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CLACS

ECBC baseline generator

BUILDING PERFORMANCE TOOLS

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Tools:

LIT:

Speeds up the day lighting simulation process for LEED compliance.

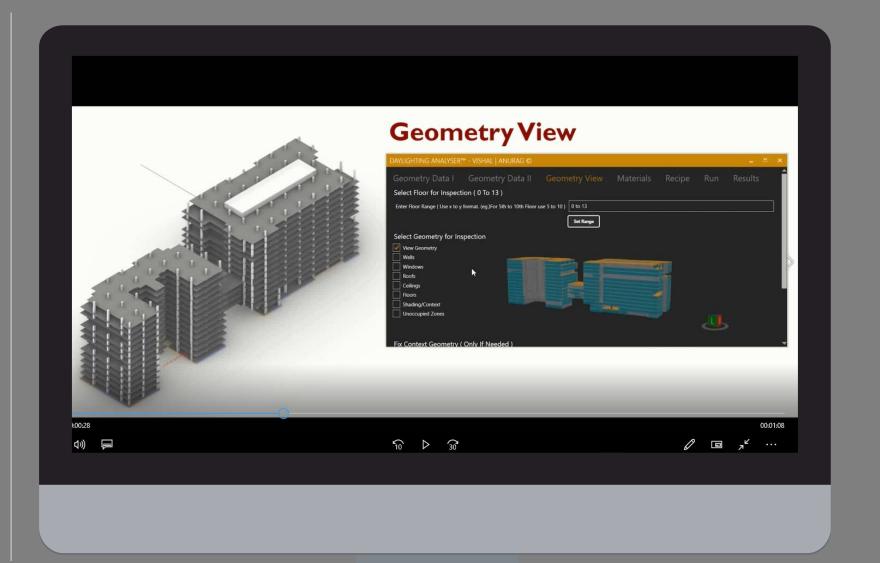
CLACS:

Tool which assists in designing Chiller Plants for buildings.

ECBC Baseline Generator:

The program uses an Energy Model file (idf) and creates code compliant baseline and proposed case energy model for compliance.

Tool to automate modelling and reporting of Daylight simulation for LEED compliance



Features

- Expedites the LEED Daylighting compliance process by upto 5 times
- Automates Geometry Generation
- Automates Reporting for LEED: No hassle of postprocessing
- Easy to navigate interface
- Can be used by amateurs without in-depth knowledge on Daylighting algorithms

Pain point 1:

Geometry Generation takes a too much Time. It involves the following steps:

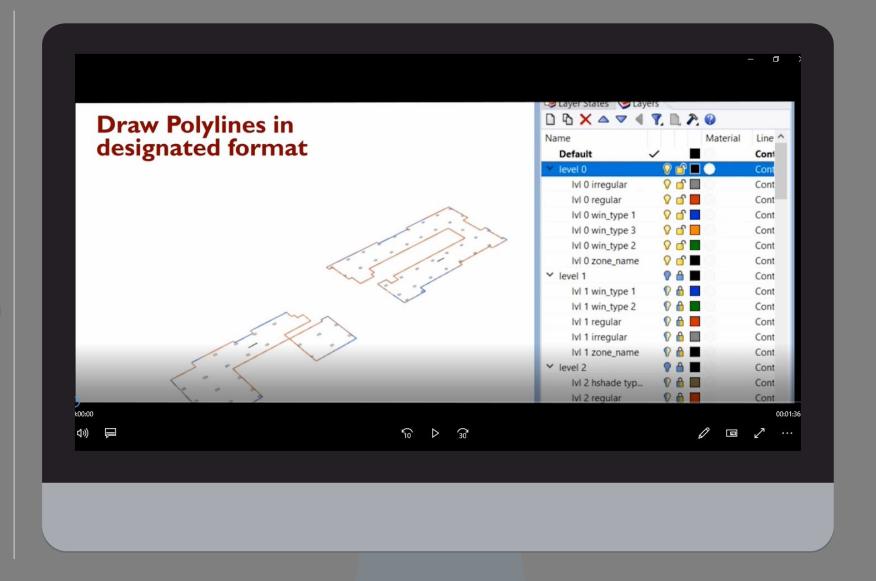
Create Polylines Create building Geometry

Create Windows Create shading

Assign material properties

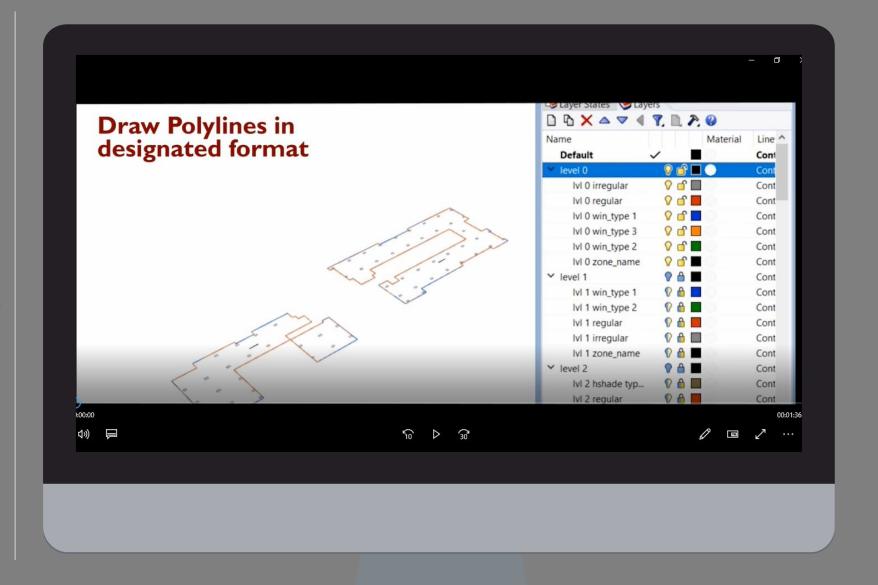
Solution

Geometry generation is automated by Layer data Mapping



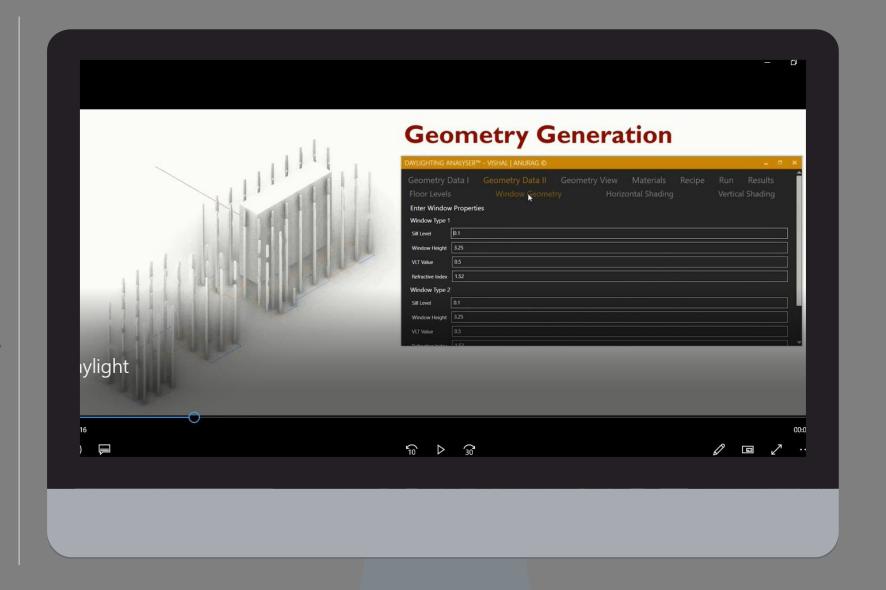
Process

1. User needs to draw polylines in designated layers



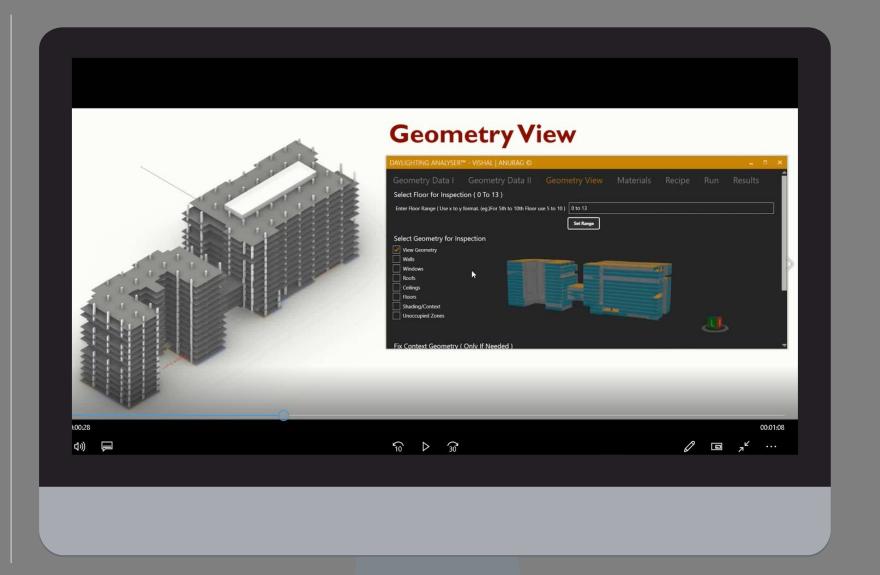
Process

2. Give dimensional inputs for Floor levels, Windows, Shading, etc



Process

3. Whole building Geometry is automatically created



Pain point 2:

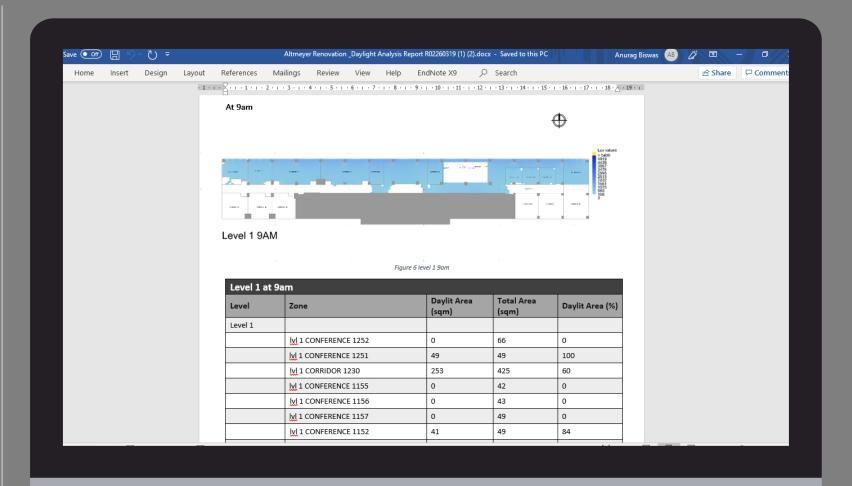
LEED compliance asks for space by space daylight reporting

However, most simulation software simulates Daylight floor by floor.

A lot of effort and time goes into post-processing the result

Solution

This tool generates formatted report, images and excel files which has Space by Space reporting



Pain point 3:

LEED Option 2 compliance Instructions dictates that we need to take clearest sky from 15 days of the Equinoxes for Daylight simulation.

To do it manually takes a lot of hard work and expert level knowledge

Solution

The inbuilt algorithm automatically creates the desired skyfile.

To find out Sky Clearness this Definition from core Radiance algorithm is used:

Pain point 4:

Generally, other daylight simulation tools enable us to do Floor by Floor simulation

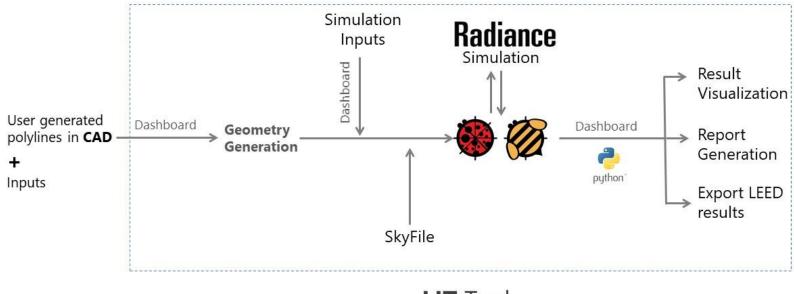
This takes simulation time for each floor.

Solution

Only one simulation is needed as the **whole building** is simulated together.

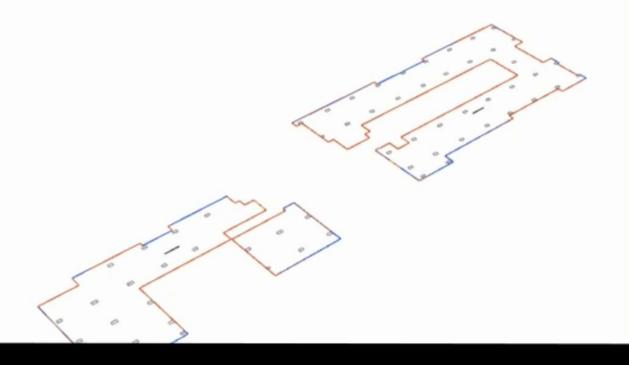
This speeds up the total process.

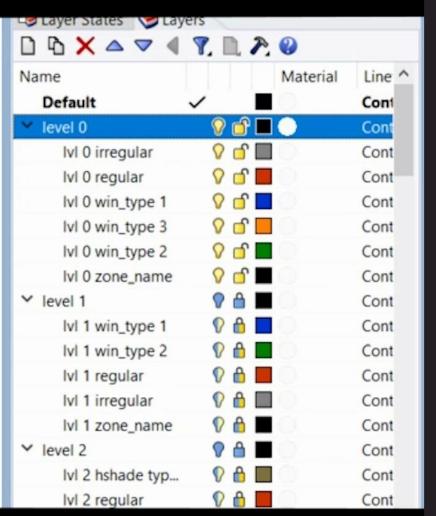
WorkFlow



LIT Tool

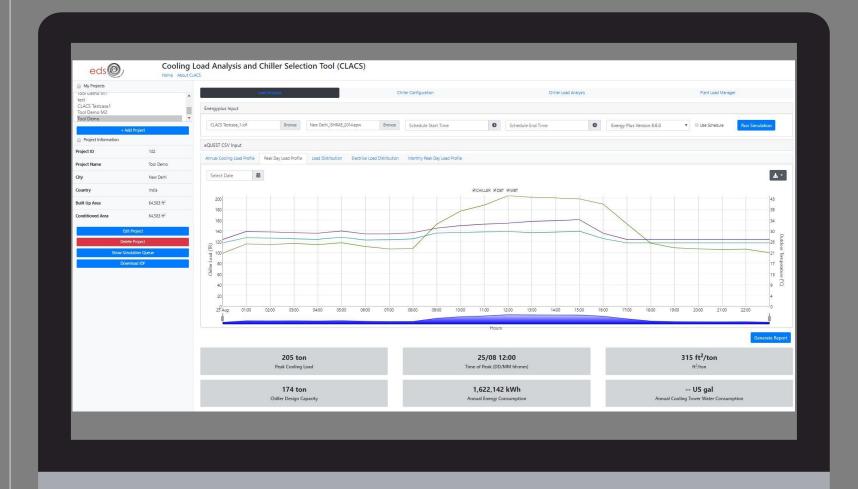
Draw Polylines in designated format





CLACS

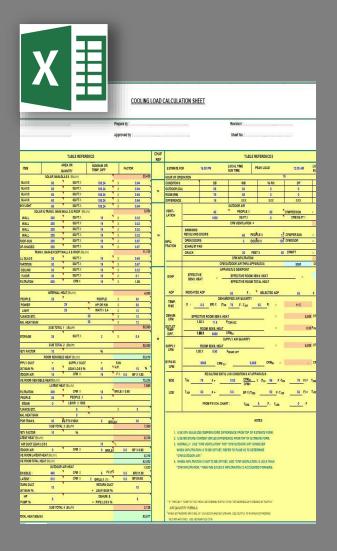
Tool which assists in designing Chiller Plants for buildings



Features

- Streamline & Automate the Process of HVAC Chiller Plant Design
- Perform Cloud based Simulation
- Automates Reporting
- Interactive

Pain point:

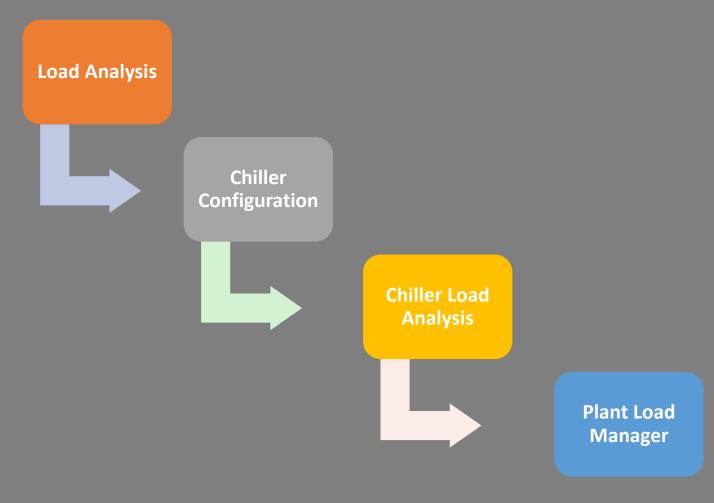




- Chiller Type
- Chiller Efficiency
- Chiller Part Load Performance

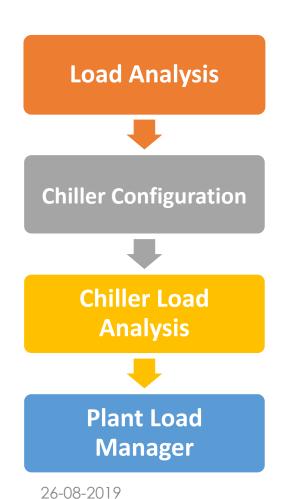


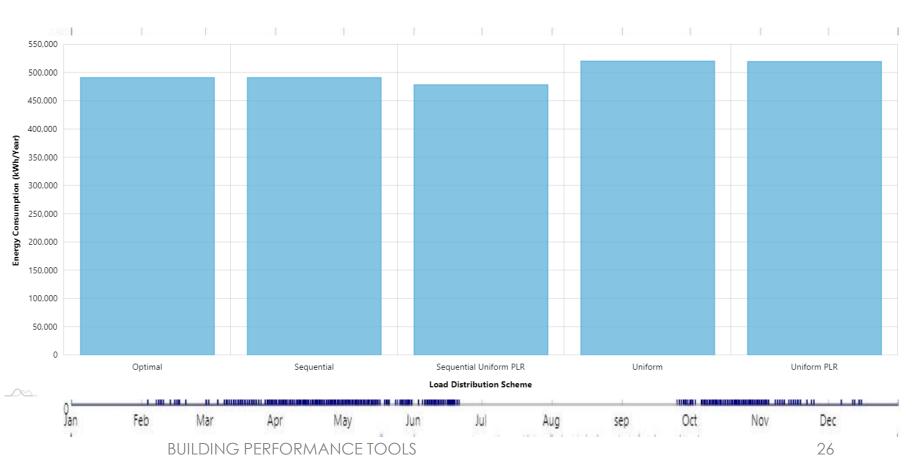
CLACS Modules

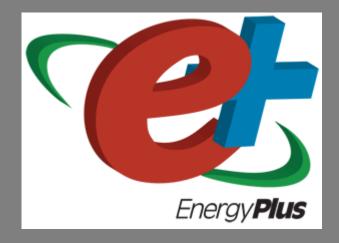


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CLACS Modules









Input

.idf file

.epw file

User Workflow

Create a Project

Input

Simulation

Output











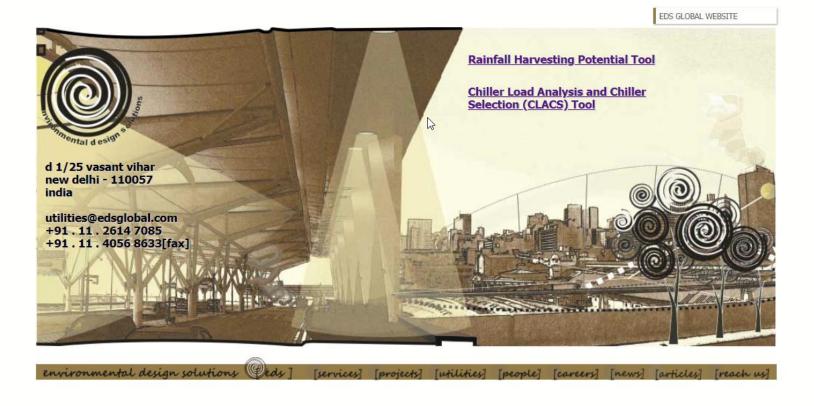








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- Annual Cooling Load profile
- Peak Day Cooling Load Profile
- Cooling Load Bin Sizing
- Monthly Peak Day Load Profile



• Graphs Data can be exported in csv format



Report Generation for Module 1 & Module 3



Modified Energyplus input files can be download

ECBC Baseline Generator

Tool for automating
ECBC compliance via
Whole Building
Performance
Approach





- Compliance documentation is a tedious and error prone process
- Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) is comprehensive and accommodates several use cases as exceptions.
- There is no platform for ECBC compliance automation in the public domain
- ECBC COMPLIANCE IS MANDATORY, bridging this gap is essential.

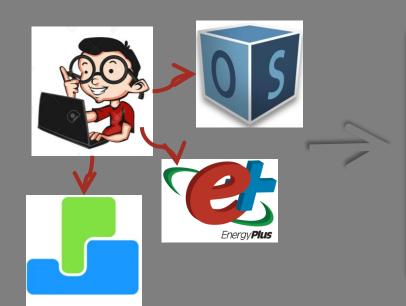
The Process

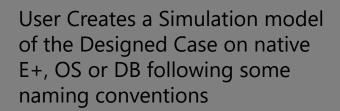


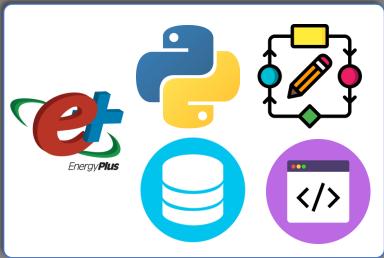




User Workflow







The user created Input Definition File (IDF) is processed in the python utility which is essentially a collection of programmed rule-sets and database interacting with E+



User created IDF



System Sizing IDF





Proposed Case IDF

Input

- Weather File
- Compliance Level
- Location
- Proposed case IDF
- Over-sizing ratios and Temperature Set-points (Heating and Cooling)
- Special Conditions (Mandates for Air Cooled Chiller)
- Lighting Power Calculation Method

Automation

- Assignment of Mandatory and Prescriptive (as applicable) provisions for Baseline Case IDF
- Checking for Mandatory provisions in Proposed Case IDF
- Climate Zone mapping
- Baseline Envelope parameters
- Baseline HVAC System Mapping
- Baseline Lighting Systems
- etc.

Automation

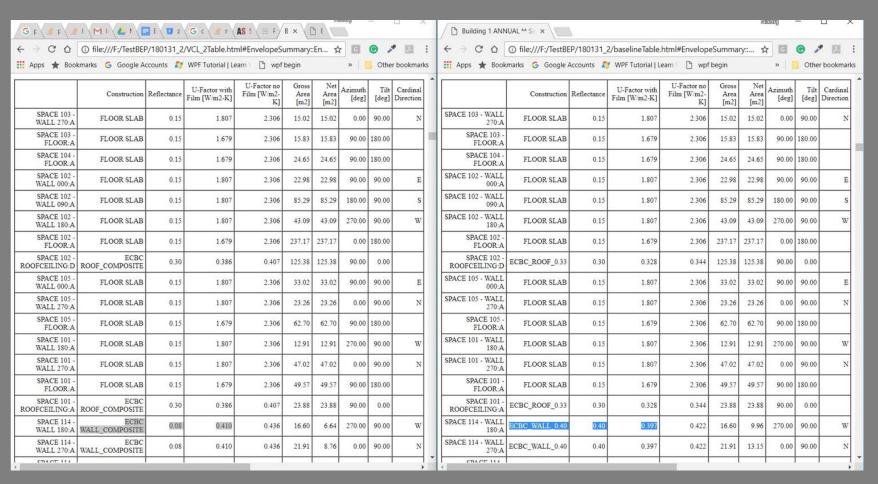
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Updating Simulation Control Object...
Simulation Control Object Updated.
Updating Time Step Object....
Time Step Object Updated.
All SizingPeriod:DesignDay Object Removed.
All SizingPeriod:WeatherFileConditionType Object Removed.
Adding SizingPeriod:WeatherFileDays Object....
Summer Design Day Added.
Winter Design Day Added.
Updating RunPeriod Object....
Run Period updated
Updating OutputControl:ReportingTolerances Object...
OutputControl:ReportingTolerances Object Updated.
all Shading object removed
Copying Material in ECBC standard Idf...
Copying Window Material in ECBC standard Idf...
Copying Construction in ECBC standard Idf...
Replace Construction in ECBC standard Idf
Total surface area = 1666.10398534
Total window area = 999.662391201
WWR = 60.0
Total roof area = 548.656080337
Total skylight area = 0
SRR = 0.0
Setting WWR and SRR...
Total surface area = 1666.10398534
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Setting simulation environment

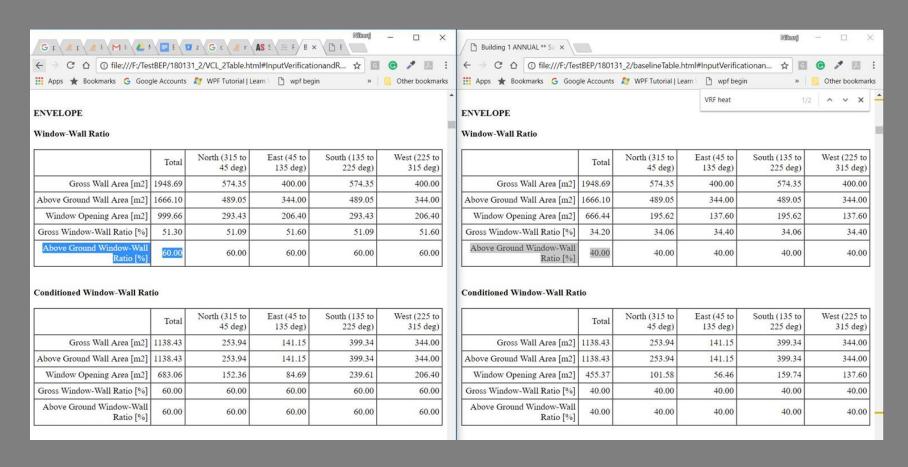
Automation

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Select Command Prompt
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Creating FF Cabins HVACTemplate:Zone:VRF...
Creating HVACTemplate: Thermostat object....
Creating FF Lobby HVACTemplate:Zone:VRF...
Creating HVACTemplate:Thermostat object....
Creating FF_Meeting HVACTemplate:Zone:VRF...
Creating HVACTemplate:Thermostat object....
Creating FF Printer HVACTemplate:Zone:VRF...
Creating HVACTemplate:Thermostat object....
Creating FF WS1 HVACTemplate:Zone:VRF...
Creating HVACTemplate: Thermostat object....
Creating FF_WS2 HVACTemplate:Zone:VRF...
Creating HVACTemplate:Thermostat object....
Creating SF_Cabins HVACTemplate:Zone:VRF...
Creating HVACTemplate: Thermostat object....
Creating SF Library HVACTemplate:Zone:VRF...
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Creating SF Lobby HVACTemplate:Zone:VRF...
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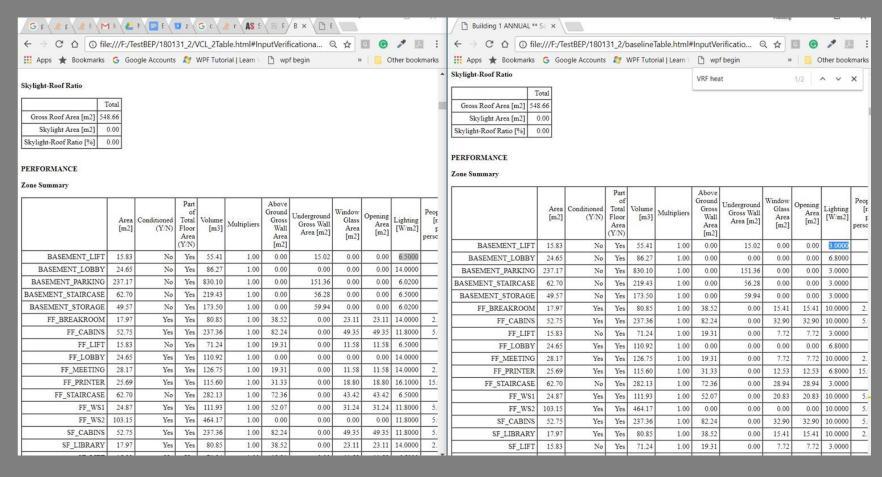
Creating HVAC components



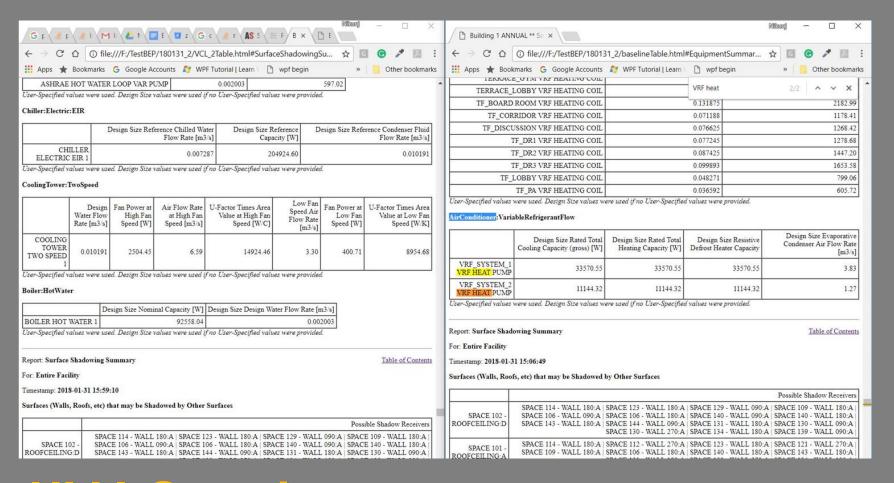
Baseline envelope parameters



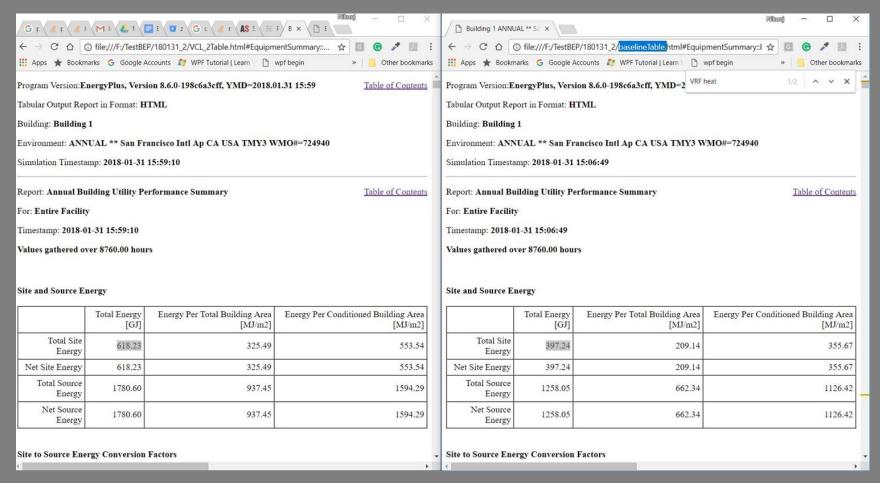
Window wall ratio



Lighting power



HVAC system



Energy Use Output

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