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3D Printing Trends

and how to make the business case

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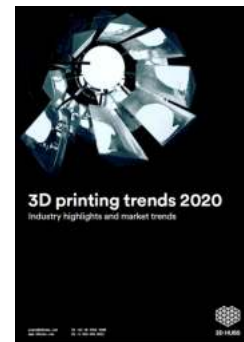
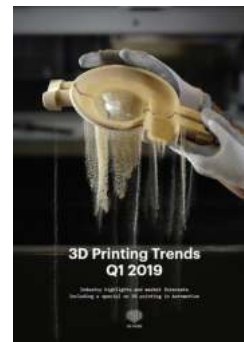
Hello! I'm Alkaios



ADDITIVIST



- 2011 : First contact with 3D printing through studies and hobby
- 2014 : PhD in Additive Manufacturing & Printed Electronics
- 2017 : Expert content on Digital Manufacturing
- Sep 2019 : Freelance consulting
- Jan 2019 : Entrepreneur in residence





*How many of you are currently using
3D printing in a professional setting?*

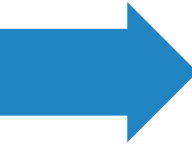


*How many of you have used professionally
a 3D printing process other than FDM/
FFF?*



*How many of you finding difficult to pitch
3D printing to your boss?*

Part 1



3D Printing Trends

Part 2



The Business Value of AM

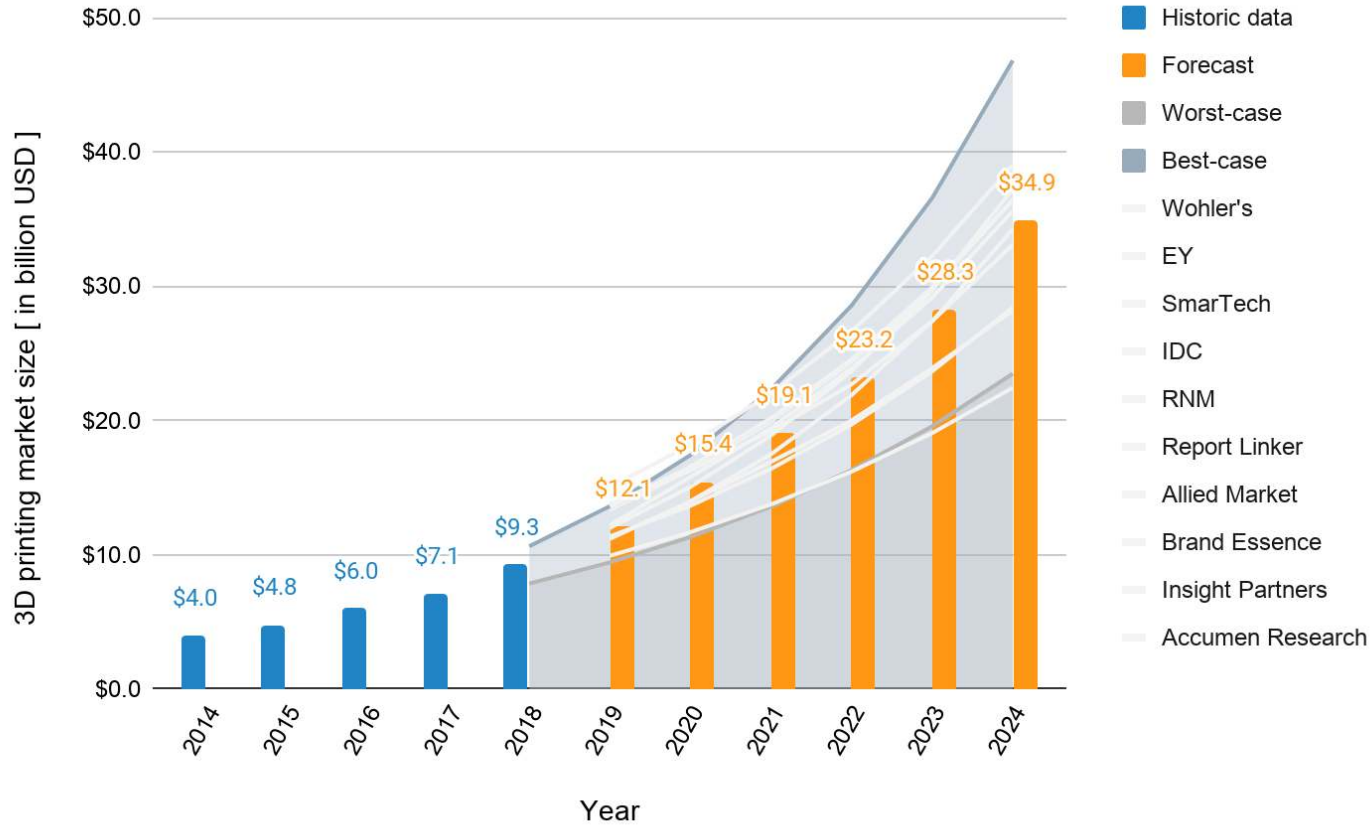
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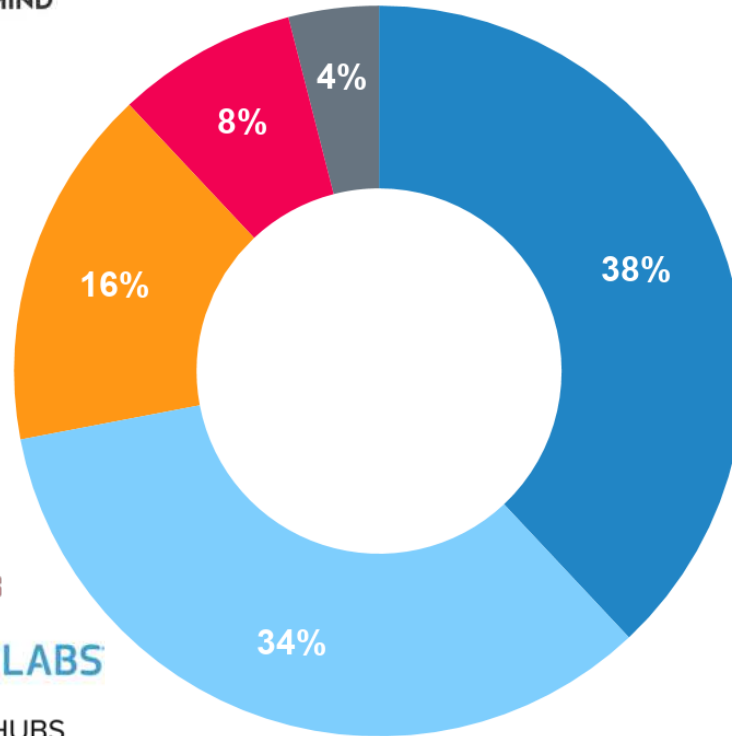
What is hot right now in the 3D printing industry

24%

is the forecasted average annual
growth of the 3D printing market
for the next 5 years



The 3D printing market size today



- System manufacturers
- Service providers
- Materials
- Software
- 3D scanning



Breakdown of 3D printing revenue by application

“Top line”



“Bottom line”

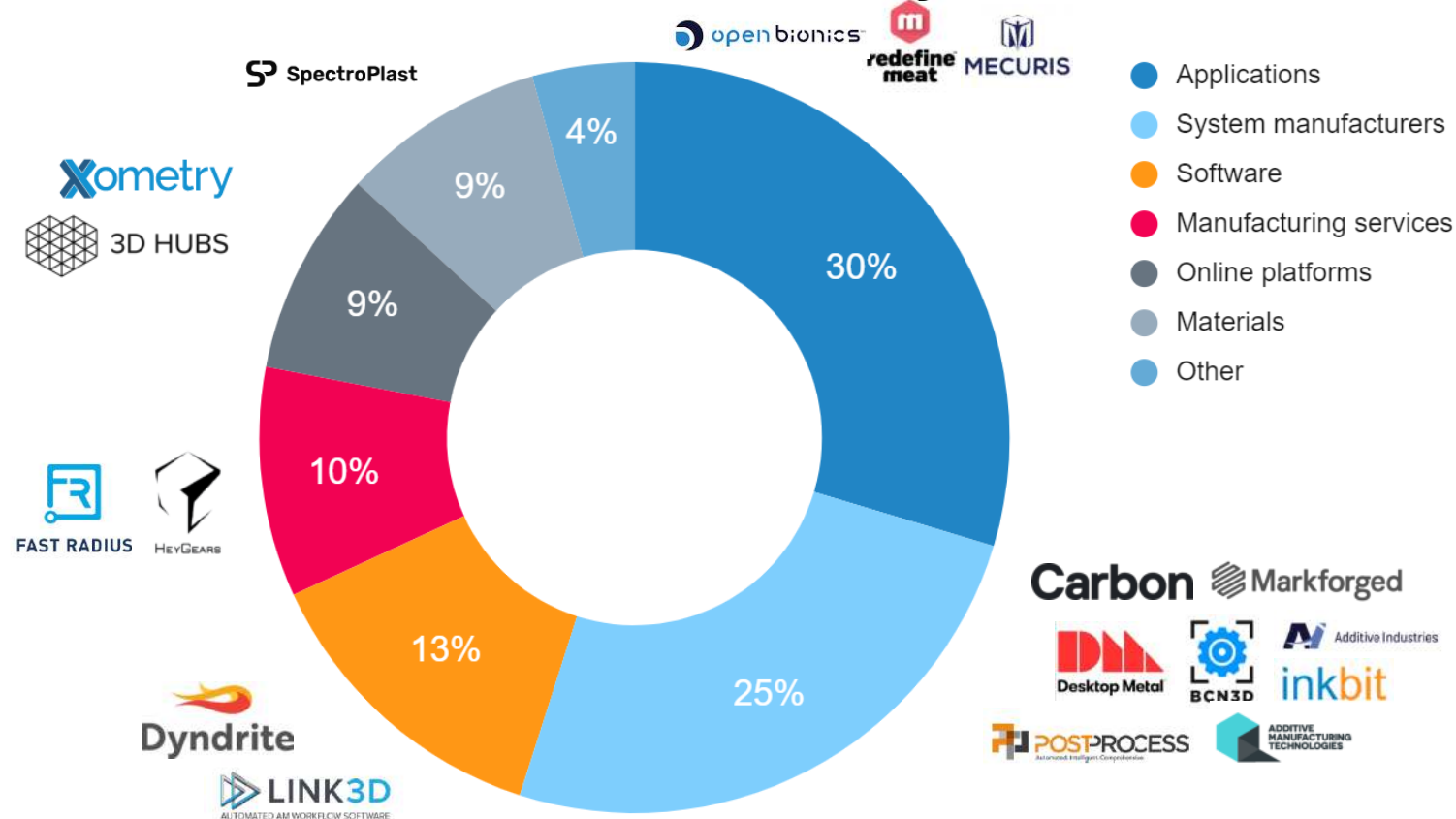


Revenue - Costs = Profit

\$1.1B+

was raised in 2019 alone by 3D printing companies. This is ~35% of the all time VC funding in the 3D printing industry.

Relativity Fitz



92 startups in total received funding in 2019

Fitz Frames USA, Very early stage

Custom, 3D printed eyewear for kids. Use an app to take biometric measurements to personalize the frame.

Fitz



Mecuris

Germany, Early stage

Individual, 3D printed
orthoses and prostheses.
Use 3D scan data to
personalize the prosthetic.
Customize the aesthetics of
the cover.



Relativity

USA, Late stage

Automated aerospace manufacturing platform. Uses AI to continuously optimize production. Promises to shrink production times from 24 to 2 months.

Relativity



Fast Radius ^{USA, Late stage}

Comprehensive additive manufacturing solutions. Combines latest AM technologies with robotics and expert applications consulting.



“We need more meaningful 3D printing applications”

- The CEO of practically every 3D printing company

Value of Applications



Value of AM systems



Align Technology ~\$21B



Align Technology uses 3D printed tools to create custom dental braces.



Carbon 3D ~\$1.7B

3D

Systems ~\$1.4B

Desktop Metal ~\$1.2B

Stratasys ~\$1.1B

Formlabs ~\$1.0B

EOS

~\$1.0B

Markforged ~\$1.0B

Current 3D printing market size ~11B

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THE VALUE OF AM

How to make the business case?

How to NOT implement 3D printing



Step 1. Convince yourself it is a good idea



Step 2. Invest in hardware you can afford



Step 3. Start looking for applications



Step 4. Realise the limitations of the system



Step 5. Move on or move away

“Top line”



“Bottom line”



$$\text{Revenue} - \text{Costs} = \text{Profit}$$



Add value to
your customers

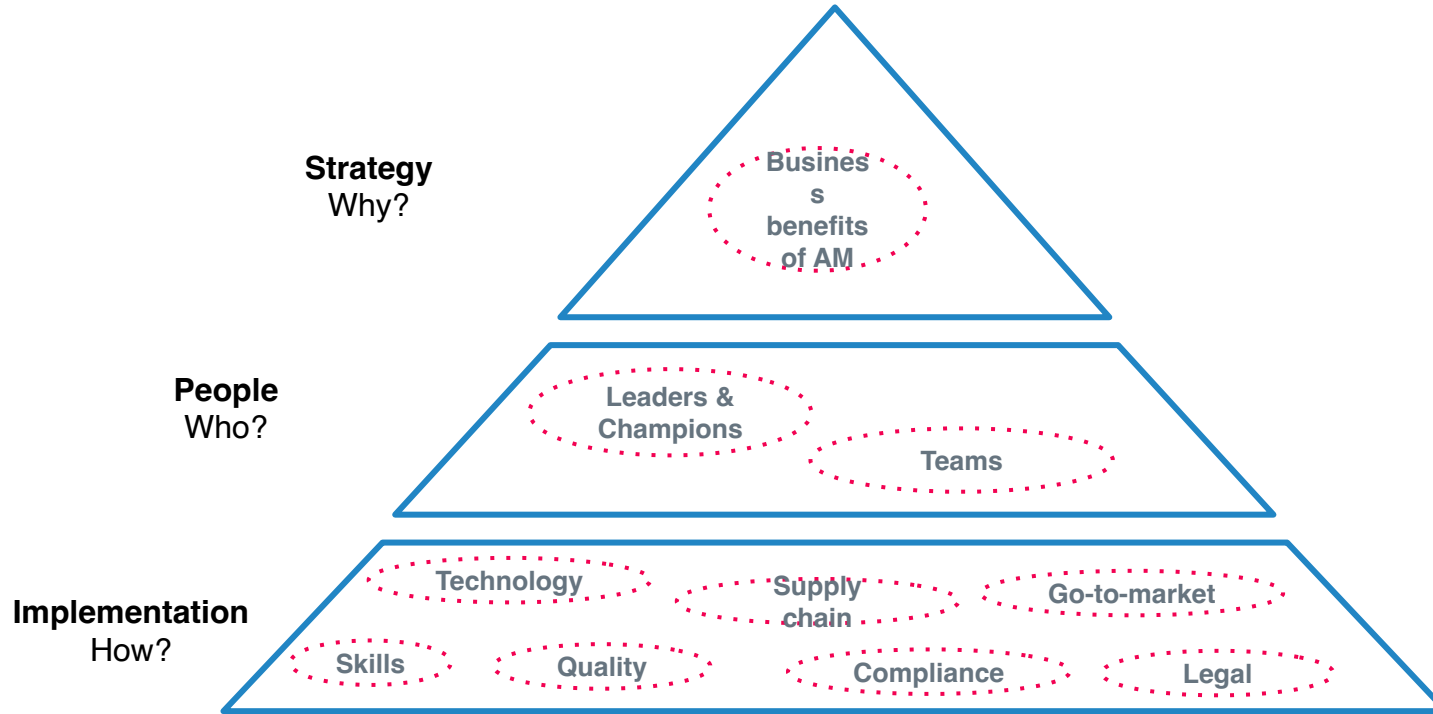


Increase efficiency
of your process



Maximize the return
of your investment

How to implement 3D printing in your business

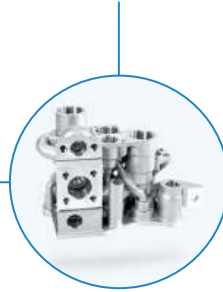


Examples used today in the industry

Prototyping
Increased speed of R&D



Optimized parts
Higher performance



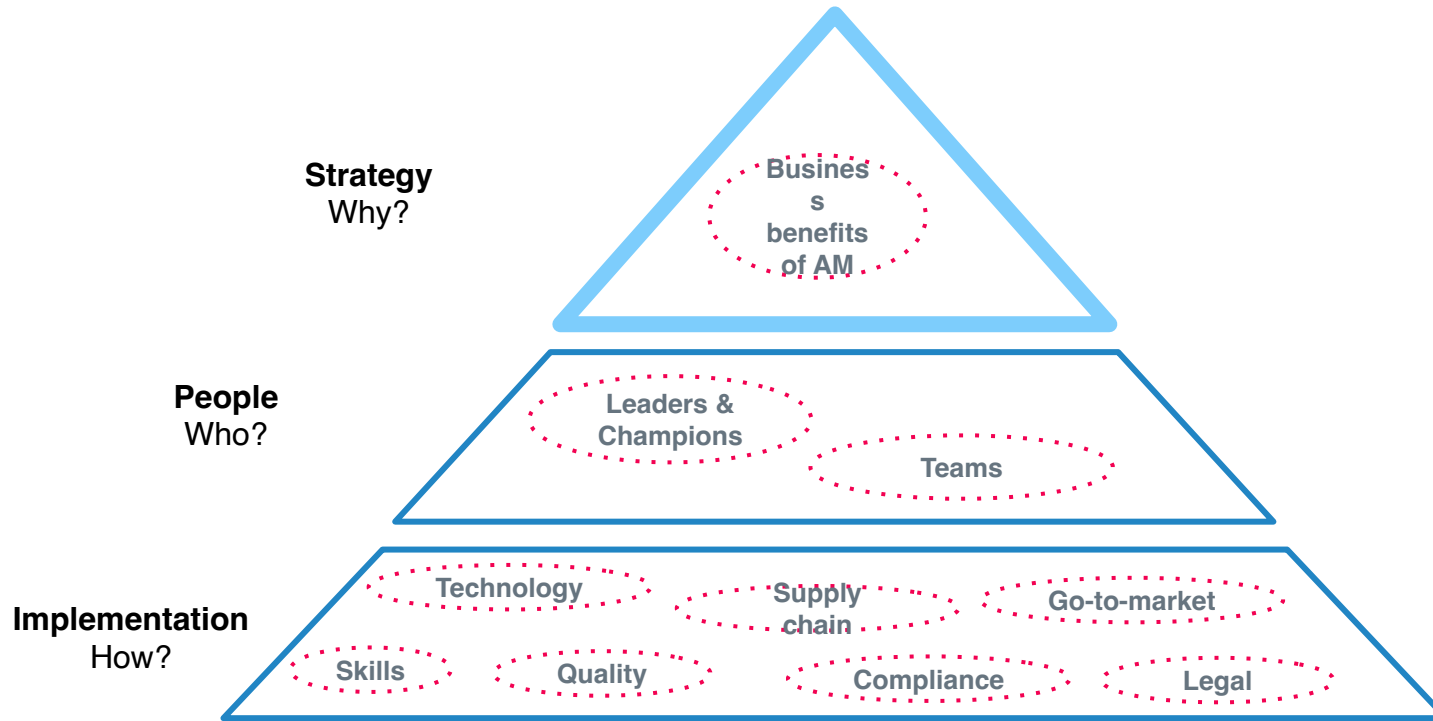
Spare parts
Decreased inventory cost



Custom tooling
Streamlined operations



Let's dive a bit deeper...



Why should you do it?

Improved
Customer Service
& Engagement

Streamlined & Lean
Supply Chains

Advanced
& High-performance
Products

Lean & Efficient
Production Methods

 **↑ Revenue**

 **↓ Costs**

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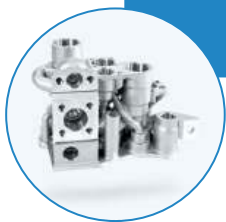
- ❑ Product Personalization
- ❑ Product Customization
- ❑ Product Co-Design
- ❑ Point-of-Sale Experience
- ❑ Spare Parts on Demand
- ❑ Repairs on Demand

Is the new service 5-10x better?

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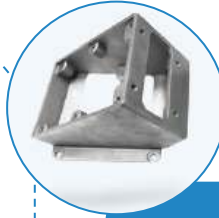


- ☐ Topology Optimization
- ☐ High Performance Material
- ☐ Designed Material Properties
- ☐ Low-maintenance
Assemblies
- ☐ New Styles & Aesthetics
- ☐ Embedded Functionality

Is the new product 5-10x better?

Why should you do it?

- ❑ Part Consolidation
- ❑ Lower Supplier Barrier
- ❑ Reduced Supplier Tooling
- ❑ Reduced Supplier Inventory
- ❑ Process Consolidation
- ❑ Local Manufacturing



Streamlined & Lean
Supply Chains



Is the new process 5-10x better?

Why should you do it?

- ❑ Reduced Defects
- ❑ Reduced Overproduction
- ❑ Reduced Waiting
- ❑ Reduced Transportation
- ❑ Reduced Inventory
- ❑ Reduced Motion
- ❑ Reduced Excess Processing

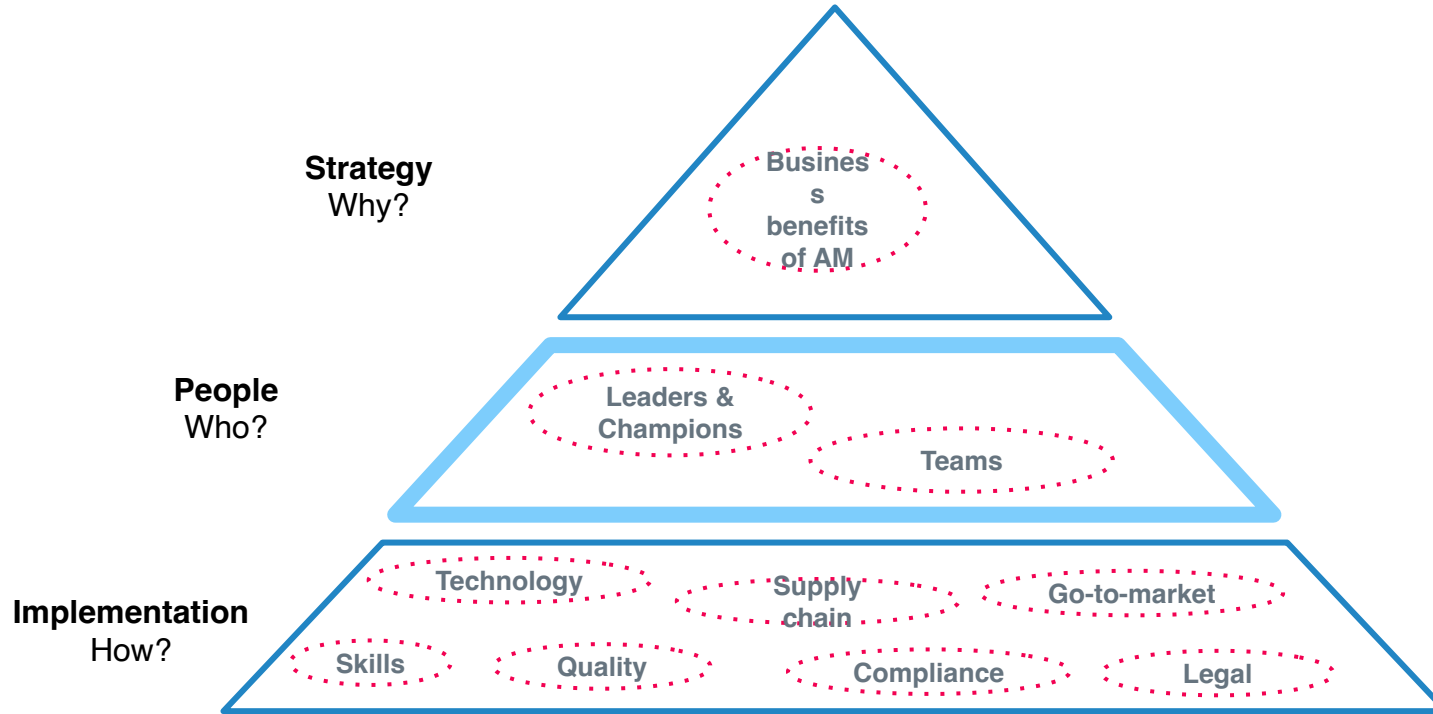
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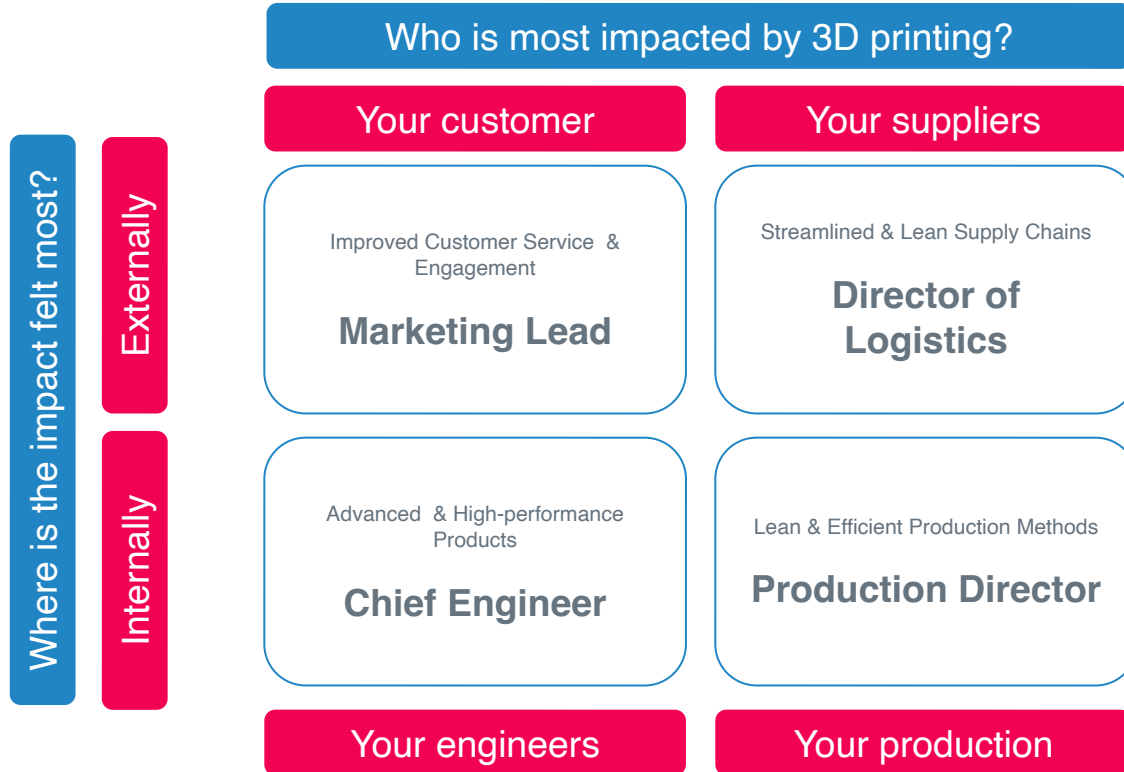
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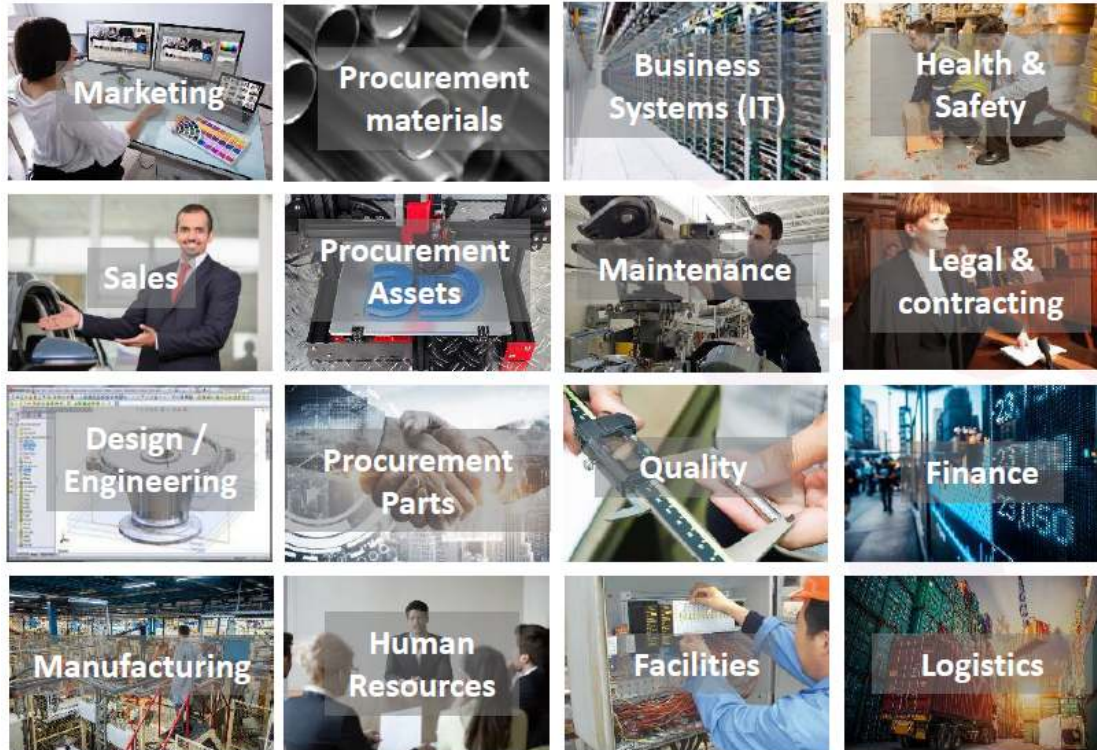
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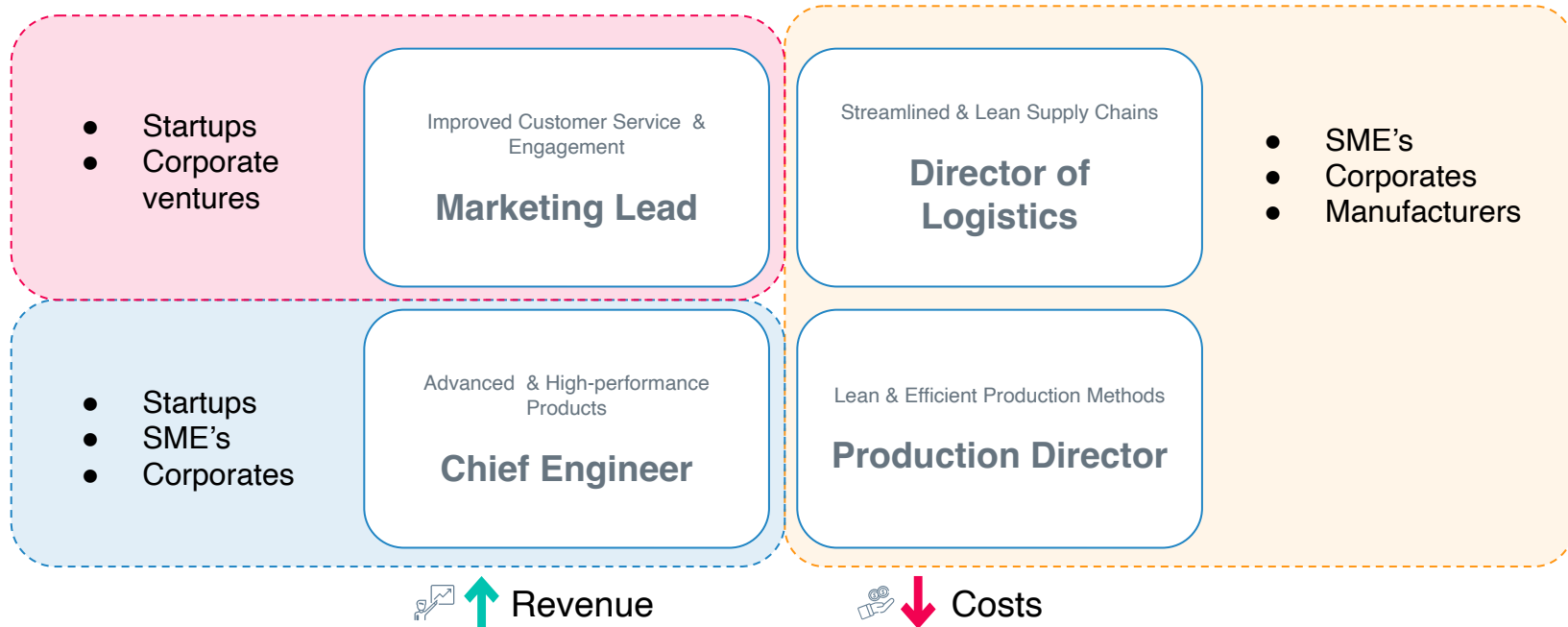
Who should lead the project?



Who should join the team?



Where should you start?



If we assume there are no technology restrictions...

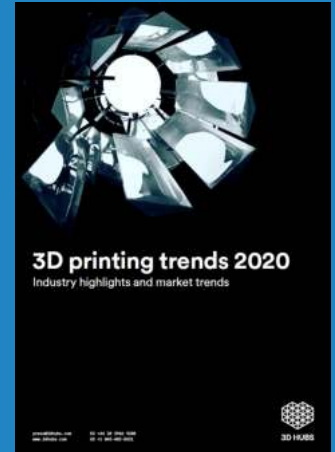
How would you use
3D printing to improve your
business today?

Thank you!

Any questions?

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