

Seminar Physical Computing

1a) Physical Prototyping

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Buxton: NOT the same! Different Properties!

<u>SKETCH</u>	<u>PROTOTYPE</u>
EVOCATIVE	→ DIDACTIC
SUGGEST	→ DESCRIBE
EXPLORE	→ REFINE
QUESTION	→ ANSWER
PROPOSE	→ TEST
PROVOKE	→ RESOLVE
TENTATIVE	→ SPECIFIC
NONCOMMittal	→ DEPICTION

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Mousette: (Interactive) Sketch ~ Prototype!

Referring to Buxtons comparison of Sketch/Prototype:

“...while this polarization can be useful to discuss and understand the differences, most design manifestations sit somewhere in the middle...”

(Camille Moussette and Fabricio Dore)

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“In my opinion the terms *Prototyping* and *Sketching* are very similar”

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Moussette: Criteria & Goals

	Sketch	Prototype
Target-Group	designer or author	environment (e.g. employees, stakeholders, ...)
Realization	design different variants and ideas in small iterations → use different materials (e.g. pen & paper, code, electronics ,...)	create a package of different ideas
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> develop new ideas> find solutions for problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> make ideas experienceable> intelligible for persons outside the field

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Why is Prototyping important?

“Never go to a meeting without a prototype at whatever stage of development, one week, one month, six months”

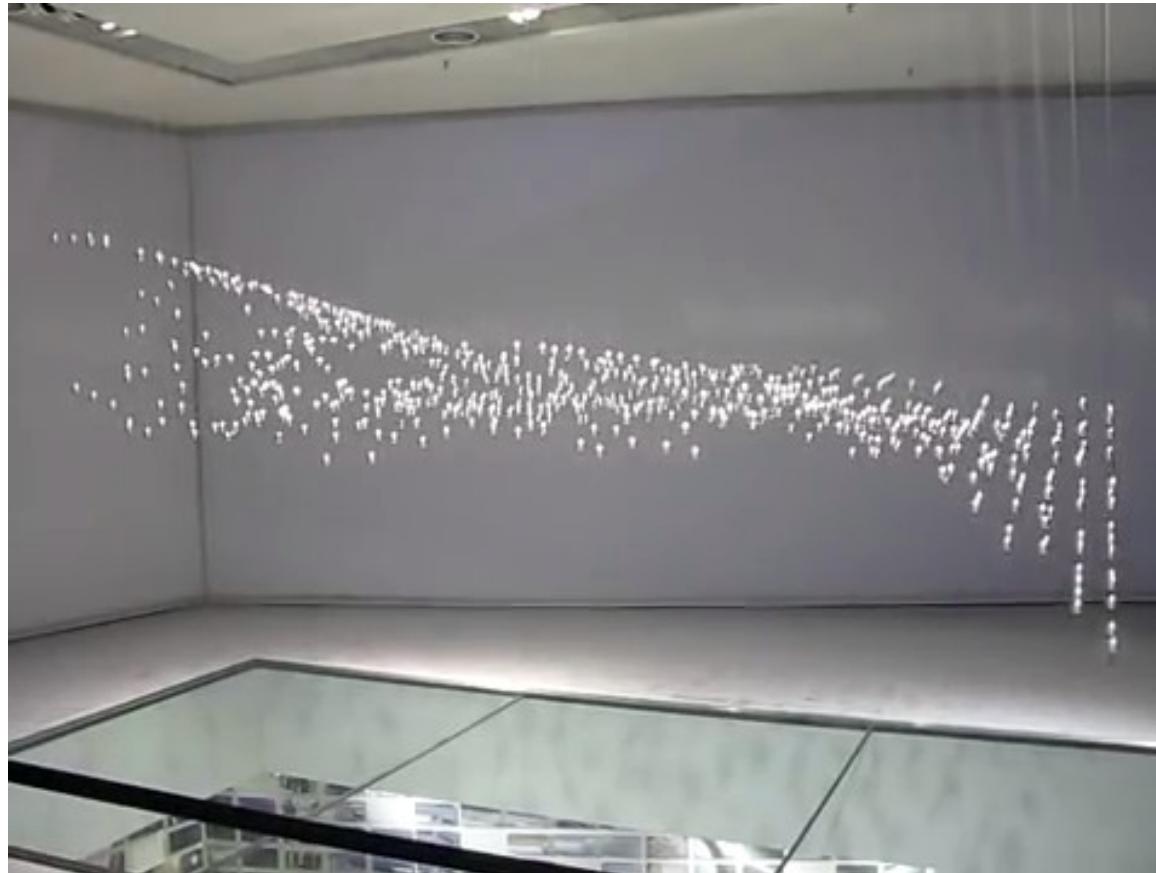
(Tim Brown, president IDEO) [3]

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Convince Bosses or Stakeholders

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Try/Communicate different Approaches

Prototype = Low-cost experiment [4]



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Speed up Development & Implementation

Prototype = *simplified, faster, cheaper* progress [5]



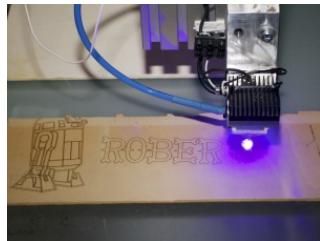
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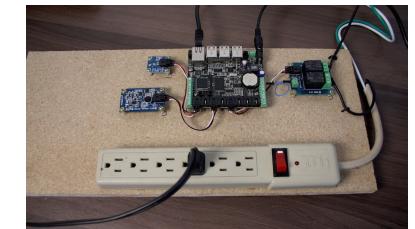
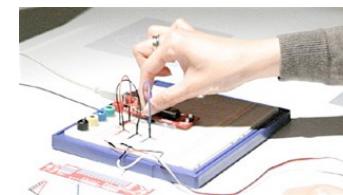
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Lots of Toolkits and Techniques!

Static

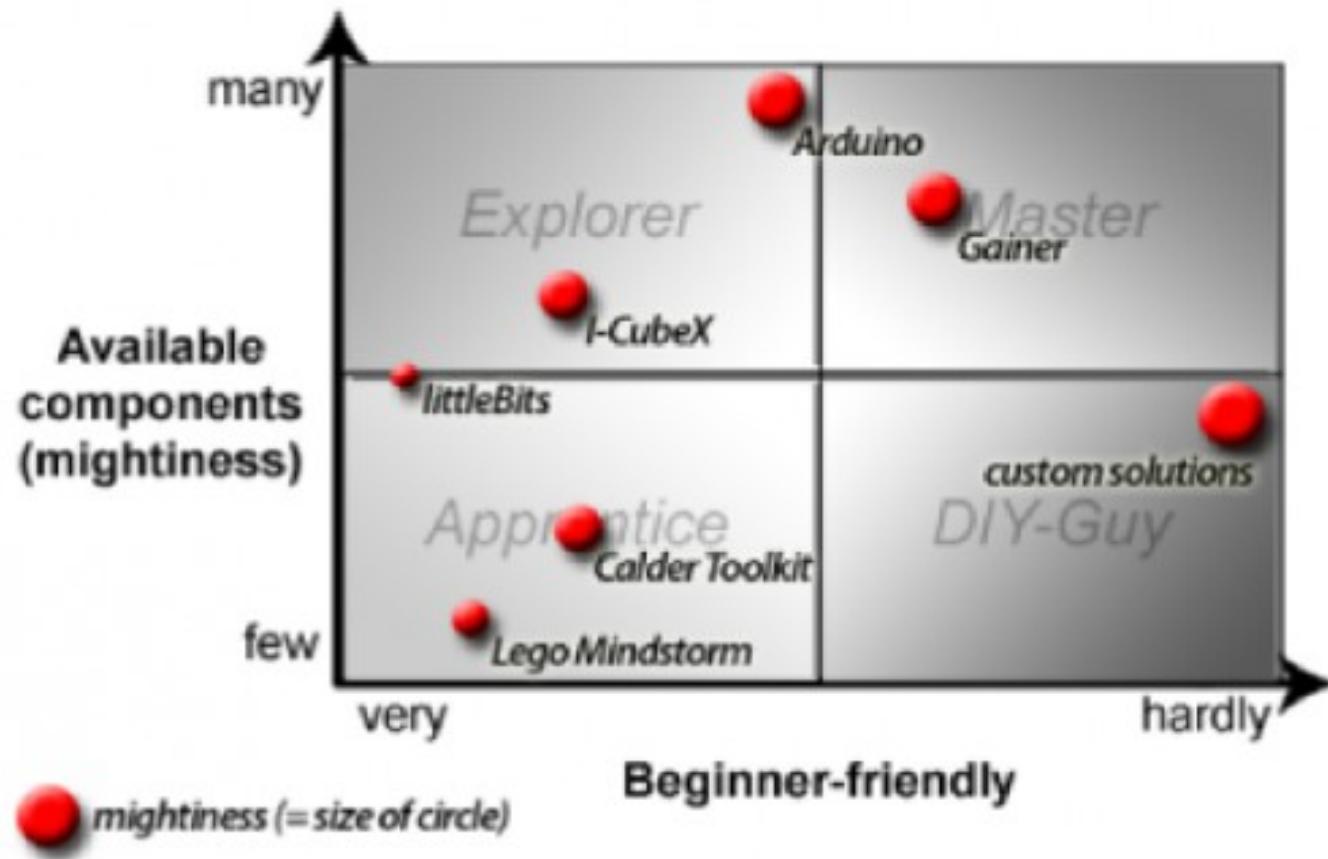


Interactive



Which one? (interactive only)

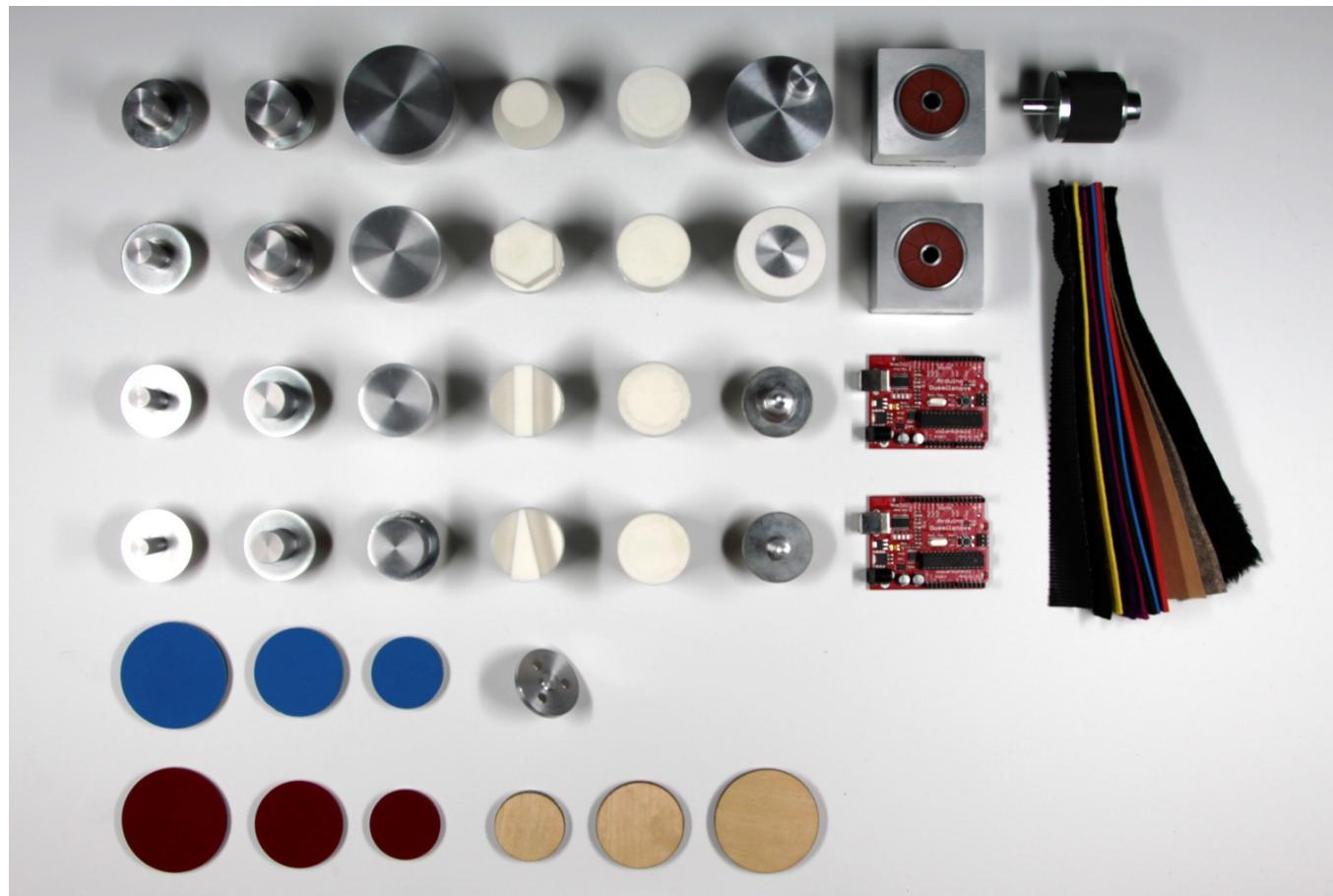
Toolkit-Advisor-Framework



[6] Robert Kowalski, *Prototyping in Physical Computing – Sketching in Hardware*

Prototype haptic Perceptions

Toolkit for Rotary-Knob-Interfaces



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Engineering-Prototype

- > Technical operability given?!
- > Experience for later development process

e.g.



(Face-Substitution)

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Design-Prototype

- > Present ideas visual & interactive
- > Do it fast and low-cost (e.g. use existing code)

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(Particle System)

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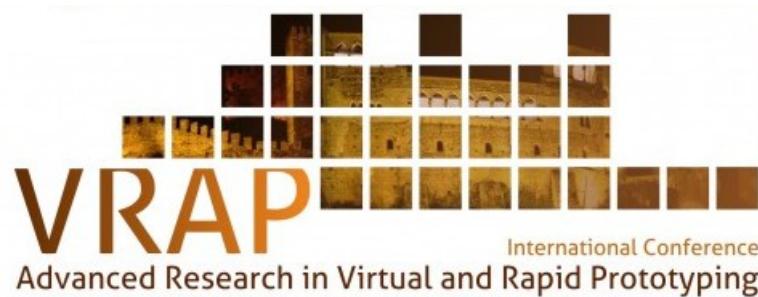
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> RAPID



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Thank you! Questions?

