

Re: OT. How the Dutch view our Election

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On 3 mei, 05:23, John Larkin

<jjlar...@xx> wrote:

On Fri, 02 May 2008 09:22:56 -0700, Jim Thompson

<To-Email-Use-The-Envelope-I...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Fri, 2 May 2008 09:07:01 -0700 (PDT), bill.slo...@xxxxxxxx wrote:

On 2 mei, 15:48, John Larkin

<jjlar...@xx> wrote:

[snip]

What, if anything, do you find satisfying?
Aside from pretending that
you are more intelligent than everyone else,
which we all know about
already.

I don't pretend to be more intelligent than everyone else –
that is
merely your reaction to the fact that I'm better informed than
you and
Jim Thompson, which isn't anything to be proud of – and
your
resentment of this undeniable fact is distinctly petty-minded.

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I'd find it a lot more satisfying to be producing good electronic design, but that doesn't seem to be an option in my present situation.
Give me some design work, and I won't have the time to expose the daftness of your sillier opinions.

"GIVE me some design work"... ??

If you were so wonderful why are customers not flocking to your service?

Perhaps because you're a blow-hard ne'er-do-well ?:-)

...Jim Thompson

This is really a golden age of electronics. Test equipment, new or used, is great and dirt cheap. Mouser and Digikey will sell you any quantity of the most exotic stuff, and UPS will deliver it overnight. Samples are had for the asking. FPGA and analog dev boards are cheap or free, and most FPGA and uP development software is free. LT Spice is great. And once you design something, the web and Google will show it to the entire world.

Of course, you are then in competition with all the other spammer and confidence tricksters on the web.

I have a friend who started doing little signal conditioning boards in a spare bedroom. He's up to \$100K a year in sales, and recently bought our old p&p machine and reflow oven. He may do \$200K this year. Practically anybody with a little talent and energy and imagination can start a niche business and make it go.

If you can find the customers, and persuade them that you can deliver the goods.

The gap between investing in the "dirt cheap" test and development gear and getting money back out of the customers is uncomfortably

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