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SHAPEWAYS' MESHMEDIC AUTOMATICALLY REPAIRS 3D PRINT FILES

*Save time and reduce the hassle when uploading 3D print files to Shapeways.com.
Another step forward in bringing 3D printing closer to non-3D designers!*

Eindhoven, the Netherlands (March 12, 2010) — Shapeways (www.Shapeways.com), the online marketplace that offers affordable access to the latest fabbing technologies, is delighted to announce the launch of **MeshMedic**.

Shapeways has taken a huge leap forward with the introduction of MeshMedic, a unique, completely automated, free of charge, 3D printing file repair system. MeshMedic will repair the most common problems (like holes, non-manifolds and inverted normals) in file uploads. MeshMedic makes designing for 3D printing much easier by taking this burden away from the designer and solving the file upload problems automatically, saving lots of time.

Early test results have shown Shapeways' MeshMedic can currently repair approximately 70% of the upload issues users encounter. It has never been easier for a designer to take any design, upload it to Shapeways and turn it into a physical object.

MeshMedic works with STL, X3D or Collada files. Even better, results show that Rhinoceros users can finally upload their models in STL format to Shapeways directly without the need for any additional steps. This results in a significant time reduction in preparing a 3D model for printing.

“Modelling for 3D printing can be quite challenging,” says Peter Weijmarshausen, CEO of Shapeways. “Shapeways’ MeshMedic makes it a lot easier; another step in making 3D printing accessible and fun for everybody.”

About Shapeways

Shapeways is an online marketplace where consumers can create a wide range of customized, affordable products, from personalized cufflinks and jewelry to puzzles, home décor and more. As a leading marketplace for unique printed items, Shapeways’ latest 3D printing technology allows consumers to co-create, print and buy custom-made products.

The personalized designs found on Shapeways have been created by a diverse community of artists and enthusiasts, who engage in everything from collaborative creation to selling their 3D designs as products through the unique Shapeways Shops, an international marketplace for consumer created 3D printed products. As the Shapeways community continues to grow, more and more one-of-a-kind designs become available to consumers.

Shapeways is a venture spinning out from the Lifestyle Incubator of Royal Philips Electronics,

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