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Modelling of Restaurant Using Autocad and Revit Software

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A B S T R A C T

This project focuses on the architectural modeling and interior design of a restaurant using Autodesk Revit software. The aim is to create a detailed, data-rich 3D model that effectively integrates architectural, and interior elements within a single platform. The project involves planning the layout, selecting appropriate materials and furniture, ensuring spatial efficiency, and incorporating essential facilities such as dining areas, kitchen spaces, restrooms, and circulation zones. Revit's tools for parametric design, scheduling, and visualization are employed to simulate real-world construction details and provide accurate project documentation. The model allows for better coordination between disciplines, easier visualization for stakeholders, and streamlined design revisions. This study demonstrates how Revit can enhance design accuracy, reduce project risks, and improve communication in architectural projects.

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INTRODUCTION

The architecture, engineering, and construction (AEC) industry has experienced remarkable advancements with the integration of modern computer-aided design (CAD) and building information modeling (BIM) technologies. Among the most widely adopted tools in this domain are AutoCAD and Autodesk Revit—both recognized as industry benchmarks for their powerful capabilities in drafting, design, and visualization. This project, titled "Modeling a Restaurant Using AutoCAD and Revit Software," focuses on the complete architectural design workflow—from initial concept to detailed visualization—by utilizing the unique strengths of these two platforms.

The core objective of this project is to develop a comprehensive and functional digital model of a restaurant that incorporates key architectural components such as spatial layout, structural elements, interior planning, and service areas. Beyond serving as a visual representation, the model will also deliver valuable data regarding dimensions, materials, and construction specifications.

AutoCAD will be employed in the early stages of the project to produce precise 2D drawings, including floor plans, elevations, and sectional views. These drawings will form the foundation for spatial planning and the functional organization of key zones such as dining areas, kitchens, restrooms, storage spaces, and service corridors.

Building upon the 2D drafts, Autodesk Revit will then be used to develop a detailed 3D model that integrates architectural, structural, and MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing) systems. Revit's BIM capabilities ensure coordinated, consistent modeling while minimizing design errors and automating documentation outputs such as schedules, sections, and renderings. This phase also includes material selection, lighting strategies, and the creation of high-quality visualizations to effectively convey the design intent.

Ultimately, this project not only sharpens technical skills in AutoCAD and Revit but also deepens knowledge of architectural concepts, space planning, and sustainable design strategies. It equips students and professionals alike with practical experience relevant to today's demands in architectural visualization and digital construction methodologies.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of this project is to design and digitally model a restaurant using AutoCAD and Autodesk Revit, emphasizing architectural elements that include indoor dining, outdoor dining, a family party area, a kids' play zone, separate toilets, and a dedicated parking area. The project follows a comprehensive workflow, beginning with detailed spatial planning and 2D drafting in AutoCAD, followed by advanced 3D modeling and visualization in Revit. The goal is to develop a functional, well-zoned, and visually accurate digital model that reflects real-world operational needs and aesthetic considerations. This includes effective layout planning, material application, lighting design, and circulation pathways to ensure comfort, accessibility, and user experience. The project aims to demonstrate technical proficiency with digital design tools while adhering to professional standards for architectural documentation and presentation.

METHODOLOGY

This project employs a structured methodology for modeling a restaurant using AutoCAD and Autodesk Revit, focusing on architectural design, space planning, and visual presentation. The approach emphasizes the integration of traditional 2D drafting with intelligent 3D modeling to produce a complete and realistic architectural representation, without including structural or MEP system components.

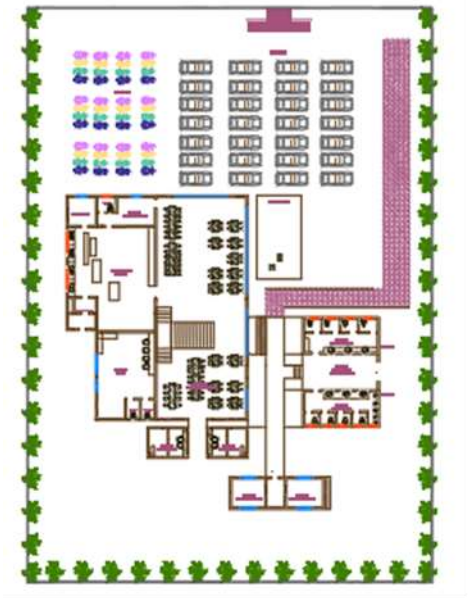
1. Site Analysis and Space Planning

The process begins with a comprehensive review of the design brief and site context. Functional zones within the restaurant—such as the entrance area, main dining space, kitchen, restrooms, storage areas, and staff service corridors—are defined based on circulation flow, usability, and compliance with design standards. This stage ensures efficient space utilization and logical zoning for operational functionality.

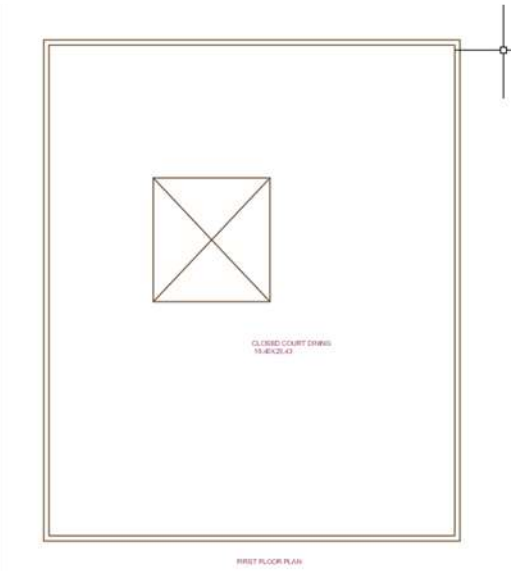
2. 2D Drafting Using AutoCAD

AutoCAD is used to create detailed two-dimensional architectural drawings. These include scaled floor plans, elevations, and sections, developed with careful attention to dimensions, layering, annotations, and architectural symbols. The use of AutoCAD allows for high precision in the spatial layout, helping ensure that the design adheres to regulatory guidelines and basic ergonomic principles.

FLOOR PLANS DONE IN AUTOCAD



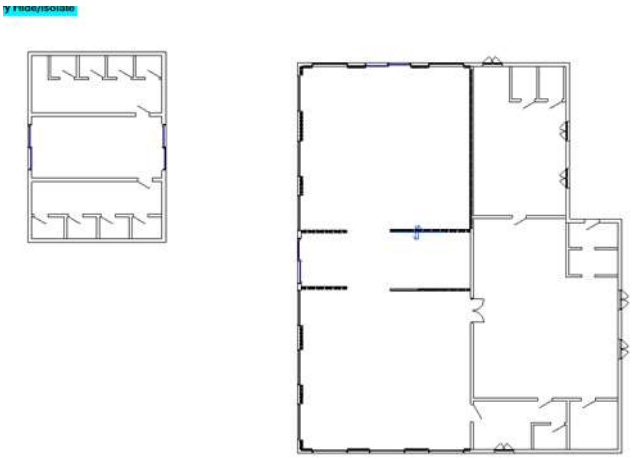
GROUND FLOOR PLAN



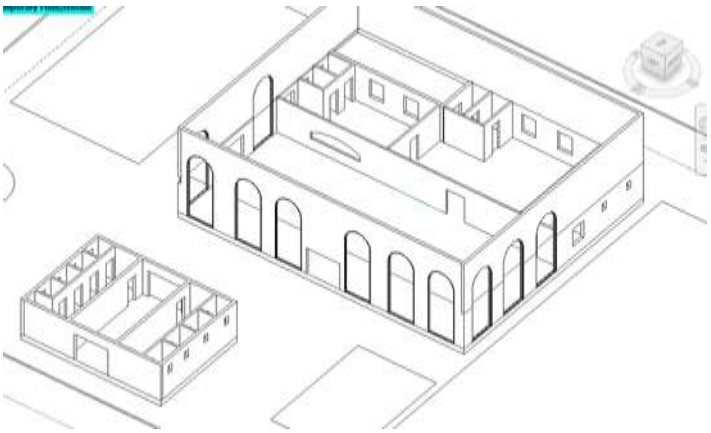
FIRST FLOOR PLAN

3. Transition to 3D Modeling in Revit

Once the 2D design is finalized, the drawings are imported into Autodesk Revit for the development of a comprehensive 3D model. Revit's parametric tools allow for the creation of architectural components such as walls, floors, ceilings, windows, doors, and stairs. These elements are modeled with accurate proportions and materials, providing a realistic visual and spatial representation of the restaurant.



WALL ARE GENERATED IN REVIT SOFTWARE



3D VIEW OF WALLS

4. Interior Design and Detailing

The interior layout is further developed in Revit with the placement of furniture, fixtures, and kitchen equipment. Custom Revit families or standard library elements are used to populate the interior spaces, supporting design accuracy and visual completeness. Material textures are applied to surfaces to reflect actual finishes, enhancing the realism of the model.

INTERIOR VIEW GENERATED IN ENSCAPE

5. Lighting and Rendering

Lighting schemes are added using Revit's tools to simulate both natural and artificial lighting. This step supports the evaluation of interior ambiance and highlights the architectural aesthetics of the space. Revit's rendering engine is then used to generate high-quality images and walkthroughs, providing stakeholders with immersive views of the final design.

6. Documentation and Output

Revit is further utilized to produce construction-ready documentation, including floor plans, elevations, sections, legends, and basic schedules (such as door and window schedules). These outputs assist in presenting a professional architectural set suitable for academic or preliminary design review purposes.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The completion of the restaurant modeling project using AutoCAD and Autodesk Revit resulted in a detailed and coherent digital representation that successfully integrates all key architectural and functional elements. The 2D drafting phase in AutoCAD established a precise foundation with clear floor plans, elevations, and sectional views that accurately reflected the spatial organization of indoor dining, outdoor dining, family party area, kids' play zone, separate toilets, and parking spaces. This stage ensured that all areas complied with accessibility requirements and ergonomic standards, providing a logical and efficient layout.

Transitioning the 2D plans into Revit allowed for the development of an intelligent 3D model that enhanced the design's realism and functionality. The parametric modeling environment enabled accurate placement of architectural components with embedded data, facilitating easy modifications and ensuring consistency throughout the project. The addition of detailed interior elements, material finishes, and lighting design further contributed to the visual richness and usability of the model.

The outdoor family party area and kids' play zone were effectively integrated into the site plan, promoting a welcoming environment that caters to diverse user groups and enhances the overall customer experience. Separate toilet facilities and a dedicated parking area were carefully planned to optimize convenience and operational flow, reflecting practical considerations essential in real-world restaurant design.

Visualization through realistic rendering and walkthroughs improved communication of the design intent to stakeholders, allowing for better evaluation and feedback. The automated generation of documentation and schedules in Revit streamlined the production of construction-ready drawings, supporting efficient project delivery.

EXTERIOR RENDERED VIEW OF RESTURANT

INTERIOR MODELLING OF RESTAURANT

BAR COUNTER

STAIRCASE

FINE DINNING AREA

PARKING AREA

CONCLUSION

This project successfully demonstrated the effective use of AutoCAD and Autodesk Revit in the architectural design and digital modeling of a restaurant, incorporating essential spaces such as indoor and outdoor dining areas, a family party zone, kids' play area, separate toilets, and dedicated parking. The integration of precise 2D drafting with intelligent 3D BIM modeling provided a comprehensive workflow that enhanced design accuracy, spatial organization, and visualization quality.

The use of AutoCAD in the initial drafting phase ensured detailed and code-compliant floor plans, while Revit's parametric modeling and rendering capabilities allowed for the creation of a realistic and data-rich 3D model. This approach facilitated efficient design iteration, clear communication of architectural intent, and automated generation of documentation essential for construction planning.

By focusing exclusively on architectural components, the project highlighted the importance of functional zoning, user comfort, and aesthetic appeal in restaurant design. Overall, the project not only strengthened technical proficiency with industry-standard tools but also underscored the value of integrated digital workflows in modern architectural practice, preparing users for real-world design and presentation challenges.

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