



# Sense™ 2

## 3D scanner

Capture your world in 3D



## User Guide

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing the Sense™2 3D scanner. You can think of scanning as a sort of physical photography. By scanning a physical object, you can create a 3D digital model. Unlike traditional photography, however, you can use the digital model to return to the physical mode by sending the image to a 3D printer.

You can also use Sketchfab and Facebook to publish, share, and embed interactive 3D files you create.

The Sense 3D scanner gives you the ability to observe a scene in three dimensions and then translates the observations into a 3D model. You can then use various Geomagic applications to translate the scans into information such as:

- Identification of people and their body properties
- Classification of objects such as furniture, packages, and so on
- Measurements such as size and volume
- Location of walls and floor

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**CAUTION:** Indicates something may happen that could cause loss of data, damage to equipment, or could cause personal injury.

### **SAFETY GUIDELINES**

- Follow all safety rules in this section and observe all cautions and warnings in this guide.
- To avoid damage to the laser projector, do not open the casing. Doing so will void your warranty.
- It is important that the scanner operates in the temperature range of between 10 °C and 40 °C for optimal use. Higher or lower temperatures may alter the scanner's performance, resulting in the scanner malfunctioning.
- The sensor is a class 1 laser product, certified by an external party to adhere to IEC 60825 safety requirements. The Sensor is compliant with part 1 of the IEC 60825 publications - "Safety of laser products."



**CAUTION:** Use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure.

## 3 SENSE SCANNER SETUP

Unpack and set up your scanner and scanner software before you get started with the basics of scanning.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

The box contains the Sense 3D scanner with attached USB cable and the Quick Start Guide.

Remove the scanner from the box and plug the USB cable into your computer.



### DOWNLOAD THE SENSE SOFTWARE

Navigate to <http://www.3dsystems.com/shop/sense/downloads>, and follow the instructions to complete the software download and installation.

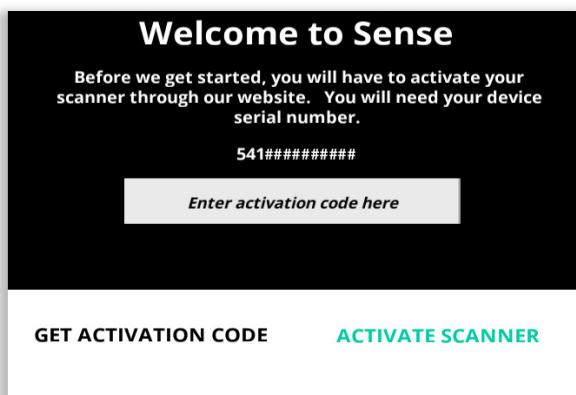
### RUN THE SENSE SOFTWARE

When you installed the Sense software, a shortcut was created on your desktop. Use the shortcut to open the application.

 **NOTE:** If the scanner is not connected to your computer, a message will state "Device not connected." Plug the USB connector for the scanner into the USB 3.0 port on your computer.

You will then be prompted to activate your Sense 3D scanner.

### ACTIVATE YOUR SENSE SCANNER



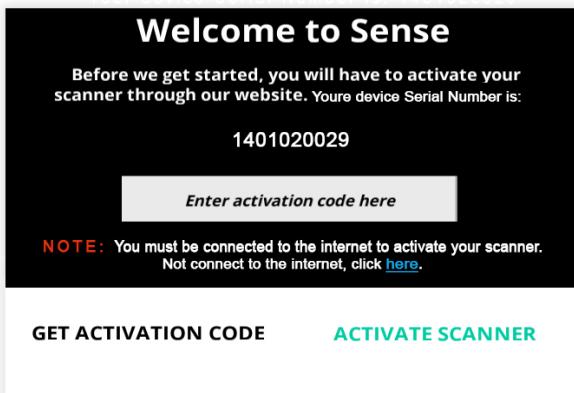
Perform the on-line, or off-line activation steps outlined below to activate your software. The Sense software will only require one activation.

**NOTE:** Device activation is only required once per new machine. For previously activated devices you will need to perform the on-line activation steps to obtain your activation code. If the device has been previously activated on the machine, Sense will launch without an activation request.

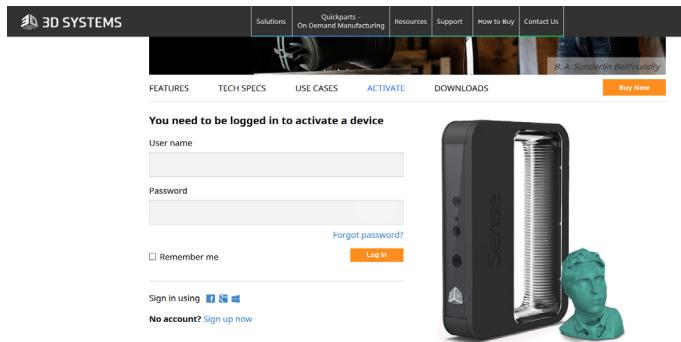
## Online Activation

**NOTE: For off-line activation:** From an internet enabled computer, navigate to <https://www.3dsystems.com/shop/sense/activate>, and start at Step 3 below.

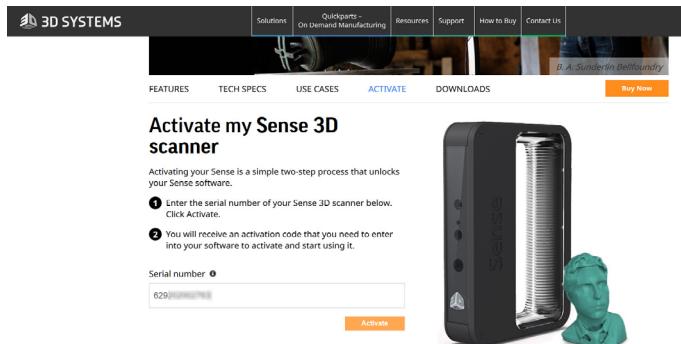
1. Open the Sense application with the device connected. If you do not have an activation code, select **Get Activation Code**.



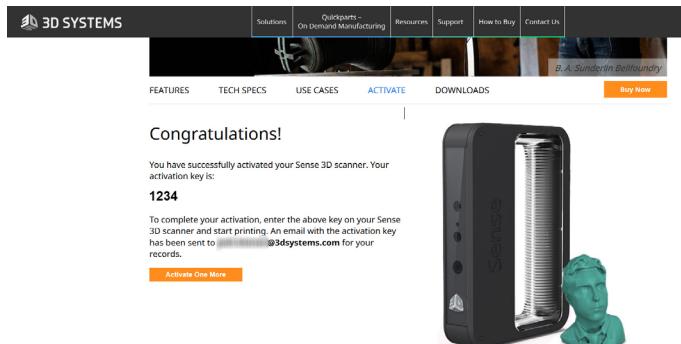
2. The 3D Systems Sense support site will display. Login to your 3D Systems account (if you do not have an account, create one).



3. The Activate Sense Scanner screen will display. Enter the serial number shown on the device in the **Serial Number** field.



4. Once activated online, you will be provided with a 4 digit activation key (which is also e-mailed to you).



5. Once you have your activation code, you can enter it into the Sense activation dialog box. Click **Activate Scanner** to complete the activation.

## 4 SENSE SCANNING TIPS AND TRICKS

Many practices that ensure good photography also apply to scanning. Use the following tips to get the most from your scanning experience:

### GENERAL

- Before scanning a small object or one without a lot of distinct features (such as a standard coffee mug), add some items around the object. This will help the scanner maintain tracking by giving it more to lock on to.

### POSITIONING

- Position your subject so that you have 360° clearance around it.
- In preview mode, make sure that the whole object you want to scan shows inside the green box on the screen. This helps ensure that you capture the entire object while scanning.
- Keep the scanner within its optimal distance range of the subject, which is approximately 0.45m - 2m (18" - 6.5 ft.).

### LIGHTING

- Different lighting conditions can affect the quality of a scan. The Sense for Intel RealSense 3D scanning application is designed for indoor use, and will work less than optimally in direct sunlight.
- Position your subject in a way that will cause as little shadow as possible. You may need to add additional light to reduce shadows.
- You'll get the best results if the light shines with equal intensity over the subject being scanned. Areas that are less illuminated might show up too dark in the scan, and areas that are over-illuminated might show inaccurate colors.
- If you scan in darkness, the scanner will capture geometry but not color.

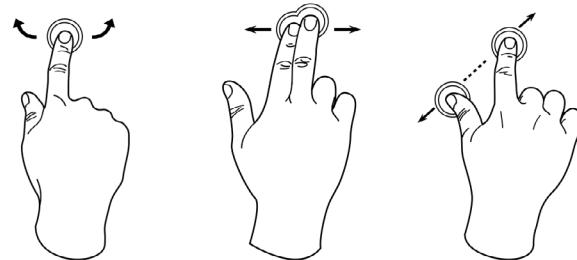
### MOTION

- Multiple passes on the object are allowed. If there are gaps in the scanned data after a single pass, continue scanning to try to fill the gaps.
- If the 3D view turns white as you're scanning, it is because the object being scanned is too close to the scanner. To correct the view, move the object out to at least the minimal defined distance of 0.5m (20 inches).

### SENSE NAVIGATION

The following shortcut keys, mouse controls, and touch gestures can be used to navigate around the workspace:

Action	Shortcut
<b>Keyboard</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Start/Pause scanning</li><li>• Next</li></ul>	
• Spacebar	
• Enter	
<b>Mouse Controls</b>	
• Rotate	• Left button
• Scroll	• Middle wheel
• Pan	• Right button
<b>Touch</b>	
• Rotate	• One finger, any direction
• Pan	• Two fingers, right-to-left
• Zoom	• Two-finger pinch motion



## 5 HOW TO SCAN

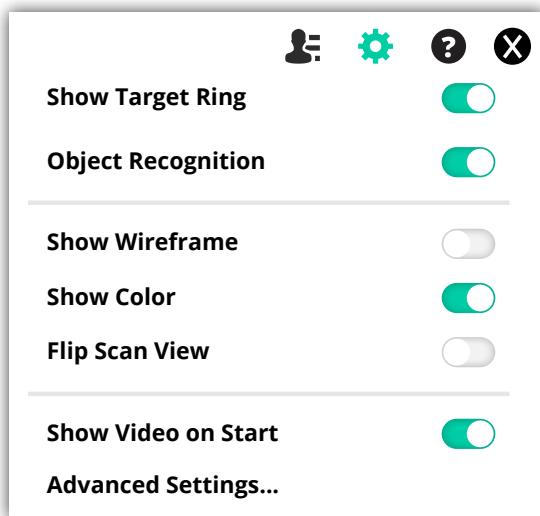
This section will give you all of the details relevant to scanning, editing, and sharing your model.

### SCAN MENU BAR



- A **File View** opens the files you have saved within the application. It presents you with thumbnail previews of each of the OBJ files.
- B **Log In** to or **Log Out** of your Sketchfab or Facebook account.
- C **Options Menu** brings up a menu to adjust various parameters of the application. See details below.
- D **Help** displays the Help menu. For details, refer to the section "["Help Menu" on page 9](#)".
- E **Exit/Minimize** the application.

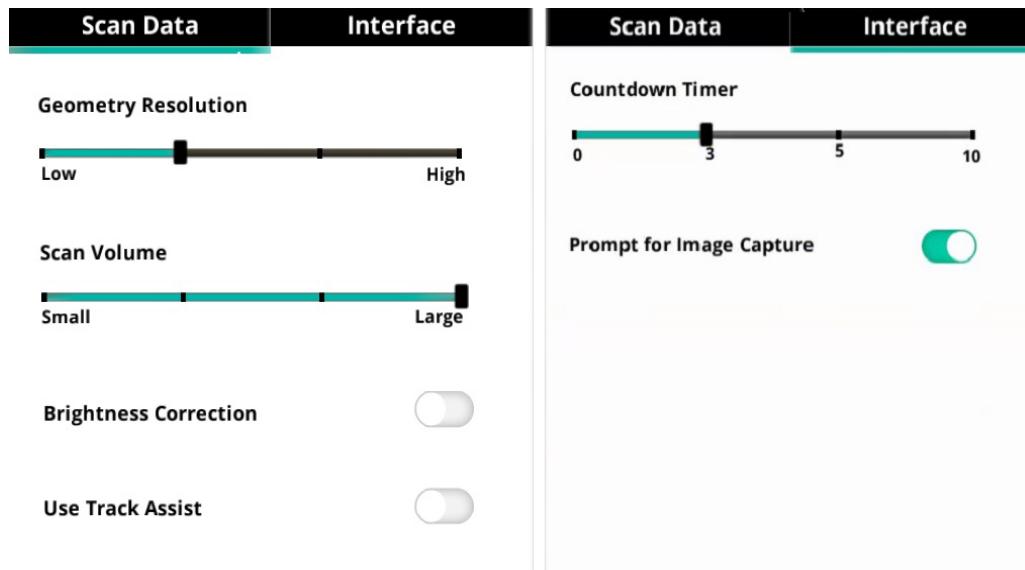
### SETTINGS MENU



The Settings Menu provides the following options:

- **Show Target Ring** - toggles the display of the target ring on your screen; it can be useful for keeping the scanner pointed at the center of the object being scanned.
- **Object Recognition** - attempts to automatically identify and highlight the object you are scanning. The scan data will automatically be cropped to remove everything but the identified object.
- **Show Wireframe** - Toggle on and off wireframe view.
- **Show Color** - Toggle display of the model's color.
- **Flip Scan View** - Toggle between portrait and landscape orientation. (only available on the SR300, handheld camera)
- **Show Video on Start** - Choose whether or not to show the introductory video when the application starts.
- **Advanced Settings** - Access further settings. See below.

## ADVANCED SETTINGS



The **Advanced Settings** window, available from **Settings Menu > Advanced Settings...**, give you access to several options pertaining to the Scan Data and Interface.

### Scan Data

- **Geometry Resolution** - move the slider from low to high to adjust the resolution of the scanned image. The higher values will consume more processing power and memory, and may cause delays in the scanning process.
- **Scan Volume** - this parameter controls the size of the area (cubic volume) that will be scanned if a specific object is not being tracked.
- **Brightness Correction** - toggle automatic brightness correction on or off.
- **Use Track Assist** - turn on if you intend to use the track assist images that are provided in the *Sense Track Assist* document, available from the Help Menu. Refer to the section "["Sense Track Assist" on page 10](#)" for an overview.

### Interface

- **Countdown Timer** - adjust the slider to select the countdown time, in seconds, before a scan begins.
- **Prompt for Image Capture** - this prompt appears when scanning an object. Every 30 degrees, the application will prompt you to pause your motion so that the object resolution will be optimally captured. Toggle this setting to show or hide the prompt.

## SENSE TRACK ASSIST

When an object has relatively uniform geometric features, such as a cylinder or sphere, the lack of unique geometry can cause the camera to lose tracking.

In these cases, we have provided a document with printable images and instructions that will assist you in obtaining the best possible scan results. You can access the *Sense Track Assist* document from the Help Menu.

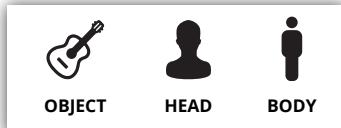
## HELP MENU

The Help menu provides the following options:

- **About** - shows information about the application.
- **Language** - select your preferred language. You will need to restart the application for this change to take effect.
- **User Guide** - displays a PDF of the User Guide.
- **Scanning Tips** - open the *Best Practices for 3D Scanning* document.
- **Acknowledgments** - displays information about copyrights and contributors.
- **Check for Update** - see if there is an update for your software.
- **Play Video** - play the introductory video.
- **Track Assist** - open *Sense Track Assist* document. Refer to the section "["Sense Track Assist" on page 10](#)" for an overview.

## SCAN SETTINGS

The application provides the following choices in order to optimize your scan:



**Object**: any item other than a person.

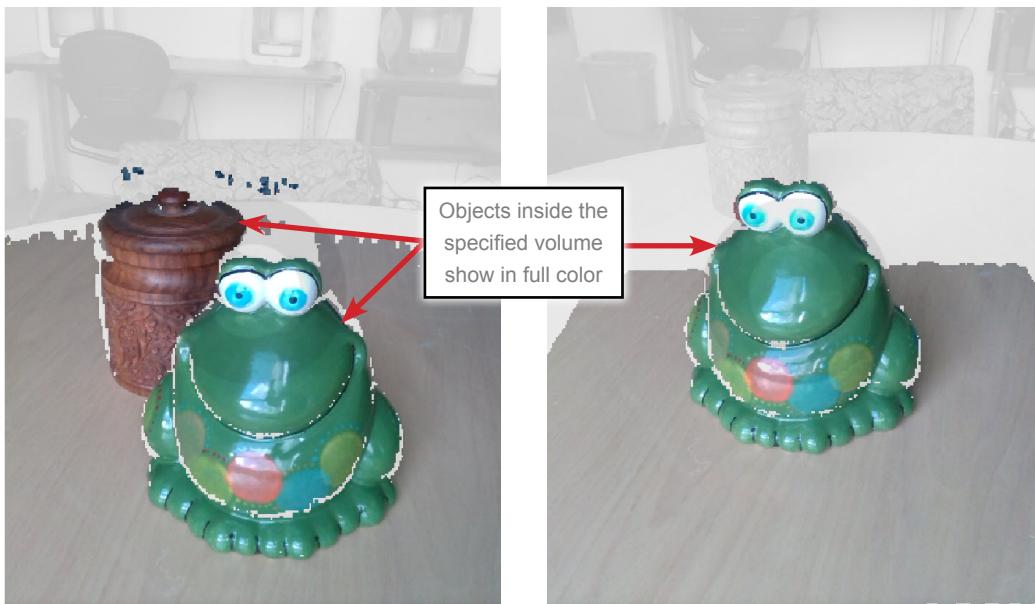
**Head**: a person's head and shoulders

**Body**: a person's full body

## THE SCANNING USER INTERFACE

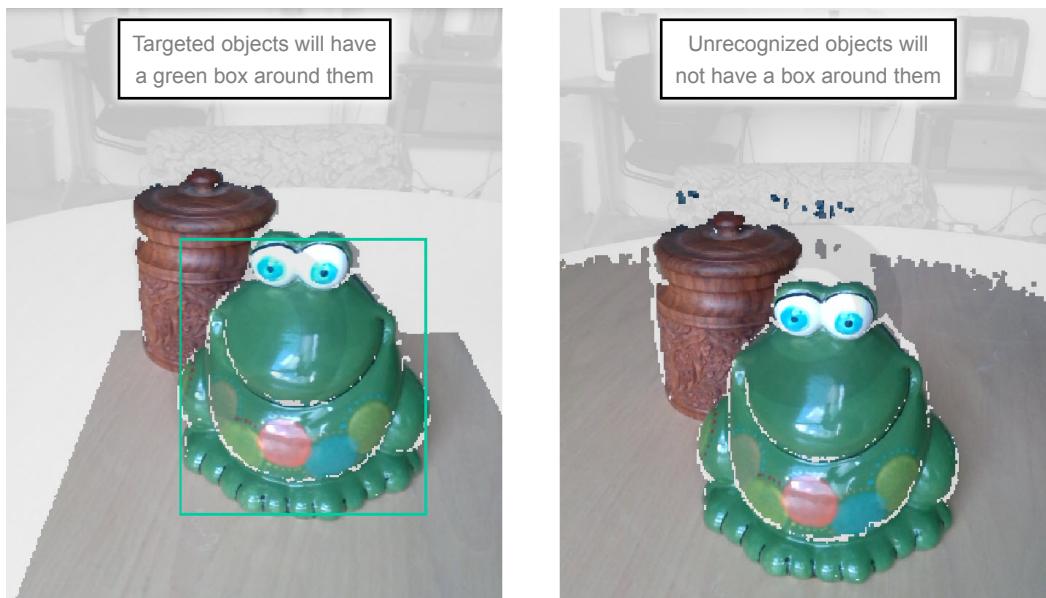
### Data within the Scan Volume

When an object is contained inside the specified volume, it will appear in full color. Objects outside this range are grayed-out and fade into the background.



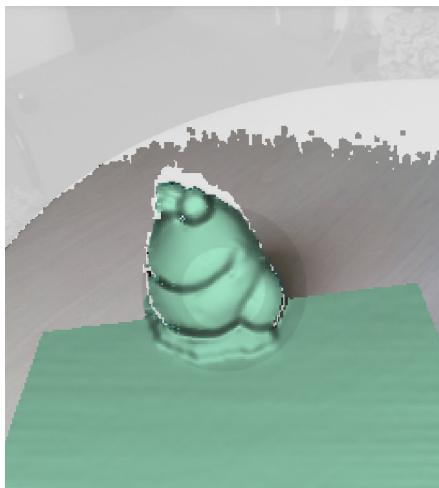
### Object Recognition

Using the Object Recognition option, available in "[Options Menu](#)", helps to stabilize tracking, increase mesh quality, and sets the trimming plane.



## Data Build-up

During scanning collected data will appear as “green” snow over top of the object or person.



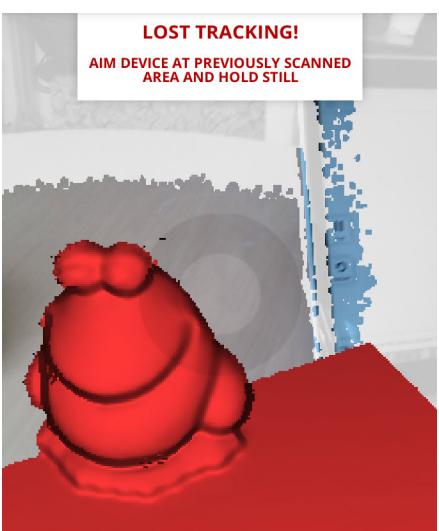
## Tracking Indicators

If you move too fast or too slow while scanning, a message box will appear instructing you to move slower and the collected scan data on screen will turn yellow.



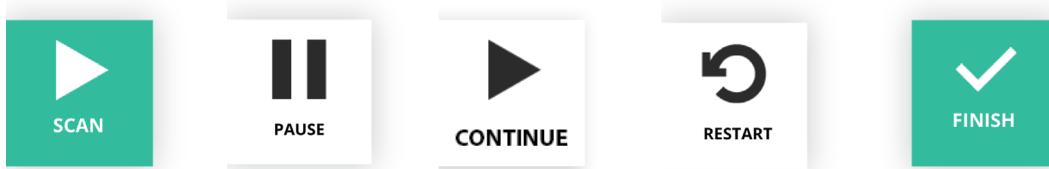
## Lost Tracking Indicators

Occasionally, the software will lose tracking of the scanned object. This occurs when you move too fast while scanning or when the object falls outside of the camera's view. This will cause the collected data on screen to turn red. Focusing the camera back on a previously scanned area will regain tracking.



## SCANNING PROCEDURE

### Start, Pause, Restart, and Finish Controls



**Scan:** begin the scan

**Pause:** pause the scan.

**Continue:** resume scanning after Pause.

**Restart:** start a new scan during a scanning session

**Finish:** complete the scan

### Scanning an Object

1. Ensure that you have 360°-access to the object and that the room is well lit. For guidelines on an optimal scanning environment, refer to the section "[Sense Scanning Tips and Tricks" on page 8](#).
2. Select the type of the object you wish to scan.
3. Stand the appropriate distance from the object, according to the object selection.
4. Once the object is properly framed on the screen, click the **Scan** icon at the left.
5. Slowly and steadily move the scanner around the object while viewing the image on the screen.
6. To pause the scan, click the **Pause** button.  
Click the **Continue** button to resume the scan.  
Click the **Restart** button to start over.
7. When you are satisfied with the scan, click the **Finish** button.

### Scanning a Person

1. Ensure that you have 360°-access to the subject and that the room is well lit. For guidelines on an optimal scanning environment, refer to the section "[Sense Scanning Tips and Tricks" on page 8](#).
2. Select either the head or body option.
3. Stand the appropriate distance from the subject, according to your selection.
4. Once the subject is properly framed on the screen, click the **Scan** icon at the left.
5. Slowly and steadily move the scanner around the subject while viewing the image on the screen.
6. To pause the scan, click the **Pause** button.  
Click the **Continue** button to resume the scan.  
Click the **Restart** button to start over.
7. When you are satisfied with the scan, click the **Finish** button.

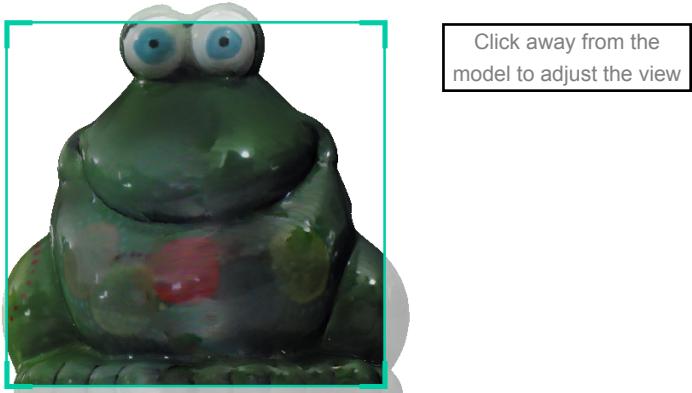
### EDIT A SCAN

Once you have completed the scan, or opened a previously-scanned file, there are several tools available to edit your scan:

The toolbar at the top of the screen provides the following options when you are editing the current scan:



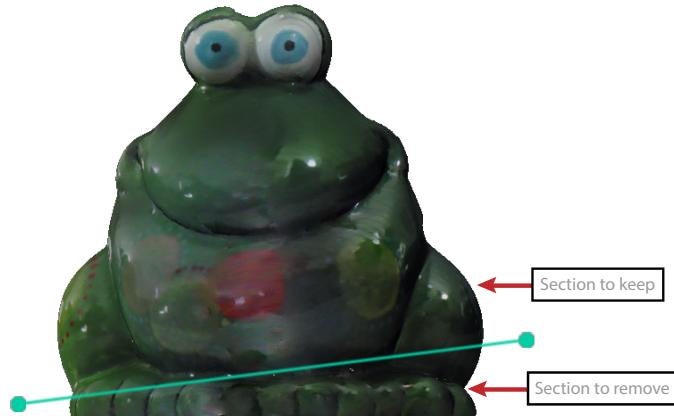
## Crop



If you need to crop your scan, use the cursor to adjust the cropping window around the part of the scan that you want to keep. When you are finished, click **Apply** to remove the part of the scan that you wish to delete. If an error occurred while cropping, simply click **Undo** and your scan will return to its original state.

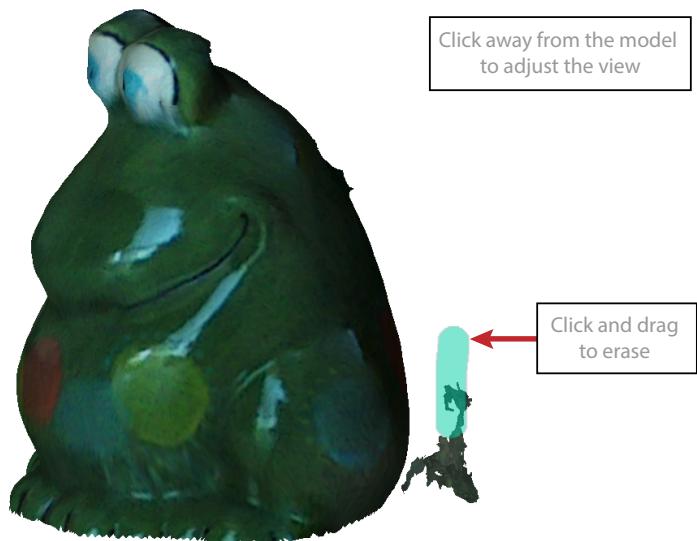
You can rotate, pan, and zoom the model by clicking outside of it and using either the mouse or view-adjustment gestures.

## Trim



To remove unwanted areas, click the **Trim** tool and use the handles of the green control bar to position the line where you would like to trim the object. The tool always removes the smaller of the two sections. When you are finished, click **Apply**.

## Erase

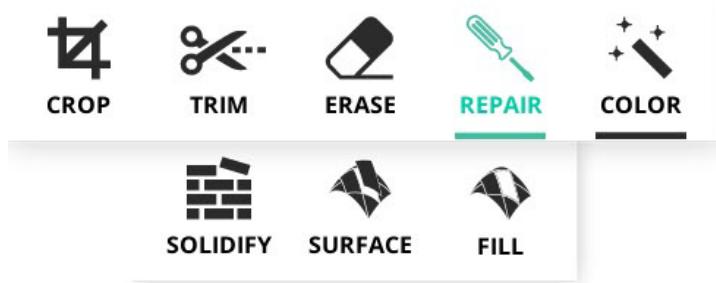


Use the **Erase** tool to remove unwanted portions of your scan. Click and hold the mouse button while moving the cursor over the area you wish to erase, then let go of the mouse button. The unwanted portion will be removed.

You can rotate, pan, and zoom the model by clicking outside of it and using either the mouse or view-adjustment gestures.

## Repair

Selecting the Repair icon provides access to three separate functions: Solidify, Surface, and Fill.



### Solidify

The **Solidify** tool will make your scan print-ready by filling in all the holes and closing the model to make it solid. It will automatically detect the bottom plane of the model and convert it to a flat surface.

### Surface

The **Surface** tool will automatically fill in any missing surface topology from the scan data while leaving the largest boundary open to create a complete surface.

### Fill

The **Fill** tool allows you to manually fill holes in the model using the cursor. When you are finished filling in missing data, click **Apply**.

### Color

You can adjust the **Brightness** and **Contrast** of the model using the sliders that appear after selecting the **Color** tool. You will get a preview after you make the adjustment. Press **Apply** to keep the settings.



## FINISHING A SCAN

Once you are finished scanning and editing your model, click the **Finish** button at the right of the screen. You will be presented with several options for your model:



### Snapshot

You can save an image of the Sense screen by selecting the **Snapshot** icon.

1. Click the **Snapshot** icon to save an image of the current Sense screen.
2. A prompt will appear indicating that all snapshots will be saved to a default folder on your local drive.
3. The snapshot **Save** window will appear. If the file has been previously saved, the snapshot will be saved to the default folder in a default file name format.
4. If the file has not previously been saved, the filename will appear appended with "sense scan", as well as the date and time.

## Save

1. To save your scan to your computer, click **Save**. You will be prompted to enter a filename.
2. The filename will automatically populate according to the following naming convention:
3. Click **Save**, and confirm the saved file name.
4. Your model will be saved in the OBJ format in the default folder and will appear in the **File** view.

## Export

You can export your model in the following formats: **WRL**, **STL**, **PLY**, or **OBJ**.

## Sketchfab

The **Sketchfab** function allows you to upload and share your Sense scans as interactive 3D models.

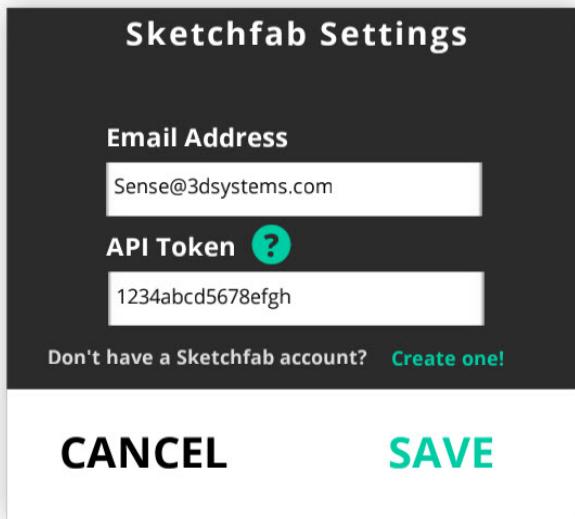
Perform the following steps to gain Sketchfab access:

1. Create an account on the Sketchfab website ([sketchfab.com](http://sketchfab.com)).
2. Open the Sense application and select **Sketchfab Settings**.
3. The **Sketchfab Settings** window will appear. Enter the e-mail address used to create your Sketchfab account.
4. If you know your Sketchfab API token, enter it below and select **Save** to complete your Sketchfab login.
5. If you do not know your Sketchfab token, click on the **Help** (green question mark) icon shown above the **API Token** field.
6. Retrieve your API token from the your Sketchfab account **Settings** page. Copy the token from this page into the Sense **Sketchfab Settings - API Token** field. Click **Save** to complete the login process.

**NOTE: Updating your Sketchfab account password also updates the associated API Token.**

Perform the following steps to utilize the Sketchfab function in Sense.

1. Select the **Sketchfab** option from the **Finishing a Scan** toolbar.
2. Input Model information (Name, Description, and Tags). Entering a larger amount of information increase the discoverability of the model on the Sketchfab website.



3. Click **Upload** to upload the model to Sketchfab.

Criteria	Specification
Supported Operating Systems	Windows 10 64-bit NOTE: Must be up to date on current version
Operating Range	Min: 0.2m Max: 1.6m
Scan volume	Min: 0.2m x 0.2m x 0.2m Max: 2m x 2m x 2m
Field of View	Horizontal: 45° Vertical: 57.5° Diagonal: 69°
Maximal image throughput	30 fps
Depth image size	640(w) x 480(h) px
Spatial x/y resolution at 0.5m	0.9mm
Depth image size	USB 3.0
Spatial x/y resolution at 0.5m	1920(w) x 1080(h) px
Data interface	USB 3.0
Color Image size	1920(w) x 1080(h) px
Depth resolution at 0.5mm	1mm
USB cord length	2m 6ft
<b>Hardware Recommendations:</b>	
• Processor:	Intel® Core i5™ 5 <sup>TH</sup> Generation or newer
• RAM:	2 GB minimum
• Screen Resolution:	1280 x 1024 minimum
• Hard Disk Space:	4 GB available hard disk space
Operating Temperature	10-40° C
Dimensions	5.08(w) x 7.08(h) x 1.3(d) in. 12.9(w) x 17.8(h) x 3.3(d) cm
Warranty	1 year



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