MaqueTools toolbar by Mitch Heynick Version V1.1

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Note: These tools do not run on native Mac versions of Rhino

Group/Tool Explanation (+ = New; \* = Updated, Python Script)

Alignment

Align Bottom to Point Aligns lowest point of an object to the Z-level of a picked point

Match Object Z Level Moves object in Z to a picked point

Object Point to New Z Move point on object to new Z Level (keyboard or pick)

EquiCenter Obis X-Y Redistributes objects center to center evenly in world X and/or Y (uses bounding box) EquiSpace Objs X-Y Redistributes objects to have equal space between them in world X and/or Y Closest Dist btw Obis Iteratively finds the closest distance between 2 surface or polysurface objects

Stack objects Stack objects in Z or along an axis

Projects volumes to surfaces or meshes (objects will touch or be embedded in surface) Project Volumes

Align bottom to 0 Moves object(s) vertically so thier lowest point is on world ZO plane

Import

BatchImport Batch import 3DM, DXF, DWG, STEP, IGES, STL, Solidworks files Ascii Grid Import Import ASCII Grid files and create point cloud, mesh or surface

Import XYZ RGB Import XYZ RGB color point files

Export

Export STI Export STL files with various presets for 3D printing

Export XYZ RGB Export XYZ RGB color point files

Layer Tools

Random LayerColors Applies a random layer color to a selected group of layers or all layers Applies an interpolated series of colors to a selected group of layers or all layers Interp LayerColors Flatten Layers Merges all sublayers up into the top level parent layer

Merge Layers Merges a group of layers into one

BoundingBox

XY Minimum BB Finds the minimum bounding box of 2D/3D objects in XY direction (returns rectangle)

BoundingBox w/Size Creates a 2D or 3D bounding box with dimensions as text dots, plus area(2D) or Volume(3D) Adjust BoundingBox

Creates a bounding box with user adjustable dimensions in 3 axes

improved speed/accuracy added 2D box for planar

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**Point Functions** 

Ordered 3D Point Grid Generate ordered grid of points in XY or XYZ Random 3D Point Dist Generate a collection of randomly spaced points in 3D Create color point cloud Creates a colored point cloud from colored points Explode color point cloud Explodes a colored point cloud into colored points

Average Points Average a set of points and/or point clouds

Offset Curves

OffsetCrvs2SidesEnds Offset multiple curves both sides with end choices OffsetClosedCrvsInOut Offset multiple closed curves inside, outside or both ClosedCrvMultiOffset Offset one curve multiple times to the outside

MultiBooleanOffset Creates multiple combined offset outlines from a set of closed planar curves

OffsetObject(s)Outline Creates an offset outline of a 3D object

OffsetPtsAlongCrv From a start point, creates individual (variable) distance offsets of the point along the curve

**Curve Tools** 

Scale Circles Scales selected circles by a factor

Replace Circle Dia Replaces circles of specified diameter with circles of new diameter

Change Circle Dia Replaces all selected circles with circles of new diameter Force Crv Direction Makes all selected closed planar curves CW or CCW

Insert PL in Curve Insert a polyline into a curve

PL by Angle+Length Create a polyline by inputting successive lengths and relative polar coordinates

UnrollPolyline "Unrolls" a polyline along the X axis

PlanarizeCurve Makes a "near planar" curve planar (best fit or active Cplane) ExtendClosePolyline Closes a polyline by extending the ends(check parallel) SplitPolylineByAngle Splits a polyline at or above a specified kink angle DetectOverlaps Detect overlaping coplanar curves (does not fix anything!)

Curve Repair

Rem Short Crv Segs Removes segments of curves smaller than file tolerance DPRefit Polylines to Tol Douglas-Peucker refit polyline to tolerance algorithm Remove Xtra PL Pts Remove unnecessary polyline points (angle tolerance) Reduce Crv Pt Count Rebuild curves with less points (reduction factor)

RebuildReduce PLines Fit smooth curves to polylines with reduced point count (reduction factor) Rebuild Crvs ByLength Rebuild multiple curves with a point count proportional to length

**Surf Functions** 

Make Quad Srfs Make untrimmed quad surfaces from closed 4 sided polylines Conv Srfs to Quads Make untrimmed quad surfaces from trimmed surfaces if possible

Replace planar surfaces or polysurface faces with trimmed planes if possible SimplifyPlanarSrfs

Makes a "near planar" surface planar (best fit or active Cplane) PlanarizeSurface

Retrim Surfaces Untrim and retrim surfaces (to try to fix bad objects)

Multiple Planar Srfs Make one planar surface from each selected closed planar curve

Multiple UnrollSrfs Unroll multiple surfaces or polysurfaces

SrfFromPointGrid Creates a surface from an existing ordered rectangular grid of points (aligned with XY axes) RandomZGridAndSrf Creates a point grid and/or surface with ordered X and Y and random height Z points

CompletePlanarSrf Creates a planar surf from incomplete edges (one side open)

**Curve Piping** 

MultiRoundPipe Make round pipes from a selction of curves MultiSquarePipe Make sqaure pipes from a selction of curves MultiRectPipe Make rectangular pines from a selction of curves

Profile MultiPipe Make profile pipes from a selction of curves (choose profile on Z0 plane)

Copy/Array

Circles at Points Creates a circle of user specified diameter at all selected points Spheres at Points Creates a sphere of user specified diameter at all selected points Copy Object to Points Copies one object from one picked point to a group of selected points Array Diagonal Arrays a set of objects along an XY or XYZ diagonal (Active Cplane dependent) Array Helical Arrays a set of objects along a helix (stair-like)(Active Cplane dependent) ArrayLinearDistribute Arrays (distributes) a set of of objects along a line between two points

Split/Trim

MultiBoundaryTrimCurves

Mutual Split All Objs SplitObjsWCPlane

Uniform Scale Obis Ctr

NU Scale Objs Ctr Random Scale Objs Ctr

- Trims curves inside or outside one or more closed boundaries (nested also!)
- Split all selected objects with each other (curves, surfaces, polysurfaces, no points or meshes)

Splits objects with active Cplane

Transforms

MultiObj FlowCrv Flow one object from one base curve to multiple destination curves RemapObjs to World Remap objects from 3 points to world Z 0

RemapPlanarObjsToW Remap planar objects from their object plane to to world XY plane

Comp/Exp Obj Spacing Compress or expand the space between objects by scaling their distance from a given point

\* the above does not check for interferences produced by the scaling, objects may overlap Scales objects uniformly in 3D about their bounding box center or centroid (LMB/RMB) Scales objects non-uniformly in 3D about their bounding box center or centroid (LMB/RMB) Scales objects about their centers randomly in X, Y, and Z (with max and min in each axis)

Random Rotate Objs Ctr Rotates objects about their centers randomly (with angle limitation)

**Color Functions** 

RandomColor Colors a series of objects randomly (display color)

RandomColorRange Colors a series of objects randomly within a specified color range ProgressiveColorRange Colors objects with an interpolation between a color and black or white

InterpolateColorRange Colors objects with an interpolation between two colors

Sel by Object Type Select objects by object type (lines, circles, etc.) - all self-explanatory except:

Use a pre-existing curve fence to select objects

Sel by Obj Property Select objects by object property (length, area, etc.)

Sel by Linetype Select curves by linetype

Sel Crvs by Length Select curves by length criteria (greater than, less than, equal to, etc.) Sel Crvs by Area Select closed planar curves by area (greater than, less than, equal to, etc.) Sel by Radius Select arcs or circles by radius (greater than, less than, equal to, etc.)

SelSameRadArcsCircles Find arcs or circles with same radius as selected

Sel Srfs by Area Select surfs or polysurfs by area (greater than, less than, equal to, etc.) Sel Meshes by Area Select meshes by area (greater than, less than, equal to, etc.)

Select surfaces or polysurfaces less than a certain size (area) Sel Small Meshes Select meshes less than a certain size (area)

Sel by Z Level Selects (or isolates) planar curves and surfaces by Z level or a range of Z levels (LMB/RMB) SelConnectedObjs Selects all objects connected to a picked point (can be slow with vast numbers of objects)

SelSelfIntersectCrvs Selects all self intersecting curves and puts points at intersections **FindSimilarVolumes** Finds similar (near-duplicate) volume objects wherever they are in file

View and Display

Sel Small Srf+PSrf

ResetViewToTitle Resets a named view to the stored parameters UpdateNamedView Replaces stored named view with the current one

SetBackgroundColor Sets all viewport backgrounds to preset grays or picked color

GradientBackground Choose gradient background presets in current viewport using GradientView

SliceNFlat Slices objects, numbers slices, and prepares flat layouts for cutting