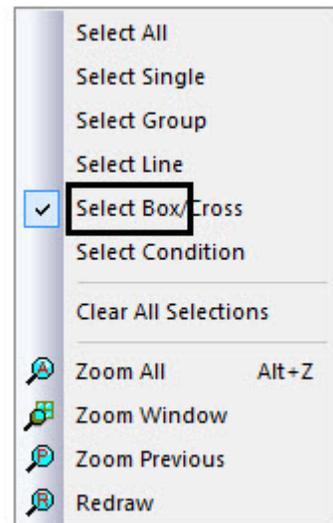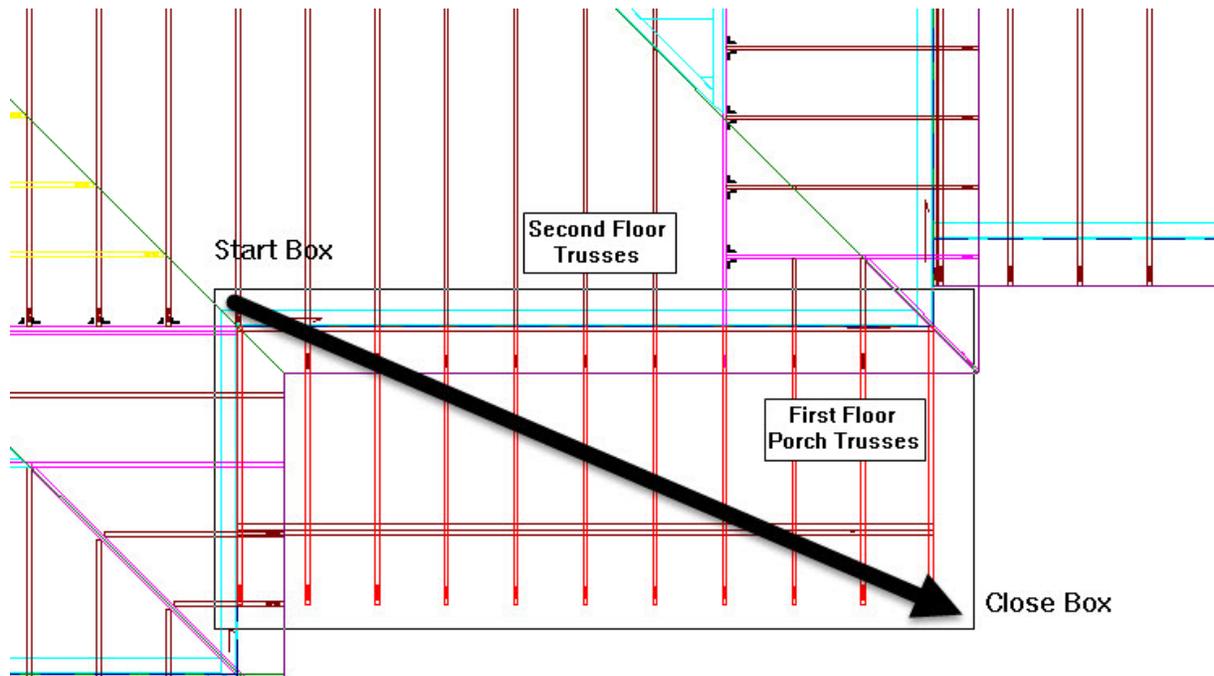# Using Select Box in iModel

Alpine offers many resources to help truss designers succeed. IntelliVIEW gives a designer the ability to select the best elements for editing; each having their own use and purpose to ensure design efficiency. In iModel, the Select Box mode is extremely helpful when selecting items inside of a given area. There are two unique ways to use Select Box.

When a box is drawn from the top down (top left to lower right), the edges of the box are solid and only items falling completely within that perimeter are selected.
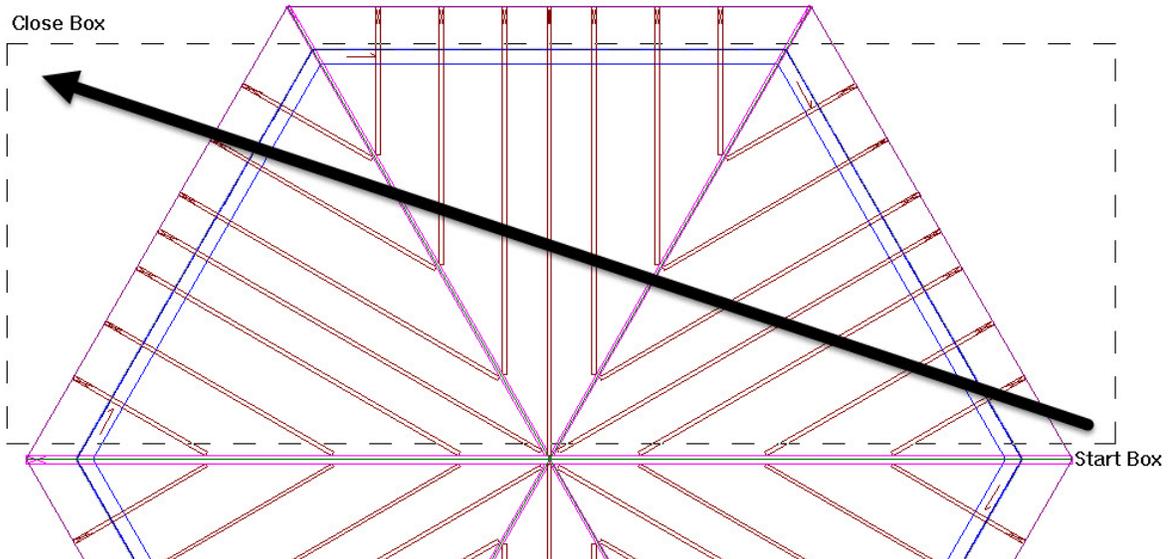
In the following example, trusses exist on two different levels/heights and overlap one another. The first floor porch trusses are to be selected, however it may prove difficult to select those trusses without also selecting trusses from the second level. The top down Select Box allows for the first floor porch trusses to be selected while ignoring the second floor trusses. This is accomplished by selecting the porch trusses in their entirety, while only selecting a portion of the second floor trusses.
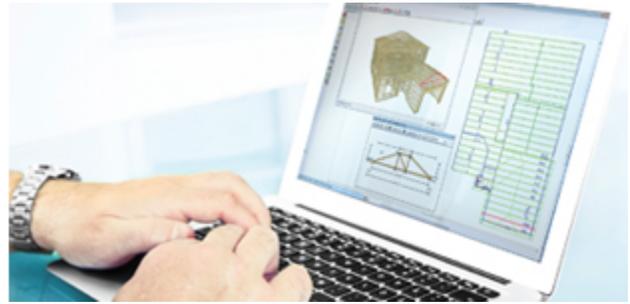
When a box is drawn from bottom up (lower right to top left), the edges are dashed and any items just touching the area are selected.

In the following example, the trusses to the top of the girder are to be selected. It will require multiple steps to select every truss individually, by group or by line. The Select Box mode is ideal to capture all the trusses in the given area, however it would be difficult to ensure that every truss is in the box in its entirety without also selecting the girder. The bottom up Select Box is used to draw a box that captures a part of every truss.

These two box select methods are one example of the versatility of IntelliVIEW.

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