

## Parametric Architecture With Grasshopper By Arturo Tedeschi

Architects use CAD to help them visualize their ideas. Parametric design is a fast-growing development of CAD that lets architects and designers specify the key parameters of their model and make changes interactively. Whenever changes are made the rest of the model updates automatically. Through a detailed description of various parametric, generative and algorithmic techniques, this book provides a practical guide to generating geometric and topological solutions for various situations, including explicit step-by-step tutorials. While the techniques and algorithms can be generalized to suit to any parametric environment, the book illustrates its concepts using the scripting languages of one of the most powerful 3D visualization and animation design software systems (Autodesk 3ds Max MAXScript), one of the most popular open-source Java-based scripting environments (Processing), and a brand new language specifically tailored for parametric and generative design (Autodesk DesignScript). This clear, accessible book will have a wide appeal to students and practitioners who would like to experiment with parametric techniques.

This book explores various digital representation strategies that could change the future of wooden architectures by blending tradition and innovation. Composed of 61 chapters, written by 153 authors hailing from 5 continents, 24 countries and 69 research centers, it addresses advanced digital modeling, with a particular focus on solutions involving generative models and dynamic value, inherent to the relation between knowing how to draw and how to build. Thanks to the potential of computing, areas like parametric design and digital manufacturing are opening exciting new avenues for the future of construction. The book's chapters are divided into five sections that connect digital wood design to integrated approaches and generative design; to model synthesis and morphological comprehension; to lessons learned from nature and material explorations; to constructive wisdom and implementation-related challenges; and to parametric transfigurations and morphological optimizations.

Why does the word design owe its origin to Latin and not Greek roots? Where do the limits of the human mind lie? How does ambiguity enter the deterministic world of computation? Who was Parmenides and why is his philosophy still puzzling today? This unique volume challenges the reader to tackle all these complex questions and more. Algorithmic Architecture is not a typical theory-based architectural book; it is not a computer programming or language tutorial book either. It contains a series of provocative design projects, and yet it is not just a design or graphic art book per se. Following the tradition of architecture as a conglomeration of various design fields - engineering, theory, art, and recently, computation - the challenge of this book is to present a concept that, like architecture, is a unifying theme for many diverse disciplines. An algorithm is not only a step-by-step problem-solving procedure, a series of lines of computer codes or a mechanistic linguistic expression, but is also an ontological construct with deep philosophical, social, design, and artistic repercussions. Consequently, this book presents many, various and often seemingly disparate points of view that lead to the establishment of one common theme; algorithmic architecture.

Explores and brings together the existent body of knowledge on building performance analysis Building performance is an important yet surprisingly complex concept. This book presents a comprehensive and systematic overview of the subject. It provides a working definition of building performance, and an in-depth discussion of the role building performance plays throughout the building life cycle. The book also explores the perspectives of various stakeholders, the functions of buildings, performance requirements, performance quantification (both predicted and measured), criteria for success, and the challenges of using performance analysis in practice. Building Performance Analysis starts by introducing the subject of building performance: its key terms, definitions, history, and challenges. It then develops a theoretical foundation for the subject, explores the complexity of performance assessment, and the way that performance analysis impacts on actual buildings. In doing so, it attempts to answer the following questions: What is building performance? How can building performance be measured and analyzed? How does the analysis of building performance guide the improvement of buildings? And what can the building domain learn from the way performance is handled in other disciplines? Assembles the current body of knowledge on building performance analysis in one unique resource Offers deep insights into the complexity of using building performance analysis throughout the entire building life cycle, including design, operation and management Contributes an emergent theory of building performance and its analysis Building Performance Analysis will appeal to the building science community, both from industry and academia. It specifically targets advanced students in architectural engineering, building services design, building performance simulation and similar fields who hold an interest in ensuring that buildings meet the needs of their stakeholders.

Emergence - the process by which new and coherent structures, patterns and properties 'emerge' from within complex systems Traditional architecture starts from the premise that architectural structures are singular and fixed, and however well integrated are separate from their environment and context. Emergence requires that the opposite is true – that those structures are complex energy and material systems that have a lifespan, exist as part of an environment of other active systems, and develop in an evolutionary way. This book, based on the authors' internationally renowned Emergent Technologies and Design course at the Architectural Association in London, introduces a new approach to the practice of architecture. The authors use essays and projects to demonstrate the interrelationship of concepts such as emergence and self-organisation with the latest technologies in design, manufacturing and construction. With projects from their course, and critiques and commentary from some of the world's leading design theorists and practitioners, the authors of Emergent Technologies and Design have introduced a radical new way of understanding the way in which architecture is conceived, designed and produced.

When searching for genuinely sustainable building design and technology - designs that go beyond conventional sustainability to be truly restorative - we often find that nature got there first. Over 3.5 billion years of natural history have evolved innumerable examples of forms, systems, and processes that can be applied to modern green design. For architects, urban designers and product designers, this new edition of *Biomimicry in Architecture* looks to the natural world to achieve radical increases in resource efficiency. Packed with case studies predicting future trends, this edition also contains updated and expanded chapters on structures, materials, waste, water, thermal control and energy, as well as an all-new chapter on light. An amazing sourcebook of extraordinary design solutions, *Biomimicry in Architecture* is a must-read for anyone preparing for the challenges of building a sustainable and restorative future.

Automation, a mixture of algorithms, robots, software, and avatars, is transforming all types of jobs and industries. This book responds to one critical question for the design and construction industry: "how are architects, engineers, and contractors using information technology to further automate their practices?" Addressing the use of new digital technologies, particularly parametric automation for design and construction in the building industry, this book looks at how technologically advanced architectural and engineering practices are semi-automating their design processes by using sophisticated algorithms to transform their workflows. The book also documents a set of firms that are further advancing automation by using pre-fabrication, modularization, and custom designs via robotics.

The software package Rhinoceros 3D, or "Rhino," is popular for industrial, product, and graphic design and architecture. Grasshopper is a visual scripting platform for Rhino. Through a series of examples and tutorials, readers will learn how to build complex objects by combining simple components.

*Seismic Design for Architects* shows how structural requirements for seismic resistance can become an integral part of the design process. Structural integrity does not have to be at the expense of innovative, high standard design in seismically active zones. \* By emphasizing design and discussing key concepts with accompanying visual material, architects are given the background knowledge and practical tools needed to deal with aspects of seismic design at all stages of the design process \* Seismic codes from several continents are drawn upon to give a global context of seismic design \* Extensively illustrated with diagrams and photographs \* A non-mathematical approach focuses upon the principles and practice of seismic resistant design to enable readers to grasp the concepts and then readily apply them to their building designs *Seismic Design for Architects* is a comprehensive, practical reference work and text book for students of architecture, building science, architectural and civil engineering, and professional architects and structural engineers.

Generative design, once known only to insiders as a revolutionary method of creating artwork, models, and animations with programmed algorithms, has in recent years become a popular tool for designers. By using simple languages such as JavaScript in p5.js, artists and makers can create everything from interactive typography and textiles to 3D-printed furniture to complex and elegant infographics. This updated volume gives a jump-start on coding strategies, with step-by-step tutorials for creating visual experiments that explore the possibilities of color, form, typography, and images. *Generative Design* includes a gallery of all-new artwork from a range of international designers—fine art projects as well as commercial ones for Nike, Monotype, Dolby Laboratories, the musician Bjork, and others.

Smartgeometry (SG) is a key influence on the architectural community who explore creative computational methods for the design of buildings. An informal international network of practitioners and researchers, the group meets annually to experiment with new technologies and collaborate to develop digital design techniques. When SG was founded in 2001 by London-based architects and friends Hugh Whitehead (Foster + Partners), J Parrish (AECOM) and Lars Hesselgren (PLP), there was little in the way of parametric tools for architecture. SG was founded to encourage the development, discussion and experimentation of digital design techniques driven by design intent rather than on construction specifications. SG calls for a re-consideration of the design process, where the creation of computational mechanisms become an integral part of designing – not a task done prior to or separate from the process. In the early years of the workshops this need for new ways of design thinking led to the development of Bentley's *Generative Components* software. In recent years, the ecology of these design environments has diversified to include multiple software platforms, as well as innovative fabrication techniques and interactive environments. SG has grown accordingly from a handful of experts to an international network of designers who are defining the future of design. Founded by digital pioneers, it creates the algorithmic designers of the future. *Inside Smartgeometry* can be seen as a retroactive manifesto for SG, examining and contextualising the work of the SG community: the digital spaces, prototypes and buildings designed using bespoke tools created in response to architectural ideas. From interactive crowd-sourcing tools to responsive agent-based systems to complex digitally fabricated structures, it explores more than a decade of advances that have been influential for architecture. Through 23 original texts including reflections by the founders, and key contributors such as Robert Aish, Martin Bechthold, Mark Burry, Chris Williams and Robert Woodbury, the book offers a critical state of the art of computational design for architecture. Many international design and engineering firms have participated in SG and the book includes chapters by practitioners from offices such as CASE, Design2Production, Foster + Partners, Grimshaw, Populous and SOM.

Parametricism is an avant-garde architecture and design movement that has been growing and maturing over the last 15 years, emerging as a remarkable global force. The tendency started in architecture but now encompasses all design disciplines, from urban design to fashion. In architecture, the style has an international following and is currently progressing beyond its experimental roots to make an impact on a broader scale, with practices like Zaha Hadid Architects (ZHA) winning and completing large-scale architectural projects worldwide. Parametricism implies that all elements and aspects of an architectural composition or product are parametrically malleable; and the style owes its original, unmistakable physiognomy to its unprecedented use of computational design tools and fabrication methods. All design parameters are conceived as variables that allow the design to vary and adapt to the diverse, complex and dynamic requirements of contemporary society. Although Parametricism has been talked about and hotly debated for a number of years, so far there has been no publication dedicated to Parametricism. The issue is guest-edited by Patrik Schumacher, partner at ZHA, and one of the world's most highly renowned advocates of Parametricism. Contributors: Philippe Block, Shajay Bhooshan, Mark Burry, Mario Carpo, Manuel DeLanda, John Frazer, Mark Foster Gage, Enriqueta Llabres and Eduardo Rico, Achim Menges, Theo Spyropoulos, Robert Stuart-Smith, Philip F Yuan. Featured architects and designers: Arup, MARC FORNES/THEVERYMANY, Zaha Hadid Architects (ZHA) and Ross Lovegrove. "The handbook introduces the theoretical basis and the main parametric modeling techniques based on algorithms, showing Grasshopper's practical applications and its potentialities in architecture, design and fabrication."--P. [4] of cover.

*Parametric Design for Landscape Architects* provides a sequence of tutorial-based workflows for the creation and utilization of algorithmic tools calibrated toward the field of landscape architecture. Contemporary practice and projective theory in landscape architecture require the processing and design of data associated with complex systems to adequately represent composite, emergent scenarios. Aligning to both traditional and nascent processes of analysis and digital modeling, this book unpacks and decodes the characterization of algorithmic-based automation, leveraging software that is widely

accessible in both academia and professional practice. Curated throughout are workflows that apply to a multiplex of computation programs that widely support the design, analysis, and production of landscapes, primarily concentrated on digital modeling tools Grasshopper and Rhinoceros. It is a much-needed, visually accessible resource to aid in more efficient understanding and creation of tools that automate and re-examine traditional calculations, analyses, drawing standards, form-finding strategies, fabrication preparations, and speculative assessments/simulation. This primer provides professionals and students with multifaceted skill-sets that, when applied in practice, expand and expedite conventional and speculative design workflows applicable to spatial design, and more specifically landscape architecture. The book includes over 200 full-colour drawings, images, and tables to illustrate and support examples throughout.

Master The Crucial Technical Skills Every Software Architect Needs! To succeed as a software architect, you must master both technical skills and soft skills. Dave Hendricksen illuminated the soft skills in his highly-regarded *12 Essential Skills for Software Architects*. Now, in *12 More Essential Skills for Software Architects* he turns to the technical side. Drawing on his decades of experience, Hendricksen organizes technical skills into three areas. PROJECT SKILLS: driving projects from ideation through delivery TECHNOLOGY SKILLS: building, buying, and/or leveraging the right technologies VISIONARY SKILLS: realizing an architectural vision that improves long-term competitiveness He helps you develop and sharpen these key technical skills: from conceptualizing solutions to developing platforms and governance, and from selecting technology innovations to infusing architectures with an entrepreneurial spirit. This guide reveals the technical skills you need and provides a coherent framework and practical methodology for mastering them. Taken together, Hendricksen's two books offer the most complete, practical pathway to excellence in software architecture. They'll guide you through every step of your architecture career—from getting the right position to thriving once you have it. Essential Architect Skills Visionary Skills Entrepreneurial Execution Technology Innovation Strategic Roadmapping Technology Skills Governance Platform Development Know-how Architectural Perspective Project Skills Estimation Partnership Discovery Management Conceptualization Dave Hendricksen is a big data architect for Thomson Reuters, where he works closely with the firm's new product development teams to create innovative legal products for large-scale online platforms such as Westlaw.com. Hendricksen presented “Designing and Building Large-Scale Systems in an Agile World” at Carnegie Mellon University's influential Software Engineering Institute.

This manual provides information about 3D Blender.

The Routledge Companion for Architecture Design and Practice provides an overview of established and emerging trends in architecture practice. Contributions of the latest research from international experts examine external forces applied to the practice and discipline of architecture. Each chapter contains up-to-date and relevant information about select aspects of architecture, and the changes this information will have on the future of the profession. The Companion contains thirty-five chapters, divided into seven parts: Theoretical Stances, Technology, Sustainability, Behaviorism, Urbanism, Professional Practice and Society. Topics include: Evidence-Based Design, Performativity, Designing for Net Zero Energy, The Substance of Light in Design, Social Equity and Ethics for Sustainable Architecture, Universal Design, Design Psychology, Architecture, Branding and the Politics of Identity, The Role of BIM in Green Architecture, Public Health and the Design Process, Affordable Housing, Disaster Preparation and Mitigation, Diversity and many more. Each chapter follows the running theme of examining external forces applied to the practice and discipline of architecture in order to uncover the evolving theoretical tenets of what constitutes today's architectural profession, and the tools that will be required of the future architect. This book considers architecture's interdisciplinary nature, and addresses its current and evolving perspectives related to social, economic, environmental, technological, and globalization trends. These challenges are central to the future direction of architecture and as such this Companion will serve as an invaluable reference for undergraduate and postgraduate students, existing practitioners and future architects.

This book provides a systematic exposition of the design features of constructed wetlands, and their management (in terms of siting, physical maintenance, and operation). Only very few books (or chapters) have been published on constructed wetlands in tropical conditions and none are current. The selection of plant species, managing their growth and harvesting cycles, and the impact these have on the attenuation of organic and inorganic pollutants, nutrients, and pathogens would be of interest to students and practitioners of the art working under tropical conditions. The potential of constructed wetlands as a low-cost intervention for developing countries in tropical regions that faced water pollution problems, in particular, deserves to be explored systematically.

Developments in Computer-Aided Design (CAD) continues to influence the nature of architectural design practice. As a communication and design tool, CAD software not only supports the practical operations of architectural design practice but also introduces design theories that are unique to the medium. As the first of the Digital Media Series, this book covers Rhinoceros (Rhino) as one of the 3D CAD software that promises to provide new affordances in architectural design. This book recognizes the challenges beginners face when learning a new software like Rhino. While in reality the tool is not that difficult to learn, beginners often spend too much time stuck on using a particular command. This book was written to alleviate these challenges. Through an overview of best practices in modeling habits, logics, and tips, we strive to help users build skills in critically analyzing the modeling process, determining the best method for the task at hand, and realizing 3D models as intended by the design idea. We believe that users do not need to know everything about Rhino's contents and commands in order to successfully apply the tool in architectural design. This book is not intended for users who desire a comprehensive description of Rhino, but instead is intended for users who desire to use Rhino efficiently as a design tool. There are two main challenges when learning how to use Rhino. The first issue is the 'commands'. Since Rhino relies on a command-based system, not knowing or recalling commands will render it useless. However, the good news is that most architectural designers are already familiar with command-based CAD systems like AutoCAD. Therefore, it is important for beginners to relieve themselves of the pressure to learn new commands. Whenever applicable, this book will cover Rhino commands as they correlate with similar commands in AutoCAD to promote familiarity. The second issue is the 'modeling method'. Without regular practice, users will forget the commands and how model properly. Using Rhino with speed and flair does not necessarily represent an advanced user. It is instead more important for users to understand the essential properties of Rhino and how they contribute to the process of modeling accurately, determining

the appropriate method for the task at hand, building a strategy to model efficiently, and knowing methods that are unique to Rhino. Therefore, this book will promote a specific mantra for a structured manipulation of geometry: from points to curves, from curves to surfaces, and from surfaces to volumes. If users earnestly understand this mantra once, they will be able to use Rhino for long term even after forgetting a few commands. Looking ahead, this mantra also provides the benefit of allowing beginners to learn Grasshopper, a popular generative design tool, more easily. To this end, users should focus on understanding the first few chapters that describe the underlying principles behind the mantra. This will be the first step to become an advanced user of Rhino in architectural design. This book is not meant to be the only reference for learning Rhino. Users should use the book in combination with the wealth of public resources such as forums, tutorials, and documentations created by other advanced users. For any part of the book that the users may need more detailed information on, it is recommended to refer to the official documentation created by the software developer (McNeel).

This book examines experimental design methodologies in the field of architecture and their implementation in academic settings. Theoretical considerations by guest essayists and numerous examples of conceptual designs complement the holistic approach to the subject matter. The studies collected here emerged during a weekly workshop with architecture students at the Technical University of Darmstadt.

Due to its comprehensive tool-set and great potential for 3D modeling, more and more architectural design and interior design firms are adapting Autodesk Maya and integrating it into their practice. There has been no book aimed at architects and designers who wish to harness the opportunities presented by this software, until now..... The book promotes parametric design. It integrates the theoretical research of computational design and Maya non-linear modeling techniques associated with simulation, animation, digital fabrication and form-finding within 2D & 3D design. Readers will learn: How to use Maya polygon and NURBS modeling tools to create non-linear procedural model. How to use Maya driver keys and relationship tools to generate parametrically negotiable solutions across various design professions. The design logic and generative processes, as well as the potential of parametric thinking as a resourceful tool for achieving diversity and complexity in form generation and fabrication. How to use Maya to prepare files for rapid prototyping and the integration of Maya into various fabrication techniques such as laser cutting, CNC milling, and 3D printing. How to create a digital simulation to simulate all aspects of surface properties and dynamic forces with Maya physics engine. How to use Maya skeleton system and animation tools to control complex architectural forms. How to create photo-realistic renderings with Maya lighting, material and texture mapping. Using several real projects as examples, the book will go through the entire rendering process step by step. How to combine Maya with various CAD/BIM tools to create an efficient design pipeline. How to use Maya MEL script to create customized tools and interface. The book includes case studies from Zaha Hadid Architects, Greg Lynn Form, Gage Clemenceau Architects, Tang & Yang Architects, as well as step by step exercises, demonstration projects and crucially a fantastic online resource which includes video tutorials, scripts, and Maya source files.

Architecture in the Digital Age addresses contemporary architectural practice in which digital technologies are radically changing how buildings are conceived, designed and produced. It discusses the digitally-driven changes, their origins, and their effects by grounding them in actual practices already taking place, while simultaneously speculating about their wider implications for the future. The book offers a diverse set of ideas as to what is relevant today and what will be relevant tomorrow for emerging architectural practices of the digital age.

This book connects the different topics and professions involved in information technology approaches to architectural design, ranging from computer-aided design, building information modeling and programming to simulation, digital representation, augmented and virtual reality, digital fabrication and physical computation. The contributions include experts' academic and practical experiences and findings in research and advanced applications, covering the fields of architecture, engineering, design and mathematics. What are the conditions, constraints and opportunities of this digital revolution for architecture? How do processes change and influence the result? What does it mean for the collaboration and roles of the partners involved. And last but not least: how does academia reflect and shape this development and what does the future hold? Following the sequence of architectural production - from design to fabrication and construction up to the operation of buildings - the book discusses the impact of computational methods and technologies and its consequences for the education of future architects and designers. It offers detailed insights into the processes involved and considers them in the context of our technical, historical, social and cultural environment. Intended mainly for academic researchers, the book is also of interest to master's level students.

Blender 2.8 parametric modeling  
With parametric controls in 3D objects, you will find properties that have a relation to the purpose of an object. For instance, a staircase would have properties to control step count, width, and height. By updating any of those properties would mean a direct change to the 3D model. Those are parametric controls that will help you reuse 3D models in several projects with a simple update on properties. In Blender 2.8, you won't find any parametric controls for 3D models as a default option. You will have to add those controls using a particular group of tools. To add those controls to 3D objects in Blender, we will use Hooks, Shape Keys, Drivers, and Custom Properties. If you want to learn how to use those tools in projects related to 3D modeling, you will find lots of examples and explanations in the book about them. You will create objects like a parametric chair and a staircase.- Understand what are parametric controls- Prepare a model to receive parametric controls- Add Hooks to parts of a model for deformation controls- Use Shape Keys to create different "snapshots" of a 3D model- Create Drivers to connect properties of objects- Add Custom Properties to objects- Connect Custom Properties to Drivers- Use math expressions to control object property- Create conditional transformations with ternary operators- Make a library of reusable parametric objects- Transfer models between projects  
You will learn how to add parametrical controls and properties to objects in Blender 2.8. Among the examples described in the book, you will

learn how to create a parametric chair and also a staircase.

This book is reflective of a science-based vision of the future development paradigm of economic and social systems. It deals with the digitization as the technological basis for the future development of economic and social systems and presents a review of groundbreaking technologies and prospects for their application. The specific character of the industry and prospects for the application of digital technologies in business are analyzed. A rationale is provided for future prospects for the sustainable development of economic and social systems in a digital economy. The authors determine the process of the formation and development of the information-oriented society, social and educational aspects of the digitization, as well as the institutional framework of the digital future of social and economic systems. The book combines the best works following the results of the 12th International Research-to-Practice Conference "Artificial Intelligence: Anthropogenic Nature vs. Social Origin" that was held by the Institute of Scientific Communications (ISC) in cooperation with the Siberian Federal University and the Krasnoyarsk Regional Fund of support of scientific and scientific-technical activities on 5–7 December 2019, in Krasnoyarsk, Russia, as well as following the results of the 3rd International Research-to-Practice Conference "Economic and Social Systems: Paradigms for the Future" that was held by the ISC in cooperation with the Pyatigorsk State University on 5–6 February 2020. The target audience of the book consists of representatives of the academic community concerned with the future prospects for the development of economic and social systems, as well as economic agents engaged in the digitization of business processes, and representatives of public agencies regulating the development of business systems for their progressivity, sustainability and competitiveness.

"This book helps designers realize the potential of the parameter in their work. It combines the basic ideas of parametric systems with equally basic ideas from both geometry and computer programming. It uses design patterns as its main tool. A pattern is a generic solution to a shared problem. Using patterns to think and work will help designers master the new complexity imposed on them by parametric modeling. This book explains how to think, model and conceive complex parametric designs. Through design patterns and many examples, it shows designers how to lift their knowledge and skill out of the CAD toolbox into higher levels of design thinking and action."--Back cover.

Digital And Parametric Architecture explores the development of the latest digital tools including advance modeling software and computer aided design in the production of architecture. It is a journey through the most fascinating projects, digitally designed and fabricated, during the second decade of the 21st century. The book highlights the use of these technologies to explore tectonic operations such as sectioning, folding, contouring, and tessellating. A wide variety of projects that range in scale and location offer an insight into the architecture of the future.

Architects use computer-aided tools to help them visualize their ideas and build models of their designs. However, the majority of these models are built in such a way that it makes them difficult to modify interactively. Parametric design software addresses this problem by allowing architects to specify relationships among various parameters of their design model. The advantage is that a designer can then change a few parameters and the remainder of the model will react and update accordingly and in a consistent manner based on the pre-set associative rules. Through a detailed description of various parametric, generative, and algorithmic techniques, this book provides a practical guide to generating geometric and topological solutions for various situations, including explicit step-by-step tutorials that will enable the reader to understand both general concepts and specific computational algorithms. While the techniques and algorithms can be generalized to suit to any parametric environment, the book illustrates its concepts using the scripting languages of one of the most powerful 3D visualization and animation design software systems (Autodesk 3ds Max MAXScript), one of the most popular open-source Java-based scripting environments (Processing), and a brand new language specifically tailored for parametric and generative design (Autodesk DesignScript). This clear, accessible book will have a wide appeal to students who would like to experiment more with parametric techniques but lack the skills and knowledge to do so. Includes a foreword by Robert Woodbury and an afterword by Brian Johnson.

Parametric Architecture with Grasshopper Primer

A bold and unprecedented look at a cutting-edge movement in architecture *Toward a Living Architecture?* is the first book-length critique of the emerging field of generative architecture and its nexus with computation, biology, and complexity. Starting from the assertion that we should take generative architects' rhetoric of biology and sustainability seriously, Christina Cogdell examines their claims from the standpoints of the sciences they draw on—complex systems theory, evolutionary theory, genetics and epigenetics, and synthetic biology. She reveals significant disconnects while also pointing to approaches and projects with significant potential for further development. Arguing that architectural design today often only masquerades as sustainable, Cogdell demonstrates how the language of some cutting-edge practitioners and educators can mislead students and clients into thinking they are getting something biological when they are not. In a narrative that moves from the computational toward the biological and from current practice to visionary futures, Cogdell uses life-cycle analysis as a baseline for parsing the material, energetic, and pollution differences between different digital and biological design and construction approaches. Contrary to green-tech sustainability advocates, she questions whether quartzite-based silicon technologies and their reliance on rare earth metals as currently designed are sustainable for much longer, challenging common projections of a computationally designed and manufactured future. Moreover, in critiquing contemporary architecture and science from a historical vantage point, she reveals the similarities between eugenic design of the 1930s and the aims of some generative architects and engineering synthetic biologists today. Each chapter addresses a current architectural school or program while also exploring a distinct aspect of the corresponding scientific language, theory, or practice. No other book critiques generative architecture by evaluating its scientific rhetoric and disjunction from actual scientific theory and practice. Based on the author's years of field research in architecture studios and biological labs, this rare, field-building book does no less than definitively, unsparingly explain the role of the natural sciences within contemporary architecture.

Discover BIM: A better way to build better buildings Building Information Modeling (BIM) offers a novel approach to design, construction, and facility management in which a digital representation of the building product and process is used to facilitate the exchange and interoperability of information in digital format. BIM is beginning to change the way buildings look, the way they function, and the ways in which they are designed and built. The BIM Handbook, Third Edition provides an in-depth understanding of BIM technologies, the business and organizational issues associated with its implementation, and the profound advantages that effective use of BIM can provide to all members of a project team. Updates to this edition include: Information on the ways in which professionals should use BIM to gain maximum value New topics such as collaborative working, national and major construction clients, BIM standards and guides A discussion on how various professional roles have expanded through the widespread use and the new avenues of BIM practices and services A wealth of new case studies that clearly illustrate exactly how BIM is applied in a wide variety of conditions Painting a colorful and thorough picture of the state of the art in building information modeling, the BIM Handbook, Third Edition guides readers to successful implementations, helping them to avoid needless frustration and costs and take full advantage of this paradigm-shifting approach to construct better buildings that consume fewer materials and require less time, labor, and capital resources.

Landscape Architecture and Digital Technologies explores how digital technologies are reshaping design and making in landscape architecture. While the potentials of digital technologies are well documented within landscape planning and visualisation, their application within design practice is far less understood. This book highlights the role of the digital model in encouraging a new design logic that moves from the privileging of the visual to a focus on processes of formation, bridging the interface of the conceptual and material, the virtual and the physical. Drawing on interviews and projects from a range

of international designers -including , Snøhetta, Arup, Gustafson Porter, ASPECT Studios, Grant Associates, Catherine Mosbach, Philippe Rahm, PARKKIM, LAAC and PEG office of landscape + architecture among others, the authors explore the influence of parametric modelling, scripting, real-time data, simulation, prototyping, fabrication, and Building Information Modelling on the design and construction of contemporary landscapes. This engagement with practice is expanded through critical reflection from academics involved in landscape architecture programs around the world that are reshaping their research and pedagogy to reflect an expanded digital realm. Crossing critical theory, technology and contemporary design, the book constructs a picture of an emerging twenty-first century practice of landscape architecture practice premised on complexity and performance. It also highlights the disciplinary demands and challenges in engaging with a rapidly evolving digital context within practice and education. The book is of immense value to professionals and researchers, and is a key publication for digital landscape courses at all levels.

The Dynamo and Grasshopper for Revit Cheat Sheet Reference Manual is a collection of side by side Dynamo and Grasshopper examples in a one-page summary format also referred to as "Cheat Sheets".

The rise and fall of identical copies: digital technologies and form-making from mass customization to mass collaboration. Digital technologies have changed architecture—the way it is taught, practiced, managed, and regulated. But if the digital has created a “paradigm shift” for architecture, which paradigm is shifting? In *The Alphabet and the Algorithm*, Mario Carpo points to one key practice of modernity: the making of identical copies. Carpo highlights two examples of identity crucial to the shaping of architectural modernity: in the fifteenth century, Leon Battista Alberti's invention of architectural design, according to which a building is an identical copy of the architect's design; and, in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the mass production of identical copies from mechanical master models, matrixes, imprints, or molds. The modern power of the identical, Carpo argues, came to an end with the rise of digital technologies. Everything digital is variable. In architecture, this means the end of notational limitations, of mechanical standardization, and of the Albertian, authorial way of building by design. Charting the rise and fall of the paradigm of identity, Carpo compares new forms of postindustrial digital craftsmanship to hand-making and the cultures and technologies of variations that existed before the coming of machine-made, identical copies. Carpo reviews the unfolding of digitally based design and construction from the early 1990s to the present, and suggests a new agenda for architecture in an age of variable objects and of generic and participatory authorship.

Generative design is a revolutionary new method of creating artwork, models, and animations from sets of rules, or algorithms. By using accessible programming languages such as Processing, artists and designers are producing extravagant, crystalline structures that can form the basis of anything from patterned textiles and typography to lighting, scientific diagrams, sculptures, films, and even fantastical buildings. Opening with a gallery of thirty-five illustrated case studies, *Generative Design* takes users through specific, practical instructions on how to create their own visual experiments by combining simple-to-use programming codes with basic design principles. A detailed handbook of advanced strategies provides visual artists with all the tools to achieve proficiency. Both a how-to manual and a showcase for recent work in this exciting new field, *Generative Design* is the definitive study and reference book that designers have been waiting for.

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"Computational Design Thinking," AD Reader Edited by Achim Menges and Sean Ahlquist The current transition from Computer Aided Design (CAD) to Computational Design in architecture represents a profound shift in design thinking and methods. Representation is being replaced by simulation, and the crafting of objects is moving towards the generation of integrated systems through designer-authored computational processes. While there is a particular history of such an approach in architecture, its relative newness requires the continued progression of novel modes of design thinking for the architect of the 21st century. This AD Reader establishes a foundation for such thinking. It includes multifaceted reflections and speculations on the profound influence of computational paradigms on architecture. It presents relevant principles from the domains of mathematics and computer science, developmental and evolutionary biology, system science and philosophy, establishing a discourse for computational design thinking in architecture. Rather than a merely technical approach, the book will discuss essential intellectual concepts that are fundamental not only for a discourse on computational design but also for its practice. This anthology provides a unique collection of seminal texts by authors, who have either provided a significant starting point through which a computational approach to design has been pursued or have played a considerable role in shaping the field. An important aspect of this book is the manner in which adjacent fields and historical texts are connected. Both the source of original inspiration and scientific thought are presented alongside contemporary writings on the continually evolving computational design discourse. Emerging from the field of science, principally the subjects of morphogenesis, evolution and mathematics, selected texts provide a historical basis for a reconfigured mindset of processes that generate, arrange and describe form. Juxtaposed against more contemporary statements regarding the influence of computation on design thinking, the book offers advancements of fundamental texts to the particular purpose of establishing novel thought processes for architecture, theoretically and practically. The first reader to provide an effective framework for computational thinking in design. Includes classic texts by Johan W. von Goethe, D'Arcy Thompson, Ernst Mayr, Ludwig von Bertalanffy, Gordan Pask, Christopher Alexander, John H. Holland, Nicholas Negroponte, William Mitchell, Peter J. Bentley & David W. Corne, Sanford Kwinter, John Frazer, Kostis Terzidis, Michael Weinstock and Achim Menges Features new writing by: Mark Burry, Jane Burry, Manuel DeLanda and Peter Trummer.

Nowadays, it is not unusual to find scaled building models with complex geometries of their facades and laser-burn marks in architecture schools. Even, 3D-printed models are also frequently found. Although there are prevalent critiques that nowadays architecture students are focusing form itself rather than space quality, creating complex forms that cannot be developed in practice, it is true that these days' student can handle geometries well due to many computer software. This book focuses on this part, more free,

efficient, and accurate geometric expression and creation, rather than on what space is and how it is organized. Some people said it is getting easier to learn diverse digital design software due to easily accessible media in this digital era. However, because of overflow of information in the media, paradoxically, it is getting harder for beginners to learn various digital tools, questioning where and how they can start it. The main motivation of Digital Media Series (DMS) is needs for a textbook with systematically organized and structured knowledges about digital software in architecture. DMS recognizes the challenges beginners face when learning a new software like Grasshopper. While in reality the tool is not that difficult to learn with proper learning materials, beginners often spend too much time stuck on using a particular hurdle. The series was written to alleviate such challenge. The first book of DMS, Rhinoceros, introduces 3D modeling concepts as well as modeling habits, logics, and tips, and techniques, interweaving them with geometrical relationships. Specifically, the book promotes the mantra for a structured manipulation of geometry: from points to curves, from curves to surfaces, and from surfaces to volumes. This book, Grasshopper as the second book of DMS, also has similar configuration, contents categories, and organization to the first book based on the mantra. Furthermore, comparing and contrasting similar features in Rhinoceros, this book explains components in Grasshopper so that users who can handle geometries in Rhinoceros can smoothly transfer their modeling knowledges, habits, and logic from explicit to implicit modeling. This book aims to avoid learning concepts of algorithmic design or visual scripting through examples, and is designed to learn basic principles of Grasshopper and apply them to design. Although Grasshopper has a very well-organized forum based on collective intelligence where users can ask and answer questions, and there are various tutorials that are easy to access through web and various media, I believe that this book can fulfill the beginners' needs a textbook presenting an outline of Grasshopper and help users develop their ability to handle geometries through algorithmic idea. This book is not meant to be the only reference for learning Grasshopper. Users should use the book in combination with the wealth of public resources such as forums, tutorials, and documentation created by other advanced users. For any part of the book that the users may need more detailed information on, users should refer to the official documentation created by the software developer (McNeel) and the user forum of Grasshopper.

Codify: Parametric and Computational Design in Landscape Architecture provides a series of essays that explore what it means to use, modify and create computational tools in a contemporary design environment. Landscape architecture has a long history of innovation in the areas of computation and media, particularly in how the discipline represents, analyses, and constructs complex systems. This curated volume spans academic and professional projects to form a snapshot of digital practices that aim to show how computation is a tool that goes beyond methods of representation and media. The book is organized in four sections; syntax, perception, employ, and prospective. The essays are written by leading academics and professionals and the sections examine the role of computational tools in landscape architecture through case studies, historical accounts, theoretical arguments, and nascent propositions.

This book explores the revolutionary potential of three-dimensional modeling and automated fabrication to inform the built environment. The emphasis is on experiential and tactile architecture.

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