

Scheduling Revit for QTO

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- Select Application Tab
- Create C# Module called "KCTCL" (all in capital letters)
- Default codes provided
- Copy and paste the Codes above
- Add Reference
- Select Microsoft.Office.Interop.Excel
- Build Solution
- Run

Note

2 Mar 2022: Expanded to include previous presentation materials titled "Minimalist Modelling and Coding of Revit for Quantities" presented in February 2014 and January 2015 both in Kuala Lumpur, and on 6 April 2016 in Hong Kong and 2 March 2022 at HKIS.
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Intro

One can model BIM to the last bolt and nut and can use third party software to take-off quantities from the BIM model, but this would mean extra work and more license fees. This article would show how a Revit model and its families of building blocks can be built, coded and scheduled in a minimalist and self-explanatory manner appropriate and sufficient enough for producing auditable dimensions and quantities for costing.

Overview

Capabilities of Revit

Can Revit produce Bills of Quantities from Revit model with the press of a button?

- No.
- It is a modelling software, not a BQ production software.

Can Revit model provide quantities?

- Yes.
- Revit being a building information modelling ("BIM") software defines its **building blocks ("elements")** with **parameters** which contain a lot of information including quantities of work and materials.
- That's why BIM is called "**parametric modelling**".

Are the quantities in compliance with the standard method of measurement?

- No.
- The SMMs of different countries vary.

Are the quantities provided by a Revit model sufficient and ready enough to be converted to quantities according to the standard method of measurement?

- No.
- Some parameters are not schedulable.
- The lengths, areas and volumes of elements provided by a Revit model may not be the desired lengths, areas and volumes for SMM purposes.
- Concrete shoulders at junctions of different mixes are not available.
- Formwork areas are not available.
- Wall and ceiling finish areas are not readily available.

Then, how can we use Revit model to produce quantities for estimates or BQ?

- There are third party quantity take-off software which can help extract quantities from a Revit model and provide them for estimates, bills of quantities and other uses.
- However, one would still need to write the descriptions and do some linking between the descriptions and the modelling elements.
- The linking resembles on-screen taking-off.
- Depending on the suitability of the model, the linking process may be quick or tedious.
- For some software, extensive formulae would need to be set-up.

- This is difficult to check individually and is therefore prone to errors.
- The beauty of such QTO software is that once the descriptions and linking are done, any changes to the models can be monitored.
- The downside is one has to invest in the license and training costs.

When descriptions are required to be written and quantities required to be classified according to the SMM, Quantity Surveyors are still required.

Can we still get something useful from Revit models without third party QTO software?

- Yes, it is the purpose of this article to explain.

Should QS build models?

Are Revit models readily available from Architects and Engineers?

- Probably not yet for most of the cases.
- While QTO software can handle 2D CAD drawings, the on-screen taking-off process would be more tedious for 2D CAD drawings.

Without a BIM model, should QS build up models?

- QS has evolved from dimension sheet, cut-and-shuffle, schedule, scale rule, curvimeter, planimeter, Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheet, Excel worksheet, digitizer, on-screen taking off, etc.
- There is no reason why the QTO must be textural and not graphical.
- Having learned the basic tools, modelling the basic features with Revit is easier than with 2D CAD software.
- It should be within the capability of the average QS to learn, only if he or she has time.
- For the bulk items like structure, fabric and finishes, the time to model and get quantities would be shorter than the time to do manual taking off or on-screen taking off from 2D CAD drawings.
- Even if models are provided by Architects and Engineers, they may not have been modelled in such a way suitable for QTO.
- QS should be able to inspect and understand the models in order to use the models.
- Furthermore, in order not to disturb the integrity of the models provided by the Architects and Engineers, QS would probably need his own set of "QS parameters" and adjust the parameters for his own purposes.
- Therefore, the answer should be "yes".
- QS should build up models in the absence of models or should be able to modify models to suit.

Should QS model every detail?

- No.
- Items like windows, doors, fittings and furniture vary in details between different projects and take some longer time to model.
- All that QS needs is the number for writing up full descriptions or measuring the component quantities per number with reference to the detailed drawings provided by the Architects and Engineers.
- It should however be noted that the level of details of the models if provided by the Architects and Engineers should be no less than those traditionally provided for 2D CAD drawings for estimating, tendering and construction. This should be a simpler benchmark than whatever Level of Development or Level of Details (LOD) or Level of Information Need definitions.

How much do we need to measure?

We may measure every bit of concrete, formwork, finishes, etc. exactly net when we measure the concrete members or room finishes.

However, see the following table for the inter-relationship between dimensions and quantities:

Description	Primary Qty	Multiplier	Unit
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Description	Primary Qty	Multiplier	Unit
Wall - grade C40 - T thick (centre line area)	A		Super
• Reinforced concrete Grade C40	A	T	Cube
• Wall formwork	A	2	Super
• To deduct junction with slab if wall measured through slab			
• To adjust for openings			
• To measure end of wall			
Column - grade C40 - W wide x D deep (height)	H		Run
• Reinforced concrete Grade C40	H	W x D	Cube
• Column formwork (junction with slab to deduct if measured through slab)	H	(W + D) x 2	Super
• To deduct junction with slab if column measured through slab			
Suspended beam - grade C30 - W wide x D deep - S slab (length)	L		Run
• Reinforced concrete Grade C30	L	W x (D – S)	Cube
• Beam formwork below slab	L	W + (D – S) x 2	Super
• Deduct slab formwork	L	W x -1	Super
• To adjust for shoulders to higher grade walls or columns			
Suspended slab - grade C30 - S thick (area)	A		Super
• Reinforced concrete Grade C30	A	S	Cube
• Slab formwork	A		Super
• To deduct junctions with walls, columns and beams			
• To adjust for openings			
Room - finishes group A - net plan area	A		Super
• Floor finishes	A		Super
• Ceiling finishes	A		Super
• To adjust for beam sides			
• To adjust for door opening			
• To adjust for work behind fixtures			

Description	Primary Qty	Multiplier	Unit
Room - finishes group A - perimeter including columns - H room height - S skirting height	L		Run
• Skirting	L		Run
• Wall finishes	L	H – S	Super
• To adjust for beam sides and ends			
• To adjust for openings			
• To adjust for work behind fixtures			
Window W1 - W wide x H high opening - T thick concrete wall - Room A	N		Nr
• Window W1, fully described	N		Nr
• Glazing	N	Detailed dimensions of W1	Super
• Deduct T wall concrete	N	W x H x T x -1	Cube
• Deduct wall formwork	N	W x H x 2	Super
• Add jambs and soffit formwork, T thick (or boxing number as appropriate)	N	W + H x 2	Run
• Deduct Room A wall finishes (assuming no dado)	N	W x H x -1	Super
• Add Room A wall finishes to window reveal	N	(W + H x 2) x reveal width	Run
• Add Room A window cill	N	W	Run
Door D1 - W wide x H high opening - T thick brickwall - Room finishes group A	N		Nr
• Door D1, fully described	N		Nr
• Deduct T thick brickwall	N	W x H x -1	Super
• Add lintol	N	W + end laps x 2	Run
• Deduct Room A skirting	N	W	Run
• Deduct Room A wall finishes	N	W x H x -1	Super
• Add Room A floor finishes	N	W x part of T as appropriate	Run
• Door frames, architraves, painting, dowels, holdfasts, etc.	N	Detailed dimensions of D1	As appropriate

The above shows that:

- We may measure the:
 - aggregate areas of different wall and slab thicknesses,
 - aggregate lengths of different column and beam sections,
 - aggregate plan areas and girths of rooms of the same finishes first (we may call these “primary quantities”, those without bullets),
 - before converting them into concrete, formwork and finishes quantities (we may call these “secondary quantities”, those with bullets).
- We may measure the overall gross quantities first before making detailed adjustments.
- Some adjustments can be made when we measure other elements, e.g.:
 - deduct slab formwork using beam quantities,
 - adjust for wall openings when using window and door quantities, etc.
- The descriptions can be very short only to the extent of containing sufficient information for the purposes of the multiplier.

It follows that instead of expecting a Revit model to provide the quantity of every BQ item, we can just:

- extract the primary quantities adequately described from the Revit model; and
- use Excel to handle the secondary processing.

The need for modelling to the last bolt and nut is reduced.

Excel in fact is more powerful for setting up complicated formulae, and for sorting and filtering rows.

Coding and why?

To convey the information from Revit to Excel, it would be good if the information is described in a concise, precise and consistent manner.

All Revit elements are classified and described by Family (Floor, Basic Wall, M_Fixed in the following images) and Types (those under the Search prompts in the images), but these descriptions may not contain the information the way we want and we would need to change them anyway.

Properties

Floor

Generic 150mm

Search

Generic 150mm

Generic 150mm - Filled

Generic 300mm

Insitu Concrete 225mm

Standard Timber-Wood Finish

Properties

Basic Wall

Retaining - 300mm Concrete

Search

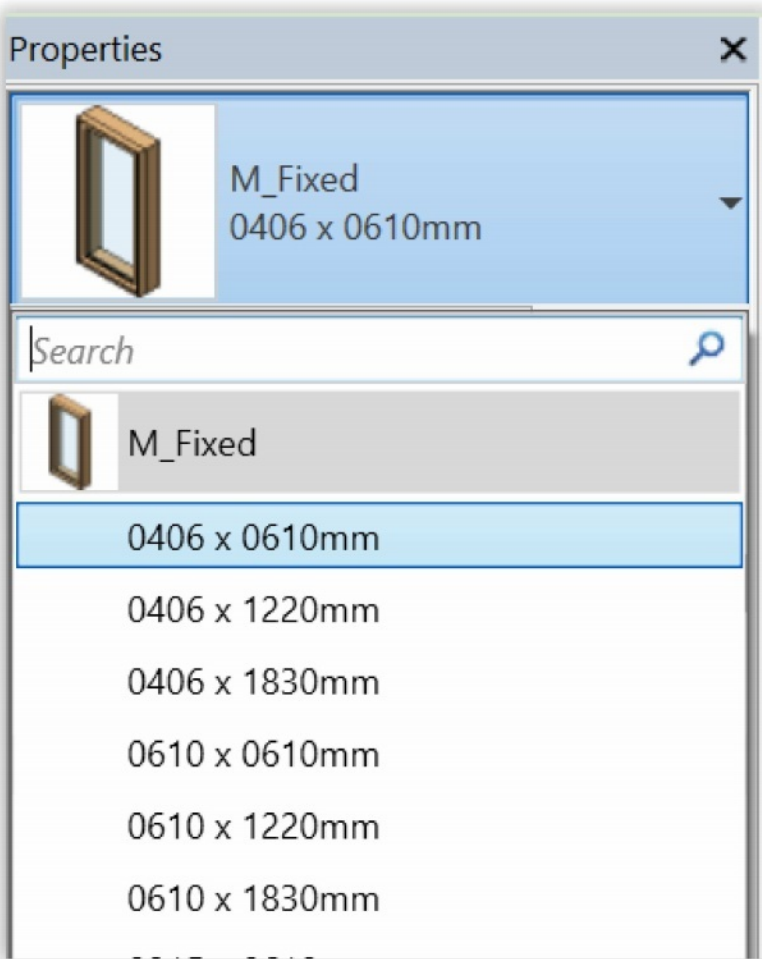
Basic Wall

Exterior - Block on Mtl. Stud

Exterior - Brick on Mtl. Stud

Exterior - Render on Brick on Block

Foundation - 300mm Concrete



Furthermore, if the model is provided by the Architect or Engineer and we do not want to change their descriptions of Families and Types, we may need to create a parameter to contain the precise and consistent information we need.

The following coding ("QS Desc") should be sufficient and self-explanatory enough yet short and simple to represent the primary quantities in the above table:

- WA-C40-100
- CL-C40-500x600
- BM-C30-300500 : 120SL
- SL-C30-120
- RM-F-A
- RM-P-A
- WD-W1-1200x1500 : IWConc100-RoomA
- DR-D1-920x2200 : IWBrick125-RoomA

This way of coding should be more intuitive and understandable than those cryptic codes using (alpha) numeric codes.

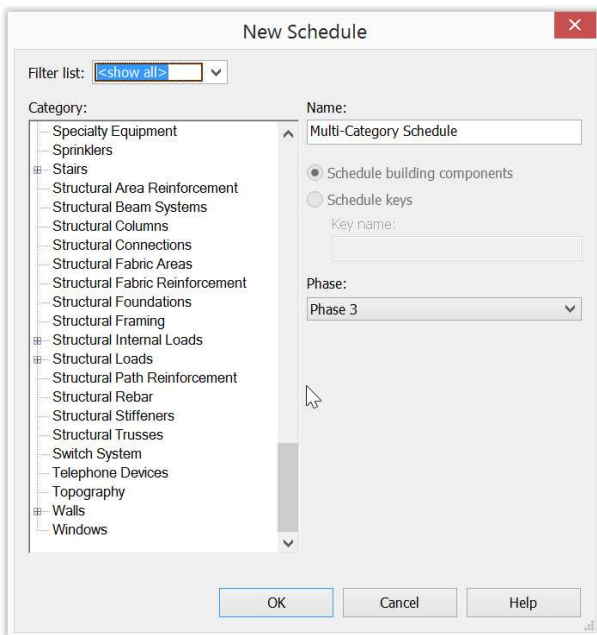
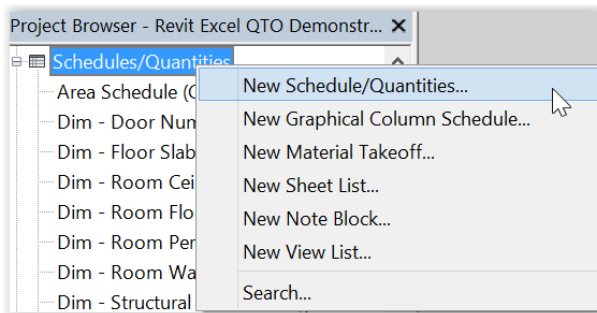
CIC BIM Standards promote the use of FLIP as the element names. It is not that suitable for QS use. Conversion from FLIP to "QS Desc" would be necessary.

It should be easier to do the conversion in bulk with Excel than with Revit schedules.

Schedules / Quantities

Revit schedules

Revit has the capabilities to produce many schedules, under the project browser:



<Dim - Wall Area>													
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Level	Mark	Type	QS Tag	QS Qty	QS Unit	Family	Count	Length	Width	Area	Volume	QS Mean Area	Mean Area / Length
Level 1		IV-BLK-100		12.13 m2		Basic Wall	1	4550	100	12.13	1.213	12.13	2665
Level 1		EW-C20-125		9.69 m2		Basic Wall	1	4250	125	9.69	1.212	9.69	2281
Level 1		EW-C20-125		13.60 m2		Basic Wall	1	4400	125	13.60	1.700	13.60	3091
Level 1		EW-C20-125		13.60 m2		Basic Wall	1	4250	125	13.60	1.700	13.60	3200
Level 1		EW-C20-125		13.12 m2		Basic Wall	1	4100	125	13.12	1.640	13.12	3200
Level 1		EW-C20-125		12.41 m2		Basic Wall	1	4400	125	12.41	1.551	12.41	2819
Level 1		EW-C20-125		13.07 m2		Basic Wall	1	4550	125	13.07	1.634	13.07	2873
Level 1		EW-C20-125		12.83 m2		Basic Wall	1	4625	125	12.83	1.604	12.83	2774
Level 1		EW-C20-125		14.51 m2		Basic Wall	1	5150	125	14.51	1.814	14.51	2818
Level 1		EW-C20-125		14.30 m2		Basic Wall	1	5000	125	14.30	1.787	14.30	2859
Level 1	WA1	WA-C35-300	SL150-Ed	16.27 m2		Basic Wall	1	4850	400	16.27	6.278	15.70	3236
Level 1	WA2	WA-C35-300	SL150-Ed	19.25 m2		Basic Wall	1	4650	300	19.25	5.371	17.90	3850
Level 1	WA2A	WA-C35-300	SL150	2.77 m2		Basic Wall	1	658	300	2.77	0.658	2.19	3338
Level 1	WA3	WA-C35-300	SL150	17.71 m2		Basic Wall	1	4800	300	17.71	5.313	17.71	3690
Level 1	WA4	WA-C35-300	SL150-Ed	18.13 m2		Basic Wall	1	4700	300	18.13	5.094	16.98	3612
Level 1	WA5	WA-C35-300	SL150	17.30 m2		Basic Wall	1	4800	300	17.30	4.843	16.14	3363
Level 1	WA6	WA-C35-300	SL150	19.25 m2		Basic Wall	1	4788	300	19.25	5.429	18.10	3780
Level 1	WA7	WA-C35-300	SL150	19.25 m2		Basic Wall	1	4788	300	19.25	5.428	18.10	3780
Level 1	WA8	WA-C35-300	SL150-Ed	38.50 m2		Basic Wall	1	9875	300	38.50	11.550	38.50	3899
Grand Total: 10				267.70			10	86182	4025	267.70	85.818	268.57	61128

With so many schedules to represent a modelled project, the choices of the columns in the schedules must be well co-ordinated.

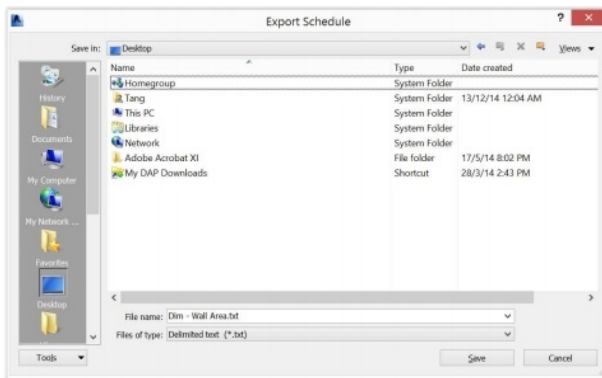
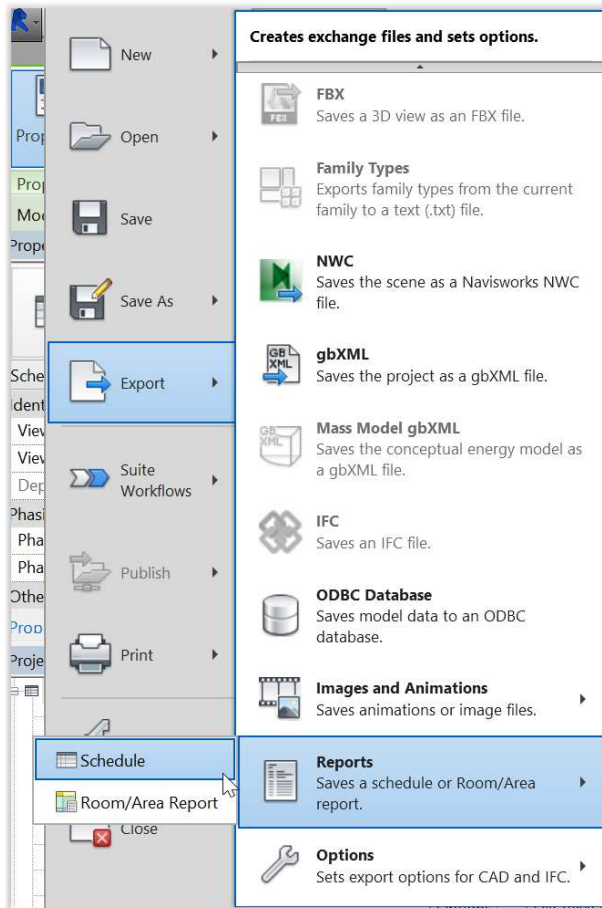
We cannot practically transfer the individual total quantity from the schedules manually one by one for billing purposes.

This would be prone to errors.

The above schedule has been designed such that:

- The left 6 columns are consistently designed for all schedules.
- The Level and Mark are for locational identification of the quantities, like our dimension sheets, for traceability.
- Only the **Type**, **QS Tag**, **QS Qty** and **QS Unit** are really essential for billing.
- The other columns are there for calculating the **QS Qty** or cross-checking, and can vary from schedules to schedules.

Revit can also export the schedules to a txt file which can then be imported by Excel to become a worksheet for use:



However, the export can only handle one schedule at a time.

This would be a tedious process to export many schedules one at a time and merge all schedules together.

Use macro to export to Excel

A macro (see later below) has been written whereby:

- All the schedules will be exported by a single command to one Excel file with one worksheet per schedule.
- Schedules intended to provide the uniform left 6 columns for billing should have their names prefixed by "Dim –" and the macro will combine the 3 columns of **Type**, **QS Tag** and **QS Unit** into a single "QS Desc" column in the style of "Type : QS Tag : QS Unit".
- An "All Dim" worksheet will be created to repeat all information contained in the "Dim –" schedules:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
42	Dim - Structural Column Length											
43	Base Level	Column Location Mark Type : QS Tag : QS Unit		QS Qty Family		Count	QS App Slab Tk Top Level	Length	QS Width	QS Depth	Volume	
44												
45	Level 1	B-2	CL-C40-450x600 : : m	4.00	Column	1	150 Level 2	4000	450	600		
46	Level 1	C-1	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeL : m	4.00	Column	1	150 Level 2	4000	600	750		
47	Level 1	C-2	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : m	4.00	Column	1	150 Level 2	4000	450	600		
48	Level 1	C-3	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : m	4.00	Column	1	150 Level 2	4000	450	600		
49	Level 1	C-4	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150-EdgeS : m	4.00	Column	1	150 Level 2	4000	450	600		
50	Level 1	D-1	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-Corner : m	4.00	Column	1	130 Level 2	4000	600	750		
51	Level 1	D-2	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeS : m	4.00	Column	1	130 Level 2	4000	600	750		
52	Level 1	D-3	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-Corner : m	4.00	Column	1	130 Level 2	4000	600	750		
53	Level 1	D-4	CL-C40-600x750 : : m	4.00	Column	1	0 Level 2	4000	600	750		
54	Level 1	D-5	CL-C40-600x750 : : m	4.00	Column	1	0 Level 2	4000	600	750		
55	Grand total: 10			40.00		10		40000				
56	Dim - Structural Column Nr											
57	Base Level	Column Location Mark Type : QS Tag : QS Unit		QS Qty Family		Count	QS App Slab Tk Top Level	Length	QS Width	QS Depth	Volume	
58												
59	Level 1	B-2	CL-C40-450x600 : : Nr	1.00	Column	1	150 Level 2	4000	450	600		
60	Level 1	C-1	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeL : Nr	1.00	Column	1	150 Level 2	4000	600	750		
61	Level 1	C-2	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : Nr	1.00	Column	1	150 Level 2	4000	450	600		
62	Level 1	C-3	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : Nr	1.00	Column	1	150 Level 2	4000	450	600		
63	Level 1	C-4	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150-EdgeS : Nr	1.00	Column	1	150 Level 2	4000	450	600		
64	Level 1	D-1	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-Corner : Nr	1.00	Column	1	130 Level 2	4000	600	750		
65	Level 1	D-2	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeS : Nr	1.00	Column	1	130 Level 2	4000	600	750		
66	Level 1	D-3	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-Corner : Nr	1.00	Column	1	130 Level 2	4000	600	750		
67	Level 1	D-4	CL-C40-600x750 : : Nr	1.00	Column	1	0 Level 2	4000	600	750		
68	Level 1	D-5	CL-C40-600x750 : : Nr	1.00	Column	1	0 Level 2	4000	600	750		
69	Grand total: 10			10.00		10		40000				
70	Dim - Structural Foundation Nr											

- A “QS Desc” worksheet will be created to contain a list of the unique QS Desc and their total QS Qty:

	A	B
1	Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty
2	BM-C30-250x350 : SL150 : m	18.10
3	BM-C30-300x600 : SL150 : m	3.76
4	BM-C30-400x800 : l : m	17.00
5	BM-C30-400x800 : SL130 : m	12.75
6	BM-C30-400x800 : SL130-Edge : m	8.50
7	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	40.28
8	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150-Edge : m	18.50
9	CE-Plaster-Emulsion : : m2	228.22
10	CL-C40-450x600 : : m	4.00
11	CL-C40-450x600 : : Nr	1.00
12	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : m	8.00
13	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : Nr	2.00
14	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150-EdgeS : m	4.00
15	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150-EdgeS : Nr	1.00
16	CL-C40-600x750 : : m	8.00
17	CL-C40-600x750 : : Nr	2.00
18	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-Corner : m	8.00
19	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-Corner : Nr	2.00
20	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeL : m	4.00
21	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeL : Nr	1.00
22	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeS : m	4.00
23	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeS : Nr	1.00

- The total QS Qty will be useful for quick reference.
- The Excel file name will contain the time down to the second it is created so that a re-export will not overwrite an existing Excel file.

This macro vastly reduces the time to export Revit schedules to Excel worksheets.

Billing Workflow

Overall

The primary quantities in the “All Dim” worksheet can be further processed for billing. The workflow are as follows:

- Data --> (extraction from Revit schedules) --> Primary Qty --> (processing) --> Secondary Qty --> (processing) --> Estimate or BQ.
- Data --> (direct measurement without using Revit) --> Primary Qty --> (processing) --> Secondary Qty --> (processing) --> Estimate or BQ.

Primary worksheet

The first 5 columns only of the “All Dim” worksheet shown above are copied to the lower region of a “Primary worksheet”:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	<PROJECT>													
2	<CONTRACT>													
3														
4	Seq	Floor	Reference	Dim1	Dim2	Dim3	Times1	Times2	Times3	Short Description	Row Qty	Unit	Times Used in Secondary	
57	42	Dim - Structural	Column Length											0
58	43	Base Level	Column Location Mark							Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty			0
59	44													0
60	45	Level 1	B-2							CL-C40-450x600 : m	4.00			3
61	46	Level 1	C-1							CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeL : m	4.00			3
62	47	Level 1	C-2							CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : m	4.00			3
63	48	Level 1	C-3							CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : m	4.00			3
64	49	Level 1	C-4							CL-C40-450x600 : SL150-EdgeS : m	4.00			3
65	50	Level 1	D-1							CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-Corner : m	4.00			3
66	51	Level 1	D-2							CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeS : m	4.00			3
67	52	Level 1	D-3							CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-Corner : m	4.00			3
68	53	Level 1	D-4							CL-C40-600x750 : m	4.00			3
69	54	Level 1	D-5							CL-C40-600x750 : m	4.00			3
70	55	Grand total:	10								40.00			0
71	56	Dim - Structural	Column Nr											0
72	57	Base Level	Column Location Mark							Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty			0
73	58													0
74	59	Level 1	B-2							CL-C40-450x600 : Nr	1.00			4
75	60	Level 1	C-1							CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeL : Nr	1.00			4
76	61	Level 1	C-2							CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : Nr	1.00			4
77	62	Level 1	C-3							CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : Nr	1.00			4
78	63	Level 1	C-4							CL-C40-450x600 : SL150-EdgeS : Nr	1.00			4
79	64	Level 1	D-1							CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-Corner : Nr	1.00			4
80	65	Level 1	D-2							CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeS : Nr	1.00			4
81	66	Level 1	D-3							CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-Corner : Nr	1.00			4
82	67	Level 1	D-4							CL-C40-600x750 : Nr	1.00			4
83	68	Level 1	D-5							CL-C40-600x750 : Nr	1.00			4
84	69	Grand total:	10								10.00			0

The item sequence can be kept unchanged for easy referencing, or may be sorted temporarily.

The **Seq** column helps re-sort them back to the original sequence.

Highlighted columns are not used for data exported from Revit Schedules because they are reserved for direct measurement at the upper region of the worksheet, where the formula used for **Row Qty**, say at Row 6, is =PRODUCT(E6:J6), meaning product of Dim1 Times3:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	<PROJECT>													
2	<CONTRACT>													
3														
4	Seq	Floor	Reference	Dim1	Dim2	Dim3	Times1	Times2	Times3	Short Description	Row Qty	Unit	Times Used in Secondary	
6	1	Dummy		1.00						Seed row NOT TO BE DELETED	1.00	Dummy	1	
7	2		This section is for direct measurement of primary quantities								0.00		0	
8											0.00		0	
10										Total	1.00		1	
12	Seq	Floor	Mark							QS Desc	QS Qty		Times Used in Secondary	
14	Dummy									Seed row NOT TO BE DELETED	1.00		1	
15			This section is for processing data exported from Revit Schedules										0	
16	1	Dim - Door Number											0	
17	2	Level	Mark							Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty		0	

Secondary worksheet

Column A only of the “QS Desc” worksheet shown above is copied to Column B in the lower region of a “Secondary worksheet”:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	<PROJECT>									
2	<CONTRACT>									
3										
4	Seq	Floor	Reference	Dim1	Dim2	Dim3	Times1	Times2	Times3	Code
5			Short Description in Primary Sheet	Primary Qty						<--- headings for the lower region, if different --->
50	37		Column concrete							
51	38		CL-C40-450x600 : m	4.00	0.45	0.60				CL-C40
52	39		CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : m	8.00	0.45	0.60				CL-C40
53	40		CL-C40-450x600 : SL150-EdgeS : m	4.00	0.45	0.60				CL-C40
54	41		CL-C40-600x750 : m	8.00	0.60	0.75				CL-C40
55	42		CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-Corner : m	8.00	0.80	0.75				CL-C40
56	43		CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeL : m	4.00	0.80	0.75				CL-C40
57	44		CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeS : m	4.00	0.80	0.75				CL-C40
58	45		Column formwork	0.00						
59	46		CL-C40-450x600 : m	4.00	0.45		2.00			CL-FWK
60	47		CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : m	8.00	0.45		2.00			CL-FWK
61	48		CL-C40-450x600 : SL150-EdgeS : m	4.00	0.45		2.00			CL-FWK
62	49		CL-C40-600x750 : m	8.00	0.60		2.00			CL-FWK
63	50		CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-Corner : m	8.00	0.80		2.00			CL-FWK
64	51		CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeL : m	4.00	0.80		2.00			CL-FWK
65	52		CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeS : m	4.00	0.80		2.00			CL-FWK
66	53		CL-C40-450x600 : m	4.00		0.60				CL-FWK
67	54		CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : m	8.00		0.60				CL-FWK
68	55		CL-C40-450x600 : SL150-EdgeS : m	4.00		0.60				CL-FWK
69	56		CL-C40-600x750 : m	8.00		0.75				CL-FWK
70	57		CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-Corner : m	8.00		0.75				CL-FWK
71	58		CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeL : m	4.00		0.75				CL-FWK
72	59		CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeS : m	4.00		0.75				CL-FWK
73	60		Column / slab junction : deduct slab concrete :	0.00						
74	61		CL-C40-450x600 : Nr	1.00	0.45	0.60	0.00		0.00	
75	62		CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : Nr	2.00	0.45	0.60	0.15		(1.00)	SL-C30-150

right portion:

K	L	M	N	O	Q	R	S
SECONDARY DIMENSIONS							
Highlighted cells are calculated cells							
Unit	Row Qty	Times Used in BQ	BQ Unit	BQ Description	Floor	Floor Level 1	Floor Level 2
	0.00	0	#N/A	#N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00
	1.08	1	m3	Column	0.00	1.08	0.00
	2.16	1	m3	Column	0.00	2.16	0.00
	1.08	1	m3	Column	0.00	1.08	0.00
	3.60	1	m3	Column	0.00	3.60	0.00
	4.80	1	m3	Column	0.00	4.80	0.00
	2.40	1	m3	Column	0.00	2.40	0.00
	2.40	1	m3	Column	0.00	2.40	0.00
	0.00	0	#N/A	#N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00
	3.60	1	m2	Side of column	0.00	3.60	0.00
	7.20	1	m2	Side of column	0.00	7.20	0.00
	3.60	1	m2	Side of column	0.00	3.60	0.00
	9.60	1	m2	Side of column	0.00	9.60	0.00
	12.80	1	m2	Side of column	0.00	12.80	0.00
	6.40	1	m2	Side of column	0.00	6.40	0.00
	6.40	1	m2	Side of column	0.00	6.40	0.00
	2.40	1	m2	Side of column	0.00	2.40	0.00
	4.80	1	m2	Side of column	0.00	4.80	0.00
	2.40	1	m2	Side of column	0.00	2.40	0.00
	6.00	1	m2	Side of column	0.00	6.00	0.00
	6.00	1	m2	Side of column	0.00	6.00	0.00
	3.00	1	m2	Side of column	0.00	3.00	0.00
	3.00	1	m2	Side of column	0.00	3.00	0.00
	0.00	0	#N/A	#N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0	#N/A	#N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.08)	1	m3	150 mm Suspended slab	0.00	(0.08)	0.00

The upper region of the Secondary worksheet is similar to the upper region of the Primary worksheet for direct measurement which can straightly go to the Estimate or BQ without further processing like the lower region:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Highlighted cells are calculated cells													
Seq	Floor	Reference	Dim1	Dim2	Dim3	Times1	Times2	Times3	Code	Unit	Row Qty	Times Used in BQ	BQ Unit
Short Description in Primary Sheet													
Primary Qty													
1		Seed row NOT TO BE DELETED	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	0.00	#Seed#	Dummy	0.00	0	#N/A
2		Item							Item	m2	0.00	0	#N/A
3		Site Area							Site Area	m2	0.00	0	#N/A
N/A													
QS Desc in Primary Sheet													
1		Seed row NOT TO BE DELETED	2.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	0.00	#Seed#		0.00	0	#N/A

Further processing of the **Primary Qty** is done in the lower region.

By using a special formula in Column D in the lower region, each of the Primary Qty here is the total of the Primary Qty of the same **QS Desc** in the Primary worksheet.

There is no need to sort and group the lines in the Primary worksheet in order to give group total per each **QS Desc**.

The special formula is actually very simple.

For example,

- The **Primary Qty** at Row 14 is:
=SUMIF(Primary!\$J\$5:\$J\$181;\$C14;Primary!\$K\$5:\$K\$181)
- where \$C14 is the **QS Desc** on the same row,
- Primary!\$K\$5:\$K\$181 is the range of **QS Desc** in the Primary worksheet, and
- Primary!\$J\$5:\$J\$181 is the range of **Row Qty** in the Primary worksheet.
- If the **QS Desc** in the Primary worksheet matches the **QS Desc** in the Secondary worksheet,
- then add in the corresponding **Row Qty** in the Primary worksheet.

The **Code** will be the code of the Estimate or BQ items.

Again, the **Row Qty** is the product of all Dims and Times of the same row, using the "PRODUCT()" function.

They are also called **Secondary Qty**.

The columns like **Times Used in BQ**, **BQ Unit**, **BQ Descriptions** are making reference to the Estimate or BQ worksheet for error checking.

The **Floor** columns are for analysis of quantities by floors.

Estimate or BQ worksheet

The Estimate or BQ worksheet is like this:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
<PROJECT>		BILLS OF QUANTITIES						<Internal reference>			
<CONTRACT>		BILL NO. 2 - BUILDING						Floor			
		2.1 - ALL TRADES						Level 1			
								Level 2			
		Short descriptions for illustration only									
Item	Code	Description	Qty	Unit	Rate	HK\$					
2.1/ 3		BEAMS									
2.1/ 3.1		Reinforced concrete 30MPa in									
2.1/ 3.1.1	BM-C30	Suspended beam		28 m3							28
2.1/ 3.2		Formwork to									
2.1/ 3.2.1	BM-FWK	Sides and soffit of suspended beam		179 m2							179
2.1/ 3.2.2	BM-FWK-3.5-5	Sides and soffit of suspended beam; strutting 3.5 - 5.0 high		12 m2							12
2.1/ 4		SUSPENDED SLABS									
2.1/ 4.1		Reinforced concrete 30MPa in									
2.1/ 4.1.1	SL-C30-130	130 mm Suspended slab		6 m3							7
2.1/ 4.1.2	SL-C30-150	150 mm Suspended slab		30 m3							30

Similar to the Primary Qty or the Secondary worksheet, by using a special formula, each of the **Qty** here is the total of the Secondary Qty of the same **Code** in the Secondary worksheet.

The special formula is in the form of:

- =ROUND(SUMIF(Secondary!\$J\$6:\$J\$176;\$C41;Secondary!\$L\$6:\$L\$176);0)

Basically, it means that if the **Code** in the Secondary worksheet matches the **Code** in the Estimate or BQ worksheet, then add in the corresponding **Row Qty** in the Secondary worksheet.

The **Floor** columns are for internal references only.

When issuing the Estimate or BQ in Excel softcopy, the formulae should be changed to values and other internal reference data should be removed with the empty columns hidden.

Setting Revit Schedules

Project units

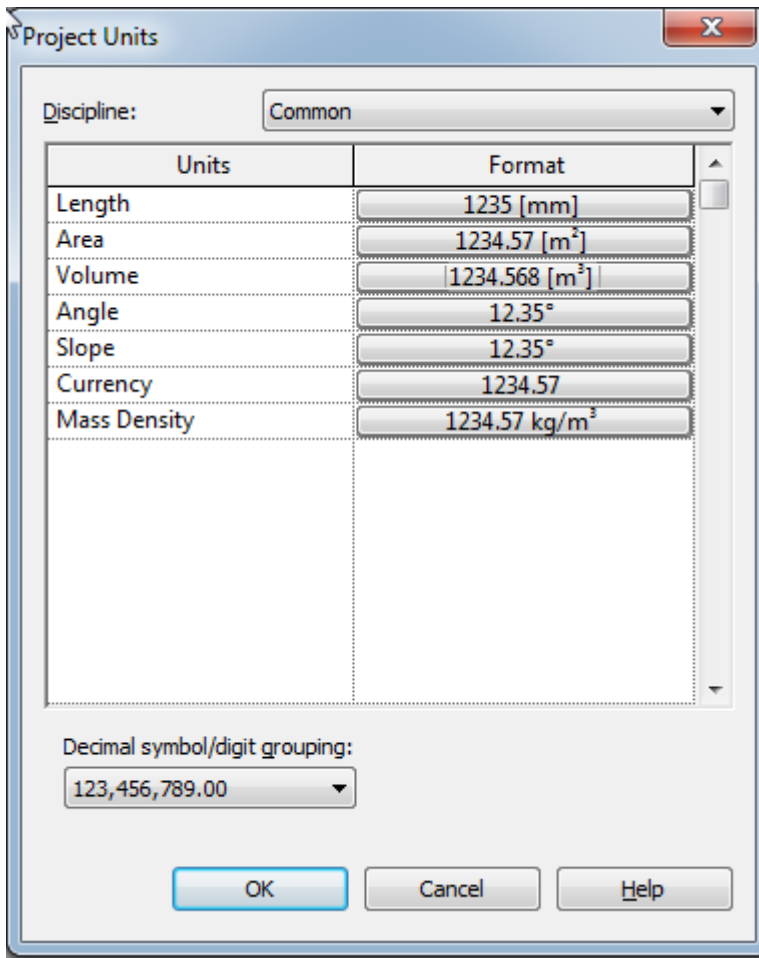
Revit schedules show the units against numerical values by default.

It would not be convenient if the numerical values are exported to Excel worksheet for further calculations because they would not be recognised as numerical values unless the units are removed

A solution would be to define **two decimal places for Area** and **three decimal places for Volume** with the **units hidden**, so as to make them self-explanatory without the need of units.

To define the project units (in metric): click **Manage > Project Unit** icon:





Parameters

Parameters provided by Revit are called **system parameters**, which cannot be changed though some permit entry of values.

There are two types of parameters which one can define at the **Family, Type or Instance level**:

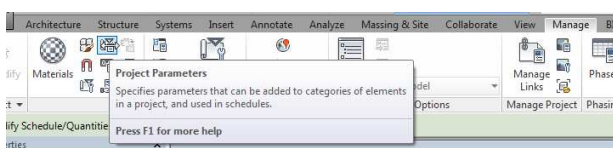
- **Project Parameters**: can appear in schedules but not in tags, but cannot be shared by other projects and families.
- **Shared Parameters**: can appear in schedules and tags, shared by multiple projects and families, and exported to ODBC.

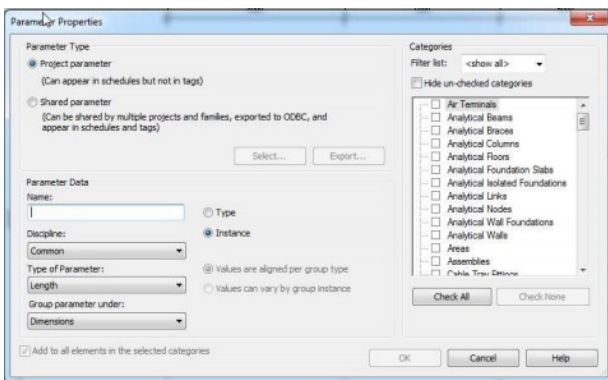
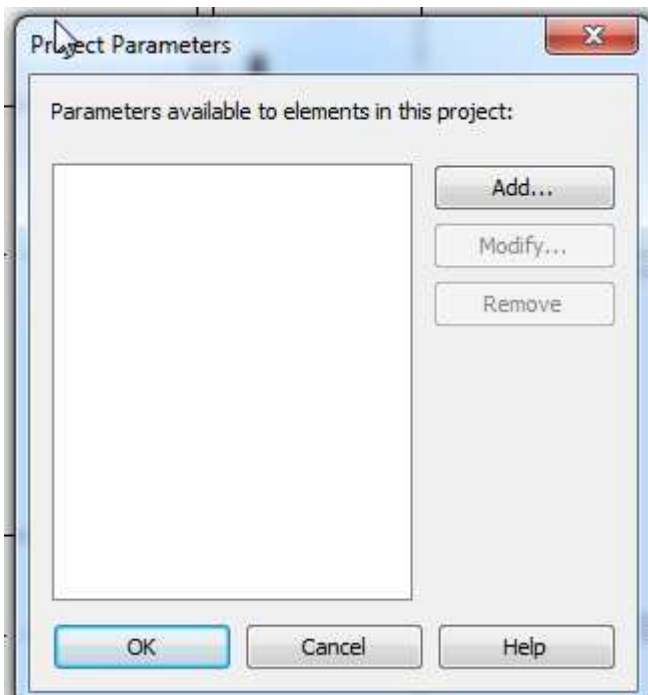
Shared Parameters are more versatile and useful.

For some Families and Types, a shared parameter can be added to the properties directly. However, for others, only project parameters can be added to the properties, but a project parameter can borrow a shared parameter, so the shared parameter can still be used but indirectly.

Project parameters

To add project parameters: select **Manage > Settings > Project Parameters**:

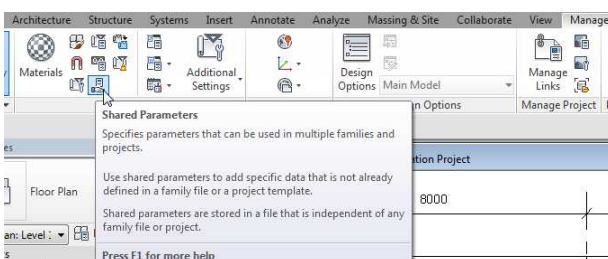




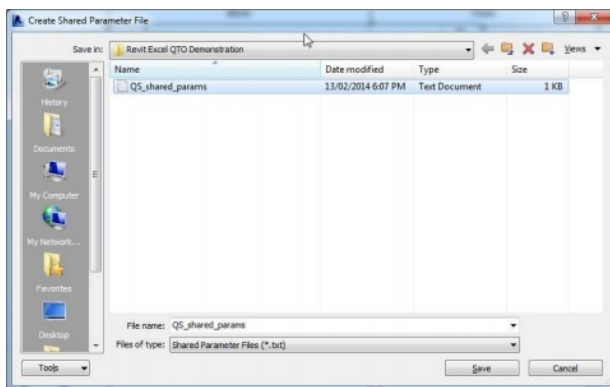
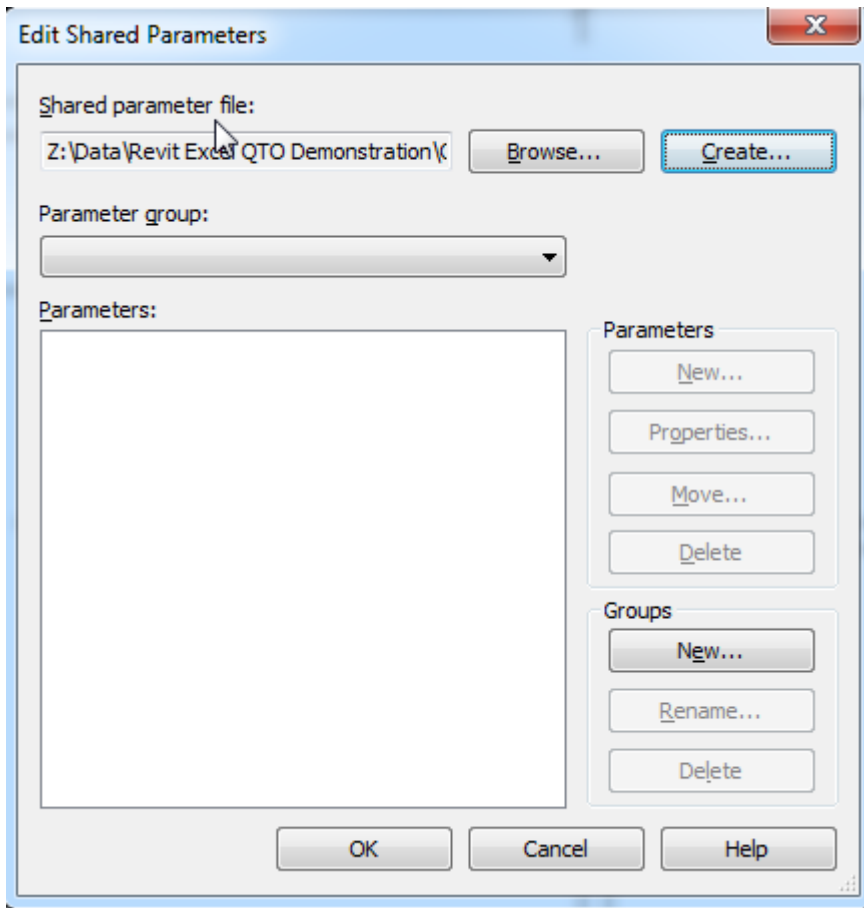
Note from the above that either a project parameter or a shared parameter can be added.

Shared parameters

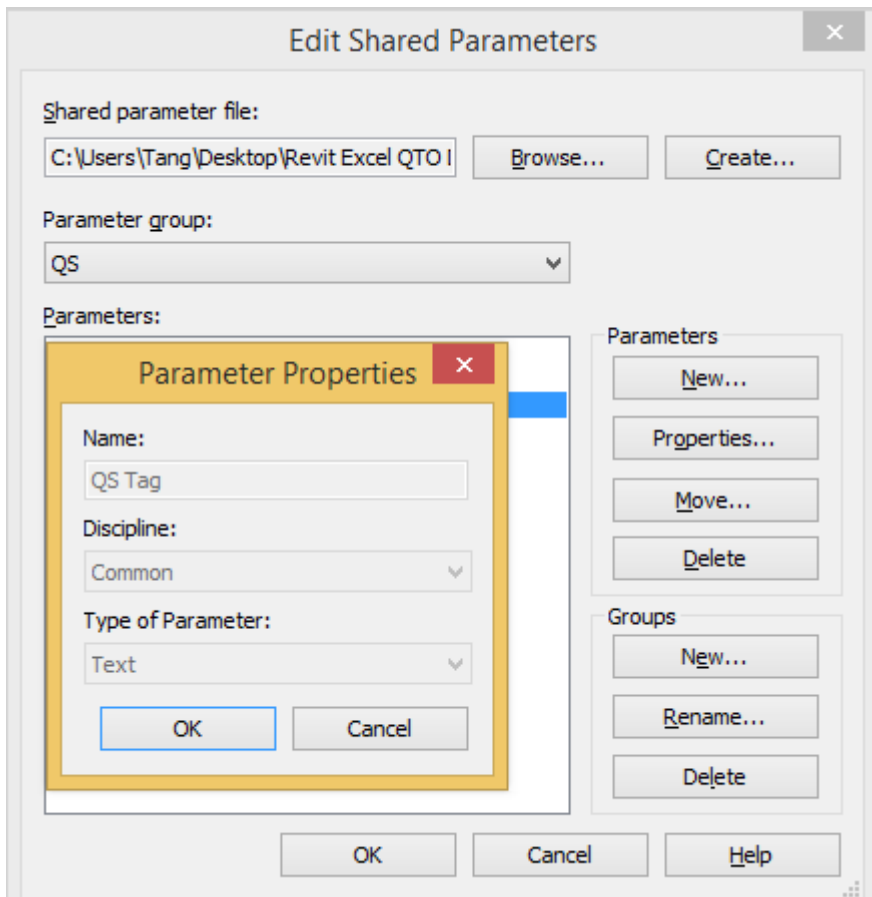
To add shared parameters: select **Manage > Settings > Shared Parameters**:



Select **Create**, go to a convenient folder, name a Shared Parameter file, e.g. "QS_shared_params", which is a txt file, save and return back to the screen on the left:

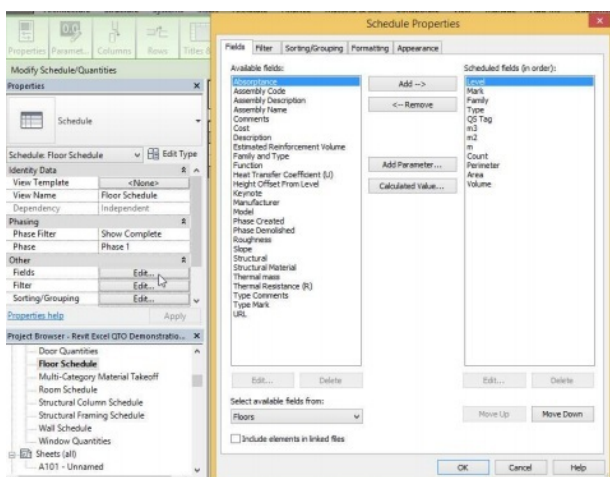


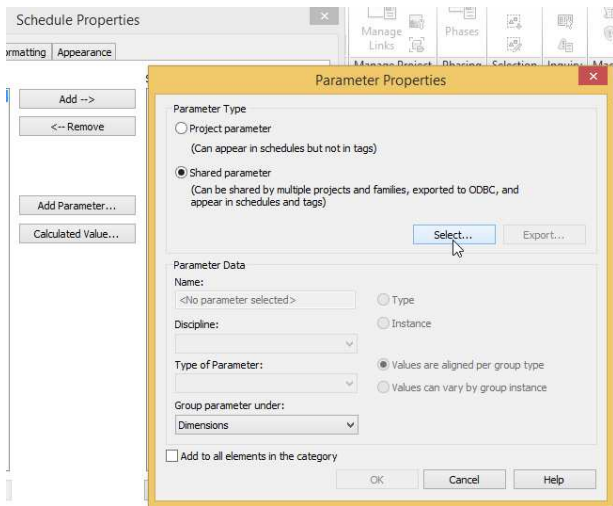
Select **New** under Group, name a **New Parameter Group**, e.g. "QS", and select **OK**.
 Select **New** under Parameters, name a new parameter, e.g. "QS Tag", select **Common** under Discipline, select **Text** under Type of Parameter, and select **OK**:



Defining schedule columns

Revit schedule columns (fields) can be selected from “Available fields” (parameters). If there are no suitable fields available, new columns can be defined either by “**Add Parameter**” or “**Calculated Value**”:





Level and Mark

Level and **Mark** parameters are generally available with elements.

Type

Elements are classified by Family and generally have a Type parameter available for use in the schedules.

However, instead of using Family and Type as provided by Revit, **short-code-like-descriptions** are used for **Type**.

To simplify matters, such descriptions should represent both the information of Family and Type.

QS Tag

QS Tag is a new parameter specially added to supplement the information of “**Type**”.

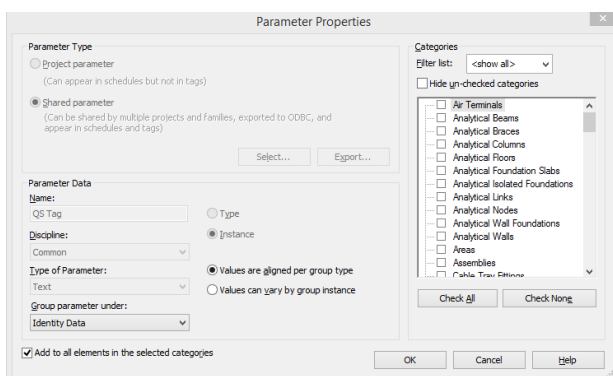
Select **Add Parameter** as shown above to open the Parameter Properties window.

Select **Shared parameter** > **Select** to open another window.

Select the **Parameter Group QS** if it already exists, otherwise create it as described for Shared Parameters.

Select **QS Tag** if it already exists, otherwise create it as described for Shared Parameters by selecting **Edit**.

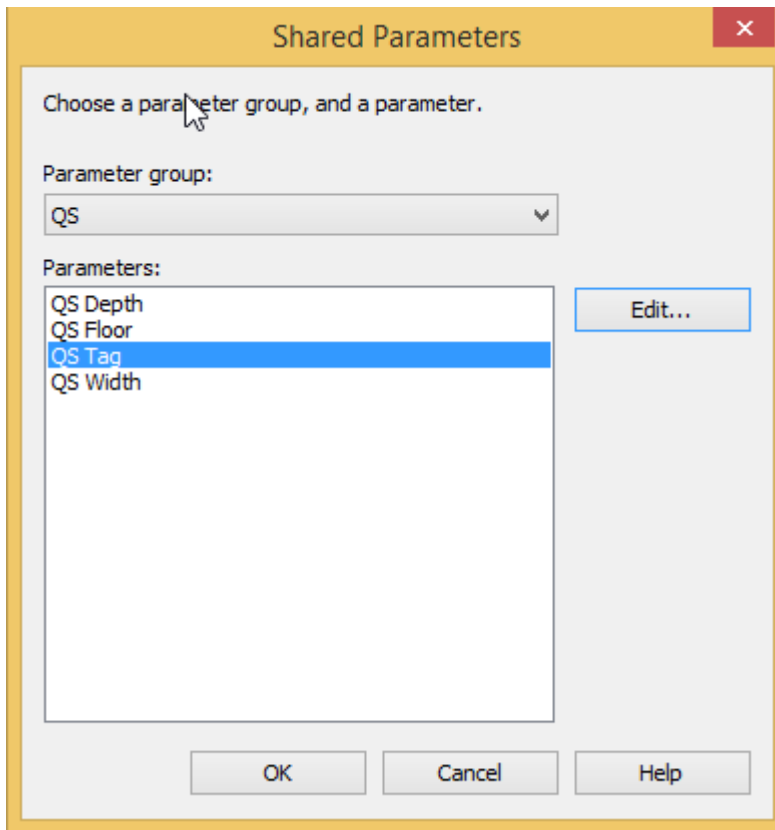
Select **OK** to go back to the Parameter Properties window.



Check “**Add to all elements in the selected categories**” and Instance.

Select **Identity Data** under “Group parameter under”, and select **OK**.

Move up the newly created parameter on the menu to the desired position.



QS Qty and QS Unit

QS Qty is a calculated field borrowing its value from other parameters like Count, Length, Area, Volume, etc.

The unit of **QS Qty** can be Nr, m, m2, m3, i.e. a mixture.

However, Revit does not permit a column of such mixed nature.

Since **QS Qty** should have 2 decimal places, therefore, it is artificially defined as an **Area** parameter which according to the setting of the Project Units described earlier will show 2 decimal places.

However, tricks have to be done as shown below to make their numerical values still correct even though they are recognised by Revit as Area parameters:

Calculated Value [X]

Name:

☒ Formula ☐ Percentage

Discipline: ▼

Type: ▼

Formula: ...

Calculated Value [X]

Name:

☒ Formula ☐ Percentage

Discipline: ▼

Type: ▼

Formula: ...

QS Unit is a calculated field specially used to tell the real unit of **QS Qty**. The formulae are simply “m” for “m”, “m2” for “m2”, “m3” for “m3”, “Nr” for “Nr”, etc.

Calculated Value

✕

Name:

☒ Formula
☐ Percentage

Discipline:

Common

Type:

Text

Formula:

"m"

...

OK

Cancel

Help

It may be possible for some elements that we need their Count, Length, Area as **QS Qty**, e.g. Column Nr and Column Length, Wall Area and Wall Length. To handle this, the same schedule can be duplicated only with the QS Qty and **QS Unit** suitably adjusted to suit while all other fields can be kept the same.

Example schedules

Wall schedules

A Wall Area schedule gives wall areas as **QS Qty** for the generation of concrete volume and formwork area:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	1	Dim - Wall Area											
2	2	Level	Mark	Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty	Family	Count	Length	Width	Area	Volume	QS Mean Area	Mean Area / Length
3	3			:									
4	4	Level 1		IW-BLK-100 : : m2	12.13	Basic Wall	1	4550	100	12.13	1.213	12.13	2665
5	5	Level 1		EW-C20-125 : : m2	9.69	Basic Wall	1	4250	125	9.69	1.212	9.69	2281
6	6	Level 1		EW-C20-125 : : m2	13.60	Basic Wall	1	4400	125	13.60	1.700	13.60	3091
7	7	Level 1		EW-C20-125 : : m2	13.60	Basic Wall	1	4250	125	13.60	1.700	13.60	3200
8	8	Level 1		EW-C20-125 : : m2	13.12	Basic Wall	1	4100	125	13.12	1.640	13.12	3200

A Wall Length schedule gives wall lengths as **QS Qty** for the processing of quantities at junctions with slabs:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	1	Dim - Wall Length											
2	2	Level	Mark	Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty	Family	Count	Length	Width	Area	Volume	QS Mean Area	Mean Area / Length
3	3			: :									
4	4	Level 1		IW-BLK-100 : : m	4.55	Basic Wall	1	4550	100	12.13	1.213	12.13	2665
5	5	Level 1		EW-C20-125 : : m	4.25	Basic Wall	1	4250	125	9.69	1.212	9.69	2281
6	6	Level 1		EW-C20-125 : : m	4.40	Basic Wall	1	4400	125	13.60	1.700	13.60	3091
7	7	Level 1		EW-C20-125 : : m	4.25	Basic Wall	1	4250	125	13.60	1.700	13.60	3200
8	8	Level 1		EW-C20-125 : : m	4.10	Basic Wall	1	4100	125	13.12	1.640	13.12	3200
9	9	Level 1		EW-C20-125 : : m	4.40	Basic Wall	1	4400	125	12.41	1.551	12.41	2819
10	10	Level 1		EW-C20-125 : : m	4.55	Basic Wall	1	4550	125	13.07	1.634	13.07	2873
11	11	Level 1		EW-C20-125 : : m	4.63	Basic Wall	1	4625	125	12.83	1.604	12.83	2774
12	12	Level 1		EW-C20-125 : : m	5.15	Basic Wall	1	5150	125	14.51	1.814	14.51	2818
13	13	Level 1		EW-C20-125 : : m	5.00	Basic Wall	1	5000	125	14.30	1.787	14.30	2859
14	14	Level 1	WA1	WA-C35-400 : SL150-Edge : m	4.85	Basic Wall	1	4850	400	16.27	6.278	15.70	3236
15	15	Level 1	WA2	WA-C35-300 : SL150-Edge : m	4.65	Basic Wall	1	4650	300	19.25	5.371	17.90	3850
16	16	Level 1	WA2A	WA-C35-300 : SL150 : m	0.66	Basic Wall	1	658	300	2.77	0.658	2.19	3338
17	17	Level 1	WA3	WA-C35-300 : SL150 : m	4.80	Basic Wall	1	4800	300	17.71	5.313	17.71	3690
18	18	Level 1	WA4	WA-C35-300 : SL150-Edge : m	4.70	Basic Wall	1	4700	300	18.13	5.094	16.98	3612
19	19	Level 1	WA5	WA-C35-300 : SL150 : m	4.80	Basic Wall	1	4800	300	17.30	4.843	16.14	3363
20	20	Level 1	WA6	WA-C35-300 : SL150 : m	4.79	Basic Wall	1	4788	300	19.25	5.429	18.10	3780
21	21	Level 1	WA7	WA-C35-300 : SL150 : m	4.79	Basic Wall	1	4788	300	19.25	5.428	18.10	3780
22	22	Level 1	WA8	WA-C35-300 : SL150-Edge : m	9.88	Basic Wall	1	9875	300	38.50	11.550	38.50	3899

Level is actually the base constraint renamed in the schedule heading. This is not absolutely necessary for billing purposes.

Scheduled fields (in order):

Base Constraint
Mark
Type
QS Tag
QS Qty
QS Unit
Family
Count
Length
Width
Area
Volume
QS Mean Area
Mean Area / Length

Schedule Properties

Fields | Filter | Sorting/Grouping | Formatting | Appearance

Fields:

Base Constraint
Mark
Type
QS Tag
QS Qty
QS Unit
Family
Count
Length
Width
Area
Volume
QS Mean Area
Mean Area / Length

Heading:

Level

Heading orientation:

Horizontal

Alignment:

Left

Field formatting:

Field Format...

☐ Hidden field

Conditional Format...

☒ Show conditional format on sheets

☐ Calculate totals

OK

Cancel

Help

QS Tag is for entering information like the slab thickness and whether the wall is at slab edge to facilitate adjustment for slab and wall junctions.

Length, Width (i.e. thickness), Area and Volume are system parameters.

Note that Area is not always equal to the elevation areas along the centre line as explained later and would need special treatment.

Wall height is not available probably because the height can vary for a wall.

Lengths at wall ends are not available.

This is to be resolved.

Lengths around openings are not available.

This is to be resolved through giving more information on the Door and Window Schedules.

For blank openings, **this is still to be resolved.**

QS Mean Area is equal to Volume / Width.

“Mean Area / Length” is equal to QS Mean Area / Length.

Representation of wall length, area and volume

Note the wall length, area and volume have the following representations:

	Wall length given	Area given	Volume given
Straight wall e.g. 12 m long x 4 m high x 300 mm thick	Centre line of wall = 12 m	Elevation area on one face = 12 x 4 m = 48 m ²	Area along centre line x wall thickness = 12 x 4 x 0.3 m = 14.4 m ³
Wall L-shaped on plan with mitre joint e.g. 400 mm wall 8 m long + 300 mm wall 5 m long, both x 4 m high	Centre line of wall with the corner shared between the two wings = 7.85 + 4.80 m = 12.65 m	Elevation area based on the extreme length of each wing = 8 x 4 + 5 x 4 m = 32 + 20 m ² = 52 m ²	Area along centre line with the corner shared x wall thickness = 7.85 x 4 x 0.4 + 4.80 x 4 x 0.3 = 12.56 + 5.76 m ³ = 18.32 m ³
Wall L-shaped on plan with butt joint e.g. 8 m x 400 mm wall + 4.6 m x 300 mm wall, both x 4 m high	Same as above	Elevation area based on the self length of each wing = 8 x 4 + 4.6 x 4 m = 32 + 18.4 m ² = 50.4 m ²	Area based on self length x wall thickness = 8 x 4 x 0.4 + 4.6 x 4 x 0.3 = 32 x 0.4 + 18.4 x 0.3 = 12.80 + 5.52 m ³ = 18.32 m ³

	Wall length given	Area given	Volume given
Wall L-shaped on plan with butt joint e.g. 7.7 m x 400 mm wall + 5 m x 300 mm wall, both x 4 m high	Same as above	Elevation area based on the self length of each wing = $7.7 \times 4 + 5 \times 4$ m = $30.8 + 20$ m ² = 50.8 m ²	Area based on self length x wall thickness = $7.7 \times 4 \times 0.4 + 5 \times 4 \times 0.3$ = $30.8 \times 0.4 + 20 \times 0.3$ = $12.32 + 6$ m ³ = 18.32 m ³
Wall T-off from another wall e.g. 4.6 x 300 mm wall T-off from 400 mm wall	Centre line of T-off wall measured to centre line of main wall = $4.6 + 0.2 = 4.8$ m	Elevation area based on the self length of T-off wall = 4.6×4 m = 18.4 m ²	Area based on self length x wall thickness = $4.6 \times 4 \times 0.3$ = 5.52 m ³

The Area and Volume do not make deduction at the junction with floor slab.

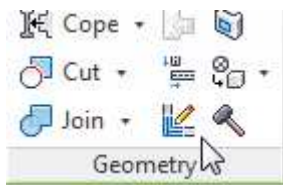
Whether the L-shaped wall is mitre or butt jointed, it does not make any difference to the Volume, but the Areas are different for the three cases.

The area of formwork to sides of wall should be equal to the elevation area along the centre line x height x 2 = $(7.85 + 4.8) \times 4 \times 2 = 50.6$ m² x 2.

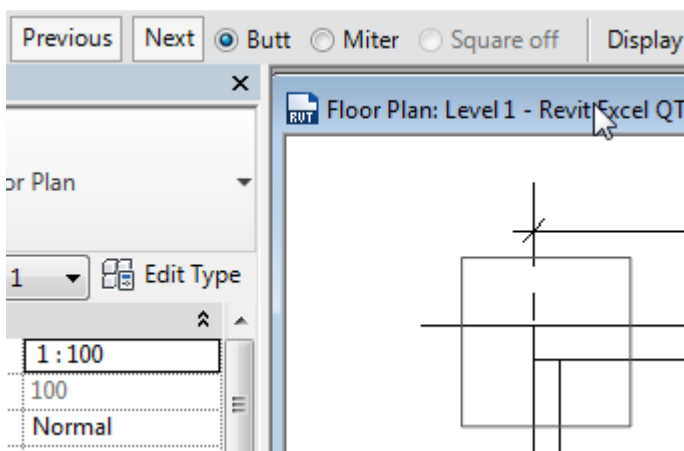
The Areas given by Revit for the three cases of L-shaped wall are useless for this purpose.

Wall junctions on plan:

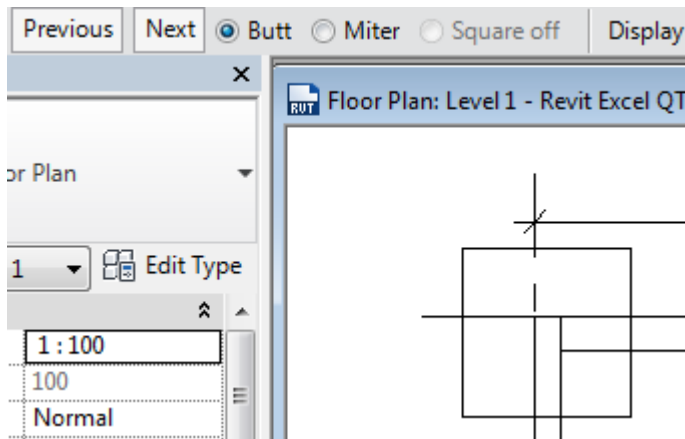
- It is preferred to use mitre joints at corner junction of walls.
- To change the type of wall junctions on plan: select a wall > **Wall Joins**:



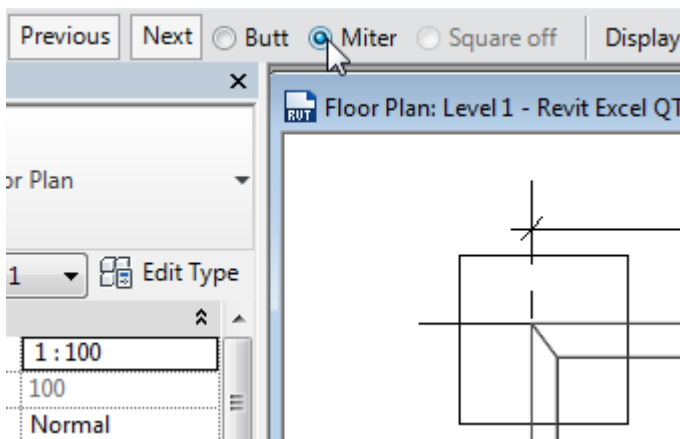
-
- Select **Butt** to give a butt joint:



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- Select **Previous** or **Next** to change the direction of the joint:



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- Select **Miter** for a mitre joint:



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After all these discussions, it seems that Volume is a more reliable value to use than Area. Therefore, **QS Qty** using Wall Area for Estimate and BQ purposes takes the value of Volume / Width, i.e. the QS Mean Area.

QS Qty using Wall Length is to be used for adjustments for the wall and slab junction, it appears that Length is not accurate enough but close enough and is the only choice available. **It is to be addressed.**

Architectural walls

Architectural walls can be modelled just like a structural wall.

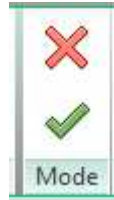
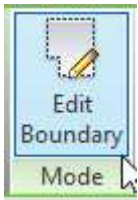
However, unlike structural walls which can be taken as going up to the floor level because they usually have stronger concrete grade, architectural walls should go up to beam or ceiling soffit only and not the floor level.

Revit does not have a feature to let architectural walls automatically go up and stop there. Therefore, architectural walls have to be modelled one by one to ensure correct height. With so many architectural walls within a building, this is a time consuming process and is therefore prone to errors.

A solution is to model architectural walls like structural walls up to the floor level above, and select the **Join > Switch Join** function so that the slabs and beams will override the walls so that the wall volumes and areas reported will be those below the slabs or beams.

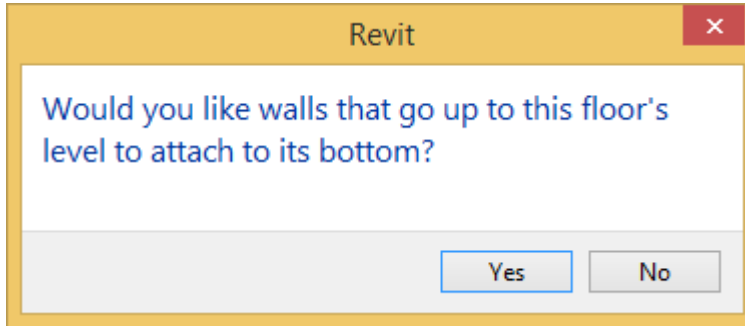
Floor slab and structural wall junctions

When modelling, after selecting a floor slab >



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> **Yes**, the following dialogue will appear and will only appear if there are structural walls underneath the slab:



If “Yes” is selected, the volume of the structural walls below will be measured to the underside of the slab, as shown for the wall on the left below.

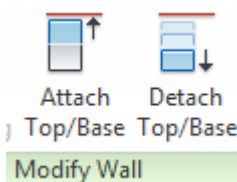
If “No” is selected, the volume of the structural walls below will be measured to the top of the slab, as shown for the wall on the right below, but the reported volume of the slab will not be reduced.



The reported height of the structural walls when defined to be to the top of the slab will not be changed in both cases.

In theory, when a structural wall is attached to the bottom of a floor slab, the wall top will move when the floor slab is moved up or down.

Furthermore, the Modify Wall menu also has the following choices:



However, the behaviour after attaching or detaching walls using the above slab or wall commands is not quite definite every time.

Furthermore, since the slab and wall junctions will need to be adjusted in any case, when encountering the above dialogue when editing slab boundary, it is better to answer “No” to retain the default treatment.

Structural column schedules

A Structural Column Length schedule gives column lengths as QS Qty for the generation of concrete volume and formwork area:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	Dim - Structural Column Length												
2	Base Level	Column Location Mark	Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty	Family	Count	QS App Slab Tk	Top Level	Length	QS Width	QS Depth	Volume	Vol / (Wi x Dp)
3			:										
4	Level 1	B-2	CL-C40-450x600 : : m	4.00	Column	1	150	Level 2	4000	450	600	1.040	3850
5	Level 1	C-1	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-Edgel : m	4.00	Column	1	150	Level 2	4000	600	750	1.733	3850
6	Level 1	C-2	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : m	4.00	Column	1	150	Level 2	4000	450	600	1.040	3850
7	Level 1	C-3	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : m	4.00	Column	1	150	Level 2	4000	450	600	1.040	3850
8	Level 1	C-4	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150-Edges : m	4.00	Column	1	150	Level 2	4000	450	600	1.040	3850

A Structural Column Number schedule gives column numbers as **QS Qty** for the processing of quantities at junctions with slabs:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	Dim - Structural Column Nr												
2	Base Level	Column Location Mark	Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty	Family	Count	QS App Slab Tk	Top Level	Length	QS Width	QS Depth	Volume	Vol / (Wi x Dp)
3			:										
4	Level 1	B-2	CL-C40-450x600 : : Nr	1.00	Column	1	150	Level 2	4000	450	600	1.040	3850
5	Level 1	C-1	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-Edgel : Nr	1.00	Column	1	150	Level 2	4000	600	750	1.733	3850
6	Level 1	C-2	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : Nr	1.00	Column	1	150	Level 2	4000	450	600	1.040	3850
7	Level 1	C-3	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : Nr	1.00	Column	1	150	Level 2	4000	450	600	1.040	3850
8	Level 1	C-4	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150-Edges : Nr	1.00	Column	1	150	Level 2	4000	450	600	1.040	3850

Column Location Mark is a system parameter which gives the grid line references.

This is used here instead of the usual **Mark**.

QS Tag is for entering information like the slab thickness and whether the column is an edge or corner column to facilitate adjustment for slab and column junctions.

For a column defined to be of floor to floor height, **Volume** is a system parameter which gives the volume of concrete below slab, while **Length** is a system parameter which gives the floor to floor height.

Since the floor to floor height is needed, therefore “**QS Qty**” takes the value of **Length** for Column Length schedule.

It is strange that the column width (**b**) and depth (**h**) are not available to the properties window and schedules.

Therefore, two shared parameters **QS Width** and **QS Depth** have been added to the Family Type parameters to make them available to the schedules to facilitate error checking.

$QS\ App\ Slab\ Tk = Length - Volume / (QS\ Width * QS\ Depth)$ which is useful for indicating the approximate slab thickness for counter-checking any errors in positioning the columns.

$Vol / (Wi\ x\ Dp) = Volume / (QS\ Width * QS\ Depth)$ gives the length of column below slab.

Structural framing length schedule

Structural Framing Length schedule is basically a beam length schedule:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	Dim - Structural Framing Length											
2	Reference Level	Mark	Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty	Family	Count	Approx SL Tk	Length	Cut Length	QS Width	QS Depth	Volume
3			:									
4	Level 2	2B1	BM-C30-400x800 : SL130 : m	4.10	Beam	1	130	5000	4100	400	800	1.099
5	Level 2	2B2	BM-C30-400x800 : SL130 : m	4.40	Beam	1	130	5000	4400	400	800	1.179
6	Level 2	2B3	BM-C30-400x800 : I : m	4.40	Beam	1	0	5000	4400	400	800	1.408
7	Level 2	2B4	BM-C30-400x800 : I : m	4.10	Beam	1	0	5000	4100	400	800	1.312
8	Level 2	2B5	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	4.18	Beam	1	150	5000	4175	400	800	1.086

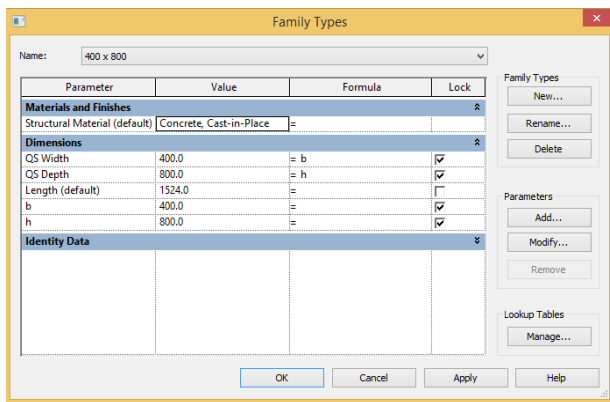
For beams, there are two parameters of **Length** and **Cut Length**.

Only the **Cut Length** is the length between supporting columns or walls.

QS Qty for Beam Length takes the value of **Cut Length**.

Similar to structural columns, the beam width (**b**) and depth (**h**) are not available to the properties window and schedules.

Therefore, two shared parameters **QS Width** and **QS Depth** have been added to the Family Type parameters to make them available to the schedules to facilitate error checking:



Floor slab area schedule

A Floor Slab Area schedule can be:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	1	Dim - Floor Slab Area												
2	2	Level	Mark	Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty	Family	Type	Mark	Count	Perimeter	Area	Volume		
3	3			:										
4	4	Level 2	2S1	SL-C30-150 : H3.5-5 : m2	200.00	Floor			1	60000	200.00	30.000		
5	5	Level 2	2S2	SL-C30-130 : H3.5-5 : m2	51.50	Floor			1	30600	51.50	6.695		
6	6	Grand total: 2		:	251.50				2	90600	251.50	36.695		
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QS Tag is for the entry of information about the strutting height.

QS Qty takes **Area**.

Door and window schedules

A Door Number schedule can be:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	1	REVIT EXCEL QTO DEMONSTRATION PROJECT-20160406-194815											
2	2	Dim - Door Number											
3	3	Level	Mark	Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty	Family	Door Type	Count	Width	Height	Thickness	From Room: Wall Finish	To Room: Wall Finish
4	4			:									
5	5	Level 1	1	DR-D1-Double-1830x2134 : EW-C20-125 : Nr	1	M_Double-Glass 1	D1	1	1830	2134	51		WL-Plaster-Emulsion
6	6	Level 1	2	DR-D2-Single-915x2134 : IW-BLK-100 : Nr	1	M_Single-Flush	D2	1	915	2134	51	WL-Plaster-Emulsion	WL-Ceramic Tile-Screed
7	7	Level 1	3	DR-D2-Single-915x2134 : WA-C35-300 : Nr	1	M_Single-Flush	D2	1	915	2134	51	WL-Ceramic Tile-Screed	WL-Plaster-Emulsion
8	8	Level 2	4	DR-D1-Double-1830x2134 : EW-C20-125 : Nr	1	M_Double-Glass 1	D1	1	1830	2134	51		WL-Plaster-Emulsion
9	9	Level 2	5	DR-D2-Single-915x2134 : IW-BLK-100 : Nr	1	M_Single-Flush	D2	1	915	2134	51	WL-Plaster-Emulsion	WL-Ceramic Tile-Screed
10	10	Level 2	6	DR-D2-Single-915x2134 : WA-C35-300 : Nr	1	M_Single-Flush	D2	1	915	2134	51	WL-Ceramic Tile-Screed	WL-Plaster-Emulsion
11	11	Grand total: 6		:	6			6					

The values of “From Room : Wall Finish” and “To Room : Wall Finish” are obtained with the help of a self-written macro to facilitate adjustment of wall finishes on both sides of the windows.

A Window Number schedule can be:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	REVIT EXCEL QTO DEMONSTRATION PROJECT-20160406-194815											
2	Dim - Window Number											
3	Level	Mark	Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty	Family	Type Mark	Count	Width	Height	Sill Height	From Room: Wall Finish	To Room: Wall Finish
4												
5	Level 1	1	WD-W1-1220x1220 : WA-CONC-400 : Nr	1	M_Casement Dbl with Trim		1	1220	1220	1100	WL-Plaster-Emulsion	
6	Level 1	2	WD-W1-1220x1220 : WA-CONC-400 : Nr	1	M_Casement Dbl with Trim		1	1220	1220	1100	WL-Plaster-Emulsion	
7	Level 1	3	WD-W1-1220x1220 : EW-CONC-125 : Nr	1	M_Casement Dbl with Trim		1	1220	1220	1100	WL-Plaster-Emulsion	
8	Level 1	4	WD-FL2-0610x1830 : WA-CONC-300 : Nr	1	M_Fixed		1	610	1830	1100	WL-Plaster-Emulsion	
9	Level 1	5	WD-FL3-0406x1830 : EW-CONC-125 : Nr	1	M_Fixed		1	406	1830	1100	WL-Ceramic Tile-Screed	
10	Level 1	6	WD-W1-1220x1220 : EW-CONC-125 : Nr	1	M_Casement Dbl with Trim		1	1220	1220	1100	WL-Ceramic Tile-Screed	
11	Level 1	7	WD-W1-1220x1220 : EW-CONC-125 : Nr	1	M_Casement Dbl with Trim		1	1220	1220	1100	WL-Ceramic Tile-Screed	
12	Level 1	8	WD-W3-1830x0915 : EW-CONC-125 : Nr	1	M_Casement Dbl with Trim		1	1830	915	1100	WL-Plaster-Emulsion	
13	Level 2	14	WD-W1-1220x1220 : WA-CONC-400 : Nr	1	M_Casement Dbl with Trim		1	1220	1220	1100	WL-Plaster-Emulsion	
14	Level 2	15	WD-W1-1220x1220 : WA-CONC-400 : Nr	1	M_Casement Dbl with Trim		1	1220	1220	1100	WL-Plaster-Emulsion	
15	Level 2	16	WD-FL2-0610x1830 : WA-CONC-300 : Nr	1	M_Fixed		1	610	1830	1100	WL-Plaster-Emulsion	
16	Level 2	17	WD-W3-1830x0915 : EW-CONC-125 : Nr	1	M_Casement Dbl with Trim		1	1830	915	1100	WL-Plaster-Emulsion	
17	Level 2	18	WD-W1-1220x1220 : EW-CONC-125 : Nr	1	M_Casement Dbl with Trim		1	1220	1220	1100	WL-Ceramic Tile-Screed	
18	Level 2	19	WD-W1-1220x1220 : EW-CONC-125 : Nr	1	M_Casement Dbl with Trim		1	1220	1220	1100	WL-Ceramic Tile-Screed	
19	Level 2	20	WD-FL3-0406x1830 : EW-CONC-125 : Nr	1	M_Fixed		1	406	1830	1100	WL-Ceramic Tile-Screed	
20	Level 2	21	WD-W1-1220x1220 : EW-CONC-125 : Nr	1	M_Casement Dbl with Trim		1	1220	1220	1100	WL-Plaster-Emulsion	
21	Grand total			16			16					

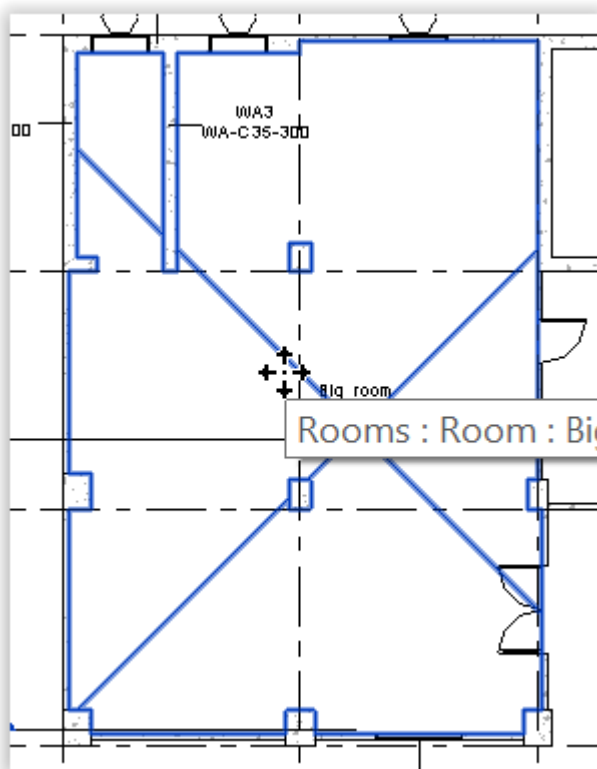
QS Tag is for the entry of information about the walls housing the doors and windows to facilitate future measurement of formwork to jambs and soffit, boxing and lintels.

Room schedules

The default room schedules provided by Revit can give Floor Area and Perimeter, but not the Nett Ceiling and Beam surface areas, nor wall and column surface areas:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	Room Schedule											
2	Level	Name	Floor Finish	Ceiling Finish	Wall Finish	Count	Area	Perimeter	Base Offset	Upper Limit	Limit Offset	Unbounded Height
3												
4	Level 1	Big room	FL-Ceramic Tile-Screed-50	CE-Plaster-Emulsion	WL-Plaster-Emulsion	1	139.42	61576	0	Level 2	-150	3850
5	Level 1	Middle room	FL-Ceramic Tile-Screed-50	CE-Plaster-Emulsion	WL-Ceramic Tile-Screed	1	69.44	39650	0	Level 2	-150	3850
6	Level 1	Small room	FL-Ceramic Tile-Screed-50	CE-Plaster-Emulsion	WL-Plaster-Emulsion	1	19.36	17600	0	Level 2	-150	3850
7	Grand total: 3					3	228.22	118826				

By defining the floor level above a room as the Upper Limit, and entering the slab thickness in negative value as the Limit Offset, the reported Unbounded Height will give the floor to ceiling soffit height, which should be good for generating the wall and column surface areas.



Adjustment would need to be made for the beam surfaces and end junctions.

Adjustment for window and door openings may be taken care of when processing the window and door quantities.

To provide **QS Qty** for floor, wall, ceiling and skirting, 4 separate schedules are adapted from the Room Schedule.

Room Floor Finishes Area schedule:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
1	1 Dim - Room Floor Finishes Area								
2	2 Level	Name	Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty	Floor Finish	Count	Area		
3	3		: :						
4	4 Level 1	Big room	FL-Ceramic Tile-Screed-50 : : m2	139.42	FL-Ceramic Tile-Screed-50	1	139.42		
5	5 Level 1	Middle room	FL-Ceramic Tile-Screed-50 : : m2	69.44	FL-Ceramic Tile-Screed-50	1	69.44		
6	6 Level 1	Small room	FL-Ceramic Tile-Screed-50 : : m2	19.36	FL-Ceramic Tile-Screed-50	1	19.36		
7	7 Grand total: 3		: :	228.22		3	228.22		

Room Ceiling Finishes Area schedule:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	1 Dim - Room Ceilg Finishes Area									
2	2 Level	Name	Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty	Ceiling Finish	Count	Area			
3	3		: :							
4	4 Level 1	Big room	CE-Plaster-Emulsion : : m2	139.42	CE-Plaster-Emulsion	1	139.42			
5	5 Level 1	Middle room	CE-Plaster-Emulsion : : m2	69.44	CE-Plaster-Emulsion	1	69.44			
6	6 Level 1	Small room	CE-Plaster-Emulsion : : m2	19.36	CE-Plaster-Emulsion	1	19.36			
7	7 Grand total: 3		: :	228.22			228.22			

Room Wall Finishes Area schedule, with skirting area to be deducted from wall area:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	1 Dim - Room Wall Finishes Area										
2	2 Level	Name	Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty	Wall Finish	Count	Perimeter	Base Offset	Upper Limit	Limit Offset	Unbounded Height
3	3		: :								
4	4 Level 1	Big room	WL-Plaster-Emulsion : : m2	237.07	WL-Plaster-Emulsion	1	61576	0	Level 2	-150	3850
5	5 Level 1	Middle room	WL-Ceramic Tile-Screed : : m2	152.65	WL-Ceramic Tile-Screed	1	39650	0	Level 2	-150	3850
6	6 Level 1	Small room	WL-Plaster-Emulsion : : m2	67.76	WL-Plaster-Emulsion	1	17600	0	Level 2	-150	3850
7	7 Grand total: 3		: :	457.48		3	118826				

Room Perimeter Length schedule, for skirting:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
1	1 Dim - Room Perimeter Length								
2	2 Level	Name	Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty	Floor Finish	Count	Perimeter		
3	3		: :						
4	4 Level 1	Big room	FL-Ceramic Tile-Screed-50 : : m	61.58	FL-Ceramic Tile-Screed-50	1	61576		
5	5 Level 1	Middle room	FL-Ceramic Tile-Screed-50 : : m	39.65	FL-Ceramic Tile-Screed-50	1	39650		
6	6 Level 1	Small room	FL-Ceramic Tile-Screed-50 : : m	17.60	FL-Ceramic Tile-Screed-50	1	17600		
7	7 Grand total: 3		: :	118.83		3	118826		

Room elements do not have a Type parameter.

A calculated field has been created for Type, which takes the names of the finishes as its values.

Conclude

Having set up the Revit schedules and the corresponding Excel worksheets once, they can be re-used as a set of templates for other Revit models.

The number of chains of **QS Desc** --> secondary calculations --> **Codes** can be expanded as and when they are encountered and retained in the templates to serve future use to reduce the burden of re-defining every time.

Get into modelling which is easy and powerful as soon as possible.

Understand it, identify the limitations and suggest solutions to make it really productive.

Macro

A Macro to Export all Revit Schedules to a Single Excel File in One Go is given below.

Original Revit View Schedule

<Dim - Structural Framing Length>													
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Reference Level	Mark	Type	QS Tag	QS Qty	QS Unit	Family	Count	Approx SL Tk	Length	Cut Length	QS Width	QS Depth	Volume
Level 2	2B1	BM-C30-400x800	SL130	4.10	m	Beam	1	130	5000	4100	400	800	1.099
Level 2	2B2	BM-C30-400x800	SL130	4.40	m	Beam	1	130	5000	4400	400	800	1.179
Level 2	2B3	BM-C30-400x800	I	4.40	m	Beam	1	0	5000	4400	400	800	1.408
Level 2	2B4	BM-C30-400x800	I	4.10	m	Beam	1	0	5000	4100	400	800	1.312
Level 2	2B5	BM-C30-400x800	SL150	4.18	m	Beam	1	150	5000	4175	400	800	1.086
Level 2	2B6	BM-C30-400x800	SL150	4.55	m	Beam	1	150	5000	4550	400	800	1.183
Level 2	2B7	BM-C30-400x800	SL150-Edge	4.55	m	Beam	1	150	5000	4550	400	800	1.183
Level 2	2B8	BM-C30-400x800	SL150	4.48	m	Beam	1	150	4850	4475	400	800	1.164
Level 2	2B9	BM-C30-300x800	SL150	1.38	m	Beam	1	150	1530	1380	300	600	0.186
Level 2	2B10	BM-C30-400x800	SL150	2.38	m	Beam	1	150	2750	2375	300	600	0.321
Level 2	2B11	BM-C30-400x800	SL150	4.78	m	Beam	1	150	5150	4775	400	800	1.242
Level 2	2B12	BM-C30-400x800	SL150	4.70	m	Beam	1	150	5000	4700	400	800	1.222
Level 2	2B13	BM-C30-400x800	SL150-Edge	5.00	m	Beam	1	150	5150	5000	400	800	1.300
Level 2	2B14	BM-C30-400x800	SL150-Edge	4.70	m	Beam	1	150	5000	4700	400	800	1.222
Level 2	2B15	BM-C30-400x800	SL130-Edge	4.25	m	Beam	1	130	5000	4250	400	800	1.139
Level 2	2B16	BM-C30-400x800	SL150-Edge	4.25	m	Beam	1	150	4775	4250	400	800	1.105
Level 2	2B17	BM-C30-400x800	SL130	4.25	m	Beam	1	130	4875	4250	400	800	1.139
Level 2	2B18	BM-C30-400x800	SL150	4.40	m	Beam	1	150	5050	4400	400	800	1.144
Level 2	2B19	BM-C30-400x800	SL130-Edge	4.25	m	Beam	1	130	4875	4250	400	800	1.139
Level 2	2B20	BM-C30-400x800	SL150	4.40	m	Beam	1	150	4950	4400	400	800	1.144
Level 2	2B21	BM-C30-400x800	I	4.25	m	Beam	1	0	4875	4250	400	800	1.360
Level 2	2B22	BM-C30-400x800	SL150	4.39	m	Beam	1	150	4950	4387	400	800	1.141
Level 2	2B23	BM-C30-400x800	I	4.25	m	Beam	1	0	4775	4250	400	800	1.360
Level 2	2B24	BM-C30-250x350	SL150	4.40	m	Beam	1	150	4800	4400	250	350	0.220
Level 2	2B25	BM-C30-250x350	SL150	4.60	m	Beam	1	150	5000	4600	250	350	0.230
Level 2	2B26	BM-C30-250x350	SL150	4.60	m	Beam	1	150	5000	4600	250	350	0.230
Level 2	2B27	BM-C30-250x350	SL150	4.50	m	Beam	1	150	4850	4500	250	350	0.225
Level 2	2B28	BM-C30-400x800	SL150	4.40	m	Beam	1	209	4800	4402	400	800	1.040
Grand total: 28				118.87		28			133005	118870	10400	20200	27.722

Exported to Excel Worksheet

with columns "Type", "QS Tag" and "QS Unit" combined as column D followed by column "QS Qty" as column E:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	
1	1	REVIT EXCEL QTO DEMONSTRATION PROJECT 2-20150506-194006											
2	2	Dim - Structural Framing Length											
3	3	Reference Level	Mark	Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty	Family	Count	Approx SL Tk	Length	Cut Length	QS Width	QS Depth	Volume
4	4		:	:									
5	5	Level 2	2B1	BM-C30-400x800 : SL130 : m	4.1	Beam	1	130	5000	4100	400	800	1.099
6	6	Level 2	2B2	BM-C30-400x800 : SL130 : m	4.4	Beam	1	130	5000	4400	400	800	1.179
7	7	Level 2	2B3	BM-C30-400x800 : I : m	4.4	Beam	1	0	5000	4400	400	800	1.408
8	8	Level 2	2B4	BM-C30-400x800 : I : m	4.1	Beam	1	0	5000	4100	400	800	1.312
9	9	Level 2	2B5	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	4.18	Beam	1	150	5000	4175	400	800	1.086
10	10	Level 2	2B6	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	4.55	Beam	1	150	5000	4550	400	800	1.183
11	11	Level 2	2B7	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150-Edge : m	4.55	Beam	1	150	5000	4550	400	800	1.183
12	12	Level 2	2B8	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	4.48	Beam	1	150	4850	4475	400	800	1.164
13	13	Level 2	2B9	BM-C30-300x600 : SL150 : m	1.38	Beam	1	150	1530	1380	300	600	0.186
14	14	Level 2	2B10	BM-C30-300x600 : SL150 : m	2.38	Beam	1	150	2750	2375	300	600	0.321
15	15	Level 2	2B11	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	4.78	Beam	1	150	5150	4775	400	800	1.242
16	16	Level 2	2B12	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	4.7	Beam	1	150	5000	4700	400	800	1.222
17	17	Level 2	2B13	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150-Edge : m	5	Beam	1	150	5150	5000	400	800	1.3
18	18	Level 2	2B14	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150-Edge : m	4.7	Beam	1	150	5000	4700	400	800	1.222
19	19	Level 2	2B15	BM-C30-400x800 : SL130-Edge : m	4.25	Beam	1	130	5000	4250	400	800	1.139
20	20	Level 2	2B16	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150-Edge : m	4.25	Beam	1	150	4775	4250	400	800	1.105
21	21	Level 2	2B17	BM-C30-400x800 : SL130 : m	4.25	Beam	1	130	4875	4250	400	800	1.139
22	22	Level 2	2B18	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	4.4	Beam	1	150	5050	4400	400	800	1.144
23	23	Level 2	2B19	BM-C30-400x800 : SL130-Edge : m	4.25	Beam	1	130	4875	4250	400	800	1.139
24	24	Level 2	2B20	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	4.4	Beam	1	150	4950	4400	400	800	1.144
25	25	Level 2	2B21	BM-C30-400x800 : I : m	4.25	Beam	1	0	4875	4250	400	800	1.36
26	26	Level 2	2B22	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	4.39	Beam	1	150	4950	4387	400	800	1.141
27	27	Level 2	2B23	BM-C30-400x800 : I : m	4.25	Beam	1	0	4775	4250	400	800	1.36
28	28	Level 2	2B24	BM-C30-250x350 : SL150 : m	4.4	Beam	1	150	4800	4400	250	350	0.22
29	29	Level 2	2B25	BM-C30-250x350 : SL150 : m	4.6	Beam	1	150	5000	4600	250	350	0.23
30	30	Level 2	2B26	BM-C30-250x350 : SL150 : m	4.6	Beam	1	150	5000	4600	250	350	0.23
31	31	Level 2	2B27	BM-C30-250x350 : SL150 : m	4.5	Beam	1	150	4850	4500	250	350	0.225
32	32	Level 2	2B28	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	4.4	Beam	1	209	4800	4402	400	800	1.04
33	33	Grand total: 28	:	:	118.87		28		133005	118870	10400	20200	27.722

"All Dim" Worksheet

containing contents of all worksheets beginning with "Dim - ":

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	
1	1	REVIT EXCEL QTO DEMONSTRATION PROJECT 2-20150506-194006								
2	2	Dim - Door Number								
3	3	Level	Mark	Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty	Family	Door Type	Count	Width	Height
113	113									
114	114	Dim - Structural Foundation Nr								
115	115	Level	Mark	Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty	Family	Count	QS X-sect Area	QS Perim Area	QS Volume
116	116			:						
117	117	Formation		FD-CL-C30-1000x1000x800 : : Nr	1	Column Footing	1	1	3.2	0.6
118	118	Formation		FD-CL-C30-1000x1000x800 : : Nr	1	Column Footing	1	1	3.2	0.6
119	119	Grand total: 2		:	2		2	2	6.4	1.6
120	120									
121	121	Dim - Structural Framing Length								
122	122	Reference Level	Mark	Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	QS Qty	Family	Count	Approx SL Tk	Length	Cut Length
123	123			:						
124	124	Level 2	2B1	BM-C30-400x800 : SL130 : m	4.1	Beam	1	130	5000	4100
125	125	Level 2	2B2	BM-C30-400x800 : SL130 : m	4.4	Beam	1	130	5000	4400
126	126	Level 2	2B3	BM-C30-400x800 : l : m	4.4	Beam	1	0	5000	4400
127	127	Level 2	2B4	BM-C30-400x800 : l : m	4.1	Beam	1	0	5000	4100
128	128	Level 2	2B5	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	4.18	Beam	1	150	5000	4175
129	129	Level 2	2B6	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	4.55	Beam	1	150	5000	4550
130	130	Level 2	2B7	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150-Edge : m	4.55	Beam	1	150	5000	4550
131	131	Level 2	2B8	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	4.48	Beam	1	150	4850	4475
132	132	Level 2	2B9	BM-C30-300x600 : SL150 : m	1.38	Beam	1	150	1530	1380
133	133	Level 2	2B10	BM-C30-300x600 : SL150 : m	2.38	Beam	1	150	2750	2375
134	134	Level 2	2B11	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	4.78	Beam	1	150	5150	4775
135	135	Level 2	2B12	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	4.7	Beam	1	150	5000	4700
136	136	Level 2	2B13	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150-Edge : m	5	Beam	1	150	5150	5000
137	137	Level 2	2B14	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150-Edge : m	4.7	Beam	1	150	5000	4700
138	138	Level 2	2B15	BM-C30-400x800 : SL130-Edge : m	4.25	Beam	1	130	5000	4250
139	139	Level 2	2B16	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150-Edge : m	4.25	Beam	1	150	4775	4250
140	140	Level 2	2B17	BM-C30-400x800 : SL130 : m	4.25	Beam	1	130	4875	4250
141	141	Level 2	2B18	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	4.4	Beam	1	150	5050	4400
142	142	Level 2	2B19	BM-C30-400x800 : SL130-Edge : m	4.25	Beam	1	130	4875	4250
143	143	Level 2	2B20	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	4.4	Beam	1	150	4950	4400

"QS Desc" Worksheet

containing all unique descriptions of "Type : QS Tag : QS Unit" with total "QS Qty"

A	B	C	D
1	1	REVIT EXCEL QTO DEMONSTRATION PROJECT 2-20150506-194006	
2	2	Sum of QS Qty	
3	3	Type : QS Tag : QS Unit	Total
4	4	:	3,340.42
5	5	BM-C30-250x350 : SL150 : m	18.10
6	6	BM-C30-300x600 : SL150 : m	3.76
7	7	BM-C30-400x800 : l : m	17.00
8	8	BM-C30-400x800 : SL130 : m	12.75
9	9	BM-C30-400x800 : SL130-Edge : m	8.50
10	10	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150 : m	40.28
11	11	BM-C30-400x800 : SL150-Edge : m	18.50
12	12	CE-Plaster-Emulsion : : m2	456.44
13	13	CL-C40-450x600 : : m	8.00
14	14	CL-C40-450x600 : : Nr	2.00
15	15	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : m	16.00
16	16	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150 : Nr	4.00
17	17	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150-EdgeS : m	8.00
18	18	CL-C40-450x600 : SL150-EdgeS : Nr	2.00
19	19	CL-C40-600x750 : : m	16.00
20	20	CL-C40-600x750 : : Nr	4.00
21	21	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-Corner : m	16.00
22	22	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-Corner : Nr	4.00
23	23	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeL : m	8.00
24	24	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeL : Nr	2.00
25	25	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeS : m	8.00
26	26	CL-C40-600x750 : SL130-EdgeS : Nr	2.00

Codes

Revit Macro KCTCL (20150524a).txt

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/* Export All Revit Schedules to One Excel file
* Written by: K C Tang
* Using: SharpDevelop.
*
* Date last revised: 24/5/2015
* Revision notes: Handle errors when there are no "Dim - " schedules to
* fill the "All Dim" worksheet to serve as the source of
* the pivot table on the "QS Desc" worksheet.
* Handle errors when the folder is read only,

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*   such as a folder of the sample projects provided by Revit.
* Revision notes on 6/5/2015:
*   Speed drastically increased (reduced to 1/4) by using Excel functions
*   as much as possible instead of manipulating Excel file cell by cell.
*   Pivot table used for "QS Desc" worksheet.
*   Sheet header added.
*   Frozen panes set.
*   Page setup set.
* Revision notes on 19/1/2015:
*   Bug fixing and general improvements.
* Date first released for use : 31/12/2014
*   Notes: Export all Revit view schedules to one Excel file.
*   Schedules with names beginning with "Dim - " will have:
*   - columns "Type", "QS Tag" and "QS Unit" combined into one column;
*   - column "QS Qty" moved to next to the combined column;
*   - an "All Dim" worksheet created to contain all these schedules; and
*   - a "QS Desc" worksheet created to contain unique list of "Type : QS Tag : QS Unit".
*
*/

// using libraries
using System;
using System.Collections;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using Autodesk.Revit.DB;
using Autodesk.Revit.DB.Architecture;
using Autodesk.Revit.UI;
using Autodesk.Revit.UI.Selection;
using Excel = Microsoft.Office.Interop.Excel;
/* Microsoft.Office.Interop.Excel must be added separately
* by selecting SharpDevelop's menu: Project > Add References,
* and searching for it, then selecting it.
*/
namespace KCTCL
{
[Autodesk.Revit.Attributes.Transaction(Autodesk.Revit.Attributes.TransactionMode.Manual)]
[Autodesk.Revit.DB.Macros.AddInId("E77FD3DE-05E8-4FD3-B85A-116F5B6F2EEF")]
public partial class ThisApplication
{
    private void Module_Startup(object sender, EventArgs e)
    {

    }

    private void Module_Shutdown(object sender, EventArgs e)
    {

    }

    #region Revit Macros generated code
    private void InternalStartup()
    {
        this.Startup += new System.EventHandler(Module_Startup);
        this.Shutdown += new System.EventHandler(Module_Shutdown);
    }
    #endregion

    public void ExportAllSchedulesToOneExcel()
    {
        // all data names must be intialized first and have their types declared with type
names before them
        // define row number to insert column header
        const int col_header_row = 3; // const int = integer constant type
        // keep the starting time
        DateTime time_start = DateTime.Now; // Datetime = datetime type
        // select active Revit document
        Document doc = this.ActiveUIDocument.Document; // Document = document type
        // get filename from doc.Title
        string filename_no_ext = doc.Title; // string = string type
        // add ".rvt" temporarily to doc.Title not ending with ".rvt"
        // because file explorer may have been set to hide the extension
        if (!filename_no_ext.EndsWith(".rvt")) // ! = not

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{
    filename_no_ext = filename_no_ext + ".rvt"; // + = join text together
}
// get active folder name by removing the full file name
// from the full pathname which contains the full file name
string folder_name = doc.PathName.Replace(filename_no_ext, ""); // replace filename
with nothing
// change file extension to the current datetime string
// to avoid overwriting existing files
filename_no_ext = filename_no_ext.Replace(".rvt",
    DateTime.Now.ToString("-yyyyMMdd-HH:mm:ss")); // line considered complete only if
ending with ";"
// initialize Excel variables
Excel.Application xlApp;
Excel.Workbook xlWorkBook;
Excel.Worksheet xlWorkSheet;
Excel.Worksheet xlWorkSheetAllDim;
Excel.Range xlRange;
Excel.Range xlRange2;
Excel.QueryTable xlQuery;
xlApp = new Excel.Application();
// check whether Excel is installed
if (xlApp == null)
{
    TaskDialog.Show("ExportAllSchedulesToOneExcel", "Excel is not installed!!");
    return;
}
// define an object to represent default value
object default_value = System.Reflection.Missing.Value; // object = object type
// create new workbook, which by default contains at least 1 worksheet
xlWorkBook = xlApp.Workbooks.Add(default_value);
// initialize 2 worksheet variables, all referring to Sheet1 for the time being
xlWorkSheetAllDim = (Excel.Worksheet)xlWorkBook.Worksheets.get_Item(1);
xlWorkSheet = (Excel.Worksheet)xlWorkBook.Worksheets.get_Item(1);
// rename Sheet1 to contain contents of all future worksheets
// with names starting with "Dim - "
xlWorkSheetAllDim.Name = "All Dim";
// maximize workbook window
xlApp.ActiveWindow.WindowState = Excel.XlWindowState.xlMaximized;
// show menu bars
xlApp.Visible = true;
// read viewschedules in Revit active document
ViewScheduleExportOptions opt = new ViewScheduleExportOptions();
FilteredElementCollector collector = new
FilteredElementCollector(doc).OfClass(typeof(ViewSchedule));
if (collector.ToElementIds().Count == 0) // == means compare for equality
{
    TaskDialog.Show("ExportAllSchedulesToOneExcel", "No schedule available!!");
    // close workbook without saving
    xlWorkBook.Close(false, default_value, default_value);
    xlApp.Quit();
    // release objects
    releaseObject(xlWorkSheet);
    releaseObject(xlWorkSheetAllDim);
    releaseObject(xlWorkBook);
    releaseObject(xlApp);
    return;
}
// sort elements in collector in ascending order
IOrderedEnumerable< ViewSchedule > sorted_collector =
    from ViewSchedule view_schedule in collector orderby view_schedule.Name ascending
select view_schedule;
// process schedule in ascending order
int all_dim_new_row = 0;
foreach (ViewSchedule view_schedule in sorted_collector)
{
    // check if schedule name too long
    if (view_schedule.Name.Length > 31 )
    {
        TaskDialog.Show("ExportAllSchedulesToOneExcel",
            view_schedule.Name + "\n" + "Schedule name should not be more than 31
characters!!");
        // release objects
        releaseObject(xlWorkSheet);

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        releaseObject(xlWorksheetAllDim);
        releaseObject(xlWorkbook);
        releaseObject(xlApp);
        return;
    }
}
foreach (ViewSchedule view_schedule in sorted_collector)
{
    if (view_schedule.Name.StartsWith("<"))
    {
        // skip schedule with name beginning with "<", such as "<Revision Schedule>"
    } else
    {
        // reduce filename length longer than 31
        if (31 < view_schedule.Name.Length )
        {
            view_schedule.Name = view_schedule.Name.Substring(0, 14) + " name length >
31";
        }
        // replace special character with "_"
        view_schedule.Name = view_schedule.Name
            .Replace( ':', '_' )
            .Replace( '*', '_' )
            .Replace( '?', '_' )
            .Replace( '/', '_' )
            .Replace( '\\', '_' )
            .Replace( '[', '_' )
            .Replace( ']', '_' );
        // export schedule to txt file
        try {
            view_schedule.Export(folder_name, filename_no_ext + ".txt", opt);
        } catch (Exception) {
            TaskDialog.Show("Exporting view schedules",
                "Errors occurred -\n" +
                "possibly the folder is read only\n" +
                "e.g. in the case of sample projects provided by Revit,\n" +
                "save the project to another folder first.\n\n" +
                "Close to exit program.");

            // release objects
            releaseObject(xlWorksheet);
            releaseObject(xlWorksheetAllDim);
            releaseObject(xlWorkbook);
            releaseObject(xlApp);
            return;
        }
        // add a worksheet
        xlWorksheet = (Excel.Worksheet)xlWorkbook.Worksheets.Add(default_value);
        // move it to become the last worksheet
        xlWorksheet.Move(default_value,
xlWorkbook.Worksheets[xlWorkbook.Worksheets.Count]);
        // name worksheet as schedule name
        xlWorksheet.Name = view_schedule.Name;
        // import txt file into worksheet starting at cell at column A, one row above
col_header_row
        xlQuery = xlWorksheet.QueryTables.Add(
            "TEXT;" + folder_name + filename_no_ext + ".txt",
            xlWorksheet.get_Range("A" + (col_header_row - 1)));
        xlQuery.RefreshStyle = Excel.XlCellInsertionMode.xlInsertEntireRows;
        xlQuery.Refresh(false); // false means refresh but not return until refresh is
finished
        xlQuery.Delete(); // delete the query
        // input into All Dim worksheet for schedules with names starting with "Dim - "
        if (view_schedule.Name.StartsWith("Dim - "))
        {
            // insert blank new column A
            xlWorksheet.get_Range("A1").EntireColumn.Insert();
            // find Type, QS Tag and QS Unit columns
            int col_Type = 0;
            int col_QS_Tag = 0;
            int col_QS_Unit = 0;
            int col_QS_Qty = 0;
            col_Type = xlColumnFindExact(xlWorksheet, "Type", col_header_row);
            col_QS_Tag = xlColumnFindExact(xlWorksheet, "QS Tag", col_header_row);
            col_QS_Unit = xlColumnFindExact(xlWorksheet, "QS Unit", col_header_row);

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        // define cell formula of column A starting from col_header_row
        xlRange = xlWorkSheet.Range["A" + col_header_row]; // source range to copy
from
        xlRange2 = xlWorkSheet.Range["A" + col_header_row, "A" +
xlRowLast(xlWorkSheet)]; // target range to copy to
        string range_formula = "=";
        string colon = "&\\" : "\\&"; // which stands for quote & : "& unquote
        if (col_Type != 0)
        {
            range_formula += xlColumnAddress(col_Type) + col_header_row;
        }
        if (col_QS_Tag != 0)
        {
            range_formula += colon + xlColumnAddress(col_QS_Tag) + col_header_row;
        }
        if (col_QS_Unit != 0)
        {
            range_formula += colon + xlColumnAddress(col_QS_Unit) + col_header_row;
        }
        if (range_formula != "=")
        {
            xlRange.Formula = range_formula;
            xlRange.AutoFill(xlRange2, Excel.XlAutoFillType.xlFillCopy);
        }
        // remove cell formula and leave value for the combined column A
        xlRange2.Value2 = xlRange2.Value2;
        // remove Type, QS Tag and QS Unit columns
        col_Type = xlColumnFindExact(xlWorkSheet, "Type", col_header_row);
        if (col_Type != 0)
        {
            xlRange = (Excel.Range)xlWorkSheet.Cells[1, col_Type];
            xlRange.EntireColumn.Delete(default_value);
        }
        col_QS_Tag = xlColumnFindExact(xlWorkSheet, "QS Tag", col_header_row);
        if (col_QS_Tag != 0)
        {
            xlRange = (Excel.Range)xlWorkSheet.Cells[1, col_QS_Tag];
            xlRange.EntireColumn.Delete(default_value);
        }
        col_QS_Unit = xlColumnFindExact(xlWorkSheet, "QS Unit", col_header_row);
        if (col_QS_Unit != 0)
        {
            xlRange = (Excel.Range)xlWorkSheet.Cells[1, col_QS_Unit];
            xlRange.EntireColumn.Delete(default_value);
        }
        // move QS Qty column to column D, but if it is before column D,
        // move to column E to compensate the shifting of columns after cut
        col_QS_Qty = xlColumnFindExact(xlWorkSheet, "QS Qty", col_header_row);
        if (col_QS_Qty < 4)
        {
            xlColumnMove(xlWorkSheet, col_QS_Qty, 5);
        } else
        {
            xlColumnMove(xlWorkSheet, col_QS_Qty, 4);
        }
        // move combined column A to column C
        xlColumnMove(xlWorkSheet, 1, 4);
        // bold down to col_header_row
        xlRange = xlWorkSheet.get_Range("A1", "A" + col_header_row);
        xlRange.EntireRow.Font.Bold = true;
        // copy whole worksheet to All Dim to the next new row
        all_dim_new_row += 1;
        xlWorkSheet.UsedRange.Copy(xlWorkSheetAllDim.get_Range("A"+all_dim_new_row));
        all_dim_new_row = xlRowLast(xlWorkSheetAllDim);
    } else
    {
        // bold down to col_header_row
        xlWorkSheet.get_Range("A1", "A" + col_header_row).EntireRow.Font.Bold = true;
    }
    // delete txt file
    System.IO.File.Delete(folder_name + filename_no_ext + ".txt");
}
}
// move it to become the first worksheet

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xlWorksheetAllDim.Move(xlWorkbook.Worksheets[1]);
// add and name a worksheet to contain unique QS Desc
xlWorksheet = (Excel.Worksheet)xlWorkbook.Worksheets.Add(default_value);
xlWorksheet.Name = "QS Desc";
// generate pivot table if "All Dim" has data rows
if (xlRowLast(xlWorksheetAllDim) > col_header_row)
{
    // define pivot table data source
    xlRange = xlWorksheetAllDim.get_Range("C" + col_header_row,"D" +
xlRowLast(xlWorksheetAllDim));
    Excel.PivotCache xlPivotCache =
xlWorkbook.PivotCaches().Add(Excel.XlPivotTableSourceType.xlDatabase, xlRange);
    Excel.PivotTables xlPivotTables = (Excel.PivotTables)xlWorksheet.PivotTables();
    // define pivot table in the QS Desc worksheet
    Excel.PivotTable xlPivotTable = xlPivotTables.Add(xlPivotCache,
xlWorksheet.Range["A2"], "QS Desc", default_value, default_value);
    xlPivotTable.SmallGrid = false;
    xlPivotTable.ShowTableStyleRowStripes = true;
    xlPivotTable.TableStyle2 = "PivotStyleLight1";
    Excel.PivotField xlPivotField = (Excel.PivotField)xlPivotTable.PivotFields("Type
: QS Tag : QS Unit");
    xlPivotField.Orientation = Excel.XlPivotFieldOrientation.xlRowField;
    xlPivotTable.AddDataField(xlPivotTable.PivotFields("QS Qty"), "Sum of QS Qty",
Excel.XlConsolidationFunction.xlSum);
}
// format QS Qty column
xlRange = xlWorksheet.get_Range("B1");
xlRange.EntireColumn.NumberFormat = "#,##0.00";
// move it to become the first worksheet
xlWorksheet.Move(xlWorkbook.Worksheets[1]);
// loop through all worksheets
int loop_A_Mx = xlWorkbook.Worksheets.Count;
for (int loop_A = loop_A_Mx; loop_A >= 1; loop_A--)
{
    // get worksheet
    xlWorksheet = (Excel.Worksheet)xlWorkbook.Worksheets.get_Item(loop_A);
    // freeze top rows
    ((Excel._Worksheet)xlWorksheet).Activate(); // cast to Excel._Worksheet to avoid
the ambiguity that "Activate" is also used as an event
    xlWorksheet.Application.ActiveWindow.SplitRow = col_header_row;
    xlWorksheet.Application.ActiveWindow.FreezePanes = true;
    // insert new column A
    xlWorksheet.get_Range("A1").EntireColumn.Insert();
    // assign column A with row number
    int last_row = xlRowLast(xlWorksheet);
    xlWorksheet.Cells[1,1] = 1;
    xlRange = xlWorksheet.get_Range("A1","A" + xlRowLast(xlWorksheet));
    xlRange.Font.Bold = false;
    xlRange.DataSeries(default_value,
        Excel.XlDataSeriesType.xlDataSeriesLinear,
        Excel.XlDataSeriesDate.xlDay,
        "1", default_value, default_value);
    // autofit column widths
    xlWorksheet.Columns.EntireColumn.AutoFit();
    // assign cell B1 with filename
    xlWorksheet.Cells[1,2] = filename_no_ext.ToUpper();
    xlWorksheet.get_Range("B1").Font.Bold = true;
    // define page setup
    xlWorksheet.PageSetup.Orientation = Excel.XlPageOrientation.xlLandscape;
    xlWorksheet.PageSetup.PrintTitleRows = "$1:$" + col_header_row;
    xlWorksheet.PageSetup.LeftFooter = filename_no_ext;
    xlWorksheet.PageSetup.RightFooter = "&P/&N";
    xlWorksheet.PageSetup.Zoom = false; // needs to be false for FitToPagesWide to
work
    xlWorksheet.PageSetup.FitToPagesTall = false; // need to be false for
FitToPagesWide to work
    xlWorksheet.PageSetup.FitToPagesWide = 1;
}
// save workbook
xlWorkbook.SaveAs(folder_name + filename_no_ext,
    default_value, default_value, default_value,
    default_value, default_value,
    Excel.XlSaveAsAccessMode.xlNoChange,
    default_value, true, default_value,

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        default_value, true);
// release objects
releaseObject(xlWorkSheet);
releaseObject(xlWorkSheetAllDim);
releaseObject(xlWorkBook);
releaseObject(xlApp);
TaskDialog.Show("Export All Schedules To One Excel",
    "Finished!" + "\nTime Spent " + DateTime.Now.Subtract(time_start).Seconds + "
seconds");
}

private string xlCellAddress(int row, int col)
{
    // change cell address from (100, 1) to (A100) style
    string prompt = (row + "\n\t" + col + "\n\t");
    if (row < 1 || row > 1048576)
    {
        TaskDialog.Show("Excel Row Number", "Error - must be within 1 - 1048576!!");
        return null;
    }
    // append row number to alphabetical column reference
    return xlColumnAddress(col) + row.ToString();
}

private string xlCellValue2(Excel.Worksheet w_s, int row, int col)
{
    // return value of worksheet cell
    Excel.Range xlRange = (Excel.Range)w_s.Cells[row,col];
    if (xlRange.Value2 != null)
    {
        return xlRange.Value2.ToString();
    } else
    {
        return "";
    }
}

private string xlColumnAddress(int col)
{
    // convert column number to alphabetical reference
    if (col < 1 || col > 16384)
    {
        TaskDialog.Show("Excel Column Number", "Error - must be within 1 - 16384!!");
        return null;
    }
    int remainder = 0;
    string result = "";
    for (int loop_A = 0; loop_A < 3; loop_A++)
    {
        // get remainder after division by 26
        remainder = ((col - 1) % 26) + 1;
        if (remainder != 0)
        {
            // match the remainder to alphabets A to Z where A is char 65
            // precede the alphabet to the previous result
            result = Convert.ToChar(remainder + 64).ToString() + result;
        }
        col = ((col - 1) / 26);
        // do it three times
    }
    return result;
}

private int xlColumnFindExact(Excel.Worksheet w_s, string find_what, int which_row)
{
    object default_value = System.Reflection.Missing.Value;
    Excel.Range xlFound = w_s.get_Range(which_row + ":" + which_row);
    xlFound = xlFound.Find(find_what, default_value,
        Excel.XlFindLookIn.xlValues,
        Excel.XlLookAt.xlWhole,
        Excel.XlSearchOrder.xlByRows,
        Excel.XlSearchDirection.xlNext,
        false, default_value, default_value);
    if (xlFound != null)

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        {
            return xlFound.Column;
        } else
        {
            return 0;
        }
    }

    private void xlColumnMove(Excel.Worksheet w_s, int col_from, int col_to)
    {
        if ((col_from != 0) & (col_to != 0) & (col_from != col_to))
        {
            Excel.Range from_range = (Excel.Range)w_s.Cells[1,col_from];
            Excel.Range to_range = (Excel.Range)w_s.Cells[1,col_to];
            to_range.EntireColumn.Insert(Excel.XlInsertShiftDirection.xlShiftToRight,
from_range.EntireColumn.Cut());
        }
    }

    private int xlRowLast(Excel.Worksheet w_s)
    {
        // return last used row number of worksheet
        return
w_s.Cells.SpecialCells(Excel.XlCellType.xlCellTypeLastCell,Type.Missing).Row;
    }

    private void releaseObject(object obj)
    {
        try
        {
            System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal.ReleaseComObject(obj);
            obj = null;
        }
        catch (Exception ex)
        {
            obj = null;
            TaskDialog.Show("Excel file created","Exception Occurred while releasing object "
+ ex.ToString());
        }
        finally
        {
            GC.Collect();
        }
    }
}
}
}

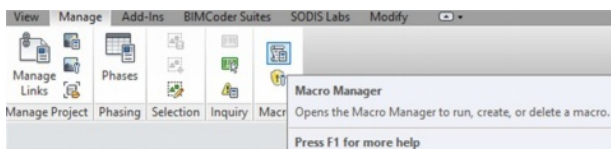
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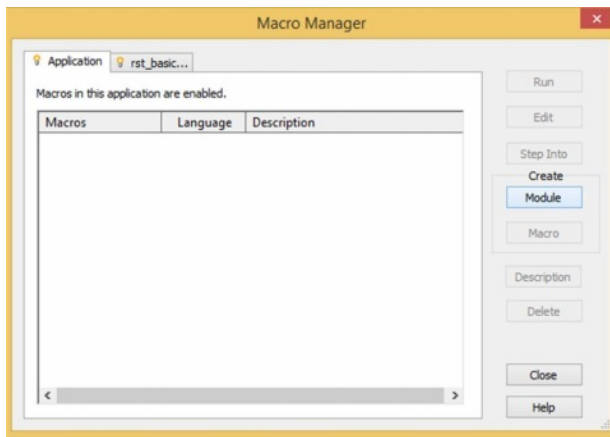
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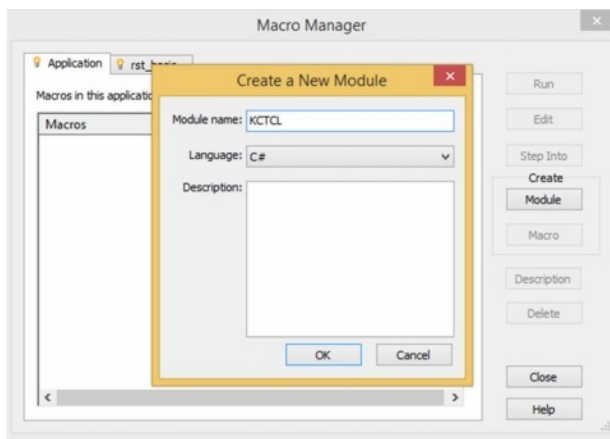
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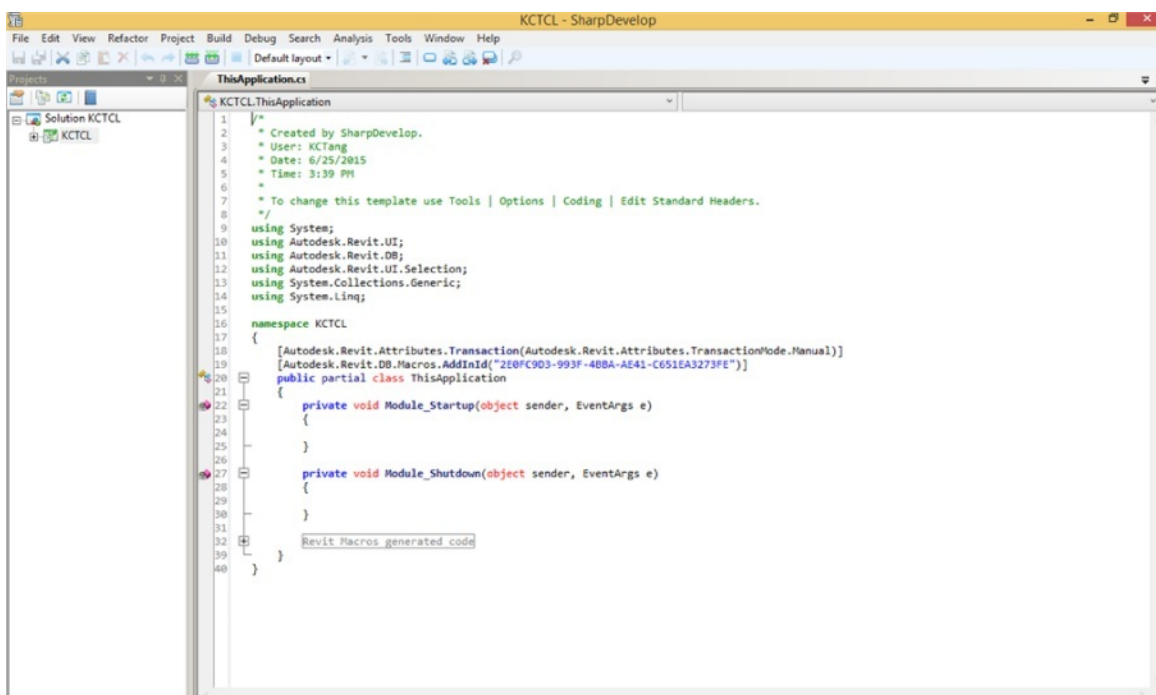
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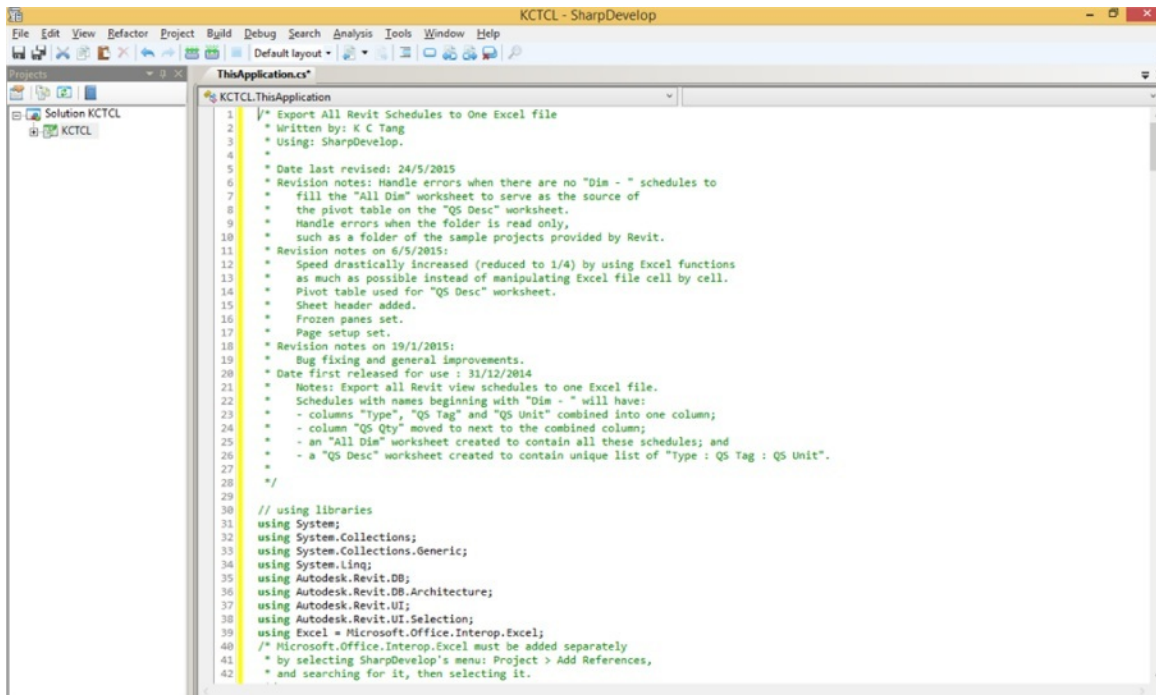
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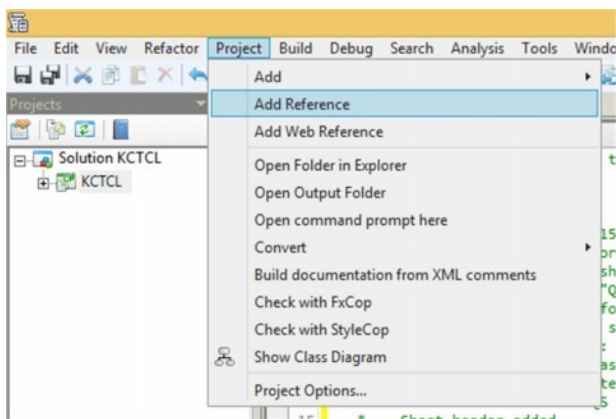
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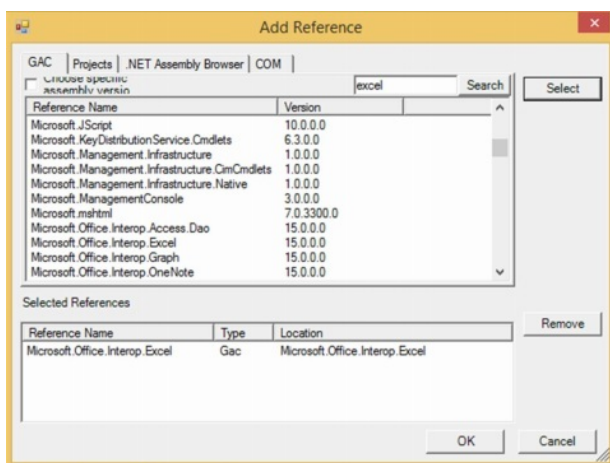
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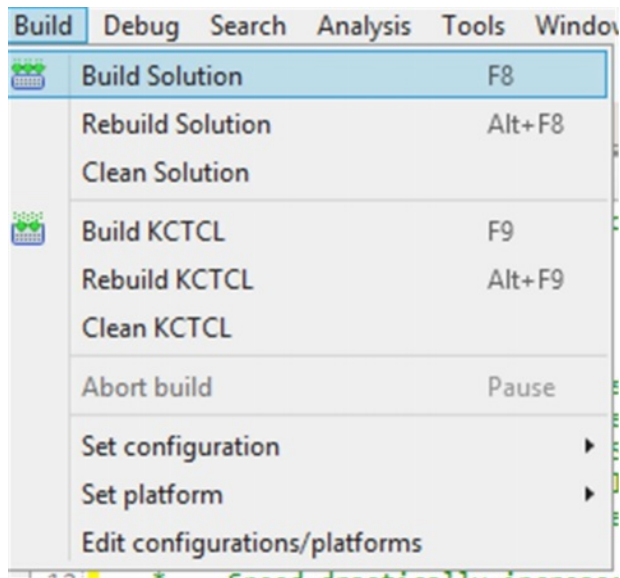
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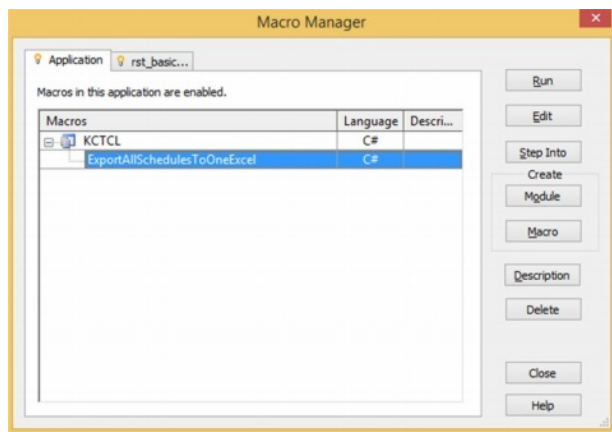
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