



Fucking up projects a manual

Might contain

- irony
- sarcasm
- bad ideas
- horrible ideas
- **don't try at home**

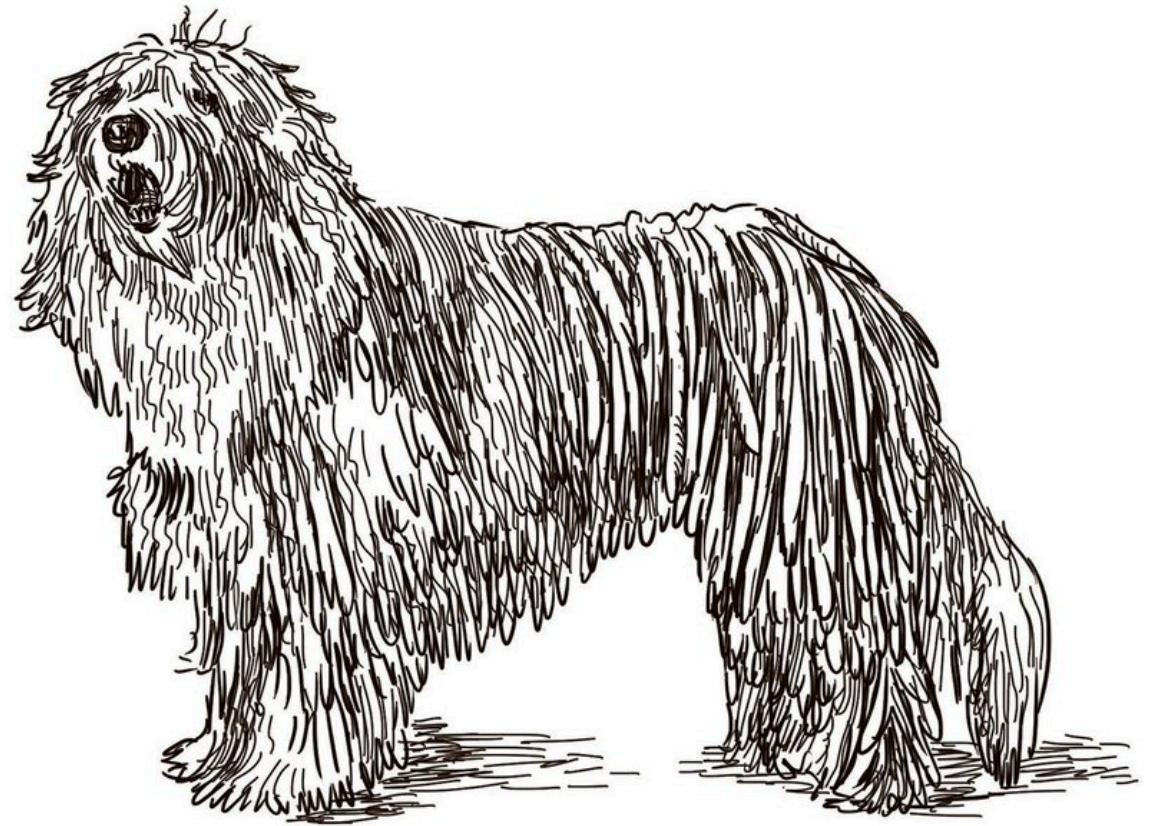
Acquire the project

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

Before the project

Fashion-forward development

Project? What project? The goal



Buzzword-first
Design

The Definitive Guide

ORLY?

Meetings,
meetings,
meetings

Bad mood in meetings

Great Expectations

No decisions

Alternative
a LOT of decisions

Who decides?

a LOT of decisions

Environment

- Operating System, IDE, Keyboard, mouse/touchpad
- what tools to use (jira, asana)
- what screen to use (2 "smaller" ones vs 1 big one)

Estimates

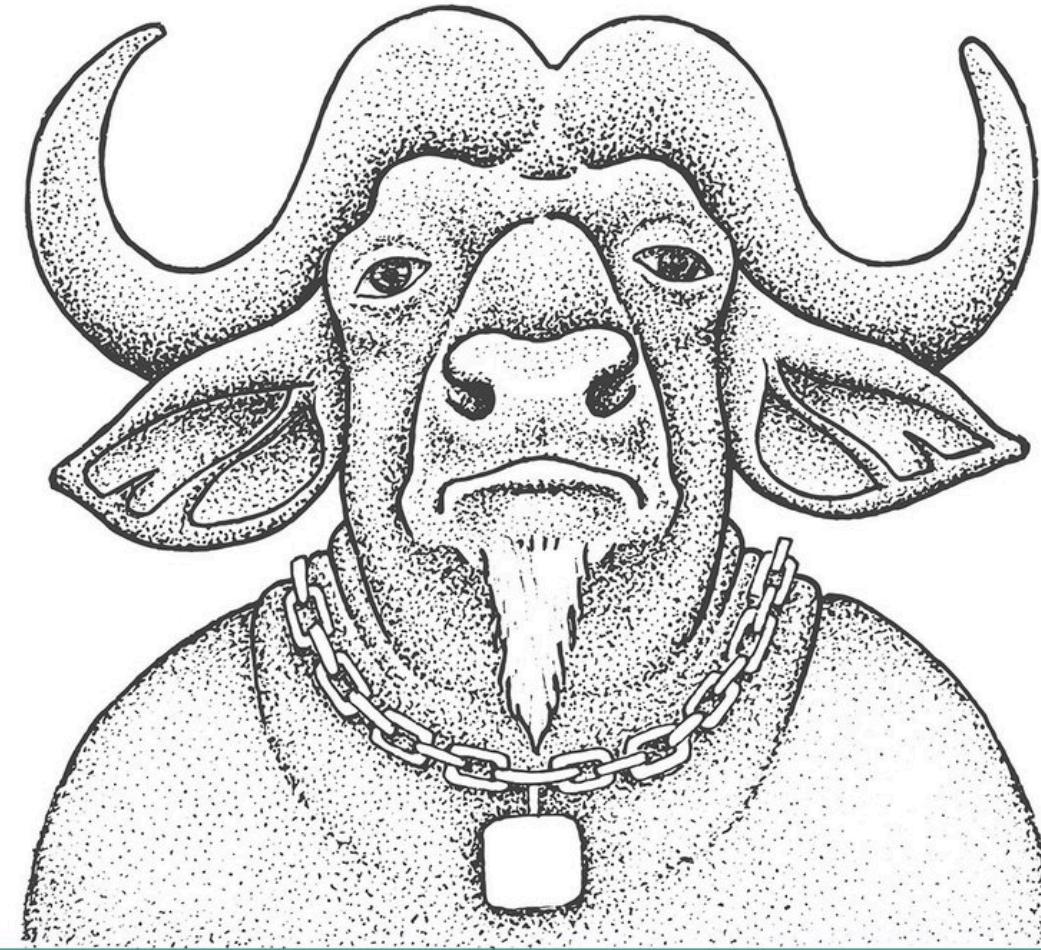
Deadlines are deadlines

Content and asset delivery

During the project

No
communicati
on
ever

People have names of varying lengths, who knew?



Fitting Actual
User Data Into
The Design

ugh...

ORLY?

Phone numbers

No approvals

If not avoidable
mix channels

Responsibility

Avoid issue tracker

Mix everything else

No Documentation of anything

**Do your job
but only this**

Only Pressure Makes Diamonds

It's like weekday coding, but pants are optional



Coding on
the Weekend

A Frustrating Hobby

Measure the project

Pay as late as possible

Completing the project

- the dead zone phase -

**Right time to
OUTSOURCE**

Ignore the client

Change the team often

Rotatate
contact person

We need culprits
not solutions

Questions?

— Bonus —

Tech related

only FTP + no VCS

VCS

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

Fucking up projects - a manual, MM16DE, Rico Neitzel & Fabian Blechschmidt

Cutting corners to meet arbitrary management deadlines

Essential

Copying and Pasting
from Stack Overflow

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Encodings

USE THEM!

Images/Image types

!^- golden rule: only way to send screenshots: in word file!

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!**

Backup

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
- lots of attendees of our talks, thanks!
- <http://peopleprocessandprofit.com/2010/03/14/ten-ways-to-screw-up-a-project-2/>
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More ideas?
I would love to share them