

Re: Smith Chart Amusements

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In article <Cry%j.2628\$jI5.1943@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, notthisjoergsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx says...

Joel Koltner wrote:

Hi Joerg,

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Interesting that in my case I think spending \$10k on EDA software often makes sense but I'm tempted to roll my own MRP system whereas in your case it seems like you'd rather roll your own EDA tools and spend the \$10k on the MRP system. For a small business I expect that the answer to the MRP question is to start with something like much smaller, like Parts & Vendors or MS-Works as you did: No way could you pay someone to implement all that functionality for the three-digit price tag they demand... but the question is no longer so clear-cut when we're on to five-digit price tags.

It is amazing how fast a business blows through \$10K when attempting a full-custom solution on their own. If you have three guys on that project you'll be at that point in well under two weeks. So typically a business only does that if there really is no off-the-shelf solution.

You need a raise! Our labor rate was \$225K/year in '00. I was recently accused of invoicing my CPOE \$130K for two weeks. I work a lot of hours, but not *that* many. ;-)

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Keith