

DESIGN FOR DISASSEMBLY IN ARCHITECTURE

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ABSTRACT

DFD, when summed up simply, refers to architectural areas in which the structures are either temporary or occasionally timeless. A society, a public space, or a body of ideas can invest and embed itself in a temporary structure, which is one of the most important fields of architecture since the past. Temporary structures rapidly appear and vanish, but they are intended to do so.

Nowadays, there is an urgent need for flexibility in the housing sector. It starts to become a necessary component of architecture. The pace of life has gotten faster, and people's wants are always changing. Architecture is difficult to suit all consumers' demands because of this. Designers are experimenting and creating spaces full of innovative ideas crossing the border in the traditional approach to DESIGN FOR DISASSEMBLY. This paper explores and systematizes the subject of flexibility and adaptability of buildings in design for disassembly. Flexibility enables the evolution of design as per consumers need. To modify home as per the need.

Design for disassembly is an important concept in sustainable architecture that involves designing buildings with the ability to be easily taken apart and reused or recycled. This research paper explores the various aspects of design for disassembly in architecture, including its benefits, challenges, and strategies for implementation. The paper also presents case studies of buildings that have successfully incorporated design for disassembly principles.

Key words- Design for disassembly (DFD), interchange, flexibility, adaptability.

INTRODUCTION

A building's design flexibility can enable it to change over time as user requirements shift. In contrast to an inflexible building, which might become outdated, a flexible building or components of its design can be used effectively despite changes in operational requirements.

Flexibility can come in the form of active flexibility, such moveable walls, in addition to qualities that are inherently flexible, including multi-use spaces, open plan offices, broad floor-to-ceiling heights, and high-capacity service voids. It may also include more general characteristics, such as a room's ability to expand or its usage of a range of energy sources, among others. This may include considering very fundamental design considerations. A circular structure could be extremely difficult to adapt without compromising the design's integrity, but it might be relatively easy to add or remove a bay to make a linear building larger or smaller.

Flexibility and adaptability are the fundamental goals of flexible architecture. The foundation of flexible architecture is the idea that the built environment ought to function like a living thing capable of responding to changes in its surroundings. The majority of architecture was immobile and hence unable to change until recently. This may lead to inadequately optimized (and underutilized) areas. This is what flexible architecture aims to alter by envisioning the built world as dynamic.

Design for disassembly is a strategy that involves designing buildings with the ability to be easily taken apart and reused or recycled at the end of their useful life. This approach is gaining popularity in the field of sustainable architecture due to its potential to reduce waste and promote a circular economy. Design for disassembly is especially relevant in the context of the construction industry, which is responsible for a significant amount of waste and carbon emissions.

Design for disassembly in architecture is an approach that focuses on designing buildings with the end in mind, with the aim of making them easy to dismantle and recycle at the end of their lifecycle. Which is also a concept of circular economy i.e., reduce reuse and recycle. The approach is based on the principle of reducing waste and promoting sustainability in the construction industry.

Designing for disassembly involves considering how materials and components can be efficiently taken apart, recycled, or reused in future projects. This can involve using modular construction techniques, designing for standardization and ease of assembly and disassembly, and selecting materials that are easily recyclable or biodegradable.

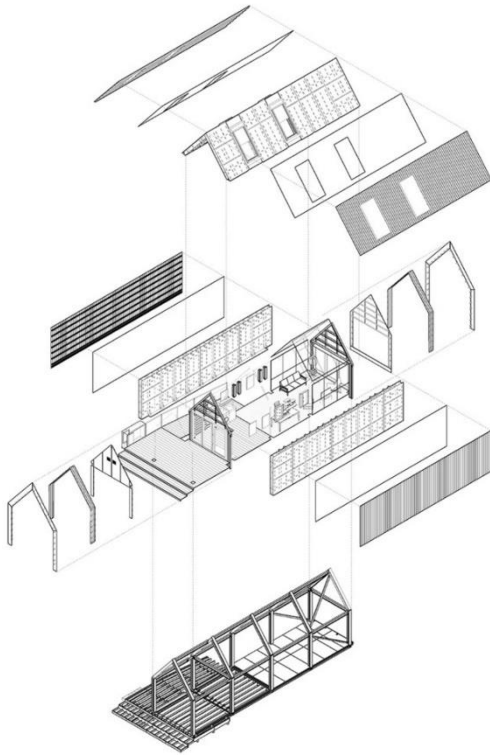
Design for disassembly is important in architecture because it helps reduce waste and promote sustainability. It involves designing buildings in a way that allows their components and materials to be easily disassembled and reused or recycled at the end of their life. This way, the resources used in building can be conserved and less waste is produced.

DIFFICULTIES WITH CURRENT DESIGN

- The usage of composite and engineered goods, which are challenging to recycle due to their chemical qualities, is one of the reasons why buildings are generally difficult to modify or dismantle and recover the components for reuse and recycling.
- Labor costs for disassembling and processing mixed recycled materials, as well as the availability of mechanical, thermal, optical, and even acoustic separation methods.
- The use of highly difficult-to-remove attachment methods, such as pneumatically driven nails, staples, and glue.
- The idea that using breakable parts and systems in structures that aren't explicitly intended to last long would lower their worth and suggest further aesthetic or life/safety concessions.
- Because of missing of flexibility in current building designs, a building cannot evolve. So as to causing monotonous feeling and experiences.

DESIGN FOR DISASSEMBLY

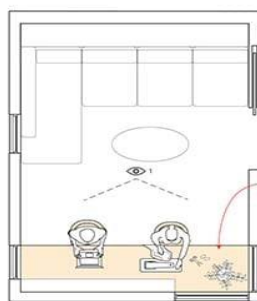
Design for disassembly (DfD) is a subject that is getting more attention in the industrial sectors as the end-of-life management of goods receives more focus. This need is prompted by the growing difficulties associated with disposing of vast quantities of consumer items, as well as the ensuing pollution effects, loss of resources, and energy inherent in these products.



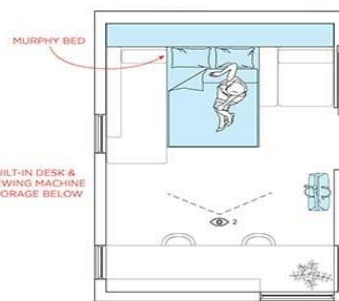
DfD aims to develop buildings that use fewer new resources, produce less waste during construction, refurbishment, and destruction, have longer useful lifetimes, and serve as stores for future building supplies. It is designed to generate income by enabling the conservation of materials and the construction of structures that make it easy to recover individual parts for the following renewal.

ADAPTABILITY

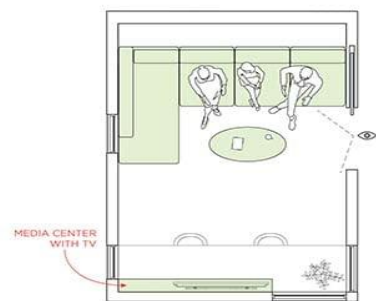
This refers to a structures capacity to support various functions without altering its structural design. Simply said, the structure doesn't change, even while its use does. Examples of such characteristics include movable furniture, multifunctional spaces and others.



OFFICE
A built-in desk and sewing machine storage establish a workspace with waterfront views.



GUEST BEDROOM
A hidden murphy bed folds down to accommodate guests.



DEN
The media center reveals an otherwise concealed TV for family downtime.

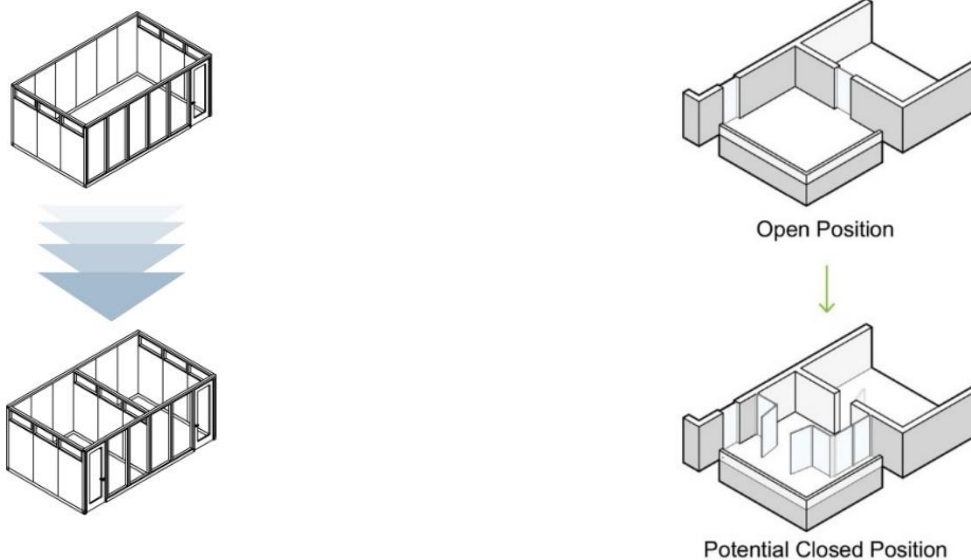


when making permanent changes to the space, the space may easily transition between the start-state and end-state since the alterations do not cause it to change permanently. The function changes, but the container does not.

TRANSFORMABILITY

This eliminates the need for new construction and enables the interior or external environment to adapt in response to certain inputs. Modifications can be both long-lasting and transient. There are two sub-sets of transformability: Adaptability and Mobility. Moveable constructions may be moved about the environment without causing any significant changes or alterations.

Examples might include mobile fabric constructions, mobile retail stores, transitional housing like site huts, and more. Structures that are responsive can respond to outside stimuli like the weather. The adjustments may require a lot of resources yet are frequently only temporary. Examples include retractable roofs over sporting facilities, floating structures that rise and fall with changes in water level, and more.



CONVERTIBILITY

Via a certain amount of construction effort, a building's purpose is altered. Potential future requirements may be evaluated, and the time and money needed can be decreased, by planning for convertibility throughout the design stage. Changes that ensue are frequently long-lasting. This may involve, for instance, providing enough room for further structures, laying the groundwork for future growth, sizing up building services to accommodate growth, or, on the other hand, buying bundled building services that might be resold if necessary.

KEY PRINCIPLES FOR DFD:

1. Identify the tools and techniques for deconstruction. Effective disassembly and deconstruction is made possible by as-built drawings, labelling of connections and materials, and a "deconstruction plan" in the specifications.
2. While choosing materials, exercise carefulness. High-quality materials that are chosen with future effects in mind will preserve value and/or make reuse and recycling more practical.
3. Create connections that are easy to use. Accessible connections that are easy to use visually, physically, and ergonomically will boost productivity and eliminate the need for expensive equipment or stringent worker environmental health and safety safeguards.
4. Reduce or do away with chemical linkages.
5. Employ fasteners such as bolts, screws, and nails.
6. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) systems that are separate. It is simpler to separate components and materials for repair, replacement, reuse, and recycling when MEP systems are decoupled from the assemblies that house them.
7. Design for the labor of separation and the worker. By using human-scale components or, alternatively, optimizing for ease of removal by ordinary mechanical equipment, you may use a wider range of skill levels and reduce labor intensity.
8. Structure and form simplicity. Straightforward designs, open-span structural systems, and uniform dimensional grids will make building and disassembly in small steps uncomplicated.

DETAILED STRATEGIES

- Make use of high-quality recycled materials to support markets for material recovery.
- Limit the variety of materials, which brings down the complexity and quantity of separation procedures.
- Steer clear of poisonous and hazardous products since they provide a greater risk to future handling costs, technical challenges, and risks to human and environmental health.
- Stay away from composite materials and create goods that are inseparable from the same material so that they are easier to recycle.
- Keep materials free of additional finishes that might hide connections and materials, making it more challenging to locate the connection points.
- Provide standardized and long-lasting material chemistry identification.
- Reduce the variety of component kinds to boost the amounts of equivalent recoverable components.
- Distinguish the structure from the cladding to maximize flexibility and to distinguish between structural and non-structural deconstruction.
- Give sufficient tolerances to permit disassembly to reduce the requirement for damaging techniques that will affect nearby components.
- Reduce the number of connectors and fasteners to speed up disassembly.
- Create joints and connections that can endure repeated assembly and disassembly so that they may be modified and reused.
- Enable parallel disassembly to cut down on the amount of time spent on-site during the disassembly procedure.
- To allow for uniform sizes of recoverable materials, use a standard structural grid.
- Offer spare parts and space to store them so that an entire component may be easily modified and reused when only a sub-component portion is damaged.
- Create the building's foundations such that it can potentially grow vertically rather than being demolished.
- To make the most of the non-structural wall components, choose a structural grid that is as broad as you can.

APPLICATION AREA –

- Temporary structures: In order to save waste and increase the sustainability of the construction process, temporary structures like pop-up stores and event pavilions might be constructed for disassembly.
- The COVID-19 epidemic has brought attention to the need for more flexible and adaptive structures. Buildings can be more adaptive to shifting demands and cope with the issues brought on by the pandemic if they are designed for disassembly.
- Natural disasters and climate change: When natural disasters occur more frequently and more severely across the world, infrastructure and structures are suffering serious harm. Buildings may be made more robust to natural catastrophes and allow for more effective rebuilding and recovery operations if they are designed for disassembly.

CONCLUSION- The design for disassembly strategy is a crucial development in the direction of a more circular economy. By employing this strategy, we can decrease waste, save resources, and build environments that are more durable. Although it calls for cooperation, creativity, and a readiness to accept change, the rewards are well worth the effort.