Spotlight on McMillan Pazdan Smith

Solution Toolkit:

Autodesk® Revit® and Ideate Explorer for Revit

Streamlining Processes with Ideate Explorer

McMillan Pazdan Smith learned about Ideate Explorer, "and I immediately saw that it could help my BIM support team resolve Revit issues that OoTB Revit simply couldn't," said Dan Warren, the firm's BIM Operations Administrator. "The amount of time we spend troubleshooting models has decreased significantly. Additionally, we're better able to document specific situations where modeling and drafting practices have impacted performance. This has led to a broader understanding of the importance of Revit model health within our production team."

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"The Ideate Explorer tool allows rapid assessment of model health and quick identification of 'less than best practices' within our troubled models," said Dan. "Ideate Explorer allows our team to rapidly triage problems, so we spend our efforts on issues that provide the greatest return on model health. Providing a thorough model health assessment used to take a half to full day; now, we can turn our reports around in less than half the time. Additionally, it's great to get a better data on the actual modeling behaviors that are causing problems on our production floor, so that we can provide more effective training and support.

"The interface is quick, reliable, and easy to understand. Most of my BIM team had no problems picking the tool up and getting immediate value out of it," said Dan.
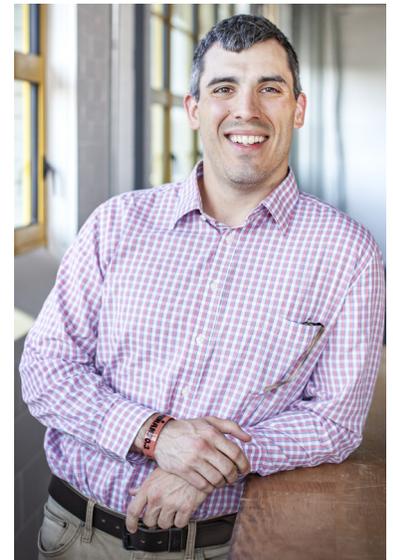
"Having used Ideate Explorer for a while, I can say that it is by far the best tool I've ever seen for both managing model health and resolving pesky Revit issues that plague our project teams. Also, it has helped our users better understand and respect the importance of data structure and modeling practices in their models. I cannot imagine how we could efficiently resolve the issues we face daily without this tool."

Positioned for Continued Success

Ideate Explorer provides numerous ways for users to decrease the time spent on model management, increase the accuracy of their models, and reduce file space. It also includes Warnings Manager for reviewing and managing Revit warnings, Navigate for navigating through view-based elements within Revit, and Query for searching on parameters.

"I'm looking forward to expanding our use of Explorer as the value continues to grow," said Dan. "Thank you for making such a reliable and useful solution."

About Ideate Software

Ideate Software allows Revit users to have unprecedented control over their data and solve persistent problems in Architecture, Engineering, and Construction (AEC) workflows. Ideate Software solutions enable Revit users to save time, increase accuracy, improve project deliverables, and elevate design.

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