

Rapid Prototyping and Manufacturing in the context of FABLAB



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Topics

- □Introduction, Industry 4.0.
- □loT and other technologies deeply involved in manufacturing
- □PLC and automation for manufacturing
- □Connections between FABLABs and Industry





MAKERSPACE

- First in 2005, became popular in 2011
 - "Communal workshop" could be another Word for 'makerspace'
- Aim: Provide possibilities of creating something by yourself to anyone
- Similar equipment and facilities to an industry
 - High Voltage, ventilation, different tolos, etc.
- Open Access to any tool, shared among people (under security measures)

























HACKERSPACE

- Already appeared in 1995 (Germany) and became popular from 2005 and on
- NOT directly related to the term 'hacker'
- Idea: Meet software programmers in the same place so that they can discuss about ideas and coordinate common informatic projects
- Its evolution has made 'hackerspaces' a mechatronic environment where electronics and informatics are a key factor
- Success stories: MakerBot Industries, born in 'NYC Resistor' hackerspace, inspired in METALAB (Viena). Leading edge 3D printers makers.
- Es un espacio pensado, más que para la creación, para la modificación de objetos (hardware y software) para que hagan cosas para las que no estaban diseñados, pero excluyendo la tarea del inventor o del artesano

















WORKING ENVIRONMENTS















TechShop & FABLAB

- TechShop: Purely comercial, pay per services

- FABLAB: Reduced fee (or inexistent), managed by public administration, NGO or non-profit associations





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How can Fablab products migrate to industrial manufacturing?

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 - → FABLABs can become a place for prototyping
- Fablabs have already shown the potential to empower individuals to create smart devices for themselves
 - → FABLABs are an incubator for low budget ideas and projects
- These devices can be tailored to local or personal needs in ways that are not practical or economical using mass production
 - → FABLABs can create small businesses with growing capacity



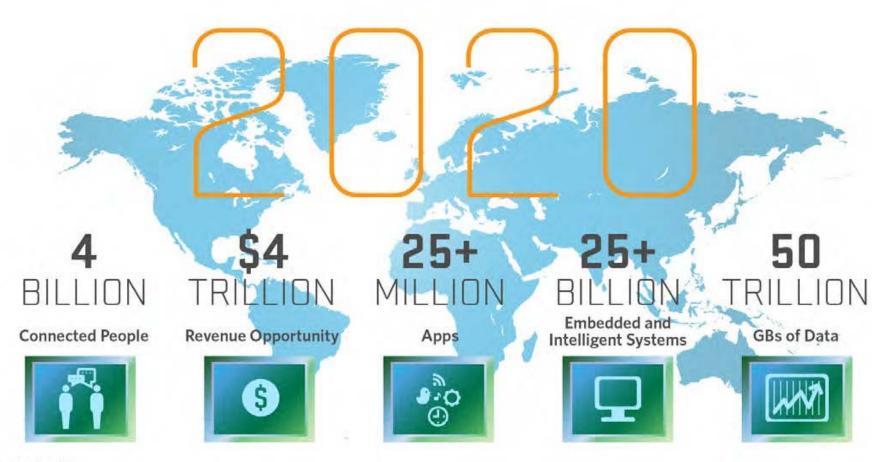


Designing and prototyping in a FABLAB: Rapid prototyping

- Current technology provides unlimited possibilities (with adequate knowledge)
 - → Mechatronics is the future: adds intelligence
- Including electronics in a FABLAB increases public attraction
 - → The creation possibilities are greatly increased
- A link between prototypes and industry is desirable
 - FABLABs may include equipment closely related to industrial manufacturing and provide availability of current technologies
 - Programmable Logic Controllers
 - Internet of Things (IoT) devices
 - Automation systems



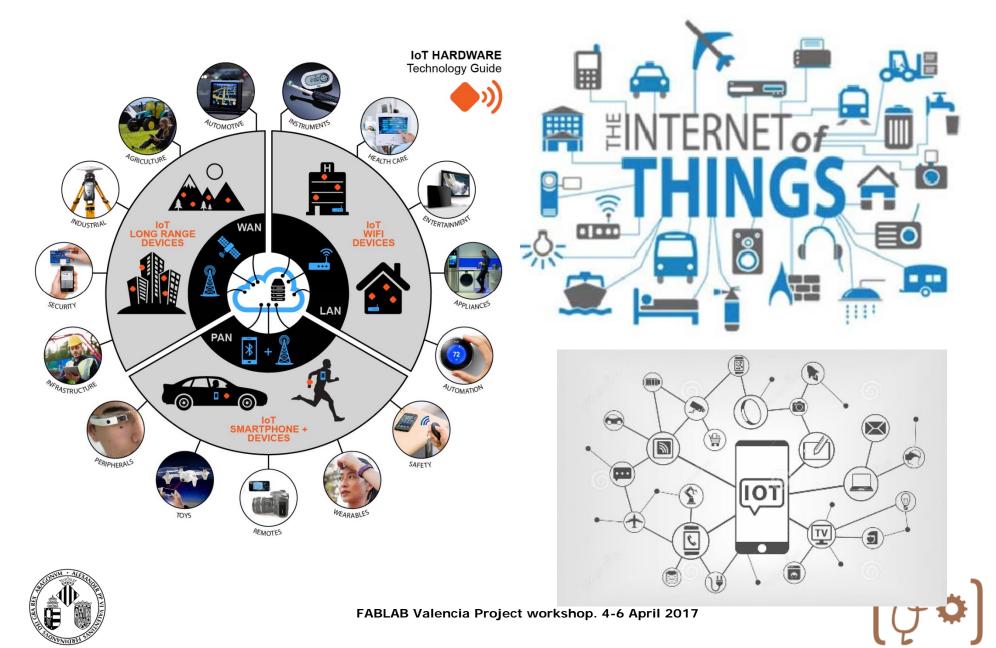


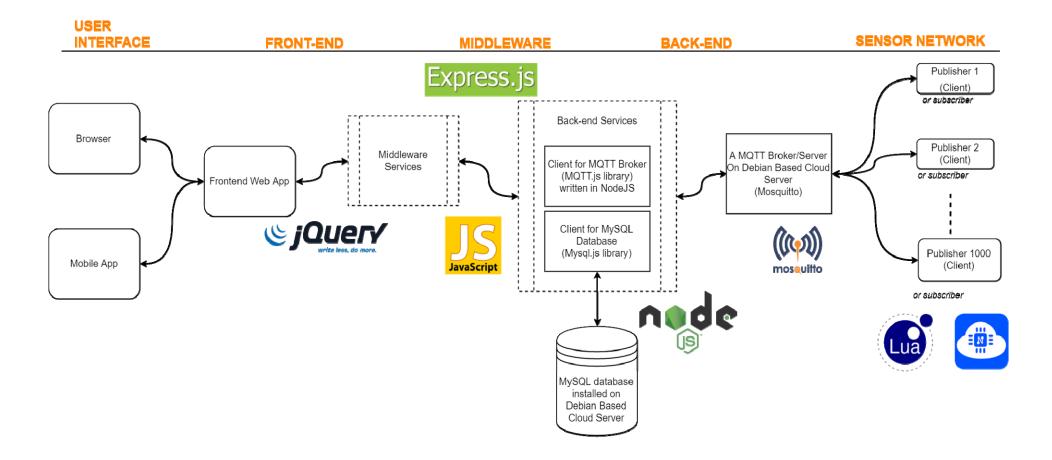


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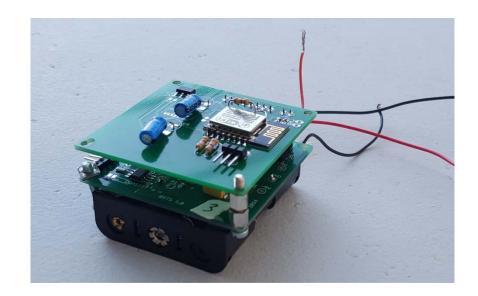




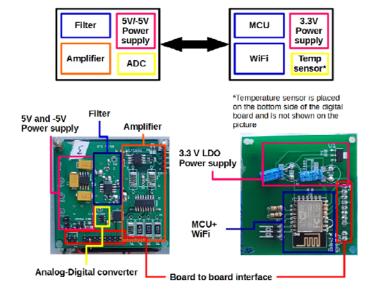






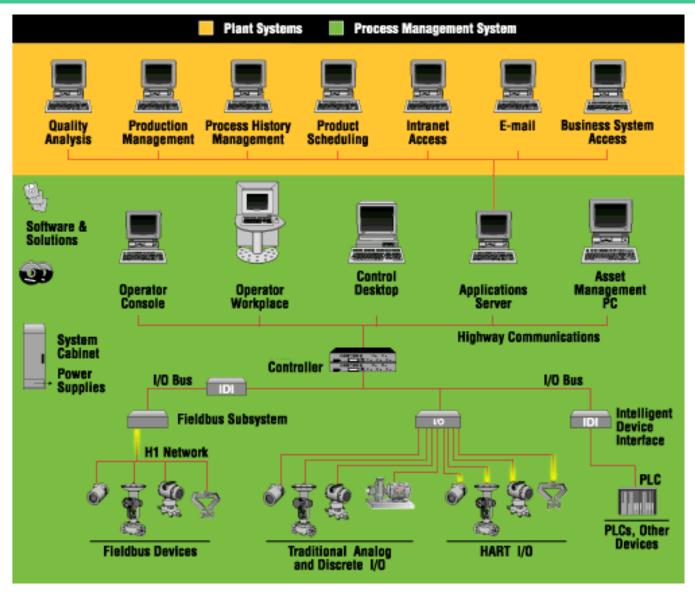








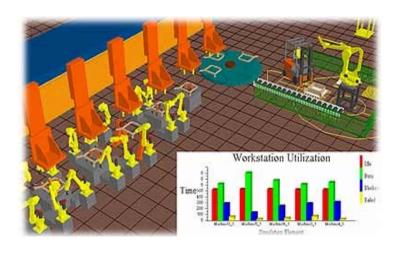
Industry network - manufacturing



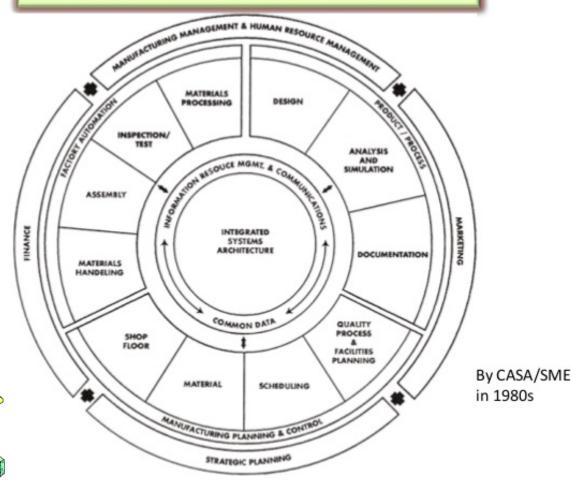


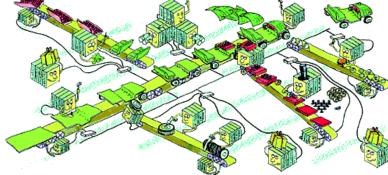


Automation Systems for Manufacturing



CASA/SME'S CIM WHEEL









Complete integration in manufacturing processes

