



My Internship with CDM Smith



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Introduction:

Last summer, I worked as an intern for CDM Smith, an Engineering Design and Construction Firm based in Boston, MA. There, I worked on variety of projects, focused mainly on designing HVAC plans for both new buildings and renovation. On any given day I could work on up to 3 or 4 different projects, and whenever I'm all finished, there's usually another project I can get my hands on. This way, I was able to learn a lot about the area of work CDM Smith is involved in.

Activities: I learned many technical skills at CDM Smith:

- Deciphering HVAC, Plumbing, and Fire Protection plans
- Modeling rooms with Carrier HAP
- Quality Control (RYG) on ongoing designs
- Reviewing Shop Drawings
- Crafting Specification Sheets



My Office Building Main Entrance

Example HAP Project Layout

Space	Floor Area
<New default Space>	
D101 - Typical Classroom	907.5
D104 - Classroom	907.5
D106 - Classroom	907.5
D107 - Classroom	907.5
D108 - Music Room	1781.0
D109 - Practice Room	65.0
D110 - Storage	120.0
D111 - Office	174.0
D113 - West Corridor	1054.0
D114 - South Corridor	920.0

Image from HAP (Hourly Analysis Program) Quick Reference Guide [http://www.energoplus.si/uploads/9/0/0/6/90062089/e20s-hap50_manual.pdf]

Personal Impact and Growth:

More than just technical skills, interning for CDM Smith introduced me to what professional engineering looks like after college. Going from having classes 3 to 4 hours a day to working a 40-hour week was a big change for me, and the hour and a half commute into the city meant waking up early every day, which I was not used to. However, I learned to love it, and the experience I got gave me a better perspective on what my future looks like as a mechanical engineer.

Example Reflected Ceiling Plan (HVAC)

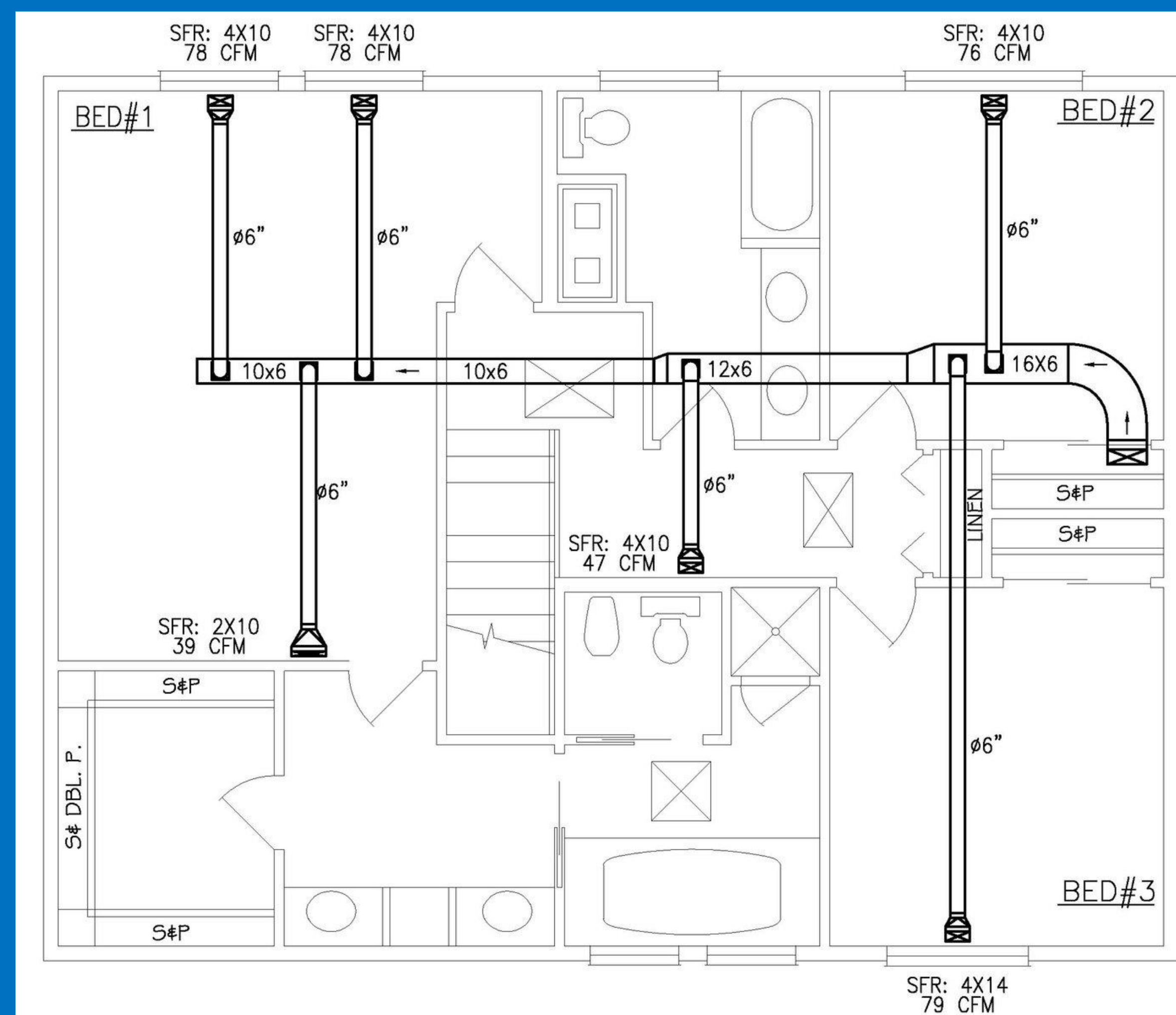


Image from SkillCat

[https://www.skillcatapp.com/post/a-complete-guide-to-hvac-drawings-and-blueprints]

Future Work:

- There is a constant flow of work coming in and out of CDM Smith, are more buildings will continue to be designed and constructed by the engineers at CDM Smith.
- I am pleased to say that I will be continuing my internship with CDM Smith next year, where I plan to continue learning all there is to what it means to be a Mechanical Engineer in the workforce.

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