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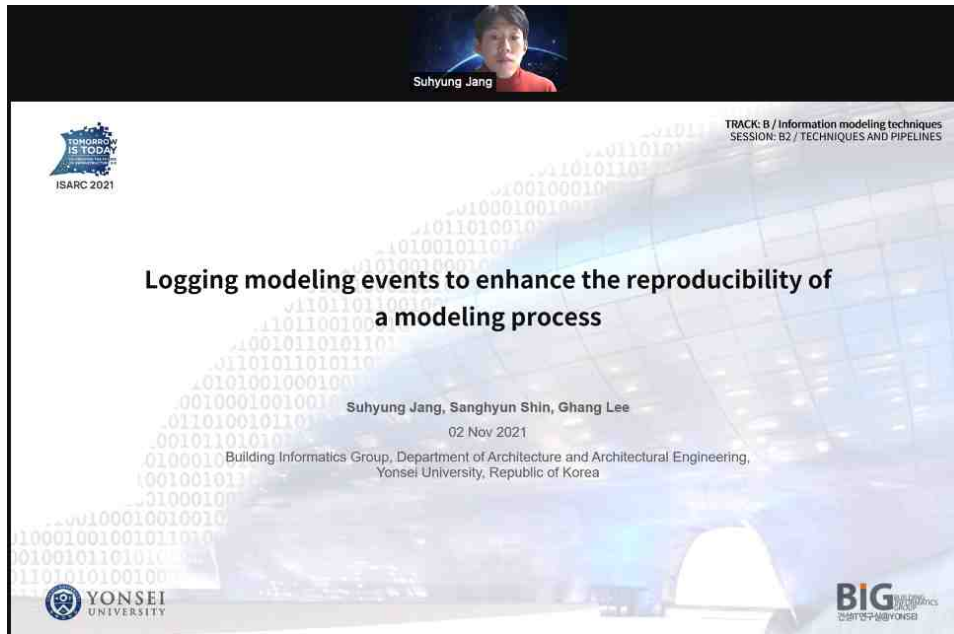
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Logging modeling events to enhance the reproducibility of a modeling process

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Abstract

This study was aimed at developing a building information modeling (BIM) process logger that can capture modeling process information as an event log file. BIM log mining is a research area that focuses on utilizing a massive amount of data created from BIM software usage. Several studies have monitored, analyzed, improved, and predicted modeling process based on BIM log mining. However, the BIM logs recorded using current BIM authoring tools do not offer explicit information about modeling commands and object-related parameters. The BIM logger proposed in the current work was developed using the application programming interface (API) of BIM authoring software to create an enhanced log file that can represent the modeling process. The reproducibility of the modeling process in the log file created using the developed logger was evaluated via quantitative and qualitative methods.

Keywords

Building Information Modeling (BIM); BIM Log Mining; Modeling Process Representation; Data Enhancement

BIM usage data in a BIM authoring tool.

BIM log mining is a young discipline in a research area that focuses on utilizing the event logs created from the BIM usage process. Extensive research has been conducted to perform BIM log mining for various purposes, such as design pattern analysis, design productivity analysis, social network analysis, modeling process visualization, and modeling command prediction.

The data maturity of BIM logs, however, has not been questioned in most previous research [3–11], even though it very much affects the results of analyses in event log mining. The quality of an event log varies according to the purpose of the analysis [12]. For reliable and precise modeling process analysis, the modeling information in BIM event logs needs to be self-descriptive to the level at which it can reproduce the process [1]. During a literature review, we verified that the modeling process data created in the current BIM log file is not explicit enough to reproduce the modeling process for process analysis [13]. In this regard, we focused on increasing the process reproducibility of the modeling log using a custom-developed BIM logger.



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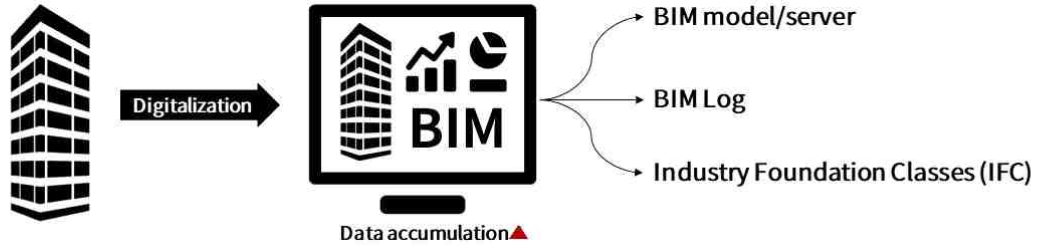
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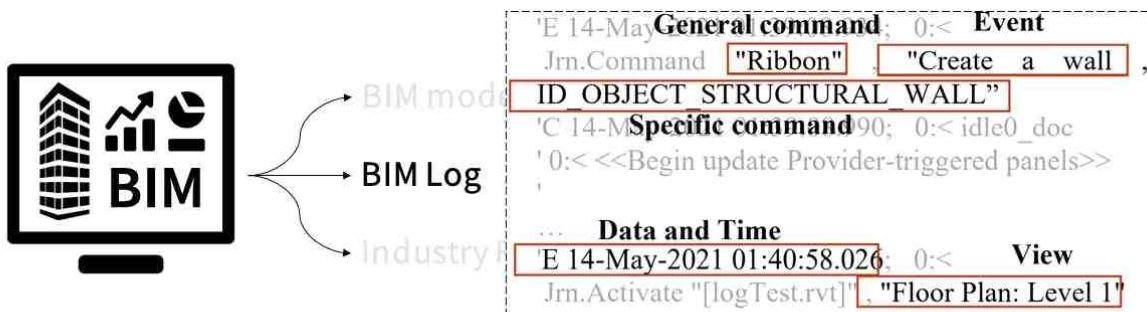
Motivation

“Can we reproduce a BIM model from a BIM log like the Excel Macro?”

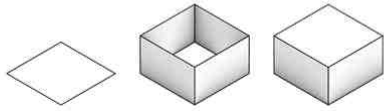




A massive BIM data created from BIM software can be utilized to monitor, analyze, improve, and optimize process in AEC industry



BIM logs automatically record BIM usage data in a BIM authoring tool. BIM logs includes BIM usage event(command/error/message), time of the event occurrence, and other data



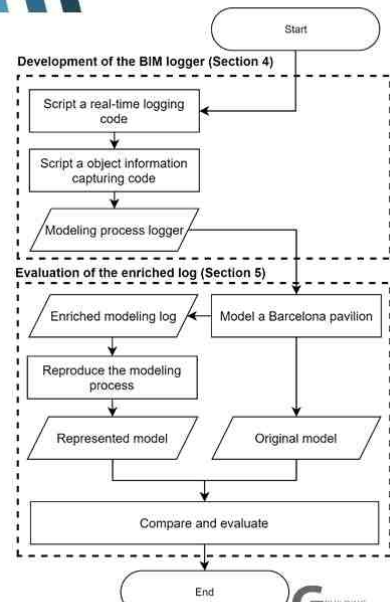
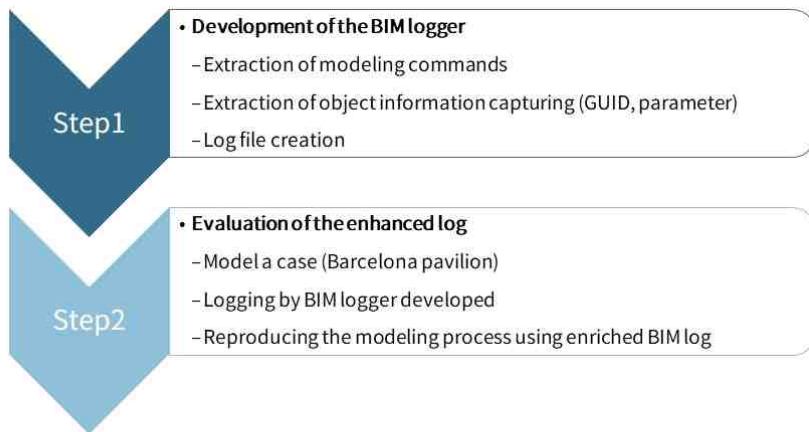
General Command	Event	Specific Command
Ribbon	Create	ID_OBJECTS_STRUCTURAL_WALL
KeyboardShortcut	Other	ID_TOGGLE_PROPERTIES_PALETTE
Ribbon	Create	ID_FILE_NEW_CHOOSE_TEMPLATE
Ribbon	Create	ID_VIEW_DEFAULT_3DVIEW
Internal	Other	ID_DETAIL_LEVEL_MEDIUM
Internal	Other	ID_IMAGE_SHADING
AccelKey	Other	ID_CANCEL_EDITOR



Research Question: Can we reproduce a BIM model from a BIM log like the Excel Macro?

Current BIM log: The geometric attributes of the modeled object cannot be verified, and the object affected by the event is not specified.

Research Objective: To enhance the modeling information in BIM log to where we can reproduce the original modeling process from the BIM log.



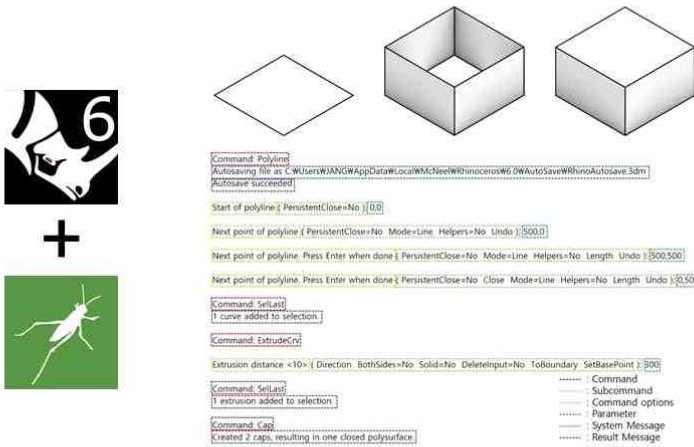


Figure 3. A modeling process and the modeling history of the process

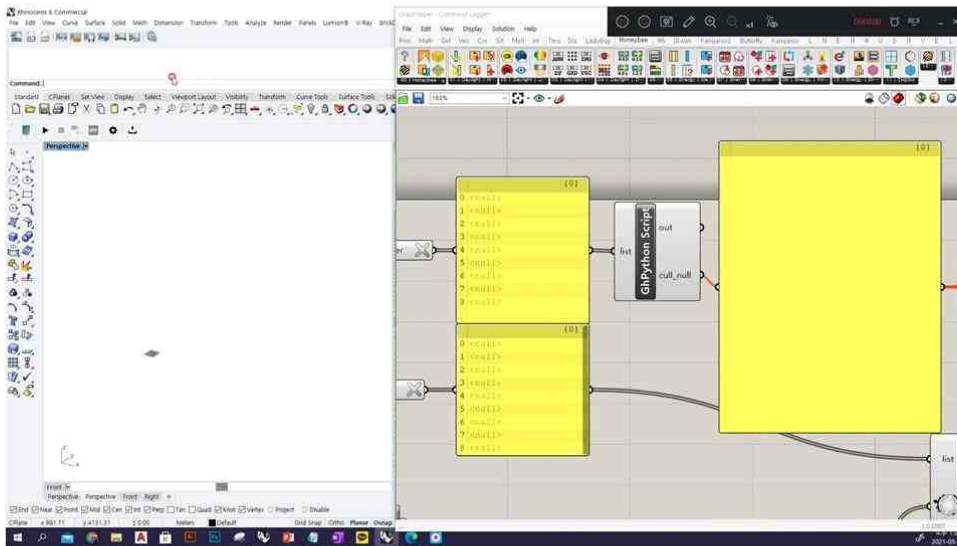
Input: modeling history
Output: modeling log

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log_ord_list: list of event log orders
cmd_list: list of commands
time_list: list of timestamp
guid_list: list of GUID
cmd_ord_list: list of command orders
prm_list: list of parameters

for i in modeling history do
  cmh EQUALS i
  log_ord EQUALS log_ord plus 1;
  if the first word of string cmh is "Command" then
    cmd EQUALS string after "...";
    cmd_ord EQUALS cmd_ord plus 1;
  else if the string cmh is not command related message then
    go to next i;
  end if
  if the second last word of cmh includes "*" then
    parameter EQUALS string after "...";
  else
    parameter EQUALS "";
  end if
  time EQUALS current time;
  guid EQUALS current object GUID;
  APPEND log_ord to log_ord_list;
  APPEND cmd to cmd_list;
  APPEND time to time_list;
  APPEND guid to guid_list;
  APPEND cmd_ord to cmd_ord_list;
  APPEND parameter to prm_list;
end for
modeling log EQUALS [log_ord_list, time_list, guid_list, cmd_list, cmd_ord_list, prm_list]
return modeling log
    
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Figure 4. Pseudo code of the modeling logger



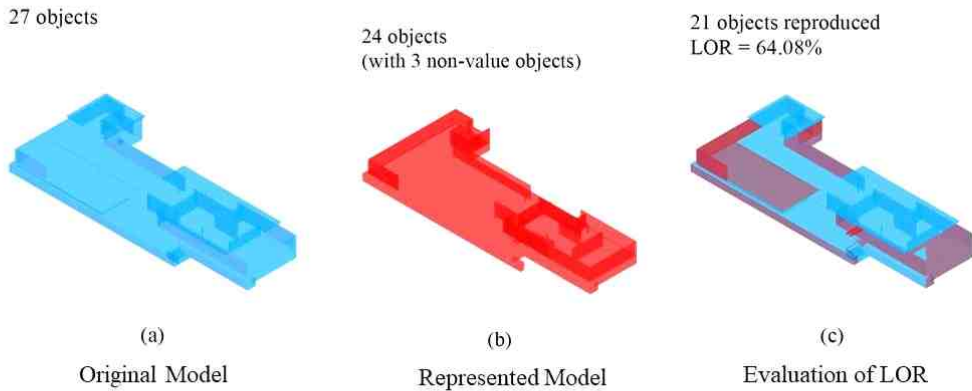
GUID	Command	Command Order	Parameter
08c83585-f792-4d43-a594-17d2ba855bea	Polyline	0	1
08c83585-f792-4d43-a594-17d2ba855bea	SelLast	1	-
5d01173f-2f3e-4ff8-9943-eb7b9c91d945	ExtrudeCrv	2	-
5d01173f-2f3e-4ff8-9943-eb7b9c91d945	ExtrudeCrv	2	-1200
5d01173f-2f3e-4ff8-9943-eb7b9c91d945	SelLast	3	-
5d01173f-2f3e-4ff8-9943-eb7b9c91d945	Cap	4	-
9e7b8788-0dab-4c69-86b0-571820582c0d	Polyline	5	-
9e7b8788-0dab-4c69-86b0-571820582c0d	Polyline	5	0/0

Table 2. Modeling information from the enhanced modeling log

$$IoU_i = V_{Inter_i} / V_{Uni_i} \quad (1)$$

$$LOR = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^i X_i * IoU_i}{i} * 100 (\%) \quad (2)$$

- (1) Intersection of union (IoU) is a commonly used metric for measuring the overlap between two modeled objects by volumes
- (2) Level of reproducibility (LOR) is an averaged percentage of IoU



Conclusion

- The enhanced log is eligible for reproducing the original modeling process
- Enhancing modeling information to the BIM log can reduce the gap between real-life modeling process and logged modeling process

Future work

- A more comprehensive BIM logger can be developed to collect not only geometric attributes but also non-modeling events and non-geometric features
- Application of enhanced logs in analysis of modeling processes (Data-driven analysis)

