designers need high level languages that support rapid prototyping

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designers sketch ("thinking with a pencil") so CAD tools should support sketching <u>AND</u> understand the drawing



















## furniture factory (yeonjoo oh)

## flatCAD (gabe johnson)



















posey (michael weller) hub-and-strut geometry construction kit that senses connections and angles



## roBlocks (eric schweikardt)

sensors: light, sounds, touch, knob, ... actuators: tread, twisty, display, ... operators: average, min, threshold, ...

the robot is the program

many different tools don't communicate well work at a low (hardware-specific) level

arduino, wiring, processing, MaxMSP, IC, PBASIC, ... Eagle, ExpressPCB, ... SolidWorks, Maya, Rhino, ...

leads to getting lost in uninteresting detail

assembler high level languages higher level languages very high level languages domain oriented languages

different languages are good for different things. some are better than others for prototyping. this is not entirely a matter of taste. compilers take high-level description of desired behavior and generate implementation in a specific technology

> C compiler silicon compiler mechanical compiler? mechatronic compiler?

<u>sketchy languages:</u> very quick and low-cost exploring no/low overhead

<u>challenges:</u> how to describe what you want? integrated mechatronic and software designs designing for 10, 10<sup>2</sup>, 10<sup>3</sup> supporting debugging