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## Collaborating and Complying: Using Artificial Intelligence in the Built Environmen

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OBJECTIVE

Learn how artificial intelligence can be used to improve the health, safety, and welfare of patients in health care facilities by engaging in the review of construction documents to find and identify building and fire code deficiencies that may have been overlooked or missed by human reviewers.

2 OBJECTIVE

Recognize cost (money, time) of rework efforts when project design is not compliant with adopted codes and standards.

3

Identify fundamentals of AI based software platforms and how they operate to compare architectural plans against criteria of building and fire code regulations.

4

Understand the limitations of AI software and the necessity of oversight of AI results to insure the health, safety, and welfare of all the building's occupants.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CREDITS









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## **RELATED OUTCOMES**

- Distinguish how machine learning and AI can be used together to evaluate a floor plan and provide output using an intuitive interface.
- Identify how this technology relates to the design-build process to allow code analysis to be completed almost instantaneously.
- Identify issues in the plan review process and evaluate potential solutions based on real-world examples for means of egress, accessibility, and fire system component layout.
- Describe the steps in an automated plan review process using machine learning.
- 5. Learn a bit more about AI and its history



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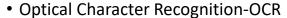
## **Our Team** Co-Founder Co-Founder Co-Founder Co-Founder Michael Sheehan **Matthew Foley Patrick Hughes Patrick Murphy** СТО CPO Piotr Jaworski **Robert Solomon Dawn Keller** 40th Annual FPC Seminar + Expo

## A Few Words on Terminology

- Artificial Intelligence-AI
  - Theory and development of computer systems that perform tasks that augment for human intelligence such as perceiving, classifying, learning, abstracting, reasoning, and/or acting. ["Mathematics Of Big Data And Machine Learning": MIT Lincoln Labs]



- Use of statistics to find patterns in massive amounts of data. Data includes numbers, words, images. ["What Is Machine Learning?" MIT Technology Review!
- Image Recognition-IR
  - Ability of software to identify objects, places, people, writing and actions in digital images. [Tech Target Enterprise Al]



 Programs that extract and repurposes data from scanned documents, camera images and image-only PDFs. [IBM Cloud Education]



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## NFPA JOURNAL **SPRING 2024**



CHAPTER 9

SECTION 1

#### Smart Infrastructure and Fire Protection

## NFPA Fire Protection Handbook 21<sup>ST</sup> Edition-2023



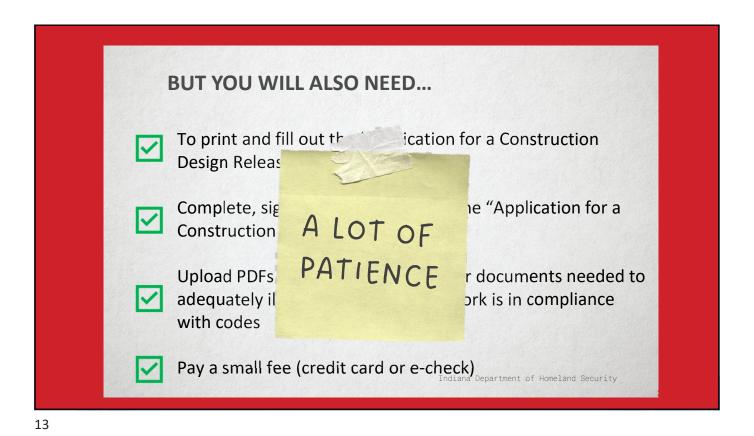
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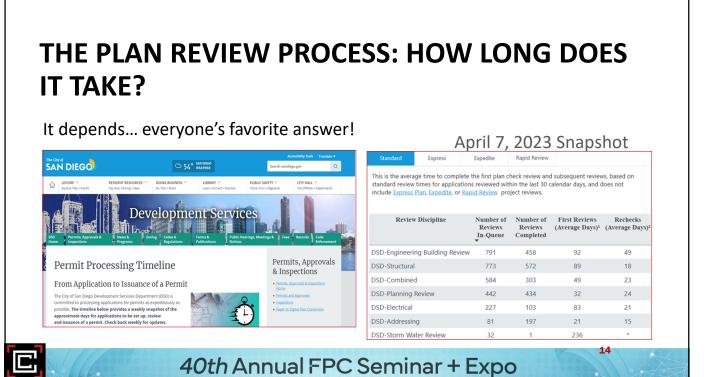
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### THE PLAN REVIEW PROCESS MIGHT LOOK LIKE...

- To print and fill out the "Application for a Construction Design Release"
- Complete, sign, and upload a PDF of the "Application for a Construction Design Release"
- Upload PDFs of all drawings and other documents needed to adequately illustrate the proposed work is in compliance with codes
- Pay a small fee (credit card or e-check)

  Indiana Department of Homeland Security





## **COST OF REWORK**

"Faced with labor shortages, rising project costs, materials shortages, and a climate crisis that's heating up, contractors and asset owners cannot afford to waste a single resource.

Inaccurate building, leading to errors and rework (redoing work due to errors), is a project killer and contributor to these issues.

Rework accounts for more than 30% of all work on site and costs between 2.4% and 12.4% of project contract value.

Technology can lend a hand here."



- Fast Company (2023) 40th Annual FPC Seminar + Expo

### **PRODUCTIVITY**

68 percent of skilled trade workers feel a desire to work with innovative, non-traditional tools, NFPA survey finds

December 13, 2022 – The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) today released its 2023 Industry Trends Survey, which reveals insights around employee sentiment on training and labor shortages, use of schnology on the job site and how technology supports their top priorities.

As industry hiring lags, skilled trade workers emphasize training

Nearly half of respondents (45 percent) said a shortage of qualified workers would be their biggest challenge at work in 2023. Additionally, 42 percent said they anticipate their budgets will focus on increased hiring to replace or add jobs in 2023.

"In 2022, we anticipate hiring and retention to remain a top priority across worldcross, but especially in the skilled trade industry," said Kyle Spencer, Director of NFPA LINKS. "These insights directly from men and women on the job emphasize the need for accessible training among teams struggling to maintain a full staff." Closely following concerns around a hiring shortage, 42 percent of respondents cited lack of knowledge sharing and collaboration as their top challenge, while 32 percent said codes and standards requirements continuously evolving would be their greatest challenge in the new year.

Skilled trade workers utilize technology on the jobsite, but there's room for improvement

Thirty-two percent of respondents are currently utilizing technology on the jobsite on a day-to-day basis, while 22 percent utilized technology multiple times a week. With this in mind, nearly one-third (28 percent) of trade workers anticipate their organizations' 2023 budgets will be focused on updating manual or outdated

These potential budget increases are in line with employee priorities: the survey also found that 68 percent of respondents felt a desire to work with innovative, no traditional tools on a jobsite, while 17 percent found that the lack of job-enabling technology was one of their biggest challenges on the jobsite in 2022.

Further, 40 percent of respondents believed the biggest opportunity for technology to improve their day-to-day work on the jobsite would be for ease of communication between team members:

- · 25 percent believed it would improve accuracy and safety
- 13 percent believed it would resolve code and inspection disputes more quickly
- 11 percent believed it would provide quick and easy access to codes and standards
- . 10 percent believed it would give customers confidence in their organization's ability

Technology implementation will support skilled trade workers' top priorities on the jobsite

When asked what they most prioritize on a jobsite, 37 percent of respondents said quality of work, while 31 percent identified safety and security as top priority. To that end, 25 percent of respondents believe technology implemented in their day-to-day job functions would improve accuracy and safety.

Safety and quality of work will always remain a top priority for managers and their teams, but the challenge ahead is acting proactively rather than react industry leaders must equip their professionals with the proper tools to improve their day-to-day job functions, enabling the next generation of employees the industry's path forward. Said Spencer.

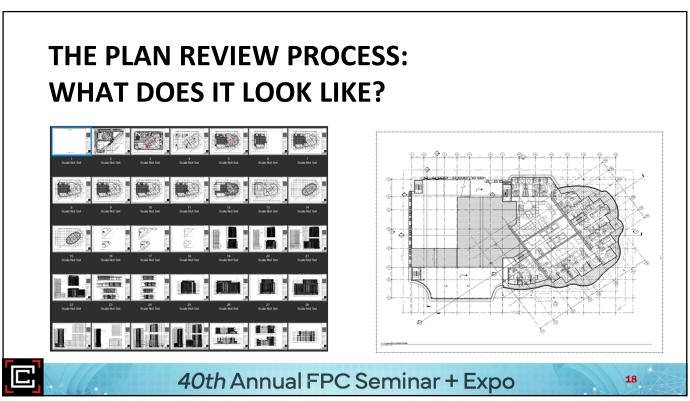
For this release and other announcements about NFPA initiatives, research, and resources, please visit NFPA press room

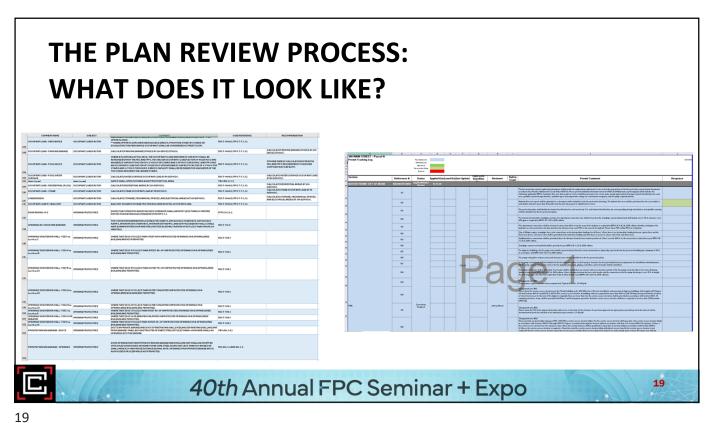
NFPA collected responses from 330 U.S.-based workers, 18-years and older in the electrical, manufacturing, construction, engineering, architectidesign, facility maintenance, fire service, and insurance/six management fields, via a third-party provider to determine findings of #s 2023 industry Trends Survey. The survey was conducted between October 20, 2022 - Nevember 4, 2022.



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## THE PLAN REVIEW PROCESS: CURRENT AND FUTURE STATE







"The future is here. It's just not widely distributed yet."

- William Gibson, American-Canadian author (1948)



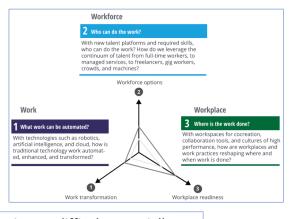
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# THE PLAN REVIEW PROCESS: TECHNOLOGY AND FUTURE STATE





"Prediction is very difficult, especially about the future."
- Niels Bohr, Danish physicist (1885-1962)

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## The Plan Review Process -Technology and

**Future State** 

"Everything is physics and math."

Katherine Johnson- American Mathematician (1918-2020)

- Why Now?
- What is Different?



Building the backbone for innovation, speed and thriving humanity

Smart devices connect Al to human problems

Edge computing helps data eliminate boundaries

Cloud computing provides connection

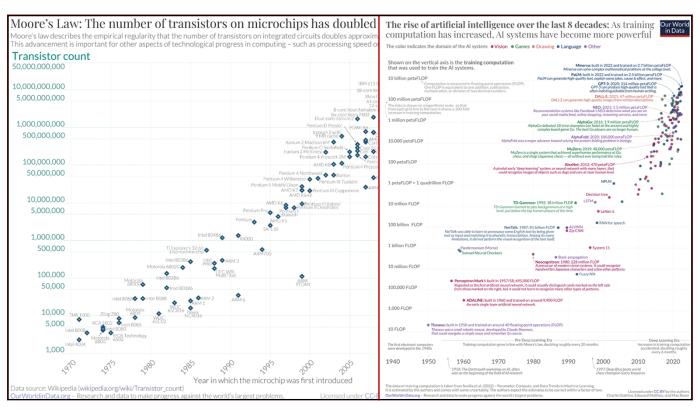
5G networks enable innovation and flexibility Al tools mimic human intelligence to solve problems

MIT Technology Review FEB 2023



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#### **Current Plan Review Process Extended Review Times** Even top-tier jurisdictions like San Diego exhibit Figure 1: Age of Respondents extensive review periods, with initial reviews requiring 92 days and subsequent ones, 49 days each. In 18 to 24 0.1% contrast, San Francisco sees an average wait time of 3.3% 627 days for permit approvals. 25 to 34 35 to 44 **Workforce Demographic Shifts** 45 to 54 The building industry is facing challenges due to 55 to 64 demographic shifts in the code-related workforce. According to a study completed by ICC, 65 to 74 approximately 83% of plan reviewers are above 45 '5 or older 0.9% years old, raising concerns about the sustainability and efficacy of the current building regulatory system **2014 REPORT** 40th Annual FPC Seminar + Expo

Current Plan Review Process

Construction Bottleneck
The inefficiency in the permitting process often serves as a blockage that delays the progression of the construction process.

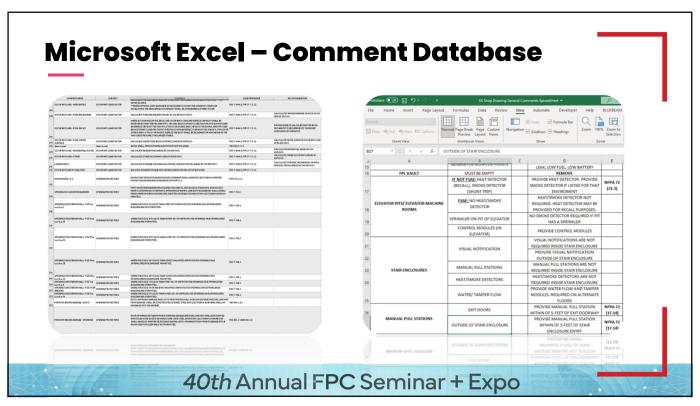
Extensive Manual Analysis
AHJs are tasked with manually scrutinizing every page of a set of plans against hundreds, potentially thousands, of complicated code requirements.

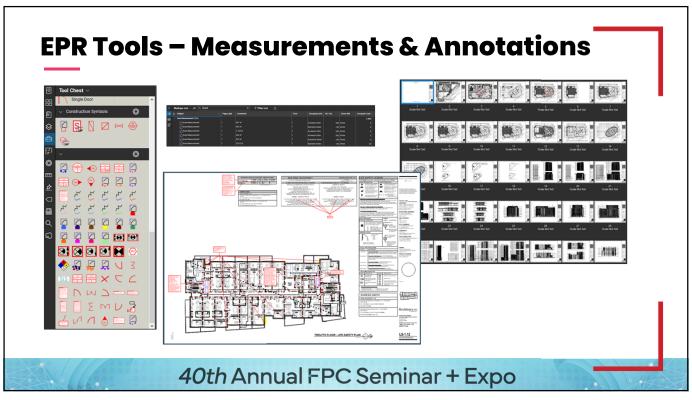
Innovation Opportunity
The increasing transition to digital plan reviews provide a pivotal opportunity for groundbreaking solutions to longstanding industry obstacles.

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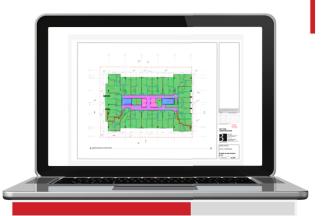




Al-Powered Efficiency: CodeComply leverages advanced Al to automate the review of floor plans against codes and standards, exponentially accelerating the permitting process.

Cross-Departmental Application: A suite of universally applicable review tools to address the unique needs of building, fire, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing departments.

Integrations: Collaboration with leading standard development organizations like NFPA, ICC, and UL, ensuring access to the most up-to-date and comprehensive codes and standards.

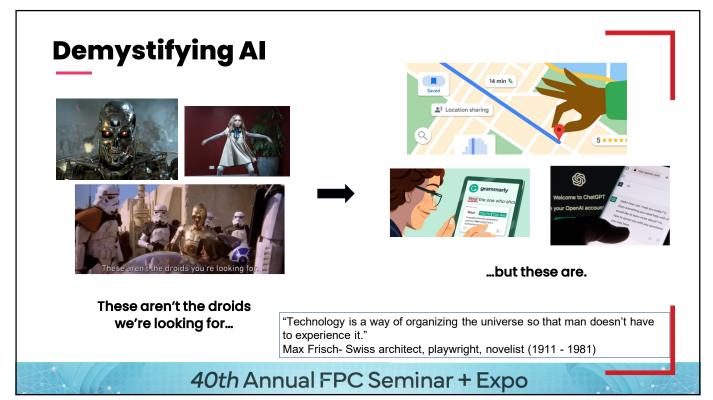


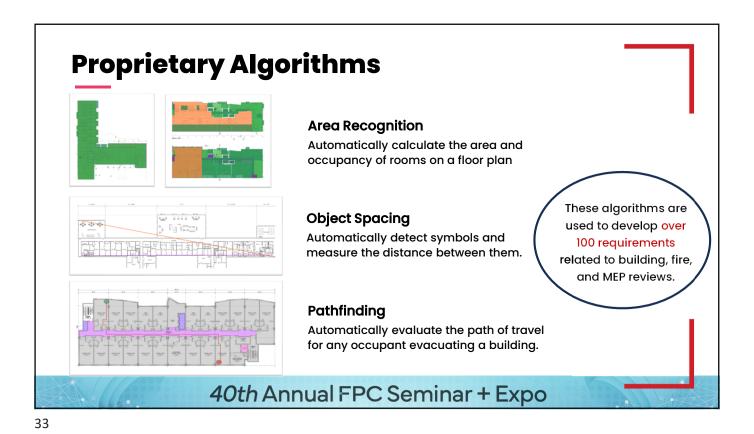


Expedite review time from months to minutes

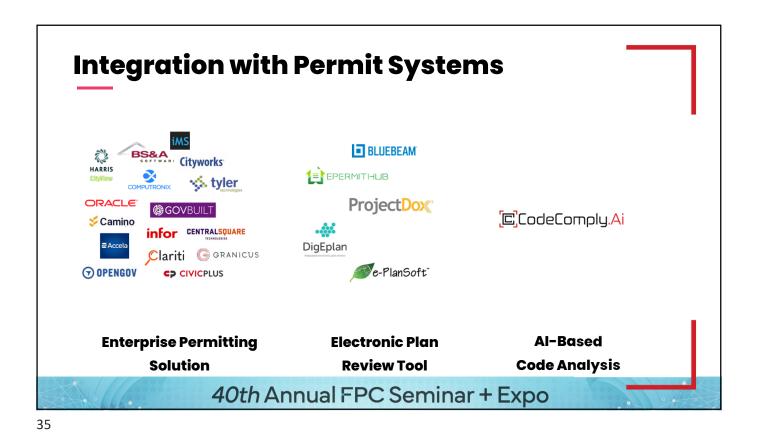
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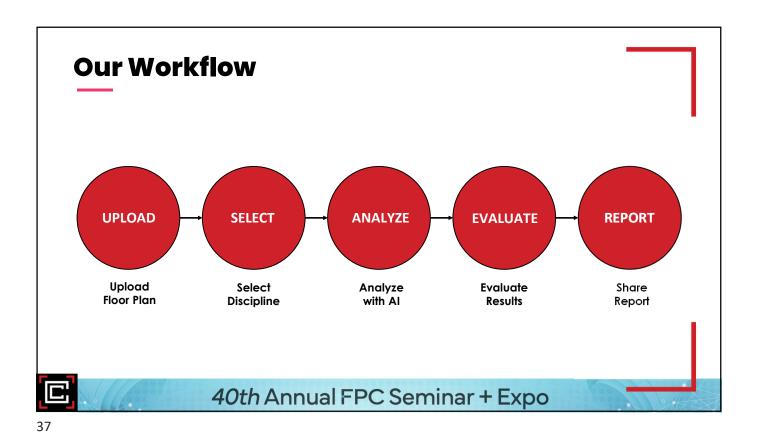


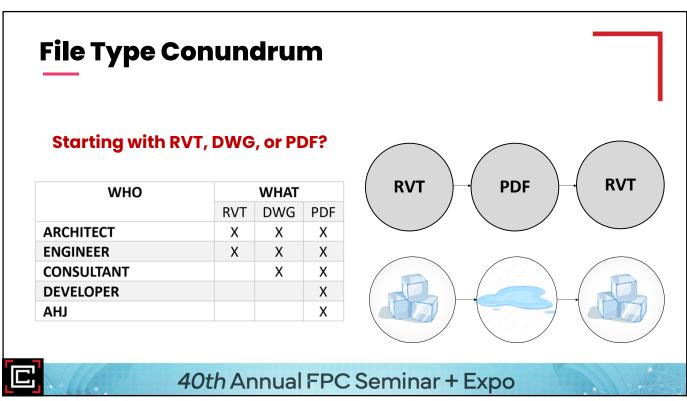


Our Background

In-House Subject Matter Expertise Full-stack development team First AI Floor Plan Review Tool Subject Issued (Three Pending)

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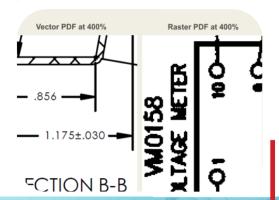


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Automating Code Compliance With AI and ML: The PDF Conundrum

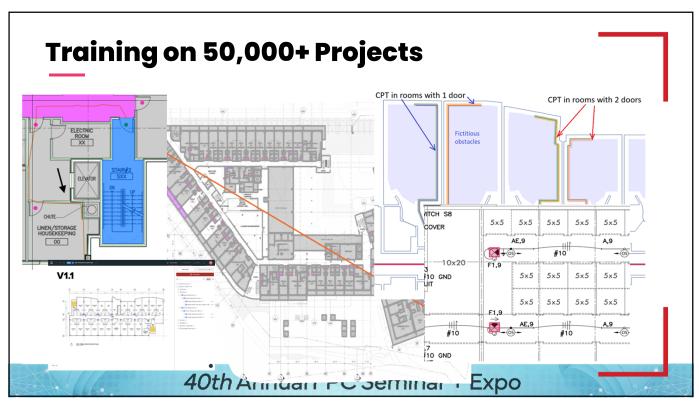
- Revit vs AutoCAD vs ????
- Level of Development (LOD)
   Across Projects Not Consistent
- Industry Foundation Classes (IFC)





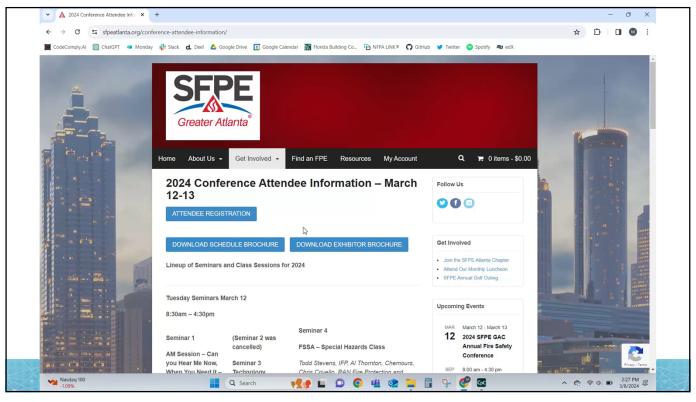
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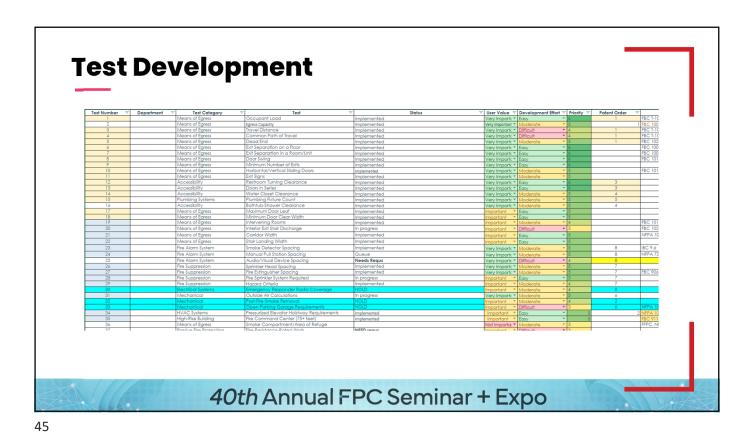
Industry Foundation Classes (IFC) for data sharing in the construction and facility management industries — Part 1: Data schema











# AUTOMATING CODE COMPLIANCE WITH AI & ML

## **LIKES**



## **DISLIKES**



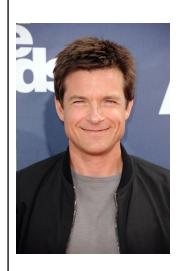
- Numerical Values
- Object Detection
- Area Measurements
- Linear Measurement

### DISLINES

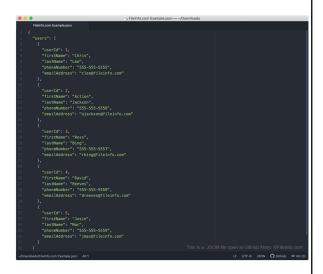
- Judgements
- Approximations
- Too Much Detail (But Getting Better)
- Performance Criteria

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Jason Also Jason

**JSON** 

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## **Tech Stack**

- Programming Languages: JavaScript is the core language for development.
- Backend: The backend is built on Node.js, with KOA as the framework.
- Database: PostgreSQL is used as the relational database management system.
- Vectorization Service: A service built with Python and C++ for analyzing floor plans.
- <u>Cloud Services:</u> Amazon Web Services (AWS) is used for scalable and secure cloud infrastructure.

## Tech Stack for Matt, Robert, and other FPEs

- Programming Languages: JavaScript is the core language for development.
  - JavaScript is like a multi-tool that allows us to create interactive elements in our software.
- Backend: The backend is built on Node.js, with KOA as the framework.
  - Node.js is the engine that keeps our software running smoothly for our users.
- <u>Database</u>: PostgreSQL is used as the relational database management system.
  - PostgreSQL acts as our digital filing system for our data.
- Vectorization Service: A service built with Python and C++ for analyzing floor plans.
  - We use a custom tool, built with Python and C++, to quickly understand and process building layouts.
- Cloud Services: Amazon Web Services (AWS) is used for scalable and secure cloud infrastructure.
  - AWS gives us an expandable space on the internet to keep our software operational.

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## Feature Request – LLM Applications



#### **Query Project Specifics**

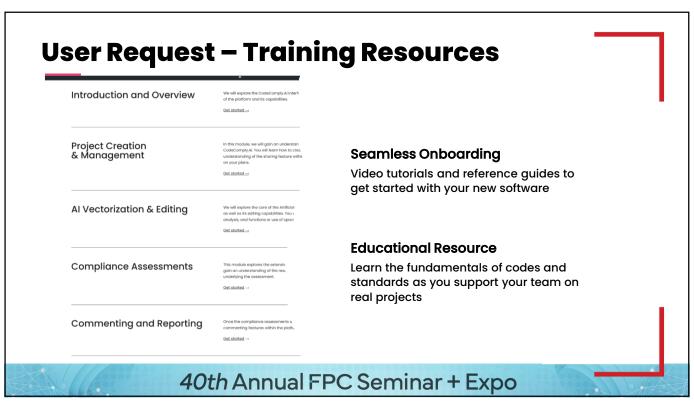
Analyze information from cover sheet, title block, and annotations

#### **Connection with Internal Databases**

Customize your own internal database for FAQ responses from your experts

#### **Potential Third-Party Integrations**

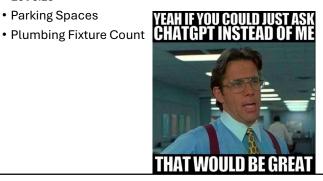
Potentially integrate with third-party LLMs for access to copyrighted information

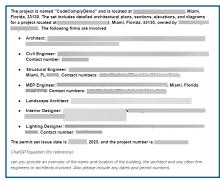




## User Request – Project Info/Summary

- Design Team
- Referenced Codes
- Occupancy Classification Used
- Building Height (Elevation/# of Stories)
- Setback/FSD
- Lot size
- Parking Spaces





**Query Plans Using Chat GPT** 

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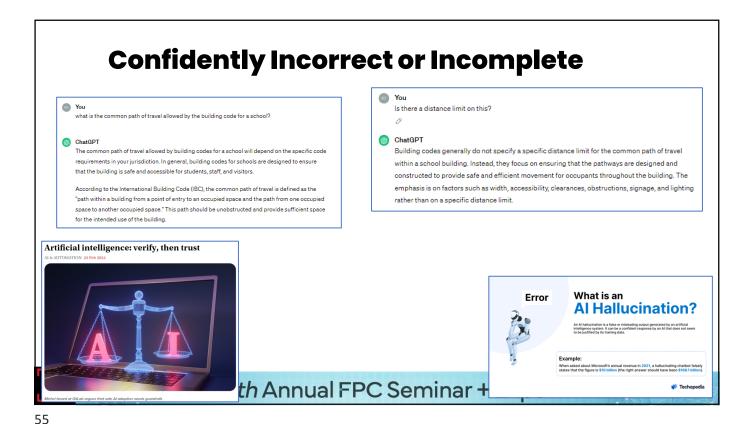
## **Implementation Strategy**

Early Stage: Establish deep integration with building departments across jurisdictions to drive widespread adoption.

User Licenses: Attract architects and design, introducing individual licenses for single users and tiered pricing for enterprise clients.

Per-Project Pricing: Transition to per-project pricing in select communities to align with current permitting process.





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AI-BASED REVIEW TOOL TECHNOLOGY

## Thank you for your attention!

