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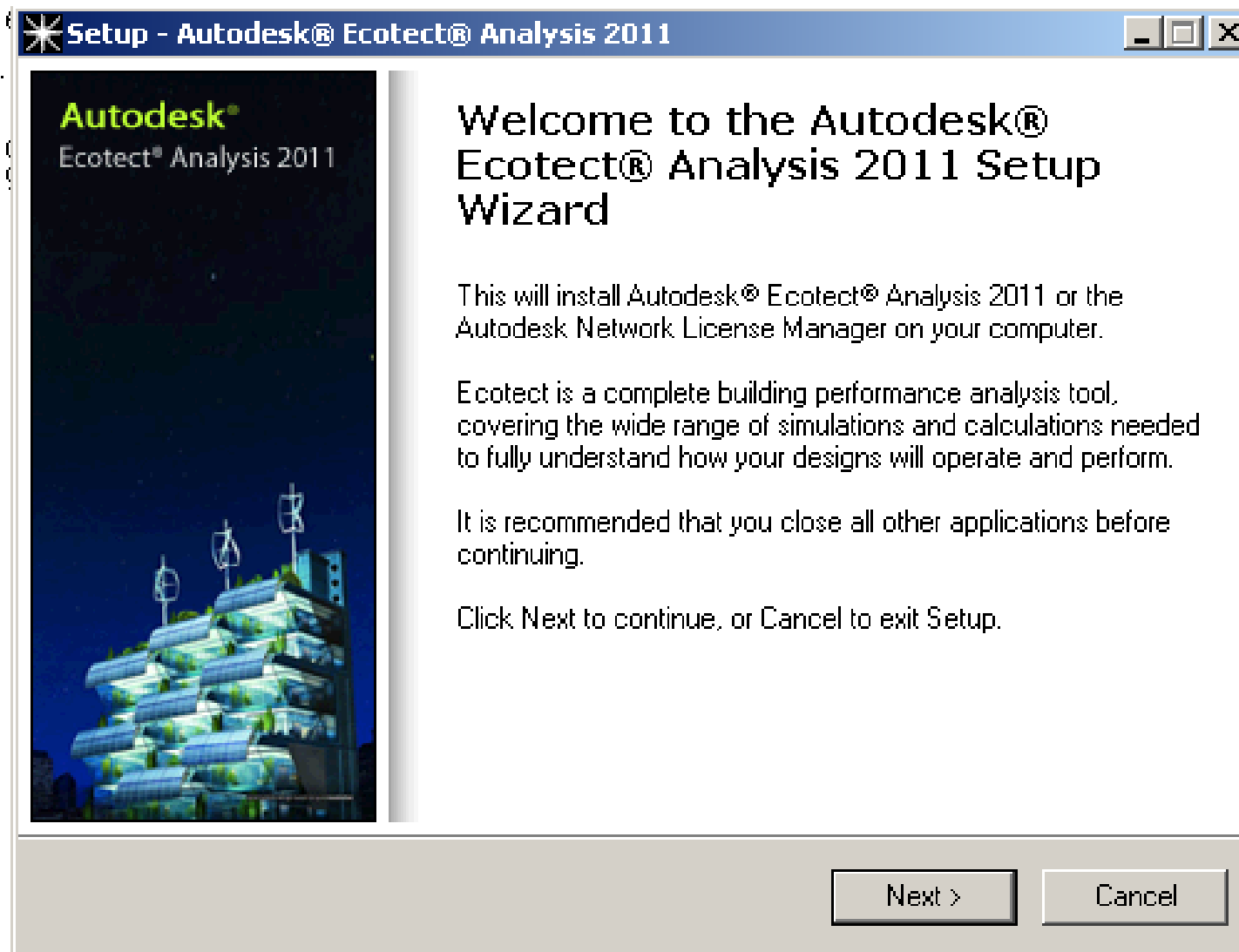
ECOTECH Short Course Part (I)

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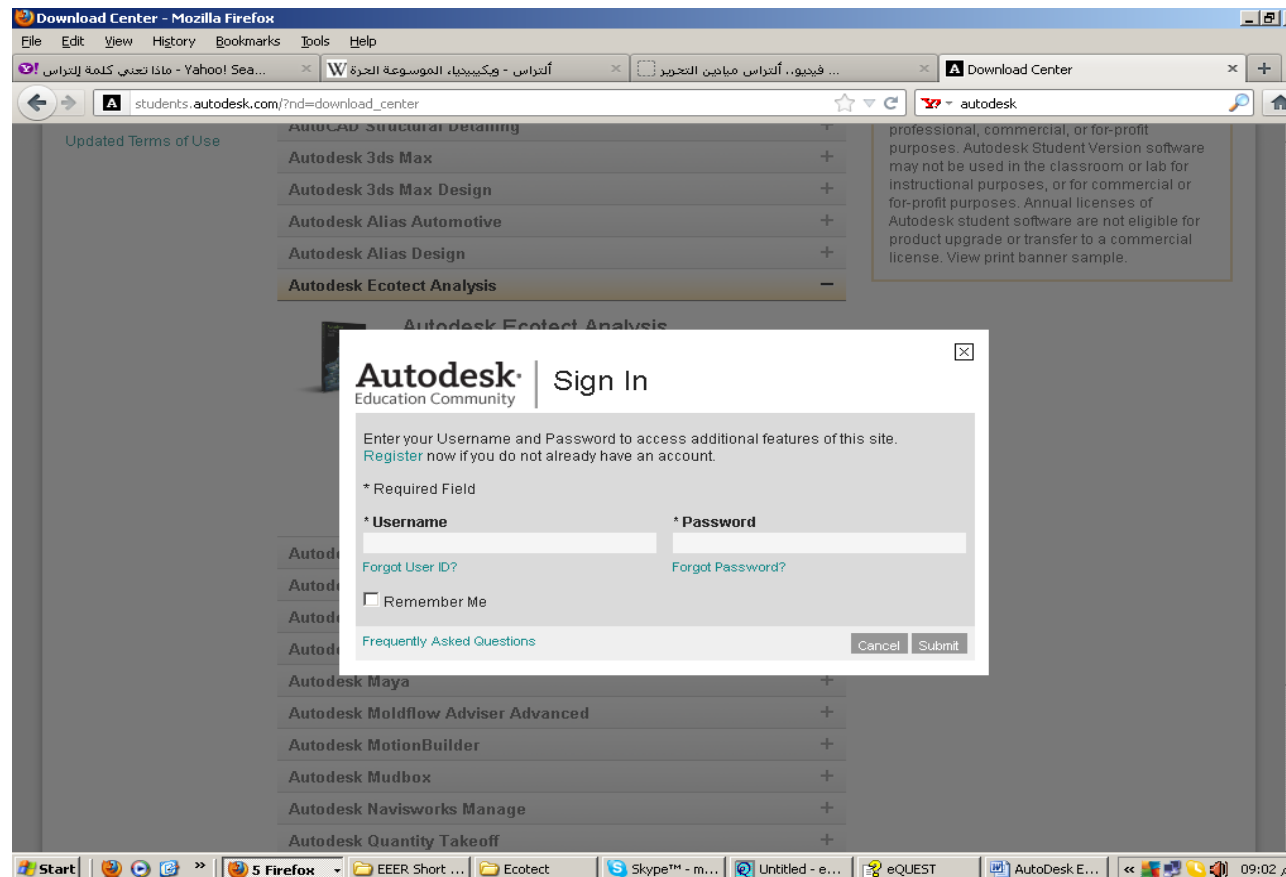


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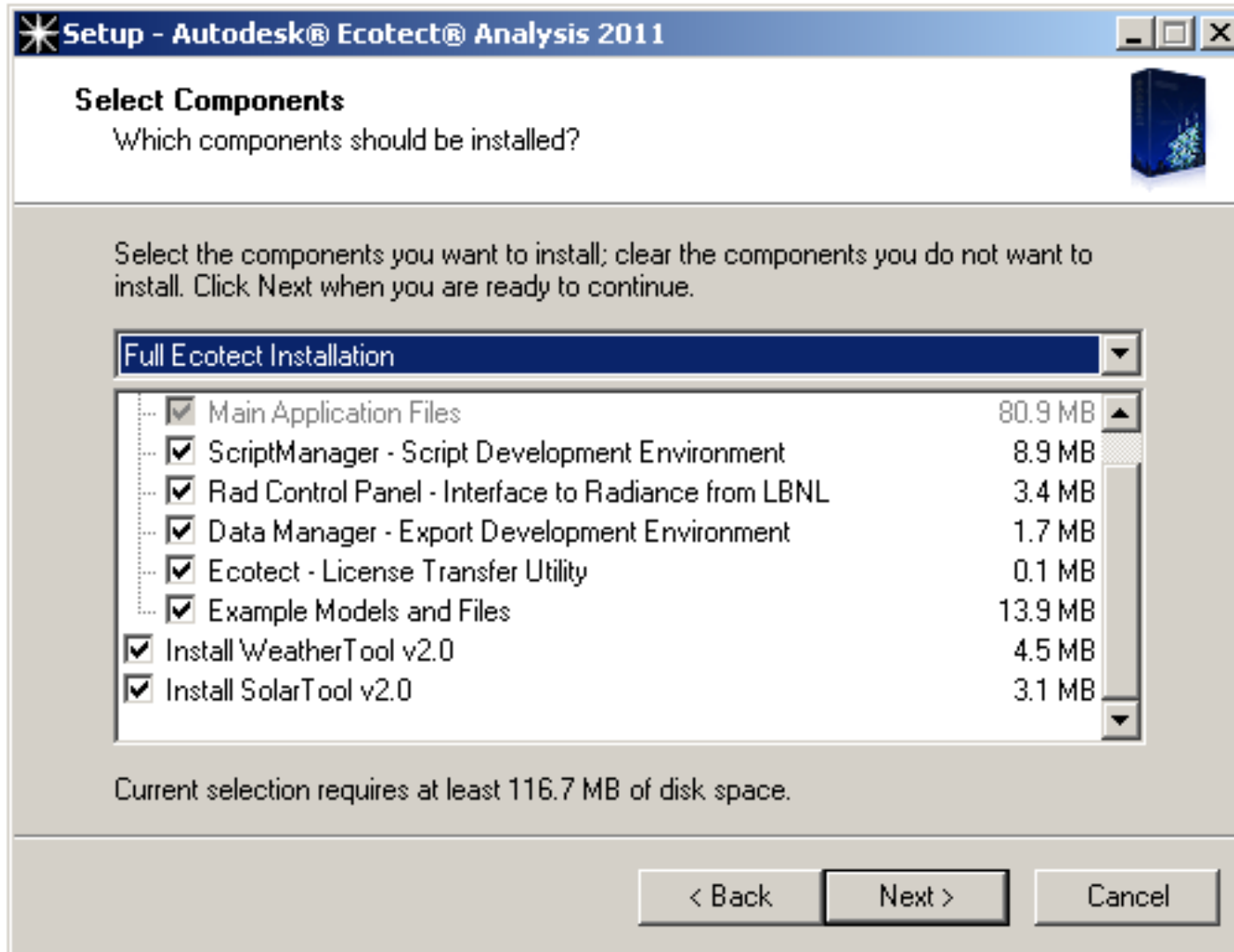
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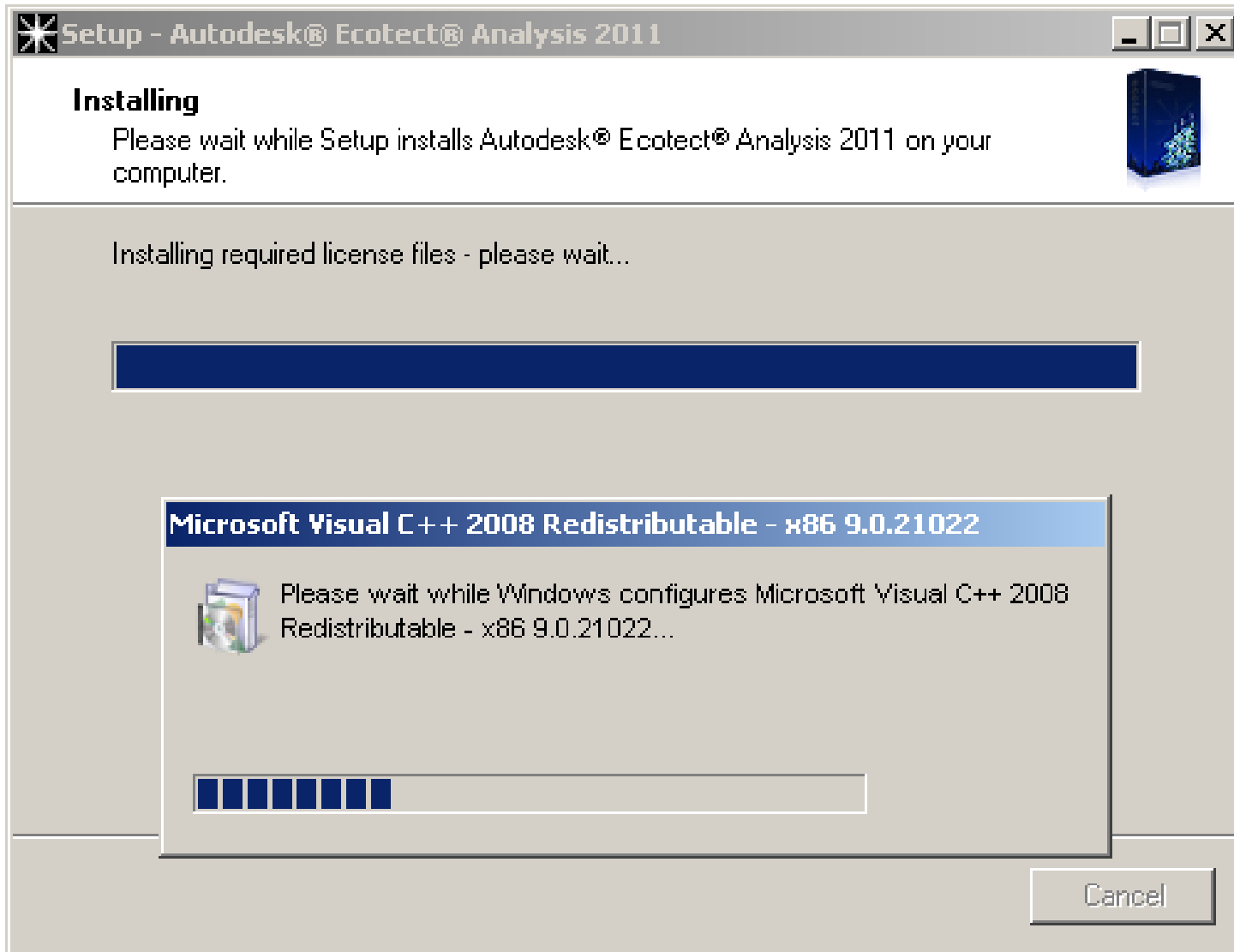
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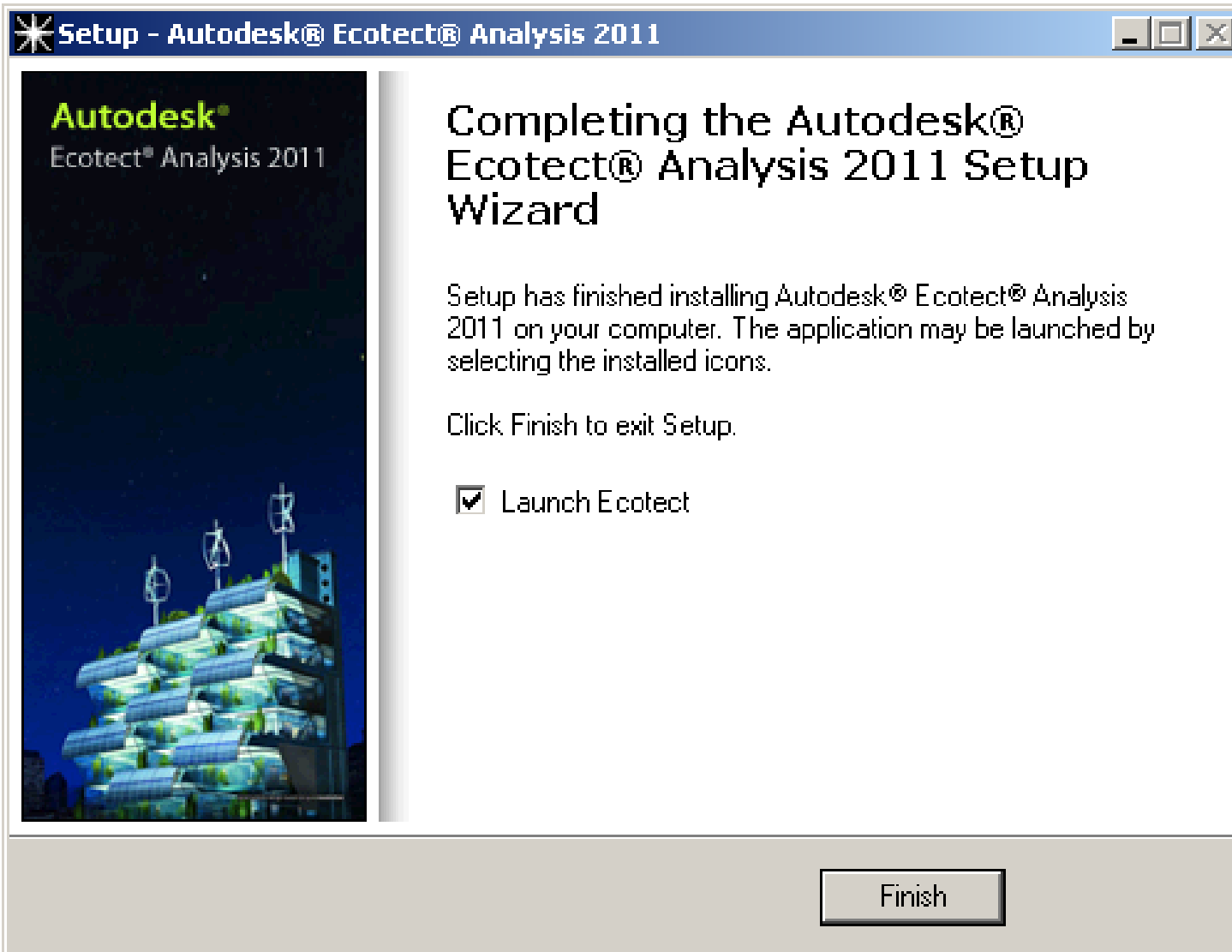
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Getting started

ECOTECT Tools – PMV tool

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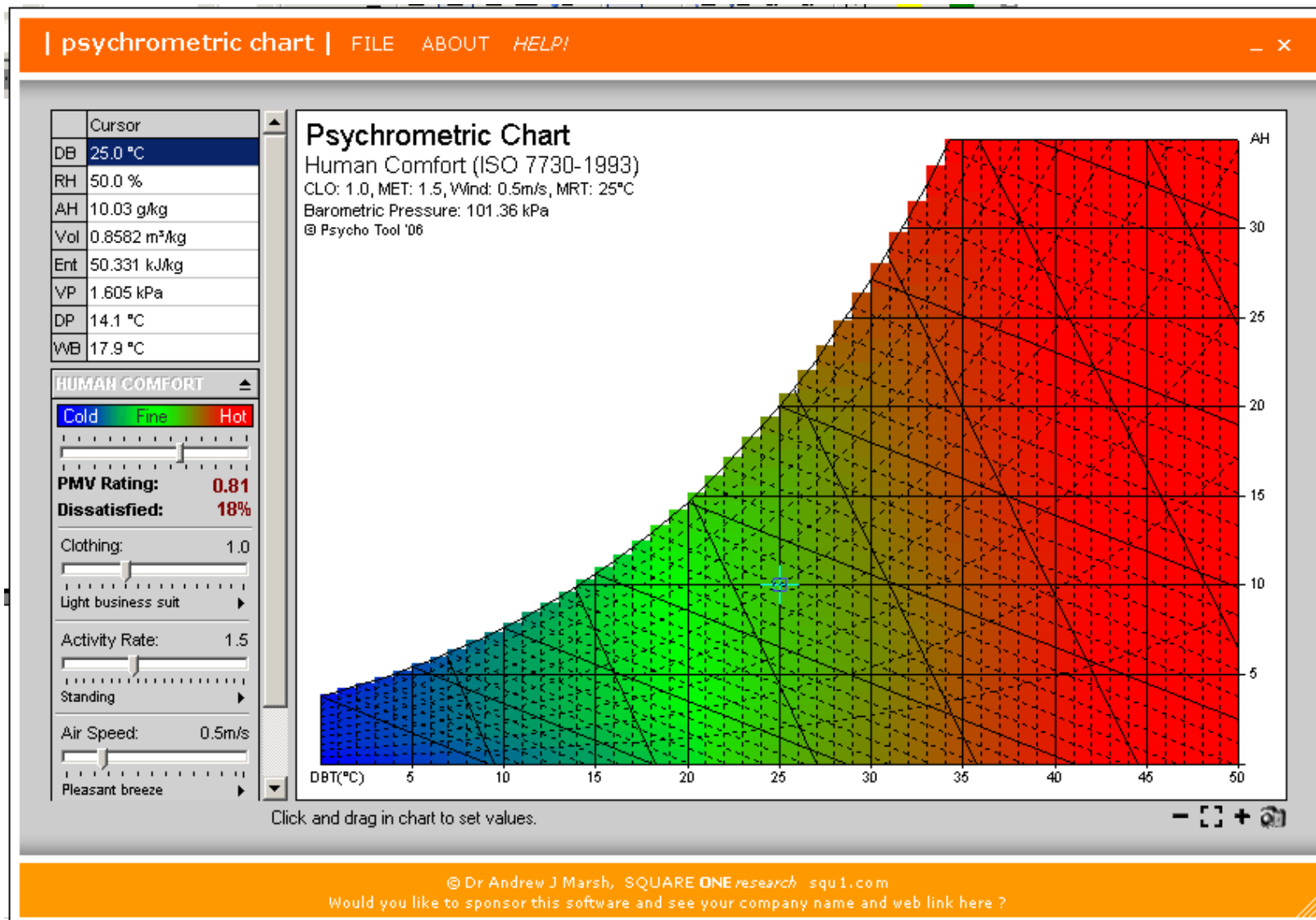
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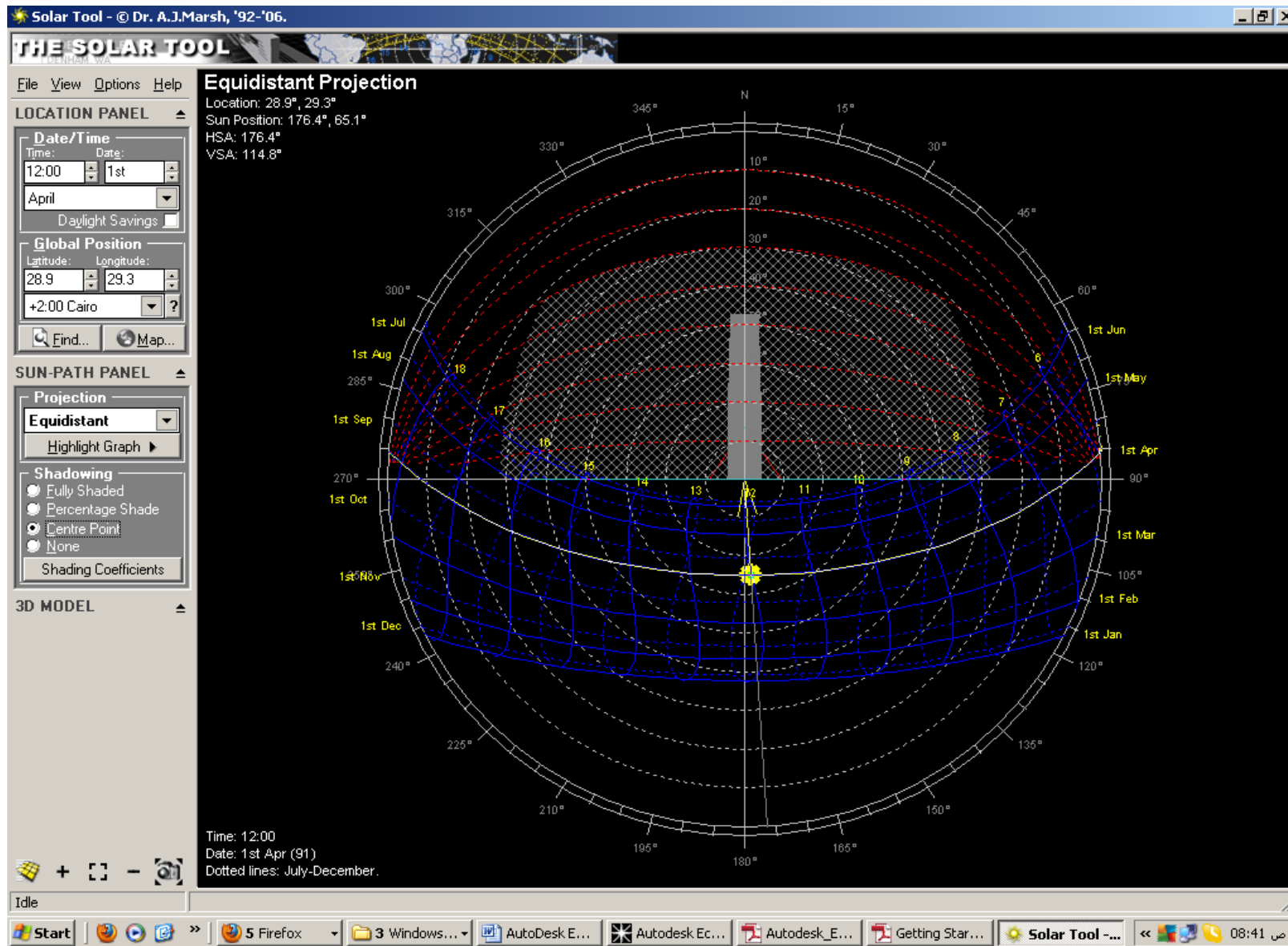
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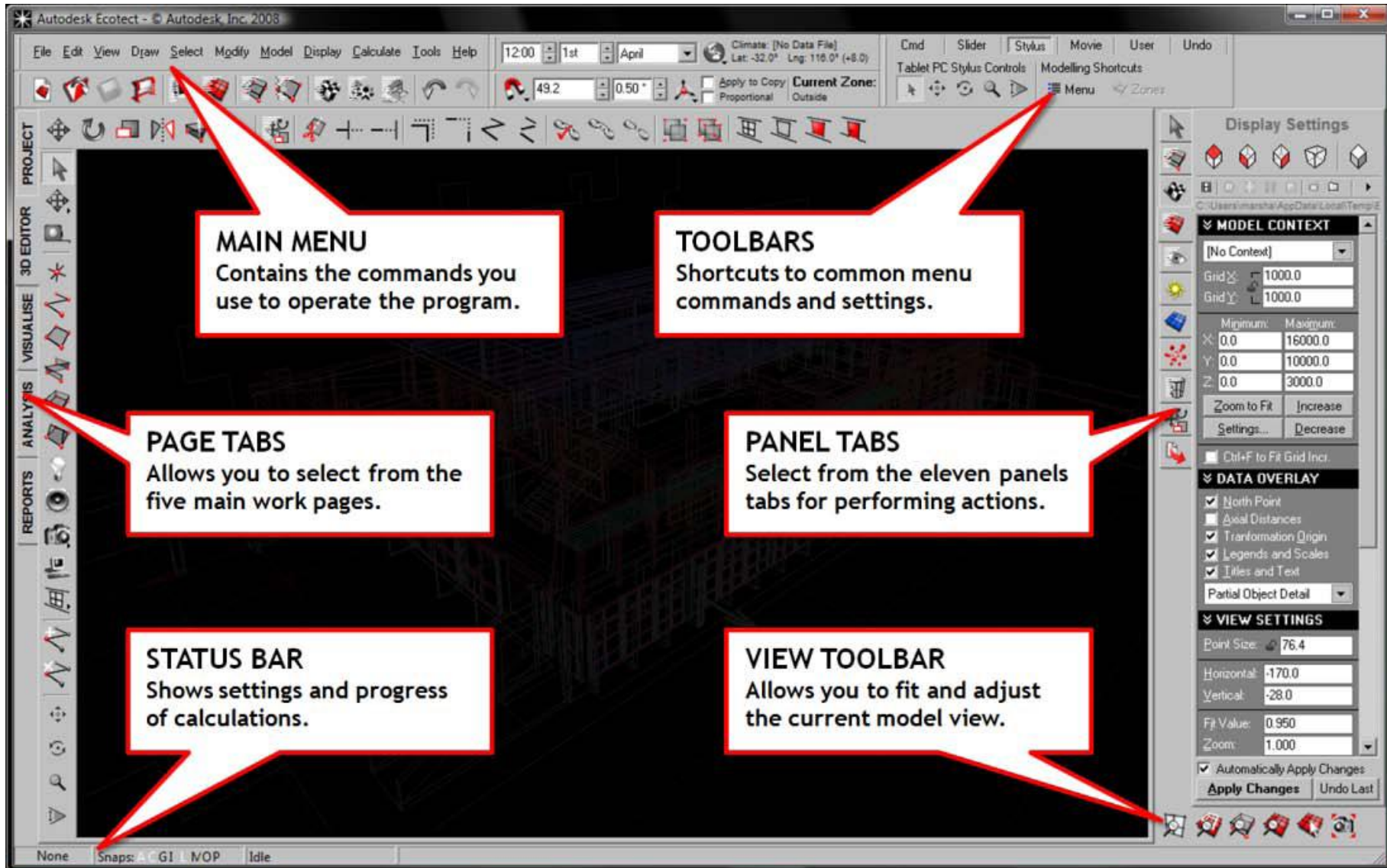
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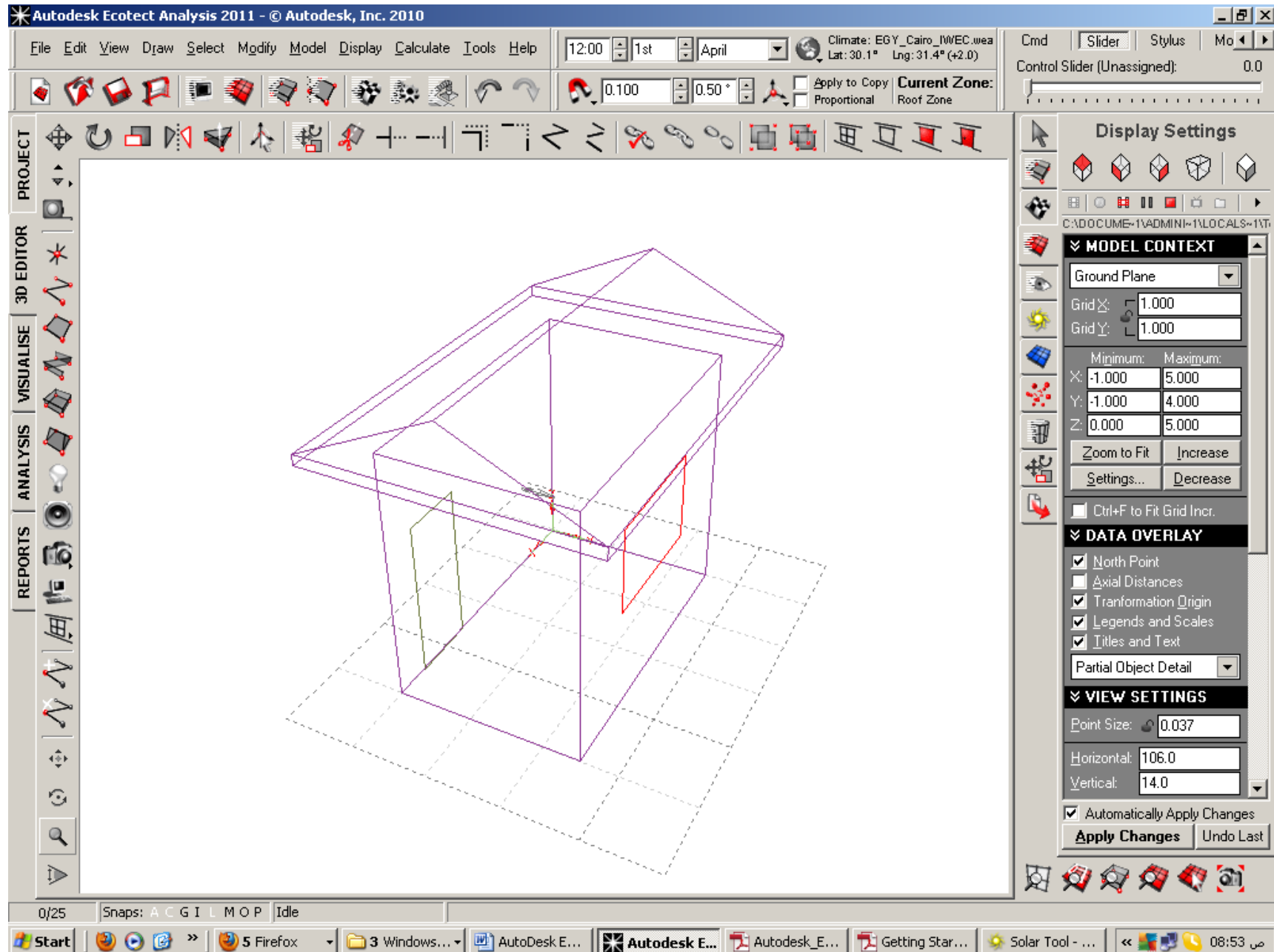


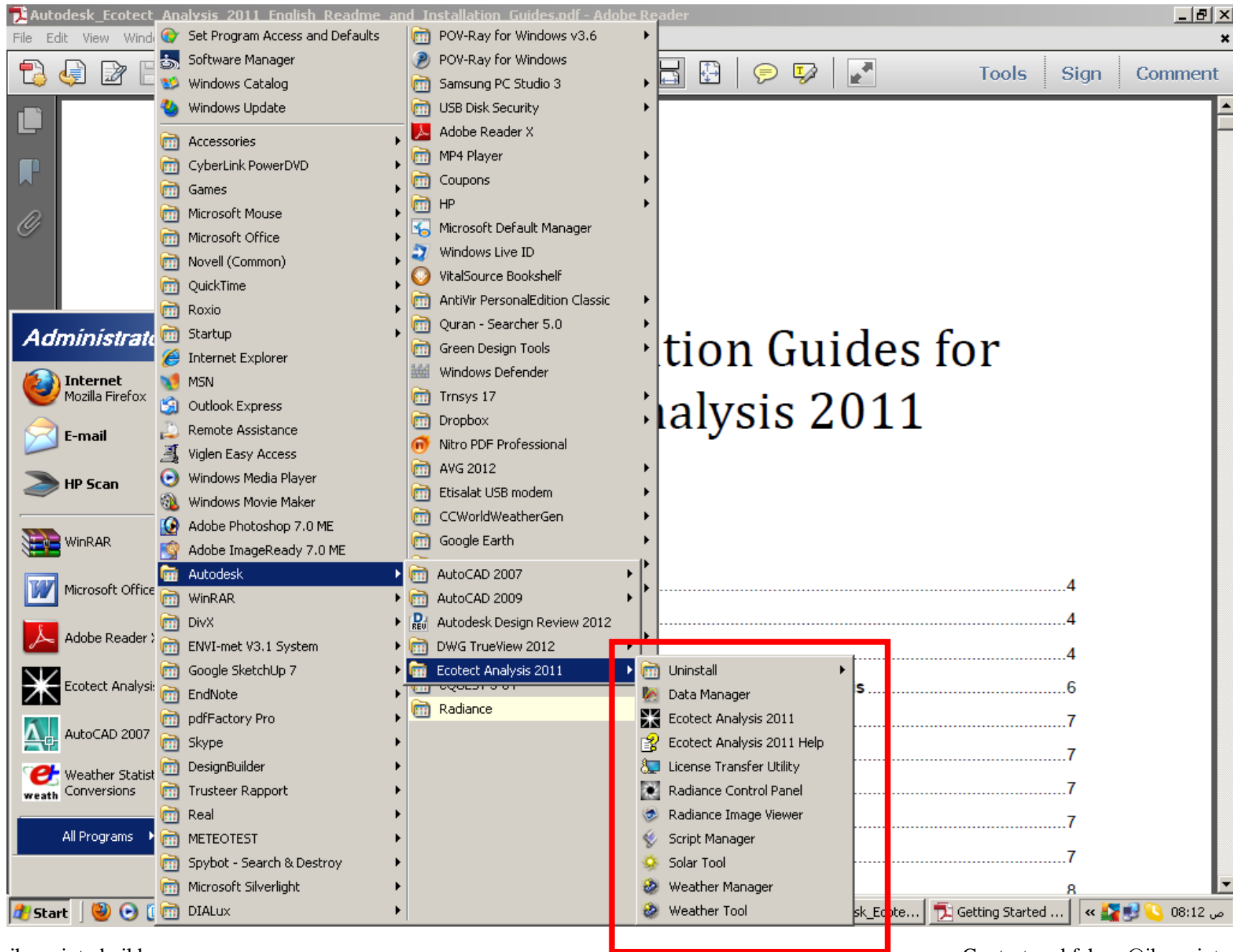
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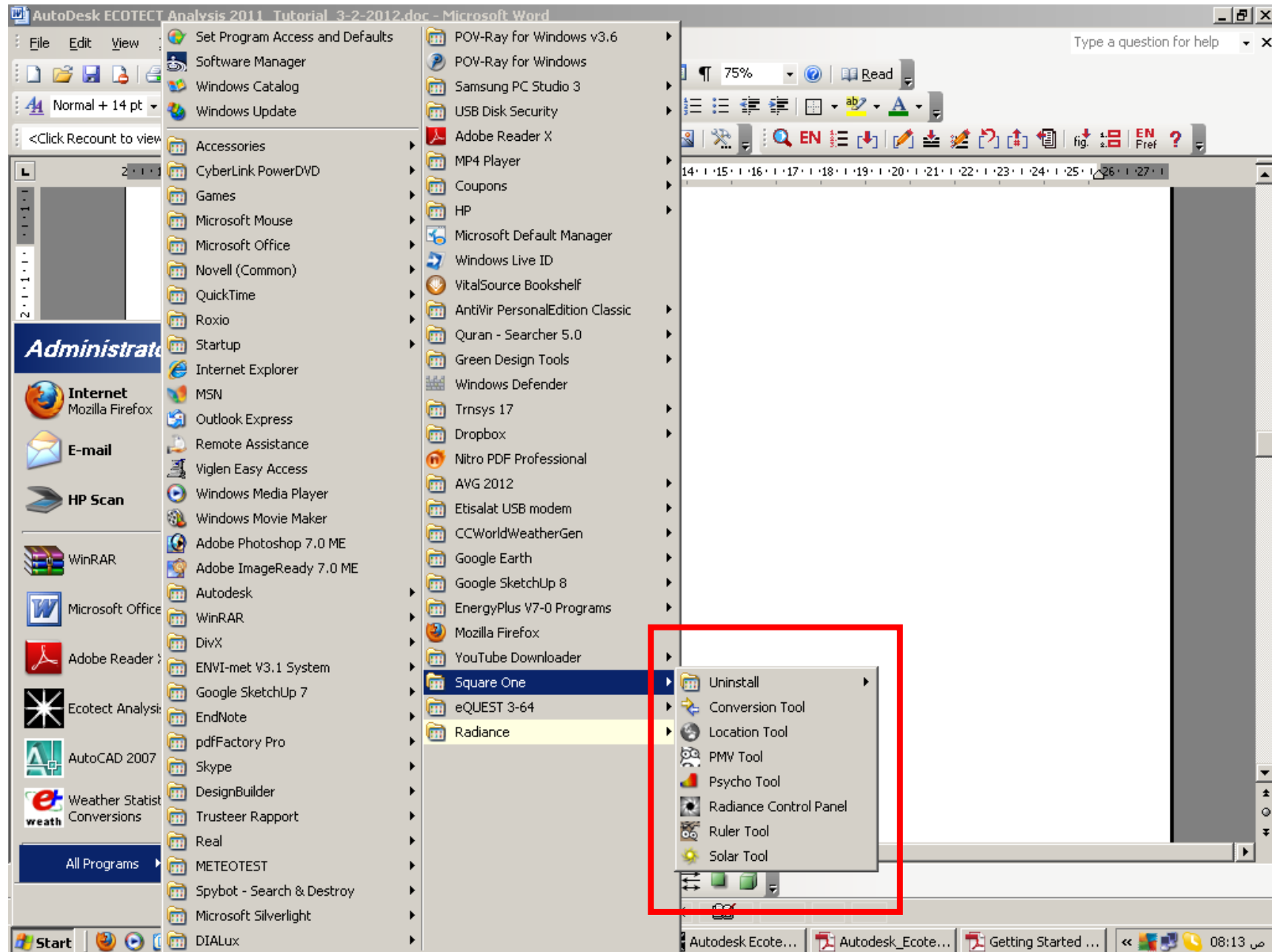


ECOTECT main panel









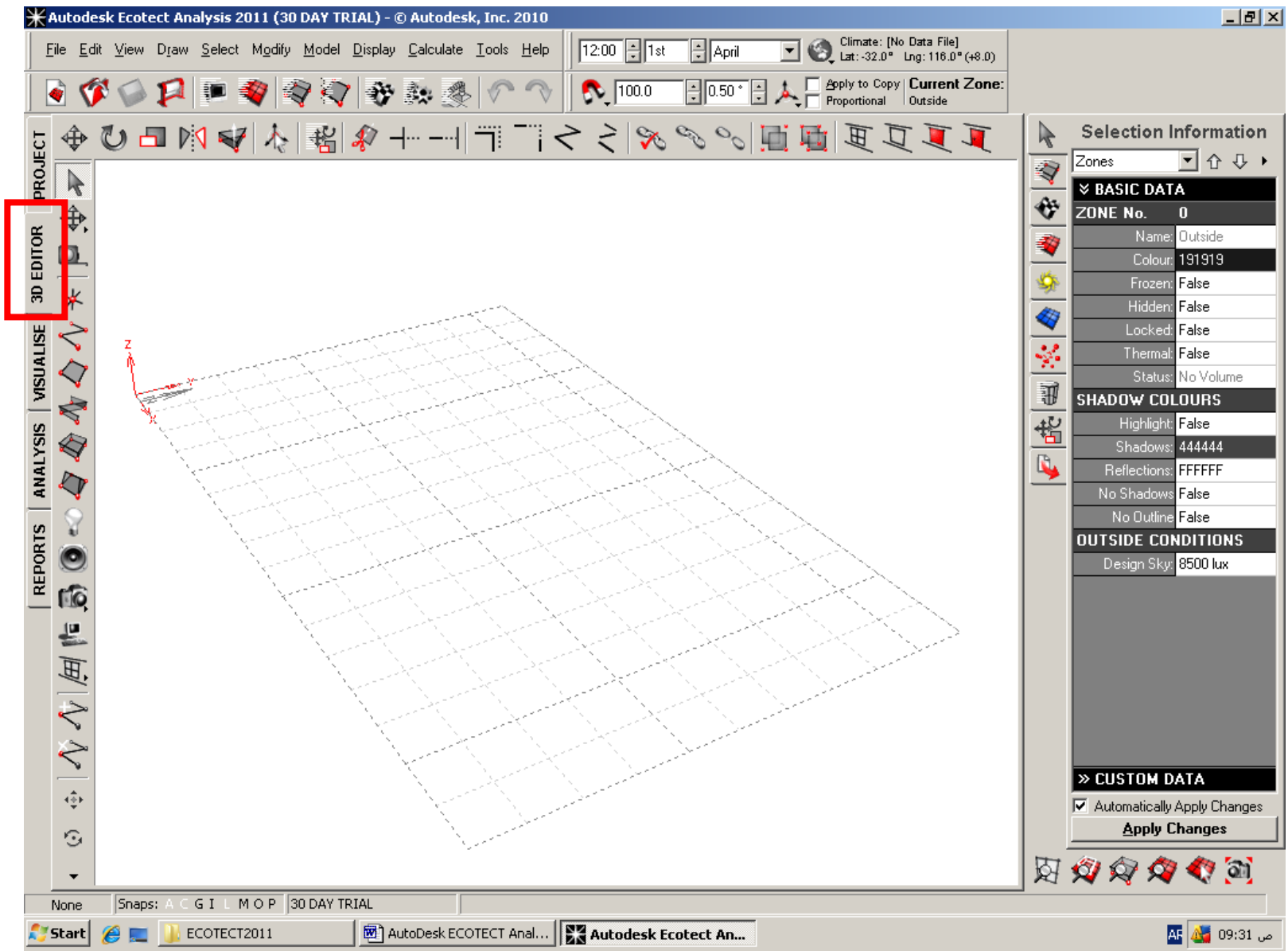
Getting started – Left side menus: Project details entry

The screenshot displays the Autodesk Ecotect Analysis 2011 software interface. The left sidebar contains a vertical menu with the following items: PROJECT (highlighted with a red box), 3D EDITOR, VISUALISE, ANALYSIS, and REPORTS. The main window is titled 'Autodesk Ecotect Analysis 2011 (30 DAY TRIAL) - © Autodesk, Inc. 2010'. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Draw, Select, Modify, Model, Display, Calculate, Tools, and Help. The top status bar shows the current time (12:00), date (1st April), and climate information (Climate: [No Data File], Lat: -32.0°, Lng: 116.0° (+8.0)). The toolbar contains various icons for navigation and editing. The main workspace is divided into several panels:

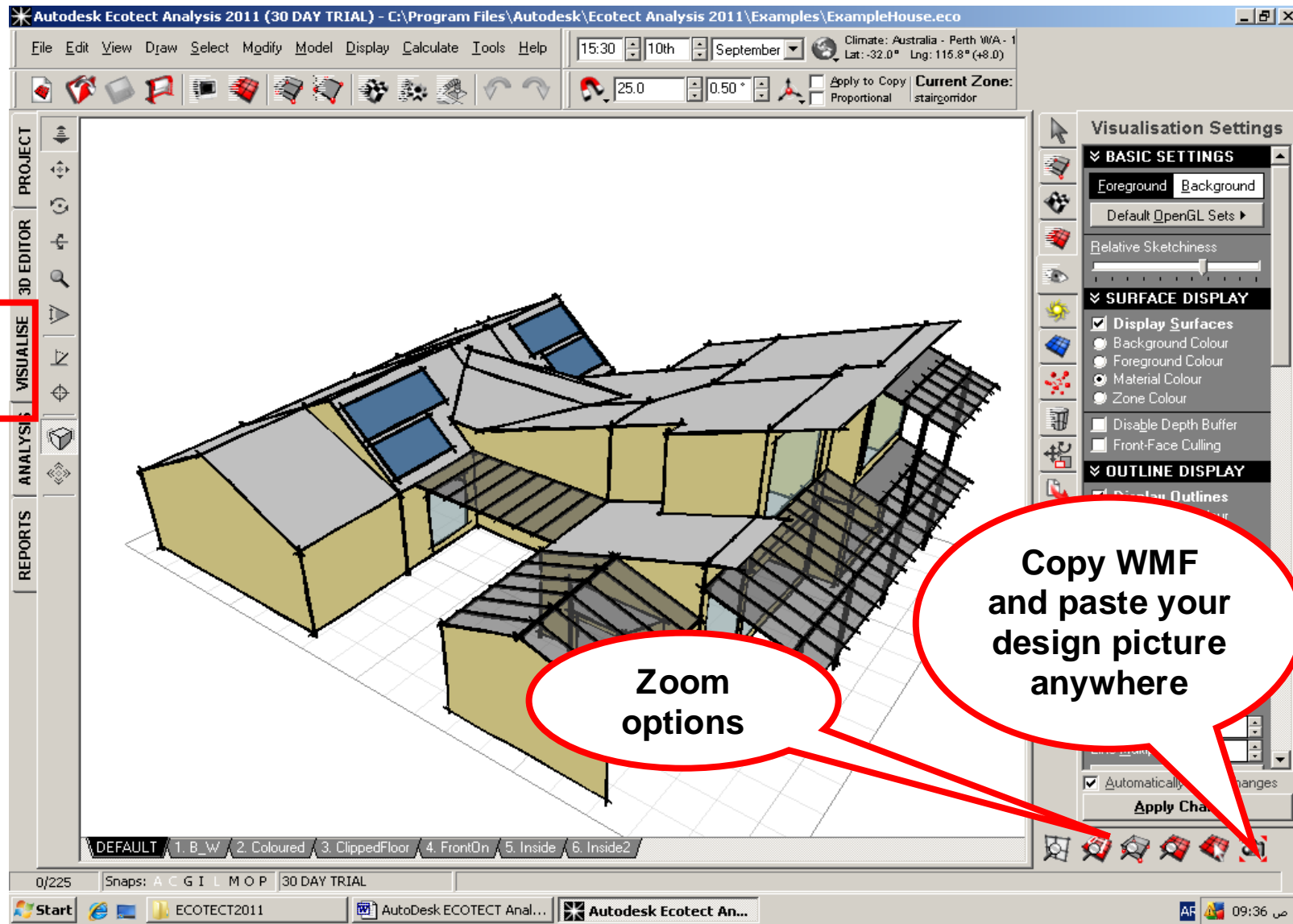
- Embedded Project Data:** A table with columns 'Parameter' and 'Value'. The 'ProjectTitle' row is selected. Below the table is a section for 'EXTERNAL_FILE_REFERENCES' with fields for 'WeatherDataFile' and 'AutoRunScript'. At the bottom of this panel is a 'Notes/Text' area.
- Site Location:** Fields for Latitude (-32.0000°) and Longitude (116.0000°). A dropdown for 'Local Time Zone' is set to '+8:00 Perth'. There are buttons for 'Find...' and 'Map...' and a link to 'Use Google maps...'.
- Site Specifics:** A compass rose icon. Fields for 'North Offset' (0.0°) and 'Altitude' (0.0). A dropdown for 'Local Terrain' is set to 'Urban'. A checkbox 'Show Project Page when Opening Model' is present.
- Selection Information:** A panel on the right showing 'Zones' and 'BASIC DATA' for 'ZONE No. 0'. It lists various properties such as Name (Outside), Colour (191919), Frozen (False), Hidden (False), Locked (False), Thermal (False), and Status (No Volume). Below this is 'SHADOW COLOURS' and 'OUTSIDE CONDITIONS' (Design Sky: 8500 lux). At the bottom, there is a 'CUSTOM DATA' section with a checked box for 'Automatically Apply Changes' and an 'Apply Changes' button.

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, several open applications including 'ECOTECT2011', and the system clock showing 09:26.

3-D editor panel



Visualize panel



Analysis for results

The screenshot displays the Autodesk Ecotect Analysis 2011 software interface. The main window shows a graph titled "HOURLY TEMPERATURES - All Visible Thermal Zones" for Monday 1st January (1). The graph plots temperature (C) on the left y-axis (ranging from -10 to 40) and solar radiation (W/m2) on the right y-axis (ranging from 0.0k to 2.0k) against time on the x-axis (0 to 24 hours). A red speech bubble points to the "ANALYSIS" button in the left sidebar, containing the text: "Select analysis parameter – new date – new weather".

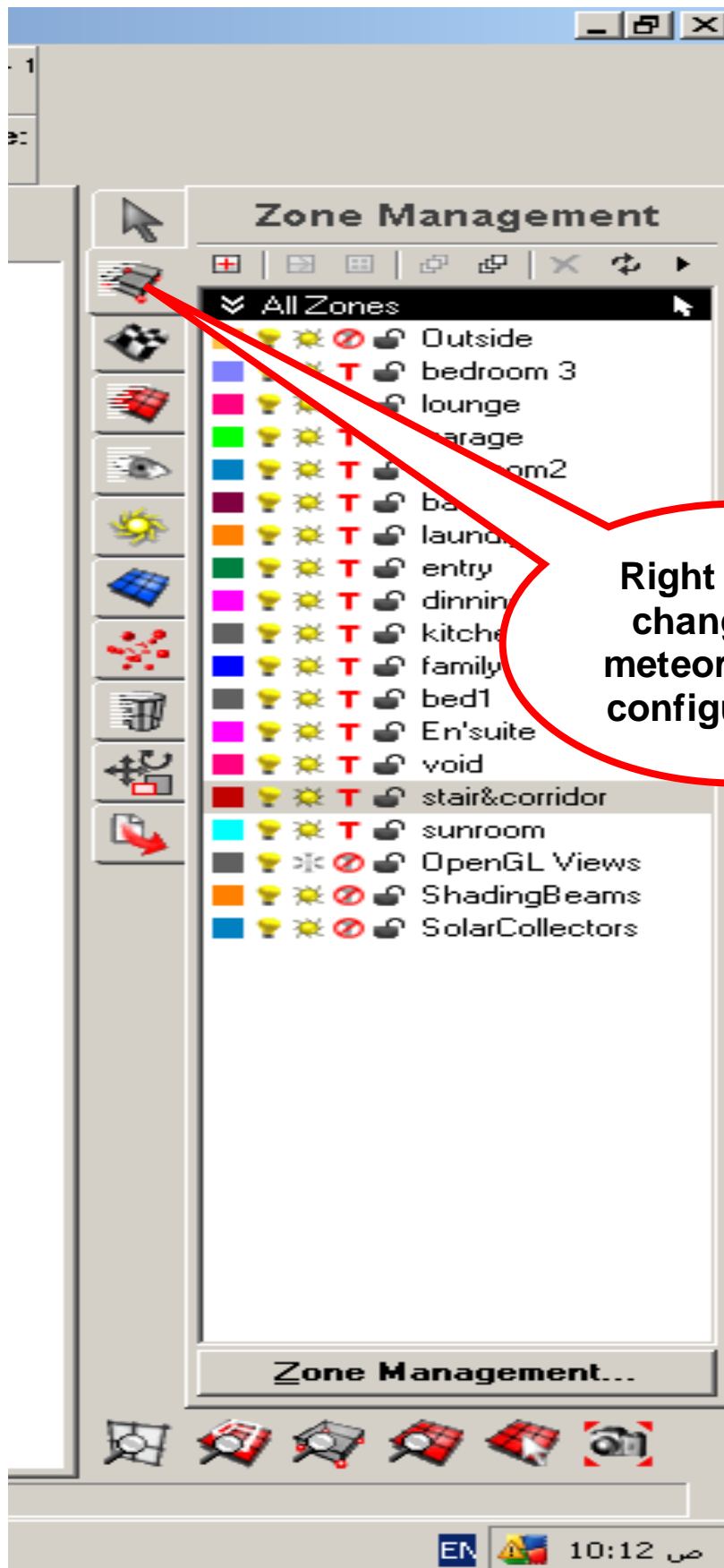
Below the graph, the "Thermal Analysis" panel is visible, showing the "Thermal Calculation" section with "Hourly Temperature Profile" selected. The "Highlight Zone" is set to "All Visible Thermal Zones". The "Select Date" is "1st January". The "Calculate" button is highlighted.

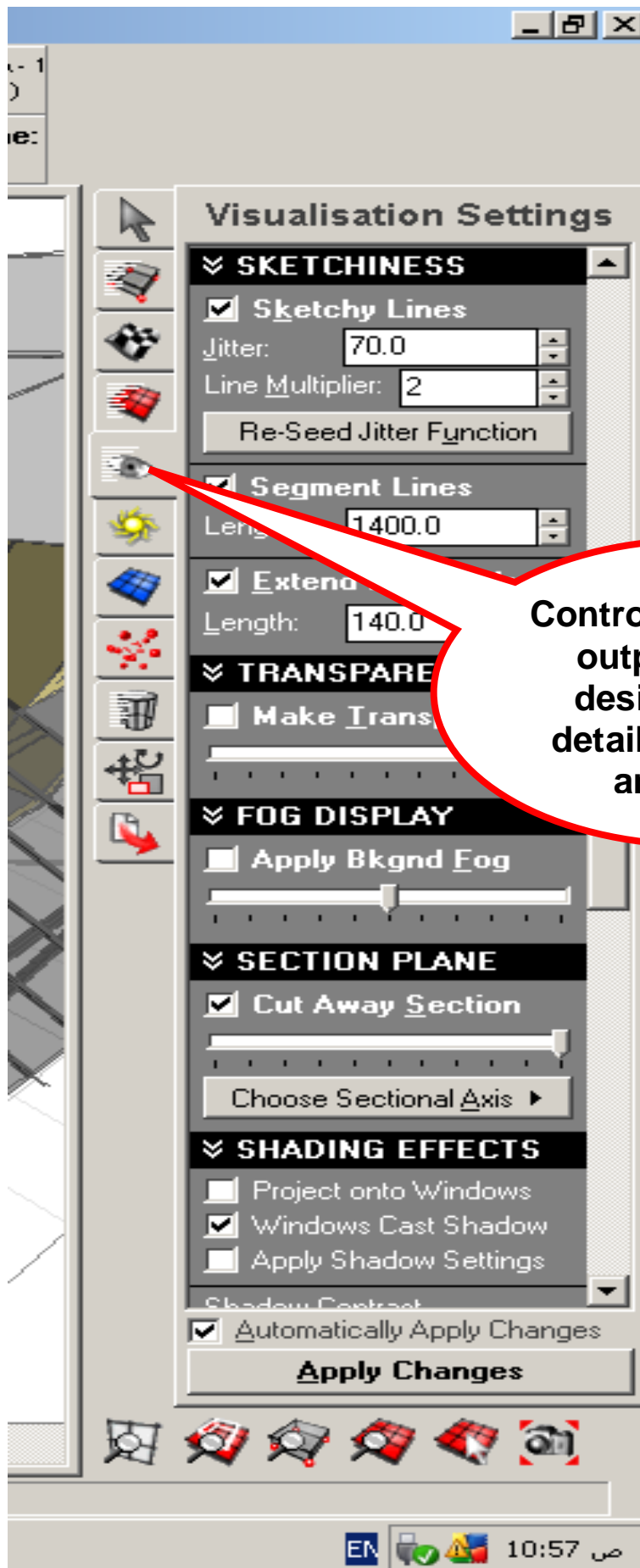
The "Resource Consumption" panel shows the following data for "HOURLY TEMPERATURES - Monday 1st January (1)":

Parameter	Value	Percentage
Total Surface Area	1267.116 m2	(551.9% flr area).
Total Exposed Area	533.728 m2	(232.5% flr area).
Total North Window	39.960 m2	(17.4% flr area).
Total Window Area	50.425 m2	(22.0% flr area).

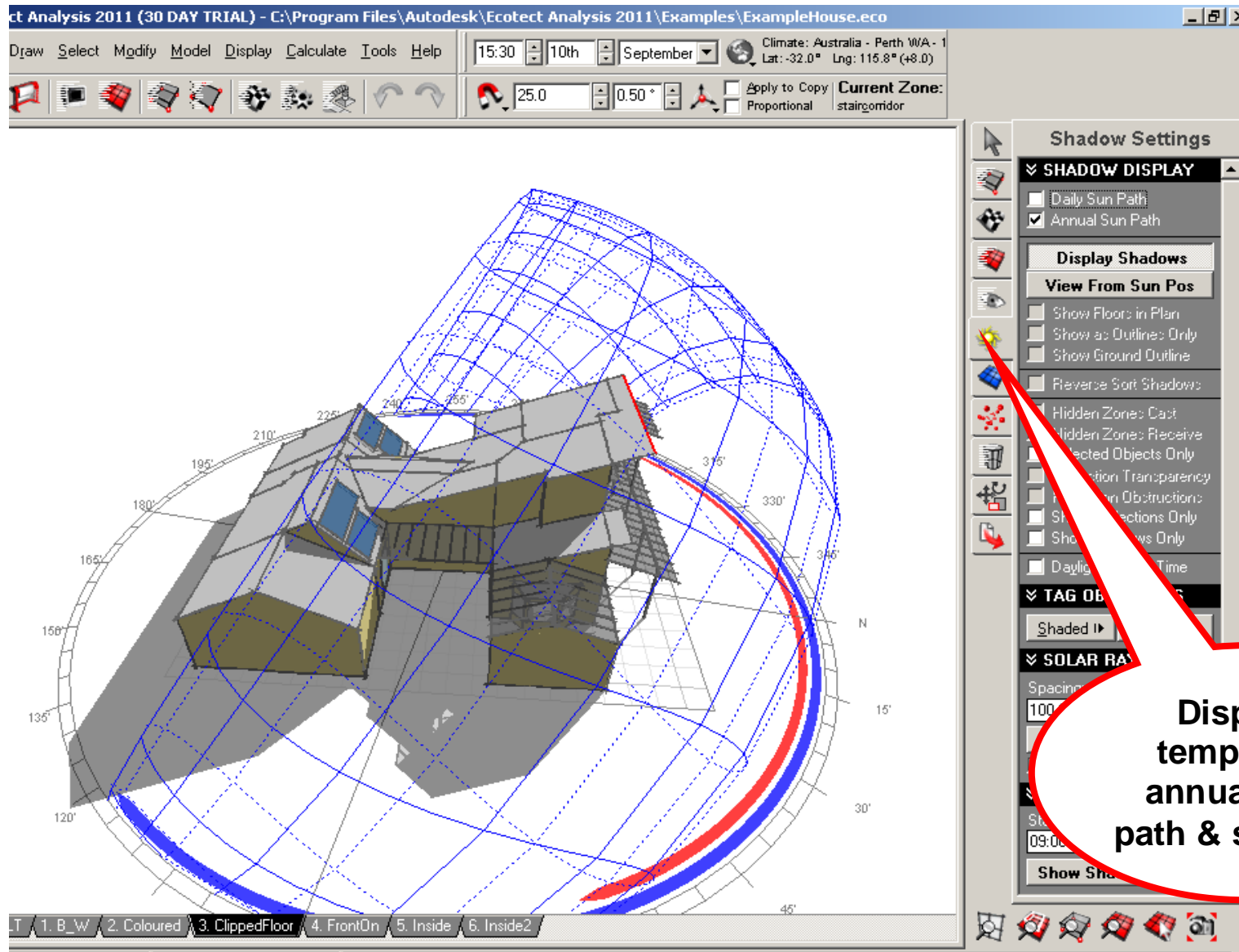
The right sidebar contains "Visualisation Settings" with sections for "BASIC SETTINGS", "SURFACE DISPLAY", "OUTLINE DISPLAY", and "SKETCHINESS". The "ANALYSIS" button in the left sidebar is highlighted with a red box.

Right side menus





Shadow settings; Sun-Path diagram tool



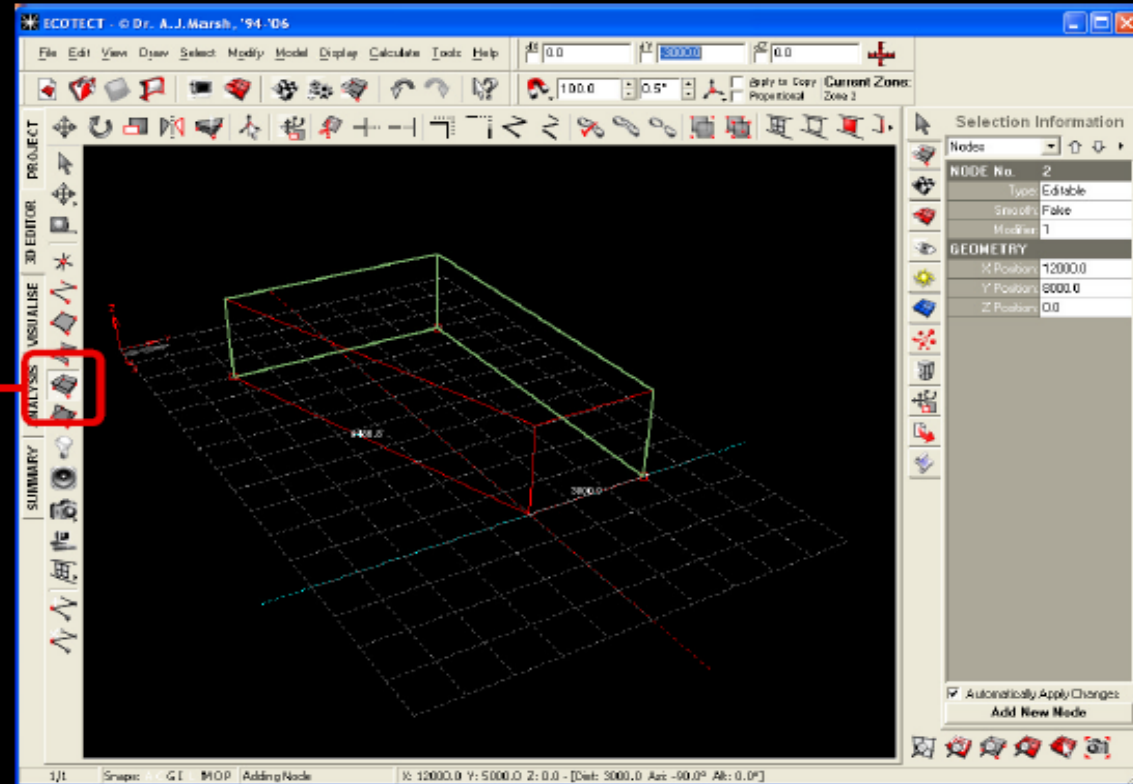
Modeling in ECOTECT

Drawing in ECOTECT - Drawing Tools - Modifying Tools

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It is now time to build your first simple model in ECOTECT. Go to the 3d Editor tab and select the 'ZONE' icon.

Start by defining the first corner of the volume you wish to analyze. Continue to outline the perimeter, and press 'ESCAPE' to close the volume and establish your ZONE.

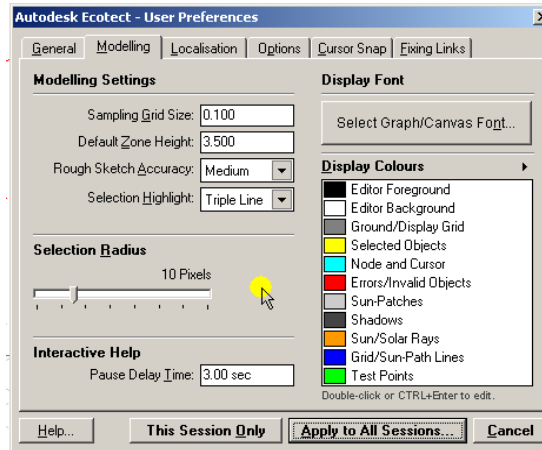


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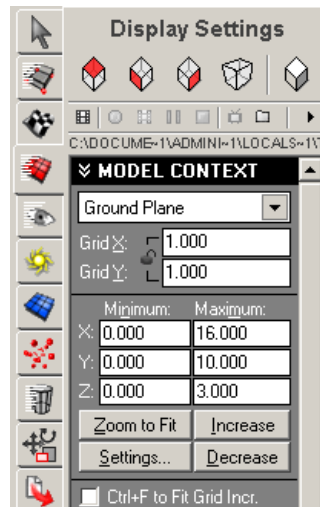
It is fairly easy to model simple volumes in ECOTECT. The program will automatically provide you with guidelines. Distances are displayed as you move your cursor. You can also input a specific distance from your keyboard.

Steps for modeling in ECOTECT

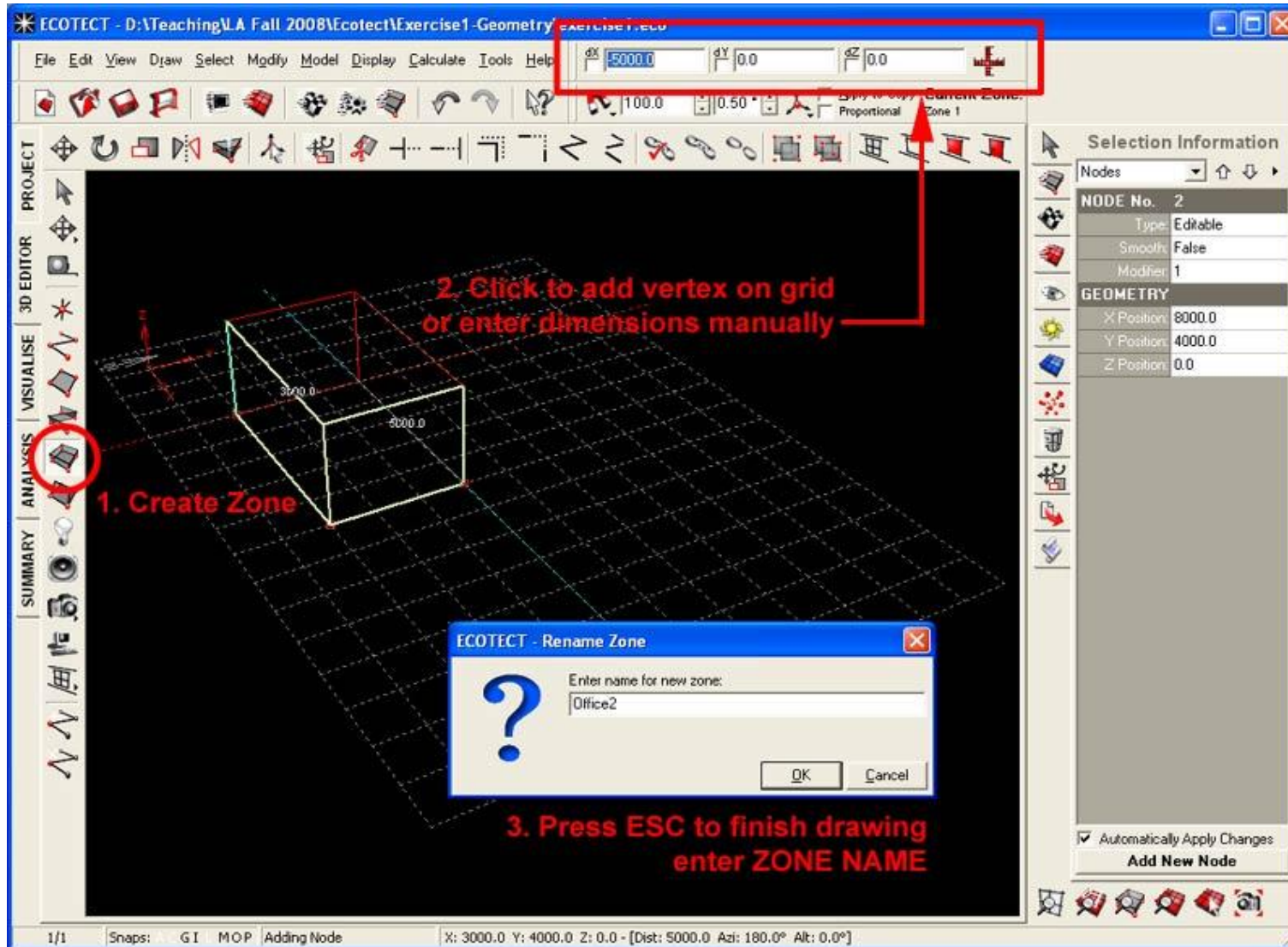
1- Set preferences; colors, unit distances, snap options...




2- In the Display settings  ; adjust the model area




3- Draw thermal zone  in the 3D editor panel & give it the name RECEPTION



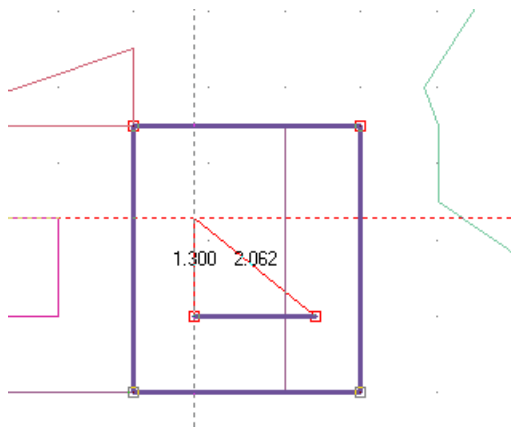
- 4- Using F5, F6, F7, F8 you can toggle between the plan – elevation – side elevation – perspective.
- 5- Now draw more zones and give it names BEDROOM, KITCHEN and TOILET.
- 6- The left mouse click rotates the perspective view.

7- In the select mode  click on any surface; you can toggle between surfaces of same intersecting line by clicking the space bar.


8- To draw construction lines to assist in drawing the sloped ceiling, press the Line  button, click on the vertex to start, and enter the dimensions manually in the menu bar. Remember to delete these lines after use, or draw them on a separate "temporary" layer.

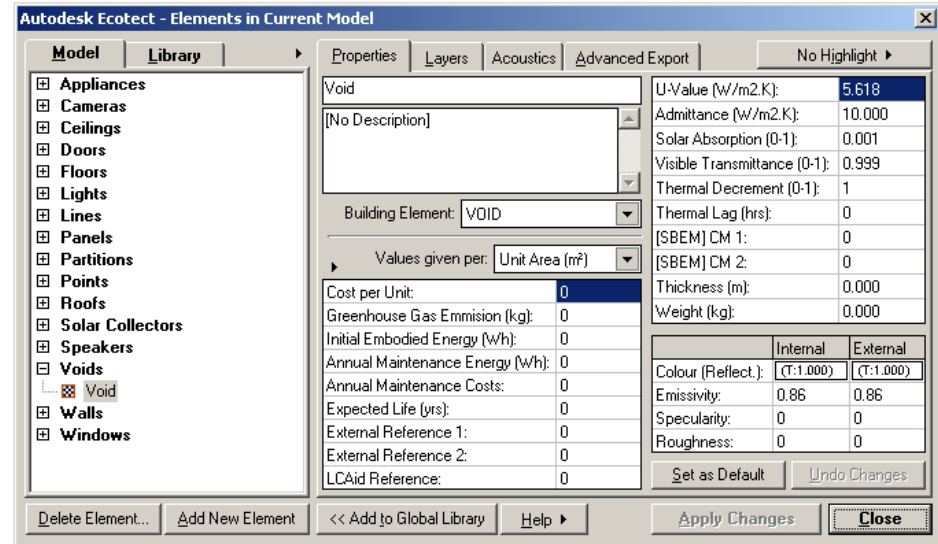
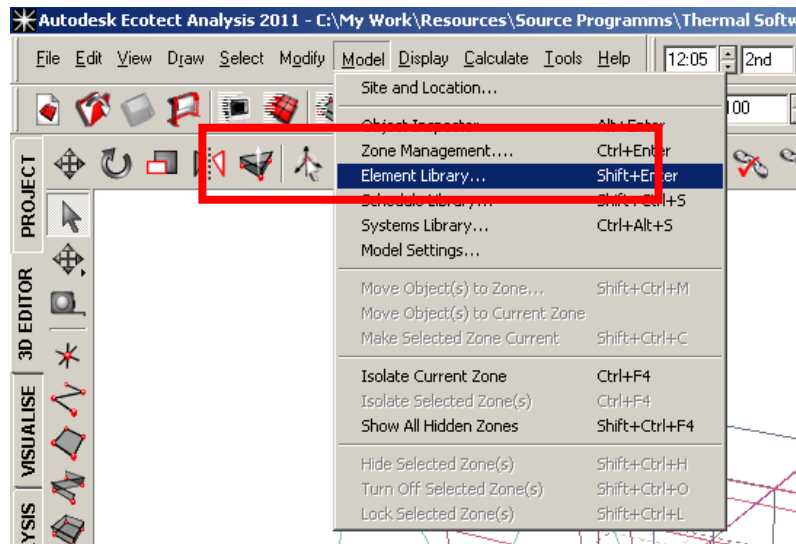
9- Set up your zone height in the Object transmission panel

10- Get back to the 3D editor, select the surface you want & draw windows or doors



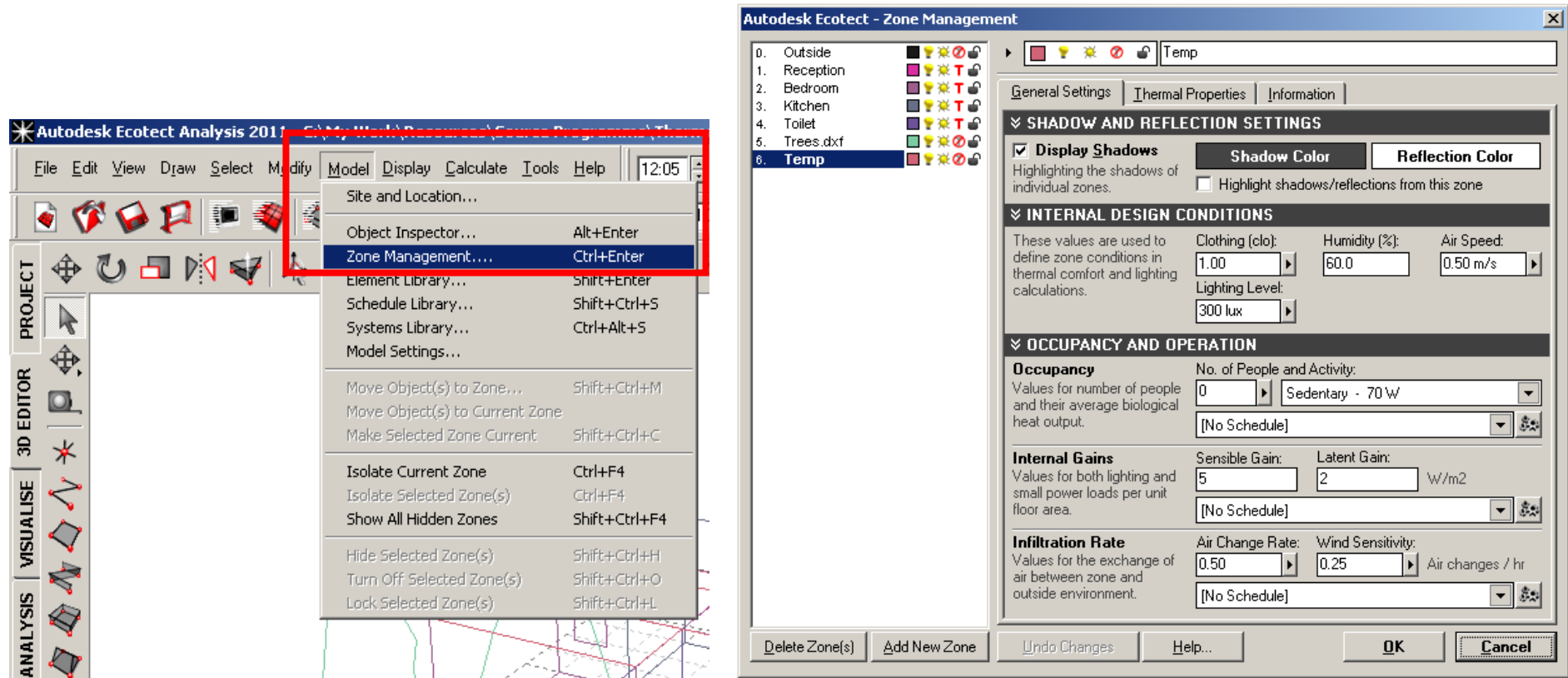
Press escape when finished to complete drawing the window.

- 11- In the Materials assignment panel select the type of object & then set its material
- 12- In the Scripts & wizards select a roof shape, set its geometry & press create new object button
- 13- In the Analysis grid panel , adjust the no. of grids analyzed. And perform lighting analysis.
- 14- To perform lighting or thermal calculations, you need to perform inter-zonal adjacencies from the calculate menu to thermally calculate heat transfer between the intersected walls.
- 15- To assign specific material



Then edit your material thickness, thermal properties....

16- You have to assign each zone to be thermal and then modify zone bio-meteorology to enable ECOTECT to consider it in thermal calculations.



End of Part (I)..... Thanks very much.