## How to: IDEAS Building model

- 1. Create own package where the whole project is located [Ctrl+Shift+P or right click on a package in Package Browser -> New-> Package]
  - Tick "save as one file" if small, otherwise as separate files (better for version tracking)
  - All names cannot contain spaces (or special characters, etc.)
- 2. Create new <a href="MyBuilding">MyBuilding</a> model in your package [Ctrl+Shift+M or right click on the package -> New-> Model]. Extend from IDEAS.Interfaces.Building.
  - For any model you make, it is useful to often check for syntax or connection errors [Edit-> Check-> Normal]. A check 'with simulation' will also check if the model works with the specified inputs, etc.
- 3. In your MyBuilding model redeclare the Medium you want for the air in your building (can be one from Modelica library, the IDEAS library, or one of your own predefined media) [in the MyBuilding model, the Modelica text write: extends IDEAS.Interfaces.Building(redeclare package Medium = Lib.Example IDEAS.Data.Medium)]
- 4. To select the specific models you want for the building (structure), ventilationSystem, heatingSystem, occupant and inHomeGrid you can use the drop down menus from the diagram [right click on the component->change class...->All matching choices or Browse to your model] or write directly in the Modelica text

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[e.g. extends IDEAS.Interfaces.Building( redeclare package Medium =
Lib.Example_IDEAS.Data.Medium, redeclare IDEAS.VentilationSystems.None
ventilationSystem(redeclare package Medium = Medium),
redeclare IDEAS.HeatingSystems.Heating_Embedded heatingSystem,
redeclare Structure_FH building(AZones={11.88,11.88},
VZones=building.AZones .* 3.3, redeclare package Medium = Medium),
redeclare Occupant_ISO13790 occupant(AZones=building.AZones, nLoads=0));]
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- You can change parameters of the models through the diagram interface [right click->parameters] or in the text [writing the assignment of values or redeclarations in parentheses in the respective component as in the example above occupant (AZones=building.AZones)]
- Don't forget to assign the same medium to your building and ventilationSystem
   [(redeclare package Medium = Medium)]. Here Medium is the parameter of the overall
   MyBuilding model, and its value is passed to the parameter Medium in the building model and the
   ventilationSystem model.
- 5. Models that represent the building structure have to be extended from the IDEAS.Interfaces.BaseClasses.Structure interface in order to be compatible and also to appear in the drop-down menu. Similar rules apply for the other components and the respective interfaces in IDEAS.Interfaces.BaseClasses.
- 6. Details on the ventilationSystem, heatingSystem, occupant and inHomeGrid models are not given here. Example models can be found in the IDEAS library [IDEAS.VentilationSystems, IDEAS.HeatingSystems, IDEAS.Occupants]
- 7. Create a building <u>MyStructure</u> model extending from the needed interface and give the overall parameters [extends IDEAS.Interfaces.BaseClasses.Structure(final Q\_design= {north.Q\_design, south.Q\_design}, final nZones=2, final nEmb=0);]
  - final means that these parameters will no longer be able to change from higher models, e.g. changing their values in MyBuilding.
  - nZones is the number of thermal zones in this structure and nEmb is the number of embedded ports, which is how many components will have an active thermal layer (e.g. floor heating)
  - Q\_design is the design heating load for each zone of the structure and has to be manually assigned from the zone components (depends on the name one gives to his/her zones).

8. Drag and drop the <u>zone</u> models IDEAS.Buildings.Components.Zone. Change the needed parameters and redeclare the Medium parameter of the zone to be equal to the Medium of MyStructure (this latter takes its value from MyBuilding, see earlier)

[IDEAS.Buildings.Components.Zone south (V=39.2, nSurf=6, redeclare package Medium = Medium) "south zone of office area"; ,orthrough the parameter window of the zone component: Edit Text-> type Medium]

- nSurf is the number of surfaces (walls, windows...) that will be connected to the zone
- 9. In a similar way, drag and drop the <u>wall and window components</u> according to your needs from IDEAS.Buildings.Components. You can rotate and flip the components using the right click menu. For similar components (same construction details, but different orientation, size) only one object needs to be drag & dropped. Then it is transformed into an array in the text, and the properties are given also as arrays

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[IDEAS.Buildings.Components.Window windows[2]( A={2,1.5}, azi={IDEAS.Constants.South,IDEAS.Constants.North}, frac={0.15,0.2}, inc={IDEAS.Constants.Wall,IDEAS.Constants.Wall}, redeclare Lib.Example_IDEAS.Data.Materials.Glazing glazing, redeclare Lib.Example_IDEAS.Data.Materials.Frame fraType, redeclare IDEAS.Buildings.Components.Shading.None shaType,) "Windows of day zone" ].
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- Window: select geometric parameters, glazing and frame, as well as shading device and optional control.
- OuterWall: select geometric parameters, construction type (insulation type and thickness if you're using them in your construction component). Used for components in contact with outdoor conditions.
- InternalWall: (") Used for internal walls and floors. Mind the order of the material layers in your Construction type and the propsBus you will connect to each zone! More detail in Construction types below.
- SlabOnGround: (") Used for floor constructions in contact with the soil.
- BoundaryWall: (") Used for walls with known boundary conditions (known temperature or heat flux from the other side). If both use \_T\_in and use \_Q\_in are false, it works as an adiabatic wall.
- 10. Create records of <u>Materials</u> (also Insulation material, frame and glazing materials) from IDEAS.Buildings.Data.Interfaces.See example materials in IDEAS.Buildings.Data.
- 11. Create records of <u>Construction types</u> from IDEAS.Buildings.Data.Interfaces.Construction by putting the right materials in order. See example constructions in IDEAS.Buildings.Data.
  - Be careful with the order of the materials. In the current implementation the 1<sup>st</sup> layer corresponds to the outer surface (propsBus\_b) of building components, and the last layer to the inner surface (propsBus\_a).
  - For thermally activated components the position of the location of the embedded system has to be specified with locGain (e.g. locGain=2 : surface between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> layer).
- 12. All <u>connections</u> can be implemented manually on the diagram, but can also be written in the Modelica text in the <u>equation</u> part. The latter is especially useful when each component is an array of more elements. In case of floor heating or TABS where heat is directly injected in one component, the component in question must be connected to the corresponding HeatPortEmb.
- 13. In the <u>SimInfoManager</u> of your highest level model you can specify the climate data that you want (to be read from files). By default it is for Uccle, BE. The sub-models will get the required data if they contain a SimInfoManager which is specified as outer (takes data from outer SimInfoManager).
  - IDEAS.Occupants.Extern.StrobeInfoManager works similarly, but reads data related to occupant behaviour (to be used with IDEAS.Occupants.Extern.StROBe as occupant model). Inputs for this are not generally included (see <a href="https://github.com/open-ideas/StROBe">https://github.com/open-ideas/StROBe</a>), and should be added to the specified folder where Inputs are read (...IDEAS/Inputs).
- 14. To simulate your model go to the <u>Simulation</u> tab. In Setup choose your output file name, time step, solver and other simulation parameters. Make sure you simulate in the directory you want [File-> Change Directory...]. Simulate model! If you're lucky, it will work. Not the first time...