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The Digital Shape or... Mind the Gap Reloaded!

Lecture VI Digital 3D Object Models

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3D Models

- **3D Modeling** is the process of mathematically representing the **surface** of an object in 3D.
- A 3D model represents a 3D object using a collection of points connected by various geometrical entities such as
 - lines
 - triangles
 - curved surface patches
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- A 3D model can be created
 - by hand
 - algorithmically (procedural modeling)
 - by scanning

Application Areas

- Movie industry
- Video games industry
- Medical industry
- Molecular biology
- Mechanical engineering
- Geography
- Industrial Design
- architecture
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Movie Industry

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Video Games

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Digital Terrain Modeling









Representation

Solid

- Define volume
- More realistic but difficult to build
- Mostly used in medical and engineering simulations
- Based on constructive solid geometry
- Shell/Boundary
 - Define surface not the volume
 - Infinitesimally thin shell
 - Film and video industry, industrial design, architecture, GIS
 - Based mostly on polygonal meshing, NURBS

Processes & Techniques

- Polygonal meshing
- **O NURBS**
- Splines & Patches
- O Primitives modeling
- Sculpting
- Solid geometry
- Implicit surfaces
- Subdivision surfaces



3D Software

Yet to come!