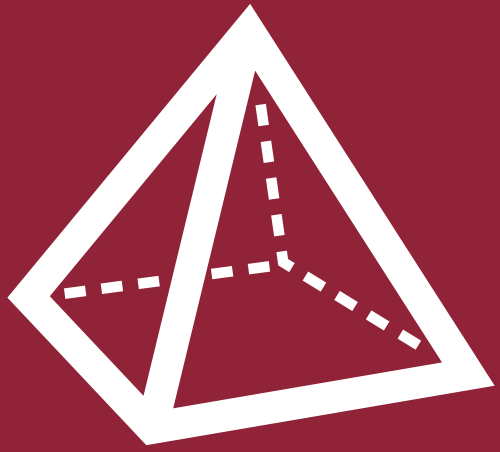




Design for 3D Printing

A FAST AND EASY GUIDE TO
DESIGN AND PRINT 3D MODELS

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Printing at the Technology Sandbox



FutureBound

Communication and Digital Capabilities Certification

- Undergraduate students
- Complete 4 activities
- Please sign registration sheet

SEP 18 **Design for 3D printing - In-person**
Today, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

SEP 26 **Thinking critically about AI tools - In-person**
Tuesday, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

SEP 28 **Arduino 101 - In-person**
Thursday, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

SEP 29 **Become a concise communicator - In-person**
Friday, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

OCT 10 **Expand your Excel skills: Intermediate - Online**
Tuesday, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

OCT 11 **Public speaking bootcamp - In-person**
Wednesday, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

OCT 18 **Intro to Python: Start programming - Online**
Wednesday, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.



Intro

5 min

Theory

35 min

Activity

25 min

**Recap &
resources**

15 min

Questions

10 min

Workshop Objectives

By the end of this workshop, you will be able to:

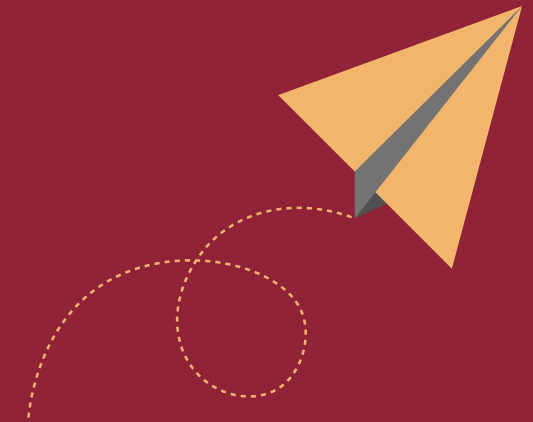
Explain the basics of:

- 3D Printing
- 3D Design

Design appropriately for 3D printing

Modify an existing 3D design

Export model for 3D printing

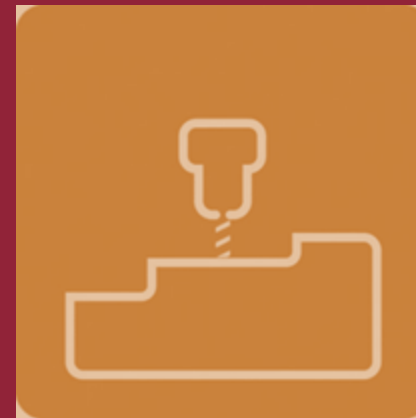


What is 3D Printing?

1. An additive manufacturing technology



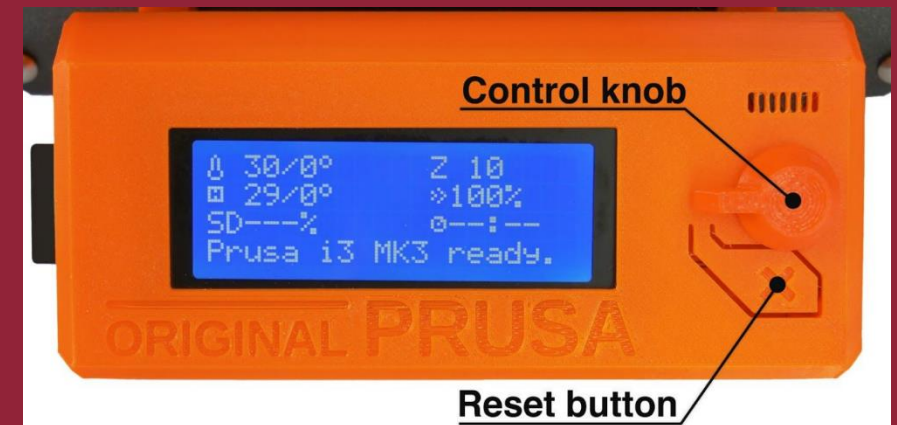
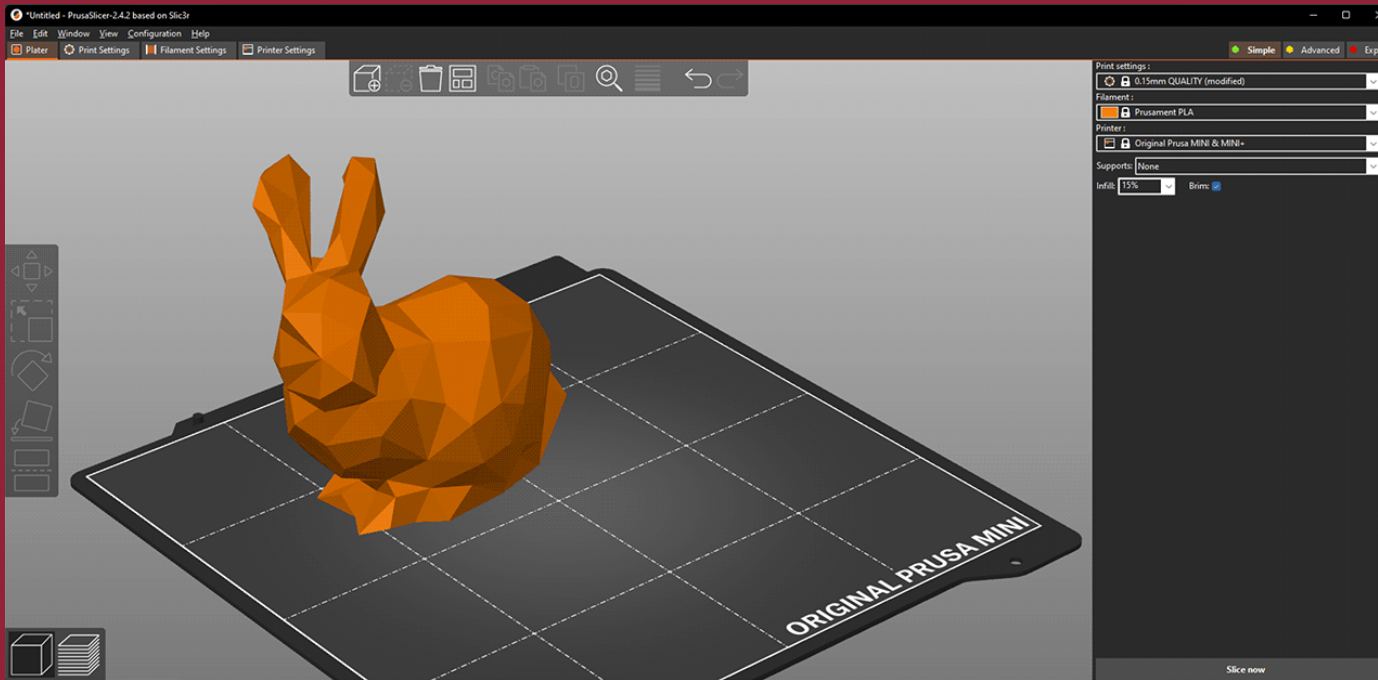
Additive



Subtractive

What is 3D Printing?

2. Computer controlled



What is 3D Printing?

3. Printers use G-code, the most widely used computer numerical control programming language

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G0 X12 ; move to 12mm on the X axis
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G Codes

G0, G1 - Coordinated movement X Y Z E **G0 & G1: Move**

In Prusa Firmware G0 and G1 are the same.

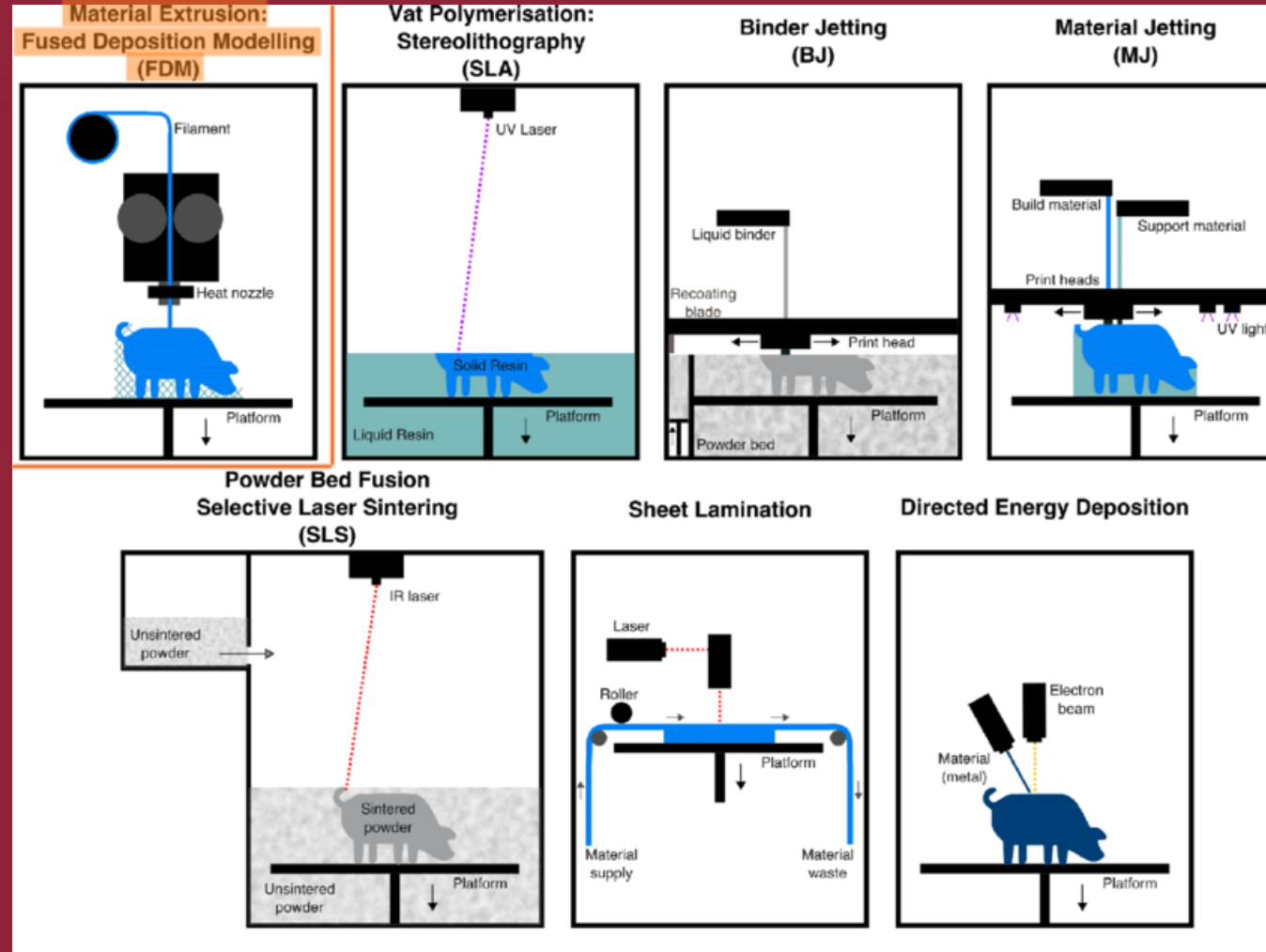
Usage

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G0 [ X | Y | Z | E | F | S ]  
G1 [ X | Y | Z | E | F | S ]
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Parameters

- **X**
- The position to move to on the X-axis
- **Y**
- The position to move to on the Y-axis
- **Z**
- The position to move to on the Z-axis
- **E**
- The amount to extrude between the starting point and ending point
- **F**
- The feedrate per minute of the move between the starting point and ending point (if supplied)

Types of 3D printing



Why 3D Print?

- Prototype a design for larger production
- Solve a unique one off problem
- Reverse engineer a broken part
- Aesthetics
- Troubleshoot your 3D design
- Print a test in PLA before producing in a more expensive material



What can you 3D Print?

- Figurines and models (architecture, DnD)
- Joining devices, hooks, attachments
- Artwork, sculptural pieces
- Organizers, containers, holders
- Puzzles and toys
- Casing and stands







Material choices

PLA – Safe, Cheap, Easy (free for students)

Outside the Sandbox:

- Other plastics (stronger, flexible, high rez) and resins
- Metals (cast or direct)
- 'Sandstone'
- Colors

Constantly evolving – look for local then Canadian options to save \$\$



What is 3D Design?

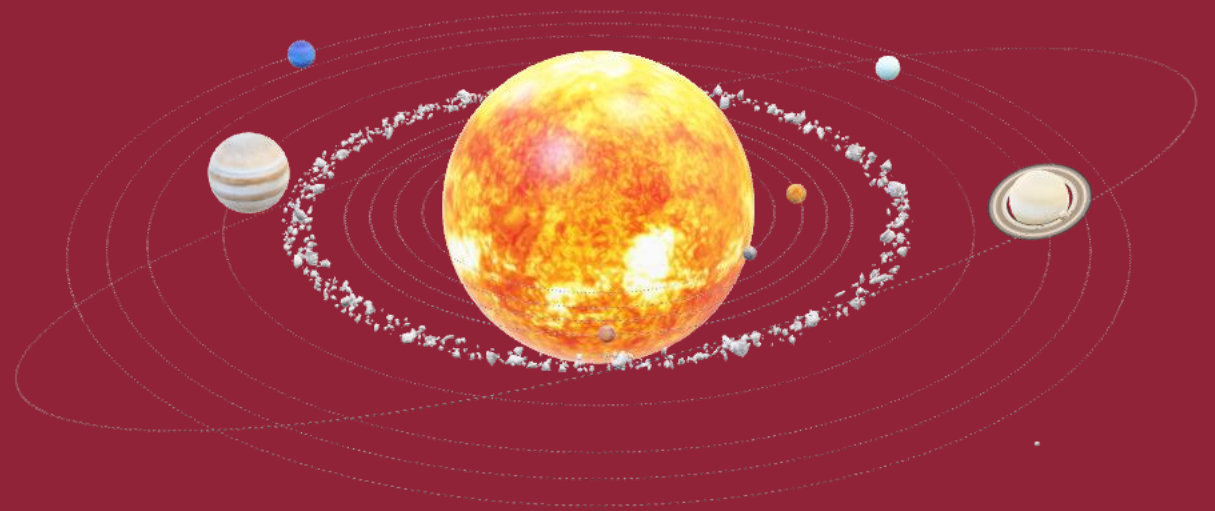
- Process of using computer-modelling software to create an object within a three-dimensional space
- Representation of a 3-dimensional object or shape
- End result is a 3D model

Why 3D Model?

- For 3D printing
- Other design applications, e.g., CNC mill, laser cutter, etc.,
- Video games
- CGI
- VR experiences
- Architecture
- Simulation purposes

What are some 3D file types?

- STL
- OBJ
- GLTF/GLB
- PLY (point cloud)
- FBX (Autodesk Filmbox)
- Many more – conversions generally possible to some extent



How does a printer understand 3D files?



G-code!

Design considerations - FDM

- Overhang
- Rotation
- Support material
- Total size – modularity
- Movement (Dynamic objects)
- Melt-ability





How can I design files in 3D?





Make a Tinkercad account:

<https://www.tinkercad.com>

... and Sign-IN

Follow the tutorials

- 3D designs, learn
- Starters: Place It!, View It! ...complete as many as you can
- 15 minutes to get to know the interface
- Drag and drop
- Easier with a mouse (but you can survive without)

Modify a Design

- Visit the Thingiverse.com site
- Locate a file you would like to modify (i.e. cellphone case you want your initials on)
- Ideally one part
- Download the .stl, import it into TinkerCAD
- Modify
- Export the .STL

Next Steps

- Bring your file on USB to the Sandbox to print
- Complete more tutorials in TinkerCAD
- Work on mods and mashups
- Design something from scratch
- Investigate different 3D modeling options –advantages and limitations

3D PRINTING GUIDE

Do you have a 3D model?

YES

Do you have an .stl?

Export .stl or .obj

NO

SEARCH (thingiverse.com)

-or-

MODEL (TinkerCAD, OpenScad, etc.)

Open in Prusa Slicer (Click ADD)

1. Choose printer
 2. Set layer height (0.1-0.3)
 3. Add support material
 4. Add brim
 5. Change fill density (10-60%)
- if needed

SLICE NOW

preview

EXPORT GCODE

Onto SD card

Change filament

Upload Gcode

PREHEAT

take to printer

PRINT!

(WATCH for 2 layers)



What did we learn?

- Explain the basics of 3D Printing/3D Design
- Identify some common printer types and file types
- The 3D Printing services offered in the Technology Sandbox
- Identify the applications of 3D modelling; choose software that can meet your needs
- Find and modify 3D models
- Export models for 3D Printing

Continue Learning

[Tinkercad](#)

[OpenSCAD](#)

[Blender](#)

[Sketchup](#) (changed ownership from Google to Trimble)

[Udemy Concordia](#)

[Introduction to SOLIDWORKS](#)

[AutoCAD Beginners Course](#)

[3D printing start to finish with TINKERCARD & CURA software](#)



3D Modelling 102: OpenSCAD

So you want to model things in 3D, but you're unfamiliar with how to do it or the software you're using doesn't give you the fine control you need? Come to our workshop. For this session, we are going to focus on building practical structures for lab environments. OpenSCAD is free, open-source software for detailed, programmatically defined, primitive based rendering software. If that sounds complicated, you will be pleasantly surprised at how easy and intuitive the software is once you get started.

No programming experience required (although it doesn't hurt).

Computer and software are provided, but to walk away even better prepared, feel free to bring your own laptop and have OpenSCAD installed on your computer before the session.

Speaker: Sean Cooney, Technology Sandbox Technician, Concordia University Library

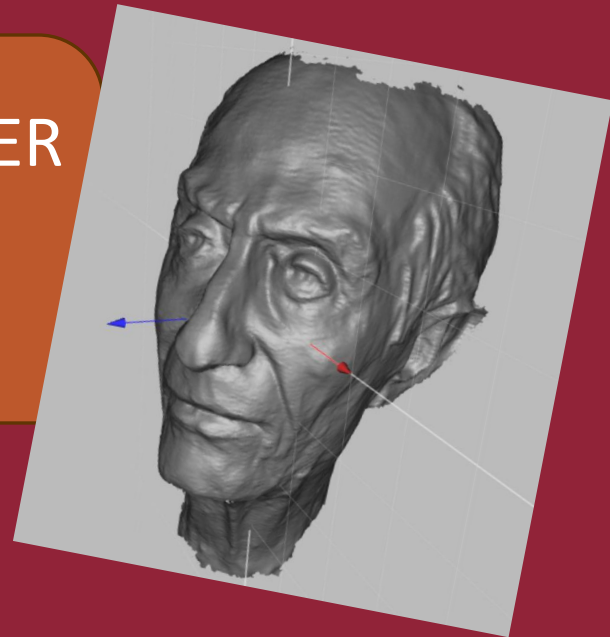
Thursday, October 5 (2-4 pm)

Register here: <https://concordiauniversity.libcal.com/event/3735423>

3D Scanning

- Arctec Eva scanner
- iPads (Scaniverse application)

SANDBOX SHOWCASE - ARCTEC EVA SCANNER
Wednesday, September 20
2:30-2:50 pm





Information/inspiration

[Thingiverse](#)

[Sketchfab](#) (3D models, generally less for printing, some are paid)

Designs

[SuperMod Is A 3D Printed Modular Wall System](#)

[Stool - 3D Printable Life Size Furniture](#)

[Space Fabric Cloth](#)

Suppliers + commercial services

Prusa 3D Printers

- Printers in the Sandbox

Creality 3D

- Getting a lot of attention because of the price, Sandbox has not tested the quality

Filaments.ca

- A filament suppliers we use for PLA

Shapeways

- Very large US based printing service. They are one of the oldest – local options would be cheaper and faster. This is a reference for the material selection not a recommendation)



Vocabulary



Fused Deposition Modelling – a very common and inexpensive type of additive manufacturing, building up layers by extrusion

Stereolithography (SLA)– type of vat photopolymerization

Digital Light Processing (DLP) –another type of vat photopolymerization

Selective Laser Sintering (SLS) – additive manufacturing that fuses polymer particles with a laser

Selective Laser Melting (SLM) – additive manufacturing that melts powdered metal into solid objects

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