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# SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

IN ORDER TO USE PLAN ANALYST, YOU MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. COMPUTER RUNNING WINDOWS XP, VISTA, 7 or 8.
- 2. HARD DRIVE WITH AT LEAST 5 MB AVAILABLE FOR PLAN ANALYST.
- 3. CD DRIVE (USED FOR INSTALLATION ONLY).
- 4. PRINTER.
- 5. Mouse.

# **INSTALLING PLAN ANALYST ON YOUR COMPUTER**

- 1. FIRST INSERT THE PLAN ANALYST CD INTO YOUR CD DRIVE, USUALLY DRIVE D.
- 2. CLICK START LOCATED IN THE LOWER LEFT CORNER OF YOUR SCREEN.
- 3. CLICK RUN
- 4. IN THE BOX LABELED OPEN, TYPE D:SETUP (MATCH THE LETTER TO YOUR CD DRIVE).
- 5. Press Enter or Click OK. Note: You may use the Browse... button.

## **CLICK NEXT ON THE 1st 3 SCREENS**

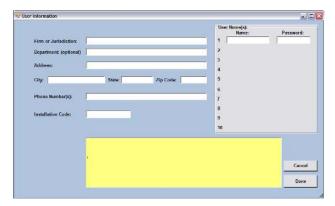


#### **CLICK CLOSE ON THE LAST SCREEN**



# **RUNNING PLAN ANALYST FOR THE FIRST TIME**

#### THIS SCREEN WILL BE DISPLAYED



NOTE: THIS INFORMATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY BEFORE YOU CAN CONTINUE.

THE INSTALLATION CODE YOU WILL BE ASKED TO INPUT IS LOCATED ON THE BACK OF THE SOFTWARE CASE NEAR THE BOTTOM.

THE INFORMATION YOU ENTER MAY BE CHANGED AT A LATER TIME USING THE SETUP PART OF PLAN ANALYST.

NOTE: THE NUMBER OF NAME BOXES DISPLAYED IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF USERS YOU PURCHASED.

# **PLAN ANALYST FEATURES**

## **USING THE KEYBOARD**

PRESSING ENTER WILL ACCEPT YOUR SELECTIONS AND MOVE CURSOR TO THE NEXT FIELD OR SCREEN.

PRESSING ESC WILL MOVE THE CURSOR BACK TO THE LAST FIELD OR SCREEN.

PRESSING TAB WILL MOVE THE CURSOR TO THE NEXT FIELD OR SCREEN.

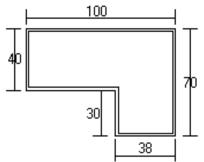
PRESSING SHIFT+TAB WILL MOVE THE CURSOR TO THE PREVIOUS FIELD OR SCREEN.

# **TEXT BOXES**

When you are entering information into a text box, all standard editing capabilities are available, delete, insert, overtype, etc. If you need to delete characters and type new ones in their place, highlight the characters to be deleted first. You may do this by using your mouse to highlight the word or drag the mouse cursor over the characters with the left button pressed. Then type the new replacement characters. Note: You may also use this method to delete characters or words. Highlight characters/words to be deleted and press the Delete key.

## **USING THE CALCULATOR**

WHEN NUMBERS, SUCH AS DIMENSIONS AND SQUARE FOOTAGE, ARE REQUIRED, A FOUR-FUNCTION CALCULATOR IS BUILT INTO PLAN ANALYST. USE THE + FOR ADDITION - FOR SUBTRACTION X OR \* FOR MULTIPLICATION AND / FOR DIVISION. <u>ALGEBRAIC LOGIC IS USED</u> (I.E. DIVISION AND MULTIPLICATION ARE ALWAYS DONE BEFORE ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION)



THERE IS NO NEED TO REACH FOR YOUR CALCULATOR.
WHEN ASKED FOR THE FLOOR AREA ENTER: 100 x 40 + 30 x 38 AND THE FLOOR AREA WILL BE CALCULATED FOR YOU.

#### **ENTERING DIMENSIONS**

DIMENSIONS MAY BE ENTERED USING EITHER DECIMALS OF A FOOT (10.4167) OR BY USING THE FEET\_INCHES (10\_5) FORMAT. FOR 10 FEET 5 INCHES, YOU ENTER EITHER 10.4167 OR 10\_5.

#### CUT OR COPY AND PASTE USING THE WINDOWS CLIPBOARD

- 1. HIGHLIGHT THE WORD OR WORDS THAT YOU WANT TO MOVE TO OR FROM PLAN ANALYST.
- 2. If YOU WANT TO DELETE THE HIGHLIGHTED WORDS AND COPY THEM TO THE CLIPBOARD, SIMPLY PRESS SHIFT + DELETE (AT THE SAME TIME).
- 3. To copy the highlighted words to the clipboard, simply press CTRL + INSERT OR CTRL + C (AT THE SAME TIME).
- 4. MOVE THE CURSOR TO THE NEW LOCATION.
- 5. TO PLACE THE SELECTED TEXT AT THE NEW LOCATION, PRESS SHIFT + INSERT OR CTRL+V (<u>AT THE SAME TIME</u>).

## **LOCATION OF PROJECT FILES**

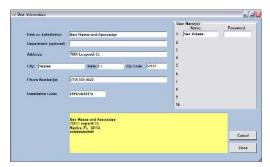
PLAN ANALYST CREATES A SUBDIRECTORY CALLED **PROJECTS** DURING THE SETUP PROCEDURE. IE. C:\Program Files\Ben Weese and Associates\Plan Analyst for the 2009 IRC\Projects This is the default location for files. You may change this to any location you prefer.

## **BUILDING SIZE LIMITS**

THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF FLOORS ALLOWED IS 3 PLUS A BASEMENT (IRC LIMIT). THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF AREAS ALLOWED PER FLOOR IS 100.

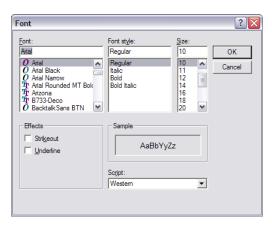
# SETUP PULL-DOWN MENU (LOCATED BELOW THE TITLE BAR)

# **USER INFORMATION**



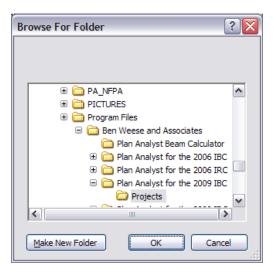
THE INFORMATION ASKED ON THIS FORM IS NEEDED TO PRODUCE THE HEADER ON ALL PLAN ANALYST REPORTS. ONCE THIS INFORMATION IS INPUT IT WILL BE USED UNTIL YOU CHANGE IT. TO CHANGE THE HEADER INFORMATION SUCH AS A CHANGE IN ADDRESS, CONTACT NUMBERS OR CONTACT PERSON SIMPLY RETURN TO THIS FORM AND REPLACE THE OUTDATED INFORMATION.

#### **FONT SETUP**



THIS ALLOWS YOU TO CHANGE THE FONT STYLE OR SIZE FOR ALL REPORTS. YOU SIMPLY CHOOSE THE FONT, STYLE AND SIZE. THEN CLICK OK.

## **LOCATION OF PREVIOUS PROJECTS**

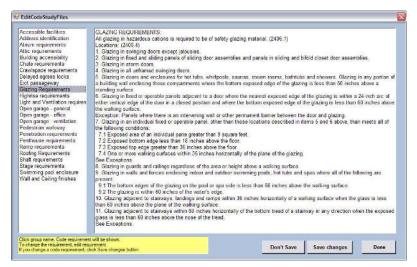


THIS ALLOWS YOU TO SET A NEW LOCATION FOR FILES CONTAINING PREVIOUS PROJECTS.

NOTE: IF YOU CHANGE THE LOCATION, YOU WILL NEED TO COPY EXISTING PROJECTS TO THE NEW LOCATION.

#### **EDIT CODE STUDY REQUIREMENTS**

THIS ALLOWS YOU TO REVIEW OR CHANGE CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR CODE STUDIES.
YOU CAN CHANGE WORDING TO MATCH LOCAL REQUIREMENTS OR YOUR PREFERRED WORDING.



CLICK REQUIREMENT NAME IN LEFT BOX. CORRESPONDING CODE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SHOWN IN THE RIGHT BOX.

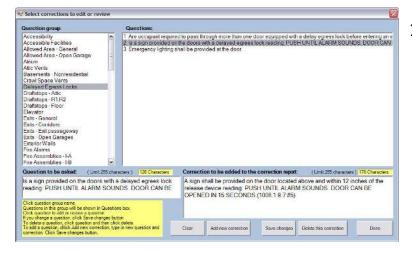
YOU MAY EDIT THE REQUIREMENT BEFORE SAVING.

CLICK THE SAVE CHANGES BUTTON AFTER EDITING EACH REQUIREMENT.

CLICK ANOTHER REQUIREMENT NAME <u>OR</u> CLICK THE <u>DONE</u> BUTTON.

## **EDIT QUESTIONS FOR CORRECTION REPORT**

YOU CAN ADD, MODIFY OR DELETE QUESTIONS ASKED DURING THE CREATION OF EACH NEW CORRECTION REPORT. THIS ALLOWS YOU TO ADJUST QUESTIONS TO SHOW LOCAL CONDITIONS OR PREFERENCES.



#### TO EDIT A QUESTION

- 1. CLICK QUESTION GROUP ON THE LEFT THEN CLICK THE QUESTION YOU WANT TO EDIT ON THE RIGHT. THE QUESTION AND CORRECTION WILL SHOW IN THE BOTTOM BOXES READY FOR YOU TO FDIT.
- 2. EDIT QUESTION AND/OR CORRECTION
- 3. CLICK SAVE CHANGES.
- 4. WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL CHANGES CLICK DONE

# TO DELETE A QUESTION

- 1. CLICK QUESTION GROUP ON THE LEFT, THEN CLICK THE QUESTION YOU WANT TO DELETE ON THE RIGHT. THE QUESTION AND CORRECTION WILL SHOW IN BOTTOM BOXES READY FOR YOU TO DELETE.
- 2. CLICK DELETE THIS QUESTION
- 3. CLICK SAVE CHANGES.
- 4. WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL CHANGES CLICK DONE

#### TO ADD A NEW QUESTION AND CORRECTION

- 1. CLICK QUESTION GROUP ON THE LEFT.
- 2. CLICK THE CLEAR BUTTON.
- 3. Type in the new question and new correction.
- 4. CLICK ADD NEW CORRECTION BUTTON
- 5. WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL CHANGES CLICK DONE.

#### **EDIT CUSTOMIZED COMMENT FOR CODE STUDY REPORTS**

INFORMATION ENTERED HERE SHOWS UP AT THE TOP OF ALL CODE STUDY REPORTS.
THIS WOULD ALLOW YOU TO ENTER STANDARD INFORMATION OR DISCLAIMERS THAT YOU WANT TO SHOW ON ALL CODE STUDY REPORTS.



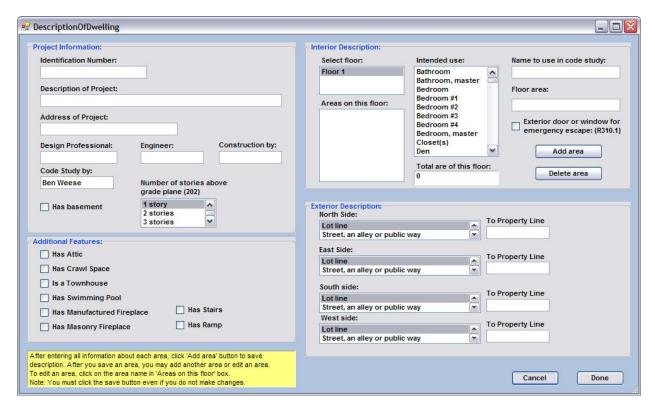
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# **ENTERING A PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

CLICK THE IRC PROJECT BUTTON ON THE LEFT SIDE OF SCREEN OR CLICK PROJECT ON THE PULL-DOWN MENU, THEN CLICK NEW PROJECT.



## PROJECT INFORMATION (UPPER LEFT CORNER)

- 1. ENTER THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT.
- 2. CLICK UP-DOWN ARROWS TO SELECT THE NUMBER OF STORIES ABOVE GRADE
- 3. IF THERE IS A BASEMENT, CLICK HAS BASEMENT CHECK BOX TO ADD CHECK MARK TO BOX.

## INTERIOR DESCRIPTION (UPPER RIGHT CORNER)

CLICK ON THE FLOOR THAT YOU ARE ENTERING OR EDITING.

#### **FOR EACH AREA ON THE FLOOR**

- 1. CLICK THE NAME OF THE AREA IN THE INTENDED USE: LIST.
- 2. ENTER THE FLOOR AREA. NOTE: WHEN A NUMBER IS REQUIRED, PLAN ANALYST HAS A BUILT-IN CALCULATOR. IE. 20\_6 x 13 FOR 20'6" TIMES 13'
- 3. STANDARD SLEEPING AREAS WILL HAVE A CHECK MARK IN THE BOX FOR EXTERIOR DOOR OR WINDOW FOR EMERGENCY ESCAPE: NOTE: IF YOU SELECT A NAME FROM THE LIST (EG. DEN OR HOME OFFICE THAT MAY ALSO BE USED FOR SLEEPING, BE SURE TO CLICK THE BOX TO ADD THE CHECK MARK.
- 4. CLICK ADD AREA AFTER THE INFORMATION FOR EACH AREA IS COMPLETED.
- 5. WHEN ALL AREAS ON ALL FLOORS ARE COMPLETED, CLICK THE CONTINUE BUTTON.

## **NOTES:**

- 1. THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA IS SHOWN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE INTERIOR DESCRIPTION BOX. MAKE SURE THAT THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA MATCHES THE PLANS. MOST FLOORS WILL HAVE A "NONHABITABLE AREA" TO ACCOUNT FOR WALLS, SHAFTS, ETC.
- 2. YOU MAY MOVE BACK AND FORTH THROUGH THE FLOORS AND AREAS BY CLICKING THE NAME OF FLOOR OR AREA IN THE LIST BOXES ON THE LEFT SIDE. WHEN AN AREA IS SELECTED, YOU MAY EDIT OR DELETE IT.

# **ADDITIONAL FEATURES** (LOWER LEFT CORNER)

CLICK THE CHECK BOX FOR EACH COMPONENT THAT IS INCLUDED IN THIS PROJECT. IF YOU WANT THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLUMBING FIXTURES TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT, CLICK THE BOX FOR CODE STUDY TO INCLUDE REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLUMBING FIXTURES CLICK THE NEXT BUTTON.

## PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (LOWER RIGHT CORNER)

- 1. FOR EACH SIDE, SELECT THE BOUNDARY (LOT LINE, STREET, ETC) AND ENTER THE REQUIRED DISTANCE(S).
- 2. CLICK THE CONTINUE BUTTON.

THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION IS NOW COMPLETE AND THE CODE STUDY WILL BE CREATED. THE REPORT WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE MAIN SCREEN

YOU MAY SAVE AND OR PRINT THIS REPORT.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING THAT YOU WANT TO CHANGE, CLICK PROJECT, THEN CLICK:

EDIT CURRENT PROJECT

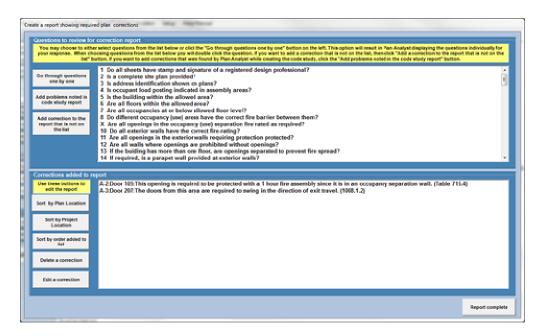
# SAVING PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND CODE STUDY

- 1. <u>SAVE CURRENT PROJECT DESCRIPTION</u> SAVES INPUT DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT. NEEDED TO EDIT PROJECT DESCRIPTION.
- 2. <u>SAVE CODE STUDY</u> SAVES THE ACTUAL REPORT SO THAT YOU CAN SEND THE ACTUAL REPORT TO ANOTHER OFFICE OR LOAD INTO A WORD PROCESSOR LIKE MICROSOFT WORD. THE FILE IS SAVED IN THE PROJECTS FOLDER WITH THE EXTENSION OF .RTF (EG. MYPROJECT.RTF).

# **CORRECTION REPORT**

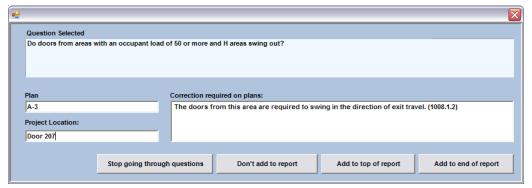
PLAN ANALYST CREATES A CHECKLIST FOR THIS PROJECT. THE QUESTIONS IN THE CHECKLIST ARE SELECTED BASED ON THE CODE STUDY SO YOU WILL NOT BE ASKED QUESTIONS THAT DO NOT APPLY TO THIS PROJECT.

YOU MAY EITHER SCROLL THROUGH THE LIST AND PICK QUESTIONS BASED ON YOUR REVIEW OF THE PLANS OR CLICK THE GO THROUGH QUESTIONS ONE BY ONE BUTTON AND PLAN ANALYST WILL LEAD YOU THROUGH EACH QUESTION ON THE CUSTOMIZED LIST.



TO ADD PROBLEMS NOTED IN THE CODE STUDY, CLICK THE ADD PROBLEMS NOTED IN THE CODE STUDY BUTTON. NOTE: YOU WILL NEED TO ADD PLAN LOCATION AND PROJECT LOCATION TO THESE.

WHEN YOU NOTE A PROBLEM ON THE PLANS, THE FOLLOWING SCREEN IS DISPLAYED. YOU ENTER THE PROBLEM ON THE PLANS AND IDENTIFY THE PROJECT LOCATION.



WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE LIST OF QUESTIONS, CLICK THE REPORT COMPLETE BUTTON. THIS WILL CREATE THE CORRECTION REPORT. TO REVIEW THE CORRECTION REPORT, CLICK THE REQUIRED CORRECTIONS TAB ON THE MAIN SCREEN TO REVIEW THE REPORT.

#### **SAVING THE CORRECTION REPORT:**

IN SAVE BOX, CLICK CORRECTION REPORT BUTTON OR SAVE CORRECTION REPORT UNDER THE CORRECTION REPORT PULL-DOWN MENU.

THIS WILL SAVE TWO FILES.

- 1. .CSc = Data file needed by Plan Analyst to recreate Correction report for editing.
- 2. \_CR.RTF = ACTUAL CORRECTION REPORT. USE THIS FILE TO SEND A REPORT TO ANOTHER OFFICE OR TO LOAD INTO A WORD PROCESSOR SUCH AS MICROSOFT WORD. (EG. MYPROJECT\_CR.RTF)

THE LIST BOX WILL CHANGE TO SHOW THE ALLOWED TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION EACH TIME YOU MAKE A CHANGE. THIS ALLOWS YOU TO QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY TRY DIFFERENT OPTIONS.

THE ALLOWED TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION WILL SHOW ON THE RIGHT SIDE. SELECT CONSTRUCTION TYPE THAT YOU ARE USING. IF YOU WANT TO CHECK ONLY ONE TYPE, SELECT ONLY ONE TYPE AND THEN THE CONTINUE BUTTON.

THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION IS NOW COMPLETE AND THE CODE STUDY WILL BE CREATED.

THE REPORT IS DISPLAYED ON THE MAIN SCREEN.

THE REPORT IS DIFFERENT BUT THE USE OF THE CODE STUDY REPORT IS THE SAME AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

# ALL DIGITAL (PAPERLESS) CODE STUDIES

#### WHAT IS NEEDED?

- 1. COMPUTER WITH 2 MONITORS CONNECTED (1 TO DISPLAY PLAN ANALYST AND 1 TO DISPLAY AUTODESK)
- 2. PLAN ANALYST SOFTWARE
- 3. AUTODESK DESIGN REVIEW SOFTWARE (CURRENTLY, FREE OF CHARGE FROM AUTODESK)



USE THE FEATURES OF AUTODESK DESIGN REVIEW TO GET INFORMATION (DIMENSIONS, SQUARE FEET, ETC). ENTER THE INFORMATION INTO PLAN ANALYST. AS YOU CREATE THE CORRECTION REPORT, COPY AND PASTE REQUIRED CORRECTIONS FROM PLAN ANALYST TO THE CALLOUT BOXES IN AUTODESK DESIGN REVIEW. USING THIS SYSTEM, YOU HAVE REVIEWED THE PLANS WITHOUT HANDLING A PAPER COPY OF THE PLANS.

THIS SYSTEM SPEEDS UP THE PLAN CHECK PROCESS, ADDS CONVENIENCE AND A POPULAR GREEN FACTOR FEATURE.

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