

ARES Workshop - Onshape

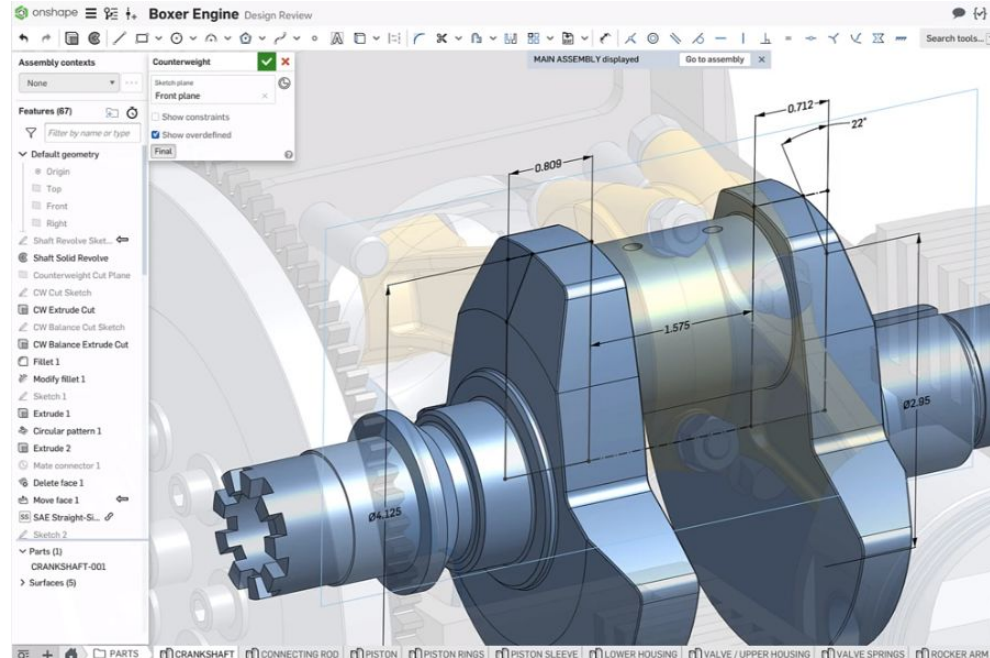
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Onshape



- Cloud-based CAD system
- Allows multiple users to collaborate on one CAD document
- User-friendly interface
- Sketch in 2D, then model into 3D
- Can combine several parts into moving assemblies and see how the mechanism actuates
- Can export into various formats



Creating an Account



- Sign up for a free trial: www.onshape.com/en/products/free
- Click **“Get Started”**
- Enter in your details
- Check your email and activate your account
- Set your password



Get started with Onshape



Step 1

Basic contact information

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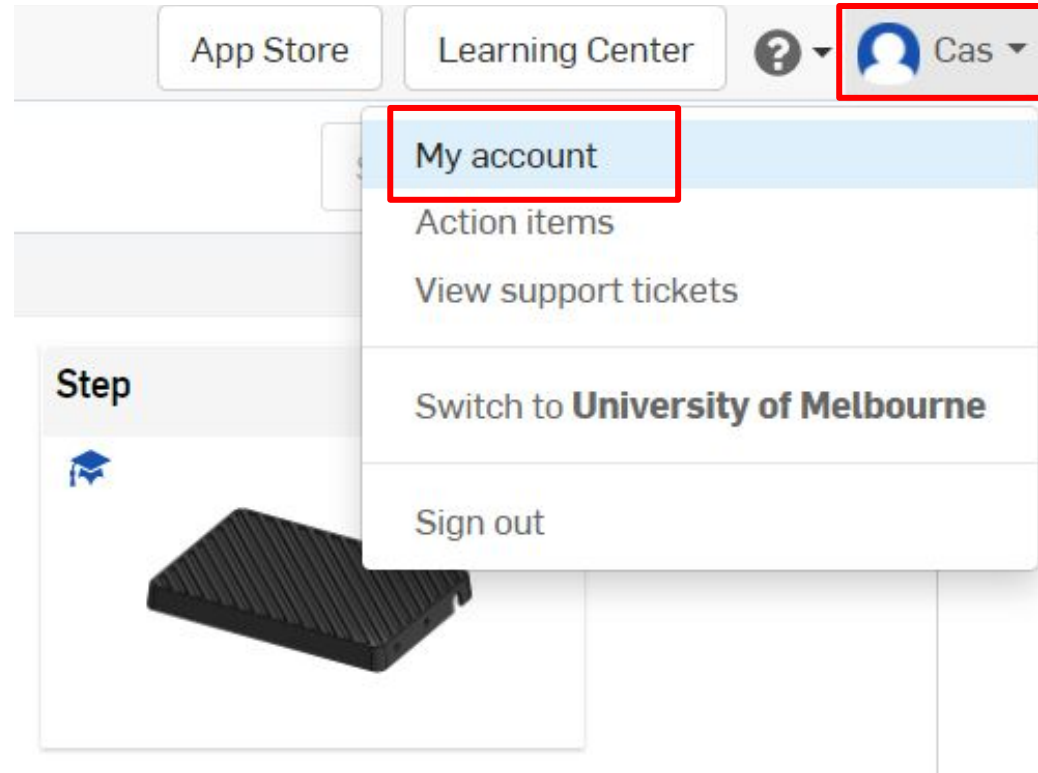
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Activate email

Creating a new Document



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- First need to make sure your **units** are set to **metric**
- Go to Account Settings -> Preferences and set units to **mm** and **kg**
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Units

Length units

Millimeter ▼

Length decimal places

0.123 ▼



Angle units

Degree ▼

Angle decimal places

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Mass units

Kilogram ▼

Mass decimal places

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Time format

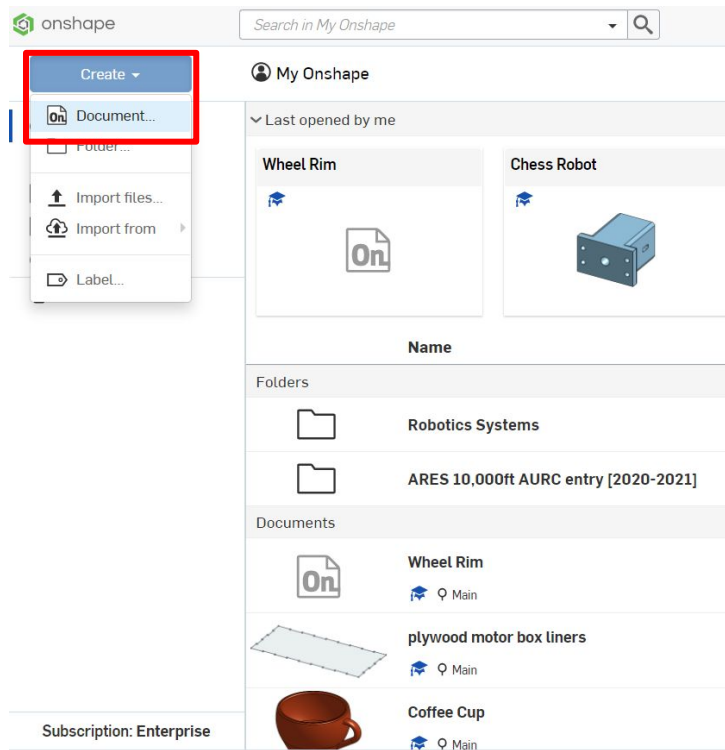
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Save changes

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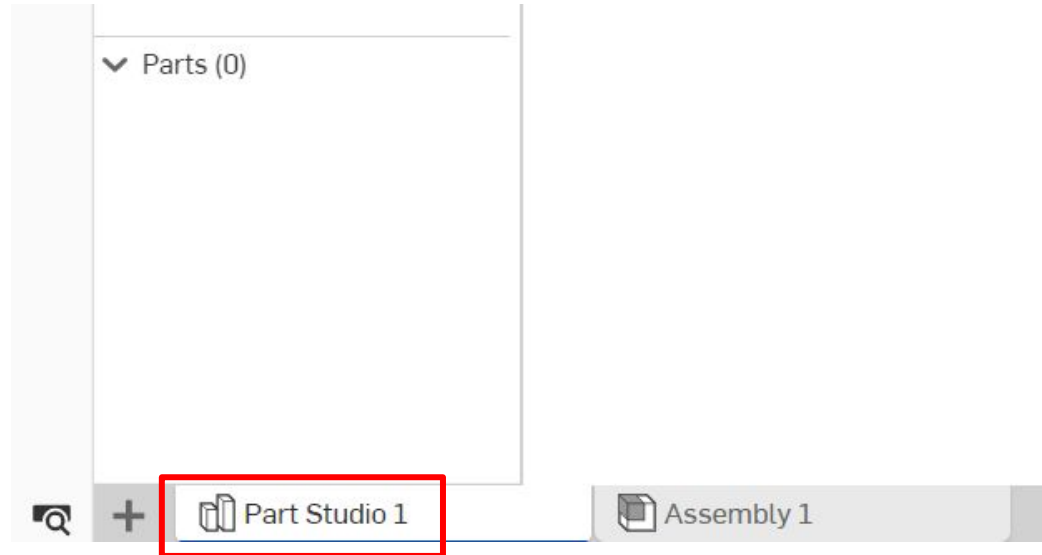
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Onshape Geometry

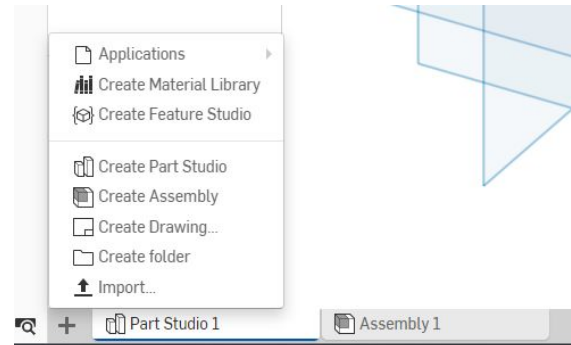
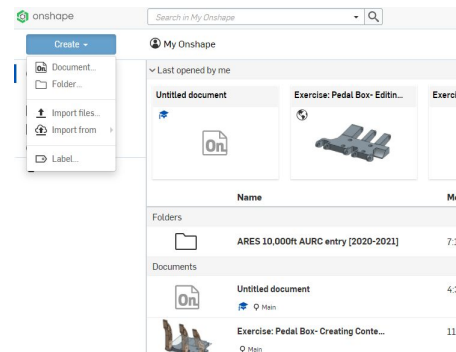


Projects are contained within a folder

Parts and assemblies are created in documents

In a document there are a number of different elements that can be inserted

-  **Part Studio:** A space where a single part or multiple parts are designed together. **Multiple parts** which are **geometrically related** should be created within **one part studio**. In a new part studio you will need to consider the correct plane orientation and the location of the **origin** of the part you are creating.
-  **Sketch:** a 2D design created in a part studio, which may describe geometry of multiple parts.
-  **Feature:** used to add 3D geometry to a 2D sketch
-  **Assembly:** A make up of multiple parts which may interact with each other. May include many instances of a part or part studio.



Creating a New Sketch



Select the appropriate plane orientation and select the sketch icon on toolbar (**Shortcut: Shift + S**)

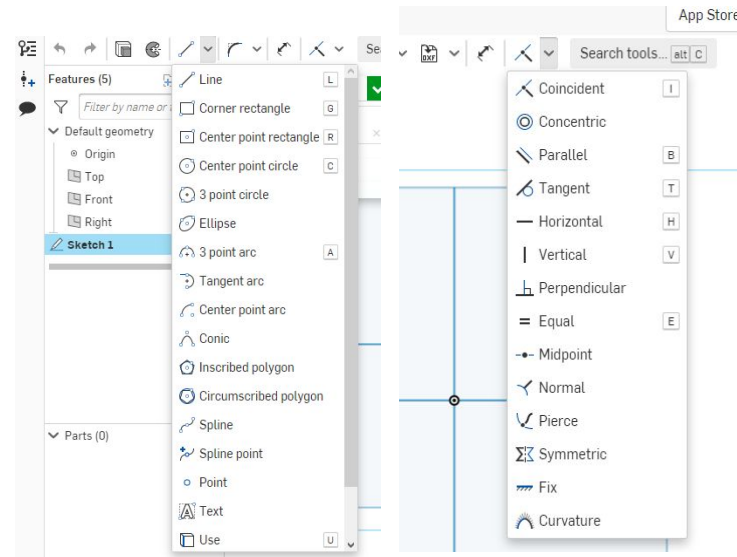
To view normal to the plane right click “View Normal to sketch plane” (**Shortcut: N**)

Top toolbar contains a selection sketching geometries (line, rectangle, circle, spline, point)

Construction lines are useful to create geometric references e.g. symmetry axis (**Shortcut: Q**)

Automatic constraints (inferences) are created as you sketch. To view constraints hold the shift button. To create your own constraint left click the interested segment and use the constraint tools on the toolbar.

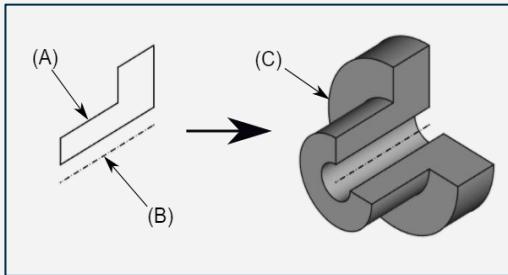
Select the dimension tool (**Shortcut: D**) then select the interested segment to edit its dimension.



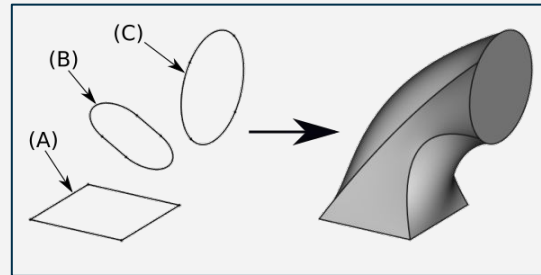
3D Tools



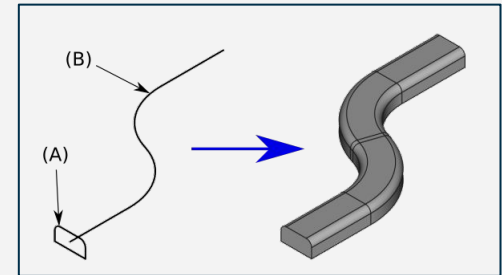
Revolution



Loft



Sweep



Exercise: Creating a Coffee Cup

[Onshape Exercise: Coffee Cup](#)

Tips:

- **Constraint tools** are very useful and can help avoid your sketch from blowing up when changing dimensions
- **Naming** your parts, planes and sketches is a good practice to maintain
- Use the **offset tool** to help create hollowed out shapes
- The **revolve tool** will require an **axis** (we can use the **construction tool** to make axes)
- A **sweep** will need a **path sketch** and a **face sketch**
- The cup should weigh 0.578kg



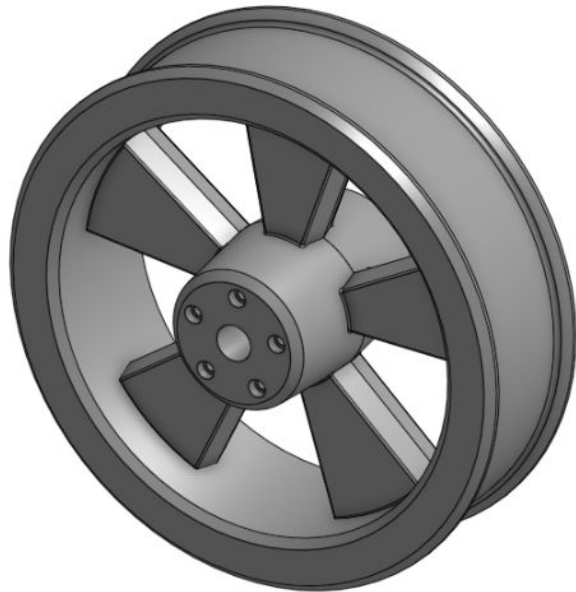
Exercise: Creating a Wheel Rim



Onshape Exercise: Wheel Rim

Tips:

- Create a new sketch with **Shift + S**
- **N** - move camera **normal** to the selected sketch or face
- **F** - zoom in to **fill** the screen with the part
- **P** - toggle whether **planes** are visible
- Don't worry about being precise doing your initial sketch - precision is added later (**sketch -> constrain -> dimension**)
- **Q** - toggle **construction lines** (virtual geometry to assist with sketching)
- Sketch should be entirely black after constraining



Exercise: Creating a Wheel Rim



Onshape Exercise: Wheel Rim

Tips:

- Hover over a tool for 3 seconds to get instructions for it
- **"Show constraints"** button in Sketch menu box
- Learn **"New/Add/Remove/Intersect"** option meanings for tools
- Feature Mirror vs. Part Mirror
- Can select a circular face **normal to the axis of rotation**
- For extrude, first direction has single arrow, **second direction** has double arrow
- **Shift + P** - **hide all construction** lines and sketches



Onshape Learning Resources



Onshape Learning Center - learn.onshape.com/learn/dashboard

Complete Onshape tutorials - [Onshape Fundamentals: CAD](#) and [CAD Basics](#) pathways

Next week - More Onshape!

See you next week! :)

