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NEW SHAPEWAYS ADD-IN allows SolidWORKS users TO Seamlessly 3D PRINT DESIGNS AT [SHAPEWAYS.COM](http://www.shapeways.com)

Now, SolidWorks Users Can Easily Upload Designs

To Shapeways.com with Just a Click of a Button

Eindhoven, The Netherlands – June 21, 2010 — [Shapeways](http://www.shapeways.com), the online marketplace that offers affordable access to the latest 3D printing technologies, launches today together with Design Solutions a special Shapeways add-in that enables users of SolidWorks 3D mechanical CAD (MCAD) software to easily bring their designs to life as 3D objects. Using the Shapeways tool, SolidWorks users can upload a design directly to www.Shapeways.com with just a click of a button and then opt to 3D print it in a number of materials currently offered by Shapeways, including stainless steel, glass, full color sandstone and a variety of durable plastics.

SolidWorks users simply go to www.designsolutions.nl/shapeways: 1) Install the Shapeways add-in, 2) Open a model in SolidWorks, 3) Login to Shapeways (first-time Shapeways users will need to create a Shapeways account), and 4) Save to Shapeways. This will automatically convert the model to STL format and upload it to “My Designs” in the user’s Shapeways account. The tool will also prompt users to enter any tags, provide a description and select whether the model is for sale or display only.

“At Shapeways, we are always looking for new tools that allow our community members—engineers, designers and other creative people—to make exactly what they want,” said Peter Weijmarshausen, CEO of Shapeways. “The Shapeways add-in makes it easier than ever before for SolidWorks users to turn their 3D designs into physical objects.”

SolidWorks users can download the Shapeways add-in for free from the Design Solutions website at www.designsolutions.nl/shapeways. Like other add-ins, the Shapeways add-in is easy to install and only needs to be downloaded once (2MB). After download, Shapeways is added as a tool and SolidWorks users have the option to add it to their title bar.

The Shapeways add-in launches in Beta. Another version will be introduced in approximately 30 days.

Additional information can be found at: <http://www.shapeways.com/blog/archives/484-SolidWorks-Add-in-to-Upload-Directly-to-Shapeways.html>

About Design Solutions

Design Solutions helps companies to design better products in a shorter time by implementing IT solutions for design and engineering. Design Solutions does by implementing the software suite of SolidWorks, which includes 3D design, simulation, documentation and data

management. The added value of Design Solutions to its customers will improve their processes and reduce the time-to-market.

Design Solutions has a proven track record and well over 1200 customers in the Benelux region. Design Solutions has two offices in the Netherlands and Belgium.

For more information: www.designsolutions.nl

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 allows consumers to co-create, print and buy custom-made products.

The personalized products found on Shapeways have been created by a diverse community of artists and enthusiasts, who engage in everything from collaborative creation to selling their designs as products through the unique Shapeways Shops, an international marketplace. 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, located in Eindhoven, The Netherlands.

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