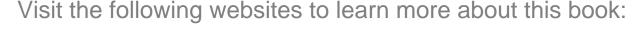
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# AutoCAD Architecture 2025 Fundamentals















#### Lesson 3:

#### Floor Plans

AutoCAD Architecture comes with 3D content that you use to create your building model and to annotate your views. In ACA 2025, you may have difficulty locating and loading the various content, so this exercise is to help you set up ACA so you can move forward with your design.

The Content Browser lets you store, share, and exchange AutoCAD Architecture content, tools, and tool palettes. The Content Browser runs independently of the software, allowing you to exchange tools and tool palettes with other Autodesk applications.

The Content Browser is a library of tool catalogs containing tools, tool palettes, and tool packages. You can publish catalogs so that multiple users have access to standard tools for projects.

ACA comes with several tool catalogs. When you install ACA, you enable which catalogs you want installed with the software. By default, Imperial, Metric, and Global are enabled. The content is located in the path: C:\Program Files\Autodesk\ACA 2025\Tool Catalogs.

The floor plan is central to any architectural drawing.

A floor plan is a scaled diagram of a room or building viewed from above. The floor plan may depict an entire building, one floor of a building, or a single room. It may also include measurements, furniture, appliances, or anything else necessary to the purpose of the plan.

Floor plans are useful to help design furniture layout, wiring systems, and much more. They're also a valuable tool for real estate agents and leasing companies in helping sell or rent out a space.

If you are using Projects to organize your model, it is recommended that exterior walls are placed on Shell Constructs and interior walls are placed on Interior Constructs.

#### Exercise 3-1:

### Creating a Floor Plan

Drawing Name: 01 Core.dwg Estimated Time: 60 minutes

This exercise reinforces the following skills:

- Create Walls
- Wall Properties
- □ Wall Styles
- □ Style Manager
- □ Insert a PDF
- Insert Doors
- □ Insert Windows
- Materials
- □ Content Browser

1.



Launch the US Metric version of ACA.

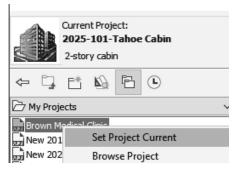
This ensures that all the content will be metric.

2.



Open the Project Browser.

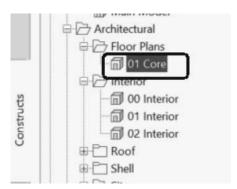
3.



Set the **Brown Medical Clinic** Current.

The Brown Medical Clinic project was created using a metric project template. Placeholders were automatically generated.

Close the Project Browser. The Project Navigator will automatically launch.

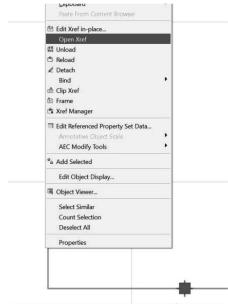


Switch to the Constructs tab.

Highlight 01 Core.

Right click and select **Open**.

5.



There is a rectangle in the drawing acting as a placeholder.

Select the rectangle.

Right click and select Open Xref.

6.



The external reference is an element called Typical Toilet Room.

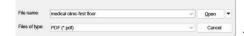
7.



Close the drawing. Switch to the Insert ribbon.

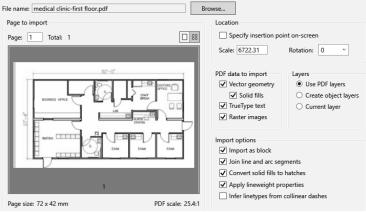
Select PDF Import.

8.



Locate the *medical clinic – first floor.pdf*.

Click Open.



9. Disable **Specify insertion point**.

This will insert the PDF at 0,0,0

Set the Scale to 6722.31.

This scales the PDF to the correct metric measurements.

Enable Raster Images.

Enable Import as block.

Enable Convert solid fills to hatches.

Enable Apply lineweight properties.

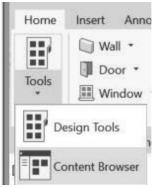
Click **OK**.

10.



Set the View Scale to 1:1.

11.

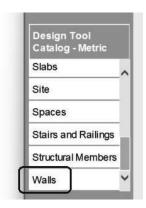


Launch the **Content Browser** from the Home ribbon.



Locate the **Design Tool Catalog -Metric**.

13.



Scroll down and select Walls.

14.



Select Brick.

15.

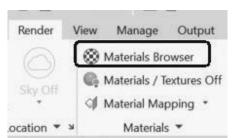


Locate the Brick-090 Rigid-038 Air-050 Brick-090.

Right click and select **Insert into Drawing**.

Exit the WALLADD command.

16.



Go to the Render ribbon.

Select Materials Browser.

▼ Autodesk Library ▼
Name

lesk L... 🖰 🎅 Gypsum Board - Paint

Gypsum Board - Painted White

17.



Assign to Selection

#### Locate the Gypsum Board.

The material exists in the library, but not in the active drawing.

Import into the current drawing.

Highlight the gypsum material. Right click and select **Add to**→**Document Materials.** 

The gypsum material is now copied to the active document/drawing.

Document Materials: All

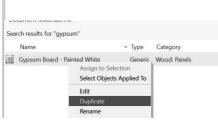
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Generic Wood: Panels

▲ Library Type

utod... Generic Wood: Patil.

18. Search res



Highlight the Gypsum Board material that is in the document. Right click and select **Duplicate**.

19.

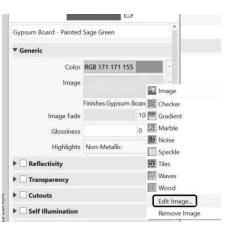


Rename the copied Gypsum Board material:

Gypsum Board - Painted Sage Green.

Double click on the material to edit.

20.



Change the Color to **RGB 171,171,155**.

I use the ColorPicker website to help you determine the RGB values of paint colors.

Right click on the image and select **Edit Image**.



Click on the Source file name. Select the image file located in the Lesson 3 download files named *SW* 6178 Clary Sage. Close the dialog.

22.



The appearance has been edited.

Close the Materials Editor.

Close the Materials Browser.

23.



Go to the Manage ribbon.

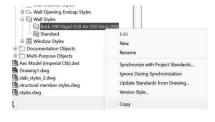
Launch the Style Manager.

24. Wall Opening Endcap Styles



Browse to **Wall Styles** under Architectural Objects. *You will see the wall style you just imported.* 

25.



Create a copy of the Brick-090 wall style.

Paste under Wall Styles.

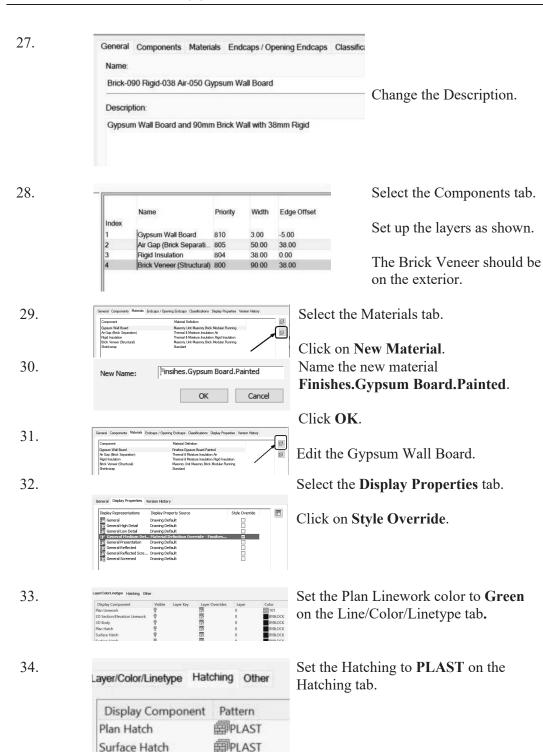
Wall Board.

26.



Rename the copied style: Brick-090 Rigid-038 Air-050 Gypsum

Section Hatch



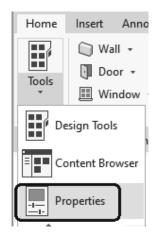
**EPLAST** 



Set the Render Material to the **Gypsum** Wall Board Sage Green on the Other tab.

Click **OK** to close all the dialog boxes.

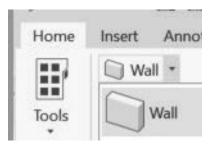
36.



If the Properties palette is closed:

Go to the Home ribbon and launch **Properties** from the Tools drop-down.

37.



Select the **Wall** tool from the Home ribbon.

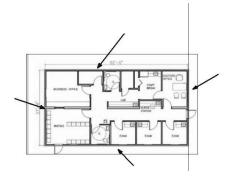
38.



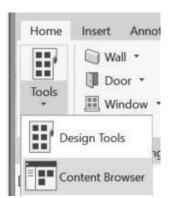
Set the Style to **Brick-090 Gypsum** Wall Board.

Set the Base Height to 4000.

39.



Draw the four walls that are the outline of the building.



Launch the **Content Browser** from the Home ribbon.

41.



Locate the **Design Tool Catalog -Metric**.

42.



Locate the **Doors** category.

43.



Locate the **Hinged – Single – Full Lite** door.

44.

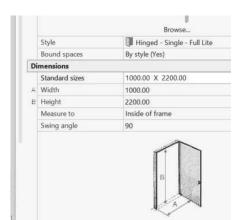


Right click and select **Insert into Drawing**.

45.



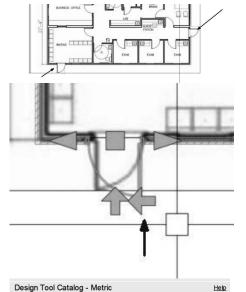
Select the **Door** tool from the Home ribbon.



Set the Standard size to 1000 x 2200.

47.

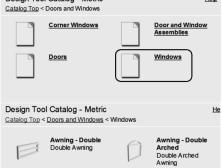
48.



Place in the locations shown.

If required, select the placed door. Use the arrows to flip the door so it is oriented correctly.

49.



Awning - Double

Halfround Double Half Round

Awning - Halfround Single Halfround Awning

Single Casement

Return to the Design Tool Catalog – Metric.

Select the Windows category.

Locate the Casement – Single Casement window.

50.

Awning - Double Octagon Double Octagon Awning

Awning - Octagon Single Octagon Awning

Casement - Arched Single Arched Casement



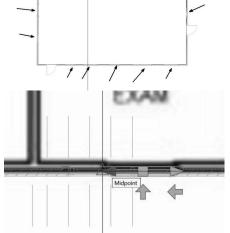
Right click and select Insert into Drawing.

52.

		Browse
	Style	Casement
	Bound spaces	By style (Yes)
Di	mensions	
	Standard sizes	900.00 X 2000.00
4	Width	900.00
В	Height	2000.00
	Measure to	Outside of frame
	Swing angle	0

Set the size to 900.00 x 2000.00.

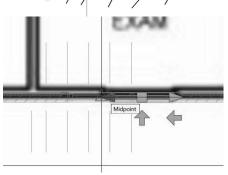
53.



Place a window. Right click and select Multiple. Set the number of windows to 6. Place the additional windows.

54.

56.



You can use the arrows to orient the windows correctly.

The arrows should be located on the exterior side of the windows.

You can use the middle grip to position the window.

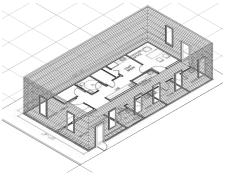
You can use the end grips to resize the window.

55.

Place windows around the building.

Switch to a 3D view.

Save the 01 Core.dwg and close.



#### Exercise 3-2:

#### Adding Interior Walls

Drawing Name: 01 Core.dwg Estimated Time: 20 minutes

This exercise reinforces the following skills:

- Create Walls
- □ Insert Doors
- □ Content Browser
- 1.

Open the Project Browser.

Current Project:
2024-102-Brown Medical Clinic
medical clinic

My Projects

ACA Malliprojekti (FIN)

Set the **Brown Medical Clinic** Current.

The Brown Medical Clinic project was created using a metric project template. Placeholders were automatically generated.

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Brown Medical Clinic New 2023 Project

Switch to the Constructs tab.

Highlight 01 Core.

Right click and select **Open**.

Home Insert Annot Wall Tools Window

Design Tools

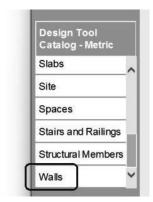
Content Browser

Launch the **Content Browser** from the Home ribbon.



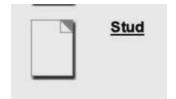
Locate the **Design Tool Catalog -Metric**.

6.



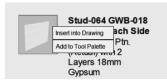
Scroll down and select Walls.

7.



Select the **Stud** category.

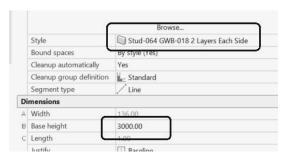
8.



Locate the Stud-064 GWB-018 2 Layers Each Side.

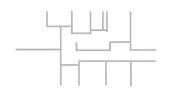
Right click and select Insert into Drawing.

9.



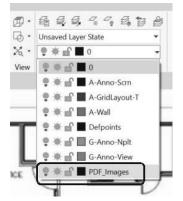
Verify that the Style is set correctly.

Set the Base Height to 3000.



Trace over the PDF to place just the interior walls.

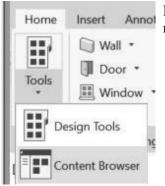
11.



You can freeze and thaw the PDF\_Images to review your work.

Lock the PDF\_Images layer to ensure that the PDF is not moved or accidentally deleted.

12.



Launch the **Content Browser** from the Home ribbon.

13.



Locate the **Design Tool Catalog -Metric**.

14.

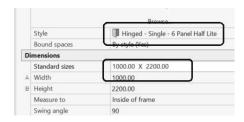


Locate the **Doors** category.

Hinged - Single - 6
Insert into Drawing
Add to Tool Palette
panels

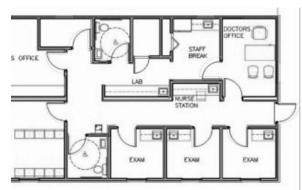
Locate the **Hinged – Single – - 6 Panel - Half Lite** door.
Right click and select **Insert into Drawing**.

16.



Set the Standard size to 1000 x 2200.

17.



Use the grips and flip arrows to adjust the orientation, position, and size of the doors to match the PDF layout.

18.



Locate the **Design Tool Catalog -Metric**.

19.

Design Tool Catalog - Metric Catalog Top < Doors and Windows	Help
Corner Windows	Door and Window Assemblies
Doors	Windows

Locate the **Doors** category.

20.



Locate the **Bifold – Single Louver** door.

Right click and select **Insert into Drawing**.



Set the Standard size to  $700 \times 2200$ .

Place in the Staff Break room.

22.



Locate the **Design Tool Catalog -Metric**.

23. Design Tool Catalog - Metric
Catalog Top < Doors and Windows

Corner Windows

Door and Window
Assemblies

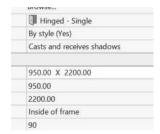
Locate the **Doors** category.

24.



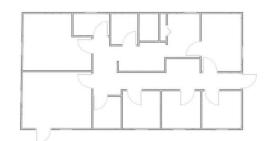
Locate the **Hinged - Single** door. Right click and select **Insert into Drawing**.

25.



Set the Standard size to 950 x 2200.

Place in the two bathrooms.



Save and close the file.



- ➤ If you draw a wall and the materials composing the wall are on the wrong side, you can reverse the direction of the wall. Simply select the wall, right click and select the Reverse option from the menu.
- ➤ To add a wall style to a drawing, you can import it or simply create the wall using the Design Tools.
- Many architects use external drawing references to organize their projects. That way, teams of architects can concentrate just on their portions of a building. External references also use fewer system resources.
- ➤ You can convert lines, arcs, circles, or polylines to walls. If you have created a floor plan in AutoCAD and want to convert it to 3D, open the floor plan drawing inside of AutoCAD Architecture. Use the Convert to Walls tool to transform your floor plan into walls.
- > To create a freestanding door, click the ENTER key when prompted to pick a wall. You can then use the grips on the door entity to move and place the door wherever you like.
- ➤ To move a door along a wall, use Door→Reposition→Along Wall. Use the OSNAP From option to locate a door a specific distance from an adjoining wall.

## Exercise 3-3: Place a Grid

Drawing Name: new

Estimated Time: 10 minutes

This exercise reinforces the following skills:

- □ Place a grid
- Create a new Construct
- AutoCAD
  Architecture

Metric)

Launch the US Metric version of ACA.

This ensures that all the content will be metric.



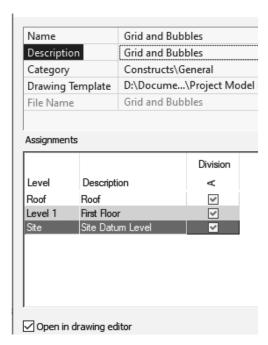
Launch the Project Navigator.
On the Constructs tab:
Highlight Constructs.
Right click and select
New—Category.



Name the new category General.



Highlight General.
Right click and select
New→Construct.



Change the Name to **Grid and Bubbles**.

In Description, type **Grid and Bubbles**.

Enable all the **Levels**. Enable **Open in drawing editor**.

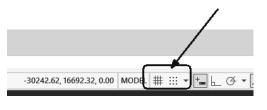
Click OK.

6.

Set the Scale to 1:1.

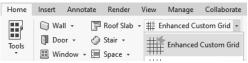


7.



Toggle off the Grid and Snap to Grid.

8.



Click on **Enhanced Custom Grid** on the Home ribbon.

9. Bottom Left Right Bay Size Number Туре Label A2 🖅 🖼 0.00 Primary 3000.00 Primary 3635.00 3300.00 Primary 1357.00 3600.00 1410.00 Primary 3900.00 786.00 Primary 4200.00 1143.00 Primary 4500.00 5100.00 1518.00 Primary 5400.00 536.00 Primary 5700.00 2571.00 Primary 6000.00 10 Primary 2895 6600.00 7200.00 8400.00 9000.00 Total Depth: 0.00 Set From Clear Total Width: 15851.00

Select the **Bottom** tab.

Type in the following values:

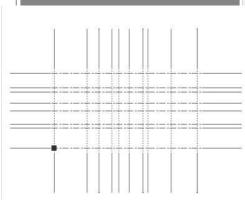
10.

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╟	1463.00	1	Primary	D
╟	874.00	1	Primary	E
╟	1231.00	1	Primary	F
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Switch to the Left tab.

Type in the following values:

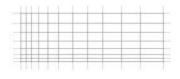
11.



There is a preview window which shows the grids.

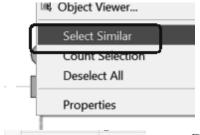
Click **OK** to place the grid.

12.



Type **0,0** as the insertion point. Click **ENTER** to accept the rotation angle of 0.

The grid is placed.



Select one of the column bubbles. Right click and **Select Similar**.

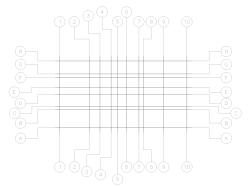
14.

Bound spaces	By style (No)
Scale	
X	125.00
Υ	125.00
Z	125.00

Change the Scale to 125 in the Properties palette.

Click ESC to release the selection.

15.



The grid updates.

You can select the overlapping column bubbles and move them to a new position.

Save and close the file.

## Exercise 3-4: Combining Constructs

Drawing Name: Main Model.dwg
Estimated Time: 15 minutes

This exercise reinforces the following skills:

- □ Add Constructs to a 3D model
- □ Create a new Construct
- Visual Styles

1.



Launch the US Metric version of ACA.

This ensures that all the content will be metric.

Constructs

Constructs

Constructs

New

Save Current Dwg As Construct...

Launch the Project Navigator.

On the Constructs tab:

Highlight Constructs.

Right click and select New→Category.

Structural
General

□ 3D

Grid and Bubbles

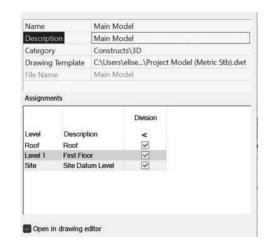
Name the new category **3D**.

4.



Highlight **3D**. Right click and select **New→Construct**.

5.



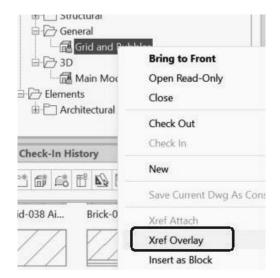
Change the Name to **Main Model**.

In Description, type Main Model.

Enable all the Levels.

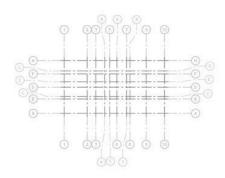
Enable Open in drawing editor.

Click OK.



Highlight the **Grid and Bubbles** construct.

Right click and select **Xref Overlay**.



The Grid and Bubbles drawing is placed in the Main Model drawing.

7.



Highlight the **01** Core construct.

Right click and select Xref Overlay.

If necessary, reposition the 01 Core construct so it is aligned with the grid layout.

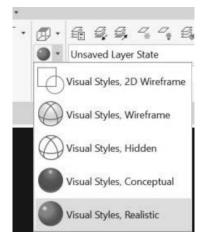
9.



[-][SW Isometric][2D Wireframe]

Switch to an isometric view.

10.

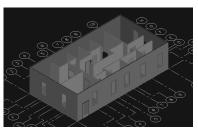


Set the Visual Style to Realistic.

Orbit around the model.

Check for any other errors and correct as needed.

11.



Save and close the drawing.

#### Exercise 3-5:

#### Create a Floor Plan Reprised

Drawing Name: new

**Estimated Time:** 30 minutes

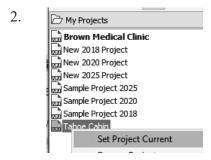
This exercise reinforces the following skills:

- □ Import PDF
- □ Levels
- □ Copy and Paste Wall Style
- □ Style Browser
- □ Walls
- Doors
- Windows



Launch the ACA English (US Imperial) software.



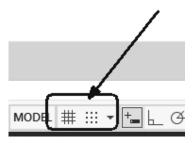




Set the **Tahoe Cabin** project current.

Close the Project Browser.

3.



Start a new drawing.

Toggle off the Grid and Snap to Grid.



Open the Project Navigator. Select the **Project** tab.

Click on Edit Levels.

5.

Name	Floor Elevation	Floor to Floor Height	ID
<b>≅</b> Roof	28'-0"	10'-0"	R
Second Floor	18'-0"	10'-0"	2
First Floor	8'-0"	10'-0"	1
Ground Floor	0"	8'-0"	G
Foundation	-4'-0"	4'-0"	1

Change the Ground Floor Level Floor to Floor Height to 8'-0".

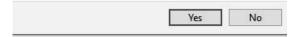
Notice that all the other levels adjust.

Click OK.

 You have made changes to the project that may affect existing views.

Do you wish to regenerate all views in this project?

Click Yes.



7.



Go to the **Insert** ribbon.

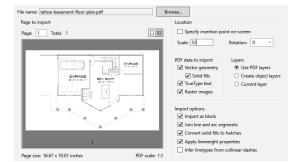
Click PDF Import.

8.



Locate the *tahoe-basement-floor-plan.pdf* in the downloaded files.

Click Open.



## Disable **Specify insertion point**.

This will insert the PDF at 0,0,0

Set the Scale to 55.

This scales the PDF to the correct imperial

measurements.

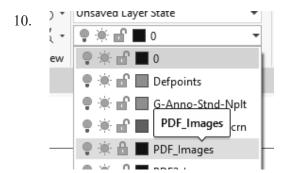
Enable Raster Images.

Enable Import as block.
Enable Convert solid fills to hatches.

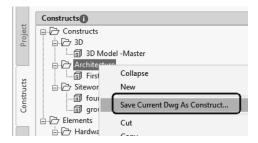
Enable **Apply lineweight properties**.

Click OK.

Place the PDF on the PDF\_Images layer and lock the layer.



11.

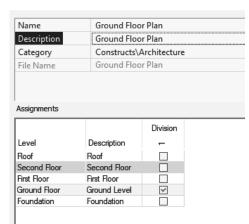


Go to the Project Navigator.

Open the Constructs tab.

Right click on the **Architecture** category.

Select Save Current Dwg As Construct.



Name the drawing **Ground Floor** Plan.

Add the description. Enable the **Ground Floor** Division.

Click OK.

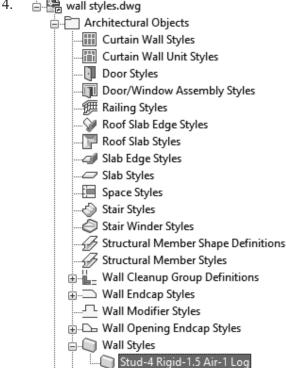
13.



Go to the Manage ribbon.

Open the **Styles Manager**.

14. wall styles.dwg

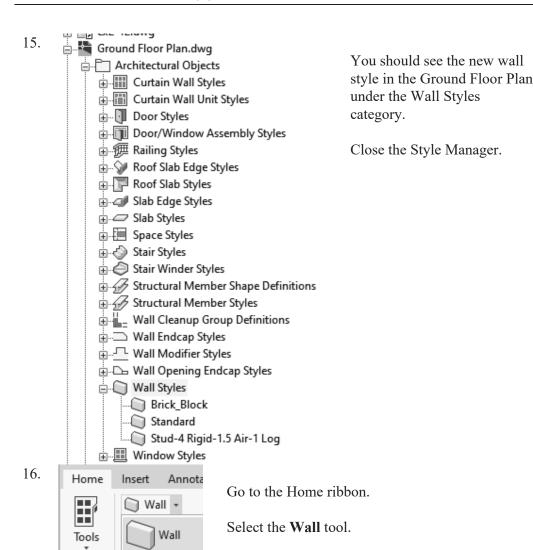


Window Styles

Open the wall styles.dwg in the downloaded exercise files.

Locate the **Stud-4 Rigid-1.5** Air- 1 Log wall style.

Copy and paste into the Ground Floor Plan drawing.



17. No selection BASIC General ... Browse.. Stud-4 Rigid-1.5 Air-1 Log Bound spaces Cleanup automatically Cleanup group definition \_ Standard Segment type Line A Width B Base height C Length 14'-3 1/4' Justify [i] Baseline Offset

\*E Roof line offset from base height

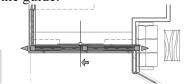
On the Properties palette:

Set the Style to **Stud-4 Rigid-1.5 Air-1 Log**.

Set the Base height to 8'-0".

18. STORAGE 13'-4" × 19'-11" REC ROOM 30'-6' × 19'-5'

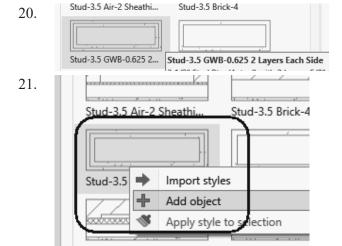
Trace around the exterior of the building using the PDF as the guide.



Check that walls are oriented correctly with the arrow on the outside of the building.

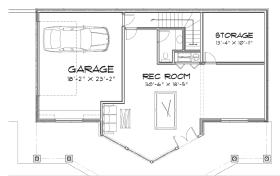


Go to the Home ribbon and open the **Styles Browser**.



Locate the Stud -3.5 GWB-0.625 2 Layers Each Side wall style.

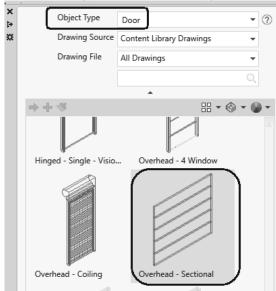
Right click on the wall tool and select **Add object**.



Add the interior walls.

Use TRIM, EXTEND, and ALIGN to clean up walls as needed.

23.

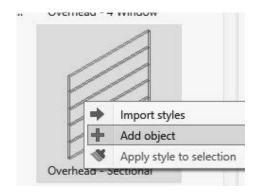


Open the Style Browser.

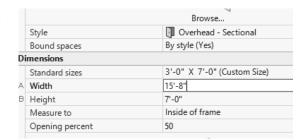
Set the Object Type to Door.

Locate the **Overhead** – **Sectional door**.

24.



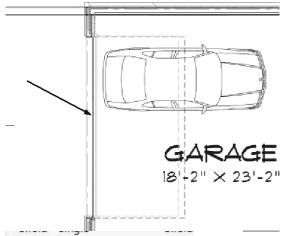
Right click on the door tool and select **Add object**.



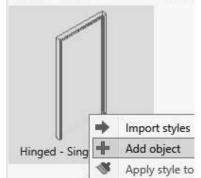
Set the Width to 15'-8".

26.

Place on garage wall.



27.



Locate the **Hinged – Single** door in the Styles Browser.

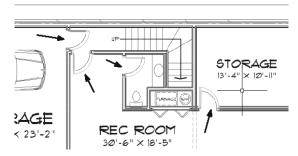
Right click and select Add object.

28.

Browse	
Hinged - Single	
By style (Yes)	
2'-6" X 6'-8"	
2'-6"	
6'-8"	
Inside of frame	
90	

Set the Size to 2'-6" x 6'-8".



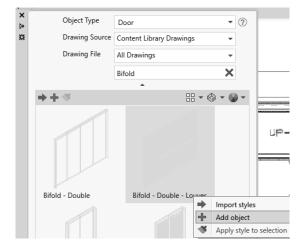


Place four doors as shown.



Use the arrows to flip the door's orientation as needed.

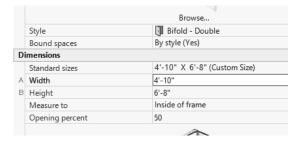
30.



Locate the **Bifold** – **Double** - **Louver** door in the Styles Browser.

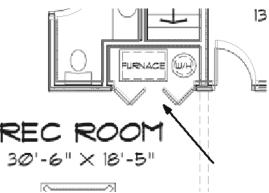
Right click and select **Add object**.

31.

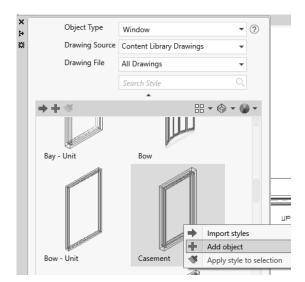


Set the Width to **4'10"** in the Properties palette.

32.



Place in the furnace room.

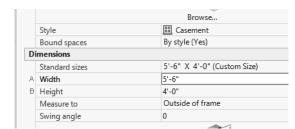


Change the Object Type to **Window** in the Styles Browser.

Locate the **Casement** window.

Right click and select **Add object**.

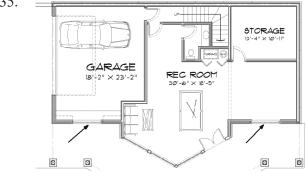
34.



Change the Width to 5'6".

Change the Height to 4'-0".

35.



Add the windows in the two locations indicated.

36. Save and close the drawing.

## **Curtain Walls**

Curtain walls provide a grid or framework for inserting objects such as windows and doors. Curtain walls have many similarities to standard walls, such as baseline, roof line, and floor line, and they allow for interferences. You can insert doors, windows, and door/window assemblies into a curtain wall, just like standard walls, but the insertion process is different.

# **Curtain Wall Grids**

Curtain walls are made up of one or more grids. Each grid in a curtain wall has either a horizontal division or a vertical division, but you can nest the grids to create a variety of patterns from simple to complex.

### Elements of Grids

Grids are the foundation of curtain walls, curtain wall units, and door/window assemblies. Every grid has four element types:

- **Divisions:** Define the direction of the grid (horizontal or vertical) and the number of cells
- Cell Infills: Contain another grid, a panel infill, or an object such as a window or a door
- **Frames:** Define the edge around the outside of the primary grid and nested grids
- Mullions: Define the edges between the cells

Note: Division is an abstract element, in contrast to the other three element types that represent physical elements of the curtain wall.

Each element type is assigned a default definition that describes what elements of that type look like.

Element type	Default definitions
Divisions	Primary horizontal grid with a fixed cell dimension of 13' and secondary vertical grid with a fixed cell dimension of 3'
Cell Infills	Cells containing simple panels 2" thick
Frames	Left, right, top, and bottom outer edges of grid 3" wide and 3" deep
Mullions	Edges between cells 1" wide and 3" deep

### Exercise 3-6:

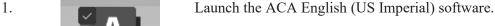
### Place a Curtain Wall

Drawing Name: Ground Floor Plan

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

This exercise reinforces the following skills:

- □ Place a curtain wall
- □ External References
- Steering Wheel
- Views
- UCS





2. My Projects

Brown Medical Clinic

New 2018 Project

New 2020 Project

New 2025 Project

Sample Project 2025

Sample Project 2020

Sample Project 2018

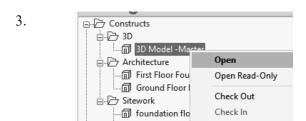
Tabose Cabin

Set Project Current



Set the Tahoe Cabin project current.

Close the Project Browser.



Go to the Constructs tab on the Project Navigator.

Open 3D Model-Master.

4. Constructs □ . Constructs 📠 3D Model -Master Architecture First Floor Foundation - Tahoe Cabin Constructs Ground Fl Open foundatio Open Read-Only ground fle Check Out Elements Check In - ☐ Hardware New □ D Structural Me - ☐ Concrete Save Current Dwg As Construct...

On the Project Navigator:

Open the Constructs tab.

Highlight Ground Floor Plan.

Right click and select **Xref Overlay**.

5.

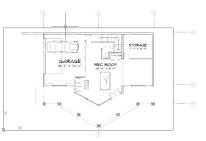
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Zoom out.

The Ground Floor Plan was inserted at 0,0.

The other Xrefs are located far apart.

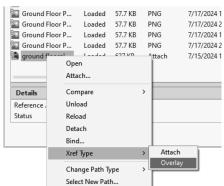
6.



Xref Overlay

Shift the xrefs so they are aligned at the 0,0 location.

7.

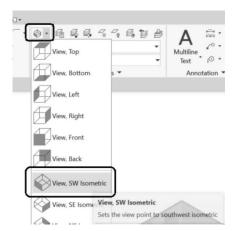


Type **XREF** to bring up the XREF Manager.

Change all the XREFs to Overlays.

Highlight the XREF.

Right click and select **XREF Type**→**Overlay**.



On the Home ribbon: Switch to a **SW Isometric view**.

9.



Rotate around.

You will see the Ground Floor level inserted at the correct elevation.

10.

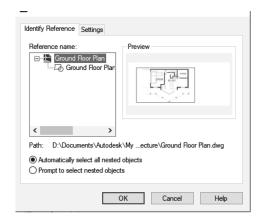


Select the Ground Floor Plan XREF.

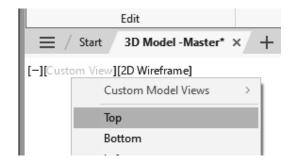


On the ribbon, select **Edit Reference In-Place**.

11.



Click OK.



Switch to a **Top** view.

13.

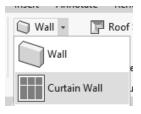


Under the Viewcube, select **WCS** to use the World UCS.

You will see the UCSICON adjust.

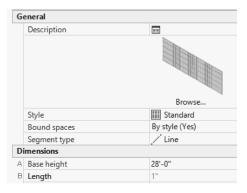


14.

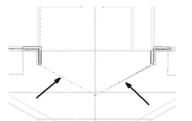


Select the Curtain Wall tool on the Home ribbon.

15.

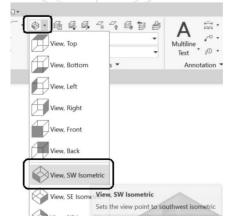


Set the Base Height to 28'-0".



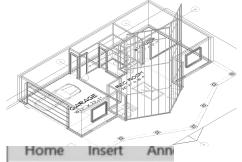
Draw two angled lines to place the curtain wall.

17.



On the Home ribbon: Switch to a **SW Isometric** view.

18.



Press the SHIFT key and the middle mouse button to orbit around the model and inspect the curtain wall.

19.



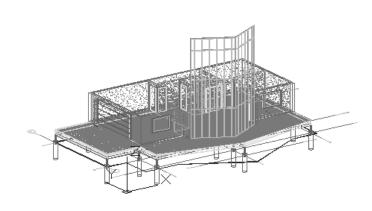
Switch the View ribbon.

Launch the **Full Navigation** Steering Wheel.

20. Use the different tools on the steering wheel to view the model.

When you are done, click the X located in the upper right corner of the steering wheel to close.





Select **Save Changes** on the ribbon. Click **OK**.

22.



Exercise 3-7:

# Create a Second Floor Plan

Drawing Name: new

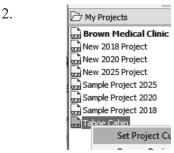
Estimated Time: 30 minutes

This exercise reinforces the following skills:

- □ PDF Import
- □ Walls
- Doors
- Windows
- Properties
- 1.



Launch the ACA English (US Imperial) software.

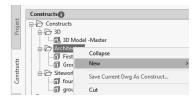




Set the **Tahoe Cabin** project current.

Close the Project Browser.

3.



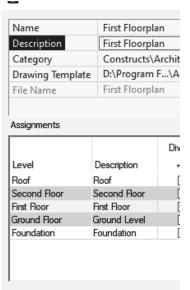
In the Project Navigator:

Open the Constructs tab.

Highlight the **Architecture** category:

Right click and select **New→Construct**.

4.



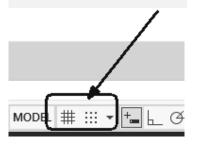
Assign **First Floorplan** to the Name.

Assign **First Floorplan** to Description. Enable the **First Floor** Division.

Enable Open in drawing editor.

Click OK.

5.



Open in drawing editor

Toggle off the Grid and Snap to Grid.



Go to the **Insert** ribbon.

Click PDF Import.

7. File name: tahoe-main-floor-plan.pdf Files of type:

Locate the *tahoe-main-floor-plan.pdf* in the downloaded files.

# Click Open.

8. Page to import Specify insertion Page: 1 Total: 1 Scale: 60 Rotation: 0 PDF data to import ✓ Vector geometry
✓ Solid fills Use PDF layers Create object la ✓ TrueType text O Current layer ✓ Raster images ✓ Import as block
✓ Join line and arc segments ✓ Convert solid fills to hatches Apply lineweight properties

PDF (\*.pdf)

Disable Specify insertion point.

*This will insert the PDF at 0,0,0* Set the Scale to 60.

This scales the PDF to the correct imperial measurements.

Enable Raster Images.

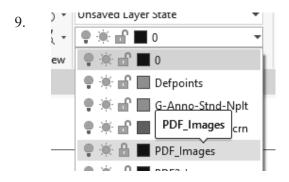
Enable Import as block.

Enable Convert solid fills to hatches.

Enable Apply lineweight properties.

Click OK.

Place the PDF on the PDF Images layer and lock the layer.



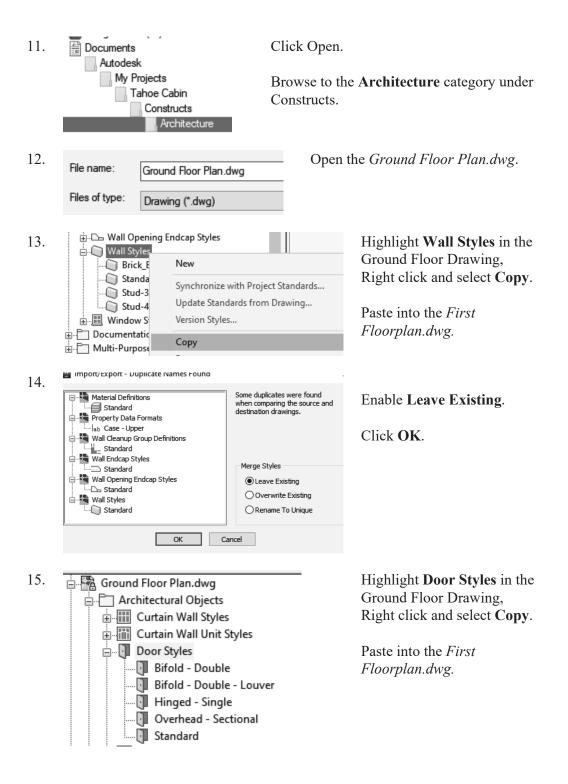
10.



Page size: 16.67 x 12.26 inches

Go to the Manage ribbon.

Open the Style Manager.



16. Some duplicates were found ⊡... Door Styles when comparing the source and Standard destination drawings. - Standard Material Definitions Doors & Windows.Glazing.Glass.Clear
Standard Merae Styles Property Data Formats ah Case - Upper Leave Existing ab Length - Short Overwrite Existing ab Standard Rename To Unique OK Cancel

Enable Leave Existing.

Click OK.



Door

Copy and Paste the **Casement** Window Style from the Ground Floorplan into the First Floor Plan.

Close the Style Manager.

▲ On 18. Lock Plot Color Linetype Status Name Freeze 0 0 mi ■ white Continuous exterior walls ď ■ blue Continuous ė A-Anno-Scrn e ď 250 Continuous Defpoints e 140 Continuous G-Anno-Nplt ė ę 140 Continuous ď G-Anno-Stnd-Nplt ę, 0 mf 140 Continuous G-Anno-Stnd-Scrn ė mî **8** Continuous PDF\_Images Continuous

Launch the Layer Manager.

Create layer named **exterior** walls.

Make that layer current.

Close the Layer Manager.

Trace the exterior outline of the building.

Do not place lines where the curtain wall is located. Those are the two angled walls.

19.

KITCHEN

DINING ROOM

B'-6" X II'-6"

DINING ROOM

B'-4" X II'-6"

SAMEN

LIVING ROOM

21-4" X II'-6"

Wall

E

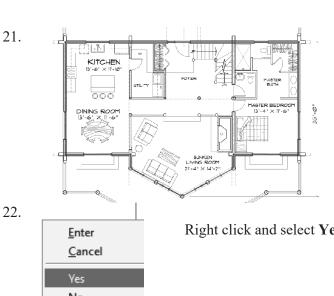
Wall

Wall Styles...

Locate the **Wall** tool on the Design Tool Palette.

Right click and select **Apply Tool Properties to** →**Linework**.

Linework



Select the lines that were placed.

Click ENTER.

Νo Pan Pan ±<sub>Q</sub> <u>Z</u>oom Right click and select Yes to erase the lines.

23.



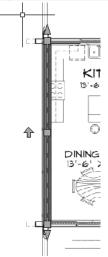
The walls should still be selected.

On the Properties palette:

Change the Style to **Stud-4-1.5** Air – 1 Log.

Click **ESC** to release the selection.

24.

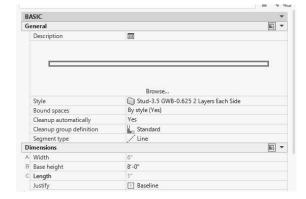


Go around the walls and flip the orientation so that the exterior is oriented correctly.

25. ₩all

Select the Wall tool from the Home ribbon.

26.



On the Properties palette:

Set the Style to Stud-3.5 GWB-0.625 2 Layers Each Side.

Add the interior walls.

27.



[-][SW Isometric][Hidden]

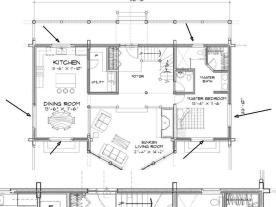
Change the view to **SW** Isometric/Hidden to inspect the floor plan.

28.



Return to a **Top** view.

29.

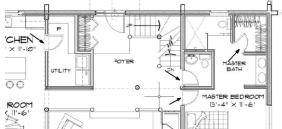


Add casement windows at the locations shown.

All the windows are 5'6" x 4'-0" except for the bathroom window.

The bathroom window is 3' x 4'.

30.



Add single hinged doors in the locations shown.

The master closet door is 2'-0" x

The other doors are 2'6" x 6'8".

31.

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OYER

Add a bifold closet door at the entrance.

32. Save and close the drawing.

### Exercise 3-8:

# Create a Door and Window Assembly

Drawing Name: new

Estimated Time: 30 minutes

This exercise reinforces the following skills:

- Doors
- Properties
- Styles Browser
- □ Style Manager
- Door/Window Assembly

Launch the ACA English (US Imperial) software.



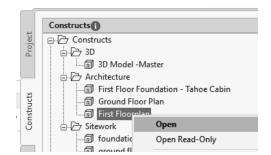
2.





Set the Tahoe Cabin project current.

Close the Project Browser.



In the Project Navigator:

Open the Constructs tab.

Highlight the **First Floorplan** under the **Architecture** category:

Right click and select Open.

4.



Launch the Styles Browser.

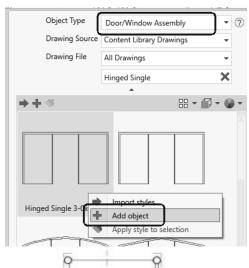
5.



Set the Object Type to **Door.** 

Locate the **Hinged - Single - 6 Panel - Half Lite.** 

Right click and select **Import** styles.



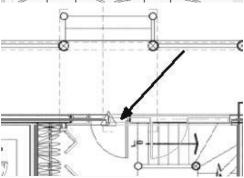
Set the Object Type to Door/Window Assembly.

In the swearch field, type Hinged Single.

Locate the Hinged Single 3- 0x6-8 + Sidelights 2-0x6-0 (R)

Right click and select **Add object**.

7.

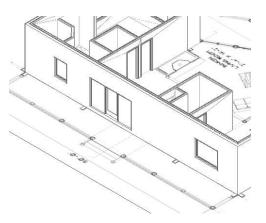


Place the door at the entrance.

8. [-][NW Isometric][Hidden]

Change the view to NW Isometric/Hidden.

9.



You see the door window assembly that was just placed.

Select the sidelights.

10. Infill + Design Rules + I⇔ Frame/Mullion Interference 1 With the sidelights selected, Opening Endcap == \*By Wall Style s Division + Infill Mar Override Assign Click Edit under Division on the Edit Opens an edit-in-place session for the division you select. ribbon. GRIDASSEMBLYEDITGRIDDIVISION Click on the left window sidelight. 11. Select the – grip at the bottom of the window. Cancel Finish Click **Finish** on the ribbon. Edits 12. Save Changes To Existing Division:

Save... 13. Go to the Manage ribbon.

Sidelight

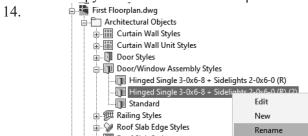
Open the Style Manager.

Locate the Hinged Single 3- 0x6-8 + Sidelights 2-0x6-0 (R).

Click Save.

Copy and Paste to create a duplicate.

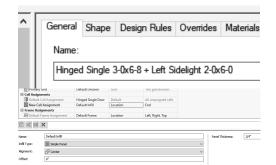
Discard...



Highlight the copied door/window assembly style.

Right click and select Rename.

16.



Rename the assembly: **Hinged Single 3-0x6-8 + Left Sidelight 2- 0x6-0** 

Select the Design Rules tab.

Click the New Nested Grid and change to New Cell Assignment.

17.



Set the cell location to the **Start**. Click **OK**.

18.



Set the Division Type to Fixed Number of Cells.
Set the Number of Cells to 2.

There will be the door and a single sidelight.

19.



Switch back to a Top view.

Select the door/window assembly and assign the new style with the single sidelight.

Change the Width to 5'0".

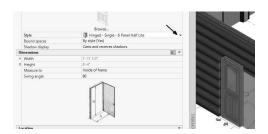
20.



### [-][NW Isometric][Realistic]

Change the view to NW Isometric/Realistic.

Select the door.

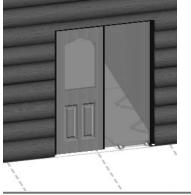


On the Properties palette:

Change the door style to **Hinged** – **Single** – **6 Panel Half Light.** 

Click **ESC** to release the selection.

22.



Orbit around to inspect the door.

23.

Name:	Default Division
Orientation:	
Division Type:	Fixed Cell Dimension

Return to the Style Manager.

Highlight the Hinged Single 3-0x6-8 + Left Sidelight 2-0x6-0.

On the Design Rules tab:

Set the Default Division.
Set the Division Type to Fixed Cell Dimension.

24.

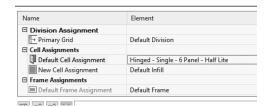
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Cell Adjustment:	Shrink ~
Specific Cells:	
Maintain at least half of cell dimension	

Set the Cell Dimension to 4'-0".

*This will be the door width.* 

Enable **Auto-Adjust Cells**. Set Cell Adjustment to **Shrink**.

This will decrease the width of the sidelight.



Set the Default Cell Assignment to the Hinged – Single – 6 Panel – Half Lite.

Click **OK**.

26.



Save and close file.

# Exercise 3-9: Add an Overlay

Drawing Name: 3D Model - Master

Estimated Time: 10 minutes

This exercise reinforces the following skills:

- □ Project Navigator
- □ XREF

1.



Launch the ACA English (US Imperial) software.

2.





Set the Tahoe Cabin project current.

Close the Project Browser.

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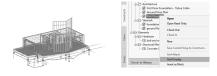
In the Project Navigator:

Open the Constructs tab.

Highlight the **3D Model – Master** under the **3D** category:

Right click and select Open.

4.

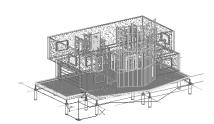


Open

Highlight the First Floorplan construct.

Right click and select **Xref Overlay**.

5.



It is placed in the model.



Freeze the First Floorplan PDF Images layer, so you can see the model.

6.

7.

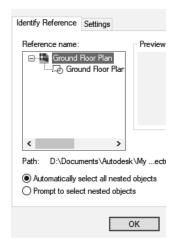


Use the MOVE tool to adjust the position of the first floor.

Some of the exterior walls need to be adjusted to match the ground floor.

Select the ground floor.

Click **Edit Reference In-Place** on the ribbon.



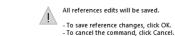
Click OK.

9.



When you are done with the adjustments, click Save Changes on the ribbon.

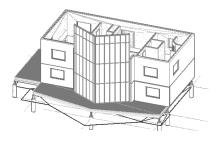
10.



Click OK.

OK

11.



Cancel

Orbit around the model to verify the walls are aligned.

Save and close the file.

### Exercise 3-10:

## Create a Third Floor Plan

Drawing Name: new

Estimated Time: 30 minutes

This exercise reinforces the following skills:

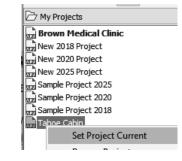
- □ Project Navigator
- □ Insert PDF
- Styles Manager
- □ Styles Browser
- □ Walls
- Doors
- Windows
- Properties

1.



Launch the ACA English (US Imperial) software.

2.





Set the Tahoe Cabin project current.

Close the Project Browser.

3.

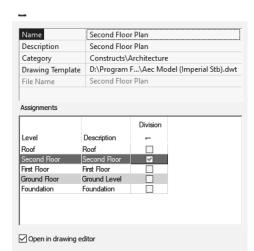


In the Project Navigator:

Open the Constructs tab.

Highlight the **Architecture** category:

Right click and select **New→Construct**.



Assign **Second Floorplan** to the Name.

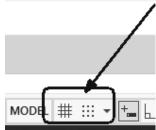
Assign **Second Floorplan** to Description.

Enable the **Second Floor** Division.

Enable Open in drawing editor.

Click OK.

5.



Toggle off the Grid and Snap to Grid.

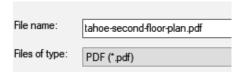
6.



Go to the **Insert** ribbon.

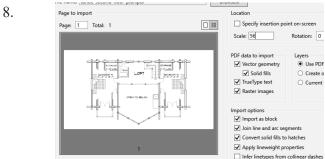
Click PDF Import.

7.



Locate the *tahoe-second-floor-plan.pdf* in the downloaded files.

Click Open.



PDF scale: 1:1

# Disable **Specify insertion point**.

This will insert the PDF at 0,0,0

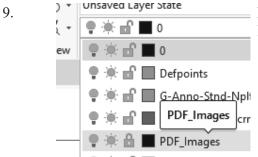
Set the Scale to **56**.

This scales the PDF to the correct imperial measurements.

Enable Raster Images.
Enable Import as block.
Enable Convert solid fills to hatches.

Enable Apply lineweight properties.

Click OK.



Page size: 16.67 x 8.79 inches

Place the PDF on the **PDF\_Images** layer and lock the layer.

10.



Go to the Manage ribbon.

Open the **Style Manager**.

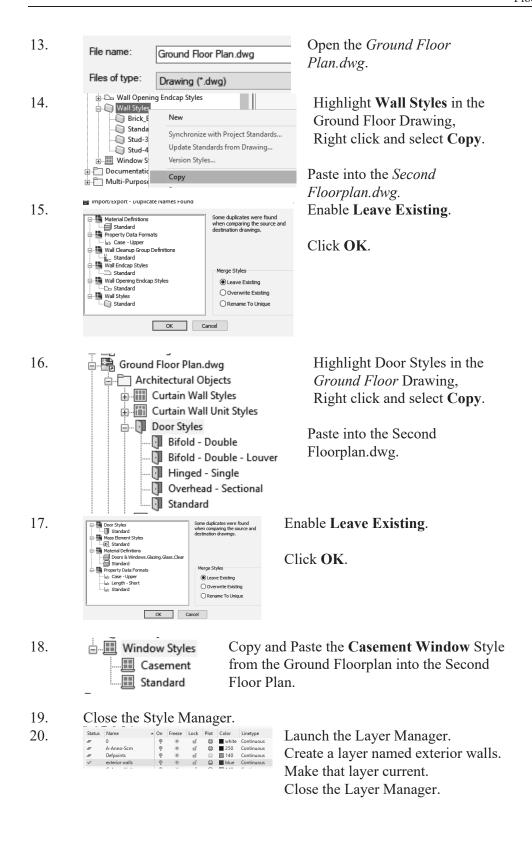
11. Ground Floor Plan.dwg
Architectural Objects
Documentation Objects
Multi-Purpose Objects

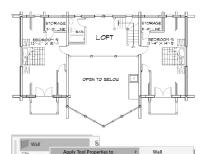
Documents
Autodesk
My Projects
Tahoe Cabin
Constructs
Architecture

The Ground Floor Plan.dwg should still be listed as an open drawing.

If the Ground Floor Plan.dwg isn't listed, click **Open**.

Browse to the **Architecture** category under Constructs.





Trace the exterior outline of the building.

Do not place lines where the curtain wall is located. Those are the two angled walls.

Locate the **Wall** tool on the Design Tool Palette.

Right click and select **Apply Tool** 

23.

22.



Select the lines that were placed.

Properties to  $\rightarrow$ Linework.

Click ENTER.



Right click and select **Yes** to erase the lines.

25.

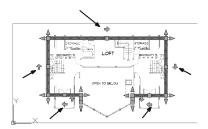


The Properties palette should appear.

Change the Wall Style to **Stud-4 Rigid-1.5 Air** – **1 Log**.

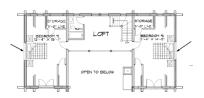
Click **ESC** to release the selection.

26.



Verify that all the walls are oriented with the exterior side on the outside of the building.

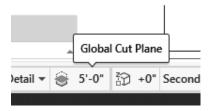
To change the orientation, just click on the arrow.



Ⅲ Window +

Place a 5'6" x 4'-0" Casement window in the two locations indicated.

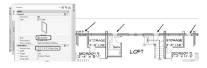
28.



Change the Global Cut Plane to 5'-0".

If you don't change the cut plane, you won't see the next set of windows that are placed.

29.

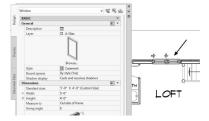


Place four casement windows in the location shown.

These windows should be 2'-0" x 3'0".

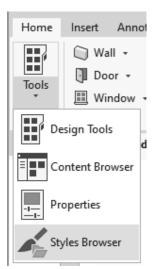
Verify that they are oriented correctly.

30.

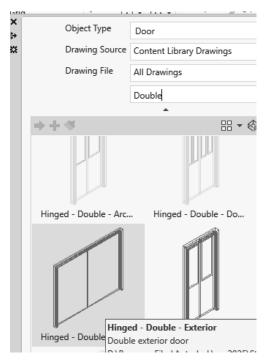


Place a 5'-0" x 4'-0" casement window in the location indicated.

31.



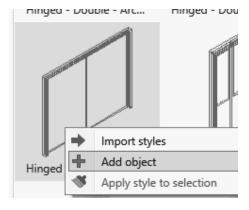
Launch the **Styles Browser** from the Home ribbon.



Set the Object Type to Door.

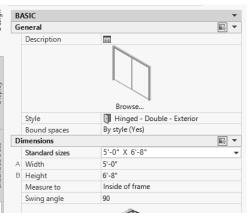
Locate the **Hinged – Double – Exterior** door.

33.



Right click and select Add object.

34.



Set the size to 5'-0" x 6'8".

Place in the two locations indicated.

36. Save and close the file.

### Exercise 3-11:

# Add Interior Walls and Doors

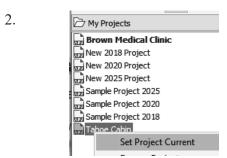
Drawing Name: Second Floor Plan.dwg

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

This exercise reinforces the following skills:

- □ Project Navigator
- □ Walls
- Doors
- Properties
- 1. Launch the ACA English (US Imperial) software.







Set the **Tahoe Cabin** project current.

Close the Project Browser.



In the Project Navigator:

Open the Constructs tab.

Highlight the **Architecture** category:

Right click on the Second Floor Plan and select **Open**.

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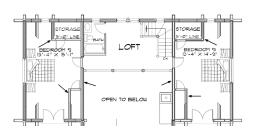
Select the Wall tool from the Home ribbon.

5.



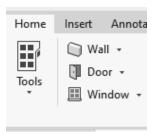
The Style should be set to **Stud-3.5 GWB-0.625 2 Layers Each Side.** 

6.



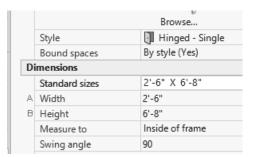
This is an interior wall style. Place interior walls as indicated.

7.



Select the **Door** tool from the Home ribbon.

8.

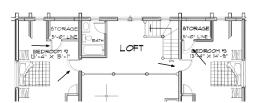


On the Properties palette:

Set the Style to **Hinged** – **Single**.

Set the Size to 2'-6" x 6'-8".

9.

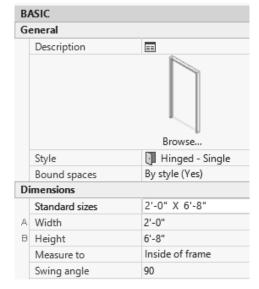


Place doors in locations indicated.



Select the **Door** tool from the Home ribbon.

11.

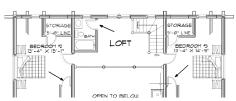


On the Properties palette:

Set the Style to **Hinged** – **Single**.

Set the Size to 2'-0" x 6'-8".

12.



Place doors at the locations shown.

13. Save and close the file.

### Exercise 3-12:

# Add Overlay - Reprised

Drawing Name: 3D Model - Master.dwg

Estimated Time: 15 minutes

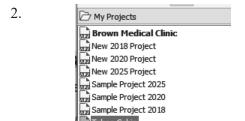
This exercise reinforces the following skills:

Project Navigator

AutoCAD Architecture English (US Imperial)

- □ XREF
- 1. A PARC

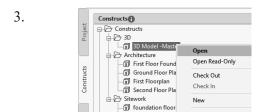
Launch the ACA English (US Imperial) software.





Set the **Tahoe Cabin** project current.

Close the Project Browser.



Set Project Current

In the Project Navigator: Highlight the **3D Model – Master**. Right click and select **Open**.

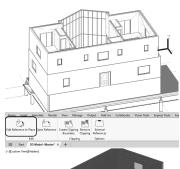


Locate the **Second Floor Plan** in the Project Navigator.

Right click and select Xref Overlay.



Locate the **Second Floor Plan**|**PDF Image** layer in the layer drop-down list. Freeze the layer.



Use the MOVE tool to adjust the XREF position to align one of the building corner's with the existing model.

7.



Select the Second Floor XREF.

Select Edit Reference In-Place.

8.



Click OK.

9.



Adjust the exterior walls so they are aligned with the first level.



*Tip:* Use FILLET with Radius 0 to clean up the wall corners.

When all edits are completed, select **Save Changes** on the ribbon.

10.



Switch to a Realistic display.

Save and close.

### Exercise 3-13:

# Add an Opening to a Wall

Drawing Name: 01 Core.dwg Estimated Time: 10 minutes

This exercise reinforces the following skills:

□ Add an opening to a wall



AutoCAD
Architecture

English (US Metric) Launch the US Metric version of ACA.

This ensures that all the content will be metric.

2.



Open the **Project Browser**.

3. My Projects

Brown Medical Clinic

New 2018 Project

New 2020 Project

New 2025 Project

Sample Project 2025

Sample Project 2020

Sample Project 2018

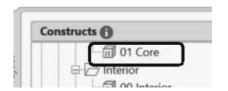
Tahoe Cabin

Set the **Brown Medical Clinic** Current.

The Brown Medical Clinic project was created using a metric project template. Placeholders were automatically generated.

Close the Project Browser.

4.



The Project Navigator should open.

Switch to the Constructs tab.

Highlight 01 Core.

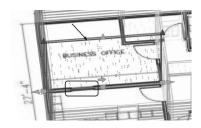
Right click and select Open.





Thaw the PDF Images layer.

6.



Switch to an Isometric view.

Select the wall located between the business office and the waiting area.

7.



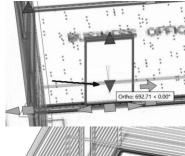
Select **Opening** on the ribbon.

8.



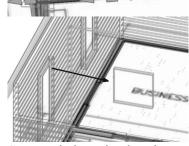
Place the opening so it aligns with the opening shown in the PDF.

9.



Click on the bottom arrow grip to raise the height of the opening.

10.



The opening should be adjusted to look like a window between the rooms.

11. Save and close the drawing.

Notes:

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### True or False

- 1. When you insert a PDF into a drawing, it cannot be converted to AutoCAD elements, like lines or text.
- 2. When you insert an image, it cannot be converted to AutoCAD elements, like lines or text.
- 3. The direction you place walls clockwise or counter-clockwise determines which side of the wall is oriented as exterior.
- 4. Curtain walls can only be linear, not arcs, in AutoCAD Architecture.
- 5. Grids can only be lines, not arcs, in AutoCAD Architecture.
- 6. To re-orient a door, use the Rotate command.
- 7. You can set cut planes for individual objects (such as windows), an object style (such as walls) or as the system default.

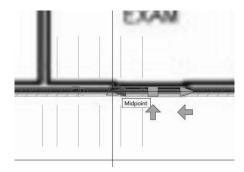
# **Multiple Choice**

- 8. To change the hatch display of wall components in a wall style:
  - A. Modify the wall style
  - B. Change the visual style
  - C. Change the display style
  - D. Switch to a plan\top view



- 9. This tool on the status bar:
  - A. Sets the elevation of the active level
  - B. Controls the default cut plane of the view and the display range
  - C. Sets the distance between levels
  - D. Sets the elevation of the active plane
- 10. To assign a material to a door:
  - A. Modify the door component by editing the door style
  - B. Drag and drop the material from the Material Browser onto a door
  - C. Use the Display Manager
  - D. Define a new Visual Style

- 11. You want to create a wall that shows a specific paint color. Put the steps in the correct order.
  - A. Place a wall.
  - B. Open the Styles Manager.
  - C. Import the desired material into the current drawing.
  - D. Use the Materials Browser to locate a similar material.
  - E. Duplicate the Material and redefine it with the correct color specification.
  - F. Create a new wall style.
  - G. Assign the desired material to a wall component.
  - H. Set the Render material for the wall component to the desired material definition.
- 12. You want to place a door style that is not available on the Design Tools palette. You open the Design Tool Catalog and search for the desired door style. You locate the desired door style. Now what?
  - A. Select the Door tool on the Home ribbon and use the Properties palette to select the desired door style.
  - B. Add the Door Style from the Design Tool Catalog to the Design Tools palette.
  - C. Right click on the desired door style in the catalog and select Insert into Drawing.
  - D. Right click on the desired door style in the catalog and select Add to Styles Manager.



- 13. You select on a window that was placed in the model. The arrows can be used to:
  - A. Change the window location/position.
  - B. Change the window orientation.
  - C. Change the window size.
  - D. Change the window opening.

#### ANSWERS:

1) F; 2) T; 3) T; 4) F; 5) F; 6) F; 7) T; 8) A; 9) B; 10) A; 11) D, E, C, B, F, G, H, A; 12) C; 13) B