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# Autodesk Inventor – A Beginner's Guide (as fast as possible)

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## About the speaker

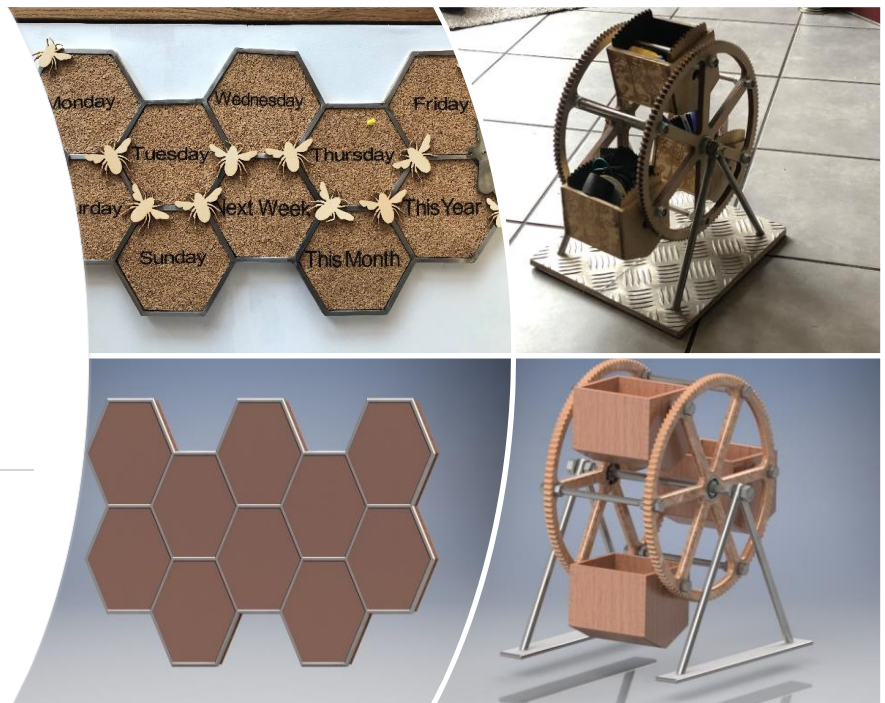
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## The Design Course

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## Learning Objectives

1

Know how parts and assemblies work together.

2

Develop skills in sketching

3

Develop skills in creating and modifying features.

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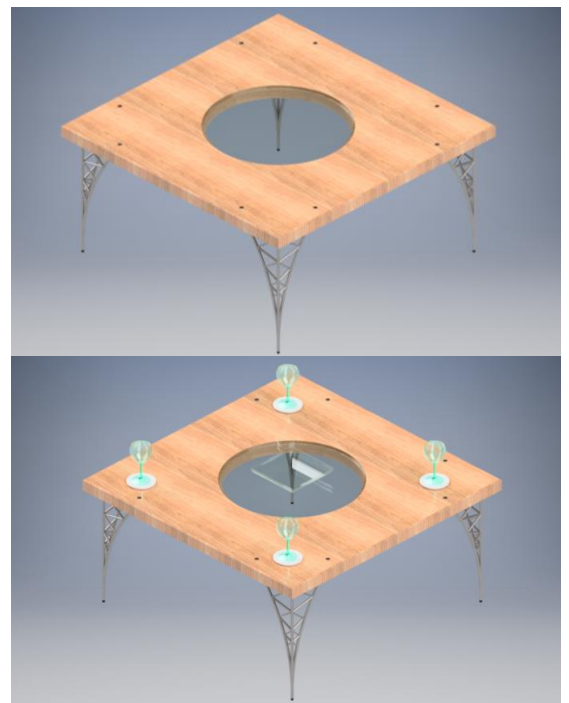
Understand how constraints work

## Dataset & Handout

On the Class Page you will find the dataset to download.  
Download then extract to C:\\ Drive

You can also download the handout which will contain  
further details and images as well as extension tasks,  
links and more.

The relevant files and handout pages will be highlighted  
for each exercise.



## Compliance

As said earlier – I am a student.

This means I use an Autodesk Educational License.

In respect of compliance and the license terms, the files provided in the dataset are only to be used for this class.

Non-Compliance is taken seriously, so delete the dataset once you are finished. Any files you created are fine to keep as long as they don't contain any files belonging to the dataset.

It is also for this reason that I am not following the standard extract location like you would see with other Autodesk University Classes.

## Class Q&A

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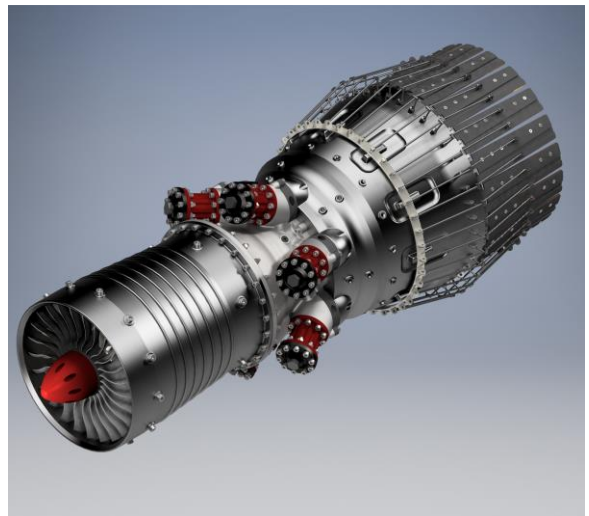


## Welcome to Inventor

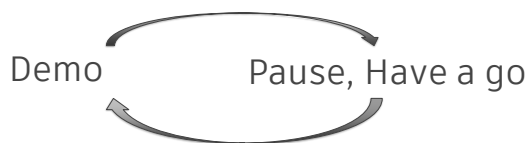
WHAT IS AUTODESK INVENTOR?

WHY DID I CREATE THIS CLASS?

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THIS CLASS?



## How this class will work



### EXERCISE 1

#### WINEGLASS

Getting used to Inventor  
 Launching the Part  
 Environment  
 Parametric Sketching  
 Revolve  
 Fillets

### EXERCISE 2

#### TABLETOP

Parametric Sketching  
 Parameters  
 Extrude  
 Hole  
 Patterns

### EXERCISE 2.2

#### TABLE ASSEMBLY

Launching the Assembly  
 Environment  
 Using the Place Command  
 Grounding Parts  
 Joints  
 Patterns  
 Assembly Modifications  
 Degrees of Freedom  
 Content Centre  
 Bolted Connections  
 Modelling in the Context of  
 an Assembly

### EXTENSION

#### MORE JOINTS & BONUS CONTENT

Parametric Sketching  
 Sweeps  
 Sharing Sketches  
 Surfaces  
 Split  
 Solids  
 Fillets

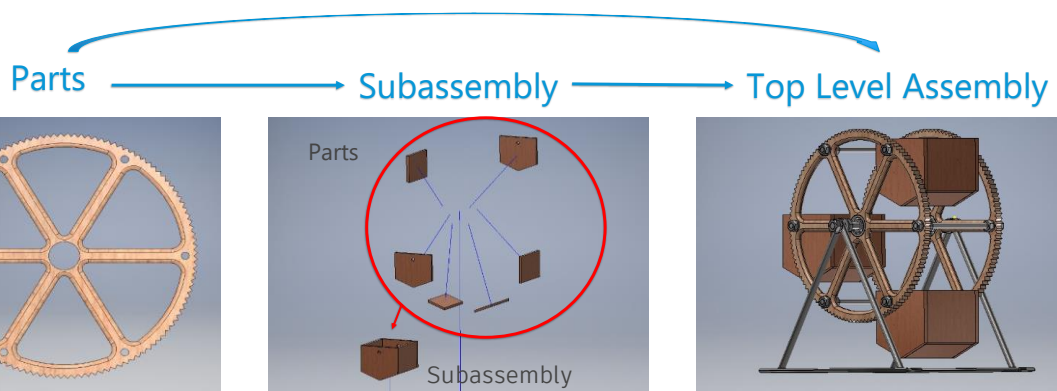
# Setup & Exercise 1

Handout Pages: 7-33

Relevant Dataset Files: C:\Inventor A Beginner's Guide (As  
Fast As Possible) - EDU463362-L\Exercise 1 -  
Wineglass\Staging Files

## Parts and Assemblies

What are Parts and Assemblies? What is a Subassembly?



## Exercise 1 – Modelling a Wineglass

Why model a Wineglass?

What will we cover in this exercise?

What should we have at the end?

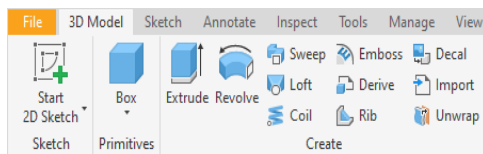


# Setup & Exercise 1 Demo

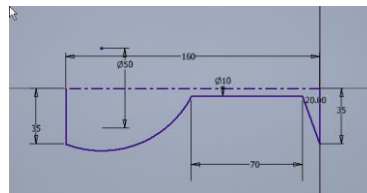
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## Exercise 1 – What did we learn?

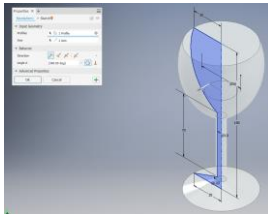
### INVENTOR PART GUI



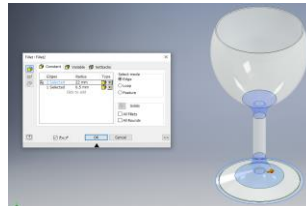
### PARAMETRIC SKETCHING



### REVOLVE



### MODIFYING SOLIDS



# Exercise 2

Handout Pages: 34-50

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Table\Staging Files\Table



## Exercise 2 – Modelling a Table

### The Main Project

Spread over Exercise 2 & Exercise 2.2

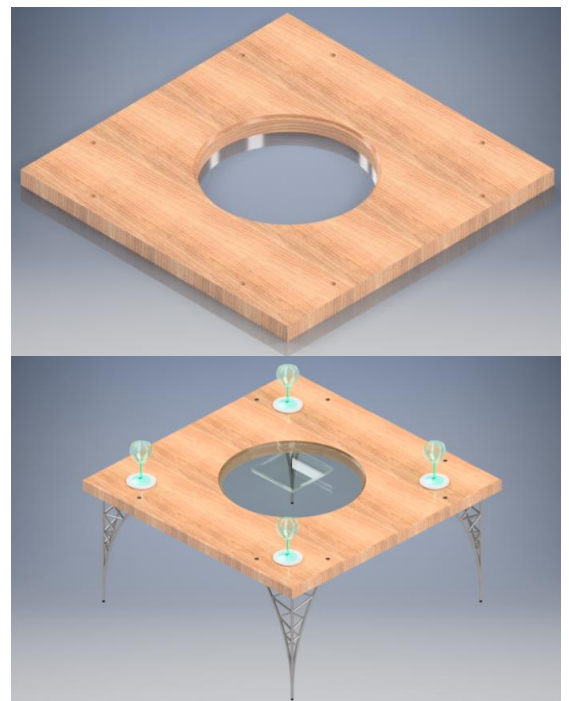
Exercise 2: Model the Table Top

Exercise 2.2: Building the Table with the files in the data set

Why model a Table?

What will we cover in this exercise?

What should we have at the end?

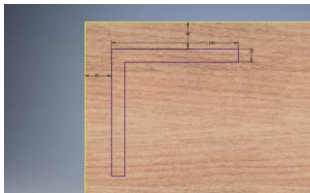


## Exercise 2 Demo

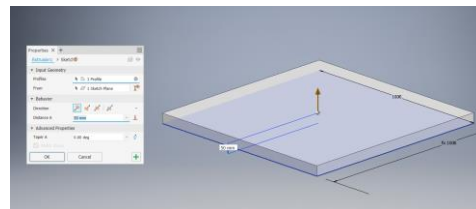
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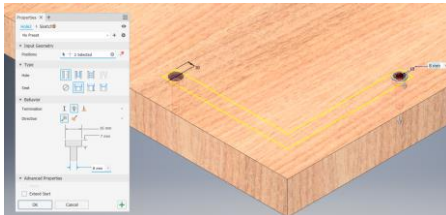
### PARAMETRIC SKETCHING



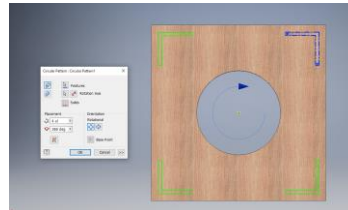
### EXTRUDING



### MODIFYING



### PATTERNS



# Exercise 2.2

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Relevant Dataset Files: C:\Inventor A Beginner's Guide (As Fast As Possible) - EDU463362-L\Exercise 2 - Table

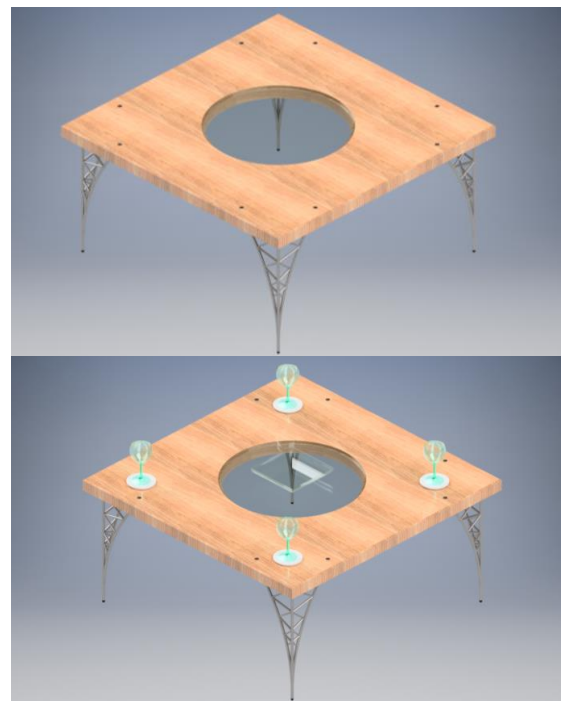
## Exercise 2.2 – Assembling the Table

Last exercise we made the tabletop, in this exercise we're going to build on it using files from the dataset.

What are we going to cover in this exercise?

Why are we covering these skills?

What should we have at the end?

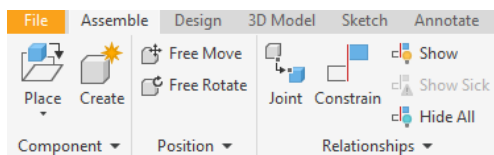


## Exercise 2.2 Demo

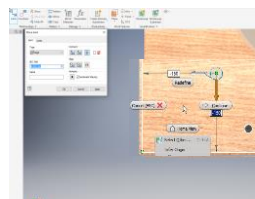
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## Exercise 2.2 – What did we learn?

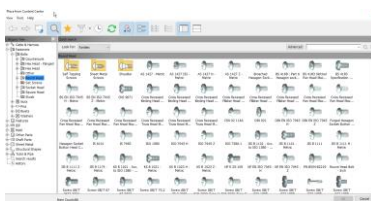
### INVENTOR ASSEMBLY GUI



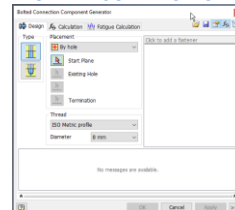
### JOINTS



### CONTENT CENTRE



### BOLTED CONNECTION

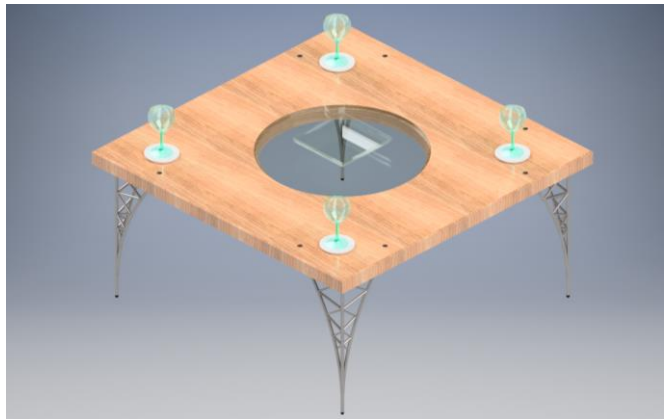


## Conclusion

How do you feel about 3D CAD now?

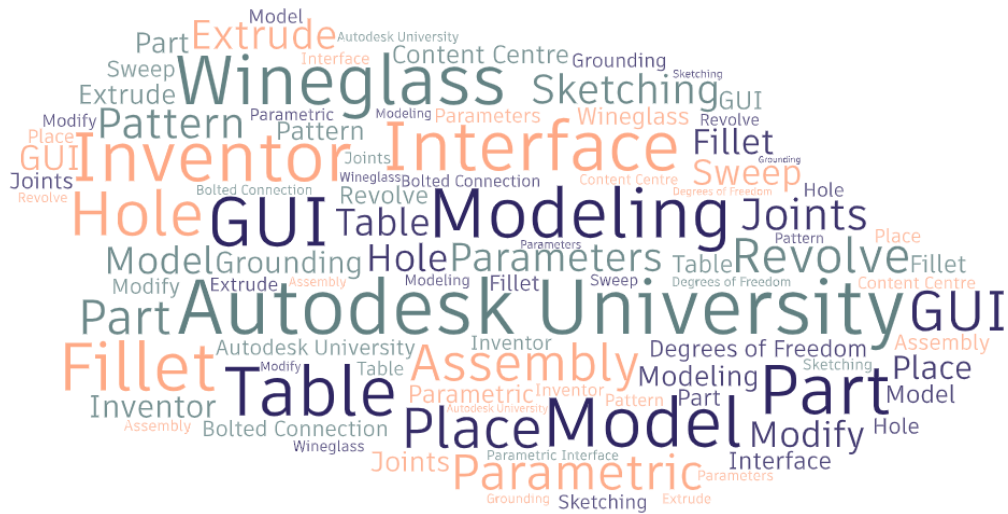
Is 3D CAD for you?

Where next?





## What Did We Achieve In This Class?



## Progression

### Where to go next?

Handout and Dataset – Extension Activities as well as Bonus Content

Further Exploration in to Inventor – More Parts & Assemblies as well as Drawings and Presentations.

Master the basics then move over to the Simulation, FEA, Weldments and Design Accelerators

Do another class on Inventor – There are many on the internet – they will cover similar things but with a different dataset.

Trial Expired? Try Fusion 360 – Free personal edition available with a similar environment to Inventor with everything you need for 3D Modelling.

Practice your modelling skills by modelling different things around you.

## Further Resources

In the handout:

Part 6 – Assembly Exercise 2 – Pages 74 – 86

Part 8 – Bonus Content – Pages 88 – 103

YouTube:

Inventor – TFI - <https://www.youtube.com/c/TFICADTips/featured>

Fusion 360 – Lars Christensen - <https://www.youtube.com/user/cadcamstuff>

Autodesk:

Autodesk Knowledge Network: <https://knowledge.autodesk.com/>

Inventor Forums - <https://forums.autodesk.com/t5/inventor/ct-p/70>

Fusion Forums - <https://forums.autodesk.com/t5/fusion-360/ct-p/1234>

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