3-D Printed Hand Prosthetic
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The Need
- 2000 children are born every year with limb defects.
- Children are not normally fitted with a prosthetic until their teens, due to expenses, wear, and tear.
- Because they are continuing to grow, a new prosthetic would be needed every 1-2 years.
- Prosthetic limbs can cost upwards of $100,000.

Past Hand Designs
- Raptor Reloaded from e-NABLE
  - Doesn’t look as realistic
  - Lots of string to tie
- Flexy Hand 2: Version 1
  - Fingers were very limp
  - Tension in the string was not consistent
- Flexy Hand 2: Version 2
  - Not properly scaled to Emily’s hand
  - Compliant Grip not functional

Final Hand Design
- Flexy Hand 2 by Steve Wood, with modifications
- Printed with PLA plastic on a Makerbot Z18
- Compliant grip balancers by Steve Wood - allows other fingers to move if one is stopped from resistance
- Flat Versilom hinges - a moldable silicone rubber compound used to relax fingers after contraction
- Slightly curved thumb with her name and hearts - attached to residual thumb
- Gauntlet/wrist cover - protects the compliant grip balancers
- Operates mechanically via wrist action

Client and Partner
Emily and her Mother
Eric Shoemaker

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