



Four student-designed mini cars.
The car at top right uses dimes for added weight, the lower right car uses quarters.

calculate, assemble, create, and construct this project. They earn points correlated to the distance their mini car can travel down a 5' foot section

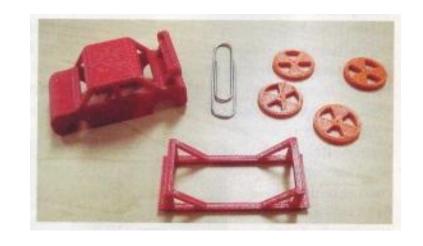


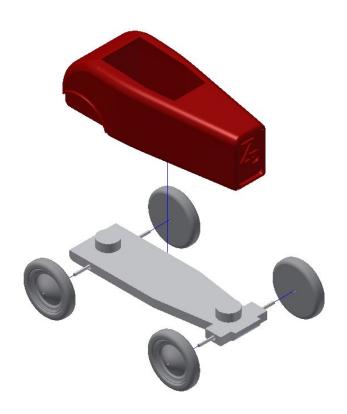


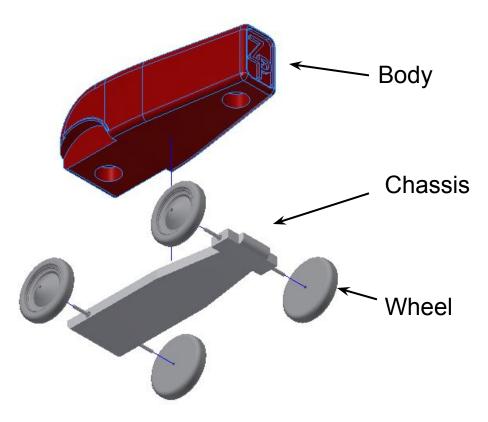
Mini Car Design Challenge



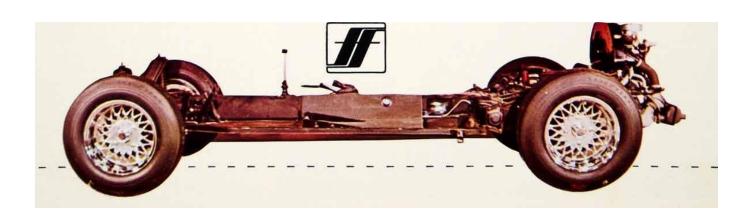
Car Parts



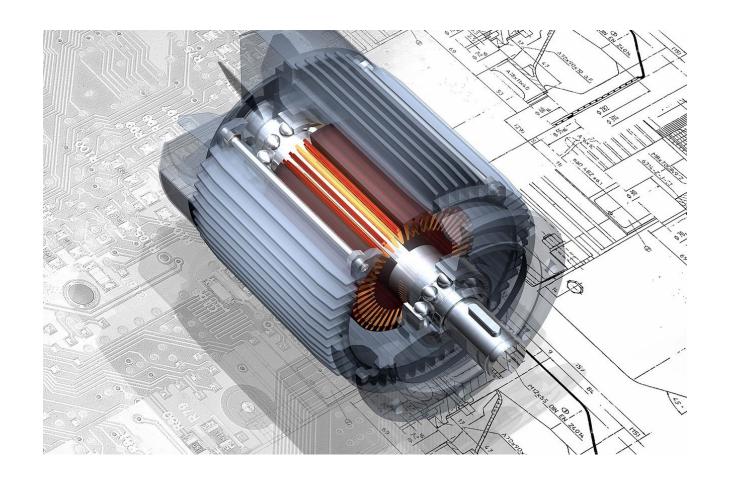












Reverse Engineering and Functional Analysis

WHAT is Reverse Engineering?

Reverse engineering is the process of taking something apart and analyzing its workings in detail, typically with the purpose of understanding its function, operation, and structure.



- Documentation
- Discovery
- Investigation



- Documentation
 - No existing documentation
 - Interoperability
 - Maintenance



- Discovery
 - Academic/research/learning
 - Curiosity

Reverse-engineer the brain



Human Genome Project



- Discovery
 - Academic/research/learning
 - Curiosity
 - Military or commercial intelligence



F-16 Fighter Jet



- Investigation
 - Analysis and testing
 - Document patent infringement
 - Forensics: Design failure



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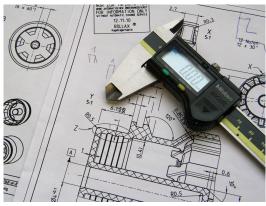
- Improve or redesign a product
 - Increase efficiency
 - Improve reliability
 - Improve manufacturing techniques
 - Eliminate failure mode
 - Reduce cost
 - Increase ease-of-use
 - Reduce negative environmental impacts
 - Recycle parts
 - Etc.

Reverse Engineering Tools

Micrometers



Caliper



Optical Probe



Medical Imaging



Handheld 3D Laser Scanner

