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On Sun, 03 Aug 2008 00:23:11 +0100, john jardine wrote:

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My non technical manager thinks that our (very) complex electronic products shouldn't have prototype stages in the project plan because electronics engineers should aim to 'get it right first time'. This guy has had 20 highly successful years of managing the production of speakers, and treats every little design problem as a sign of incompetence (and I do mean little).

Has anyone else had this kind of experience and how did you cope?

In the early days had a couple like that. Ex forces people who never made the military officer class but on being made industrial managers assumed they'd get instant respect and attention from the technical oiks. Doesn't work that way.

I once had a great manager; he really knew his stuff and we all got along fine – (me, an engineer, and three other techs). One day, he called a meeting and said that he was giving his notice because somebody else hired him.

The company hired some complete weenie who didn't know his elbow from a hole in the ground. I got myself fired by coming in hung-over all the time; I got another job at another company much closer to home; while I was working there, I ran into two people (a tech and an engineer) who were my co-workers under Rick. When the new guy came on, he was such a lousy manager that they had quit. ;-)

Cheers!
Rich

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