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## The new trends in 3D Printing

*Sculpteo releases a new version of the “State of 3D Printing” for 2016*

**Sculpteo, the leader in online 3D printing, releases a second edition of an international study that runs a diagnostic on the state of 3D printing. The principal objective of Sculpteo’s 2016 State of 3D Printing report is to share the collection of data from participants in one global study. With that objective in mind, data is collected across the 3D Printing Industry to make an analysis on how businesses and individuals are using this cutting edge technology.**

### Spending on 3D Printing Continues to Rise

In this second [survey](#) of almost 1,000 respondents with professions ranging from food processing to aeronautics, the state of 3D printing shows that spending keeps increasing on 3D printing. Average budgets for 3D printing technology and services have increased to \$6,132 in 2016 from \$3,736 in 2015; respondents spending more than \$10,000 annually doubled to 10% in 2016 from 5% in 2015. 77% of respondents polled plan to increase spending on 3D prints in 2017. The expected increase is noted across several industries, supporting the fact that additive manufacturing is growing annually and in all sectors.

### Production drives growth

Accelerating the product development is a main concern for 26% of professionals using 3D Printing. The primary uses of 3D Printing are still at 50% prototyping and 30% proof of concept. For these uses, plastics are a suitable material, as they are affordable and fast-to-print. All uses included, plastics represent 73% of all prints, followed by Resins (26%), Metals (23%), Multicolor Sandstone (13%), and Ceramics (8%).

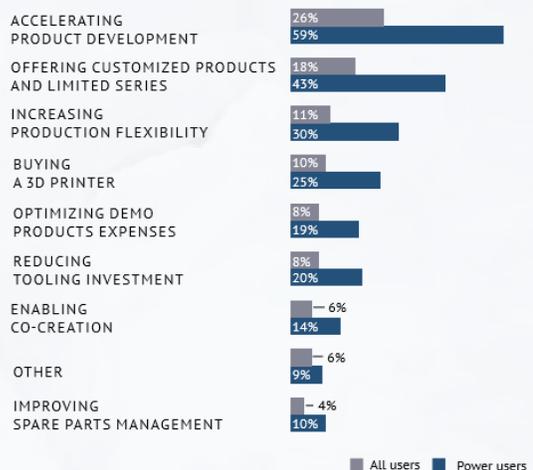
### Power Users of 3D Printing are now real

Power Users are more than twice as likely (59%) to rank accelerating product development as their top priority over non-power users (26%). Inside their department, professionals are always looking for investments that can achieve the best ROI. Almost all of 3D Printing power users consider **3D Printing as a competitive advantage** to their organizations (97%) and 61% Power Users have generated ROI from their 3D printing programs versus only 40% for non-power users.

### 3D Printing Permeates All Activities

Not only is 3D Printing being used in new ways in all sectors, but companies are also progressively integrating 3D Printing into their activities. Power Users are trained to handle different technologies and are integrating 3D printing as a solution across internal departments; among Power Users 64% say they have integrated 3D printing at least two of their programs versus 23% for non-power users.

Which is your top priority for your organization in 2016 ?



**3D Design is the Cornerstone of Development**

The power users share a common characteristic; they are securing the production of their 3D content for additive manufacturing. 93% of Power Users are the creators of their 3D files versus 84% of non-power users. Power users are significantly using more materials in their 3D Printing activities than regular users.

Access to the full survey: [www.sculpteo.com/en/get/report/state\\_of\\_3D\\_printing\\_2016](http://www.sculpteo.com/en/get/report/state_of_3D_printing_2016)

**About Sculpteo**

Sculpteo is an online 3D printing service based in San Francisco and Paris. They offer on-demand 3D printing of individual products as well as short-run manufacturing. They have 45 materials, colors, and finishes available, plus superior file analysis and repair. Their factories use only professional printers and provide fast turnaround with worldwide delivery. Sculpteo was founded in 2009 by Eric Carreel and Clément Moreau. For more information visit: [www.sculpteo.com](http://www.sculpteo.com)

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