Basic 3D CAD – Getting Started

2D Computer Aided Design focused primarily on accessing design tools and creating orthographic projections (views) of parts to be manufactured. Basic 3D CAD will focus on creating three-dimensional (3D) drawings of the parts.

Basic 3D CAD will address three sections:

Creating 3D using the wireframe method:

This is the most rudimentary form and the earliest version of 3D designing. It is time consuming, and the user has to constantly manipulate the X, Y and Z orientations. Fortunately, the UCS Icon and other design tool will help us learn or improve how to visualize objects in space and design parts in 3D.

Designing in 3D using the Solid Modeling method will be covered next.

Then, we will cover **Advanced Modeling Tools** and Techniques