

1) High-Level Product Description

a. Topic Area:

Print 3D Models from Anywhere

b. Functional Scope:

Show real-time status of 3D printer by visualizing sensor data/camera stream. Allow browsing and printing of existing 3D models saved to disk.

c. What makes it useful:

Allows 3D printing hobbyists to leave their printer physically unattended while they monitor its state remotely.

d. Minimum Features for the App to Be Viable:

- View Livestream of Printer Bed
- View Actual/Target Temperatures of Bed/Hotend
- View Current Printer Status
- View Models saved to Disk
 - Give option to print

e. Additional Features that would be Nice to Have:

- View Time-lapses of Prior Prints
- View Historical Statistics such as Print Time and Filament Usage
- Preheat printer for certain materials
- Print models from online sources such as Thingiverse

2) Kits and iOS Functionality Needed beyond UIKit

- JSON API Calls for Access to 3D Printer
- AVKit for displaying time-lapses

3) Functionality

a. Navigation: UITabBarController, UINavigationController

The application will be centered around a tab-based navigation system to allow quick switching between tasks.

- Overview : Show small camera feed, printer status, relevant heating temperatures
- Control : Show enlarged camera feed, have relevant safety controls (motors off, fan on, stop print)
- Files : Show saved files on disk
 - File Detail View : Show rendered preview (if available), file metadata and allow print option for the selected file. This will be implemented through the use of a navigation controller.
- Printers : Configure Saved Printers & Choose Current Printer
 - Printer Detail View : Show and allow editing of printer metadata. This will be implemented through the use of a navigation controller.

b. Persistence:

- NSUserDefaults
 - To be used for storing printer configurations locally (See PrinterConfig in Data Models)
- Remote Web-based API - Accessing Printer(s)
 - Used for communicating with printer, API data will reflect target and current states, will be serialized into Swift objects (See Data Models)

c. Background tasks off the Main Thread:

- Poll for Printer State in Background
 - Update temperature, camera feed, and printer status continually to ensure quick response as user browses the app.

d. Custom views/images

- MJPEG Camera stream, live feed from 3D Printer Bed
(<https://github.com/freedom27/MjpegStreamingKit>)
- Reusable UIViews, also allows for easier importing data from models
Ex:
 - TemperatureView for repeatedly shown Temperature Data
 - BasicAuthView for repeatedly used Authentication Input
 - MJPEGCameraStreamView to wrap camera streaming and loading symbol together for easy reuse
- e. Physical Sensing such as Acceleration or GPS
 - Not as applicable for this type of app.

4) Basic Data Models

4.1) Local Data Models

- PrinterConfig
 - Stored Locally on Device
 - Properties:
 - (URL) : Printer Address
 - (CameraConfig) : Camera Config
 - (BasicAuthentication?) : Printer HTTP Basic Auth
 - (PrinterAuthentication?) : Printer HTTP Access Control
- BasicAuthentication, only needed to get past wholly secured printers
 - Stored Locally on Device as part of PrinterConfig Object
 - Properties:
 - (String) : HTTP Basic Auth Username
 - (String) : HTTP Basic Auth Password
- PrinterAuthentication, only needed for certain privileged operations
 - Stored Locally on Device as part of PrinterConfig Object
 - Properties:
 - (String) : API Access Key
- CameraConfig, can be manually configured or use defaults
 - Stored Locally on Device as part of PrinterConfig Object
 - Will initially be identical to printer auth
 - Properties:
 - (URL) : Camera Address
 - (BasicAuthentication?) : Camera HTTP Basic Auth

4.2) Remote Data Models

- CurrentPrinterState, shows current status of a tool
 - Stored remotely on Printer, Serialized from JSON to Swift Data Model
 - Fetched on regular interval, and sends global notification on change
 - Properties:
 - ([TemperatureData]) : Tool Temperature Data
 - (String) : Current State of Printer
 - (JobState?) : Current State of Print Job, if Printing/Paused
 - Methods:
 - (Void) : reloadData() : reloads state from printer, to be called from background tasks off the main thread
- TemperatureData, shows current temperature of a tool
 - Properties:
 - (String) : Tool Name
 - (Double) : Actual/Current Temperature
 - (Double) : Target Temperature
- JobState, shows current status of a print job

- Properties:
 - (String) : File Name
 - (Int) : Print Time Spent
 - (Int) : Estimated Print Time Left
 - (Double) : Estimated Percent Complete
- PrintableModels, shows printable models
 - Stored remotely on Printer, Serialized from JSON to Swift Data Model
 - Properties:
 - ([PrintableFileData]) : Files
 - Methods:
 - (Void) : reloadData() : reloads files from printer
- PrintableModelData, shows printable model
 - Properties:
 - (String) : Name
 - (String) : Path
 - (String) : Location
 - (String) : File Type
 - (Integer) : Size (bytes)
 - (Integer) : Upload Date (UNIX timestamp)
 - Methods:
 - (Void) : print() : Selects and begins printing the file

Links:

<https://github.com/freedom27/MjpegStreamingKit>

<http://docs.octoprint.org/en/master/api/printer.html#retrieve-the-current-printer-state>

<http://docs.octoprint.org/en/master/api/datamodel.html#temperature-data>

<http://docs.octoprint.org/en/master/api/datamodel.html#job-information>

<http://docs.octoprint.org/en/master/api/files.html#retrieve-all-files>

<http://docs.octoprint.org/en/master/api/files.html#issue-a-file-command>