# CS181DT Class 2: **Making & hacking culture**

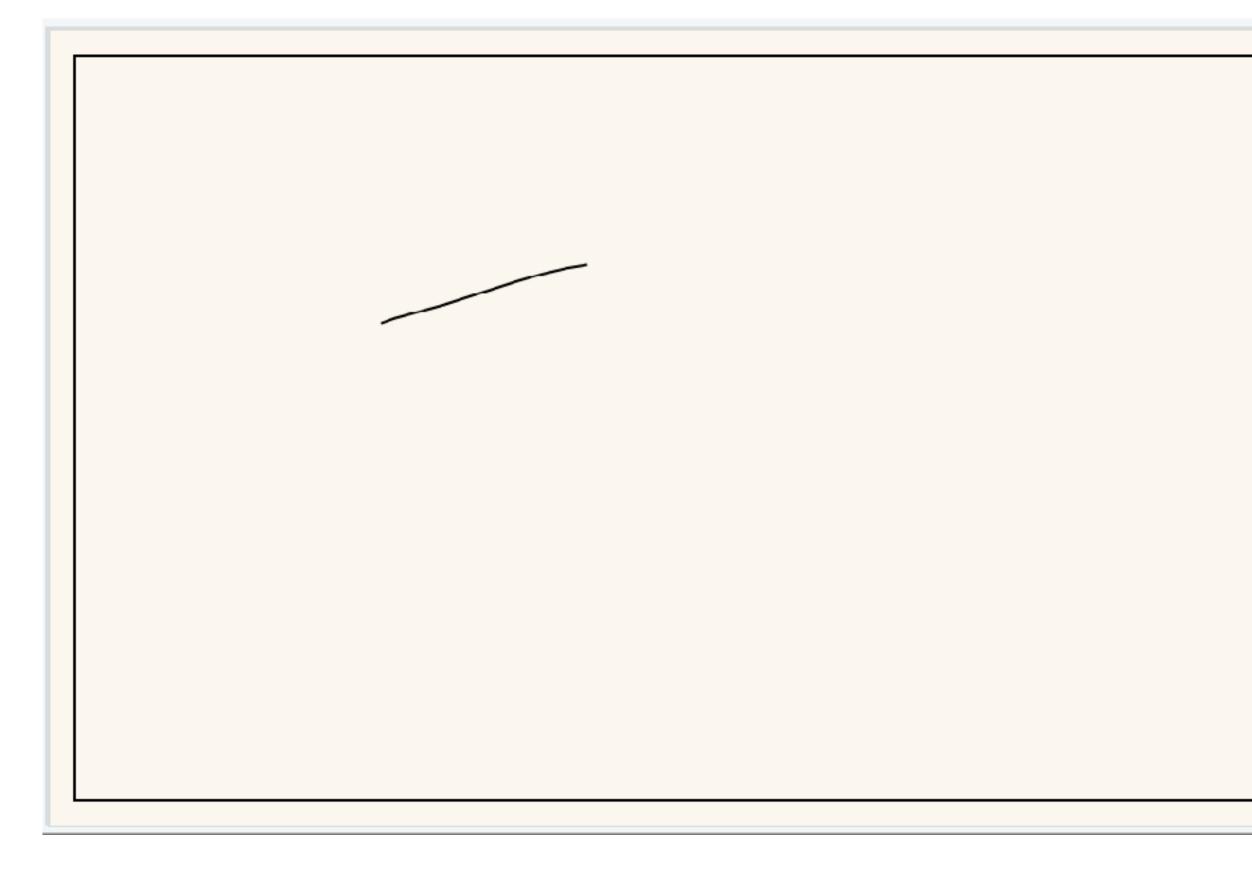
Noisebridge, a makerspace in SF



## Class 2 agenda

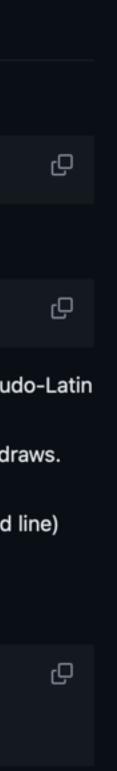
- Zipcrit sample from me
- Lecture: A history of making and hacking culture
- Course norms
- Break (with a surprise?!)
- Seminar

## Zipcrit: Fishdraw <u>https://fishdraw.glitch.me/</u>



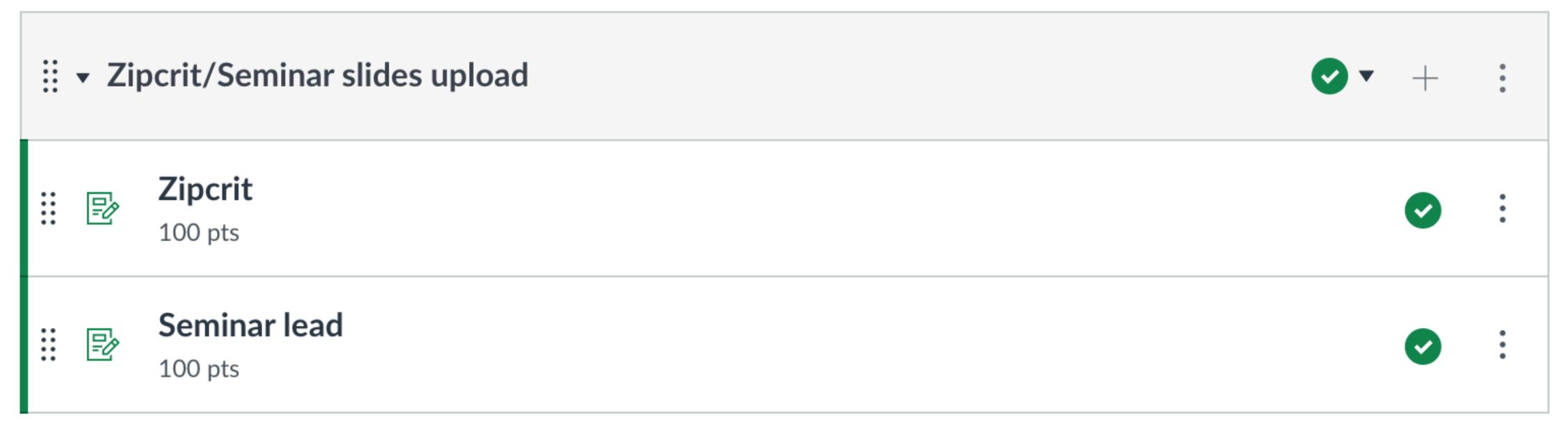
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### Submit your slides for zipcrit and seminar on Canvas:

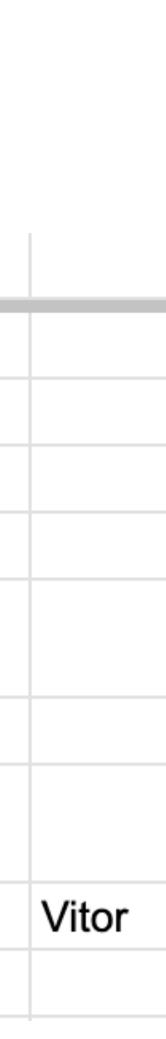


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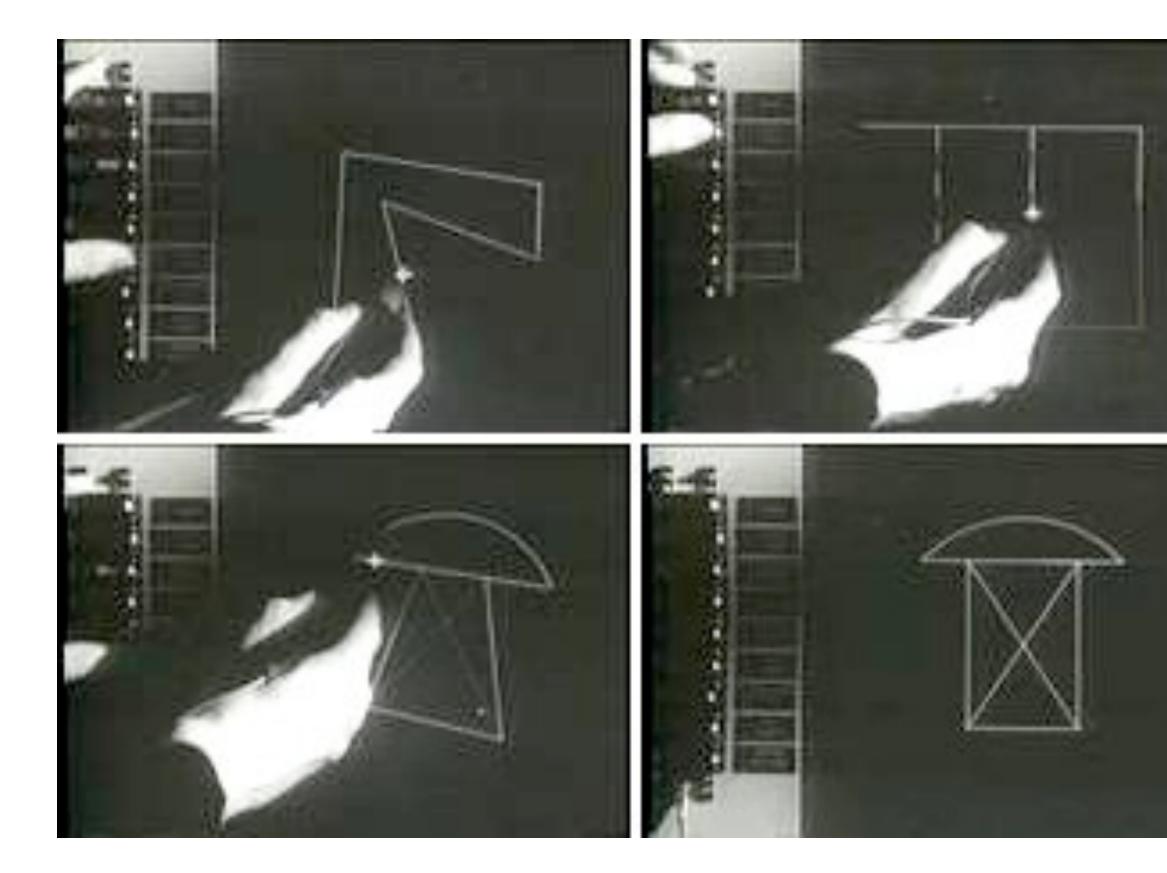
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2/15	Design tools for digital fabrication	Larry	Katiana
2/20	Creativity support tools	Kayleah	Selim
2/20	Creativity support tools (second seminar)	Rohan	Evelyn
3/7	Sociotechnical principles & theories of creativity	Angie	David
4/2	Critical design, feminist design, design noir	Shuyan	Keya
4/2	Critical design, feminist design, design noir (second semianr)	Vivian	Abrar
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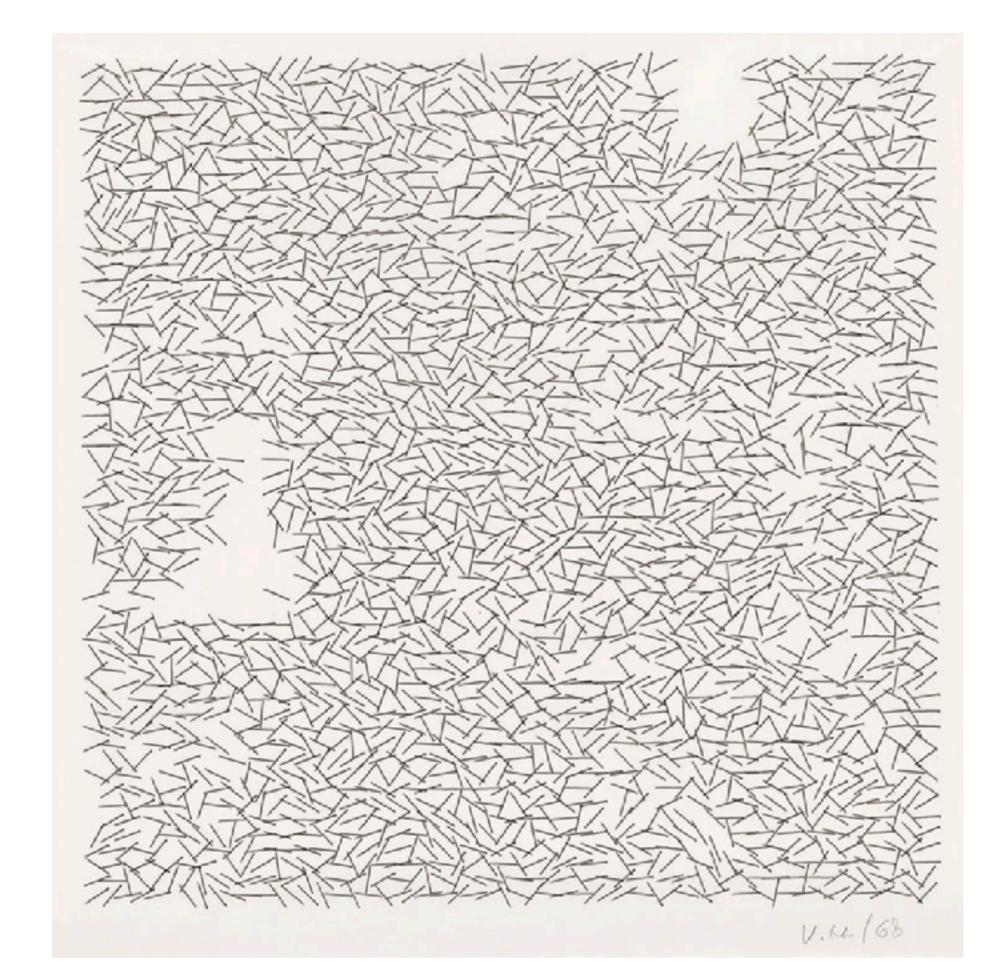


# A history of making and hacking culture

# People have been making things with computers for a long time.



Ivan Sutherland, Sketchpad (1963)



Vera Molnar, Interruptions (1968)

# People have been making things with computers for a long time.



Nam June Paik, Magnet TV, 1965

"Someday artists will work with capacitors, resistors, and semiconductors as they work today with brushes, violins, and junk."

– Nam June Paik, 1965

## 2010s: Maker movement zeitgeist

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## What Is the Hive? (And Why Is Everyone Buzzing About It?)

What is creativity? How does it happen? Is it inborn or can it be taught?

December 2, 2015 by Mark Wood



Photo by Mark Wood

HMC Celebrates Groundbreaking of New Computer Science Center

October 7, 2019

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by Liam Chalk '23

Harvey Mudd College held a groundbreaking ceremony on Sept. 28 for the new McGregor Computer Science Center, which will include a Makerspace, recording studios and other community resources. The new building's three stories and 36,000-square-foot structure should also help alleviate some of the strain placed on the school's expanding computer science department.



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### How Arduino i... TED

#### WHAT IS ARDUINO?

Arduino is an open-source electronics platform based on easy-to-use hardware and software. It's intended for anyone making interactive projects.

#### Learn more about Arduino

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#### ARDUINO BOARD

Arduino senses the environment by receiving inputs from many sensors, and affects its surroundings by controlling lights, motors, and other actuators.

#### Discover the official Arduino boards

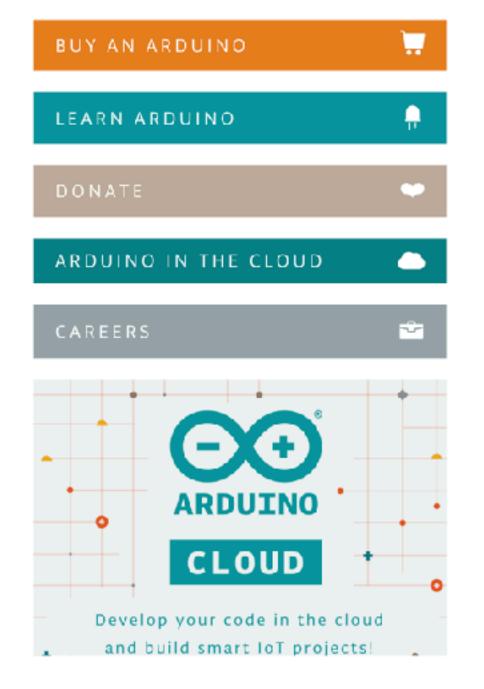
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#### ARDUINO SOFTWARE

You can tell your Arduino what to do by writing code in the Arduino programming language and using the Arduino development environment.

Download the Arduino Software







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### Young Engineers

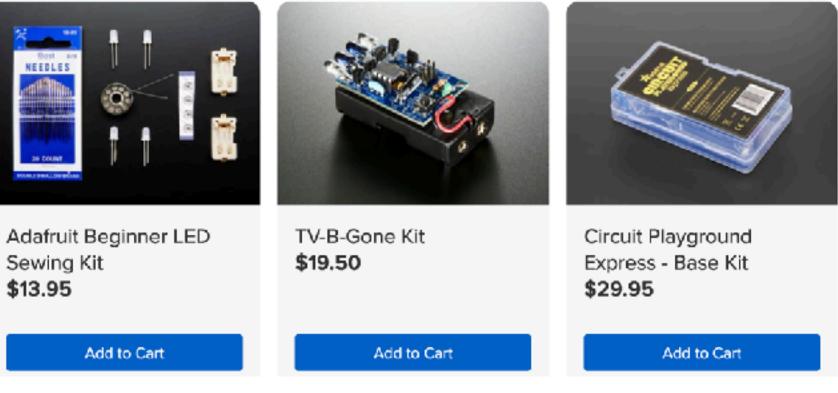
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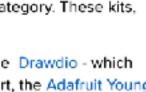
There's no better way to get your kid started with electronics than the Adafruit Young Engineers category. These kits, packs, and toys all offer introductions into the world of electronics for aspiring engineers.

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Al-driven Interactive Lab Assistant W/ OpenCV & ChatGPT by Kutluhan Aklar in

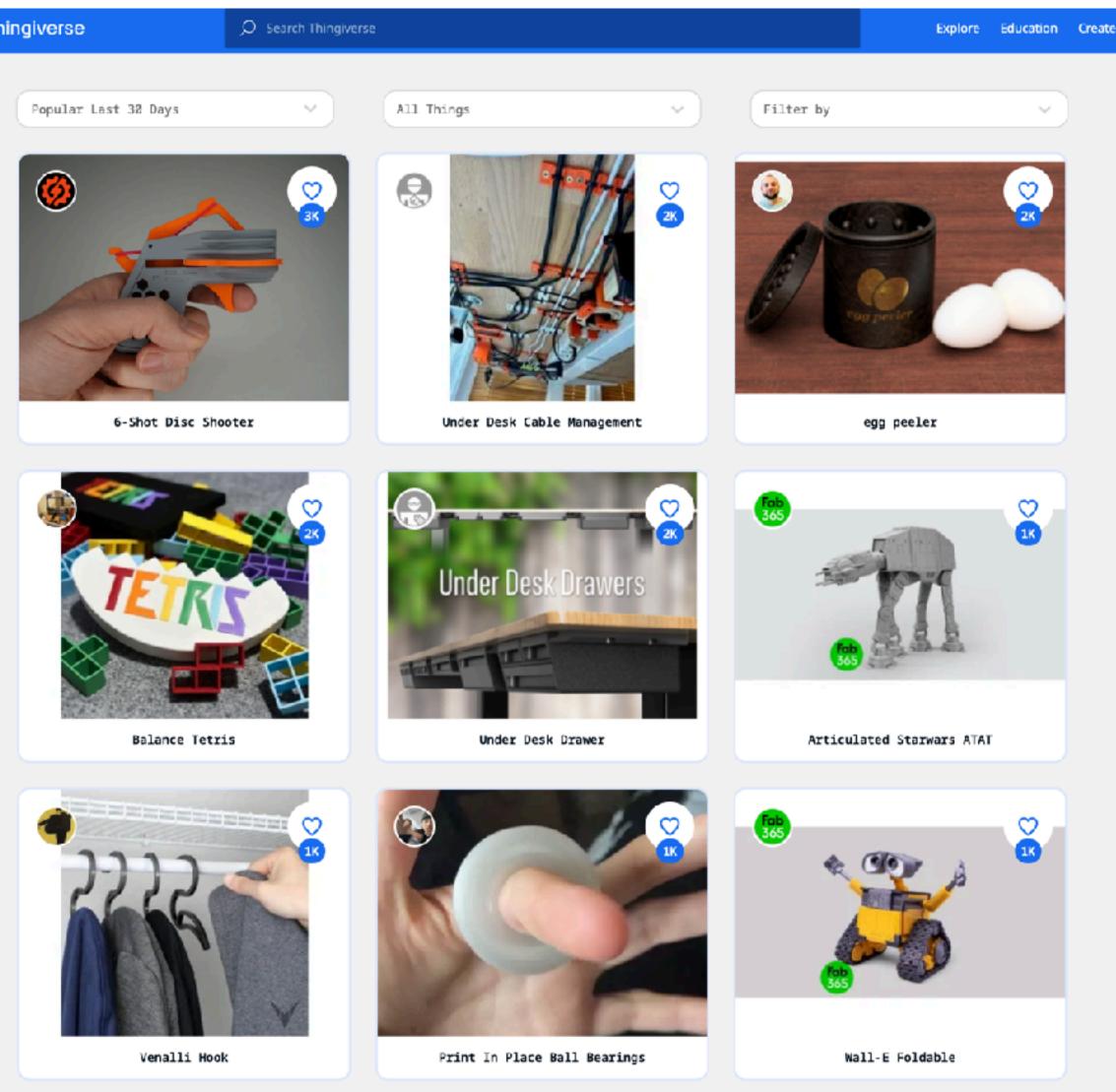


Pixo | Dazzling Desk Display by Mukesh\_Sankhila in LEDs

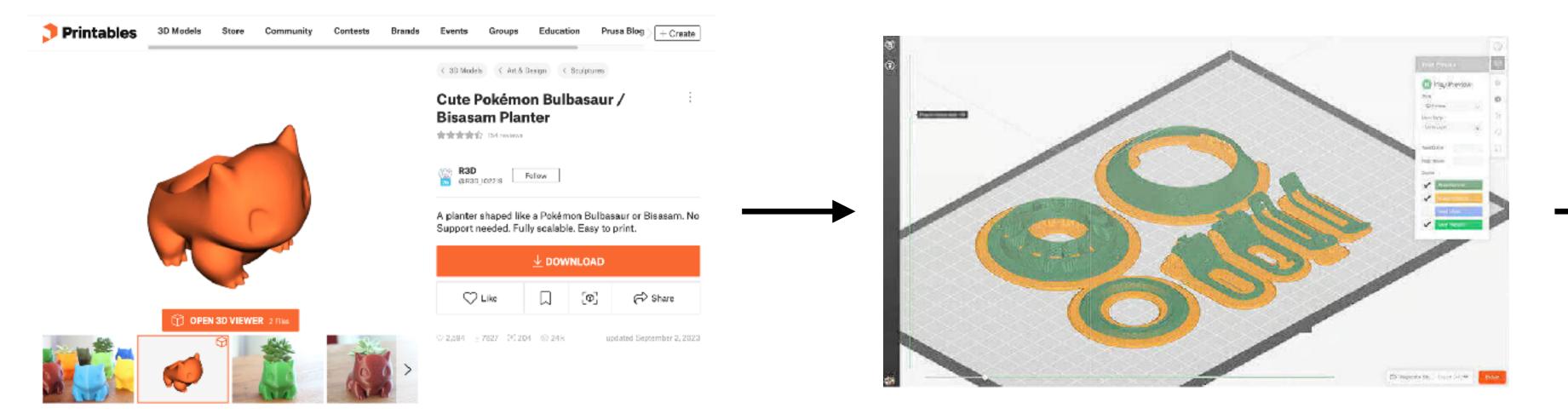


DIY Electric Kayak by BradenSurwold in Electronics

#### 😃 UltiMaker Thingiverse



## **Digital fabrication: 3D printing**



### Download (or make) software 3D model

### **Computer-aided design** (CAD)

Load model into slicing software that will generate machine paths **Computer-aided** 



## manufacturing (CAM)

### Hit print & wait

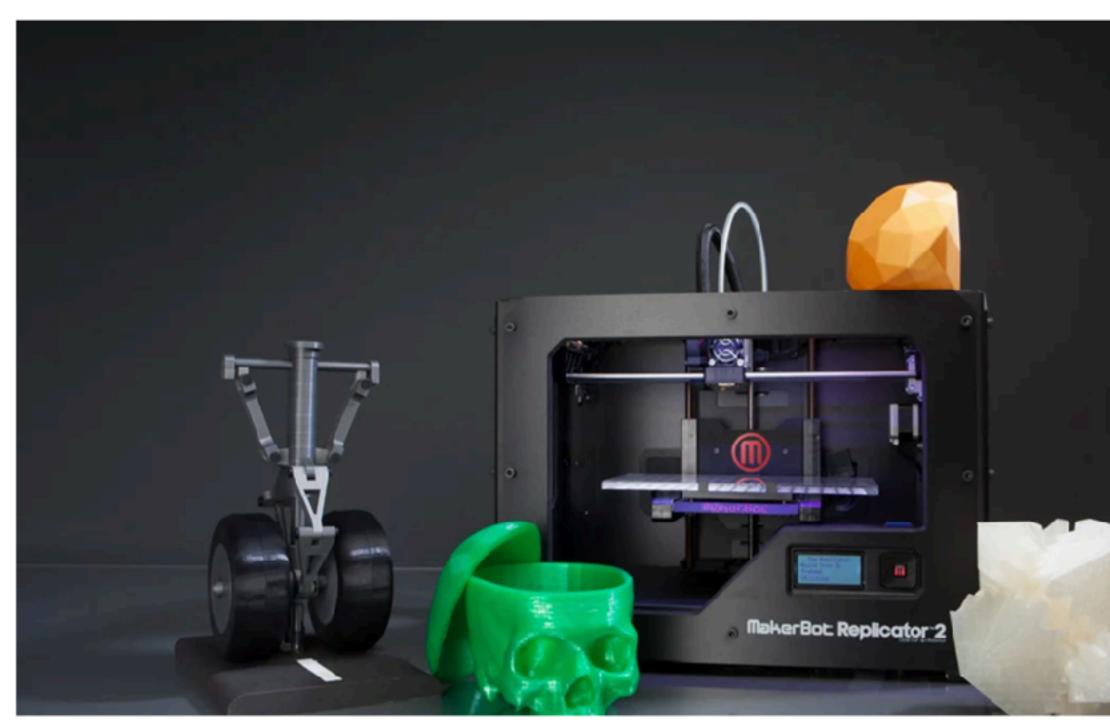


## Obama's speech highlights rise of 3-D printing

Doug Gross, CNN

② 4 minute read · Published 3:22 PM EST, Wed February 13, 2013

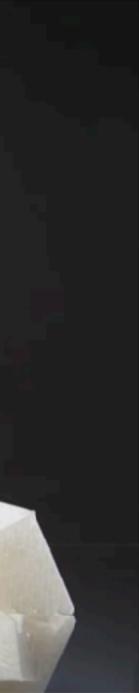




Consumers can own their own 3-D printer for the home, such as this MakerBot Replicator 2.

The burgeoning field of 3-D printing got a big boost Tuesday night when President Obama highlighted it as something that could fuel new high-tech jobs in the United States.

The shout-out in Obama's State of the Union address was perhaps the biggest public endorsement so far of a technology that has its roots in the 1970s, but has recently begun to boom on two fronts – as an increasingly accessible consumer product and



MakerBot

What are some reasons you speculate that, in 2023, every household does not yet have a 3D printer (even though they cost less than laptops now)?

## **Criticisms of the maker movement**

### • Elitist culture

In many ways 'hackerspace' is an elitist name for middle-class white guys screwing around with computers and making a big deal out of it. Come on. Every other block in this town has an auto body shop where more hacking takes place than y'all can imagine, and people have their own networks of friends and family and colleagues who learn stuff and create things. Nobody's writing about that in Wired. That has to set off your bullshit detector a little.

—Liz Henry, "The Rise of Feminist Hackerspaces and How to Make Your Own"

### Not gender inclusive

### Hackerspaces *b*

- Double Union (wikia, Facebook, Twitter), San Francisco, CA, USA
- Mothership HackerMoms (wikia, Facebook, Twitter), Berkeley, CA, USA
- Seattle Attic (wikia, Twitter), Seattle, WA, USA
- Women's Center for Creative Work, Los Angeles, USA (art, tool library)
- Hacker Gals (Facebook, Twitter), Kalamazoo, MI, USA (in formation)
- Spanning Tree (Twitter), Washington DC, USA (in formation)
- Le Reset (Twitter), Paris, France
- Pechblenda Lab (Catalonia), Spain



## Late 2010s: maker movement crash

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### **Company Behind Popular Maker Faire Closing Down Due to Financial Struggles**

By Vianey Alderete Contreras Jun 8, 2019 🔲 Save Article

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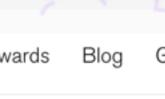
A young maker lounges inside a Tinkerdrop trailer in the tiny homes display area of the 2018 Bay Area Maker Faire. (Tara Siler/KQED)

Maker Media, the company behind Make: magazine and Maker Faire, the do-it-yourself science and art family events, is closing down after 15 years.



## Why are Makerspaces Dying? **Can Designers Bring them Back to Life?**

By Paul Sohi - March 28, 2019 in Essay





## Instead...2020s: Generative AI craze



And it only took 20 seconds to make

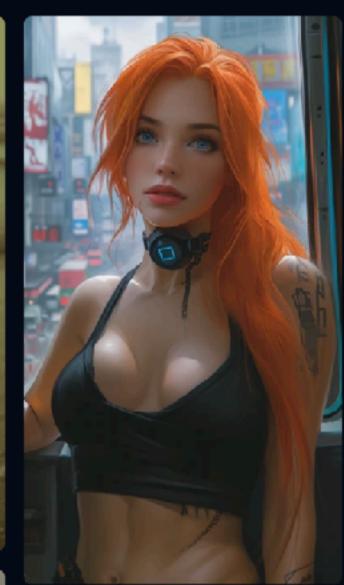
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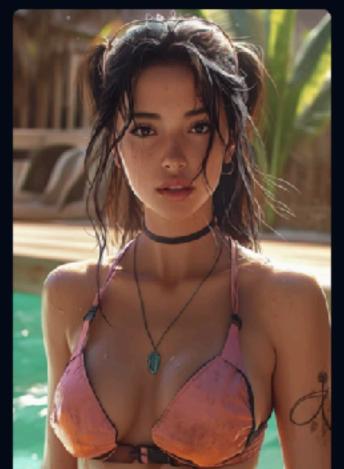
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#### Community Showcase













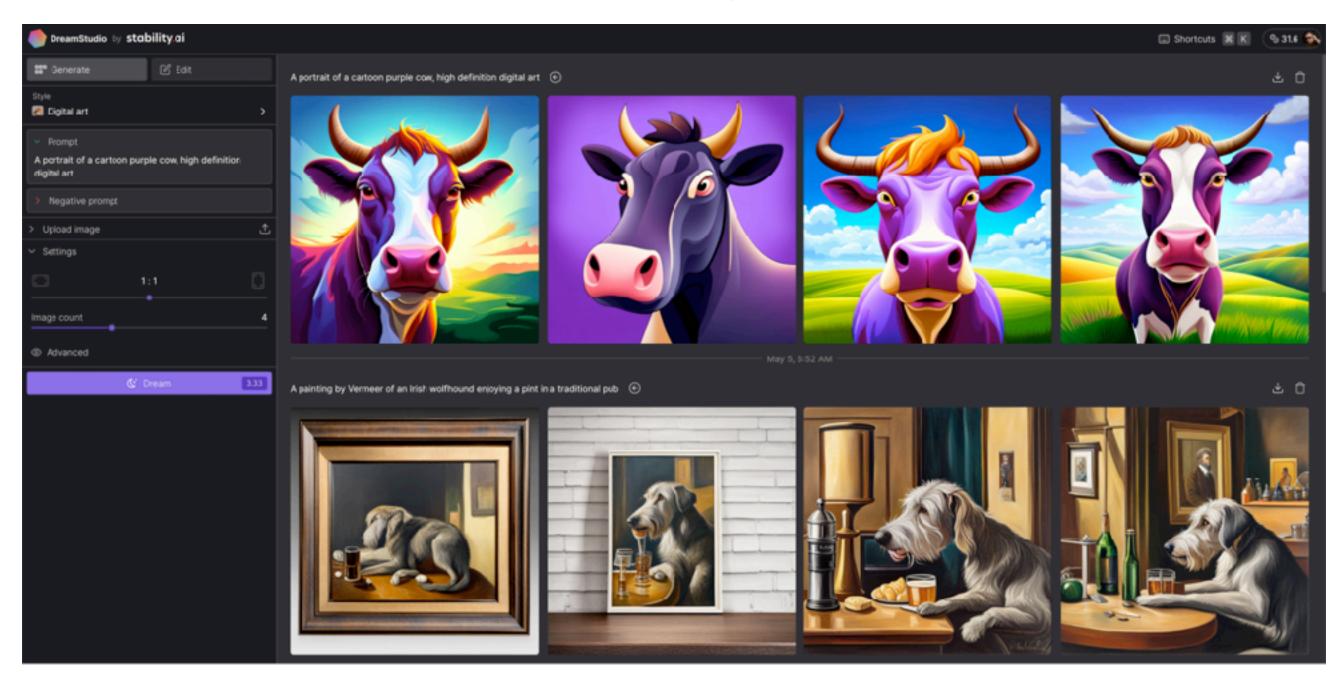


## From GANs to diffusion models



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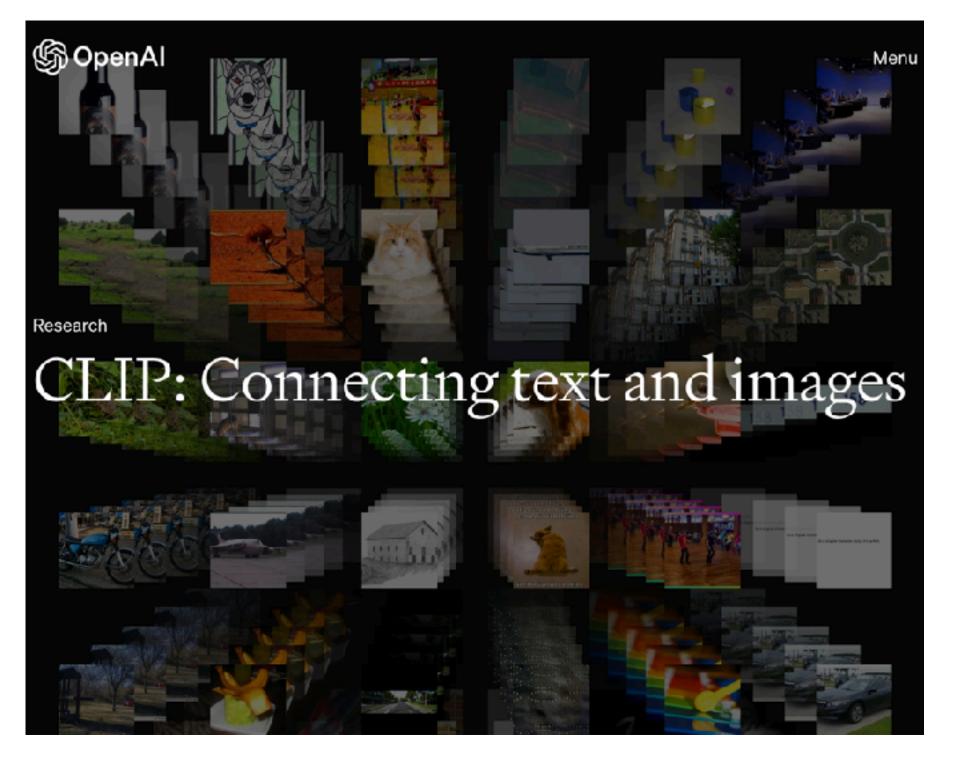
## GAN progress



### Stable Diffusion from StabilityAI (2022)



2017



CLIP from OpenAI (2021)

## **CS + Military close relationships**

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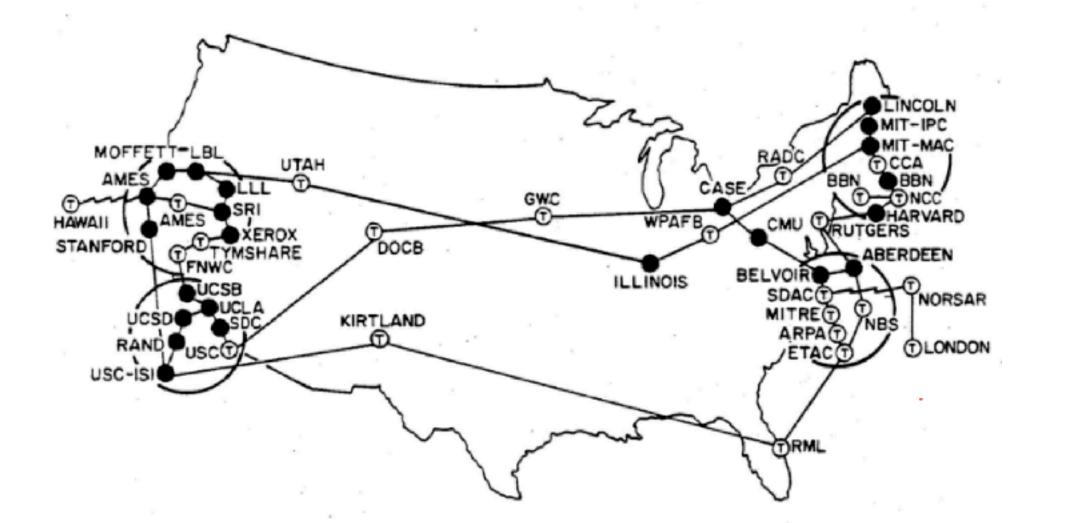
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### **OpenAl Is Working With US Military on Cybersecurity Tools**

- ChatGPT maker sees merit in working with defense department
- Company's terms still prohibit using tech for weapons



By Brad Stone and Mark Bergen January 16, 2024 at 5:03 PM UTC Updated on January 17, 2024 at 7:21 AM UTC

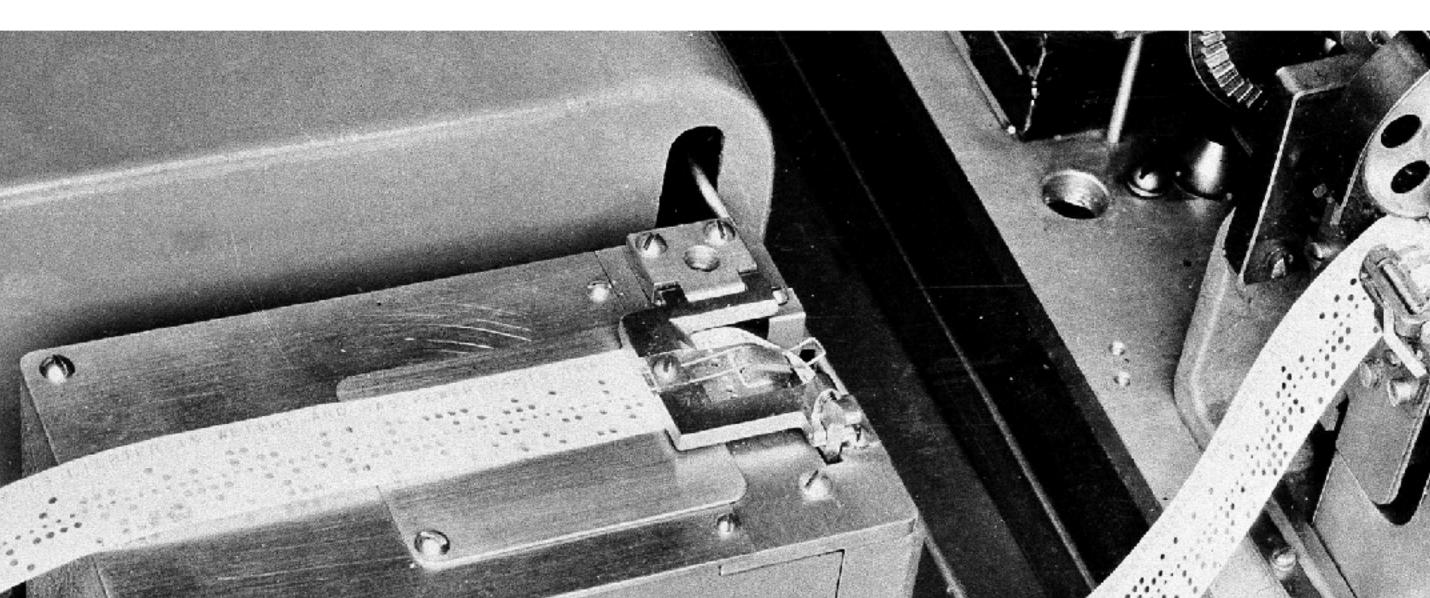


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### As We May Think

"Consider a future device ... in which an individual stores all his books, records, and communications, and which is mechanized so that it may be consulted with exceeding speed and flexibility. It is an enlarged intimate supplement to his memory."

By Vannevar Bush







Human-centered design methods	Sketching	Graphic/ visual design	Making physical 3D forms	Computer-aid ed design (CAD) / 3D printing	Laser cutting	Electronics (like Arduino)
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## **Collective reflection time on norms (10 min)**

- On one of the four big sheets...
  - Each person should share one time they felt safe and included in a classroom (at any point in their education), and one time they felt ashamed or discouraged.
  - Are there patterns to what makes past discussions good or bad?
  - After sharing and recording the past, brainstorm the future. What would you like to see in a positive learning environment? What would really destabilize you?
  - The person with the best handwriting can scribe :)

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## **CS181DT course norms**

- DOs:
  - Be respectful of everyone
  - Strive for an inclusive environment
    - Positive feedback
    - Personal relationships
  - Be open minded of people's opinions!
    - Unless they're racist, sexist, etc.
- DON'Ts:
  - Feeling excluded
  - Being cold called
  - Don't interrupt people, don't be condescending, don't dominate the discussion



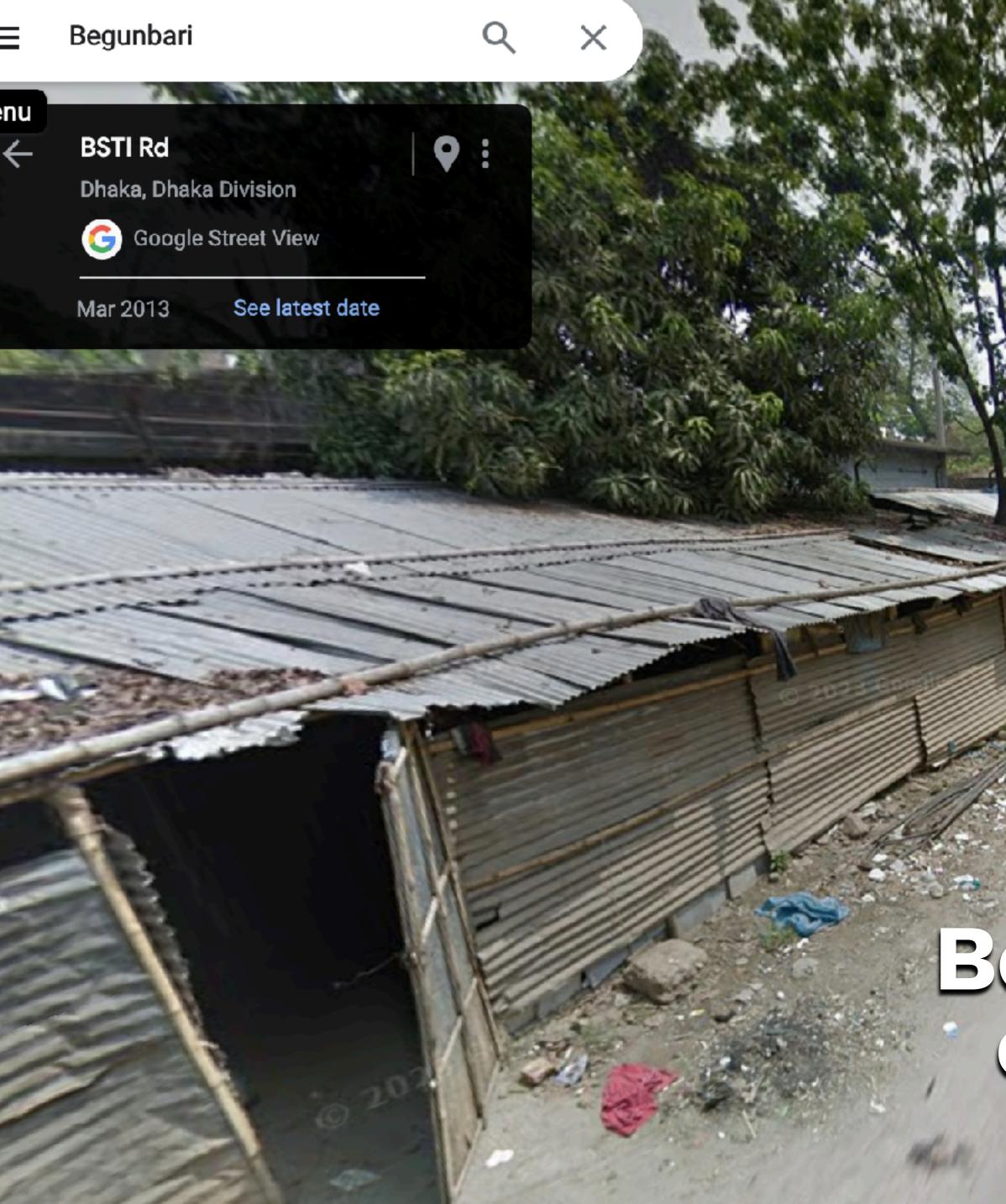




## Making or Making Do?

- "Making do: using the materials and competencies on hand to create objects or processes that aid in everyday life, with creativity and innovation countering precarity and marginalization"
- The origins of hacking & making follow Western notions of individual liberty, innovation in defiance of authority and searching for utopia - like the cowboy <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (think: American dream, pull yourself up by your bootstraps, etc.)
- Yet in other parts of the world, "making and hacking were less about these kinds of radical transformations and more sites for **'making do' without challenging larger** institutional changes"
- "We argue that all practices of making and hacking, even ones that appear to conform to utopian rhetoric, are in fact 'making do'"





Begunbari neighborhood of Dhaka, Bangladesh





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### **Treasure Hill** Taipei City, Taiwan

This densely-packed cluster of buildings was saved from the wrecking ball and turned into an art community.



#### EXPERIENCES STORIES COURSES PLACES FOODS







- rather than contributing software
- Felt left out of the global stage and unrecognized

### • Focused on translating code to English and evangelizing open source software values



- Larger concerns, like material conditions of life
- Emphasis not on coding but on learning English (e.g., to type "print")
- Winners of a hacking competition came from a highly resourced private school

## Takeaways

- finished result.
- "Making do" is never complete: includes repair and repurposing.
- "By 'making do' we do not mean a world set apart, but an **alternative configuration** that accompanies other forms of production and exchange."
  - What would this alternative configuration look like? What would be your utopia of "making do?"
    - What would a world where making is not commoditized or mythologized look like? Making that aligns with your core values? What's your ideal making context? For what community are you making?
    - *Activity*: Sketch out your vision with markers on the printer paper. (5 minutes)

Making was defined by US consumer markets (e.g., Make magazine, Adafruit) and focuses on a



## Al art & its impact on artists

- Image generators are not artists since art is a uniquely human endeavor connected to culture and experience
  - Aesthetic versus art: generated images can be appreciated because they look nice, but because they merely imitate the *technical* process in the training data, it has no cultural goals, understanding, communication



# Goals of humans using image generators often commercial, not cultural

#### Results



Dinosaur AI Coloring Book: Dinosaur AI Generated Coloring Book for ages 11 and up (AI generated coloring books for all ages and skill levels) Related to: Al generated coloring books for all ages and skill levels | by Nathan Reed Truesdell | Jun 13, 2023

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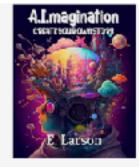
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Monster Trucks Colouring Book AI Generated with Midjourney

### Netflix Made an Anime Using Al Due to a 'Labor Shortage,' and Fans Are Pissed

A new short film called 'The Dog & The Boy' uses Al-generated art for its backgrounds.



February 1, 2023, 8:45am 🛛 🗗 Share 🎯 Tweet 🌲 Snap



IMAGE VIA NETFLIX

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"Contrary to 'democratizing art,' this reduces the number of artists who can share their works and receive recognition."



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## Impact on artists & suggestions for researchers

- When we think image generators have agency, it (1) diminishes the complexity of human creativity, (2) steals credit and \$ from artists, (3) gives organizations behind image generations less accountability
- What can we do?
  - No finished AI works AI works as references in larger workflows only
  - Metric of degree of human interaction (at least 25% human to be copyrighted)
  - Not just individual burdens, need structural protections





### Mosaic Virus by Anna Ridler

## What about a tooling perspective?

- Image generators are largely text to image: this is not how humans are used to • creating images (i.e., by drawing and sketching)
- If we do use image generators as *tools* in our artistic practices, what are ways we • can add more agency?
  - ControlNet demo
- Turn to the person next to you: what are some other ways, if you didn't have any technical limitations, you would like to add agency to image generators?

Prof Li's note: I was going to do this slide, but I ran out of time.

## Class 2 recap

- TODOs:
  - By **next Tuesday**'s class:
    - PM1 Hacking Zine remember to bring to class!
    - 2 sketchnote readings (Design fiction & Disobedient objects)
    - Vitor to present Zipcrit, Colin & Miriam to lead seminar
- Exit ticket: <u>http://tiny.cc/cs181dt-week1</u>



### CS181DT Exit Ticket: Week 1

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\* Indicates required question

Name (optional)

Your answer

How many hours of work, not including class time, did you spend on CS181DT this week?

Your answer

How does the current workload align with your expectations for the class?\* I'm aiming for around 8-10 hours/week not including class time.

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This is way less work than I expected. Give me a challenge!

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I am spending way too much time! Please dial it back.

What was the most important thing you learned this week? \*

Your answer

What are you currently confused about? (Logistics, assignments, course content, etc.)

