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Assessment Type 1



Assessment Type 3

Review of adapted DT&E sample

Assessment Type 1: Specialised skills task (20%)

Requirements	X or ✓	Notes
Students complete two specialised skills tasks		
They demonstrate skills and knowledge that will be required for the realisation of their solution		
They apply the skills, processes and techniques in the chosen context		
This informs the design development for a solution in Assessment Type 2		
Students evaluate and assess the development of their own skills in this assessment task		
They review how these processes and techniques may influence their solution.		
6 minutes or 1,000 words		
Production		
Evaluation		

Assessment Type 2: Design Process and Solution (50%)

Requirements	X or ✓	Notes
Flexibility in this assessment type for a single assessment task to be completed or a series of up to three smaller, discrete.		
The Design and Realisation Process task(s) may include examples selected from those listed in the content section under the Design and Realisation Process heading (page 32-34 of subject outline or page 20-22 of implementation booklet).		
Which ones can be identified here?		
Does this best address the assessment design criteria?		
The task must showcase and evaluate the solution or product.		
12 minutes or 2000 words		
Investigation and Analysis		
Design Development and Planning		
Production		
Evaluation		

Assessment Type 3: Resource Study (30%)

Requirements	X or ✓	Notes
Two parts resource study and issue investigation		
Students investigate and analyse the functional characteristics and properties of two or more materials or components they are considering for use in the creation of their solution		
They report on how their research into and testing of the functional characteristics and properties of these materials or components will affect their selection for use in the realisation of their solution.		
 Investigation and Analysis 1 (I1) Design Development and Planning 2 (D2). 		
Students investigate and analyse ethical, legal, economic and/or sustainability issues related to their solution		
 Investigation and Analysis 2 (I2) Evaluation (E1 		
Resource Study should be presented in written or multimodal form or a combination of both		
2000 words or 12 minutes		
Has the student clearly identified the solution realisation and impact the resource study has on its creation?		

Assessment Type 1 : Specialised Skills Task Task 1 - using Autodesk Inventor Professional







Part 4: Seat

A square 19x19mm was extruded up 15mm. Then a square hole was extruded into the block with the dimension found on the drawings sheet. The mechanism used to secure the seat to the linkage arm was copied from the drawing sheet.



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A silhouette drawn on top of the box with the dimensions shown in the image of the right the sketch was finished and the extruded 5mm down. A tail wing was then drawn on a plane down the centre of the drawing. This was extruded 5mm using the symmetric setting.











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Assessment Type 1 - Specialised Skills Task Task 2- Creating orthogonal drawings



Assembled Fun Park Ride – Sheet 1

Parts 1, 2 and 3 – Sheet 2

Part 4 Seat – Sheet 3

Exploded Fun Park Ride – Sheet 4



ART NUMBER	DESCRIPT	ION
Rotation Plate	3mm Acrylic - Las	er Cut
Linkage	3mm Acrylic - Las	er Cut
Top Rotation Plate	PLA - 3D Printed	
Seat	PLA - 3D Printed	
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Note: Radius of the Pentagon is 25mm



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Assessment Type 2: Design Process and Solution

Identify the Need / Problem

The product I wish to design is a watch box. This box will safely and somewhat stylishly hold all of my wrist watches so they can be stored without risk of damage and also display them. It will feature three sections, the box, the lid and the watch holder. The box will have each side and the base printed separately to be assembled with dovetail joints. Similarly, the lid will be constructed the same as the box but will have an acrylic window with and embossed logo.

This would likely look good on a display to show off ones' watch collection. I picture this sitting in my bedroom on a dresser holding up to 6 watches.



DESIGN BRIEF Project Proposal

I want to make a watch box to hold all the watches that I currently own. The watch box will house 6 watches safely, with an acrylic window to view them without the need to open the lid. The materials to be used in this design are acrylic and PLA (Polylactic Acid). Clear acrylic will be used as a window for the lid and PLA will be used for the 3D printed parts due to its biodegradable properties and adaptability. The likely use for my product is display, as its purpose it to display and store my wrist watches.

Constraints:

Required constraints:

- Product must be completed by the end of Term 3
- · Autodesk Inventor software must be used for the product
- · Appropriate physical size of the product is produced accurately as a CAD model
- Appropriate drawings and rendered images created for the minor product

Personal Constraints

- The box must be 3D printed
- Must have a window to see the watches
- Must fit the watches in each section so it is restrained by the minimum sizes of the watches.
- Must have a classy and formal aesthetic
- Must have strong and durable joints
- Must have a display stand for the watch to wrap around, that will fit in each compartment of the box
- The window should have an engraving on the front to add abit of personality to the box

DESIGN INVESTIGATION Existing Products Analysis

	Image	Positives What do you like about it? What are the design features you like?	Negatives Why don't you like it? What would you change about the design?	What elements of the design could you include into your own design?
1.		I like the simple design of each watch being on a single row Easy way to hold multiple watches without size restrictions, the straps would be adjustable to fit to the round row.	The openness could leave the watches vulnerable to damage from other watches Does not have a window to view the items inside.	I will review the idea of the single row design for all the watches.
	Source: (DHgate, 2018)			1
2.		Engraved Clear window to view the watches The gold latch adds class Has space for 10 watches	Colour is brown, I would like mine to be black	I will use the engraving on the window, however incorporate my own design. I will only have 6 spaces for watches instead of 10, to fit in the 3D printer.
	Source: (Watch Box Co., 2018)		p	
3.		Black colour with interesting pattern Space for 10 watches I like the way the lid hinges from the back	The window curves around to the front	I will use the black colour in my design. Will not use 10 spaces instead use 6
	Source: (DLTradingAU, 2018)			

4.		The dovetail joint design is helpful for strength	Made of wood, mine will be 3D printed from PLA There are continuous joints, I will only have 2 or 3 on each side	Will use the dovetail joints however only a few on each side
	Source: (Start Wood Working, 201	15)	1	
5.	Quick Facts on StephenGender:BoyOrigin:EnglishNumber of2syllables:syllables:Ranking popularity:252Pronunciation:STEE-vinSimple meaning:Crown, garland, reward	Used to design engraving on window, my name means crown		I will use the meaning of Stephen "crown" as inspiration for the engraving on the window
5	Source: (Oh Baby Names, 2018)			1
6.		The "artificial wrist" used as the display stand for the watch	The material of striped cardboard	The likely shape and design of the stand but not the material as I want to use shiny black acrylic.
	Source: Independent photo taken			

After review all the potential options to secure the watches I decide the best option was the "artificial wrist" option. Although the row design may have allowed for my watches to be held in the box I think it is worth separating each watch to prevent damage. The change that will be made to the "artificial wrist" however will be the material it is constructed of, I will change it from cardboard to a shiny black acrylic to fit the design brief of "classy and formal". The 10 watch design would prove to be too large for the printer I will still to a 6 space, this will give me two spare spaces to expand my collection later down the road, and this meets the set design brief of minimum 6 watches. As for aesthetics, to stick with the classy and formal appearance I will still with a black design. The window on top will have and engraving similar to that shown in example 3 however I will source inspiration from example 5 with and "S" and a Crown being featured in the design. To join all the components of the box each edge will have dovetail joints similar to that shown in example 4, however only featuring a few on each side instead of all the way up the edge. This will give a strong structure to the box and also allow it to be deconstructed and reconstructed at will.

INVESTIGATION Materials, Hardware & Tools

Software:		
Item / Image	Advantages / Disadvantages	How are you going to include this into your design?
Autodesk Inventor	Advantages: Good user interface, neat and clear, with a lot of options and tools. Detailed help tool, often with animated example. Parts library is extensive and easy to use Disadvantages: Sketcher and modelling is lacking compared to its competitors. Can be hard to know what is constrained to what after the design is finished.	I will use this to design every component of the watch box
Adobe Illustrator	It has a helpful user interface. Allows for in- panel editing. It creates files in manageable sizes. It works on almost any computer system. It creates print graphics and web graphics. Disadvantages: It has a steep learning curve and requires patience. It offers limited support for raster graphics. A lot of clutter for the user interface.	I will use this to design the engraving on the window
MakerBot Print	Advantages: User friendly Disadvantages: Takes a long time to export the files. The printer may often run a print over the test line if the build plate is filled.	I will use this to setup for printing all the components of the watch box
Z-Suite	Advantages: Has a place by face function for easy layout and has automatic model layout function. Give the ability to see a fairly precise prediction on the amount of material used. Automatically changes temperature setting for different types of filament. Disadvantages: Take a long time to slice	I will use this to set up for printing the Jig used to mould the watch holder.

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Item / Image	Advantages / Disadvantages	How are you going to include this into your design?
MakerBot Replicator +	Advantages: Build plate is easy to remove. Simple easy to use User interface to print. Disadvantages: Has a roughly grainy finish which doesn't look as clean as counterparts. Warping and distortion can occur with larger products	I will use this to print all the components for my watch box
Zortrax M200	Advantages: Has enclosed sides and dor on the front with a removable lid to keep heat in and prevent warping. Disadvantages: The build plate can be tricky to remove due to the enclosed format and also requires the unplugging of cables	I will use this to print the jig used for moulding my watch holder
Spirit Pro Laser Cutter	Advantages: Very accurate with very in-depth setting for cutting to adjust time and intensity of the laser Disadvantages: The intricate system can be difficult to understand for new users	I will use this to cut and engrave the acrylic window and also cut the watch holder

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Materials:		
Item / Image	Advantages / Disadvantages	How are you going to include this into your design?
PLA plastic	Advantages: Biodegradable Disadvantages: Snaps, rough finish and texture	The whole frame will be printed out of PLA
ABS Plastic	Advantages: Clean finish, stronger, more flexible Disadvantages: Raft Lifting, not biodegradable	Not going to be used
Acrylic Plastic	Advantages: Can be laser cut to any shape. Can be baked and moulded into a shape. Is the strongest and most flexible of the materials that can be laser cut Disadvantages:	The window on the lid and the watch holder will be cut from acrylic

Summary:

I will use Autodesk to design the majority of the watch box, due to its superior user interfaces and I will also use Adobe Illustrator as a way to design the 2D aspect, the engraving on the window, similarly due to its helpful user Interface. The files will all be kept in folders in an organised manner to avoid confusion, I will also use google drive to back up all the work that way it does not get lost. The files will be uploaded onto MarketBot Print as I wish to print on the MakerBot Replicator + with PLA as PLA is biodegradable. The 2D design for the window will be printed using the laser cutter on the Spirit Pro Laser Cutter using clear acrylic.

DESIGN BRIEF REACTION Developing the Product

DESIGNING

To create this product, I will use AutoDesk Inventor to design the components that construct the watch box and lid. I will design each piece with dovetail joints taking into consideration the tolerance needed for each part to fit together of 0.3mm. Each of the side pieces will have a lip at the top that will correspond to one on the lid allowing the lid to sit on top of the box. On the top of the lid the acrylic window will sit in an inset ridge 3mm deep to perfectly fit the clear acrylic. The watch will sit on a brace that acts as an "artificial wrist" for the watch to sit around. I had to make a few alterations to my initial plan, such as using PLA instead of ABS since PLA is more environmentally friendly. The other change I had to make was with the printing, I had to scale the products to 50% in-order for the model to fit in the printer.

Design Options Design Idea Development Sketch / drawing Personal Comment I will have a lip on the box that correspond with one on the lid, in order for them to easily slot together Watch I will put rails on the base on the artificial watch to sit on allowing the watch band to pass between the artificial wrist and base of the box. - 0 0 0 G Just sketch view of potential final result of watch box with 6 compartments and engraving on the window.

DESIGNING Final Design

The size will be 50% of the original size as seen on the Technical Drawings, this decision was made as the size of the original design was too big and would result in lifting and warping of the product. Each piece will be printed separately and joined through the use of dovetail on each side as illustrated in the Detailed Joint View.



DESIGNING Refinement of Ideas





Through a test of dovetail joints I concluded that the size of my first test was perfect. I then proceeded to implement this design. Throughout the design I also tossed up multiple ways to secure the watches, I had possibilities of using a peg system, a soft pillow and the one that I settled with. I chose the artificial wrist as it is the easiest and most efficient way to secure the watches allowing the pieces of the watch box to print easy. It also demonstrates my skills with other software and design methods such as adobe illustrator, laser cutter and Plastics oven. I also wadded in a rail system to prop the "artificial wrist" up to allow the band to pass between the stand and watch box base.



Size of Acrylic window design is 112.5x92.5mm. The black border is 5mm thick and all the black represents the area that will be laser engraved.

EVALUATION

Evaluation of product success against design brief requirements.	This product was almost a success, all the components of the design fit together as expected. The aspect that did not turn out as expect or planned was the size. I had to scale the product down by 50% due to size restraints by printer due to warping and lifting. This unfortunately means that the box does not fit the hoped 6 watches. The positive to the modular design though, is that I can take some dividers out and change the size of compartments to fit some of my watches.						
	Constraints	How I have achieved					
	The box must be 3D printed	I 3D printed the entire box design apart from the window so I completely met this constraint					
· Evaluation of product success against design brief requirements.	 Product must be completed by the end of Term 3 	I had all the components, designed and printed by the end of term 3 meeting this required constraint					
	 Must have a classy and formal aesthetic 	I maintained a classy and formal look with the black aesthetic and the crown engraved on the window.					
	Must have strong and durable joints Through the test phase I found the dovetails were extremely strong and held the tests together well. I have had no problem with the joints on the final product which is durable and holding together well.						
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of the product or system realisation process.	This final product has met most of the constra the end on term 3 and all components of the printed. The colour of the filament was black model was exact perfect size of product but down 50% for printing. A window as Minor F personal design then laser cut. All OHS proce- printed and laser cutting. This product should environment as it is biodegradable, this produ- wooden watch boxes can be purchased as com-	ints, I have completed this product on time before e box with the use of Autodesk inventor then 3D to maintain a classy formal aesthetic. The CAD unfortunately due to distortion it had to be scaled Product was designed in Adobe Illustrator with a dures were followed with correct ventilation during and stand the test of time if kept in the correct auct however is not very cost effective as premium mparable prices.					
- Consideration of possible modifications to improve ideas or procedures.	This product met most of the criteria I wanted it to however I am disappointed that it could not print in actual size and meet the most important constraint of fitting 6 watches. As 3D printers improve hopefully my design will become cheaper and more realistic to print. Potential improvement could be an even more modular design given consumers more choice on the size of the compartments. I could also improve the lid design my incorporating a simple pin hinge mechanism which could be added to the CAD model.						

Final Product



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	No.	PART NAME	J	M	Н	MATERIAL Filament Weight Usage	UNIT COST	CALCULATIONS	\$	c
1	1	Base of Watch Box	142.5	112.5	10	PLA 81g	9c/gram	1x81x9	\$7.29	7.29c
2	2	Front of Watch Box	142.5	45	5	PLA 30g	9c/gram	2x30x9	\$5.4	5.4c
3	-	Large Dividing Wall	137.2	44.2	2.5	PLA 19g	9c/gram	1x19x9	\$1.71	1.71c
4	5	Right Side of Watch Box	112.5	45	5	PLA 23g	9c/gram	2x23x9	\$4.14	4.14c
5	5	Small Dividing Wall	107.2	44.2	2.5	PLA 15g	9c/gram	2x15x9	\$2.7	2.7c
9	2	Front of Lid	142.5	25	5	PLA 16g	9c/gram	2x16x9	\$2.88	2.88c
7	5	Right Side of Lid	112.5	5	25	PLA 12g	9c/gram	2x12x9	\$2.16	2.16c
8	1	Top of Lid	142.5	112.5	2	PLA 37g	9c/gram	1x37x9	\$3.33	3.33c
SUB- TOTAL	13					317g	mm ²		\$28.53	2853c
6	-	Window	127.5	97.5	3	Acrylic 12431.25mm ²	\$38.19/1000	(127.5x97.5)x(38.19/1000 ²)	\$0.475	47.5c
10	9	Watch Display Arm	110	40	З	Acrylic 4400mm ²	\$38.19/1000mm ²	(110x40)x(38.19/1000)	\$0.168	16.8c
SUB- TOTAL	7					16831.25mm ²			\$0.643	64.3c
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Assessment Type 3: Resource study Part 1: Resource Investigation (adapted example)

Introduction

I plan to assemble a watch box to safely store all my wrist watches. The box will have a lid, and segmented main compartment and then pieces that slide into that segment to secure the watch. The components of the box will be designed on AutoDesk Inventor and I will use the 3D printer and laser cutter to accurately assemble the 3D parts. Possible materials for 3D printing are ABS and PLA, and the materials for laser cutting are MDF, Plywood and Acrylic.

Investigation

3D Printers are a Computer Aided Manufacture (CAM) device used to print 3D objects out of many different kinds of materials. 3D printers are used for replacement parts, medicine and prototyping. Of the many materials that a 3D printer can print with the most popular are ABS and PLA plastics, however you can print with metals and polymers. The 3D printer needs to be given instructions on what to print. The models it is told to print are designed in 3D design software like AutoDesk Inventor. The 3D models are then exported to file types that are recognised by the CAM device, for 3D printers this is an OBJ or STL file. The file is then imported in the CAM device software to be instructed to print the 3D model.

Another CAM device is a laser cutter and this is used to cut and engrave materials. Laser cutters are used to manufacture materials for industrial use. The high precision of the laser means that perfectly fitting parts can be cut to fit other machinery. Laser cutting is used to cut through materials such as plastics such as acrylic and metals such as steel and aluminium. The designs to be cut or etched into the material are produced on CAD software such as Adobe Illustrator. The designs are then imported as Adobe Al files to be processed by the CAM devices software.

PLA is a bioplastic derived from organic renewable materials, for example corn starch or sugar cane (Rodgers, 2015; Sculpteo, 2018). PLA can be produced in pre-existing manufacturing equipment usually used to produce petrochemical industry plastics (Rodgers, 2015). PLA is classified as a "thermoplastic" polyester due to the way it responds to heat. It has a melting point of 150-160°C. Being a thermoplastic PLA can be melted, cooled and reheated again without significant degradation (Rodgers, 2015; Sculpteo, 2018). Instead of burning, PLA liquefies meaning it can be injection moulded and also recycled (Rodgers, 2015). PLA is available in a variety of colours and is purchased in reels of filament per kilogram (3D Printing Gear, 2018). PLA filament is inserted into the PLA 3D printers and can be applied for many purposes such as 3D prototyping, medicine, replacement parts and even weapons, amongst other uses (Rodgers, 2015).

Acrylic is produced via the distillation of hydrocarbon fuels into lighter groups (fractions) which are combined with other catalysts usually through polymerization (Creative Mechanisms, 2016). Similar to PLA, Acrylic is a thermoplastic and shares similar qualities. Tt can be melted, cooled and reheated again without significant degradation (Creative Mechanisms, 2016). Acrylic has a melting point of ~160°C and it liquefies instead of burning thus is can be injection moulded and also recycled (Creative Mechanisms, 2016). Acrylic is available in a variety of coloured sheets fit the laser cutter 400x400mm or 900x600mm with thicknesses ranging between 3 – 12.5mm (Bunnings , 2018). Acrylic can be used for lenses, acrylic nails, paint, security barriers, medical devices, LCD screens, and furniture. Due to its clarity it is commonly used for window panes, fish tanks, and enclosures around exhibits (Associated Plastics, 2018; Creative Mechanisms, 2016).

	3D printer – Makerbot
Aim	To test the properties of the materials used by the CAM device
Materials	 3 Clamps String 3 PLA test sticks Force sensor to measure force in Newtons Sparkview program
Method	 3 PLA test pieces were designed and printed on the Makerbot 3D printer. Each piece was clamped to the table and a piece of string was tied to the other end The force sensor was hung on the string and the sparkview program was opened to record the force. Holding onto the force sensor and pulling down the force in newtons required to break the test piece was recorded.
Testing	
Results	PLA was brittle and rigid, it just snapped and didn't bend. It had no shrinkage or distortion and it had a rough, ridged texture. The health and safety precautions are the hot head of the printer

			Quar	titative	e Data				
Tests (Materials and Method)	Set up time	Production Time	Size Limits	Accuracy	Maximum Force Before Breaking (Newtons)	1 st Test	2 nd Test	3 rd Test	Overall Average
Test 1 PLA Markerbot 3D Printer	1 min upload 1 min export	40 min	295x195x 165mm	Very Accurate	32.4	32.4	27.9	28.6	29.6
Test 2 ABS Zortrax 3D Printer	1.5 min upload 2 min export	70 min	200x200x 180mm	More Accurate than the Makerbot	38.6	24.2	25.4	38.6	29.4
Test 3 MDF Spirit Pro Laser Cutter	1 min upload 2 min export	39 sec	640x460	Most Accurate CAM Device	8.2	7.3	8.2	8.1	7.9
Test 4 Plywood Spirit Pro Laser Cutter	1 min upload 2 min export	39 sec	640x460	Most Accurate CAM Device	3.5	3.5	1.5	1.8	2.3
Test 5 Acrylic Spirit Pro Laser Cutter	1 min upload 2 min export	39 sec	640x460	Most Accurate CAM Device	22.8	18.5	22.8	20.8	20.7



	3D printer – Zortrax
Aim	To test the properties of the materials used by the CAM device
Materials	 3 Clamps String 3 ABS test sticks Force sensor to measure force in Newtons Sparkview program
Method	 3 ABS test pieces were designed and printed on the Zortrax 3D printer. Each piece was clamped to the table and a piece of string was tied to the other end The force sensor was hung on the string and the sparkview program was opened to record the force. Holding onto the force sensor and pulling down the force in newtons required to break the test piece was recorded.
Testing	Important of the data of
Results	ABS was more flexible the its 3D printed counterpart,PLA. The ABS print's rafted lifted from the plate causing distortion and ruing the corner. The ABS had a smoother and cleaner finish than that of the PLA. The health and safety precautions are the hot head of the printer.

Laser Cutter	
Aim	To test the properties of the materials used by the CAM device
Materials	 3 Clamps String 3 Acrylic, MDF and Plywood test sticks Force sensor to measure force in Newtons Sparkview program
Method	 3 Acrylic, MDF and Plywood test pieces were designed and printed on the Makerbot 3D printer. Each piece was clamped to the table and a piece of string was tied to the other end. This is repeated for all of the 3 materials. The force sensor was hung on the string and the sparkview program was opened to record the force. Holding onto the force sensor and pulling down the force in newtons required to break the test piece was recorded.
Testing	
Results	Out of the three materials Acrylic was the strongest and most flexible. Both of the wooden materials were a lot weaker and would just snap. Since all of these materials are laser cut they don't suffer from distortion of shrinkage due to the precision of the laser. Each of the woods are susceptible to water damage and warping, and both have a grainy texture. Whereas the Acrylic has a very smooth finish and is only susceptible to high heats causing melting.

For my major product I will 3D print the box and lid. Through the materials testing that was conducted I concluded that the most suitable and best material to assemble the box with is PLA. This was due to ABS suffering from distortion and all of the Laser cutting materials were limited by a thickness of 3mm. the box will be printed in a 3D jigsaw style, preventing any scaffolding and clean-up. This means that all of the outside faces of the lid and box will have a smoother finish. PLA printing will allow me to choose the thickness of the walls as opposed to being restricted by the 3mm thickness of the laser cutting materials. The lid will have an inset ridge to fit a clear acrylic piece as a window which will have an engraved design on the top. Not only from a construction standpoint, PLA was also chosen over ABS due to PLA being biodegradable. Since my product is designed to be used indoors I don't have to consider the possibility of biodegrading due to outdoor elements.

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Part 2 Issues Exploration

3D printing is the process of making a three dimensional object from a digital file. 3D printing works with a 3D printer interpreting the 3D model on the digital file (3DPrinting.com, 2018).

The printer melts whoever material the printer is fitted with, usually PLA or ABS but can also be metals, other polymers and even some organic materials. The 3D printer starts by laying down a base for the print (raft) and then continues to print layer by layer of the design until it is completed. **Individual:** As individual's life "should" get easier with the improvement of 3D printing technology (Lea, 2017). It is predicted that within 10 years we will be able to 3D human organs using the patient's own DNA and STEM cells, this will remove the need for donor organs and completely removing the risks of the organ being rejected (Lea, 2017). Within 30 years we will be 3D printing food and all restaurants will have one in house, slowing waiting times but potentially impacting texture and flavour (Lea, 2017). Within 45 years it is predicted that all hotel rooms will come with a 3D printer removing the necessity to pack certain items on holidays (Lea, 2017).

Social: 3D printing impacts society in ways never seen before. It poses international security threats with the war on guns moving from a physical arena where it is easy to find and confiscate the items, to an online basis where finding and confiscating a file is near to impossible (Reichardt, 2014). The other social impact that 3D printing may eventually have is fewer social interactions in the form of incidental chats and conversations when purchasing some items (Reichardt, 2014). With 3D printing technology increasing in complexity people will be able to print items instead of going to a shop to purchase them.

Environmental: 3D printing impacts the environment in good and bad ways. The one large issue is that 3D printers use a lot more energy than traditional production methods with 50 – 100 times used with 3D printers (Nichols, 2017). However, many 3D printers print in organic, recyclable and ecofriendly plastics (Nichols, 2017). This reduces plastic waste on the globe that takes centuries to break down (Nichols, 2017). The other advantage to 3D printing is that the printer only uses the required amount of material leaving no material waste or off-cuts (Nichols, 2017).

Cultural: 3D printing has changed the classroom, how we repair items and also pose security threats. Classrooms have been transformed with new teachers with new skills to educate students on how to design and print using 3D printers along with the potential risks and benefits (Darwin, 2015). In the future 3D printers have the potential to be a standard household item, this will change how we repair our broken items (Darwin, 2015). It is possible that we could just hop on the internet find a file for the broken part and print to fix the broken part, all within the comfort of our house (Darwin, 2015). There is also the imminent threat of 3D printable firearms that can pass through security having a large impact on the culture we have around safety (Darwin, 2015).

Overall 3D printing seems to be a positive aspect moving into the future, improving our health and enabling us to get almost anything at any time. However, these positives are not without their caveats, such as losing a lot of human interaction usually gained from going out to purchase the items or repair a broken one. Then there are the safety considerations such as weapons printing, these advancements will require new laws and legislations to reduce the risks introduced by this new technology.

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