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# 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

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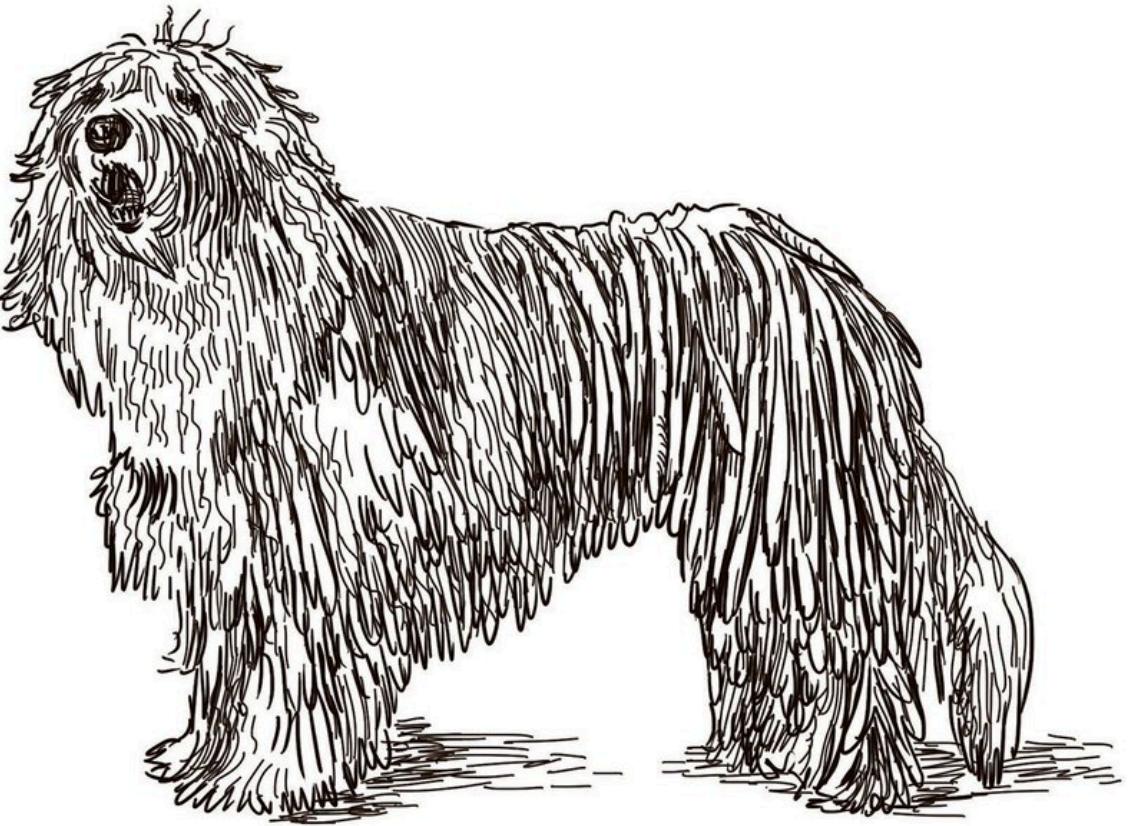
**Screwing up** projects implies a project,  
so we don't suck here.

# Before the project

*Fashion-forward development*

# Project? What project?

# The goal



## Buzzword-first Design

*The Definitive Guide*

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# Bad mood in meetings

# Great Expectations

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# No decisions

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**Alternative  
a LOT of decisions**

**Who decides?**

a LOT of decisions

Environment

# Estimate

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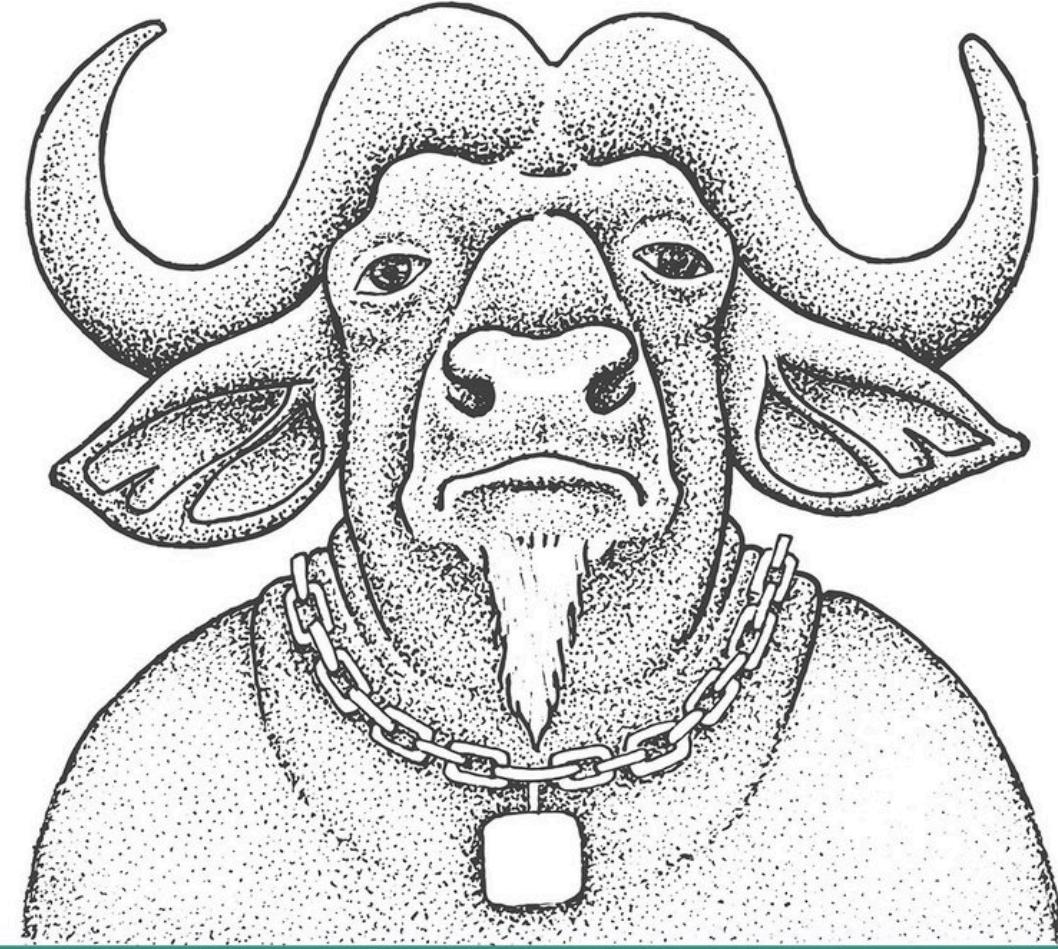
# Deadlines are deadlines

# 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

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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

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# Phone numbers

Change the team  
often

**rotate  
contact person**

We need culprits  
not solutions

# Questions?

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**- 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!***

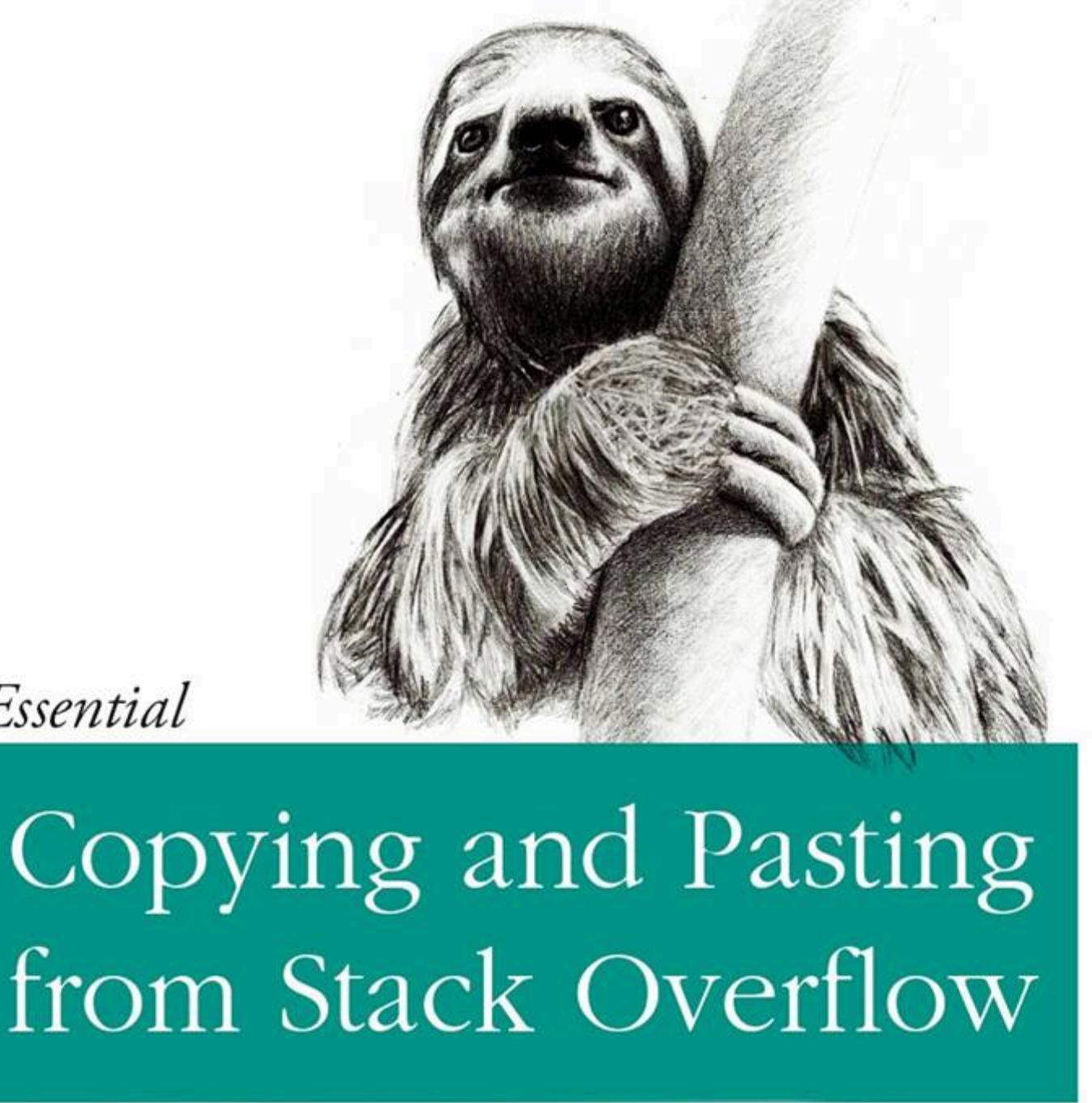
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git config --global alias.yolo  
'!git add -A &&  
  git commit -m "$(curl -s whatthecommit.com/index.txt)"'
```

**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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*The Practical Developer*  
*@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

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# 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/>
- <http://www.cio.com/article/2384088/project-management/15-ways-to-screw-up-an-it-project.html>