

Revit to IFC Scheduler – User Guide



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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This document provides usage and configuration instructions for the code sample, Revit to IFC Scheduler, developed by the Autodesk Consulting team and maintained by the Autodesk Forge Help team.

1.2 Overview

This code sample demonstrates the usage of Model Derivative API, which allows you to convert a Revit `.rvt` file stored in BIM 360 Docs to `.ifc` format, on a scheduled or ad-hoc basis. It uses the Forge Model Derivative API to do so.

2 Usage

2.1 Login

When accessing the application, you will be asked to login using your Autodesk account. There are three levels of users of the application:

1. Application Admins:
 - a. These users may enable or disable BIM 360 Accounts, adjust account-level settings, and define default IFC Settings Set Names
 - b. These users are assigned in the Azure App Service Configuration Settings for online deployments, or `appsettings.Development.json` for local deployments.
2. BIM 360 Account Admins:
 - a. These users may see all projects in accounts of which they are admins, and of which have been activated by the Application Admin.
 - b. These users are assigned in BIM 360.
3. BIM 360 Project Admins:
 - a. These users may see all projects to which they have been given access, which is in accounts that have been activated by the Application Admin.
 - b. These users are assigned in BIM 360.

If the user logs in with an account that does not have the necessary access, they will see no data.

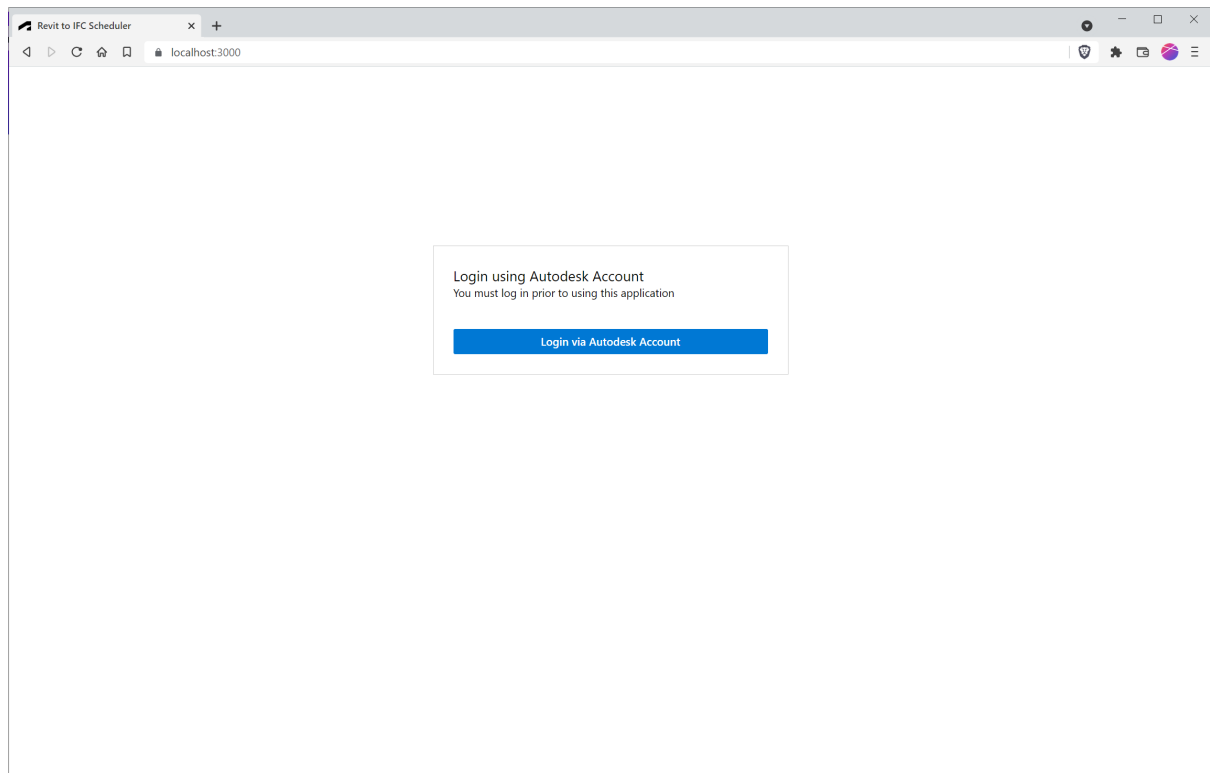


Figure 1 Login Page

2.2 IFC Settings Set Names

When creating an IFC file, Revit uses a group of predefined settings to control the specific IFC version, file type, phase to export, and more. These settings are called IFC Settings Sets. Revit provides nine default IFC Settings Sets by default, and Revit users can copy and edit these sets.

The Forge Model Derivative service will convert Revit files into IFC files using a named IFC Settings Set if provided or will use the default setting in the file if no name is specified. In addition, application Admins may predefine commonly used names on the Settings page, which will then show in all places throughout the application where input is required.

See [IFC Export Setup Options | Autodesk Knowledge Network](#) to learn more about IFC Settings Sets.

2.2.1 Adding Default IFC Settings Set Names

1. Navigate to the 'Settings' page, via the link at the top of the page
2. Click 'Add IFC Settings Set Name'
3. Type in a name, and click 'Create Set Name'

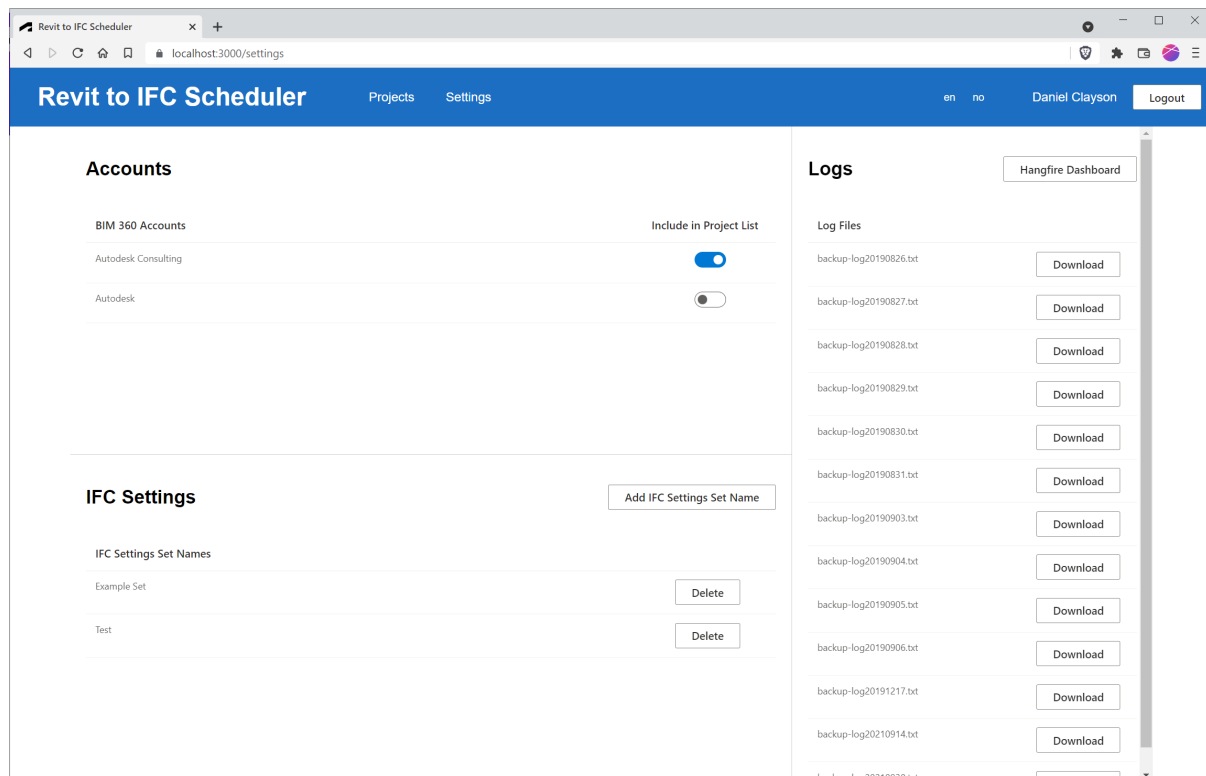


Figure 2 Settings Page

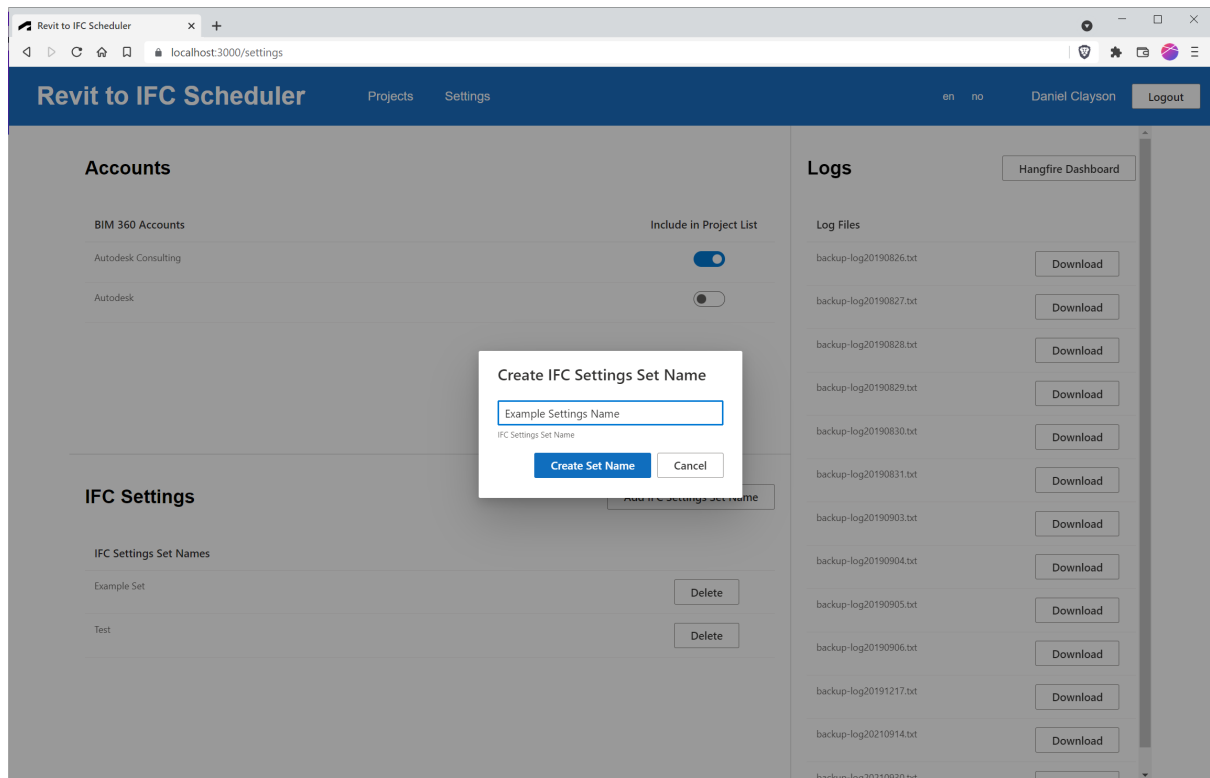


Figure 3 Adding an IFC Settings Set Name

2.2.2 Removing Default IFC Settings Set Names

1. Navigate to the 'Settings' page, via the link at the top of the page
2. Click 'Delete' next to the desired IFC Settings Set Name
3. Click 'Delete Set Name'

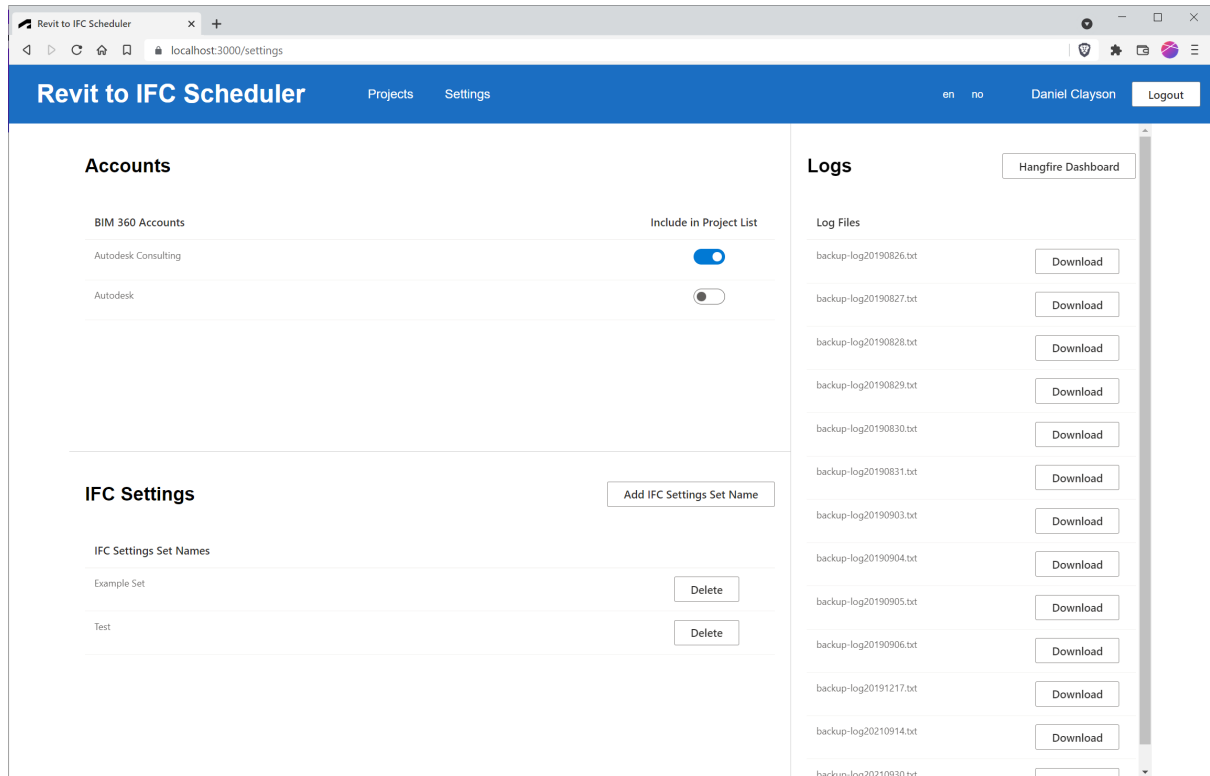


Figure 4 Settings Page

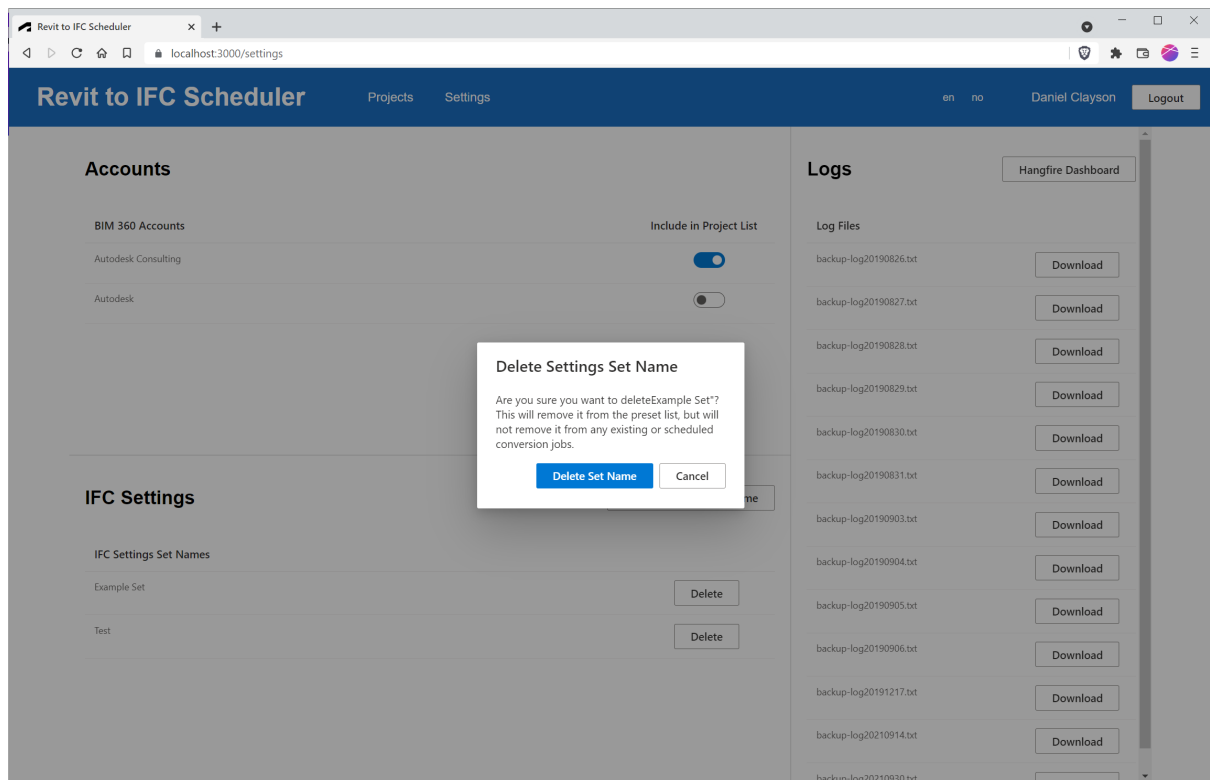


Figure 5 Delete Set Name Popup

2.3 BIM 360 Accounts

2.3.1 Enabling a BIM 360 Account

To enable a BIM 360 Account, an Application Admin must do the following:

1. Click on 'Settings' on the starting page
2. Toggle the 'Include in Project List' switch in the 'Accounts' list.

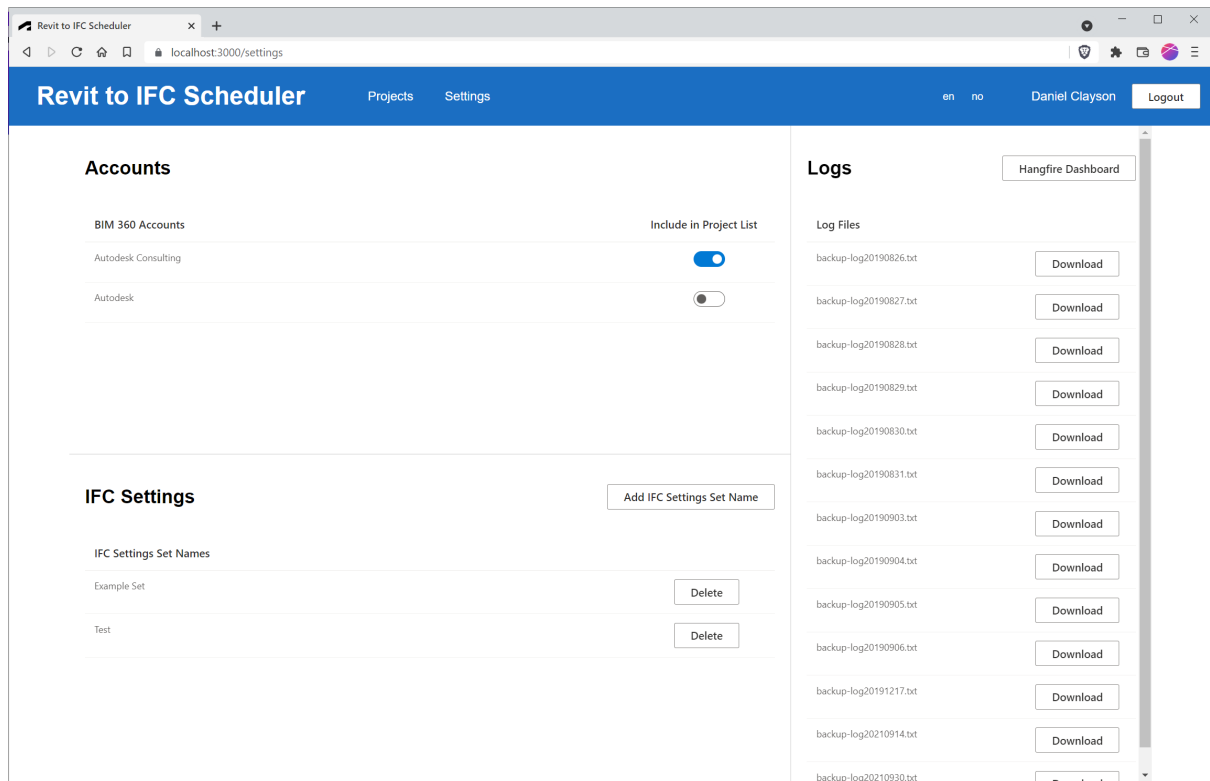


Figure 6 Settings Page

2.4 BIM 360 Projects

2.4.1 Viewing the Project List

Account and Project Admins may see the list of all projects to which they have access by clicking the Projects link at the top of the page.

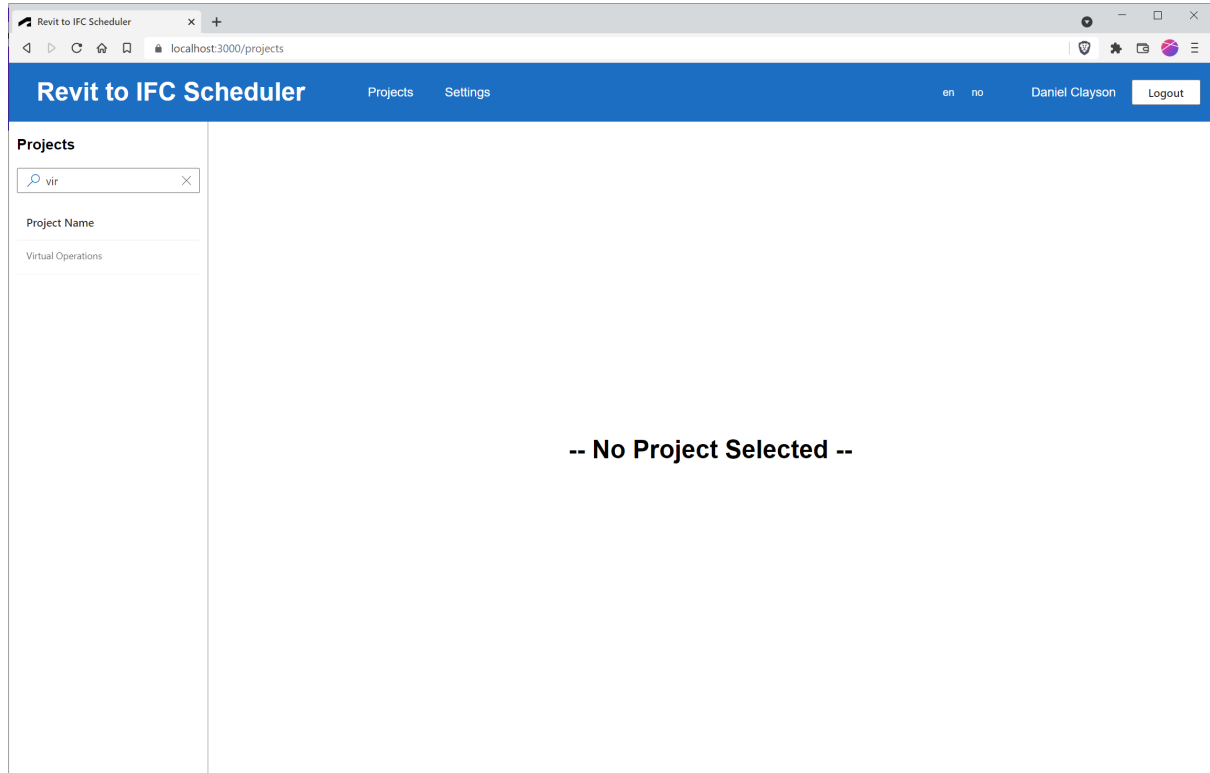


Figure 7 Projects page

2.4.2 View a Single Project

Both Account and Project Admins may view projects to which they have access by selecting the desired project from the Project List on the left-hand side.

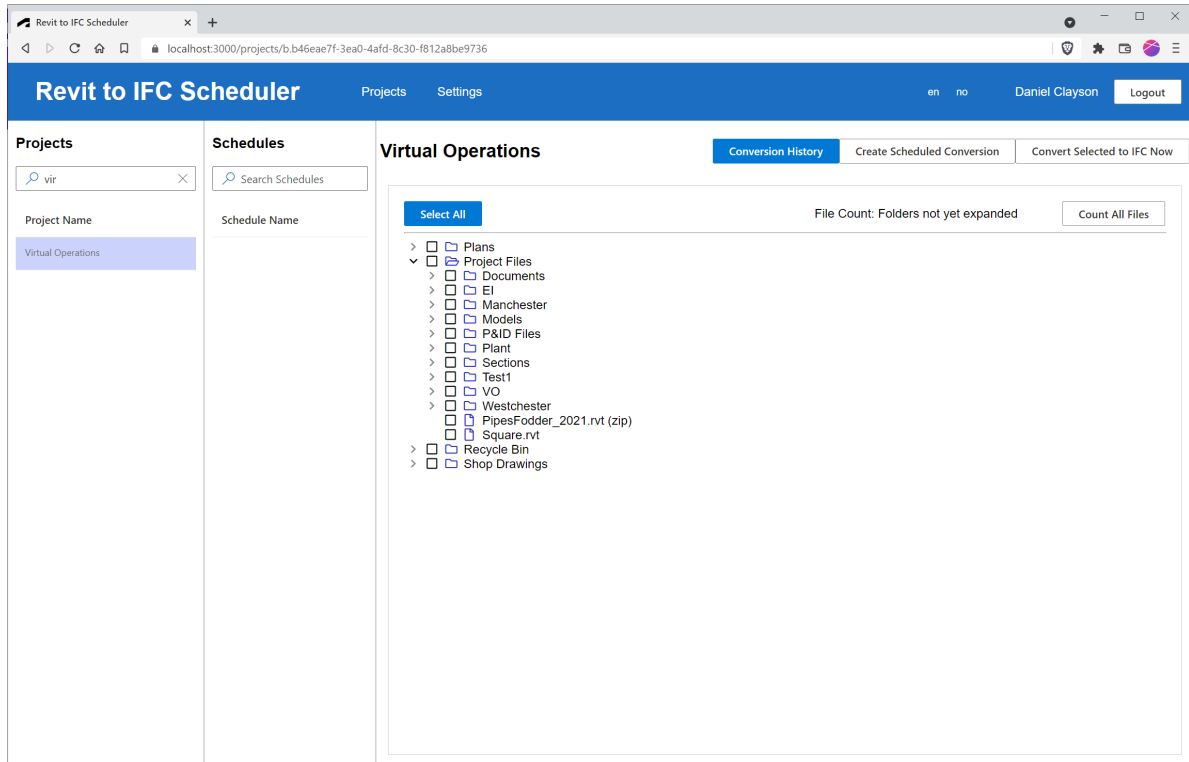


Figure 8 Single Project Page

2.5 Conversions

The primary application of this tool is to convert Revit models to IFC using the Forge Model Derivative API. Note that this action has a token cost associated with it, as described at <https://forge.autodesk.com/pricing>

If a model has not changed since the last conversion to IFC, it will not be converted again.

2.5.1 Ad-hoc Conversions

A single model, or multiple models, may be converted to IFC on-demand:

1. Select the files or folders to be converted in the folder tree
2. Press the 'Convert Selected to IFC Now' button.
3. Choose or type the desired IFC Settings Set Name. If left blank or the file does not have the selected set name, the Model Derivative system will use the default settings in that individual Revit file.

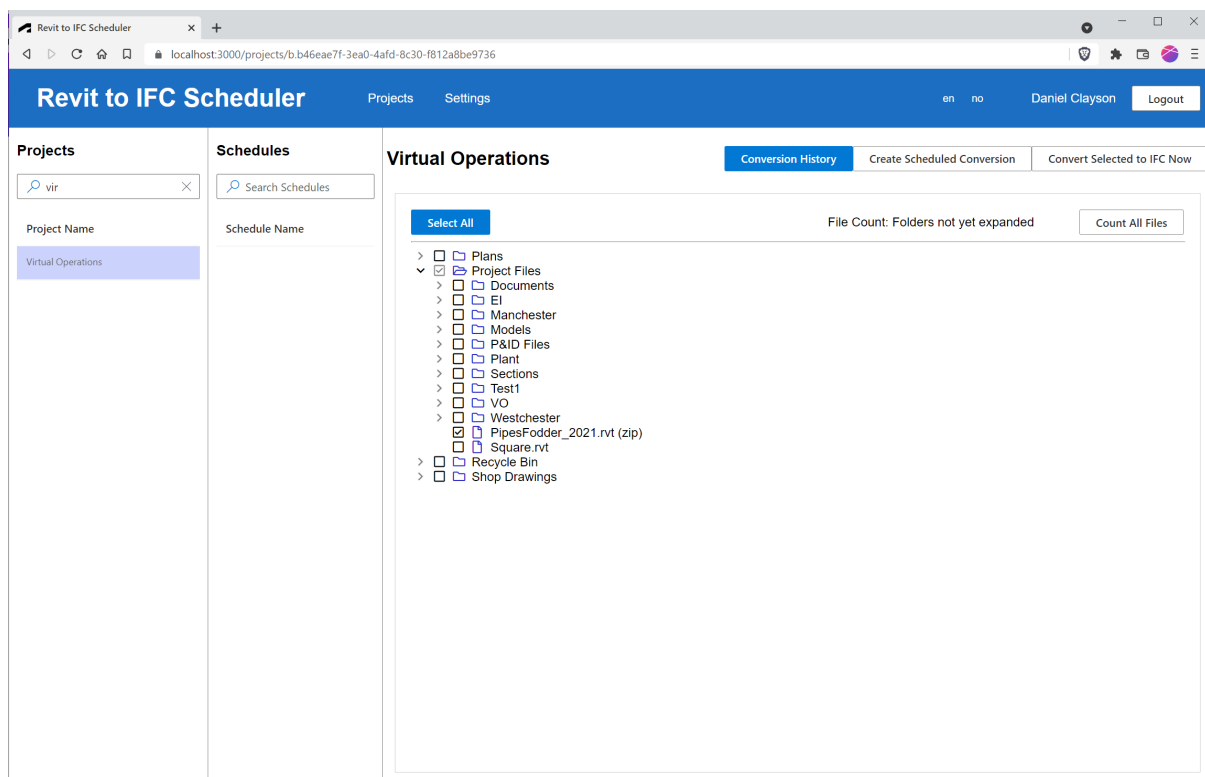


Figure 9 Project Tree View

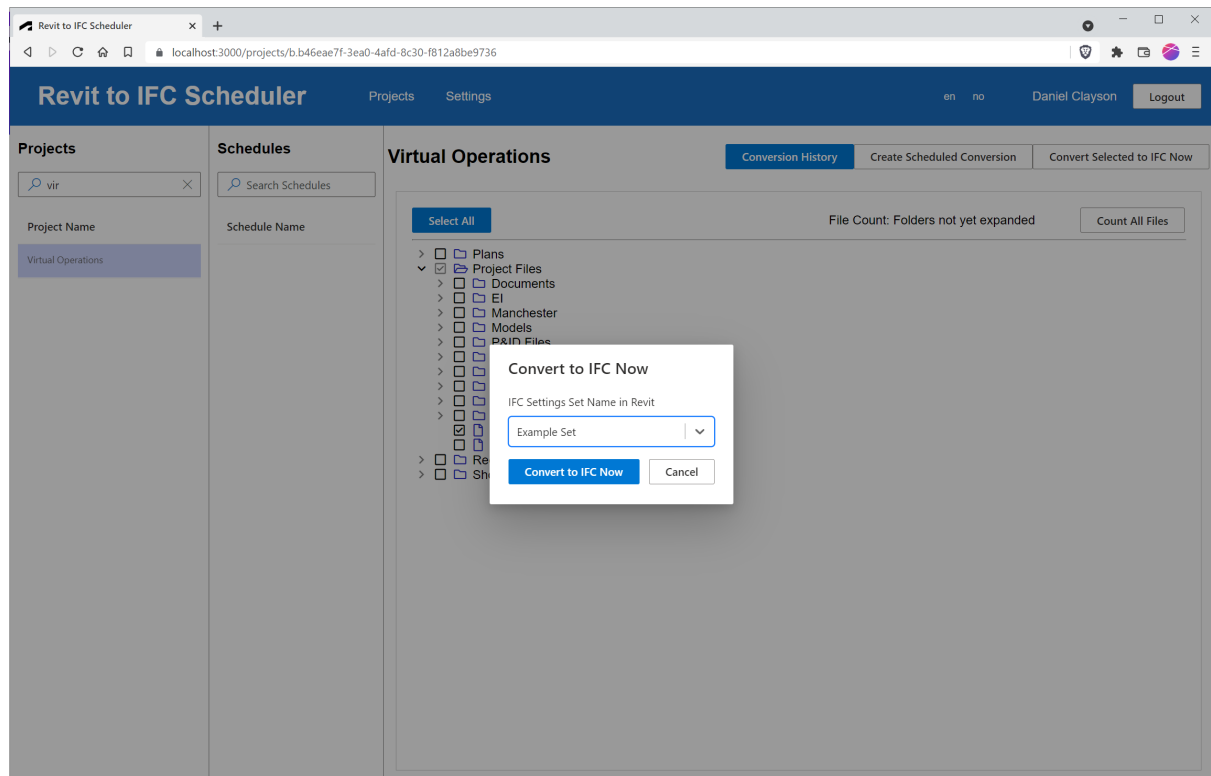


Figure 10 'Convert Selected to IFC Now' popup

2.5.2 Create new Scheduled Conversion

A single model, or multiple models, may be scheduled to convert on a user-defined schedule.

1. Select the files and folders to be converted from the folder tree.
2. Press the 'Create Scheduled Conversion' button.
3. Edit the Schedule Name
4. Choose from the 'IFC Settings Set Name in Revit' dropdown, or type in a custom value.
5. Set the schedule as desired.
6. Press 'Save Changes'

Note. If a folder is selected, and new models are added to this folder of step 1, they will be included in the next scheduled conversion.

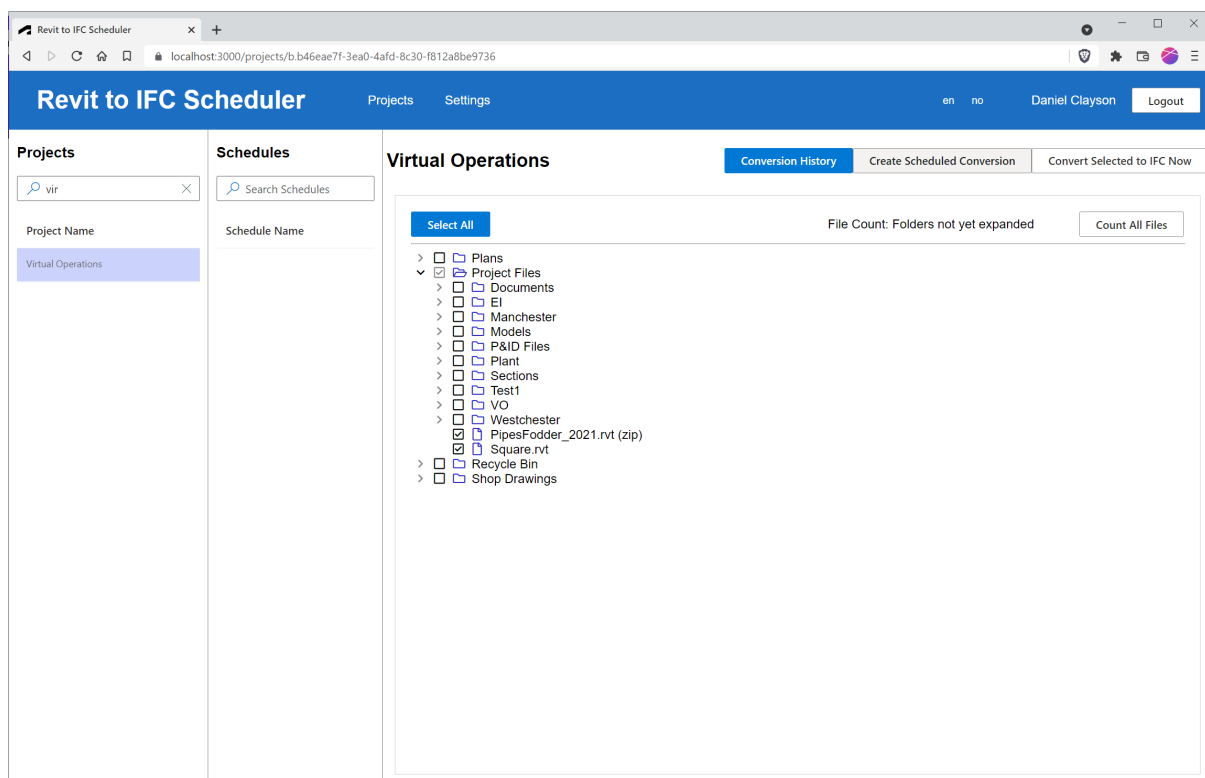
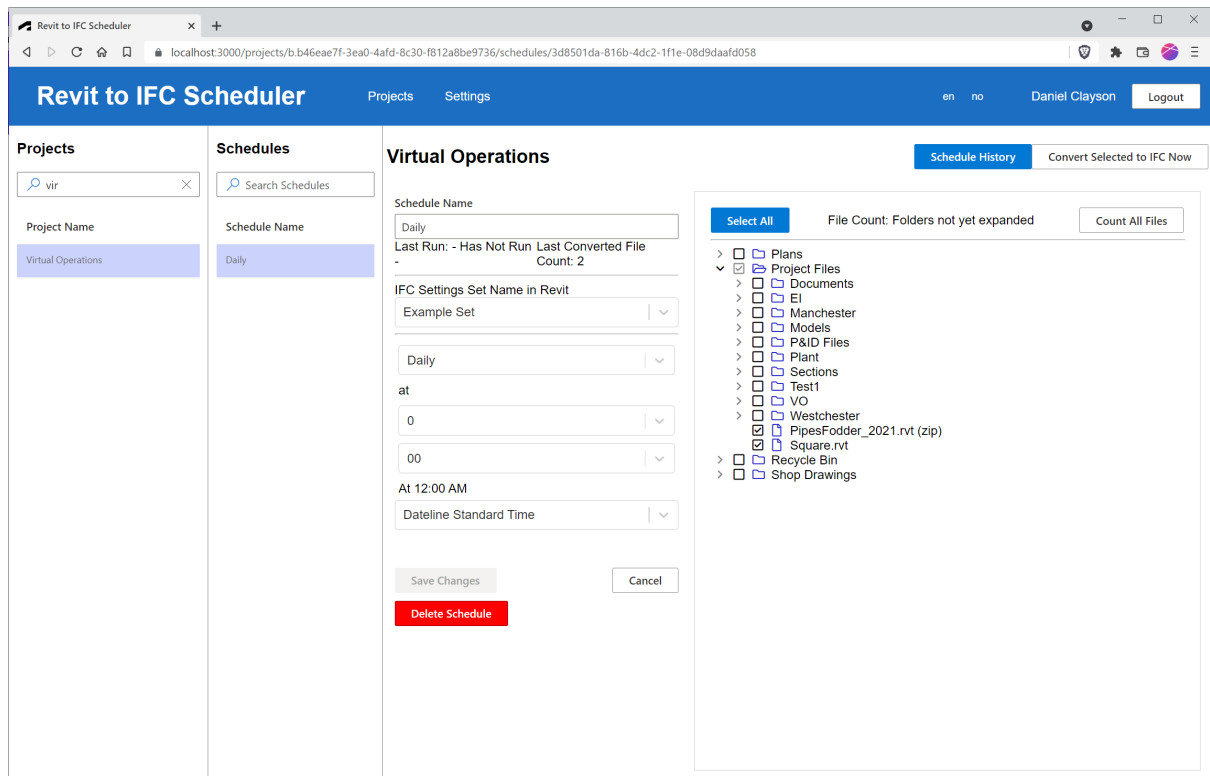


Figure 11 Single Project Page



The screenshot displays the 'Revit to IFC Scheduler' web application. The interface is divided into three main sections: Projects, Schedules, and Virtual Operations.

- Projects:** A search bar with 'vir' and a list of projects. 'Virtual Operations' is selected.
- Schedules:** A search bar and a list of schedules. 'Daily' is selected.
- Virtual Operations:** The main configuration area for the 'Daily' schedule.
 - Schedule Name:** 'Daily'
 - Last Run:** '- Has Not Run' | **Last Converted File Count:** '2'
 - IFC Settings Set Name in Revit:** 'Example Set' (dropdown)
 - Frequency:** 'Daily' (dropdown)
 - at:** '0' (dropdown)
 - Time:** '00' (dropdown)
 - Time Zone:** 'At 12:00 AM' | **Dateline:** 'Standard Time' (dropdown)
 - Buttons:** 'Save Changes', 'Cancel', and 'Delete Schedule' (red button).
- File Selection:** A panel on the right showing a file tree.
 - Select All:** Button
 - File Count:** 'Folders not yet expanded' | **Count All Files:** Button
 - File Tree:**
 - Plans
 - Project Files (checked)
 - Documents
 - EI
 - Manchester
 - Models
 - P&ID Files
 - Plant
 - Sections
 - Test1
 - VO
 - Westchester
 - PipesFodder_2021.rvt (zip) (checked)
 - Square.rvt (checked)
 - Recycle Bin
 - Shop Drawings

Figure 12 New Schedule Page

2.5.3 Edit Existing Schedule

Any admin may edit all portions of an existing schedule with access to the project:

1. Select the project from the 'Schedules' panel.
2. To change the name, edit the 'Schedule name' text box.
3. To change the IFC Settings set name, choose from the IFC Settings Set Name dropdown, or type in a custom value.
4. To change the schedule, select from the various schedule values.
5. To change the included folders and files, select the desired folders and files from the folder tree.
6. Press the 'Save Changes' button.

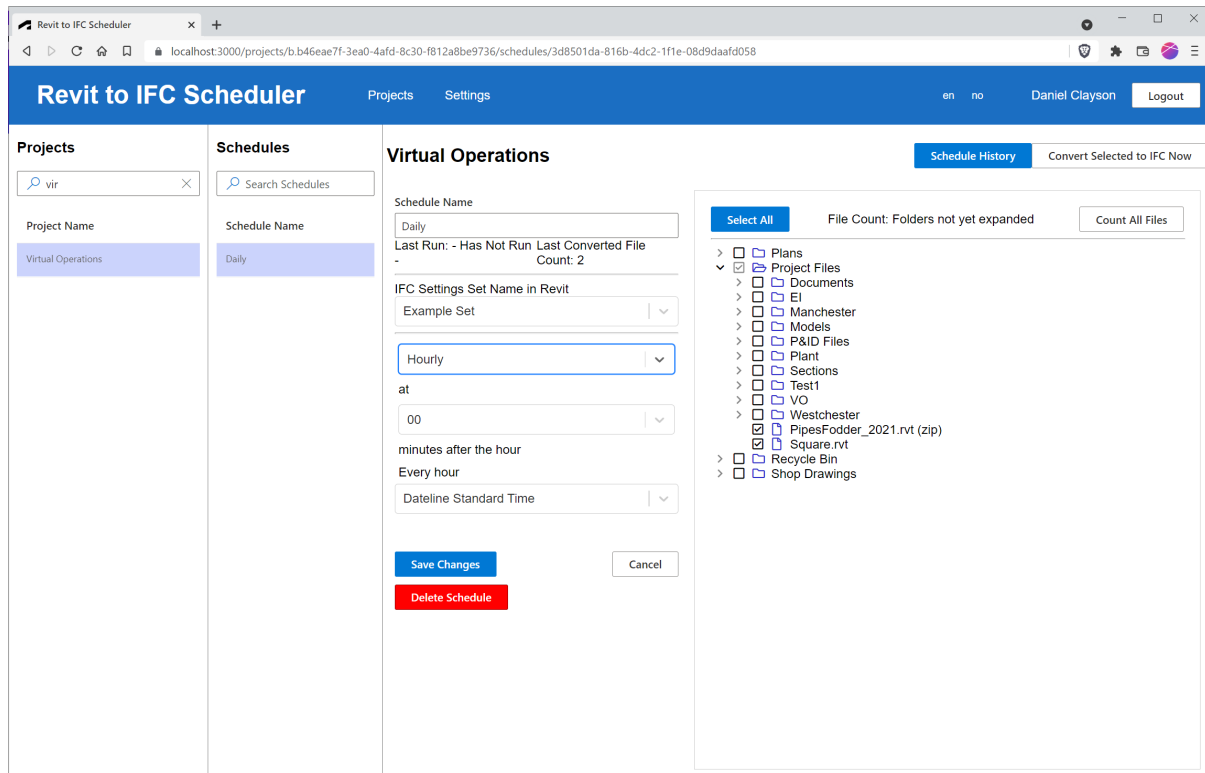


Figure 13 Existing Schedule Page

2.5.4 Delete Existing Schedule

Any admin may delete existing schedules with access to the project.

1. Select the project from the 'Schedules' panel.
2. Press the 'Delete Schedule' button.
3. Confirm by pressing the 'Delete' button in the popup.

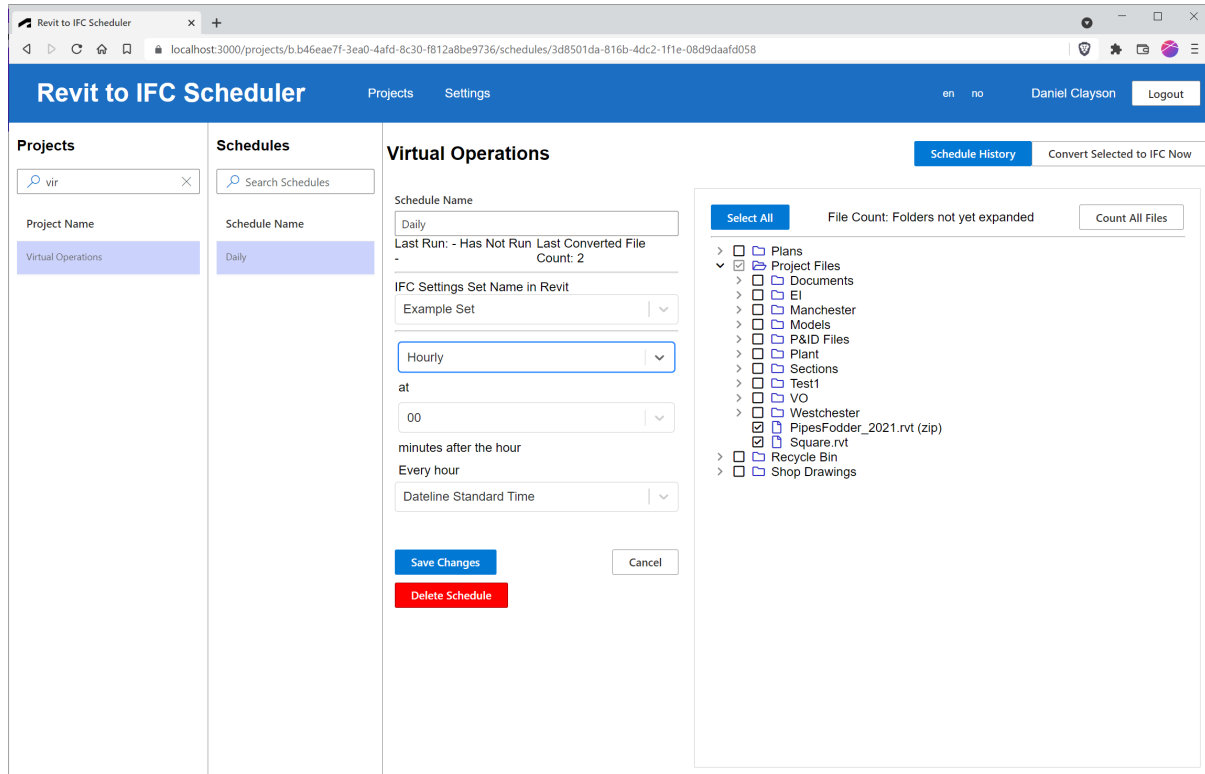


Figure 14 Existing Schedule Page

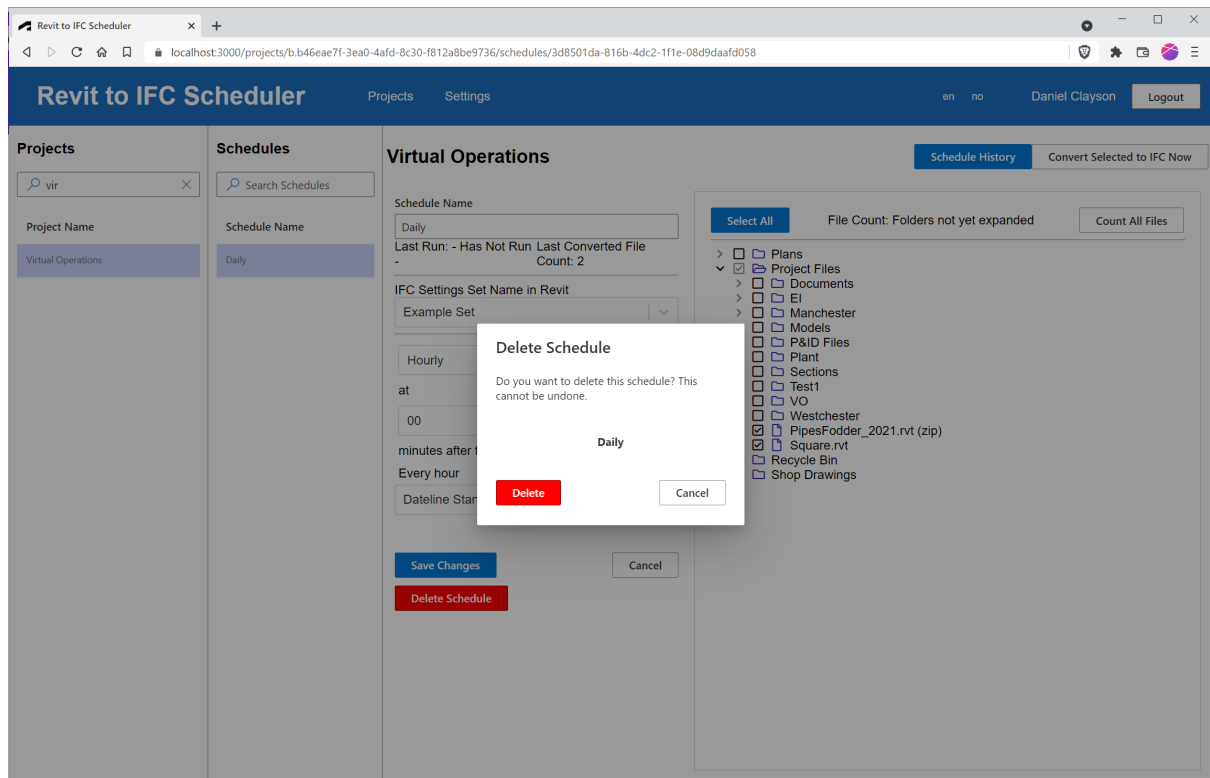


Figure 15 Delete Schedule popup

2.5.5 View Conversion history

With their status and details, all past conversions are available in a per-project list.

1. Navigate to the single project page
2. Press the 'Conversion History' button
3. To see details on a specific conversion, click on the row

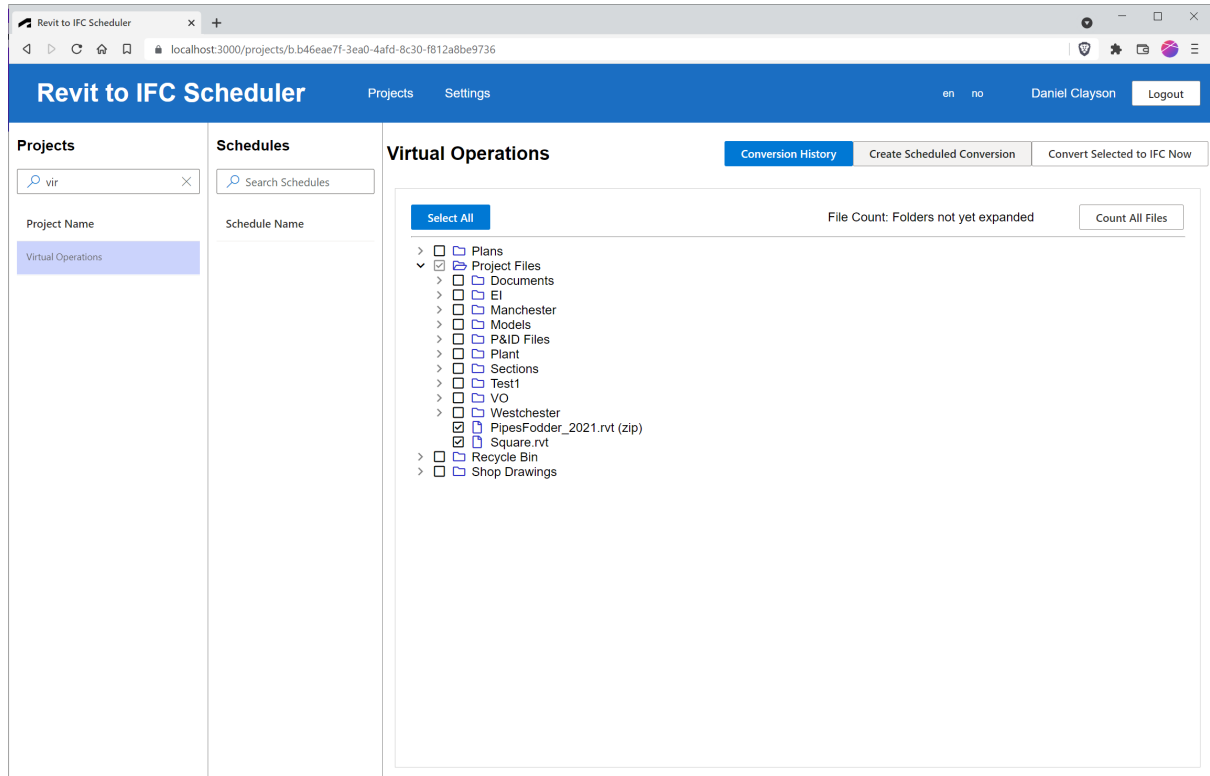
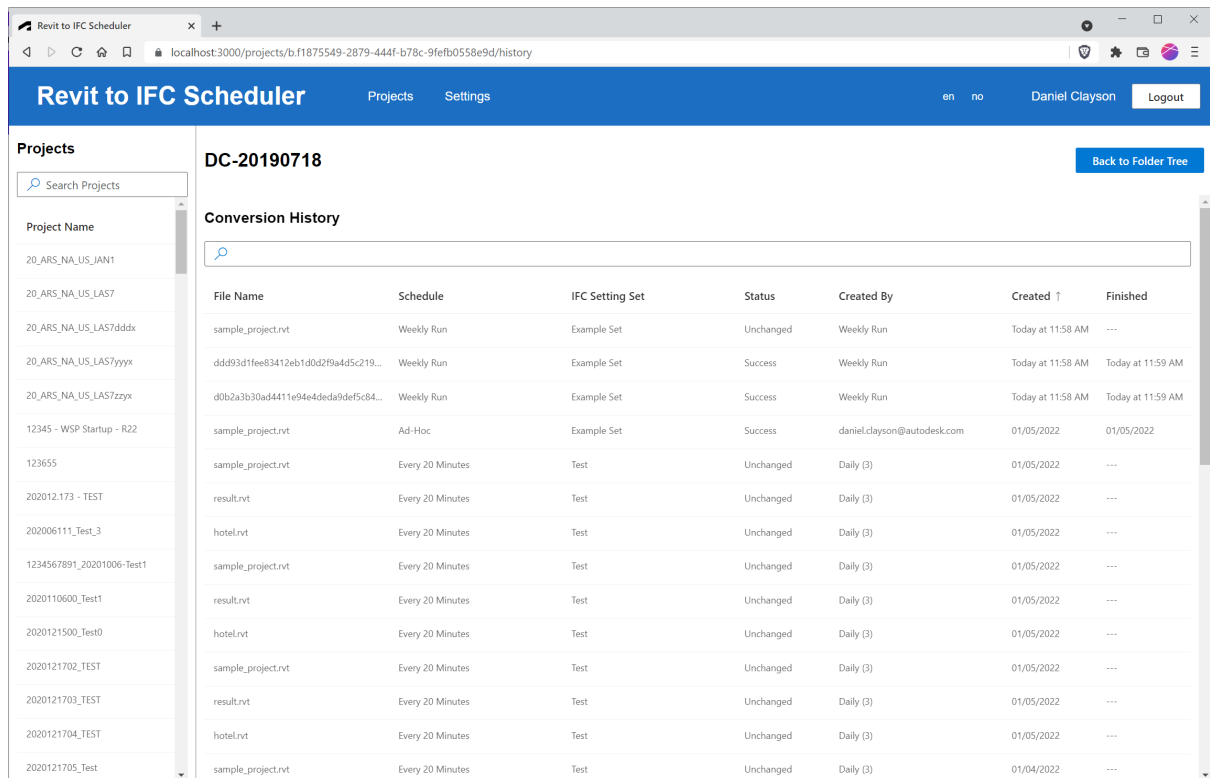


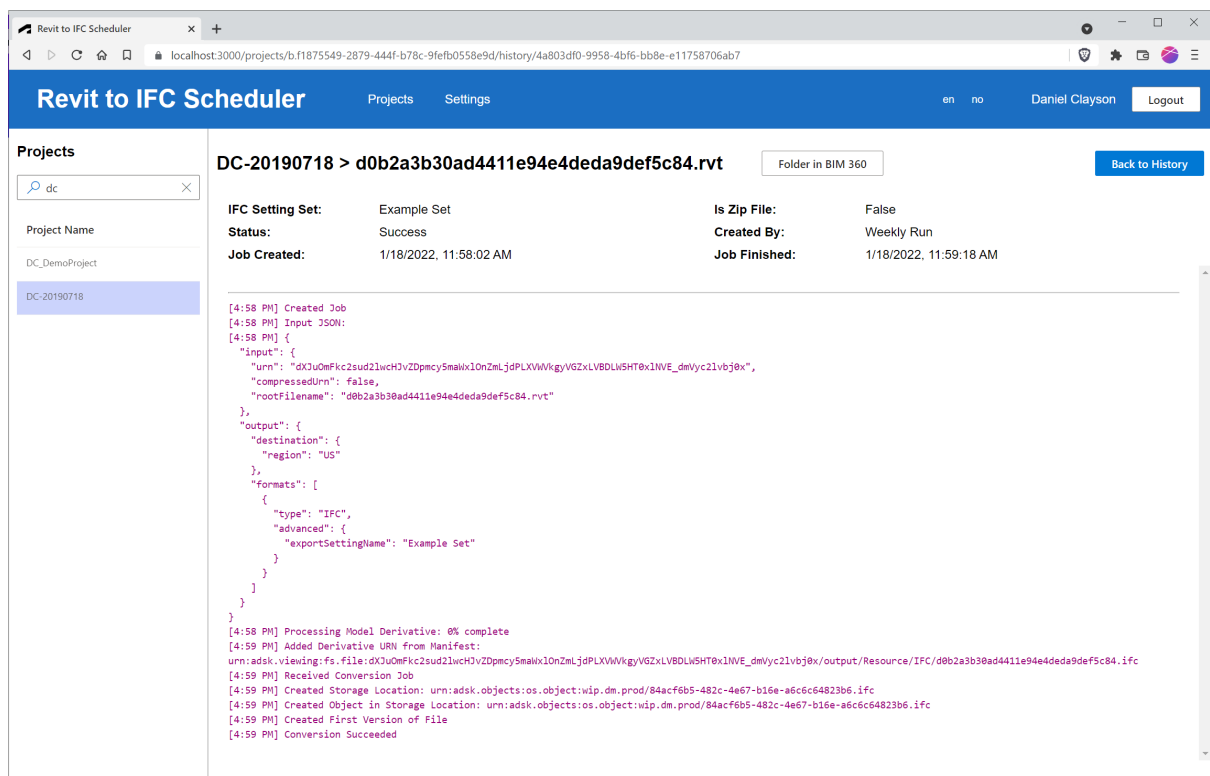
Figure 16 Single Project Page



The screenshot shows the 'Revit to IFC Scheduler' web application. The left sidebar contains a 'Projects' list with a search bar and a list of project names. The main content area is titled 'DC-20190718' and 'Conversion History'. It features a table with the following columns: File Name, Schedule, IFC Setting Set, Status, Created By, Created ↑, and Finished. The table lists several conversion jobs, including 'sample_project.rvt' and 'result.rvt', with their respective schedules, settings, and completion dates.

File Name	Schedule	IFC Setting Set	Status	Created By	Created ↑	Finished
sample_project.rvt	Weekly Run	Example Set	Unchanged	Weekly Run	Today at 11:58 AM	---
ddd93d1fee83412eb1d0d2f9a4d5c219...	Weekly Run	Example Set	Success	Weekly Run	Today at 11:58 AM	Today at 11:59 AM
d0b2a3b30ad4411e94e4deda9def5c84...	Weekly Run	Example Set	Success	Weekly Run	Today at 11:58 AM	Today at 11:59 AM
sample_project.rvt	Ad-Hoc	Example Set	Success	daniel.clayson@autodesk.com	01/05/2022	01/05/2022
sample_project.rvt	Every 20 Minutes	Test	Unchanged	Daily (3)	01/05/2022	---
result.rvt	Every 20 Minutes	Test	Unchanged	Daily (3)	01/05/2022	---
hotel.rvt	Every 20 Minutes	Test	Unchanged	Daily (3)	01/05/2022	---
sample_project.rvt	Every 20 Minutes	Test	Unchanged	Daily (3)	01/05/2022	---
result.rvt	Every 20 Minutes	Test	Unchanged	Daily (3)	01/05/2022	---
hotel.rvt	Every 20 Minutes	Test	Unchanged	Daily (3)	01/05/2022	---
sample_project.rvt	Every 20 Minutes	Test	Unchanged	Daily (3)	01/05/2022	---
result.rvt	Every 20 Minutes	Test	Unchanged	Daily (3)	01/05/2022	---
hotel.rvt	Every 20 Minutes	Test	Unchanged	Daily (3)	01/05/2022	---
sample_project.rvt	Every 20 Minutes	Test	Unchanged	Daily (3)	01/05/2022	---
result.rvt	Every 20 Minutes	Test	Unchanged	Daily (3)	01/05/2022	---
hotel.rvt	Every 20 Minutes	Test	Unchanged	Daily (3)	01/05/2022	---
sample_project.rvt	Every 20 Minutes	Test	Unchanged	Daily (3)	01/04/2022	---

Figure 17 Conversion List Page



The screenshot shows the 'Revit to IFC Scheduler' web application. The left sidebar contains a 'Projects' list with a search bar and a list of project names. The main content area is titled 'DC-20190718 > d0b2a3b30ad4411e94e4deda9def5c84.rvt'. It displays details for a specific conversion job, including the IFC Setting Set, Status, Job Created, Is Zip File, Created By, and Job Finished. Below this, there is a log of the conversion process, showing the creation of the job, the input JSON, the processing of the model derivative, and the final conversion success.

IFC Setting Set:	Example Set	Is Zip File:	False
Status:	Success	Created By:	Weekly Run
Job Created:	1/18/2022, 11:58:02 AM	Job Finished:	1/18/2022, 11:59:18 AM

```

[4:58 PM] Created Job
[4:58 PM] Input JSON:
[4:58 PM] {
  "input": {
    "urn": "dXJ0OmFkc2sudz1wch3vZDpmcy5ma1x1OnZmJjZDPLXWVkgYVVGZxLVBDLWShT0x1WE_dmYyc21vb30x",
    "compressedUrn": false,
    "rootFilename": "d0b2a3b30ad4411e94e4deda9def5c84.rvt"
  },
  "output": {
    "destination": {
      "region": "US"
    },
    "formats": [
      {
        "type": "IFC",
        "advanced": {
          "exportSettingName": "Example Set"
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
[4:58 PM] Processing Model Derivative: 0% complete
[4:59 PM] Added Derivative URN from Manifest:
urn:adsk.viewing:fs:file:dXJ0OmFkc2sudz1wch3vZDpmcy5ma1x1OnZmJjZDPLXWVkgYVVGZxLVBDLWShT0x1WE_dmYyc21vb30x/output/Resource/IFC/d0b2a3b30ad4411e94e4deda9def5c84.ifc
[4:59 PM] Received Conversion Job
[4:59 PM] Created Storage Location: urn:adsk.objects:os.object:wip.dm.prod/84acf6b5-482c-4e67-b16e-a6c6c64823b6.ifc
[4:59 PM] Created Object in Storage Location: urn:adsk.objects:os.object:wip.dm.prod/84acf6b5-482c-4e67-b16e-a6c6c64823b6.ifc
[4:59 PM] Created First Version of File
[4:59 PM] Conversion Succeeded

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Figure 18 View a single model run

2.6 Language

The application may be run in either English or Norwegian.

2.6.1 Change Language

Any user may change their language by selecting the 'en' or 'no' button at the top of the screen.

1. Press either 'en' or 'no' at the top of the screen.
2. Some text, such as column headers, will not update until the page is reloaded.