Rhino Tools Manual Version 2.2



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Rhino Tools Manual General

General Requirements

- Always model in inches.
- Always update to the latest version of Rhino.
- Always keep the project near the Rhino origin point.
- Never overwrite the toolbar or template.

Template

Installation

From the PCPA Rhino
 Toolbar, click PCPA >
 Standards > Set Template

Further instructions can be found <u>here</u>.

When you open a new Rhino file, the template will be the default.



Template

Layers

Layers have been simplified for readability and speed of navigating.

All objects should fit within this hierarchy.

- Each root layer has a number in front for proper sorting.
- Root layers have been assigned unique colors.

Name	Current	On	Lock	
> 0_ARCHITECTURE	~			
> 1_SITE		V	₫	
> 2_ENTOURAGE		V	₫	
3_DESIGN OPTIONS		V	₫	
> 4_BLOCKS		V	₫	
> 5_ZONING		V	₫	
6_CAD IMPORT		V	₫	
> 7_PROGRAM		V	₫	
> 8_DRAWING		V	₫	
> 9_RENDER		V	₫	

Template

Layers

Architecture

 For all objects describing the geometry of the building

✓ 0_ARCHITECTURE	V	<u>-</u>	
_Hidden	V	<u></u>	
_Lines	V	<u></u>	
Ceiling	V	<u></u>	■ ○ INTERIOR_Ceiling_Generic
Door	V	<u></u>	■ ○ INTERIOR_Doors_Generic
Facade_Generic	V	<u></u>	ARCHITECTURE_Facade_Generic
Floor	V	<u>-</u>	■ ○ INTERIOR_Floor_Generic
Furniture	V	<u>-</u>	■ ○ INTERIOR_Furniture_Generic
Glazing_Spandrel	V	<u>-</u>	ARCHITECTURE_Glazing_Spandre
Glazing_Vision	V	<u>-</u>	ARCHITECTURE_Glazing_Vision_G
Hardware	V	<u>-</u>	ARCHITECTURE_Hardware_Generic
Millwork	V	<u>-</u>	■ ○ INTERIOR_Millwork_Generic
Mullions	V	<u>-</u>	ARCHITECTURE_Mullions_Generic
Railings	V	<u>-</u>	ARCHITECTURE_Railings_Generic
Ramp	V	<u>-</u>	■ ○ INTERIOR_Floor_Generic
Roof	V	<u>-</u>	■ ARCHITECTURE_Roof
Stair	V	<u>-</u>	■ ○ INTERIOR_Floor_Generic
Structure_Beam	V	<u>-</u>	ARCHITECTURE_Structure
Structure_Column	V	<u>-</u>	ARCHITECTURE_Structure
Structure_Slab	V	<u>_</u>	ARCHITECTURE_Structure
Wall_Generic	V	<u>-</u>	■ ○ INTERIOR_Wall_Generic

Template

Layers

Site

 For landscape and surrounding context

Entourage

For people, plants, and vehicles (often blocks)

Design Options

 For the master blocks that contain all objects describing a design option

Blocks

 For the geometry of frequently used blocks, and their block instance.

Zoning

 Geometry describing the zoning requirements

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Ground_Sidewalk	√ ☐ ☐ SITE_Ground_Sidewalk
Ground_Soil	🖓 🖆 🔲 🔘 SITE_Ground_Soil
Ground_Street	🖓 🖆 🔲 🔘 SITE_Ground_Street
Water_Generic	√ ☐ ☐ SITE_Water_Generic
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> People	
Vegetation	
Vehicles	
✓ 3_DESIGN OPTIONS	
Option 01	? 🖆 🔳 🔘
✓ 4_BLOCKS	
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Door_3'X8'	? 🖆 🔳 🔘
Window_3'X8'	
Window_4'X8'	
✓ 5_ZONING	V 🖆 🔲 🔘
Property Line	V 🖆 📕 🔘
Setbacks	7 🖆 🔃 🔘
Sky Exposure Plane	V 🗗 🔲 🔘

Template

Layers

CAD Import

 For the layers of imported CAD drawings

Program

• Used for massing models

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Program 02_Light	🖓 🖆 🔲 🔘 PCPA PROGRAM_Program 02_Ligh
Program 02_Medium	🖓 🖆 🔲 🔘 PCPA PROGRAM_Program 02_Me.
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Program 03_Light	🖓 🖆 🔲 🔘 PCPA PROGRAM_Program 03_Ligh
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Trees	
Water	

Template

Layers

 For geometry placed on the layouts, or printing from layouts

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Dimensions	
Hatch	
Layout	V 🖆 🔲 🔘
Leaders	□ ■ □
PCP-01	የ 🗗 🗌 🔘
PCP-02	V 🗗 🔲 🔘
PCP-03	V 🗗 🔼 🔘
PCP-04	V 🗗 🔲 🔘
PCP-05	V 🖆 🔃 🔘
PCP-06	V 🗗 🗌 🔘
PCP-07	V 🗗 📕 🔘
PCP-08	V 🗗 🔲 🔘
PCP-09	
Symbol	V 🗗 🔲 🔘
Text	
Viewport	

PCPA & reach Template

Layers

Render

For objects necessary to render

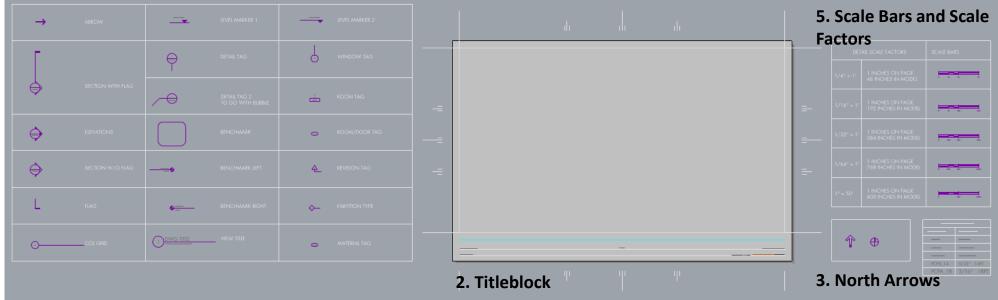
✓ 9_RENDER	
_Hidden	
Camera Path	
Lights	
Target Path	♡ 🖆 🔳 🧼

Template

Layout

In the layout called PCPA_Layout, there are many paper space annotation objects to help in preparing your drawing.

1. Paper Space Annotation



4. Annotation Styles

Template

Annotation Styles

6 PCPA Annotation styles have been placed in the template file.

- PCPA_08
- PCPA_10
- PCPA_12
- PCPA_14
- PCPA_18
- PCPA_Precision

Model space scale has been set to 192 by default.

PCPA_Precision is for checking model geometry.

*Beware that model space scale does not affect printed text size.

Current	Annotation Styles	
•	PCPA_08	PCPA_08
0	PCPA_10	PCPA_10
0	PCPA_12	PCPA_12
0	PCPA_14	PCPA 14
0	PCPA_18	-
0	PCPA_Precision	PCPA 18

Template

Linetypes

3 PCPA Linetypes have been placed in the template file.

- PCPA_DashDotPCPA_DashedMediumPCPA_DashedSmall

PCPA_DashDot	
PCPA_DashedMedium	
PCPA_DashedSmall	

Toolbar

Installation

- 1. Ensure only one instance of Rhino currently open.
- 2. Drag and drop
 PCPA_Toolbar.rui from the
 following folder into Rhino:
 Toolbar path
- 3. Close Rhino (this saves the toolbar to your Rhino settings).

PCPA Should appear at the top menu bar of Rhino

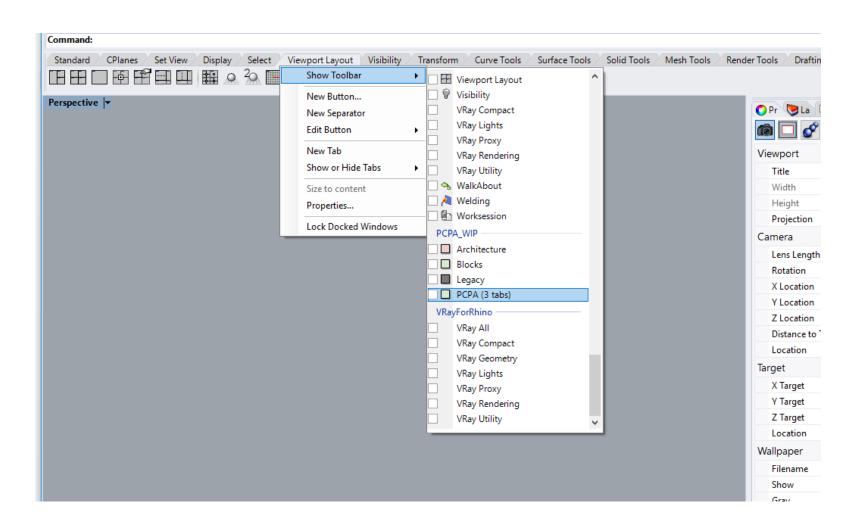
Name	Date modified	Туре	Size
PCPA_Toolbar.rui	7/23/2018 1:47 PM	Rhino Toolbars	174 KB

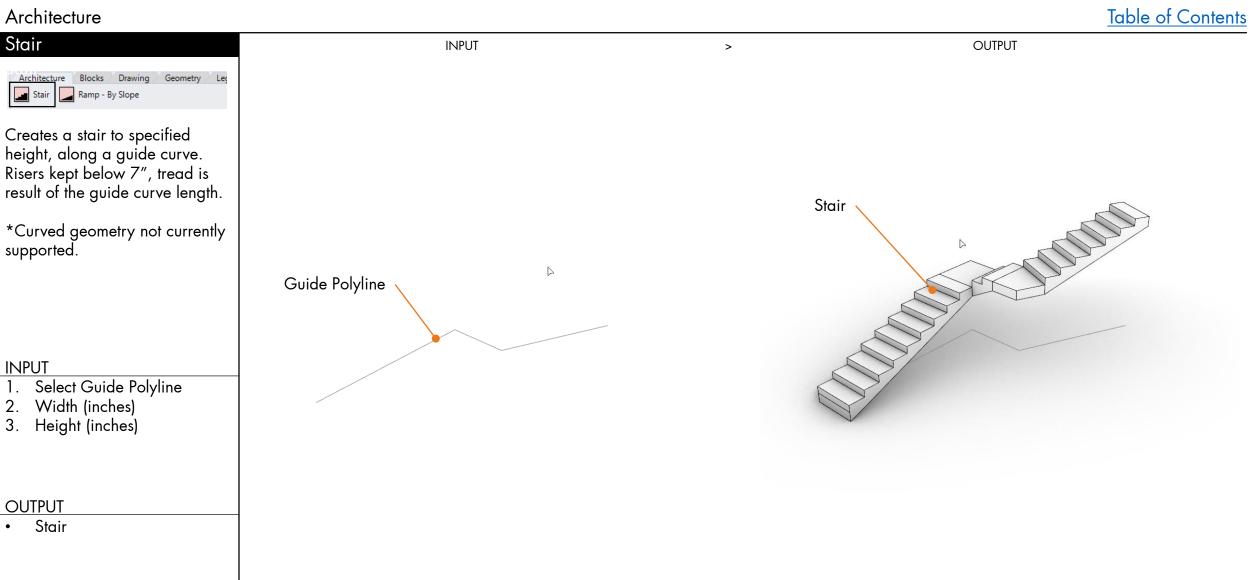
Toolbar

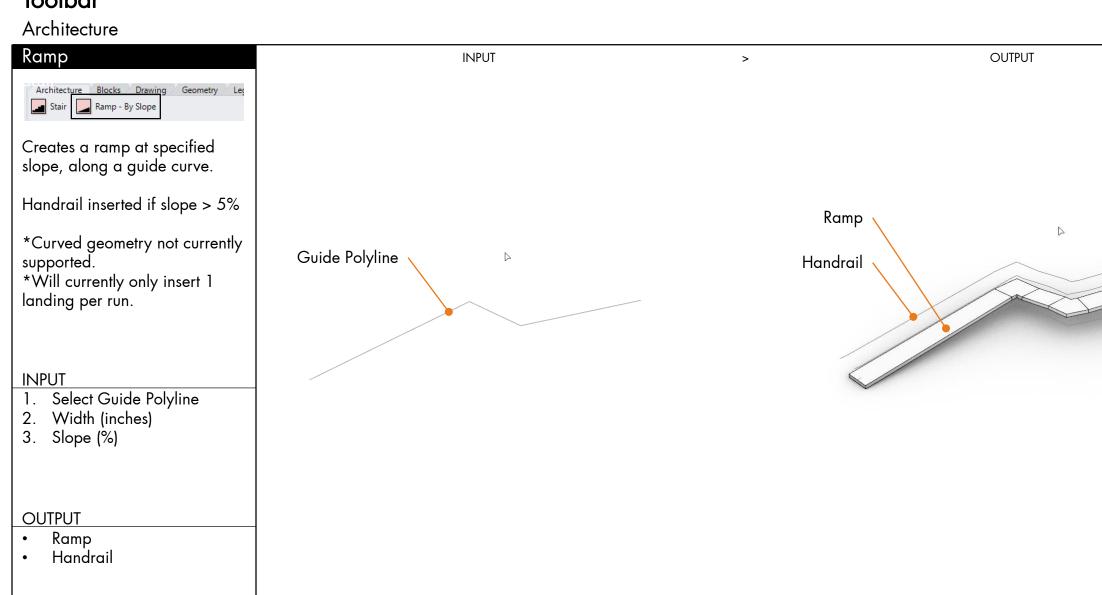
Installation

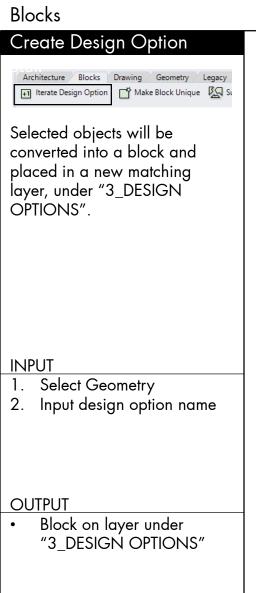
After installing the toolbar, if it does not display immediately, you can show it by right clicking anywhere on the toolbar, then choosing Show Toolbar, then scrolling down to the PCPA and checking that box.

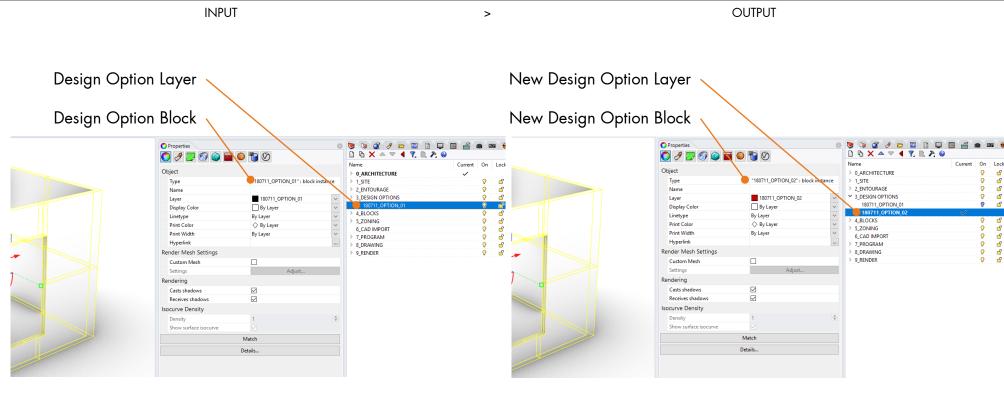
(You do not need to check the other PCPA tabs)











Toolbar

Blocks



The selected block will be duplicated and renumbered with a new block name.

A new matching layer name with be created and the previous will be turned off.

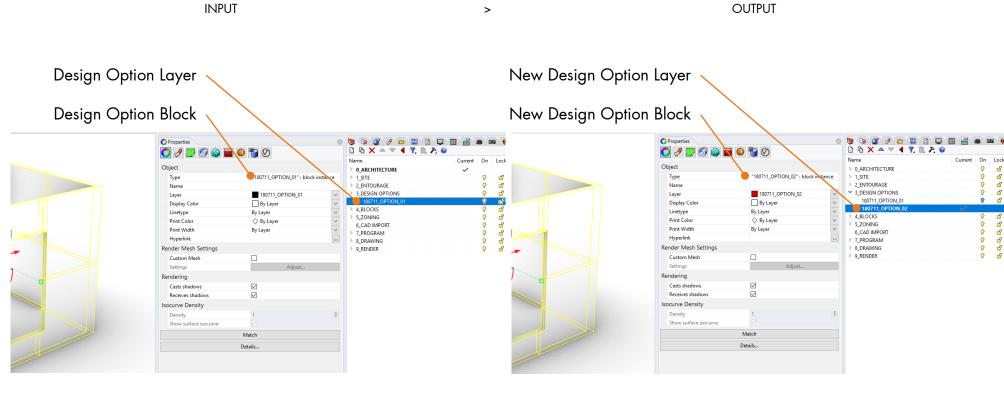
Supports numbers and letter suffix, separated by "-", "_", or

INPUT

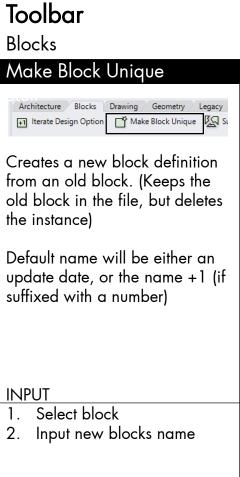
- Select block
- Input new blocks name

OUTPUT

- Duplicated block, renamed with suffix +1 or update date.
- Duplicated layer with same name

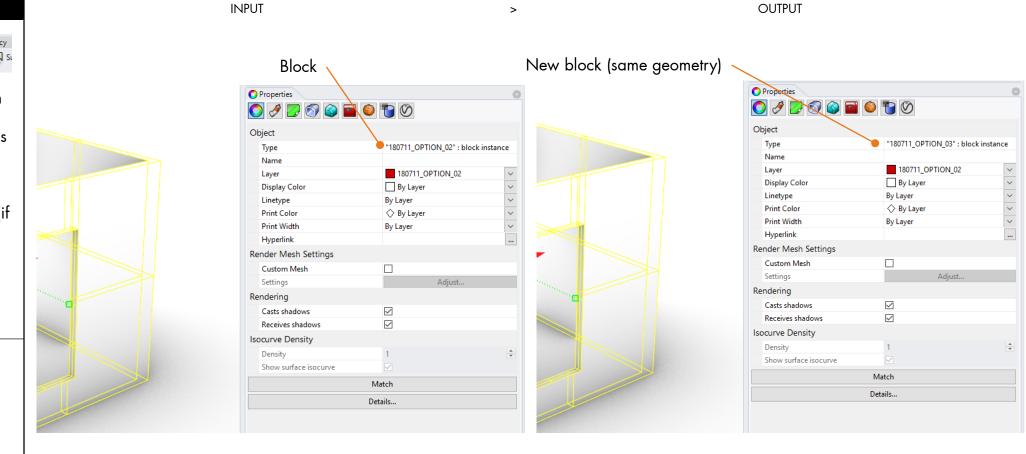


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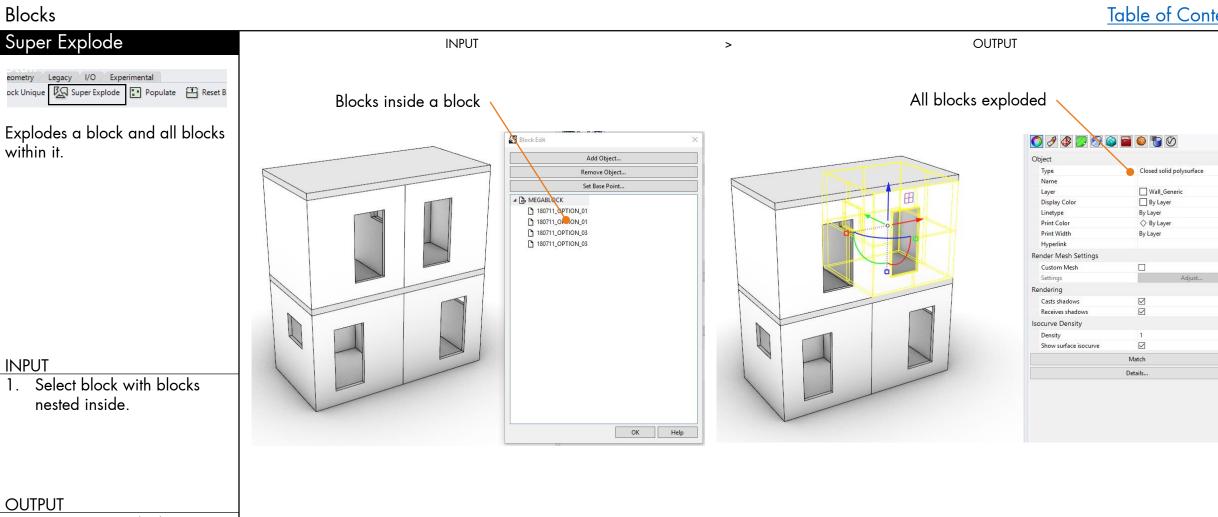


OUTPUT

 New Block with same geometry and origin pt.

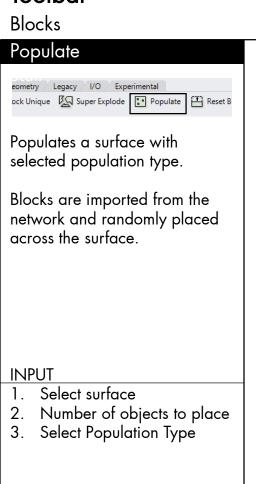


Toolbar



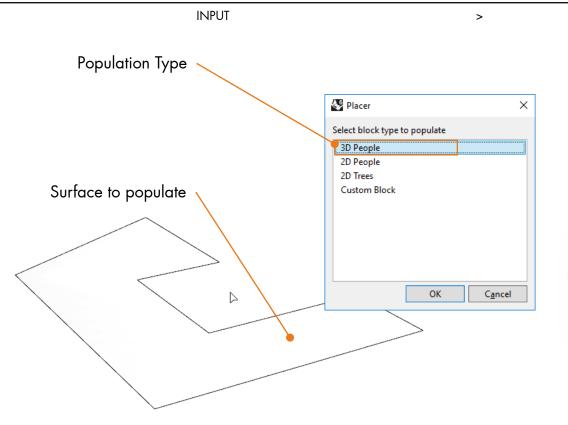
Geometry inside those blocks.

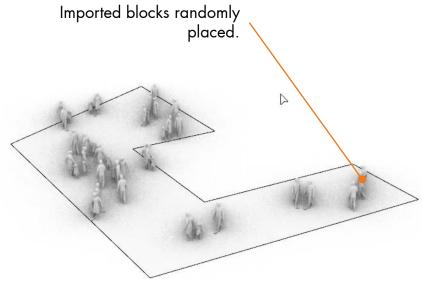
Toolbar



OUTPUT

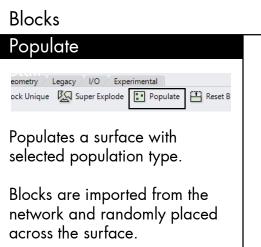
Blocks randomly placed on the surface.





OUTPUT

Toolbar

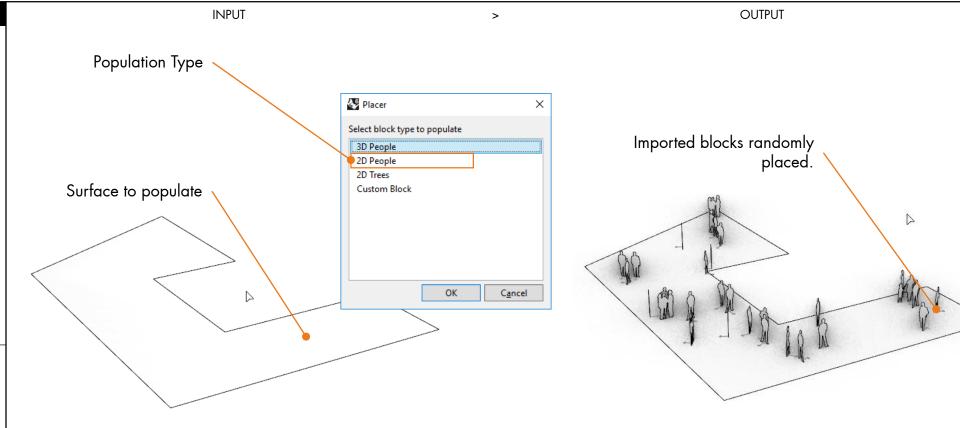




- 1. Select surface
- 2. Number of objects to place
- 3. Select Population Type

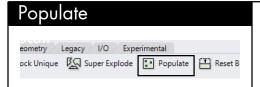
OUTPUT

Blocks randomly placed on the surface.



Toolbar

Blocks



Populates a surface with selected population type.

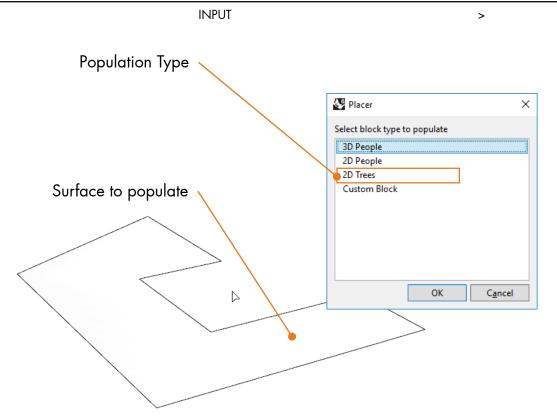
Blocks are imported from the network and randomly placed across the surface.

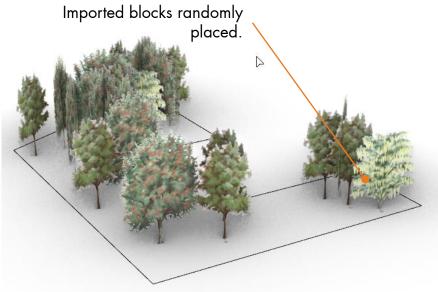
INPUT

- 1. Select surface
- 2. Number of objects to place
- 3. Select Population Type

OUTPUT

Blocks randomly placed on the surface.

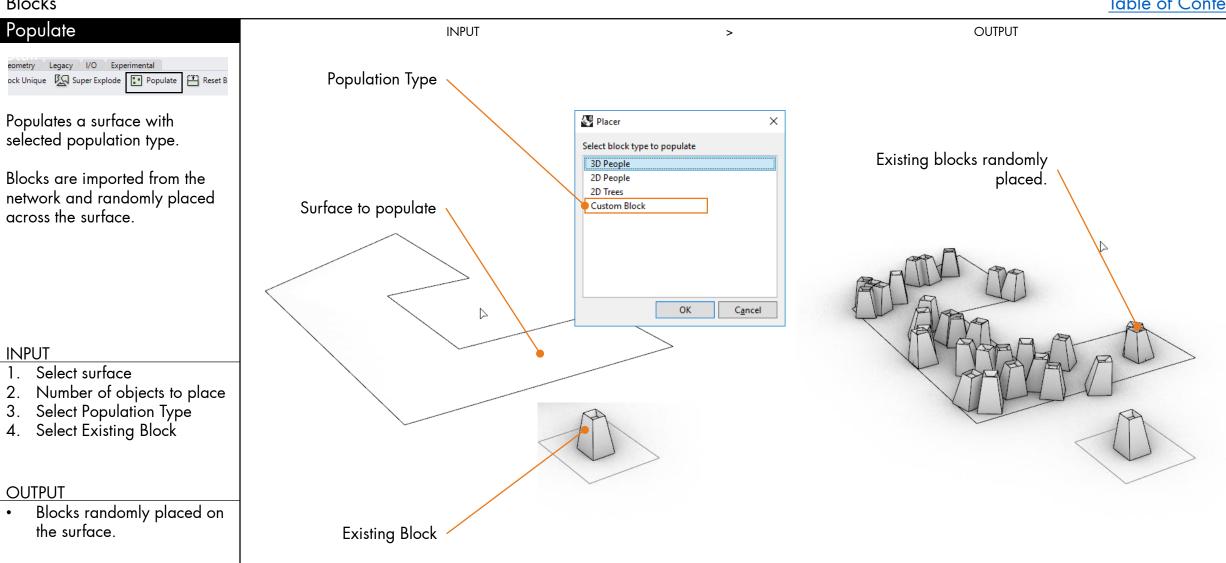




OUTPUT

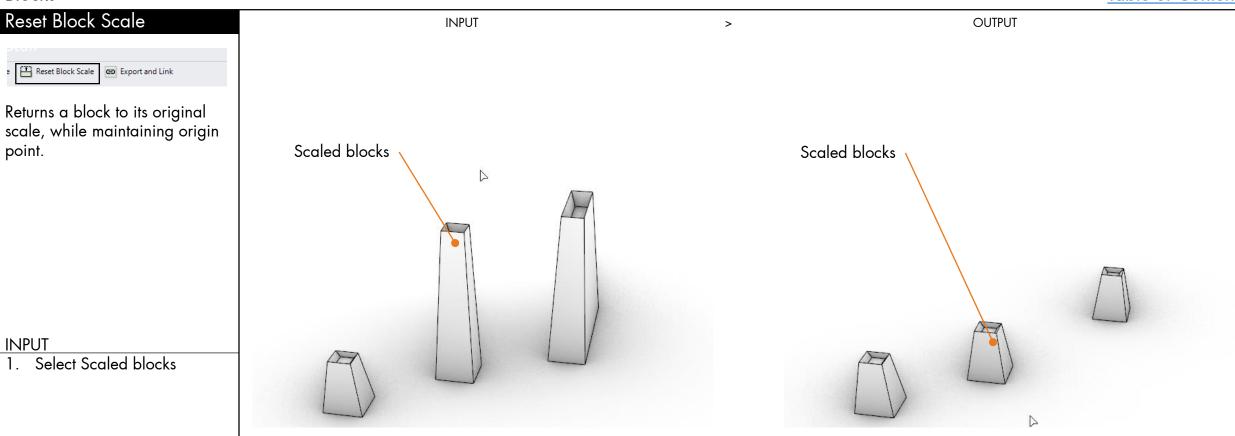
Toolbar

Blocks



Toolbar

Blocks

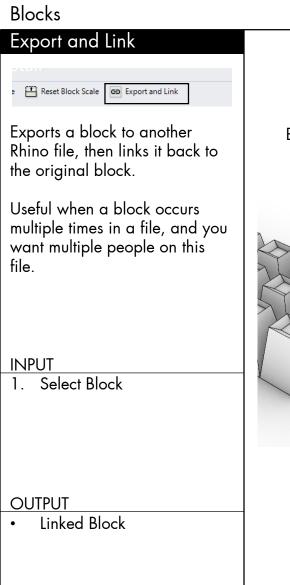


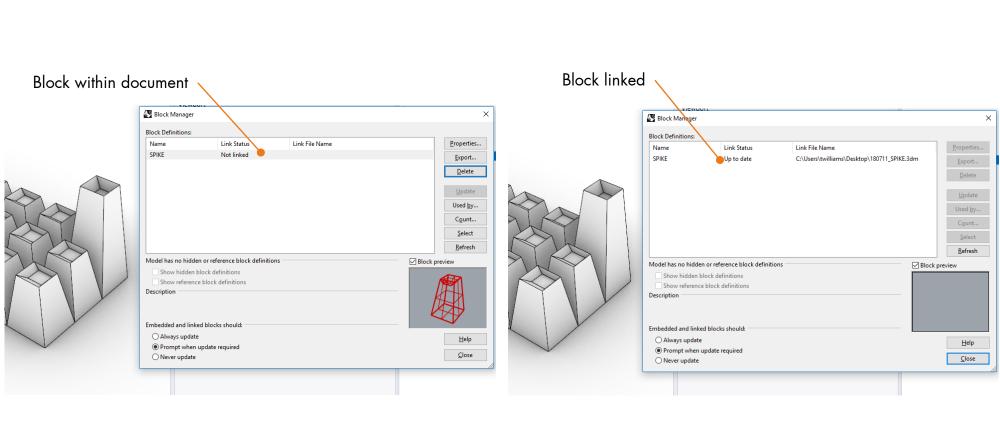
OUTPUT

Blocks at original scale

OUTPUT

Toolbar



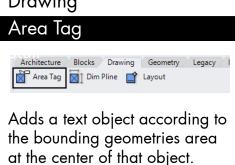


>

INPUT

Toolbar

Drawing



Text object with appear on layer: "8_DRAWING::Text"

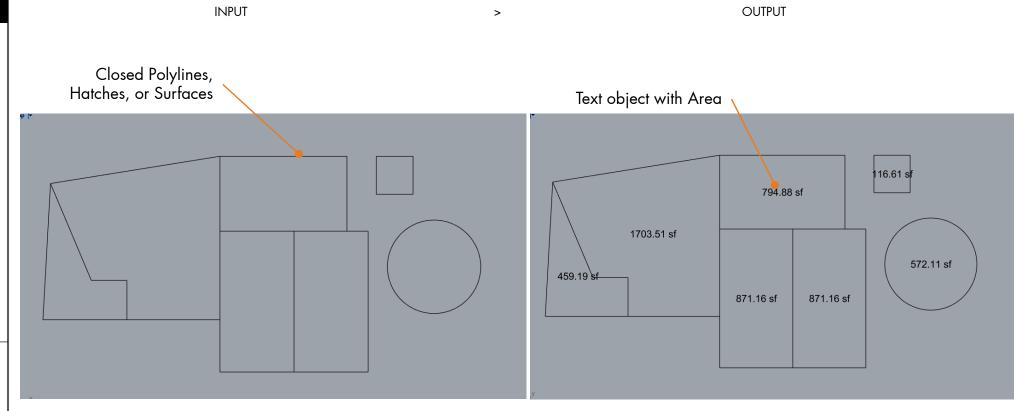
INPUT

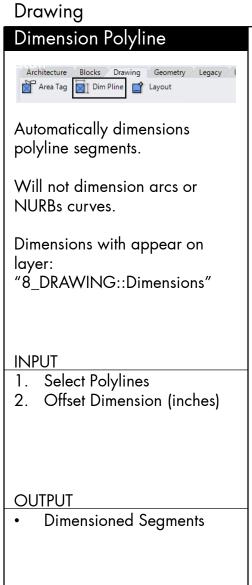
- 1. Select closed planar curves, surfaces, or hatches
- 2. Number of decimal places
 - -1 = X,XXO
 - O = X, XXX
 - 1 = X, XXX.X

OUTPUT

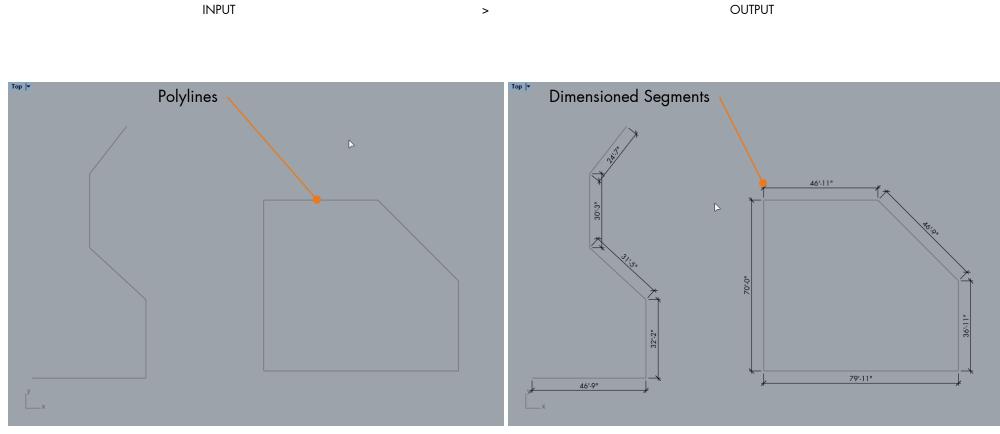
2 = X,XXX.XX

Text object at center of polyline









Toolbar

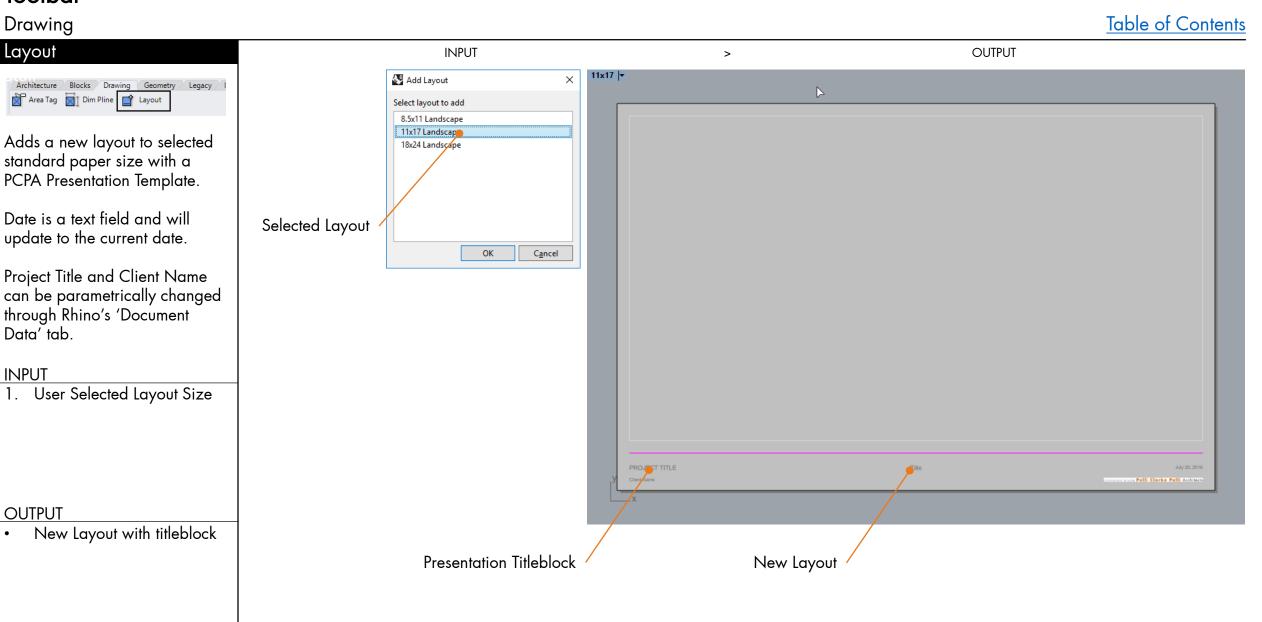
Drawing

Layout

Data' tab.

INPUT

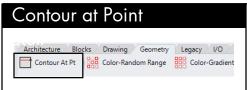
OUTPUT



OUTPUT

Toolbar

Geometry



Cuts input geometry at a designated elevation.

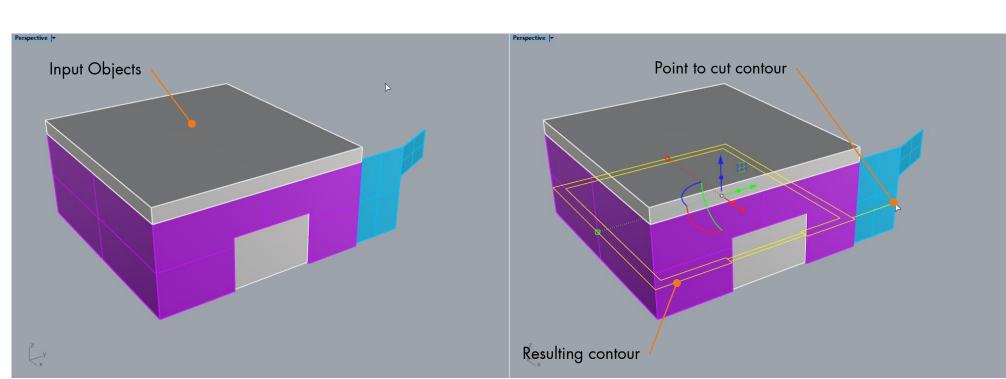
Useful for extracting floor plan cut lines.

INPUT

- 1. Select objects
- 2. Get point to cut contour at

OUTPUT

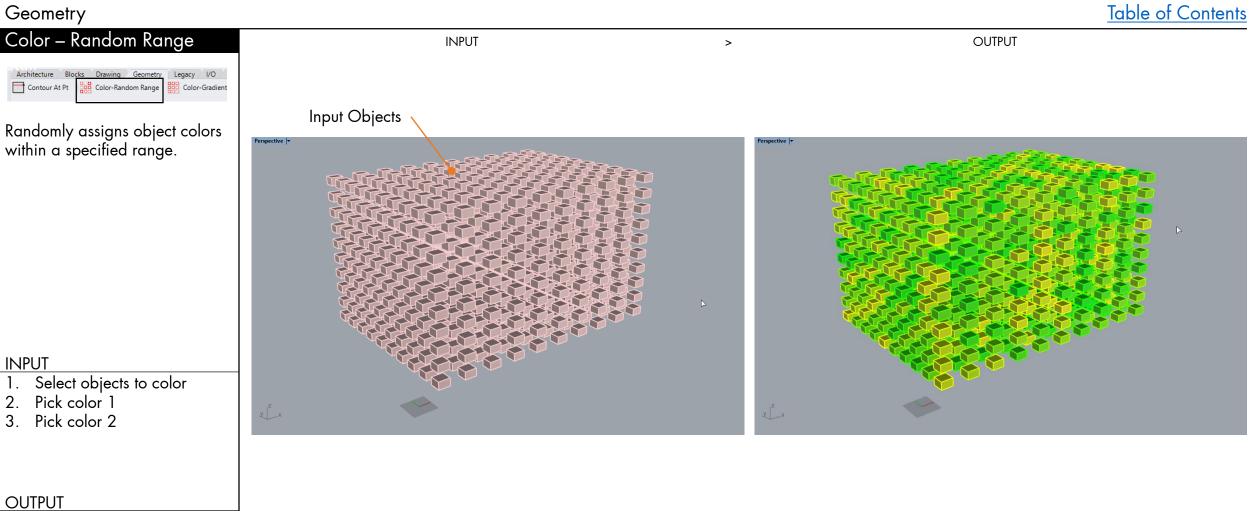
Curves joined and on each original objects layer



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INPUT

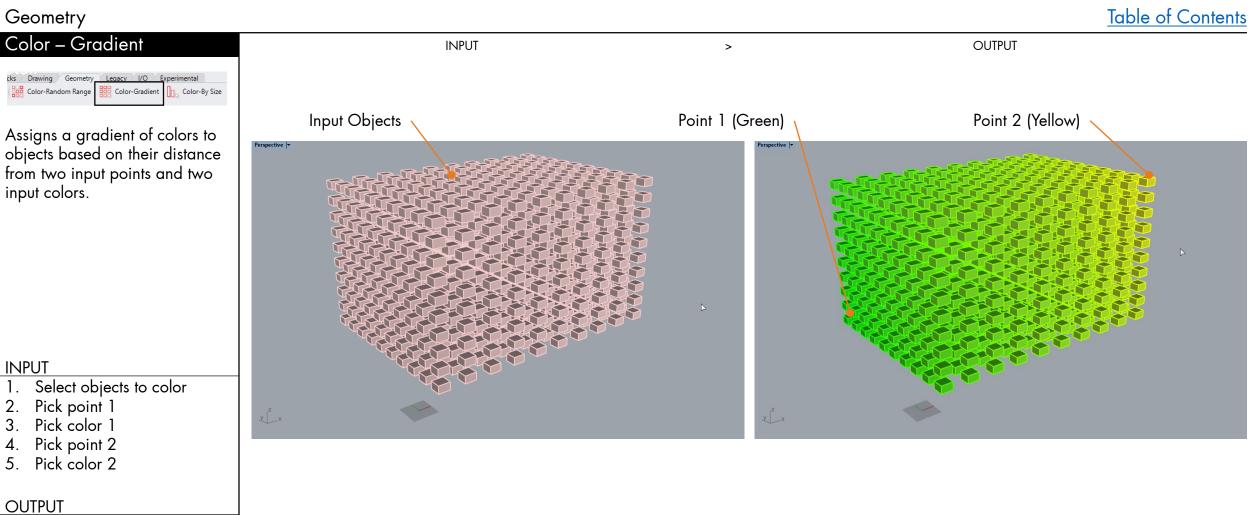
Toolbar



Colored objects

Toolbar

Colored objects



Toolbar

Geometry



Assigns a gradient of colors to objects based on their length, area, or volume (depending on what type of objects are input).

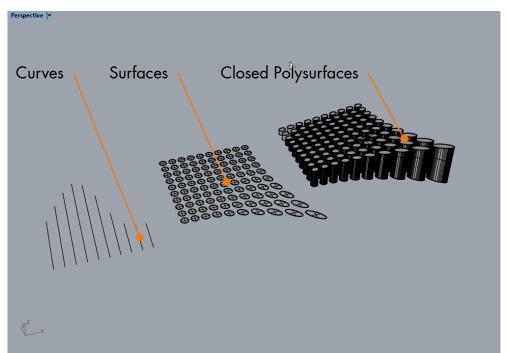
Accepts curves, surface, hatches, polysurfaces and closed breps.

INPUT

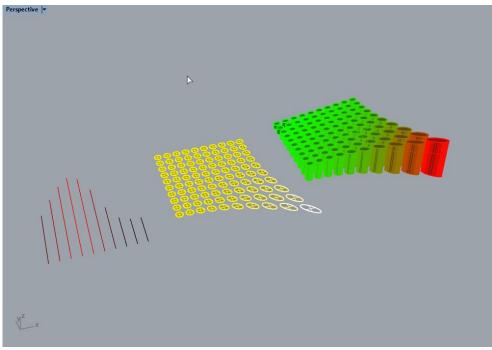
- 1. Select objects to color
- 2. Pick color 1 (Smallest)
- 3. Pick color 2 (Largest)

OUTPUT

Colored objects



INPUT

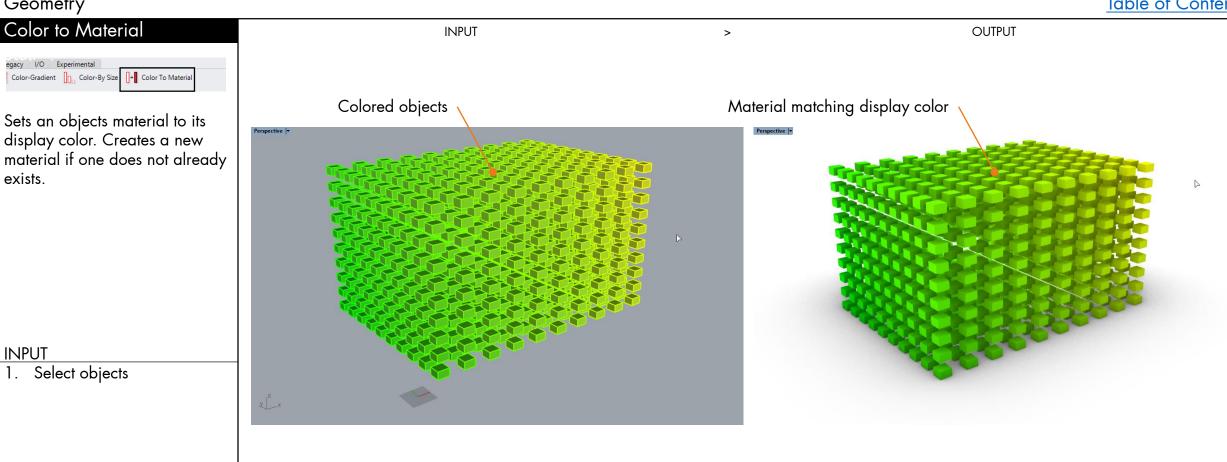


OUTPUT

>

Toolbar

Geometry

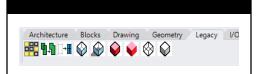


OUTPUT

Objects with colored material

Toolbar

Legacy



Buttons from the first PCPA Toolbar.

Random Unselect

Randomly unselects a percentage of selected objects

Clean Boolean

Macro: Boolean union + Merge all faces

Curve Boolean + Planar

Macro: Curveboolean + Planar Srf

Various PCPA Display ModesChanges display mode to one of the standard PCPA displays

INPUT OUTPUT >

I/O (Input/Output)

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Exports a PNG from the active view with the user selected display modes.

PNG name with be appended with the display mode name.

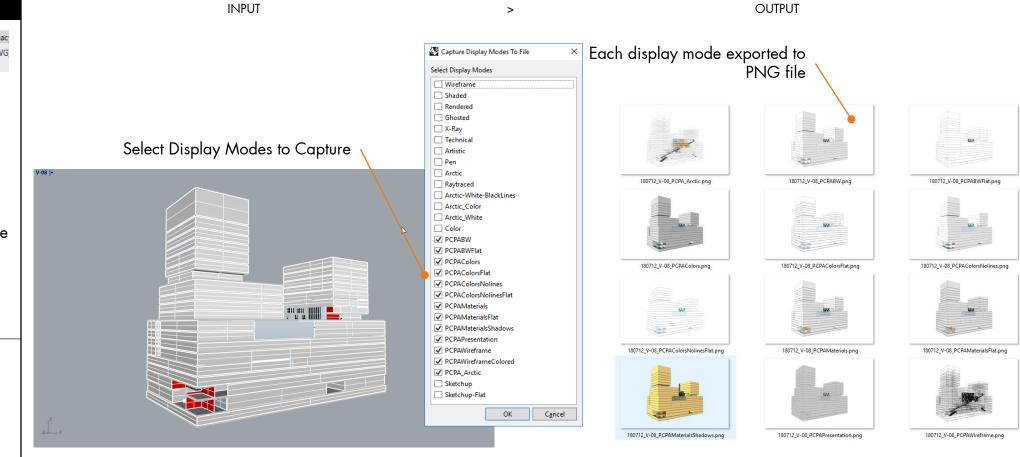
Display modes with PCPA at the front are defaults.

INPUT

- 1. Select display modes
- 2. Output path
- 3. Image Height (pixels)
- 4. Image Width (pixels)

OUTPUT

 PNG for each display mode selected.





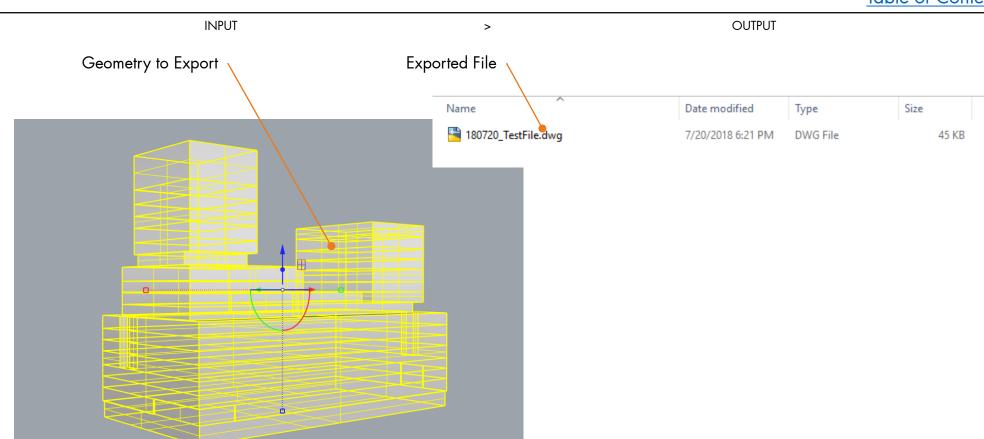




- 1. Select objects
- 2. Choose file path

OUTPUT

DWG file



Toolbar

I/O (Input/Output)





Exports selected objects to SKP format with the layer names prefixed with the date and option name.

SKP Files are preferred because they maintain materials, layer names, and proper geometry.

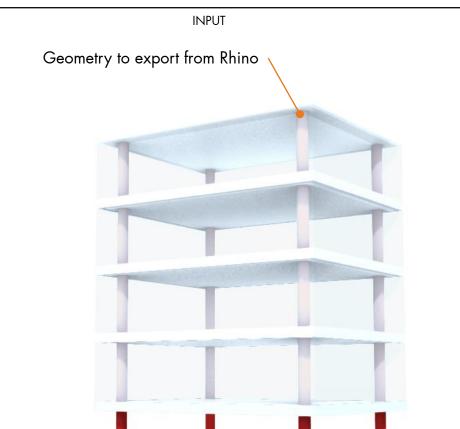
*If mesh settings not ideal, mesh before export.

INPUT

- 1. Select objects
- 2. Choose file path

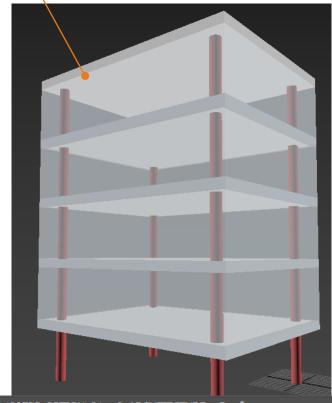
OUTPUT

DWG file



Model in 3ds Max

>



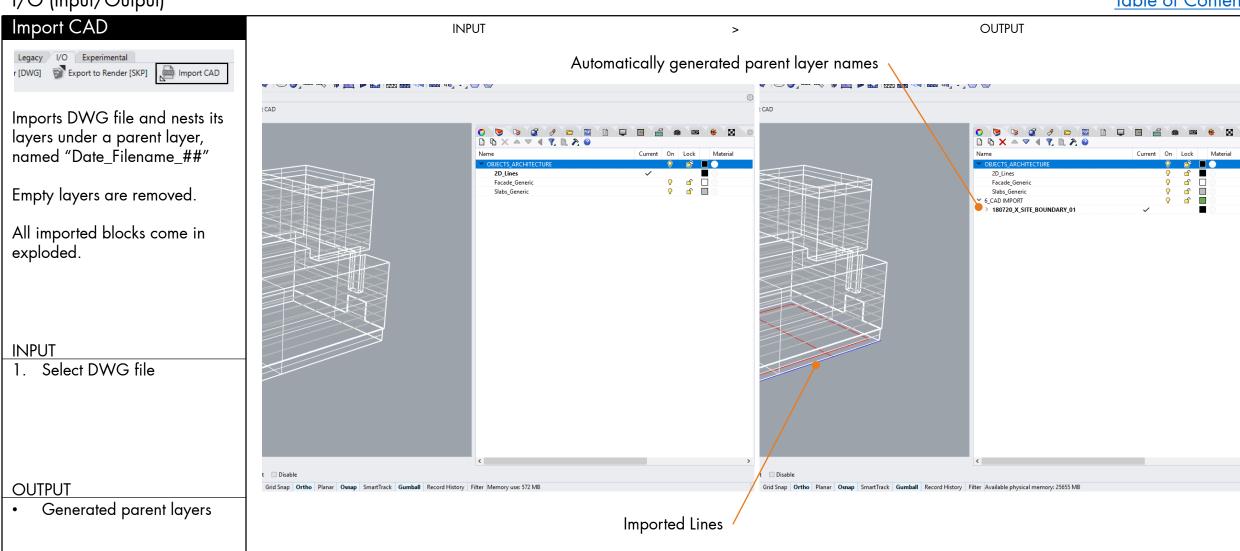
OUTPUT

- ▶ ◆ \$\infty\$ 180725_OPTION_01 > 0_ARCHITECTURE > Roof
- ▶ ◆ \$\infty\$ 180725_OPTION_01 > 0_ARCHITECTURE > Glazing_Vision
- ▶ ❤️ ③ 180725_OPTION_01 > 0_ARCHITECTURE > Glazing_Spandrel
- 180725_OPTION_01 > 0_ARCHITECTURE > Floor

Properly formatted layer names in 3ds Max 'Filename > Rhino Layer Names'

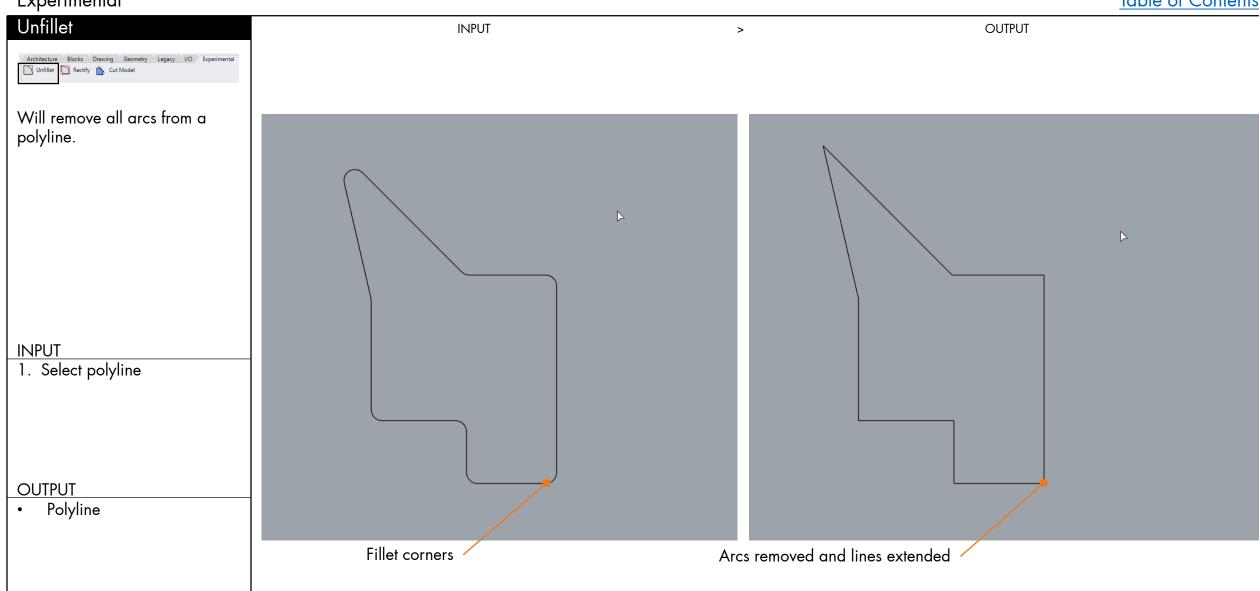
I/O (Input/Output)





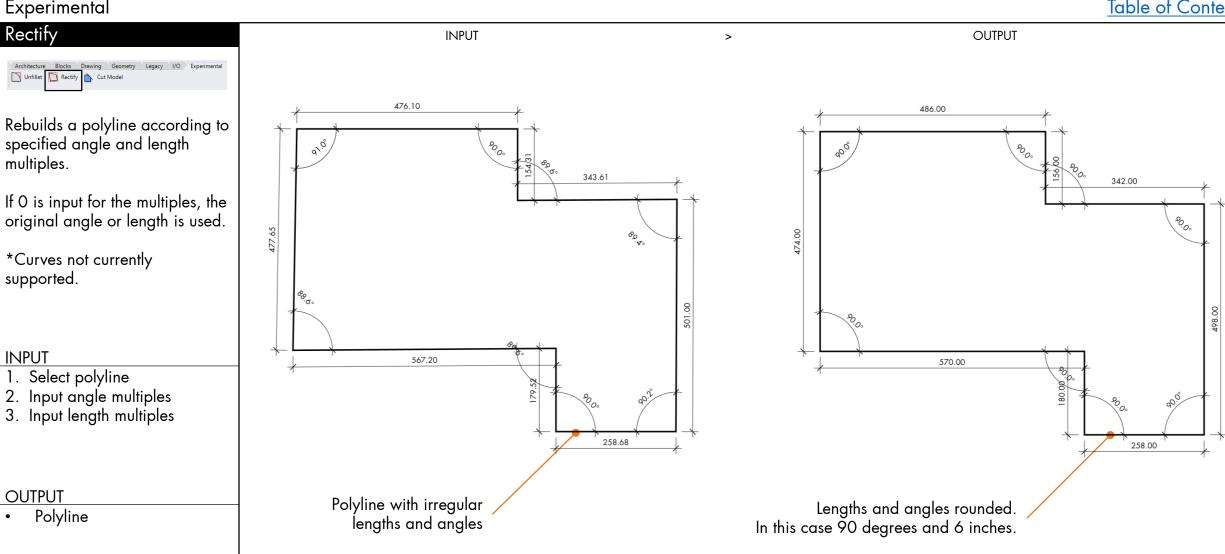
Toolbar

Experimental



Toolbar

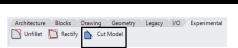
Experimental



Toolbar

Experimental





Trims a model with a surface. Duplicates and hides original geometry.

Creates two groups, one with the remaining geometry, the other with section surfaces created when cutting through solid objects.

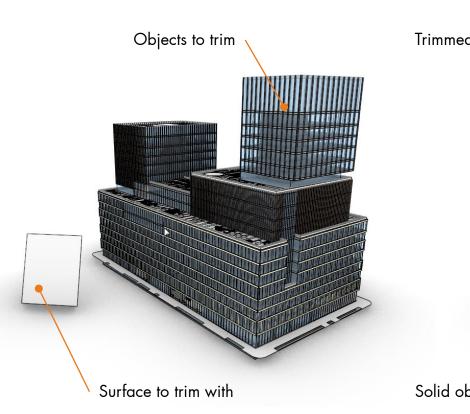
Useful for rendering or make2d exports.

INPUT

- 1. Select objects to trim
- 2. Select surface to trim with

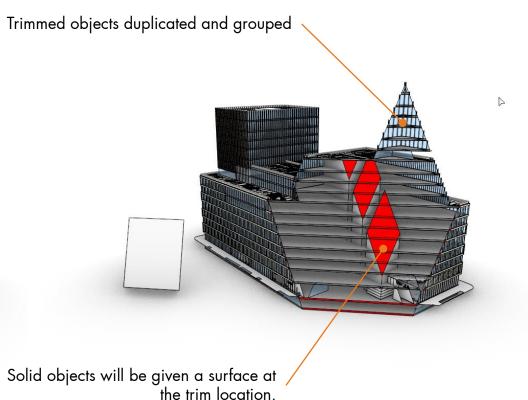
OUTPUT

 Duplicated geometry trimmed by surface plane.



>

INPUT



OUTPUT

Dropdown

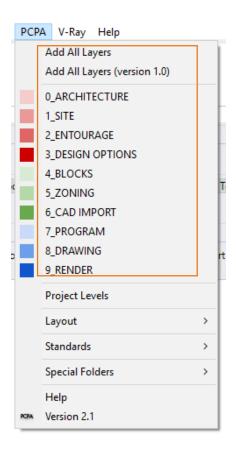
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Dropdown

Layers

PCPA Standard layers can be added to a drawing by choosing either Add All Layers to load all layers, or choosing one of the Root Layers to add just that Root.

This will also import and assign PCPA materials if not already in the document.



Toolbar

Dropdown

Project Levels

Stores level data within the rhino file. Heights and FTF are formulas, responding to changes.

Can enter feet, inches, or decimal.

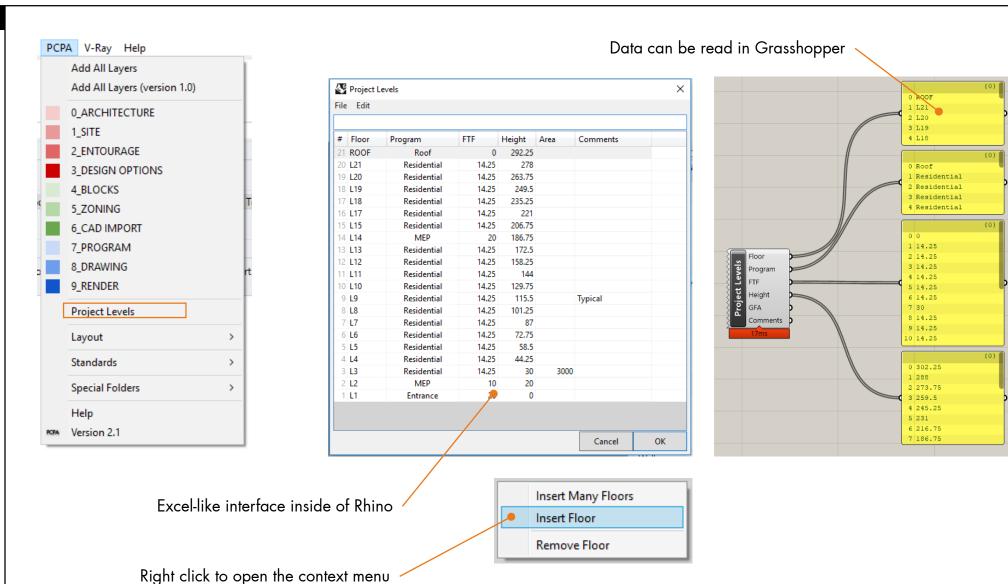
Can copy paste data to Excel (Edit > Copy)

Can import levels from another Rhino file.

(File > Import from 3dm)

Can read level data into Grasshopper.

*This is still experimental and may have errors.



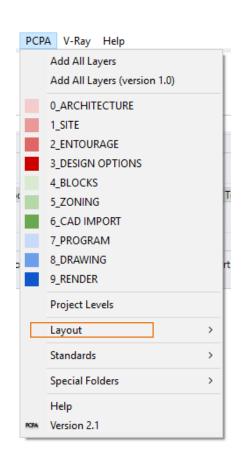
Dropdown

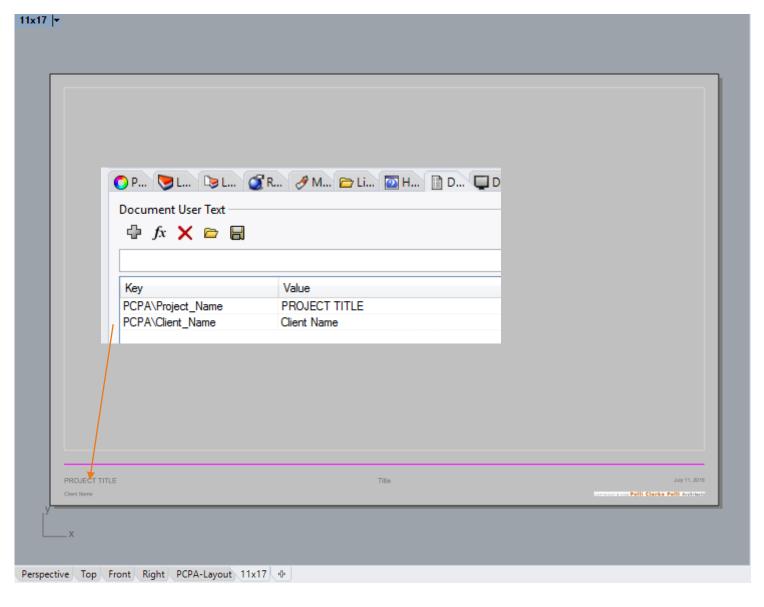
Layout

Adds layout to current file.

Project Name and Client Name reads from Document Data.

Date is text field of the current date and will automatically update.





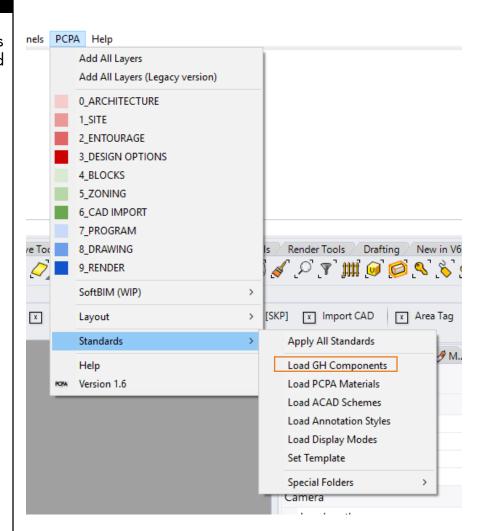
Dropdown

Load GH Components

Loads all PCPA GH Components and PCPA Standard Set (curated collection of useful GH Plugins)

- 1. Close all Rhino Sessions.
- 2. Reopen Rhino
- 3. From the PCPA Dropdown menu, choose Load GH Components
- Many things will then be imported. Some things may fail or say "Broken". Stay calm.
- 5. Open Grasshopper
- *Warnings may appear (depends on how many grasshopper plugins you have already installed). This should only happen the first time you run Load GH Components

Check out the <u>GH Installation</u> <u>Troubleshooting</u> if problems persist



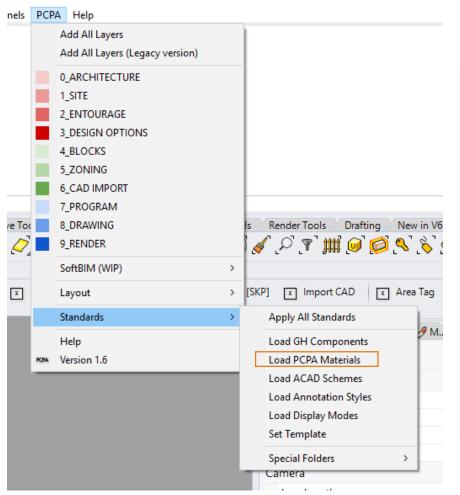


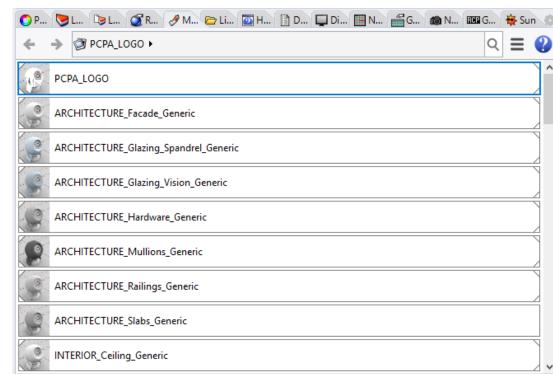
Toolbar

Dropdown

Load PCPA Materials

Loads all standard PCPA Materials into the current file, if they are not already there.



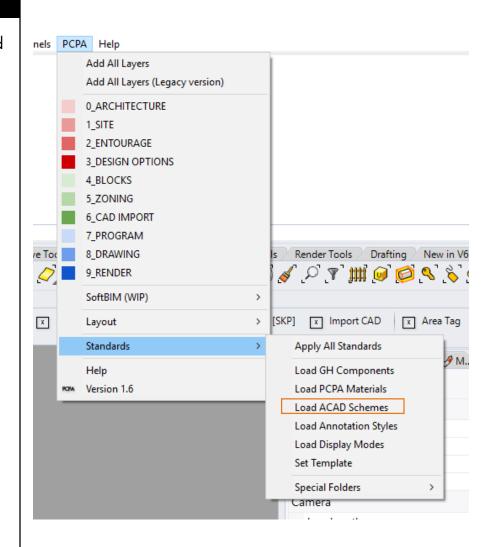


Toolbar

Dropdown

Load ACAD Schemes

Loads all ACAD Schemes (used when exporting to DWG).



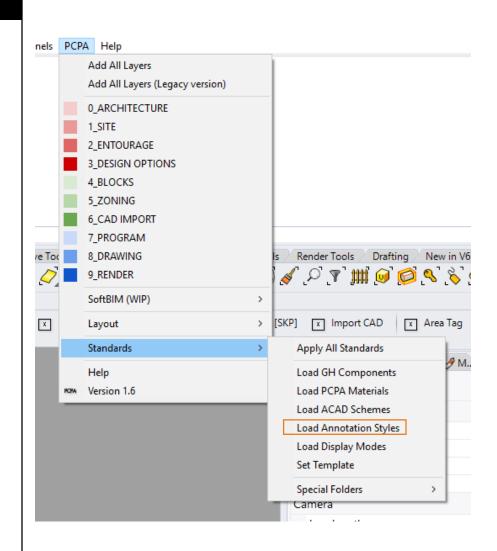
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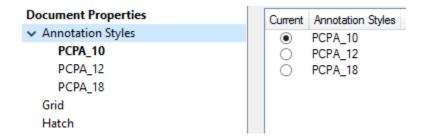
Toolbar

Dropdown

Load Annotation Styles

Loads all standard PCPA Annotation Styles into the current file, if they are not already there.

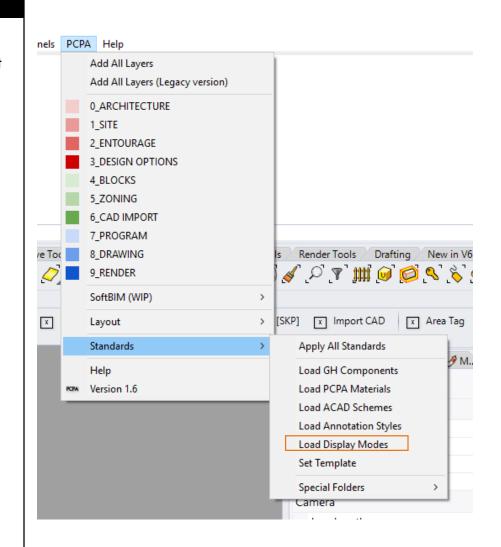


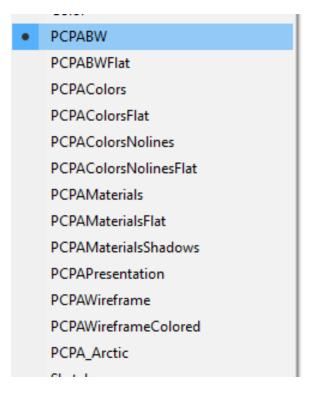


Dropdown

Load Display Modes

Loads all standard PCPA
Display Modes into the current
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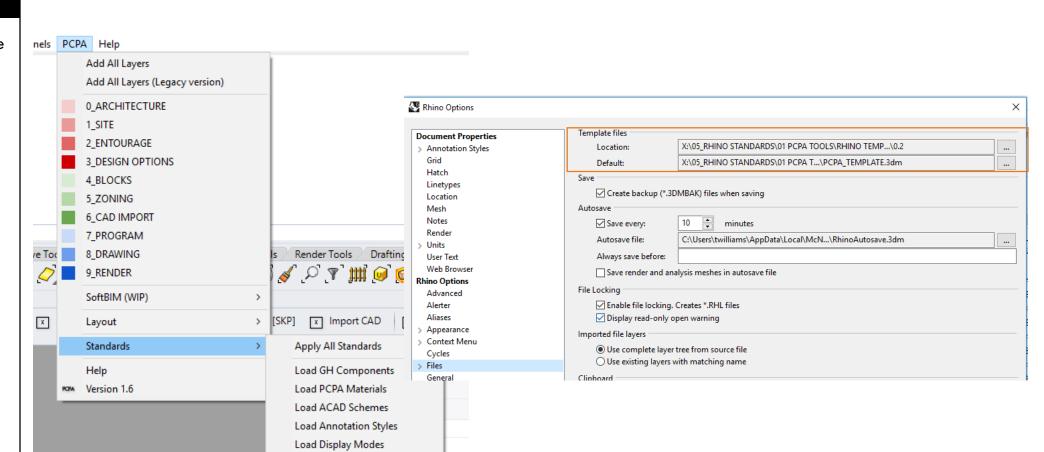


Dropdown

Set Template

Will set the default template file and folder.

Typically only needs to be run once.



Set Template

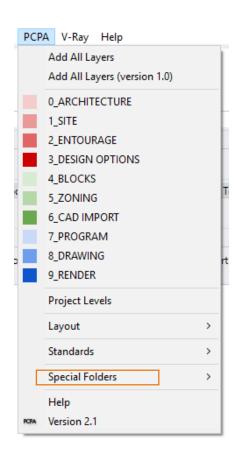
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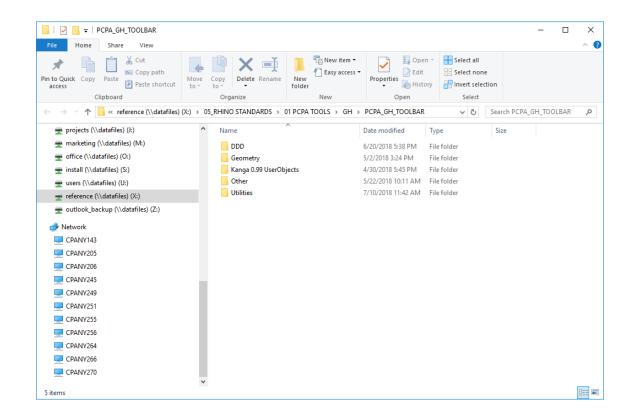
Camera

Dropdown

Special Folders

Will launch the folders containing the relative PCPA standard.

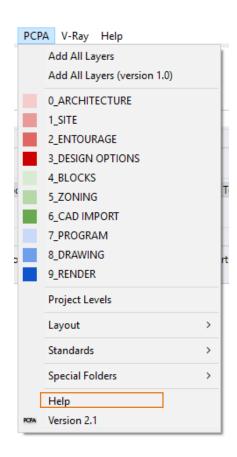


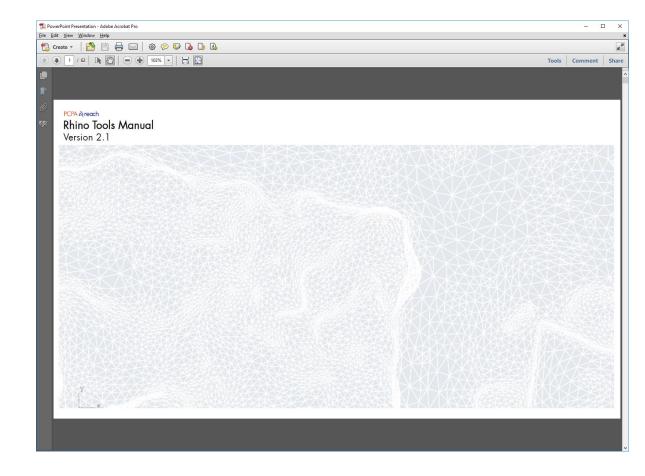


Toolbar Dropdown

Help

Launches this Rhino Manual in a pdf viewer.





PCPA A\ reach

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In order to improve the functionality of the toolbar, user input in these functions is dynamically stored in a file on the network.

Analytics should help us learn:
Which scripts aren't working
Which are popular
Which are unpopular
Which settings should change

Usernames are encrypted for anonymity.

Architecture-Stair					
Date	User	Width	Height	Path	Result
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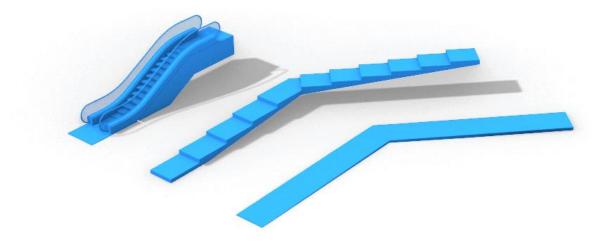
Grasshopper

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Current release contains

- Stair
- Ramp
- Escalator
- Get PCPA Layers
- Get Project Levels
- Rectify
- Unit Check
- reachCampus
- Topography and Site Generator
- Frit Pattern
- And many others...



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ERROR: "FAIL---Could not copy..." Warning

SOLUTION: Close all Rhino sessions and follow the **GH** installation steps again.

Loaded PCPA DDD GH Components
Loaded PCPA Geometry GH Components
Loaded PCPA Kanga 0.99 UserObjects GH Components
Loaded PCPA Utilities GH Components
Loaded PCPA Other GH Components
Loaded PCPA Database GH Components

FAIL----Could not copy dependencies. You must have grasshopper open. Close and reopen Rhino, then run this again.

ERROR: "File Conflict Warning" Warning

SOLUTION: Choose the **Delete** button on the left. For each pop-up

ERROR: "Component ID conflict" Warning

SOLUTION: Choose the **Replace All** button.

If this continues to come up when opening Grasshopper, paste **%appdata%\Grasshopper\Libraries** into windows explorer. Then delete the conflicting file **(00_PCPA Standard Set** should not be deleted).

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ERROR: "RUI File Error" Warning when Rhino Starts

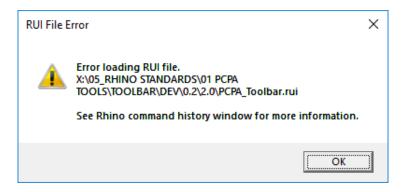
SOLUTION: Drag and drop the toolbar to install again: Toolbar path

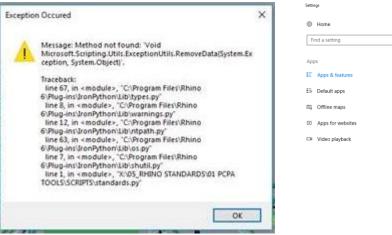
This usually happens when your computer temporarily loses connection to the network when opening Rhino.

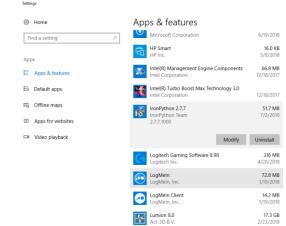
ERROR: "Method Not Found" Warning

SOLUTION: Go to the "Add & Remove Programs page" in Windows Settings. Scroll down and Uninstall "IronPython 2.7.3". Close and reopen Rhino.

*This is a conflict caused when Dynamo has been installed. (Latest versions of Dynamo do not need this to run).







ERROR: "Exception Occured" Warning

SOLUTION: There is a bug in the script. Please send screenshot and description to Tim.



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ERROR: "NVIDIA OpenGL Driver: A TDR has been detected"

SOLUTION: Graphics card cannot process such a large image. Either export as a smaller image or change your NVIDIA settings from default to Dynamic Streaming (as seen here)