All-in-One Integrated Software for Additive Manufacturing (AM)

A New Additive Manufacturing Experience

“We reduced file processing times by up to 75% and increased productivity by up to 40%. 3DXpert also allows us to better analyze and plan the part, so we can use less supports and less material which further reduces cost and time.” - Metal Technology Inc.

“We didn’t just shift from using multiple software solutions into one, but we completely changed and streamlined our entire workflow.” - Sharon Tuvia (1982) Ltd.

“3DXpert is a game changer! Having full control over the printing parameters with the ability to develop our own printing strategies, will take our productivity to a new level.” - Scarlett Inc.

“We chose 3D Systems because of its expertise in all aspects of additive manufacturing, from design to post-processing.” - 3D ProMetal

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Prepare YOUR DESIGN FOR ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

Prepare

Import Data
IMPORT PART AND MAINTAIN CAD INTEGRITY

- Any CAD format - import data from all CAD formats (STEP, IGES, VDA, DXF, Parasolid (including binary), SAT, SAB, ACIS), native read formats including PMI data (such as SolidWorks, CATIA, Creo Elements/Pro, Siemens NX, Autodesk Inventor, and SolidEdge) as well as virtually all mesh formats (e.g. STL, 3MF, OBJ, PLY, JT).
- Maintain CAD integrity - continue working with B-rep data (solids and surfaces) without downgrading to mesh, maintain data integrity including analytic geometry, part topology and color-coding.
- Analyze for printability - printability checks and automated healing of both STL and B-rep geometry.

Design Supports
ENSURE QUALITY PRINTS WITH MINIMAL SUPPORTS

- Analyze supports requirements - automatically or manually identify regions requiring supports
- Easy creation - automatic supports setup based on best practice templates or your own templates
- Any type - select supports types from a rich library including wall, lattice, solid, cone, skirt and more.
- Full control - use a rich toolset to fragmentize, tilt, and offset supports to simplify their removal and minimize material requirements. Save your support structures as templates for future use.

Position & Modify
ENSURE PRINTABLE GEOMETRY

Orient and Position
- Real time analysis - receive immediate feedback on how part orientation impacts support areas, down-facing areas, approximated stress, print time and material consumption.
- Set orientation constraints - select faces or facets that should receive no supports or should not face downwards to ensure best surface quality.
- Automated best fit positioning - follow automated suggestions for part orientation that comply with predefined minimum criteria (e.g. tray area usage, amount of supports, printing time, stress) or provide user-defined settings for each criterion priority.
- Visualize print environment - view build tray volume, gas flow and re-coater/roller directions.

Modify
- Parametric and history-based hybrid CAD toolset - use a rich set of parametric and history-based hybrid (b-rep and mesh) CAD tools as well as advanced direct modeling tools to improve part printability and prepare for post-processing operations (e.g., close holes and add material for machining).
- Facilitate ECO (Engineering Change Order) - automatically apply all design operations performed on a previous model version to an imported updated one, replacing time consuming manual operations with a fast, automated process.
- Shrinkage compensation - apply scaling to compensate for part shrinkage during the build process.

Optimize
OPTIMIZE DESIGN STRUCTURE AND PRINT TECHNOLOGY TO LOWER THE COST

Optimize Structure
SAVE ON WEIGHT, MATERIAL AND PRINTING TIME

- Volumetric lattice and infill structures - hollow out parts while maintaining their shape and meeting their mechanical specifications.
- Surface texture - apply printable and conformal textures to achieve the required texture for each surface.
- Lightning-fast optimization - groundbreaking volume representation technology (V-Rep) allows for extremely fast creation, editing, and visual manipulation of lattice structures, combined with history-based parametric features.
- Flexible automation - use a rich library of pre-defined lattice structures; design your own unit cell lattice structures and cell progression or import lattice structures designed in other systems.
- Lattice optimization - run an FEA stress analysis on lattice structure and surrounding, and optimize lattice elements based on that analysis to meet functional properties requirements while keeping weight, material usage and printing time to a minimum.
Simulate Build

MINIMIZE TRYOUTS TO SHORTEN LEAD TIME AND CUT PRODUCTION COST

• End-to-end fault prediction - predict issues that might result in build failure or damages to the printer before sending the part to print. Verify proper part orientation and support design, and analyze the effects of taking the part off the build plate, removing supports, and applying heat treatment.

• Integrated within the design environment - easily apply corrections without going back-and-forth between multiple software solutions.

• Offload simulation - offload calculations to a separate computing platform and continue with your design work.

• Detect defects early on - receive layer-by-layer simulation results without waiting for the entire simulation process to complete.

• Compensated model - use a geometrical model that offsets the deviations created during printing, as a reference for adjustments to ensure the printed part matches the digital model.

Optimize Printing Strategies

SHORTEN PRINTING TIME WHILE ENSURING DESIRED QUALITY

• Easily define areas - use the patent pending 3D Zoning to define virtual volumes using objects created by standard CAD operations, and assign specific print strategies to those volumes.

• Shorten printing time - automatically and manually assign optimal print strategies to relevant objects (e.g., supports, lattices, internal volumes, small features, high quality surface, circular area), matching required quality with printing speed and accuracy.

• Maintain part integrity - eliminate the need to divide the part into separate objects and use automated fusion of zones with different printing strategies to avoid weak spots and seam lines.

• Eliminate supports in hard to reach areas - set multi-exposure special printing strategies to ensure printing integrity without building supports.

Calculate Scan-path

OPTIMIZE SLICING & HATCHING TO ENSURE REPEATABILITY AND QUALITY

• Intelligent scan path calculation - combining control over print head (including auto-balancing for 3D Systems DMP multi-laser printers) with zoning and part geometry to increase throughput while maintaining print quality.

• Shorten calculation time - Offload and distribute the calculation to additional computers. Quick and accurate preview of the actual scan path for selected slices prior to fully calculating the entire part.

• Ultimate flexibility - get the most out of your printer using pre-defined best practice parameters for each machine, material, and print strategy, or develop your own printing strategies with unprecedented control over scan path calculation methods and parameters.

• Validate the print process - navigate through the motions of the calculated scan path per each layer through the slice viewer.

Arrange Build Platform & Send to Print

EASILY POSITION MULTIPLE PARTS FOR BEST UTILIZATION OF BUILD TRAY AREA

• Arrange tray - automatically position and nest (2D and 3D) the parts on the build platform to best utilize the printing volume while eliminating collisions and interlocking, and create a unified optimal scan path for the entire build.

• Labeling - add labels to each of the parts placed on the tray or the tray itself to make them easily identifiable and combine their scan path with the build scan path.

• Verification - use a range of analysis tools to ensure all parts are ready for printing, view the combined scan path and estimations for print time, material consumption, and overall costs.

• Send to printer - send to printer as scan path information, generic CAD format (STEP, Parasolid, etc.), STL, 3MF or CL1 slicing data.

Program Post-processing Operations

FINALIZE PART MANUFACTURING WITHIN THE SAME SYSTEM

• Post-processing preparations - program machining and drilling tools to remove supports, machine high-quality surface areas, and drill, tap or ream holes.

• Shorten lead time - automatically receive printing preparation data as stock (including support geometry, support region contours, and machining offset objects), and apply smart machining templates to them.