

# Re: How are things done where you work?

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Hi I think Cor ment that your boss would see it and that you would say it's good he noticed it and then you pretend it's very difficult to fix but you know it's very easy and nevertheless you get all the credit for fixing it :-)

If that's not what Cor ment he'll correct me :-)

Greetz Peter

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Programming today is a race between software engineers striving to build bigger and better idiot-proof programs, and the Universe trying to produce bigger and better idiots. So far, the Universe is winning.

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>> Brett,

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>> More in general.

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>>> 1.) Is it normal for (technical) management (actually 1 of 2 co owners)

>>> to constantly interrupt developers all day with with questions such as:

>>> "can we look at this",

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>> Yes

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>>> "I found this, can we try it now",

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>> Yes

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>>> "Can we see what these guys are doing",

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>> Yes

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>>> "can we change the color of this just for now"

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>> Yes  
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>>> and so on?  
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>> Yes  
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>>> 2.) Is it normal for developers to bounce around on little tiny projects  
>>> all day or stick to one or two large projects and work with their team?  
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>> Yes  
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>>> We use no type of source control, management won't buy new software,  
>>> there are no standards in our development b/c management won't enforce  
>>> them, we shoot from the hip with planning, developers aren't compensated  
>>> anything for efforts. Obviously I'm looking for another job but want to  
>>> make sure my expectations aren't too high. I believe my current work  
>>> environment is a disaster. I didn't think that when I joined but as I've  
>>> improved, I feel now this place will just degrade my skills. I want to  
>>> be rewarded for effort and also need to be around developers that have  
>>> much experience, good programming practices, and can easily leave me in  
>>> the dust (better than me in other words). I'm sure there are plenty of  
>>> places like that.  
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>>  
>> Don't be too optimistic there are probably more managers who know nothing  
>> than there are who are real pros. A problem can be that the real pros  
>> have the same managers as you describe.  
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>> Try to find the skills to avoid that.  
>>  
>> One of those I learned as one of the first in a kind of same environment  
>> as you described. Make a little error in what you make, that is easy to  
>> correct. However it should be seen directly. When it is seen, tell that  
>> it  
>> is very difficult to change. Don't forget to give compliments until they  
>> are sick from it and never tell that you did make it express.  
>  
> I'm not sure what you mean here. You are saying to cause a problem on  
> purpose but make it look like an accident? Then let other people fix the  
> error and give them compliments when they do?  
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>> Although when it is too hard, then try to change and to experience  
yourself  
>> what is the best environment for you. Sometimes there are advantages

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>> working in an environment as you describe where the managers are nulls  
in  
>> your area of skills.  
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>> However, when you are young, than is my advice. Try to move, you learn  
to  
>> slow in such an amateur environment as you now describe.  
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>> Just my thought,  
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>> Cor  
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• *Follow-Ups:*

- ◆ *Re: How are things done where you work?*  
◇ *From:* Cor Ligthert
- ◆ *Re: How are things done where you work?*  
◇ *From:* Brett

• *References:*

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