

A TIME BEFORE



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Estimating History

MANUAL ESTIMATION (PRE-DIGITAL ERA)

Estimators relied on pen, paper, and calculators to manually measure quantities and calculate costs. This method was time-consuming and prone to errors.

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SPREADSHEET-BASED ESTIMATING (1980S-1990S)

The introduction of spreadsheet software, like Excel, allowed estimators to automate calculations and create templates for recurring tasks.

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DESKTOP ESTIMATING SOFTWARE (1990S-2000S)

Estimators began using desktop software tailored for construction, offering more specialised tools for cost estimation and take-offs.

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2D DIGITAL TAKE-OFF TOOLS (EARLY 2000S)

Digital take-off tools allowed estimators to measure directly from electronic blueprints, increasing accuracy and efficiency for 2D projects.

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3D BIM INTEGRATION (2010S)

The adoption of Building Information Modelling (BIM) allowed for 3D take-offs and more accurate quantity estimations by integrating design models with estimating software.

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WELCOME STERLING (2024)

Integrated SaaS based Cost & Carbon Estimating, Take-off, Package Management, Finalisation and Life Cycle designed for the modern estimating requirements

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