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# BIMy Project:

## D3.2 Development: overview of current developments

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# 1 Introduction

This document gives an overview of the BIMy development projects.

The main strategy is to implement the solution building blocks those are described in 'D1.3 Platform architecture and API specs' (BIMy consortium, 2019a, p. 3), therefore a multi-tiered software architecture of microservices is used. Development environment installed on BIMy cloud and it is in progress as mentioned on the project plan. Following sub projects resides on development environment.

The screenshot displays the GitLab interface for the BIMy group. At the top, there is a group profile for 'BIMy' with a lock icon and 'Group ID: 5102648'. To the right, there are buttons for 'New project' and a dropdown menu. Below the profile, there are tabs for 'Subgroups and projects', 'Shared projects', and 'Archived projects'. A search bar labeled 'Search by name' and a dropdown menu labeled 'Last created' are also present. The main content area lists several subgroups and projects, each with a bookmark icon, a small 'B' icon, a title, a description, and a star icon with '0' stars and a lock icon. The projects listed are:

- bimy-data-manager**: Implementation of the BIMy API using the Vert.x JVM toolkit. (1 week ago)
- bimy-bimsurfer**: BIMy plugin for BIMserver based on BIMSURFER 3. (2 weeks ago)
- bimy-data-transformer**: This git repository contains all data transformations that have been implemente... (3 weeks ago)
- BIMserver**: Fork of https://github.com/opensourceBIM/BIMserver . See also the open sourc... (1 month ago)
- bimy-docker**: This project contains Dockerfiles and/or Docker images of the the BIMy platfor... (1 month ago)
- bimy-web-viewer**: (1 month ago)
- BIMy REST API specs**: The API of the BIMy platform that is used by its applications to interact with the ... (1 month ago)

Figure 1 Screenshot of the gitlab development environment

## 2 BIMserver

**Repository:** <https://gitlab.com/bimy/bimserver>

The Building Information Model server (short: BIMserver) enables you to store and manage the information of a construction (or other building related) project. Data is stored in the open standard IFC. The BIMserver is not a fileserver, but it uses a model-driven architecture approach. This means that IFC data is stored in an underlying database. The main advantage of this approach is the ability to query, merge and filter the BIM-model and generate IFC files on the fly.

Thanks to it's multi-user support, multiple people can work on their own part of the model, while the complete model is updated on the fly. Other users can get notifications when the model (or a part of it) is updated. Furthermore the BIMserver will warn you when other users have changed something in the model while you were editing.

### 3 BIMy Aproplan Fire Prevention App

Aproplan will provide a platform

- to visualise parts of the BIM model during inspection (views (starting in 2D at first) and meta-data of BIM objects),
- to perform the inspection in a digital format
- to capture and track issues identified during the inspection
- to update the BIM model with proof of the audit done and the state of the building (or part of) audited

Pre-requisites:

- The BIM model is available in the BIMy platform
- The BIM model includes views with the relevant information for the field, which can be shared in a PDF format at first
- The BIM model has a structure of asset/BIM Object leveraging an agreed classification
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The flow can be as depicted in Figure 2:

1. The BIM model is sent to /extracted by APROPLAN using a format such as Revit (.rvt) or IFC
2. The Asset/Bim object tree is extracted
3. For scheduled inspections
  - a. Via a simple interface the inspection tasks can be created leveraging the asset tree
    - i. Leveraging the list of assets inspection tasks can be created and assigned to a specific user and linked to the relevant drawing
    - ii. Leveraging the classification of the asset the right team can be assigned to the issue identified
    - iii. Leveraging the classification of the asset the right checklist can be assigned to the tasks to ensure inspection follows the required regulation
  - b. Based on the above an auditor (member of the fire brigade prevention team) would go on site and open his tablet on the particular floor plan provided and can go through all the checks to be done on that floor.
    - i. If an issue arise (e.g. an answer to a form is not as expected. E.g. fire extinguisher B1234 has its expiration date overdue) he can create an issue that can be linked to that particular extinguisher in the BIM model.
      1. In doing so he can take a picture, assign the right company to solve this based on the category/classification of the object having the issue
      2. Then the issue follows its regular workflow: TODO by maintenance company, done and to be checked by property owner, to be verified by Fire brigade inspection.
      3. Then at the next inspection by the fire brigade this checklist can be re-open and updated to remove the issue and confirm all is in order
  - c. Following the audit on site a report can be automatically created with

- i. Status of the audits done
    - ii. Issues raised and to be fixed before the next inspection in order to confirm the building is conformed to the Fire prevention rules
  - d. Upon request this information can be pushed back to the model for other systems relying on the system to be aware of the status of the bim objects and have proof of the audits done.
4. For unscheduled inspection
  - a. When on site a fire prevention officer can use his tablet and do ad-hoc check.
  - b. Using a drawing he can add a check to a specific object desired to audit following a checklist in the tool.
  - c. If issues arise the same flow as above can be followed
  - d. Once done his audit can also be added to the BIM model
5. Tracking of audits
  - a. Once the audit information is uploaded to the BIM model it can be used during the operation of the building
    - i. Objects with issues can be easily extracted from the BIM model for external audits, summary briefing of a fire brigade before going on site, etc.

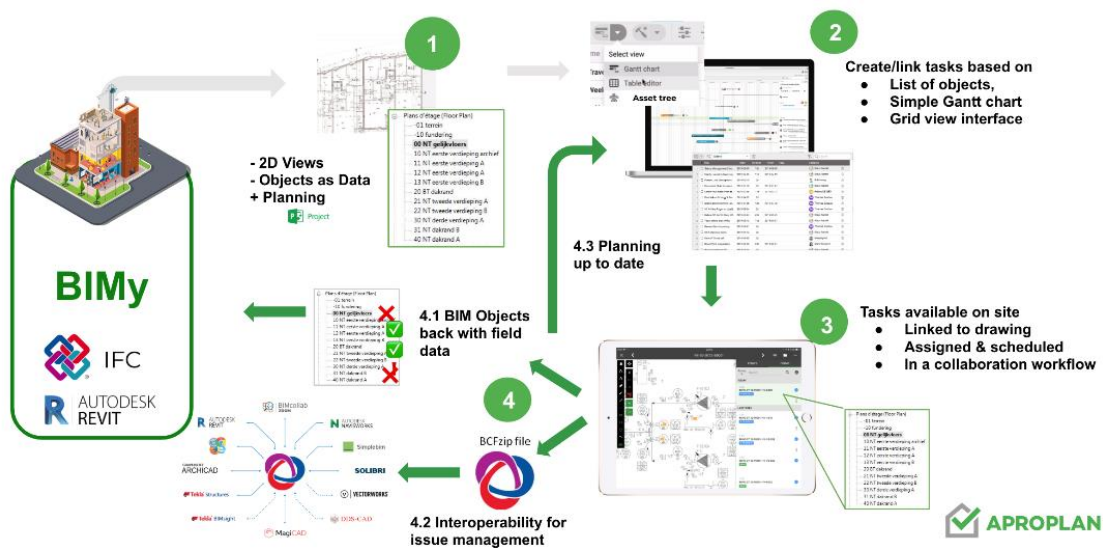


Figure 2 Flow of the Fire Prevention App

## 4 BIMy REST API specs

**Repository:** <https://gitlab.com/bimy/bimy-rest-api-specs>

The BIMy REST API is used by applications to interact with the BIM platform. The API reuses as where possible existing standards, but also defines specific JSON schemas and operations. The platform API specifications is defined using the [OpenAPI 3.0.2 specification](#).

### Swagger editor

To view or edit the API specification, paste the file 'bimy-rest-api.yaml' into the online editor at <https://bimy.gim.be/swaggereditor/?url=https://bimy.gim.be/bimyapi/bimy-rest-api.yaml>.



## 5 BIMy Data Manager

**Repository:** <https://gitlab.com/bimy/bimy-data-manager>

This project holds an implementation of the [BIMy openAPI spec \(simplified version\)](#) using the Eclipse [Vert.x](#) toolkit for building reactive applications on the Java Virtual Machine.

### 5.1 Getting started

#### 5.1.1 Running the application

First, we need to compile and let vertx generate the necessary code for our application. Running the Maven goal "install" in this directory will do the trick:

```
mvn clean install
```

This command will generate a `target` folder containing all our generated and compiled code. The generated code can be found in `target/generated-sources` folder

The `target` folder will also contain `data-manager-0.1.0-SNAPSHOT-fat.jar` file. This jar file groups the application and all its dependencies which mean it can be executed as standalone. To run it, use the following command:

```
java -jar target/data-manager-0.1.0-SNAPSHOT-fat.jar
```

To test the application, you can try the following endpoint that take an UUID in path parameter and return a static JSON data structure containing the UUID sent: <http://localhost:8081/model/6bfb284a-7624-11e9-95e1-2a86e4085a59>

#### 5.1.2 How it works

This implementation uses the [Vertx](#) toolkit for building *reactive* applications on the JVM. The application contains 2 verticles:

- HTTP verticle
- BIMserver client verticle

##### 5.1.2.1 HTTP verticle

This first verticle has for role to listen incoming HTTP requests. Those requests will be validated against the OpenAPI spec and a mapping will be done between the request and a Java method. This method will then propagate the request on the event bus, waiting for a reply.

##### 5.1.2.2 BIMserver client verticle

The second verticle will listen to the event bus waiting for incoming request from the HTTP verticle. On event, it will fetch the requested data on the BIMy's API and return them via the event bus.

### 5.1.3 Creating a new service

For clean code reason, a service should be created for each "super path" defined in the specs:

- Project
- Model
- Building
- User

Each services will implement their respective endpoints defined in the OpenAPI specs.

To create a new service, follow the steps with the Model service as example:

#### 5.1.3.1 Step 1

First, we will create a data access object as a Proxy service that will be used to query BIM rest API (or use BimServerClient java lib).

For that, we need to create an interface in the package

`org.bimy.gim.bimserverclient.services`. This interface must annotated by `@ProxyGen` and at least implement 2 methods:

- `create()` : This method will return an instance of the implementation class of this interface
- `createProxy(Vertex vertex, String address)` : This method will return an instance of the service proxy that will automatically be generated on the first compilation (Don't pay attention to the errors now). The address will be the identifier of this service.

This gives us this interface:

```
package org.bimy.gim.bimserverclient.services;
import /*...*/;

@ProxyGen
public interface ModelDaoService {

    static ModelDaoService create() {
        return new ModelDaoServiceImpl();
    }

    static ModelDaoService createProxy(Vertex vertex, String address) {
        return new ModelDaoServiceVertexEBProxy(vertex, address);
    }

    //Define methods to access data here
}
```

### 5.1.3.2 Step 2

Create the class that will implement this interface under the package

`org.bimy.gim.bimserverclient.services.impl.`

```
package org.bimy.gim.bimserverclient.services.impl;
import /*...*/;

public class ModelDaoServiceImpl implements ModelDaoService {
    //Implement methods to access data here
}
```

### 5.1.3.3 Step 3

Once the service is created, it need to be linked to a verticle. For DAO's object, it must be linked to the **BimServerClient** verticle. This is done by using a service binder.

In `org.bimy.gim.bimserverclient.BimServerClientVerticle` class:

```
new ServiceBinder(this.vertx)
    .setAddress(AddressConstants.BIMY_SERVICE_MODEL) /* An address must be
assigned to the service to be able to find it from anywhere in the application.
*/
    .register(ModelDaoService.class, new ModelDaoServiceImpl());
```

You can already compile the code to let Vert.x generate some code (and remove the errors). The generate code can be found in `target/generated-sources/annotations/org/bimy/gim`

### 5.1.3.4 Step 4

Now that we have our data access object, we can create a new service interface in the package `org.bimy.gim.http.services` called "ModelService". This interface will be used by [Vert.x Web API Service extension](#) to generate the code that will add all the routes to the router for us. This service must be annotated by `@WebApiServiceGen` and optionally extend the `Service` interface:

```
package org.bimy.gim.http.services;
import /*...*/;

@WebApiServiceGen
public interface ModelService extends Service {
    //Declare all the endpoints for Model.
}
```

### 5.1.3.5 Step 5

We must create a class that will contain the implementation of this interface. Create the class named `ModelServiceImpl` under the package `org.bimy.gim.http.services.impl`. In the constructor, we will instantiate a `ModelDaoService`:

```
package org.bimy.gim.http.services.impl;
import /*...*/;

public class ModelServiceImpl implements ModelService {
    private ModelDaoService service;
    private Vertx vertx;

    public ModelServiceImpl(Vertx vertx) {
        this.vertx = vertx;
        this.service = ModelDaoService.createProxy(vertx,
AddressConstants.BIMY_SERVICE_MODEL);
    }

    // If extend service, implement mountExceptionalEndPoint method

    // Implement all the endpoints for Model.
}
```

### 5.1.3.6 Step 6

The last step will be to bind this service to the HTTP verticle and generate all the routes for the HTTP router. In `org.bimy.gim.http.HttpServerVerticle`, write this snippet:

```
new ServiceBinder(this.vertx)
    .setAddress(AddressConstants.HTTP_SERVICE_MODEL)
    .register(ModelService.class, new ModelServiceImpl(this.vertx));
routerFactory.mountServiceInterface(ModelService.class,
AddressConstants.HTTP_SERVICE_MODEL);
modelService.mountExceptionalEndPoint(routerFactory); // If extend service
interface
```

## 5.1.4 Adding an endpoint to an existing service

In this example, we will implement the `Model.getModelById` method using [Vert.x Web API Service extension](#) and declared in the OpenAPI specs like so:

```
/model/{modelId}:
  get:
    tags:
```

```
- model
summary: Get model by ID
description: Get descriptive metadata of a model
operationId: getModelById
parameters:
  - name: modelId
    in: path
    description: ID of model
    required: true
    schema:
      type: string
      format: uuid
  - name: versionId
    in: query
    description: version ID of model
    schema:
      type: string
      format: uuid
responses:
  200:
    description: successful operation
    content:
      application/json:
        schema:
          $ref: '#/components/schemas/Model'
  400:
    description: Invalid ID supplied
    content: {}
  404:
    description: Model not found
    content: {}
security:
  - OAuth2:
    - email
```

#### 5.1.4.1 Step 1

Create a method in `org.bimy.gim.http.services.ModelService.java` interface with the name of the OpenAPI operationId value. This method doesn't have any return value and takes in arguments all the necessary request parameters namely "modelId" and "versionId".

*Important:* The 2 last argument of this function MUST be:

- OperationRequest: contain the context of the request (e.g. user information)
- Handler<AsyncResult<OperationResponse>>: result handler

For the operationId "getModelById", the declaration in the interface will be:

```
void getModelById(String modelId, String versionId, OperationRequest context,
Handler<AsyncResult<OperationResponse>> resultHandler);
```

#### 5.1.4.2 Step 2

Implement this method in `ModelServiceImpl.java`.

This method will delegate the job to `bimyclient` verticle by calling the `ModelDaoService` proxy and provide a result handler that will resolve with the response of the `ModelDaoService`:

```
@Override
public void getModelById(String modelId, String versionId, OperationRequest
context, Handler<AsyncResult<OperationResponse>> resultHandler) {
    //Call service from bimyclient verticle
    this.service.getOneById(modelId, versionId, result -> {
        if(result.succeeded()) {

resultHandler.handle(Future.succeededFuture(OperationResponse.completedWithJs
on(result.result())));

        } else {

resultHandler.handle(Future.succeededFuture(OperationResponse.completedWithPl
ainText(Buffer.buffer(result.cause().getMessage()))));

        }
    });
}
```

#### 5.1.4.3 Step 3

In the `bimServerClient` verticle, create a [proxy service](#) function by declaring `getOneById` method in `ModelDaoService.java` interface:

```
void getOneById(String modelId, String versionId,
Handler<AsyncResult<JsonObject>> result);
```

#### 5.1.4.4 Step 4

Implement this method in ModelDaoServiceImpl.java.

This method will interact with BIMy's api to fetch or modify data.

#### 5.1.4.5 Special cases

Unfortunately, the service function we can define using [Vert.x Service Proxy extension](#) and [Vert.x Web API Service extension](#) can only take arguments of types within this list: [https://vertx.io/docs/vertx-service-proxy/java/#\\_parameter\\_types](https://vertx.io/docs/vertx-service-proxy/java/#_parameter_types). A work-around still need to be found for files download and upload.

Check `org.bimy.gim.http.services.impl.ModelServiceImpl#mountExceptionnalEndPoint` method to see what was already tried as work-around. This method will add endpoints without using the 2 Services proxy extensions but using only [Vert.x Web API Contract](#) extension.

## 5.2 Security: OAuth2 authentication

The BIMy API uses the [OAuth2 authorization code](#) flow to authenticate. Because all consortium members already have an account on Gitlab, it was decided that users of the API can authenticate on [Gitlab.com](#). Internally, the API then authenticates with the backend services (e.g. BIMserver, PostgreSQL, FME Server, Autodesk BIM A360). In the future, other OAuth2 authentication providers could be added.

The authentication was implemented using the [Vertx OAuth2 authentication provider](#). See also the [Gitlab OAuth2 Authorization code flow](#). The authorization flow works as follows:

1. **Request authorization code.** To do that, you should redirect the user to the `/oauth2/gitlab/authorize` endpoint: <http://localhost:8081/oauth2/gitlab/authorize> This will redirect you to gitlab authentication web page. Enter your Gitlab credentials and click "Authorize". See the [Gitlab OAuth2 Authorization code flow](#) for further documentation on the request parameters to use.
2. **request an access\_token:** Once you have the authorization code you can request an access token using the obtained authorization code on the `/oauth2/gitlab/token` endpoint. See the [Gitlab OAuth2 Authorization code flow](#) for further documentation on the form data parameters to use. Once you are authenticated, you will be redirected back (use the `redirect_uri` parameter) to request an access token (session id):

```
{
  "sessionId": "33f5338ffdd05cabfb14ce4872636efa",
  "access_token": "33f5338ffdd05cabfb14ce4872636efa",
  "expires_in": 1800000,
  "token_type": "bearer"}
}
```

You can already do protected requests from your web browser. However, if you want to use an other http client, you need to put this sessionId in a cookie for all your next requests:

```
vertex-web.session=<sessionId>; path=/; domain=localhost;
```

Logout URL: <http://localhost:8081/oauth2/gitlab/logout>

Protected endpoint are defined directly in the openAPI spec with the following snippet:

```
security:
  - OAuth2:
    - email
```

It is possible to implement multiple security schemas other than "OAuth2" with other behavior.

### 5.3 Downloading a model by transformation

To download a model, you need to put its revision oid (e.g. 327683) and a serializer oid (e.g. 1441830) in the path. You also need a query (e.g. IfcWall which gets all walls).

It works by first getting an authorization token from the server using the username and password in the config file. It then asks for a download id. Finally, the download id gets added to the correct url, and the request is redirected to the correct download on the BIMserver.

The requests are made using Vertx's web client.

[localhost:8081/model/327683/transform/1441830?queryname=IfcWall](http://localhost:8081/model/327683/transform/1441830?queryname=IfcWall)

### 5.4 Documentation

- <https://vertx.io/docs/vertx-web/java/>
- <https://vertx.io/docs/vertx-service-proxy/java/>
- <https://vertx.io/docs/vertx-web-api-contract/java/>
- <https://vertx.io/docs/vertx-web-api-service/java/>
- <https://vertx.io/docs/vertx-web-client/java/>
- <https://vertx.io/docs/vertx-auth-oauth2/java/>
- [Gitlab as an OAuth2 provider](#)



## 6 BIMy Data Transformer

**Repository:** <https://gitlab.com/bimy/bimy-data-transformer>

All data transformations that have been implemented in the context of the BIMy project, and that are documented in deliverable D2.2 (BIMy consortium, 2019b, p. 2). These include:

### 6.1 IFC to floorplan:

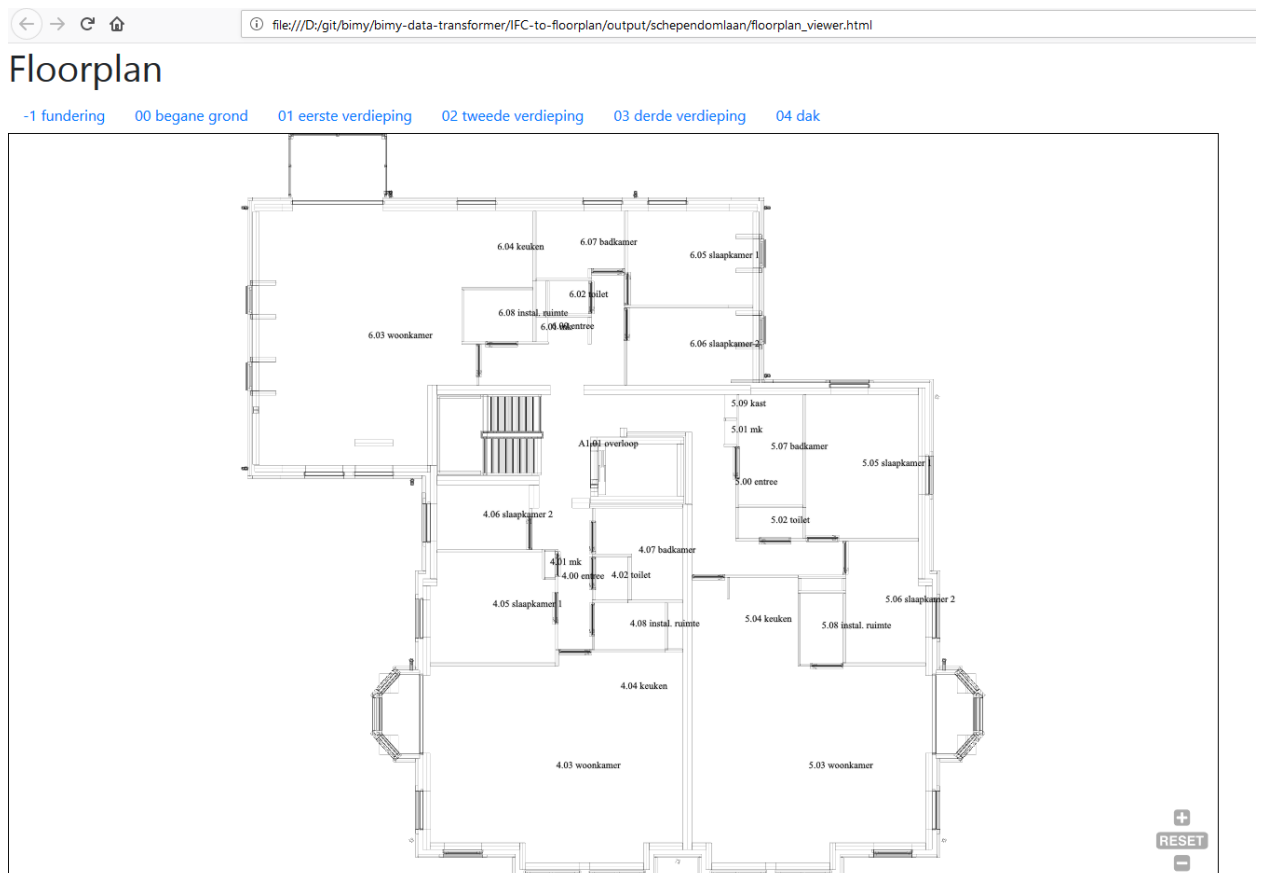
The folder contains an implementation of a transformation that takes an IFC and input and converts that into a geospatial PDF and an SVG on the output.

#### 6.1.1 How to use

Install [FME 2019.0 Desktop](#) and run the [IFC-to-floorplan.fmw](#) workspace.

#### 6.1.2 Examples

Take a look at the [output/schependomlaan](#) and [output/willemen-office](#) folders for some sample outputs in PDF and SVG format.



### 6.1.3 Possible improvements

- Recognise specific objects (e.g. furniture, hydrants, sprinklers) and replace them with a specific symbology.
- Use official color coding

## 6.2 IFC to 3D Tiles

## 6.3 IFC to CityGML

The folder contains an implementation of a transformation that takes an IFC and input and converts that into a CityGML 2.0 LOD4 dataset. The transformation rules are described in detail in deliverable [D2.2 Integrated BIM/GIS model](#) of the BIMy project. The implementation is based on the [implemenation](#) by Safe Software.

### 6.3.1 How to use

Install [FME 2019.0 Desktop](#) and run the [IFC-to-CityGML.fmw](#) workspace.

### 6.3.2 Examples

Take a look at the [output/schependomlaan](#) and [output/willemen-office](#) folders for some sample outputs in CityGML format.

### 6.3.3 Possible improvements

- Include construction time information (citygml:constructionDate, citygml:demolitionDate)
- Experiment with including geometries with different Level of Detail (LOD).

## 7 BIMy Web Viewer

**repository:** <https://gitlab.com/bimy/bimy-web-viewer>

This repository contains a CesiumJS web viewer to visualise BIM models as 3D Tiles in a geospatial context, together with elevation data and map data.

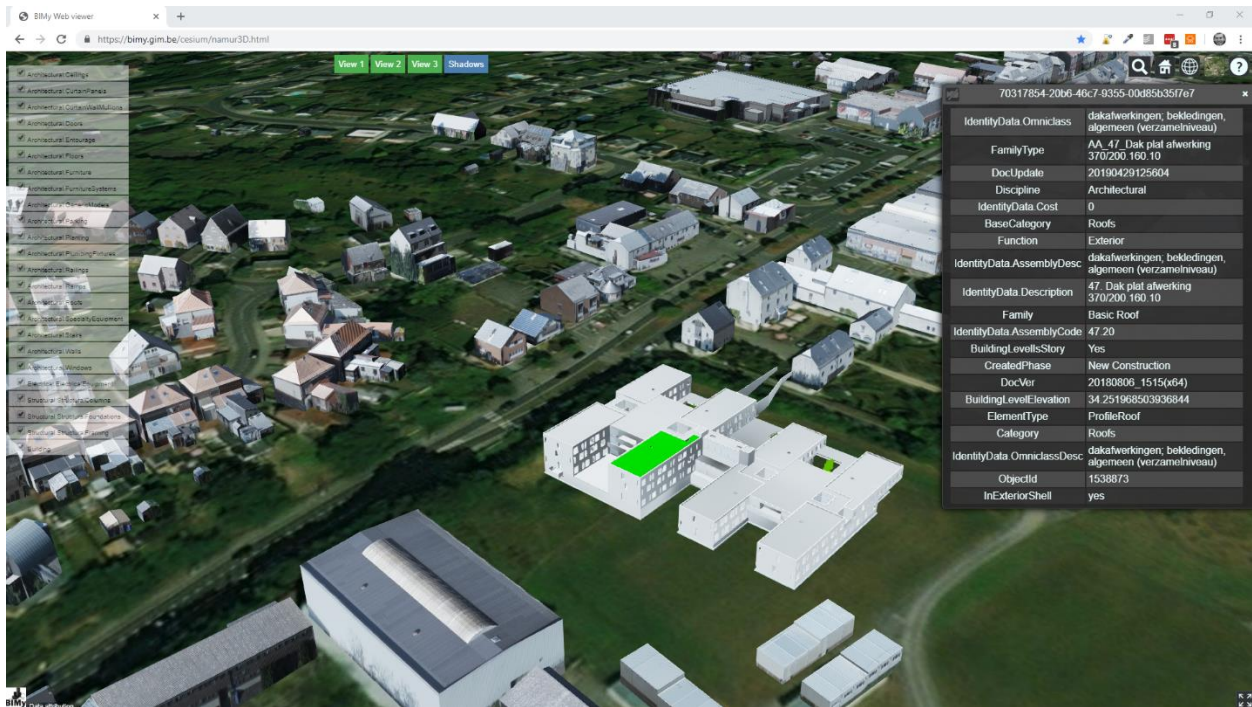


Figure 3 An visualization of the Kortrijk nursing home (ASSAR, 2019)

### 7.1 Get started

The web content is served using the default NodeJS Express web server app that is shipped with CesiumJS. Install [NodeJS](#). Then, run the following commands to install required packages and start a NodeJS Express Web server.

```
npm install
```

```
npm start
```

## 8 BIMy BIMsurfer

**Repository:** <https://gitlab.com/bimy/bimy-bimsurfer>

BIMy plugin for BIMserver based on BIMSURfer 3.



Figure 4 Screenshot of the Willemen Office (Willemen, 2018) visualized by BIMSURfer3

### 8.1 How to build

Build this by packaging it through Maven. You can then import the JAR-file through Bimviews.

### 8.2 How to use

Based on BIMSURfer 3 0.17

The standard url structure `https://bimy.gim.be/bimserver/apps/bimy-bimsurfer3/apps/minimal.html?poid=1179649&oid=683148021&username=firstname_lastname&password=password`

### 8.3 Parameters

#### 8.3.1 poid

This is the project's oid.

### 8.3.2 selectOid

This is the object's oid. It is *optional*.

### 8.3.3 selectGuid

This is the object's guid. It is *optional*.

### 8.3.4 colorGuid

This is the guid you would like to color. It is *optional*.

### 8.3.5 username

The part before the @ of your GIM mail address. Replace dots with underscores.

For example, [john.doe@gim.be](mailto:john.doe@gim.be) should be entered as john\_doe.

### 8.3.6 password

Your password.

### 8.3.7 type

The IfcType to filter on. It will affect both the rendered model and the tree model. It is *optional*.

### 8.3.8 tree

Do you want to render a tree model? It is *optional* and defaults to `true`.

## 8.4 Useful console commands

### 8.4.1 viewObjectsByType

```
this.bimServerViewer.viewer.viewObjectsByType
```

Gives you a list of object, sorted by types. Useful to find another Object oid to use.

## 8.5 Notes

Models from BIMserver are loaded in through the various methods in [bimserverviewer.js](#).

## 9 BIMy Docker

**Repository:** <https://gitlab.com/bimy/bimy-docker>

This project contains Dockerfiles and/or Docker images of the the BIMy platform and its applications. The objective is to have a continuous integration/continuous deployment pipeline for the BIMy project.

### 9.1 About Docker

Docker is an open-source project that allows automating the deployment of software applications inside **containers** by providing an additional layer of abstraction and automation of **OS-level virtualization** on Linux. The key benefit of Docker is that it allows users to package an application with all of its dependencies into a standardized unit for software development. Unlike virtual machines, containers do not have the high overhead and hence enable more efficient usage of the underlying system and resources.

### 9.2 How it works

Docker can build images automatically by reading the instructions from a Dockerfile. A Dockerfile is a text document that contains all the commands a user could call on the command line to assemble an image.

A BIMserver Dockerfile on the repository (<https://gitlab.com/bimy/bimy-docker>) [describes how to build a BIMserver images](#).

```
FROM tomcat:8.5-jre8

ENV TOMCAT_HOME=/usr/local/tomcat \
    CATALINA_HOME=/usr/local/tomcat \
    JAVA_OPTS="-Djava.awt.headless=true -Djava.security.egd=file:/dev/./urandom" \
    CATALINA_OPTS="-Xms512M -Xmx1024M -server -XX:+UseParallelGC"

ARG BIMSERVER_VERSION
ENV BIMSERVER_VERSION=${BIMSERVER_VERSION} \
    BIMSERVER_APP=${TOMCAT_HOME}/webapps/bimserver

# Add BIMserver java web archive
RUN set -x && \
```

```
curl -fSL
https://github.com/opensourceBIM/BIMserver/releases/download/v${BIMSERVER_VERSION}/bimserverwar-${BIMSERVER_VERSION}.war -o $BIMSERVER_APP.war && \
    unzip $BIMSERVER_APP.war -d $BIMSERVER_APP && \
rm $BIMSERVER_APP.war

# Add roles and increase file size for webapps to 500Mb
ADD ./tomcat-users.xml /usr/local/tomcat/conf/tomcat-users.xml
ADD ./web.xml /usr/local/tomcat/webapps/manager/WEB-INF/web.xml
ADD ./run.sh /run.sh
RUN chmod a+x /run.sh

EXPOSE 8080

COPY docker-entrypoint.sh /
RUN chmod a+x /docker-entrypoint.sh
ENTRYPOINT ["/docker-entrypoint.sh"]

CMD ["bimserver"]
```

### 9.3 Run with Docker Compose

Install a Docker host following the [Docker CE installation tutorial](#). Clone this git repository and run the following command to build the required Docker images and deploy the containers:

```
docker-compose up -d
```

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