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Fucking up projects - a manual, MM16NL, Fabian Blechschmidt

# Fucking up projects a manual

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# Might contain

→ irony

→ sarcasm

→ bad ideas

→ horrible ideas

→ don't try at home

# Acquire the project

**Screwing up** projects implies a project,  
so we don't suck here.

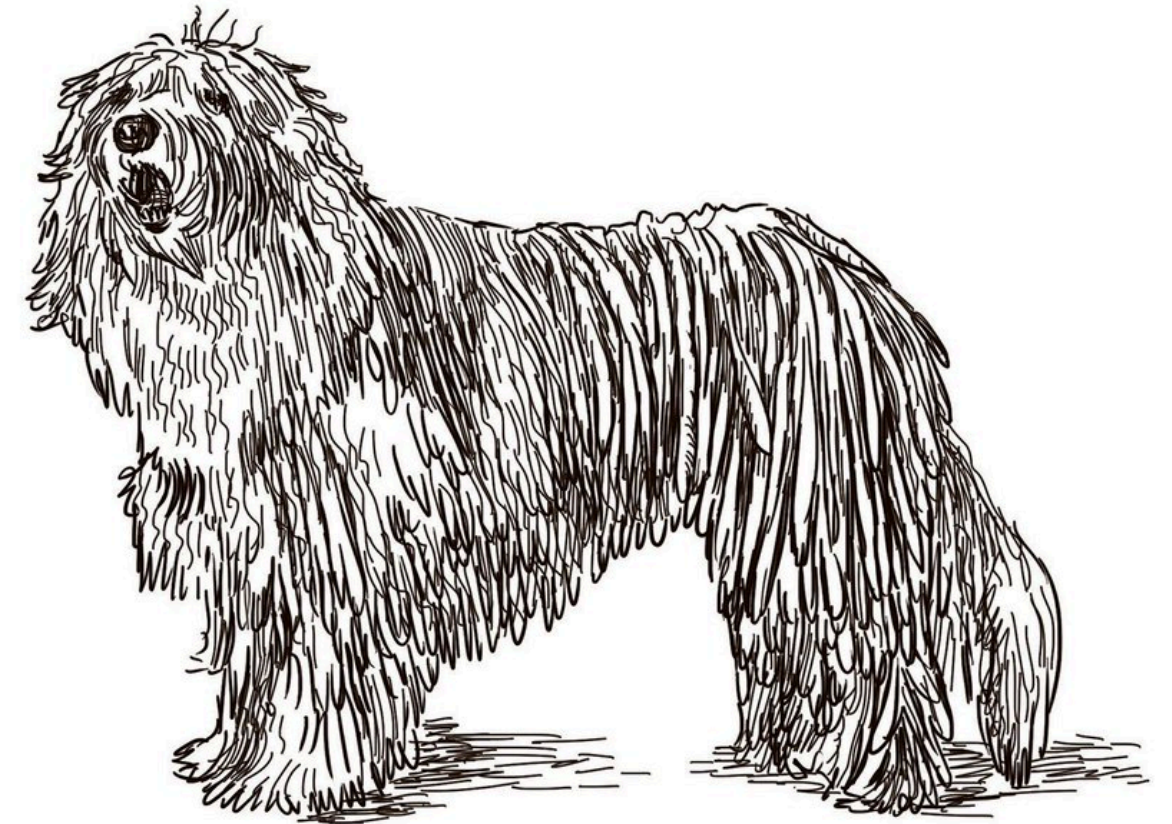
# Before the project

**Project? What project?**

**The goal**

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*Fashion-forward development*



**Buzzword-first  
Design**

*The Definitive Guide*

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# Bad mood in meetings

# Great Expectations

# No decisions

**Alternative**

**a LOT of decisions**

# Who decides?

**a LOT of decisions**

**Environment**

# Estimate

**Deadlines are deadlines**



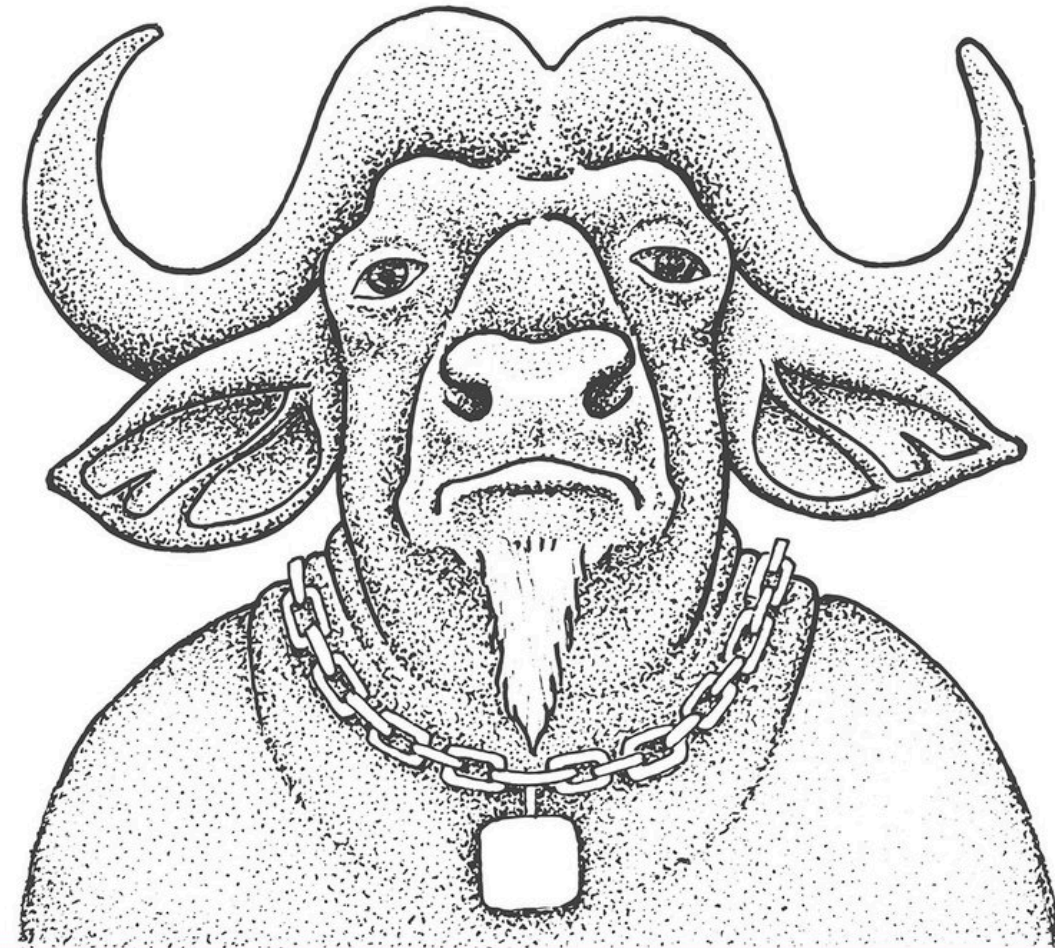
# During the project

**No communication**

**ever**

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*People have names of varying lengths, who knew?*



Fitting Actual  
User Data Into  
The Design

*ugh...*

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**If not avoidable**

**mix channels**

**(and everything else)**

# Responsibilit y

# No Documentation of anything

**Do your job**

**but only this**

**Only Pressure**  
**Makes Diamonds**

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*It's like weekday coding, but pants are optional*



# Coding on the Weekend

*A Frustrating Hobby*

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# Measure the project



# Completing

## the project

– the dead zone phase –

**Ignore the client**

# Phone numbers

**Change the team**  
**often**

# Rottable

## contact person

**We need culprits**  
**not solutions**

# Questions?

— Bonus —

Tech related



**only** **FTP** + **no** **VCS**

VCS

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*git commit -m "changes"*



*Writing*

# Useless Git Commit Messages

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***Removed test case since  
code didn't pass QA***

***Not one conflict, today  
was a good day.***

***work in progress***

***Use a real JS construct,  
WTF knows why this  
works in chromium.***

***It compiles! Ship it!***

```
git config --global alias.yolo  
  '!git add -A &&  
  git commit -m "$(curl -s whatthecommit.com/index.txt)">'
```



**Do it**  
**your way**

# Maintain **bad** code quality

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*Cutting corners to meet arbitrary management deadlines*



*Essential*

Copying and Pasting  
from Stack Overflow

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*@ThePracticalDev*

# Encodings

**USE THEM!**

**Change tools early**  
**Change tools often**

# Project methods

**Agile is just guidelines**

**no rules**

**Use the  
latest, hottest shit**

**One machine**  
**fits all**



**Help others fuck up**  
**Release it open source!**

# Misc

# `git blame-someone-else`

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```
→ core-decorators.js git:(master) |
```

# Sources

- Experiences (Rico Neitzel, Fabian Blechschmidt)
  - Sonja Riesterer
  - Fabians lovely girlfriend Pia
- <http://peopleprocessandprofit.com/2010/03/14/ten-ways-to-screw-up-a-project-2/>
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