

**It is far, far easier to  
beg forgiveness than  
it is to ask permission.**

When they say 'Tick the Box'

Put a cross instead.

If they were capable  
of doing a proper job,  
they wouldn't be  
managers

# Delivering the Illusion of Competence

Having no destination,

I am never lost

**Nothing in the World is more  
dangerous than sincere  
ignorance and conscientious  
stupidity**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Rules are for the guidance of wise  
men and the blind obedience of  
fools

(Solon, the Lawmaker of Athens, d. 559BCE)

also

**Rules are for the obedience of fools and the guidance of wise men**

(Douglas Bader, British WWII air ace)

Are you on-  
message ?



'I have to  
keep twirling  
my towel to  
keep the  
trees at bay'

It came to me in a dream

Consume and  
Pollute - live life  
with the throttle  
wide.

**TRAVAILLER MOINS,**

**PRODUIRE PLUS.**

IF YOU CAN SPEND A  
PERFECTLY USELESS  
AFTERNOON IN A PERFECTLY  
USELESS MANNER, YOU HAVE  
LEARNED HOW TO LIVE

Ling Yu-t'ang 1895 – 1976

Only 27.56% of your  
waking hours are  
spent at work.

**This is a Soldering iron.**

**For those of a low IQ, but can read this notice and managed to get a job here, a soldering iron gets HOT, but only when the red light is on**

**A soldering iron only gets hot at its tip – that is the pointy thing made from shiny metal.**

**If you touch hot things, you will burn yourself, and that will probably hurt, but it is quite safe to hold a soldering iron by its handle (the light blue plastic bit)**

**A soldering iron uses electricity. That comes from the square thing at the back of the bench with three small square holes in it. This is a Socket.**

**If you poke your fingers in these holes, you may get an electric shock – this may also hurt you**

**If you get hurt at work, it is your own fault for being careless, but in the present perceived climate, managers here assume you may be able to sue them. With some of the dubious legal claims services around, you might even be successful.**

**Therefore, if you hurt yourself at work, you may get rich.**

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that which can be  
adequately explained by  
stupidity.

Hanlon's Razor...

A corollary of [Finagle's Law](#), similar to Occam's Razor, that reads "Never attribute to malice that which can be adequately explained by stupidity." The derivation of the Hanlon eponym is not definitely known, but a very similar remark ("You have attributed conditions to villainy that simply result from stupidity.") appears in "Logic of Empire", a classic 1941 SF story by Robert A. Heinlein, who calls it the 'devil theory' of sociology. Heinlein's popularity in the hacker culture makes plausible the supposition that 'Hanlon' is derived from 'Heinlein' by phonetic corruption. A similar epigram has been attributed to William James, but Heinlein more probably got the idea from Alfred Korzybski and other practitioners of General Semantics. Quoted here because it seems to be a particular favorite of hackers, often showing up in [sig blocks](#), [fortune cookie](#) files and the login banners of BBS systems and commercial networks. This probably reflects the hacker's daily experience of environments created by well-intentioned but short-sighted people. Compare [Sturgeon's Law](#), [Ninety-Ninety Rule](#).

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