  - Cost estimates
  - 4-D construction sequencing and reporting
  - Scheduling
  - Fabrication data and toolpaths



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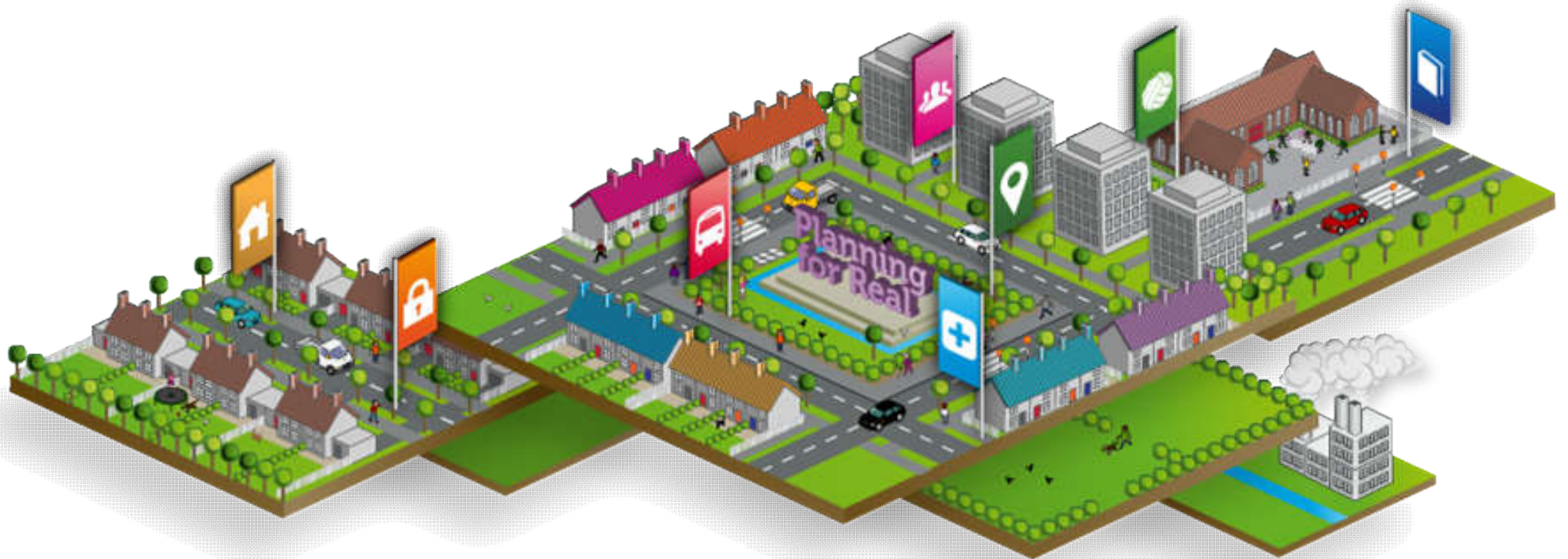
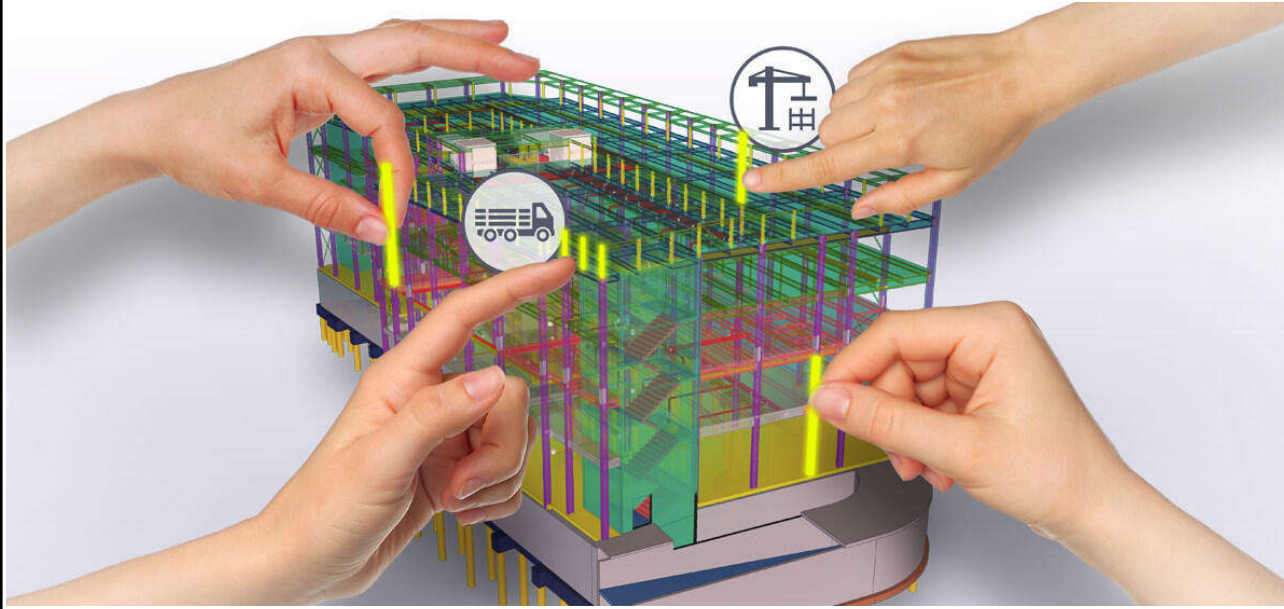
- By adopting an information-modelling platform, building designers can:
  - Visualise multiple design organisations
  - Simulate alternatives
  - Identify clashes between building equipment
  - Communicate design intent three-dimensionally
  - Improve productivity
- BIM will ultimately replace the CAD tools with an integrated, parametric database



# Why BIM?

- Digital design environment/tools
  - Bring about process change & paradigm shift
  - Simulate the design virtually (like a “*rehearsal*”)
  - Attributes such as cost data and construction sequence can be input
- BIM & virtual design and construction (VDC)
  - Management of integrated multi-disciplinary performance models of design-construction projects

# Virtual design and construction (like playing computer games)



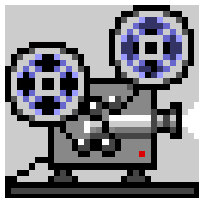




# Why BIM?

- Virtual design and construction (VDC)

- An overall framework for conceiving and designing projects using multidisciplinary computer-generated models that illustrate and analyze the entire life cycle of the project, including the design and construction processes, schedule, logistics and cost



- Virtual Design and Construction (VDC) at Parsons Brinckerhoff (2:21) <https://youtu.be/KmRu1rRPRis>
- Virtual Design and Construction (VDC) overview (2:40) [https://youtu.be/Y6qJ\\_KG6Jwo](https://youtu.be/Y6qJ_KG6Jwo)

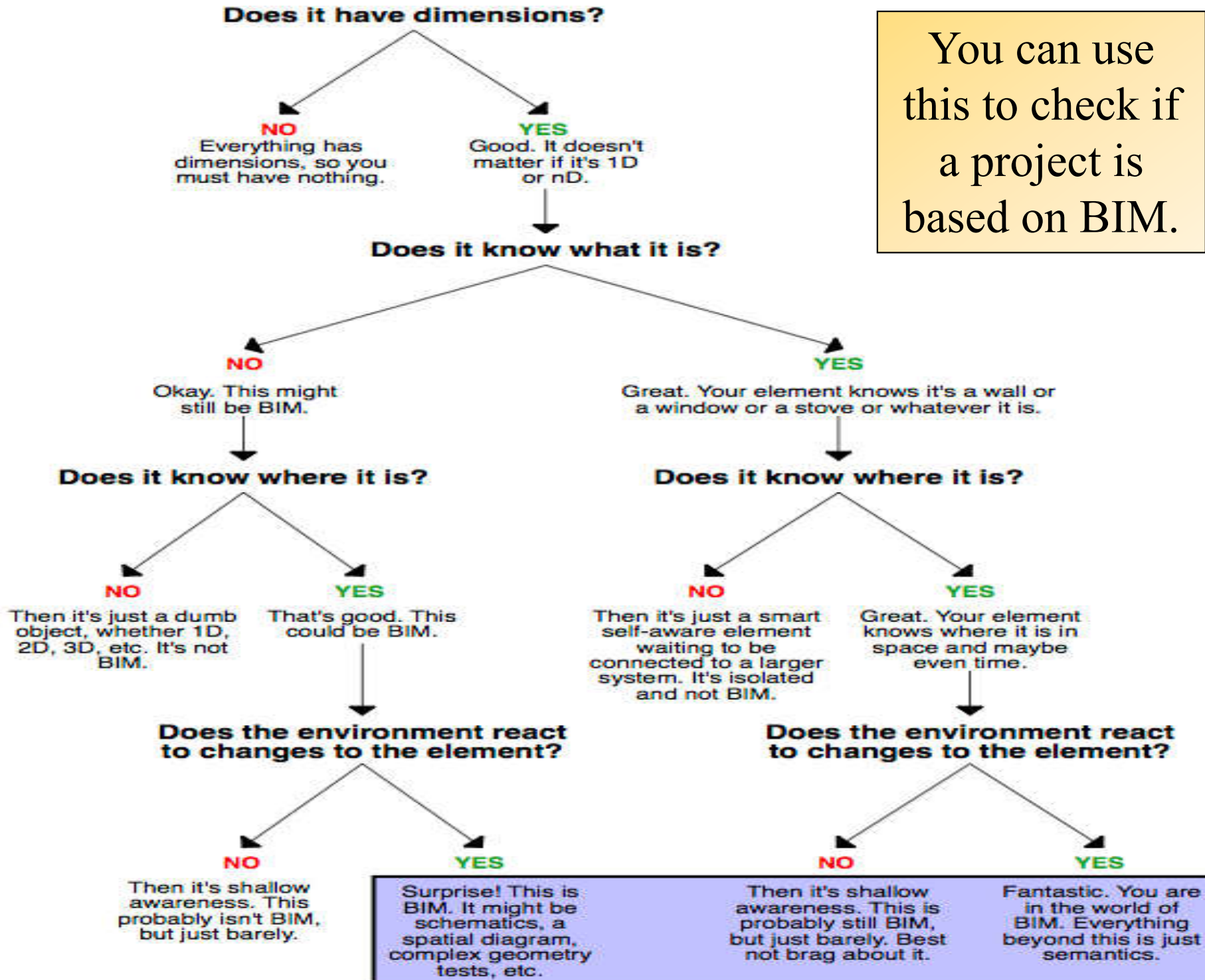


# Why BIM?

- Elements of **virtual design and construction (VDC)**
  - 1. Engineering modelling methods
    - Product, organization, process
  - 2. Analysis methods (model-based design)
    - Including quantities, schedule, cost, 4D interactions and process risks (i.e. BIM tools)
  - 3. Visualization methods (graphics, movies, virtual reality)
  - 4. Business metrics - within business analytics - and a focus on strategic management
  - 5. Economic impact analysis, i.e., models of both the cost and value of capital investments

# HOW TO TELL IF IT'S BIM

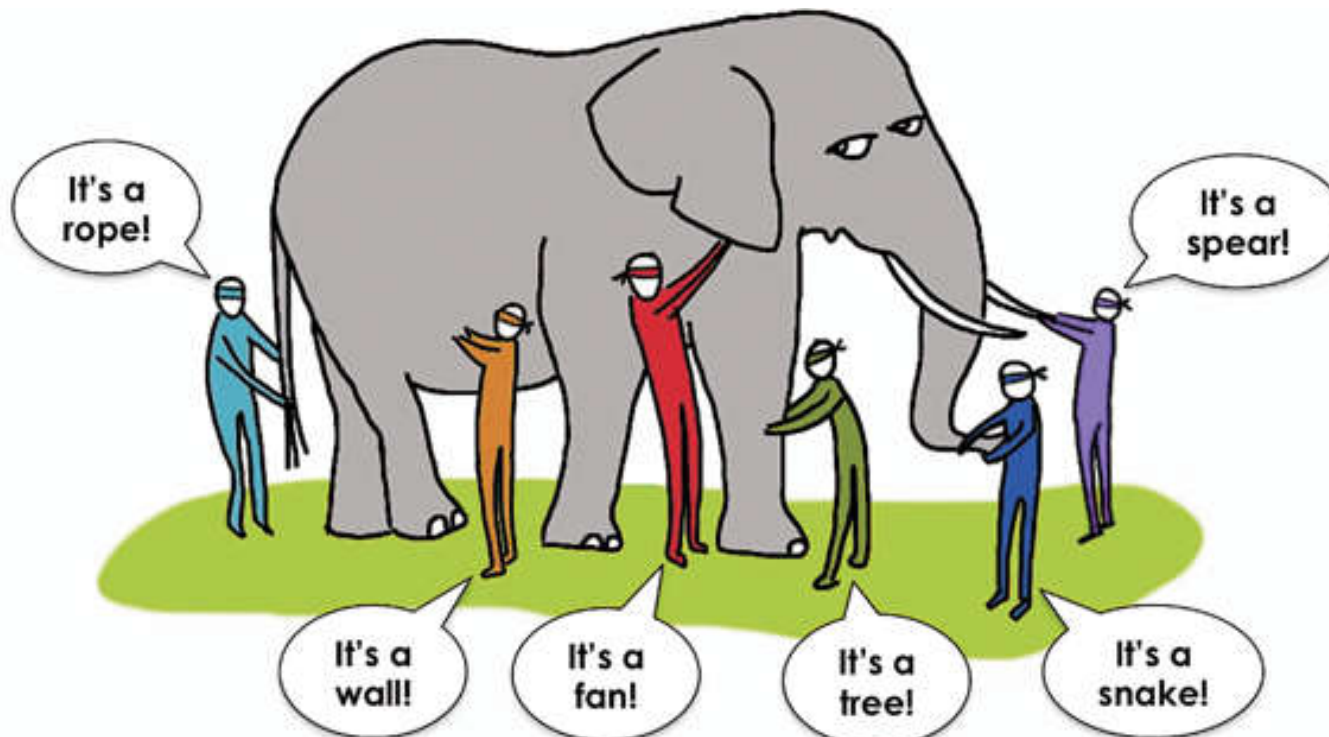
You can use this to check if a project is based on BIM.



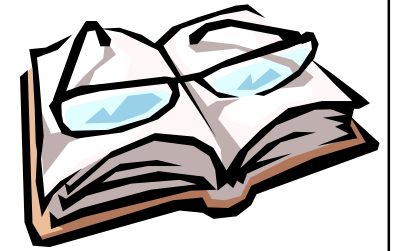
# Exercise



- Hand drawing: your doodles
  - Drawing as a way of understanding
- Topic: **What is BIM?**



Express your thinking about BIM.



# Further reading

- 一筆一劃勾勒工程靈魂 渠署繪圖師：圖則是將意念實踐 (HK01 News)
- Videos:
  - What is BIM: All you need to know (10:36)  
<https://youtu.be/B3Zwm8DNU1c>
  - BIM vs. VDC: Is there a difference? (2:40)  
<https://youtu.be/Fcf3hF7bAkI>
- Virtual design and construction - Wikipedia
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtual\\_design\\_and\\_construction](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtual_design_and_construction)