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Type A Machines' Series 1 will be the first Open Source 3-D printer compatible with Windows 8.1

San Francisco, CA, June 27th, 2013 - <u>Type A Machines</u> is excited to announce their Series 1 3-D printer will be the first Open Source 3-D printer with direct printing with Microsoft Windows 8.1.

Yesterday at Microsoft Build Developer Conference at Moscone Center, San Francisco, CA, Microsoft announced that the Windows 8.1 update will have built-in support for 3-D printing. Microsoft believes that native support for 3-D printers will encourage developers to create easier-to-use 3-D printing software.

Windows 8.1 allows users to plug in printers like the MakerBot Replicator, the Cube and the Fabbster to work with Windows straight out of the box.

The same is true for Type A Machines' Series 1.

The Series 1 is the first (and so far only) Open Source 3-D printer that will have support for 'direct' printing with Windows 8.1. Type A Machines were asked by Microsoft to be present at Build Developer Conference and to help them make sure that the Open Source community is included.

This is a great day for the Open Source community: not only is a company like Microsoft supporting 3-D printing, they are going out of their way to make sure the Open Source community can get the same benefits.

About Type A Machines

Type A Machines is focused on designing and building the easiest to use and most reliable desktop 3-D printers. Based out of TechShop San Francisco, Type A Machines was founded in 2012 and has experienced an exponential growth ever since. Their first-generation 3-D printer is the Series 1, rated "Best in Class - Midrange" by Make Magazine for reliability, yield and build volume. Run by an experienced entrepreneurial team, Type A Machines will continue to push the envelope by designing new innovations that will redefine the 3-D printing space. The company has been featured on Business Insider, Engadget, Make: Magazine, 3ders.org, 7x7, TechCrunch, Wired. Follow Type A Machines @TypeAMachines.