

## Former *MakerBot* Head of Software *Far McKon* Joins Berlin-based 3D Printing Pioneer *BigRep* As New Head of Software

- Former *MakerBot* Head of Software to oversee future development of software and control electronics.
- *BigRep* CEO René Gurka: „*Far McKon* knows how to re-imagine the industry from the core.”
- *McKon*: „For me, *BigRep* is the most-exciting hardware Start-Up in Berlin.”



Far McKon, new Head of Software with BigRep

**Berlin, January 28, 2016.** Renowned American software developer *Far McKon* is joining Berlin-based tech start-up *BigRep*, manufacturer and developer of the world’s largest serially available 3D printer. The 38-year old American will join *BigRep* as new *Head of Software* effective immediately and will chiefly oversee the future development of the software as well as control electronics for the start-up’s large scale 3D printer *BigRep ONE*. “We are very proud to be bringing a real original from the US maker and hacker scene

to Berlin with *Far McKon*,” says *BigRep* CEO René Gurka. “In his former positions, at *MakerBot* among others, *Far* has shown us how to profoundly re-imagine the industry. For *BigRep* he will now be expanding many of the things he achieved there, only instead of desktop 3D printers he will now be working with *BigRep*’s large scales.”

*Far McKon*, who relocated to Berlin from the US with his family, is looking forward to the new challenge: “Berlin is very international, bringing together know-how from a variety of disciplines which gives it great potential for innovation as a location. These are ideal conditions for makers like myself. 3D printing technologies are my greatest passion, I look forward to contributing to *BigRep* with my expertise, and to make our visions come true: to change tomorrow’s product development, industrial production and logistics from the core with large scale 3D printing,” *Far McKon* states.

*Far McKon* has been developing solutions for 3D printing technology since the 2000s and looks back on many years of experience in the US start-up scene. His previous positions include *Chief Engineer* with *BuLogic/StratIS* in Philadelphia, PA, *Head of Software* with *MakerBot Industries* in Brooklyn, NY, and *Scrum Manager* with *Bug Labs* in New York, NY. He has also been invited to speak at various engineering and hacker conferences and is the founder of three non-profits organizations. He is welcomed at *BigRep* by a team of like-minded colleagues and may likely make an appearance at the next CC Congress as well as the CCC Camp.

The logo for BigRep, featuring the word "BigRep" in a white, sans-serif font on a black background that is shaped like a folded corner of a page.

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**About BigRep:**

*BigRep* is a Berlin-based tech startup and manufacturer and developer of the world's largest serial 3D printer. Founded in 2014, the company became the market and technological leader for large-scale serial 3D printing in only 18 months, aiming to revolutionize design, prototyping, and industrial production from the core. Prestigious enterprises and institutions from around the world rely on *BigRep's* 3D printing solutions. With a volume of more than 1m<sup>3</sup>, *BigRep ONE* is the largest FFF (Fused Filament Fabrication) printer currently available on the world market, thus bridging the gap between 3D printers designed for modelling and industrial use. The *BigRep ONE.2* received the *German Design Award Gold 2016* by the *German Design Council* in October 2015. *BigRep's* ever-growing team of presently 40 employees from ten nations is passionately committed to working on the next industrial revolution. See a sped-up 3D printing procedure with a *BigRep ONE* here: <http://bit.ly/1S1UENV>.

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