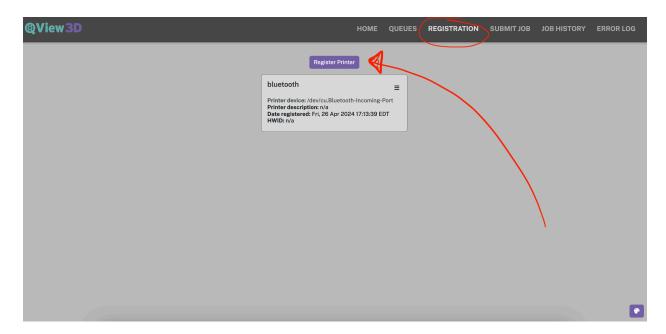
# User's Manual

Q3D Software

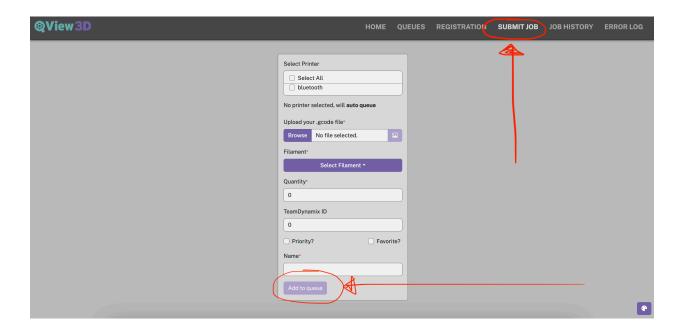
	2 of 26
User's Manual	1
Quickstart	3
Main View	5
Queue View	11
Registration View	13
Submit Job View	17
Job History View	20
Error Log	23
Theme Selection	25

# Quickstart

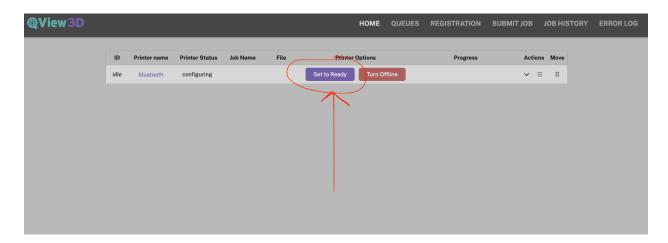
- 1. Connect your Prusa i3 MK4 printer(s) directly to the machine Q3D is installed on via USB-C.
- 2. Navigate to REGISTRATION and click "Register Printer." Fill out the form the appears.



3. Navigate to SUBMIT JOB and fill out the form. Required fields are marked with a red asterisk. Click ADD TO QUEUE when complete.



3. Navigate to HOME and set printer to READY.



4. When the build plate is clear, click START PRINT. Happy printing!



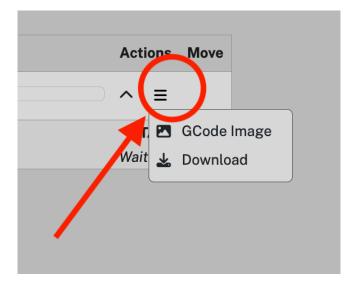
# **Main View**



• The user may click and drag to change the order of printers displayed on the page.



• The user may click the hamburger menu to see a 3-D rendered image of the file or to download the file.



List of possible printer statuses:

#### Configuring

• Upon registration, the printer status is "configuring." Once the user sets the status to "ready," it can accept prints.

#### Offline

• When the printer is offline, the software will halt communication with the printer. The printer itself will remain on, but nothing in the printer's queue will get sent to the printer.

#### Ready

• The printer can only accept new prints if the status is set to "ready."

#### • Error

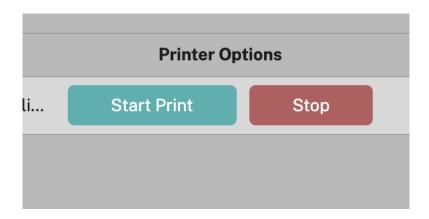
• The printer can not accept new prints if the status is error. The printer will error only when a job is sent to the printer and something goes wrong (i.e. timeout error, serial communication error, hardware error, etc). In this case, the job will be removed from the queue and its status is also set to error. However, the job can still be located and rerun from *Job History View* or *Error log*. When the error is resolved, the user may change the status of the printer from error to ready manually.



#### Waiting Release

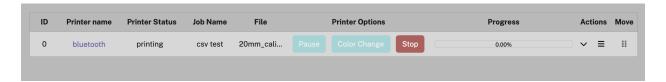
• Once the printer status is set to "ready," the first job in the printer's queue will get sent to the printer. However, the user must still select "start print" for communication to begin. If this job was submitted as a mistake, the user has

the opportunity to cancel the job. This will set the printer status to **complete** and the job status to **cancelled.** 

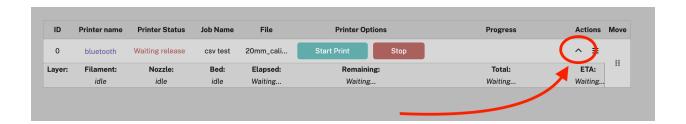


#### • Printing

• When the printer completes its calibration, the PAUSE and COLOR CHANGE buttons will no longer be disabled.



• The user may also click the arrow on the right side of the table to view print time and temperature data.



#### Color Change

When the user selects the Color Change button, the software will idle until the
printer completes its current layer. The user may then see the LCD screen for
instructions on changing the color. Once this is done, the print will
automatically resume and the status will return to printing.

#### Paused

• The user may choose to pause a print. The printer nozzle will move to the corner. The user may click the "unpause" button that appears on the software when complete.

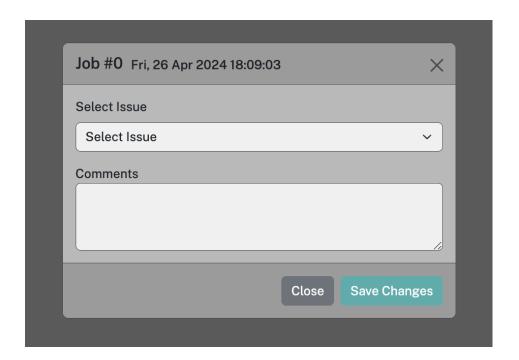
#### • Complete

- When the status of the printer is **complete**, the printer has been fully disconnected and the user may remove the print from the build plate. The printer will have a status of **complete** when 1) the print has fully completed, or 2) the user cancelled the job from the software.
- Additionally, when the print is complete, the user can click one of these three
  buttons. All buttons will remove the job from the printer's queue and update
  the job status in Job History. Descriptions of button functionality below.



#### Fail button

The *fail* button sets the status of the printer to **error** and the status of the job to **error**. The printer will not accept new prints. A menu will appear for the user to assign an ISSUE to the job and to assign comments. Issues are created by the user in ERROR LOG.



#### Clear button

The *clear* button sets the status of the printer to **ready** and the status of the job to **complete.** After a 2 second delay, *Main View* will display the following job in the print queue.

#### Clear & Rerun Button

This button sets the status of the printer to **ready** and the status of the job to **complete.** It duplicates the current job and adds it to the *front* of the selected printer's queue.

## Stopping Print Job

# DO NOT STOP FROM LCD SCREEN. This will stop the fans but not the print, which may cause the printer to overheat.

While the printer is printing, the user can choose to stop the print. This will set the status of the printer to **complete** and the status of the job to **cancelled.** A loading icon will appear in the *progress* column while the printer is completing its ending sequence (*Turn off temperature, turn off heatbed, turn off fan, park, wait, reset LA, reset heartbreak target temp, disable motors*). Then, the three buttons will display: *fail, clear, clear & rerun*.

# **Queue View**



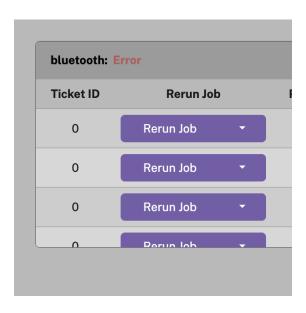
#### **Deleting Jobs**

The user can delete a job from the queue by selecting a box and clicking the *Remove* button.

Deleting a job from queue view **will not** delete the job from the database. Job will still be visible in *Job History View*.

You may only remove a job from this page if the status is *inqueue*. The status will now be set to *cancelled* in Job History.

## Rerunning Jobs



Rerun jobs is a split button. Click the left portion to rerun the job on the current printer. Click the arrow dropdown to duplicate the job on another printer's queue.

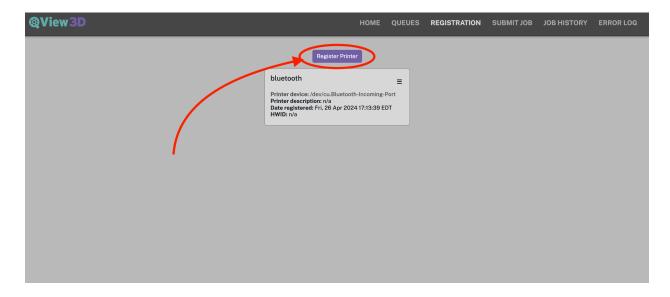
### Actions



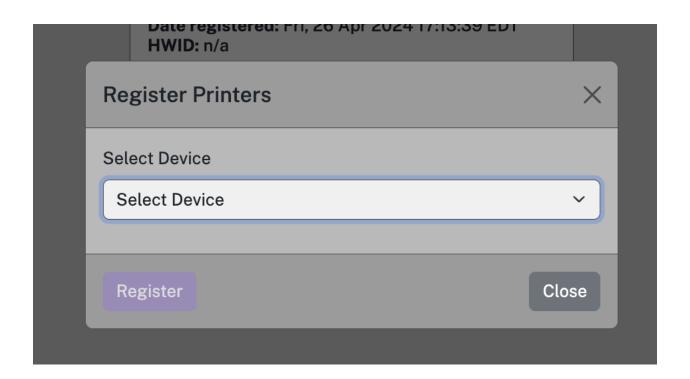
The user may download the file, view a rendered image, and change position of items in the queue by clicking and dragging.

# **Registration View**

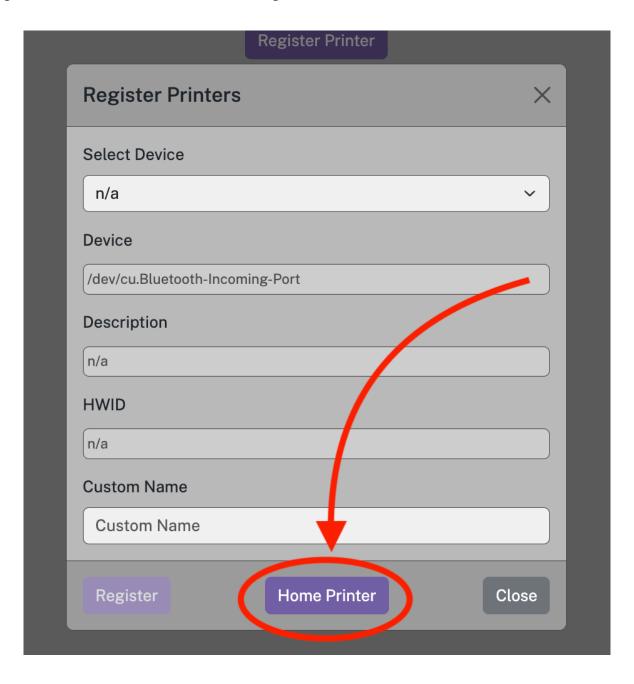
# **Registering Printers**



To register a printer, click the "Register Printer" button. A modal will appear. Use the dropdown to select the printer you would like to register.

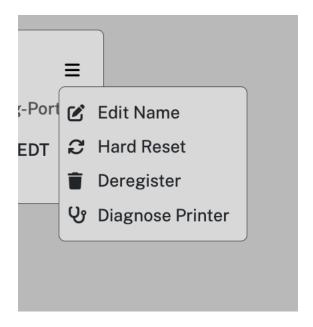


A dialogue will appear with the printer's information. If you are registering multiple printers at once, click "Home Printer" as shown in the picture below to move the printer head if you are unsure which printer is getting detected. Give the printer a custom name and click "register."



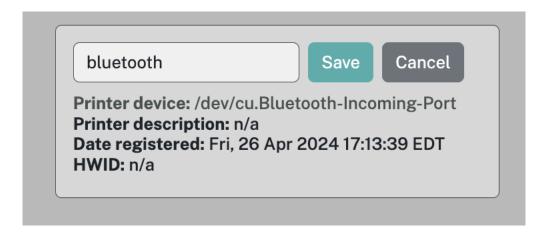
#### Actions

Click on the hamburger menu to display possible actions for each printer.



## **Editing Name**

To edit the name of the printer, click the "edit name" button. Click "save" to save or "cancel" to revert changes.



### Hard Reset

A new **thread** is created for each registered printer. This allows multiple printers to access different parts of the same codebase at the same time. Each printer thread is

stored in an **array** so the code can access the printer and printer queue separately based on the printer's unique ID.

If a printer is unresponsive or the software communication seems to be off, it is possible the printer thread could be "stuck" somewhere. We tried our best to implement error handling mechanisms, but in case of emergency, this button will delete the thread from the array and create a brand-new one. This will break the printer out of any death-loop it may be in.

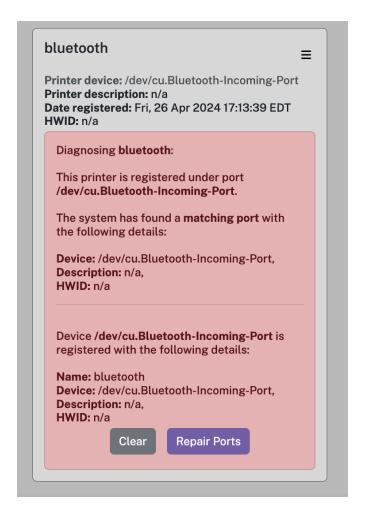
The printer's status will be reset to **configuring.** All jobs in the queue will have a status of "inqueue."

## **Deregistering Printers**

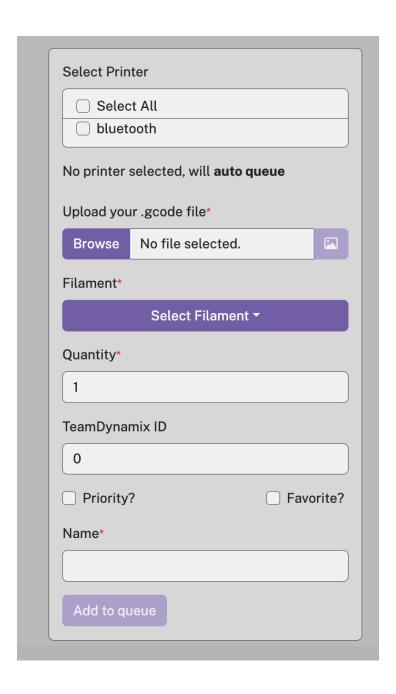
This will delete the printer's thread and remove the printer from the database. In Job History, all jobs printed on that printer will still have the printer's name associated with it. If the user re-registers a printer under a different name, the jobs will still be stored under the old name.

## Diagnose Printer

The Diagnose Printer button gives information about the printer's port. Clicking the "Repair Ports" button corrects any inconsistencies between the system port and the registered port. Ports are automatically corrected before printing, so this is just a safety feature.



# **Submit Job View**



### Auto Queue

If the user does not specify a printer, the job will be added to the printer with the shortest queue. If the user specifies a quantity > 1, the job will get sent to multiple printers.

# Selecting multiple printers

If the user selects multiple printers, the specified quantity must be greater than the number of printers selected.

The load will be evenly distributed amongst the specified printers.

## Choosing a file

A user can only upload files with the extension .gcode. The user can only submit job names with a length <50 characters (including the extension). The filament will auto-fill if sliced for Prusa.

## Priority Job

Selecting this button will send the job to the front of the queue.

#### Favorite

This will add the submitted job to "favorites." If the quantity > 1, only 1 job will be favorited.

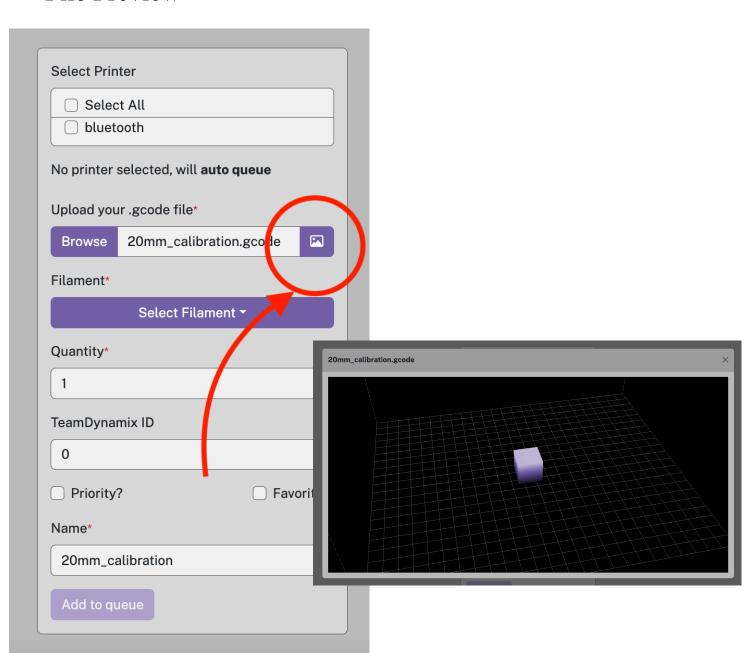
#### Name

Title of job. This is different from the file name.

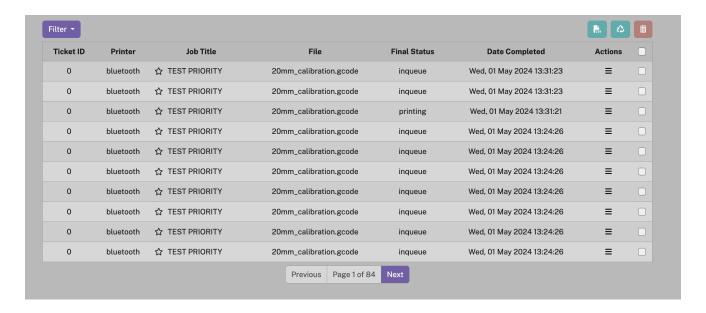
# Add to queue button

The job will appear in the queue of the specified printer(s) in *Queue View* and also in *Job History View*.

## File Preview



# **Job History View**

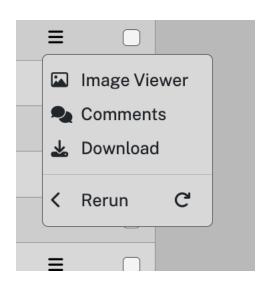


## **Deleting Jobs**

Select the checkbox and click the trashcan to delete jobs from the database. Select the box at the top to select all jobs. This selection will be cleared if you change the page.

#### Actions

Click the hamburger menu to view actions for each job. The user may preview the file, add a comment, download the file, or rerun it on a different printer. Clicking the "rerun" option will pre-fill the Submit Job box.



#### Filter

The user may filter by:

- Jobs/page
- Device
- Issue (created by user; see error log)
- Ticket ID
- Job name
- File name
- Order by date
- Date range
- Favorited jobs

Click "submit" to see specified jobs. Click "clear filter" to revert changes.

# Filter ▼ Jobs per page, out of 831: Device: bluetooth Deregistered printers Issue: ○ Nozzle error Bed heating error □ cvj new issue Search using Ticket ID: Search for jobs: Search by Job Name Search by File Name Newest to Oldest Oldest to Newest Date Range: Favorites Submit Filter Clear Filter

## CSV File Download

Clicking the icon on the left will download a CSV file with all of the jobs specified in the



filter. If the user does not specify a filter, all jobs in the database will be included in the CSV file.

# Recycle Jobs

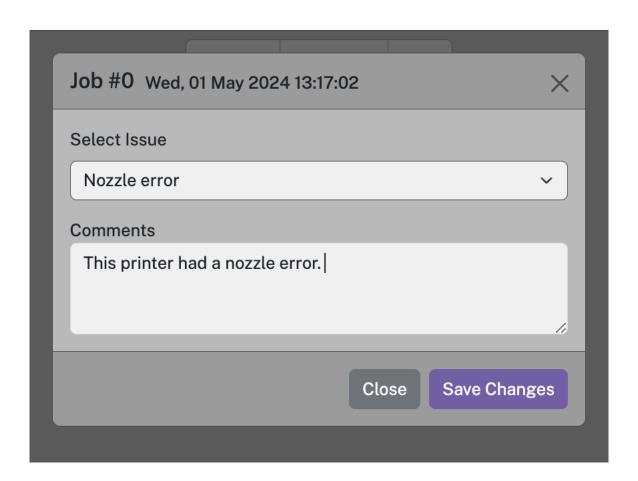
Clicking the middle icon will remove files from jobs stored in the database for 6 months or longer. All other job information will remain in the database. The user will no longer be able to rerun or view jobs whose files have been deleted.

# **Error Log**



The error log displays all jobs that ended with a status of "error."

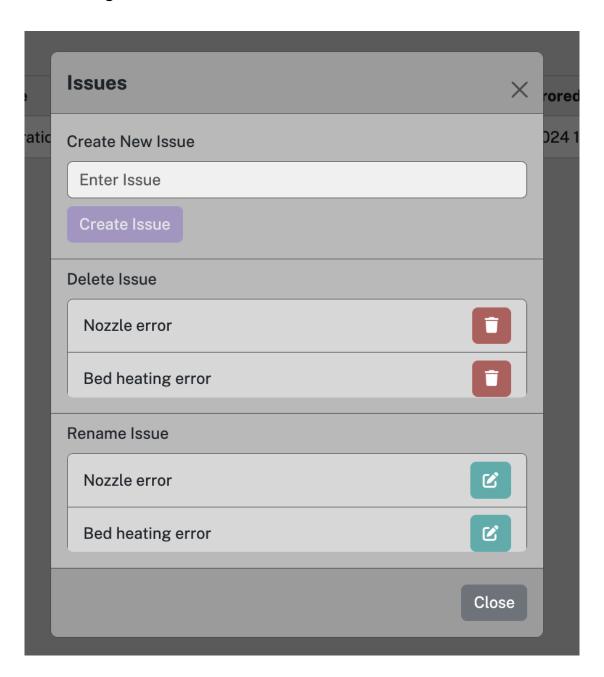
The user is able to create and assign "issues" to jobs. If you click "comments," the user is able to assign an issue and a comment.



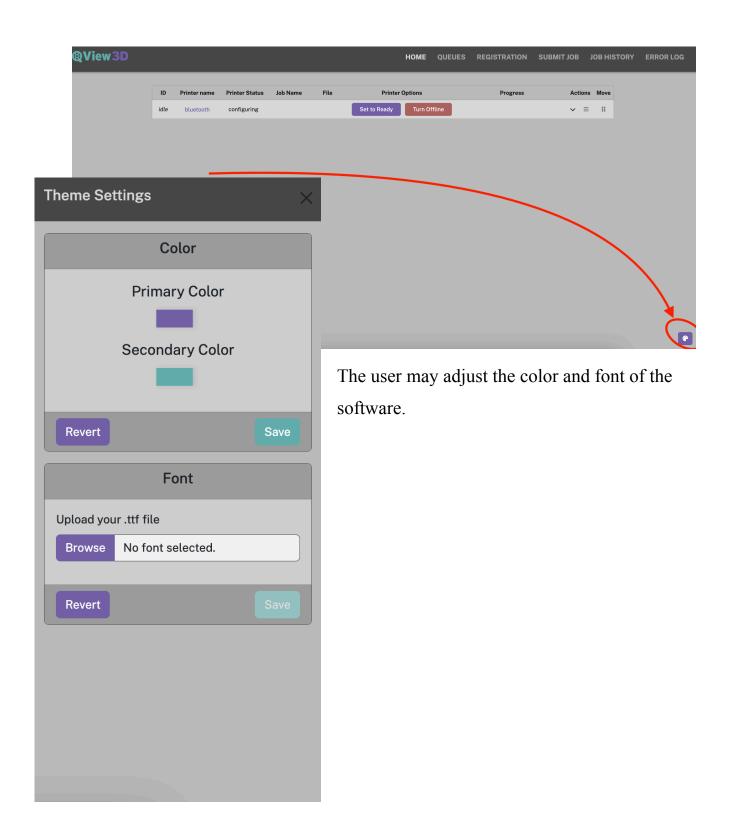
If no issues are displayed in the dropdown, the user must create a new issue.



This will enable the user to create an issue, remove old issues, and change the name of existing issues.



# **Theme Selection**



# **Comments**