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Project Title

Constructing a 3D Printer from Scratch

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

My objective is to construct a working 3D printer without using a pre-assembled kit.

Methods/Materials

3D Printer assembled from parts from multiple sources, including homemade. Laptop, Repetier-Host and Repetier-Firmware, freeware 3D printer software developed by Repetier.

Regults

I was successfully able to construct and program a 3D printer constructed fully from scratch.

Conclusions/Discussion

I realized that it is fully possible for someone my age to assemble complex systems. However, there are also many improvements that I would make if the experiment were done again.

Summary Statement

3D printer constructed entirely from scratch.

Help Received

My father helped me to cut the wood and metal rods, and taught me how to solder. Various users of the #Reprap Freenode IRC Chatroom, helped me to program the 3D printer.