

**Glossary of Architectural Terms V 1.0:**

**Architect, Client + Contractor triangle:**  
At the heart of every project is the relationship between architect, client and contractor. A great project comes out of having all three sides of the triangle performing at a high level and fulfilling their responsibilities. The successful collaboration of these three entities can lead to a project that exceeds all expectations while a bad relationship can lead to nightmares for everyone.

**Axon (Axonometric):**  
A type of drawing that attempts to represent three dimensions of an object two dimensionally. Unlike a perspective drawing, straight lines that are parallel in real life are parallel in an axon drawing and don't meet at a vanishing point.

**Blockwork:**  
A wall or structure made of bricks or blocks of a similar material like concrete.

**Change Order:**  
Work added or removed from a project after the initial scope of work has been decided. Depending on the scale of the order, it may or may not affect the originally agreed contract.

**Concept Design Study:**  
An early phase in the design process where the architect creates an initial design in response to the original project brief.

**Construction Phase Services:**  
Tasks carried out in the architect's office to oversee the construction process in a project. This can include maintaining records, facilitating communication, and reviewing and certifying amounts due to contractors.

**Contractor:**  
A company that undertakes an agreement (contract), in relation to architecture projects, this usually refers to the construction team, and outside consultants for a project.

**Cut Sheets:**  
A document that summarizes technical characteristics of a component. In architecture, this usually refers to doors, windows, and other building elements that go into a project.

**Design + Build:**  
A method of delivering a project in which a project is design and construction services are contracted by a single entity.

**FAR:**  
Floor Area Ratio, A measurement of the total floor area of a building in relation to the area of the building's lot.

**Finish Presentation:**  
A presentation summarizing the finishes that will be incorporated into the project. This can include renderings and material samples incorporated into a coherent presentation.

**Finish Schedule:**  
Information provided to specify the types of finishes (materials) to be applied to floors, walls, ceilings, and other objects and surfaces within a project.

**HVAC:**  
An acronym for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning. As attitudes towards sustainability and energy use change, there is a concerted effort to move away from high use systems to more passive methods of heating and cooling.

**Maintenance:**  
Once a project is completed it will require ongoing maintenance. Our projects are developed with a consideration of the maintenance and practical issues involved

**Masterplan:**  
A long term plan, breaking down a project into phases or parts to better manage the execution of each component. This approach can be helpful in planning a major apartment renovation through to a new city.

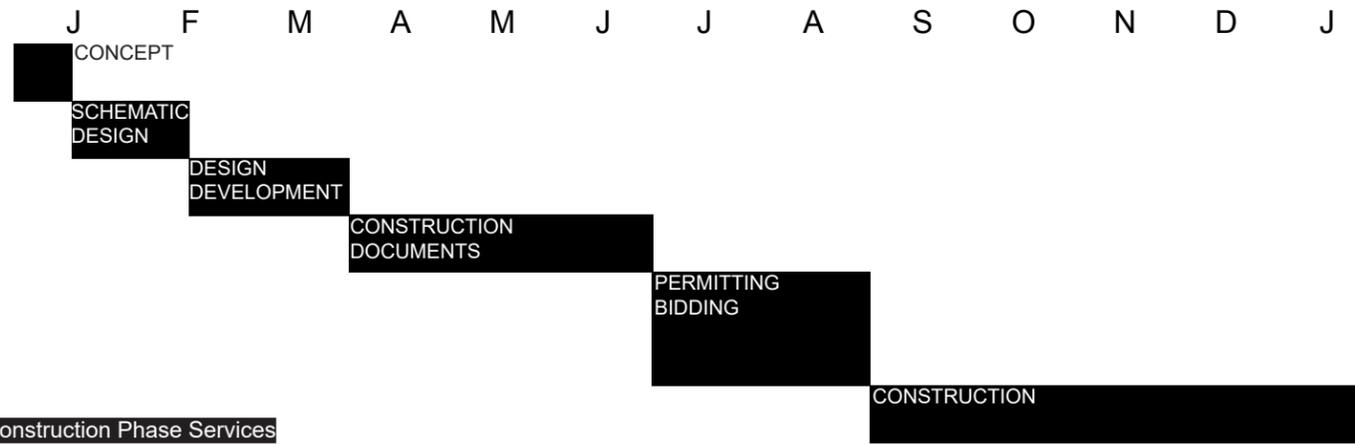
**MEP:**  
An acronym for Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing. These components of a project are almost always completely concealed behind walls, yet are crucial to a building's performance and maintenance, as well as the comfort of a building's inhabitants.

**Millwork:**  
Elements of a project, typically for a project's interior, made of wood, including doors, cabinetry, and windows.

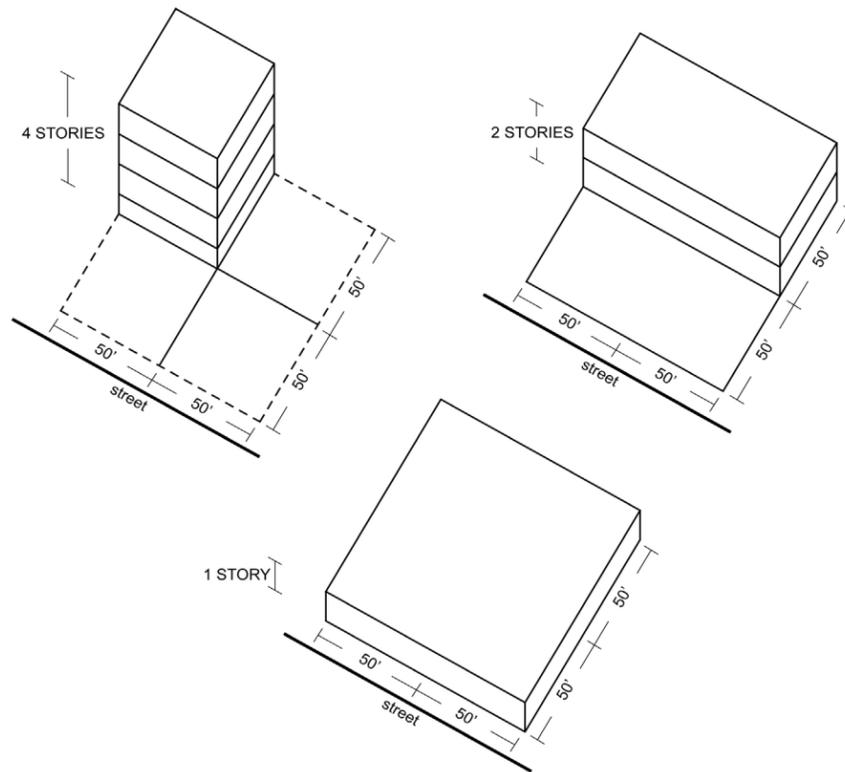
**Phases of Work:**  
Depending on the size and complexity of the project the precise scope of each phase can vary but these typically comprise Concept Design, Schematic Design, Design Development, Construction Documents, Bidding and Construction Phase Services.

**Program:**  
The function of a space, and how that space will be used and occupied by inhabitants. Program can refer to an entire project, or to an individual space within a project. Typically in our projects, program is developed through in depth conversations with the client to discuss their needs and ambitions for a project.

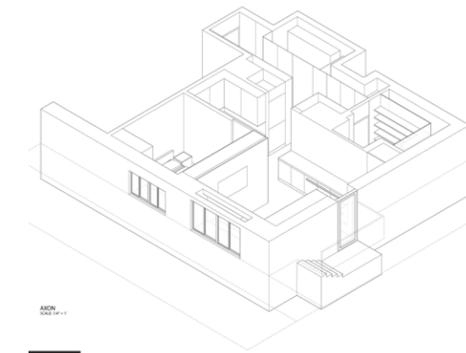
**RCP:**  
Reflected Ceiling Plan, a drawing showing the items located on the ceiling of a space.



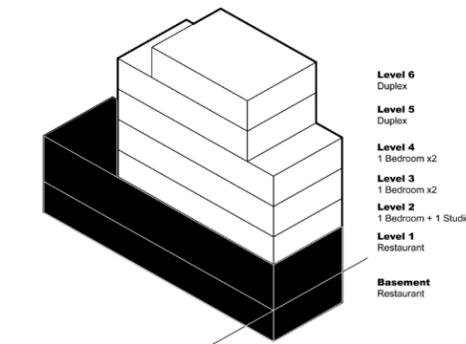
Construction Phase Services



FAR Three different building massings with the same floor area ratio: 1.0



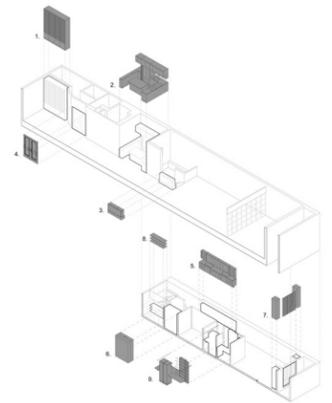
Axon



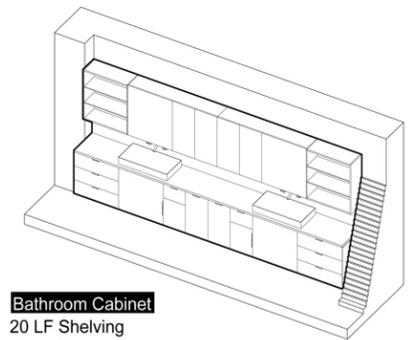
Concept Design Study



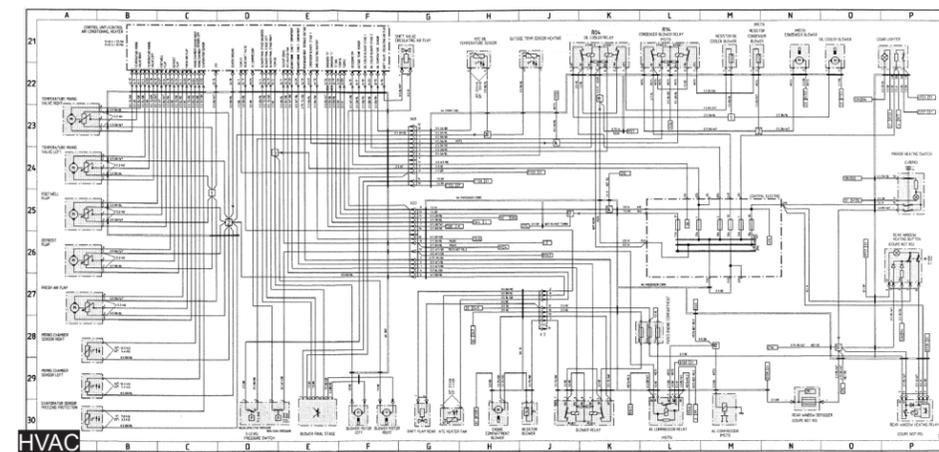
Masterplan: from the city scale...



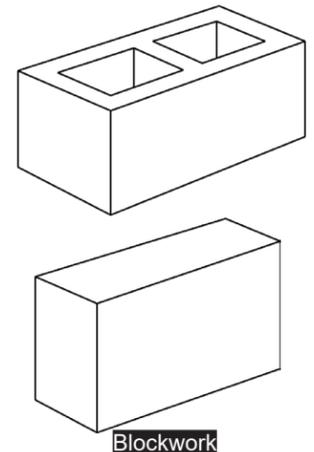
...to the scale of millwork



Bathroom Cabinet  
20 LF Shelving  
31 LF Closed Shelving  
2 Sinks



HVAC



Blockwork