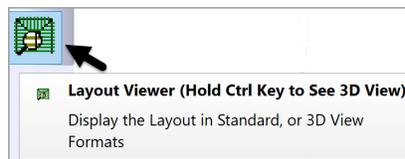


4 Features of the Layout Viewer

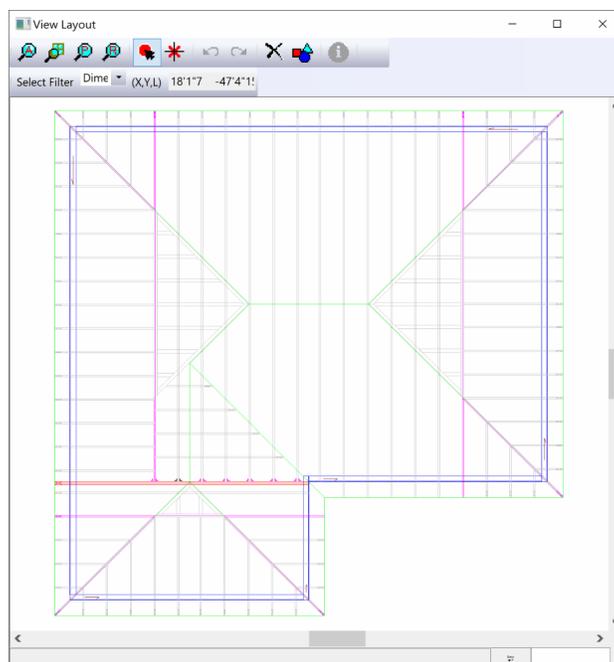
Alpine strives to provide beneficial solutions for real world design circumstances. To make the design process more efficient, iDesign offers the use of Layout Viewer - which when selected will present a 2D view or the job's layout in a separate window.

To open the Layout Viewer, left click the icon located at the bottom of iDesign's vertical tool bar. While a 3D model can be opened using Ctrl + Left Click, we will concentrate on the features associated with the 2D Viewer.



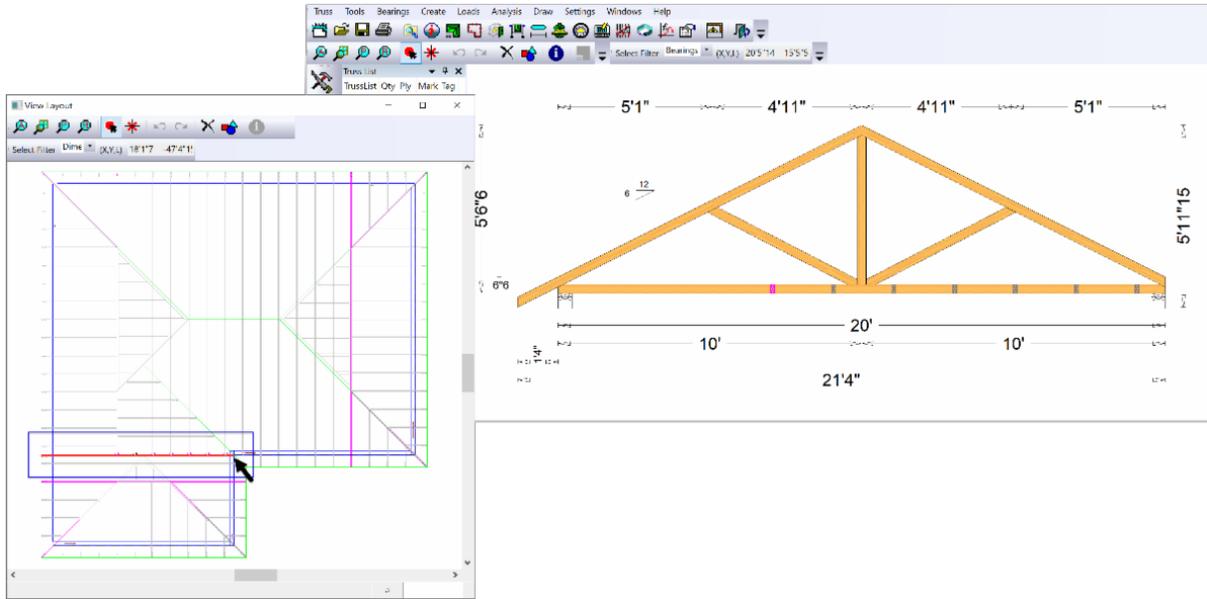
Feature 1:

After opening the viewer, select a truss to edit by double clicking the left mouse button on that truss. This saves time by reducing the number of returns to iModel to load a truss or searching the truss list for a specific truss.



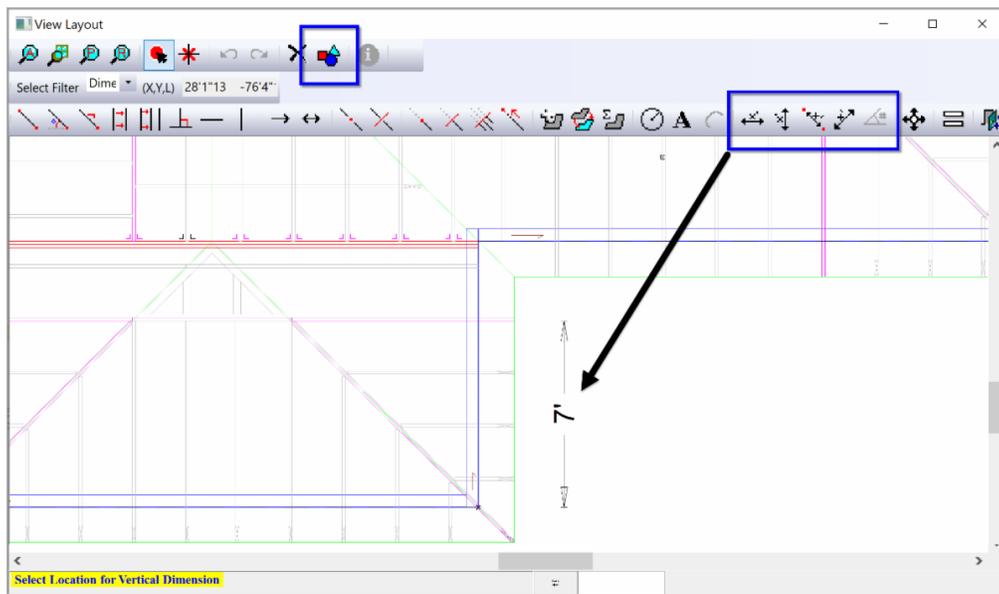
Feature 2:

The truss being edited in iDesign is highlighted in the Layout Viewer. This allows the designer to quickly see the selected truss in the overall structure so that design decisions can be made on how they affect other framing.



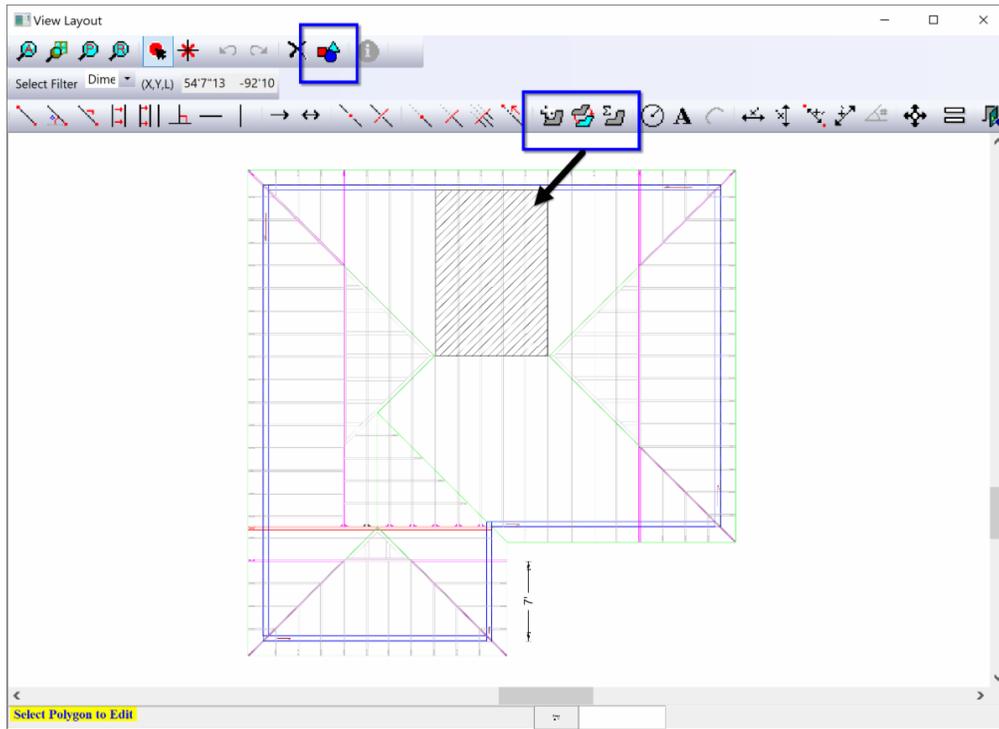
Feature 3:

Add dimensions to the layout in the viewer by using the CAD Utilities tools. The added dimensions are automatically saved and displayed on the layout in iModel. Deleting a dimension added to the viewer is handled in iModel directly.

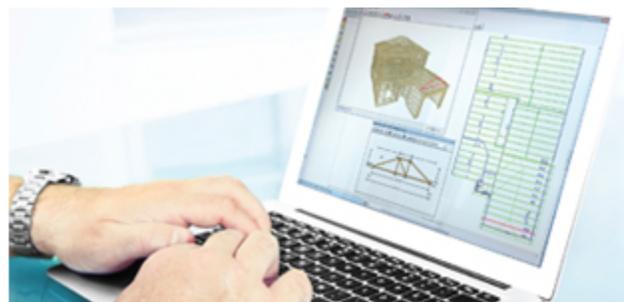
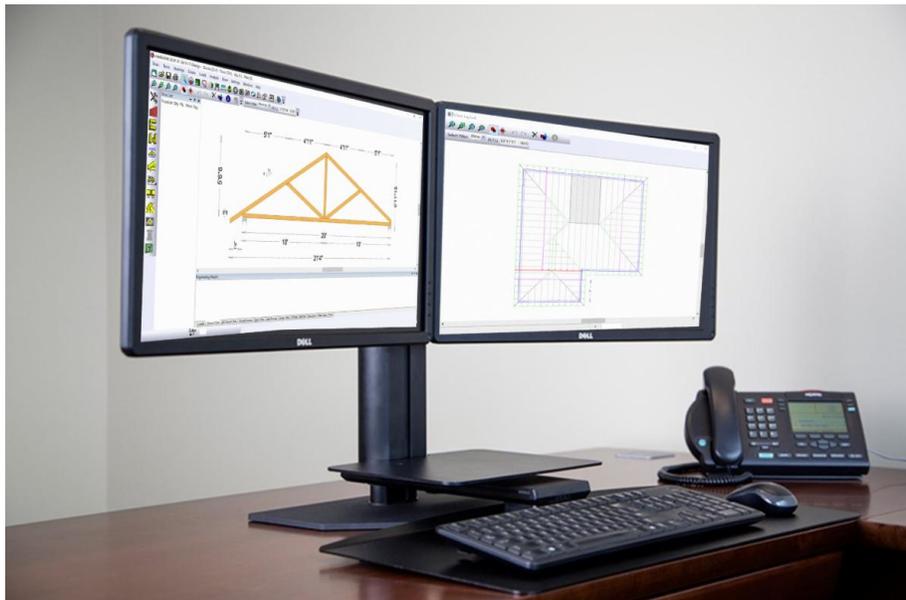


Feature 4:

CAD elements, such as lines or polygons, can be added to the layout using the CAD Utilities tools in the viewer. Just like the dimensions, elements added to the layout in the viewer are automatically added to the layout in iModel.



In order to make optimal use of the viewer, it is suggested that your workstation be equipped with dual monitors. This allows a designer to place the viewer on one monitor while editing the truss on the other.



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