

Programme and Adjacency

Architecture

Turning a schedule of rooms into a plan, adjacency before geometry.

Relationships first, shapes second.

1

List every space

Name, area, how many people, and how public or private it is.

2

Score the pairs

Must touch, should be near, must be apart, must not overlook.

3

Draw the bubble diagram

Sizes to scale, lines for the must-touch pairs. No walls yet.

4

Add servant spaces

Cores, stores, plant and lavatories. Kahn: served and servant.

5

Only then draw walls

Fit the diagram to the site grid and the structure you can span.

Public to private is the strongest ordering device in most building types.
Sequence it deliberately.