With the invention of electric light and the subsequent industrial revolution at the beginning of the 20th century, a society has developed which could not have emerged without this innovation.

The transition from “conventional” electric light to digital LED technology is a paradigm shift that is taking place at a rapid pace. For engineers, this means adding new “quality features” apart from managing physical variables and known criteria such as contrast and glare. With the advent of Human Centric Lighting (HCL), aspects such as the colour temperature and intensity of the light combined with illuminated material and human perception play a new role. In addition to the visual impact and power efficiency, it is now about optimizing the biological and emotional impact of light on human beings.

The focus is on the recipient and its specific requirements. This guide aims to provide guidance and instructions for architects and designers who are facing new challenges. It has been prepared to provide a tool for interested designers and architects to implement HCL. The guide illustrates what the term Human Centric Lighting covers. Practical examples show how users can develop HCL concepts for different room scenarios and uses such as industry, school, office and in private residences. The guide further covers the requirements of a modern society with flexible working days, shift work or early start of school days.

Light is more than a medium that enables us to see: Light determines our mood and sleep rhythm – it stimulates us and calms us down. It is essentially responsible for the acceptance of our spatial surroundings. More and more consumers and customers become aware of the importance of modern lighting. A market research conducted by the international consulting firm A.T. Kearney forecasts that Human Centric Lighting will gain a non-negligible influence on the lighting market in the medium term. The demand is steadily growing. Architects and engineers need to be prepared to meet the new demands of their customers. A modern light design means to have an HCL-compliant design process in place – systematic and with a long-term effect. Such a design and HCL-compliant operation can enhance the productivity and people’s well-being. The important aspect here is that one has to take a comprehensive view of all factors – from colour temperature to light direction – and align them with one another. In addition to the visual and biological impact, the emotional impact of light in a room must be given a strong emphasis.

Engineers and architects need to be aware of these aspects and integrate them in their planning process from the beginning.

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Preface
Editorial

Being able to see is a miracle of evolution. Our sense of vision ensures spatial orientation, targeted movements, controlling our inner biological clock, experiencing emotions and communicating through gestures, signs and writing.

Our eyes are the mediator for vision, with the cones enabling us to see colours and the rods allowing night vision. The cones need light to a sufficient degree. In low light conditions, the rods allow perceptions also at low brightness levels, however without colour impression.

A third photoreceptor was not discovered until the turn of the millennium. It is directly related to the regulation of our inner clock (SCN). Those so-called ganglion cells respond to visible light in the short-wave "white-blue" spectral range. The protein melanopsin, which is contained in the cells, is stimulated through this light, causing the suprachiasmatic nucleus, the central control point in the brain, to receive stimulus. This stimulus is transmitted through the connection between the retina and hypothalamus, where the SCN is located. It is the central control point that precisely synchronises both our inner clock and our activities and productivity.

In the evening and at night, the pineal gland (epiphysis) secretes melatonin, which is among other things responsible for healthy sleep. In the morning and during the day, the level of melatonin in the blood then ebbs, while other messenger substances activate the body. This circadian rhythm is determined particularly by light (more information see licht.wissen no. 19). The third receptor provides stimuli for the sleep-wake rhythm. This rhythm is usually determined by natural daylight. For the physical and mental health of human beings it is hence advisable to let their life rhythm follow the natural progression of daylight and to use natural light wherever possible.

Our working environment, however, often requires us to deviate from the natural daylight rhythm. In northern latitudes, working time often stretches over the dark morning and afternoon hours. Artificial light sources generally extend the light periods of the day and allow activities round the clock. With artificial lighting available at all times, our working and living environment has changed, turning the night into day. Until recent times it was good to switch on the light for a better vision and to be able to perceive our environment. In addition, at night the motto is often: the more light, the more attention. Acknowledging the fact that light brings us not only a better vision and a more impressive environment, but that it can adversely affect natural fatigue in the evening and sleeping behaviour at night, the right lighting at the right times demands more care and attention.

The main focus of lighting solutions should be on humans. Human centric lighting offers the chance to develop holistic lighting concepts, ensuring better harmony with our natural rhythm. This guide examines in detail the multiple characteristics of light and their impact on human beings from a visual, emotional and biological point of view. Human centric lighting provides a basis to create the best possible interplay between artificial light and natural daylight. This requires careful planning. Installation and operation have to follow the planning guidelines. In a general context, this guide elaborates user and operating information, so as to systematically harness the advantages Human Centric Lighting.

Definition

Light satisfies not only visual demands, it always has had an emotional and biological impact on humans as well. In drafting a lighting concept, humans are in the focus of attention – this is called Human Centric Lighting, abbreviated: HCL

**Human Centric Lighting (HCL)** stands for a lighting concept providing the intended light that is appropriate to the user’s individual living and working conditions at any time. To put it briefly, HCL concepts enable the right light for each time of the day and year. HCL is defined as follows:

**Light has various effects and it always works – visually, emotionally and biologically. Human Centric Lighting (HCL) has a specific long-term effect on our health, well-being and on the productivity of any human being through holistic planning and implementation of the visual, emotional and particularly biological impacts of light.**

HCL concepts need to be established in the project at an early stage, and they provide the basis for a holistic, interdisciplinary planning. Natural daylight is utilised where feasible from a design perspective. The lighting system is installed and operated in accordance with the lighting plan. The user receives relevant information to understand the benefits and to be able to operate the light.

Light has a different effect during the day than at night. The lighting concept should take this into consideration and therefore offer options to customize the lighting. Options for customization are a prerequisite for good illumination, so that the demands for good visual quality are met. Moreover, lighting designs spaces. If no daylight is available, an artificial light situation arises with its own identity. This artificial light situation is not intended to distort the existing perception of space. Finally, light has a biological impact. During the days, a more activating effect is expected, whereas in the evening, they should rather be avoided to stabilise the circadian rhythm. Therefore, the lighting should allow a dynamic transition between various lighting scenarios – from morning, throughout the day, to evening and night. A particular case is shift work at night (more information about shift work on page 22).

In many cases, the approach of bright lighting similar to daylight during the day and warm-white lighting, with reduced brightness levels in the evening is adopted.

When we take a closer look, the HCL concept is considerably more demanding and goes clearly beyond merely adapting illuminance and colour temperature, as the impact of lighting is considered from an integral point of view. Apart from visual tasks and the biological impacts, it also considers the context in which the lighting is used. Is it a focused, performance-oriented environment or should the lighting have a more relaxing effect? Do the requirements change throughout the day? Are there different spatial areas for different tasks? Other aspects (e.g. light to support creativity or for calming down) may require further demands on the lighting concept.

The targeted and professional use of light for therapeutic purposes goes beyond regular HCL and is not covered by this guide.

The ultimate aim of light according to the HCL concept is to serve the user, be operated by them and to meet their expectations in the long run.

[1] The image shows the three effects that are crucial for HCL concepts. HCL concepts need to be considered as early as in the planning and startup phase and during operation.

Detailed view of HCL approach

For a lighting design to be implemented in an energy-efficient manner and to ensure long-term effect on humans, health, well-being and productivity it should provide an integrative, holistic lighting and space planning as well as appropriate installation and implementation. The application and effect of light must be included in the planning process from the outset. It is important to closely coordinate all trades, products and materials. Only a long-term lighting system, operated and functioning in accordance with the planning guidelines, meets the needs of the people.

HCL serves to implement a holistic and targeted approach, with the planning and operation of lighting systems focusing on humans. In principle, light always has an impact on humans – whether consciously or unconsciously. The effect can be planned or unplanned. It is therefore necessary that the planning is made on the basis of needs-oriented criteria.

According to the HCL concept, the following terms set standards: visual, emotional, biological as well as targeted and long-term. In detail this means the following:

**Visual**
Good receptibility makes working easier. To achieve this, normative and statutory frameworks contain minimum criteria, aiming at performing visual tasks in various activities and workspaces. Standards such as DIN EN 12464-1 “Indoor workplace lighting” contain minimum values engineers need to apply when designing lighting systems. The operator ensures observance of the lighting criteria based on the Workplace Ordinance ASR A 3.4. The DGUV ordinance contain a useful guide to the operation of lighting.

The aim of the design process and operation should always be to provide optimal visual conditions. Individual particularities such as a greater need for light for elderly people are to be individually planned and customized.

**Emotional**
To support the well-being of humans within their social environment, one needs to take into account criteria based on architectural, formally aesthetic and perception psychology aspects and on the user’s expectations. These criteria follow rules and interdisciplinary guidelines arising from good practice. They are hard to grasp in numbers and cannot be found in relevant standards and regulations. If one takes into account an appealing design for the room with light and all its formal elements that fulfils the expectations of the users, one can assume more acceptance, satisfaction and well-being.

**Biological**
Biological impacts must be considered and planned very carefully. They have an effect on the circadian rhythm and can support the need for more productivity during the day on the one hand and for a better sleep at night on the other. For a short period of time, they are able to encourage attentiveness and alertness.

A well thought-out HCL concept can avoid adverse biological effects caused by improper lighting at the desired time.

**Targeted**
Targeted means that the aim of HCL concepts is to achieve positive effects on humans, that are geared towards their expectations and they can understand and utilise. The concepts take fully into account the effects of light.

**Long-term**
Long-term means that the visual, emotional and biological effects are lasting and positive. They include also short-term effects, for example to encourage alertness, provided that they have no long-term negative effect such as on sleeping behaviour. Furthermore, “long-term” refers to the aim of ensuring or improving long-term operation of the lighting system in accordance with the instructions of the designer.

The user needs to be informed about the operation and effect of the HCL concept.

With HCL throughout the day

**An exemplary daily routine**
Light has various effects and it always works – visually, emotionally and biologically. With Human Centric Lighting, the user experiences the right light at the right time. Humans notice the effect either subconsciously or experience it consciously. A typical feature of HCL lighting concept is the dynamic lighting that simulates the natural course of daylight switching between various lighting scenarios. People’s daily routine is originally influenced by the daylight brightness curve. Nowadays at work, however, we can experience this rhythm in a natural manner only very rarely. People today usually spend their days in indoor spaces under the dictate of time, which are not geared to daylight.

How does a human experience a day when he or she is supported by artificial light in the best possible way?

**6 a.m.:** For most people, the procedure of getting up repeats itself in the morning at approximately the same time during the week. For some, as early as 5 o’clock, while for others as late as 8 o’clock. In many cases, we wake up to an alarm clock, often at a time that does not correspond to our own natural rhythm when we, depending on our chronotype, have not had enough sleep yet. By gently rising brightness, artificial light can facilitate waking up and help start the day. Artificial light can further help to bring our individual sleep rhythm closer to the desired wake-up time (light alarm clock).
7 a.m.: At breakfast, a brighter and activating light in daylight quality (with a higher blue content) can support a quicker start into the new day. Light sources such as panel lighting on the walls (wallwasher) distribute the artificial light evenly and thus create a pleasant atmosphere where one can wake up with coffee and warm rolls.

8 a.m.: The start of work or classes – both in the summer and in winter – can be supported by bright planar light. Visually with the illuminance normatively required for the visual task; biologically with a light colour geared to daylight and corresponding vertical brightness on the eye, preferably planar light shining from the ceiling or wall.

The right light helps students with their studies. Concentration increases, joint learning becomes easier and is more fun.

10 a.m.: Optimal production results largely depend on the employees’ willingness to perform. Proper lighting helps boost motivation, prevents fatigue, maintains health and guards against accidents at work. Further, with regard to hall lighting it is essential to assign the lighting to the relevant application areas. In addition, the industry needs to take into account various working models (morning, evening, night shift) in planning and implementing lighting concepts.

9 a.m.: During the working day, light supports people in their work. In a modern working environment, both the visual and the emotional effects of light are taken into account. Modern lighting concepts, tailored to the environment, facilitate work, increase concentration and are perfectly geared to the visual tasks of the staff. Care should be taken to observe the minimum values for the eyes by means of a sufficient, vertical illuminance level. Higher illuminance levels and light colours above 5,500 Kelvin help maintain performance and concentration for a longer time.
12:30 p.m.: Break rooms, for example at school, nursery school or in a factory, should be designed in such a way they appeal to the users and provide them a pleasant and motivating or relaxing light. It is generally recommended to spend breaks outdoors. Should this not be possible, it can be almost as pleasant indoors as outdoors. The prerequisite is that the indoor spaces offer a daylight-similar atmosphere. For this purpose, high colour temperatures should be use, as they ensure that reading and playing are almost as much fun as outdoors.

2 p.m.: For meetings and presentations the following applies: pleasantly designed spaces, motivating light mood for discussions and focussed light for presentations. Brightly illuminated surfaces and sufficient vertical illuminance levels prevent natural fatigue resulting from dimmed light. Various lighting atmospheres can be created on demand through artificial light emanating from luminous surfaces, brightly illuminated wall surfaces or large-surface ceiling luminaires.

5 p.m.: The end of the workday is also accompanied by specific lighting. After a hard day of work, switching to warm light colours is a sign of the approaching evening. On short days in winter, late risers, who start later in the morning and stay active for longer in the evening, can extend the natural daylight brightness even beyond sunset by means of artificial light. The light phases should take place with a certain degree of regularity. For the circadian system of an owl, it is "unnatural" to start work early in the morning, whereas it is unnatural for larks to be able to work in the late evening through artificial light. A few exceptions in individual cases are unproblematic. Having to constantly change between these two rhythms should be avoided.

6 p.m.: Evening activities – be they shopping, eating out or other activities – these should be supported through suitable lighting. Supermarkets and shopping centres should use warm light colours in the late evening, while providing sufficient illuminance in order to perform the intended visual tasks. Dimmed lighting in warm colours is used in restaurants to create a pleasant and comfortable atmosphere. A welcoming atmosphere is also recommended for shops, as it supports not only the shopping experience after the daily stress, but also the anticipation of a dinner with the family.
7 p.m.: The day ends at home with warm light colours. Light should be bright enough that we feel comfortable and find our way around. Relaxation is now generally a priority!

8 p.m.: Some years ago, softwares were developed that can be installed on computers and used to adjust the background colour of the screen to suit daylight conditions. For iOS and Android there are now apps like “Nightshift” or “Night Mode” available to switch the background of the screen to warmer colours at sunset. This reduces the lighting effect on the biological system by 60 to 70 percent and helps reduce the light’s negative effects on sleep and regeneration.

9 p.m.: The light of a TV set influences melatonin secretion significantly less than looking at desktop screens or tablets. This is because, through greater distance and lesser bright components on the screen, lower illuminance on the eye is obtained.

11 p.m.: In the evening, while cleaning our teeth, warm white light, not too bright, (colour temperature between 2,700 and 3,000 K) is recommended in the bathroom. It is to be noted here as well that too many blue components have an activating effect and can make falling asleep more difficult.
HCL – Planning and operation

A careful and responsible planning for an HCL concept considers any possible effects of light, particularly as these effects interfere with each other. For example, a lighting that is to fulfill a certain visual task always has a biological and emotional effect as well. Conversely, a design should not consider only emotional or biological criteria, as it mostly needs to ensure compliance with visual requirements. It therefore requires normative and statutory requirements to be fulfilled. Compared to the usual designs of static lighting of the past, HCL concepts are characterized by their dynamic design as well as their targeted and long-term perspective.

Planning process
The connection between the three effects of light is established through a targeted planning for long-term operation. Light has different effects at different times. Light close to natural daylight in the evening and at night has a different effect on humans than during the day. Lighting designs incorporate this time-dependent effect of light into their concept. They use in nearly all cases so-called light management systems (LMS). The process describing the LMS design is documented in the new technical specification prEN/TS 17165 (scheduled release in autumn 2018). The process provides a sound foundation for a targeted planning in accordance with the HCL concept.

Thus, the lighting concept needs to consider the building’s entire life span. Furthermore, the times and areas that are not the main focus, have to be accounted for and included in the planning. They have to be included into the user instructions (see fact sheet on page 18), as light always exerts an effect, anywhere and at any time. For this reason, lighting designs need to coordinate closely all relevant trades, involved technical planners and of course the users in a holistic and interdisciplinary manner.

The paper “Light quality – a process instead of a key figure” published by LiTG (www.litg.de) provides useful guidance on determining the requirements. Only when the lighting fulfills the criteria of the requirements, putting users at the centre, can the quality of the lighting solution be assessed.

Documenting the design
An efficient design contains detailed documentation, making it comprehensible and useful. In this aspect too, the lighting system design process provides structural guidance, so that the conceptual foundations of:
- visual
- emotional and biological aspects up to start-up can be tracked consistently, while also ensuring energy efficiency. This applies equally to the service sector and to industry, schools, healthcare, offices, and even in our own homes.

The construction design for the lighting system considers the normative and statutory provisions as well as the inspection requirements. This ensures that, for example, the expected energy consumption is met, without compromising the necessary lighting conditions. This document does not cover operating standards defined for the lighting.

Responsibilities of the designer
When a designer includes an HCL lighting concept into his design, he takes on a particular challenge with regard to his customer. The entrepreneur is responsible for his employees. Finally, a lighting concept supporting the people must be in the entrepreneur’s interest. Parameters such as application usage, building, daylight situation, control and light technology are to be determined according to the needs of the user, whereas the user-specific requirements for the HCL solution are to be assessed from an ergonomic, psychological and biological point of view.

Based on this knowledge, the light designer develops the holistic concept. After completion of the design phase, the designer creates a documentation containing the main documents (lighting calculations, visualisation, data sheets, light scenarios etc.) for implementing the concept. A documentation could include the following items:

- Object analysis (and needs analysis)
  - requirements determined through the work tasks
  - requirements of project areas • needs and requirements of the people (users)
  - requirements determined by the architecture
  - Analysis of physiological and psychological requirements

Preparing a lighting concept
- Coordinating lighting moods and lighting strategy (distribution and direction of light in the room)
- Material-specific lighting
- Implementing the object analysis
- Specifying lighting requirements to the luminaires
- Determining luminaire arrangements
- Specifying light scenarios and lighting control
- Developing plans and documentation


Planning parameters
The requirements of the user need to be determined in order to start planning. The human being is the focus of considerations, with the requirements of the user and their priority for their application being an essential prerequisite for the planning stage.

Certain aspects that should be considered as planning parameters are described below and by no means exhaustive. They can be divided into four groups:

User
- Visual and work tasks
- Requirements of the user
- Usage time and duration
- Demographic facts

Buildings/rooms
- Usage requirements (including special characteristics)
- Surfaces and their characteristics (reflectance values)
- Objects (cabinets/desks/machines) in the room
- Size and orientation of windows or day light openings, including light protection installations
- Areas with particular visual tasks or requirements (e.g. colour rendering, light direction)

Light technology and correlations
- Illuminance for visual tasks (e.g. DIN EN 12464-1)
- Melanopic daylight-equivalent illuminances at the eye (e.g. DIN SPEC 67600)
- Dynamics of illuminance and/or colour temperature
- Positioning of luminaires
- Interplay of luminaires (light moods)
- Light distribution (and change) in the room
- Luminances (large-surface luminaires)
- Luminances of light sources
- Accent lighting (focussing light)
- Direction of light focussed on visual tasks/surfaces in the room
- Duration and chronological sequence
- Materials and their impact in the light (reflection/ transmission)
- Taking daylight into account
- Effect of glare/sun protection

Organisation/Control
- Use of rooms
- Working hours
- Position of control units
- Scenarios depending on day, week, month, year
- Motion-dependent control

Recommendations for users and effects
The user must be informed about how the lighting system works and how to operate it. A fact sheet (example illustration 6 on the fact sheet) provides answers and should include the following aspects:
- Notes on operating the lighting
- The benefit of daylight and electrical lighting
- Operating the lighting installation
- During the design phase, the visual, emotional and biological effects of light are considered and applied during installation and operation. The needs of the users are to be considered in the planning stage and fulfilled during operation. It is particularly important to carry out checks of the lighting system for proper functioning at regular intervals.
- Light scenarios changing over time or depending on certain usage, such as during different working hours or in meeting rooms, should be tested for proper functioning at regular intervals.
- Operating the lighting system for proper functioning at regular intervals.
- Behind every professionally planned HCL solution, there is a lighting strategy with application scenarios. This strategy takes into account the specifications gained from the usage analysis. The designer needs to inform the user about reciprocal effects and impacts in order to prevent adverse light effects. Daylight white illumination at home in the evening just before going to bed can for example reverse the positive effect of warm white light at the workplace preparing the user for sleep.
- Using HCL solutions properly can have positive effects within a very short time. To support concentration at the workplace or in schoolchildren, the use of white light during the day can have an activating effect, also for a short time. When students get restless in the classroom, use of warm white light can have a soothing and relaxing effect quickly. It is therefore essential to make information and operating instructions on proper use available for the user, so that he/she can fully utilise the lighting system. The HCL concept designer should prepare a fact sheet for the users of the lighting system, informing them about the purpose and effects of the lighting.

Fact sheet content
1) Operating the lighting
- Where are the control units?
- What control options exist?
- Where there is no control option: what does the automatic mechanism do?
  a: The designer generates an automatic sequence (e.g. according to a pattern).
  b: The lighting runs according to a specified sequence (curve);
- The lighting system works and how to operate it.
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2) Use of lighting
- Lighting compliant with standards ensures performance of visual tasks.
- Lighting supports the well-being by changing brightness and light colour depending on the time of day.
- The lighting system is ready for implementation.
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For designers: template fact sheet

Below you will find a template on how a fact sheet can be structured and which facts it could include, thus explaining to the user the benefits and effects of HCL lighting:

**Fact sheet on your HCL lighting**

The aim of this fact sheet is to give you an understanding of the impact and operation of lighting installations.

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Human Centric Lighting (HCL) has a specific long-term effect on our health, well-being and on the productivity of any human being through holistic planning and implementation of the visual, emotional and particularly biological impacts of light. By modifying the light colour and illumination guides you throughout your day, helps you to do your work more easily or relax when necessary, all by allowing you to choose “your light”!

**But don’t forget:** Try to spend at least 30 minutes in natural daylight!

1) **Operating the lighting**

*Here you can provide details on where the control units are located, which light scenarios were defined and what their effect is. The individual buttons should be clearly labelled (e.g. day light automation, concentration, relaxation etc.). The following examples can be used:*

a) Example office: At the entrance door is a switch you can use to select three light scenarios:

1) Scenario 1 (e.g. daylight automation: smooth change of light mood throughout the day and year according to incoming daylight)
2) Scenario 2 (e.g. concentration: only for short periods, not after 10 PM)
3) Scenario 3 (e.g. light during the break for relaxation)
4) Off

b) Example industrial workplace: At the workplace is a control unit you can use to select “your light” as needed.

1) Task 1 (e.g. assembling)
2) Task 2 (e.g. examining)
3) Off

Further notes:

*Here you can describe further details depending on the HCL solution and the area of application. The following examples show possible options.*

- The room is fitted with direct and indirect luminaires, with the indirect luminaires determining an automatic daily routine and the direct luminaires providing standard-conforming work light. This light is dimmable.
- You can also control the light at your workplace using your smartphone (add here information on download address: http://...). This way you can define additional light scenarios.
- You can operate the blinds manually at any time. When exposed to sunlight, the blind is closed to prevent glare and overheating.

2) **Use of lighting**

*The aim is to make clear what benefits the lighting has to offer for the user. The wording should be adapted to the individual environment where an HCL solution is implemented. The example below shows a general wording:*

The lighting supports the user’s daily structure and well-being by gently adapting it to the current time of day and season. Working becomes easier, while proper lighting supports concentration and relaxation phases. The lighting is tailored to precisely meet the respective needs. In addition, you can decide to define “your light”!

3) **Contact for questions**

*If the user has any questions concerning his HCL solution, a point of contact should be provided.*

For further questions, please contact us by phone at (0123) XXXXXX.

**Values for the effects of light according to the HCL concept**

For a lighting solution to be effective in accordance with the HCL concept, light colours and brightness track the natural course of daylight. The blue sky is nature’s equivalent to achieve a stimulating effect. Consequently, large luminous surfaces illuminated with cold light have an energizing effect, while warm white colours help the user unwind. Apart from the biological effect, the visual and emotional effect of light is described as well.

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**Sensitivity of photoreceptors**

**Visual impacts**

The visual effects of light ensure the performance of visual tasks. For a visual task to be fulfilled properly, one has to consider illuminance, light colour, colour rendering, the cylindrical illuminance levels in the room, direction of light as well as reflection of rough surfaces. Established criteria are available to the light designers.

The lighting requirements for workplaces are laid down in the Workplace Ordinance (ArbStättV) and clearly defined by the Technical Workplace Regulation on lighting (ASR A3.4). For the design and implementation of lighting systems, relevant standards such as the DIN EN 12464 series of standards provide a meaningful supplement to these regulations.

The standard on lighting of workplaces states: "This European Standard specifies requirements for lighting solutions for most indoor workplaces that meet the needs of visual comfort and visual performance of people with normal visual ability. All usual visual tasks, including working at computer screens, are considered." (DIN EN 12464-1)

The following aspects of lighting are the prerequisite for a good lighting quality:

- Lighting environment
- Luminance distribution
- Degree of surface reflections
- Illuminance scale
- Visual task area
- Direct environment
- Background area
- Uniformity of illuminance
- Illuminance level measurement grid
- Physiological glare (shading)
- Psychological glare
- Reflected glare
- Cylindrical illuminance

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[8] Examples for control units, allowing the user to set various lighting scenarios.

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 Emotional effects
The positive perception of a well-designed lighting system has been known for a long time. This involves not only the pleasant look and feel of luminaires, it is more a matter of the illuminated space and the light surfaces and objects.

Proper light brings out the full and intended potential of the materiality of the space. Apart from the colour of light (warm light, cold light, RGB colour moods), the direction of light (wallwashers, illumination of walls, spots/highlights) have a particularly impressive effect. In outdoor areas, the architecture we see numerous “illuminations”, offering a particularly impressive effect. In outdoor areas, the emotional effect of light (e.g. at a forest, they form a useful surface to be illuminated as a secondary light source. To achieve this, the walls must be illuminated as a secondary light source. To achieve this, the walls must be considered in the planning process. (DIN SPEC 5031-100). Proper light brings out the full and intended potential of the materiality of the space. Apart from the colour of light (warm light, cold light, RGB colour moods), the direction of light (wallwashers, illumination of walls, spots/highlights) have a particularly impressive effect. In outdoor areas, the architecture we see numerous “illuminations”, offering a particularly impressive effect. In outdoor areas, the emotional effect of light (e.g. at a forest, they form a useful surface to be illuminated as a secondary light source. To achieve this, the walls must be considered in the planning process. (DIN SPEC 5031-100).

Light direction
For the biological impact, the vertical illumination on the eye should primarily be rated. Therefore, the direction from which the light hits the eyes is particularly important. The human field of vision in indoor spaces extends on an angular range of about 70° below and up to 55° above the line of sight (Sloney and Wolbarsht, 1980, see illustration 10). The sight is not static, but on average the eye is slightly looking downwards, as the visual task generally takes place in the lower part of the field of vision. Since lighting in the field of the visual task primarily needs to meet visual requirements, it is not advisable to plan additional lighting providing biological impacts in this part. If we consider that the sensitivity of photoreceptors for biological light effects is higher in the lower area, this is a good compromise between a good quality of vision and not too strong biological impact.

Encouraging concentration and alertness during the day
• Keep illumination between 300 and 500 lx on the eye throughout the entire work day.
• The lighting level should be equal to daylight quality.
• Until the early afternoon, the colour temperature should be at least 5,500 K.

Please note:
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• The use of only warm white light combined with daylight during the day creates inappropriate lighting moods. During daytime, at least neutral white light colours should be used.

At the end of the day
• Reduce biologically effective blue components to a minimum.
• Use warm white light with 2,700 K or a maximum of 3,000 K. Even for standard illumination levels with the aim of performing visual tasks, this is a good compromise between a good quality of vision and not too strong biological impact.

Biological impact
Today, much is known about the biological effect of light (see licht. wissen no. 19). All this information enables us to considerably improve the quality of light in indoor spaces. Apart from the visual effects, illumination levels and light colours also exert a melantopic effect (further details on page 37 – melantopia, melantopic effect).

Illumination
Appropriate illumination levels allow the performance of visual tasks. Tailor-made lighting solutions can be developed to meet individual needs. A known fact is that elderly people need more light than younger for better vision, recognition and orientation. Although the world of lighting professionals has agreed on certain standards, particular cases or certain groups of users require tailor-made solutions. This also applies to the biological effect of light. A 60-year-old person requires on average 30 to 50% higher lighting levels than a 90-year-old person. In addition, changes in vision frequently coming with age such as cataracts must be further considered in the planning process. (DIN SPEC 5031-100).

Definition: Extract from DIN SPEC 5031-100
The conversion value \( \lambda \) to \( \lambda_{\text{melantopic}} \) enables a direct conversion of the photopically rated photometric values to the melantopically rated value (see table/illustration 12).

Synchronising day-night rhythm
To synchronise our day-night rhythm, we need to provide sufficient stimulation for the biological system in the morning. It is important that the biologically active lighting level is higher than the light that is absorbed in the afternoon or evening. If the melantopic lighting level remains low during the day, a higher melantopic lighting level in the morning can result in a disturbance of the circadian system. Illuminance levels between 300 to 500 lx at the eye with a light colour similar to daylight for a few hours in the morning are sufficient to synchronise circadian rhythm. The higher the risk and the level of disturbing lighting in the evening, the higher the stabilising light level needs to be in the morning (see also DIN SPEC 67600).

Activating lighting
Lighting that activates and encourages performance and concentration requires higher illumination levels. In some studies, this was achieved very quickly by providing illumination levels between 1,000 to 2,000 lx. However, such illumination levels stand in the way of the requirements for a reasonable use of energy. Energy consumption can in turn be influenced positively by means of an appropriate light management system. Within about 20 min...
nutes, the activating effect of light can be felt. After another approximately 20 minutes, when the illuminance level is reduced, the effect abates. The activating effect should be limited to fixed number of times a day, on the one hand to avoid a habituation effect, on the other hand to keep the energy requirement to a minimum.

Lighting at the end of the day to relax
At the end of the day, the lighting should have as little effect on the biological system as possible. It is recommended to switch to low illuminance levels on the eye two hours before going to bed. Lighting should be focused on the visual task only and – as far as required to provide visual comfort – the surroundings should be illuminated as bright as required by relevant standards for good vision, while reducing the biologically effective blue components to a minimum. Warm white light a colour temperature between 2,700 K and 3,000 K provides a good compromise with a high quality of vision.

“Prolonged days” and shift work
The “right lighting at the right time” refers to a “typical” everyday working life of people working during the day, as is reflected in many cases – whether at work in a typical office or in industrial production during the day, in the case of many pupils or students or work in the domestic field. In these cases, one can orient towards the average course of natural daylight to answer the question for the “right” light. Humans have developed through evolution in a natural lighting environment with an average of 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness. This rhythm provides a natural and thus healthy basis for artificial lighting as a point of reference. It is definitely acceptable to extend short days in our northern hemisphere in the winter by means of artificial lighting towards a desired length of day, which is conducive to our health. An example: At school, classes generally start at 8 o’clock during all seasons. One the one hand, it is known that this is too early for many pupils and their circadian rhythm. On the other hand, the start of classes does not consider the seasonal variations in our individual rhythm. In wintertime for example, as the natural light pulse is missing in the morning, artificial lighting can replace this impulse to accelerate waking up in the morning. The natural changes throughout the course of the day can be used to facilitate work in workplaces like supermarkets with long opening hours in the evening, hospitals or police offices.

Comments on night shifts
Approximately 15 percent of employees work regularly at night, up to 25 percent occasionally. For this group, it is not easy to recommend the right lighting at the right time. Three-shift systems with night shifts are particularly difficult where they are based on a periodic rotation of shifts. It must be assumed that such a rotation disrupts the circadian system to such a considerable degree that adjusting the internal clock to working times becomes impossible even with specific lighting.

Two-shift systems where the rotation happens between morning and evening shift, however, can be supported with appropriate lighting. The circadian rhythm can be varied by about two to three hours per day using specific lighting. As shifts usually rotate after two or three days to the later shift, synchronising the light in a three-shift system is not possible. Therefore, cold white lighting similar to daylight during night shift causes disruptions to day-night rhythm. Scientists therefore recommend synchronising the circadian system as closely as possible with the natural external day-night rhythm even when working in rotating shifts. This can be achieved by using lighting with high blue components during the day and low blue components at night for shiftworkers. Sufficient brightness during the night shift must ensure good eyesight and prevent fatigue. The question of the ideal brightness levels and colour temperatures is the subject of current research projects.

In order for artificial light to exert the desired non-visual, biological effect, certain minimum values for the melanopically rated illuminance level on the eye should be obtained. Details of this assessment are laid down in DIN SPEC 5031-100. For fluorescent lamps with a colour temperature of 8,000 K, a (photometric) minimum illuminance level on the eye of 240 lx is recommended. For LED with 6,500 K, an illuminance level of at least 300 lx should be achieved.

With lower colour temperatures, the (photometric) minimum illuminance level would be higher; e.g. 380 lx on the eye for a light source with 4,000 K. Conversely, certain maximum values should not be exceeded, if the aim is to keep the melanopic effects at a low level. In this case, 50 lx on the eye at 2,700 K should not be exceeded.

Recommendations
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Research into the effects of light with regard to shift work is still ongoing. Scientists currently recommend the following aspects:

- Light colours and illuminance levels that are desireable and useful during the day, may cause disruptions of the day-night rhythm when used at night. Conversely, lighting scenarios suitable for evening and night shifts are usually not suitable for use during the day. Therefore, it is useful to use light management systems that allow switching between day-time and night-time lighting.
- Preventing daylight-white lighting at night, if no permanent shift of the circadian system is possible (where required in cases of permanent night shifts, when night turns into day on a permanent basis).
- Using warm white light colours in the evening and at night at high illuminance levels.

[14] It has not yet been fully researched what effect light exerts on shift workers, however. It is possible to make recommendations on the use of lighting.
Four application examples

Some exemplary applications of HCL solutions are discussed below.

The fundamental procedure follows the so-called lighting system design process. The process starts with a need analysis where the light designer examines the specific needs and requirements of the user. The designer analyses the visual tasks to be performed at the workplace such as concentration, communication, computer work, detail work, workshop scenarios etc. and examines the areas where these tasks are performed, while taking into consideration the time of day and the person performing them. In this context, it is important to know about the technical equipment, flexibility of workplaces as well as ergonomic and health aspects. What forms of a lighting concept are appropriate for the particular working situation and thus within the respective working and living environment? In the holistic approach to the system of workplaces, light is increasingly becoming an important component.

For every project, the regulatory standard maintenance values for illuminance levels and other lighting criteria (see page 19, “Values for the effect of light according to the HCL concept”) are to be observed to meet the requirements for visual comfort and visual performance. Thus, the visual requirements for fulfilling the tasks assigned are met.

The lighting is designed in such a way that it covers architectural, formally aesthetic and perception psychology aspects and supports our well-being. This is how the emotional effects are taken into account. The design assumes that lighting can occur by using daylight, artificial light or a combination of the two (DIN EN 12464-1).

The natural course of daylight is considered ideal and forms the reference of our understanding of light quality. The spectral composition, brightness and direction of light vary over time. Lighting solutions and light management concepts should therefore reflect our daily rhythm as far as possible in order to ensure a full biological effect.

Exemplary basic rules are the following: From the morning to the early afternoon, the circadian rhythm of humans is simulated with daylight at a high illuminance level. On the other hand, in the evening and at night, disruptions of the circadian rhythm are to be avoided or at least to be minimized by using warm white light colours and lower illuminance levels. Lighting scenes during the day are determined by large-surface lighting provided by luminaires or reflected from ceilings and walls, while direct light and point lighting is used in the evening. The tasks of the technical planner include providing background information (see fact sheet on page 18) in order to enable users to use lighting properly. This includes recommendations on how to use light, for example in flexitime or on open-plan office scenarios. A fact sheet explains lighting features on the one hand and the effects of the lighting solution on the other.

Dynamics of light on each day and depending on the season

Users can select individual light moods actively or they run automatically. In areas that are used by several people automatic sequences are often most effective. Operation of the lighting is performed in one central location in the room or individually via smartphone. Another option are switches for simple selection of light scenes.

The lighting concept leads to the selection of luminaires and their arrangement and to an operational concept. It is displayed as a ground plan for the interior design. A light panel shows the selection of light scenes.

Individually designed light management systems with application-specific sensor technology can make an important contribution towards minimizing the energy demand of an HCL solution.

Natural course of daylight and course of light of an HCL solution

The following two examples show the natural course of daylight in the summer (image above) and in the winter (image below). The second graph shows a basic solution for the artificial course of daylight in accordance with the HCL approach.

In the summer, the graph of artificial course of daylight runs along the natural course of daylight. In winter, on the other hand, it prolongs the day. Here, the artificial lighting reflects the natural length of day that is healthy for humans.

In the examples on the following pages, the graph was adjusted to the requirements of each scenario.

Example: Summertime

Example: Wintertime

Definitions regarding the following application examples

- : average maintained horizontal illuminance, in the area of the visual task
- : average maintained vertical illuminance, on the walls and on the blackboard
- : average maintained cylindrical illuminance
- E: maintained illuminance on the eye, typically vertical
Modern office concepts are increasingly shaped by digital network technologies and the idea of working globally 24/7. This results in flexible working hours in the office, ranging from early in the morning to late in the evening, and a wide range of activities. Hence, it is no surprise that the equipment level of modern office spaces is increasingly geared towards ergonomic aspects and acceptance and well-being. This is where an HCL lighting concept has a positive impact on the employees. The example is designed for an office with two workers, with an occupancy time between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. It can also be applied to larger office spaces (multi-person or open-plan office). In this case, walls become less dominant, whereas ceilings and objects in the room become more important.

### Requirements for the workspace
Modern space concepts constrain the office forms in a new way. Today, the office is generally regarded as a living environment offering areas for working, communicating and recreation. Lighting must meet the requirements both for a good visual performance and job satisfaction. At the same time, it is a means of creating spaces using furniture, acoustics and communication technology. New flexible space concepts require flexible solutions featuring dynamic light and high-quality lighting. They must be regulated when required. The following requirements have to be met:

- Visual tasks, concentration, communication, computer work
- Flexible arrangement of workspaces
- Light as part of the workplace system ergonomics and health
- Adjusting the lighting to time of day and year
- Adjusting the lighting to user’s individual needs

### Impact of light
**Visual**
- Requirements to the illumination according to DIN EN 12464-1
  a) In the areas of the visual tasks
  b) On the walls and ceilings
  c) Cylindric illumination in the room

**Emotional**
- Engineering the working environment with daylight and artificial light
- Attractive choice and arrangement of luminaires

**Biological**
- Spectral proportions at specific times on the eye of the user to support the biological rhythm in the best possible way
- Biologically effective illuminance throughout the day to support activity and productivity in the best possible way

### Light design concept
- Room illumination, spatial brightness distribution of light densities [cd/m²] and light intensity [lx]
- Illumination of the workplace: identify visual tasks, disturbance-free vision, supporting visual performance and visual comfort (DIN EN 12464-1)
- Cylindrical illumination levels for better communication and perception of space
- Illumination of walls and ceilings to prevent cave effects
- Lighting accents for emotional light moods
- Ideal colour rendering of materials and surfaces
- Sufficient vertical illumination on the eye
- Preset dynamic processes oriented on the course of daylight
- Preset scenarios
- Manual setting option for employees (higher illumination for challenging visual tasks and for older employees)
- Flexible adaptation of direct components for height-adjustable desks
- Integrating daylight and using different blind positions

### Luminaires and control
**Selection criteria for luminaires:**
- Suspension lights, direct/indirect light distribution, for the assigned workplace lighting
- Wide-angled surface luminaire with indirect ceiling lighting to support the cylindrical lighting in the room
- Sufficient direct lighting portion for the working plane
- Positioning direct lighting portions free of reflective glare
- Vertical illumination on walls by means of wallwashers, bright room impression
- Wallwasher and suspension lights – with colour temperature variation: tunable white (warm-white – daylight white)
- Vertical illumination on the eye
- Variations are possible: Characteristics within a luminaire or distributed over several luminaires

### Control unit at the entrance:

#### Key
- Direct suspension lights
- Indirect suspension lights
- Wallwasher

#### Design
- Visual: E₁: 500 lx  E₂: 200-300 lx  Relax + E₁
- Emotional: E₁: 200-300 lx  Relax + E₂
- Biological: E₁: 800-1000 lx  E₂: 250 lx

#### Light scenarios
- Control unit smartphone, in addition to the above scenarios:

#### Control features
- Control circuits: Two suspension lights per workplace
- Direct and indirect components can be controlled separately, each with adjustable white colours
- Blinds
- Automatic controller: Programming is based on daylight curve throughout the year. In winter, the daylight intensity is extended in the morning and evening. This affects the indirect component of suspension lights and wallwashers.
- In addition, the indirect component is adjusted to the incoming daylight via a daylight sensor.
- The direct component of the suspension light is switched on in presence via a motion sensor.

### Light scenarios
- All lights ON: all luminaires 100%
- Concentration: mainly direct components, indirect reduced by 50%
- Conversation: balanced share of direct/indirect components, consistent wall brightness
- Relaxation: direct and indirect reduced by 20%, mainly wallwasher, dimmed in different ways
- Energy saving: only indirect components, follows daylight automation, direct components are dependent on motion and daylight (constant luminance)
- Sun protection concept (blinds) is to be aligned with the HCL lighting concept.

### Operating the lighting
The control unit allows the selection of light scenarios, overwriting the automatic mechanism. Note: The system must allow stopping in at the right place of the automatic lighting course after stopping the automatic mechanism.

One control unit is mounted at the entrance. Further light moods can be selected via smartphone:

- Control unit smartphone, in addition to the above scenarios:
  - Automatic: Based on daylight curve throughout the year. In winter, the daylight intensity is extended in the morning and evening. This affects the direct component of suspension lights and wallwashers.
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But don’t forget: Try to spend at least 30 minutes in natural daylight!

1) Operating the lighting
   a) Next to the entrance door is a switch you can use to set four light scenarios:
      • Daylight automation: smooth change of light mood throughout the day and year according to incoming daylight
      • Bright working light for concentration (only for short periods, not after 10 PM)
      • Light during the break for relaxation
   b) The room is fitted with direct and indirect luminaires, with the indirect luminaires determining an automatic daily routine and the direct luminaires providing standard-conforming work light. This can be overridden using switch functions of the luminaires (e.g. expansion feature). The light is dimmable.
   c) You can also control the light at your workplace using your smartphone.

For further questions, please contact us by phone at (0123) XXXXXX.
An HCL lighting concept can have a positive effect on the well-being, motivation and concentration of the students even at schools.

2) Use of lighting
The lighting creates the best possible conditions for the school. By changing smoothly throughout the time of day and year, it supports the well-being. Furthermore, teachers and students can decide to use “Your light”. Working and learning will become easier.

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School

Anyone who learns and studies needs good light, as it supports the learning results. Students sit not only at the table, they also hold presentations, communicate and discuss. They write exams, but they also require recreation in between.

However, many pupils are still half asleep in the morning, as the school timetable ticks different to the internal clock of the students. Many young students are often wide awake late in the evening, but have difficulties getting up in the morning and have little motivation to learn; they are in a “social jetlag”.

The example is designed for a classroom of a higher secondary school with evening classes, with classes starting at 8 o’clock in the morning and finishing around 9 o’clock in the evening.

Classroom requirements
Students constantly face certain learning situations. The better the light is adjusted to those learning situations, the more information can be absorbed, processed and stored. Good light motivates them and helps to stay focused for longer periods. A balanced illumination situation creates ideal learning conditions. The following requirements must be met:

- Studying, reading, listening (presentation, projector, exercises)
- Interactive tasks, with or without new media like tablets
- Flexible table arrangement
- Presentations held by the pupils
- Equal learning environment at each time of the day and year
- Group and individual work

Impact of light

Visual
- Illuminance according to DIN EN 12464
  a: In the areas of the visual tasks
  b: On the walls and ceilings
  c: Cylindrical illumination in the room

Emotional
- Various lighting moods
- Optimal work support through the lighting solution (activating/soothing)
- Engineering the working environment with daylight and artificial light
- Attractive light moods

Biological
- Spectral proportions at specific times on the eye of the user to support the biological rhythm in the best possible way
- Biologically effective illuminances throughout the day to support activity and productivity in the best possible way
- Biologically effective illuminances in the areas of the visual tasks
- Biologically effective illuminances on the walls and ceilings
- Biologically effective cylindrical illumination in the room

Light design concept
- Blackboard – writing/reading (DIN EN 12464) – vertical illuminance
- Projector/whiteboard – horizontal illuminance
- Teacher (recognition of face/reception of expressions)
- Group work (cylindrical values)
- Perform handcraft work
- Follow presentations on the projector as fatigue-free as possible
- Table/computer without irritating reflections
- Activating in the morning at the start of classes (optional) – planar light
- Calming down/relaxing depending on the situation
- Intuitive operation through teachers and pupils
- Scenario control (door – easy)
- Scenario control (teacher – complex)
- Suspension lights, each adjustable white
- Blackboard lighting
- Blackboard – writing/reading (DIN EN 12464) – vertical illuminance
- Projector/whiteboard – horizontal illuminance
- Wall light
- Blackboard
- All walls
- Relaxation: only indirect by 50%, walls 30%

Operating the light
You can use the control unit to select different light scenarios, overwriting the automatic mechanism.

One control unit by the door:
- Daylight automation
- Discussion
- Walls
- Blinds
- All lights ON

One additional control unit at the teacher’s desk:
- Concentration
- Discussion
- Blackboard
- Walls
- Relaxation
- Blinds
- All lights ON

Design

Visual
- $E_v = 300-500 \text{ lx}$
- $E_v = 500 \text{ lx}$ (blackboard and walls)
- $E_v = 200-300 \text{ lx}$

Emotional
- $E_e = 200 \text{ lx}$

Biological
- $E_b = 800-1000 \text{ lx}$
- $E_{bi} = 250 \text{ lx}$

Light scenarios

Control unit at the entrance:
- One additional control unit at the teacher’s desk:
  - Daylight automation
  - Discussion
  - Walls
  - Blinds
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  - All lights ON

Lighting solution (activating/soothing)
- Daylight automation
- Discussion: bright light, motivating
- Walls: illuminated wall surfaces, dimmed general lighting
- Blinds: manual opening and closing
- All lights ON

You can operate the blinds manually at any time. When exposed to sunlight, the blind is closed to prevent glare and overheating.

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- b) At the teacher’s desk is another light tray you can use to select further lighting scenarios:
  - Daylight automation

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Industry

Requirements concerning assembly area

- Highly specific work assignments on the one hand and a high degree of automation on the other are the general rule. The following requirements should be met in the various premises:
  - Assembly workplace:
    - Concentrated viewing and working
    - Equally working conditions at each time of the day and year
    - Illuminating the workplaces to ensure accident-free assembly, illumination further contributes to a relaxing atmosphere in the break rooms
    - Light as an instrument to support individual requirements/processes
  - Hall:
    - Securing traffic routes
    - Consistent illumination of the working areas
    - Biological performance of the assigned visual tasks (DIN EN 12464-1)
    - Safety issues (hazard identification)
    - Light as a means to provide space for the workplace (safety, well-being)

Light Design Concept

- Standard-forming illumination of traffic routes (DIN EN 12464-1)
- Illuminating workplaces for accident-free work (observe ASR)
- Highlighting possible danger zones
- Use of glare-free lighting
- Well-balanced contrasts (not too high, not too low)
- Dividing the room into zones
- Arranging flexible workplaces
- Observing DIN SPEC 67060
- Activation, analogue to the working phase (adapted to early and late shift)
- After the breaks (lots of light and a high blue content for improved concentration)
- Reducing the activating light components towards the evening (lower luminance and significant reduction of blue content)

Luminaire and control

- Selection criteria for luminaire:
  - Horizontal – traffic routes: strip light, illumination of halls, observe degree of protection at high emissions
  - Horizontal – work areas: strip light, illumination of halls, observe degree of protection at high emissions
  - Cylindrical in the break room: wide-angled surface luminaires
  - Pleasant atmosphere (arouse emotions in the break room similar to spa areas or private living environments, warm white light, e.g. 2,700 K)
  - Directive light to detect surface textures: spotlight
  - Changes in colour temperature = tunable white (warm white – daylight white)
- Energy efficiency (independent of daylight and motion-dependent control)
- Task “Examining”
- Task “Examining”

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1) Operating the lighting

   - a) In the office of the production manager for the entire hall lighting:
     - Daylight automation: smooth change of light mood throughout the day and year in harmony with the incoming daylight
     - Change of shift: atmospheric light supports the change
     - All lights on
   - b) In the workplace:
     - My light
     - Task “Assembling”

- Daylight automation long-term operation

- Time tables for the operation of daylight automation

- Control unit in the break room:

- Task “Examining”
- Daylight automation: smooth change of light mood throughout the day and year in harmony with the incoming daylight
- Event: Atmospheric light for small celebrations
- Relax: Colour of light and moods for break times

The user can only customise the individual lighting specifically assigned to the workplace to their individual needs. This light is controlled individually from the workplace. A relaxing light atmosphere prevails in the breakrooms.

2) Use of lighting

- The lighting creates the best conditions at industrial workplaces and supports the user’s circadian rhythm and well-being by changing smoothly throughout the time of day and year. Employees find it easier to work, and there is an increase in concentration. The light is customised precisely to every work shift. At night, it is advisable to achieve as high activating light effect as possible. The best way to ensure this is to use a light colour with a 3,000 K. In the break time areas, relaxation and recreation are most important.

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The key for sense of well-being in your home is the right light at the right time. Those who sit in front of a computer screen in the evening, may not sleep well, as the screen light has a high proportion of blue light, which has a stimulating effect. Meanwhile, there are utilities adjusting warm-white background lighting for the screen in the evening. It would be more advantageous to be exposed to more relaxing warm-white light in the evening. Intense cold-white light in the morning helps us wake up and start the day faster. Dynamic lighting helps to individually control and positively influence the day faster. Dynamic lighting helps to control brightness and colours of light according to the time of day.

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- Light always has a biological effect, just as it always enables visual perception. Therefore, we do not distinguish between biologically effective or visually effective lighting. Both aspects are inseparable.

Nevertheless, HCL lighting should be designed and operated with particular focus on biological light effects, just as the consideration for the guidelines for visual aspects.

The term “biological” effects of light used in this guide describes the non-visual effects on physiological and mental processes in humans. Despite the fact that the visual process is also a biological process, it serves to differentiate linguistically between visual and non-visual effects.

Blue components, colour temperature and their relation to biological effects:
- In the context of the term “blue components” is used as a synonym for the biologically effective radiation in the visible range. They lie primarily in the spectral range between 450 and 530 nm with a maximum at 480 nm. Although the maximum sensitivity for visual perception of blue light is approximately 455 nm and in the short-wave range, the spectral proportions that are responsible for biological effects are frequently referred to as “blue components” or “blue light” due to the colour impression of the relevant light, although the light itself appears white.

The term “blue component” is furthermore frequently used in connection with possible retinal damages due to Blue Light Hazard. In both cases, the term is correctly used, as the effect has nothing to do with the visual process of colour vision.

For ‘usual’ light sources as they are used in the domestic field or in a restaurant, even luminaires with 4,000 K may appear relatively “cold”. The term should therefore be used with care. A more accurate definition is advisable.

Daylight effects:
- They include light above 5,000 K. A typical daylight light colour has 6,500 K. Its colour impression is closest to standard illuminant D65, which is considered a standardised representation of daylight. For such cold light colours, the colour perception of the human eye cannot distinguish in ranges less than 500 K.

The biological effects come closest to natural daylight when using daylight white luminaires. Light from standard LEDs with 6,500 K has approximately 85% of the effect of standard illuminant D65.

Higher colour temperatures are generally experienced as being very unpleasant and unnatural, if they are used as the only source of light. Combined with direct or indirect lighting, the ceiling can be lightened with extremely cold-white light, without being perceived as disruptive, as long as the direct lighting provides less cold white light. This gives the impression of an artificial sky.

Lighting Technology Development:
- Modern lighting concepts like Human Centric Lighting are systematically connected with an intelligent light management system. Modern lighting concepts like Human Centric Lighting emerge from user and application requirements, combining the design principles of visual, non-visual and emotional lighting quality. Technical planners, when entrusted with this task,
have to develop a suitable lighting solution in a responsible manner on the one hand, and on the other specify suitable light scenarios. Traditionally, describing the lighting solution will be the first step in the design process. This step explains the effects and functions of light in the desired space. In the course of the creative light system design process, the planner preferably creates various lighting scenarios that are important and useful for the planning principles.

For HCL applications this means the implementation of dynamic light scenarios with changing light colours, spatial light distribution and customized brightness levels throughout the day. The technical planner should of course further take into account individual lighting requests, allowing the user to activate them flexibly as needed. In addition, if daylight is sufficiently available through the construction, it should be integrated and used in the lighting concept, also in terms of energy.

At this point, the light designer must involve an electrical engineer for system integration, unless he has the required professional expertise himself. As an alternative, the project manager in charge has set up a team of specialists, combining in an integrated and interdisciplinary way the various technology trades in the building via suitable interfaces.

To implement HCL concepts, lighting and electrical industries and the IT sector provide a substantial repertoire of building automation systems with appropriate application software. Depending on the specification of the lighting solution to be implemented by the light designer and automation to be planned (or already existing) in the building, the electrical consultant has to select a suitable system.

Technologies such as Digital Addressable Lighting Interface (DALI), Digital Multiplex (DMX) or KNX have proven for a long time to be conventional wired light management systems. In the past few years, more and more systems on a wireless basis have been introduced (ZigBee, Bluetooth, EnOcean, WiFi or LAN/Ethernet). In the near future, all electrically or independently functioning components of a building or in the public area will have a unique IP address and will have arrived in the world of IoT.

Fascinating, by all means complex, but very useful are compatible signal interfaces with the aim of linking different systems with each other. Solutions for HCL applications need to include first of all timer modules to allow a circadian daytime sequence to be run dynamically and fully automatically. To enable the programmer to start up the HCL system, the light designer needs to give him a clear briefing, for example on the question of the periods and specifications of light settings.

The performance strength of modern Light Management System, or short LMS, lies also in the use of intelligent sensor technology (e.g. environmental facilities data) and software. The use and application of a professional LMS is also a clear differentiator from competitors. It may come for example in the form of a lighting designed to meet the needs of HCL in the healthcare industry that creates not only valuable experience and has a positive influence on humans by means of appropriate light scenes, but also enables energy savings and data analysis.

Light management systems, however, must above all remain controllable. During the conception phase, it is important for the system integrator to achieve this aim. A user-friendly control interface, for example by means of a logical application scenario, enables easy operation. Light management systems are essentially all extremely complex, however, intuitively operated controls will ensure user-friendliness.

LSDP – Lighting System Design Process
- The so-called Lighting System Design Process (LSDP) is described in prEN TS 17165.
- The lighting system design process is an iterative process. This guide describes the key design aspects for the process for good quality, energy-efficient and effective lighting systems for major projects in the service sector. The finished lighting system is to provide an efficient, effective and high-grade lighting that meets the users’ expectations. The solution should include safety/emergency lighting on the basis of a risk analysis or in accordance with legislation that is determined during the consultation process. Under certain circumstances, the individual elements of this design process can also be used in smaller lighting concepts.

The complete lighting system design process supports the implementation of regulatory measures and the development of testing requirements. This ensures that the anticipated energy savings are met without compromising the necessary lighting conditions.

Melatonin, melatonin effects
- Melatonin is a type of photopigment responsible for the light sensitivity of the retinal ganglion cells (ipRGC). Its highest sensitivity lies between 450 and 530 nm (half-width) with a maximum of 490 nm. By stimulating this dye molecule by means of light, the ipRGC sends out nerve signals to the brain. The human brain interprets this nerve signal as an indication of the length of daylight.

The biological effects described herein and will therefore not be considered in connection with HCL. In contrast, direct sunlight shows UV and infrared components, which are relevant for human health. As UV and IR components may also entail health risks, this topic should be dealt with separately. Natural daylight is considered the light source that ensures the optimum supply of biologically effective components. To assess artificial lighting, standard illuminant D65 is chosen as reference light the biologically effective spectral components refer to.

Please see DIN SPEC 5031-100 and CEN TR 16791 for further details. An important question remains whether the blue part of the spectrum contained in natural daylight can pass through the windows in modern buildings equipped with insulating solar protection glazing, in order to achieve the desired biological effect. A room supposedly well flooded with daylight might contain less biologically effective blue components than a similar room with artificial light similar to daylight.
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