

Digital Modelers

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A man and a woman, both wearing white lab coats, are looking intently at a large digital screen. The screen displays a glowing blue globe with a map of North America overlaid on it. The woman is leaning over the man's shoulder, pointing at the screen. The background is a blurred blue and white, suggesting a high-tech or laboratory environment. In the bottom right corner, there is a small image of a CD with the text "Audio CD Included" written on it.

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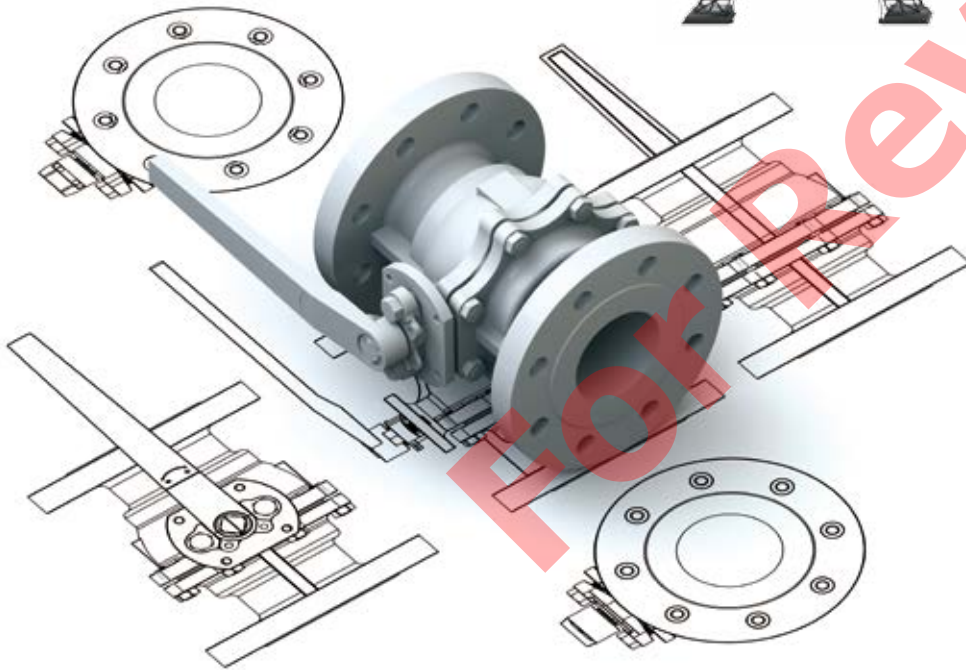
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The Job of a Modeler

Have you ever seen a 3D model? You may not realize it, but chances are you have!



A 3D model ►



A dentist with a 3D model

A dentist's office usually has a model of human teeth. Dentists use this model to show you how to brush your teeth correctly.



A model of human teeth ►



A model of an apartment building ►

Maybe you have even seen a model of a house. The model is made before the house is built. It shows what the house will look like on the inside and outside.

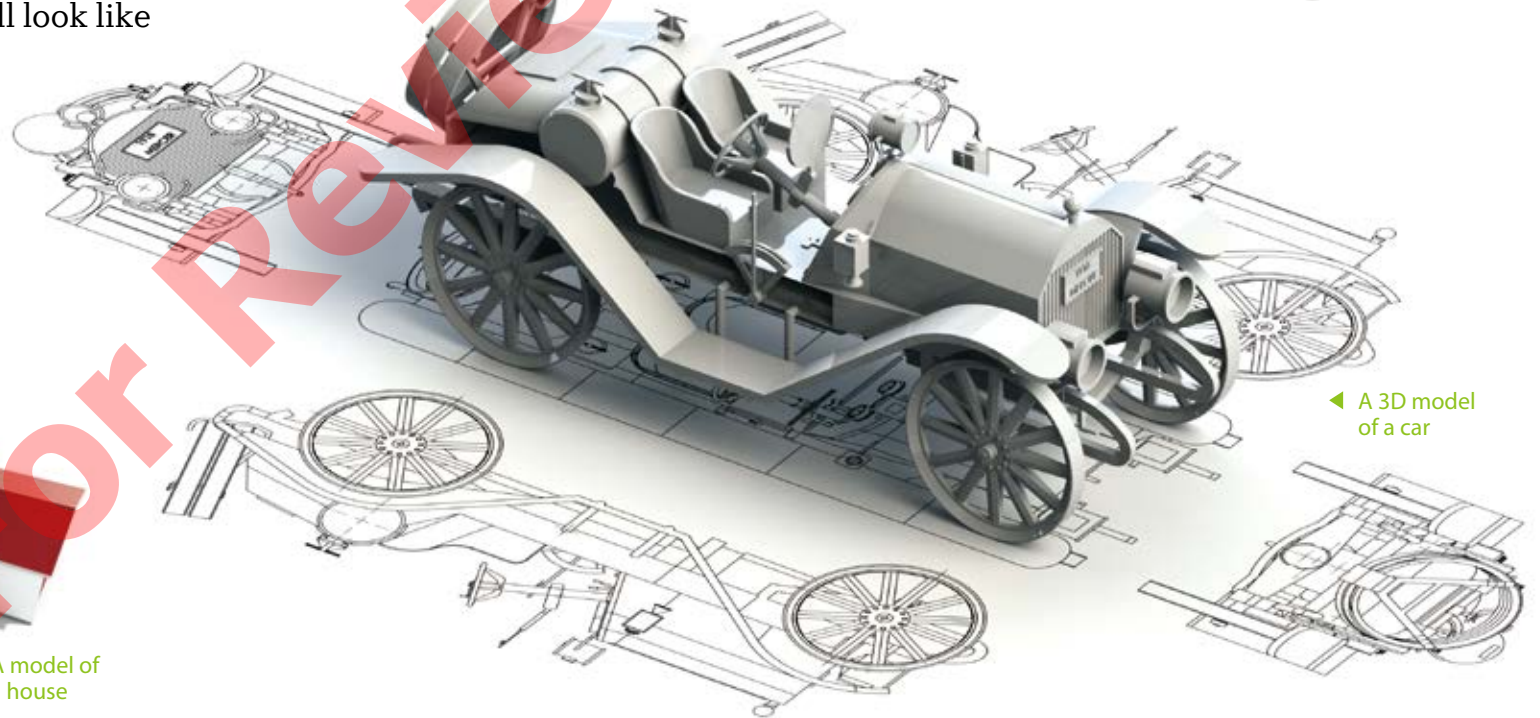
A model is a 3D picture or object of what something will look like in real life. A person who makes models is called a modeler. The modeler is the one who changes an idea into a real object.



Working with a 3D printer ►



◀ A model of a house



◀ A 3D model of a car

People can see and touch the model. The model shows what the finished object will look like. It also shows what to change to make the design better.

Examining a 3D model ►



How to Become a Modeler

Most modelers must have a university degree. But modelers interested in different fields may study for different degrees. Some may choose to study design. Others may choose to study architecture. Still others might choose to study science.



Comprehension Questions

1. Models _____ like real-life objects.
 - (a) look
 - (b) feel
 - (c) taste
 - (d) smell
2. What is an example of a model you would see in a dentist's office?
 - (a) A chair
 - (b) People
 - (c) Teeth
 - (d) A computer
3. Modelers need to . . .
 - (a) make software programs.
 - (b) know how software programs run.
 - (c) know how to give a CT scan.
 - (d) All of the above
4. What can be changed into a 3D digital file?
 - (a) An MRI
 - (b) An x-ray
 - (c) A pencil drawing
 - (d) Both a and b
5. What is a quick way to build a 3D model?
 - (a) 3D printing
 - (b) Using wood
 - (c) Shaping and baking clay
 - (d) Melting metal

Key 1. (a) 2. (c) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (a)

Glossary



■ **advancement** (n.) the process of helping something to make progress or succeed



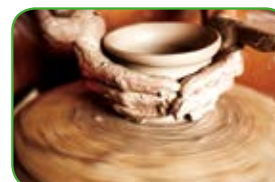
■ **architecture** (n.) the art and study of designing buildings



■ **automate** (v.) to use machines and computers instead of people to do a job or task



■ **biological** (adj.) connected with the science of plants and animals



■ **clay** (n.) a type of heavy, sticky earth that becomes hard when it is baked



■ **complex** (adj.) detailed and difficult to understand