

It is no great revelation to anybody with legal experience or dealing with buildings that thorough documentation is incredibly important, both from a historian's perspective (as it is this documentation which allows us to later analyse and study a building) but also from a legal standpoint, as disputes arise. Using the software even in my project context has illustrated for me the advantage of digital documentation and digital solutions to the issues we face in the heritage and building industries. Docu-tools, originally created to tackle precisely this issue of creating digital documentation that is legally as faultless and airtight as possible, and to help with construction and facility maintenance and management, also proved to be a key tool for building history research. The simplicity of the software interface made these advantages easily apparent, even when building documentation to produce legal records was not my aim in this instance. We are still only somewhat at the beginning of digital documentation, with a proportionately small number of solutions available so far, considering the implications of easy, thorough digital documentation. But in the digital revolution which is undoubtedly happening in this industry, as it is in others, docu-tools makes a strong contribution to the collection of other programmes available for building documentation and management.

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