



# Revit MEP Programming: All Systems Go

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# Class Summary

- Overview of the Revit MEP API
- MEP API enhancements in Revit 2013
- Working programmatically with Revit MEP models
- Overview of available Revit MEP API samples
- Prerequisites: we assume prior knowledge of
  - How to program in .NET
  - The basics of the generic Revit API
  - Revit MEP product usage

# Learning Objectives

At the end of this class, you will be able to:

- Understand and use the Revit MEP 2013 API enhancements
- Analyze, create, manage and modify electrical, HVAC and plumbing models, systems, and components programmatically
- Understand and reuse Revit SDK and ADN sample functionality

# Agenda

- Introduction
- Analysis
- Hierarchical systems and connectors
- Electrical
- HVAC and plumbing
- The Revit MEP 2013 API
- Sample applications
- Learning more

# Introduction

# Autodesk Developer Network

- Access to almost all Autodesk software and SDK's
  - Includes early access to beta software
- Members-only website with thousands of technical articles
- Product direction through conferences
- Unlimited technical support
- API training classes
  - One to three free for professional members
- Marketing benefits
  - Exposure on autodesk.com
  - Promotional opportunities

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# Acronyms

- ADN Autodesk Developer Network
- AEC Architecture, Engineering, Construction
- API Application Programming Interface
- BIM Building Information Model
- GUI Graphical User Interface
- HVAC Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning
- MEP Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing
- RAC Revit Architecture
- RME Revit MEP
- RST Revit Structure
- SDK Software Development Kit
- UI User Interface

# MEP Application Requirements

- Mechanical, electrical and plumbing domains
- M is for HVAC, i.e. heating, ventilation and air conditioning
- Model analysis tools
  - Physical, thermal, environmental etc.
  - Building codes and regulations
  - Geometrical relationships
  - MEP project information
  - Green Building XML, gbXML
  - Spaces and zones
- BIM component and data access
  - Systems, components, properties and parameters
  - Creation and modification
  - Traversal and analysis

# The Generic Revit API

- Basic Revit API is generic
- All flavours use the same Revit API .NET assemblies
- Specific additional features exist for each flavour, e.g.
  - Room-related functionality in Revit Architecture
  - Access to the analytical model in Revit Structure
  - Access to the MEP model in Revit MEP
  - Onebox supports all in one box
- Runtime discipline switching
  - ProductType Architecture, Structure, MEP, Revit

# Revit MEP API Evolution

- Generic element and parameter access can always be used
- Revit 2008 provided no MEP-specific API
- Revit 2009 introduced MEP-specific API support
  - MEP model property, space and zone, electrical and mechanical equipment, lighting device and fixture, connector, electrical system
- Revit MEP 2010 – mechanical
  - MEP namespace, support for HVAC and piping systems
- Revit MEP 2011 – electrical
  - Conduit, cable tray, panel schedule
- Revit MEP 2012 – mechanical
  - Pipe settings and sizes, placeholder elements, insulation and lining
- Revit MEP 2013 – mechanical and analysis
  - Routing preferences, analysis and calculation enhancements, new and updated APIs

# Analysis

# MEP Project Info and EnergyDataSettings

- EnergyDataSettings object represents gbXML project info
  - Manage > Project Settings > Project Information > Energy Data
  - Access via EnergyDataSettings.GetFromDocument method
  - Define settings for gbXML export, heating and cooling load calculations, conceptual energy analysis
- For project location use Document.ActiveProjectLocation
- Green Building XML export

```
Document.Export(  
    string folder,  
    string name,  
    GBXMLExportOptions );
```

# Spaces and Zones

- Architectural rooms are unsuitable for MEP analysis
  - Wrong height, often too large for analysed region
- MEP uses space instead of room, and zone to manage spaces
- Rooms can be subdivided into exterior and interior subspaces
- AddSpaceAndZone SDK sample
  - Programmatic creation and management of spaces and zones
- FamilyInstance class has Room and Space properties

```
FamilyInstance fi; // get a family instance  
Space space = fi.Space; // query space containing it  
Space space2 = fi.get_Space( phase ); // space in a specific  
phase
```

# Model Inspection Utilities

- Determine component location, space adjacency analysis, etc.
- Volumes, rooms and spaces
  - FamilyInstance.Space determines space containing family instance
  - Room.IsPointInRoom determines if a point is in a room volume
  - Space.IsPointInSpace determines if a point is in a space volume
  - GetRoomAtPoint and GetSpaceAtPoint return room or space containing point
- Element filters by intersection, Boolean operations, etc.
  - BoundingBoxIntersectsFilter, BoundingBoxIsInsideFilter, BoundingBoxContainsPointFilter, ElementIntersectsElementFilter, ElementIntersectsSolidFilter
- Ray intersection
  - ReferenceIntersector class, ex FindReferencesWithContextByDirection method
  - Shoot a ray through the model, given a starting point and direction vector
  - Return an array of references of intersected elements and faces
  - AvoidObstruction, FindColumns, MeasureHeight, RayTraceBounce SDK samples

# Revit 2013 ReferenceIntersector Class

- Constructor specifies target elements, target type and 3D view
- Elements specified by ElementId, ElementIdSet , ElementFilter
- Target type can be elements, meshes, edges, curves, faces

```
ReferenceIntersector( <elements>, FindReferenceTarget, View3d )
```

- Call Find or FindNearest to cast a ray given origin and direction
- Returns references intersecting ray, or closest to origin

```
Find( XYZ origin, XYZ direction )
```

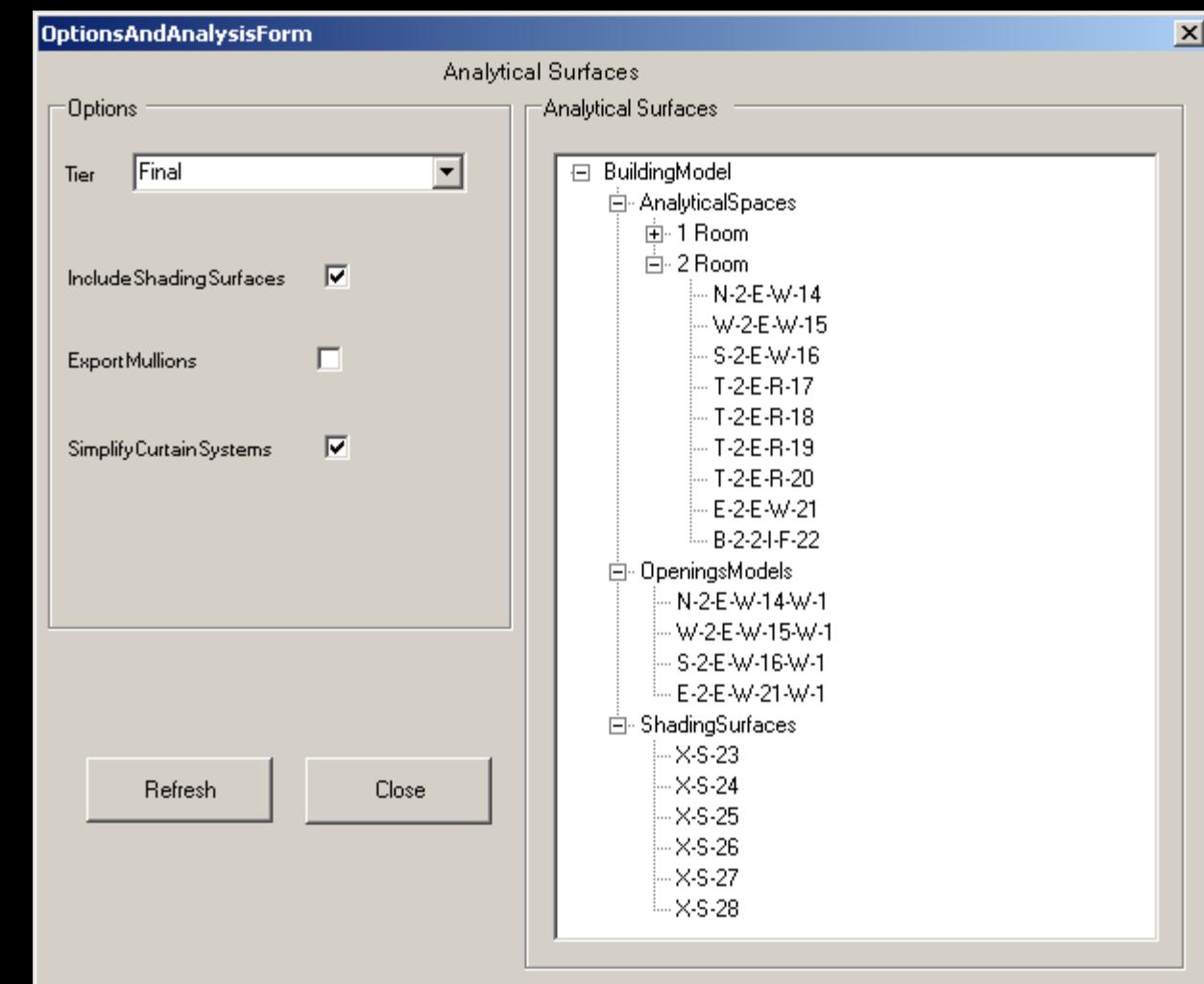
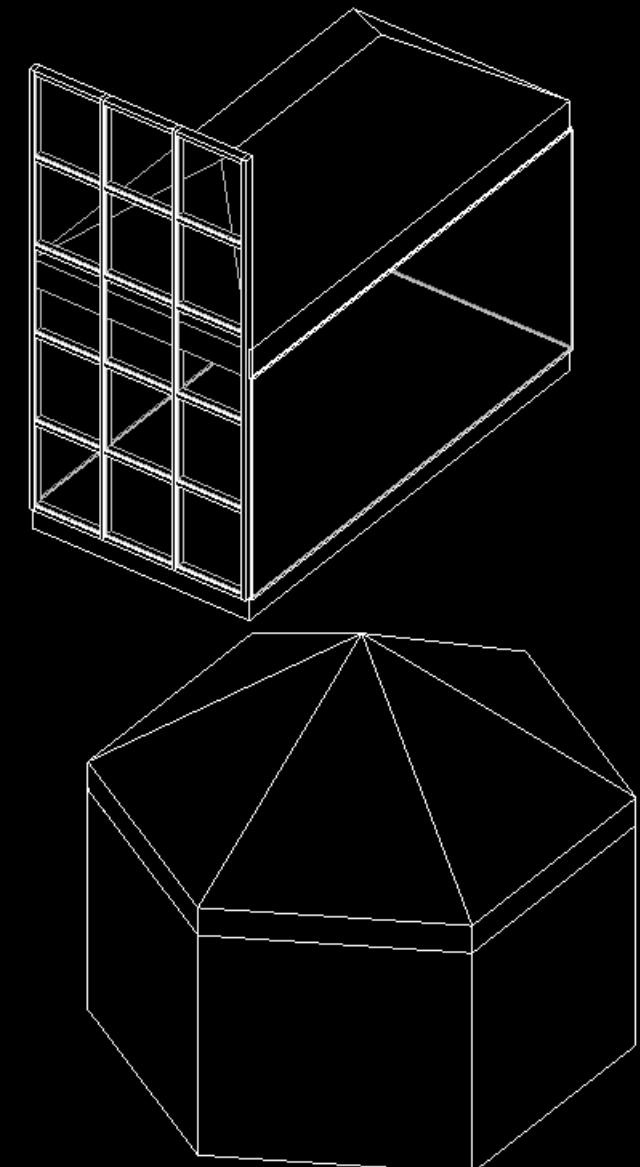
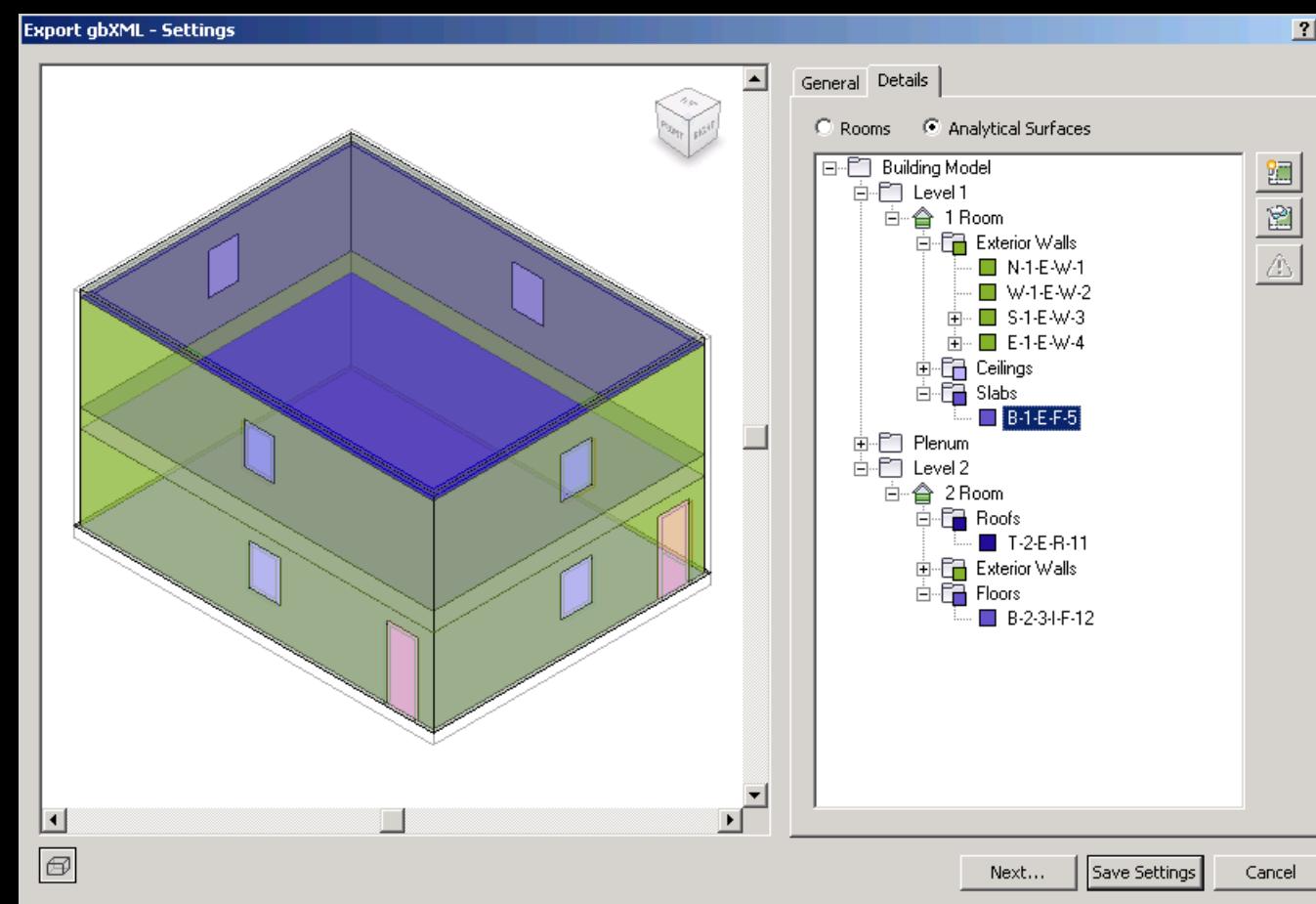
```
FindNearest( XYZ origin, XYZ direction )
```

# Conceptual Energy Analysis API

- Energy analysis on conceptual design models
- New overload of Document.Export method taking MassGBXMLExportOptions argument
- Create a gbXML file containing energy analysis elements generated from conceptual mass family instances

# Detailed Energy Analysis Model API

- Produce analytical thermal model from physical building model
- Retrieve energy analysis detail model and present as tree view
- Access Export to gbXML, Heating and Cooling Loads data
- Analytical thermal model
  - Composed of volumetric elements: spaces, zones, planar surfaces
  - Created and initialised by calling `EnergyAnalysisDetailModel.Create()`
  - Methods `GetAnalyticalSpaces`, `Surfaces`, `Openings`, `ShadingSurfaces`
- SDK sample Analysis > EnergyAnalysisModel



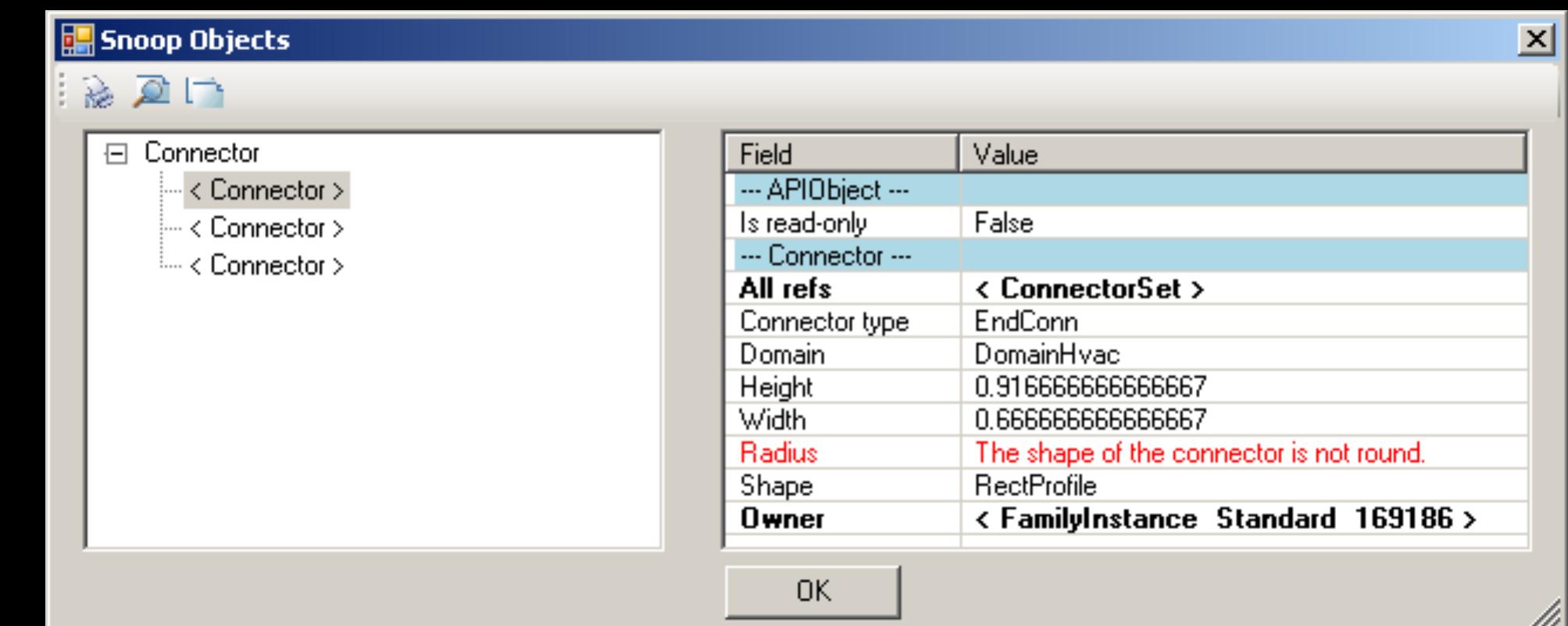
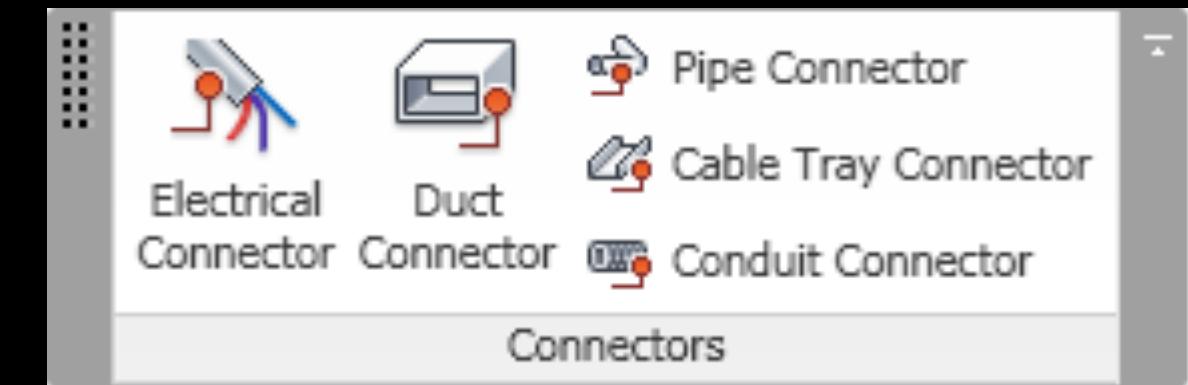
# Hierarchical Systems and Connectors

# Hierarchical System Structure and MEP Model

- MEP systems consist of hierarchically connected components
- Many components are represented using family instances
- Connectors can link neighbouring components and transfer info
- Top level node is MEP system
  - Represented by MEPSYSTEM class, with derived classes ElectricalSystem, MechanicalSystem, PipingSystem
- Family instance provides MEPModel property
  - MEPModel has ConnectorManager and ElectricalSystems properties
  - Derived classes include ElectricalEquipment, LightingDevice, LightingFixture, MechanicalEquipment, MechanicalFitting

# Connectors

- Family editor connection elements
  - Independent elements for defining connectors
  - Used to model library parts in **family context**
  - Specialised derived classes for duct, pipe and electrical connectors
- Connector class
  - Used to represent connections in the Revit BIM **project context**
  - Part of MEP component, not independent Revit database element
- Logical connectors
  - Used in electrical domain
  - Cables and wires are possibly not specified
  - Enables traversal of connected electrical system hierarchies
- Physical connectors
  - Connect neighbouring components physically
  - Transmit sizing dimensions and flow information



# Electrical

# Electrical System Hierarchy

- Three-tier recursive hierarchy, cf. electrical system browser
- Panel > systems or circuits > circuit elements, may be panels
- Logical connections between components
- Wires are annotation elements
- System can be traversed through connectors
- Connectivity information also available in element parameters
- Electrical samples
  - PowerCircuit SDK sample shows creation and editing power circuits
  - PanelSchedule SDK demonstrates use of the electrical panel schedule API
  - AdnRme electrical sample demonstrates traversal using both MEP connectors and generic parameters (much harder)

# HVAC and Plumbing

# HVAC and Piping Hierarchy

- Systems manage the top level system properties
- Ducts and pipes define the main flow elements
- Fittings implement bends and branches in the system
- Connectors hook up the ducts, pipes and fittings

# Systems

- MechanicalSystem and PipingSystem classes
- Access to equipment, connectors and system type
- Access to system properties such as flow and static pressure
- DuctNetwork and PipeNetwork properties access system contents
  - Ducts and fitting elements in no particular order
  - Does not include terminals or equipments
- Query connector managers for traversal in flow direction
- TraverseSystem SDK sample

# Duct and Pipes

- Represented by Duct, FlexDuct, Pipe and FlexPipe classes
  - Derived from MEPCurve
- Provide read access to duct properties, types, and geometry
- Change duct or pipe type
- Move duct or pipe
  - Use Move method rather than Location
- Layout duct or pipe
  - Driven by two points, point and connector, or two connectors

# Fittings

- Represented by standard RFA family instances
- Created using dedicated creation doc New\*Fitting methods
- Elbow, Tee, Cross, Takeoff, Transition, and Union
- Access fitting properties, shape and dimensions through the FamilyInstance.MEPModel property

# Connectors

- Read duct, pipe, and fitting connector properties
  - Flow, Coefficient, Demand
- Access physical connector properties
  - Origin, Angle, Height, Width, Radius
- Read and write assigned connector properties
- The fitting connectors define the properties
  - Flow, Flow Configuration, Coefficients, Loss Method
- Change connector size and location
- Connect and disconnect

# Element Creation

- Methods on Autodesk.Revit.Creation.Document
- Create New Systems
  - NewMechanicalSystem, NewPipingSystem
- Create New Elements
  - NewDuct, NewFlexDuct, NewPipe, NewFlexPipe
- Create New Fittings
  - New...Fitting for Cross, Elbow, TakeOff, TeeFitting, Transition, Union
- New classes Conduit, CableTray provide static Create methods
- Connector elements
  - Created in the family context using methods on FamilyItemFactory
  - Accessed through the Document.FamilyCreate property
  - NewDuctConnector, NewPipeConnector, NewElectricalConnector

# The Revit MEP 2013 API

*and the past few releases as well...*

# Revit MEP 2011 Product Enhancements

- Panel Schedules
- Cable Tray and Conduit
- Other Enhancements
  - Placing Valves and Fittings in Section or Elevation Views
  - Tagging of MEP Elements during placement
  - Demand Factors and Load Categories
  - Piping Companion Flanges
  - New Electrical Content
  - Oval Duct

# Revit MEP 2011 API Enhancements

- New classes for cable tray and conduit
  - Pipe to conduit converter sample
- Panel schedules
  - API access and PanelSchedule SDK sample
- Other Enhancements
  - EnergyDataSettings
  - Validation in ElectricalSystem Properties
  - WireMaterialType, InsulationType, TemperatureRatingType
  - DuctConnector, PipeConnector, ElectricalConnector
  - Demand Factor and Load Classifications

# Revit MEP 2012 Product Features

- Placeholder elements
- Insulation and lining
- Parallel pipe and conduit runs
- Sloped piping enhancements: settings, tooltips, connection
- System browser filtering, hovering and selection
- System: graphic overrides and warnings, disconnect markers, materials, calculation control, connector labels

# Revit MEP 2012 API Enhancements

- Pipe settings and sizes
- Placeholder ducts and pipes
- Duct and pipe insulation and lining
- Small Enhancements and Changes
- MEP related APIs
  - Detailed Energy Analysis
  - Conceptual Energy Analysis

# Placeholder Ducts and Pipes

- Placeholder elements indicate a planned layout
- System layout can be defined with minimal info and maximum flexibility
- Convert into true duct and pipe elements later on
- Size, slope and other properties can be assigned
- MepPlaceholder sample
- Two commands: CreatePlaceholders and ConvertPlaceholders

# Insulation and Lining

- Before, family defined insulation and lining, triplicating geometry
- Now insulation and lining can be added programmatically
- New classes DuctInsulation, PipeInsulation, DuctLining
- Applicable to duct, pipe, and fitting
- Support read, write and create access
- Accessible as standalone element related to parent
- Sample command: InsulateDuctwork

# Pipe Settings and Sizes

- MEP pipe settings and pipe size settings are now accessible programmatically
- Read and write access
- Static methods PipeSettings.GetPipeSettings and PipeSizeSettings.GetPipeSizeSettings return singleton objects
- Sample command: GetPipeSettings

# Small Enhancements and Changes

- Spare and space circuits
  - ElectricalSystem.CircuitType property identifies type: circuit, spare or space
  - ElectricalSystem.AddToCircuit throws exception on spare or space systems
- Cable tray and conduit domain
  - Autodesk.Revit.DB.Domain enumeration cable tray and conduit values
- Connector
  - New read-only properties added for JointType, GenderType and EngagementLength
- MEPSYSTEM
  - New property MEPSYSTEM.IsEmpty
- Graphical warnings for disconnects
  - New ‘show graphical warning’ properties and setters on the Application class
- Space properties
  - BaseHeatLoadOn indicates if heat gain per person properties have default or user defined value
- Fitting methods
  - New fitting methods no longer remove unused or dangling curve connectors

# Revit MEP 2013 Product Features

- Routing preferences
- Calculation enhancements
- MEP centrelines
- New MEP properties
- Enhanced analysis and simulation functionality

# MEP 2013 API Enhancements

- Routing preferences
- MEP pressure loss calculation sections
- Fluid viscosity and density friction properties
- Thermal properties
- External services
- And more...

# Routing Preferences API Access

- Select preferred fitting types for various sizes and materials
  - Set routing preference policies for end users
  - Query fittings and segments used for given size criteria
- RoutingPreferenceManager class
  - Manages routing preference rules for segments and fittings
  - Query fitting or segment chosen by Revit for a given size condition
- MEPCurveType RoutingPreferenceManager property
  - Access main routing preferences object for a given MEPCurve type
  - Currently only PipeType and DuctType support routing preferences
- Use demonstrated by RoutingPreferenceTools SDK sample

# Routing Preference Helper Classes

- RoutingCriterionBase and PrimarySizeCriterion
  - Criteria for fitting and segment selection based on min max size constraints
- RoutingPreferenceRule
  - Manage one segment or fitting preference
- RoutingCondition and RoutingConditions
  - RoutingPreferenceManager.GetMEPPartId input to select fittings and segments
- Segment and PipeSegment
  - Represent a length of MEPCurve of specific material and set available sizes
  - Subclass representing a length of pipe
- RoutingPreferenceRuleGroupType enumeration
  - Types of routing items managed by routing preference rules
  - Elbows, Junctions, Crosses, Transitions, Unions, MechanicalJoints, Segments, TransitionsRectangularToRound, TransitionsRectangularToOval, TransitionsOvalToRound

# Routing Preference Usage

- Routing preferences choose first symbol in rule list matching criteria
- Set size criteria to ensure a later symbol is chosen for a given scenario
- Temporarily re-order rules using RemoveRule and AddRule methods

# Flow Analysis Sections

- MEPSection base class for duct and pipe sections
  - Support for pressure loss calculation
  - Represent a series of connected elements
  - Ducts or pipes, fittings, terminals and accessories
- All section members have same flow analysis properties
  - Flow, Size, Velocity, Friction and Roughness
- An element can belong to multiple sections
  - A tee fitting with three connectors usually belongs to three sections
  - A tap will divide a duct or pipe segment into two separate sections

# Fluid Viscosity and Density

- More precise temperature dependant friction calculation
- New FluidTemperature class
  - Represent viscosity and density properties at a given temperature
- Extended FluidType class
  - Provide read-write access to a collection of FluidTemperature objects
  - Represent fluid properties at various different temperatures
  - AddTemperature, GetTemperature, RemoveTemperature
  - GetFluidTemperatureSetIterator

# Thermal Properties

- New properties on ThermalProperties class
  - Absorptance, heat transfer, roughness, thermal mass and resistance
  - Available on BIM elements, e.g. wall, floor, ceiling, roof, door, window, etc.
- ThermalAsset class
  - Thermal properties on materials
  - Specify using PropertySetElement and SetMaterialAspectByPropertySet
- Thermal property control in gbXML export
  - EnergyDataSettings.IncludeThermalProperties determines whether to include thermal information from model assemblies and components in gbXML export
  - Use calculated values or pre-defined values from Construction.xml:  
MEPBuildingConstruction GetBuildingConstructionOverride,  
SetBuildingConstructionOverride

# More Revit MEP API News

- ConnectorProfileType and PartType enumeration changes
- ConnectorElement changes and new static creation methods
- More LabelUtils access to localized user-visible display strings
- Access to panel schedule spare circuit values
- Light and Light Group API
- ReferenceIntersector class
- External services framework
  - Wrap external service functionality, enable encapsulation, replacement
  - Basis for future MEP calculations and structural code checking
  - In place and fully functional, but not yet used, so no examples

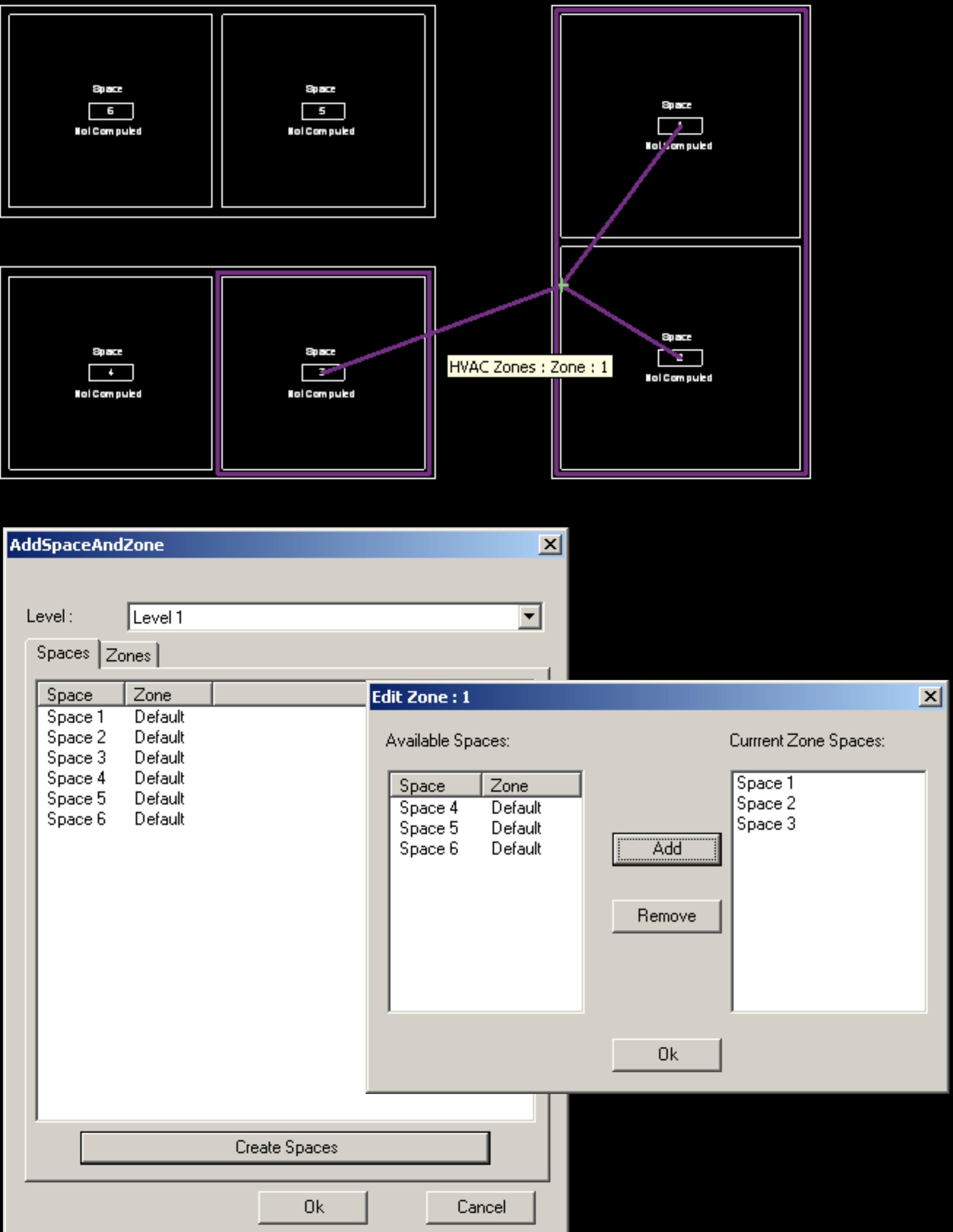
# Sample Applications

# Sample Overview

- Revit SDK Samples
  - AddSpaceAndZone
  - AutoRoute
  - AvoidObstruction
  - CreateAirHandler
  - EnergyAnalysisModel
  - PanelSchedule
  - PowerCircuit
  - RoutingPreferenceTools
  - TraverseSystem
- AdnRme
  - Electrical System Hierarchy
  - HVAC Air Terminal Sizing
- Blog
  - Pipe to Conduit Converter
  - Cable Tray Creation and Layout
  - Loose Connector Navigator
  - MEP Placeholders

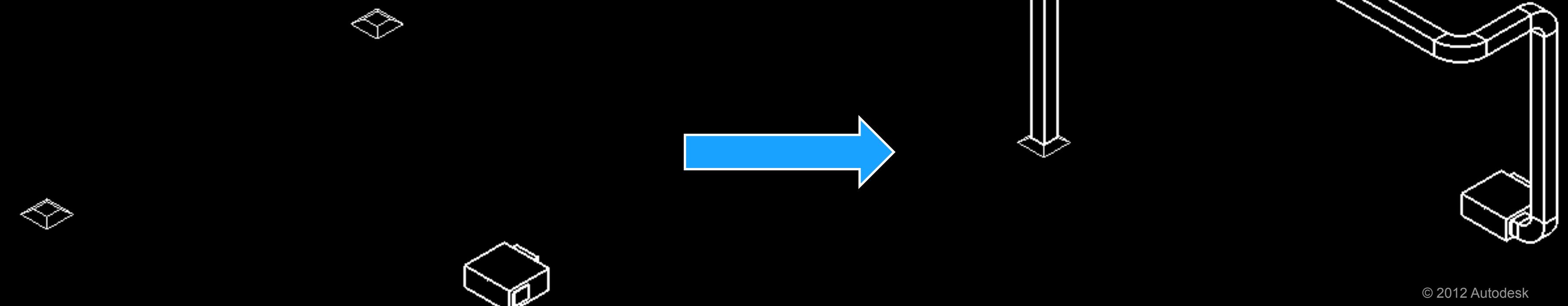
# AddSpaceAndZone

- Retrieve and list existing spaces and zones
  - Demonstrates use of an element filter
- Create new spaces
  - For each closed wall loop or space separation
  - Demonstrates use of the NewSpaces method
- Create a new zone element
  - Specified level and phase
- Add and remove spaces in a zone
  - Use the AddSpaces and Remove methods



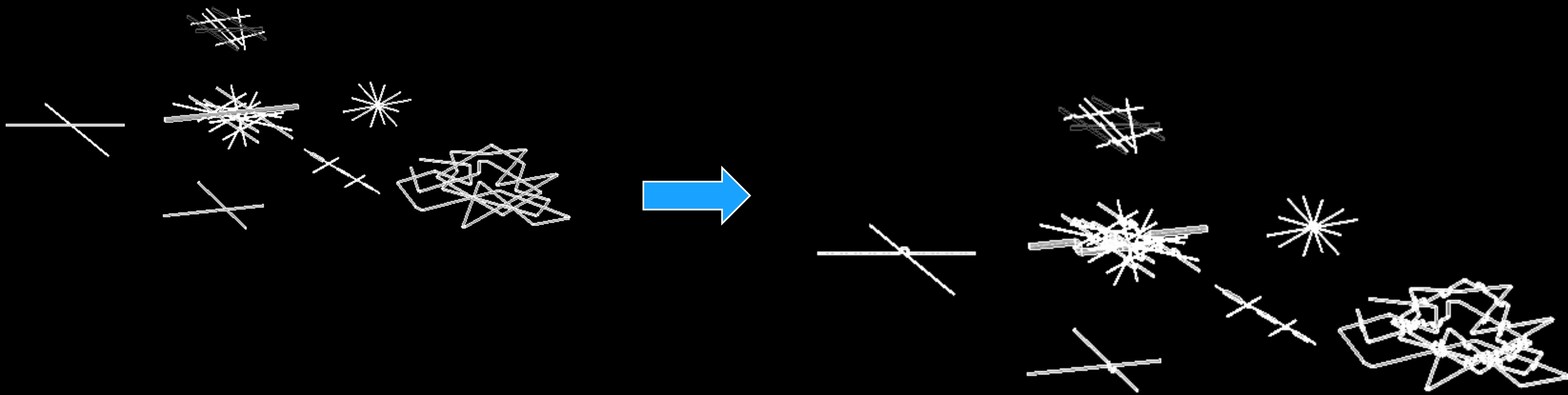
# AutoRoute

- Automatically create and route a set of ducts and fittings
  - Source is the air supply equipment
  - Sink is two air outlet terminals
  - Positions can be freely moved
- Create a new mechanical system, ducts, fittings and connections
  - NewMechanicalSystem, NewDuct, NewElbowFitting, NewTeeFitting and Connector.ConnectTo
  - Determine the bounding box of all the three elements
  - Use the middle line or quarter lines on the X and Y axes
  - Uses .NET framework Trace class to create a log file



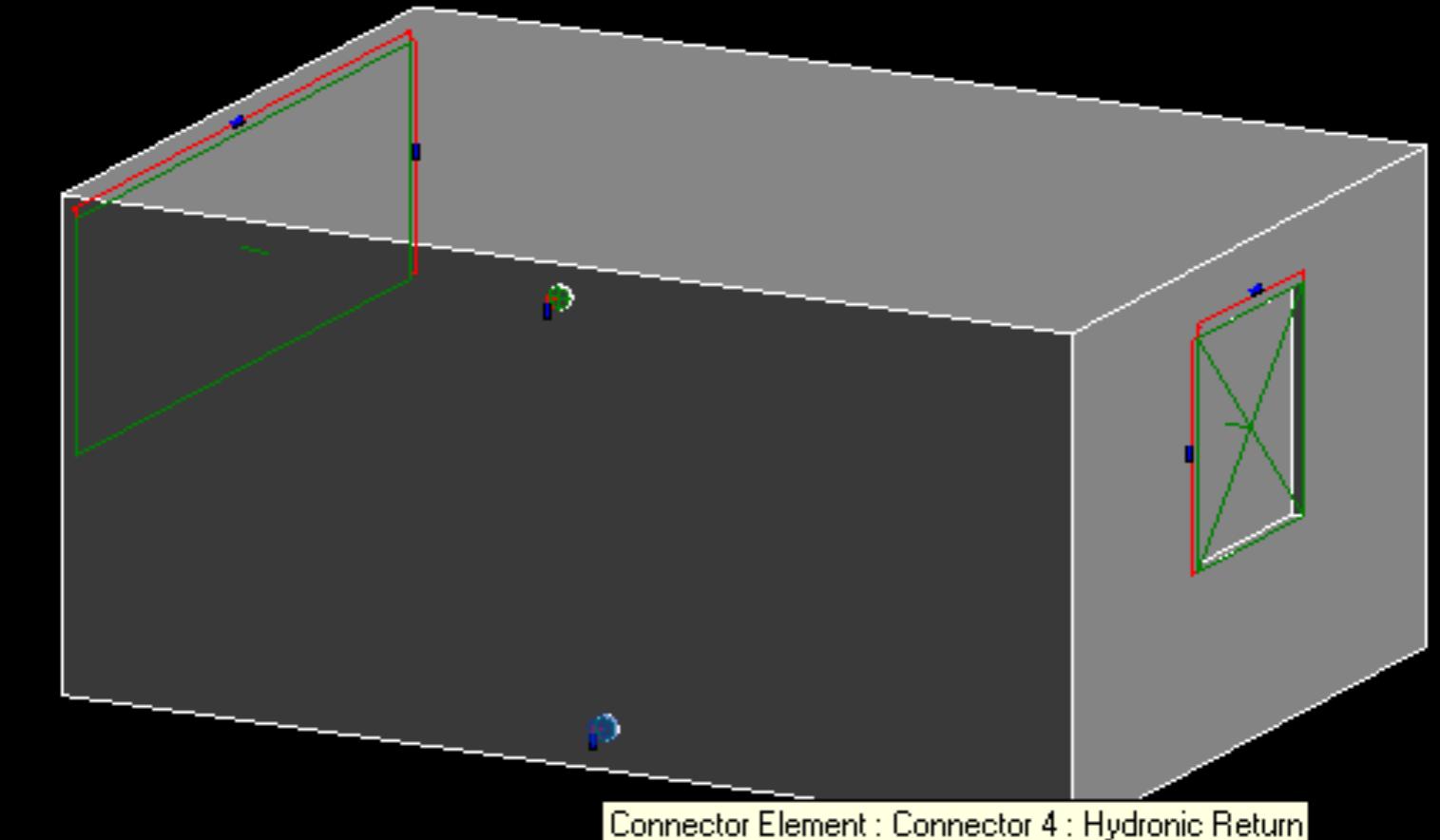
# AvoidObstruction

- Detect and resolve collisions between ducts, pipes, and beams
- FindReferencesWithContextByDirection ray cast intersection analysis
- Split pipe into segments and insert elbows to reroute detour



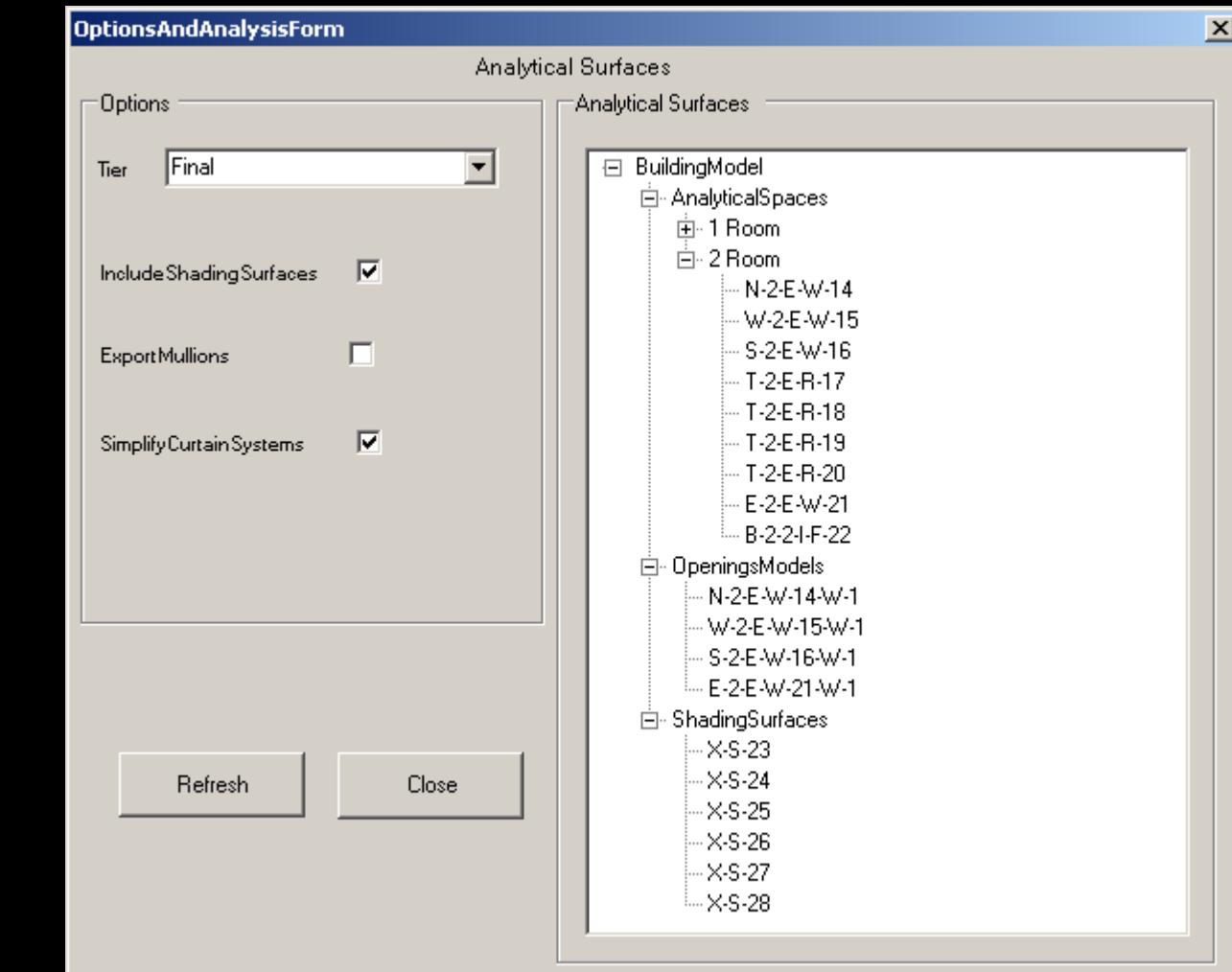
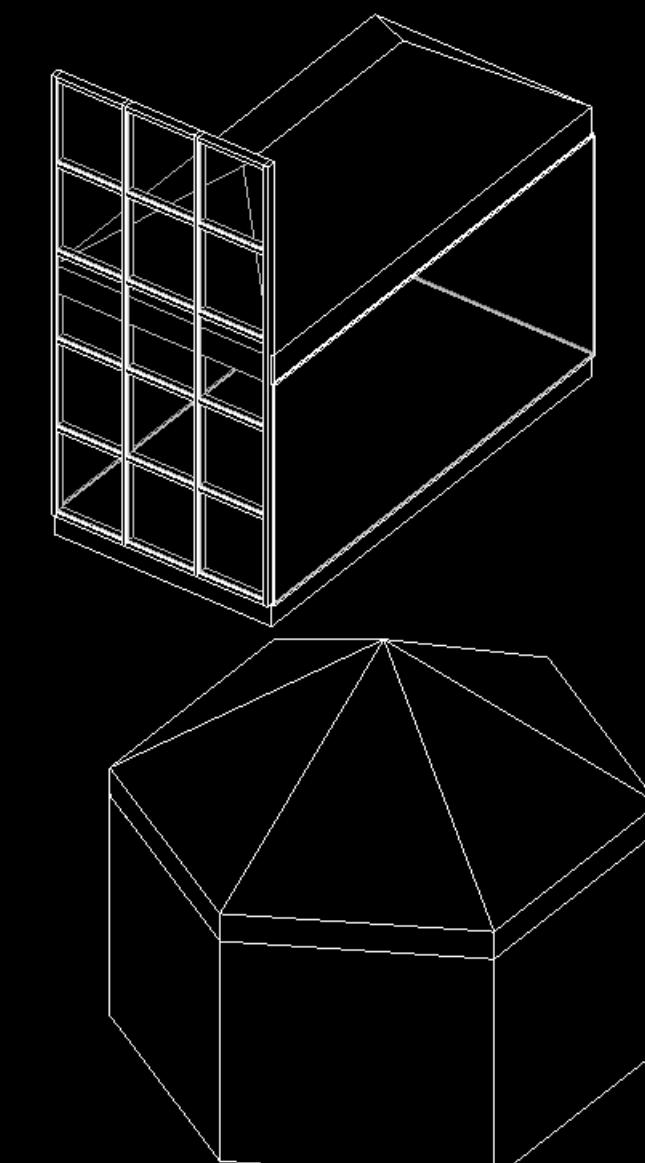
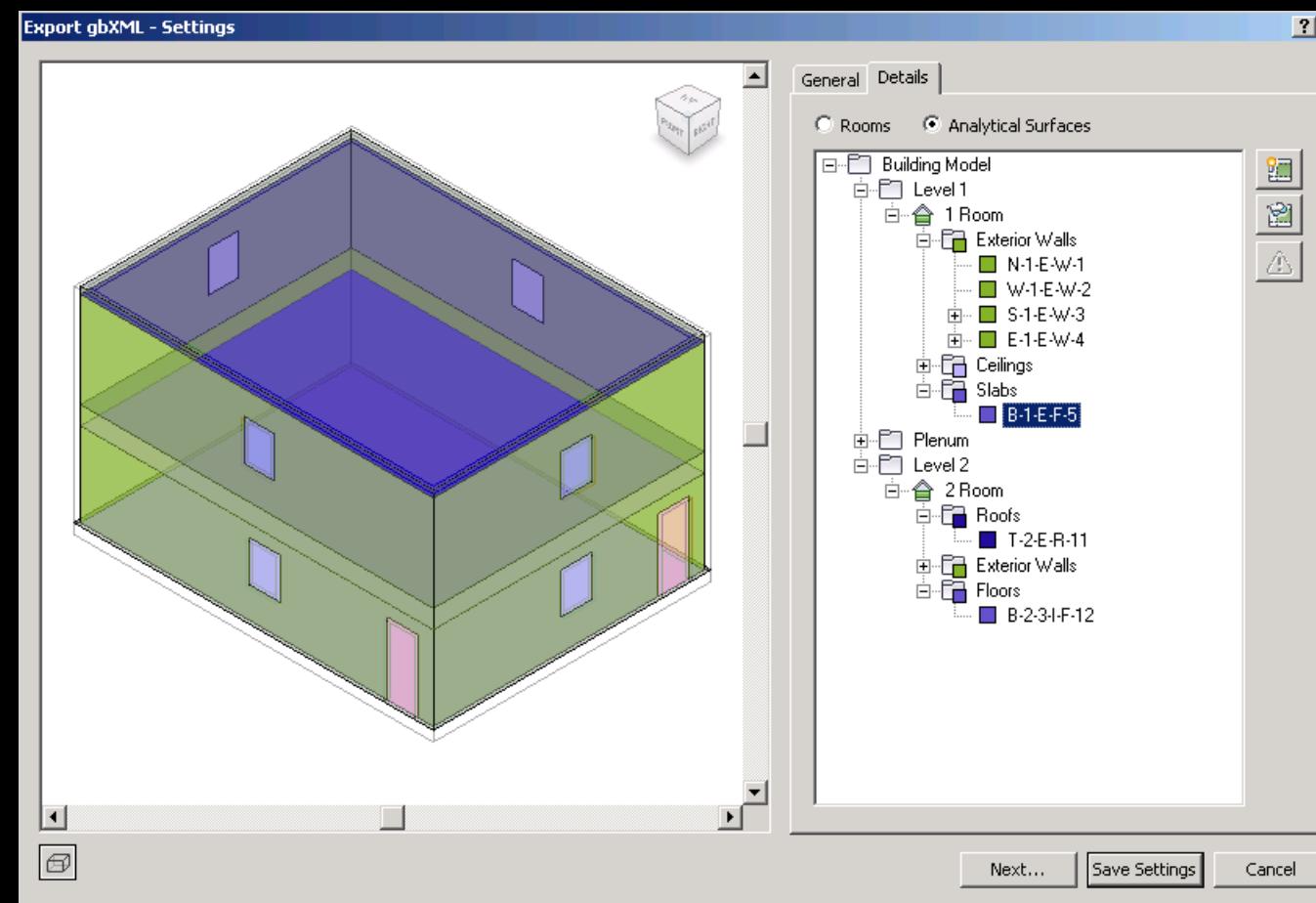
# CreateAirHandler

- Create an air handler with pipe and duct connectors
- Check family category to verify mechanical equipment starting point
- Use FamilyItemFactory class methods
  - NewExtrusion, NewPipeConnector, NewDuctConnector
- Set proper connector parameters
- Use Document.CombineElements to join extrusions
- Geometric shape creation is generic
- Addition of the connectors is MEP specific
- Runs in all flavours of Revit anyway



# EnergyAnalysisModel

- Retrieve energy analysis detail model and present as tree view
- Analytical thermal model generated from physical building model
- Similar to Export to gbXML and Heating and Cooling Loads
- Analytical thermal model is composed of spaces, zones, planar surfaces
  - Volumetric elements
  - Created and initialised by calling EnergyAnalysisDetailModel.Create()
  - Methods GetAnalyticalSpaces, Surfaces, Openings, ShadingSurfaces



# PanelSchedule

- Data exchange sample showing use of the Panel Schedule API
- [PanelScheduleExport](#) read + export panel schedule CSV or HTML
- [InstanceViewCreation](#) create panel schedule view instance
- [SheetImport](#) place all panel schedule views on a sheet

Autodesk Revit MEP 2011 - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by Autodesk EIS  
C:\a\lib\revit\2011\SDK\Samples\PanelSchedule\CS\bin\Debug\EP-2.html

Branch Panel:	EP-2			
Location:	Doctor 68	Volts:	120/208 Wye	A.I.C. Rating:
Supply From:	PP-2B	Phases:	3	Mains Type:
Mounting:	Surface	Wires:	4	Mains Rating:
Enclosure:	Type 1			100 A
Notes:				
CKT	Circuit Description	Trip	Poles	A
1	HVAC Corridor 56	30 A	3	1761 VA
3	--	--	--	2260
5	--	--	--	
7	HVAC Corridor 56	30 A	3	1761 VA
9	--	--	--	2260
11	--	--	--	
13	HVAC Corridor 57	30 A	3	2260 VA
				1761

Branch Panel: PP-3B

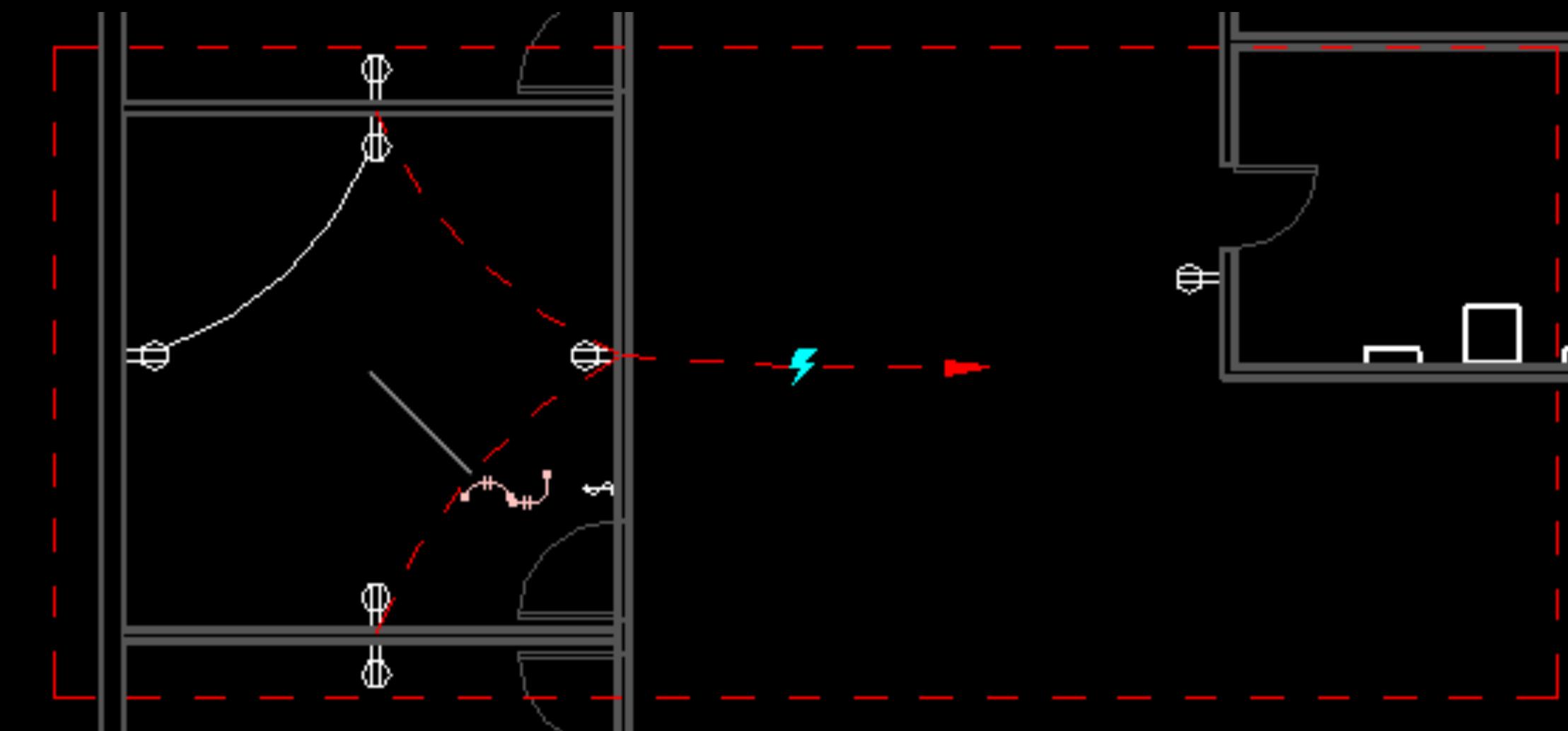
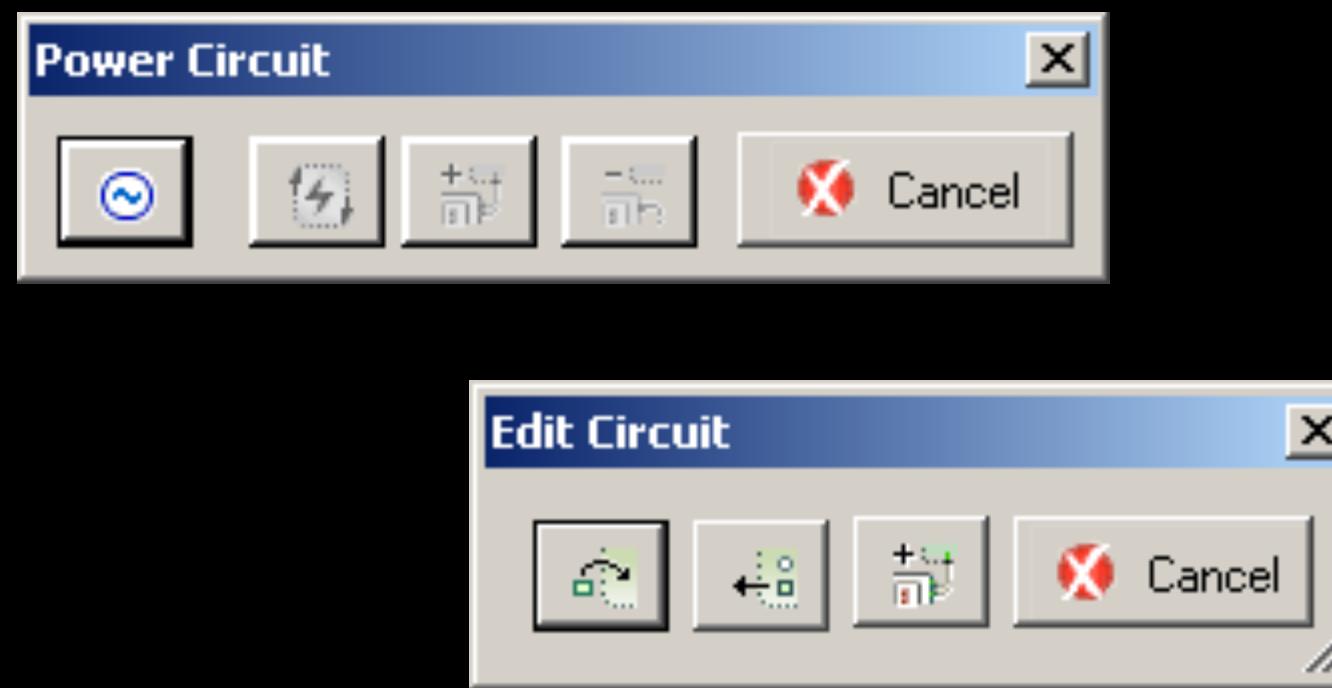
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Notes:

CKT	Circuit Description	Trip	Poles	A	B
1	Power Hall 84	20 A	1	1440	1080
3	Power Hall 82	20 A	1		1440
5	Power Hall 87	20 A	1		
7	Power Physics 89	20 A	1	1440	1440
9	Power Auditorium 91	20 A	1		1440
11	Power WC 76	20 A	1		
13	Power Hall LL 71	20 A	1	1440	1440

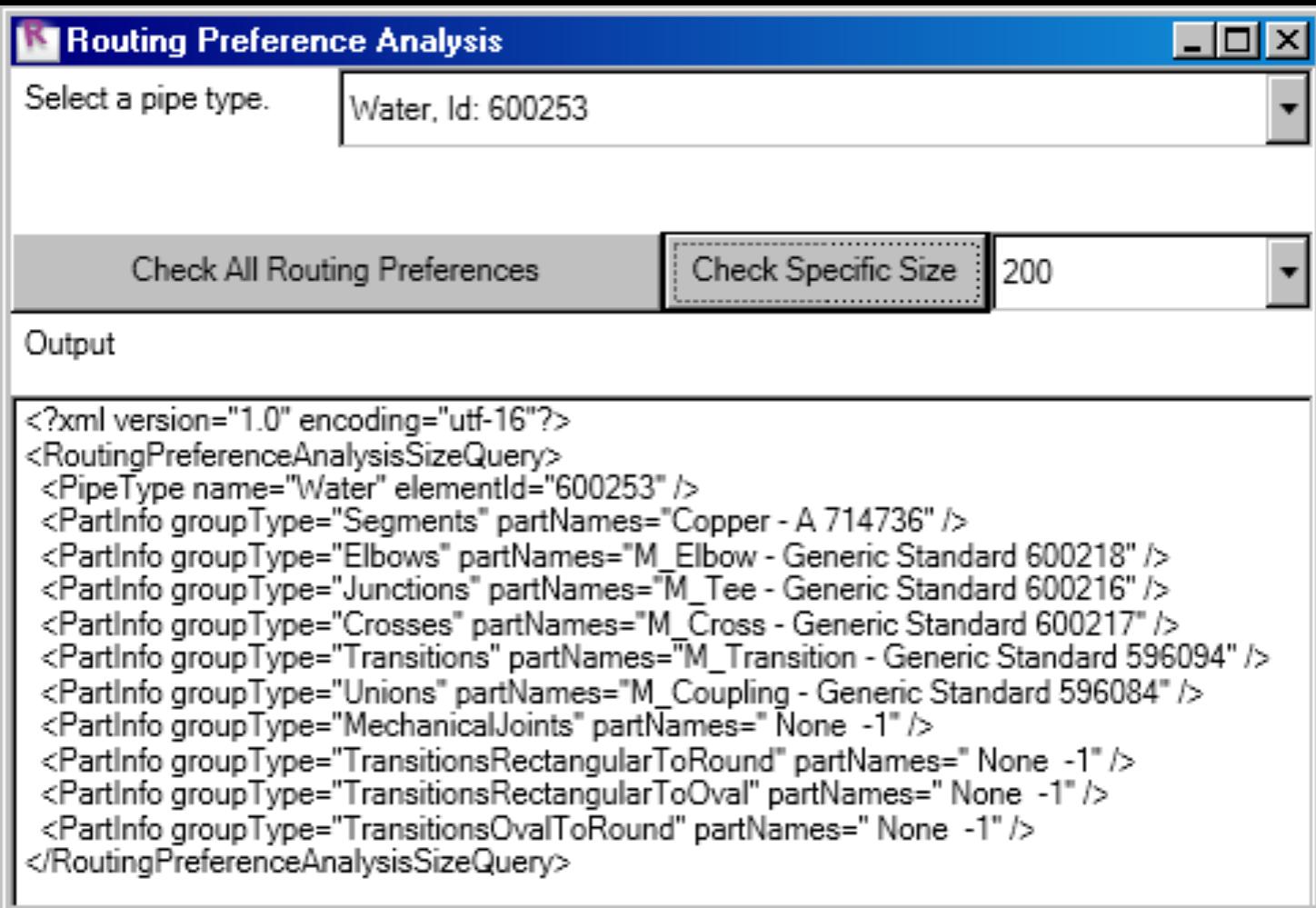
# PowerCircuit

- Operate power circuits, similar to legacy RME Circuit Editor toolbar
  - Show use of MEPModel and ElectricalSystem classes
  - Demonstrate handling interactive element selection
  - Implement toolbar user interface for external command
  - Use .NET ResourceManager class for image and string resources
- Create a new power circuit with selected elements
- Edit circuit and add and remove circuit elements
- Select or disconnect a circuit panel



# RoutingPreferenceTools

- Routing preference analysis and reporting
  - Analyse routing preferences of a given pipe type
  - Look at all rules and criteria for a given pipe type
  - Check for common problems
- Routing preference builder XML import and export
  - CommandReadPreferences and CommandWritePreferences
  - Set project pipe type, fitting, and routing preferences
  - Export for archival, documentation, and collaboration purposes
  - Enable users to work with RP data in a shareable XML format
  - Suitable for reuse in a wide variety of BIM management environments



The screenshot shows a software window titled "Routing Preference Analysis". In the top left, it says "Select a pipe type." and has a dropdown menu showing "Water, Id: 600253". Below that are two buttons: "Check All Routing Preferences" and "Check Specific Size" with a dropdown menu set to "200". A section labeled "Output" contains an XML code block:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-16"?>
<RoutingPreferenceAnalysisSizeQuery>
  <PipeType name="Water" elementId="600253" />
  <PartInfo groupType="Segments" partNames="Copper - A 714736" />
  <PartInfo groupType="Elbows" partNames="M_Elbow - Generic Standard 600218" />
  <PartInfo groupType="Junctions" partNames="M_Tee - Generic Standard 600216" />
  <PartInfo groupType="Crosses" partNames="M_Cross - Generic Standard 600217" />
  <PartInfo groupType="Transitions" partNames="M_Transition - Generic Standard 596094" />
  <PartInfo groupType="Unions" partNames="M_Coupling - Generic Standard 596084" />
  <PartInfo groupType="MechanicalJoints" partNames="None -1" />
  <PartInfo groupType="TransitionsRectangularToRound" partNames="None -1" />
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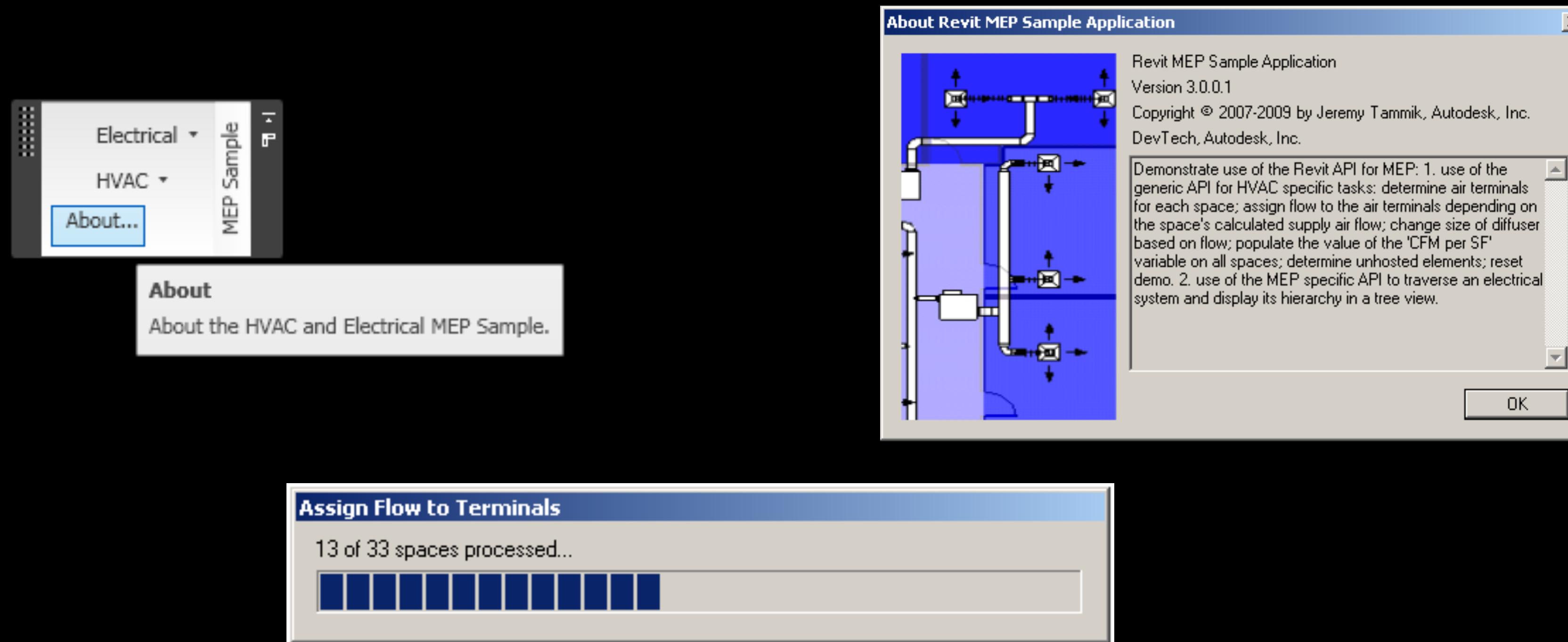


# TraverseSystem

- Traverse a mechanical or piping system in the direction of flow
  - Check MechanicalSystem IsWellConnected property
- Dump the traversal results into an XML file
- Determine system
- Query base equipment as starting point
- Query connector manager for connected neighbour elements
- Similar approach works for electrical as well, cf. AdnRme sample

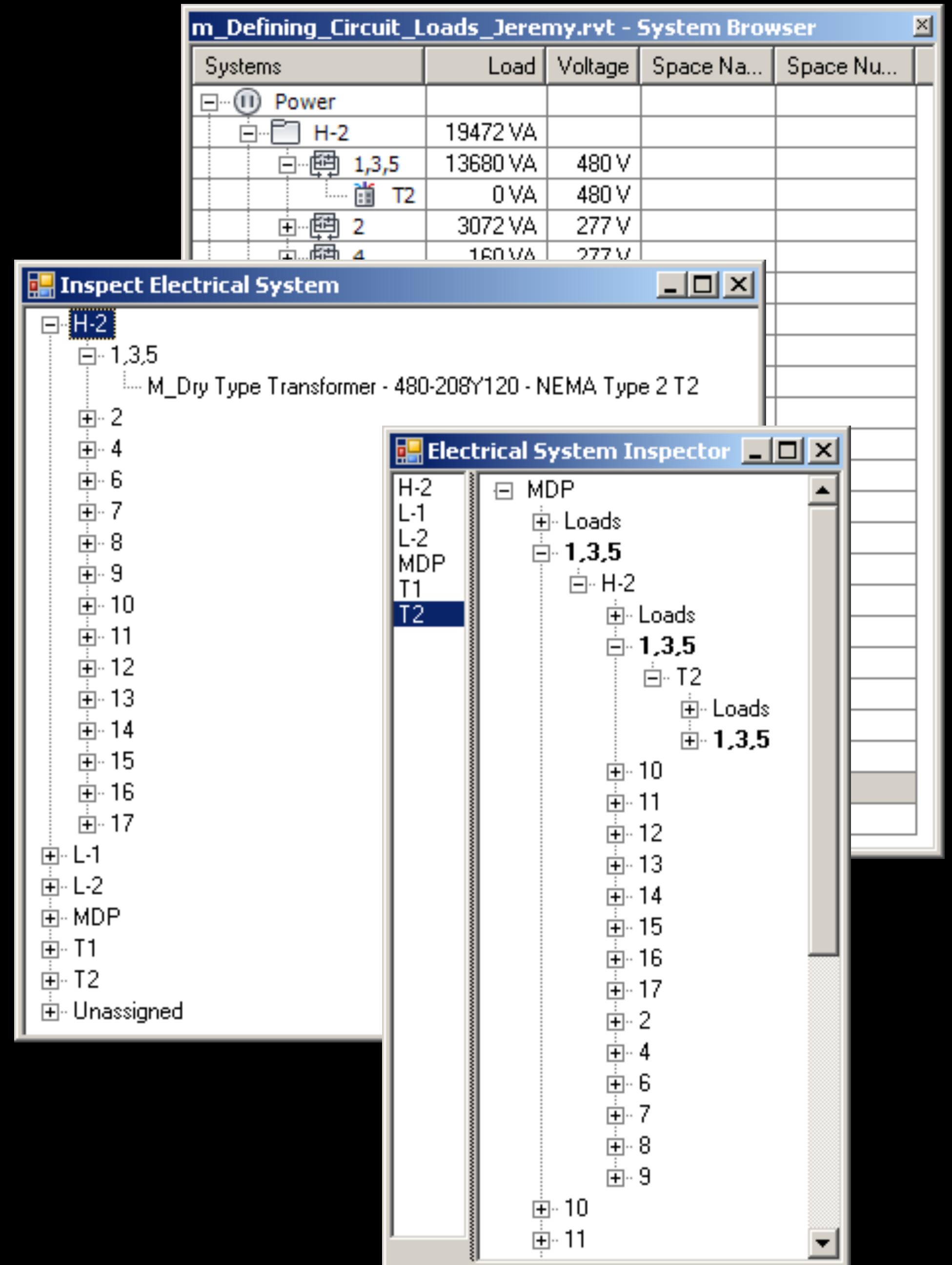
# AdnRme Sample

- Non-SDK sample, included in presentation material
- HVAC air terminal analysis and sizing
- Hierarchical display of an electrical system
- Implements a ribbon panel, about box, and progress bar



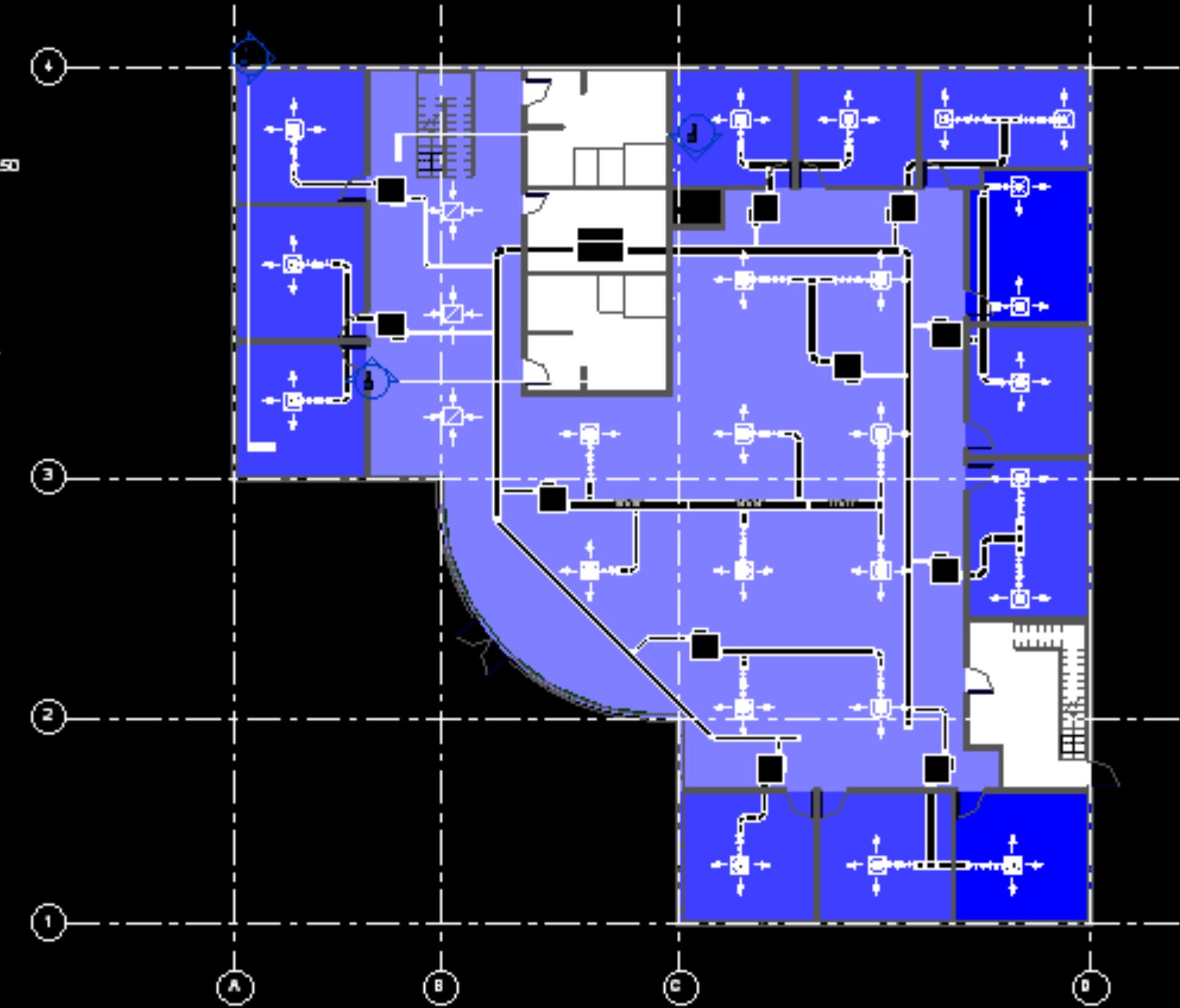
# AdnRme Electrical Sample

- Traverse the electrical system
- Reproduce the system browser data structure in a tree view
- Display the complete connection hierarchy in a tree view
- CmdElectricalConnectors is similar to TraverseSystem SDK sample for ducts
- Traversal is also possible using parameter data instead of connector manager, but harder



# AdnRme HVAC Sample

- HVAC Task
  - Place and size air ducts and terminals
  - Analysis and verification of results
- Commands aligned with HVAC engineering workflow
  - Assign flow to terminals
  - Change air terminal size
  - Verify design by air flow per surface area
  - Reset demo
- All modification uses generic parameter and type access
- Changes are reflected by schedules and colour fill

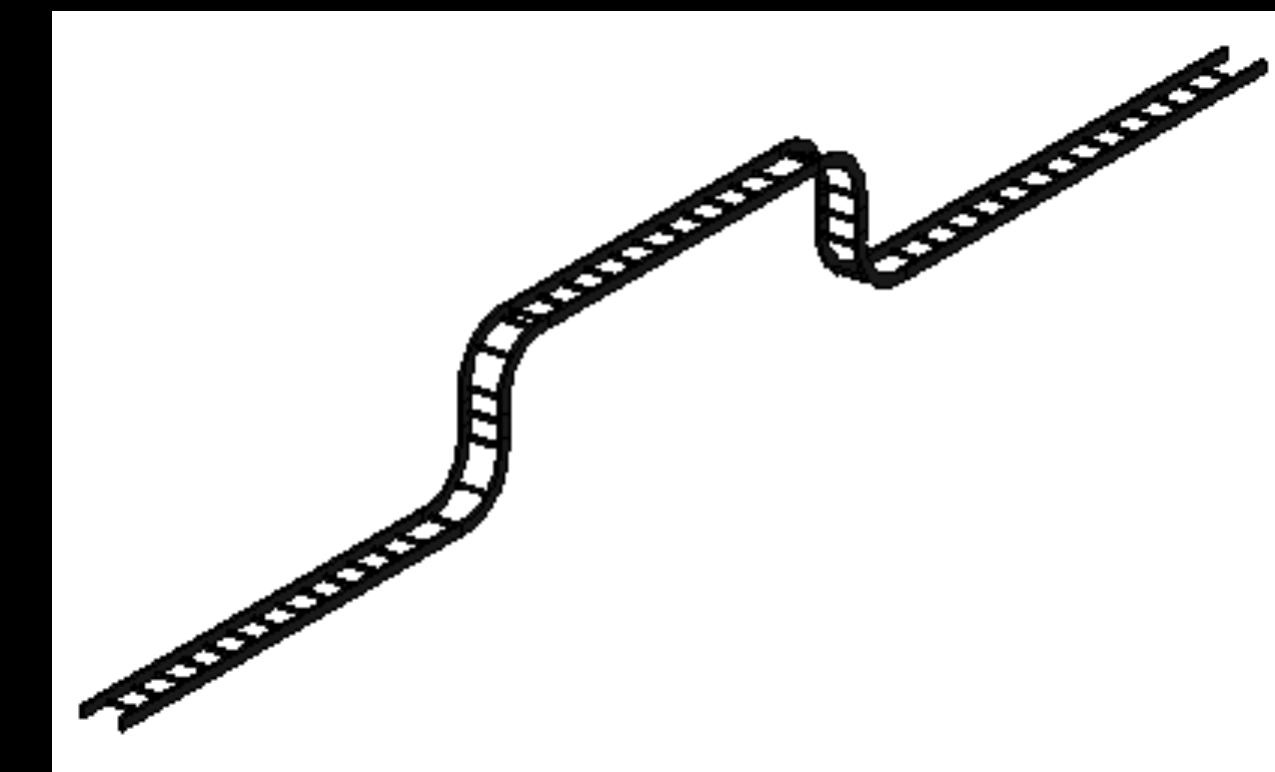
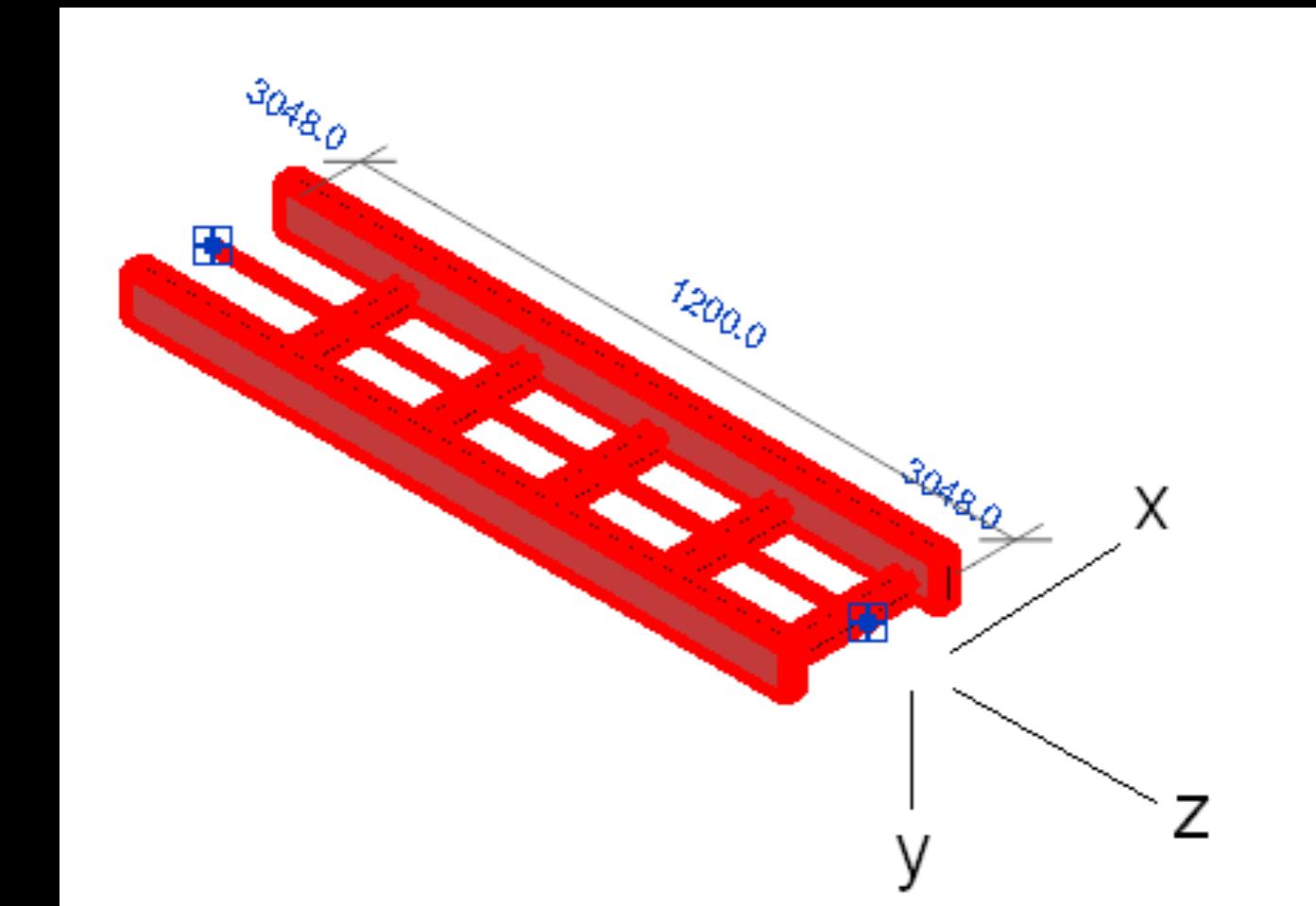
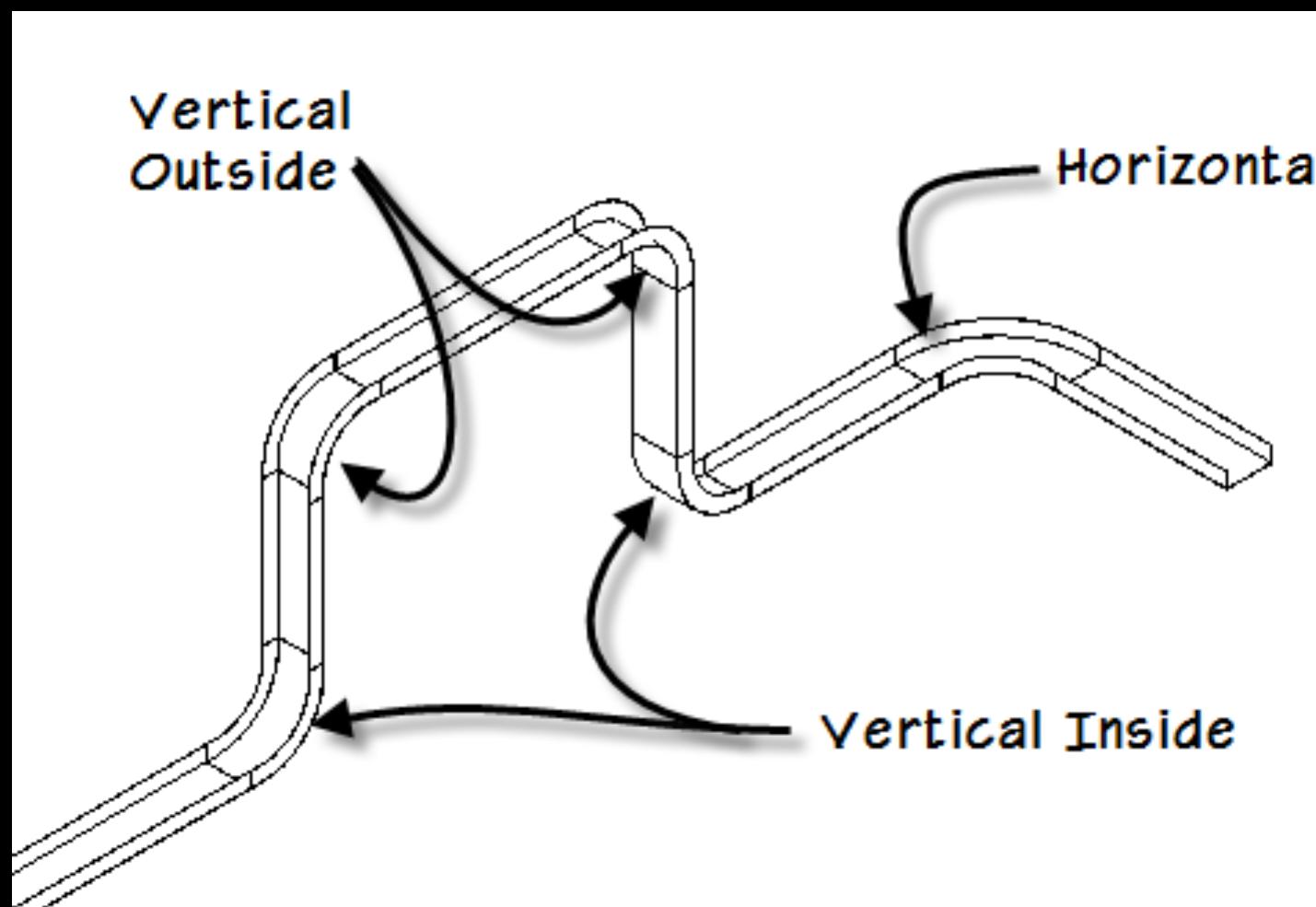


# Pipe to Conduit Converter

- Two hundred lines of code
- My First Revit 2011 Add-in
- Illustrates all major Revit 2011 API renovations
  - Revit API assembly split
  - Namespace reorganisation
  - Command registration manifest
  - External command Execute method and attributes
  - Transaction mode
  - Regeneration option
  - Task dialogues for user messages
  - Interactive filtered element selection
  - Redesigned element filtering
  - New element creation paradigm
  - Access to pipe and conduit sizes

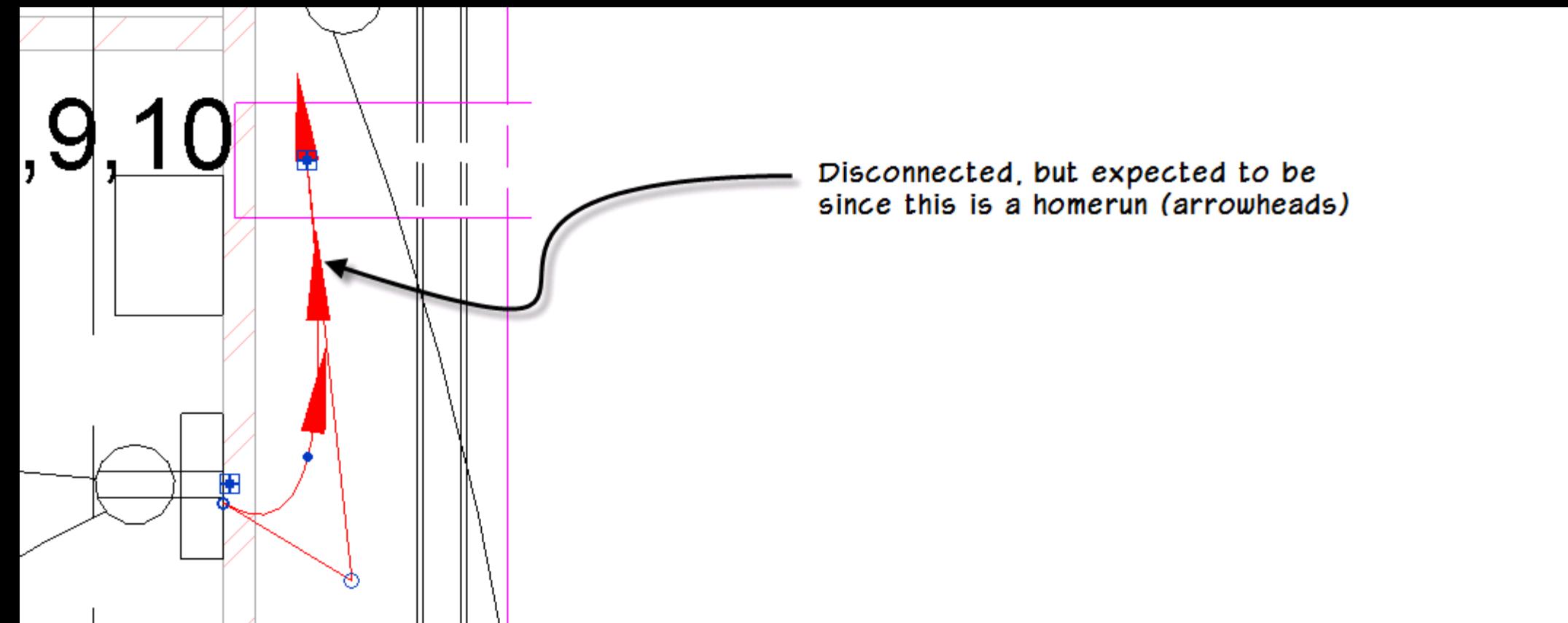
# Cable Tray Fitting Creation and Layout

- Inserting a cable tray is as easy as a conduit, cf. p2c
- Inserting fittings requires exact alignment, i.e. proper orientation



# Modeless Loose Connector Navigator

- Modeless navigation interacting with Idling event
- Ensure that modeless dialogue remains on top of Revit
- Filter for all MEP connectors in project
  - Combine all relevant classes and family instance categories
- Check IsConnected property on each connector
- Log results to file and display to user
- Interact with Revit and navigate through results in modeless dialogue



# MEP Placeholder Sample

- Placeholder ducts and pipes
  - CreatePlaceholders and ConvertPlaceholders commands
- Duct and pipe insulation and lining
  - InsulateDuctwork command
- Read and write access to MEP pipe settings and sizes
  - GetPipeSettings command

# Summary and Further Reading

# Materials

- Blog posts
  - <http://thebuildingcoder.typepad.com/mep>
- Handout and sample code
  - CP4108\_tammik\_rme\_api.pdf
  - CP4108\_tammik\_rme\_api.zip
    - HVAC and electrical MEP sample code

# Learning More

- Revit Developer Center: DevTV and my first plugin introductions, SDK, samples, and API help
  - <http://www.autodesk.com/developrevit>
- Product Online Help and Developer Guide
  - <http://www.autodesk.com/revitapi-wikihelp>
- ADN Revit and Revit MEP API Webcasts, Trainings and Archives
  - <http://www.autodesk.com/apitraining>
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- Discussion Group
  - <http://discussion.autodesk.com> > Revit Architecture > Revit API
- ADN AEC DevBlog and The Building Coder Revit API Blog
  - <http://adndevblog.typepad.com/AEC>
  - <http://thebuildingcoder.typepad.com>
- ADN, The Autodesk Developer Network, and DevHelp Online for ADN members
  - <http://www.autodesk.com/joinadn>
  - <http://adn.autodesk.com>
- Learning Autodesk Revit MEP 2012 video training
  - <http://cad-notes.com/2011/12/learning-autodesk-revit-mep-2012-training-video-is-available>

# Class Summary

- Overview of the Revit MEP API
- MEP API enhancements in Revit 2013
- Working programmatically with Revit MEP models
- Overview of available Revit MEP API samples

# Learning Objectives

So... are you now able to:

- Use the Revit MEP 2013 API enhancements?
- Analyze, create, manage and modify electrical, HVAC and plumbing models, systems, and components programmatically?
- Understand and reuse Revit SDK and ADN sample functionality?

Good luck and much success!

