

What they say/What theymean

WYH: Our firm is heavily involved in enterprise computing.

WIM: I don't understand computers, myself.

WYH: We're fully networked.

WIM: There's a phone wire coming out the back of my computer.

WYH: We depend on electronic mail.

WIM: For important communications, we use Post-It notes.

WYH: Our systems administrator is a computer genius.

WIM: Our systems administator has the only copy of the manual.

WYH: We purchase the best equipment available.

WIM: Our buyer wrote the book on kickbacks.

WYH: Our enterprise software is set up to do anything imaginable.

WIM: Our enterprise software is set up to do accounting.

WYH: Of course, every system has a few bugs.

WIM: The accounting software doesn't work.

WYH: Our needs require custom software.

WIM: No one here knows how to use a spreadsheet.

WYH: Occasionally, we'll bring in a consultant.

WIM: Our last in-house programmer shot six people from atop a tower.

WYH: We're moving toward object-oriented programming.

WIM: We can toss around buzzwords with the best of them.

WYH: We have a close working relationship with the major software suppliers.

WIM: We don't pay our bills on time.

WYH: We're committed to our current platform.

WIM: The lying bastards have us in a hole we can't climb out of.

WYH: We keep a Mac around to publish our newsletter.

WIM: We keep a Mac around to pirate software for our homes.

WYH: The enterprise integration team promises to give us the upper hand in efficiency, flexibility and interoperability.

WIM: So far, the enterprise integration team has given us only the middle finger.

WYH: It's a state of the art distributed enterprise system for LANs and WANs.

WIM: It's ripped-off PC software enhanced with a few idiotic acronyms and a higher price.