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Foundations

Structural foundations are created using concrete walls, columns, and footings. Revit[®] includes standard tools for creating walls and columns in several different materials, as well as specific tools for adding footings.

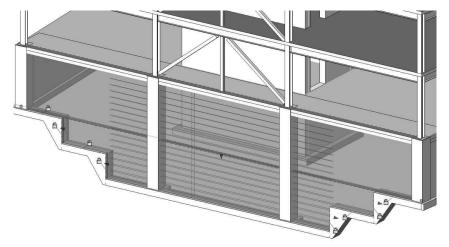
Learning Objectives

- Create walls that can be used in foundations.
- Add bearing and retaining wall footings under the walls.
- Create column types to be used as piers and pilasters.
- Place isolated footings under the columns.

7.1 Modeling Walls

Walls in Revit are more than just two lines on a plan. They are full 3D elements that store detailed information, including height, thickness, and materials. This means they are useful in 2D and 3D views. Structural walls (as shown in Figure 7–1) are bearing walls that can act as exterior, foundation, retaining, and shaft walls.

- Walls also impact material takeoff schedules.
- Walls are a system family that is predefined in the Revit template file and cannot be loaded in from an external location or saved out to a external location.
- Walls can be customized to suit your company needs, if necessary.





There are three broad categories of walls:

- *Basic walls:* Compound walls that contain one or more layers (e.g., blocks, air space, bricks, etc.).
- Curtain walls: Walls that are divided horizontally and vertically into a grid system.
- *Stacked walls*: Consist of two or more basic walls stacked vertically, such as a brick wall over a concrete wall.

Wall Cross-Section

The *Cross-Section* for the basic wall category can be modified to be **Vertical**, **Slanted**, or **Tapered**, as shown in Figure 7-2.

Properties		3
Basic Wall Foundation - 12" Co	ncrete	
Walls (1)	→ 🛱 Edit	Тур
Constraints		*
Location Line	Wall Centerline	
Base Constraint	T.O. Footing	
Base Offset	0' 0"	
Base is Attached		
Base Extension Distance	0' 0"	
Top Constraint	Up to level: Level 1	
Unconnected Height	10' 0"	
Top Offset	0' 0"	
Top is Attached		
Top Extension Distance	O' O"	
Room Bounding		
Related to Mass		
Cross-Section Definition		*
Cross-Section	Vertical	
Structural		*
Structural		
Structural Usage	Bearing	
Rebar Cover - Exterior Face	Exterior - #3 to #5 <0' - 1 1/2">	
Rebar Cover - Interior Face	Interior (slabs, walls, joists) - #3 to #11	
Rebar Cover - Other Faces	Interior (framing, columns) <0' - 1 1/2">	
Dimensions		*
Length	75' 10 231/256"	
Area	731.46 SF	
Volume	731.46 CF	

Figure 7-2

Vertical Wall

All walls are drawn by default as a vertical wall and are at a 0° vertical when comparing it to a slanted wall type.

Note: If you change a wall's cross-section to **Tapered** and adjust the settings for the tapered wall, then you will see only the Tapered wall types displayed in the Type Selector. If you need to draw a vertical or slanted wall after the tapered wall is drawn, you will need to set the cross-section back to **Vertical** or **Slanted** so that you can see all the wall types in the Type Selector.

Slanted Wall

You can draw a slanted wall type and specify the **Angle From Vertical** degree value in Properties. The slant degree needs to be within -90° to 90°. You can also change a vertically drawn wall to a slanted wall type. If there are any doors, door openings or window added to the wall, you will need to select those objects and, in Properties, specify their *Orientation*. The direction to which the wall has been drawn (right to left or left to right) will determine the direction the angle will go. Figure 7–3 shows that when drawing from left to right the wall slant will go in the negative direction, and drawing from right to left the slant wall goes in the positive direction.

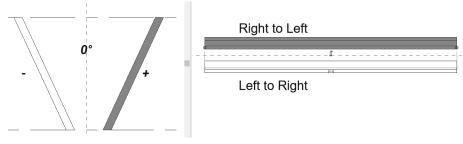


Figure 7-3

- Slanted walls can be modified in a plan, 3D, section, and perspective views.
- You can create a slanted wall with curved, circle, arc, polygon, or elliptical paths.
- If the angle is not going in the correct direction, + or -, you can add a (negative) symbol in front of the degree value in Properties.

Tapered Wall

You can create a tapered wall from any wall type except walls with sweeps and reveals. You must first edit the structure of the wall to set the variable thickness for the available wall layers. If not, you are prompted to set this before drawing the wall, as shown in Figure 7-4.

Revit	×
This wall's type is not compatible tapered cross-section. Set a layer i type to have variable thickness.	
	Close

Figure 7-4

• To set the default angles of the tapered wall, in Type Properties, you can set the *Default Exterior* and *Interior Angle*.

• If you have multiple instances of the same tapered wall type, you can select a tapered wall, and in Properties, override the angles by selecting the **Override Type Properties** option and also setting the *Exterior Angle* and *Interior Angle*, as shown in Figure 7–5.

Cross-Section	Tapered
Override Type Properties	
Exterior Angle	5.00°
Interior Angle	0.00°

- Curtain walls and stacked wall types cannot be tapered.
- If doors, door openings, or windows are placed in a tapered wall, you can specify the orientation of the door and wall.

Wall Display per View

You can alter the way a wall is displayed in the active view by setting the *Detail Level*, as shown in Figure 7–6. You can also override the visibility settings of all walls in a view by opening the Visibility/Graphic Overrides dialog box and modifying the wall category. To change the way selected walls display in the active view, you would override the setting for graphics in view by element.

• To display the hatching in all walls in the active view where a wall is being cut through, in the View Control Bar, set the *Detail Level* to **Coarse**, **Medium** or **Fine**, as shown in Figure 7–6.

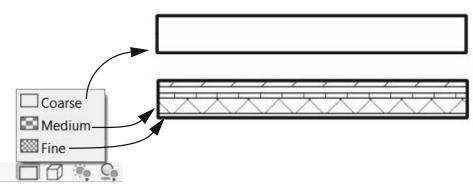


Figure 7–6

• To access the Visibility/Graphic Overrides dialog box to change all walls in a view, go to the

View tab>Graphics panel and click \boxed{III} (Visibility/Graphics), or type **VG** or **VV**. You can uncheck **Non-Core Layers** (as shown in Figure 7–7) to only view the core layer in the view. This overrides all walls in the view.

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Figure 7–7

To modify a single or a select few walls in the view, select the walls, right-click, and select
 Override Graphics in View>By Element, as shown in Figure 7–8.

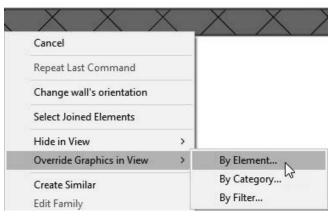
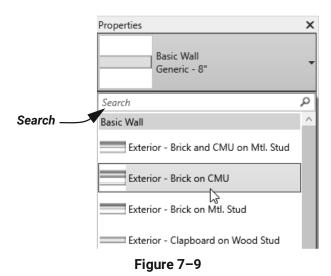


Figure 7–8

How To: Model a Wall

- **1.** In the *Structure* tab>Structure panel, click \square (Wall: Structural), or type **WA**.
 - Architectural walls (which are created with the **Wall: Architectural** command) are typically non-bearing walls, such as curtain walls and partitions. They do not display when the view *Discipline* is set to **Structural**.
- 2. In the Type Selector, select a wall type, as shown in Figure 7–9. You can use the search box to quickly find specific types of walls.



- **3.** In Properties, set the *Cross-Section* to **Vertical**, **Slanted**, or **Tapered**, depending on the wall you need to create, as shown in Figure 7–10. Specify the Properties and Type Properties as needed. If this is not set at the beginning of drawing a wall, the last cross-section used will be the default.
 - If you set the *Cross-Section* to **Slanted**, you are able to set the *Angle From Vertical* degree, as shown in Figure 7–10.

Properties		×
Basic Wall Interior - 4 7/	8" Partition (1-hr)	-
Walls (1)	~	🗄 Edit Type
Constraints		* ^
Location Line	Wall Centerline	
Base Constraint	Floor 2	
Base Offset	0' 0"	
Base is Attached		
Base Extension Distance	0' 0"	
Top Constraint	Up to level: Floor 3	
Unconnected Height	11' 0"	
Top Offset	-1' 0"	
Top is Attached		
Top Extension Distance	0' 0"	
Room Bounding	\checkmark	
Related to Mass		
Cross-Section Definition		\$
Cross-Section	Slanted	
Angle From Vertical	0.00°	
Structural		*
Structural		~
Properties help	····	Apply

Figure 7–10

- If you set the *Cross-Section* to **Tapered**, you will get a warning about the wall type. You must first edit the structure of the wall before setting the *Cross-Section* to **Tapered**.
 - **a.** With the wall type selected, click **Edit Type** in Properties.
 - **b.** Click **Edit...** next to *Structure*.

c. In the Edit Assembly dialog box, select the option in the *Variable* column (as shown in Figure 7–11) for the layer that you want tapered.

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mil	ly:	Basic Wall				
pe	5	Generic - 6" Tap	ered			
Total thickness:		0' 6" (Default)		Sample Height: 2		20'0"
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eri	mal Mass:	0.0000 BTU/(ft	1.0F)			
a	yers					
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	Core Bounda	Layers Below	0' 0"			
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Figure 7–11

- d. Click OK.
- e. In the Type Properties dialog box, you will now have the ability to set the *Cross Section Properties*, as shown in Figure 7–12.

Parameter	Value	=	^
Construction		\$	
Structure	Edit		
Wrapping at Inserts	Do not wrap		
Wrapping at Ends	None		
Width	0' 6"		
Function	Exterior		
Cross Section Properties		\$	Ì.
Default Exterior Angle	0.00°		i.
Default Interior Angle	0.00°		
Width Measured At	Тор		
Graphics		\$	ľ
Coarse Scale Fill Pattern			
Coarse Scale Fill Color	Black		
Materials and Finishes		\$	Ĩ
Structural Material	<by category=""></by>		j.
Analytical Properties		\$	Ĩ
Heat Transfer Coefficient (U)			
Thermal Resistance (R)			
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Figure 7–12

4. In the Options Bar (shown in Figure 7–13), specify the following information about the wall before you start modeling:

Modify Place Wall	Heigh 👻 Level 2 👻 10' 0"	Location	Line: Core Centerlin 🏠	🗹 Chain	Offset: 0' 0"	🗌 Radius:	1' 0"	Join Status: Allow	*
Basic Wall Exterior - Br	rick on Mtl. Stud	× [Let Wall Centerline Core Centerline Finish Face: Exterior Finish Face: Interior Core Face: Exterior Core Face: Interior			1			

Figure 7–13

- *Height:* Set the height of a wall to either **Unconnected** (with a specified height) or to a level.
- Location Line: Set the justification of the wall using the options shown above in Figure 7–13.
- Chain: Enables you to model multiple connected walls.
- **Offset:** Enables you to enter the distance at which a new wall is created from an existing element.
- Radius: Adds a curve of a specified radius to connected walls as you model.
- Join Status: Allow or Disallow automatic wall joins.
- 5. In the *Modify* | *Place Wall* tab>Draw panel (shown in Figure 7–14), select one of the options to create the wall.

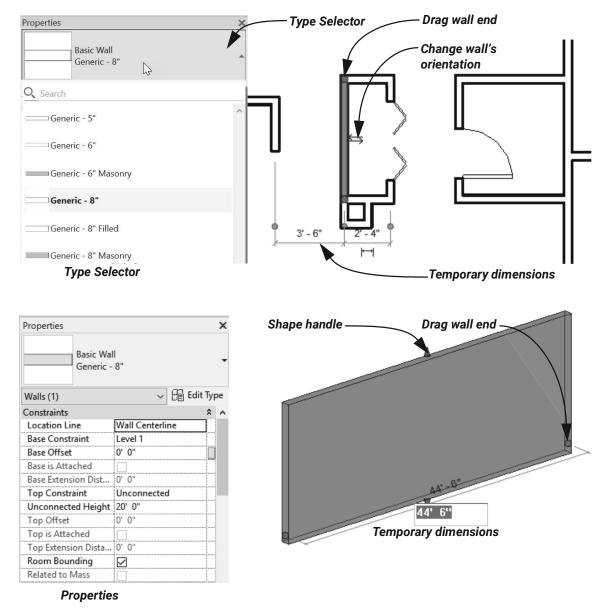


Figure 7-14

- Use alignment lines, temporary dimensions, and snaps to place the walls.
- As you are sketching, you can press <Spacebar> to flip the orientation of compound walls.
- When using the *Chain* option, press <Esc> once to finish the string of walls and remain in the **Wall** command or press <Esc> twice to get out of the wall command completely. Hint: <Esc> works similarly on other commands.

7.2 Modifying Walls

There are several methods of modifying walls. You can change the type of wall using the Type Selector, modify the Properties, use controls and shape handles to modify the length and wall orientation, and use temporary and permanent dimensions to change the location or length of a wall in 2D and 3D views, as shown in Figure 7–15. Additional tools enable you to modify wall joins, edit the profile of a wall, and add wall openings.





Modifying Slanted and Tapered Walls

Modifying a slanted or tapered wall is similar to modifying a vertical wall type with the exception of modifying the angle.

 When modifying a slanted wall type, you have the ability to modify the Drag Wall Slant grip or modify the temporary dimension in a 3D, section, elevation, or isometric view, as shown in Figure 7–16.

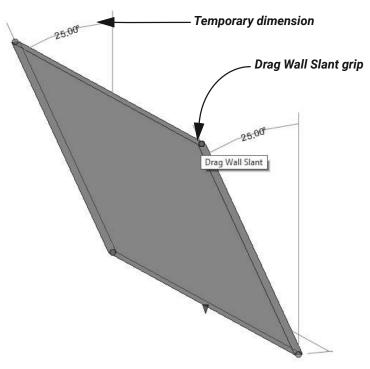
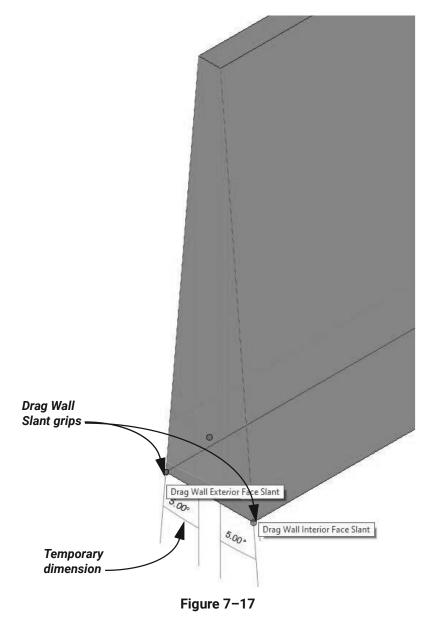


Figure 7–16

 When modifying a tapered wall, you have the ability to modify the Drag Wall Exterior Face Slant and Drag Wall Interior Face Slant grips or modify the temporary dimension in a 3D, section, elevation, or isometric view, as shown in Figure 7–17.



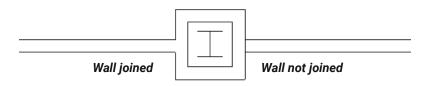
 You can set the wall's structural properties as Non-bearing, Bearing, Shear, or Structural Combined, as shown in Figure 7–18.

Properties		×
Basic Wall Generic - 8" I	Masonry	•
Walls (1)	~ 🛱 Edit	Туре
Base Constraint	Floor 1	^
Base Offset	0' 0"	
Base is Attached		
Base Extension Distance	0' 0"	
Top Constraint	Up to level: Roof	
Unconnected Height	102' 0"	
Top Offset	0' 0"	
Top is Attached		
Top Extension Distance	0' 0"	
Room Bounding	\checkmark	
Related to Mass		
Cross-Section Definition		*
Cross-Section	Vertical	
Structural		*
Structural	\checkmark	
Structural Usage	Bearing 🗸 🗸	
Rebar Cover - Exterior F	Non-bearing	
Rebar Cover - Interior F	Bearing	
Rebar Cover - Other Fac	Shear Structural combined	
Dimensions		*
Length	22' 7 15/16"	~
Properties help	Арр	oly

Figure 7–18

Wall Joins

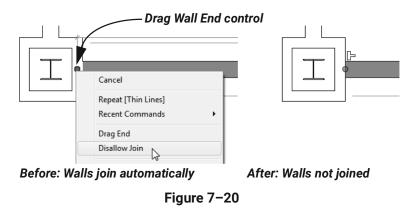
The software automatically joins walls with common materials when they come together at an intersection, as shown on the left in Figure 7–19. However, there are times when you do not want the walls to clean up, such as when one fire-rated wall butts into another, or when a wall touches a column surround, as shown on the right in Figure 7–19.





While you are creating walls, change the *Join Status* to **Disallow** in the Options Bar.

 If a wall is already placed, select the wall and right-click on the Drag Wall End control at the end of the wall and select **Disallow Join**, as shown on the left in Figure 7–20. Once the end is not joined, you can drag it to the appropriate location, as shown on the right in Figure 7–20.



• To rejoin the walls, click 🕒 (Allow Join) or right-click on the end control and select **Allow Join**. Manually drag the wall back to where you want it to touch the target wall.

Editing Wall Profiles

Walls often follow the contours of a site or an angle, such as following a line of stairs, as shown in Figure 7–21. If needed, you can edit the profile of a wall.

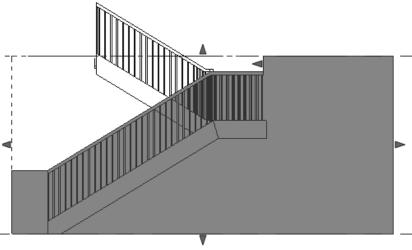


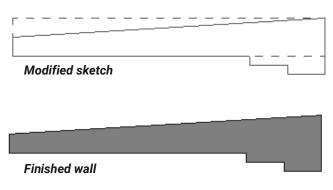
Figure 7-21

How To: Edit the Profile of a Wall

- 1. Open an elevation or section view in which you can see the face of the wall that you want to edit.
- 2. Select the wall (by highlighting the wall boundary). You can also double-click on a wall to edit the profile.
 - You cannot edit the profile of a tapered wall.
- 3. In the *Modify* / *Walls* tab>Model panel, click [≤] (Edit Profile). The wall is outlined in magenta, indicating the profile of the wall.
- **4.** In the *Modify* | *Walls>Edit Profile* tab>Draw panel, use the tools to modify the profile sketch of the wall, as shown on the top in Figure 7–22.

Note: The sketch must form a continuous loop. Verify that the lines are clean without any gaps or overlaps. Use any of the tools in the Modify panel to clean up the sketch.

5. Once the profile is complete, click \checkmark (Finish Edit Mode). The wall now follows the new profile, as shown on the bottom in Figure 7–22.





- After you adjust the sketch, you can add isolated footings to create the appropriate shape.
- For more information about editing walls and wall joins, see A.3 Editing Wall Joins.

Wall Openings

You can add openings in walls that are not windows or doors by using the **Wall Opening** tool. This creates rectangular openings for both straight and curved walls, as shown in Figure 7–23.

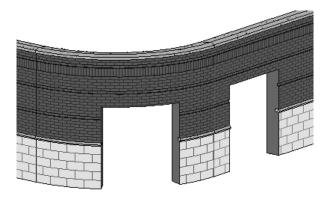
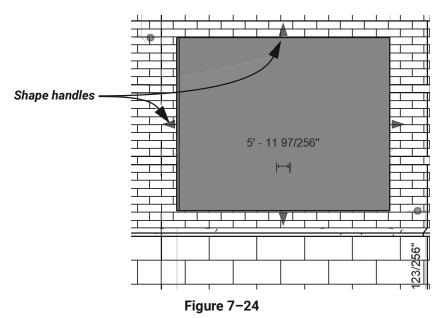


Figure 7-23

How To: Add Wall Openings

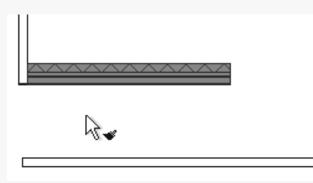
- 1. Open a plan, elevation, section, or 3D view.
- 2. In the Architecture tab>Openings panel, click [₩]/₊ (Wall Opening).
- 3. Select the wall.
- **4.** Pick two points on the diagonal to determine the opening size, if in elevation, section, or 3D view. If you are in plan, you need to pick the start and stop points for the wall opening.
- You can use temporary dimensions to size the opening while in the command and both temporary dimensions and shape handles to modify the opening when it is selected, as shown in Figure 7–24.



Pint: Matching Properties

You can select an existing wall and use it to assign the wall type and instance properties to other walls by using the **Match Type** command. This command also works with all elements that have types.

- 1. In the *Modify* tab>Clipboard panel, click (Match Type), or type **MA**. The cursor changes to an arrow with a clean paintbrush.
- 2. Select the source element that you want all of the others to match. The paintbrush changes to look as if it has been dipped in black paint, as shown in Figure 7–25.





3. To select more than one element, in the *Modify | Match Type* tab>Multiple panel, click

(Select Multiple). You can then use windows, crossings, <Ctrl>, and <Shift> to create a selection set of elements to change.

- **4.** Click ✓ (Finish) to apply the type to the selection.
- Click in an empty space in the view to empty the brush so that you can repeat the command with a different element.
- Elements to be matched must be of the same type (e.g., all walls, all doors, etc.).
- 5. Click 🗟 (Modify) to end the command.

7.3 Adding Wall Footings

Footings are appended to the bottom of a wall, which means that any change to the base of the host wall influences the footing. This occurs for lateral movement and horizontal movement. For the example shown in Figure 7–26, when the wall profile changes based on a sloped site (as shown on the left), the footing breaks and follows the modified profile (as shown on the right). This is accomplished by editing the profile of the foundation wall.

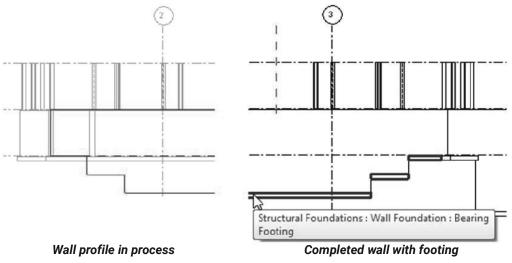


Figure 7-26

 Once a footing is in place, you can add reinforcement in a section view, as shown in Figure 7–27. With the advantages of having a true foundation in place, you can accurately tag and schedule the footings.

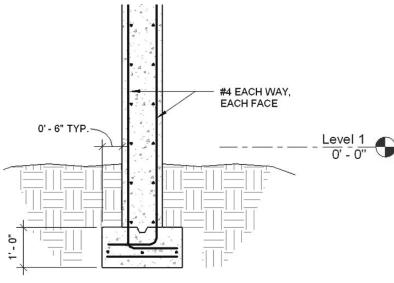


Figure 7-27

- You can edit a footing's profile the same way you would edit a wall profile.
- You can apply two types of continuous footing systems, as shown in Figure 7–28. You must have walls in your model to add a footing system.
 - **Retaining footings:** A footing with one side offset to accommodate additional lateral loads and reinforcement.
 - Bearing footings: A footing with an equal distance on either side of the bearing wall.

Retaining footing	Bearing footing



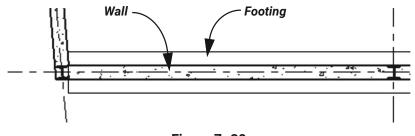
How To: Place a Bearing or Retaining Footing

- 1. Create or use existing walls in a 3D, section, or elevation view.
 - A wall must be in place to add a bearing or retaining footing.
- **2.** Open a foundation plan and set it up so that the walls are displayed and you can select them.
- 3. In the *Structure* tab>Foundation panel, click IP (Structural Foundation: Wall) to start the **Structural Foundations: Wall** command, or type **FT**.
- 4. In the Type Selector, select a type, as shown in Figure 7–29.

Propertie	25	×
	Wall Foundation Bearing Footing - 36" x 12"	•
Q Sear	ch	
Wall Fou	ndation	
Be	earing Footing - 24" x 12"	
В	earing Footing - 36" x 12"	
Re	etaining Footing - 24" x 12" x 12"	

Figure 7-29

5. Select a wall. The footing is placed beneath the wall, as shown in Figure 7–30.





- You can flip retaining footings using the Flip control, as shown in Figure 7-31.



Figure 7-31

Hint: Materials

When you are creating some types, such a wall footings, one option is to set the *Structural Material*. In Type Properties, in the *Materials and Finishes* section, click in the *Value* column

and then click $\boxed{}$ (Browse), as shown in Figure 7–32.

Type Parameters					
Parameter	Value				
Materials and Finishes	*				
Structural Material	Concrete, Cast-in-Place gray 🛛 🗔				

Figure 7–32

In the Material Browser (shown in Figure 7–33), specify the material you want to use and click \mathbf{OK} .

		Q,
Proj	ect Materials: All 🗡 🗸	IE ·
	Name	
	Carpet (2)	
	Ceilings	
L	Concrete	
1	Concrete Masonry Units	
	Concrete, Cast-in-Place gray	
C	Concrete, Lightweight - 4 ksi	
	Concrete, Normal Weight - 3 ksi	
	Concrete, Normal Weight - 4 ksi	
	Concrete, Normal Weight - 5 ksi	
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Practice 7a Model Walls and Wall Footings

Practice Objectives

- Place structural walls.
- Create and apply wall footings.

In this practice, you will model the perimeter foundation walls, as shown in Figure 7-34. (Grids have been turned off in the image for clarity.)

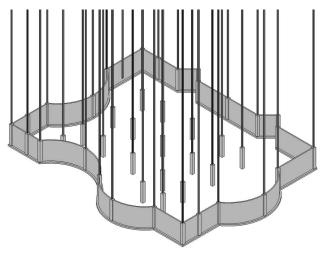
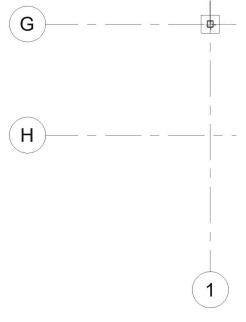


Figure 7-34

Task 1: Add walls.

- 1. Open Structural-Walls.rvt from the practice files folder.
- 2. Open the Structural Plan: 00 GROUND FLOOR view. (The green lines are the outline of the building.)
- 3. In the Structure tab>Structure panel, click 🤍 (Wall: Structural).
- 4. In the Type Selector, select **Basic Wall: Exterior 8**" Concrete.
- 5. In the Options Bar, set the *Depth* to 00 T.O. FOOTING and ensure that the *Location Line* is set to **Wall Centerline** and that **Chain** is selected.
- 6. In the Modify | Place Structural Wall tab>Draw panel, click 📈 (Line).

7. Select the start point by snapping to the **G1** grid intersection, as shown in Figure 7–35.





- 8. Draw the wall up to the E1 grid intersection.
- 9. In the Draw panel, click [™] (Start-End-Radius Arc). Select the second point at the C1 grid intersection and then the third point anywhere along the green arc to specify the radius of the arc, as shown in Figure 7–36.

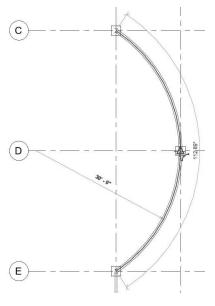


Figure 7-36

- **10.** Click *(Line)* again and select the **B1** grid intersection.
- **11.** Following the green outline, continue drawing walls all the way around the perimeter, as shown in Figure 7–37.

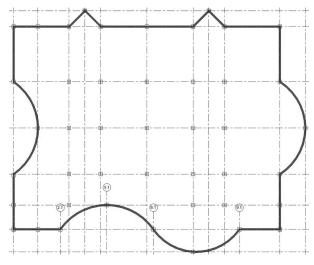


Figure 7-37

- 12. Click 🔓 (Modify).
- 13. Save the project.

Task 2: Apply wall footings.

- 1. Open the Structural Plans: 000 FOUNDATION PLAN view.
- 2. In the Structure tab>Foundation panel, click 🔎 (Structural Foundation: Wall), or type FT.
- **3.** In the Type Selector, select the **Wall Foundation: Bearing Footing 36" x 12**", as shown in Figure 7–38.

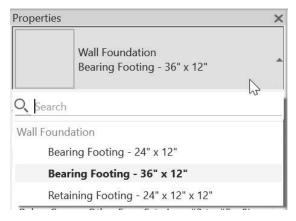


Figure 7-38

- **4.** Hover the cursor over one of the existing walls and press <Tab> to highlight the entire wall system. Click to select the walls. The footing is placed under the entire structure.
- 5. If you do not see the new wall foundation elements, you might be in an area of the view where they are not visible. Open the **Structural Plans: 000 FOUNDATION PLAN** view.
- 6. Click G (Modify).
- 7. In the Quick Access Toolbar, click (Default 3D View) to go to a 3D view. Verify that the footing is placed correctly, as shown in part in Figure 7−39. Change the visual style as needed.

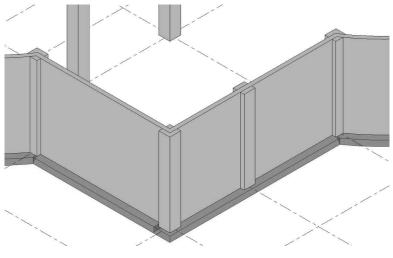


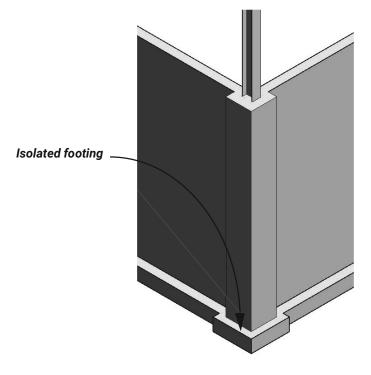
Figure 7-39

8. Save and close the project.

End of practice

7.4 Adding Isolated Footings

Footings for columns (shown in Figure 7–40) are placed using the **Structural Foundation: Isolated** command. When you select a column, the footing automatically attaches to the bottom of the column. This is true even when the bottom of the column is on a lower level than the view you are working in.





How To: Place an Isolated Footing

- 1. Open a plan view, such as a top of footing structural floor plan.
- 2. In the *Structure* tab>Foundation panel, click $\stackrel{JJ}{=}$ (Isolated) to start the **Structural** Foundation: Isolated command.
- 3. In the Type Selector, select a footing type.

- 4. In the view, click to place the individual footing, as shown in Figure 7–41.
 - If needed, press <Spacebar> to rotate the isolated footings after they are placed.

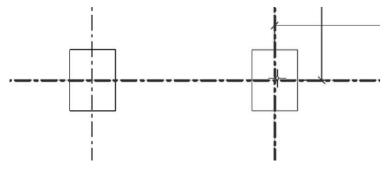


Figure 7-41

- To add more than one footing at a time, in the Modify | Place Isolated Foundation tab>Multiple panel, select (At Grids) or (At Columns) and select the grids or columns.
 - If needed, press <Spacebar> to rotate the isolated footings after they are placed.
- If the material of the wall footing and the material of the isolated footing are the same, they automatically join, as shown in Figure 7–42.

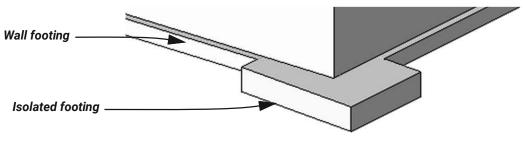


Figure 7-42

🗑 Hint: Foundation Element Properties

Some of the element properties are automatically generated from the location and size of the element in the model and are grayed out, for example *Host*, *Elevation at Top*, and *Elevation at Bottom* as shown in Figure 7–43. These can be used in tags and schedules.

Properties				>
Footing-Rectangul 72" x 48" x 18"	ar			
New Structural Foundations	🕮 Edit Ty		/pe	
Constraints			*	
Level	T.O. FOOTING			
Host	Level : T.O. FOOTING			
Height Offset From Level	0' 0"			
Moves With Grids				
Materials and Finishes			*	
Structural Material	Concrete - Cast-in-Place Co	ncre		
Structural				
Rebar Cover - Top Face	Interior (framing, columns)	<0' - 1		
Rebar Cover - Bottom Face	bar Cover - Bottom Face Interior (framing, columns) <0' - 1.			
Rebar Cover - Other Faces Interior (framing, colu		<0' - 1		
Dimensions			*	
Elevation at Top	-15' 0"			
Elevation at Bottom	-16' 6"			

Figure 7-43

Working with Custom Families

Sometimes you need to work with a custom family that has parameters that you can manipulate to fit a specific situation. For example, to add the step footings shown in Figure 7–44, you need to insert an angled isolated footing and modify it to fit the exact size and location.

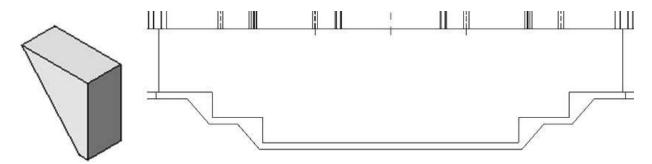


Figure 7-44

How To: Load, Insert, and Modify a Custom Footing

- 1. Open a plan view.
- 2. In the Structure tab>Foundation panel, click $\stackrel{J}{=}$ (Isolated).
- 3. In the Modify | Place Isolated Foundation tab>Mode panel, click 🗔 (Load Family).
- **4.** In the Load Family dialog box, find the structural foundation family that you want to use and click **Open**.
- 5. Place the footing in the plan view. It might not be in the right place, but you can modify it in a section or elevation view.
- 6. Open an elevation or section view.
- 7. Move the footing to the correct location. As long as it is in line with another footing, it automatically cleans up, as shown in Figure 7-45.

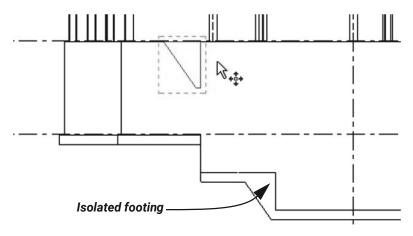


Figure 7-45

• Use (Align) to align the isolated footing with the footing already in the model. When it is aligned, select the lock, as shown in Figure 7–46. This ensures that if the elevation of the footing wall changes, the step footing will also adjust appropriately.

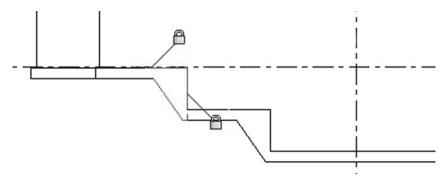


Figure 7–46

 Some custom families have sizing options in either Properties (per instance) or in the Type Properties (as shown in Figure 7–47) so that you can create additional types in various sizes as needed in the project.

Family: Type:	Angled-Footing 36" x 36" x 48"		~ [[Load Duplicate Rename		
Type Para	meters					
Type Para	Parameter		Value	=	^	
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Figure 7-47

Practice 7b Add Isolated Footings

Practice Objectives

- Place isolated footings.
- Modify a wall profile and add stepped footings.

In this practice, you will place isolated footings, as shown in Figure 7–48. You will also create a series of stepped footings by modifying a wall profile and adding custom footings.

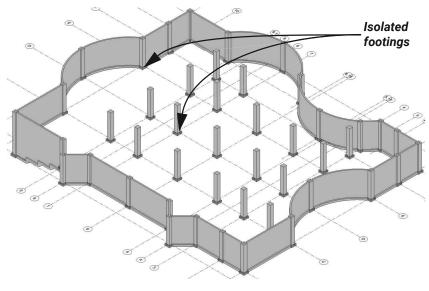


Figure 7-48

Task 1: Place isolated footings.

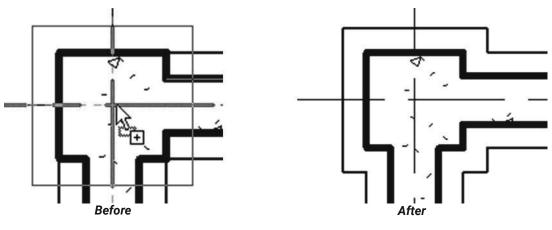
- 1. Open Structural-Footings.rvt from the practice files folder.
- 2. Open the Structural Plans: 00 T.O. FOOTING view.
- 3. In the Structure tab>Foundation panel, click $\overset{J}{\overset{J}{\overset{}}}$ (Isolated).
- 4. In Properties, click 🛅 (Edit Type).
- 5. In the Type Properties dialog box, click **Duplicate...** and name it **36"x36"x12"**.

- 6. Set the following values for each of the parameters below, as shown in Figure 7–49:
 - Width: 3'-0"
 - Length: 3'-0"
 - Thickness: 1'-0"

Parameter	Value	= ^
Dimensions		*
Width	3' 0"	
Length	3' 0"	T



- 7. Click OK.
- 8. Zoom in to the column at the **B1** grid intersection and place the isolated footing. The isolated footing and wall footing automatically join together, as shown in Figure 7–50.





- 9. In the Modify | Place Isolated Foundation tab>Multiple panel, click ^{UK} (At Columns). Use a pick window to select all of the columns and click ✓ (Finish).
- **10.** Reopen the default 3D view.

11. There should be an isolated footing under each pier and pilaster, as shown in Figure 7–51.

Note: The steel columns were hidden in this figure for clarity.

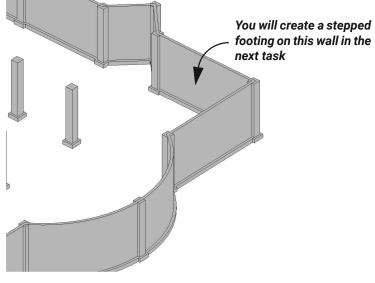


Figure 7-51

12. Save the project.

Task 2: Modify the profile of a wall and add stepped footings.

- 1. Open the Elevations (Building Elevation): North view.
- Zoom in on the left end of the foundation wall and select the wall located between grid lines 10 and 9, as shown in Figure 7–52.

Hint: You can turn on 🙀 (Crop View) and 👼 (Show Crop Region) to show less in this view and make it easier to see the grid lines.

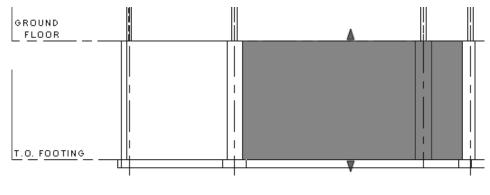


Figure 7-52

3. In the *Modify | Walls* tab>Mode panel, click ᄣ (Edit Profile).

- 4. Select the wall. Click on the lock at the bottom of the wall.
- 5. Using the dimensions shown in Figure 7–54, use the Draw and Modify tools to add the stepped profile shown in Figure 7–54. The dimensions are for information only.

Make sure to remove the bottom of the wall's constraint by clicking on the lock or by moving the line and clicking **Remove Constraints** in the Error - cannot be ignored dialog box that displays as shown in Figure 7-53.

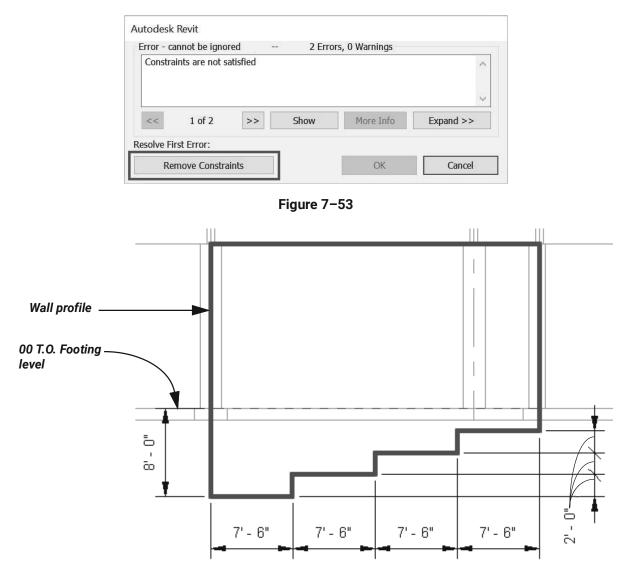


Figure 7-54

6. Click ✓ (Finish Edit Mode). The wall profile is modified along with the footings, as shown in Figure 7–55.

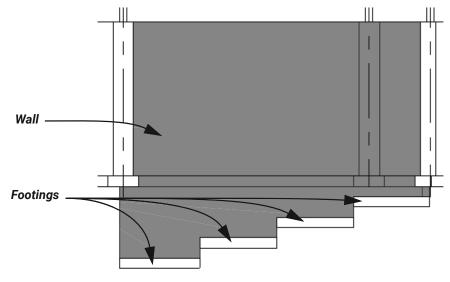


Figure 7-55

- 7. Open the **Structural Plans: 00 T.O. Footing** view and zoom in on the upper right corner of the **B10** grid intersection. You should be able to see lines that show the steps of the footing below.
- 8. In the *Structure* tab>Model panel, click (Place a Component), or type **CM**.
- 9. In the Type Selector, select Angled-Footing: 24" x 24" x 36".
- **10.** Place three footings along the wall, similar to those shown in Figure 7–56.

Note: The exact location does not matter at this time.



Figure 7-56

11. Return to the **North** elevation view. The three footings are still on the level where they were placed, as shown in Figure 7–57.

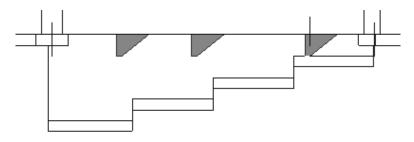
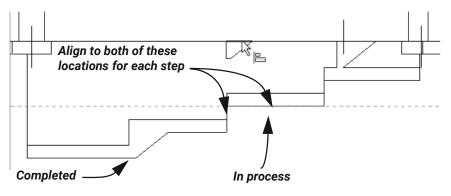


Figure 7-57

12. In the *Modify* tab>Modify panel, click (Align), or type **AL**.

13. Align each angled footing to the wall footings, as shown in Figure 7–58.





14. View the new footings in 3D, as shown in Figure 7-59.

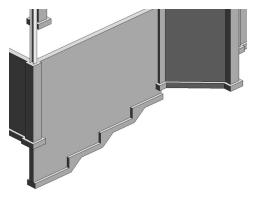


Figure 7-59

- **15.** (Optional) Modify the nearby wall, columns, and footings to match up with the new stepped footings.
- 16. Save and close the project.

End of practice

Chapter Review Questions

- 1. Which of the following are ways that you can create walls in a project? (Select all that apply.)
 - a. Draw Lines
 - b. Pick Lines
 - c. Insert Lines
 - d. Pick Face
- 2. Which command do you use to insert a pier or a pilaster such as those shown in Figure 7-60?

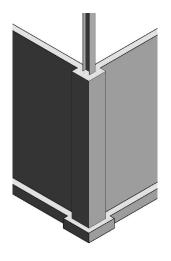


Figure 7-60

- a. Structural Foundation
- b. Isolated Foundation
- c. Structural Column
- d. Isolated Column
- 3. The 🔎 (Structural Foundation: Wall) command requires a host wall to already be in place.
 - a. True
 - b. False

4. Some walls are made from multiple layers of materials, such as brick, block, and drywall, as shown on the bottom in Figure 7–61. If the hatching for these materials is not displayed (as shown at the top in Figure 7–61), how do you change this?

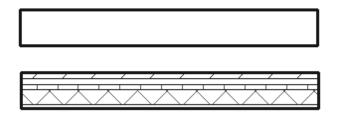


Figure 7-61

- a. Set the Visual Style to Realistic.
- b. Set the Detail Level to Medium.
- c. Set the View Scale to be higher.
- d. Set the Phase to New.
- 5. Which command do you use to add a custom footing type under a wall such as the ones shown in Figure 7-62?

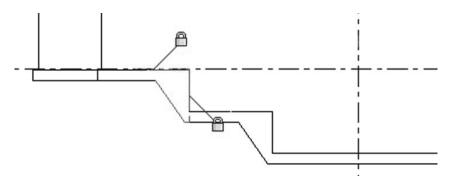


Figure 7-62

- a. Component
- b. Structural Foundation: Isolated
- c. Structural Foundation: Wall
- d. Component: Structural Foundation

6. Which command do you use to add a custom footing type under a wall such as the ones shown in Figure 7–63?

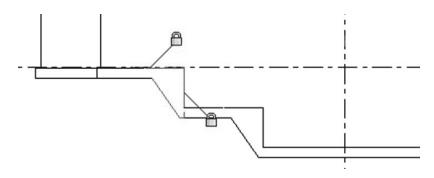


Figure 7-63

- a. Component
- b. Structural Foundation: Isolated
- c. Structural Foundation: Wall
- d. Component: Structural Foundation
- 7. Which of the following are potential differences between the column surround wall and the associated walls, as shown in Figure 7–64? (Select all that apply.)

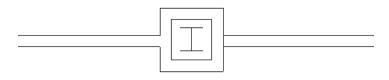


Figure 7-64

- a. The column surround and wall on the left are made with the same wall type, while the wall type on the right is a different wall type.
- b. The wall on the left has been joined together with the column surround, while the wall on the right was set to **Disallow Join**.
- c. The wall on the left was trimmed against the column surround.
- d. The wall on the right was extended to the column surround.

- **8.** Which of the following would be true if you changed the top constraint of one wall from an unconnected height to a level?
 - a. All walls of that type would also change height.
 - b. Only that wall would change height.
 - c. You cannot change just one walls height.

Command Summary

Button	Command	Location
	Detail Level: Coarse	View Control Bar
	Detail Level: Fine	View Control Bar
	Detail Level: Medium	View Control Bar
	Edit Profile	 Ribbon: (when a wall is selected) Modify Walls tab> Mode panel
l,	Isolated	Ribbon: Structure tab>Foundation panel
9	Match Type	 Ribbon: <i>Modify</i> tab>Clipboard panel Shortcut: MA
	Properties	 Ribbon: Modify tab>Properties panel Shortcut: PP
J.	Structural Foundation: Wall	Ribbon: Structure tab>Foundation panel
N/A	Type Selector	Properties palette
		Ribbon: Modify tab (Optional)
		Quick Access Toolbar (Optional)
\Box	Wall	Ribbon: Architecture tab>Build panel
,≊ + E	Wall Opening	Ribbon: Architecture tab>Opening panel
	Wall: Structural	Ribbon: Structure tab>Structure panel