

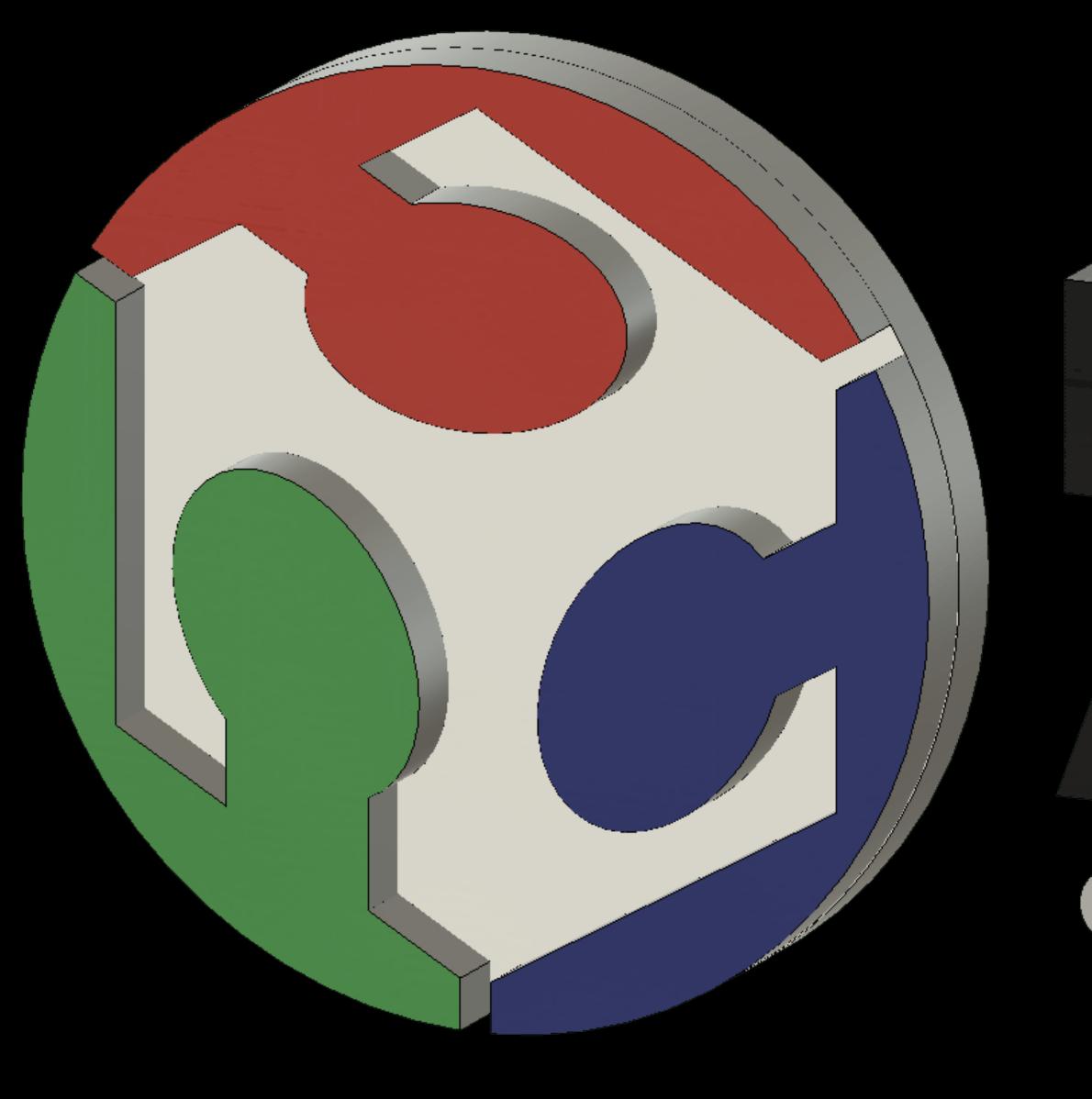
Media Computing Project

Python and Fusion 360 API

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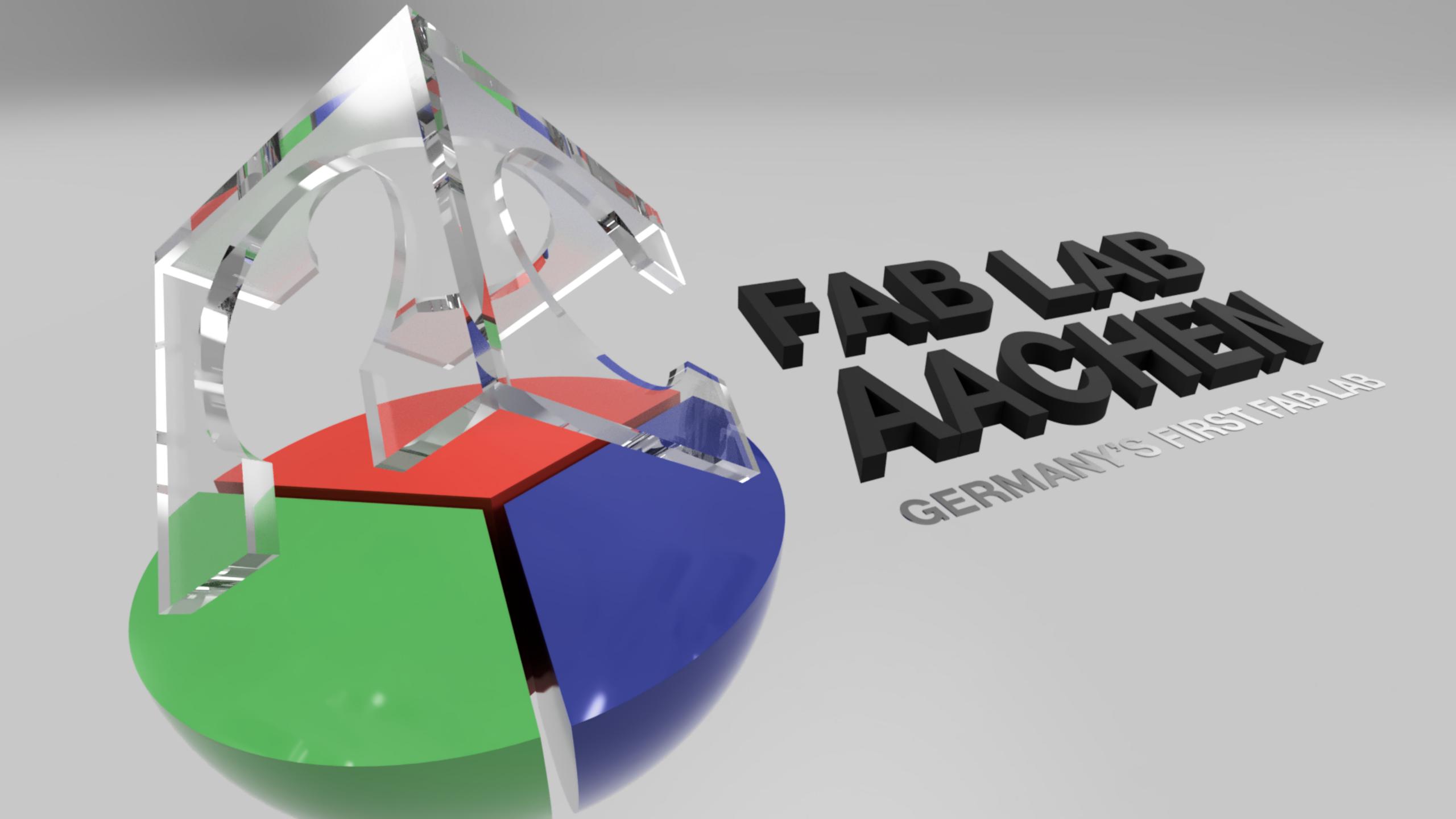


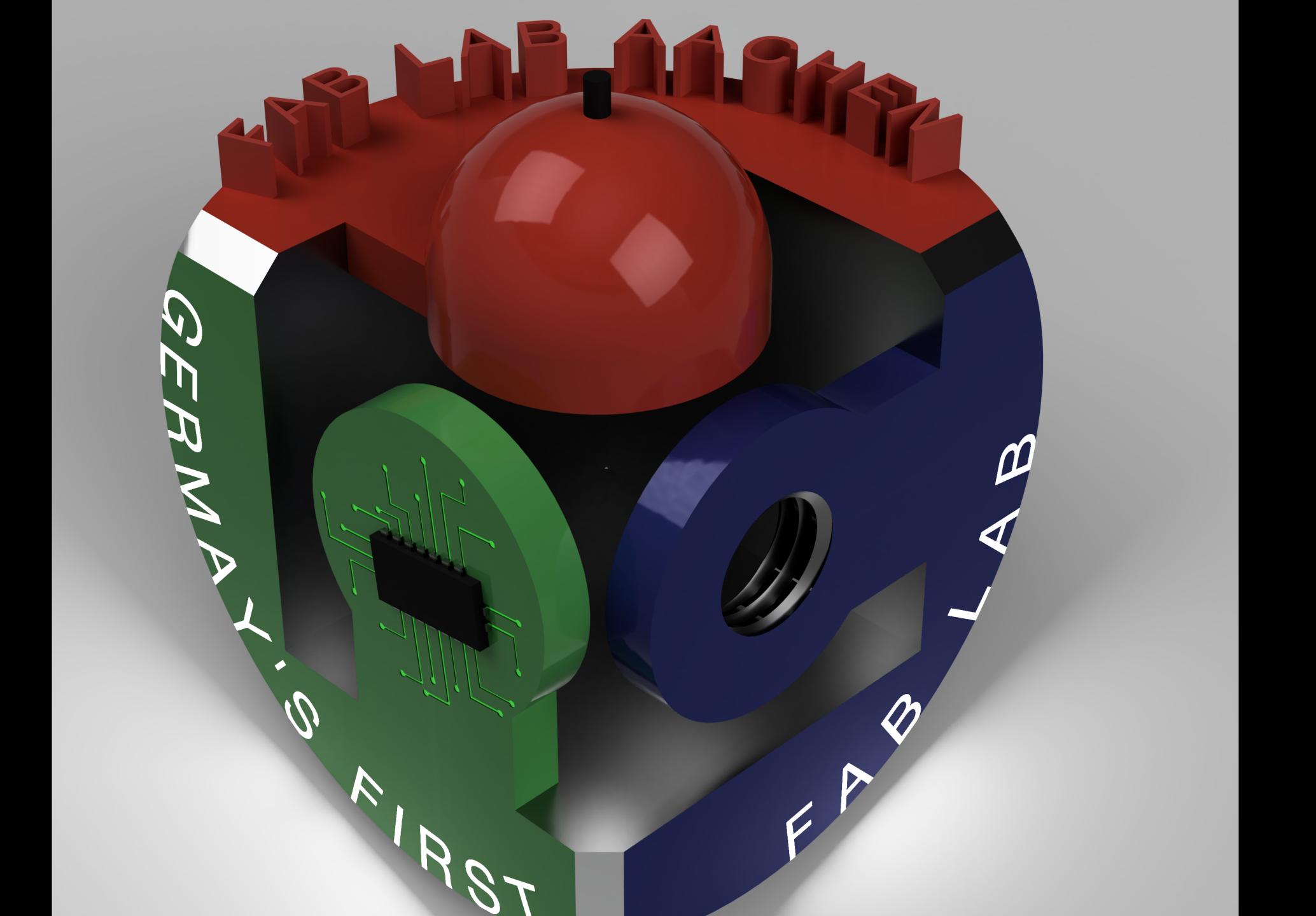


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Decorators

- Allow to wrap a function with additional instructions
- Functions can be a parameter for another function
 - Logging
 - Runtime

```
def my_awesome_function()
    ...
my_awesome_function = some_other_function(my_awesome_function)

@some_other_function
def my_awesome_function()
    ...
```



List Comprehension

Increase readability

```
numbers = []
for i in range(100):
    if i%2 == 0:
        numbers.append(i)

numbers = [i for i in range(100) if i%2 == 0]
```



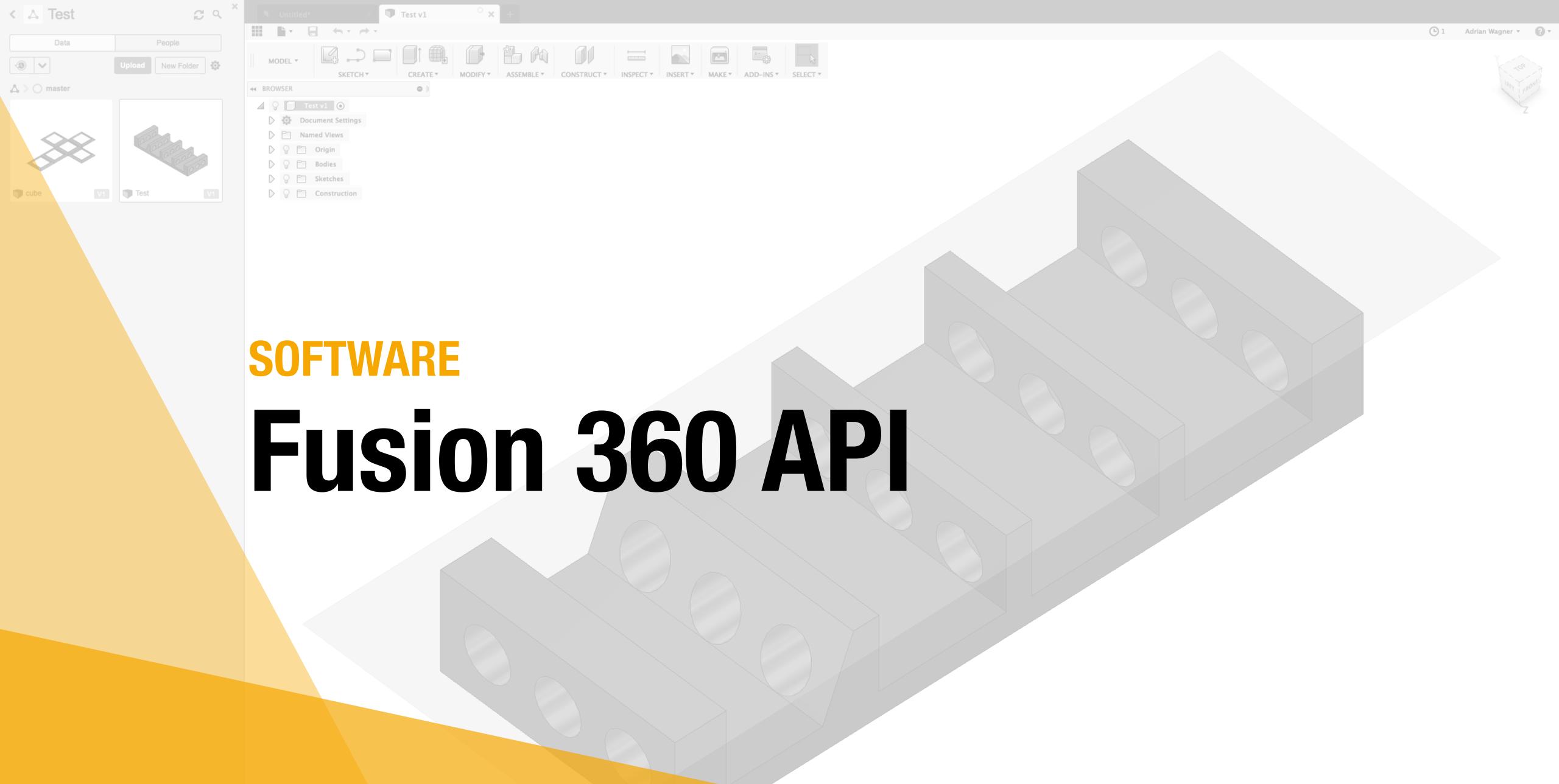
Generators

- Do not store all values in memory
- Used e.g. for context managers
- Use yield instead of return to pause the function
- Use list() to convert it to a list

```
def mcp_generator():
    yield("M")
    yield("C")
    yield("P")

gen = mcp_generator()
    print(gen_next()) # M
    print(gen_next()) # C
    print(gen_next()) # P
```







Imports

- If possible only use packages which are already available in Fusion
- Otherwise there are multiple options:
 - Use pip from Fusion to install a package
 - Install the package on your computer and adjust the system path within your script (not recommended)
 - Use python from your system to install the package into the fusion folder
 - Use the folder of your script for this
 - If the package is pure python, just place the file into the script folder



Script vs Add-In

- Access to the same functions
- Add-Ins usually also change the UI
 - Buttons
 - Dialogs
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- Add-Ins can be run on startup
- Add-Ins need to be cleaned up when unloaded



Resources

- Fusion documentation:
 - "Programming Interface" —> "User Interface"



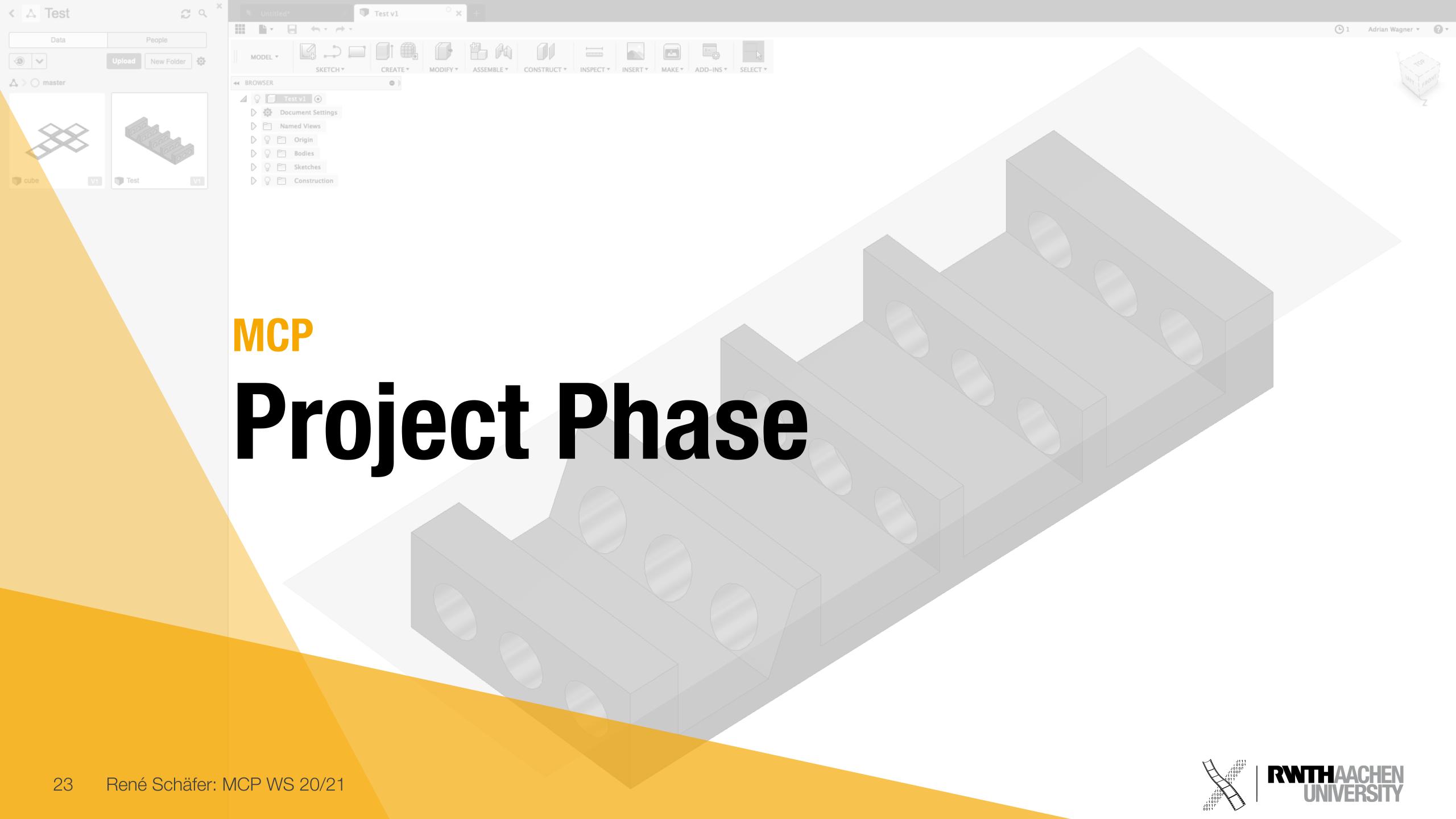


Tasks for next week

- Convert the script from the last assignment to an Add-In
 - Allow user input with a dialog
 - Random number
 - Chosen number
 - At least one more functionality (be creative)
 - Clean up changes in the UI when unloading the Add-In

Create a schedule for your project including all deadlines





Project Phase

- Weekly individual group meetings
 - Schedule a regular meeting with your supervisor

- Deadlines
 - December 16, 2020: alpha version
 - January 27, 2020: beta version (final documentation)
 - February 10, 2020: final presentation (including video trailers)

• Next meeting with everyone: December 16, 2020

