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Reacherb 88 Points · 4 hours ago
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"Build my website" ok sure, I have a few questions to get the process started... "look guy, just build a website... doesn't matter what it looks like just get it done". Ok cool... a week later.. here is Le website. " ahhh guy this is not what I asked for, and how come you haven't done me a logo or produced photos of my products and how come there is weird Spanish on the page instead of content ? Are you actually a web designer?"

Revelator 125 Points · 7 hours ago
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The presidential council of a college requested that I write a clone of Microsoft Office over a weekend so they didn't need to license it for all their computers. It is just drag and dropping some components onto a form according to them. This was back in 2003-ish mind you.

Barbed_Dillo 25 Points · 6 hours ago
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Man, the number of people who took computer science 101 on the assumption that then they could write their own version of Windows to save money...

meowmeme 232 Points · 2 hours ago
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I have a few interesting ones...
One place I got hired, and without giving me any kind of on-boarding or overview of their system, asked me to do an absolutely massive project (the entire frontend so average marketing users could properly use an operational research solver type thing to manage their ads... The deadline was in 3 days. The thing had to be done from scratch, and be production ready for multi-million dollar contracts with famous companies. Yeah, no.
Another was a designer who complained that I wasn't following her mockups a few years back, that I wasn't using the right color code because 2 things were supposed to be the same color and weren't. I pulled the hex codes from her mockup to show her the colors were indeed different. We had a bunch of high-end monitors that were calibrated for printing, all distinctly showing the difference. "Oh, you're not using a mac. On a mac the colors are supposed to be the same". Yeah, sure, calibrate a real monitor and we'll talk again.

evil-coast-guard-officer 290 Points · 5 hours ago
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Them: "Make it so when people land on the site, they automatically download the sample (of the product) and automatically email it to everyone in their contacts, who will then automatically do the same thing to their contacts."
Me: "...so you want me to create a virus?"
Them: "NO not a virus, they will still be able to turn on their computers, it's viral marketing! It's what all the success story companies do!"
Needless to say, I did not end up working with this person.

portB00 119 Points · 4 hours ago
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Malware. That is called malware.

Probs3x2 274 Points · 2 hours ago
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I took over a job once where the client said the last dev spent a few months getting the server setup, and now wanted me to fetch the game data from there by the users Facebook login.
Easy enough.
Except when I went to figure out what data was in the server already and what kind of api it had I couldn't find anything. Turns out the last guy billed months of work, but just setup an FTP server on an AWS box.
Thankfully the client was understanding when I said that it was pretty much impossible for me to get that done in the timeframe if there was no backend setup at all. We ended up using a commercial service that is pretty much already setup for it.

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"Could you have a non-programmer do it? I hate programmers, they often use custom code to lock in the platform and give themselves job security."

by 1 hour ago
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