# Deployable Rapid Prototyping System and Library

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### Deployed Robots (or in testing to be deployed)



### Common parts among manufacturers: close to ZERO

Why?: Because there is no incentive to make them common, and Lots of \$\$\$ reasons why not to make them common

- Effect to the USG: Logistic tail nightmare •Expensive parts
  - •Single vendor sourcing

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### Mission based "standard" parts set



### Importance of reducing the parts sets

- Fielded 3D printers can make the logistic tail worst if system is not strategically architectured.
- Containers have limited amount of storage place
- Depots and FOBs are already overflowing with replacement parts, for conventionally manufactured systems
- •We need to stop the avalanche of new parts before it happens, and more importantly there are a lot of advantages in doing so











## Advantages of "standard" parts sets

- Reduction of parts to be sourced, warehoused, shipped, maintained, trained, and decommissioned
- Exposes all costs to the DoD and the user.
- Harnesses the crowd-sourcing process to create systems that are useful to the deployed systems
- Open source "standard" parts sets components can be procured from a variety of sources.
- Shifts the determination of obsolescence to the DoD and away from the contractors
- Allows for smooth upgradability paths and provides incentives for successful designs to be upgraded (no logistic tail for contractors to live off)
- Allows for upgrades to happen independently and transparently from the designer.

### The life-cycle of a part (the O2 wrench)



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### **Motivation (DHS)**

### Problem Description

**The DHS wanted us to design a lower cost robot that will satisfy all of their missions.** "we are tired of buying \$200K robots, and not being able to use them for X, Y,Z reason"



No single robot will satisfy all their needs. And if we tried to compromise, the result is an expensive robot that it is not really good at anything.



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### Motivation (TATRC)

### Problem Description

The logistic tail of medical needs on the battlefield is a big driver of costs of missions . "we need to procure, ship, warehouse and inventory a never-ending set of relatively simple parts



The cost of many of these simple to 3D printed devices is largely driven by the logistic tail, not by the cost of the devices.

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## Motivation (SOCOM)

### Problem Description

We would like to use highly specialized antennas that will improve the covertness of our missions.

"there is an infinite variety of these things, they are a pain to manufacture, and we can not deploy them all"



Because the mission drives the shape of these devices, is hard to predetermine what to deploy.



## Custom 3D printed antenna design







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## Current state of the system

- Implemented front and back end for developers and users
- Implemented first cut at "public" feedback system
- Implemented first cut at standards parts list
- Created a set of models that follow the library concept
- Created a visual scripting language for software implementation
- Started developing end-to-end IP protection system



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Tossable All-terrain Stair-climbing Robot (TASR)

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#### Information

Title	Tossable All-terrain Stair-climbing Robot (TASR)				
eveloper	Robolic Research, LLC				
Part Type	Platform				
Description	Small wheeled robot that is capable of climbing stairs to access multi-level structures.				
Tags	wheels, stair, ground, camera, rocky				
Assembly Time	3 hours				
Print Time	24 hours				
Specifications	Width 19 inches				
	Run Time	3 hours on a single battery			
	Vehicle Speed	5 feet/second			
	Length	12 inches			
	Height	5 inches			
Parts	Medium Motor Module - High Torque				
	Medium Motor Module - Low Torque				
	Medium/Large Motor Controller Module				
	Camera Module				
	Wireless Module				
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	Medium Motor - Low Torque				
	Medium Robot Kit 1				
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Rating	****				
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Title	900 to 2600 MHz Antenna					
Developer	Robotic Research, LLC					
Part Type	Antenna					
Description	Small 3D printed antenna for use in the 900 to 2600 MHz range. This antenna is field tunable for optimal results.					
Tags	antenna, log-periodic, 2.4 GHz, 900 MHz					
Assembly Time	30 minutes					
Print Time	1 hour					
Specifications	Width	5.25 inches				
	Length	5 inches				
	Frequency Range	900 to 2400 MHz				
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Rating	****					
Price	Complete antenna with connector pre-soldered	\$TBD Add to cart				
	Antenna with connector. Requires soldering to connector.	\$TBD Add to cart				

#### Reviews











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## User frontend (cont...)

# Key words bring up a match



Title	Throwable Orientation Switching Robot (TOSR)					
Developer	Robotic Research, LLC					
Part Type	Platform					
Description	Small throwable robot that is capable of swapping orientation to provide a different camera viewing angle.					
Tags	wheels, throwable, ground, camera, rocky					
Assembly Time	2 hours					
Print Time	8 hours					
Run Time	3 hours on a single battery.					
Vehicle Specs.	Platform Length	12 inches				
	Vehicle Width	19 inches				
	Vehicle Height	5 inches				
	Tail Length	18 inches				
	Wheel Width	3 inches				
	Vehicle Speed	5 feet/second				
Parts List	Small Robot Parts Kit 1					
	Camera Kit 1					
	Payload Kit 1					
Software Required	Platform Controller OS 1.1	Motor Controller Identifier ver. 1.2				
Compatible Software	Platform Controller OS 1.0+	Motor Controller Identifier ver. 1.1+				
Compatible	TRAKR Off-Road					
TRAKR Sand						
Directions	HTML	PDF				
Training Links	Uploading Software	Driving Your Platform				
Rating	****					
Price	Printed Model - Includes only the 3D printed components.	\$200.00 USD Print 1				
	Purchase Hardware & Software - Includes only vehicle hardware (motors, controllers, etc.) and software. Does NOT include 3D printed components.	\$560.00 USD Purchase 1				
	Purchase Complete TOSR Kit - Includes all components necessary to make the TOSR platform and any necessary sotware.	\$1,000.00 USD Purchase 1				

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## **Detailed** images of Robot Selected



## STORE

### Key words bring up a different match

Alternate views of the item

Ground

Tracked

Wheeled

Air Water Parts



#### Reviews

modelmate88 3 days ago \*\*\*\*\*

Cool robot! Worked great for our Urban Search and Rescue tasks.

barsoompd 17 days ago \*\*\*\*\*

Great robot that allows us to search a space before sending officers in!

#### specops99 March 31st, 2013 \*\*\*\*

Platform works perfectly when searching areas with lots of rubble

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### **SAARP** Store - Security







## Steps Forwards:

- The problem:
  - Different agencies are creating separate efforts for AM (just at the CTMA: DLA, Navy, AF, etc).
  - They do not have a method for sharing and many reasons why not to share. They are going to repeat work without knowing.
  - Testing will be expensive and we do not want to waste \$ on duplicating efforts
  - No outside of group version control
  - No attribution to developer (look AF is using Navy parts)
  - No crowd sourcing of models (closed system and few contractors)
  - No combined cyber approach
  - No compatible non-3D-printed components
  - No means for private industry to make this profitable for industry
- The solution:
  - Use CTMA wide library of 3D printable parts (or other OTA) to create a government wide consortium repository probably run by non-profit (CTMA may be the perfect venue)
  - Use presented library to provide access to users across the gov to this CTMA instantiation
  - Provide private instantiation ("own stash") to stakeholders so as not to force sharing from the beginning.
  - Implement single cyber policy and TTPs designed for the complete group
  - Use CTMA to grow library components (either gov owned or not) using competitions and other means (War College, NPS, internal engineering, etc)
  - Use the library as a means for sharing version control, testing results, manufacturing instruction, assembly instructions)
  - Grow CTMA membership by asking developers to register as part of the CTMA.

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