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# **RESOLUTION IN THE 3D MODELING OF OBJECTS FOR ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING AND REVERSE ENGINEERING – SHUTTER EFFECT**

#### Abstract

This article presents a proportional relationship between Shutter and the value of the resolution scanning system that allows decision making for modeling 3D parts used in reverse engineering and additive manufacturing. As a first step, the object of interest is treated to dim excessive brightness, then the object is scanned (by point cloud or mesh) with the use of a Handyscan 700 scanner. The point cloud is processed with the Geomagic software Desing X to generate a CAD image and a ".stl" file for 3D printing.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

During the development of a new product, it is necessary to carry out a systematic analysis of the ideal manufacturing technique that will best adapt to the needs and budget of the customer (Akhmet & Fen, 2016; Ruan et al., 2016; Babel, Sawicki & Gasiorowski, 2021; Rojo, Bonilla & Masaquiza, 2018; Lan et al., 2018). The current demand for quality and low cost products has lead us into a new industrial revolution for manufacturing (Herrmann, 2002; Pedroza, 2018), where computer-aided design, CAD, software plays an important role in the design process. In the last three decades, the world has witnessed a digital transformation of every aspect of life and society. There exists a multitude of examples regarding this change: CAD, CAM, CAE systems, TDT, magnetic resonance, TAC, 3D ultrasound, etc (Bilal et al., 2020; Gonzalo, Sandra & Rodrigo, 2020). 3D scanning is among these techniques, which consists of capturing geometric information of a physical object by means of large capacity data acquisition tools such as laser scanners, optical digitizers, probes, contact arms, coordinate-measuring machines and computerized axial tomography scanners

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(Babel, Sawicki & Gasiorowski, 2021; Li, 2001). A 3D scanner can be defined as a device that analyses a real-world object or environment to collect data on its shape and possibly its appearance. The collected data can then be used to construct digital 3D models (Saorín et al., 2017; Montusiewicz, Czyz & Kayumov, 2015; Montusiewicz, Czyz & Kesik, 2015; Fines & Agah, 2008; Ojeda, Belete & Batista, 2014).

In this paper we establish a proportional relationship in the process of data acquisition, such that the data processing reduces the processing time during reverse engineering.

## 2. DEVELOPMENT

In this section, the process of digitization and CAD modeling of an object is presented.

#### 2.1. 3D Digitization

The first step in reverse engineering consists in capturing the object's geometry. This is done by means of a Handyscan scanner shown in Fig. 1. More specifications of this scanner are given in Table 1.



Fig. 1. Handyscan 700 scanner

The following procedure was considered for the scanner's manipulation: 1. Hamdyscan 700 position. When scanning the object of interest, it is important to keep a distance of 12 in from the object. The scanner has poka-yoke LED that indicates the correct distance. The scan is done until a homogenous point cloud is obtained as seen in Fig 2.



Fig. 2. Distance poka-yoke