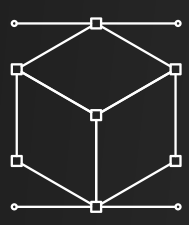
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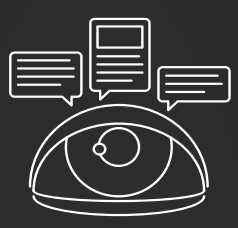
How is the 3D printing industry growing?

For which applications do you use 3D printing?



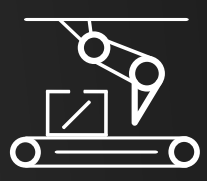
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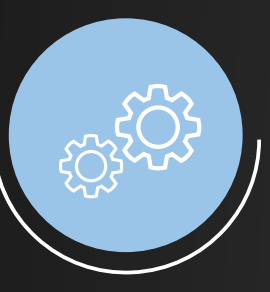
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Proof of concept



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Production



54%
of **METAL 3D PRINTING** is fulfilled by external services



48%
of users spend time on **DESIGN**, **TESTING**, and **BUILDING PROTOTYPES**



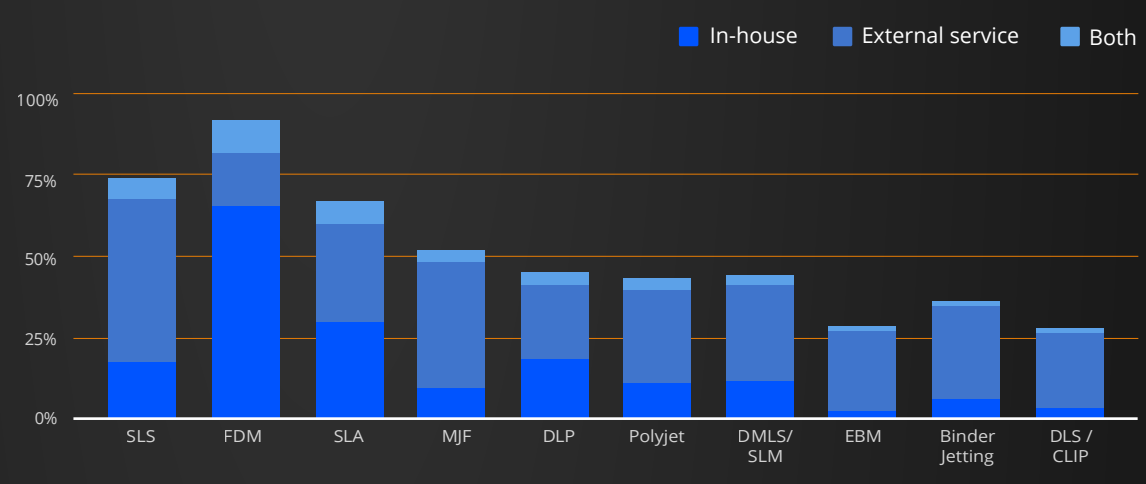
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say **QUALITY CONTROL** is the top challenge of using their 3D printer

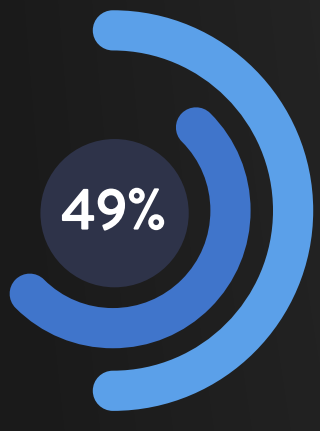


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will find **MORE USES OR APPLICATIONS** for 3D printing

The majority of users benefit from SLS, Jet Fusion, and metal technologies through external services rather than owning and operating machines internally

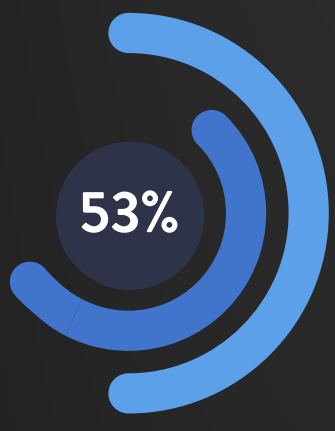
Q: Which 3D printing technologies are used by 3D printing professionals?





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Laser cutting



53%

CNC machining

...are the main **manufacturing methods** used alongside 3D printing.



55%

plan to **start using new printing materials**



3%

plan to **decrease** their use of 3D printing

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