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Indoor and Site Environment: Lighting

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Lighting is an essential element in both indoor and outdoor environments. It not only helps us see but also influences our mood, productivity, and safety. In this section, we will explore the types of lighting, their purposes, and how they can be effectively utilized in various settings.

Learning Objectives +

- Energy Analysis: Envelope, Massing, and Orientation Optimization
- Energy Analysis: Initial Assessment
- Energy Analysis: Ventilation
- Energy compliance modeling
- Indoor and Site Environment: Thermal Comfort
- Indoor and site environments: air quality
- Indoor and Site Environment: Lighting
- Controls and monitoring: Control Hardware
- Controls and Monitoring: Control Strategies

INTRODUCTION

- Ambient Lighting: Provides uniform light throughout a space, allowing safe movement and viewing.
- Task Lighting: Focused lighting for specific tasks, brighter and more directed than ambient lighting.
- Accent Lighting: Highlights specific areas or objects in a space, drawing attention to art, architectural features, or decorative elements.

Importance of Lighting in Indoor Environments

- Safety: Illuminating walkways, staircases, and entrances prevents accidents.
- Mood and Atmosphere: Different lighting types and intensity can create different moods.
- Productivity: Adequate task lighting is crucial for productivity in workspaces.

Importance of Outdoor Lighting

- Safety and Security: Outdoor lighting can deter crime by illuminating dark areas around homes and businesses.
- Aesthetic Appeal: Landscaping lights can highlight trees, gardens, and architectural features of buildings.
- Enhanced Visibility: Good outdoor lighting improves visibility for drivers and pedestrians.

INTEGRATING THE OCCUPANT'S MISSION WITH LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS



- The integration of lighting systems with the occupant's mission is crucial in creating functional spaces.
- This process requires understanding how light impacts human behavior, productivity, and well-being.
- The occupant's mission includes the primary activities and objectives that individuals or groups aim to achieve within a space.

Defining the Occupant's Mission

- The occupant's mission refers to the primary activities and objectives that individuals or groups aim to achieve within a space.
- The mission involves analyzing the specific tasks, duration of those tasks, the number of occupants, and the desired outcomes of their activities.

INTEGRATING THE OCCUPANT'S MISSION WITH LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS +

Analyzing Lighting Requirements

- Lighting requirements are contingent upon various factors, including the type of activities performed, the time of day, and the goals of the occupants.
- These requirements can be categorized into three primary dimensions: intensity, color temperature, and distribution.

Integrative Design Strategies

- Task-Oriented Design: Tailoring lighting solutions to specific tasks enhances functionality.
- Adaptive Lighting Systems: Incorporating technology that allows for dynamic adjustments based on time of day and occupancy can significantly enhance user experience.
- Biophilic Design: Integrating natural light and views of the outdoors can improve occupant well-being and productivity.
- User Feedback: Continuous assessment and feedback from occupants can lead to improvements in lighting design.

Analogies in Lighting Integration

- The importance of aligning lighting with occupant missions is compared to a chef preparing a meal.
- This holistic approach to lighting design contributes to the success of the space, ensuring that it serves its intended purpose effectively.





ANALYZING VISUAL QUALITY OF LIGHTED SPACES

Key Parameters in Analyzing Visual Quality

- **Illuminance:** Measures the amount of luminous flux spread over a given area, crucial in determining if a space is adequately lit for its intended use.
- **Color Rendering:** Refers to the ability of a light source to accurately reproduce the colors of objects compared to a reference light source, typically daylight.
- **Glare:** The visual discomfort or impairment caused by excessive brightness in the field of vision.
- **Uniformity:** The consistency of illuminance levels across a space, essential for tasks requiring visual acuity.
- **Psychological Effects of Light:** Light can influence mood, behavior, and physiological responses.



ANALYZING VISUAL QUALITY OF LIGHTED SPACES +

Practical Applications in Lighting Design

- Lighting designers often conduct field measurements using illuminance meters and color spectrometers to evaluate existing conditions and inform their design decisions.
- Example: In a hospital environment, illuminance levels are assessed to ensure efficient task performance without strain.
- Glare reduction techniques, such as indirect lighting and the use of soft diffusers, are implemented to create a calm atmosphere conducive to healing.



INTEGRATING DAYLIGHTING AND ELECTRIC LIGHTING

Daylighting: Concepts and Benefits

- Daylighting uses natural light to illuminate indoor spaces, primarily from the sun and skylight.
- Types of Daylighting Strategies: Direct Daylighting and diffuse Daylighting.
- Benefits of Daylighting: Reduces energy consumption, improves occupant well-being, and enhances aesthetic quality.

Electric Lighting: Role and Technologies

- Electric lighting supplements daylighting, ensuring adequate illumination during periods of insufficient natural light.
- Types of Electric Lighting: Incandescent, Fluorescent, & LED.
- Control Systems: Dimming Controls and Occupancy Sensors.

Integrating Daylighting and Electric Lighting

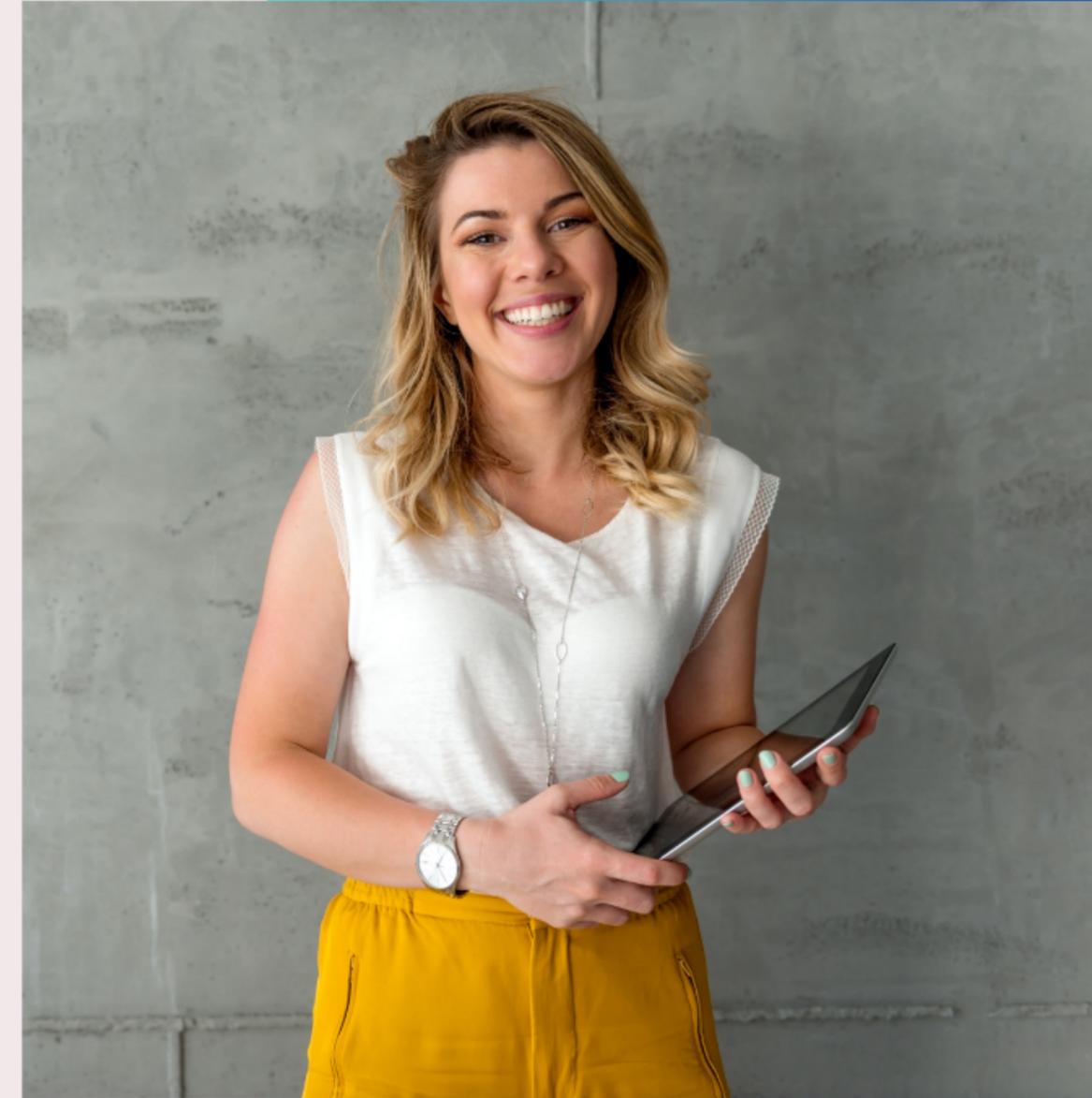
- Design Considerations: Strategic window placement & size.
- Reflective Surfaces: Enhances natural light distribution.
- Lighting Control Strategies: Daylight Harvesting and Zoning.



ASSESSING SITE LIGHTING GOALS

Understanding the Purpose of Site Lighting

- **Safety and Security:** Adequate lighting is crucial for pedestrian and vehicle safety, reducing accident and crime risks.
- **Functionality:** Different areas require tailored lighting solutions for enhanced usability.
- **Aesthetic Appeal:** Lighting can highlight architectural features and landscape elements, contributing to the overall visual quality of a site.
- **Environmental Considerations:** Sustainable lighting practices minimize ecological impact, promoting energy efficiency and compliance with environmental regulations.





ESTABLISHING LIGHTING GOALS +

- Conducting a Site Survey: Evaluates physical characteristics of the site, including topography, existing infrastructure, and surrounding environment.
- Identifying User Needs and Preferences: Engages with stakeholders to gather opinions on lighting intensity, color temperature, and safety concerns.
- Defining Functional Requirements: Each area of a site may have different functional requirements that dictate lighting levels.
- Assessing Safety and Security Considerations: Conducts a thorough risk assessment to identify potential hazards and high-crime areas within the site.
- Evaluating Environmental Impact: Evaluates energy consumption, light pollution, and glare of proposed lighting solutions.



INTEGRATING LIGHTING GOALS INTO DESIGN +

- **Selecting Appropriate Fixtures:** Chooses lighting fixtures that align with the established goals in terms of brightness, color temperature, and style.
- **Designing for Flexibility:** Creates a lighting plan that allows for future modifications or expansions as user needs evolve.
- **Implementing Controls:** Incorporates lighting control systems that enable adjustment of lighting levels based on time of day or occupancy.



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