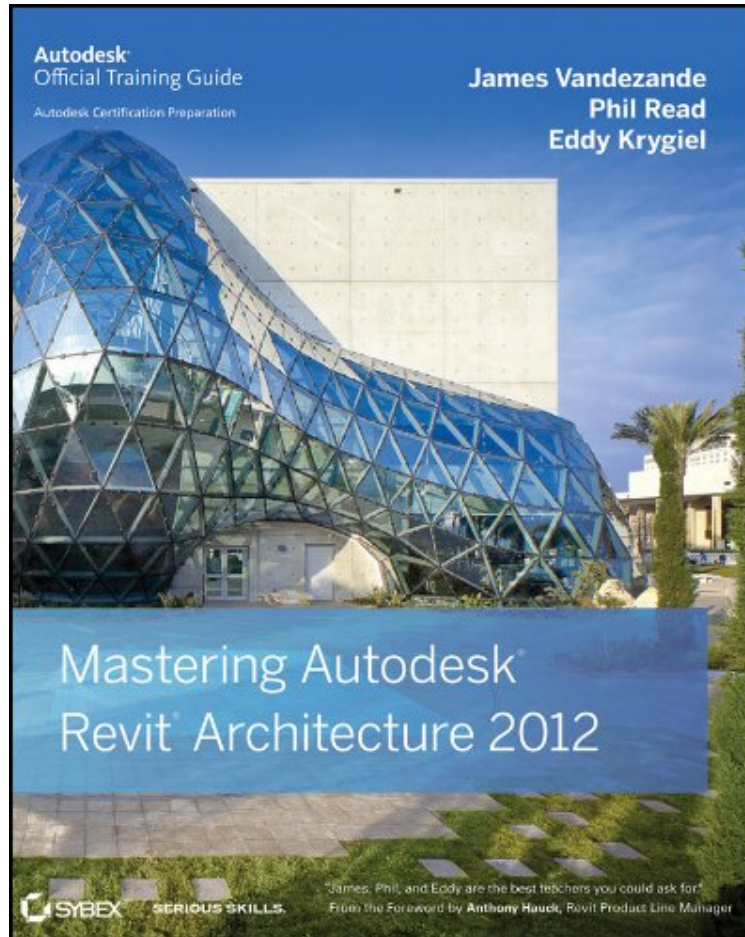


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Lots of information, poorly executed. I'm trying to cram on Revit before starting a new job. I have 17 years industry experience, so I like how the book discusses in depth problems and strategies for managing a Revit based project. The book also goes into great detail about ALL the necessary topics you need to know to get your feet wet; walls, ceilings, floors, schedules, families, etc... nothing left unturned (other books seem to leave families and scheduling out). However, the book often tells you to do something, but not how to do it. For instance, they tell you to "add a parameter to an object" - but to do so requires going into a sub menu that takes two Google searches and forever to find. Or "model a cube, a triangle and a sphere" but with no instruction on how to do so (I have many years 3D modeling experience and creating these shapes was not initially intuitive). The book also feels poorly sequenced. It starts off with some super complex wall manipulation exercises in chapter 1, but doesn't teach you how to build walls until chapter 16. Regardless, I'm not disappointed with the purchase as I've learned a ton from the book, but I think I could have found a more efficient learning book. Lots of typos too. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. You have to get this book!

By Michael Anonuevo  
After I switched to Revit in 2006, I discovered the Sybex Mastering Autodesk Revit Architecture (MARA) series. I am one of those who has to have a Revit reference book to refer to from time to time. Whenever I come across a Revit problem, I reach out for my latest MARA edition to find the solution. New to the MARA 2011 edition is the addition of two new authors, Phil Read and James Vandezande. I am a big fan of Phil Read. He writes blogs at [...] and teaches at Autodesk University. Go to his website and you'll see the stuff he writes about. He approaches Revit in a totally different way. He comes up with methods and techniques which you would never have thought of. Up to now, his AU session on "Insanely Great Stairs and Railings with Autodesk Revit" is still fresh on my mind. But let's get back to the Mastering Autodesk Revit Architecture (MARA) 2011 book. It was one of my joyful moments when I received my copy of MARA 2011 from . My method in digesting an instructional book is to initially read it from cover to cover. This gives me a chance to find out what the book is all about. Then I come back and read certain chapters again (as needed) to absorb the information being given. In my second pass of reading MARA 2011, I tried out some methods and procedures on my computer. I was pleasantly surprised at a lot of new and useful information included in the book. Aside from the usual Revit topics you would expect from this Sybex series, Part 6 (Construction and beyond) included the following chapters: Chapter 22: Revit in Construction with Laura Handler, Josh Lowe, and Mike Whaley Chapter 23: Revit in the Classroom with Adam Thomas and Jerome Smith Chapter 24: Under the Hood with Revit with Dan Rudder Chapter 25: Direct to Fabrication with Jeffrey McGrew Chapter 26: Revit for Film and Stage with Bryan Sutton Chapter 27: Revit in the Cloud with Chris France Then you get these gems from the Appendices: Appendix A: The Bottom Line Appendix B: Tips, Tricks, and Troubleshooting Appendix C: The Autodesk Certification Exams The information on the new additions alone are worth more than the price of the book! I found the chapters on massing and advanced modeling techniques very useful. There are samples of formula-driven families approached in a different way (using geometry to drive geometry). There are lessons in intuitive massing and formula driven massing. There is a topic on how to approach stairs and railings. Examples are shown and explained. I could go on but it's up to you to discover them. Conclusion: I found out 3 weeks before the AU 2010 that the certification exams will be given for free. Since I live in Las Vegas and bought my Revit license from Holman's of Nevada (local Autodesk reseller), they gave me a free one-day pass to the annual AU convention. The MARA 2011 edition is listed as the Autodesk Official Training Guide for Revit Architecture. The book is a couple of inches thick. With a short amount of time left to prepare, I knew it was going to be daunting to go over each and every topic. However, the topics for the exams are listed on Appendix C of the book and so that helped. I reread the book again and concentrated on the exam topics as well as the areas I'm weak at. I'm happy to say I passed both the Autodesk Revit Architecture 2011 Associate and Professional exams. Get the book!

Complete and thorough update to this Autodesk Official Training Guide! With pages of focused discussions, detailed exercises, in-depth coverage, and compelling examples, this comprehensive guide shows you how to implement and use Revit Architecture with spectacular results. You'll learn how to use the interface, how to create fantastic building designs with Revit, how to produce solid documentation, even how to go direct to fabrication with Revit. An Autodesk Official Training Guide, this thorough reference and tutorial also helps you prepare for Autodesk's Certified Associate and Certified Professional exams. Gets you quickly productive with Revit Architecture's features and functions Shows you how to document, detail, annotate, and present your designs Helps you improve workflows with worksharing and collaboration Prepares you for the Revit Architecture 2011 Certified Associate and Certified Professional Exams Gives contractors the essentials of modeling Explores using Revit for film and stage Mastering Autodesk Revit Architecture is the ultimate real-world reference on this exciting software.

From the Back Cover The perennial top-selling guide to Revit Architecture! This complete reference and tutorial is completely updated for Revit 2012 and thoroughly covers such core topics as modeling, massing, and sustainability. It also features advanced topics and techniques, including working with advanced modeling tools, effectively using the Family Editor, collaborating across industries, and using Revit in the cloud. The acclaimed authoring team brings a

wealth of Revit expertise to the table and has packed this book with time-saving tips and techniques, real-world workflows, clear tutorials, and compelling examples so you can develop professional skills. This detailed guide also helps you prepare for Autodesk's Certified Associate and Certified Professional exams. Coverage includes: Advanced modeling with the Family Editor and Massing tools Designing complex walls, curtain walls, roofs, floors, stairs, and railings Detailing, documenting, and annotating your designs Using the Revit API, writing scripts, and creating journal files Analyzing designs and concepts for sustainability Using Revit for virtualization and in the construction industry Moving "outside the box" to use Revit in film and stage Get Productive Quickly in Revit Architecture 2012 Document, Detail, Annotate, and Present Your Designs Leverage Industry Best Practices and Professional Workflows from the Start Prepare for the Revit Architecture 2012 Certified Associate and Certified Professional Exams About the Author James Vandezande is a registered architect and Senior Associate at HOK, where he is one of the company's BIM leaders. James is also President of the New York City Revit Users Group and teaches Revit as an adjunct lecturing professor at NYU. Phil Read is the founder of Arch Tech, as well as one of the driving forces behind the original Revit software. He's an avid blogger and a popular speaker at Autodesk University, and he is currently working at an AEC-related technology startup. Eddy Krygiel is an Autodesk Authorized Author and registered architect at HNTB Architects, where he implements BIM and has used Revit to complete projects of all sizes. All three authors maintain the popular Revit blog [www.architecture-tech.com](http://www.architecture-tech.com).