

Re: The HP Way

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John Larkin wrote:

On Thu, 14 Sep 2006 12:43:14 GMT, Fred Bloggs <nospam@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

You're calling me a dud?– hah. And this just because I think most of your design work is really ugly, like that horrific ambient light detector using the LED display reverse leakage measurement.

I didn't design that, I just made it up. But why is the idea ugly (he asks, rhetorically)? It could add adaptive brightness control to a display with zero added sensors and zero added IC pins.

No, I think you're a dud because you never seem to have any fun. Do you ever have fun?

Sorry, no aesthetic dimension means no consideration. And I don't like any of the panel layouts on your VME stuff either, so there.

Well, the guys with gigabucks to spend do like them. Have you seen our new style?

<http://www.highlandtechnology.com/DSS/V470DS.html>

This uses [1] a laser-cut stick-on polycarb overlay, with the led windows backlit from some cool Osram right-angle surface-mount LEDs. All our stuff will look like this over time. I agree that past-generation VME modules, not just ours, tended to be ugly as sin.

John

[1] with apologies to people who insist that inanimate/unintelligent

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objects (like DNA) can't "use" things.

I guess that fred has no idea that people buying VME are after function, not a pretty face. Most of it ends up in a rack, sometimes with a door to protect the front panel wiring. Some is used as embedded modules inside a piece of equipment like the custom VME backplane and boards Microdyne made for the DR/RCB 2000 series of DSP based dual channel diversity Telemetry receivers I worked to move from design to production. Fred would have shit his pants at the simple silk screen printed front plate, and the stenciled serial numbers, but most customers would never see any of it, so we saw no need to spend money to dress them up.

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Service to my country? Been there, Done that, and I've got my DD214 to prove it.

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