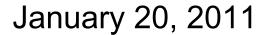
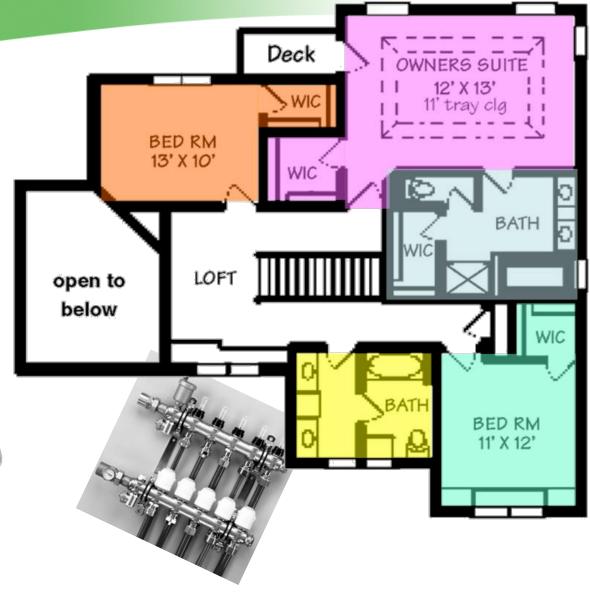
# Zoning and Water Temperature Control



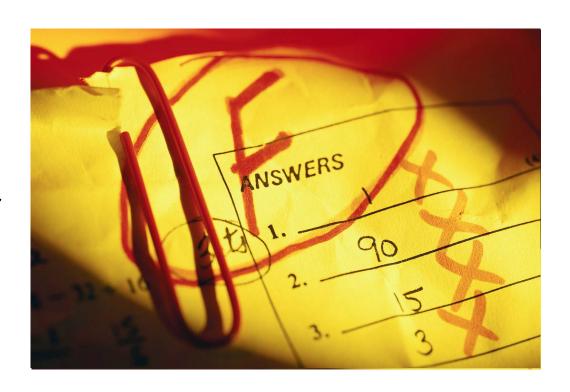






# **Industry Report Card**

- What is satisfaction rate for RFH?
  - 40% satisfied
  - 42% say not bad,
     but hoped for better
  - 18% unsatisfied or don't know
- What's our grade?





# **Common Complaints**

- Inconsistent room temps
- Some rooms too warm, some too cool
- "Goldilocks" Syndrome





## What Was Promised?

- Ultimate in comfort
- Total comfort in every room
- Ultimate in efficiency
- Premium system (premium price)





#### **What Was Delivered?**

- So-so comfort
- So-so performance (premium price)
- Did they get what they thought?
- Where did we go wrong?





#### So What Can We Do?

Understand human physiology

- 150,000 heat loss sensors

- 16,000 heat gain sensors

- Average home has how many zones?
- The average Mini-Van?





Solution?

- Design for people!
- Aggressive zoning
- Appropriate # of SW<sub>T</sub>'s
- Smart application of outdoor reset
  - Enhance comfort
  - Reduce fuel usage





# **How Many Zones?**

• 2556 SF, single floor







Manifolds in:
3 loop in
Mechanical Room
(Storage);
6 loop in Pantry;
3 loop in WIC



## **Zone "Conditions"**

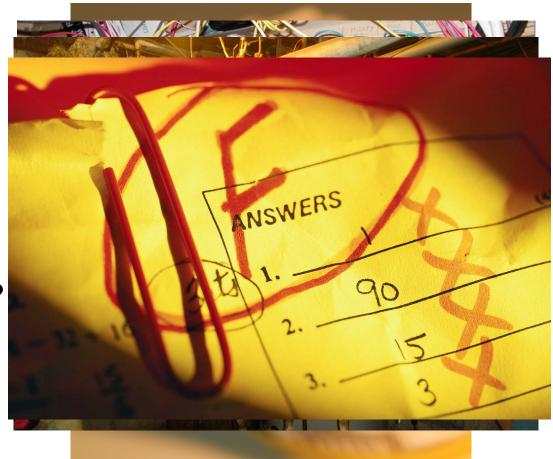
- Consistent use patterns
- Consistent floor R-values
- Consistent BTU/SF loads





## That's A LOT Of Zones!

- Too many?
- Too costly?
- Who the #@^&%
   is gonna wire the
   freakin' thing?
- Too much trouble?
- Remember...





## So How Do We Do It?

- Zone with circulators?
  - 9 circulators
  - Plus relays & manifolds
- Zone with zone valves
  - Fewer circulators
  - Still multiple manifolds





## **A Better Solution**

- Manifolds & actuators
  - Central manifold locations
  - Easy piping/wiring







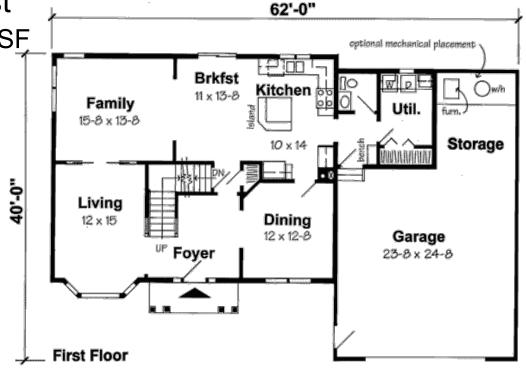
#### **A Practical Problem**

Family-Kitchen-B'fast

Tile/HW, 19-22 BTU/SF

 $-SW_{T}-135^{0}$ 

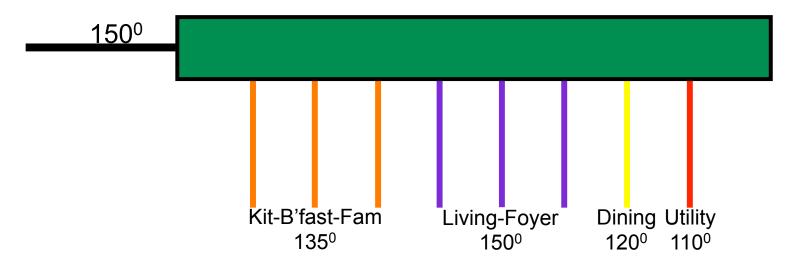
- Living-Foyer
  - Carpet, 26 BTU/SF
  - $-SW_{T}-150^{0}$
- Dining
  - HW, 16 BTU/SF
  - $-SW_T 120^0$
- Utility
  - Tile, 14 BTU/SF
  - $SW_T 110^0$





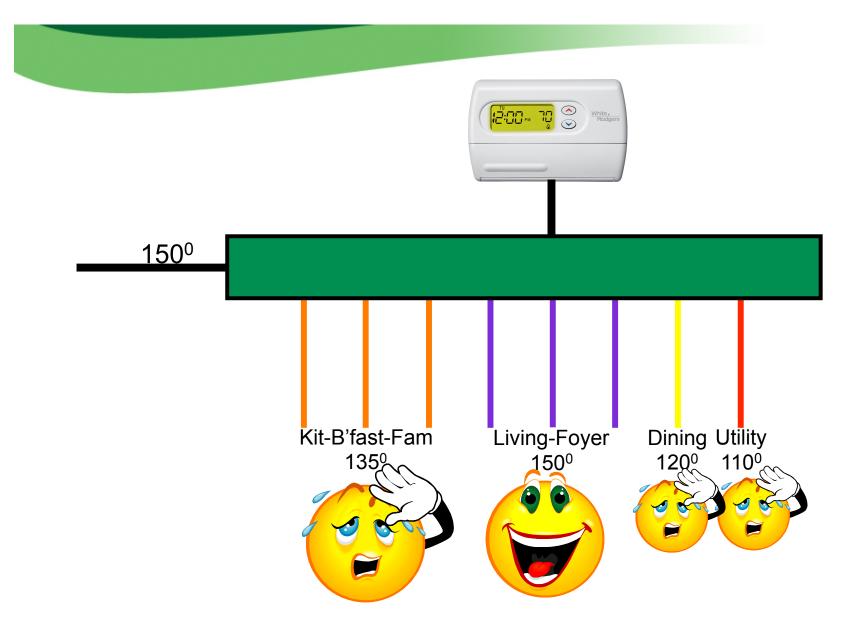
#### **A Practical Solution**

Single zone, 1 manifold

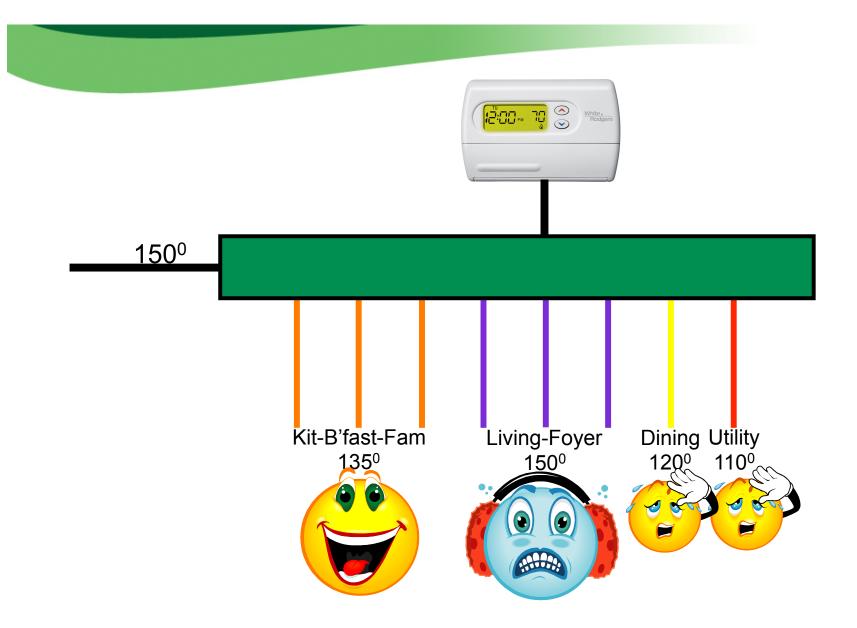


Where are you going to put the thermostat?

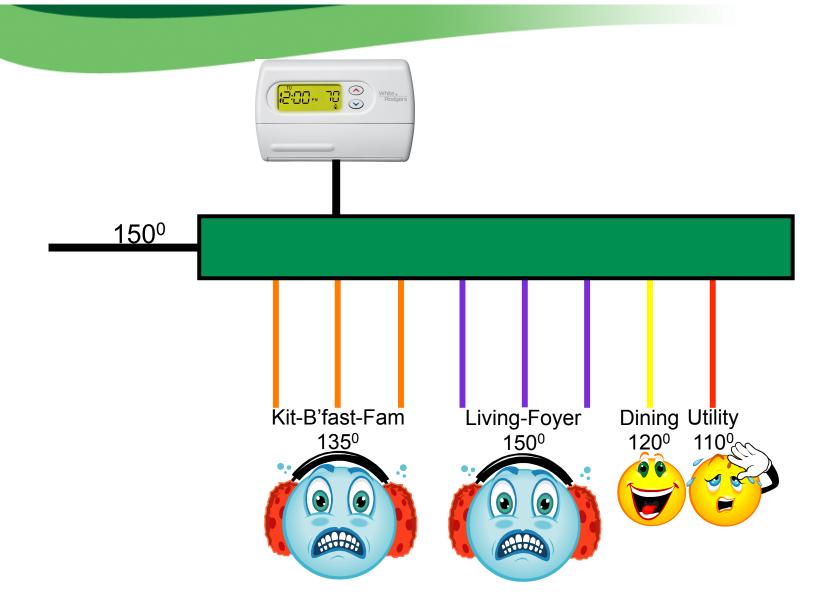














# The Result...



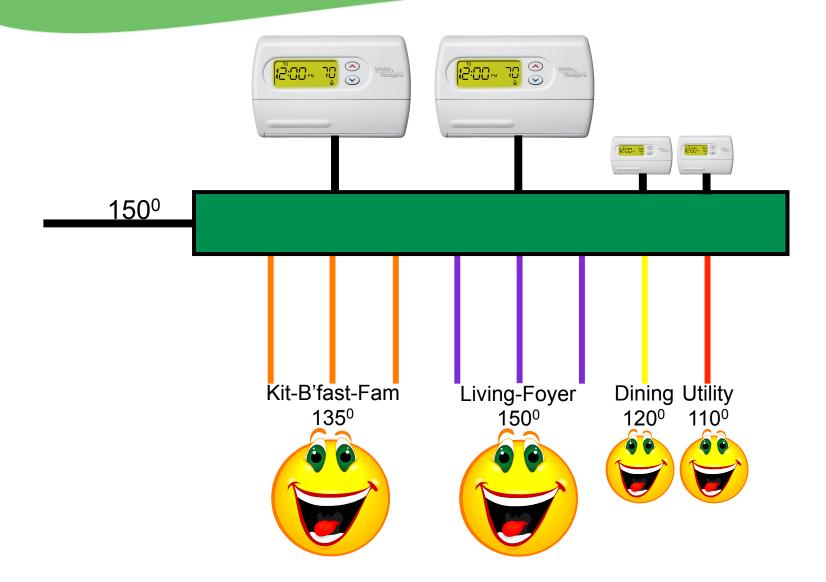


#### **How Do We Fix It?**

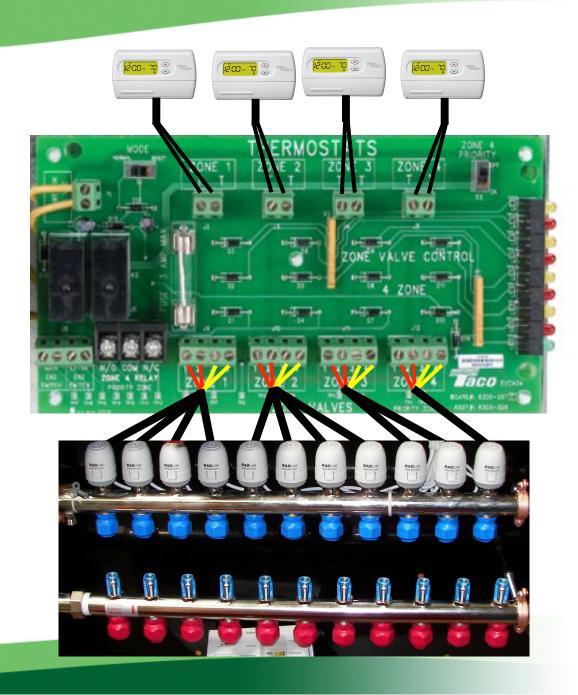
- Three or four tempering valves?
  - That'll work, but...
  - 3 or 4 manifolds, circulators, relays, piping, wiring, etc...
- Or...



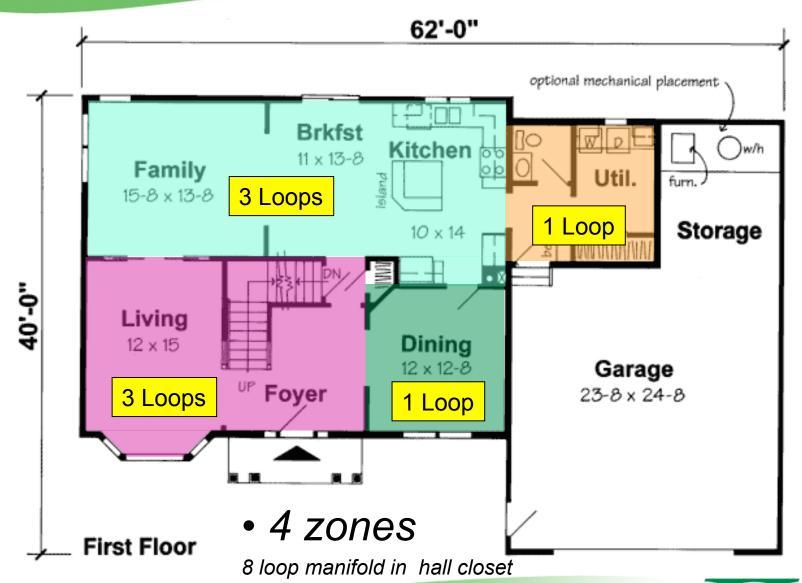














## Tale Of The Tape

One 8 loop manifold in hall closet

8 actuators, 4 zones

Manifold: 2.4 GPM @ 6'

Supply with ¾" copper

•  $60' \times 1.5 = 90'$ 

• 90' x .04 = 3.6' head 5

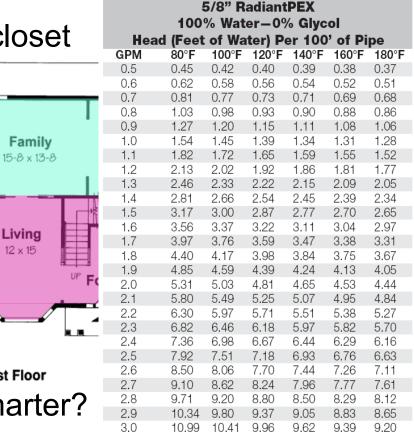
• 2.4 GPM @ 9.6' head

Or how about 5/8" PEX?

60' PEX = 3.6' head

2.4 GPM @ 9.6' head \_\_\_\_ First Floor

Same circulator, which is smarter?





#### **Wickid Smaht!**

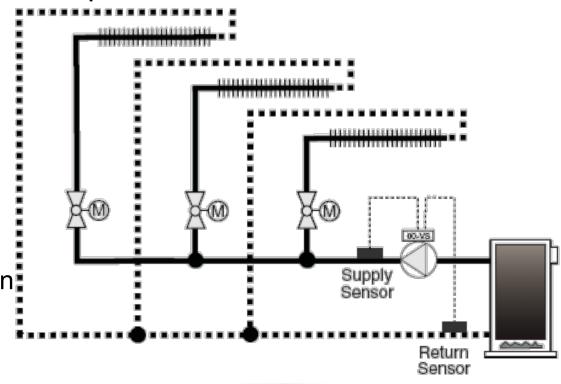
- Saves time, labor, \$\$\$
- Use up leftover PEX
- Uses same circulator (in this example!)
- Faster, less costly install
- Provide zone control needed
- Value-laden offering





#### Wickid Smahttah!

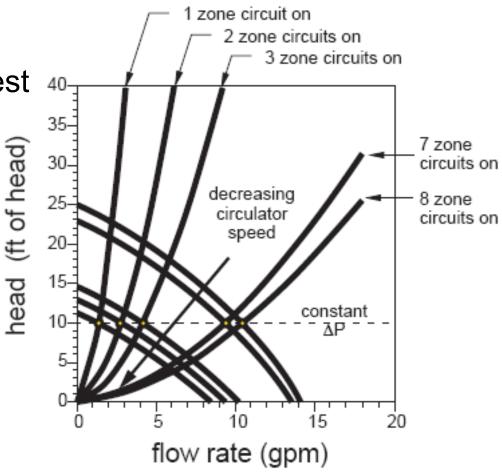
- Taco 00-VDT Variable Speed Circulator
- Varies speed to maintain Delta T
  - All zones calling full speed
  - As valves close slow down!
  - Reduces noise, smoother operation





#### **How Does It Work?**

- All zones calling lowest flow resistance
- As zones close, flow resistance increases
- System curve "backs up" pump curve
- Noisy traffic jam!
- 00-VDT is traffic cop!





#### **ESP**

- Can't I just "tweak" the flow?
- I like to make my own manifolds
- What if those things fail?
- They won't pay for it!





## The End Result...

Doing the job right





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