

The concept and meaning of culture

Culture / kaltser/, from Latin: cultura, lit. "cultivation" is a concept based on a term first used in classical antiquity by the Roman orator Cicero: "cultura animi" (cultivation of the soul).

This non-agricultural use of the term "culture" re-appeared in modern Europe in the 17th century referring to the betterment or refinement of individuals, Especially through education. During the 18th and 19th century it came to refer more frequently to the common reference points of whole peoples, and discussion of the term was often connected to national aspirations or ideals. Some scientists such as Edward Tylor used the term "culture" to refer to a universal human capacity.

In the 20th century, "culture" emerged as a central concept in anthropology, encompassing the range of human phenomena that cannot be directly attributed to genetic inheritance. Specifically,

The term "culture" in American anthropology had two meanings:

The evolved human capacity to classify and represent experiences with symbols, and to act imaginatively and creatively and:

The distinct ways that people, who live differently, classified and represented their experiences, and acted creatively.

Hoebel describes culture as an integrated system of learned behaviour patterns which are characteristic of the members of a society and which are not a result of biological inheritance.

Distinctions are currently made between the physical artefacts created by a society, its so-called material culture, and everything else, the intangibles such as language, customs, etc. that are the main referent of the term "culture".

Culture is central to the way we view, experience, and engage with all aspects of our lives and the

World around us.

Thus, even our definitions of culture are shaped by the historical, political, social, and cultural

Contexts in which we live.

Project definition:

a public facility that aims towards creating a social interactive environment promoting culture in the form of literature and art

project goals:

designing a building that serves the intellectual creative movement in the country and

be a center for that movement hosting activities and providing knowledge for the public

elevating the region culturally ..

introducing the public to the art ..

providing cultural and artistic materials to the public ..

providing a chance for people of common interests to meet and interact ..

project challanges

creating sustainable treatments for the heat issues in the open and semi open spaces

incorporating elements that links the center to the culture and heritage of the country

creating fluid movement , flexible spaces , and breaking the static structure that produces boredom

technically easy control and access of the facility with maintaining the safety and security side as well.

Project aspects

*cultural aspect

introducing the public to different cultures including the Sudanese culture having annual and monthly exhibits as well as shows and plays and events preserving knowledge

*functional aspect

having a public library that will provide knowledge having training and teaching classes in different art mediums providing a good enviourment for artists to create

*economical aspect

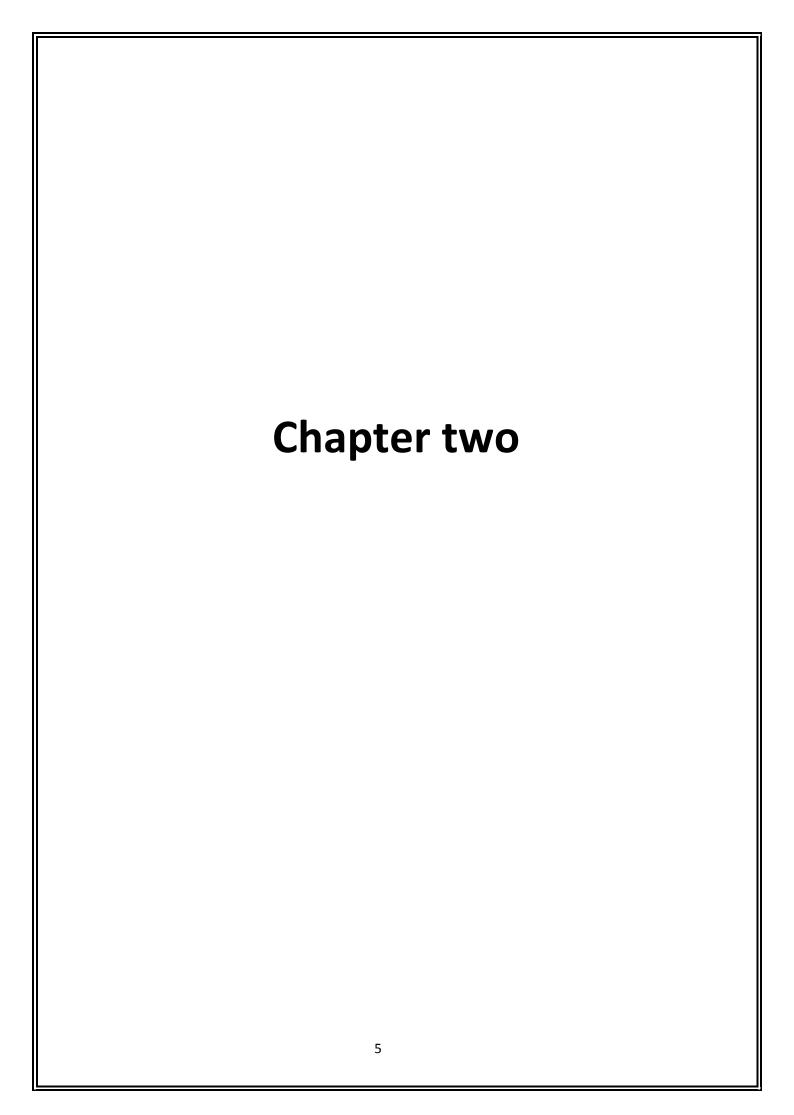
providing chances of employment enhancing the global view of Sudan as a cultural increasing the investment in the country discovery of young new talent

*beauty aspect

Giving the site a beautiful aspect through the making of the building and surroundings enhancing the global view of Sudan

project importance and need

Khartoum was named the cultural capital of the world in 2005 .and so the cultural side is one of the most important things the country must attend to since 2005 there has not been much development in this area there is also a lack of similar buildings in the country



Similar projects:

The Eemhuis

Architects: Neutelings Riedijk Architects

Location: Eemplein, Amersfoort, The

Netherlands

Area: 16000.0 sqm

Project philosophy and design

The Eemhuis combines a number of existing cultural institutes in the city

of Amersfoort: the city library, the exposition center.

, the heritage archives and a school for dance, music and visual arts.

It is located on an urban redevelopment area close to the city center.

The building is organized as a stacking of the

cultural programs. The public domain is continued into the interior of the building in all directions. At the ground floor,

the public square becomes a covered plaza, with a grand café and entrances to

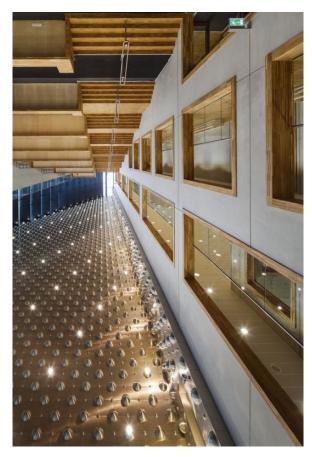
the various functions. The exposition center is set directly off the square on the

ground floor, with a large central exhibition hall that is half sunken in the ground and

is surrounded by an enfilade of smaller exhibition rooms



(2-1) prespective the eemhuis



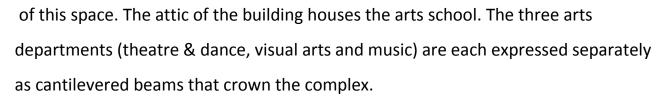
(2-2) prespective

The library is a plaza of stepped information terraces as a prolongation of the city square that brings the visitors up to the main library floor. On the top of the stairs

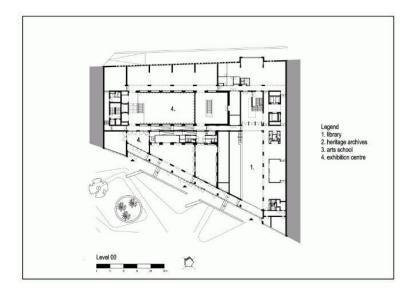
the library spills into a vast open space with book stacks and reading and study

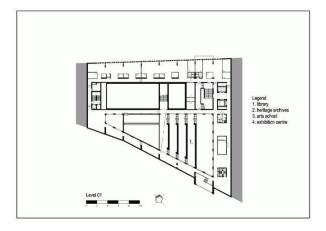
areas overlooking the city. Above it

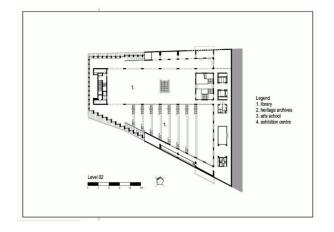
hovers the archive volume that forms the ceiling (2-3) interior

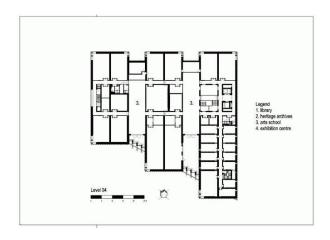


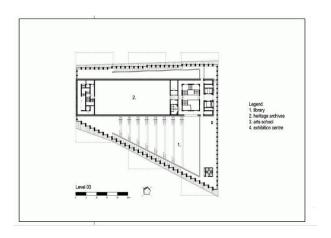
Project plans:





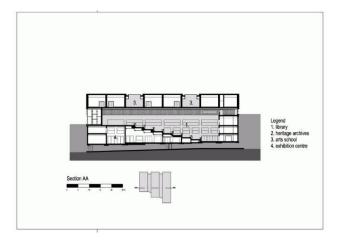


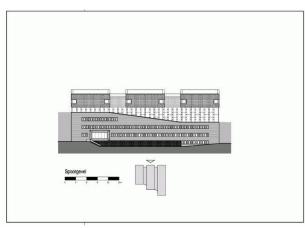




Project advantages and disadvantages:

ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
*creative library and reading hall design *artistic training separate from library (on different story) *good orientation *admin offices on basement floor	*exhibitions on basement level *undefined vertical movement (stairs and elevators) *too many doors and control areas (making users un comfortable) *4 th story has long hallways that are too narrow.





SANAA's 'Cloud Boxes' Project philosophy and design



the pritzker prize winning team of SANAA (kazuyo sejima and ryue nishizawa)
has been selected (among four other international shortlisted firms) by a master
jury to realize the 'taichung city cultural center in 9egati





the local government envisioned a new urban space that would place art

at its core, celebrating the regions' disparate cultures

The competition brief sought to combine a public library and a fine arts

museum into one compound. But, of course, this is not all. The cultural



center must aid in creating a local identity,

represents the optimism and creativity of the locals, whilst attracting the attention of the international community.

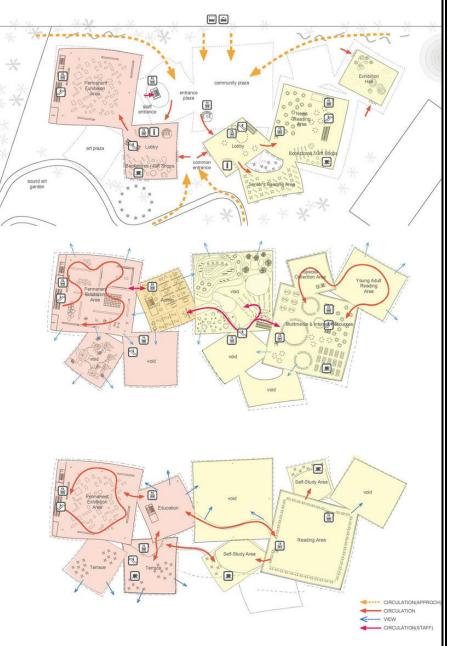
SANAA has managed to do just that.

The new 'taichung city cultural center' is part of a cultural park plan located

in the gateway city district. It will assist 10egative's urban development and

is set to become a landmark in 10egati's third-largest city,

linking tourism and municipal marketing resources to enhance its cultural brand

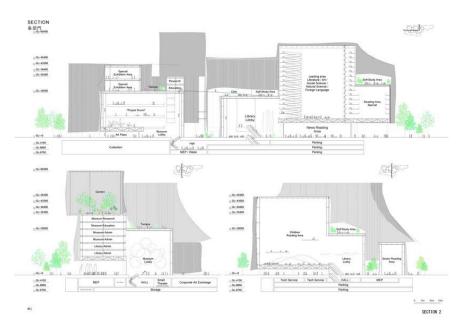


SANAA's proposal, which has been conceived with local

firm ricky liu & associates architects + planners,

is an abstracted arrangement of white cubic volumes-

the façade is not composed of strict vertical walls, but rather



a draped and curved transparent mesh exterior which expresses

movement and openness from both inside and outside.

Programs include permanent exhibition spaces, administration

offices, multimedia and internet resource center,

special collections area, and several reading

zones and rooftop terraces, which are linked by floating

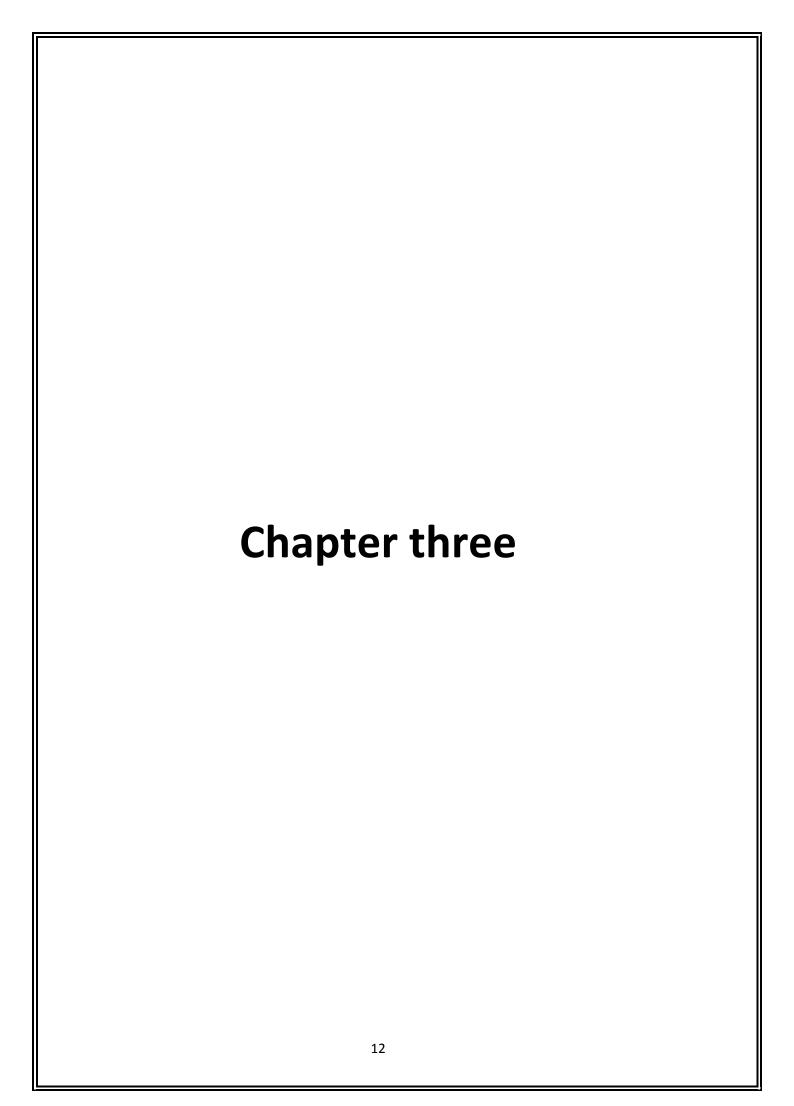
walkways. These circulation belts are defined by

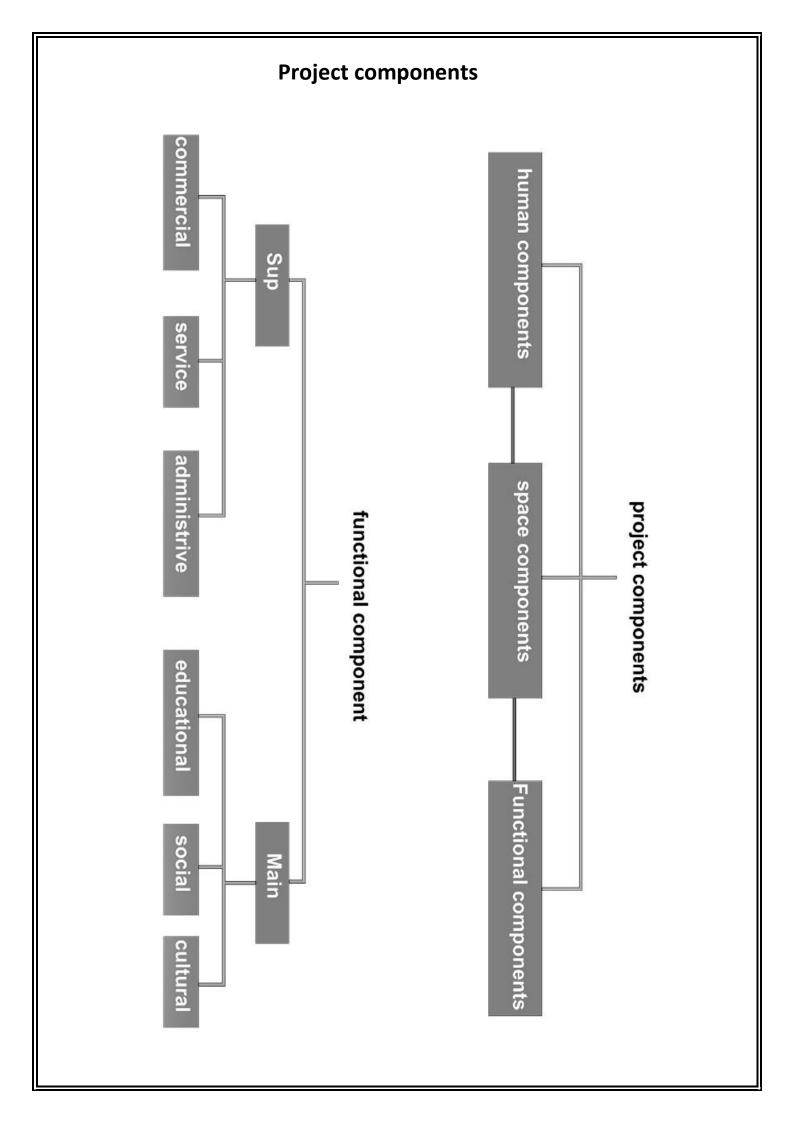
architectural voids, continuing this feeling of physical

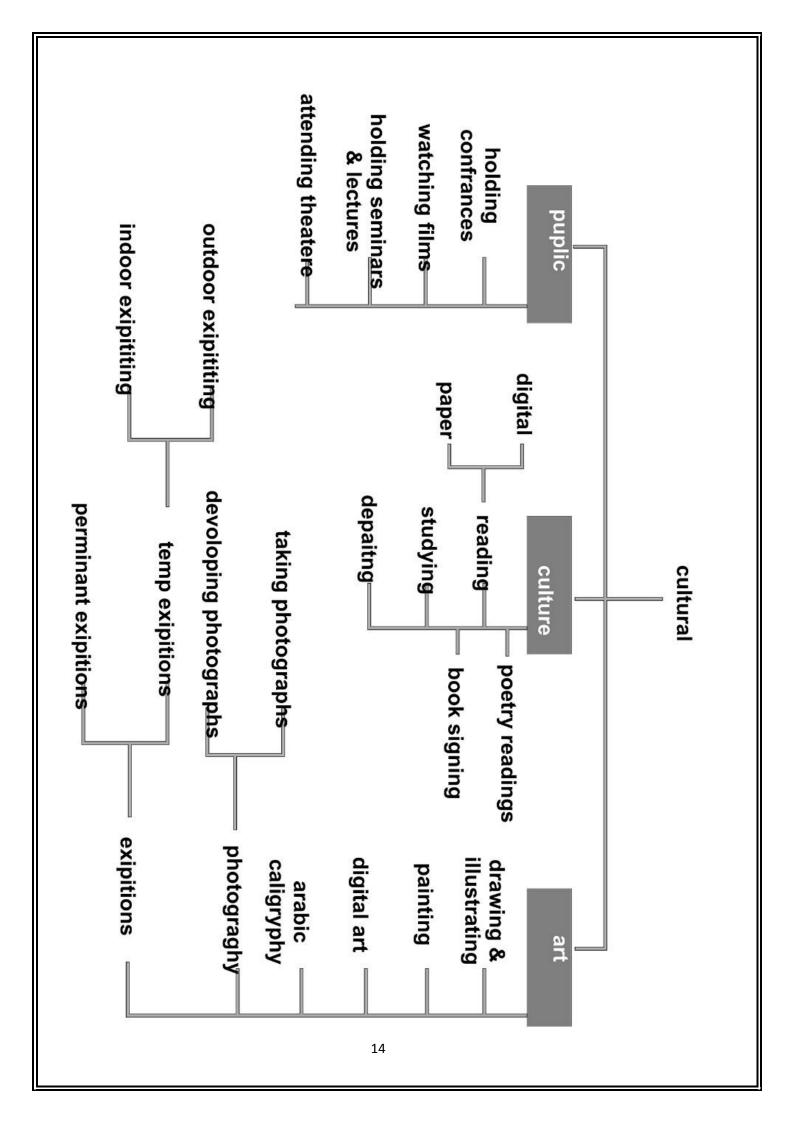
lightness, as well as offering expansive views of the interior

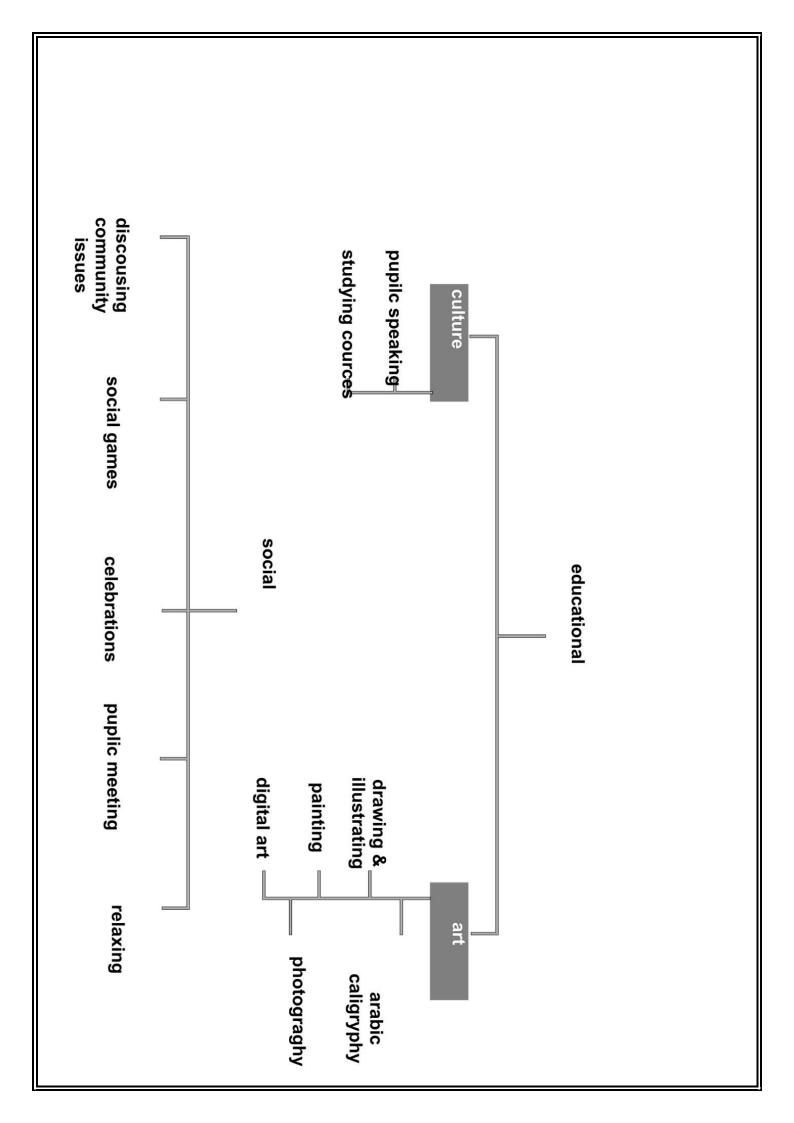
Project advantages and disadvantages:

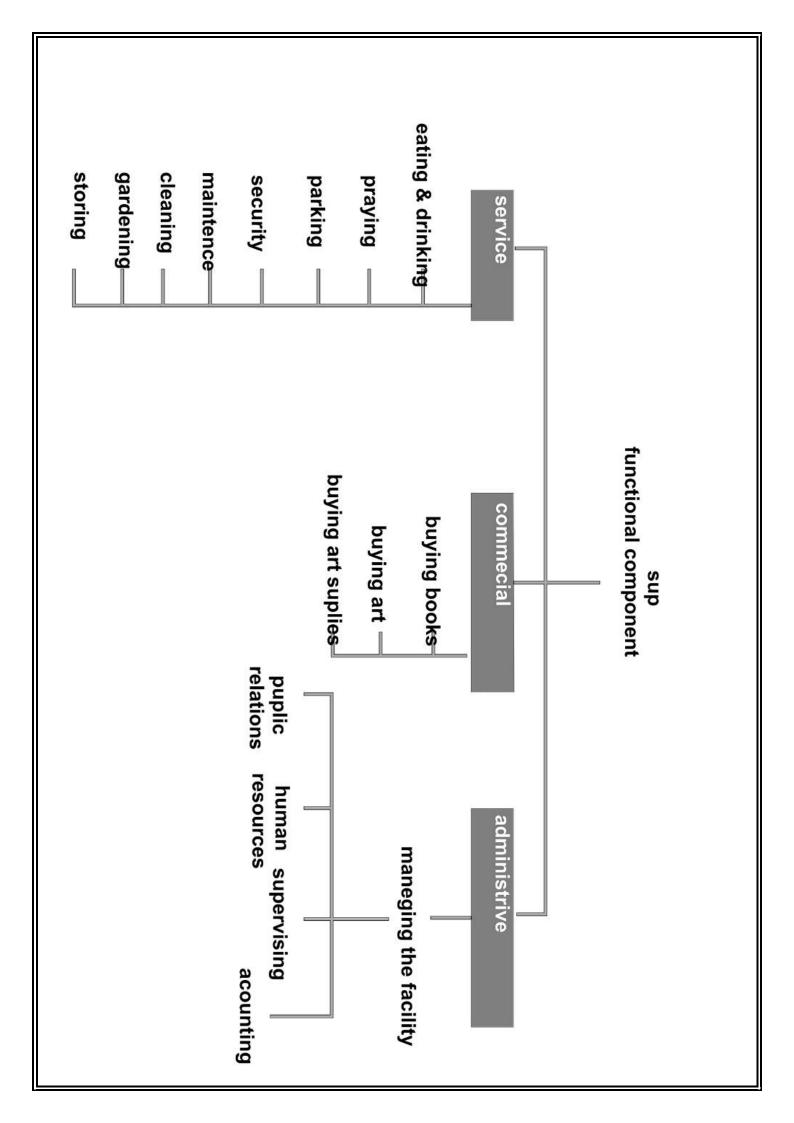
ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
*open reception hall *senior reading area and children reading area are on separate floors *self study area and reading area is quite and isolated *translucent material on facade allowing natural light into spaces	*unclear paths and walkways *exhibition hall isolated *staff entrance is with main entrance *permanent exhibition has indirect access *too many voids resulting in loss of space. *special collection is not on the same floor as the reading area

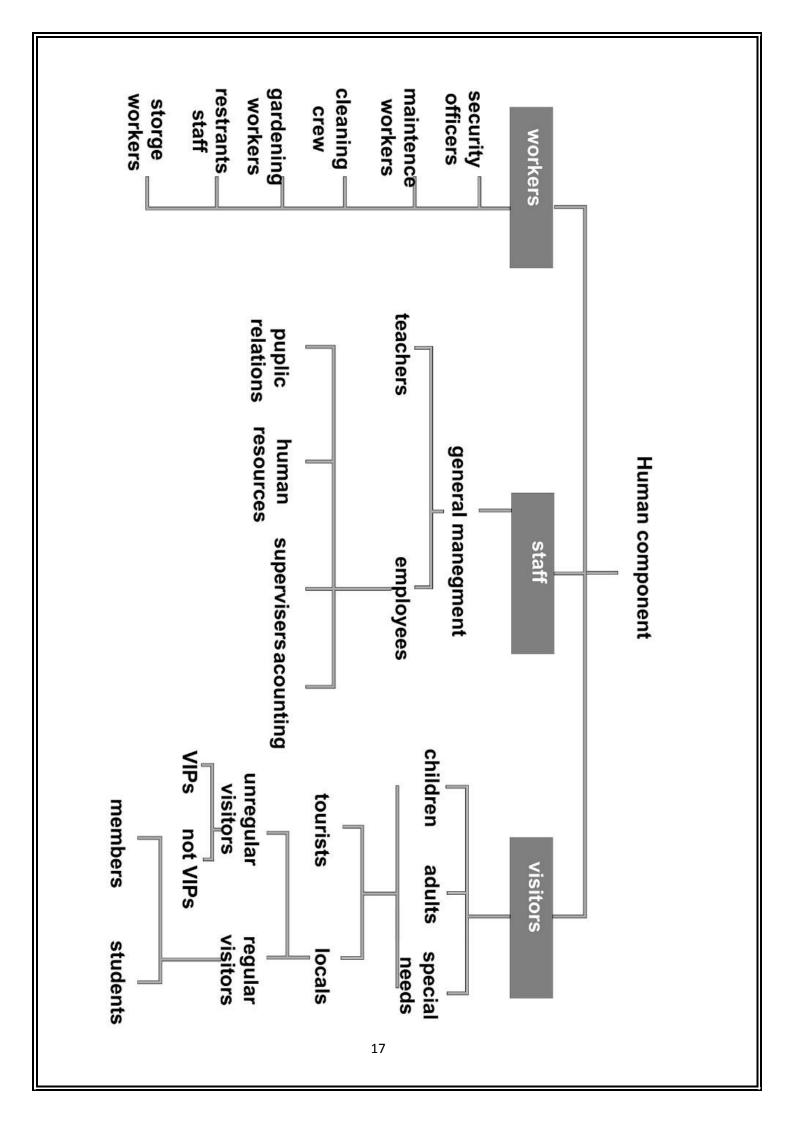


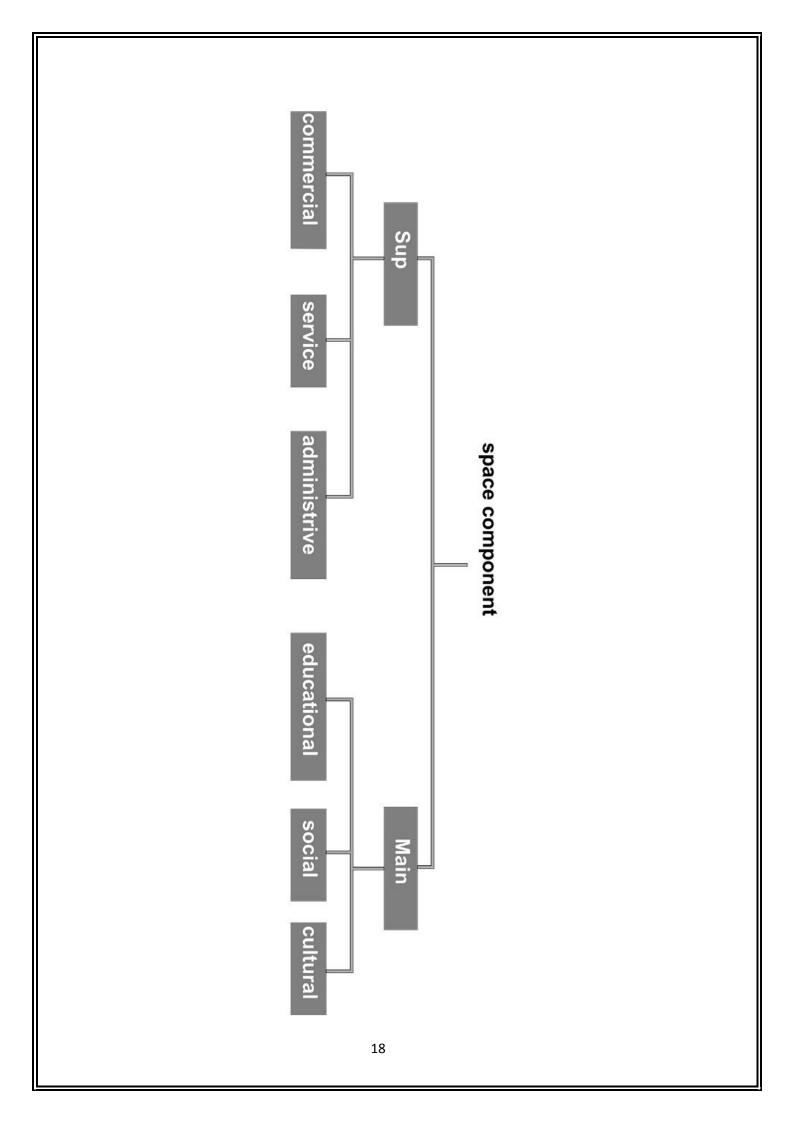


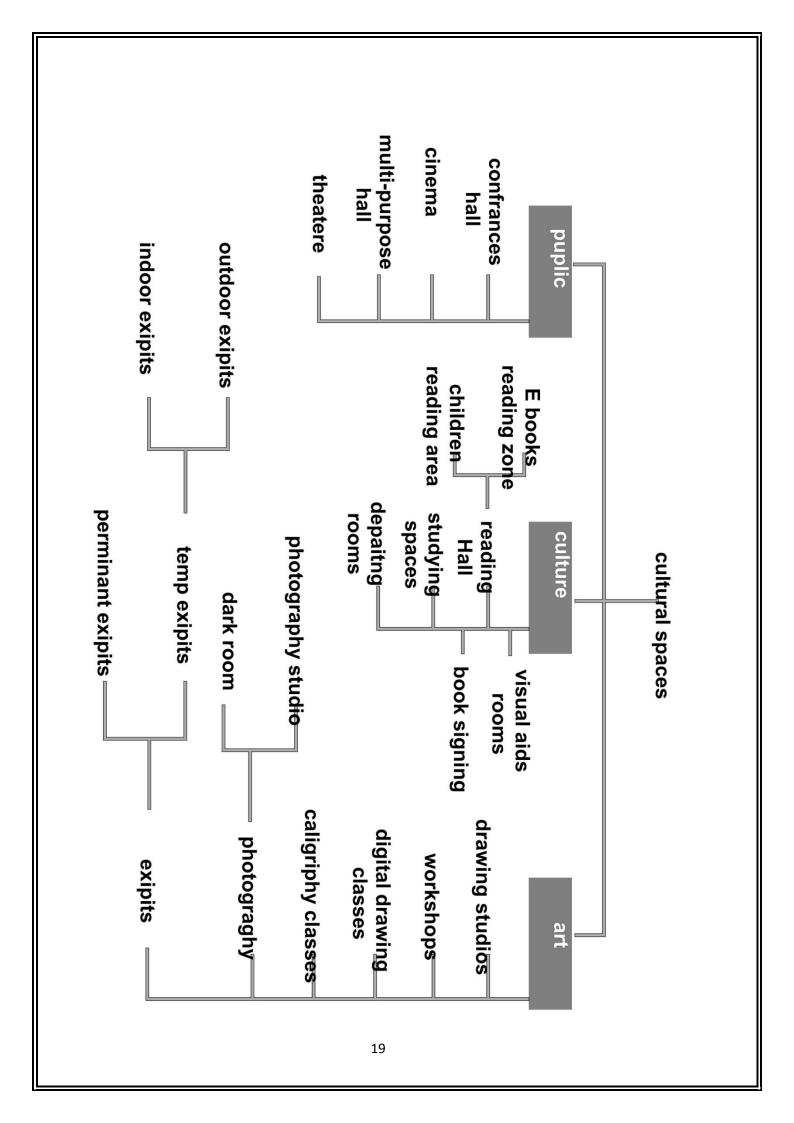


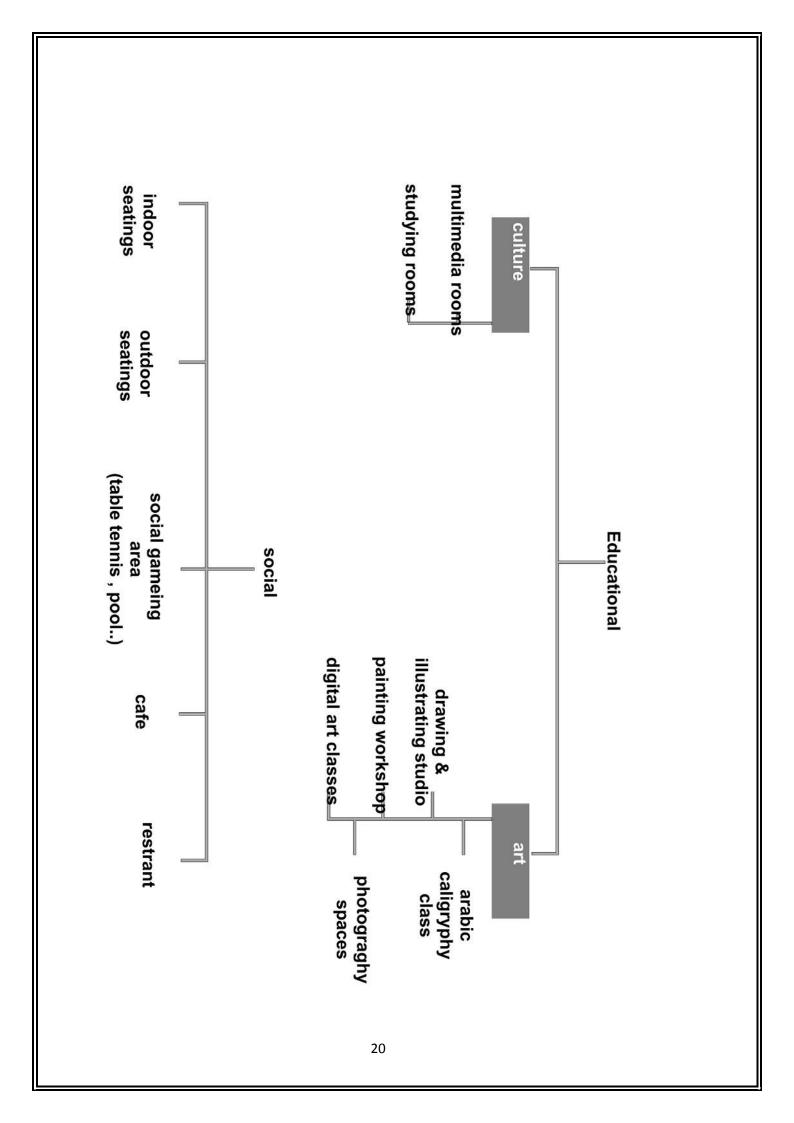


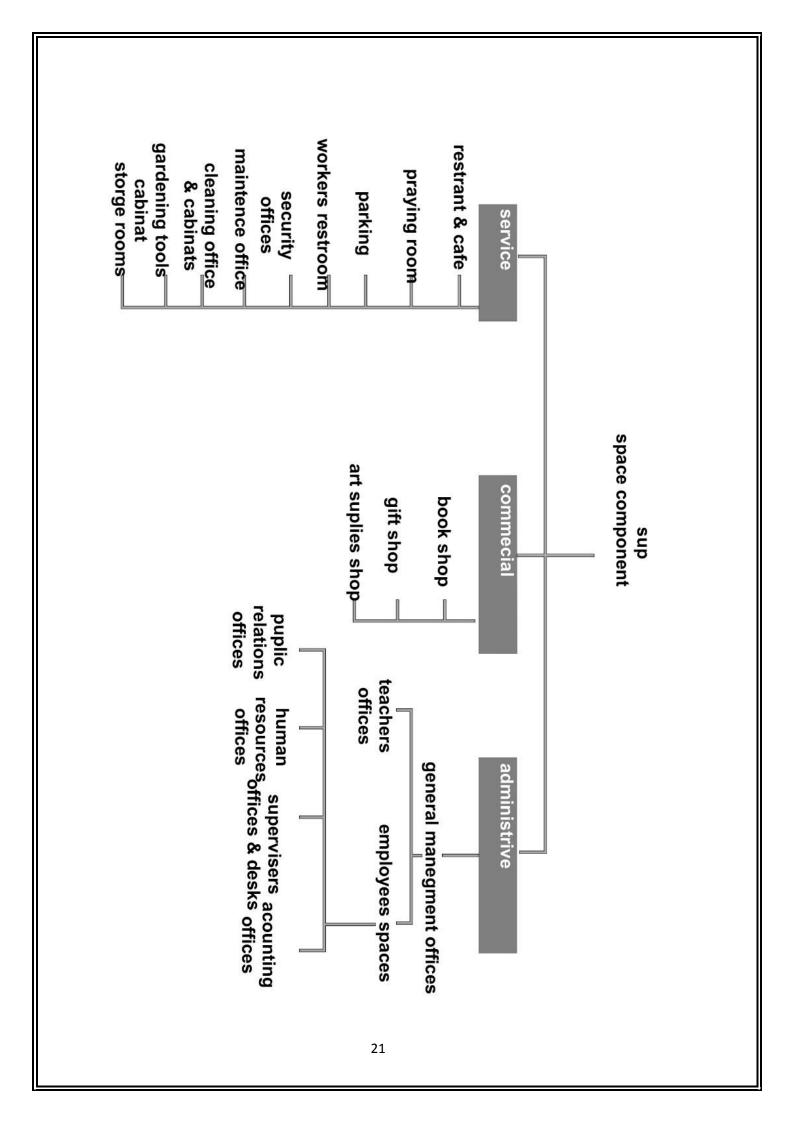


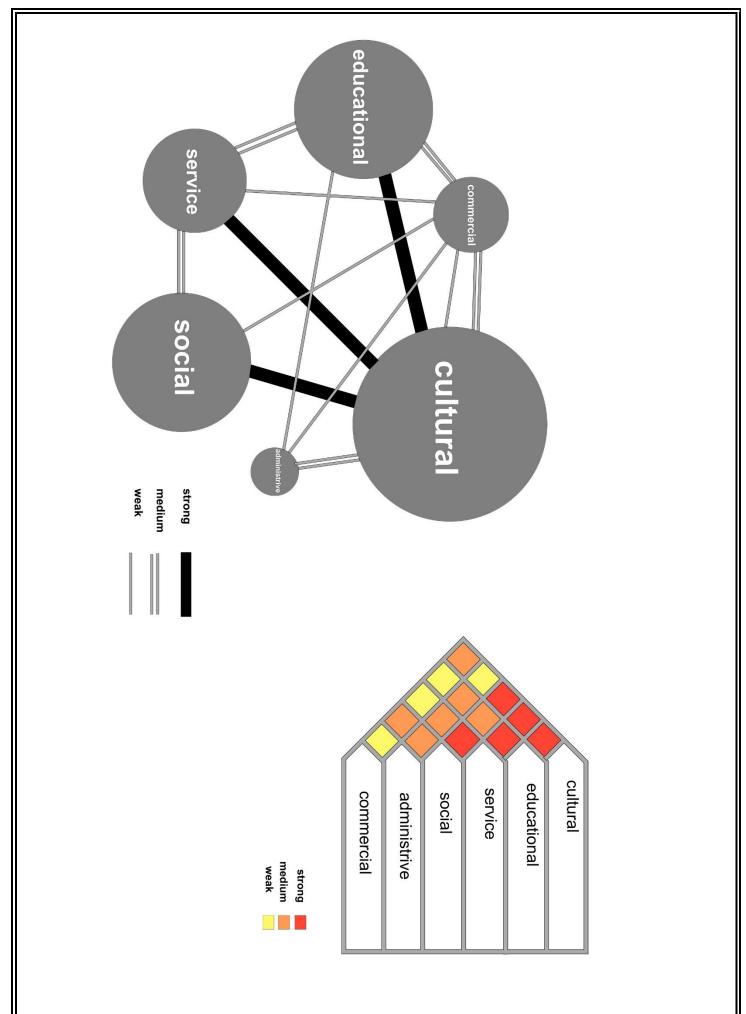


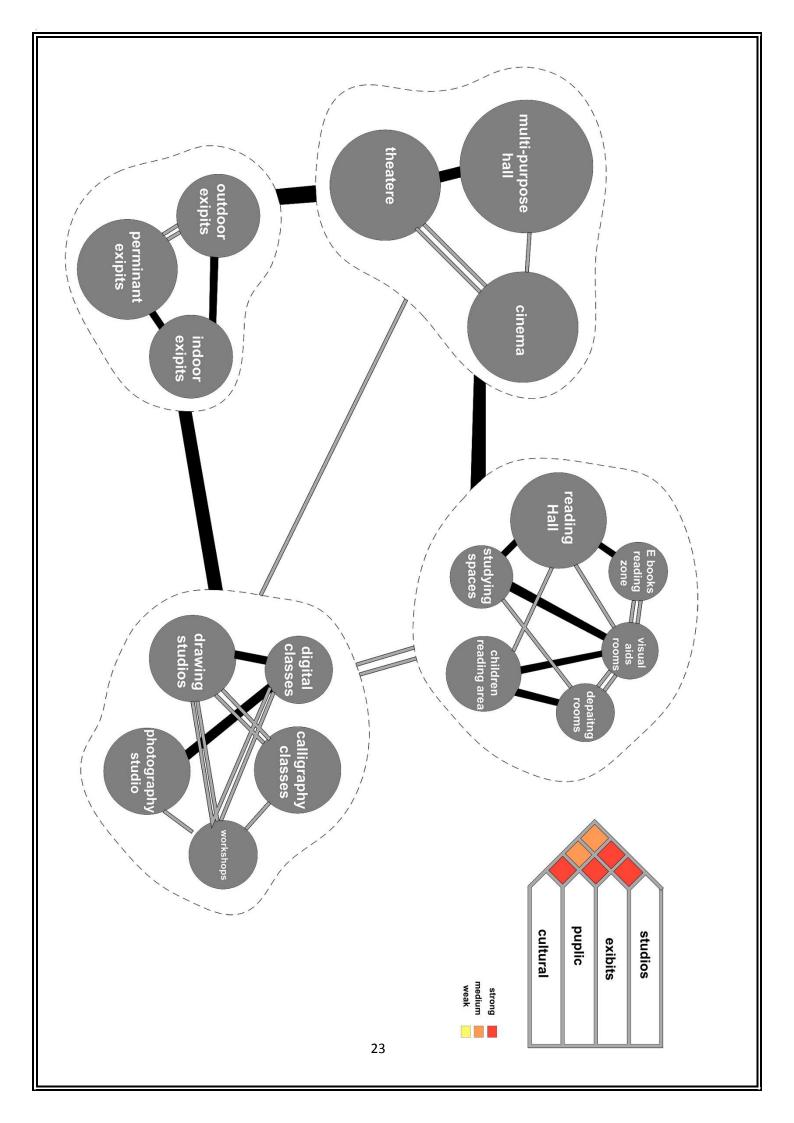


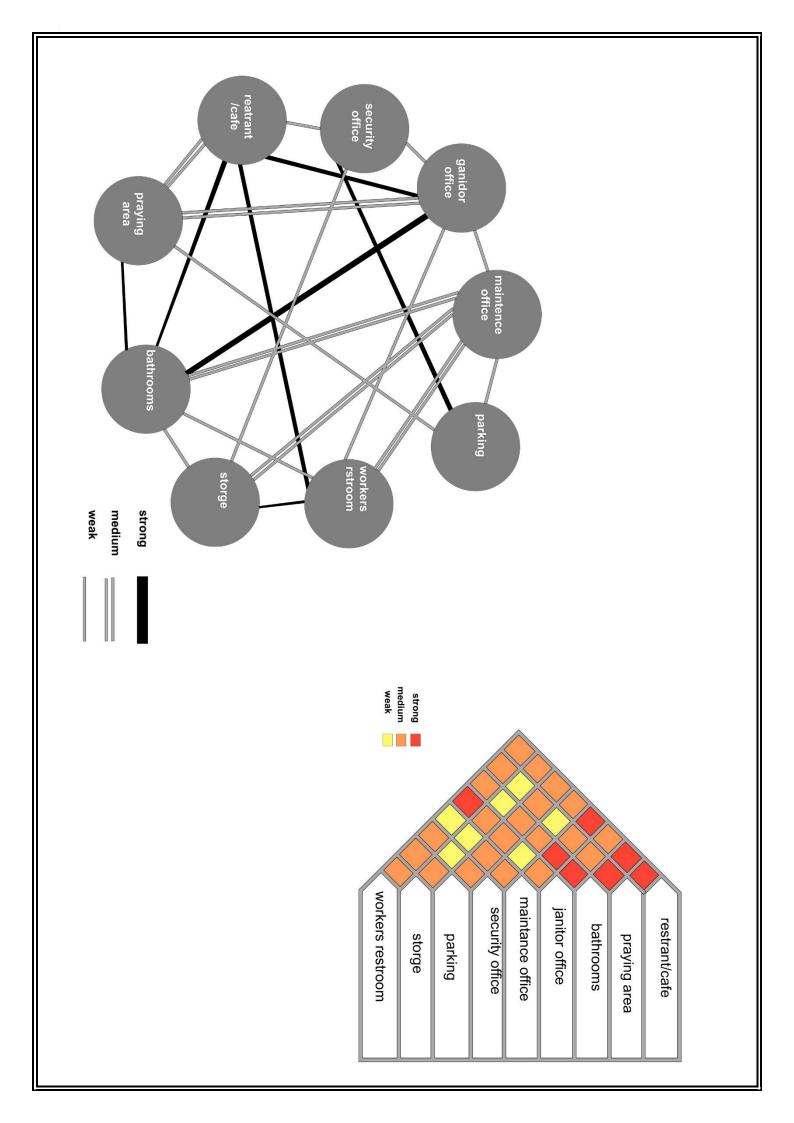












Space study

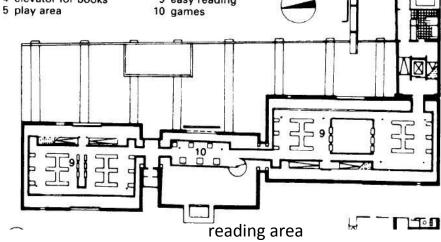
library

can be divided into these main spaces:

- *entrance
- *reception
- *reading area
- *children section
- *newspapers & magazines sec
- *E books readings area
- *index section
- *services
- *warehouse & storage
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- like those found in schools
- contains about 30,000 book

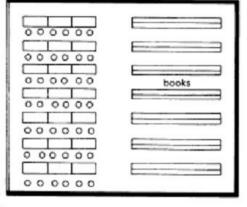
Example:

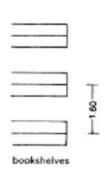
- 1 foyer
- young people's literature
- 3 children's books
- 4 elevator for books
- 6 administration reading court
- 8 planted pergola
- 9 easy reading

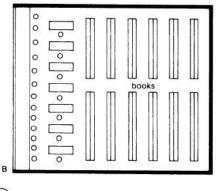


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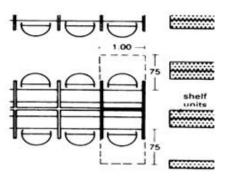




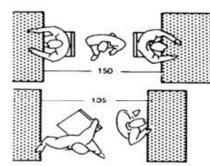
(4) Arrangement of reading places and bookshelves

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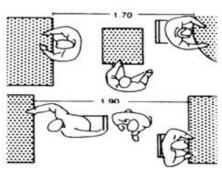
simple example of shelfes and reading area







Minimum free space in reading area → 9



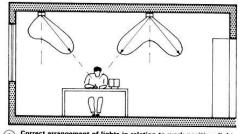
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D reading space 80

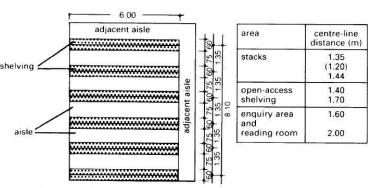
When books are moved between seated and

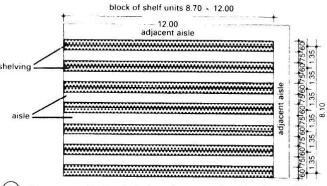
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Circulation routes should be >1.2m wide, and clear spaces between shelves at least 1.3–1.4m wide (or in accordance with local regulations). Avoid crossings and overlapping of routes for users, staff and book transport. Access to reading rooms can be through control gates equipped with book security equipment and, if possible, only one entrance and exit. For functional reasons, the control gates should be near the lending desk/central information desk.



Correct arrangement of lights in relation to work position: light



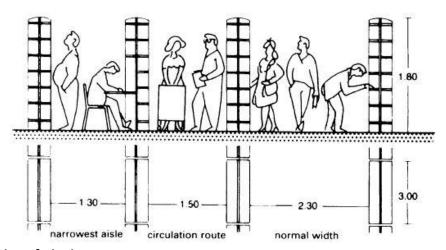


Floor area for open-access bookshelves 8.70×6.00m per block of shelf units

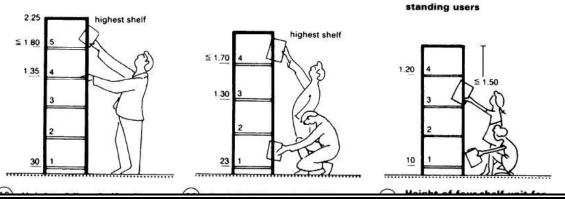
(2) Floor space for bookshelves in areas closed to the public

book storage:

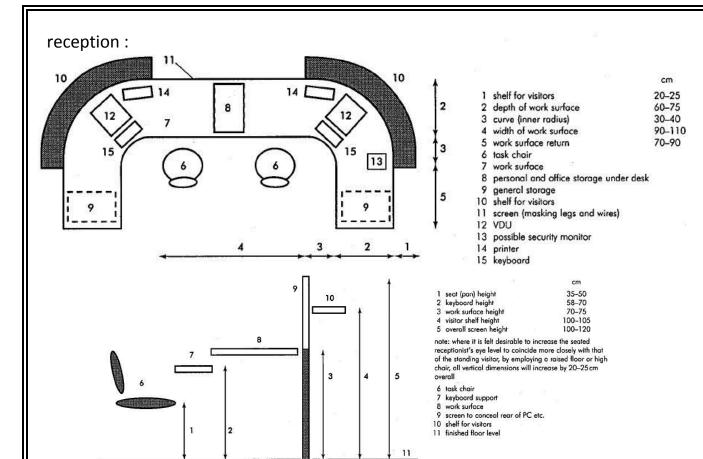
usually every 200 book needs about 1.2 to 1. 5 square meters



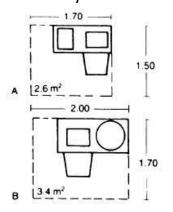
Hight of shelves

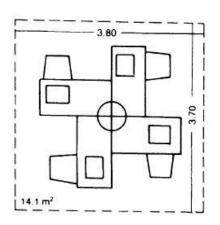


small children

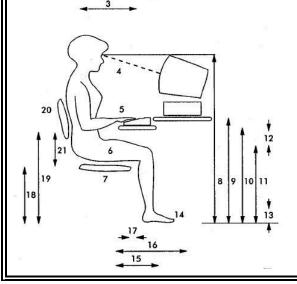


Electronic library:





4 Microfiche reading workstation (5) Four-seat microfiche station

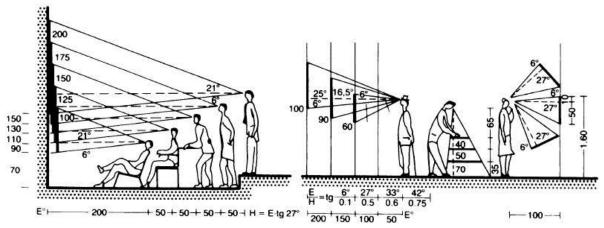


1	arm reach	40-60
2	distance to screen (more for large screens) plus document holder	50-75
3	elbow to keyboard reach	30-40
4	working angle from horizontal eye level to centre of screen	20-30°
5	neutral forearm and wrist angle	5-30°
6	open trunk to thigh angle	90-100
7	adjustable seat	
	(±5° from horizontal forwards and backwards) 4	0w x 36h x 40
8	eye height to top of screen	100-140
. 9	general worktop height	65-76
10	keyboard height (rounded edges and wrist supports)	65-76
11	under desk knee clearance	50
12	clearance between thigh and work surface	20
13	under desk foot clearance	25
14	feet in firm contact with floor or footrest	
15	clearance for knees beneath desk	40-45
16	clearance for feet beneath desk	60
17	clearance between calf and front of seat	4-8
18	seat (pan) height	35-50
19	relaxed elbow height	55-75
20	seat back adjustable in height and angle (and position of lumbar	support)
	armrest height above seat (adjustable and set back from seat edge	

cm

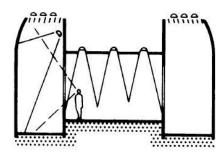
Galleries:

Field of view

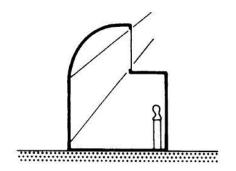


(9) Field of vision: height/size and distance

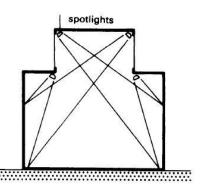
Natural lighting:



3 Typical cross-section for museum of natural history



4 Gallery passage, lit from one side only, lower part with indirect, attenuated lighting

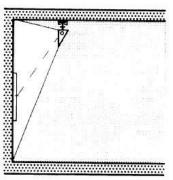


2 Install lighting so that angles of incidence correspond with natural light

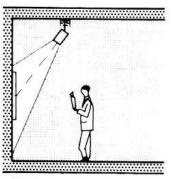
Galleries:

Artificial lighting

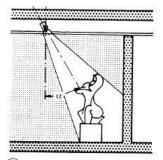
→ ① - ② are particularly useful in sale rooms, exhibitions, museums and galleries. With wall floodlights, typical requirements are for vertical illumination levels of 50lx, 150lx or 300lx; filament and fluorescent lamps are usually preferred. For spotlights, the basic light emission angles are 10° ('spot'), 30° ('highlight') and 90°('flood'). The angle of the light cone can be varied by passing the light through lenses (sculptured lenses, Fresnel lenses), and the spectrum of the light can be varied using UV and IR filters and colour filters. Shading can be arranged by means of louvres and anti-glare flaps.



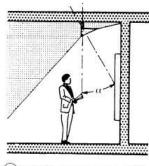
(1) Wall flood on power supply rail



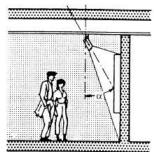
Spotlight on power supply rail



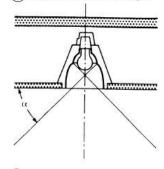
7 Illumination of objects



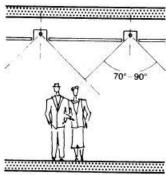
9 Wall illumination, floodlight



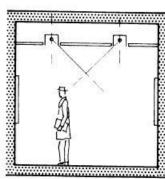
(8) Wall illumination, spotlight



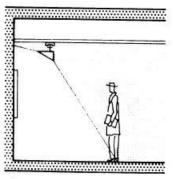
10) Shading angle (= 30°/40°/50°)



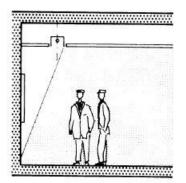
Direct symmetrical



Wall flood; direct illumination



3 Wall flood on a power supply rail; partial room illumination



(4) Wall floodlight

Studios:

Consists of actual drawing

Area

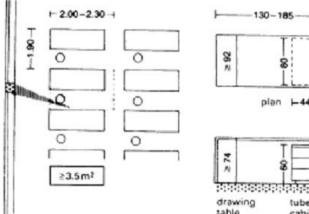
Constructers desk

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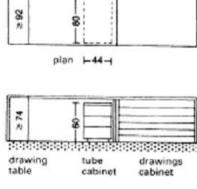
Special attention must be

Paid to natural lighting

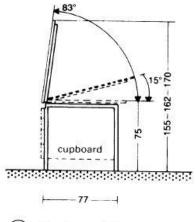
And Quietness of the space



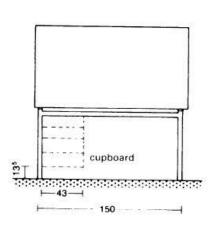
Workplace in drawing room



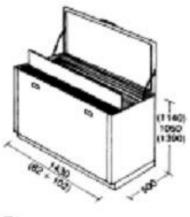
2) Work surface



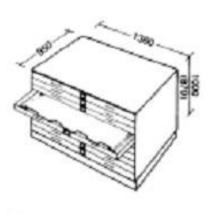
11 Section \rightarrow 12



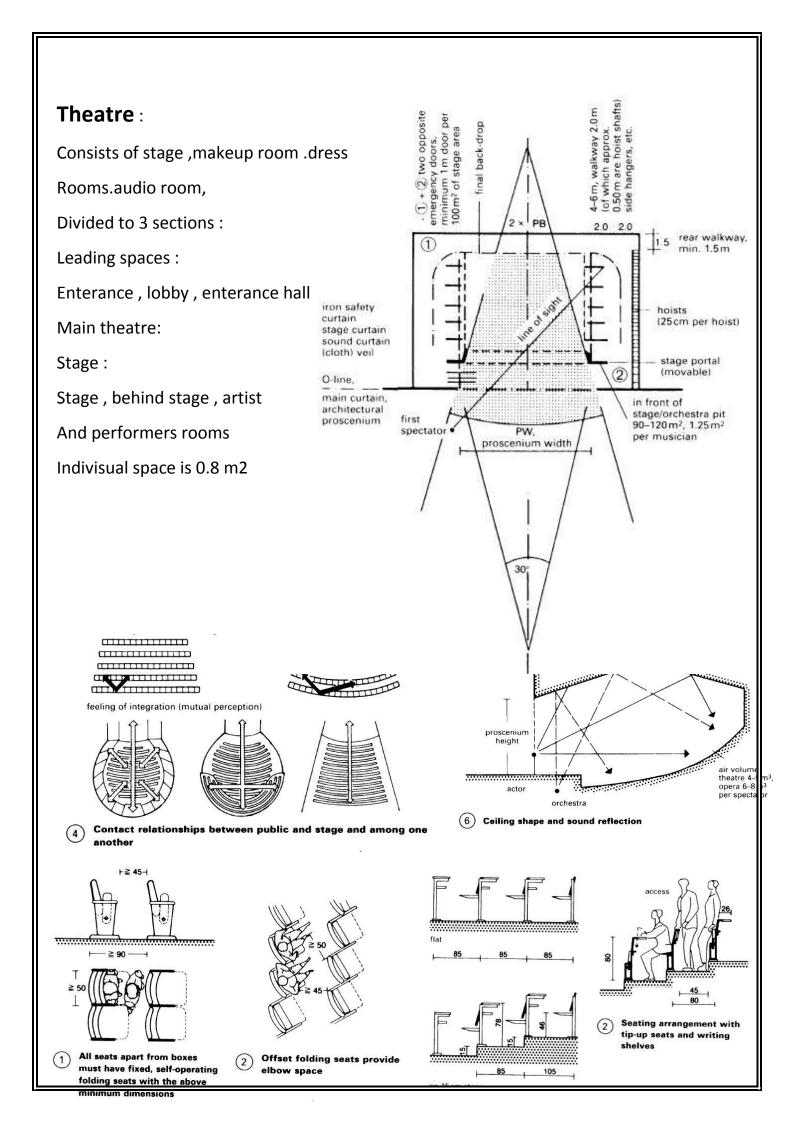
Adjustable angle desk and drawing table



9 Drawings stored upright

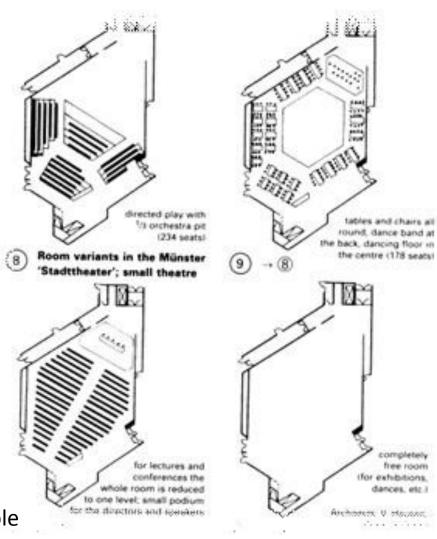


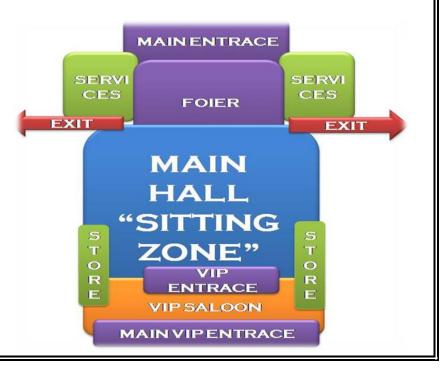
10 Sheet steel drawings cabinet



Multi -hall:

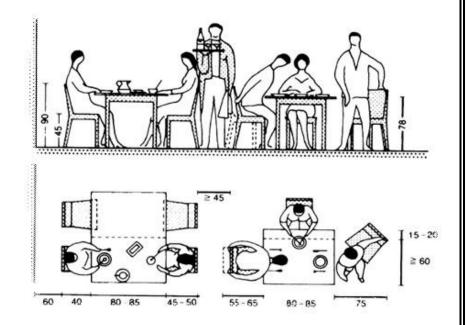
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in any puplic fucility
consists of
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foyer
main hall
in some cases outdoor
sitting area
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and service spaces like
bathrooms and storge
there is also a demountable
stage

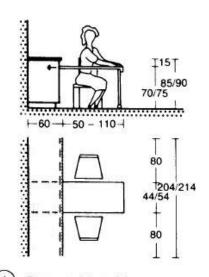


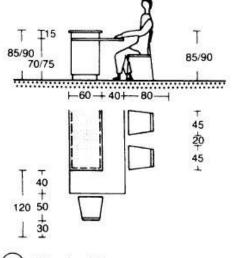


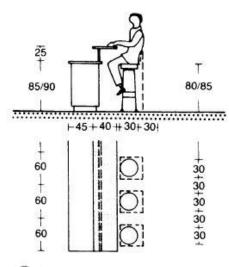
Restaurant & cafe:

consists of
kitchen , table areas indoor
outdoor table areas
bathrooms
front desk









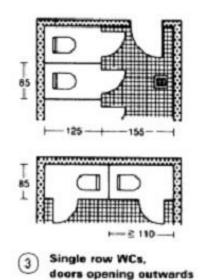
Retractable table

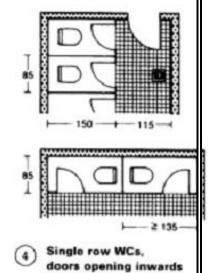
(5) Fitted table

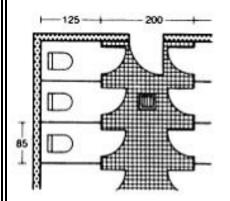
(6) Breakfast bar

Bathrooms:

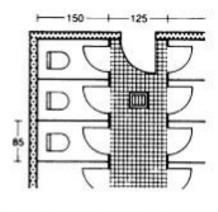
One of the most important spaces
Cubical is 150 *80
Must pay attention to privacy
Difference between male and
Female restrooms
Must pay attension to pipe
Lines and sewage ducts



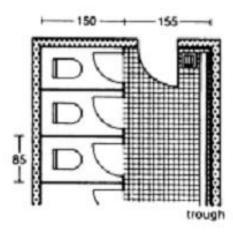




Dual row WCs, doors opening outwards



As 9 but with doors opening inwards

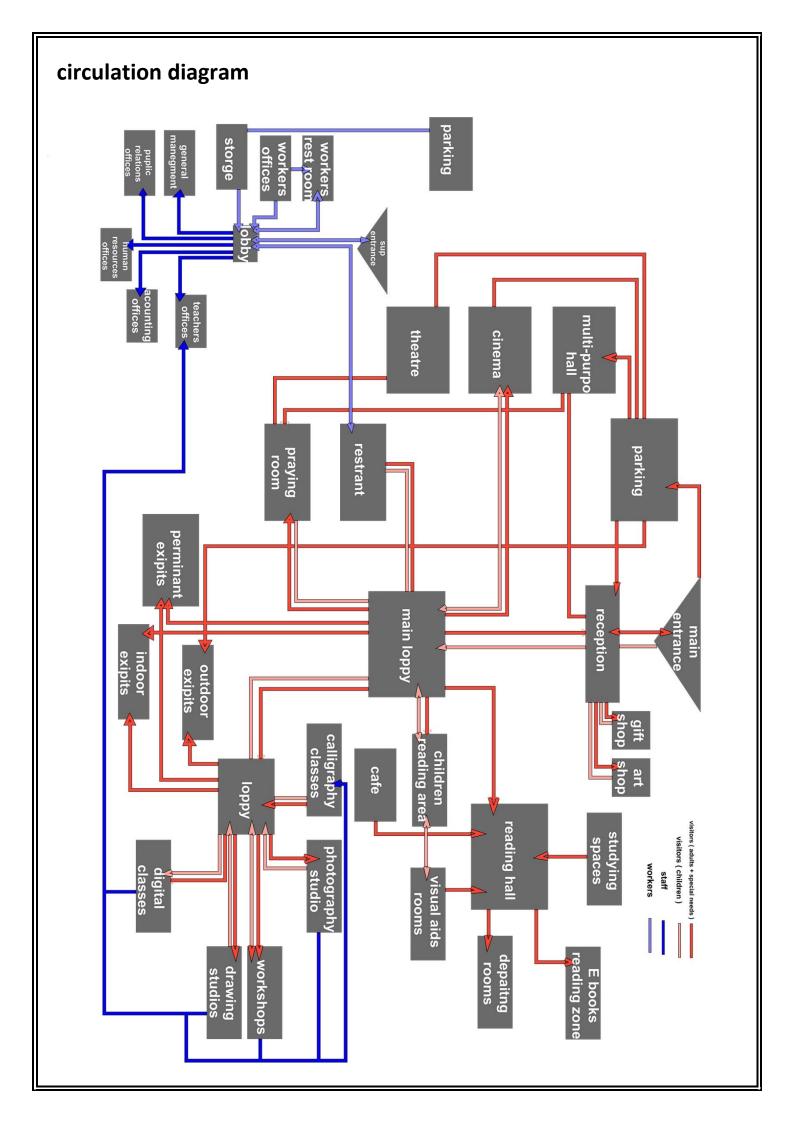


6 Doors opening inwards; with urinal trough

space chart:

 $7690 + 15\% = 8843 \text{ m}^2$

1 3
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300
500
16
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2
100
15
100
100
15
250
200
300
40
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40
40
40
number of users



site (2) is most suited for the project

Site:Sites comparison

graded by these sympols ,5 being the highest

requirments for cultural center site
from "the architect handbook " edited by pickard

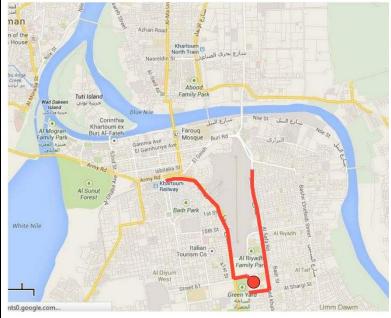
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		< { { { { { { { { { {	a relativly good view
		< <	on a low traffic street ?
	< <	< <	good oriantation
< <	< < <	< < <	adequate space (for parking , green areas and future expansion)
< < <	<< <	< <	flat site (free of obstacles)
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*	* * * *		close to the heart/center of the community
		SITE	site number map and dimentions
SITE (3)	SITE (2)	SITE (1)	

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Site location:

Continent of Africa

Country: Sudan

Khartoum state

Khartoum city

Arkaweit neighborhood

North south of afraa shopping mall

South of airport street

West of ebaid khatim street

South of alriad family park

Near the green square (alsaha alkhadra)

Site can be reached by

public transportation

Using two streets:

airport street using (almina albary) bus

abid khatim street using the

38egativ center (almarkaz

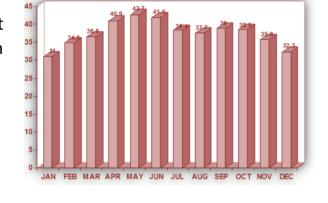
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Site: Africa St ليفيغأ ويلش to mired Khatim St 1Sabea

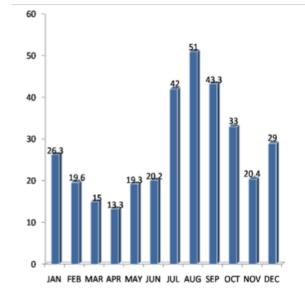
Site climate:

Temperature

Khartoum is hot year-round, more so than most other world capitals, including desert capitals in the Middle East, such as Riyadh and Baghdad. The coolest time of the year is December through February, when the average temperature is in the high 70s. Even then, the average highs are usually in the high 80s or low 90s. The rest of the months are even warmer, and May and June can be



absolutely scorching, with temperatures as high as 118 degrees possible. The average low temperature can reach the 60s in December through February but is in the 70s or 80s the rest of the year.



Humidity and rain

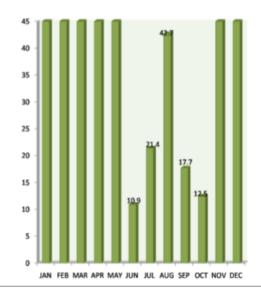
Rain is a rare event in Khartoum. From December through March, there usually is no rain at all. Moister southwesterly winds begin

working their way up the

country after that, and by July, we see sporadic rain.

Even so, it usually rains only a few days in July through September. The wettest month, August, generally sees only about 3 inches of rain on average.

May, June and October usually have only a trace of rain.



Results

Noise solutions:

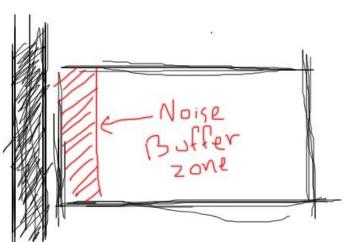
Due to the noise coming from the western

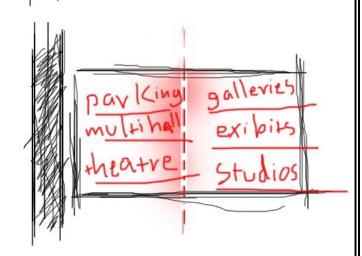
Street .and the privacy of the neighbours on
The eastern side .i divided the site by an

Imaginary line. Where loud activities would

Take place on the western side . and quiet

Activities would be on on the right





Ventilation solutions:

The building will be on the western eastern axis

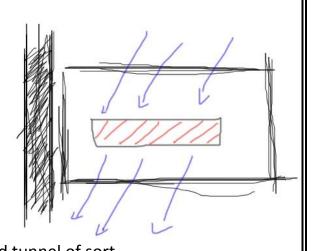
Allowing the cold northern wind to ventilate it

Additionally There will be a water suface north

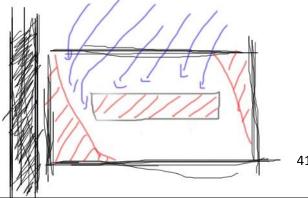
Of the building and infront of it causing the

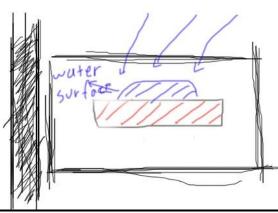
Wind to cool down before ventilating the building

and lastly an attempt was made to control the wind



direction and direct it to the building. Creating a wind tunnel of sort.



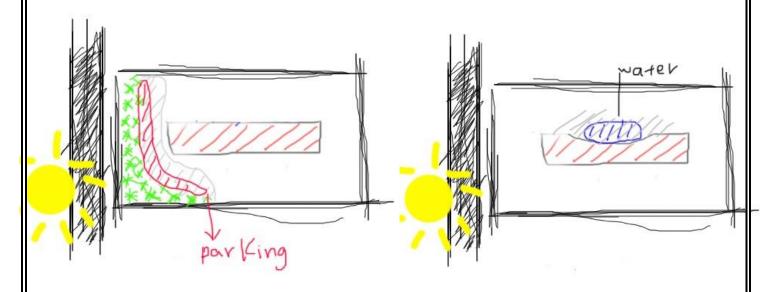


heat and sun ray solutions:

afternoon sun is more un pleasant than morning sun .

seating area and outdoor exhibits will
be placed on the eastern side in the shade
provided by the building itself
parking will be in western area shaded by
the buffer zone (trees) which also act as noise
isolation and contributes to privacy of the project
from public street .

the water surface that was created for ventilation will be shaded by the building itself for maximum cooling potential .



Seating

Design guidelines

Design guidelines for library:

- *Easy access from the outside
- *Easy movement inside for library users
- *Easy access and locating of books and magazines
- *Library location should be in a relatively quiet area
- *library itself should be divided to sections and areas Based on the level of silence and quietness needed

Technical guidelines:

- *Floor of library must be coated with special material to reduce noise emmistion also roof and walls should have a high level of sound resistance
- *natural lighting is 43egative43 in lipararies . how ever natural ventilation is not . as it may have 43egative affect on the condition of the books

design guiedlines for exibits:

- *natural day light as much as possible
- *have inviting spaces and welcoming

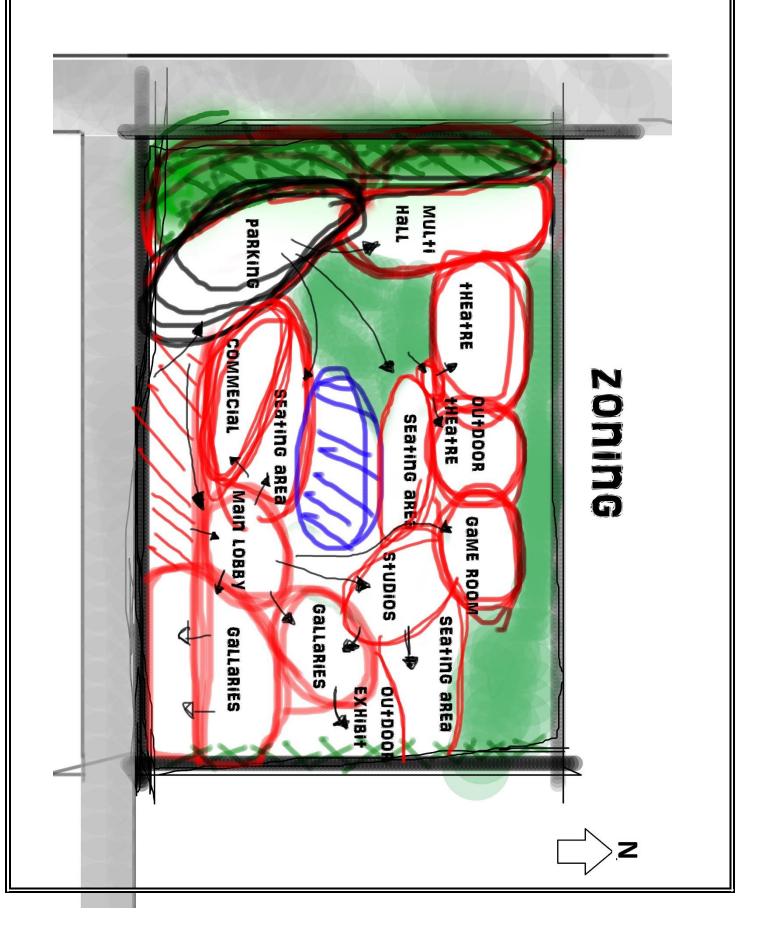
design guidelines for studios:

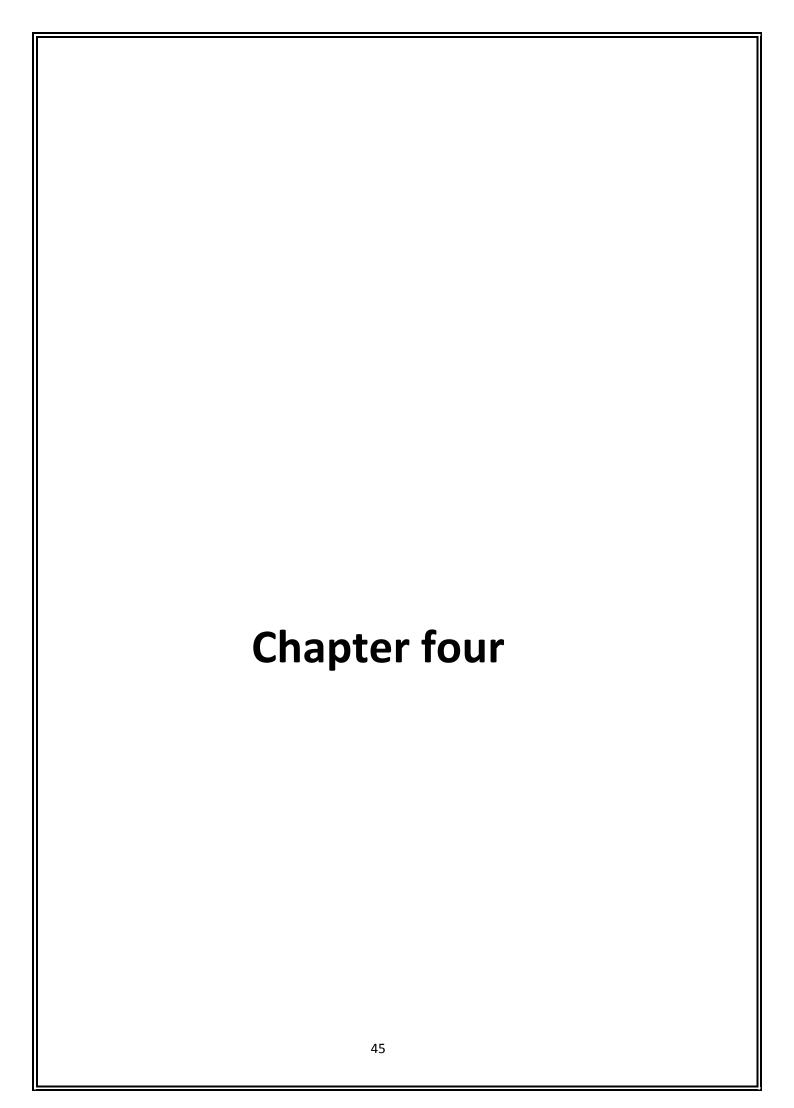
- *the need water supply for some of them must be taken into account
- *they need to be in a quite place
- *they should have good view for psychological reasons
- *they should have natural lighting

design guidlines for multi hall and theatre:

- *should have access to parking
- *should have different entrance for vip

Zoning:

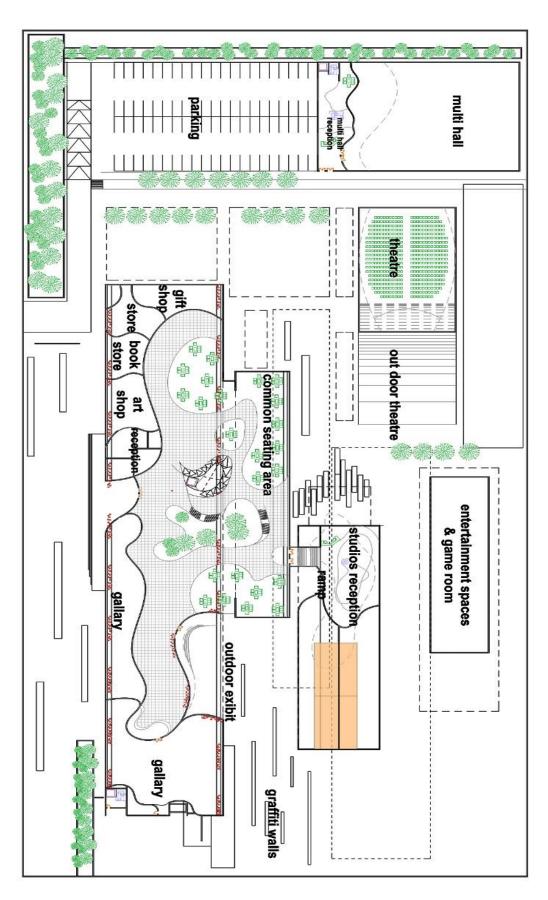


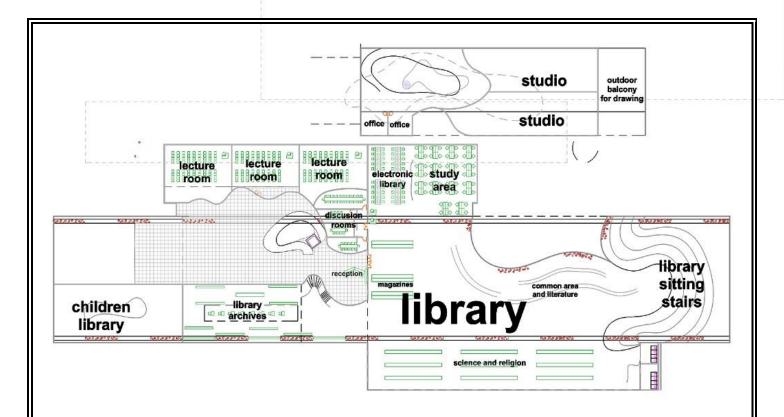


Design philosophy: Its is hard for me to chose a school or a style for this project. but if deconstructution is defined as "...deconstruction works to keep things in an irregular state, and prevent the new growth that follows a temporary destructive act " (gablin), then this project falls under that category . I have not tried to make it deconstructive I only stopped trying to make it formal. I allowed the form to evolve without any boundaries .and it caused it to have the irregular shape it does . but even so if I must chose between "function follows form "or "form follows function "I would say that this project is the latest . That being said I tried to allow beauty to emerge from its irregularity.

Preliminary design:

Ground floor plan





Second floor plan



South elevation

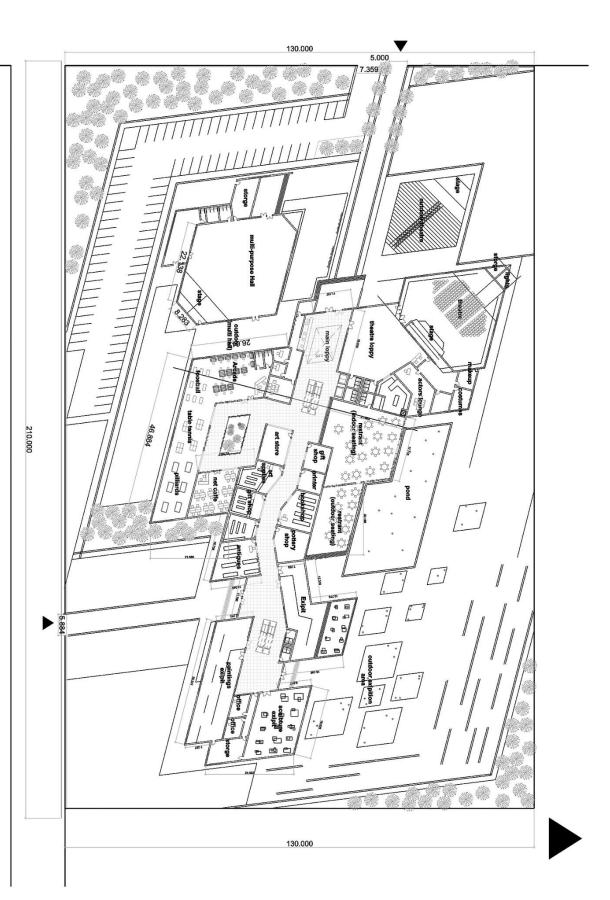
Design philosophy:

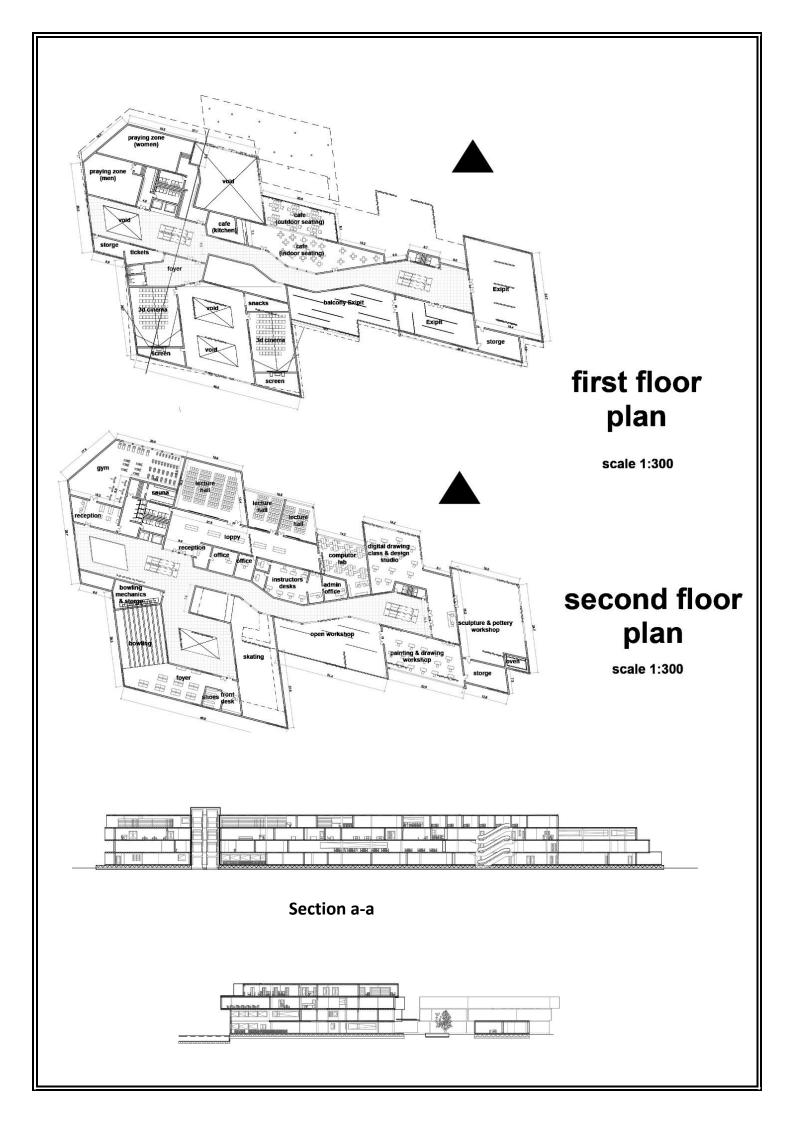
Originally the form was minimal simple and geometric with clean lines and without any irrelevant ornaments or embellishments . working with masses and voids choreographing their interaction Through basic geometric shapes . but also trying to create a dynamic look suited for the project's nature .

From the outside despite its cubic simple form the building would seem lively and aesthetically appealing . while the visitor would be surprised by the curvy interior and open spaces inside ,thus inviting the visitor to explore and interact with the building .wondering what else might I also discover .

I also tried to not restrict the relationship between the outside and inside by flooding the interior with daylight . creating green areas and trees that stretch through voids . and with a northern glass façade attempting to eliminate the line between what is made and what is natural

Evolved design:





Section b-b



South elevation



West elevation

Design philosophy:

The form changed dramatically from the preliminary design . but kept the same basic concepts . while the preliminary design was simple . here it became complex in response to solving the design problems that were present .

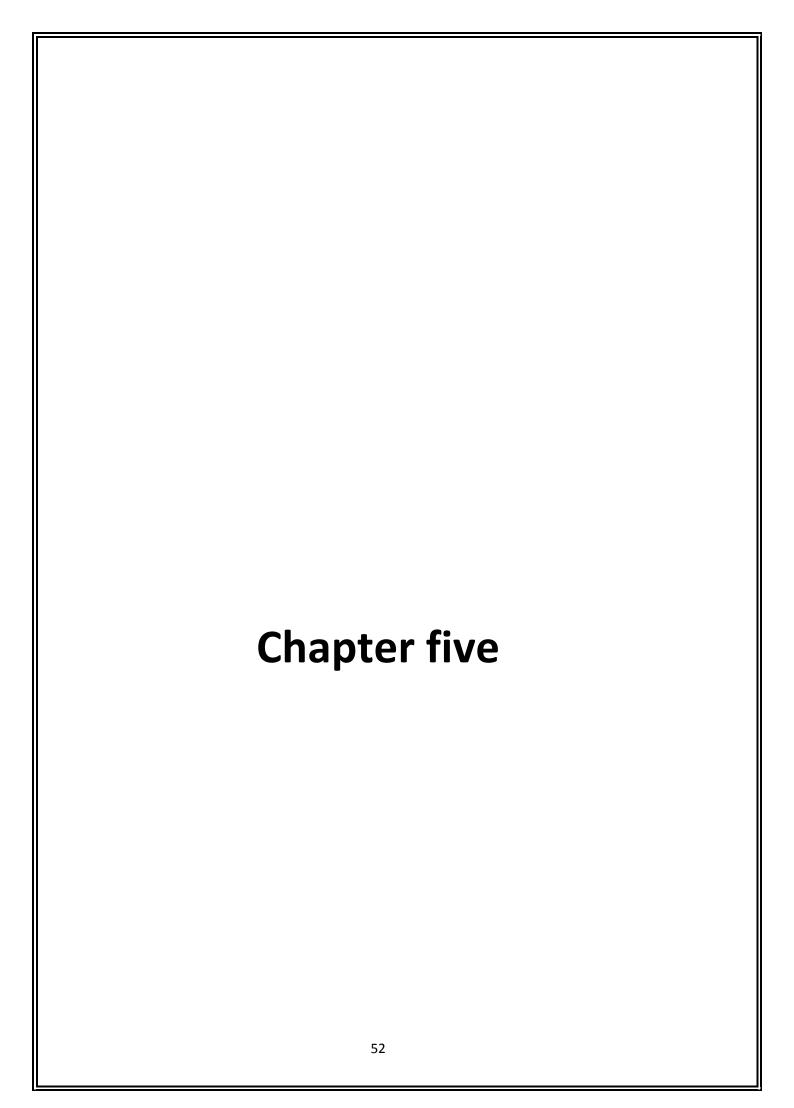
The main problem with the preliminary design was that the masses were too spread apart . and there was little –or no connection at all between them .

Here instead of treating the building like separate activities sharing the same site . I approached it as one building that has many activates .

The sup entrance created for the multi hall and theatre on the west also had a great influence on the form causing the corridors to bend and shape shift to not create a visual penetration through the building

The entertainment and game mass that was moves to the south also affected the site But it also eliminated the definition of the south entrance (which will be remedied in the final design)

For the elevation my philosophy was not to create an elevation per say but letting the elevation form itself from the difference of masses in floors . resulting in a dynamic but yet simple elevation .



Structural system:

structural system is open web joist because it helps with the shapes and long spans the project needs

this system has advantages

strength and hardness of steel

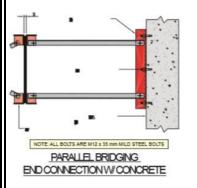
speed of execution

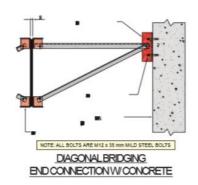
easier to handle especially in curving forms

steel columns with concrete base is used with meta

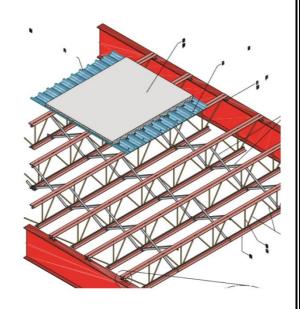
of the building and in some areas with concrete

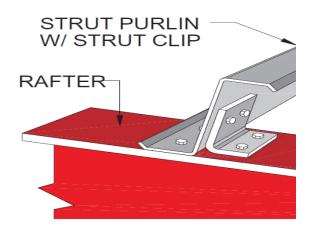
columns

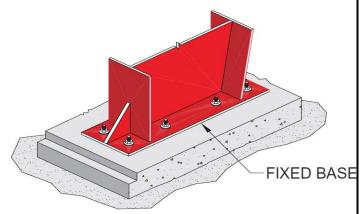


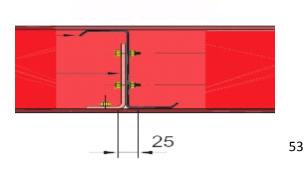


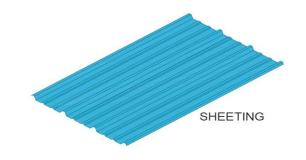
floor system open web joist

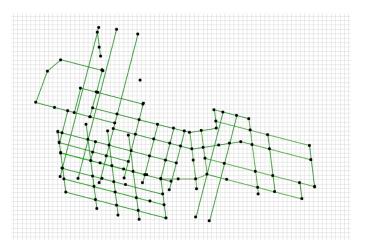








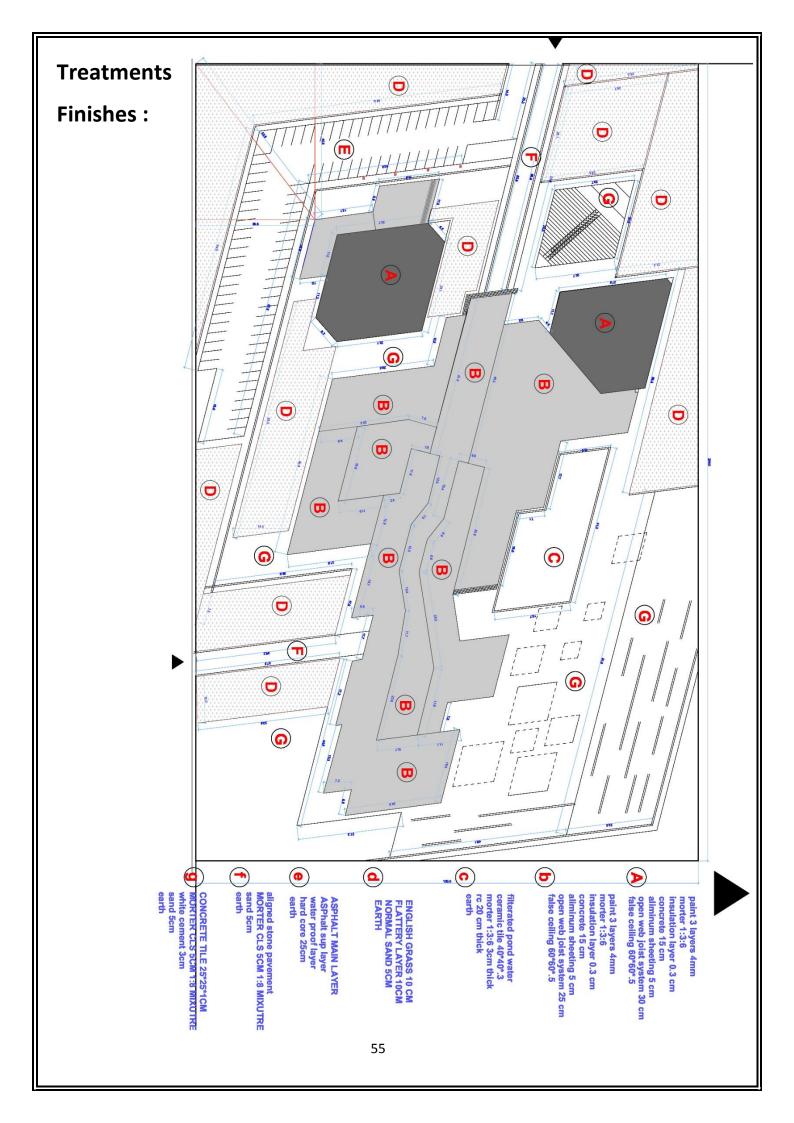




grid



Grid with plan

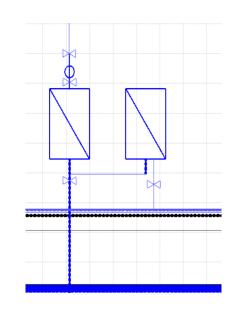


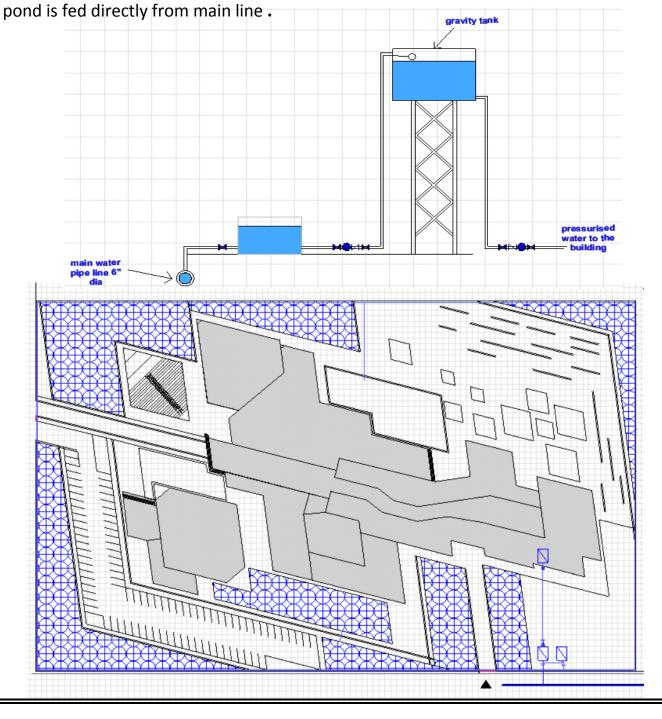
service

Water

water is supplied to the site from the puplic city water lines south of the site .

then water is stored on ground level tank and site irrigation tank and pumped from there to the gravity tank which supplies water to all different parts of the building or to the site itself (green areas irrigation)





Drain and sewage:

separate drain system

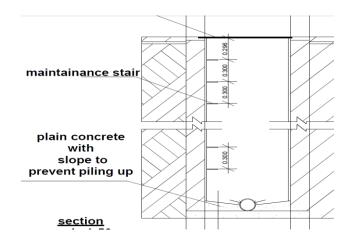
roof top is divided to sections no more than 15 m slightly tilted to ensure waterflow



down pipes with 4 inch diameteris distributed every 15 m max as shown on plan ending to sup trenches with slope 1:100collecting all of drain water from site to main trench and out of the site .

all green spaces as well as pond are fitted with over flow trench to collect water exceeding need taking it to main trench

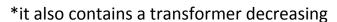
sewage



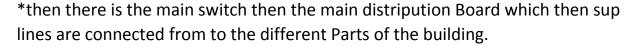
Electricity:

*From the main power room power lines are Connected to the different parts of the Project.

*the power room contains 3 backup Generator working together incase of Power Outage or emergency cases .

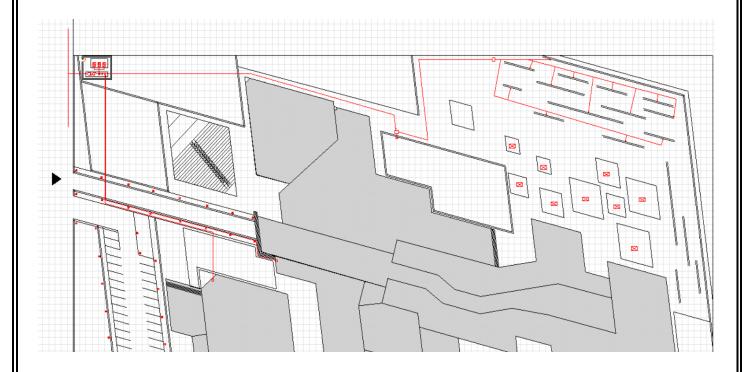


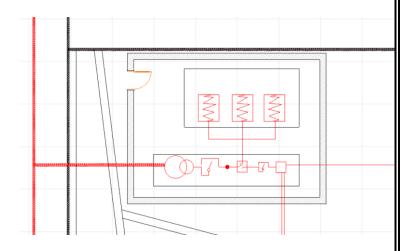
Power from 11 kelo volt to 415 volt



*There is also an electronic control panel
For The pond dancing fountains and
colored lights As well as an electronic
control panel for the Outdoor display
and graffiti area.

*light poles for the rest of the site is powered by sun light using separate solar panels for each pole .



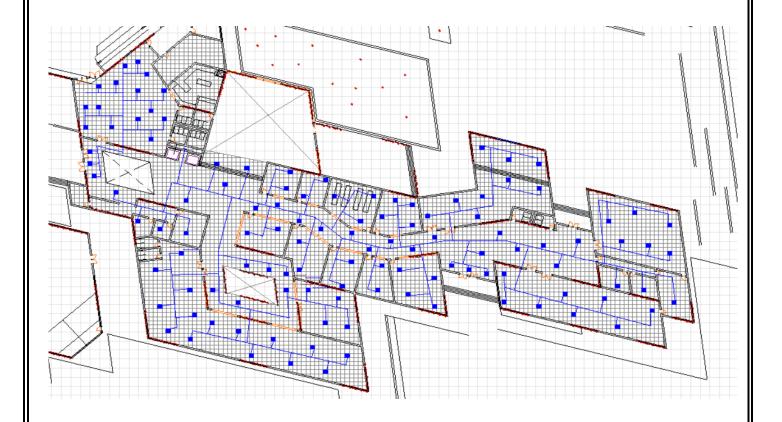


Air conditioning and fire system:

For AC System used is VRV air conditioning system (Variable Refrigerant Volume Air Conditioning)

It consists of two main parts

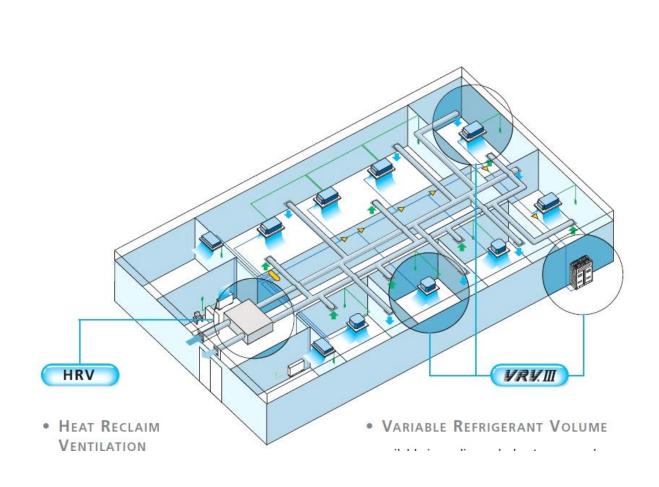
- *outdoor unit
- *(Cassetee)or in door unit

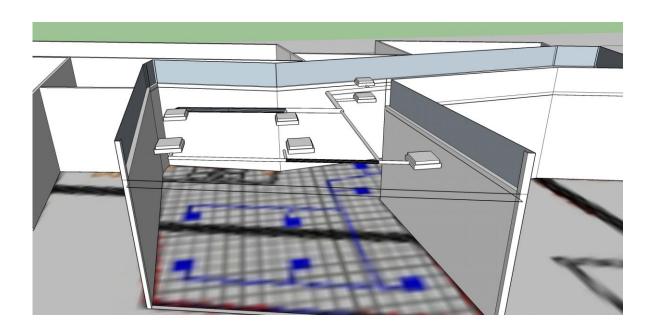




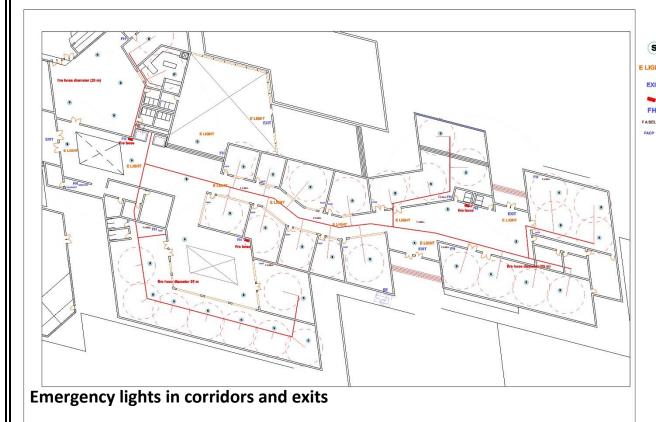
VRVIII System







Fire fighting:



3 fire hoses ,one inn each foyer

Fire hydrant in each space

Sprinkler system as shown on plan

Fire alarm as shown on plan

Fire alarms and smoke detectors control panel located

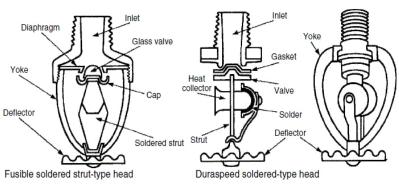
On the security offices

Smoke detectors were used because they suited the

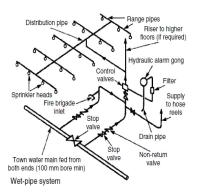
Nature of the project

every column is covered with insulation

coating.







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