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## Ryan homes studying software

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system, and helps homeowners to have the best mix in energy efficient systems," Crowley said.

Crowley has been evaluating the software package for about a month and said although Ryan Homes is not using it on any current projects, he has been using it to analyze alternatives for exterior walls and window management and said he is impressed with how it is able to help answer some of those questions.

Crowley did say that although the input end of the program is easily managed, customizing the output and the manipulation of data for specific needs is more sophisticated and does require some technical knowledge. He said the output guide is only seven pages long, and it would be helpful to the user if clear examples of how to manipulate the data were provided.

"I've come to appreciate the retrofit library files which can be modified, but you have to have some understanding of how to go in and alter the files. Once you can do that, there is flexibility," Crowley said.

Ahmed said a yearly energy calculation takes about 40 seconds, and after the calculation is complete the related data for the house, such as the name of the house, floor area, city where located, and various house components, yearly electric, gas, and other fuel bills is provided. According to Ahmed, a very complex economic analysis involving hundreds of energy saving items to be considered takes five to eight minutes for a 10-year analysis.