# **Getting More out of IFC!**

## You, your project, your client has adopted IFC

How do you deliver robust results, innovation... ? How do you measure your (collaboration, modelling) performance?

Action: - look for role models from the bsi International BIM Awards program

A Role Model - Pixel to Pset, VCE, Austria

## **buildingSmart International Awards**



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### Highlights 2021

The program was divided into four broad categories: Project Delivery, Operations, Research and Technology. Each category has its own sub-categories, providing the basis for the Awards program.

This Awards program was supported by 154 jurors across 23 chapters. The primary role of the juror is grading project submissions against a strict criteria, designed to ensure the highest quality of submissions. This year there was once again a triage team to help reduce the amount of work on all jurors.

There were a record 133 submissions across all the categories, 74 of which passed triage. The breakdown for those that passed triage is outlined below:

- Asset Management: 4
- Construction: 17
- Design: 18
- Facilities Management: 2
- Handover: 2
- Professional Research: 10
- Student Research: 3 Technology: 18

Due to the high volume of quality submissions, there were a number of projects deemed a high enough standard to warrant a special mention. These projects were scored especially highly by the jury, falling slightly short of the required score to become a finalist. These projects were duly awarded during the Awards Ceremony, alongside all finalists and Award winners.

## **Growth in bsl Award Submissions**

Submissions Passed Triage



Sustainable Outcomes Technology Solution Professional Research Student Research O&M (incl. AM, FM) Construction (incl. Handover) Design (incl. IPD) Heroes of Interoperability



### **Technical Team**



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### AU Awards Jury 2024



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## Setting the standard with clear requirements



















## Making data accessible with IFC

## Wellington Railway Station Façade Condition Assessment

## **Project goals**

What do we need to meet client requirements in the short timeframe?



**Remote Solution/Assessment** 

Enable Quantity Takeoff via code

Create Heat Maps via code (with a view to trend identification)

**Client digital aspiration alignment** 

Facility condition assessment supply chain evolution

Demonstrate value of risk-taking through experimentation

Handover and integration into client system

Demonstrate that IFC can be used to collaboratively author content



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### Wellington Railway Station Façade Condition Assessment



## **Cross River Rail**

**10 2** kilometre northsouth rail line

> 5.9 kilometre twin tunnels

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upgraded surface stations Including Exhibition Station open all year round

**new Gold Coast stations** Pimpama, Merrimac and Helensvale North

**new underground stations** Boggo Road, Woolloongabba, Albert Street and Roma Street

A new signalling system
Allowing for greater
efficiency & safety

**Boggo Road** 

**Dutton Park** 

**Roma Street** 



## **Cross River Rail in Brisbane – leading and innovating**



### **Increasing project models level of development and** information

In design

- Into construction
- Into operation

### **Increasing awareness through the Experience Centre**

- GIS and BIM models into the Reality Theatre VIS model controllable in the Reality Theatre
- Interactive GIS

### **Integrating information**

- DNA and PCO
- **Data-Centric CDE**
- BIM and GIS





## Vestfold Hospital - openBIM Achievements

- Development and deployment of BIM master data using IFC4.0 for the entire project and hospital organization to ensure the exact handover, information ownership and longevity of data.
- Establish Facility Management (FM) Process using IFC 4.0 as master data and Norwegian TFM – building number classification system.
- Using contractors supply chain information to extract and store FM**information in IFC** - together with manually input of FM-information, in order to connect information with IFC-objects.
- The FM-information for the new buildings is available to the hospital operational technicians in the field - on a **BIM-server based mobile platform** in OpenBIM.





## **Toolkit for Developing openBIM Data Pipelines**

### **Core Objectives**

To combine the use of openBIM with free software to give greater access to built environment data and to help develop data pipelines without reliance on proprietary software.

### **Project Description**

Lendlease developed a suite of seven Unixinfluenced modular, decoupled, and crossplatform openBIM tools under free and opensource software licenses, to include a wide spectrum of functionality. openBIM was treated as a core native format and database, as opposed to a transfer methodology between program imports and exports; without openBIM the development of a technology pipeline such as this would not have been possible.

The suite was developed in under a year









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## Key openBIM Information – STRUCINSPECT Services

### **STRUCINSPECT Services**

- Our technology is built around the STRUCINSPECT platform
- The platform manages the entire life-cycle process
- Employs Artificial Intelligence assisted damage detection to detect and classify damages
- Optional Digital Twin
- openBIM interface (IFC and BCF)





## Key openBIM Information – Process Diagram





## Key openBIM Information – Input Data

#### Input Data

- Requires only high resolution pixel images of the structure
- Often taken using drones for larger structures, where difficult terrain is encountered or to reduce disruption to infrastructure operation
- High resolution terrestrial camera (typically 42 megapixel) will suffice for smaller structures





## Key openBIM Information – Structural Damages IFC Model

### Structural Damages IFC Model

- The resulting IFC4 Structural Inspection model contains only the damages as isolated *IfcExtrudedAreaSolid*
- In order to provide reference to the damages model a geometrical model of the structure is required







## Key openBIM Information – Scan to BIM?

#### Scan to BIM?

- Some clients require an information rich as-built BIM model and others do not
- In the case that an as-built model is required, then a standard scan to BIM process is undertaken.
- Alternatively, the pointcloud or textured model can be used as a geometrical reference





## Key openBIM Information – Federated IFC Model + Pointcloud

#### Federated IFC Model + Pointcloud

- The primary purpose of the geometry model is to provide reference and orientation to the structural damages model
- If no As-Built model exists then a simple pointcloud or 3D textured Digital Twin can suffice
- This option saves the expense and effort of the manual model preparation process and enables a mass-scalable solution

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- The damage detection process results in segmented pixels 2.
- The damage image is annotated 3.
- Digital inspection output as both geometry contours and damage attributes 4.
- The contour is defined as a series of 3D coordinates forming a closed polyline 5.



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#### **2D** structural inspection plan

- **Extracted from the Revit BIM Model**
- As geometrical background model:
  - As-built BIM model; or,
  - Basic 3D model; or,
  - Pointcloud



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## Key Outcomes – Immediate Use Cases #1

### **Clear Graphical Representation**

- 1. The ability to display the damages with such clarity enables a civil engineer to more easily identify potential relationships between two damages that may have otherwise appeared isolated an unrelated
- 2. Improve the chances that the correct mitigation measures can be identified, prescribed and undertaken





## Key Outcomes – Immediate Use Cases #3

### Field to BIM "Round-Trip"

- To enable the civil engineer to complete the digital "round-trip" using BCF
- 2. Current industry practice sees this information stored in minor inspection reports
- 3. Our technology solution improves the transparency and accessibility of this information by enabling field to BIM communication via BCF server synchronisation.





## **Key Outcomes and Achievements**

#### **VCE Technology Solution:**

- Combines highly innovative technology and culminates in powerful new use-cases for openBIM
- Has already attracted considerable interest from infrastructure operators in Germany and Austria
- Offers the Asset Management industry a 'ready to use' practical solution to an immediate challenge
- Helps guide the Asset Management industry's digital transformation towards openBIM standards
- Lowers the commercial and knowledge investment costs associated with a digital transformation
- Provides a civil engineer with a more complete overview of the structural condition of an object
- Provides a method for the simplifying the creation of 2D drawings
- Enables BIM-based cost calculation and management of maintenance surfaces
- Enables a site engineer to interact with a BIM model from the field using BCF

## Would any of these outcomes support your business/projects/clients ?



es in powerful new use-cases for openBIM structure operators in Germany and Austria e' practical solution to an immediate challenge transformation towards openBIM standards sts associated with a digital transformation ew of the structural condition of an object 2D drawings

## 2024 Award Submissions (prelim)

Category Asset Management Construction for Buildings Construction for Infrastructure Design for Buildings Design for Infrastructure Facilities Management Handover **Professional Research** Student Research Technology Total

Submissions	Post-triage
	0
8	5
15	7
7	7
9	5
1	1
1	1
11	7
7	5
24	12
84	50



## **Award Feedback - Peter O'Brien**

- The level of interest was pretty high following the awards and lacksquarewe found that more or less all who wanted a digital structural inspection also requested (the optional service) that the results be transformed into IFC and BCF. So in that sense it was a big success and it really helped improve awareness and interest of openBIM in the field of Asset Management.
- But what I found even more interesting is that many people lacksquarecontacted me because they saw the awards and it made them realise that an IFC model can be created from all sorts of raw data and is not just an export from Revit or ArchiCAD. So it somehow spawned many side project where information from all kinds of databases has been used to create BIM models.
- I'm also happy to be contacted should any questions arise. lacksquare







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