

Effective utilization of Maker Space for Facilitating Product Realization Course

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Abstract: Realistic teaching, education learning curriculum and learning setup such as maker's space is very much essential to succeed the impact of Industry 4.0 on industrial engineering (IE). The Makers Space is a state of art facility created to promote product development and realization eco-system in KLE Technological University campus and is administered by the college as a resource for all engineering departments. Design and manufacturing are interdependent process. The curriculum of the verticals present in respective department should address the interdependency. The Makers space provides modern design, prototyping and manufacturing facilities like 3D printer, Laser cutting machine, PCB etching machine which helps to realize any electro mechanical product. The students were made to avail the maker space facility by undergoing a safety training session, the safety session emphasizes on the personal safety in the workshop, safe handling of the equipment. The aim of engineering design and product realization course is to align students to be conversant with the modern manufacturing facility like Makers space and indeed support the students and entrepreneurs to convert their product ideas into

reality. The facilities encourage student teams, faculty members and entrepreneurs working towards creating products to realize our national dream —Make in India

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1. Introduction

In order to sustain the growth of human needs and to sustain in competitive market industry uses high end technology to upgrade the quality in design and manufacturing. To take the advantage of these high end technologies industry demands a skilled and quality engineering graduate, however recent research specifies the need for a teaching curriculum to meet the above stated objective. The need of an hour is design the curriculum by looking into the recent trends in technology and also to use the infrastructure to give more hands on experience.

Creativity, communication, and team work skills are critical to business success, when engineering graduates fails to meet these skills they may lose out a huge opportunity to work in industry. Many engineering students are visual learners they learn better with graphs, maps and diagrams.

The aim of providing a better educational experience can be realized with the concept of maker's space. Learning in Makers space enables learning based on modern practices and facilities for the realization of industrial products. Maker's space helps

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to build a bridge between academia and industry and makes a way to manage with modern industry world [2].

It is necessary to make students to understand the dynamics of changing technology, to make students appreciate technology academia should update the curriculum timely and create a space for hands on experience [7]. Maker's space is an effort to complement the knowledge of emerging modern industry [2], Therefore, it is necessary to design a learning factory where information from industry can be exchanged with academia. This in turn boosts the confidence of an emerging engineering graduate to go out and work.

2. Makers Space at KLE Tech. University

The KLE Technological University have a Makers Space on it campus, a specially established state-of-the-art comprehensive manufacturing facility and demonstrate the working of prototype to promote product development and realization ecosystem and is administered by the college as a resource for all engineering departments.



Fig.1: Makers Space

Makers space focus on interdisciplinary work culture catering to technology product design and realization. It facilitates as single platform for different discipline like.

- Mechanical Engineering:
- Electronics Engineering
- Automotive Engineering

Due to speedy change in manufacturing technology and production systems, industry expects students should to be taught and trained with such manufacturing process which helps them to learn and adopt to the changing trends in technology [12]

In order to address variety of potential problems KLE Tech. University has brought the real factory into the classroom. This environment is enough flexible to adopt the challenges in design and manufacturing. Makers Space is a combination of four well defined elements:

- Assembly process
- Assembly product
- Assembly infrastructure
- Teaching methods and approach.

The frame work for Maker Space is as shown below:

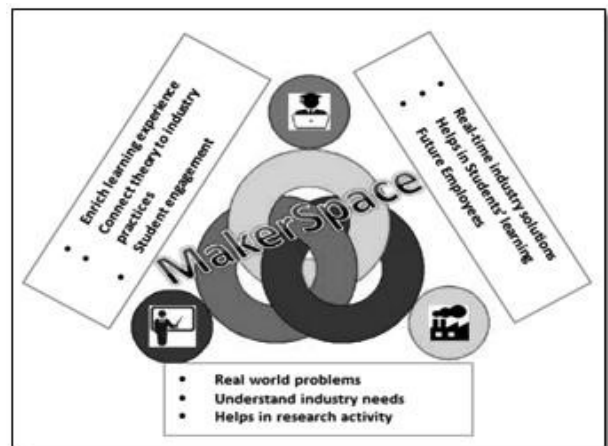


Fig. 2: Machines Makers Space

Product Realization

Course Introduction

The Product Realization (PR) encompasses the entire cycle of production, from initial conceptual design to the finished manufacture of product. Key elements of the PR have been studied from both academic and industrial viewpoints.

As an extension to the 'Engineering Design another course 'Product Realization' has been a 2 credit course introduced at the 4th semester. During this course, the emphasis is on the concurrent and collaborative

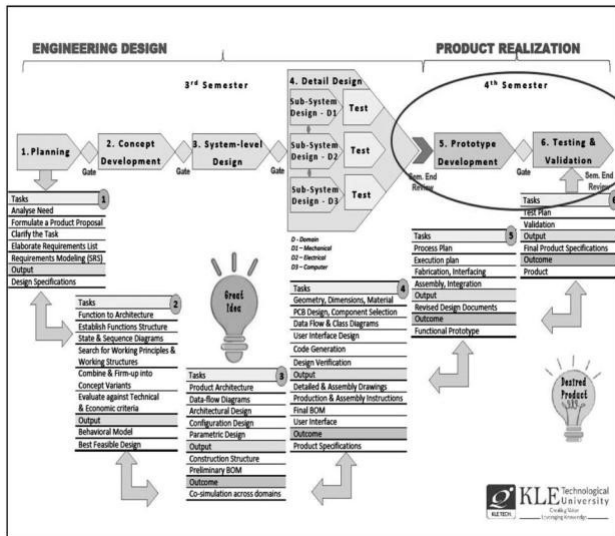


Fig. 3: EDPR Course Structure

process of arriving at the best solutions at each step in the hardware and software development processes and assuring that the total process is optimized with the best of knowledge and tools. At the end of this course, the student teams who have already executed a virtual prototype in the previous semester are required to build in Maker Space.

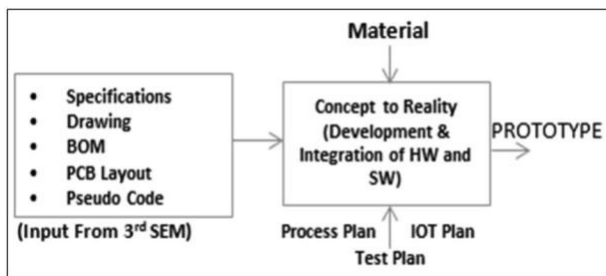


Fig. 4: Product Realization Course Structure

The two courses together provide multi-disciplinary, systems-perspective to problem solving. These two courses enables students to understand the entire product development process, i.e., students are made to realize their ideas into products, and also make them to understand the interdependencies that lie in a multidisciplinary environment

The students who undergo these courses can easily learn the essential skills required to solve real world problems. The key takeaway from these courses for the young designers would be to provide an orderly process for solving an ill-structured design activity. The course includes 5 phases of design process, the taught process that student undergoes in these 5

phases will help him/her to make decisions among possible multiple solutions.

The Maker Space is administered by the College as a resource for all engineering departments. Facilities, with an investment of about 3.0 crores of rupees, occupying 10,000 square feet, include a machine shop (4000sq.ft), model shop (2000sq.ft) and project work area (4000sq.ft). Engineering student can use the Maker Space for concept design & realization, course-related activity and/or competition projects such as SAE Formula, SAE- BAJA SAE- Ekokart, SAE- Efficycle, ROBOCON, etc.

3. Implementation

In Continuation with Engineering Design course at 3rd semester offered to Mechanical, Electrical and Computer Science domain students, Product Realization is continued at 4th semester to offer product development experience in an inter-disciplinary environment. This is an attempt probably first of its kind in the engineering education scenario at a large scale. It is a 2 credit course which will engage students from converting the design process done at 3rd semester to design the final product and virtual prototyping.

The sessions are conducted in two parts. Part-I is offered as safety session which is covered in

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LEARNING FACTORY IDENTITY CARD

Name : _____
USN : _____
Department : _____
Contact No : _____
Date of Issue : _____
Valid Up to : _____

Project : _____

Attach recent Stamp size photograph here, duly attested by concerned HOD

Intended usage of machines/Facility

Machines/Facility	Can Handle Under Supervision	Can Handle Independently
☐ CNC Machines	☒	☐
☐ Conventional Machines	☐	☐
☐ 3D Printers	☐	☐
☐ Power Tools	☐	☐
☐ Welding	☐	☐
☐ Interfacing Facility	☐	☐

☒ Undergone training on Safety & Security

I abide by the rules & regulations set out in Learning Factory and agree to follow all the safety guidelines.

Signature of the student _____

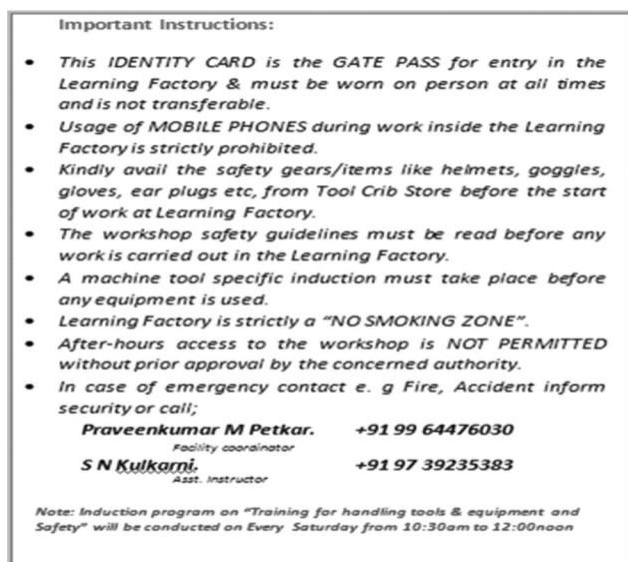


Fig. 5: Makers Space Entry ID

classrooms. These sessions very extensively conducted for each and every student to ensure the safety of the student, staff, and the machine on which he/she working. These instructions were followed in Part II on regular session basis for each individual with valid entry ID

In Part II students were allowed to access Makers Space facilities for prototyping their product. There were 15 divisions with 70 students in each division consisting of 1080 students all put together from Mechanical, Electronics & Communication, Compute Science, Automation & Robotics and Electrical & Electronics Engineering disciplines. The sessions and space allotment was scheduled as shown below.

Table 1: Division wise allotment

Day	8:00 - 11:00	11:15 - 02:15	02:30 - 05:30
Monday	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3
Tuesday	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6
Wednesday	Div 7	Div 8	Div 9
Thursday	Div 10	Div 11	Div 12
Friday	Div 13	Div 14	Div 15
Saturday			

Table 2 : Facilities in Nutshell

Facilities available in Makers Space	
CNC Turning Centre	3D Printing Machine
CNC Vertical Machining Centre	3D Imager
CNC Wire EDM Machine	Portable Co-ordinate Measuring Machine

CNC Router	Plastic Injection Moulding Machine
CNC Laser Cutting Machine	Universal Cylindrical Grinding Machine
CNC Plasma Cutting Machine	Universal Tool & Cutter Grinding Machine
3D Desktop Milling Machine	PCB Machining

4. Prototypes

With the session schedule followed with various templates for Mechanical, Electrical and Computers, product realization work was initiated and followed up with faculty group allotted for the respective sessions.



Fig. 6: Mechanical students at work

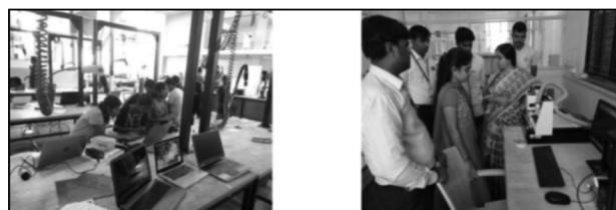


Fig.7: Electronics and computer science students at work

Case Study: Design a device to assist the blind person to walk around, navigate through the places and to provide a monitoring system for the guardian of the user [10].



Proposed and 3D model of prototype

Products

The following products are designed and manufactured by students by utilizing the facilities available in makers space.



Fig. 8: Weighing and billing machine



Fig. 9: Can Crusher



Fig. 10: Health Monitoring Device

Conclusion

The Makers Space serves a simulative learning environment to strengthen student's professional and social competences, it serves as innovative platform and brings the common understanding between engineering education and business reality. This model of teaching helps students to practice and realize the product work cycle before entering the actual work life

The maker's space is used with success both for teaching and research activities. It also enables practitioners to utilize the facilities and understand the product life cycle, the design of this course enables

students to make products and understand the business reality. This design helps to bridge the gap between industry and academia and improve their competences.

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