

As usual, Mia Hamm, The Mad Scientist, and Neil Gaiman spent their weekend debating the engineering design process. Read each person's ideas, then explain who you agree and disagree with.



“Engineers do all of their work in isolation. The goal is to not have any other people distract you from what you are designing. That way, you ensure that you come up with the best design the first time. I mean that’s how engineering works: you have to get the design perfect the first time.”

- Mia Hamm



“The most important thing to remember when starting a new engineering project is to get right to building the real thing as fast as possible. Otherwise, there is no other way to come up with good ideas. I mean, building different kinds of models is just a waste of time. Also, I am your teacher and the one grading this assignment. Would it be wise to disagree with me?”

-The Mad Scientist



“It is important for an engineer to be in charge of an entire project. For the iPhone, you don’t want one person building the screen and another designing the apps. It should all be done by 1 person, in charge of everything, in isolation.”

-Neil Gaiman

