

# Paired with an Idiot

Things that sabotage success





azlighthouse works, llc

HCL Master 

Notes and Domino  
Developer since R3

3-Time IBM Champion

~~LearningXPages.com~~

Traditional (non-Notes)  
development background.

Husband, Father, Mentor,  
Brew-Master, Curmudgeon



## Diamond



## Platinum



## Gold



## Silver



## Bronze







## Uncomfortable Truths

- You don't know
- Your specs are wrong
- Your requirements are invalid
- Your client doesn't know what they want
- You have been talking to the wrong people

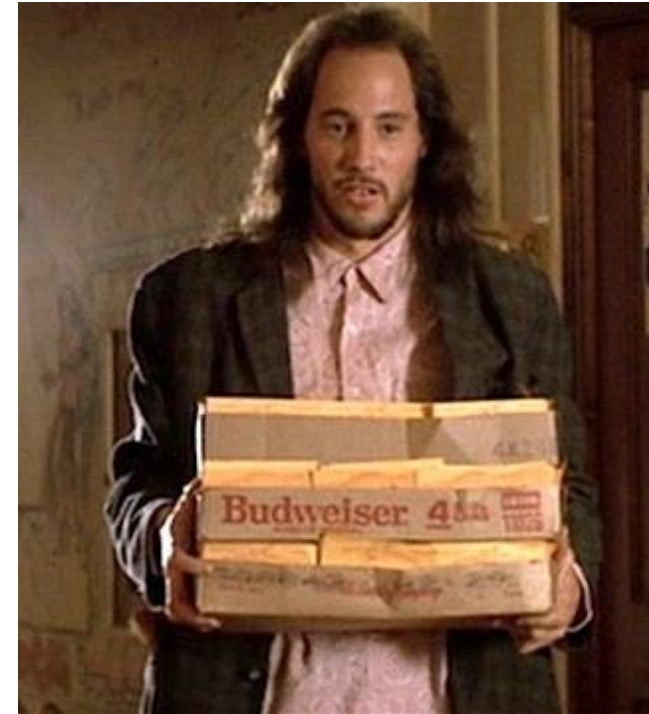


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You don't know... **what you don't know**

“Did you want to borrow my  
pajamas?”

-Lazlo Hollyfeld



- Project for a large manufacturing company.
- Replacing Netware shared files architecture with multi-NSF Application Suite
- 2 clustered Domino servers
- Multi-user shared Notes Client workstations on factory floor
- 4 months development & testing - **ACTIVE DIRECTORY**



## More Uncomfortable Truths

- Jira is not Agile Development
- MS Project is not Project Management
- Closed Support Tickets are not communication



Teams in Space

Scrum: Teams in Space

Backlog

Agile board

Releases

Reports

All issues

Components

Add-ons

PROJECT SHORTCUTS

Mars Team HipChat Room

Space Station Dev Roadmap

Teams in Space Org Chart

Orbital Spotify Playlist

Hyperspeed Bitbucket Repo

+ Add shortcut

Backlog

QUICK FILTERS:

Product

Recently updated

Only my issues

Server

UI

EPICS

All issues

SeeSpaceEZ Plus

Large Team Support

Space Travel Partners

Summer Saturn Sale

Afterburner Plus

Local Mars Office

Hyper-speed shuttles

New launch platforms

Delicious Space Nutrition

Spacetainment

Sprint 1

14 issues

Sprint 2

6 issues

Start: 10 Aug 2015 — Release: 9 Oct 2015

TIS-25

Engage Jupiter Express for outer solar system travel

SeeSpaceEZ Plus

5

TIS-37

When requesting user details the service should return prior trip info

Large Team Support

1

TIS-9

After 100,000 requests the SeeSpaceEZ server dies

Local Mars Office

1

TIS-7

500 Error when requesting a reservation

Large Team Support

1

TIS-10

Bad JSON data coming back from hotel API

Space Travel Partners

5

TIS-18

Enable Speedy SpaceCraft as the preferred individual transit provider

Large Team Support

1

Backlog

49 issues

TIS-25

Engage Jupiter Express for outer solar system travel

Local Mars Office

5

TIS-37

When requesting user details the service should return prior trip info

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Configure

Start sprint

Create sprint

Make sure customer understands your methods (agile).

Non-tech Companies that don't do updates often may not understand Sprints and will believe they are getting a completed product.



## Things you can do

- Help Others
- Focus on quality
- Train your customer
- Use source control
- Learn to say no
- Have fun

engage

Help Others

“It never hurts to help!”  
-Eek! The Cat



## What are microgivashits?

- Microgivashits are microscopic life forms that reside within all living cells.
- We are symbionts with them, that is, life forms living together for mutual advantage.
- Without microgivashits, people would not care about what they do, and we would have no pride in our work.
- They continually speak to us, reminding us to do things right.





## Do it Right

“It is often (always) tempting as a programmer to focus on doing it quickly to meet deadlines and budgets and so forth.

But as I come across routines written in the 1990s in my product that is in use today in companies all over the world, I am reminded that it is better to focus on doing it right.”

-Ben Langhinrichs

Prepare your client if they will need to do their own internal training.

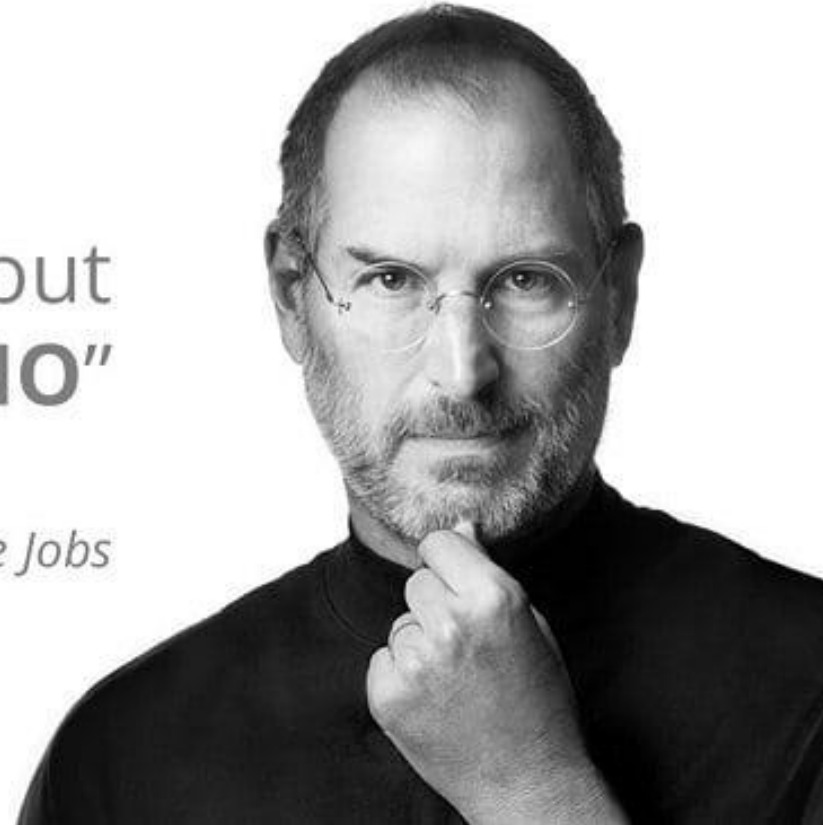
They may not have the right resources and will need courseware.



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- CVS
  - Subversion
  - Vesta
  - CIAO!
  - Vault
  - Bazaar
  - Git
  - BitBucket
  - Mercurial
  - Codeville
  - Fossil
  - SourceTree

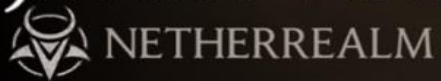
"Focusing is about  
saying **NO**"

- Steve Jobs





Relentless

## JASON VOORHEES



## UNYIELDING PURSUIT

Jason has a chance to evade all **special attacks**. After evading, Jason will attack and stun his opponent. All of Jason's teammates will have a chance of having an unblockable SP2.

 1,045 ATTACK 1,045 HEALTH 1,013 TOUGHNESS 1,013 RECOVERY 100% POWER GEN

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  "Appearance": "Hockey Mask",  
  "Weapon": "Machete",  
  "Occupation": "Behaviorist",  
  "Attack": 1045,  
  "Health": 1045,  
  "Toughness": 1013,  
  "Recovery": 1013,  
  "Power": 100,  
  "Special": "Unyielding Pursuit"  
}
```



## A few more things

- Communicate
- Find a partner
- Know what you are working with
- Acknowledge and Repent past mistakes
- Talk to END USERS
- Avoid Turf Wars



If you introduce new players or key point persons, make sure they understand your customer.

Your brand looks ridiculous when your client must train your new guy.

Everybody needs somebody





## Know what you are working with

“Googling Errors for 2 hours can save you 10 minutes of reading documentation”

-Daniel Nashed









Stop Using Hidden Design

- Marketing Campaign application
- Repository for mixed-media attachments (documents, images, sound clips, etc)
- Workflow & Approvals, Mail Notifications, etc.
- Multiple meetings with Business Process owners
- Multiple architecture reviews
- **UAT MASSIVE FAILURE – Workflow USELESS**





# Be Kind

Costs you Nothing  
Wheaton's Rule





# Give Back

“When you reach the top, remember to send the elevator back down for the others”

-Edith Piaf







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