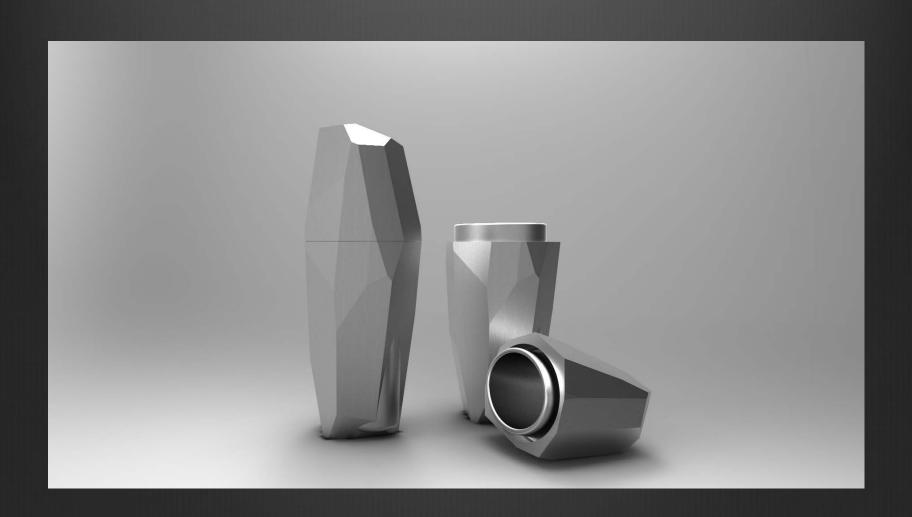
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3D printing a quick overview





One of the simplest ways to understand the 3D printing market place is that it closely resembles the paper printing market place of the early 90's.

Dot Matrix = FDM





Laser printing =SLS







Inkjet = objet/projet

Types of prints



Paper Iris



SLA



SLS metal



OBJET

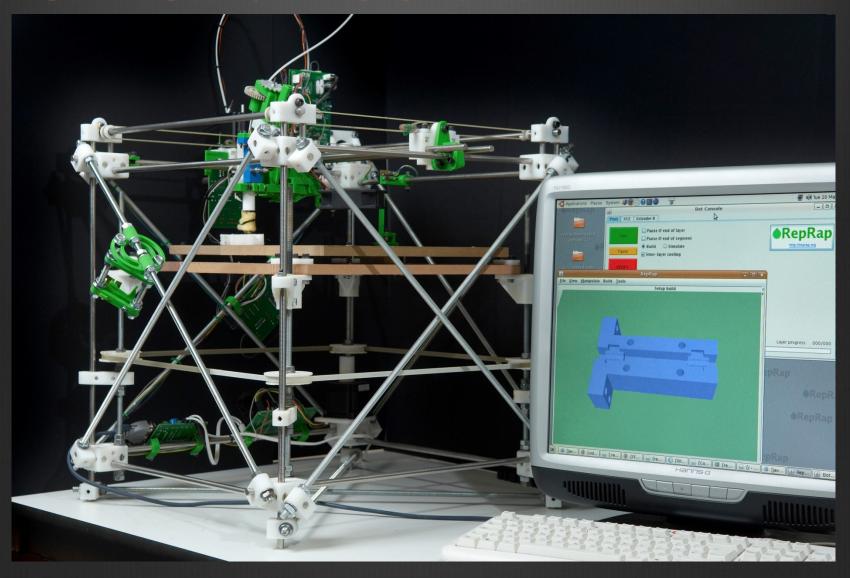


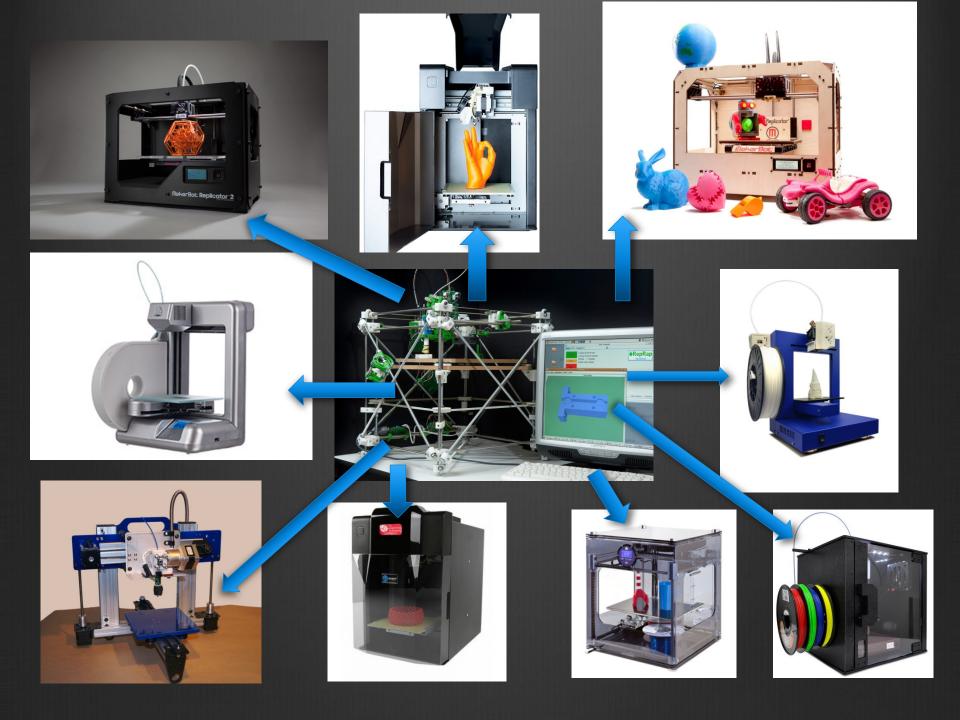
FDM



SLS

REPPAP -2005 (started the 3D printing boom) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RepRap Project





How do I use 3D printing?

- I have been using 3D printing for 12 years as a means of prototyping designs prior to production (this is still the main way I use the technology). I use the different types of printing depending on what the prototype needs to do.
- Types of prototypes
 - Basic form studies=FDM (also paper or foam models)
 - ᠃ Functional testing=SLA, FDM, SLA
 - * Presentation model=CNC, Low Pressure Injection, painted SLS
 - ★ Working part=CNC, SLS, Low Pressure Injection
 - Marketing feedback=CNC, Low Pressure Injection, Resin cast



Fall in the cost of printing is changing how we use the technology

In late 2009 there was a big fall in the cost of 3D printing as a result of the entry of 2 online printing companies:

www.ponoko.com closely followed by www.shapeways.com

In 2010, printed parts that would have cost \$300 in 2009, were now available for \$30.

This led to a change in the way we started using 3D printing, as it was now feasible to use it for making parts, not just prototypes.

The question then became 'what should we be making?'

3D printed glasses



3D printed glasses were a logical use for the technology as they are high value items for the weight and size, so they can be printed at a profit. They also have low load bearing requirement.











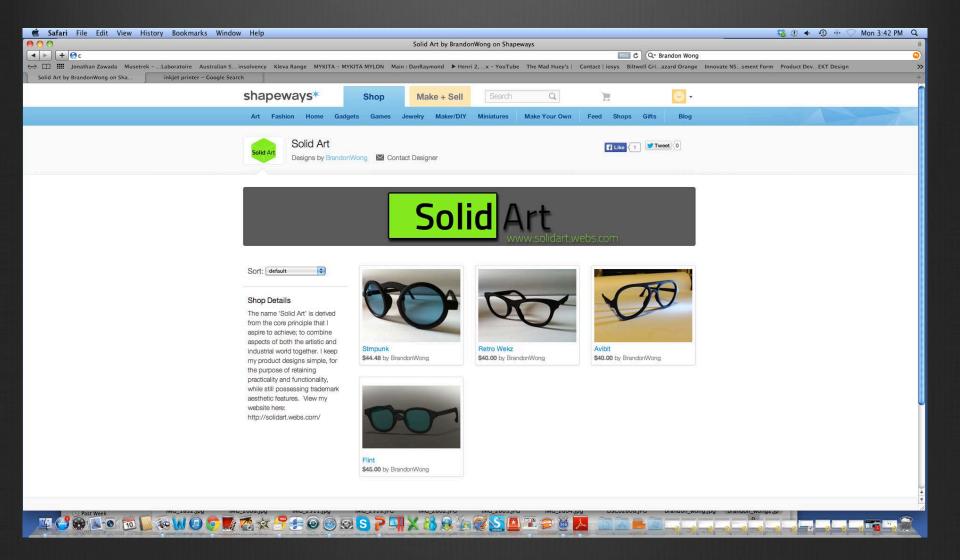
Brandon Wong

Brandon was a Year 10 work experience student (who was the son of a client). We took Brandon on as a favour to his father, thinking that there would be little a Year 10 student could do given a week. However is 5 days Brandon was able to learn our CAD system, CAD model his own designs and print them.





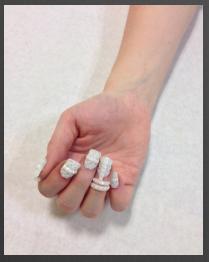
We then helped him set up an on line store through Shapeways and he now sells his designs. https://www.shapeways.com/shops/S9D



Where is 3D printing right?

Things of a certain size (under 100mm cubed)













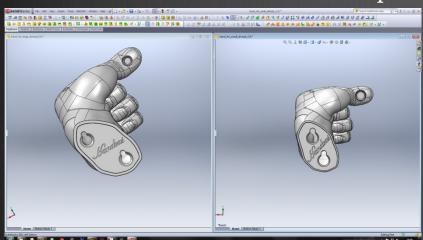


Printing as part of manufacturing



Low volume production

http://www.handvas.com/



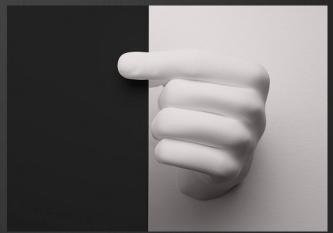


FDM prototype



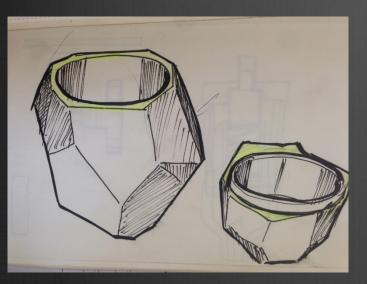
Hand made cast



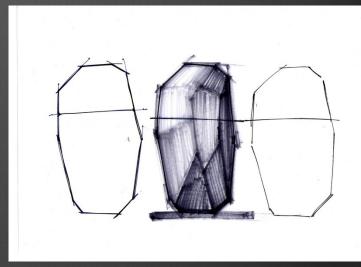


Production units SLS prints

An in house design project

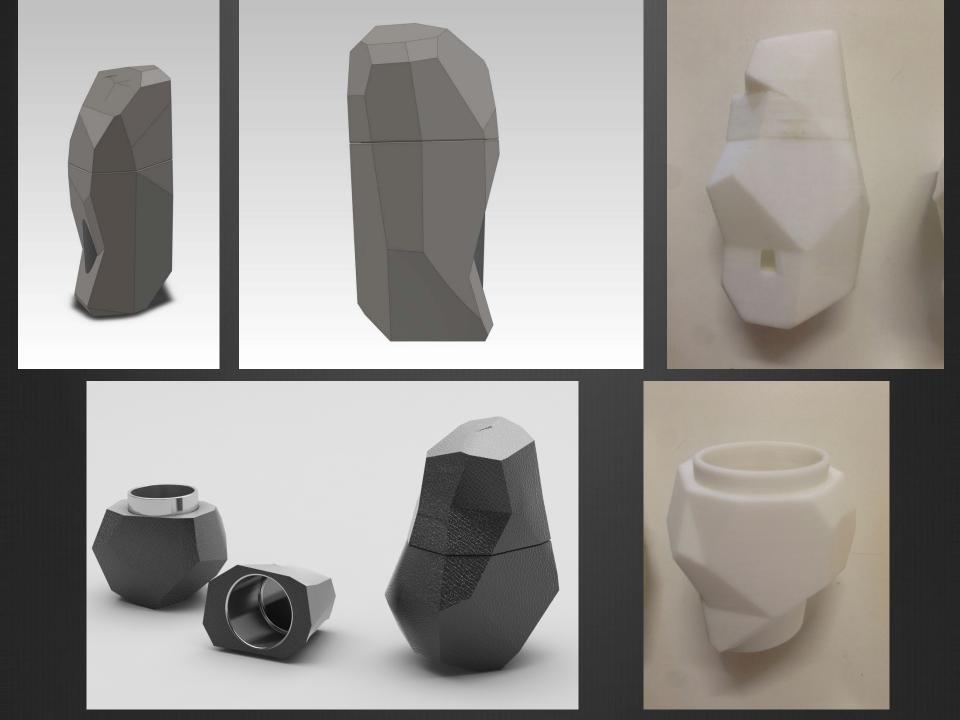


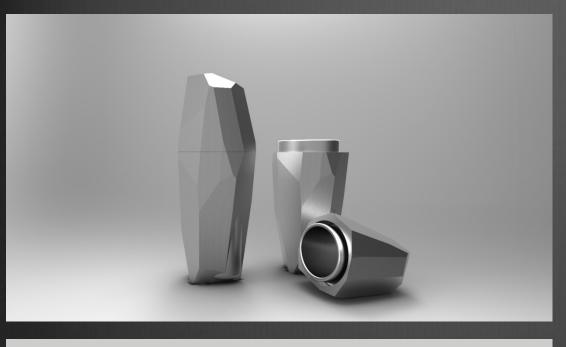




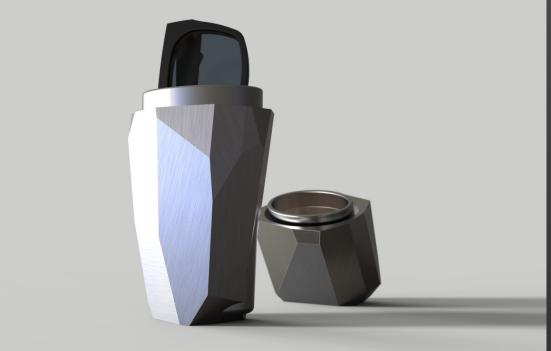




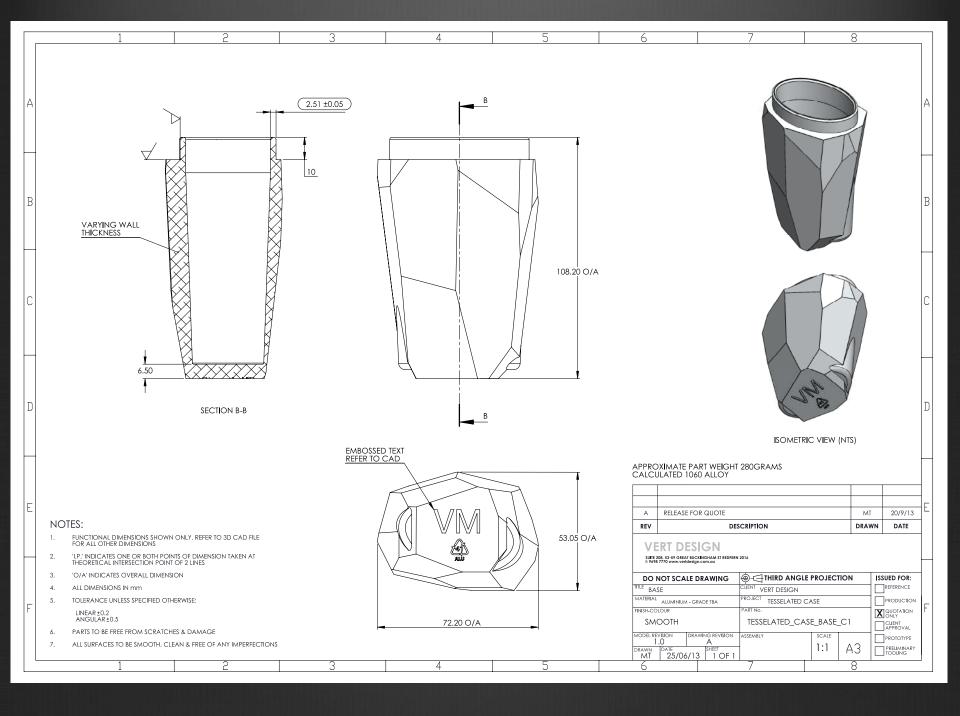












Design



OSCAR MARK II. 4 WAY COLOUR. ANODISED & MACHINED.

In house 3D prints



CNC prototype





Design changes



Final design

