BIM and the Surveyor

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Outline

- What is a BIM
- What does a BIM do
- Why use a BIM
- BIM Software
- Where are BIM’s currently being used
- How do they relate to us in the Surveying and Spatial industry
- LISTECH Neo – The surveyors interface to BIM
The US National Building Information Model Standard Project Committee definition:

- **Building Information Modelling (BIM)** is a digital representation of physical and functional characteristics of a facility.

- A **BIM** is a shared knowledge resource for information about a facility forming a reliable basis for decisions during its life-cycle.

![Image of a BIM model](image-url)
What is a BIM
Currently building design works with 2D plans and 3D CAD systems - (position and elevation).

BIM extends beyond 3D with:
- time (4D)
- cost (5D)
- Plus more…

In a BIM project:
- The professionals involved are able to access virtual information to allow data to be transferred:
  - from the design team
    (architects, landscape architects, surveyors, civil, structural and building services engineers, etc.)
  - to main contractor and subcontractors
    (surveyors, civil, structural and building services engineers etc.)
  - to maintenance / refurbishment
    (architects, landscape architects, surveyors, civil, structural and building services engineers, etc.)
- It goes beyond the planning and design phases, it extends throughout the building life cycle.

Efficient communications + Fluent transfer = Integrated workflow and a better finished product
BIM Dimensions

3D – Model
- Walk throughs
- Clash detection
- Visualisation
- Virtual modelling
- Prefabrication

4D – Time
- Construction planning & management
- Schedule visualisation

5D – Cost
- Take offs
- Real-time cost estimating

6D – Sustainability
- Conceptual energy analysis and tracking

7D – Facilities Management
- Life cycle strategies
- BIM As Builts
Current figures show:

- 20% reduction in build costs
- 33% reduction in costs over the lifetime of the building
- 47% to 65% reduction in conflicts and re-work during construction
- 44% to 59% increase in the overall project quality
- 35% to 43% reduction in risk, better predictability of outcomes
- 34% to 40% better performing completed infrastructure
- 32% to 38% improvement in review and approval cycles
- 80% of a building’s total cost in its lifecycle is maintenance
- To collect data on a building is 8 x more expensive after construction
Software designed specifically for BIM include:

- Bentley AECOsim Building Designer
- ArchiCAD
- Tekla Structures
- Autodesk Revit
- VectorWorks

*These packages have their proprietary data formats.*

Non-proprietary or open BIM standards

- BIM is associated with Industry Foundation Classes (IFCs) and aecXML

- IFCs have been developed by buildingSMART (the former International Alliance for Interoperability), as a neutral, non-proprietary or open standard for sharing BIM data among different software applications.
Asia

- **Hong Kong**
  - The Hong Kong Institute of Building Information Modelling (HKIBIM) established in 2009.
  - Housing Authority set a target of full BIM implementation in 2014/2015.
  - BuildingSmart Hong Kong was inaugurated in late April 2013.

- **Singapore**
  - The Building and Construction Authority (BCA) announced that BIM would be introduced for architectural submission (by 2013), structural and M&E submissions (by 2014) and for plan submissions of all projects with gross floor area of more than 5,000 square metres by 2015.

- **South Korea**
  - Since 2010, the Korean government has been gradually increasing the scope of BIM-mandated projects.
United Kingdom

- May 2011 UK Government called for BIM adoption on UK government construction projects of £5 million and over.

- Intention to require collaborative 3D BIM (with all project and asset information, documentation and data being electronic) on its projects by 2016.

- The April 2014 survey of 1,000 UK construction professionals revealed that BIM adoption had increased from 13% in 2011 to 54% in 2014.

- BIM Level 2 released in 2016 and is being widely adopted around the world.
Australia

• Federal – Gradual approach to BIM implementation
  • Department of Defence is using BIM to enhance the development and operation of its assets

• State
  • Victoria – BIM pilot studies in budget for government infrastructure projects. Announced the formation of a BIM implementation plan.
  • Queensland – Research partnerships with a number of institutions on the benefits of BIM - Department of Transport and Main Roads
  • New South Wales - Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has developed a strategy for implementing BIM.
  • Western Australia - starting to use BIM in some of its high profile infrastructure projects

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Where BIM’s are used

Australia

Successful Australian projects that have used elements of BIM include:

- Moorebank Intermodal Terminal Project;
- Barangaroo development, including Wynyard Walk;
- North West Rail Link;
- Southern Freight Link; Figure 1: BIM and its participants
- Regional Rail Link Victoria;
- South West Rail Link;
- Auburn Stabling Yard;
- New Generation Rolling Stock Stabling, Ipswich;
- Sydney CBD light rail early works;
- Perth Children’s Hospital;
- Perth Stadium; and
- Perth Museum.

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Surveyor: Performs As Constructed Survey

Property Manager

Owner

Builder

BIM

Architect

Contractor

Engineers

Surveyor: Title Survey

Surveyor: Sets out Design for Builder/Contractors

Surveyor: Existing conditions / Detail Survey
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Issues that Surveyors will and do encounter with BIM.

- Measuring with Total Stations and GNSS
  - Set out
  - As constructed
  - Creating Point Data
  - Attributing
- Coordinate Systems
BIM’s a system for the management of the construction of a “Building”

- Usually on a “local” coordinate datum
- No scale factors

BIM’s now being used for larger infrastructure projects – rail, road and other such projects that are over a larger area.

- Need to work in the real world
  - Datum’s and Projections
  - Real world coordinates
LISTECH Neo

The Surveyors interface to BIM
LISTECH Neo is new generation geospatial software, offering exciting functionality with increased productivity and ease of use.
User Definable Attributes

Design and tailor attribute definitions to suit client needs.

- Create attributes automatically by importing from another system
- Add and edit them
- Automatically populate with default values
- Optionally increment as objects are created

Deliver product tailored to your client needs.
Seamless Transfer

BIM
GIS
Google Earth
CAD
LiSCAD™
Survey and Civil Engineering Field and Office Software
PLUS MORE
XML
Neo geospatial software
BIM Processing & Exchange
Complete control over the processing and reduction of field surveys.

- Field data automatically imported
  - Appears in Neo as on the instrument
  - Automatic attributing
- Reprocess Measurements information
  - Update dynamically
  - Automatic Update attributing
Rigorous geodetic computations and editing functionality

Information can be manipulated using the extensive tools available:

- Create
- Examine
- Modify
- Find

Coordinate systems may be plane or geodetic.

Uses known Coordinate systems or user defined.

- ellipsoids,
- projections,
- transformations
- geoid models are supported.

Transformations can be performed between coordinate systems.
Neo projects are customisable and template based

New projects with required customisation are created simply by selecting the appropriate template.

- Sample project templates are included,
- Custom tailored templates can be saved for future use.
Additional Functionality

- Various Imagery tools
  - Image GeoRef – Work with Geo-referenced imagery
  - Image Connect – Connect to web-server (WMS) imagery
  - Image Xtract – Create objects from total station imagery
- Adjustments
- Terrain modelling
- Volumes
- Point Cloud
- Additional functionality added with each release…
Thank you...