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Final Project

For the final project of IA Fab Lab, we had the freedom to create whatever we wanted, whether it was useful, beautiful or marketable. I decided to continue a project idea from earlier in the semester: decorative glasses attachments. For my idea specifically, I created a Nose-Table that attaches to the nosepiece of my glasses and it is completely useless. It is not necessarily a decorative element nor is it useful – if anything, the attachment is more in the way. But this made me appreciate the design and idea more – I enjoyed that the attachment was distracting for the user's view and that it was taking away from the glass' function. My reasoning for liking this idea is so much is that throughout the semester, I continually got the message that 3D printing is so useful, and so DIY that it is going to replace everything. It was brought up that everything is becoming plastic and everything is easily designed and just 3D printed. The tone of these ideas and the way they've been presented has felt very like, "3D printing is going to save the world." While this technology is useful, fun and interesting, I don't believe the hardware is good enough yet for the everyday person to use. As a result, I find this tone of glorifying 3D printing kind of silly; and for my final project, I wanted to poke fun at that.

Overall, I think it is successful; the attachment looks a bit dumb in a funny way. People chuckle at the idea but think it is also great because they seem to understand my point.

As a side note, my documentation is lacking because I lost the actual pair of glasses the nose-table was made for. I am completely frustrated because I cannot find my

glasses, but I find it funny and ironic that I have a Nose-Table for no glasses. It makes the Nose-Table even less valuable even though so much care has been put into the design and that it is even decorated with gold leaf.