Drawing is the language of Engineers and Architects. Building Planning and Drawing is the foundation subject for Civil Engineering students. In this *Eighth Revised Edition* each topic of the text-book has been arranged in such a way that reader is empowered with an in-depth knowledge in the subject of Building Planning and Drawing.

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