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APPLICATION OF BUILDING INFORMATION MODEL (BIM) IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND USING IN WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

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| | Building Information Modeling (BIM) applied in the construction industry, |
| Received:05/12/2022 | especially the water supply and drainage field, plays an important role in economic development and project management. At present times, the legal |
| Revised: 12/03/2023 | documents have been initially completed for the application of BIM technology. |
| Accepted: 16/5/2023 | The implementation processes to apply BIM (Revit/MEP) for the water supply system have been completed, and the data system of the water field for BIM |
| | is very plentiful. Besides the advantages of using BIM technology, there are |
| Keywords: | also difficulties when implementing BIM technology comprehensively, so the application of BIM from the training process in universities plays an important role in BIM development in Vietnam. |
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| Thông tin bài viết | Tóm tắt | |
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| Ngày nhận bài: 05/12/2022 | Mô hình thông tin công trình (BIM) ứng dụng trong ngành xây dựng, đặc biệt ngành cấp thoát nước đóng vai trò quan trọng trong phát triển kinh tế và quản lý công trình. Hiện tại, các văn bản pháp luật đã bước | |
| Ngày sửa bài: 12/03/2023 | đầu hoàn thiện cho việc ứng dụng công nghệ BIM. Các quy trình triển | |
| Ngày duyệt đăng: 16/5/2023 | khai áp dụng BIM (Revit/MEP) cho các công trình cấp nước, thoát nước đã hoàn chỉnh, hệ thống dữ liệu ngành nước cho BIM cũng rất phong phú. Bên cạnh các thuận lợi về sử dụng công nghệ BIM, còn có các khó khăn khi triển khai công nghệ BIM toàn diện, nên việc áp | |
| Từ khóa: | | |
| BIM | dụng BIM từ quá trình đào tạo trong trường đại học đóng vai trò quan | |
| Revit | trọng trong phát triển BIM ở Việt Nam. | |
| Water supply | | |

1. Introduction

Teaching and learning is a process of transferring scientific knowledge, technology and working skills to students. The application of an information technology in teaching is currently an active tool in teaching and learning, which is emphasized by Resolution 29-NQ/ TW (November 4, 2013) in the application of the information technology (IT) and communication in teaching and learning [1] Recently, Decisions 1282/ QD-BGDĐT (May 10, 2022) of the Ministry of Education and Training on Promulgating a Plan to strengthen the application of information technology and digital transformation in education and training the period 2022-2025; Decision 131/QD-TTg (January 25, 2022) on digital transformation of the Prime Minister [5]; Then, Decision 4740/QD-BGDDT (December 6, 2022) on the set of indicators and evaluation criteria for digital transformation in higher education institutions

[6] This shows that the application of the information technology in teaching at the university level is a necessary trend [14] and requirement for education and training development and integration in the 4.0 revolution [4]. At Hanoi Architectural University, in the training program for Engineers specializing in water supply and drainage, the subject of construction water supply and drainage (in the 4th year) requires students to apply the knowledge they have learned to the design of the water supply and drainage network in the building [12, 4]

Meanwhile, the drawings and equipment structures are mainly presented in 2D, making it difficult for students to visualize the structure's characteristics. Especially the arrangement of water supply and drainage pipes passing through obstacles is not clearly shown in the drawings, leading to the attractiveness

and accessibility of the subject to actual construction, construction management is reduced [8, 12,3] Besides, the technology of Building Information Modeling (BIM) helps the design and construction of works visually, the equipment structure, pipeline location is clearly shown in the building construction.

Currently, the BIM technology has many different types of software for the design of indoor water supply and drainage (Table 1). In Vietnam, Autodesk's Revit model is often used to serve project design. Currently, students majoring in the water supply and drainage from Hanoi Architectural University have been instructed to apply the Revit/MEP model to the design of indoor water supply and drainage works in the subjects and graduation thesis.

2. Applying BIM for drainage and water supply projects

2.1. Legal documents for using BIM

Legal documents for using BIM can be listed as follows:

Decision No. 2500/QD-TTg (December 22, 2016) of the Prime Minister approving the Scheme on application of Building Information Model (BIM) in construction and operation management.

Resolution No. 17/NQ-CP (March 7, 2019) of the Government on a number of key tasks and solutions for the development of e-Government in the period of 2019 - 2020, with a vision to 2025[7]

Decision No. 1004/QD-BXD (July 31, 2020) approving the "Plan for digital transformation of the construction industry for the period 2020-2025, with orientation to 2030"[9]

On July 5, 2018, the Ministry of Construction of Vietnam and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland held a signing ceremony of a memorandum of understanding on cooperation in building information modeling (BIM). This is part of the Global Technical Infrastructure Program (GIP), which is part of the UK Government's Prosperity Fund.

Decree No. 15/2021/ND-CP (March 3, 2021) of the Government detailing a number of contents on construction investment project management Decision No. 348/QD-BXD (April 2, 2021) of the Ministry of Construction on "Publishing General Guidelines for Application of Building Information Model (BIM)"[10]

2.2. Reality factors of apllying BIM at universities

Apply BIM technology in construction projects in line with current development trends, especially the 4.0 technology revolution in the construction industry. BIM technology makes the project clearly show the structure and equipment for the design, construction and operation, management [11,12,2,3]

Minimize errors/conflicts between design and construction work, reduce investment costs and be clear in project management [12,4]

Common recruitment criteria in companies for water supply and sewerage engineers is whether they have the ability to use BIM software or not?

Trend between training and approach to real work of fresh graduates.

3. Properties of BIM/MEP

MEP is part of Autodesk's Revit software system. This is a software developed by Autodesk with the desire to integrate into the effective design and construction management system according to BIM technology.

In the Revit software system, including Revit / Architecture for architectural design, Revit / Structure for structural design, Revit / Mep is a tool for designing electrical, water supply, drainage systems, ventilation etc in construction works.

This is an innovative design solution of Autodesk, Inc. to meet the needs of design, construction and project management in a comprehensive way.

In Revit/MEP modeling, each 2D, 3D drawing andmaterial bills represents information from a basic building model database.

Working in drawings and lists, Revit/MEP collects information about the construction project and coordinates this information with all other project presentations.

Changing Revit/MEP parameters automatically coordinate changes made anywhere, like in models, drawings, lists, sections, and diagrams.

4. Process of using Revit/MEP

- Step 1: Study the design drawings and requirements of the investor
- Step 2: Unify the position, order of elevation of systems and collection of libraries to be used in the design
- Step 3: Restore architectural and structural drawings from drawings in Autocad software
- Step 4: Deploy the design for the systems: Electricity – Water supply and drainage – Airconditioning – Ventilation – Fire protection
- Step 5: Analyze the building system, check for conflicts, can export 2D drawings, 3D simulation of the works and print

5. Usecase of indoor water supply using Revit/MEP

5.1. Computer configuration

Requirements of computers using Reviet/MEP are shown in table 2.

5.2. Revit/MEP models

Opening Revit software, we have to select the project content to design, here is the water supply and drainage project. Select the Project item, select New \rightarrow New Project \rightarrow Plumping-defaul_metric (Figure 1) \rightarrow OK.

Simulation drawings of the indoor water supply works using BIM technology on Revit/MEP software are shown in Figures 2-7.

The actual water supply works shown in Revit/MEP software are shown in Figure 8.

6. Advantages and disadvantags using BIM

6.1. Advantages

The 4.0 technology revolution is taking place strongly in Vietnam, all industries have plans and visions to apply information technology to 2030.

The set of "General Guidelines for the application of Building Information Modeling (BIM)" was issued, which is a meaningful legal basis in formalizing the use of BIM for the construction industry[10]

Theinformation technology standard of officials, engineers, experts and managers has been improved, qualified and able to access new technology to solve current works.

The investment of construction companies in BIM technology is very strong, and at the same time, the regulations on laws and policies are favorable for BIM technology application projects.

Universities have included BIM technology in training from the main course to external expansion. Competitions for students about BIM are also very exciting (most recently ARCHICAD BIM COMPETITION 2022), which has stimulated students' morale and interest in BIM research.

BIM technology is a preparation for fresh graduates to be admitted to specialized jobs with good salaries.

For Hanoi Architectural University, a roadmap to bring BIM technology into mainstream teaching has been proposed and plans for specialized development of BIM have been developed.

6.2. Disadvantages

The initial cost for BIM technology is very high, especially equipment and technology, the cost of training human resources, the change in the concept of design, appraisal and acceptance of works from the point of view by BIM technology.

The application and control processes according to BIM technology are still limited, especially the change in working methods, construction system management thinking and the synchronization in BIM process control from the construction company with the state management units has not really matched.

The mechanisms, policies and laws are only at the initial stage, there are still many items and issues that need to be completed.

For Hanoi Architectural University, the application of BIM technology is still limited, using BIM in the design of subject, teaching and new graduation projects at the encouragement step, there is no mandatory requirement, so the development of BIM in the majors is still limited.

Table 1. Some software in BIM technology used for the water supply and drainage works [4]

| Number | Software | Company |
|--------|--|----------------------|
| 1 | Revit (MEP) | Autodesk Inc |
| 2 | CADMEP (CADduct / CADmech) | Autodesk Inc |
| 3 | 4MSA FineHVAC+FineLIFT+FineELEC+FineSANI | 4M |
| 4 | Bentley Hevacomp Mechanical Designer | BENTLEY SYSTEMS |
| 5 | Digital Project MEP Systems Routing | Digital Project, Inc |

Table 2 High-performance PC configuration for Revit 2018

| | Windows 7 SP1 64-bit | |
|------------------|---|--|
| Operating system | Windows 8.1 64-bit | |
| | Windows 10 64-bit | |
| CPU | Intel Core i, Xeon, AMD | |
| | Multi-Core processors are prefered | |
| RAM | 16GB RAM | |
| | Revit with 700 MB | |
| Monitor | Ultra high definition | |
| HDD | 5GB | |
| | Support Point Cloud data | |
| Web browser | Internet Explorer 7.0 (Or higher version) | |

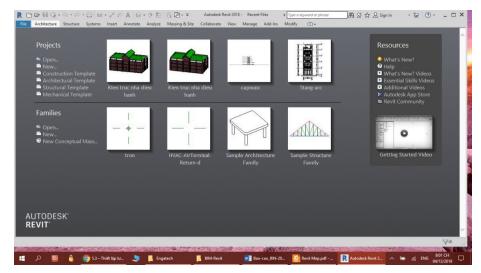


Figure 1 Figure 1 Revit interface (2018).

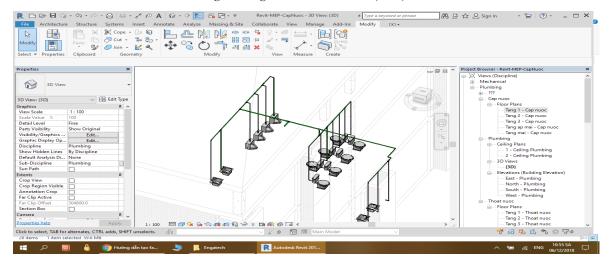


Figure 2 Layout of 3D water supply network for 1st floor (sanitary works).

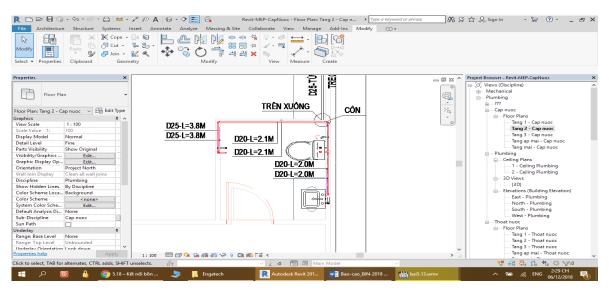


Figure 3 Design of a toilet with a connection to hot and cold water systems

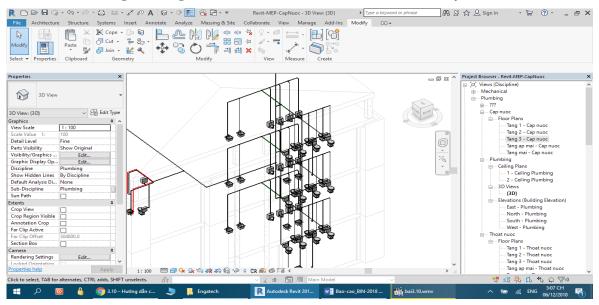


Figure 4 Layout of sanitary equipment and water supply of 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors.

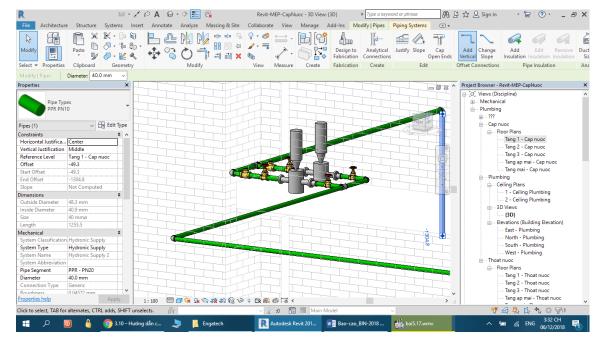


Figure 5 Layout of pump, check valve and gate valve.

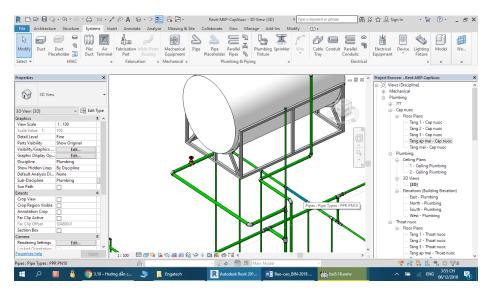


Figure 6 Installation of the water tank, the supply pipe to the tank and the supply to the sanitary system.

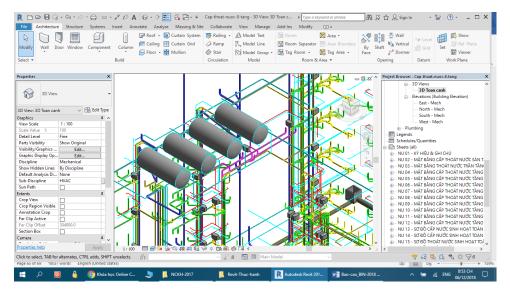


Figure 7: Overall 3D system of 3-storey indoor water supply network.

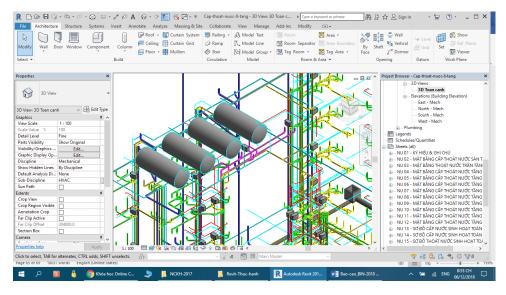


Figure 8 Water supply design model for an 8-storey building of Hue Central Hospital

Source: HMT company

7. Conclusions

BIM technology is an inevitable trend, is the integration of Vietnam's construction industry with the world, the application of BIM technology plays a big role in the development of Vietnam's construction industry.

BIM technology brings clarity and transparency in the design, construction and management of water supply and drainage works.

The legal regulations on BIM application are gradually being completed and helping the application of BIM technology become more popular for construction projects.

For education and training, BIM technology has become a core technology to replace traditional techniques (technology, 2D drawings).

It is necessary to bring BIM technology into official teaching in universities with majors in architecture, construction, water supply and drainage and other infrastructure industries.

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