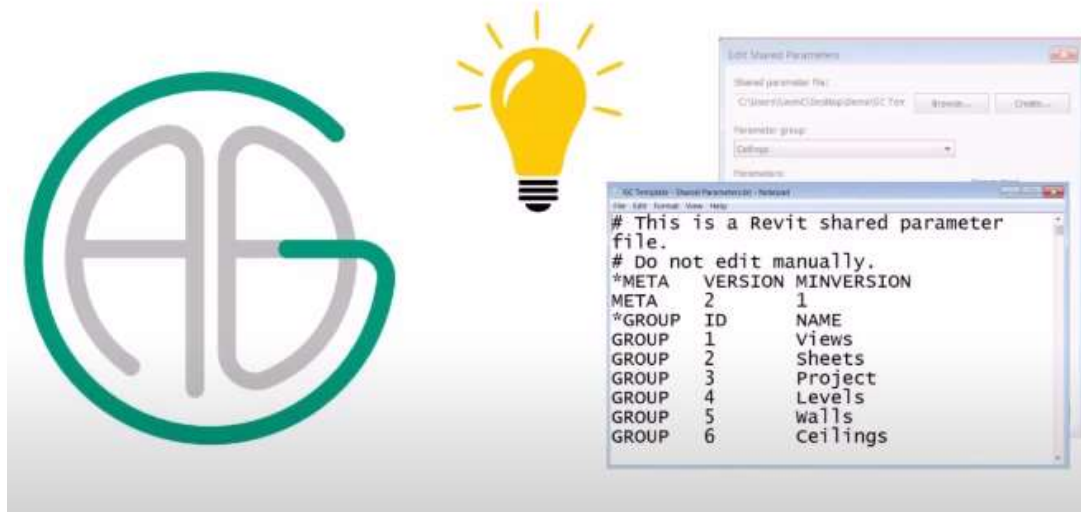


# MASTERING **REVIT** KEYNOTES

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# Revisiting the essentials



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# Keynotes

Guide for Users, by a User!



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# What we'll cover

Types of Keynotes

Uses for keynotes

Managing keynote files

Setting up keynote legends

Tag limitations

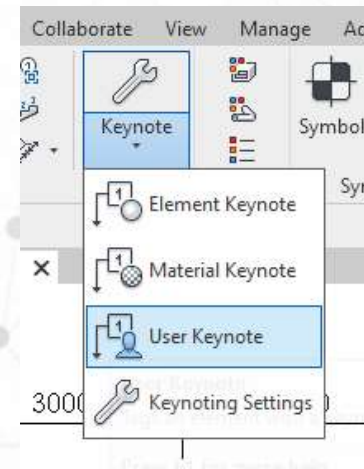
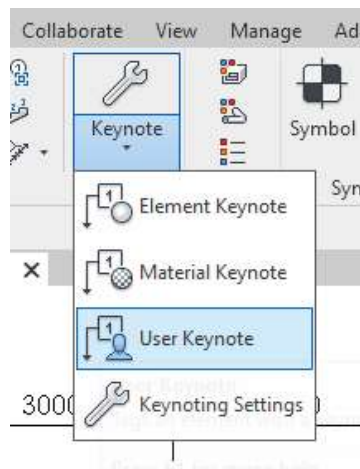


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# Types of Keynotes

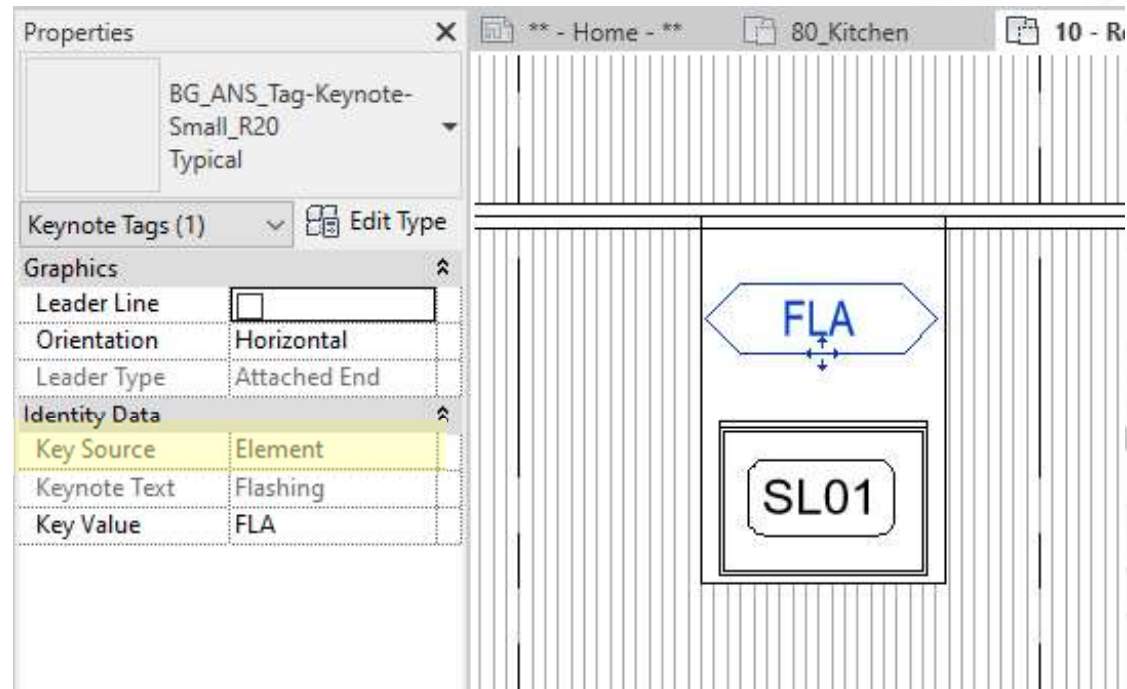
Keynotes come in three forms

**Element**  
**Material**  
**User**



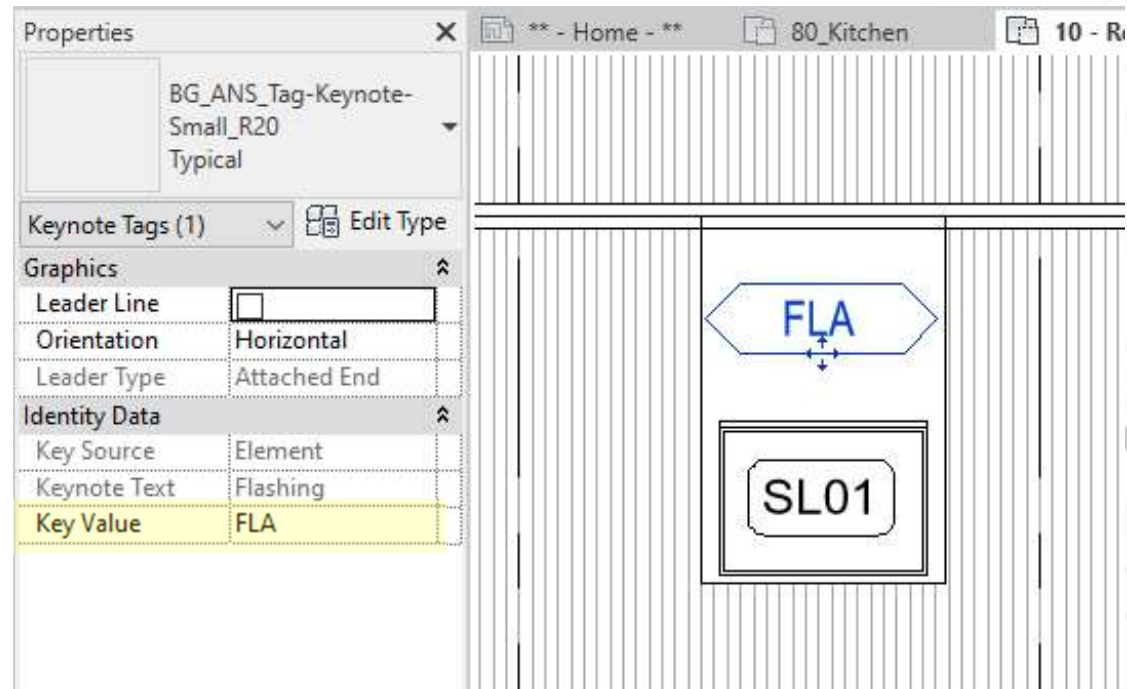
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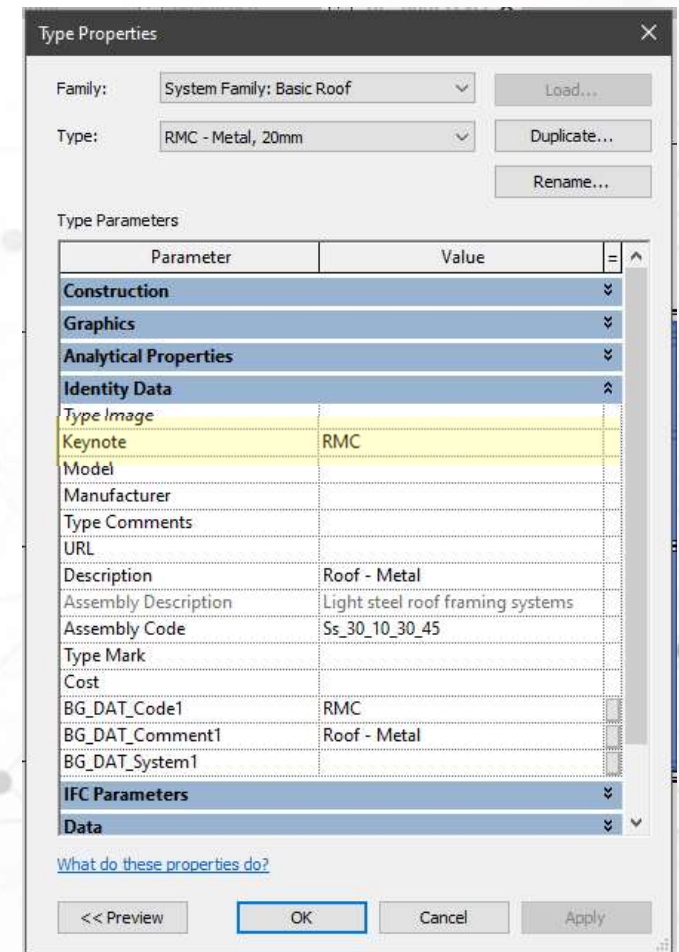


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# Element Keynotes

Most loadable and system families in Revit will have a **Keynote** field available as a type parameter.

This is the **Element Keynote**.



The screenshot shows the 'Type Properties' dialog box in Revit. The 'Family' is set to 'System Family: Basic Roof' and the 'Type' is 'RMC - Metal, 20mm'. The 'Type Parameters' table is expanded to show the 'Keynote' parameter, which is set to 'RMC'. Other parameters include 'Model', 'Manufacturer', 'Type Comments', 'URL', 'Description' (Roof - Metal), 'Assembly Description' (Light steel roof framing systems), 'Assembly Code' (Ss\_30\_10\_30\_45), 'Type Mark', 'Cost', 'BG\_DAT\_Code1' (RMC), 'BG\_DAT\_Comment1' (Roof - Metal), and 'BG\_DAT\_System1'. The 'IFC Parameters' section is also visible at the bottom.

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Manufacturer	
Type Comments	
URL	
Description	Roof - Metal
Assembly Description	Light steel roof framing systems
Assembly Code	Ss_30_10_30_45
Type Mark	
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BG_DAT_System1	
IFC Parameters	
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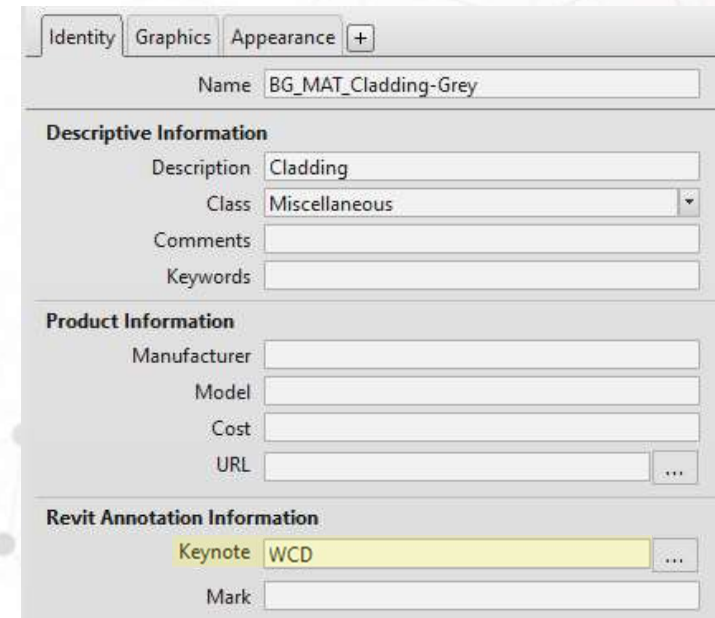


# Material Keynotes

Materials have a property in their identity tab.

This is the **Material Keynote**.

It tags the first thing it sits on top of, by material.



The screenshot shows the 'Identity' tab of the Revit Material Properties dialog box. The 'Name' field is set to 'BG\_MAT\_Cladding-Grey'. Under 'Descriptive Information', the 'Description' is 'Cladding', the 'Class' is 'Miscellaneous', and there are empty fields for 'Comments' and 'Keywords'. Under 'Product Information', there are empty fields for 'Manufacturer', 'Model', 'Cost', and 'URL'. Under 'Revit Annotation Information', the 'Keynote' field is highlighted in yellow and contains the value 'WCD', and the 'Mark' field is empty.

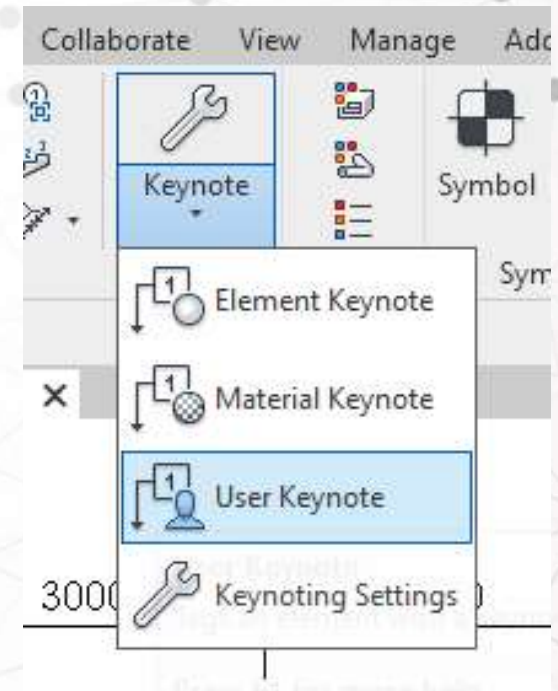
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	Keynote	WCD
Descriptive Information	Description	Cladding
	Class	Miscellaneous
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	Model	
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Revit Annotation Information	Mark	



# User Keynotes

A **user keynote** can be used to manually associate a tag with an element, but call on any keynote available to us.

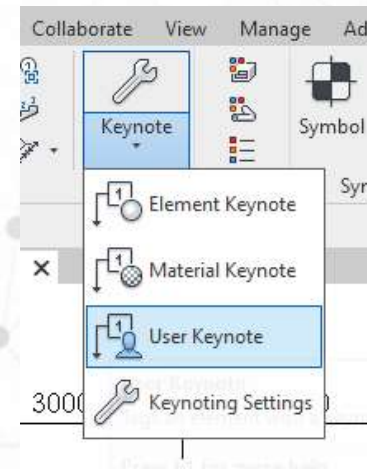
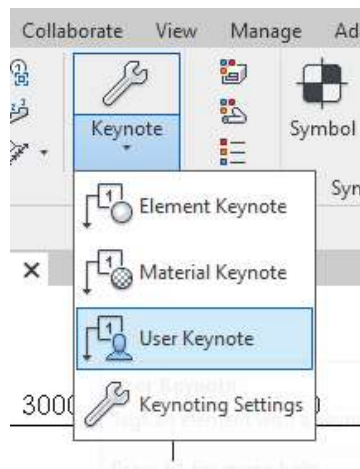
Use only when absolutely necessary, e.g. typical notes.



# Types of Keynotes

Let's briefly explore all three types

**Element  
Material  
User**



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# Uses for keynotes

**A keynote is simply**

A code with an associated description

It can ultimately be whatever we need it to be,  
as long as it suits this limitation



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# Uses for keynotes

**Common uses for keynotes are**

Element codes

Specification reference codes

Classification system codes



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# Uses for keynotes

**In my opinion, the best use for them is**

**Element codes**

Specification section codes

Classification system codes

**E.g. F.CHA-01 Chair - Meeting**



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# My coding convention

**X.YYY-ZZ**

F – furniture

J – joinery

I – internal finish

E – external finish

X – services

S - structure



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# My coding convention

**X.YYY-ZZ**

3 characters, describe the object

F.**CHA** – chair

F.**TAB** – table

E.**PNT** – paint

Etc.



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# My coding convention

**X.YYY-ZZ**

2 numbers, describe the variant

F.CHA-01 – chair, meeting

F.TAB-01 – table, meeting

E.PNT-01 – paint, general walls

Etc.



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# Machine readable

X.YYYY-ZZ  
X.YYYY-ZZ  
X.YYYY-ZZ  
X.YYYY-ZZ



# Filterable

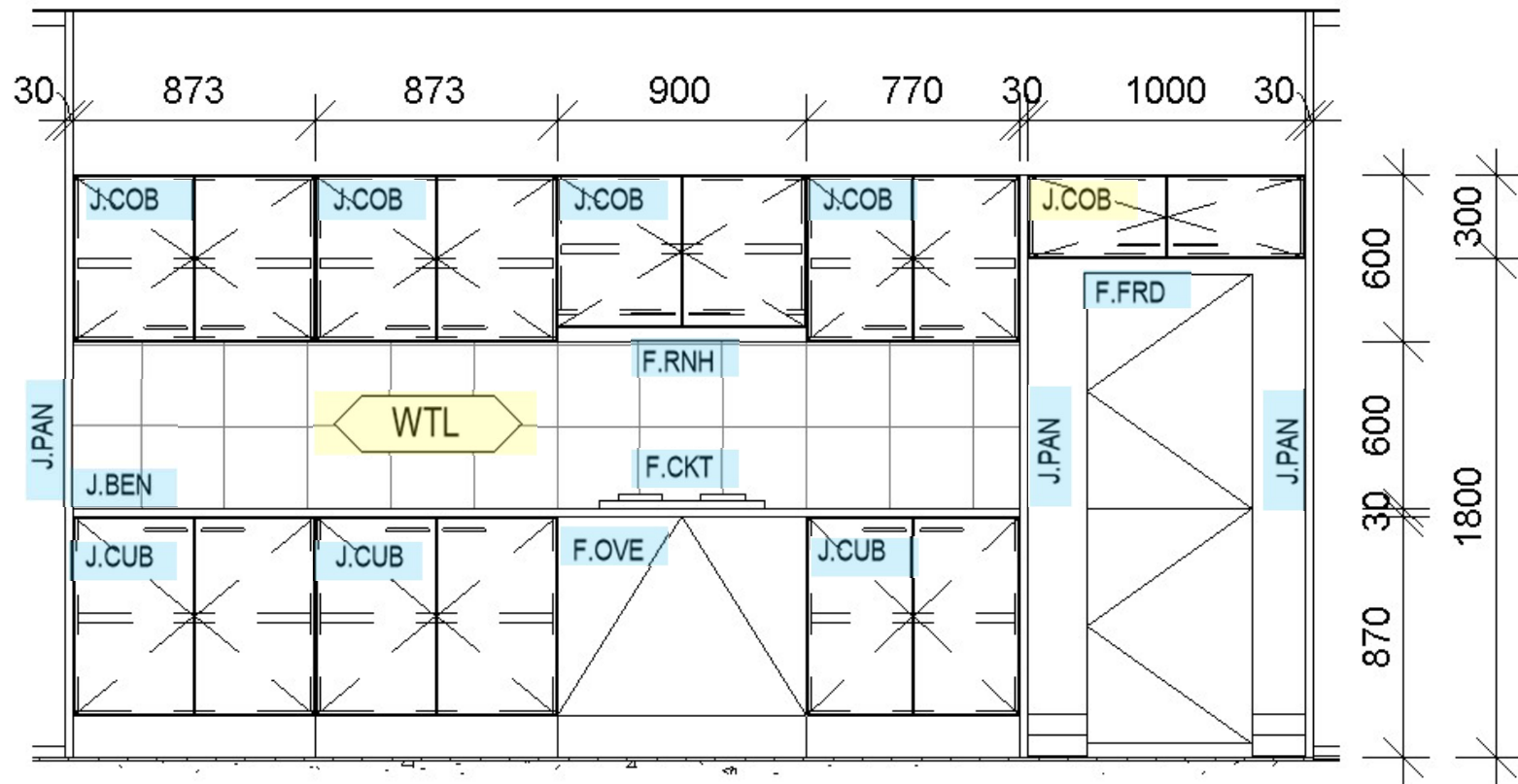
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Keynote begins with F  
Keynote ends with 01  
Keynote contains CHA-



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# Specification references

**NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM - APRIL 2016**

Refer to the National Worksection Matrix for the worksections included in each NATSPEC/NBS SPEC package. NA based cut-down version and branded worksections. See [www.natspec.com.au](http://www.natspec.com.au). Figures bracketed indicate that no generic worksection is available. A NATSPEC branded worksection may be available.

<b>90 - CIVIL ENGINEERING AND DESIGN (AUS-SPEC)</b>	0100 Building IT components	0200 Steel - protective paint coatings
001 General	0101 Building installation	0201 Structural fire protection systems
0100 Quality requirements for design	0102 Building steel components	0202 Timber
0101 Development and subdivision of land	0103 Building access safety systems	0203 Light fixture fittings
0102 Workhouse development	0104 Floor waste and window waste	0204 Street lighting and lighting
0103 Qualitative protection (Design)	0105 Traffic indicators and street markings	
002 Open space		
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0022 Control of erosion and sedimentation		
004 Road reserves		
0041 Concrete road layout		
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0044 Drainage and surface (Design)		
004 Bridges		
0041 Bridges and related structures		
0042 Public utilities		
0043 Water supply - reticulation (Design)		
0044 Stormwater drainage (Design)		
0045 Sewerage systems - reticulation (Design)		
0046 Sewerage systems - public utilities		
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011 Documentation		
012 Tendering		
013 Pre-tendering contract preparation		
014 Tendering		
015 Information for tenders (AUS-SPEC)		
016 Conditions of tendering (AUS-SPEC)		
017 Tender submission documents		
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019 Period supply and service checklist		
020 Contracting - information		
021 General preconditions		
022 Pre-qualification (General)		
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# Why not specification references

Standards change, handles don't

Differs by project/client

Spec writers are usually not BIM authors

Keynote legend not utilised

Typically not tagged



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# Classification codes

Group	Element/Code	Systems/Codes
20	Frames (EF20_10)	Prefabricated framed and panelled structures (Ss_20_10_60)
		Prefabricated room systems (Ss_20_10_65)
		Composite pods (Ss_20_10_65_15)
		Concrete pods (Ss_20_10_65_17)
25	Walls (EF_25_10)	Prefabricated metal wall systems (Ss_25_12_85_60)
		Prefabricated glass block wall systems (Ss_25_13_33_64)



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# Why not classification codes

Assembly codes more suitable

Differs by project/client

Keynote legend not utilised

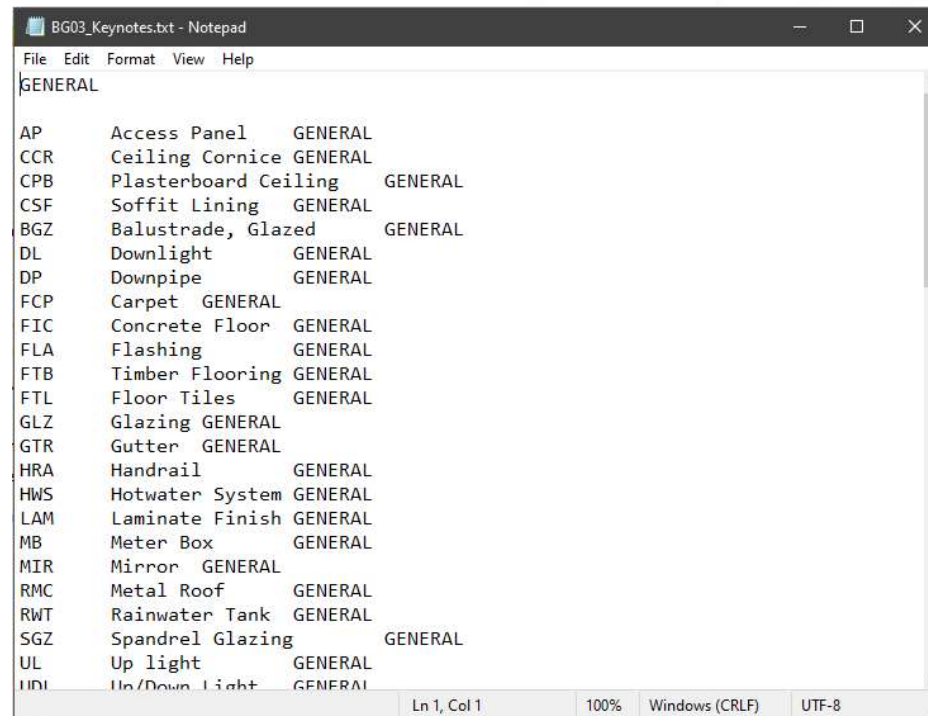
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Tree based relationships



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# Keynote files



GENERAL		
AP	Access Panel	GENERAL
CCR	Ceiling Cornice	GENERAL
CPB	Plasterboard Ceiling	GENERAL
CSF	Soffit Lining	GENERAL
BGZ	Balustrade, Glazed	GENERAL
DL	Downlight	GENERAL
DP	Downpipe	GENERAL
FCP	Carpet	GENERAL
FIC	Concrete Floor	GENERAL
FLA	Flashing	GENERAL
FTB	Timber Flooring	GENERAL
FTL	Floor Tiles	GENERAL
GLZ	Glazing	GENERAL
GTR	Gutter	GENERAL
HRA	Handrail	GENERAL
HWS	Hotwater System	GENERAL
LAM	Laminate Finish	GENERAL
MB	Meter Box	GENERAL
MIR	Mirror	GENERAL
RMC	Metal Roof	GENERAL
RWT	Rainwater Tank	GENERAL
SGZ	Spandrel Glazing	GENERAL
UL	Up light	GENERAL
UDI	Up/Down Light	GENERAL



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Parent group



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CPB Plasterboard Ceiling GENERAL
CSF Soffit Lining GENERAL
PCZ Balustrade Closed GENERAL
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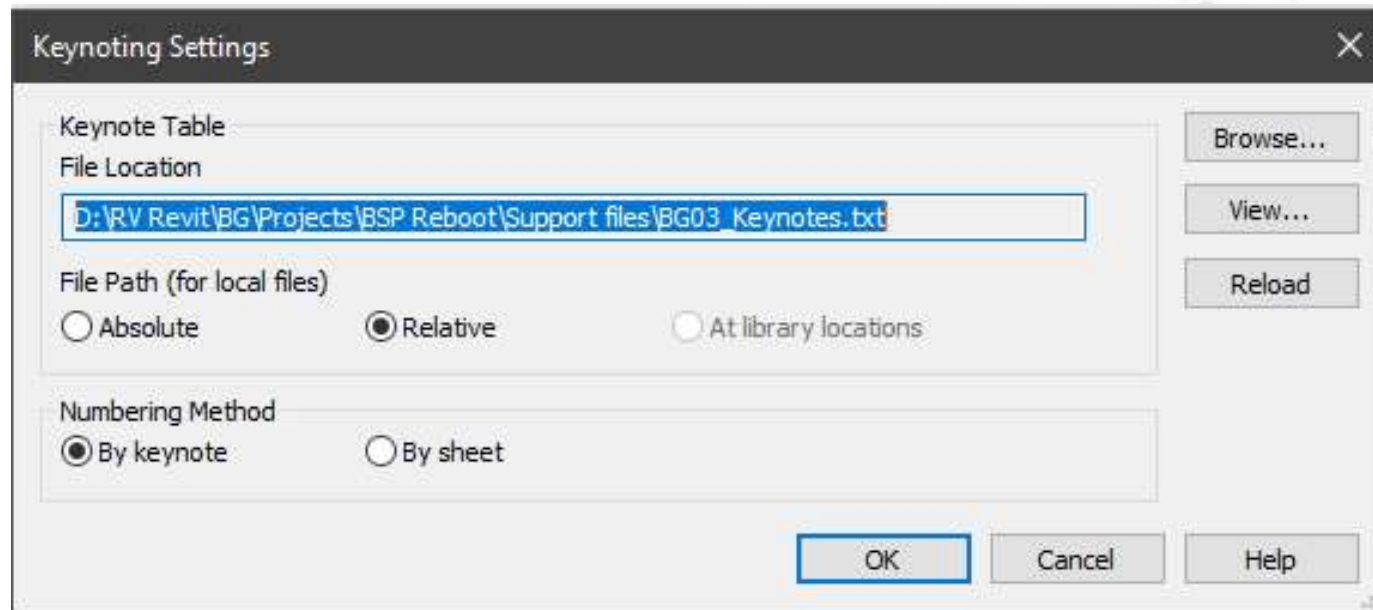
# Making a file (Excel is OK!)

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1	GENERAL		
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3	AP	Access Panel	GENERAL
4	CCR	Ceiling Cornice	GENERAL
5	CPB	Plasterboard Ceiling	GENERAL
6	CSF	Soffit Lining	GENERAL
7	BGZ	Balustrade, Glazed	GENERAL
8	DL	Downlight	GENERAL
9	DP	Downpipe	GENERAL
10	FCP	Carpet	GENERAL



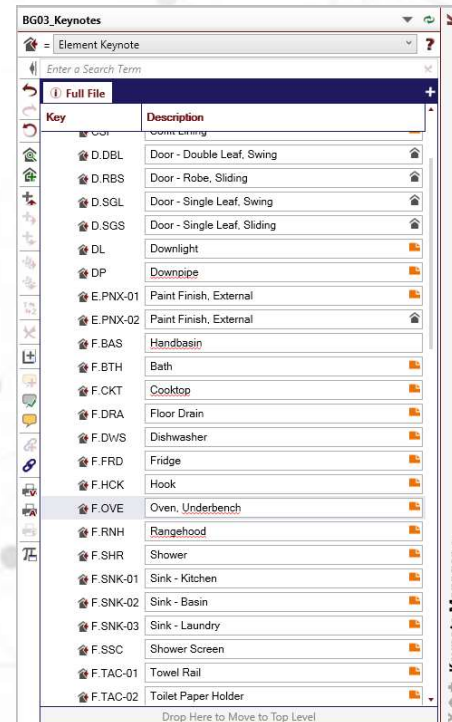
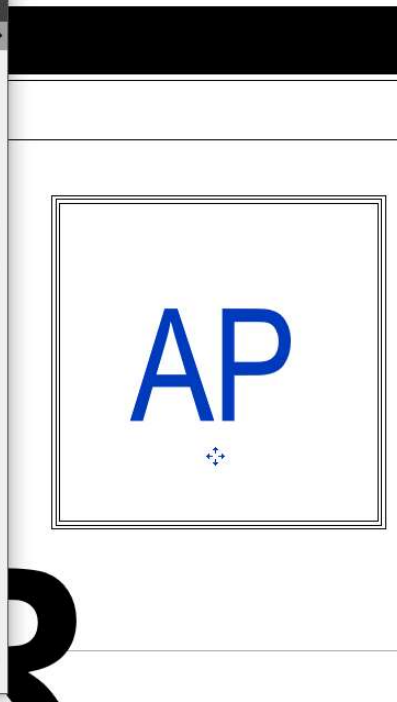
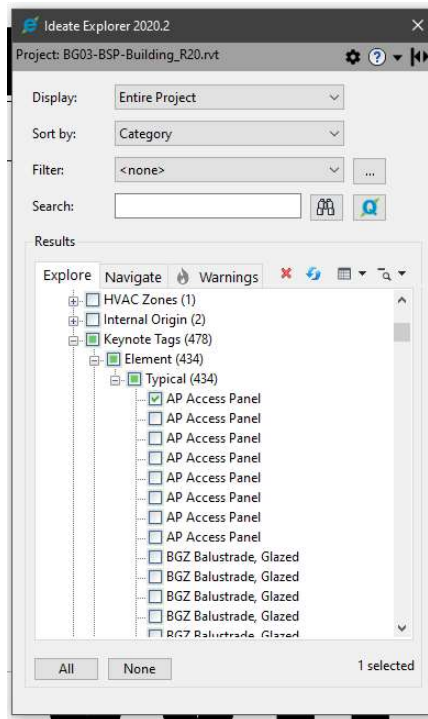
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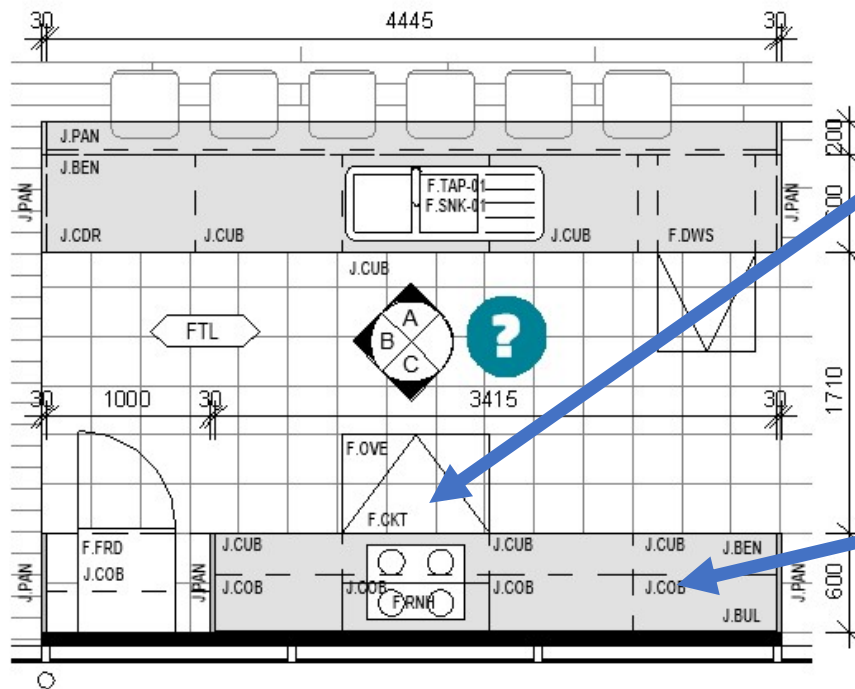
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# Apps for managing keynotes



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# Keynote legends



CODE	DESCRIPTION
F.CKT	Cooktop
F.DWS	Dishwasher
F.FRD	Fridge
F.OVE	Oven, Underbench
F.RNH	Rangehood
F.SNK-01	Sink - Kitchen
F.TAP-01	Kitchen Tap
FTL	Floor Tiles
J.BEN	Joinery Bench
J.BUL	Joinery Bulkhead
J.CDR	Joinery Drawers
J.COB	Joinery Overbench
J.CUB	Joinery Underbench
J.PAN	Joinery Panel
WTL	Wall Tiles



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# Tag limitations

Depending on how you wish to use keynotes, there may be some limitations to be aware of.



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# Recommendations

## Preparing

Design an expandable system

Try to manage 1 master file

Get buy-in from exec level

Set up keynotes in your template/library



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# Recommendations

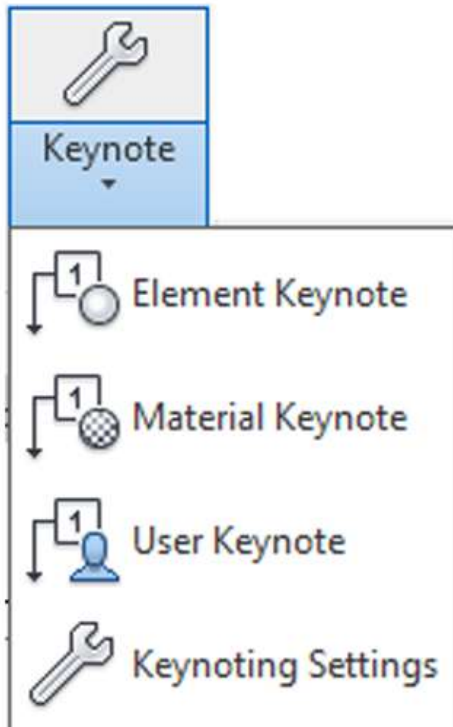
## **Safekeeping**

To all the BIM Managers out there...

**Keep a backup (or two!)**



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