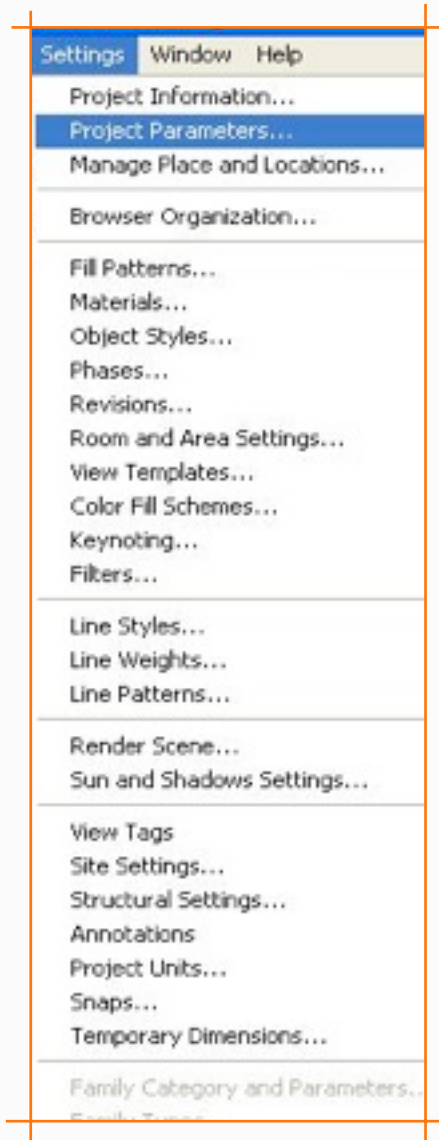


# Customising Project Browser

This is a very useful tutorial to customise the project browser into what ever categories you want.  
it will make finding the right view on big project, a very easy task





First,  
we will need to load our share parameter and attach it  
to the Drawings Sheets and Views so go:

**Settings--> Project parameters...**

This dialogue box will open up



Tick the Shared Parameters and click Select...  
Select your Parameters text file..  
Create a new parameter called "Drawing Type"  
and click OK

**Parameter Properties**

**Parameter Type**

Project parameter  
(Can appear in schedules but not in tags)

Shared parameter  
(Can be shared by multiple projects and families, exported to ODBC, and appear in schedules and tags)

Select... Export...

**Parameter Data**

Name: <No parameter selected>

Group parameter under: Other

Discipline: [Dropdown]

Instance  Type

Type of Parameter: [Dropdown]

Add to all elements in the selected categories

**Categories**

- Areas
- Casework
- Ceilings
- Columns
- Curtain Panels
- Curtain Systems
- Curtain Wall Mullions
- Detail Items
- Doors
- Drawing Sheets
- Electrical Equipment
- Electrical Fixtures
- Fascias
- Floors

Check All Check None

Show categories from all disciplines

Hide un-checked categories

OK Cancel Help



Make sure that both “Drawing Sheets” and “Views” are tick on the right window. Click OK and OK again in the next window to take you back to the drawings are. Congratulations, you have just attached a shared parameter to a model component :)

**Parameter Properties**

**Parameter Type**

Project parameter  
(Can appear in schedules but not in tags)

Shared parameter  
(Can be shared by multiple projects and families, exported to ODBC, and appear in schedules and tags)

Select... Export...

**Parameter Data**

Name: Drawing Type

Group parameter under: Other

Discipline: Common

Instance  Type

Type of Parameter: Text

Add to all elements in the selected categories

**Categories**

- Areas
- Casework
- Ceilings
- Columns
- Curtain Panels
- Curtain Systems
- Curtain Wall Mullions
- Detail Items
- Doors
- Drawing Sheets
- Electrical Equipment
- Electrical Fixtures
- Fascias
- Floors

Check All Check None

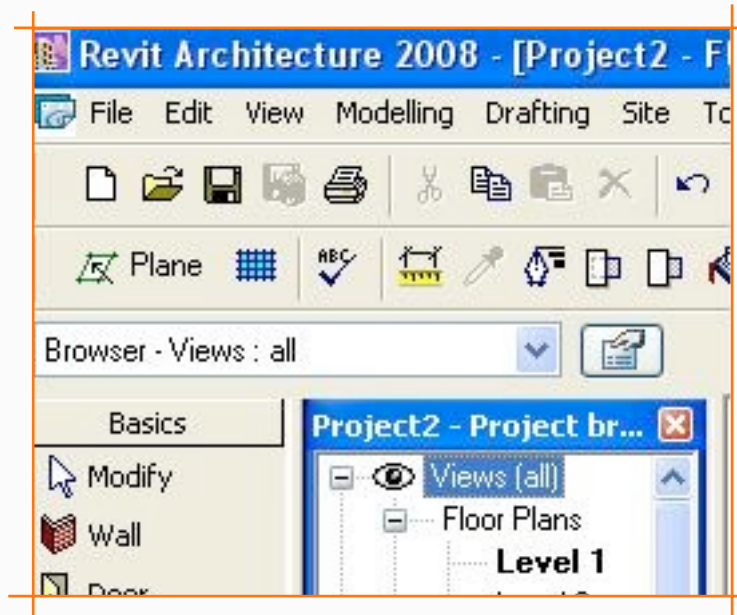
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Hide un-checked categories

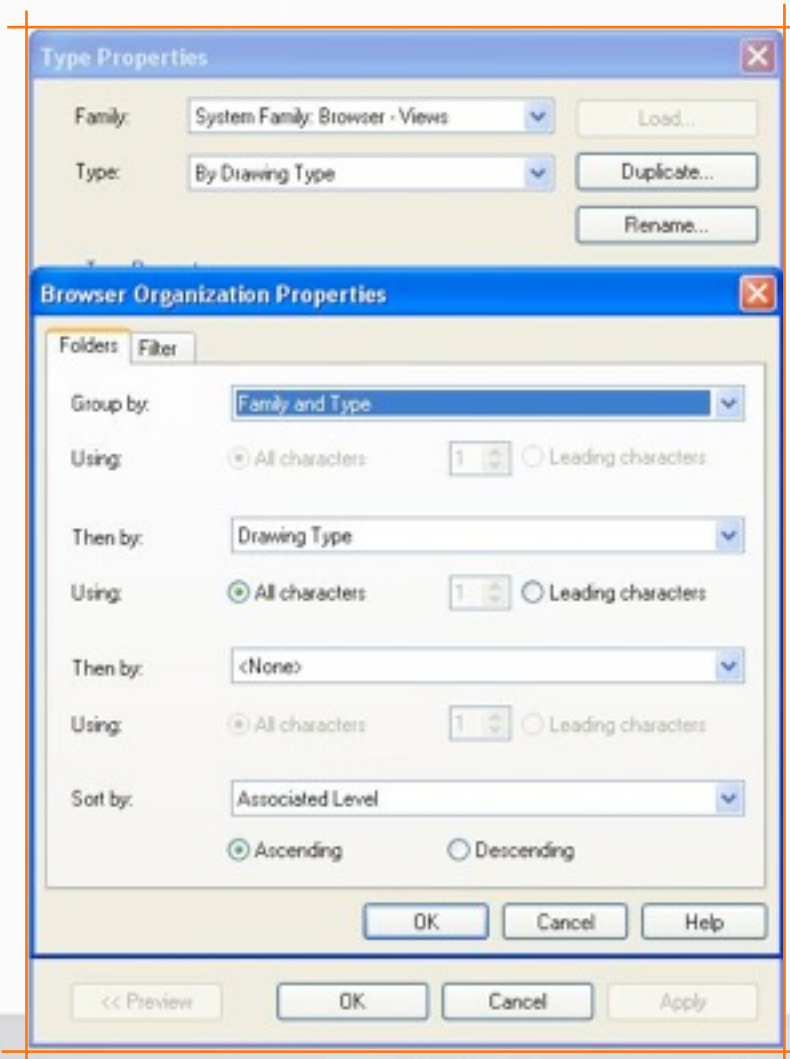
OK Cancel Help



Now,  
Do you see the little Eyeball on the top of your project browser? good, right click on it and go to properties,  
we are going to duplicate that Project Browser settings to suit us.



In the type properties box, you'll note that if the type displayed is "All" you can't duplicate the type, it's grayed out. Choose a different type from the type drop-down, and then choose duplicate. Call the new type "Drawing Type" and hit OK, You'll notice to button below, Folders and Filters. Click Filters just to make sure that nothing is selected there, than click Folders and set it up like the image below:



## Editing the parameters for each view

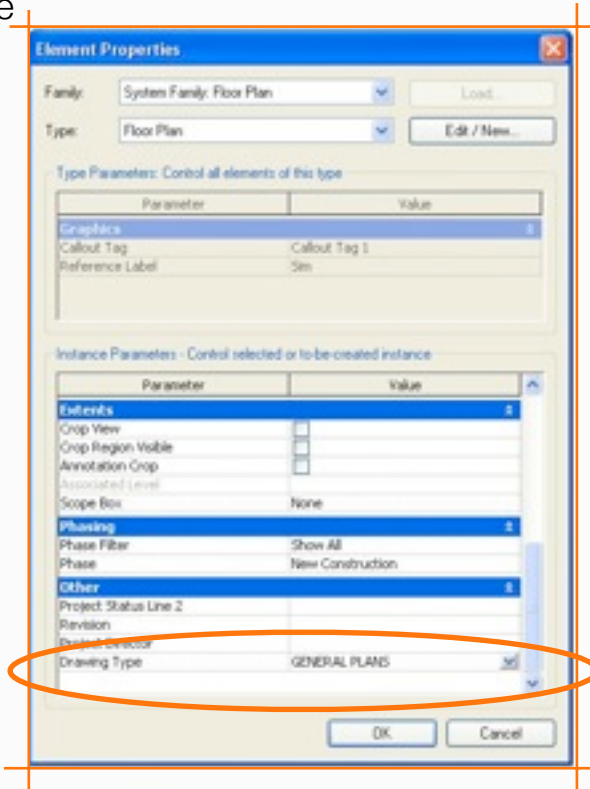
Stay with me, it won't take much longer...

From the Project Browser, select all drawings that belong to one group, say, General Floor Plans. Right click and go to Properties, if you scroll down you will notice a new field Called Drawing Type is waiting empty just for you. Click in it and type General Plans. You can repeat this process for all your views i.e Sections, Elevations, Ceilings...

remember the Eyeball? click on it once, and from the drop-down menu (top and left) choose the new type we just created:

drawing Type.

You will notice that the project browser has changed and there are some folders now called the same as the Parameters name



That's it, you are done! well done.

your project browser should look something like the image bellow.

You can apply this to the sheets as well and use the same parameters as the views, so just click on a bunch of sheets, go to properties and change the Drawing type parameter. easy.

