

Sketching @ Scale

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High volume consumer
electronics products

Broad background in product
management, development,
manufacturing, and operations

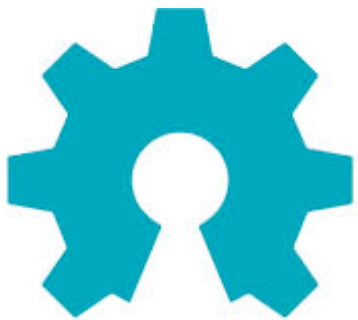
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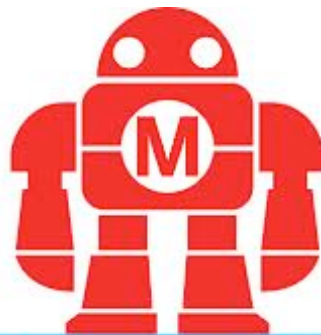
We've been talking about

KICKSTARTER

MakerBot



open source
hardware



Maker Faire



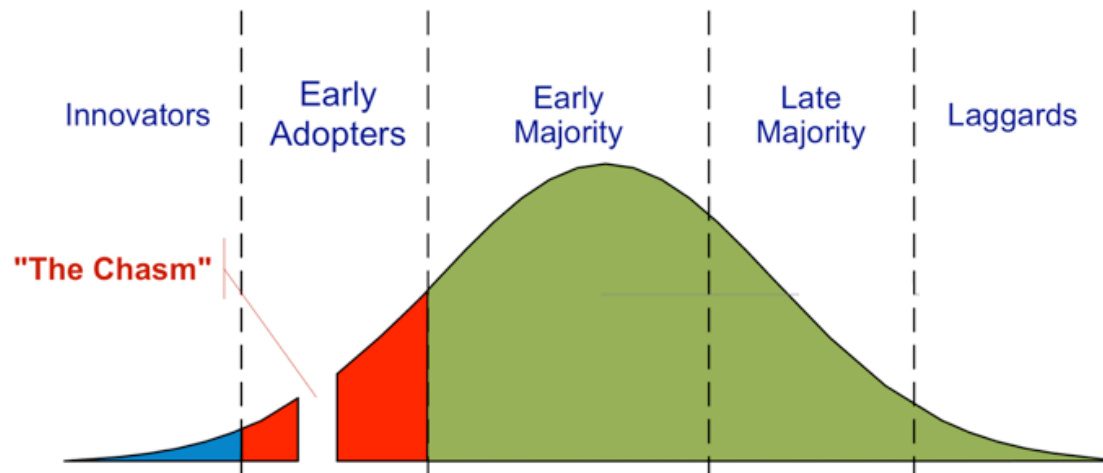
ARDUINO



LEMNOS Labs

github
SOCIAL CODING

Democratizing Innovation



Fundamentally all those tools help lower the cost/risk of innovation

Make it easier for more people to conceive of and deliver products at low volume

But scaling is still hard



What is it like at scale?



Product Innovations

New product category

New price point

New brand



Business Innovations

Extreme focus on agility

Customized products

JIT Production/Development

Balanced US/China design philosophy



Flip Partner Ecosystem

Processes

Design / Consultancies

Manufacture / Chicony & Hon Hai

Accessories / PCH

Distribution / Banta

Retail / Amazon & Best Buy

Technologies

DSP / Zoran

Memory / Samsung

Sensors / Aptina

Lenses / Sunex

Displays / Sharp

Perhaps 100,000 people actually worked on Flip!

This is how scale works

The entire ecosystem was needed to deliver Flip

The entire ecosystem needed to believe in Flip

The entire ecosystem needed to invest in Flip

The entire ecosystem needed to profit from Flip

A brand for our consumers and a vision for our partners

Advantages of Scale

Scale (\$) attracts and motivates the partners

Scale (\$) allows investment in unique process & tech

So consumer electronics will remain a scale business



Haier

Panasonic

Can this change?

Maybe it doesn't need to



Maybe there are markets where it doesn't have to



Maybe new ways to form ecosystems can emerge





MIND THE GAP