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## Trimble Connect delivers an ecosystem of collaboration

At the end of 2019, Tekla announced it was replacing BIMsight with Trimble Connect, a free open collaboration tool that connects the right people to the right data at the right time. This enables informed decision making and enhanced project efficiency in the construction industry.

### COLLABORATION

In Trimble Connect, project stakeholders are brought closer together by seamlessly exchanging data between their different software and hardware solutions on the project. This information can be accessed and collaborated on in your desktop, web or mobile environments. This can include drawings, documents, and 3D models.

Trimble Connect behaves in the same way as BIMsight. According to Justin Riese, project manager with the Nucor Detailing Center, Trimble Connect has the advantage over BIMsight of speed and the potential to share info directly through the model to a project team. "If you use the tool as designed it can allow for easier communication between teammates," explained Riese.

The ability to set up projects that have multiple phases or structures, and allowing for many different people to have access to what each person is doing instantly without having to open multiple projects, is also an advantage to this software. Trimble Connect incorporates all the various phases into a platform that utilizes a model with a lot of information.

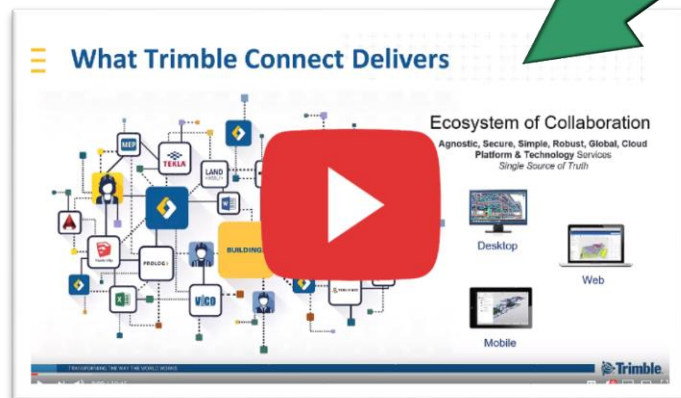
Using Trimble Connect, all teammates on a project are able to communicate directly within the software. "Our detailers are able to communicate directly to the engineers that need to answer their questions," explained Riese. "This eliminates having to worry about emails getting passed to the right person while allowing the engineer to see in a 3D model exactly what kind of problems the detailer is having."

### MODEL VIEWING

Its main feature is model viewing. The software contains tools that the average individual can use without needing a lot of training. However, for those who understand modeling, it also has advanced features that a user can dig into deeper to get more out of the program. "Model viewing is much faster (especially on large complex projects) and having the mobile app allows it to be more versatile than having to have a computer," said Riese. "I've been in airports traveling and waiting at the gate in line and able to answer questions that typically would have required the laptop pulled out before."

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## THE INTERFACE

Transitioning from BIMsight to Trimble Connect, should be a user-friendly change. “You’ll see a lot of the same function with a few different icons that function as BIMsight, such as snapping plane, measure, and views,” said Riese. “There are upgrades and some different locations for some of the tools, but it doesn’t take long to adapt to. For anyone who was already using a model viewer, it’s not complicated to operate.”



To learn more, check out the website:

<https://connect.trimble.com/>