

A man in a white shirt is looking at a tablet in an office setting. In the background, there are architectural models and other people. A blue overlay is on the left side of the image.

# Microsoft Surface for Architects

Transforming the design and  
construction administration workflow

# Architecture and Building Management Industry Landscape



## Rapid prototyping & design-to-build speed

The speed with which we move from project inception, design, construction, and building management is ever increasing.

## Cost Efficiency Pressure

A paper centric, travel intensive workflow forces careful budget management.

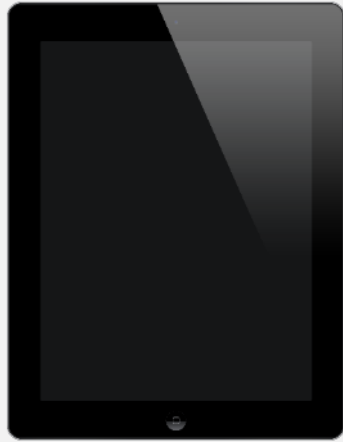
## Mobile Workforce

Associates and Principles alike are constantly in transition from client meetings, design reviews in the office, and construction administration for remote projects



# The Device Dilemma

I **want** a tablet



I **need** a PC



# Surface for Architects



Collaborative Design

With the Client

At the Job Site

# Collaborative Design

Powerful modeling and rendering tools in digital workflows

A mobile computing device small enough to carry, yet powerful enough to handle demanding tasks enables even greater workflow efficiencies

Use the programs you know and trust: Adobe's Creative Cloud, Autodesk's AutoCAD, Rhino, Dassault's Katia 3DS, and more



# With the Client

Surface Pro 3 seamlessly transitions from office to job site

Never lose access to project source files

Make changes directly with the client using mouse, keyboard, or pen input

All of the project files, sketches, schematics, and notes are at hand





# At the Job Site

Access to real-time information - full fidelity models and plans

Lightweight, portable with long battery life

No need for large format schematics in meetings & Construction Administration

Easy PDF document annotation with Surface Pen

HD Cameras for documentation



# Business Ready

## Durable



Durable casing, impact-resistant glass, and lightweight design help Surface stand up to the wear and tear of business. Optional click-in keyboards double as protective covers.

Surface uses Windows Defender to protect against malware and viruses. BitLocker technology, TPM, UEFI, and Secure Boot help keep your Surface Pro safe and secure.



## Secure

## Manage



Set [compliance policies](#) using device management tools like Windows Intune. Surface Pro supports System Center Configuration Manager (SCCM) and PXE Boot & MDM



# Tablet Meets Laptop

## Built-in Multi-Position Kickstand

– Flexibility to work comfortably, even on your laptop



**Touch and Type covers** – Double as keyboards for a more traditional typing experience

**Stylus and pen** – natural writing experience for note taking, drawing, or document revisions



**Docking Station, Display Ports and USB 3.0**  
– connect to the devices and files you need

<sup>1</sup>Covers sold separately. Colors vary by market.

<sup>2</sup>Adapter sold separately

# Programs & Apps You Know and Trust

Collaboration



Office 365



Lync

Yammer

Windows  
desktop apps



Touch  
business apps



# Customer Stories



SHoP Architects &  
SHoP Construction



# SHoP Architects & Construction

## Situation

SHoP Architects was founded in 1996, SHoP Construction was founded in 2007

Both companies work closely together, extending their knowledge base and capacity for construction management, BIM/VDC and building envelope consulting

## Challenge

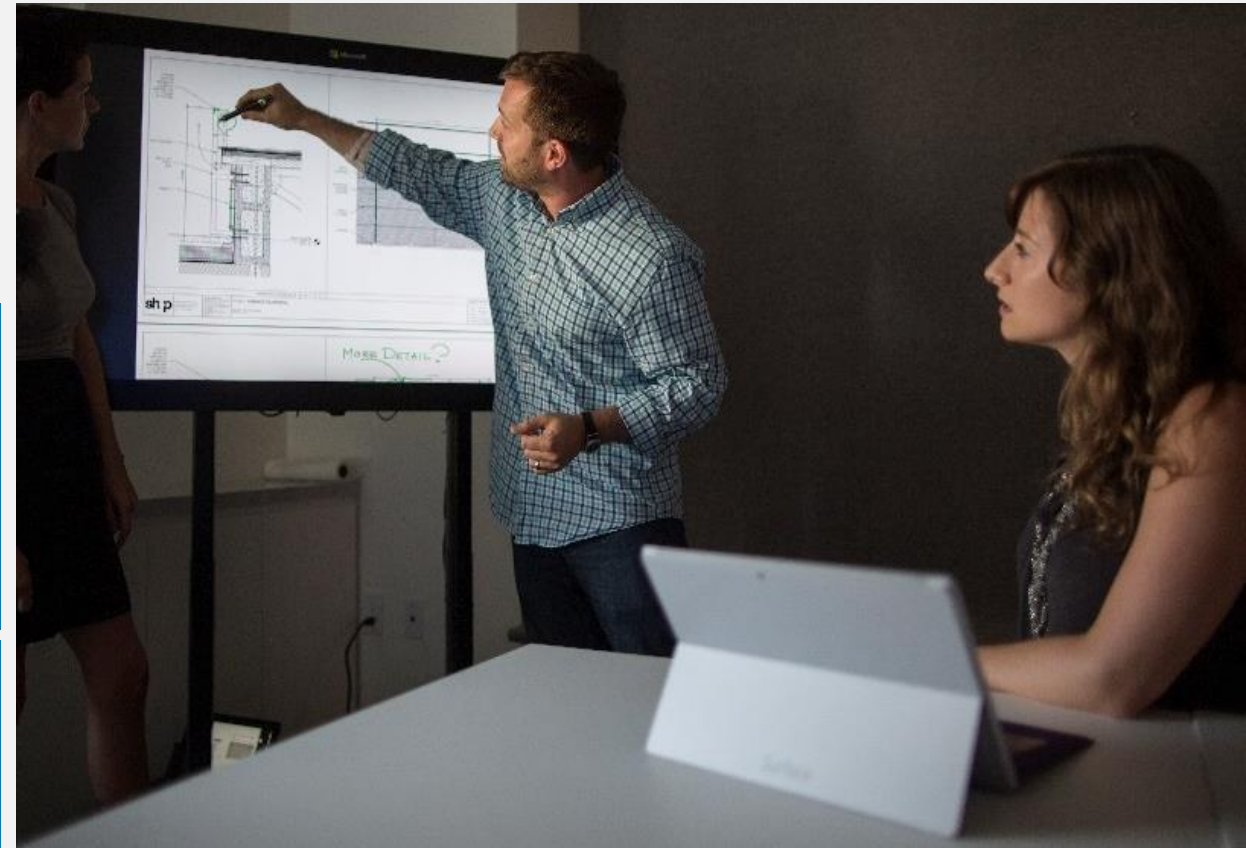
SHoP utilizes the same digital models from early design reviews to construction administration meetings

This process results in very complex digital models that encompass a lot of building, design, and infrastructure details

## Benefits

Combination of touch-screen, keyboard and mouse input, Surface performs seamlessly during advanced parametric modeling and scripting

AutoCAD drafting, on-site fabrication coordination, and construction coordination in the field



"I think the most important thing about technology is it's not about letting the tools control you for us what's amazing is that surface allows to really be more creative and more collaborative."

**Christopher Sharples, AIA**  
Principle - SHoP Architects



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# LTL Architects: Lewis.Tsurumaki.Lewis

## Situation

Lewis.Tsurumaki.Lewis is a design intensive architecture firm founded in 1997

LTL Architects is a leading firm with an understanding of DeafSPACE Principles

## Challenge

LTL Architect's workflow is grounded in collaborative design

Throughout the day sub-teams at the firm gather in the conference room to pour over plans and models to brainstorm, sketch, and problem solve together

## Benefits

Associates and Principal alike are able to seamlessly transition from the desk workstations, where Surface is docked to meetings in the conference room

The active stylus enables document annotation in Bluebeam Revue as well as markup of project plans and models



"Surface presents for architects a refined balance between agility and power. Surface meets—in a single, lightweight device—our mobile demands, while retaining the ability to engage complex programs and software demanded by the profession."

**David J. Lewis, AIA**  
Principle - LTL Architects

nARCHITECTS





# nARCHITECTS

## Situation

nARCHITECTS was founded in New York City by partners Eric Bunge and Mimi Hoang in 1999

The firm brings an open-ended approach to the design process based on clear diagrammatic thinking

nARCHITECTS is an office with 16 Associated and Principals that are constantly on the go

## Challenge

Visiting large scale construction sites requires 15+ pounds in paper meeting notes, sketches, plans, and schedules

Traveling from the home office to job sites across the United States results in lost productive time while not having access to the native files of the AutoCAD and Rhino models that are essential to projects

## Benefits

Surface Pro 2 and Surface Pro 3 has enabled nARCHITECTS to seamlessly transition from the office to the job site



"It's great to know that I now have AutoCAD and Rhino in my bag at all times - the Surface is light and thin enough to not really worry about whether I have it on me."

**Eric Bunge, AIA**  
Principle - nARCHITECTS



# Architecture & Urbanism: Only If



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## Situation

Only If is a New York-based design practice for architecture and urbanism

Founded in 2013 by former OMA associate, Adam Snow Frampton

Only If is currently focused on growing its client and project base

The practice is engaged in a range of projects, from the design of a single-family housing prototype to larger-scale urban planning and research

## Challenge

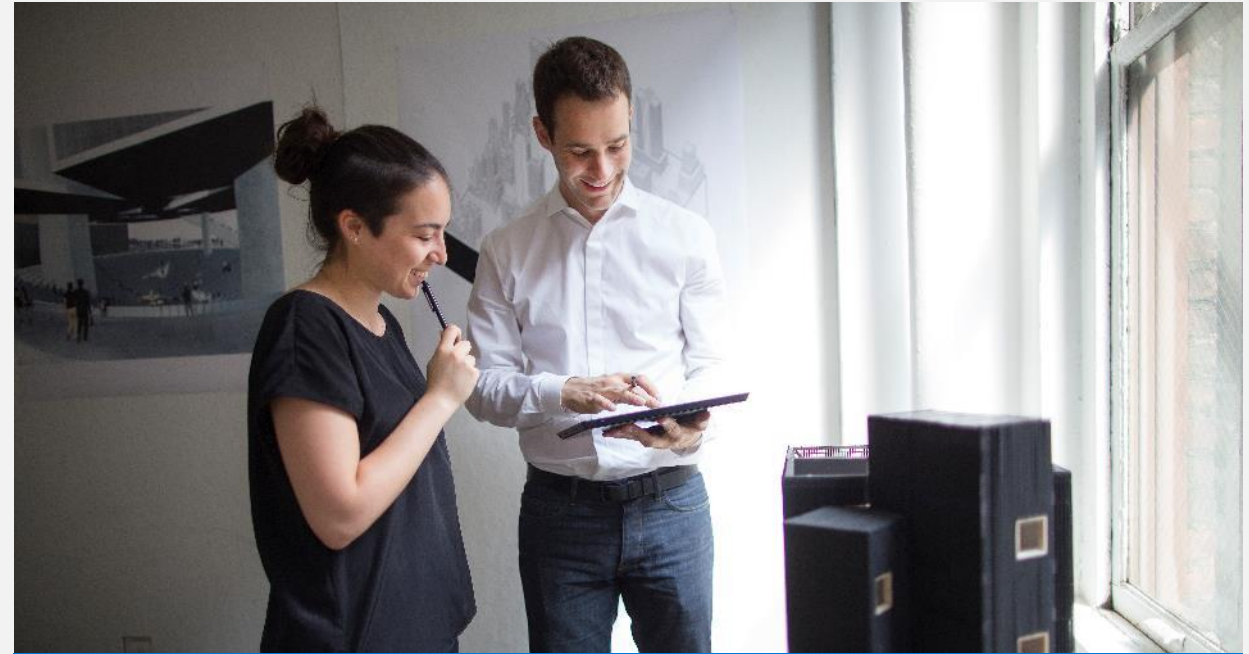
The key challenge of a new office demands flexibility and cost conscious choices

This is an environment in which a small team is simultaneously working on a variety of projects

## Benefits

Surface Pro enables the team to seamlessly transition from working at their workstation with an external display to field visits

The team uses AutoCAD and Rhino during site visits where they review native file models and annotate PDFs of floor plans and schematics



“The Surface has allowed us to incorporate sketching and hand-drawn annotations into the applications we normally run on desktop computers. This is not only more efficient, it allows us to integrate our analog and digital production, positively impacting the look and feel of our office’s work.”

**Adam Frampton, AIA**

Principle – Only If



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