

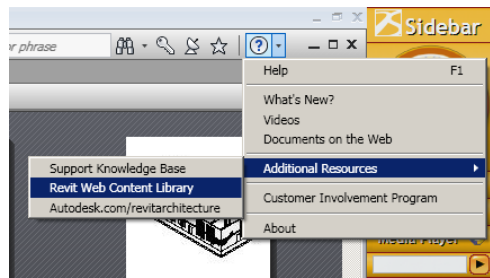
## Autodesk Revit Architecture Resources

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This article highlights resources available to both new and experienced Revit users. We hope you will continue contacting Graphics Solution Providers as your first source of information and support for not only Revit but all of the Autodesk AEC products.

The first additional resources you are likely to want are family and component content beyond what comes with the product. You of course can modify and customize most of the family and component content that come with the program. It is our recommendation, however, that you always make a copy of the original content/component first and rename it. Then you can start revising the copy to meet your project's requirements. This way you will always have the unchanged original items from which to make additional copies for subsequent customization for other projects.

In addition to the components available out of the box and customized derivative of these, there are numerous web sites which also have customized components and materials. The



first site I would suggest you try is Autodesk SEEK, which is accessible from the link (on the right side of the screen) on the opening page of Revit Architecture 2011. Its url is <http://seek.autodesk.com/> for those of you not yet using Revit Architecture 2011. Once at the site, you will find several options, a content search feature, and several additional links. These links include searching for additional content specific to Revit MEP and Revit Structure as well as links to

several manufacturers' sites. In addition, you will find links to libraries in three different CSI formats.

Next I would also try the AUGI (Autodesk Users Group International) site ([www.augi.com](http://www.augi.com)). The AUGI site has a great deal of information on other Autodesk product as well as Revit. If you do not already belong to the AUGI, for which there is no charge to join, you are missing out on a tremendous asset for Revit users to tap into for not only content but also a huge knowledge base. When you look under the Product Communities pull down (on the top left), you will find the Revit Community.

After these Autodesk Revit sites, I would probably try the Revit City web site ([www.revitcity.com](http://www.revitcity.com)). Here you can find a huge array of downloadable content, arranged by MasterFormat '04. In addition to the content libraries under the Downloads tab, Revit City also offers several additional resources, including tabs for News and Articles, the Gallery, Forums, and Resources.

There are a growing number of manufactures who make their product content available for use in your Revit models. A couple of these are [www.Andersen.com](http://www.Andersen.com) and [www.kawneer.com](http://www.kawneer.com).

If you cannot find exactly what you are looking for from the above site, all of which feature free downloads, you can either purchase content or have it created. One company offering such content and services is Broutek ([www.Broutek.com](http://www.Broutek.com)), which offers both content for purchase and services to create custom content from your specifications. Its categories include Architecture (163), Electrical (23), Fire Protection (9), Mechanical (577), Public

Health (15), Structural (2), and Ventilation (11). You can also access custom content/components at [www.thomasnet.com/cadmodels.html](http://www.thomasnet.com/cadmodels.html) and [www.cadworks.net](http://www.cadworks.net).

After you've addressed your need for additional/custom content, you might want to talk with other Revit users. For this there are again many different locations to contact other "real world" Revit users. First and foremost are the Autodesk Blogs. In addition, while you were at the AUGI website, you hopefully did a little additional exploring and saw the links to "Forums" and "Publications". There are similar links on the Revit City website, and you might also try <http://www.revitzone.com/>. Obviously you can also try searching for Revit or Revit Architecture on various social and business networking sites.

We hope the above information will assist you in finding the Revit content or components you need to create a more accurate building model. As always, if you still have questions or need help, please don't hesitate to contact us here at Graphics Solution Providers.