

Printing Our Future

Exploration into the future of 3D printing
and the effects it will have on supply chain





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3D Reach

**What limitations exist on having
EVERYTHING that Americans use
originate from a 3D printer?**

In small groups (3 to 4 people) please discuss
limitations that you feel will prevent this from happening

If it did happen - limitations that will define how and where
printing will happen.





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Impact on Supply Chain

- If EVERYTHING is printed locally – either at a retail location or at home – where will raw materials be put into cartridges?
- What happens to the touches between raw materials and finished goods?
- What will happen to warehousing and waste? How about recycling?
- Next, what will happen to shipment volumes? What will the affect be on the logistics infrastructure?
- Will all of this really happen?

