

TITLE: "SOME NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS"

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*"There is only one problem with common sense;
it's not very common."
- Bryce's Law*

INTRODUCTION

As is customary every year, it is time for "out with the old, and in with the new." Of course I'm talking about some new year resolutions to consider for application developers. Knowing my ideas are not always in vogue, I decided to cover all of my bases and develop two off-setting sets of resolutions. Feel free to use whatever applies to you. Hopefully you should be able to use something from the lists in making your new year's resolutions. Good luck in 2006.

The lists of resolutions are shown on page 2.

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2006 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

<p>I will accurately document information resources so they may be shared and reused by others thus promoting system integration and reducing development time.</p>	<p>I will define information resources for the convenience of my application, but not for others. Data redundancy and system integration will be someone else's problem, not mine.</p>
<p>I will communicate effectively on a standard and consistent basis, not only within my department, but with end-users.</p>	<p>I will lace my language with as much technical gobbledegook as possible to establish a smoke screen of my activities.</p>
<p>I will take the time to understand the end-users in order to appreciate the actions and decisions they have to make, thereby making more informed decisions during system design.</p>	<p>I will rush to programming before truly understanding the business problem to demonstrate I am working on something.</p>
<p>I will produce well documented program source code that is easy to maintain and modify, not only for myself, but by others.</p>	<p>I will produce garbled source code in order to promote job security.</p>
<p>I will thoroughly test all components of the system prior to release to the user community.</p>	<p>I will install prematurely and further alienate the end-users.</p>
<p>I will actively participate in project planning activities in order to express my commitment to the project.</p>	<p>I will resist and undermine all forms of discipline, organization, and accountability.</p>
<p>I will prioritize my work effort in accordance with the company's needs.</p>	<p>I will prioritize my work effort in accordance with whatever technical mood swing I am having that day.</p>
<p>I will select a practical and cost-effective technical solution to satisfy the needs of the system and users.</p>	<p>I will bow and pay homage to Bill Gates.</p>
<p>I will accept the same degree of change in my work habits that I recommend to the users.</p>	<p>I will resist change to the same degree end-users resist the use of my systems.</p>
<p>I will make a concerted effort to build quality into my systems.</p>	<p>I will make a concerted effort to build obsolescence into my systems before they are installed.</p>
<p>I will make an effort to deliver what the end-user wants.</p>	<p>I will let the users know what they need.</p>
<p>I will make every effort to deliver project assignments on time and within budget.</p>	<p>I will make every effort to use up every nickel the company has and deliver my assignments when I am good and ready.</p>
<p>I will continue to read Tim Bryce's columns on Information Resource Management.</p>	<p>I've decided I have had enough of this management babble.</p>

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