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The biggest thing to remember about consulting is that you cannot get 8 billable hours a day (if you're honest). You will be able to bill about half of that. A remarkable amount of your time is taken up maintaining

your

own tools, making contacts, keeping records, etc., rather than doing billable work.

Thanks for the answers, but I am afraid some of you are misunderstanding the question. Here in Europe (at least) there are plenty of companies (like the one I cited) that hire all kinds of engineers. They are paid by this company and rented to other companies as "consultants" for several months where they do their thing (hardware/software/management/etc). Very common in software engineering. It is like a specialised temp agency except that once they hire you, you become their employee and they pay you, project or not. So if you're lucky you do many interesting projects in many different companies, but if you are less lucky you sit all day in some office sipping coffee. I've been approached by several of these companies (as I said, they are plenty) but I have never met an electronics engineer that works for such a company and I would like to hear some stories if possible before going any further.

Thanks,
—DF