

# **Advanced Revit Family Creation & Parametric Modeling**

## **Course Objectives**

- To develop a strong understanding of Revit family concepts, templates, and categories used in BIM workflows.
- To enable participants to create parametric, flexible, and reusable Revit families using reference planes, constraints, and parameters.
- To equip learners with skills to use solid and void modeling tools for accurate geometry creation.
- To provide knowledge of parameter management, including instance, type, and shared parameters for intelligent modeling.
- To train participants in applying materials, optimizing families, and ensuring industry-standard practices.

## **Course Outcomes**

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Create and customize Revit families using appropriate templates and categories.
- Develop fully parametric families controlled by instance and type parameters.
- Build complex 3D geometries using extrusion, sweep, blend, revolve, and void tools.
- Apply and manage materials effectively for realistic visualization and documentation.
- Design host-based and face-based families suitable for real-world BIM projects.
- Optimize, test, and deploy families aligned with professional BIM standards.

## **Target Audience**

- BIM Modelers and Coordinators looking to enhance parametric modeling skills.
- Architects and Architectural Designers working with Revit-based projects.
- MEP and Structural Engineers involved in BIM modeling and content creation.
- CAD Technicians and Draftsmen transitioning to BIM workflows.
- Students and professionals seeking specialization in Revit family creation.

## **Course outline**

The course comprises **32**-hours of theory and labs and is divided into **10** different Modules. Each chapter will be followed by hands-on lab exercises to reinforce learning and gauge understanding of the topics covered.

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### **Module 1: Introduction to Revit Families**

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- 1.2 Importance of Families in BIM Workflows
- 1.3 Types of Revit Families (System, Loadable, In-Place)
- 1.4 Understanding Family Templates

### **Module 2: Revit Family Editor Interface**

- 2.1 Introduction to Family Editor UI
- 2.2 Navigation Tools and Workspace Setup
- 2.3 Visibility Controls and Views
- 2.4 Project vs Family Environment

### **Module 3: Family Templates & Categories**

- 3.1 Types of Family Templates
- 3.2 Selecting Appropriate Templates
- 3.3 Family Categories and Subcategories
- 3.4 Hosting Behavior (Wall, Ceiling, Floor, Face-Based)

### **Module 4: Family Creation Fundamentals**

- 4.1 Setting Up a New Family
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- 4.3 Using Reference Lines
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### **Module 6: Geometry Creation Tools**

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### **Module 8: Custom Family Creation**

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### **Module 9: Advanced Family Techniques**

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#### 9.2 Visibility Parameters

#### 9.3 Detail Levels and Symbolic Representation

#### 9.4 Formula-Based Parametric Control

#### 9.5 Family Types Management

### **Module 10: Testing, Optimization & Deployment**

#### 10.1 Testing Families in Projects

#### 10.2 Performance Optimization

#### 10.3 File Size Management

#### 10.4 Troubleshooting Common Issues