

Report of Assignment 2: ISDN 5300

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This is a design to reconstruct a 3D version of Google Icon, as in Fig.1. There are six letters in total. Two Gs share same generation module. E and L have overlapping functions. Two Os share one generation module.

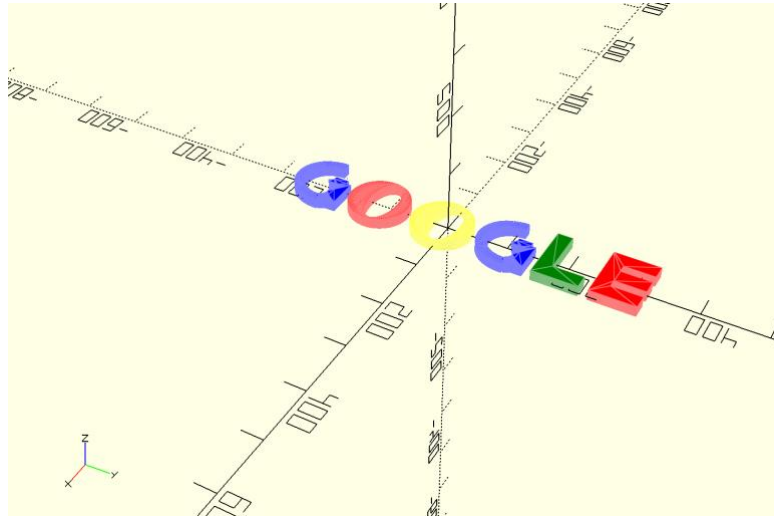


Fig 1. Google Icon

The letters are all created initially into a 2D polygon containing multiple polylines (curves) in x-y plane. To start with 2D polygon, it is convenient to generate Bézier curves with fixed planes (x-y plane). And then by using Linear_extrude function, the letters increase in Z direction and become 3D objects.

The model supports different preset parameters, e.g. `t_step` could be changed to see a smooth/jaggy Bézier curve shape of G letter (Fig 2); Thickness could be changed to update the height of the six letters on Z axis. `Curve_width` could be used to support the width of each wings of G, L and E. But be careful of changing the `curve_width` variable, shape could be twisted.



Fig 2. Curve for Letter G of different steps.

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The work is finished with amount of reference from a list of OpenSCAD tutorials, manuals, books and social media, including:

- [1] OpenScad beginners tutorial: https://edutechwiki.unige.ch/en/OpenScad_beginners_tutorial.
- [2] OpenSCAD User Manual: https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/OpenSCAD_User_Manual.
- [3] Justin Gohde, and Marius Kintel. Programming with OpenSCAD. No Starch Press, 2021.
- [4] Animating With OpenSCAD: <https://www.instructables.com/Animating-with-OpenSCAD>.
- [5] Reddit group: <https://www.reddit.com/r/openscad/>.
- [6] Twitter: <https://twitter.com/openscad>.
- [7] Github: <https://github.com/OskarLinde/scad-utils>.
- [8] Github: <https://github.com/chrisppen/gears>.