

Computer-Aided Design of a Flat Floor Timber Formwork

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Abstract

The traditional method of design which involves manual calculations is energy wasting, time consuming and not error free. A user friendly computer aided design program coded in VISUAL Basic language for the design of flat floor formwork is presented which will minimize some of these limitations and curb the complexities encountered in the manual design of formwork. There is no significant difference between the results obtained from manual design and that obtained from the computer program. The use of this program will lead to maximum functionality and productivity level of the construction industry.

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1. Introduction

Formwork is the term given to either temporary or permanent moulds into which concrete elements or similar materials are poured. It serves as a mould to produce concrete elements having a desired size and configuration [1]. It is a structure built to support and confine concrete until it hardens. It is usually erected for this purpose and then removed after the element has cured to satisfactory strength. In some cases, the forms may be left in the place to become part of the permanent structure.

Various materials can be used as forms but timber is the most common material because of its availability. Traditional timber formwork is easy to produce and erect but time consuming for larger structures. It is the most flexible type of formwork and is required for practically all jobs of formwork. Timber forms are economical for small construction jobs. They have good thermal insulation which makes them useful to be used in colder regions. They can easily be made into any shape or size.

Several factors are put into consideration in the design of forms in order to avoid structural failures and achieve a balance of certain requirements such as containment, strength, resistance to leakage, accuracy, ease of handling, finish and reuse potential, access for concrete and economy. A rational approach to formwork design based on simplified assumptions and approximate beam formulas is sufficiently adequate when designing formwork

subjected to light loads [2]. A detailed structural design may be required for extremely heavy loading or where there is unusual danger to life or property. A simplified approach for the rational design of formwork members is usually justified [3].

The traditional method of design which involves manual calculations is energy wasting, time consuming and not error free. A computer aided design program is proposed which will minimize some of these limitations and curb the complexities encountered in the manual design of formwork. A modeling approach is also proposed by Christian [4]. This will lead to maximum functionality and productivity level of the construction industry. This work presents a user friendly program coded in VISUAL Basic language for the design of flat floor formwork. The program capabilities are illustrated by means of a case study.

2. Methodology

A typical example of the design of forms needed to support a flat floor (using conventional construction framing members and shoring) is presented. A manual design approach was adopted and a computer program was written based on the step by step description of how the problem was solved. The developed program is appended.

2.1 Manual Calculations

Design Data

Floor thickness = 150mm
Bay dimension = 4m x 4m
Live load = 25KN/m²

Sheathing

Allowable stress, $f = 8.5\text{N/mm}^2$
Horizontal shear, $H = 1.25\text{N/mm}^2$
Modulus of Elasticity, $E = 10,500\text{N/mm}^2$
Unit weight of concrete = 24Kn/m^3

Joists

Use 50 x 100mm lumber
 $H = 1.25\text{N/mm}^2$
 $F = 10\text{N/mm}^2$
 $E = 11,000\text{N/mm}^2$

Stringers

Use 50 x 150mm lumber

All other data are as given in joist above

Design Load

$$\text{Characteristic dead load} = 150/1000 \times 24 = 3.6\text{KN/m}^2$$

$$\text{Design load} = \text{dead load} + \text{live load} \\ = 3.6 + 2.5 = 28.6\text{KN/m}^2$$

Sheathing design

Thickness of sheathing = 25mm (Nominal size)

Actual size, $h = \frac{3}{4} \times \text{Nominal size} = 18.75\text{mm}$

(using $b = 1000\text{mm}$)

$$\text{Section modulus, } Z = bh^2/6 \tag{1}$$

$$= 1000 \times 18.75^2/6 = 5.86 \times 10^4 \text{mm}^3$$

$$\text{Second moment of inertia, } I = bh^3/12 \tag{2}$$

$$= 1000 \times 18.75^3/12 = 5.49 \times 10^5 \text{mm}^4$$

Check for bending

$$L = 3.16 \times \sqrt{fz/w} \tag{3}$$

$$= 3.16 \times \sqrt{8.5 \times 5.85 \times 10^4/28.6} = 417.03\text{mm}$$

Check for shear

$$L = Hbh/0.9w \tag{4}$$

$$= 1.25 \times 1000 \times 18.75/0.9 \times 28.6 = 910.55\text{mm}$$

Check for deflection

$$L = 0.74 \times \sqrt[3]{EI/w} \tag{5}$$

$$= 0.74 \times \sqrt[3]{10500 \times 5.49 \times 10^5/28.6} = 433.87\text{mm}$$

Bending hereby governs the check.

Therefore provide and select span reinforcement @ 410mm spacing (which is less than the minimum L values)

Spaces = longest bay dimension/ provided span length = 4000/410 = 9.76 ≈ 10 spaces

No. of Joists = spaces + 1 = 10 + 1 = 11 Joists

Therefore provide 11 joists @ 410mm spacing

Joist Design

Joist dimensions are as follows:

$$h = 50\text{mm, } b = 100\text{mm}$$

$$\text{Section modulus, } Z = bh^2/6 = 1000 \times 50^2/6 = 4.17 \times 10^4 \text{mm}^3$$

$$\text{Second moment of inertia, } I = bh^3/12 = 100 \times 50^3/12 = 1.04 \times 10^6 \text{mm}^4$$

Equivalent uniform load on each joist = provided span length * design load/1000

$$= 410 \times 28.6/1000 = 11.73\text{KN/m}^2$$

Using Eqs (3), (4) and (5), the following checks were made for bending, shear and deflection respectively for the joists.

Check for bending

$$L = 3.16 \times \sqrt{fz/w} = 3.16 \times \sqrt{10 \times 4.17 \times 10^4/11.73} = 595.81\text{mm}$$

Check for shear

$$L = Hbh/0.9w = 1.25 \times 100 \times 50/0.9 \times 11.73 = 592.02\text{mm}$$

Check for deflection

$$L = 0.74 \times \sqrt[3]{EI/w} = 0.74 \times \sqrt[3]{11000 \times 1.04 \times 10^6/11.73} = 733.85\text{mm}$$

Shear governs the check.

Therefore provide and select span reinforcement @ 580mm spacing

Spaces = longest bay dimension/ provided span length = 4000/580 = 6.9 ≈ 7 spaces

No. of Joists = spaces + 1 = 7 + 1 = 8 stringers

Therefore provide 8 stringers @ 580mm spacing.

Stringer design

Stringer dimensions are as follows:

$h = 50\text{mm}, b = 150\text{mm}$

Section modulus, $Z = bh^2/6 = 150 * 50^2/6 = 6.25 \times 10^4 \text{mm}^3$

Second moment of inertia, $I = bh^3/12 = 15 * 50^3/12 = 1.56 \times 10^6 \text{mm}^4$

Equivalent uniform load on each joist = provided span length * design load/1000

$$= 580 * 28.6/1000 = 16.59 \text{KN/m}^2$$

Using Eqs (3), (4) and (5), the following checks were made for bending, shear and deflection respectively for the stringer.

Check for bending

$$L = 3.16 * \sqrt{f_z/w} = 3.16 * \sqrt{10 * 6.25 * 10^4 / 16.59} = 613.34 \text{mm}$$

Check for shear

$$L = Hbh/0.9w = 1.25 * 150 * 50/0.9 * 16.59 = 627.89 \text{mm}$$

Check for deflection

$$L = 0.74 * \sqrt[3]{EI/w} = 0.74 * \sqrt[3]{11000 * 1.56 * 10^6 / 16.59} = 748.38 \text{mm}$$

Bending governs the check.

Therefore provide and select span reinforcement @ 600mm spacing

Spaces = longest bay dimension/ provided span length = 4000/600 = 6.67 ≈ 7 spaces

No. of shores = spaces + 1 = 7 + 1 = 8 stringers

Therefore provide 8 stringers @ 600mm spacing.

2.2 Program Development

The basic steps involved in developing the program include writing algorithm, declaring and using variables and using data types.

The algorithm, which is a step-by-step description of how the problem was going to be solved, was first written. The variables were declared and used. When the variable is first declared, it is given a null value until a value has been assigned. When a variable is declared as 'dim' style, it tells the computer that the variable is meant just for the class in which it was declared but when a variable is declared with the 'public' style, it tells the program that the variable can be accessed from any class within the program [5]. With the use of variables, the data types that should be stored in them were also specified. When the variable is expected to hold a whole number, it was declared as an 'integer' but if expected to hold a decimal number it was declared as 'double'. Where the variable is expected to hold a sequence of characters or text, it was declared as 'string'.

Different forms were added to the program. Form 1 for the design of sheathing, form 2 for the design of joists, form 3 for the design of stringers and another form for the result sheet.

3. Results And Discussion

The summary of the results from the manual design computations and computer program outputs are presented on Table 1.

Table 1: Comparison of results obtained from manual and computer computations

	MANUAL DESIGN	COMPUTER DESIGN	PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE
SHEATING DESIGN			
Section modulus, Z (mm ³)	5.86 * 10 ⁴	58,593.75	0.012
Second moment of inertia, I (mm ⁴)	5.49 * 10 ⁵	549,316.41	0.057
Design load, w (KN/m ²)	28.6	28.6	0
Spacing for bending (mm)	417.03	417	0.007
Spacing for shear (mm)	910.55	910.55	0
Spacing for deflection (mm)	433.87	433.96	0.021
No of joists	11	11	0
Spacing of joists (mm)	410	410	0

JOIST DESIGN			
Section modulus, Z (mm ³)	4.17 * 10 ⁴	41,666.67	0.080
Second moment of inertia, I (mm ⁴)	1.04 * 10 ⁶	1,041,666.67	0.160
Design load, w (KN/m ²)	11.73	11.726	0.034
Spacing for bending (mm)	595.81	595.67	0.024
Spacing for shear (mm)	592.02	592.23	0.035
Spacing for deflection (mm)	733.85	734.33	0.065
No of stringers	8	8	0
Spacing of stringers (mm)	580	580	0
STRINGER DESIGN			
Section modulus, Z (mm ³)	6.25 * 10 ⁴	62500	0
Second moment of inertia, I (mm ⁴)	1.56 * 10 ⁶	1,562,500	0.160
Design load, w (KN/m ²)	16.59	16.99	0.4
Spacing for bending (mm)	613.34	613.34	0
Spacing for shear (mm)	627.89	627.89	0
Spacing for deflection (mm)	748.38	748.78	0.053
No of shores	8	8	0
Spacing of shores (mm)	600	600	0

A comparison of results was made. As can be observed from the table, there is no significant difference between the results obtained from manual design and that obtained from the computer program. The percentage difference ranges from 0 to 0.065 which is very insignificant.

4. Conclusion

A computer program for the design of timber formwork to support a flat floor has been developed using visual basic language. There is no significant difference between the results obtained from manual design and that obtained from the computer program. The program is user friendly, easy and inexpensive to use and yields quick and accurate results. It also limits the stress and errors which might be encountered in the manual design leading to maximum functionality. This leads to increased productivity level of the construction industry

Appendix

Public Class Form1

```
Dim breath As Double = 1000
Dim liveload As Double
Dim slabThickness As Double
Dim bending As Double = 1000
Dim shear As Double
Dim deflection As Double
Public norminalSize As Double
Public lumberSection As Double
Public moment of inertia As Double
Public sectionModulus As Double
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```
Public deadload As Double
Public designload As Double
Public allowableStress As Double
Public horizontalShear As Double
Public modulus ofElasticity As Double
Public lowest As String
Public s As Double
Dim noOfJoists As Double
Dim spaces As Double
Dim longerSpan As Double
Dim shorterSpan As Double
Dim spacing As Double
```

```
Private Sub Form1_Load(ByVal sender As
System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles MyBase.Load
Panel2.Visible = False
Button2.Visible = false
Breath = 1000
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub Button1_Click(ByVal sender As
System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles Button1.Click
sheatingThickness = Val(tsheating.Text)
liveload = Val (lload.Text)
slabThickness = Val(sthickness.Text)
allowableStress = Val(tastress.Text)
horizontal Shear = Val(hshear.Text)
modulusOfElasticity = Val(melastcity.Text)
longerSpan = Val(lspan.Text)
shorterSpan = Val(sspan.Text)
norminalSize = (0.75 * sheatingThickness)
lumberSection = (breath * norminalSize)
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momentOfInertia = Math.Round (( breadth *
(Math.Pow(norminalSize, 3))) / 12), 2)
sectionModulus = (( breadth *
(Math.Pow(norminalSize, 2))) / 6)
sectionModulus =math.Round
(sectionModulus, 2)
deadLoad = ((slabThickness / 1000) * 24)
designLoad = Math.Round ((liveLoad +
deadLoad) , 2)
Form2.designLoads = designLoad
Form3.designLoads = designLoad
bending = Math.Round ((3.16 *
(Math.Sqrt((allowableStress *
sectionModulus) / (designload))), 2)
shear = Math.Round((horizontalShear *
breath * norminalSize) / (0.9 * designLoad), 2)
deflection = Math.Round((0.74 *
(Math.Pow((modulusOfElasticity *
momentOfInertia)
/ (designLoad). (1 / 3))), 2)

If bending < shear And bending < deflection
Then
    Lowest = "Bending"
    s = Math.Floor (bending)
    ElseIf shear < bending And shear <
deflection Then
        Lowest = "Shear"
        s = Math.Floor (shear)
        ElseIf deflection < shear And deflection <
bending Then
            Lowest = "Deflection"
            s = math.Floor (deflection)
        End If
        Dim t As Integer = Math.Round (s / 10) * 10
        t = (t -10)
        'Form2.Lprovided = t
        Spacing = t
        Spaces = longerSpan / s
        Spaces = math.Ceiling (spaces)
        noOfJoists = spaces + 1

populateResult ()
End Sub

Public Sub populateResult()
Result.Visible = True
Panel2.Visible = True
Panel1.Visible = False
Button2.Visible = True
result.Text = "SECTION MODULUD = "
& sectionModulus & "mm3 " & vbCrLf & vbCrLf
result.Text = result.Text + "DESIGN
LOAD = " & designLoad & " KN/m2 " & vbCrLf
& vbCrLf

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result.Text = result.Text + "BENDING = "
& bending & " mm " & vbCrLf & vbCrLf
result.Text = result.Text + "SHEAR = " &
shear & " mm " & vbCrLf & vbCrLf
result.Text = result.Text + "DEFLECTION
= " & deflection & " mm " & vbCrLf & vbCrLf
result.Text = result.Text + "PROVIDE= " &
noOfjoists & " JOISTS AT " & spacing " mm
SPACING"

```

```

Form5.noOfjoists = noOfJoists
Form5.joistspacing = spacing
Form5.designLoad = designLoad
End Sub

```

```

Private Sub Panel1_Paint(ByVal sender As
System.Object, ByVal e As
System.Windows.Forms.PaintEventArgs)
Handles Panel1.Paint
End Sub

```

```

Private Sub Panel2_Paint(ByVal sender As
System.Object, ByVal e As
System.Windows.Forms.PaintEventArgs)
End Sub

```

```

Private Sub Button2Click(ByVal sender As
System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles Button2.Click
Form2.Show()
End Sub

```

```

Private Sub Panel2_Paint_1 (ByVal sender
As System.Object, ByVal e As
System.Windows.Forms.PaintEventArgs)
Handles Panel2.Paint
End Sub
End Class

```

```
Public Class Form2
```

```

Dim longerSpan As Double
Dim shorterSpan As Double
Public lprovided As Double
Public spaces As Double
Public noOfStringers As Double
Public designload As Double
Public result As String
Dim breath As Double
Dim heights As Double
Dim lumberSection As Double
Dim momentOfInertiaAs Double
Dim sectionModulus As Double
Dim JoistDesignLoad As Double

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```

Dim allowableStress As Double
Dim horizontalShear As Double
Dim melasticity As Double
Dim bending As Double
Dim shear As Double
Dim deflection As Double
Dim joistThickness As Double
Dim nominalSize As Double
Dim spacing As Double

Private Sub Form2_Load(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As System.EventArgs) Handles MyBase.Load
    Button2.Visible = false
End Sub
Private Sub Label11_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As System.EventArgs) Handles Label1.Click
End Sub
Private Sub Button1_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As System.EventArgs) Handles Button1.Click
    longerSpan = Val(lspan.Text)
    shorterSpan = Val(sspan.Text)
    allowableStress = Val(tastress.Text)
    melasticity = Val(melasticity.Text)
    horizontal Shear = Val(hshear.Text)
    heights = Val(hgt.Text)
    breadth = Val(bdth.Text)
    Lprovided = Val(lp.Text)

    lumberSection = (breadth * norminalSize)
    momentOfInertia = Math.Round (( breadth *
(Math.Pow(heights, 3))) / 12), 2)
    sectionModulus = Math.Round (( breadth *
(Math.Pow(heights, 2))) / 6), 2)
    joistdesignLoad = ((Lprovided / 1000) *
designLoads

    Dim u As Double
    U = (allowable Stress * sectionModulus) /
joistDesignLoad
    U = Math.Sqrt (u)

    shear = Math.Round((horizontalShear * breath *
heights) / (0.9 * joistDesignLoad)), 2)
    deflection = Math.Round((0.74 *
(Math.Pow((melasticity * momentOfInertia) /
joistDesignLoad). (1 / 3))), 2)
    bending = Math.Round ((3.16 *
(Math.Sqrt((allowableStress * sectionModulus) /
(designload))))), 2)

    Dim a As String
    Dim s As Double

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```

If bending < shear And bending < deflection
Then
    a = "Bending"
    s = bending

    ElseIf shear < bending And shear <
deflection Then
        a = "Shear"
        s = shear
    ElseIf deflection < shear And deflection <
bending Then
        a = "Deflection"
        s = deflection
    End If
    Dim t As Double
    t = Math.Round (s / 10) * 10
    t = (t - 10)
    'Form3.Lprovided = t
    spacing = t
    Spaces = longerSpan / t
    Spaces = math.Ceiling (spaces)
    noOfStringers = spaces + 1

    populateResult ()

End Sub
Public Sub populateResult()
    Button2.Visible = True
    results.Visible = True

    results.Text = "SECTION MODULUS= " &
sectionModulus & "mm3 " & vbCrLf & vbCrLf
    result.Text = result.Text + "MOMENT OF
INERTIA = " & momentOfInertia & " mm4 " &
vbCrLf & vbCrLf
    result.Text = result.Text + "DESIGN LOAD = " &
joistDesignLoad & " KN/mm2 " & vbCrLf &
vbCrLf
    result.Text = result.Text + "BENDING = " &
bending & " mm " & vbCrLf & vbCrLf
    result.Text = result.Text + "SHEAR = " & shear &
" mm " & vbCrLf & vbCrLf
    result.Text = result.Text + "DEFLECTION = " &
deflection & " mm " & vbCrLf & vbCrLf
    result.Text = result.Text + "PROVIDE " &
noOfStringers & " STRINGERS AT " & spacing "
mm SPACING"

    Form5.noOfStringers = noOfStringers
    Form5.stringerspacing = stringerspacing
End Sub
Private Sub Button2Click(ByVal sender As
System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles Button2.Click

```

```

Form3.Show()
End Sub
End Class

Public Class Form3

Public lprovided As Double
Dim spaces As Double
Dim bayLength As Double
Dim bayWidth As Double
Public noOfShores As Double
    Dim breadth As Double
    Dim heights As Double
    Dim lumberSection As Double
    Dim momentOfInertiaAs Double
    Dim sectionModulus As Double
    Dim sDesignLoad As Double
Public DesignLoads As Double
    Dim bending As Double
    Dim shear As Double
    Dim deflection As Double
    Dim norminalSize As Double
    Dim allowableStress As Double
    Dim horizontalShear As Double
    Dim modulusofElasticity As Double
    Dim stringerThickness As Double
    Dim spacingAs Double
    Dim spacing As Double

Private Sub Form3_Load(ByVal sender As
System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles MyBase.Load
End Sub

Private Sub Button1_Click(ByVal sender As
System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles Button1.Click

.....GET THE VALUES FROM THE
TEXTBOXES.....

    breadth = Val(bdth.Text)
    heights = Val (hgt.Text)
    bayLength = Val(lspan.Text)
    horizontal Shear = Val(hshear.Text)
    modulusOfElasticity = Val(melasticy.Text)
    allowableStress = Val(tastress.Text)
    'stringerThickness = Val(stck.Text)
    lprovided = Val (lp.Text)

.....CALCULATIONS.....

    norminalSize = (0.75 * sheatingThickness)

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lumberSection = (breath * normalSize)
momentOfInertia = Math.Round (( breadth *
(Math.Pow(heights 3))) / 12), 2)
sectionModulus = Math.Round ((( breadth *
(Math.Pow(heights, 2))) / 6, 2)
sDesignLoad = Math.Round ((lprovided /
1000 + designLoads) , 2)
bending = Math.Round ((3.16 *
(Math.Sqrt((allowableStress *
sectionModulus) / (sdesignload))), 2)
shear = Math.Round((horizontalShear *
breath * heights) /
(0.9 *sDesignLoad), 2)
deflection = Math.Round((0.74 *
(Math.Pow((modulusOfElasticity *
momentOfInertia)
/ (sDesignLoad). (1 / 3))), 2)

If bending < shear And bending < deflection
Then
    a = "Bending"
    b = Bending
    ElseIf shear < bending And shear <
deflection Then
        a = "Shear"
        b = Shear
    ElseIf deflection < shear And deflection <
bending Then
        a= "Deflection"
        a= Deflection
    End If
    b = Math.Round (b/10) * 10
    b = b - 10
    Spacing = b
    Spaces = bayLength / b
    Spaces = math.Ceiling (spaces)
    noOfShores = spaces + 1
    populateResult ()
End Sub

Public Sub populateResult()
Result.Visible = True
result.Text = "SECTION MODULUS = " &
sectionModulus & "mm3 " & vbCrLf & vbCrLf
result.Text = result.Text + "MOMENT OF
INERTIA = " & momentOfInertia & " mm4" &
vbCrLf & vbCrLf
result.Text = result.Text + "DESIGN LOAD = " &
sDesignLoad & " KN/mm2" & vbCrLf & vbCrLf
result.Text = result.Text + "BENDING = " &
bending & " mm " & vbCrLf & vbCrLf
result.Text = result.Text + "SHEAR = " & shear &
" mm " & vbCrLf & vbCrLf
result.Text = result.Text + "DEFLECTION = " &
deflection & " mm " & vbCrLf & vbCrLf

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result.Text = result.Text + "PROVIDE= " &
noOfShores & " SHORES AT " & spacing " mm
SPACING"
```

```
Form5.noOfShores = noOfShores
Form5.shoresSacing = spacing
showResult ()
End Sub
Private Sub lspan_TextChanged(ByVal
sender As System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles
lspan.TextChanged
End Sub
Private Sub showresult ()
Form5.Show ()
End Sub
End Class
```

```
Public Class Form5
```

```
Public noOfJoists As Double
Public JoistSpacing As Double
Public noOfStringers As Double
Public stringerSpacing As Double
Public noOfShores As Double
Public shoreSpacing As Double
Public designLoad As Double
```

```
Private Sub TextBox_3_TextChanged(ByVal sender
As System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles TextBox
3.TextChanged
End Sub
Private Sub TextBox_1_TextChanged(ByVal sender
As System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles TextBox
1.TextChanged
End Sub
Private Sub Form5_Load(ByVal sender As
System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles MyBase.Load
```

```
TextBox 1.Text = "DESIGN LOAD = " & vbCrLf
& vbCrLf
TextBox 1.Text = TextBox 1.Text + "DESIGN
LOAD = " & designLoad & " Kn/mm2
TextBox 2.Text = "STRINGER RESULT" = " &
vbCrLf & vbCrLf
TextBox 2.Text = TextBox 2.Text + "PROVIDE =
" & noOfStringers & " STRINGERS @ " &
stringerSpacing & " mm SPACING"
TextBox 4.Text = "SHORES RESULT" = " &
vbCrLf & vbCrLf
TextBox 4.Text = TextBox 4.Text + "PROVIDE =
" & noOfShores & " SHORES @ " &
shoreSpacing & " mm SPACING"
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```
TextBox 3.Text = "JOIST RESULT" = " &
vbCrLf & vbCrLf
TextBox 3.Text = TextBox 3.Text + "PROVIDE =
" & noOfJoists & " JOISTS @ " & joistSpacing &
" mm SPACING"
End Sub
Private Sub TextBox2_TextChanged(ByVal
sender As System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles TextBox
2.TextChanged
End Sub
Private Sub TextBox4_TextChanged(ByVal
sender As System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles TextBox
4.TextChanged
End Sub
Private Sub Button1Click(ByVal sender As
System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles Button1.Click
Form1.Close()
Form2.Close()
Form3.Close()
Form1.Show()
Me.Close()
```

```
End Sub
End Class
Public Class Form6
```

```
Private Sub Form6_Load(ByVal sender As
System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles MyBase.Load
Timer1.Enabled = True
Timer1.Interval = 10000
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub Timer1_Tick(ByVal sender As
System.Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles Timer1.Tick
Form1.Show()
Me.Close()
End Sub
End Class
```

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