

# Designing Interactive Systems 2

## Lecture 11: Software Prototyping

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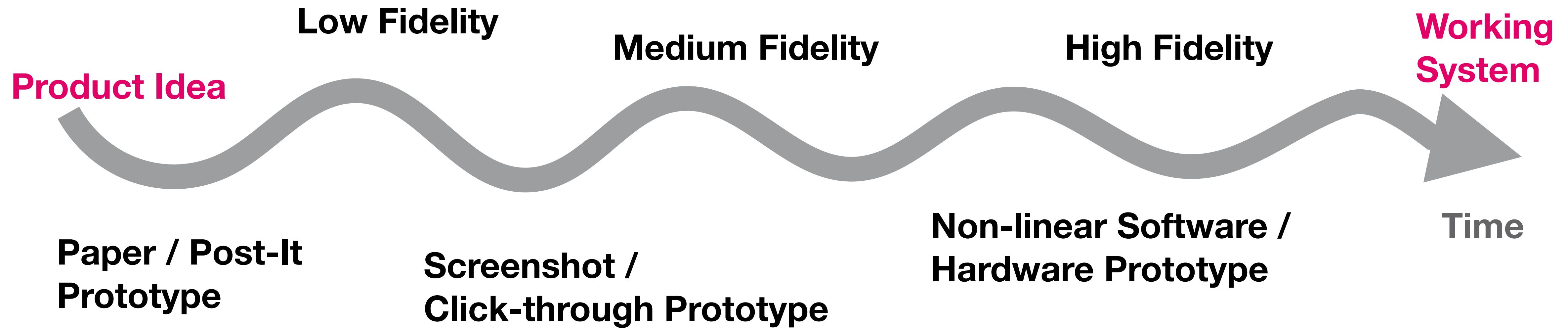


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# **Software Prototyping**

# Prototyping Stages (DIS1)

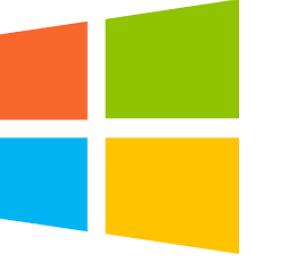


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# Prototyping Standard Apps

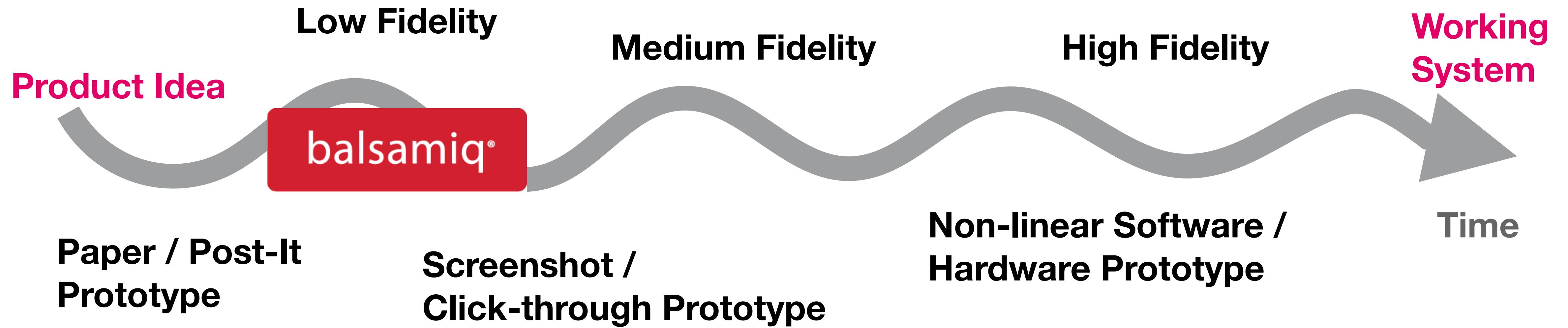


balsamiq®

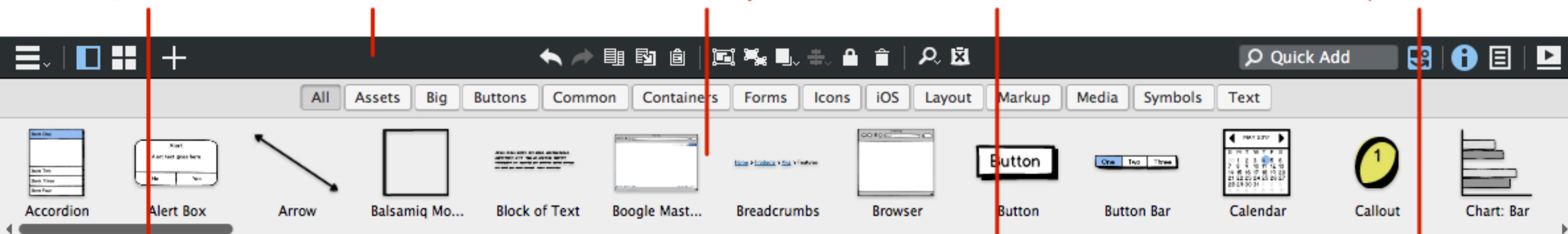


- Wireframing tool
- Design mockups
- First released in 2008
- **WYSIWYG** editor

# When to Use



**Navigator Panel**

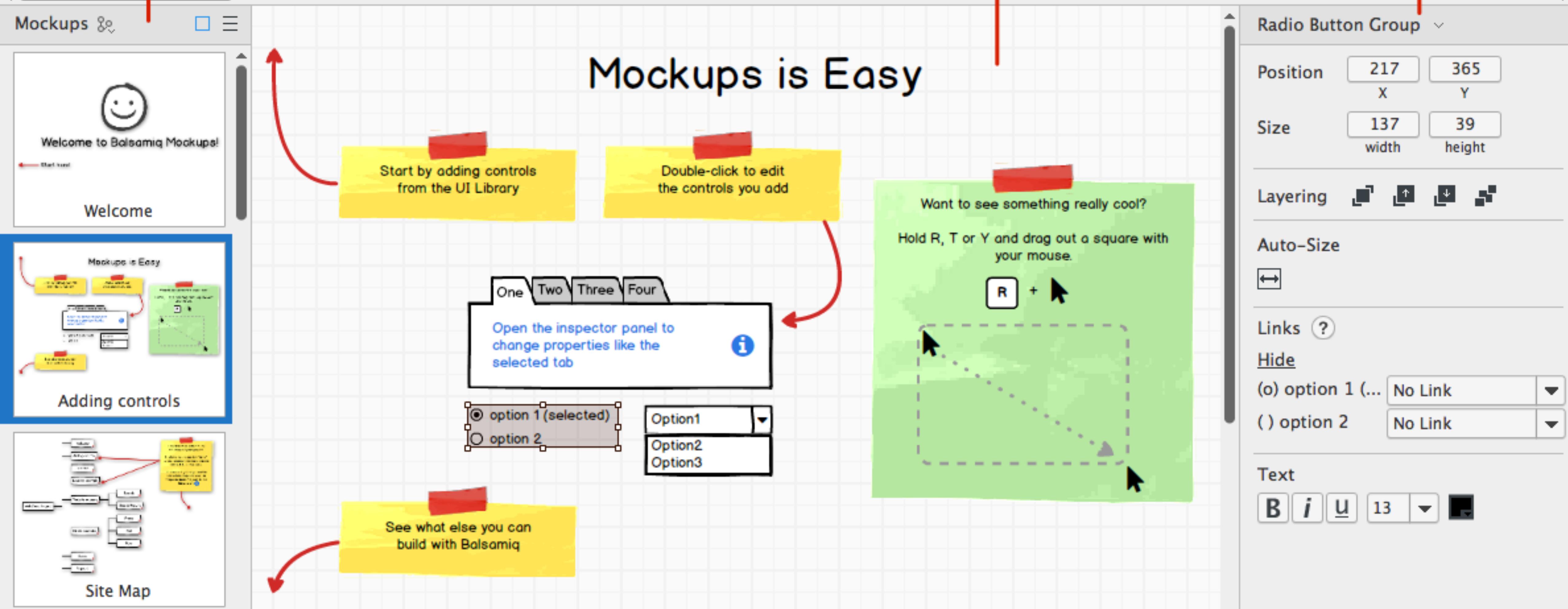


**Toolbar**

**UI Library**

**Canvas**

**Properties Panel**



# Mockups is Easy

Start by adding controls from the UI Library

Double-click to edit the controls you add

Want to see something really cool?

Hold R, T or Y and drag out a square with your mouse.

Adding controls

See what else you can build with Balsamiq

**Demo:** balsamiq®

# Balsamiq: Features

- Focused on structure rather than colors and icons
- For rough wireframes
- Library of UI elements
- Can design widgets

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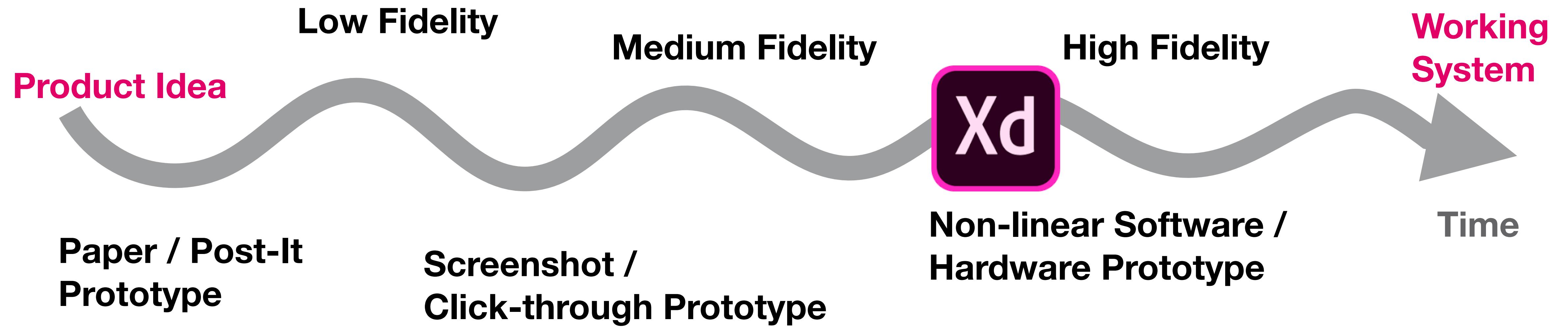
# Sketching

# Adobe Xd

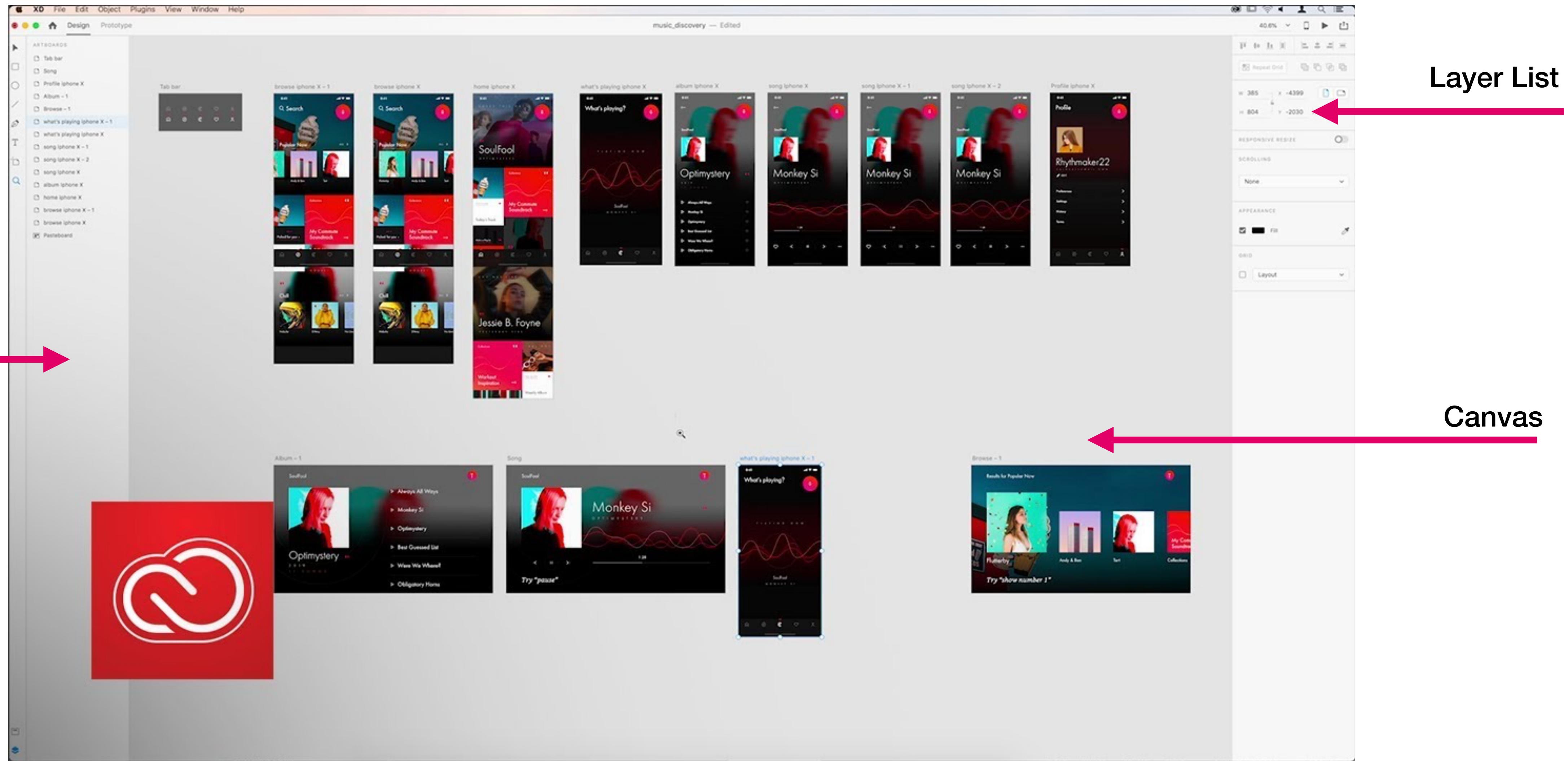
- UI sketching and prototyping tool
- Create user interfaces for mobile and web applications
- First released in 2017
- Free



# When to Use

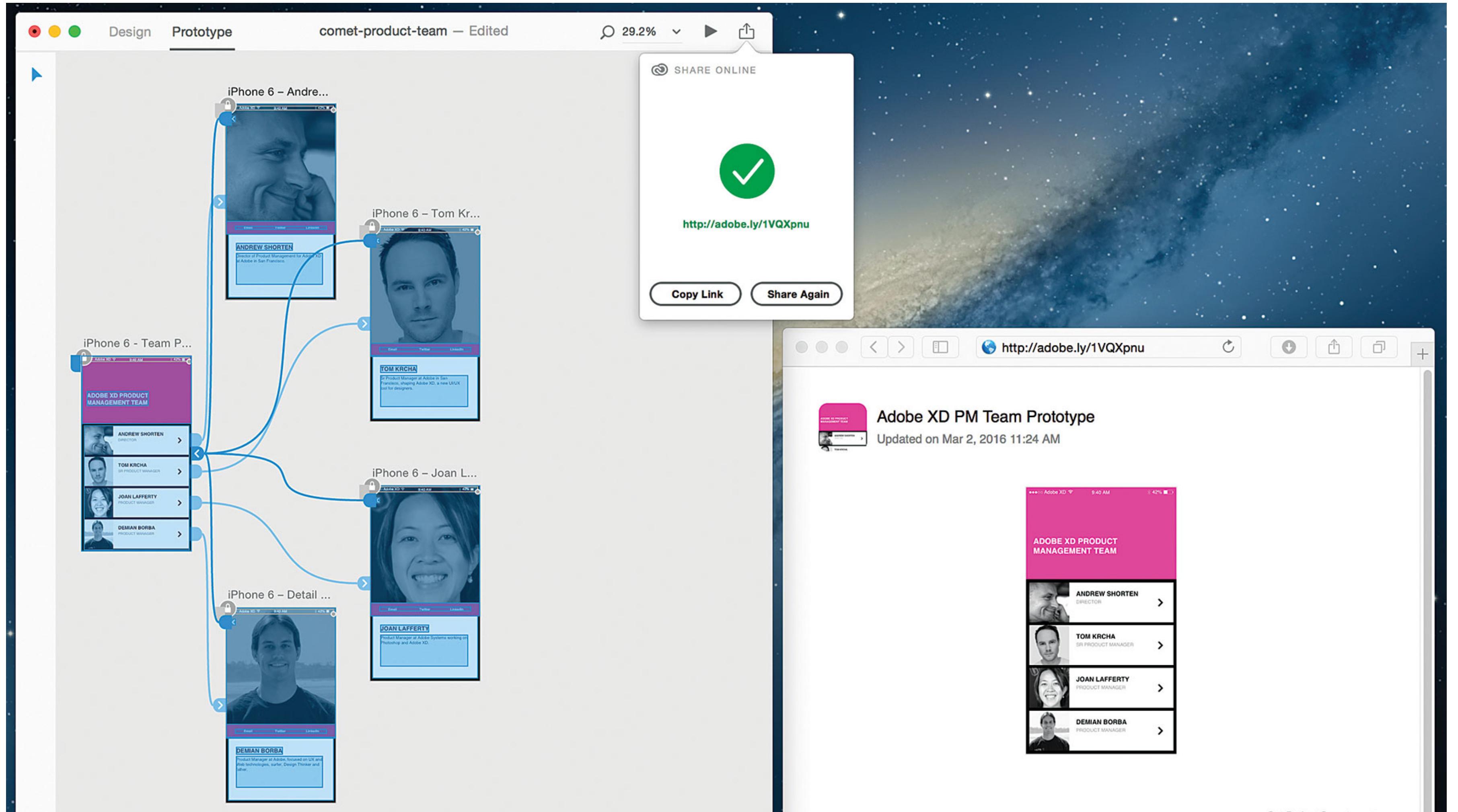


# Interface

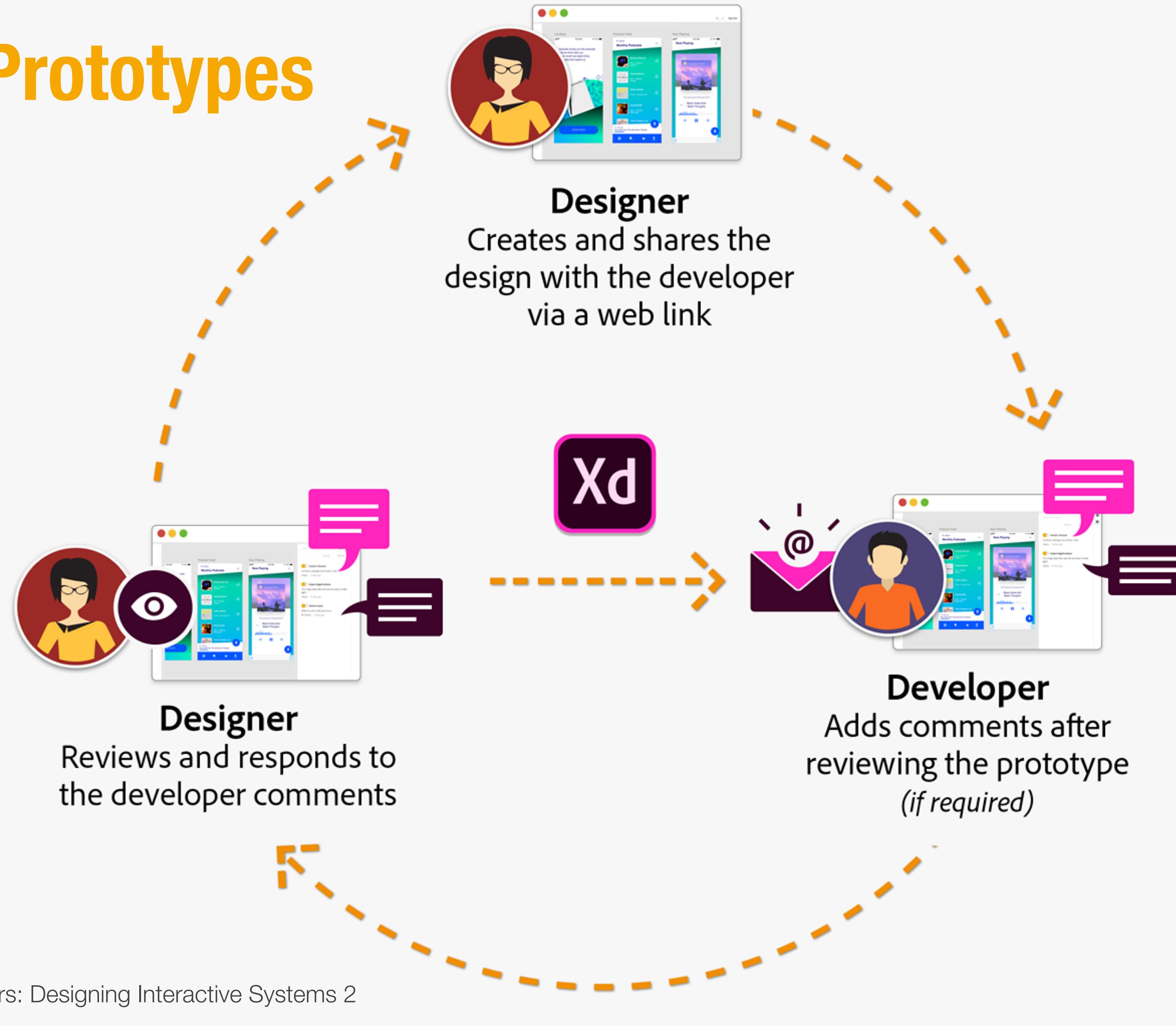


# Nonlinear Software Prototypes

- In-App preview
- Mobile preview app for iOS and Android



# Sharing Prototypes



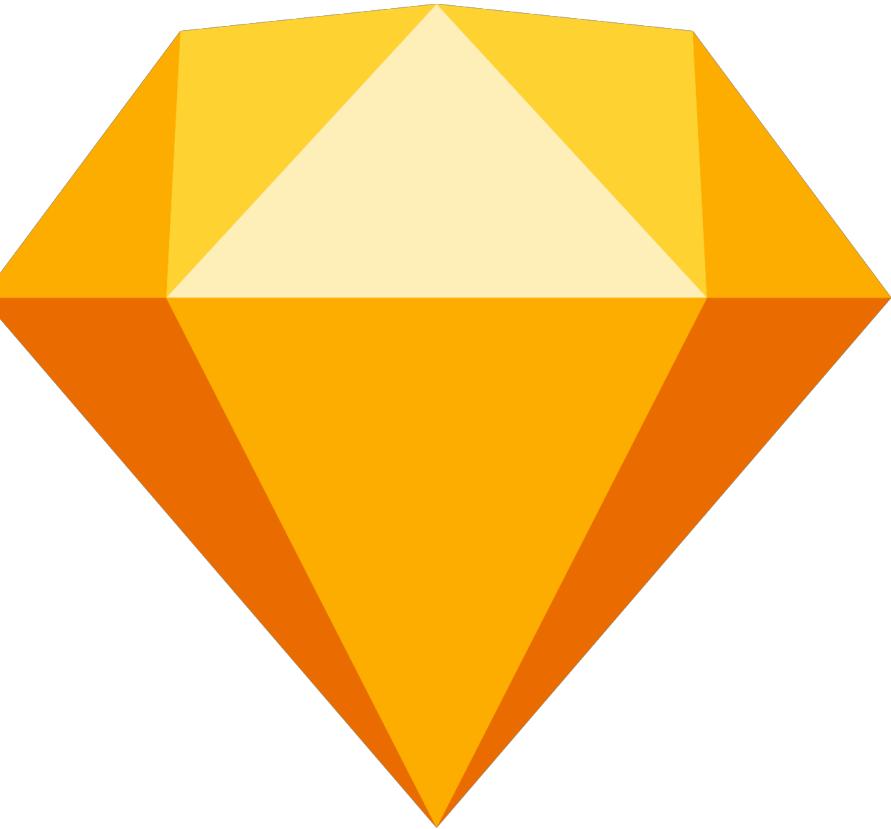
# Demo: Adobe Xd

# Adobe Xd: Features

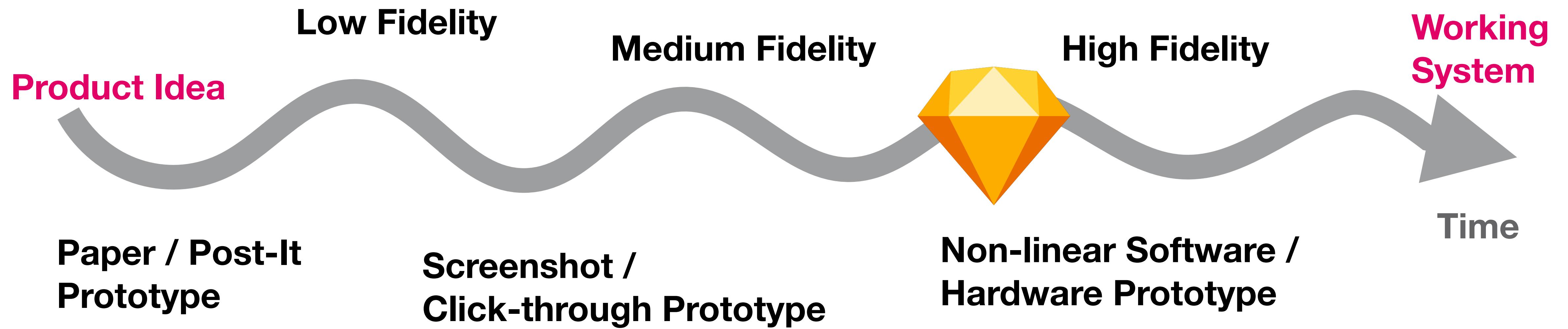
- **Scrolling** by resizing canvas
- Repeat Grid
  - Tool that lets you replicate a group of objects
- Voice Design
- Supports applications in the Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, Photoshop Sketch)
- **Developer file**

# Sketch Software

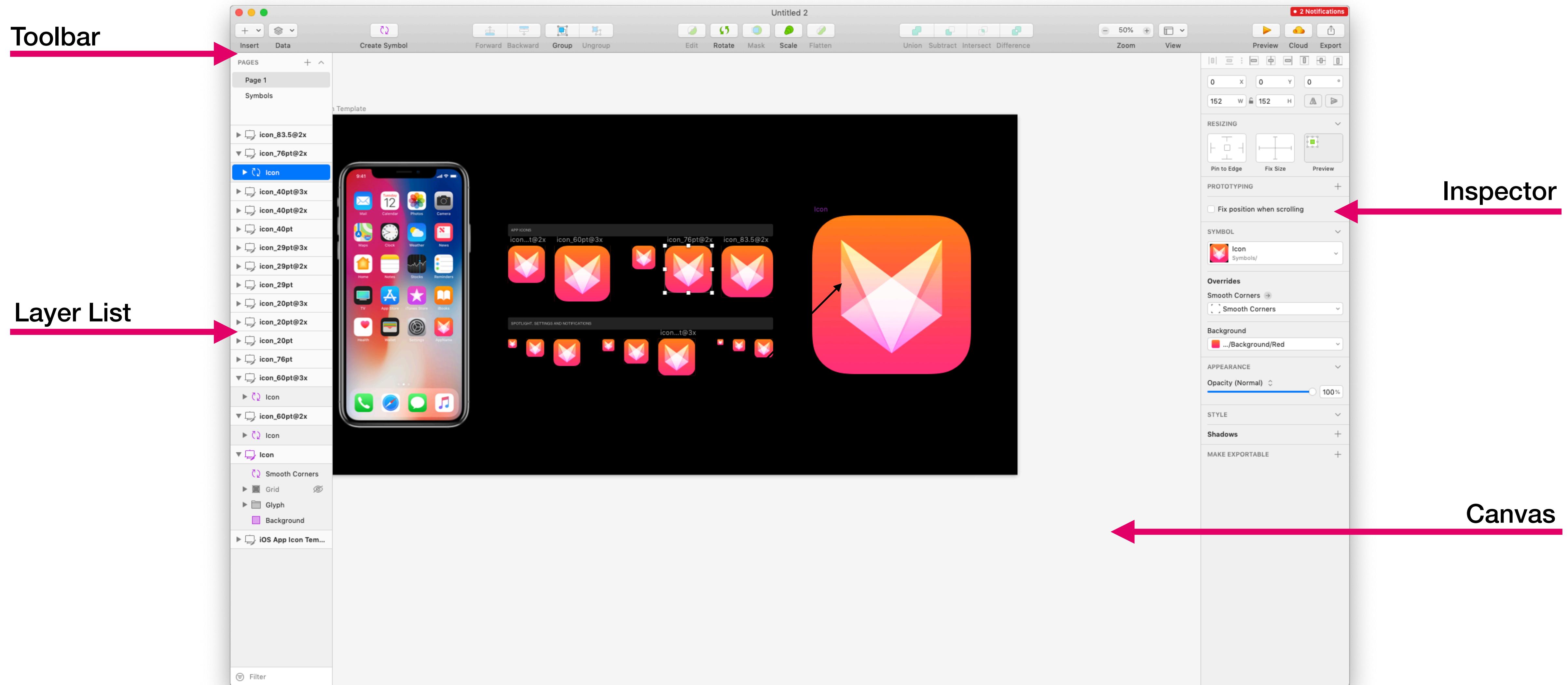
- First released in 2010
- Designing **UI** and **UX** of **mobile apps** and **websites**



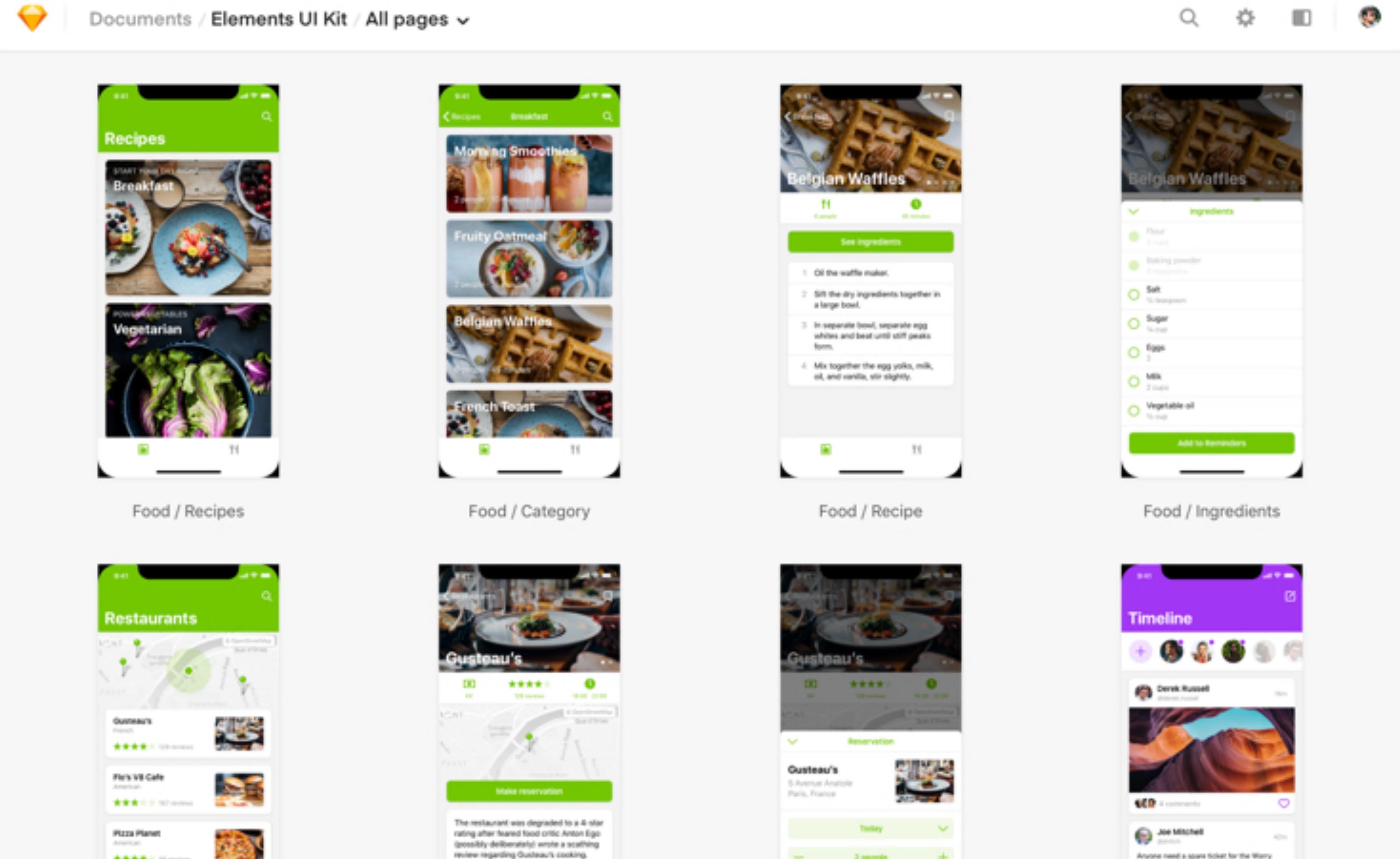
# When to Use



# Interface



# Sketch Cloud

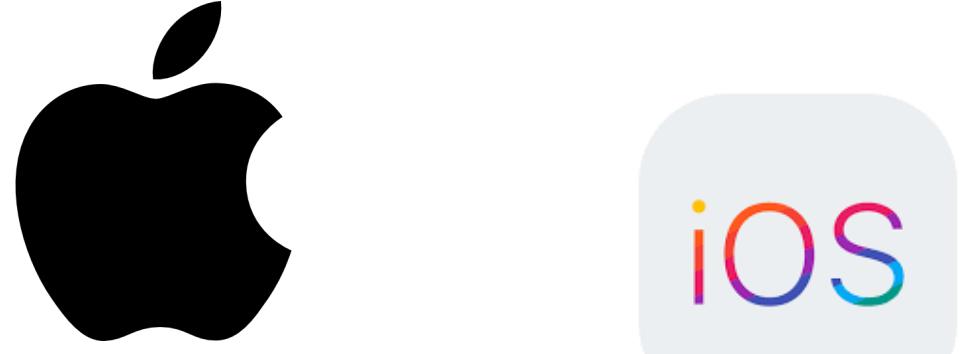


# Demo: Sketch

# Sketch: Features

- Sketch vs. Illustrator and Photoshop
  - Combines Design and Prototyping
  - Focused on the needs of the UI and icon designer
  - Good for newbies
- **Scrolling** by resizing canvas
- **Symbols** allow reusing elements across different Artboards and Pages so you can save time and stay consistent
- **Libraries** with designed widgets, e.g., for iOS

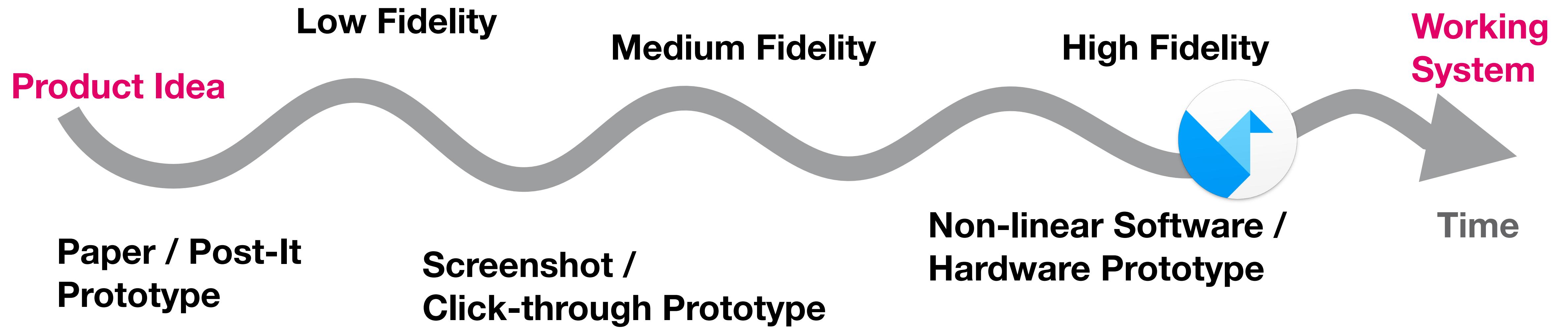
# Origami Studio



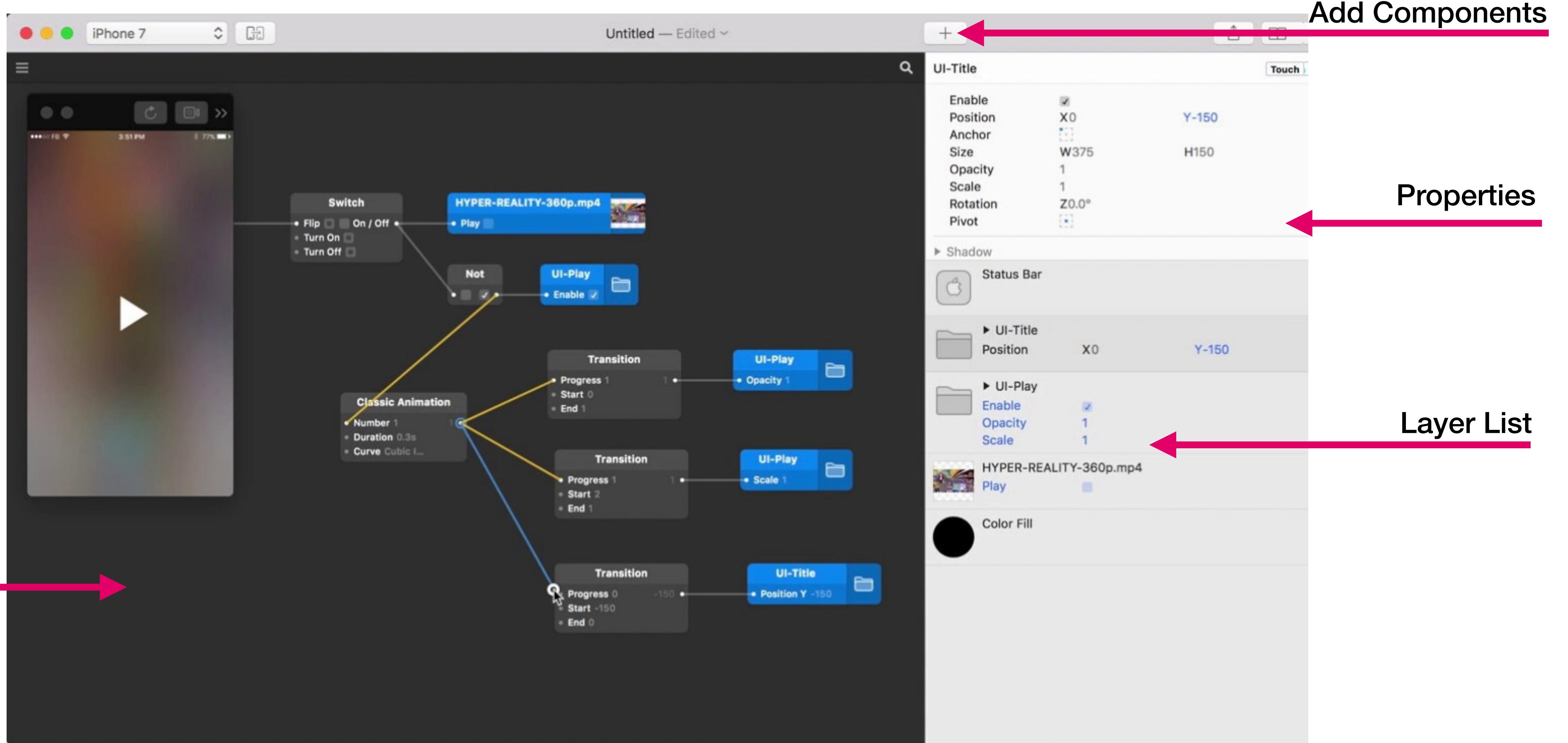
- Free design tool by Facebook
- Plug-in for Quartz Composer
- Visual programming environment
- Programming in Quartz Composer by connecting patches to each other
- Good companion to Sketch



# When to Use



# Interface



# Demo: Origami

# Origami: Features

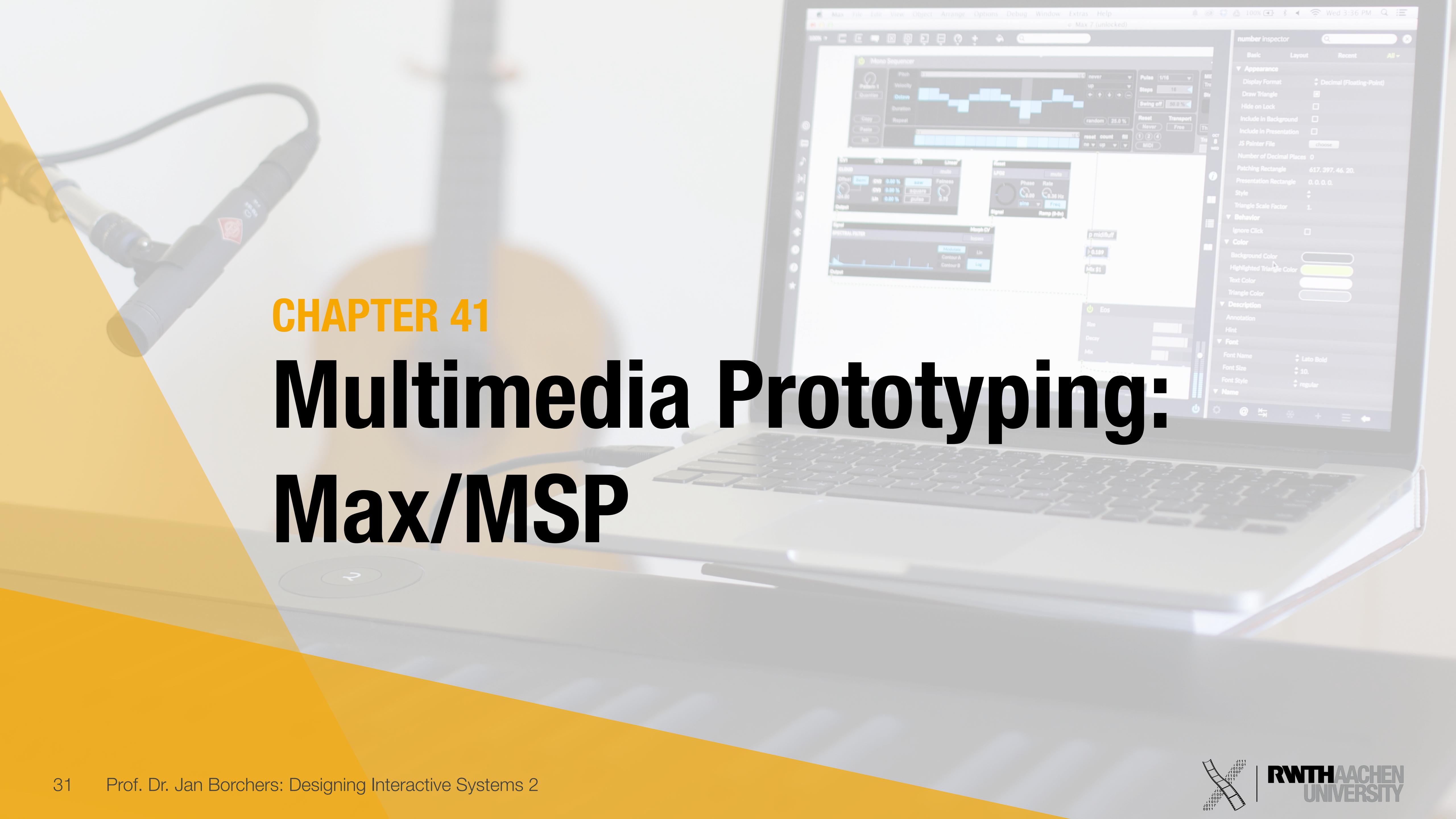
- Building small high fidelity prototypes
  - Rather complex in its functions
- Tweaking the interaction you have in mind
- Not suitable for quick wireframing
- **Scrolling** possible
- Pasting of Sketch UI files possible

# Features

Feature	Tool	Sketch	Origami	Adobe Xd	Balsamiq
Platform specific options					
Sharing Designs		Online Link	Via Mail	Online Link	Only PNG (not interactive)
Libraries					
Scrolling					
Developer file	objects are exported with specifications		Export code snippets	Sharing includes all assets, dimensions	PNGs without specifications
Real Testing			Origami Live app on Mac	App for iOS and Android	
Advanced Interactions			Microphone & Sound	Voice commands	

# Which Tool to Use When?

- balsamiq:
  - Standard (productivity) apps
  - Fast wireframing by using widgets for medium fidelity
- Adobe Xd & Sketch:
  - Standard UIs via libraries, and custom UIs (immersive apps, games)
  - Medium to high fidelity
- Origami:
  - Reuse Sketch files
  - Small high fidelity



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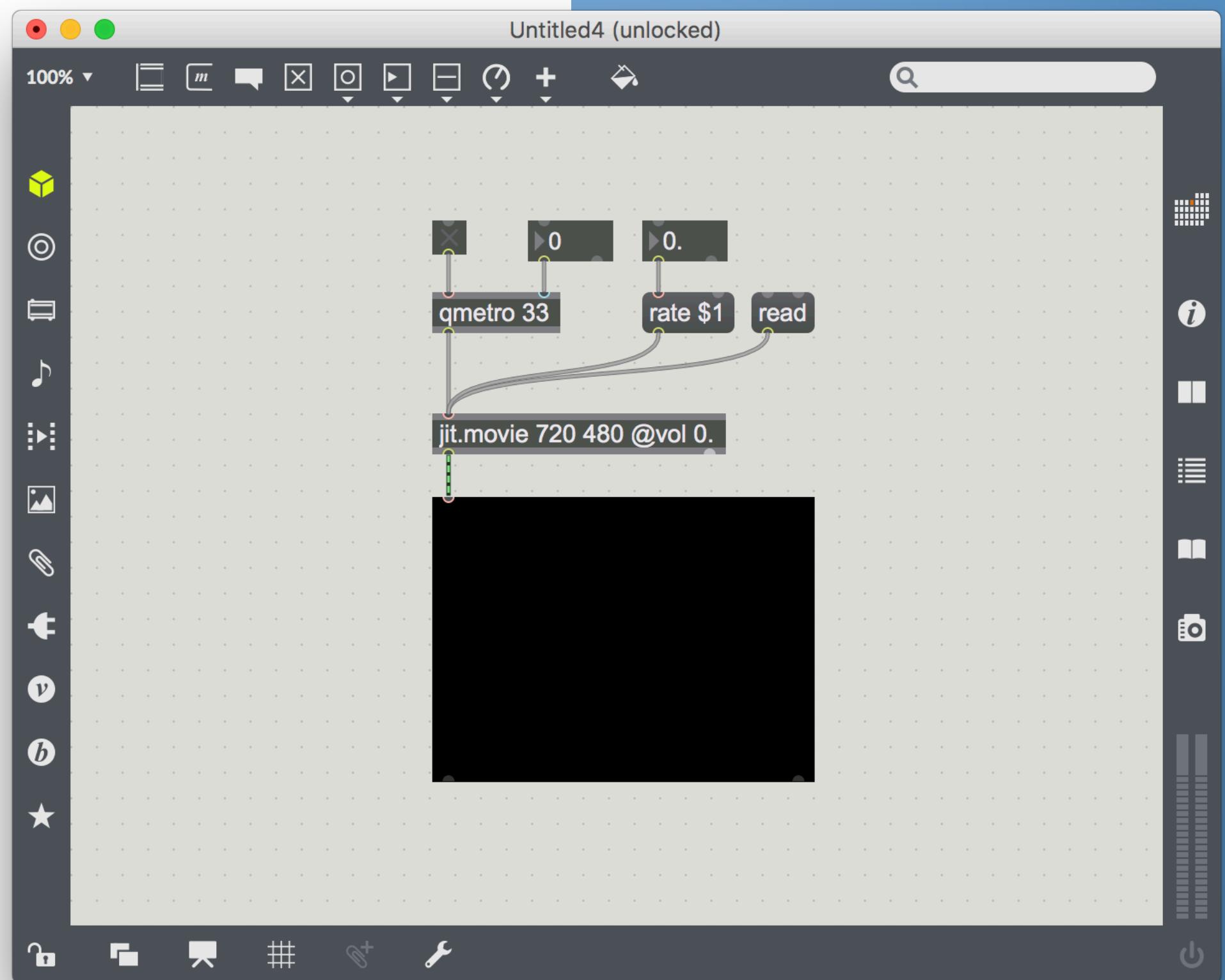
# Multimedia Prototyping:

# Max/MSP



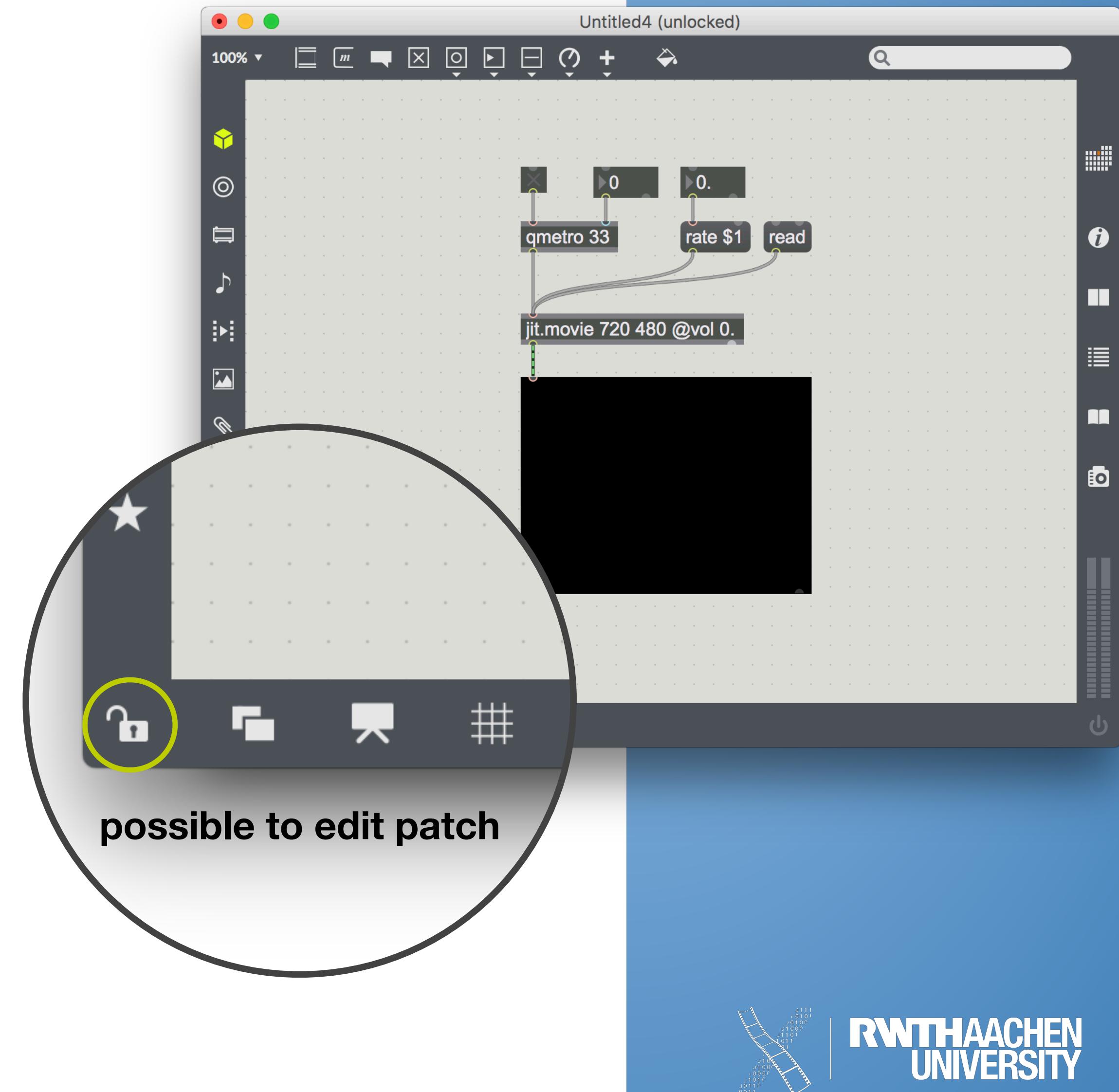
# Intro to Max

- Visual **flow-based programming** inspired by patch panels in recording studios
  - Tuned for working with time-based input streams
  - Programs are called **patches**
  - **Objects** contain functionalities and are visually represented by boxes
  - **Patch cords** connect objects



# HCI View on Max

- **Prototyping UIs**
  - For working with time-based media
  - Using time-based media as input/output devices
- No need for being a DSP guru
- **Liveness** allows fast development
  - Locked: use patch
  - Unlocked: edit patch



“If most MIDI apps are  pizza,  
then Max is a kitchen.”

- Miller Puckette

# History

- 1986: **Patcher** for Mac  
MIDI and control processing
- 1989: **MSP** allows to process digital audio
- 1989: Ircam Musical Workstation featuring Max containing
  - GUI on NeXTStep
  - „Faster Than Sound“ card
- 1995: **pd** (pure data)  
ability to share patches between multiple projects
- 2003: **Jitter** real time processing of matrix data, e.g. video, 3D
- 2010: **Vizzie** visual processing module

# Objects

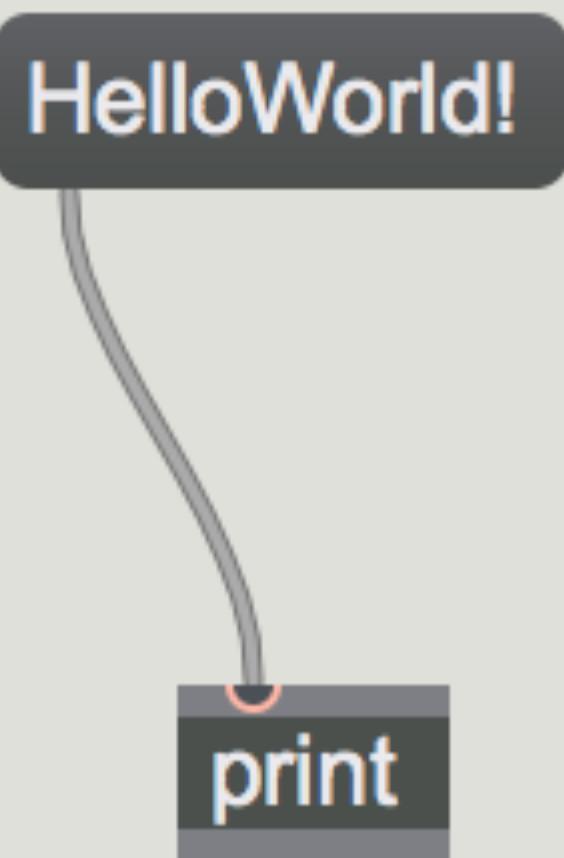
- **Normal objects**
  - Squares with object name in it
  - Object name can be followed by arguments
  - Inputs are at the top, outputs at the bottom
- **UI objects**
  - Sliders, dials, number fields, buttons, etc.
- **Comments**

groove~ bop 2 @loop 1

print

# Messages

- Sent through patch cords
- Various **types**
  - number: int, float
  - list of numbers, separated by spaces
  - word ("symbol")
  - bang
  - combinations
- **Message order**
  - right to left, bottom to top



# Math in Max

- Basic operations as objects like `*`, `+`, `-`, `/`
- Common functions like `sin`, `abs`, `sqrt`
- `expr` object for more complex terms
- `if` for conditions

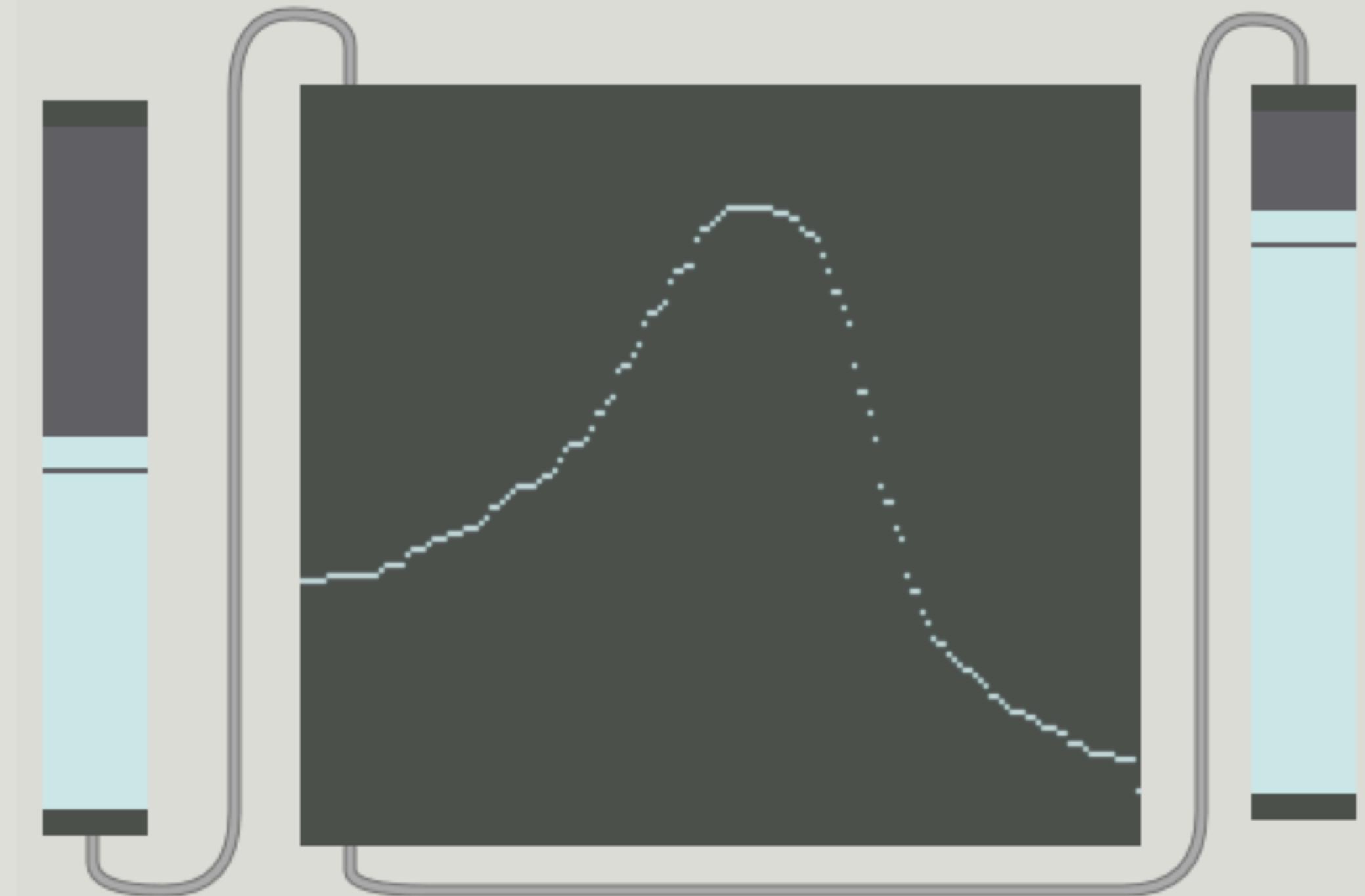
# Creating Patches

## DEMO 1

Using a table to map slider input  
to slider output

## DEMO 2

Adding integers



# MIDI Handling

- Objects for input and output of notes, control messages and raw data, e.g. **ctlin**, **midiout**, **notein**
- Objects for translation between MIDI notes and frequencies
- MIDI messages are ordinary messages:  
MAX handles MIDI as sequence of numbers

# MSP

- MSP object names end with ~
- MSP signal patch cords are curly
- curly signals cannot be connected to regular objects
- DSP operations happen at sample timing precisions

# MSP Features

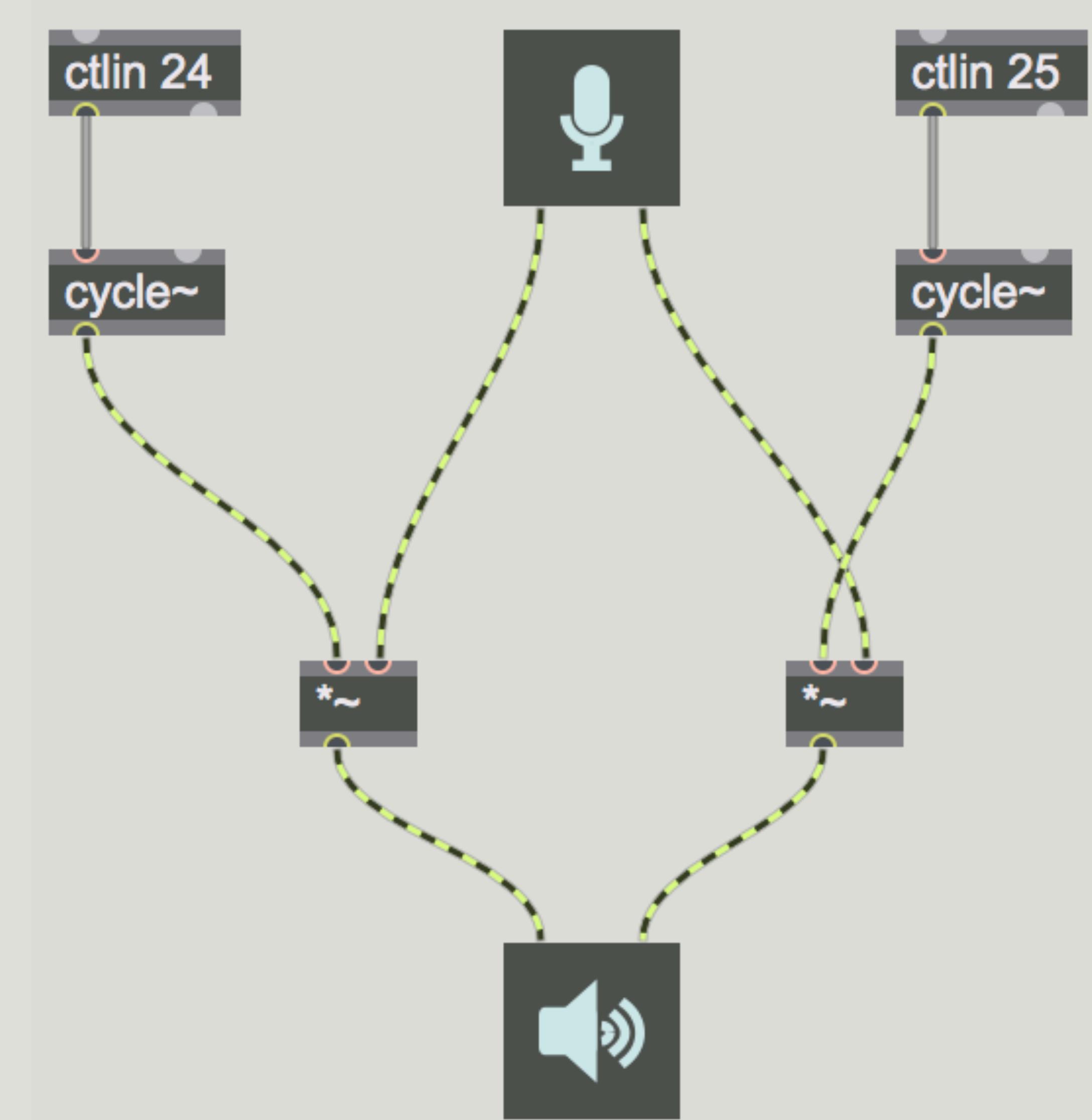
- **adc~** and **dac~** for audio in-/output
- **fft~** and **ifft~** convert from time to frequency domain
  - phase vocoder (timestretching)
  - complex filters
- **buffer~** for storing sample data
- UI elements for visual analysis

# Simple MSP Patch

## DEMO 3

Performing ring modulation

- **cycle object**  
generates a periodic waveform
- **ctlin object**  
outputs MIDI control signals

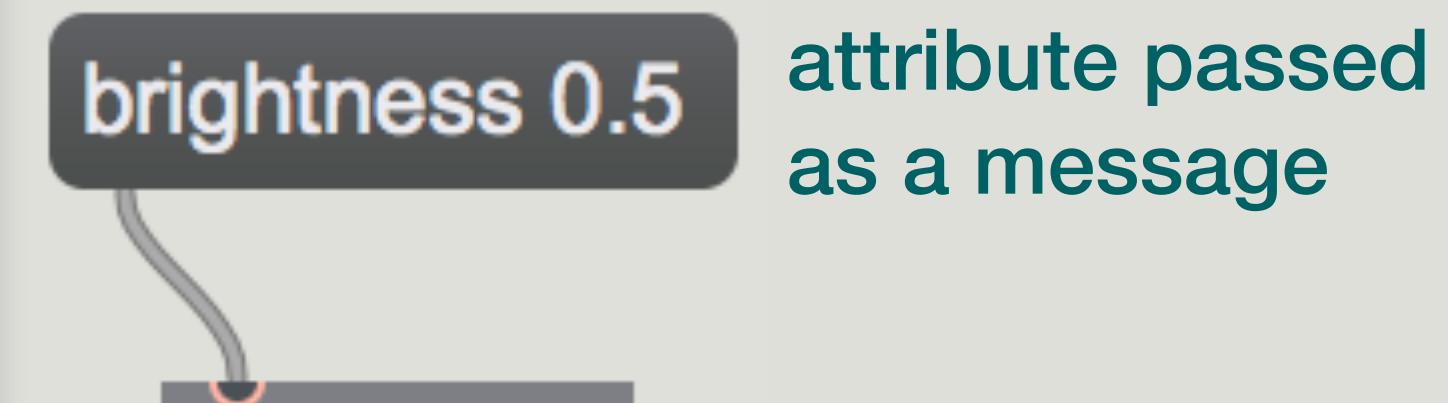


# Jitter

- 130 additional objects for Max/MSP
- processing of matrix data (rows and columns)
  - video, still images, 3d geometry, text, spreadsheets, particle systems, voxels or audio
- supports Apple QuickTime
  - import, export, capturing
  - DV camera control
  - QTVR

# Jitter Objects

- most names start with **jit.**
- attributes instead of dozens of arguments
- the green matrix patch cords cannot be connected with other Max/MSP objects



attribute passed  
as a message

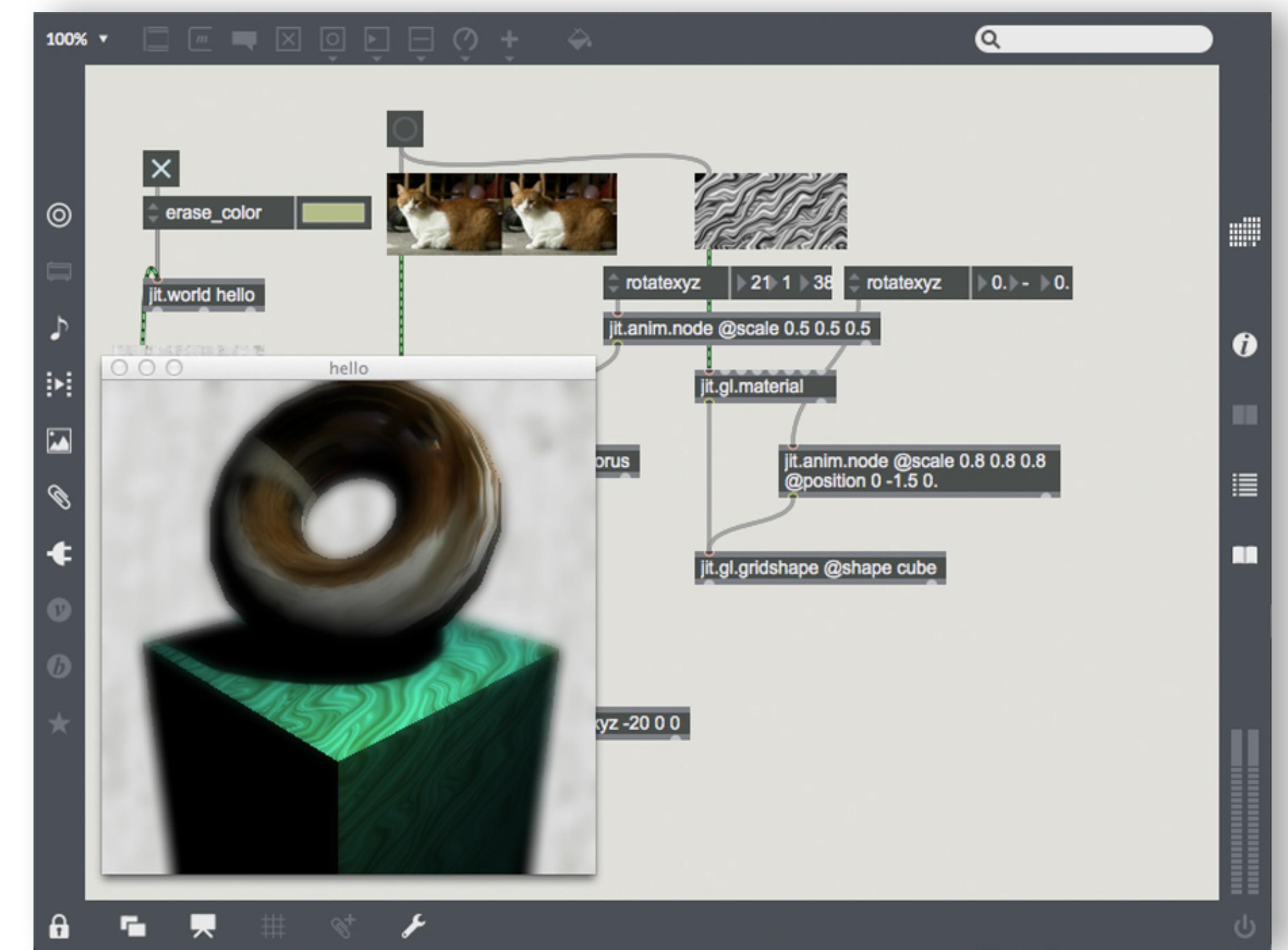


attribute provided  
as argument



# Jitter Objects

- **jit.qt.\*** for video
- **jit.gl.\*** for 3d/OpenGL
- **jit.p.\*** for particle effects
- **jit.la.\*** for linear algebra
- **jit.peek~** and **jit.poke~**  
for connection to MSP



# Extending Max/MSP

- **Software**
  - write plugins in C that appear in Max as new objects
  - free SDK available
- **Hardware**
  - MIDI controllers and synthesizers
  - DMX Lighting
  - Arduino

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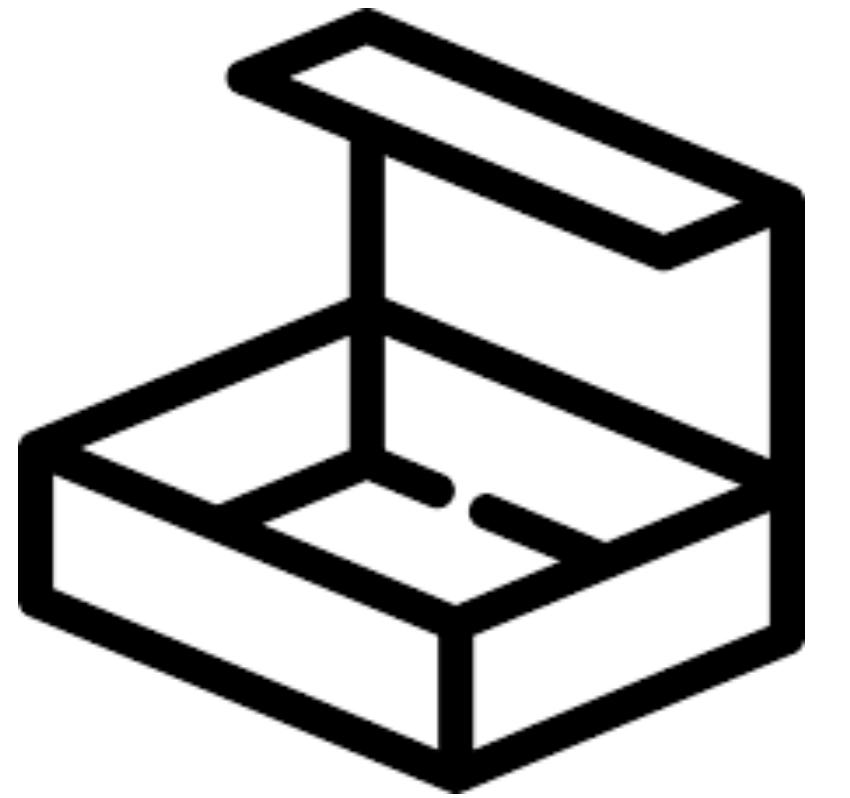
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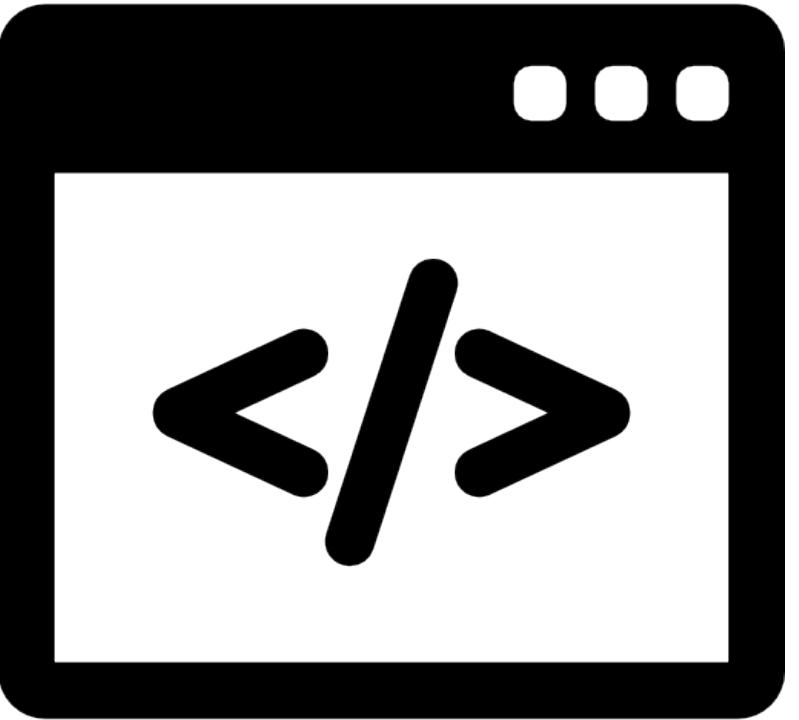


# Topics today

**UI =**



**Form**



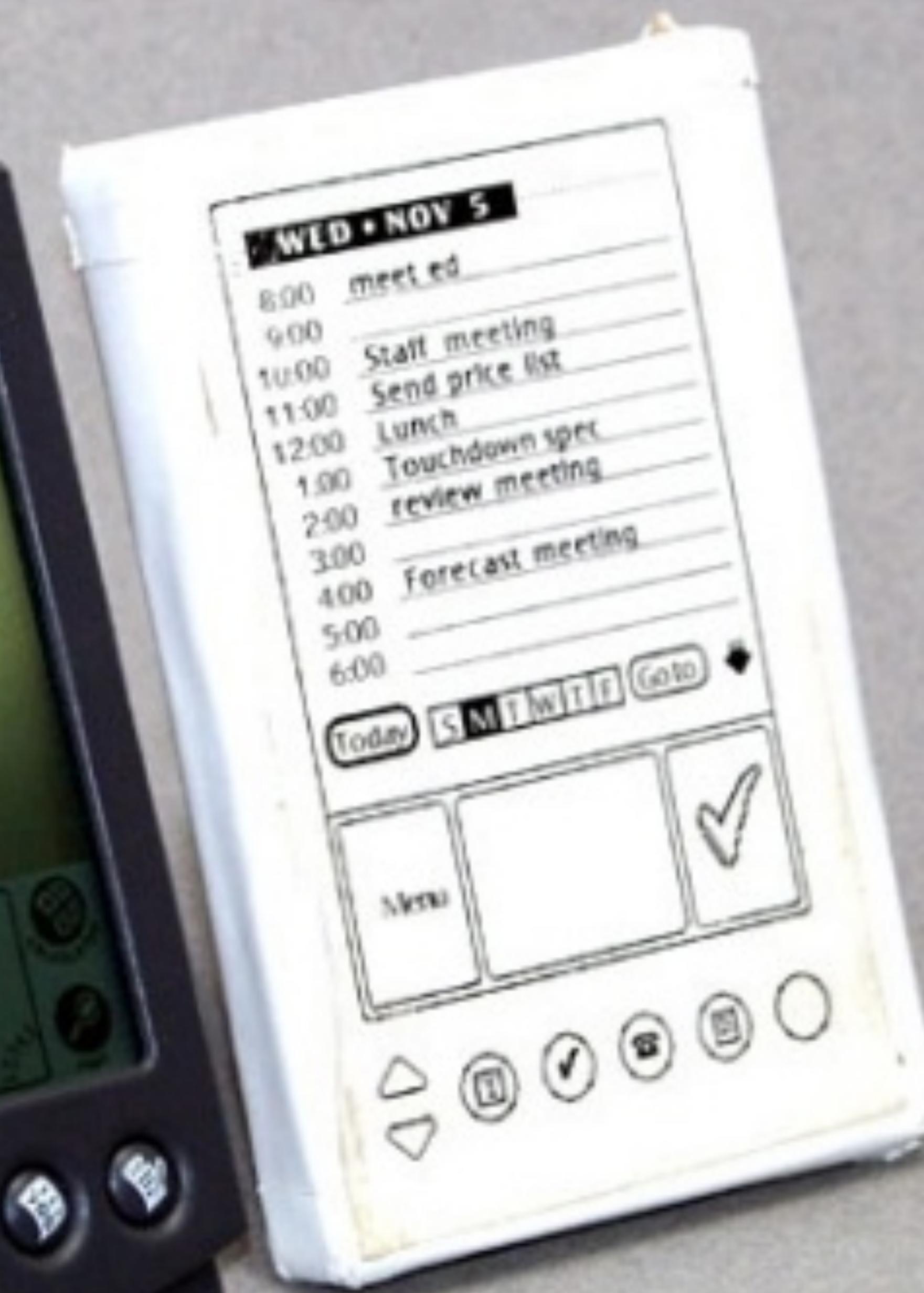
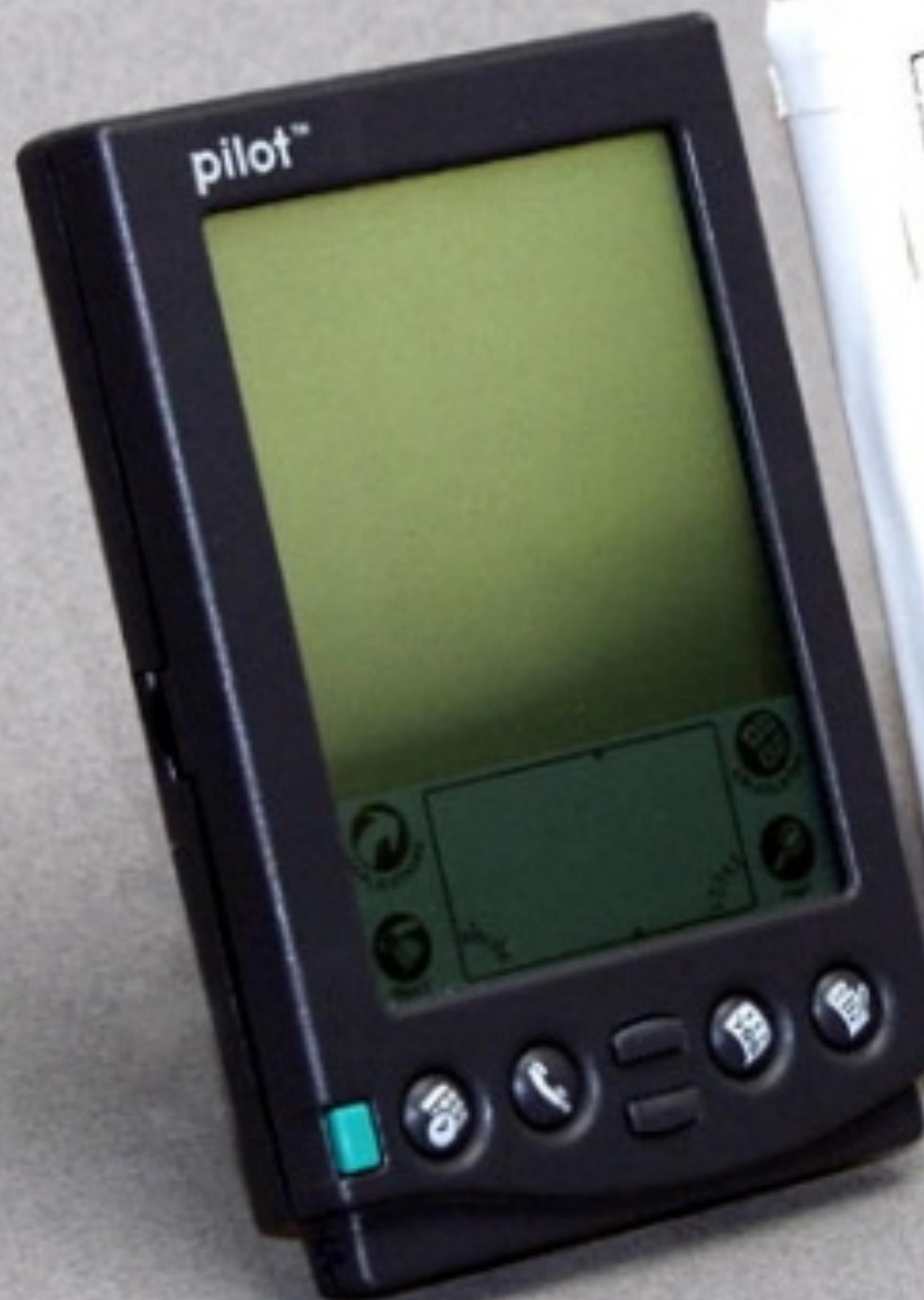
**Function**



**Sensors &  
Actuators**

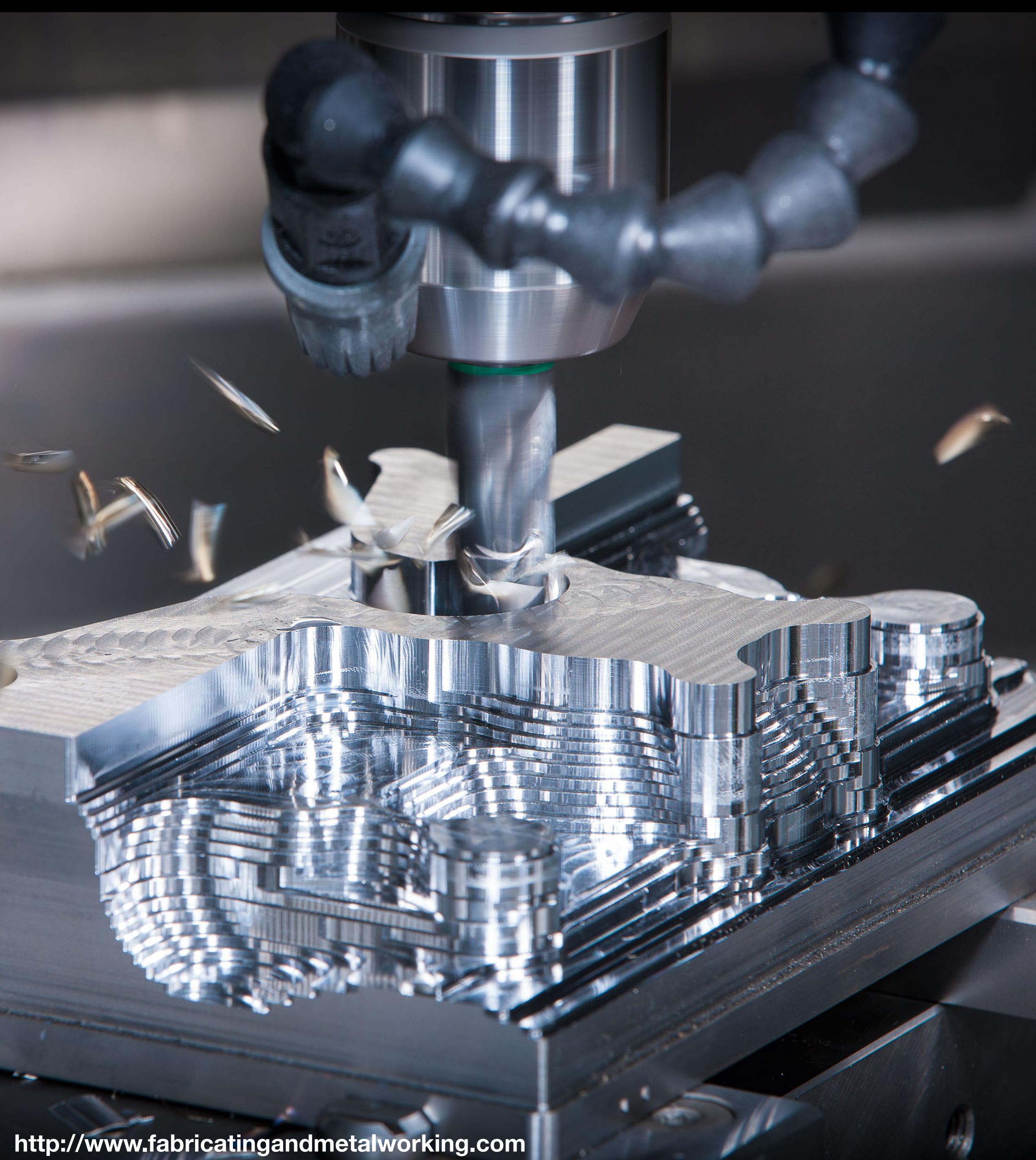
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# Prototyping Form: Mechanics

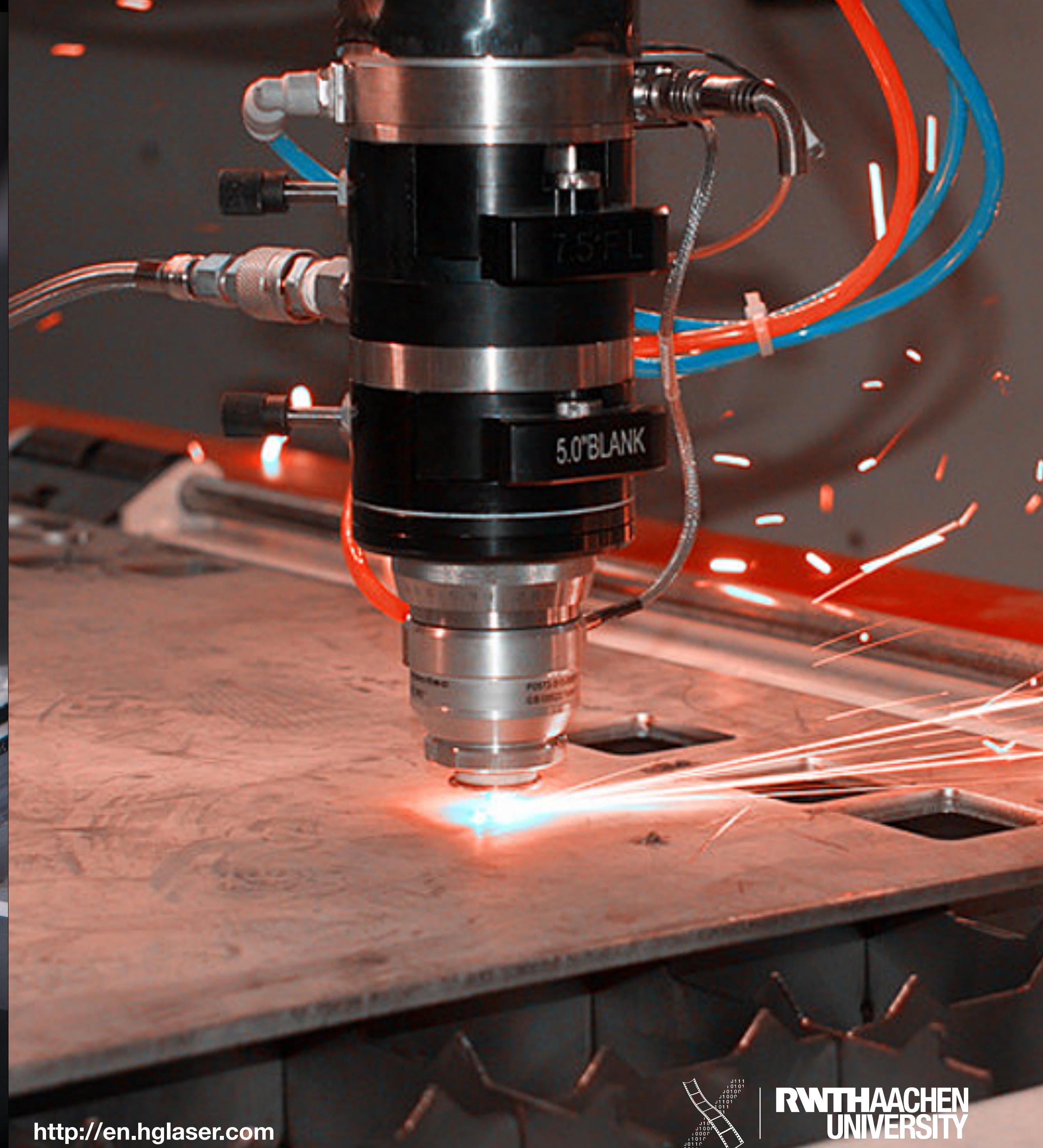








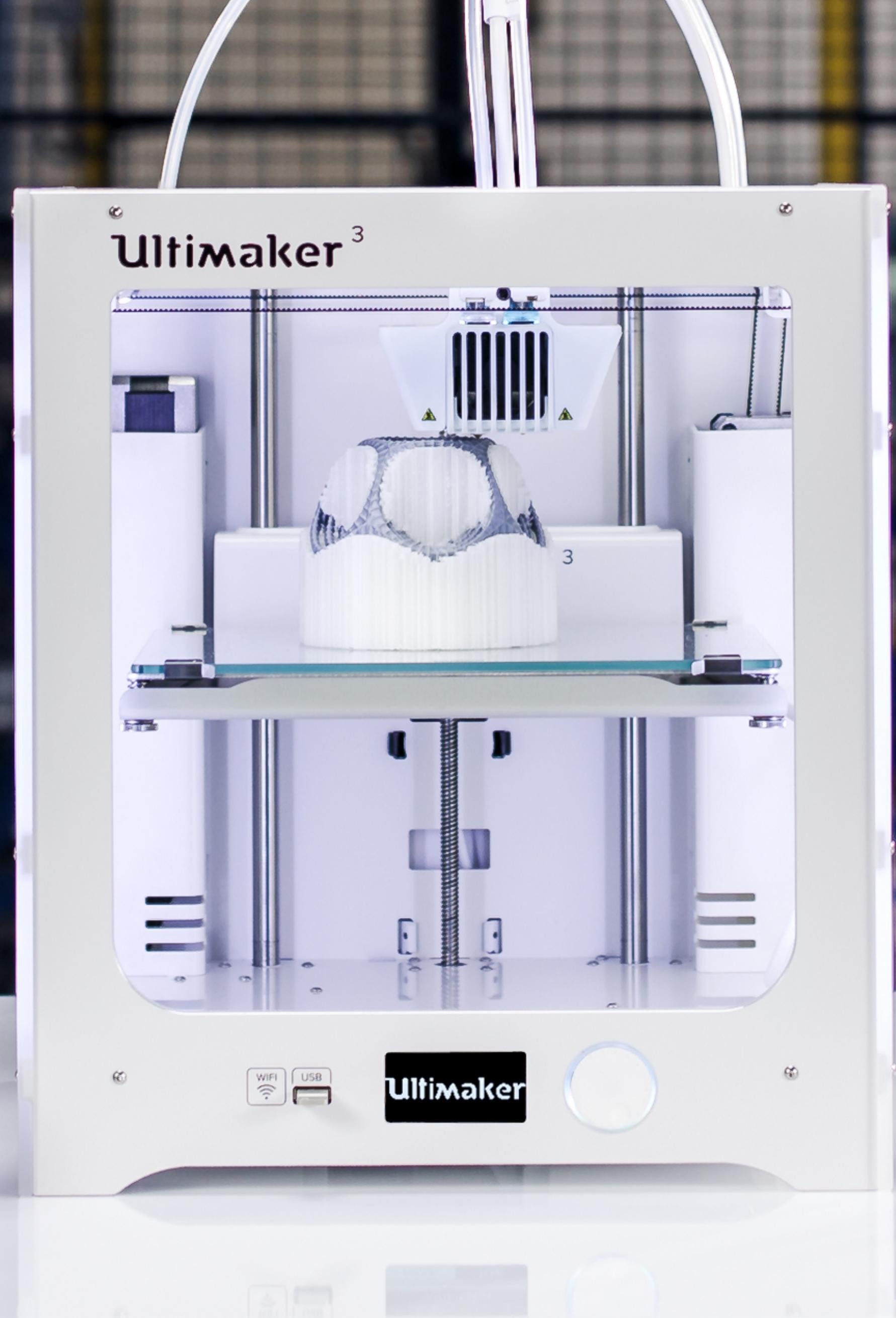
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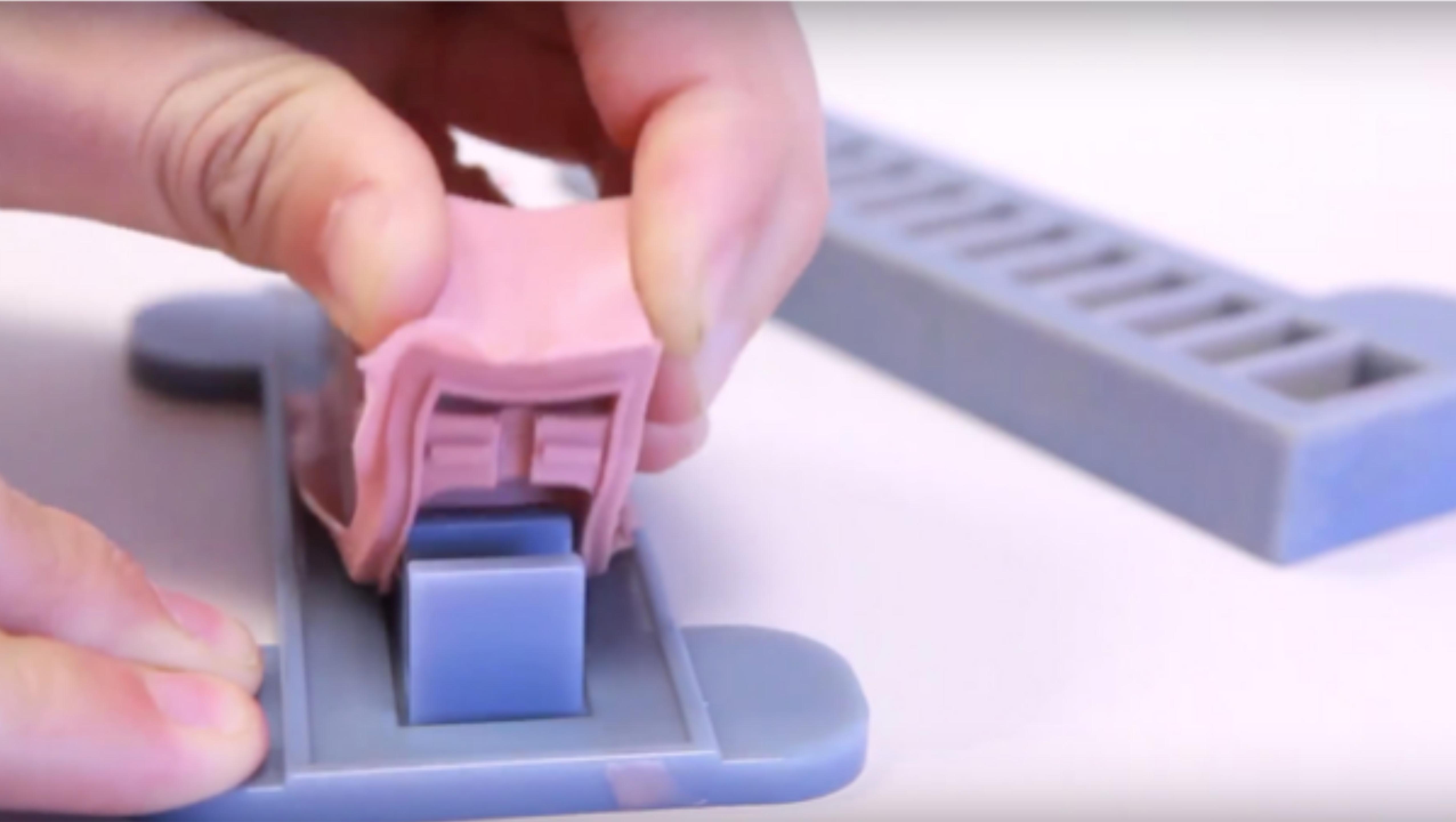
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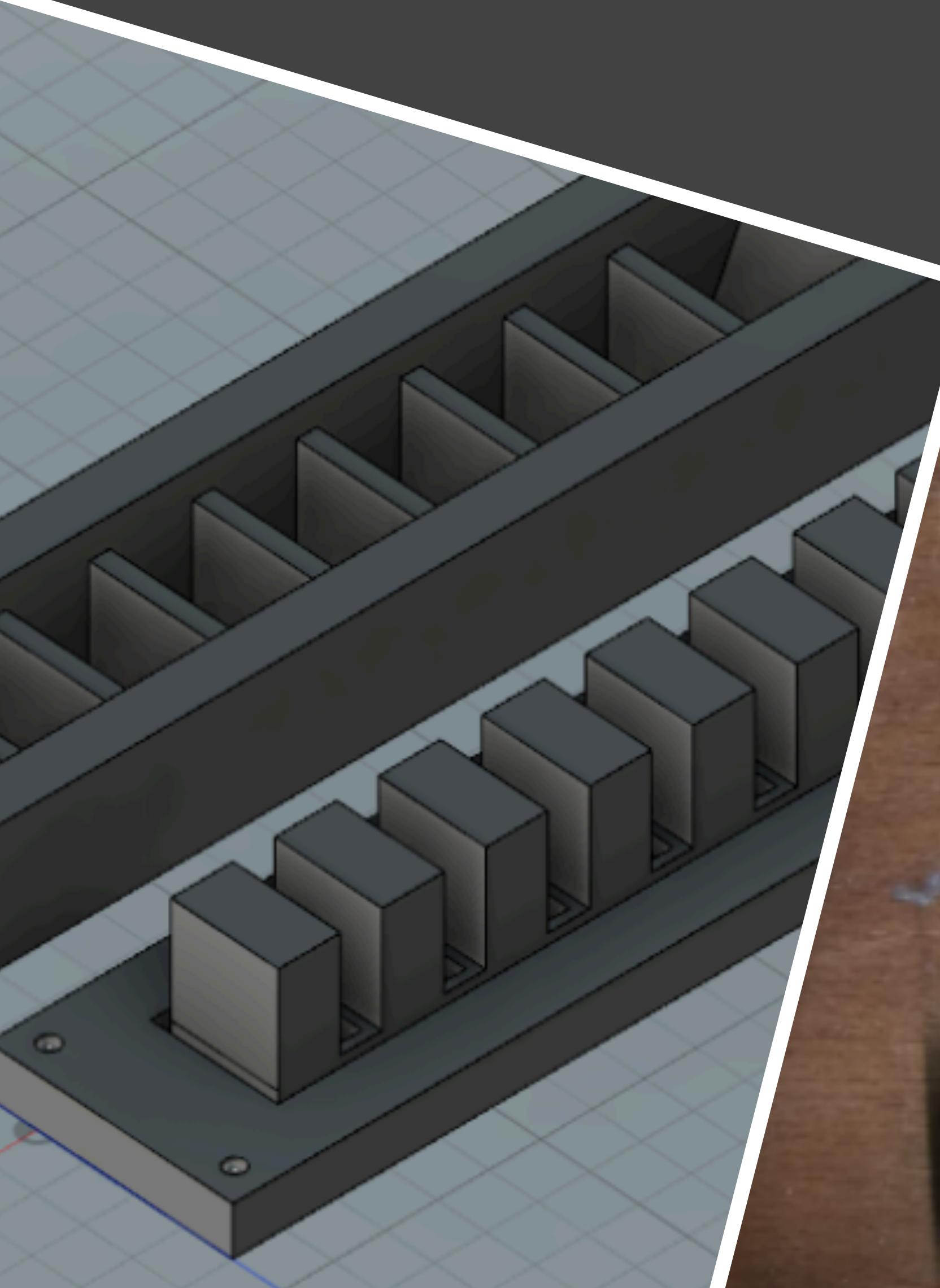
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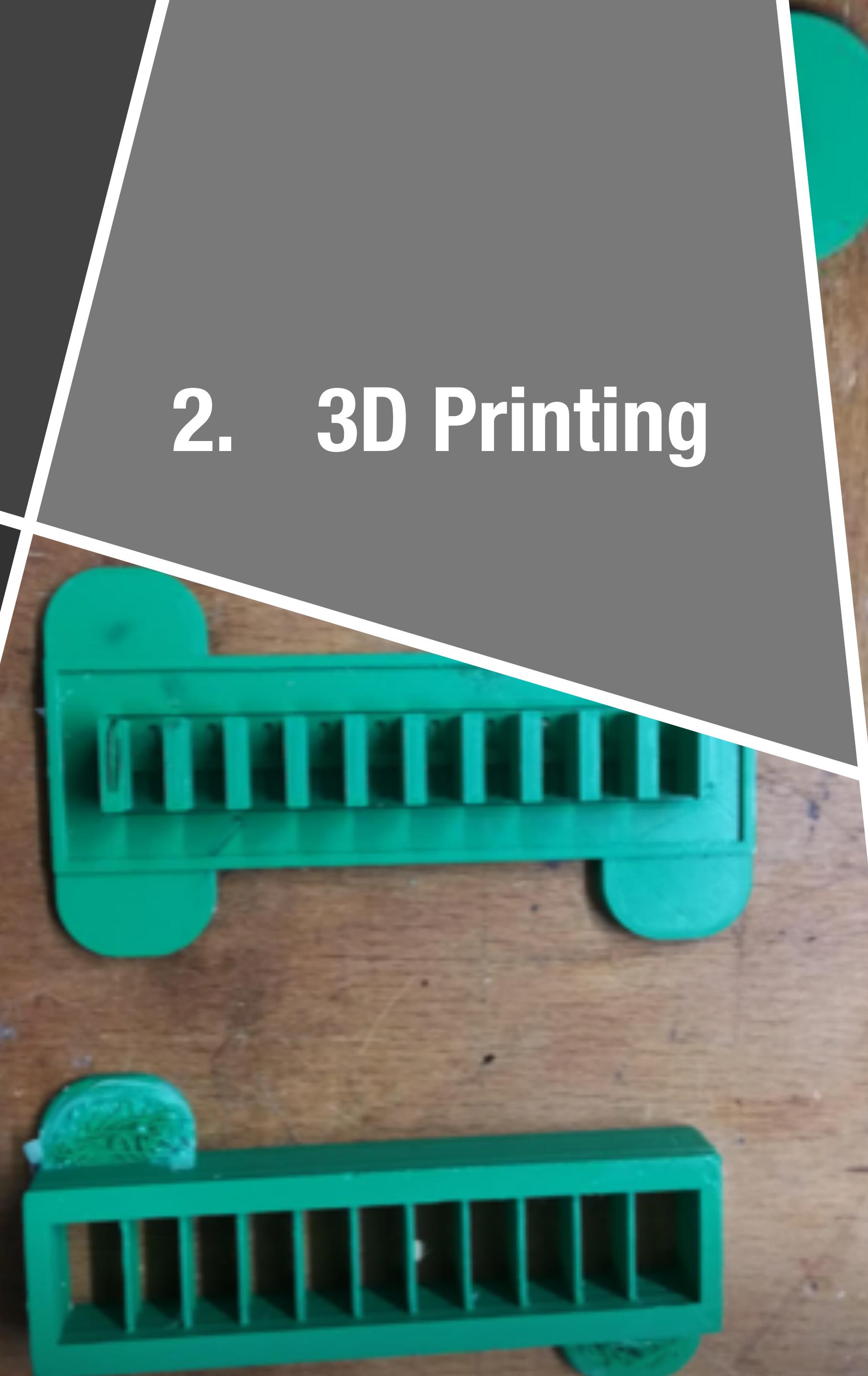
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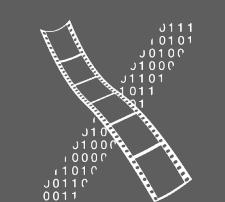
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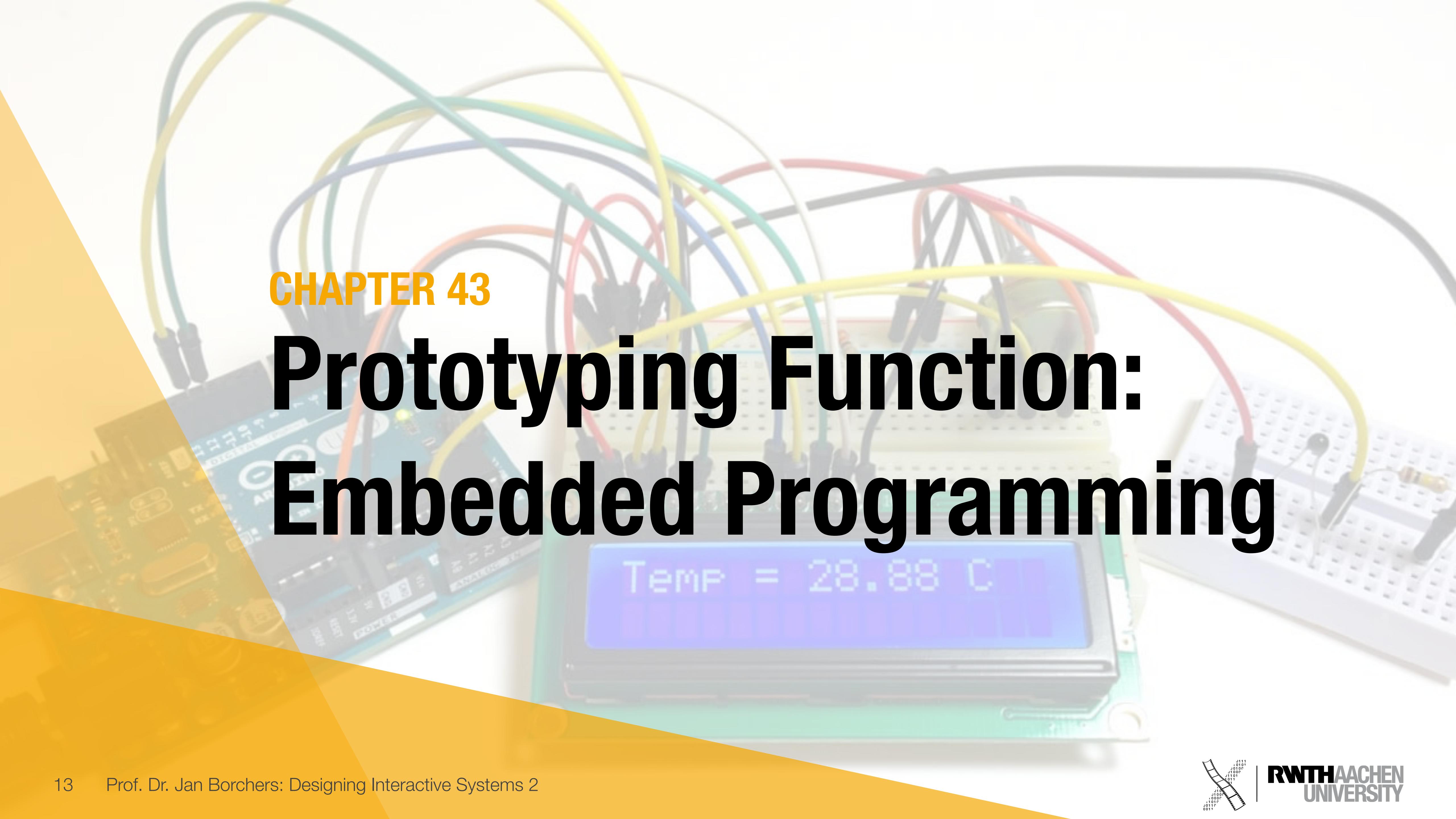


# 2. 3D Printing



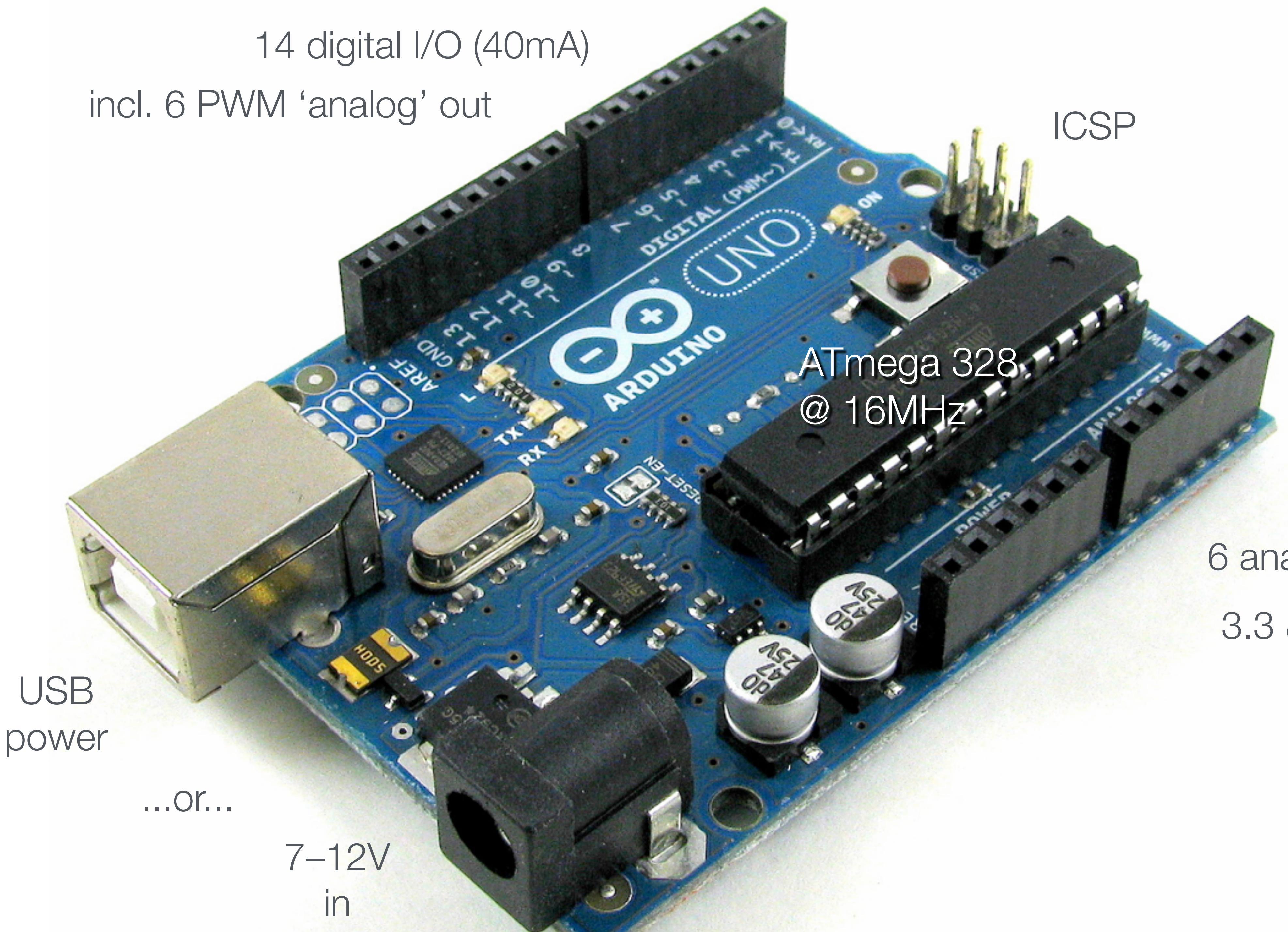
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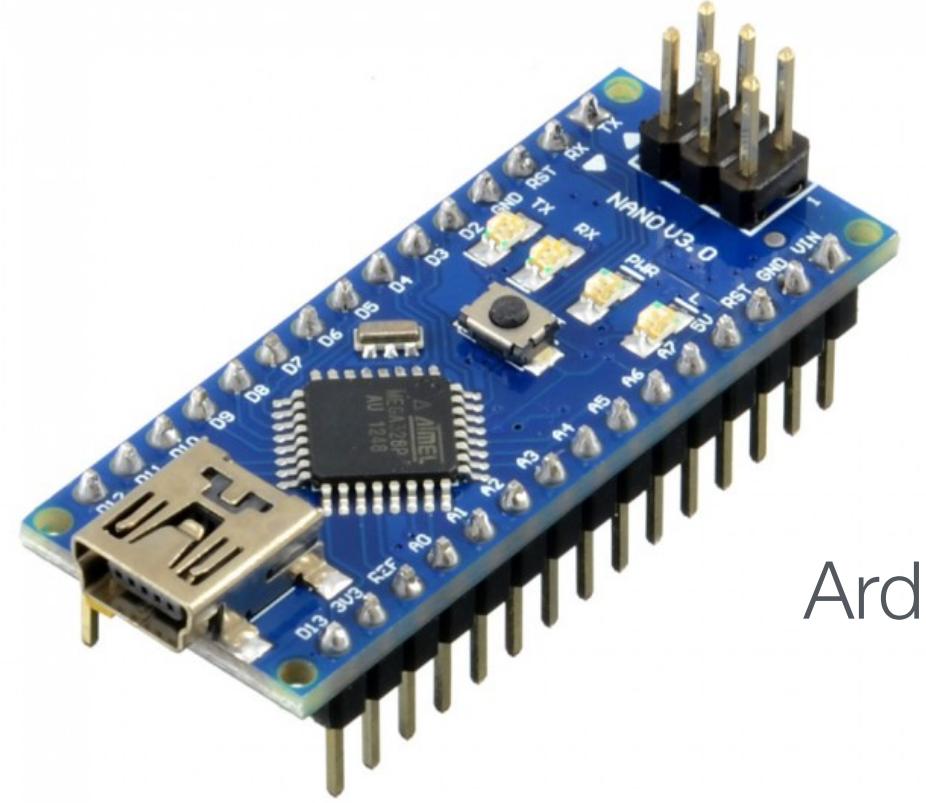




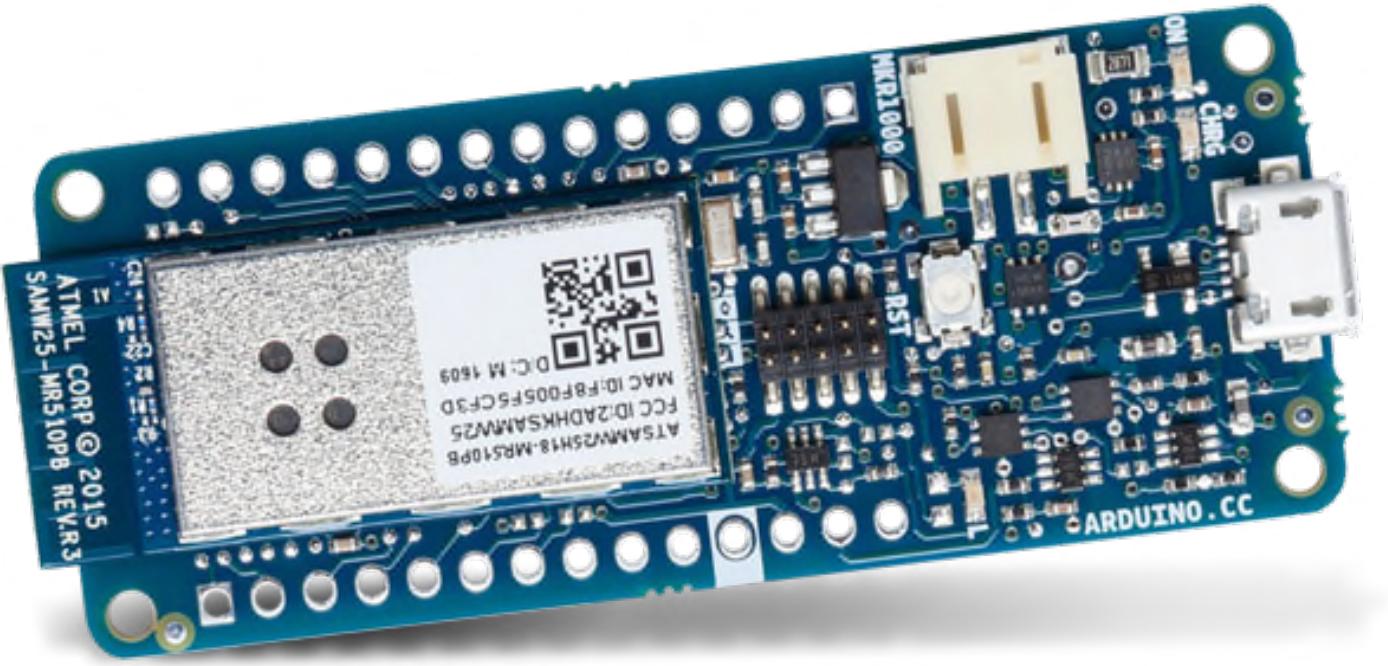
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# Prototyping Function: Embedded Programming

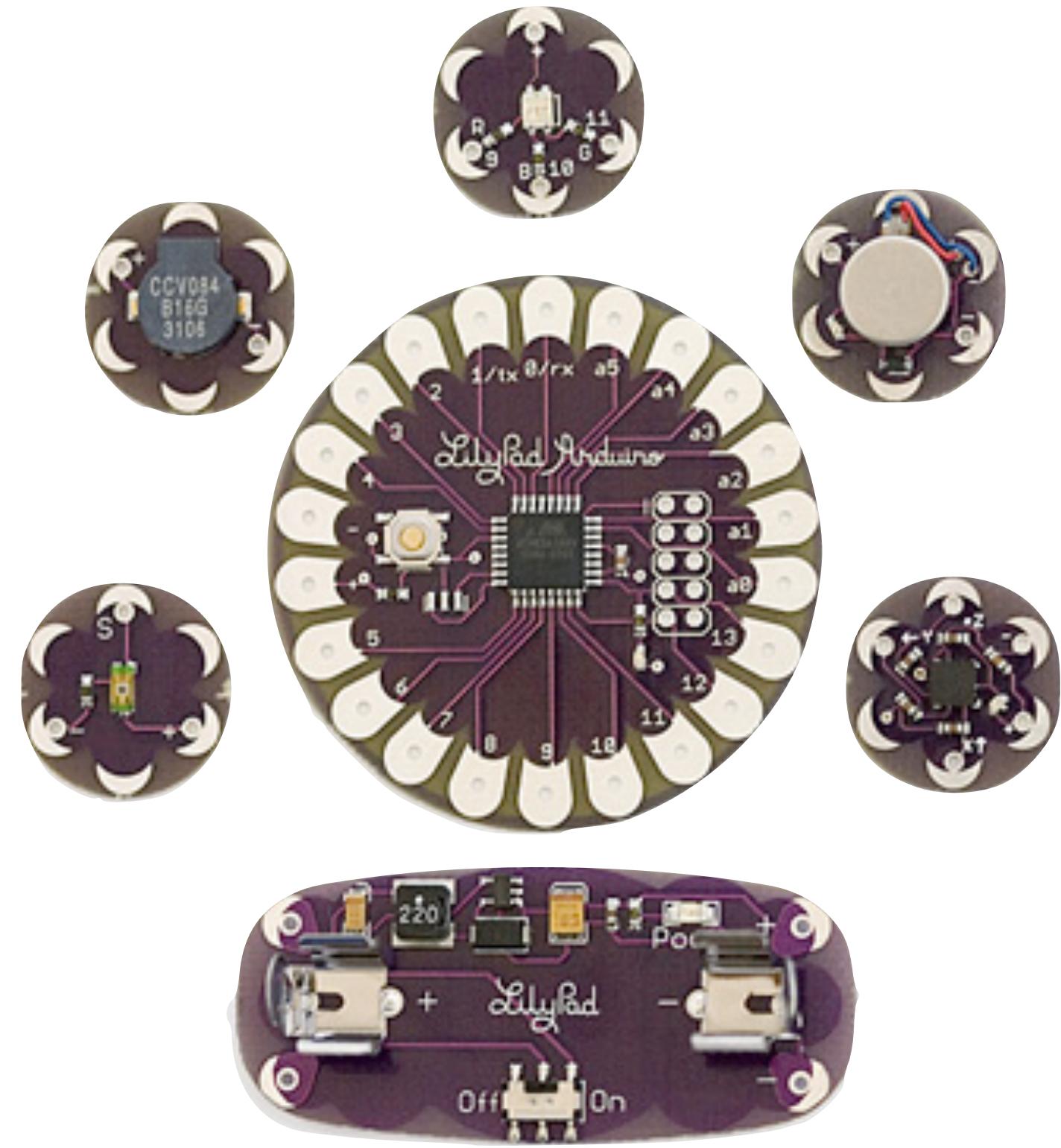




Arduino Nano



Arduino MKR



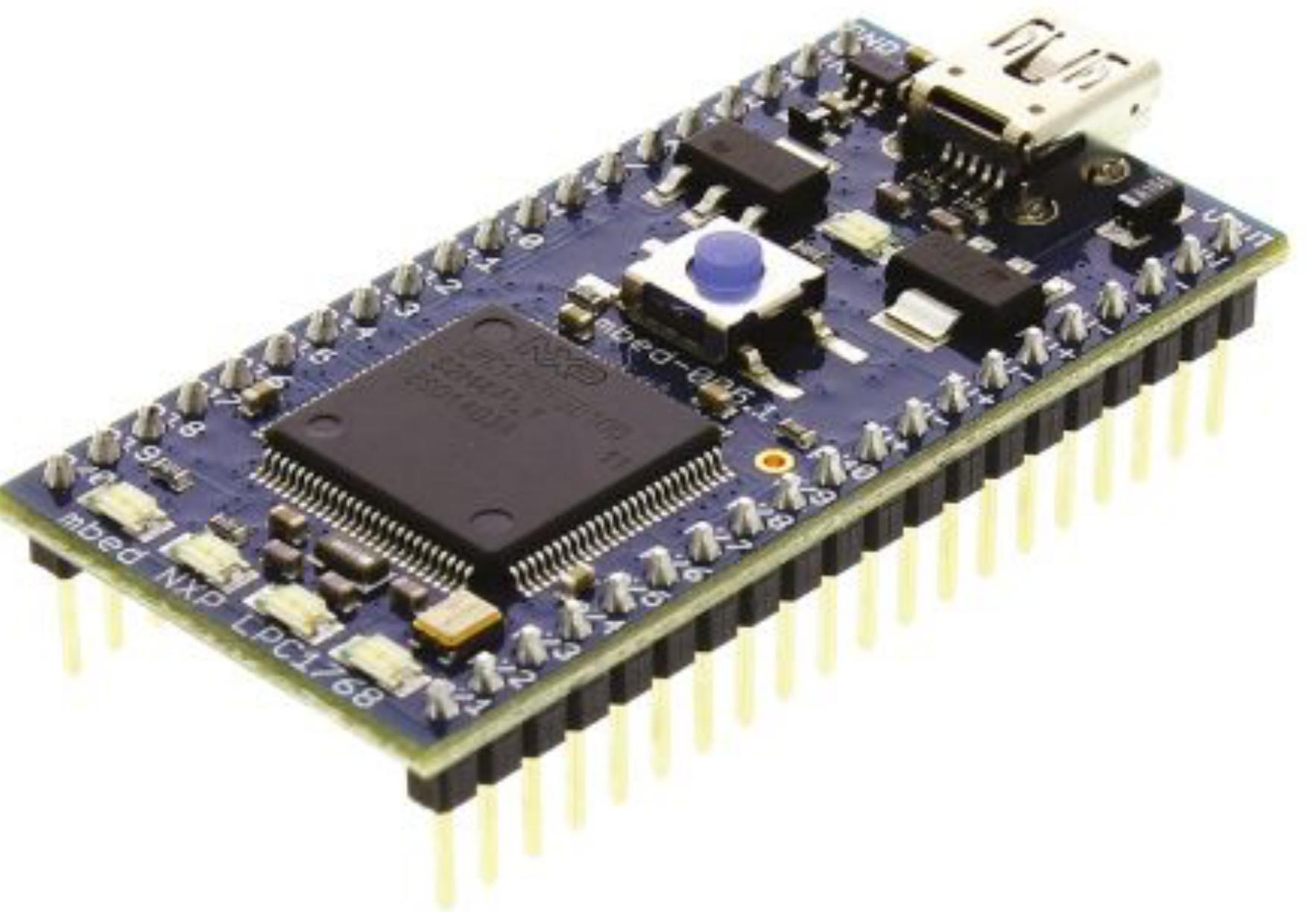
Arduino LilyPad

# mbed

The screenshot shows the mbed Studio IDE interface. The left sidebar displays the project structure for 'mbed-cloud-client-example'. The main editor window shows the 'main.cpp' file with the following code snippet:

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202 // Create resource for unregistering the device. Path of Declared in global namespace 5000/0/1.
203 mbedClient.add_cloud_resource(5000, 0, 1, "unregister", void unregister(void *) RING,
204 M2MBase::POST_ALLOWED, NULL, false, (void*)unregister, NULL);
205
206 // Create resource for running factory reset for the dev
207 mbedClient.add_cloud_resource(5000, 0, 2, "factory_reset", void (*void *)() 0x16f24 <unregister(void*)>
208 M2MBase::POST_ALLOWED, NULL, false, (void*)factory_reset, NULL);
209
210 mbedClient.register_and_connect();
211
212 #ifndef MBED_CONFMBED_CLOUD_CLIENT_DISABLE_CERTIFICATE_ENROLLMENT
213 // Add certificate renewal callback
214 mbedClient.get_cloud_client().on_certificate_renewal(cer
215 #endif // MBED_CONFMBED_CLOUD_CLIENT_DISABLE_CERTIFICATE_EN
216
217
218 // Check if client is registering or registered, if true
219 while (mbedClient.is_register_called()) {
220     static int button_count = 0;
221     mcc_platform_do_wait(100);
222     if (mcc_platform_button_clicked()) {
223         button_res->set_value(button_count);
224     }
225 }
226
227
228 // Client unregistered, exit program.
229
230 }
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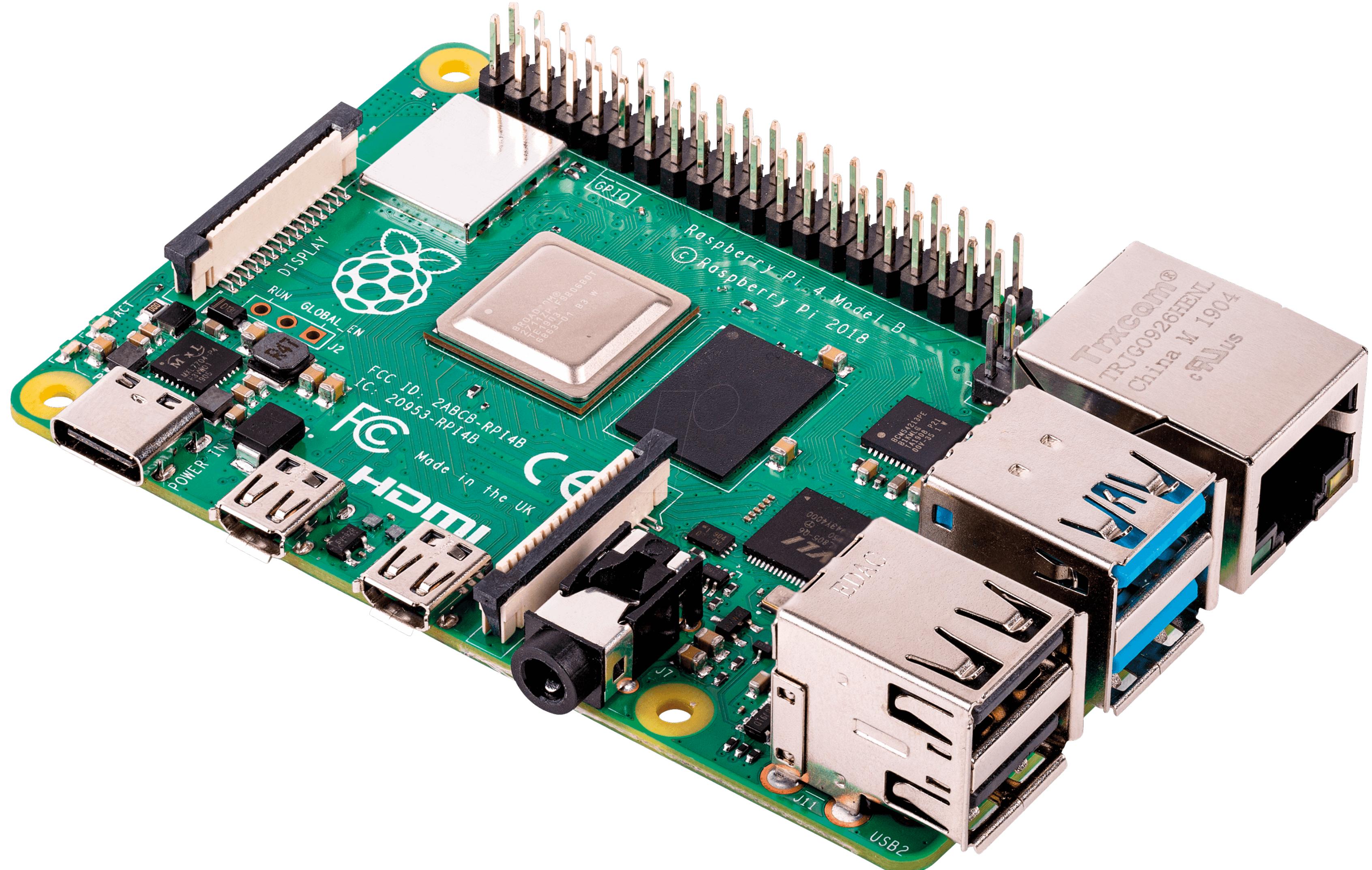
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# BBC micro:bit



# Raspberry Pi



# Particle



Two screenshots of the Particle Cloud Platform. The top screenshot shows the 'Devices' dashboard with a list of approved devices, each with its ID, name, firmware version, owner, and last connection date. The bottom screenshot shows the 'Code Editor' interface where code can be written and uploaded to the devices.

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# Prototyping Peripherals: Electronics

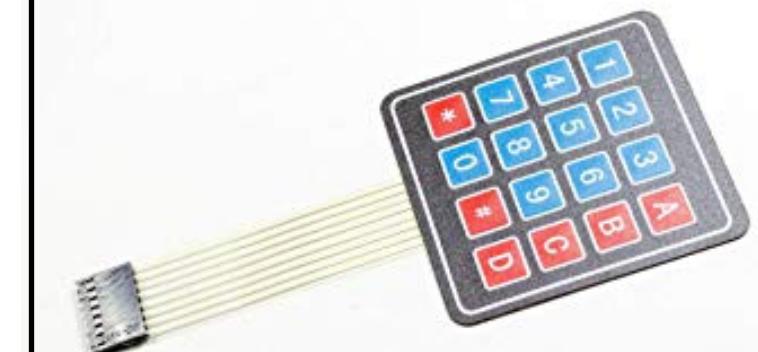
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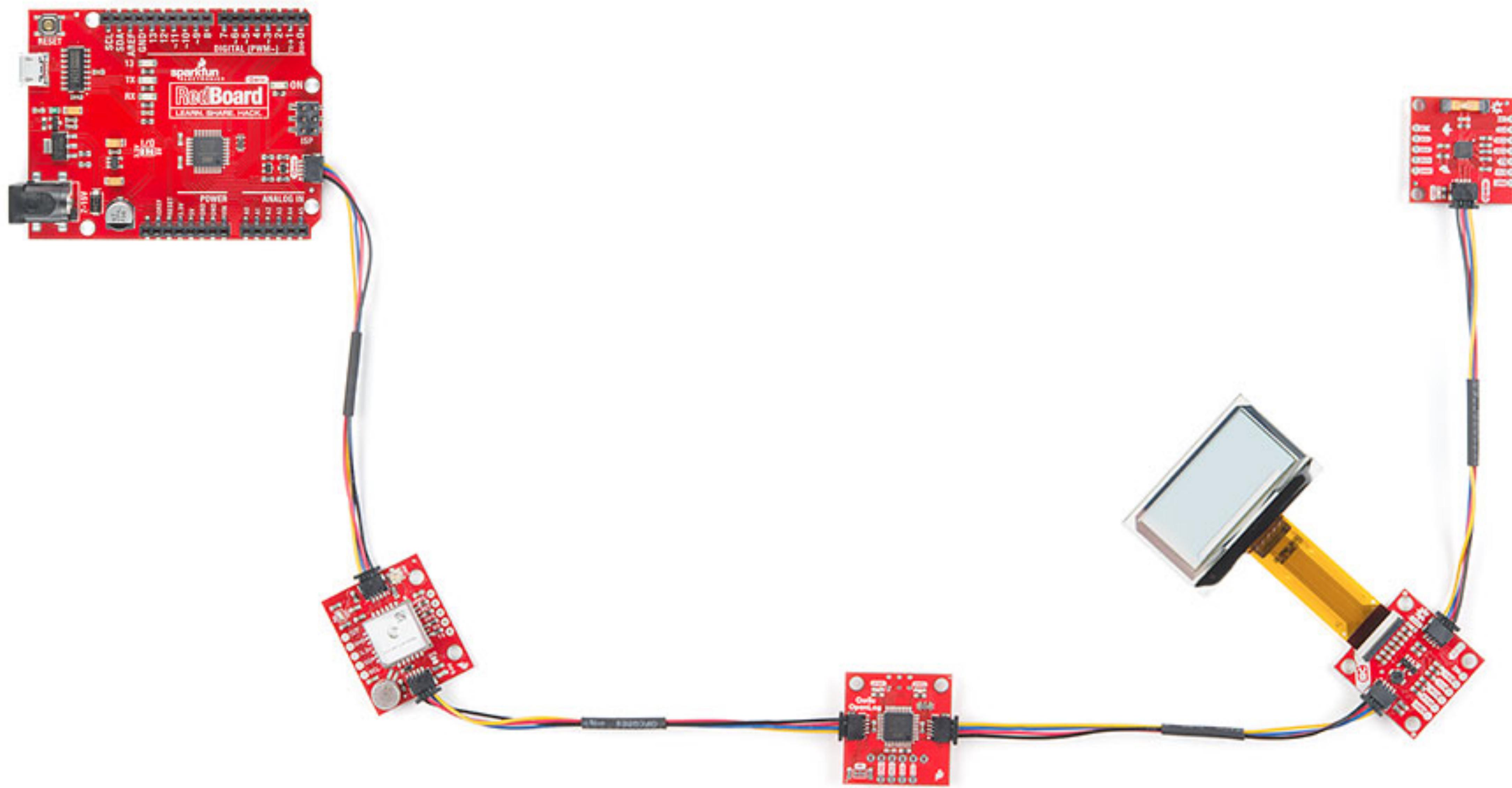


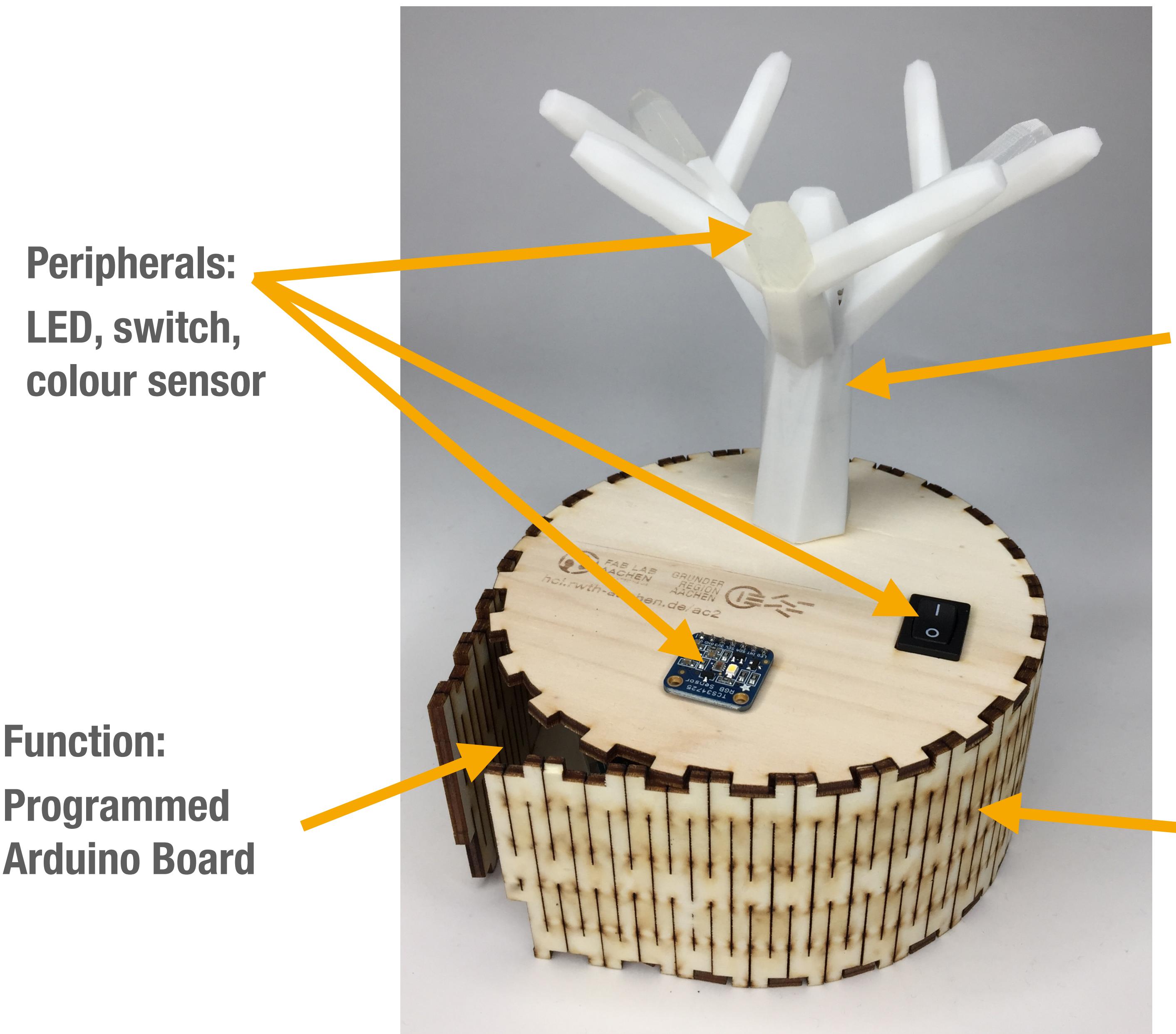
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Analog





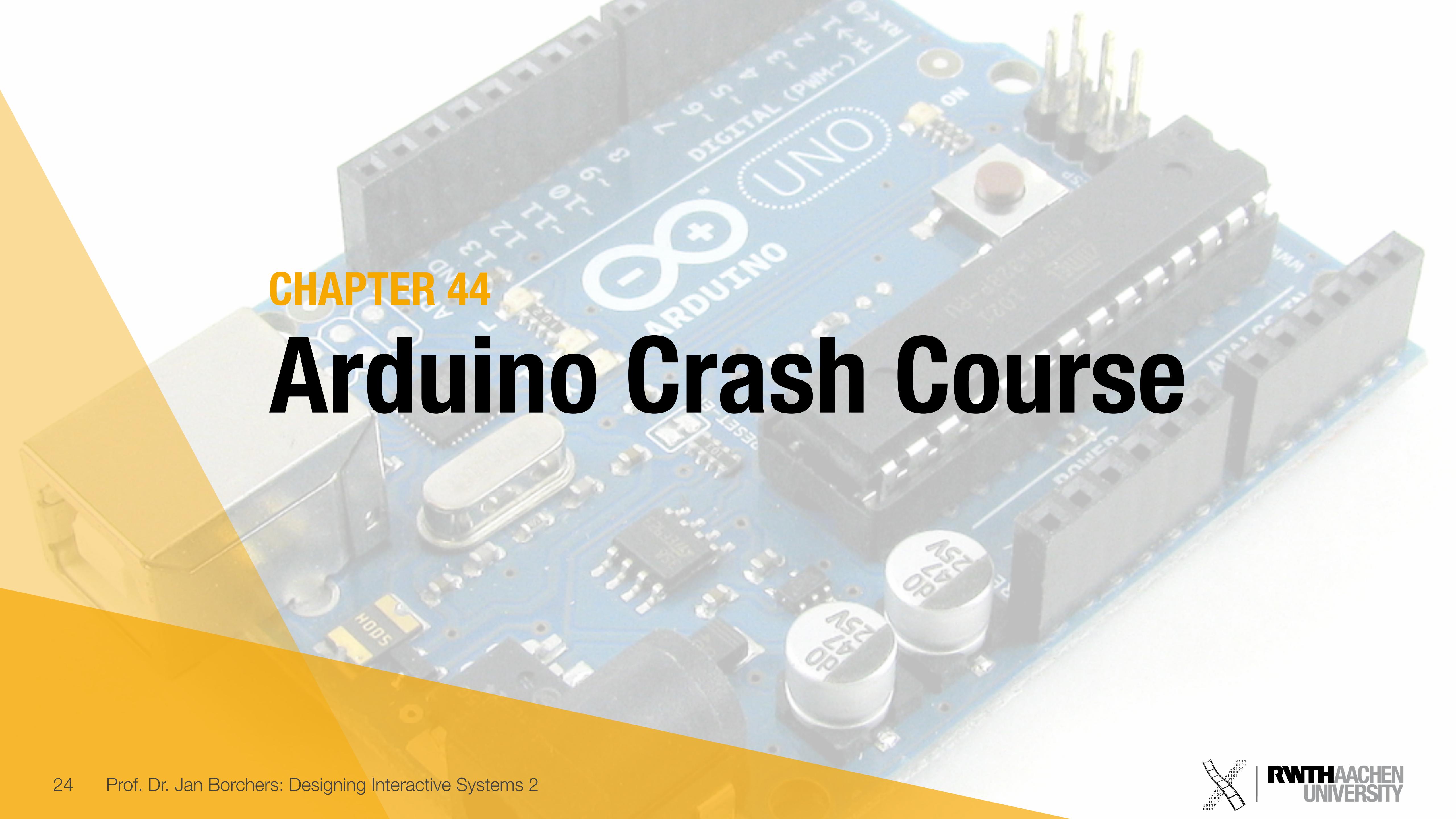


**Peripherals:**  
LED, switch,  
colour sensor

**Function:**  
Programmed  
Arduino Board

**Form**  
3D design,  
3D print,  
casting

**Form**  
2D design, laser cutter



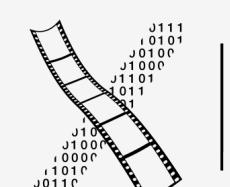
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# Arduino Crash Course

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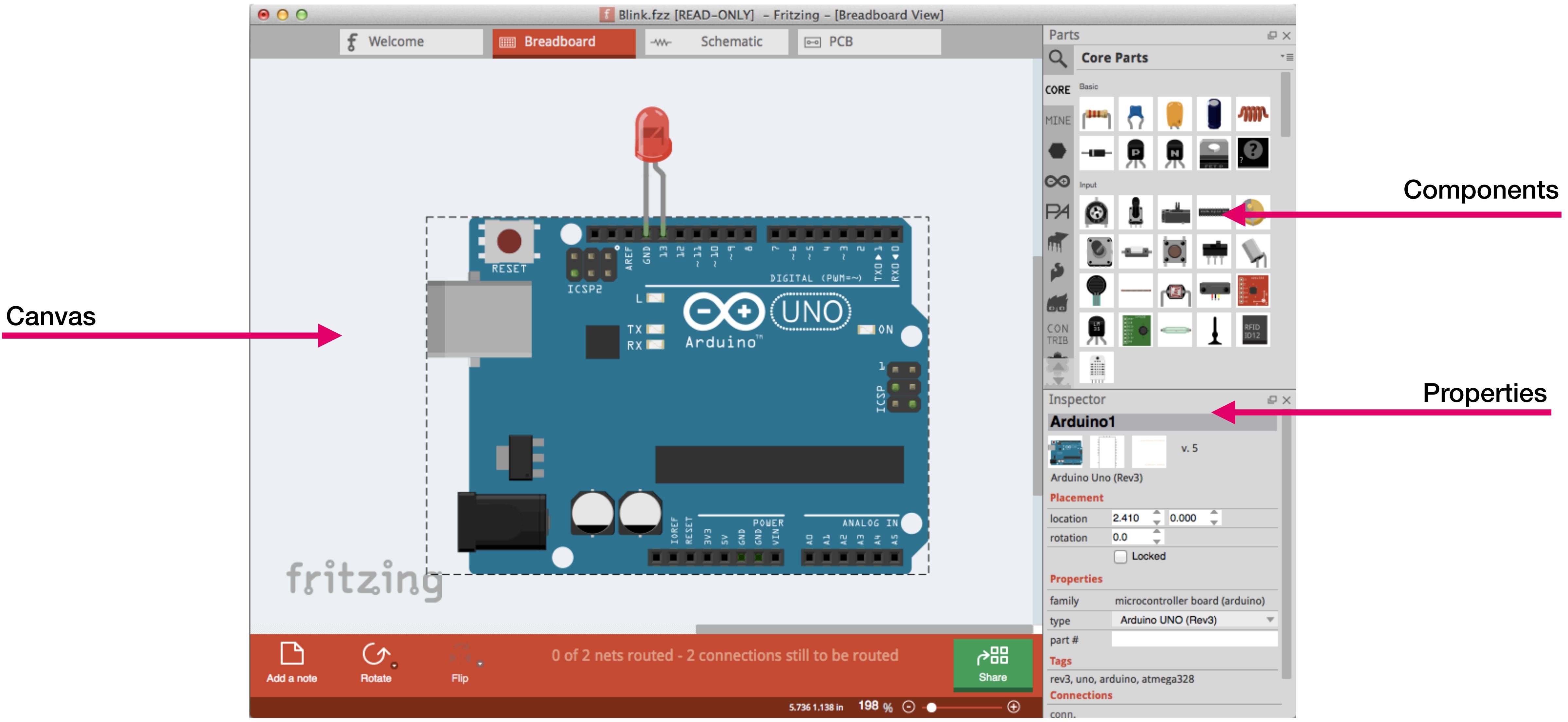
# Electronics Prototyping:

# Fritzing



- Open-source initiative
- Release: 2008
- Electronic design automation (EDA) tool for non-engineers
- Arduino-based prototypes
- Create schematics for prototyping or a PCB layout for manufacturing
- Key advance:
  - Drag & Drop realistic components
  - Software generated PCB design for manufacturing an Arduino shield

# Interface



# Demo Fritzing