

**ENG-A1009**

**Practical Work Training with 3D printers**

# Schedule

**9:15 – 11:30 Lecture** Brief background on 3D printing and different technologies

Digital steps: Cura demo

**11:30 – 13:00 Lunch break**

**13:00 – 17:00 Practical session** (Sign up required)

@ADDLab: Ultimakers in practice, starting a print, filament change, bed leveling, troubleshooting problems

# Learning goals & outcomes

Mostly a “surface-scrape” introduction to the world of 3D printing.

What is 3D printing – what could *you* do with it – the possibilities?

What are the digital and physical steps in 3D printing?

Hands-on use of the Cura slicing software

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**For 1 ECTS credit :**

Small assignment given at the end of the lecture

**NOTE:** The access to an online calendar to schedule the ADDLAB 3D printers for personal projects is **ONLY given to those who have gained 1 ECTS.**

What is 3D printing and what to do with it?

# 3D printing ~ Additive Manufacturing (AM)



# 3D printing – digital to physical



Computer Aided Design



.STL file



Toolpath file (G-code)



3D printer



Printed object

CAD model or scan, 3D

Cura slicing software, 2D slices out of 3D

# ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES





[4.2]

Powder Bed Fusion

Fused with agent + energy

**MJF**

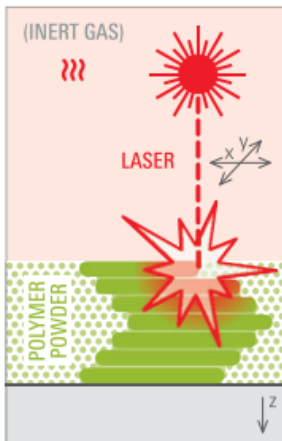
Multi Jet Fusion



Fused with laser

**SLS**

Selective Laser Sintering



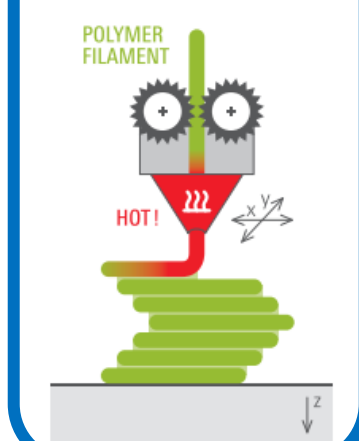
[4.4]

Material Extrusion

Material extrusion Filament

**FDM**

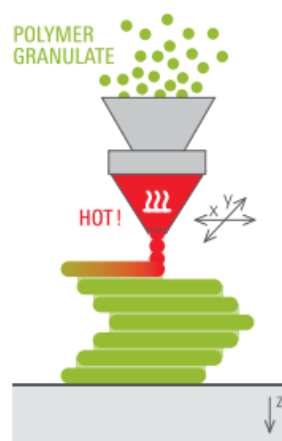
Fused Deposition Modeling



Material extrusion Granulate

**APF**

Arburg Plastic Freeforming



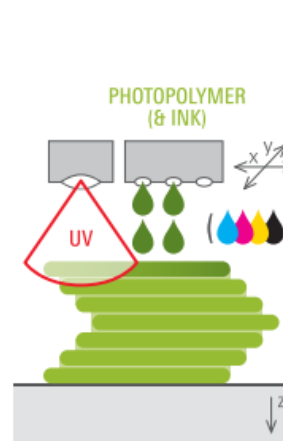
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Material Jetting

Cured with UV light

**MJ**

Material Jetting



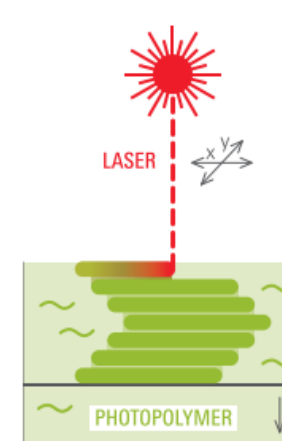
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Photopolymerization

Cured with laser

**SLA**

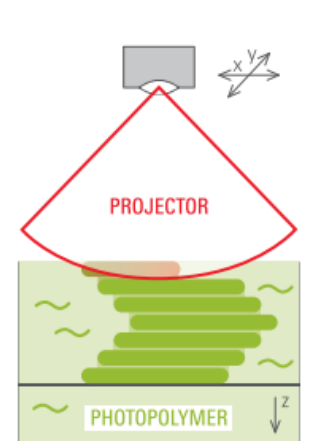
Stereo Lithography



Cured with projector

**DLP**

Direct Light Processing







[4.2]  
Powder Bed Fusion

Fused with  
laser

**SLM**

Selective Laser Melting

Fused with  
electron beam

**EBM**

Electron Beam Melting



[4.3]  
Direct Energy Deposition

Fused with  
laser

**LENS**

Laser Engineering  
Net Shape

Fused with  
electric arc

**WAAM**

Wire and Arc  
Additive Manufacturing



[4.4]  
Material Extrusion

Green part is printed to  
be **sintered** afterwards

**FDM**

Fused Deposition  
Modeling



[4.5]  
Binder Jetting

Joined with bonding agent  
to be **sintered** afterwards

**BJ**

Binder Jetting

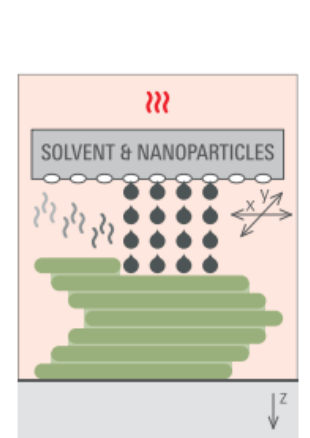
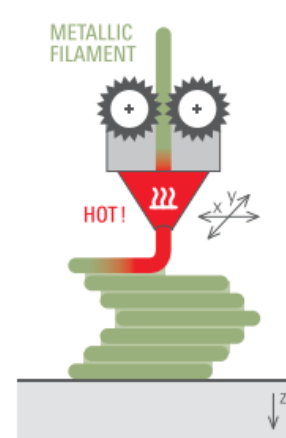
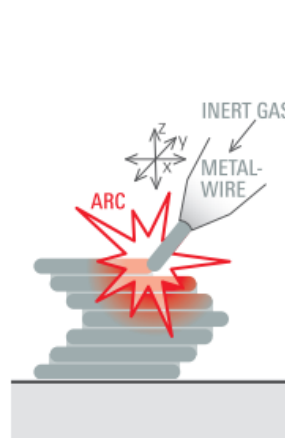
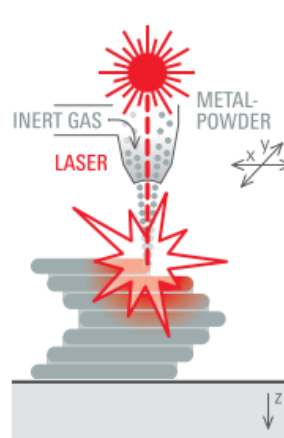
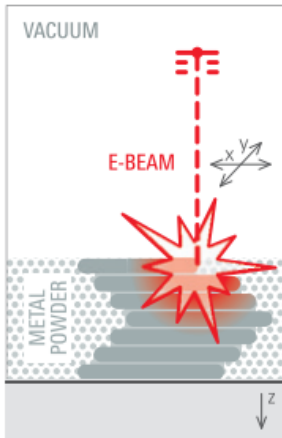
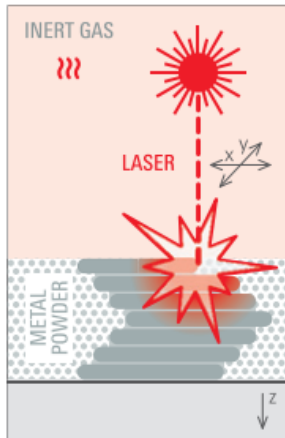


[4.6]  
Material Jetting

Cured with heat to  
be **sintered** afterwards

**NPJ**

Nano Particle Jetting



# Photopolymerization

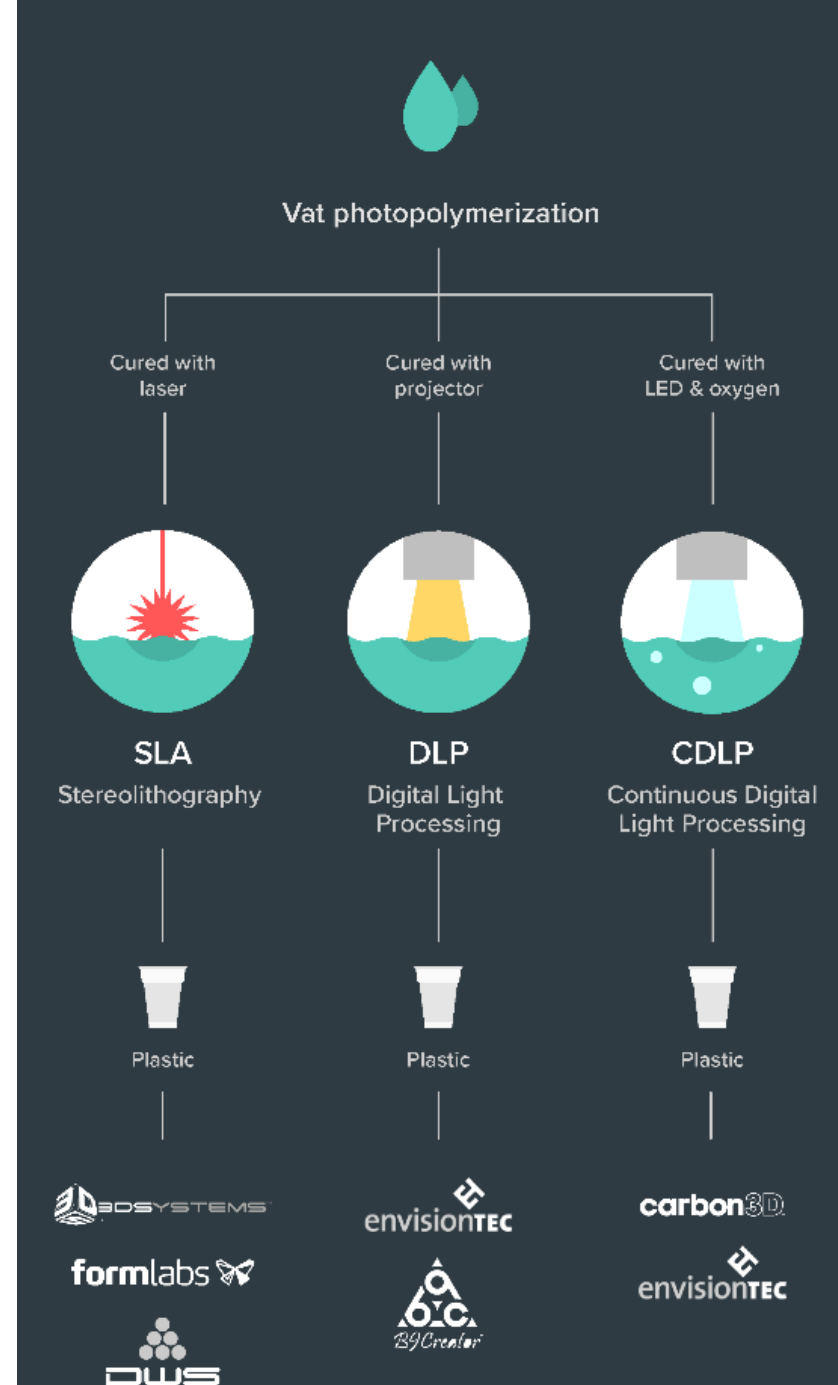
## [Video 01](#)

Liquid photopolymers solidified with UV-light

The first 3D Printing technology (~1984)

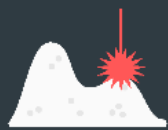
Mostly used for prototyping and investment casting

Often poor mechanical properties and parts will degrade in prolonged UV light

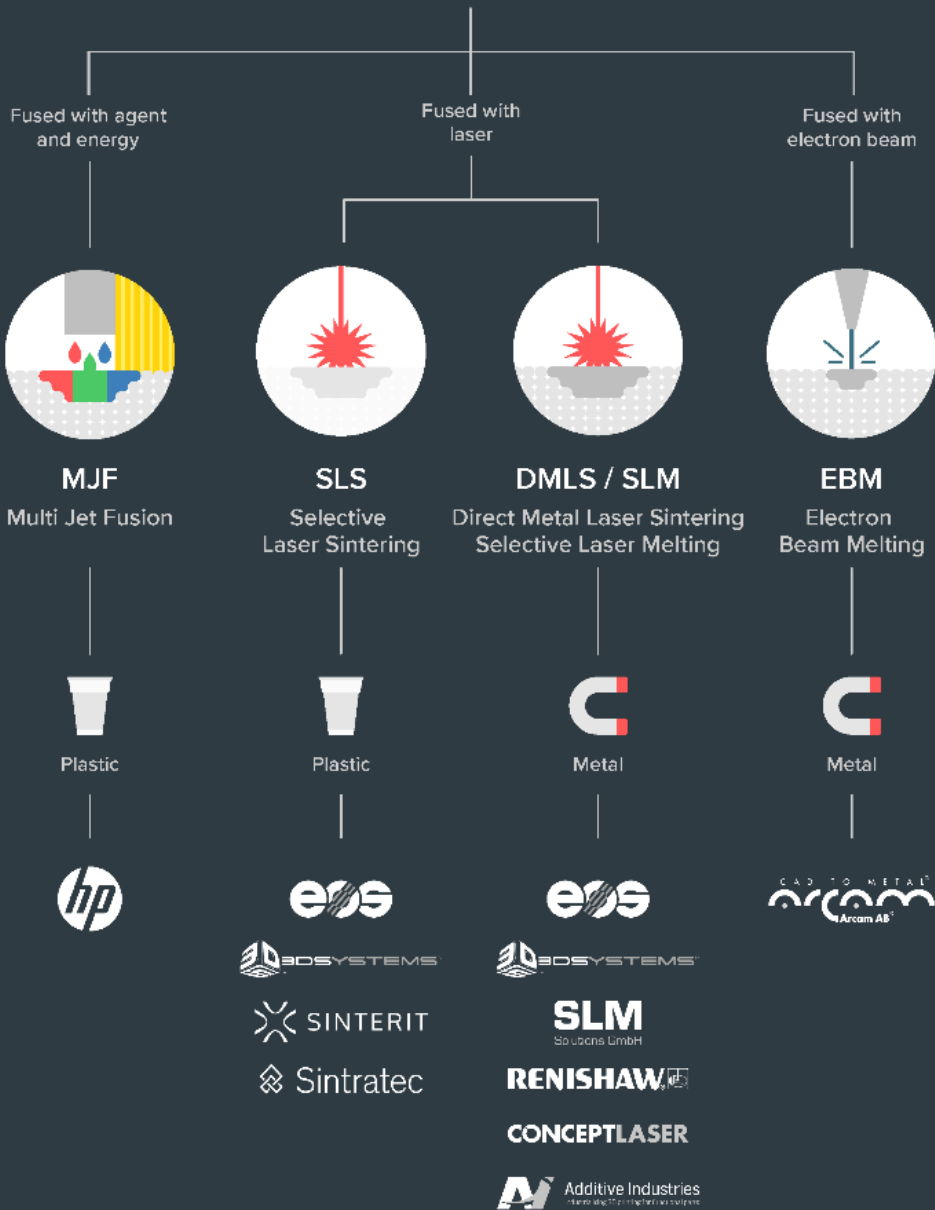




**First Commercially Successful  
Stereolithography Machine,  
Model SLA-1, 1987,  
Chuck Hull – 3D Systems**



## Powder bed fusion



# Powder Bed Fusion

## [Video 02](#)

For plastics (MJF / SLS) and metals (DMLS / SLM / EBM)

Material in powder format

High-power, focused laser melts material layer-by-layer

Industrialized technology, end-use products

Parts have good mechanical properties

# EOS M290 – behold!



# Material Jetting

Or Polyjet, [video 03](#)

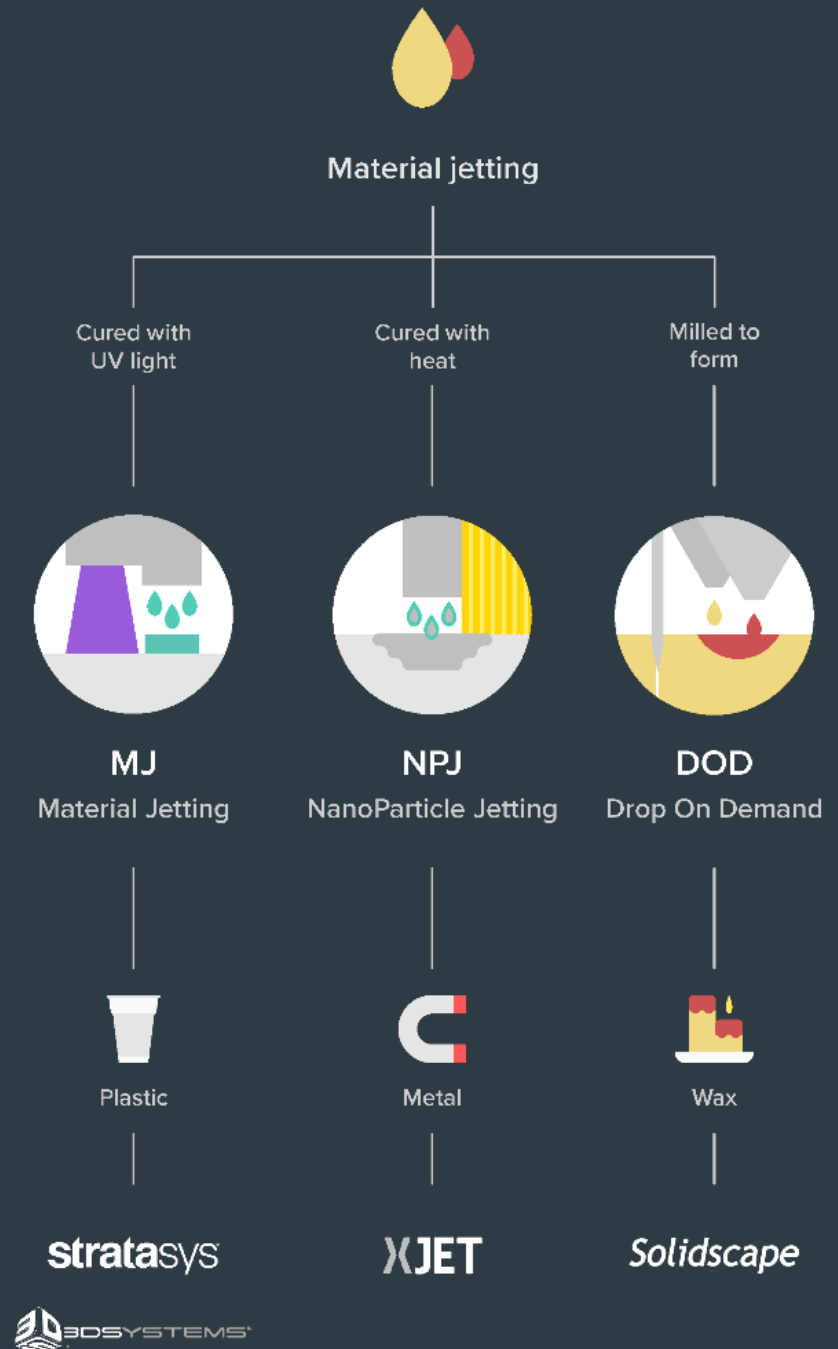
A cousin to photopolymerization : inkjet (2D printing tech) heads are used to drop small photopolymer droplets on the build platform which are then cured with a passing UV-light

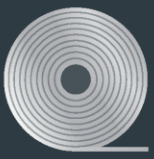
Multi-material possibilities

Very good resolution and fine features

Again poor mechanical properties and parts degrade with UV

Used for prototyping, medical models, and research





## Direct energy deposition

Fused with laser

Fused with electron beam



**LENS**

**EBAM**

Laser Engineering  
Net Shape

Electron Beam  
Additive Manufacturing



Metal



Metal



# Direct Energy Deposition (DED)

[video 04](#)

Powder or wire fed and melted with a laser, electron beam or a plasma arc

Poor surface finish, machining often required

Large components

Repairs of broken parts

So.., what to do with all of this ? [video\\_05](#)



# Simple, (sometimes) useful everyday objects

## Shoe Support



Shoe Support (Source: Mickapouel, via Thingiverse)

## Self-Watering Planter



Houseplants dying from neglect? NEVER AGAIN. This self-watering planter is a game-changer for kitchen herbs, where you can make them last up to 2 weeks. It's a natty device that keeps your plants hydrated without you having to water them.

**Who made it:** Parallel Goods

**Where to download it:** [Cults3D](#)

## Toothpaste Tube Squeezer



Squeeze every last drop of toothpaste from the tube with this tube squeezer. It prints in three separate parts, and is wide enough to accommodate most tubes on the market. Not only a cool thing, but also something to keep your breath minty fresh.

**Who made it:** Justin Otten

**Where to download it:** [Thingiverse](#)

## Bottle Opener and Cap Gun



Bottle Opener and Cap Gun (Source: 3Deddy, via Thingiverse)

# Need a custom tool onboard the International Space Station?

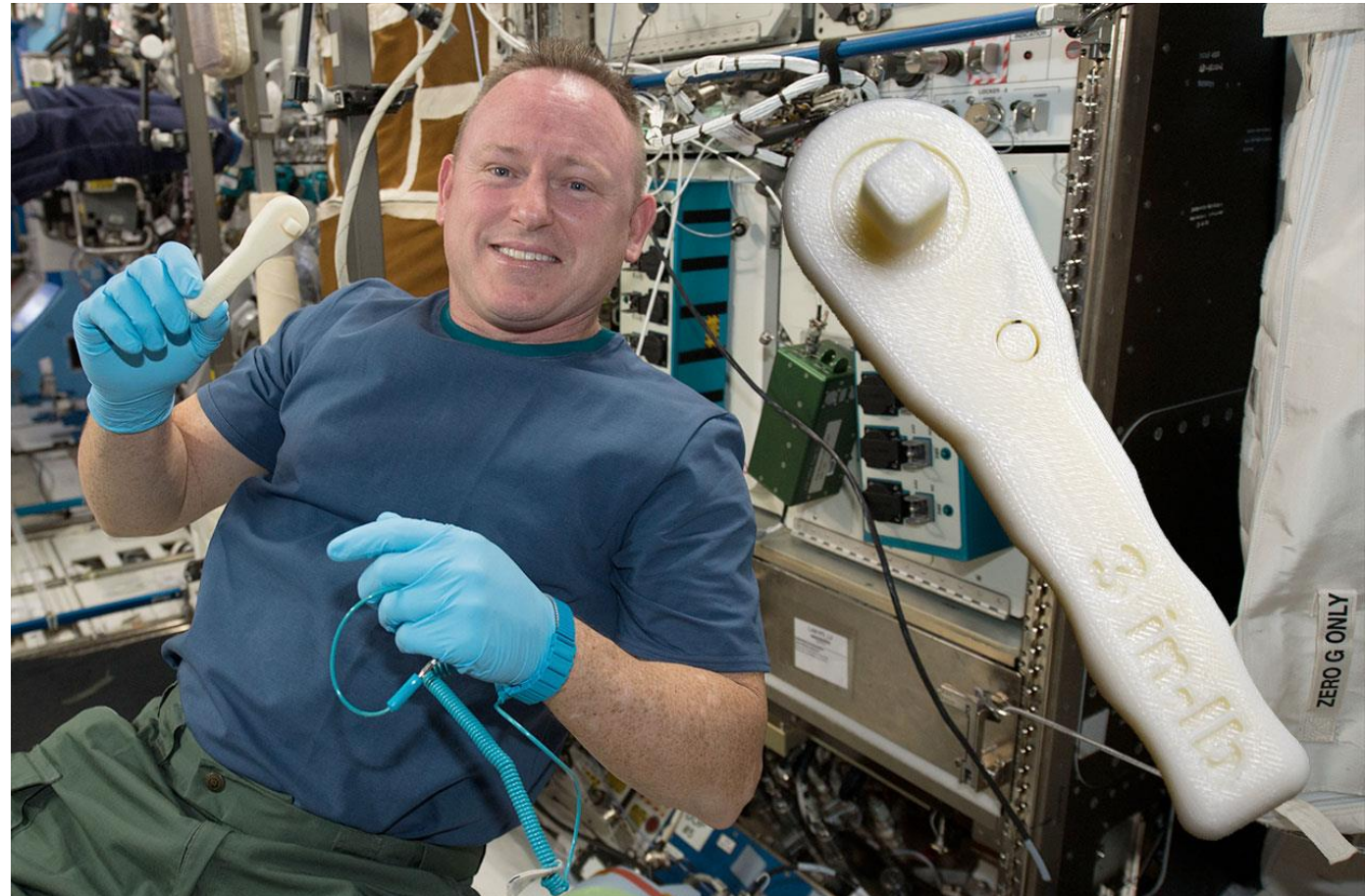
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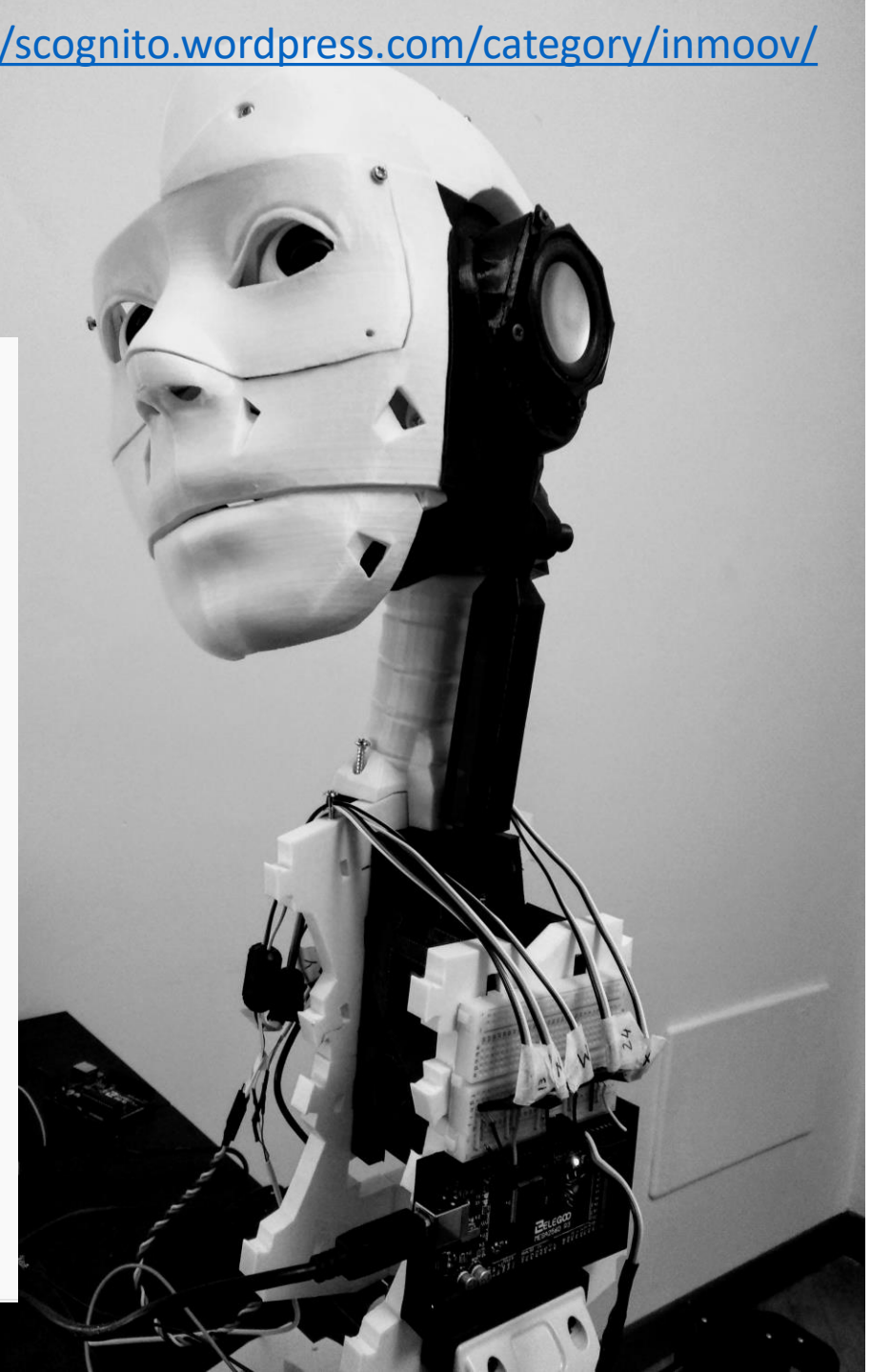
Let me fire up the *Refabricator*.

NASA Artemis program and building habitats on the Moon and later on Mars.

Decreasing Earth-dependance on manufacturing assets in space.



# DIY Robotics, [video\\_06](#)



## 3D Printed Life-Size InMoov Robot

Jukebooth • 2.4K views • 8 months ago

Matt Edminster and Billy Ramey, two New England guys, bought a 3D printer 3 years ago and what started as a hobby became a ...

4K

2:08



## Adept open source 3D printed robot based on Arduino

Adept Studio • 616 views • 4 months ago

Adept open source 3D printed robot based on Arduino. Welcome to the website: [www.adept.com](http://www.adept.com).

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## 3D Printed Delta Robot (Arduino Controlled) 2019

isaac879 • 57K views • 9 months ago

If you enjoyed the video please leave a like and consider subscribing for more. I have always loved how delta robots move and ...

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## 3D printed RC FPV tank rover

Brian Brocken • 12K views • 9 months ago

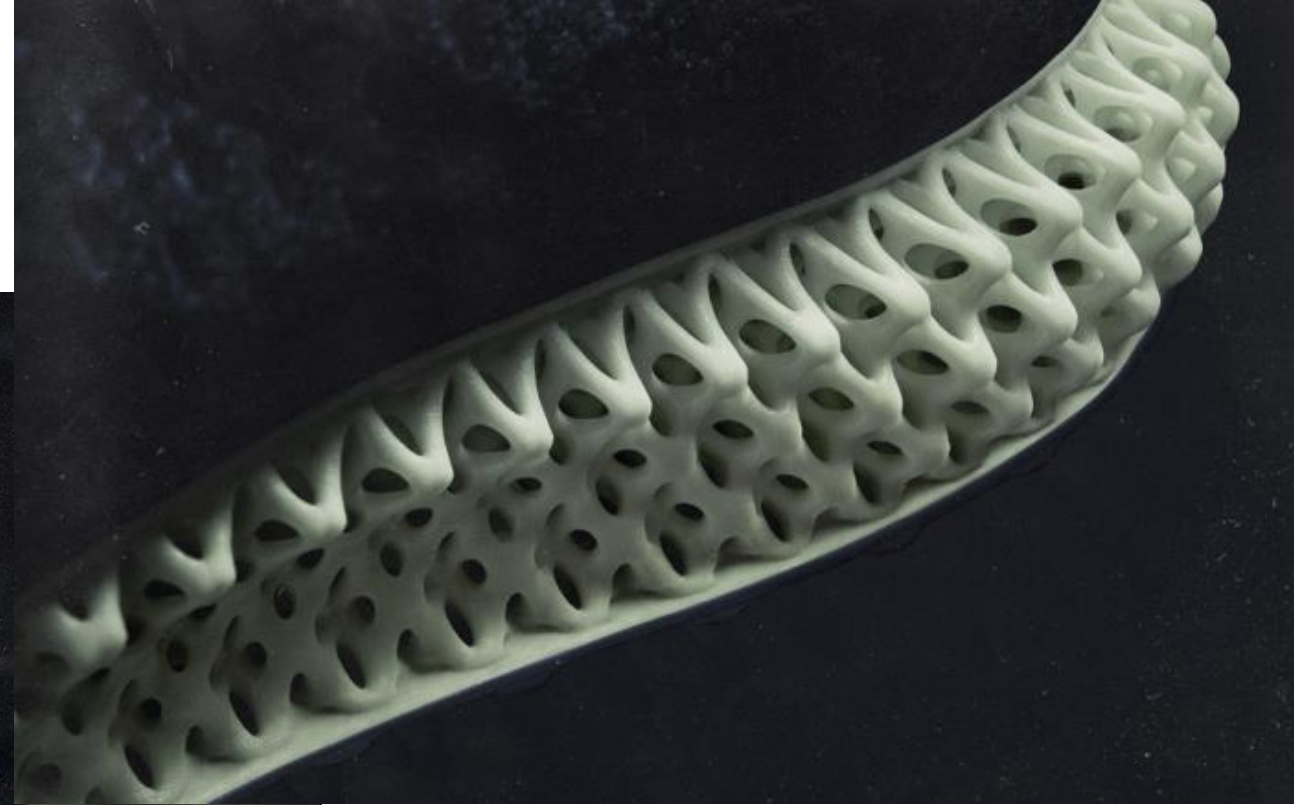
I designed the tank in a way that it can be almost completely 3D-printed. It's of course inevitable to truly completely 3D print the ...

# Volkswagen : [video 07](#) Jigs and fixtures to help assemble cars

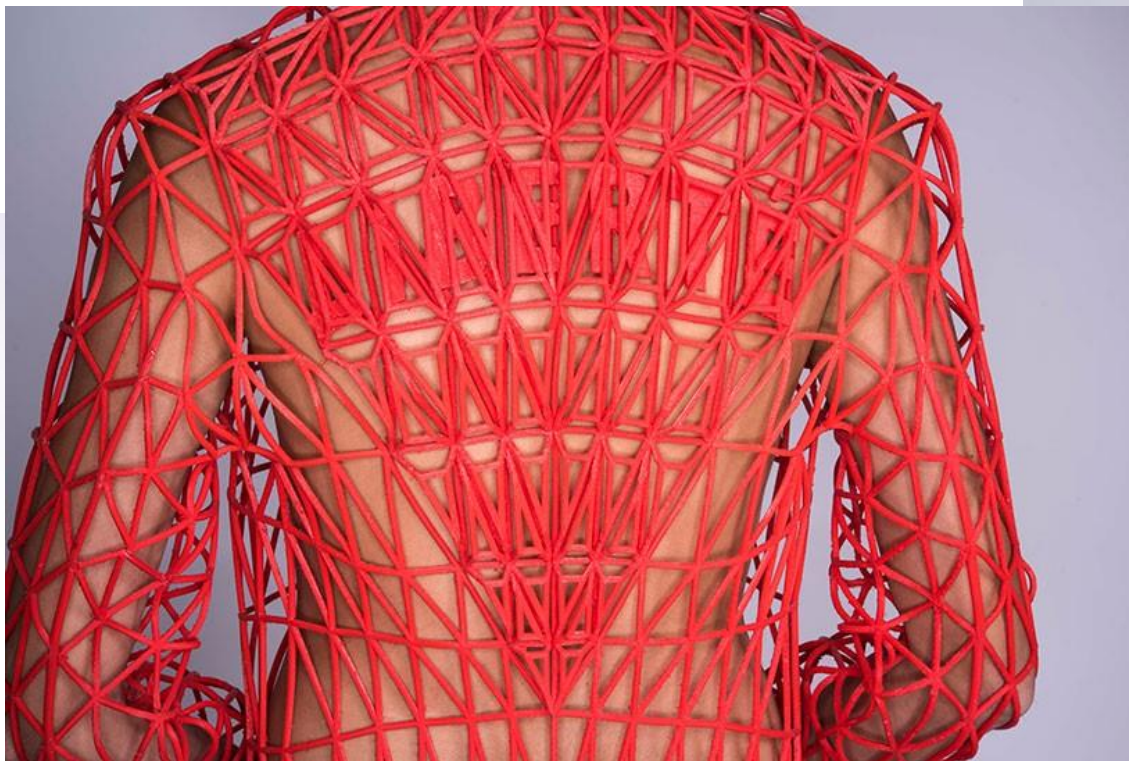


<https://www.tctmagazine.com/can-you-jig-it-volkswagen-ultimaker-3d-printing/>

# Adidas



# 3D Printing in Fashion



**Danit Pelege**



**JULIA KÖRNER**

SALZBURG | LOS ANGELES



BLACK PANTHER

# Jet Engine Parts

AEROSPACE

## BOEING 777X: GE9X ENGINES WITH 300 3D PRINTED PARTS POWERS LARGEST TWIN-ENGINE JETLINER IN FIRST FLIGHT

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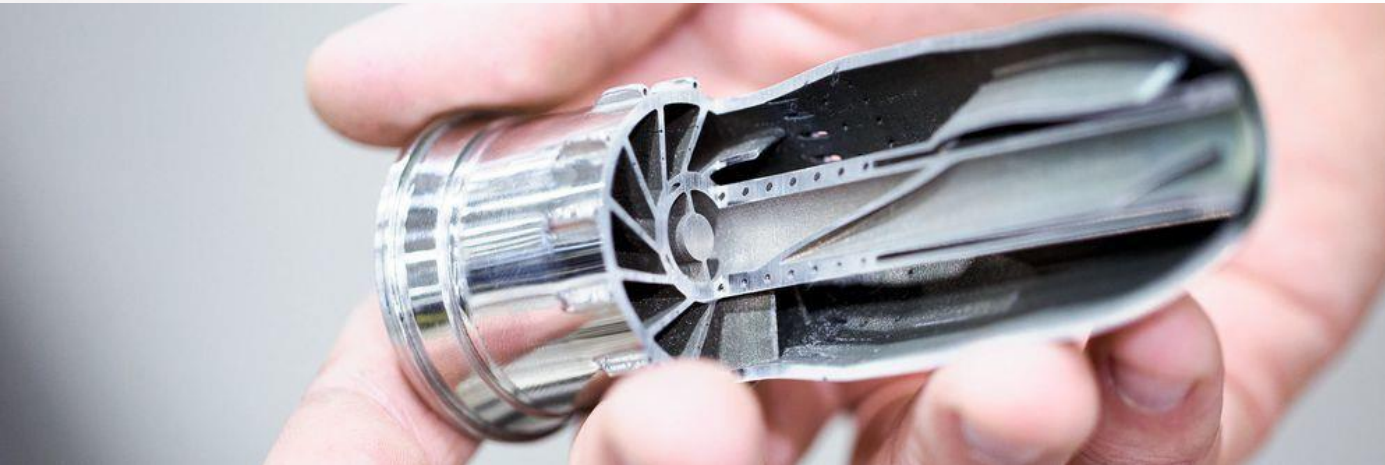


# LEAP fuel nozzle

Part Consolidation - previously almost 20 parts welded together, now 1 single part : 3D printed, machined, and heat treated. Already 30 000+ made.

<https://www.geaviation.com/commercial/engines/ge9x-commercial-aircraft-engine>

<https://www.ge.com/reports/heirs-gutenberg-ge-adding-next-chapter-3d-printing-push-germany/>



<https://www.ge.com/reports/all-the-print-thats-fit-to-pitt-new-additive-technology-center-opens-near-steel-town/>

# Glass / Ceramics / Concrete 3D printing



**Neri Oxman**



**Ashish Mohite**



**Company 'Concreative'**



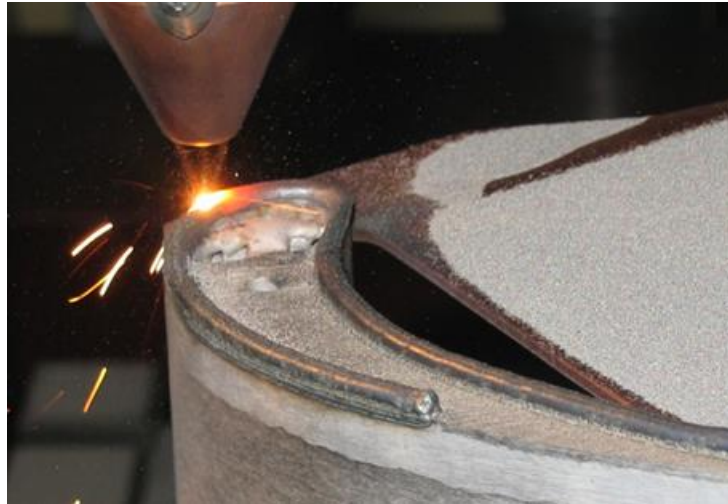
## 3D printed house in Dubai



Eco-sustainable 3D printed house (local and recycled materials) -  
Tecla, 3D printed by WASP

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9sXqxccRPM&t=12s>

# Repair of blades



Repairing blades of different kinds is a common application of DED. The worn tips are regrown and machined to shape.

Sources: <https://www.oerlikon.com/metco/en/products-services/coating-services/coating-services-laser-cladding/component-manufacturing-and-repair//>

# Material extrusion



Material extrusion



FDM

Fused Deposition Modeling



Composite Plastic

Plastic

stratasys

printrbot

Ultimaker



MakerBot

Composite (CFF)

zortrax

Markforged

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RESEARCH  
by JOSEF PRUSA

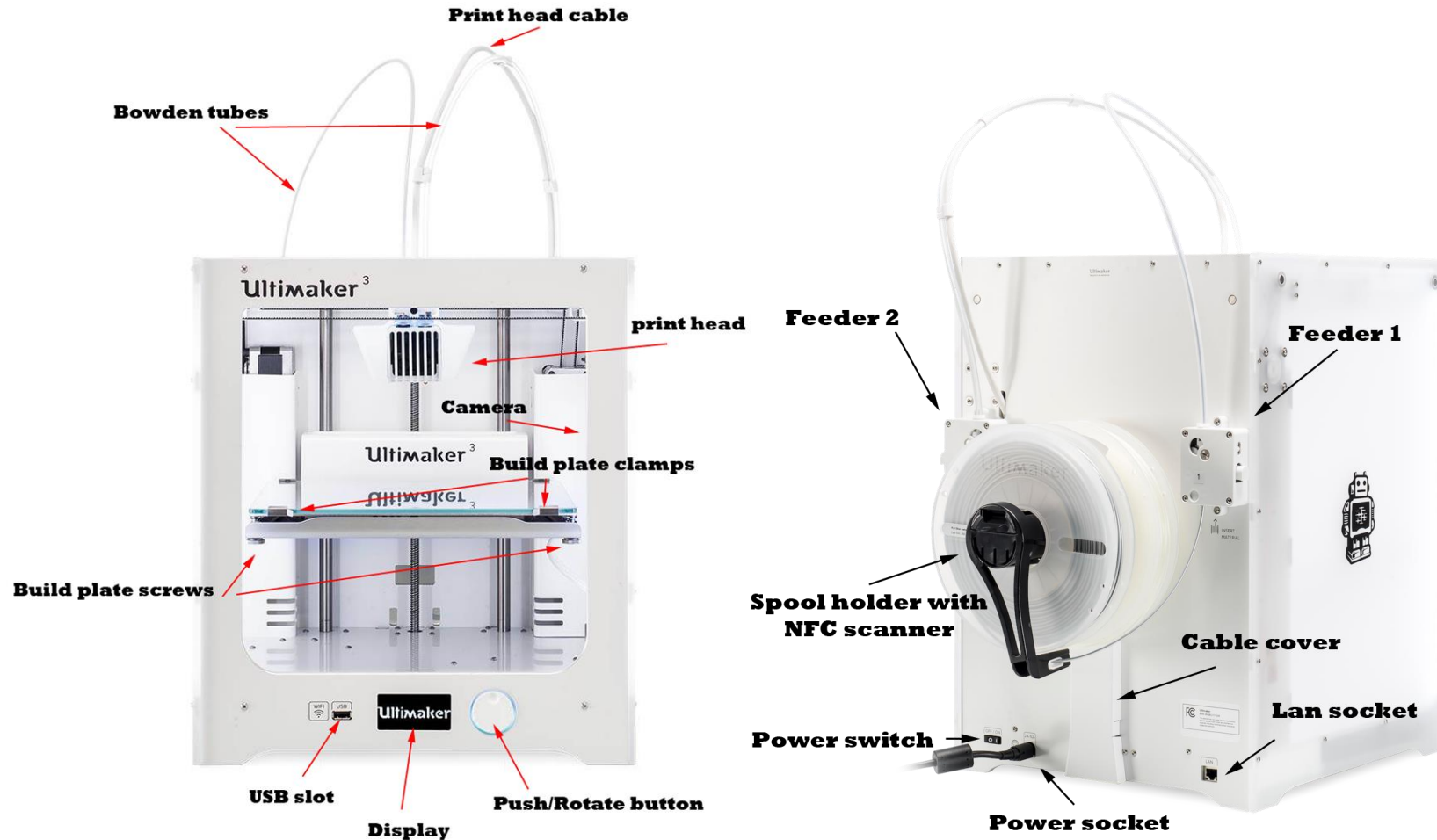
# Material Extrusion (FDM)



# Material Extrusion (FDM) – [video\\_08](#)



# Ultimaker – what is what



## Ultimaker 3:

<https://ultimaker.com/en/resources/45871-anatomy-of-an-ultimaker-3>

## Ultimaker 2:

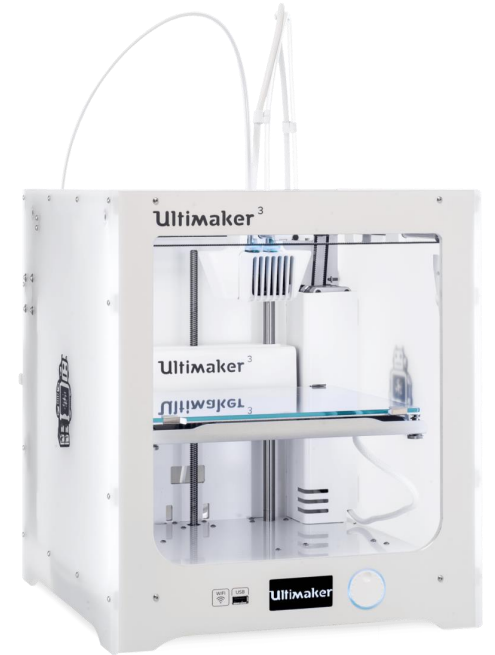
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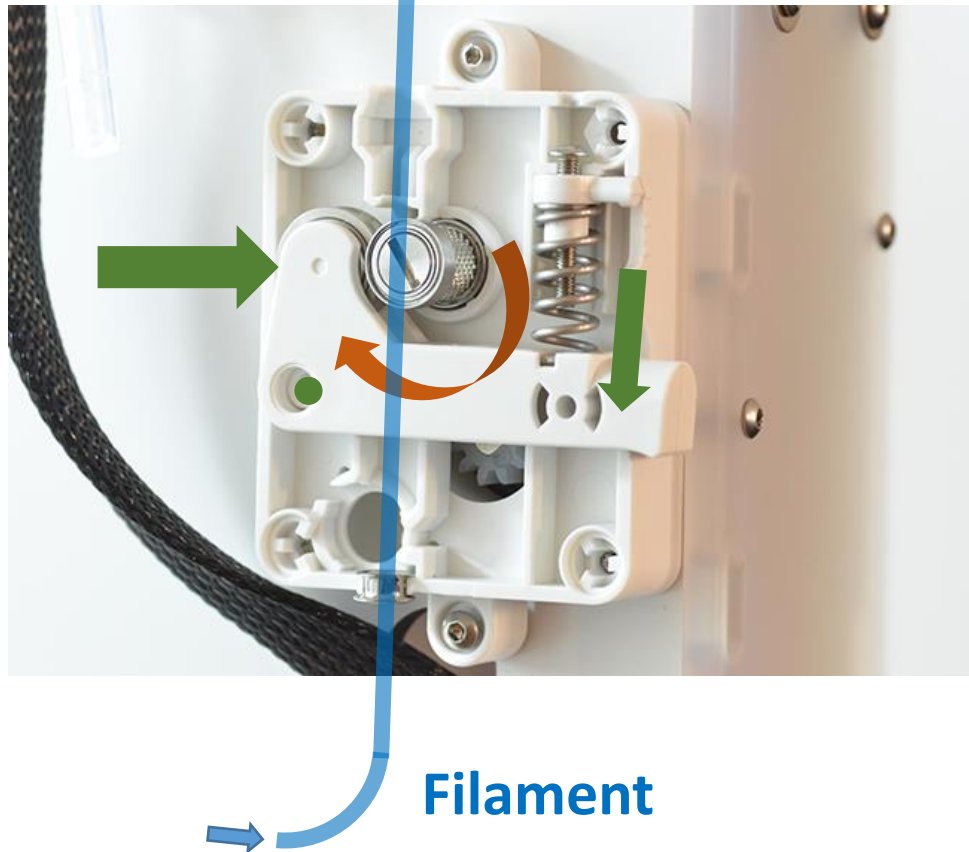
# Material Extrusion Systems

Main differences:

- Movement of the extruder, the build plate or both:  
*Cartesian or polar coordinates, delta arrangement or with an industrial robot*
- *Extruder type; filament-, plunger- and screw-based*
- *Bowden or Direct extruder*
- *Open or Closed build volume*
- No heating, Heated build plate and/or heated build volume
- Higher temperature nozzles for more exotic materials (like PEEK, ULTEM, PPSU)

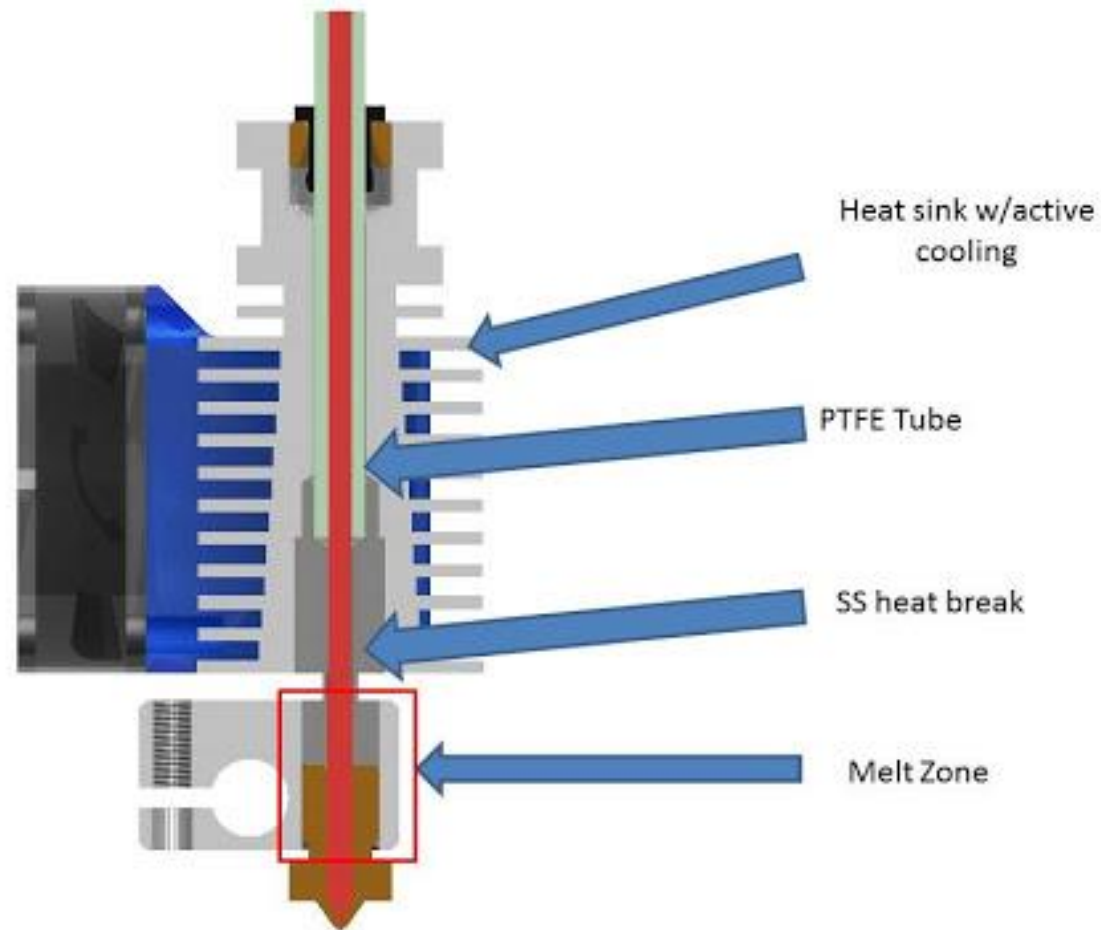


# Feeder assembly (bowden)



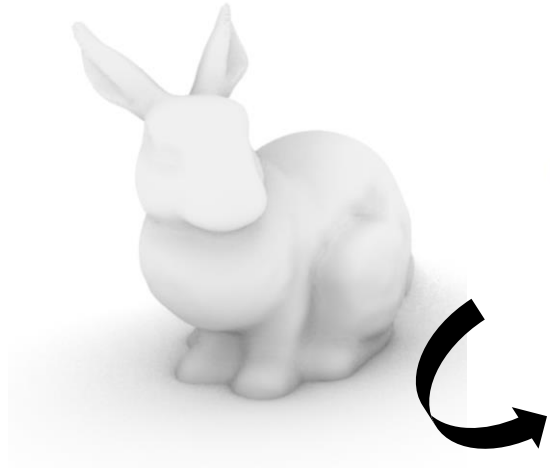
Stepper motor (geared) rotates feeder screw  
Spring loaded arm + bearing compresses  
filament against the feeder screw to move it  
towards the extruder

# Extruder assembly (example)



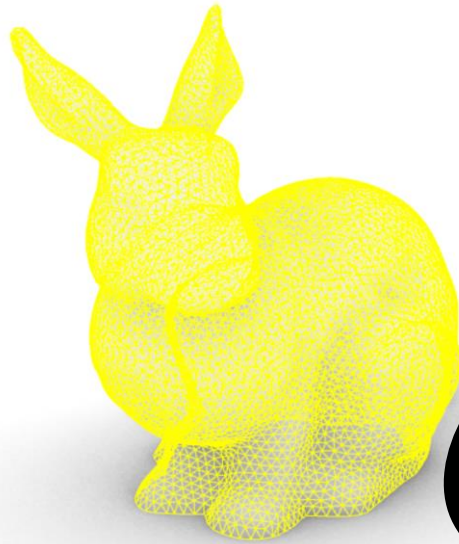
Digital workflow, software & design

# From 3D model to printable file



## 1. Original 3D model

File format examples:  
.OBJ, .STEP, .IGES, .PRT,  
.SLDPRT, ...

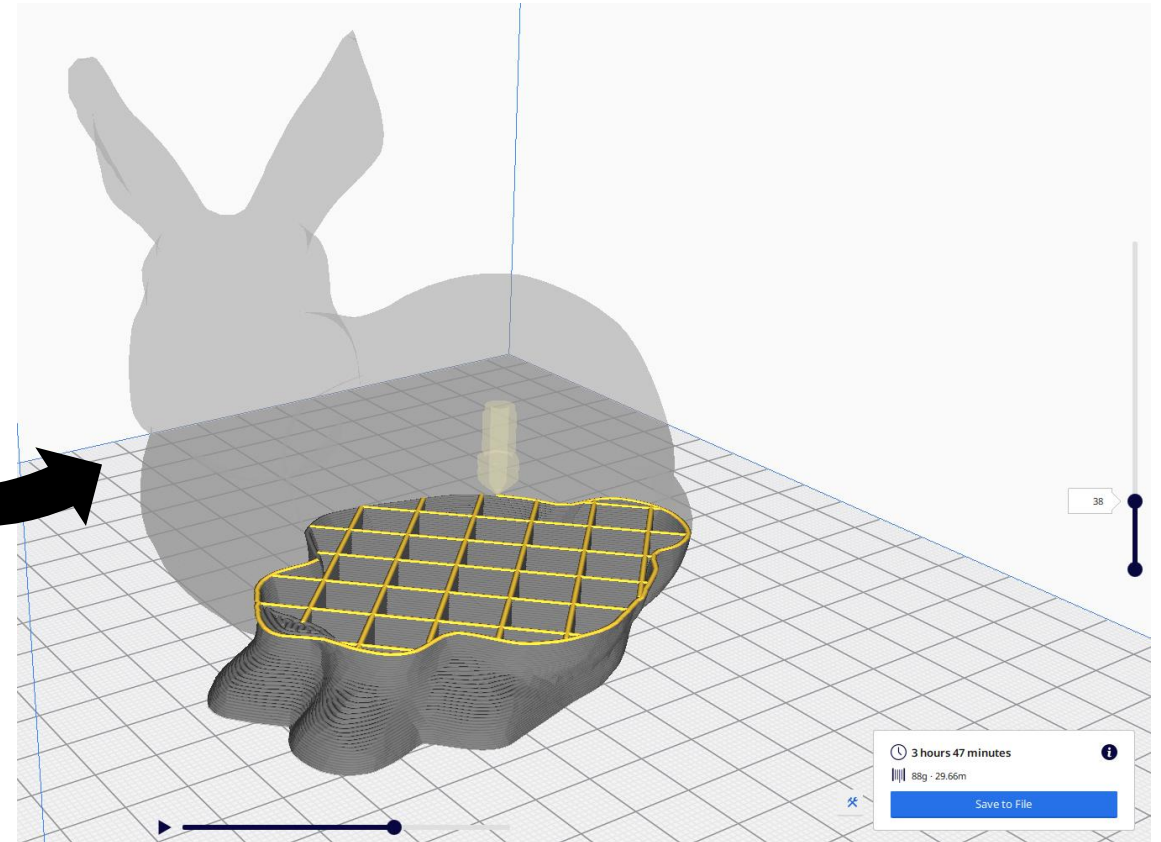


## 2. STL conversion

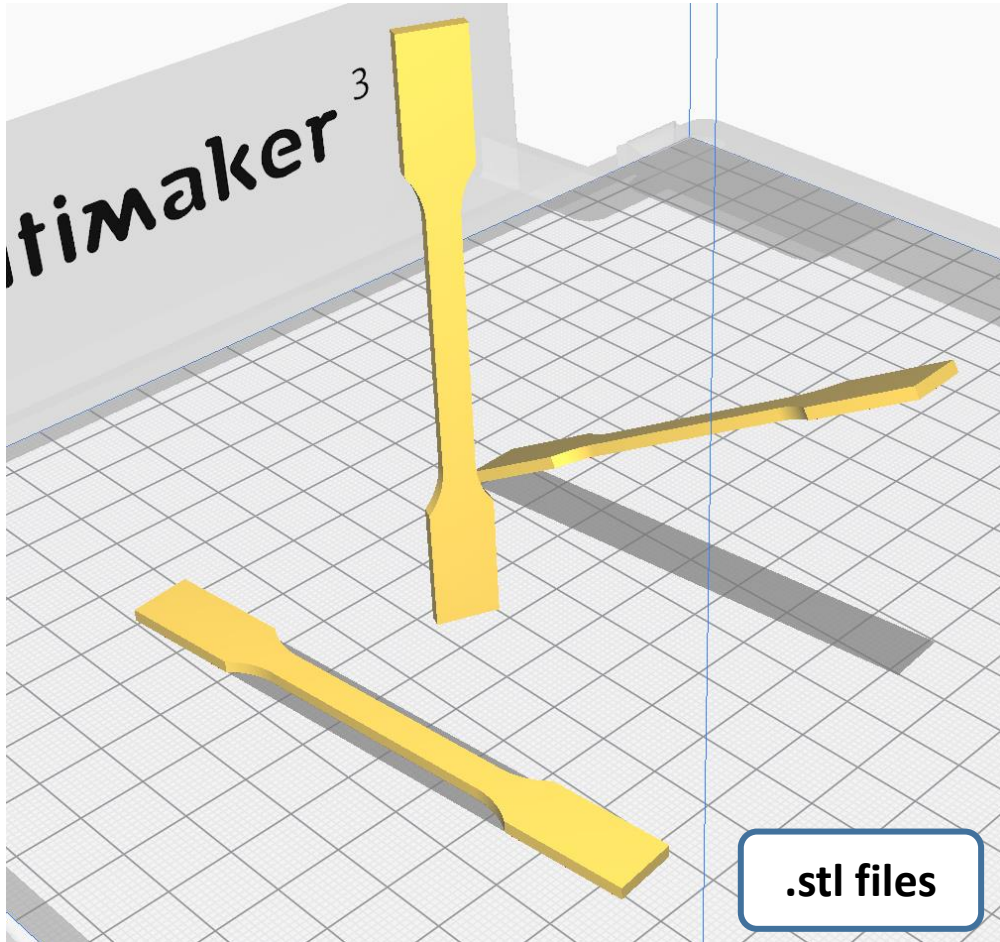
Standard Triangle/ Tessellation Language

Current industry standard  
for 3D printing

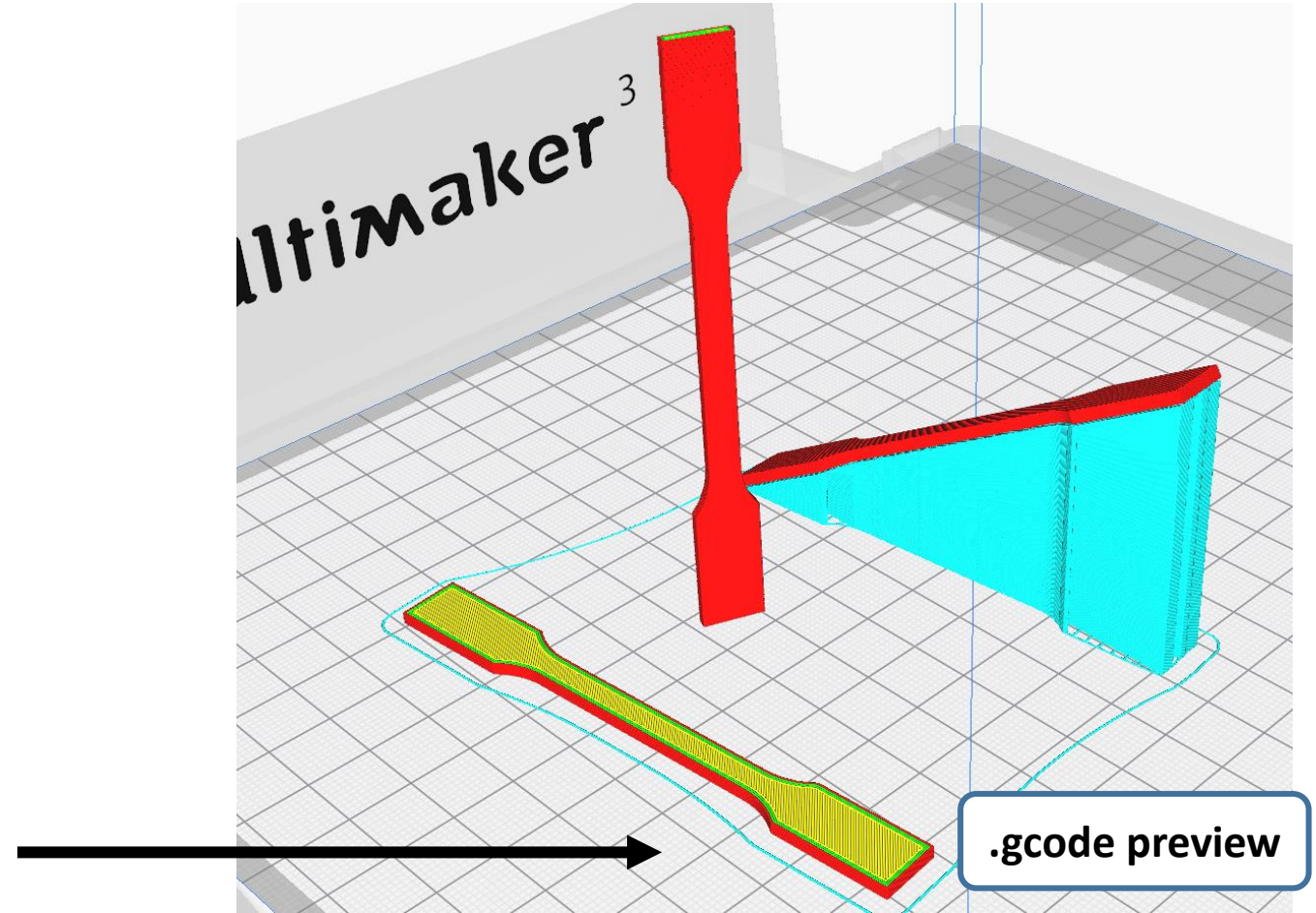
3. Sliced to 2D layers and G-code created  
Layer thickness-, nozzle / bed temperature-,  
infill-, support-, etc. .. settings



# Build orientation, overhangs, support structure



.STL files brought into Cura,  
different build orientations



Slicing operation and support  
generation

# G-code – commands for the printer

```
G0 X12           ; move to 12mm on the X axis
G0 F1500         ; Set the feedrate to 1500mm/minute
G1 X90.6 Y13.8 E22.4 ; Move to 90.6mm on the X axis and 13.8mm on the Y axis while extruding 22.4mm of material
```

## Some example G-code commands (RepRap):

G0 – rapid move

M109 – Set extruder temperature

G1 – linear move

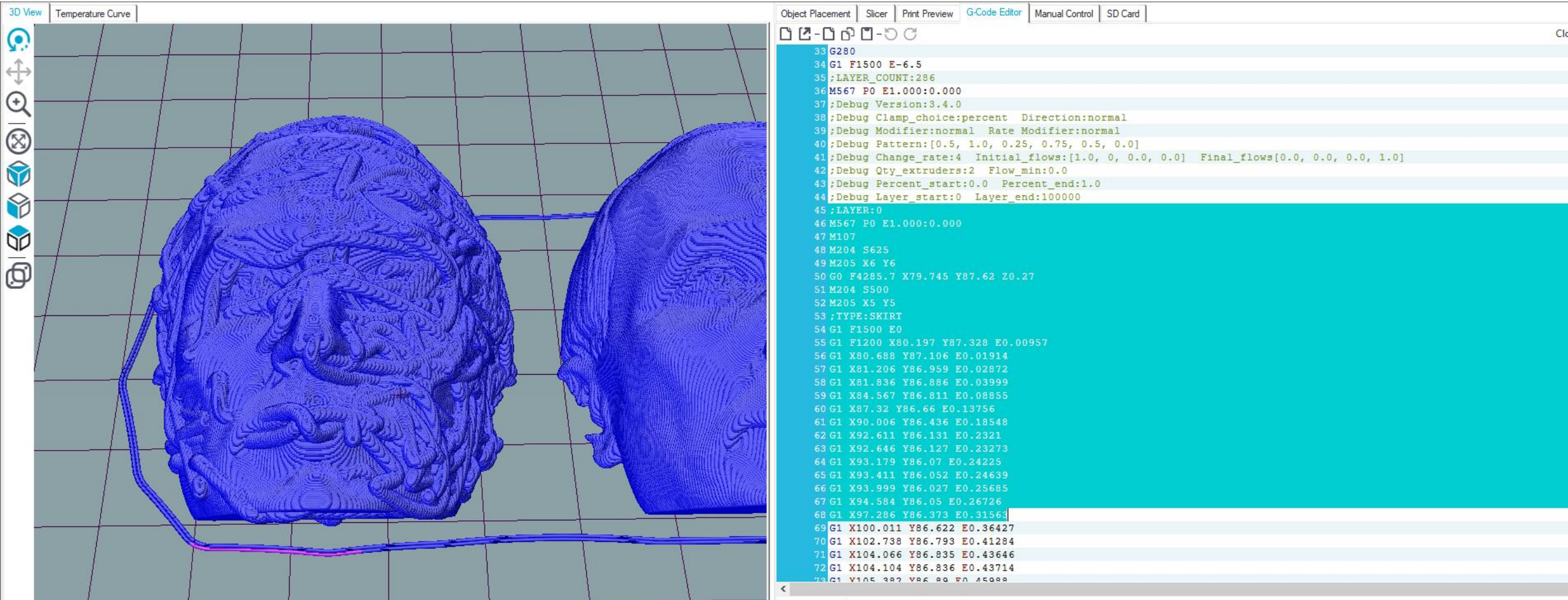
M204 – Set default acceleration

G28 – move to Origin (Home)

... etc. refer to <https://reprap.org/wiki/G-code>

If you want to learn more about G-code and different "flavours": <https://all3dp.com/g-code-tutorial-3d-printer-gcode-commands/>,  
<https://ultimaker.com/en/resources/20996-gcode-flavours-reprap-vs-ultigcode>, <https://reprap.org/wiki/G-code>, <https://marlinfw.org/meta/gcode/>

# G-code – commands for the printer



Those who are interested to better visualize, understand, and edit G-code, Repetier-Host: <https://www.repetier.com/> (free)



**Cura demo:**  
Software Overview &  
preparing an .STL file for printing

# Where to get 3D models?

The Internet is full of printable 3D files: maker communities, databases, 3D model shops: Google “3d models for printing” → **Thingiverse, Cults, Pinshape, GrabCAD, MyMiniFactory...**

- 3D scan an existing geometry for 3D printing
- 3D model your own parts
  - Ask a friend to 3D model for you
    - Pay a friend to 3D model ..
    - Pay a company to 3D model ..

# 3D Scanning for a printable model, [video\\_09](#)



# 3D Modeling Software

## BEGINNERS

**TinkerCAD** (free) - <https://www.tinkercad.com/>

**Meshmixer** (3D Sculpting and mesh modifications, free) - <http://www.meshmixer.com/>

**FreeCAD** - <https://www.freecadweb.org/downloads.php>

**Autodesk Fusion 360** (free license for students and makers) - <https://www.autodesk.com/campaigns/fusion-360-for-hobbyists>

**Onshape** (cloud-based CAD) - <https://www.onshape.com/education-plan>

**Solidworks, Creo, Siemens NX** (Aalto student licence) - <https://download.aalto.fi/student/>

**Blender** (free, from mesh-based modeling to producing an animation movie) - <https://www.blender.org/download/>

**Rhinoceros** (Installed in some ARTS computer classes, Grasshopper included for algorithmic design)

## ADVANCED

**Autodesk Netfabb, Altair Inspire** (Lattice design and topology optimization, student licenses available on request)

Options for programmatic 3D modeling: **OpenSCAD, ImplicitCAD, Matlab,**

# DESIGN RULES FOR 3D PRINTING



	Supported Walls	Unsupported Walls	Support & Overhangs	Embossed & Engraved Details	Horizontal Bridges	Holes	Connecting /Moving Parts	Escape Holes	Minimum Features	Pin Diameter	Tolerance
	Walls that are connected to the rest of the print on at least two sides.	Unsupported walls are connected to the rest of the print on less than two sides.	The maximum angle a wall can be printed at without requiring support.	Features on the model that are raised or recessed below the model surface.	The span a technology can print without the need for support.	The minimum diameter a technology can successfully print a hole.	The recommended clearance between two moving or connecting parts.	The minimum diameter of escape holes to allow for the removal of build material.	The recommended minimum size of a feature to ensure it will not fail to print.	The minimum diameter a pin can be printed at.	The expected tolerance (dimensional accuracy) of a specific technology.
Fused Deposition Modeling	0.8 mm	0.8 mm	45°	0.6 mm wide & 2 mm high	10 mm	Ø2 mm	0.5 mm		2 mm	3 mm	±0.5% (lower limit ±0.5 mm)
Stereolithography	0.5 mm	1 mm	support always required	0.4 mm wide & high		Ø0.5 mm	0.5 mm	4 mm	0.2 mm	0.5 mm	±0.5% (lower limit ±0.15 mm)
Selective Laser Sintering	0.7 mm			1 mm wide & high		Ø1.5 mm	0.3 mm for moving parts & 0.1 mm for connections	5 mm	0.8 mm	0.8 mm	±0.3% (lower limit ±0.3 mm)
Material Jetting	1 mm	1 mm	support always required	0.5 mm wide & high		Ø0.5 mm	0.2 mm		0.5 mm	0.5 mm	±0.1 mm
Binder Jetting	2 mm	3 mm		0.5 mm wide & high		Ø1.5 mm		5 mm	2 mm	2 mm	±0.2 mm for metal & ±0.3 mm for sand
Direct Metal Laser Sintering	0.4 mm	0.5 mm	support always required	0.1 mm wide & high	2 mm	Ø1.5 mm		5 mm	0.6 mm	1 mm	±0.1 mm

# Nozzle Height & Build Plate Adhesion

**Too High**



Too much distance will cause the filament to extrude into the air. This will not stick to the bed.

**Perfect**



The tip of the nozzle is adding slight pressure to the top of the filament, greatly increasing how much filament is securely sticking to the bed and subsequent layers.

**Too Low**



The filament is not flowing properly, which can cause retrograde extrusion. Layers are predominantly choppy and short. Continued printing in this manner will likely cause a jam.

# Under- / over extrusion

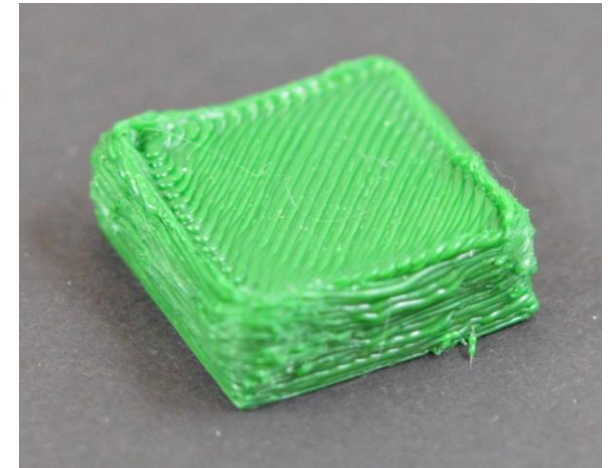
## Not enough / too much material flow

Good material flow is a balance between nozzle diameter, print speed, temperature, and material flow rate

> double-check the Cura settings

Might be caused by feeder issues, or a clogged hot-end

> Use another Ultimaker and report a problem to the ADDLAB staff



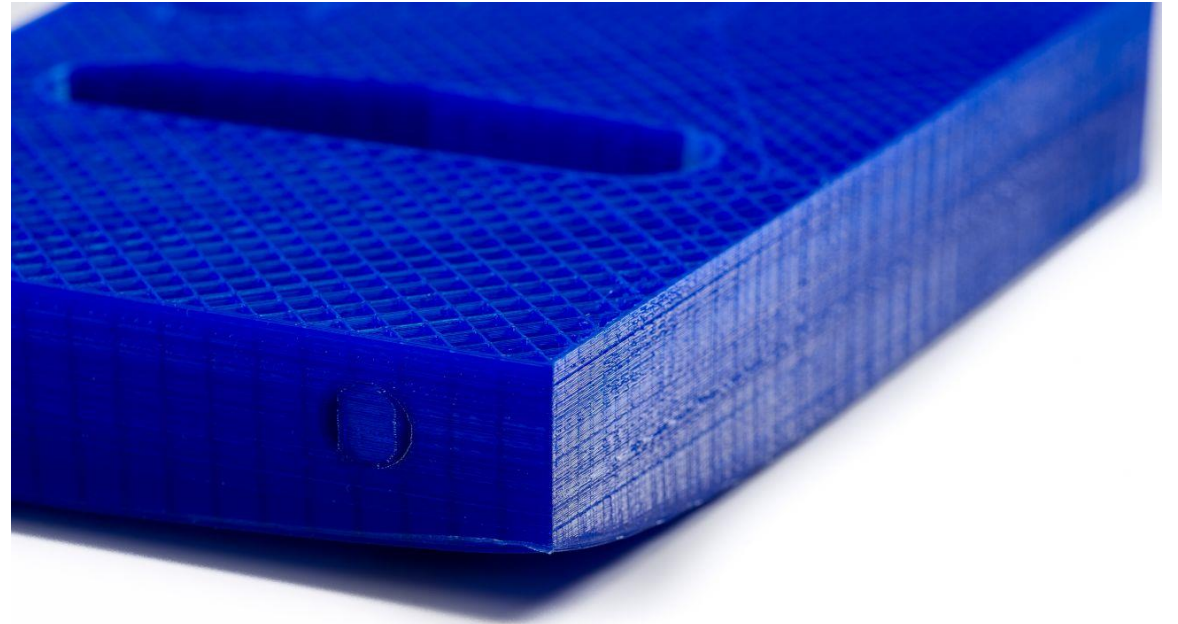
# Warping

Caused by material shrinkage

Avoidable with good build plate leveling, adhesion to the plate (first layers), and proper but not excessive cooling.

A 'brim' or a 'raft' can help (See Cura settings)

Large, flat 3D designs will warp more likely !





# Stringing



Caused by material leaking during print head travel moves.

Affected by printing temperature (higher strings more), print speed (+ travel speed) and 'retraction' settings

'Retraction' means a small recoil, or counter movement. The extruder will drive back filament to prevent leaking.

# Online help

<https://community.ultimaker.com/>

<https://rigid.ink/pages/ultimate-troubleshooting-guide>

YouTube tutorials

# ADDLAB and 3D Printers

# Booking the Ultimakers

After the workshop you will be given access to “ADD DMF Google Calendar” to check which printers are available and make reservations.

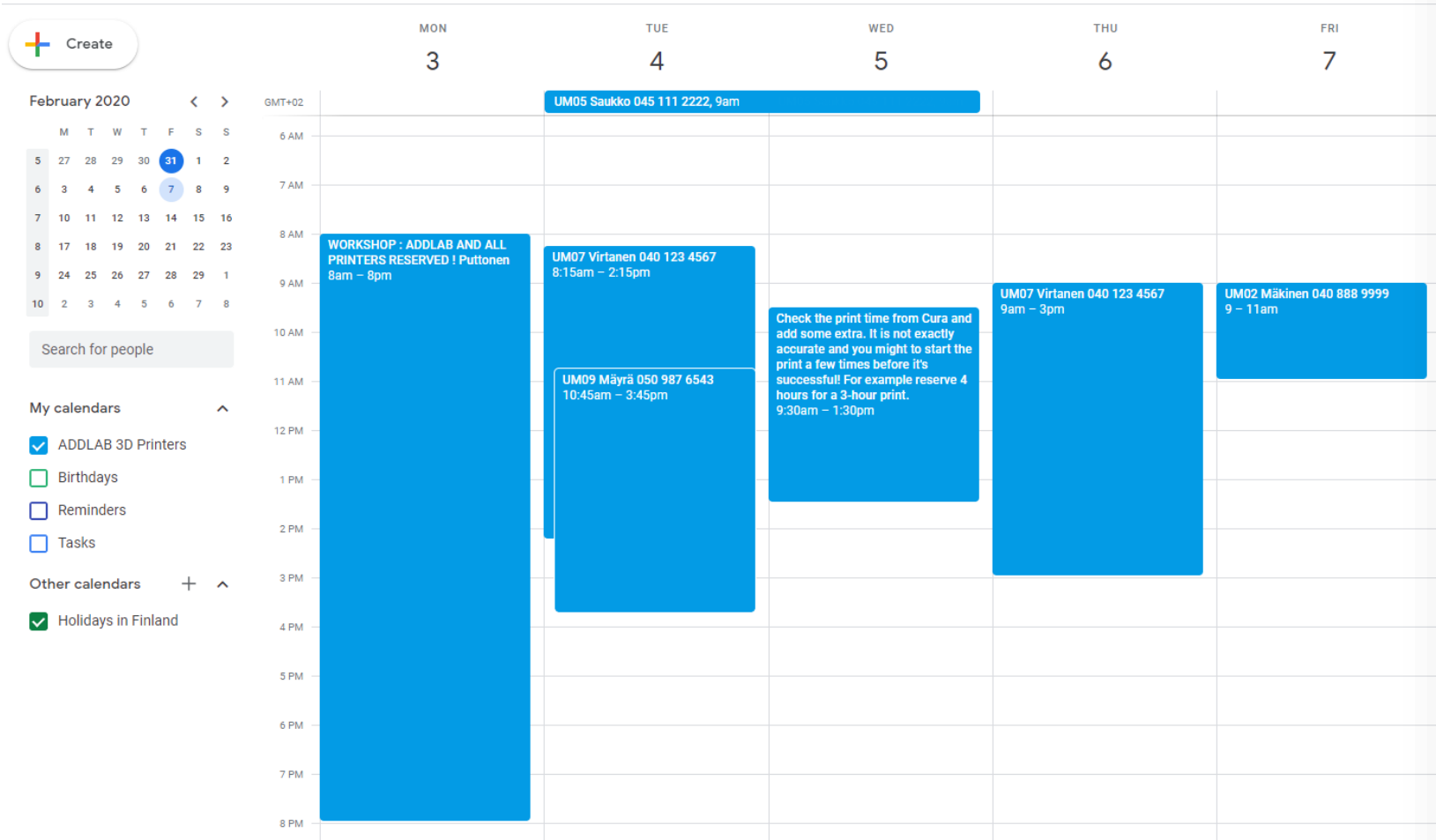
Write (clearly) your email in the participation list, I will send a link to join the calendar.

To reserve a printer for a time slot, simply add an entry in the “ADD DMF Google Calendar” (*not in your personal Google Calendar*) with:

The printer number, your name, your phone number:

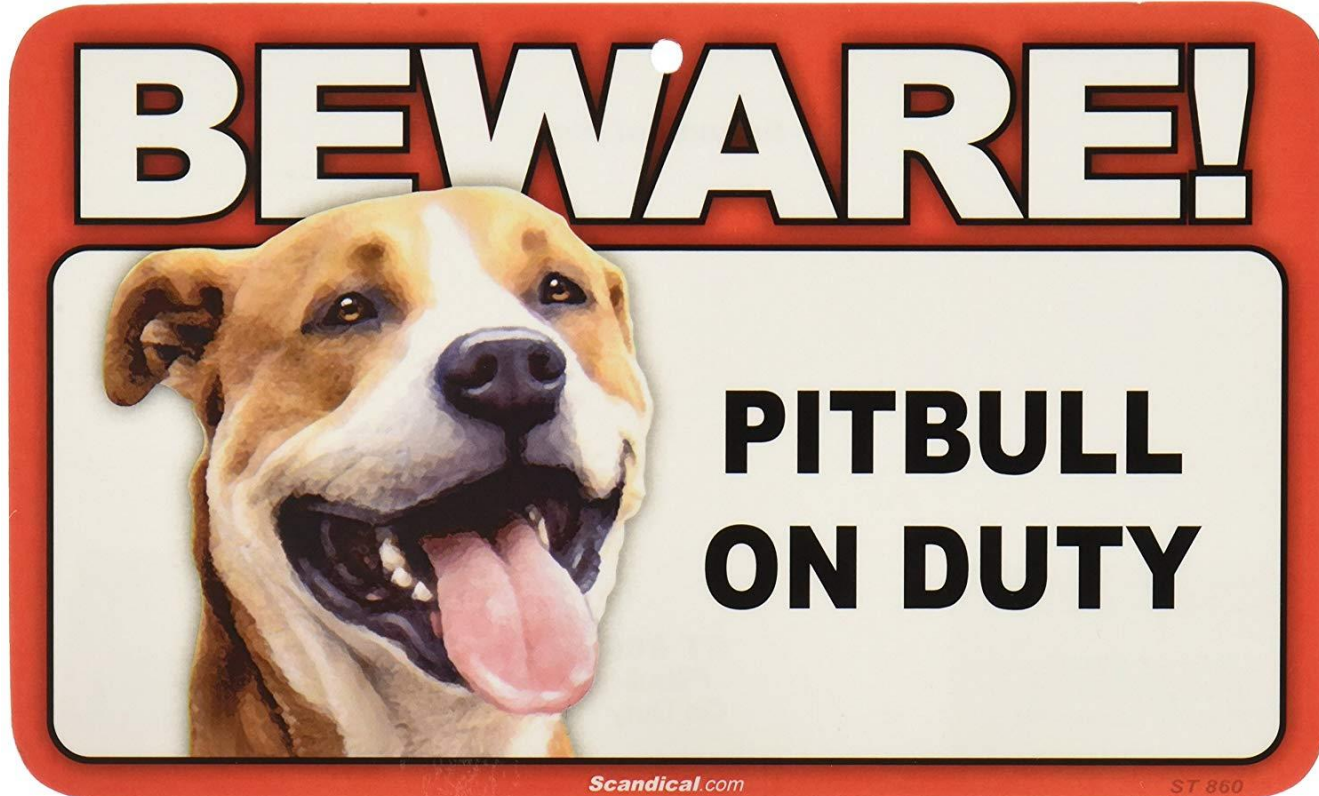
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# Booking the Ultimakers



UM07 Virtanen 040 123 4567  
9am - 3pm

# ADDLAB - code of conduct



<https://www.amazon.com/BEWARE-Guard-Dog-Duty-Sign/dp/B004QVRV2Y>

- Treat everyone and everything respectfully : )
- Don't make a mess
- Return all tools to their own places
- Report broken things
- Ask and give help
- Minimize the amount of new plastic waste to the world

# Learn more about 3D Printing

- MEC-7006 Advanced Manufacturing course (5 credits), organized every Spring
- <https://ultimaker.com/en/resources/education/getting-started-with-an-ultimaker>
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/Ultimaker3D/videos> and numerous other info / tutorial videos on YouTube
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- <https://scholar.google.com/> and search 'additive manufacturing'

# Assignment



# Assignment (1 credit)

Reserve an ADDLab 3D printer with the “ADD DMF Google Calendar” (*this is not your personal Google Calendar*), 3D print a part, and **prepare a short report (max 1-2 pages) where you have:**

- A screenshot of the part from the Cura slicer software (Preview mode) with the print orientation and main print parameters visible
  - A picture of the finished 3D-printed part
1. Description of the part and its function?
  2. Difficulties or problems faced during printing and an explanation of how you solved these?
  3. A few examples of how you could reduce the printing time of the part (e.g., via adjusting Cura parameters or 3D design of the part)?

**Submit the report on MyCourses before the deadline.**

let's say the **deadline is 25.02.2024 – 23.59**

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