

Quotes collected by Kent Renalds from 1976 to 1990, while working at NCR E&M Columbia, Columbia, South Carolina.

Unknown, means that I do not know, but others may know.

Ones attributed to a person, came from that person, but may not have originated with that person, except the ones from Bob Campbell; all of his are original.

If I have attributed a quote to someone and it is the wrong name, I would love to have the correction.

While at NCR someone asked me to give to him my stack of notes containing these quotes and they typed them. I found a copy while cleaning out files and thought that the "Oldtimers" might be interested in some of them.

Kent Renalds
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If you change the hardware, you only change the boxes from this box on. If you change the software, you can make the change for ALL existing boxes.

Unknown

Marriage is like your job... It's easy if you like the BOSS!

Unknown

They are trying to see who can drive 55 MPH the fastest!

Kai Kolstad

Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds.

Albert Einstein

Taste is just another inhibition.

Phil Culler

We are not managers of people. We are managers of products.

Unknown

Things are going great! I can see the tunnel!

Laura Geiger

Those who speak English don't really believe other languages exist. Those who speak French know they exist but can't understand why.

Unknown

Columbia (SC) is not that big that you can make a few enemies and just forget it.

Unknown

It's all the same except for the parts that are different.

Steve Yackey

I've been lazy since about all morning.

Maybe, Buzz Bonnett

She is intimately in touch with the inconsequential.

Brenda Hart

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Q: Why aren't you at work?

A: I can come here and NOT solve my problems. (as well as at home)

Tim Ozor

The blind describing to the deaf what the sun looks like. ...the blind describing the sun to the deaf.

Sam Vause

I learned a lot of things not to do.

Don Holzworth

You may experience some mild discomfort.

Any Doctor

He who loves to kill sacred cows should not put his own to pasture.

Kent Renalds Old Irmeese Proverb

The theory of the Function of the ON-OFF Switch.

From Don Holzworth
From Chap. 1, Sect. 1, USAF Basic Electronics Manual
(This is for real, saw it myself. Kent Renalds)

If this code was supposed to work the first time, anybody could write it.

Steve Snipes

Weak minds look for strength in numbers.

Kent Renalds

You're only as old as you are.

Angie Davis

Work is something you do between beers.

Steve Yackey

If you love something set it free. If it doesn't return, hunt it down and kill it.

Bob Campbell

When there is a 99% chance that something will NOT go the way we want, why do we spend 99% of the time thinking about the other 1%?

Bob Campbell

The Main reason some people get lost in thought is that it's unfamiliar territory.

Po Folks Revue

Middle age is when you have given up everything and you still don't feel good.

Unknown

You can be a whole lot unhappier than you can be happy.

Don Richardson

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Foreign countries were designed for foreigners, if you want to feel at home, stay at home.

Clifton Fadiman (I think from Steve Snipes)

Time flies when nothing works.

Bob Campbell

Don't try to teach a pig to sing. It only wastes your time and annoys the pig.

Ray Reganthal

He who dies with the most toys, wins.

Unknown

He never believes anybody but expects every one to believe him.

Julia Renalds (said of her brother)

Michael is always right. He has made only two, maybe three, mistakes in his life.

Julia Renalds

I used to dream of the salary I'm going broke on now.

NCR employee

If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

(First heard from Liz Samojedon)

No one is completely useless. They can always serve as a bad example.

Unknown

Celibacy is not hereditary.

Unknown

To know yourself is the ultimate form of aggression.

Unknown

It is impossible to make anything foolproof, because fools are so ingenious.

Unknown

Never argue with a fool. People might not know the difference.

Unknown

It is morally wrong to allow a fool to keep his money.

Unknown (but sounds like P. T. Barnum)

Confidence is the feeling you have before you understand the problem.

Phil Mills

It is a simple bug. The fix is the problem.

Andrew Cook

I'll be back again tomorrow, cause I didn't quite make it here today.

Moose AKA John Malyerck

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Some people wouldn't suffer in silence because that takes all the fun out of it.

Unknown

You can afford to be poor unless you have money.

Unknown

I am not far enough along to be behind yet.

Bob Campbell

I can tell you EXACTLY what she said; it went something like this...

Lee Olson

My mother always said, "You can give out, but never give up."

Joe Williams

Don't attribute to malice what can easily be explained by stupidity.

Mike Gerhold

I didn't make any of the decisions that made this product what it is today, except the good ones.

Jim Poole

Have you ever noticed that when you least expect it, nothing happens?

Glenn Grecco

The mind can absorb only what the rear can endure.

Classroom sign, NCR Atlanta

She came up and asked me to dance. I didn't really want to, so I said "Sure!"

Glenn Grecco

Ridicule is the first and last argument of a fool.

Charles Simmons

He can take a hint. He just can't do anything with it.

Bob Campbell

All I want to do is what's right, and that's where I'm gonna go wrong.

Bob Campbell

It doesn't matter where I go; I always seem to be there.

Bob Campbell

When you get there, there is no there there.

Gertrude Stein

Limits exist only in your mind.

Unknown

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I DON'T forget. I just need to be reminded.

Probably Kent Renalds

A lot of women are brought up thinking self-worth is how much attention is given to you.

Unknown

I failed with flying colors.

NCR Employee

That must be my worst favorite.

NCR Employee

Lack of planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part.

Tom Eaton

Experience is what you get when you were expecting something else.

Unknown

You thought I was kidding me, didn't I!

NCR Employee

No, you don't talk too much. I just get tired of listening sometimes.

Coral Golash Renalds

If God had wanted us to see the sunrise, he would have scheduled it later in the day.

NCR Employee

Don't listen to my sounds, listen to my WORDS!

Kent Renalds

I want to live long and die young.

Mike Wescott

I got the original and a copy, and I read them both.

Lee Olsen

Programming will bring the worst of you out of you.

NCR Employee

Just about every close race involves a Republican.

CBS, Election Night 2 Nov 1982

May we always give as much as we receive, to the person who takes the time to know and understand us.

Hedy Roebuck

I'd much rather be popular than productive.

Brent Milton

I like challenges on Tuesday and Wednesday, but I want an easy one on the weekend.

Dalton Watkins

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Different things affect different people differently.

Bob Campbell

No two people are alike, and I'm one of them.

Bob Campbell

How many do you have? Two, if you count both of them.

NCR Employee

The trouble with our times is that the future is not what it used to be.

Unknown

I feel more like I do now than I did an hour ago.

Randy Dunlap (When you asked him how are you, he would always say this.)

There are a lot of familiar strangers here.

Jake ?

If I had to choose between them, I would take them both.

Claude Godwin

You can't expect to HOOT with the owls all night and then SOAR with the eagles the next day.

Janet ? NCR programmer

Dogs bark, but the caravan moves on.

Unknown

Sometimes you feel decimated while other times you feel hexadecimated.

Bob Campbell

A bad idea is like a weed. It will choke a good one out every time.

Scott Haynie

The object of testing is to find bugs, not to prove they don't exist.

Mike Wescott

We spend all our time stomping ants while we let the elephants run free.

Unknown

Killing time is better than working it to death.

Unknown

There are two ways to design a system with no deficiencies:

- 1. Make it so simple that there are obviously no deficiencies.**
- 2. Make it so complex that there are no obvious deficiencies.**

C.A.R. Hoare

We may lose, but we are not going to be intimidated.

Al Cummings

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Campbell's Vending Machine Equation:

Any vending item costing n coins will require a minimum of $n+1$ coin deposits.

Wescott's Law:

Almost everybody has made up a law to be named after himself.

You can tell something about the strength of your coffee when the cream changes the level but not the color.

Bob Campbell

Every complex problem has a simple, easy to understand wrong answer.

Scott Haynie

Computers don't know who they are; they just pretend to be someone else.

Maurice Wilkes

Silicon is psychic.

Tom Burnett

Being is important. Being important is unimportant.

Unknown

I am only a packet in the network of life.

Dale Ritchie

In the world of computer science, "if nothing's wrong, something's wrong!"

Bob Campbell

A circumference is that thing that runs around a circle trying to get out.

Bob Campbell

It worked yesterday.

Steve Lynch

Questions are the creative acts of intelligence.

Unknown

Everything you do or don't communicate says something. It's impossible not to communicate.

Unknown

Better is the enemy of good.

Tom Mays (deciding which features to include and which will not be)

Luck is where preparation meets opportunity.

Bill Schmidt

Time is what God has provided us to prevent everything from happening at once.

Unknown (but sounds like a Campbellism)

Whenever you are about to make ends meet, somebody moves the ends.

Herbert Hoover

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You can observe a lot just by watching.

Yogi Berra

The bitterness of poor quality lasts longer than the sweetness of cheap price.

Unknown

Quick and dirty coding is quick today, but dirty forever.

Unknown

**Coming together is a beginning;
Keeping together is progress;
Working together is success.**

Anonymous

An RFC (request for change) came across my desk a couple of years after Andy Germain had left NCR and it was requesting that the variable "TIME" was not updated often enough, maybe every 30 seconds. In the solution section of the form Andy Germain had written,

Update time from time to time.