A Software Developer's Guide to FUN in the workplace



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How helpful is this practice:



When employees have fun in the workplace, they enjoy their work and produce better results. Managers in DevOps environments strive to create an atmosphere that is challenging, creative, and fun for employees and for themselves.

The benefits of a fun work environment

Imagine a world where people love their work environment and are calm, stress-free, and happy all day. Does that sound impossible?

No. It's a talk about fun.

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No. It's a talk about fun. That's **different**. Obviously.

10 step plan to achieve FUN.

- 1. Quantify and Qualify your **FUN** metrics
- 2. Create a Chief **FUN** Officer (CFO) role
- 3. Gamify your daily tasks to make them more **FUN**
- 4. Enthusiastically high five everyone each morning for **FUN**
- 5. Install a **FUN** ball pit
- 6. Inject a **FUN** word of the day into conversations
- 7. Wear **FUN** clothing, something with flair
- 8. Create **FUN** certificates with gold star systems relive the fun of kindergarten!
- 9. Nominate **FUN** assessors for each team
- 10.Laugh Out Loud (LOL) once a day in the office, others will enjoy your **FUN**



Let's talk about your career.

"Dear boss, you need to send me to Voxxed CERN so I can go to the session on....





to the session on.... FUN."



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19. PROJECTED
20. ASSESSED

-REMEMBER-Don't over use it and be yourslef!





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We keep fun a secret.

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What is Fun?







A Fun Guy.

(Remember, fun means jokes.)



















Esteem

Social

Safety

Physiological



Fun:

An Exploration in its Relevance to Interaction Design

A Thesis

Presented in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for The Degree Master of Fine Arts in the Graduate School of The Ohio State University

By

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> The Ohio State University 2010



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There is **lots** of research on fun.

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"Fun is a point on the intersection of engagement levels and social interaction for a given activity."

Fun: An Exploration in its Relevance to Interaction Design - Elise Woolley, 2010

Aside: When is fun not-fun?

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When it's your **job**.

Funtinuum



Figure 2.1: The Funtinuum

Excerpted from Elise M. Woolley, B.S., Fun: An Exploration in its Relevance to Interaction Design

That was called the **Funtinuum**.

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If you remember just one thing from this talk ...



Exploration focussed investigation



Play flexible for its own sake

Exploration

focussed investigation



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Puzzle a goal and rules


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Games a winner and rules

Puzzle a goal and rules



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Work a goal

Puzzle a goal and rules



Exploration

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Puzzle

Photo by William Warby



Play



Game



Work

Positive affect



It feels good



Programming is fun.

to both types of thinkers:

• Creative

• Logical

Programming gives pleasure

We get to **control** stuff when we program.

Exploration

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Puzzle

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Puzzle

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1.3



Design

Review low-fidelity wireframes and clickable prototypes quickly and iteratively.

Game

Velocity

Experience weekly iterations and track development velocity to plan and prioritize.







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Katie Bouman, discovering that her algorithm for imaging black holes worked.



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It feels good



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The 1980/90's Management Model



Very hierarchical

Control favoured over autonomy

Technology seen as a cost centre

http://www.defenceimagery.mod.uk













Jean Calvin



Jean Calvin (... not an advocate of fun)





the value of fun in the workplace

Play behaviour is common in young farmed animals. Research shows that litters of pigs vary consistently in how much they play - more playful litters grow faster!

piglet litters **grow** faster if they play more

.

@LEAF_Farming #ScienceOnTheFarm

temperature which is cope the thermal image.







IBM Watson IoT Centre, Munich





IBM IoT Lab, Munich





"Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work."

-Aristotle

Research shows: Fun is good for business.

Does Happiness Promote Career Success?

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Past research has demonstrated a relationship between happiness and workplace success. For example, compared with their less happy peers, happy people earn more money, display superior performance, and perform more helpful acts. Researchers have often assumed that an employee is happy and satisfied because he or she is successful. In this article, the authors review evidence in support of an alternative hypothesis—namely, that happiness is a source of why particular employees are more successful than others. To this end, the authors consider evidence from three types of studies—cross-sectional, longitudinal, and experimental—that relate happiness to various work outcomes. Taken together, the evidence suggests that happiness is not only correlated with workplace success but that happiness often precedes measures of success and that induction of positive affect leads to improved workplace outcomes.

Keywords: happiness; subjective well-being; positive emotion; work; career; success

A wealth of research suggests that happy and satisfied individuals are relatively more successful in the workplace. For example, happiness is related to income (Diener & Biswas-Diener, 2002), favorable evaluations by a superior (Cropanzano & Wright, 1999), helping fellow workers (George, 1991), and social support from col-


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Effects of Workplace Fun on Employee Behaviors: Focused on Generation Y in the Hospitality Industry

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ABSTRACT

The conceptual model of this study was tested based on responses from 234 hospitality students in the US who are Generation Yers and had worked in the hospitality industry for more than 3 months. This study revealed that Generation Y employees' attitude toward workplace fun positively affects their experienced workplace fun. In turn, Generation Yers' experienced workplace fun showed direct effects on their job satisfaction, task performance, and interpersonal citizenship behaviors. Affected by experienced workplace fun, job satisfaction significantly enhanced employees' task performance and interpersonal job satisfaction. In essence, for Generation Y employees in hospitality businesses, workplace fun is a significant factor in their job satisfaction, task performance, and interpersonal citizenship behavior. These findings provide a significant insight to hospitality employers who typically have a hard time to attract best young talents and motivate them mainly due to low-paying, low-status nature of hospitality jobs.

Keywords: workplace fun, Generation Y, hospitality business, job satisfaction, task performance, interpersonal citizenship behavior.

INTRODUCTION

A growing number of business writers and consultants maintain that fun at work is essential for enhancing employee motivation and productivity, reducing stress (Karl, Peluchette, Hall, & Harland, 2005). According to Glasser (1994), having fun is the highest level of need of workers and often unmet at work while the lower levels of needs are mostly met at work. Bolton and Houlihan (2009) even articulated that fun at work seems become an established and accepted contributor to advisable people management and thus the bottom line. Indeed, previous academic studies have linked workplace fun with job satisfaction (Karl & Peluchette, 2006) and with task performance and organizational citizenship behavior (Fluegge, 2008).



Employee fun

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Less sick leave

Employee fun

Less sick leave

Harder working

Employee fun

Less sick leave

Harder working

More productivity

Harvard Business Review

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"Your brain at positive is 31% more productive than your brain at negative, neutral or stressed. "

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Happiness and Productivity

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"Individuals [who just watched a comedy video] have approximately



greater productivity."



Your brain needs breaks.







Breaks with exercise are even better





Practical example: **Everyone** loves lego trains.

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Info Support funded their employees' lego trains.

The Internet of (Lego) Trains

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Why? Good business.

PERSUADE YOUR MANAGER TO GET SOME TIME FOR A FUN PROJECT

•Fun

- HR and recruitment
- Discover
- Innovate



Thanks, @johanjanssen42!



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How **much** fun can you expect to have?



(Yes, this is a picture of lots of fungi. You're welcome.)

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How **much** fun can you expect to have?





Limits to Fun

- No one likes working on things that aren't valuable or useful.
- So if you take that to its extreme, and only do activities if they're fun and enjoyable, will that work?
- Self-discipline is still needed.

Just because it's fun, doesn't mean it's good.

Trolls just want to have fun

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ABSTRACT

In two online studies (total N = 1215), respondents completed personality inventories and a survey of their Internet commenting styles. Overall, strong positive associations emerged among online commenting frequency, trolling enjoyment, and troll identity, pointing to a common construct underlying the measures. Both studies revealed similar patterns of relations between trolling and the Dark Tetrad of personality: trolling correlated positively with sadism, psychopathy, and Machiavellianism, using both enjoyment ratings and identity scores. Of all personality measures, sadism showed the most robust associations with trolling and, importantly, the relationship was specific to trolling behavior. Enjoyment of other online activities, such as chatting and debating, was unrelated to sadism. Thus cyber-trolling appears to be an Internet manifestation of everyday sadism.

1. Introduction

Online trolling is the practice of behaving in a decepti destructive, or disruptive manner in a social setting on the Intern

Just because it's fun, doesn't mean it's **good.**

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	disruptive aspects may distinguish trolling from other forms of on-	
	line antisociality, such as cyber-bullying, where perpetrator identi-	
ive,	ties are usually clear (Lenhardt, 2013) and the intent is more	
net	straightforward.	

"I love the smell of napalm in the morning smells like victory."

Bill Kilgore, Apocalypse Now



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Is everyone having fun?











2008: A developer had a lot of fun with Groovy.



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2008: A developer had a lot of fun with Groovy.

2009: The others who had to maintain the code had less fun.

Enjoy fun. Responsibly.



How to achieve fun

Warning: This is our context and our experience of Fun. Your workplace culture may be different.

Step 1. Find un-fun things. Get rid of them.

Step 0. Stop prohibiting fun. Obviously.

"Please stop sending emails telling people you are sharing cake."


"If you're in the office after 5:30, you need to be doing work."

"Why are you smiling? Work isn't a place to be happy!"

- a prowling project manager

Step 1. Find un-fun things. Get rid of them.

A process being unfun is a red flag that it's not adding value.



Step 1. Find un-fun things. Get rid of them.

... because they're probably waste.



Jessica Rose @jesslynnrose

Programmers: how much of your workday would you estimate is spent purely coding? RT to help get bigger sample!

25% or less ⊘

25-50%

50-75%

75-100%

3030 votes • 162 hours left

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36% 39% 20%

5%





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In reply to @jesslynnrose



Holly Cummins @holly_cummins

04/07/2016 15:27



@jesslynnrose if I told you, I'd have to cry. :)



Get rid of the stuff that stops us doing what we enjoy.





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"We're short staffed. You're going to need to cancel all my meetings for a month so I can do programming."





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Interactions are fun. Interruptions are not.



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Reggie Robot BOT 11:37 AM One sec, I'll ping the interrupt pair for you... The current interrupt pair is:

Tim Glover-Poultney: @tim

Matthew Green: @matthewgree

Protect your coding time from meetings.

"I'm sorry, since I'm pairprogramming, I can't make that meeting."



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Pair programming



Jessica Kerr @jessitron I hate doing code review. I love pairing. I don't want to exert judgement on your code, I want to collaborate on code.

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♥ 365

#noestimates

Estimates are rarely accurate. Why bother??





Jason Hall @JasonHallc · Jul 29

There's no empirical difference between SP and # of stories for predictive value **#noestimates** #agile2016









Making a difference is fun.





Making a difference is fun. Having a prototype become real is fun.





Making a difference is fun. Having a prototype become real is fun. Add the logging when you know it actually matters.



"We don't want to be the prototyping department."

-- Head of Innovation, A-Client





Testing should not be part of the hardening phase.

TDD is fun.





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TDD

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Computers don't expect to have fun (yet).

Let **them** do the tedious tasks.

Bonus: Automating stuff is fun (yay!).

Automation





Status for all to see.

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Marathon App London Garage				
Backlog				
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As Simon I can configure how big 'X' is for the wrong-bearing alert.				
Investigate why the external GPS tracking app no longer seems to function				
Chore: Test that the external GPS can be charged fully from a USB Charger.				
Investigate seemingly random routes in GPX				
sw				
As Simon I can review the duration of my most recent run on the web console				
Add a card				







Status for all to see.

Keep stories small, so status is self-reporting.

Daily stand-up. Keep it short.







We all hate being told what to do.

Usually, because we know it's wrong.

Let people make their **own** decisions.

Step 2: Add fun





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Show this profile



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Darrin Maidlow

"It's a fun team building tool that also serves a very important purpose. Broken builds slow people down, and slow scrum teams are bad :). The siren notifies us of problems and ensures they get fixed quickly!"



Travis Stevens

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Build gamification (Strictly speaking, productization of build gamification)

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Travis Stevens

"The Siren has been great for getting people to respond to broken builds and has really increased our team's awareness of broken builds."







Build gamification can be pretty serious.

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NEWS

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The countdown for JAX Finance and JAX DevOps has started

Do you want to play a game?

Code on the Road: Uber, Google, Marriott and US army are gamifying recruitment

🕑 April 12, 2016 🛛 🛔 Gabriela Motroc



Uber made the headlines last month when it transpired that some people received a "Hacker Challenge" from the unicorn during rides. However, Uber is not the only company to lure engineers through coding games.






Sonar Smash : fueling the removal of technical debt through competition

Helen Wallace James Mac Mahon

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1 free lunch 🗈 thousands of issues fixed

DEVOX France





remember, you get what you measure



Overall Coverage Summary

name	instruction	branch	complexity	line	method	class
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Coverage Breakdown by Package

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- it can start to feel an awful lot like work

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<u>Slack</u> is one of the most interesting enterprise apps. True to its name it does feel like you are "slack"-ing off when in reality you are getting work done. Slack officially made enterprise communication "fun". But how did it pull this off? Turns out the Slack team has mastered the art of "Gamification".

> the use of game design techniques & design elements to nd engage audiences. Gamification strives to encourage 1 desired behaviors in connection with non-game ario Herger, Enterprise-Gamification







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Play

Early years education

Children should learn mainly through play until age of eight, says Lego

Toy company funds research suggesting educational development can be hindered by early formal schooling. So are UK schools getting it wrong?

Lucy Ward Tuesday 15 March 2016 07.00 GMT (f) () (in G+) Comments 170 Save for later

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Children learn through play. Adults do too.

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Little Known Software Haster Eggs

Software development can be a rather long, tedious procedure. And for some professional software developers, the best way to blow off steam is to leave little "Easter eggs" in their software. Generally speaking, an Easter egg is a hidden message, joke, or feature that is not documented, and often not even meant to be found by the casual user. These are 5 of the best, littlest known Easter eggs in computer software.













"Is 'Gullible' in the Dictionary?"

Quirkiness

How do a production-train slack-integration **nicely**:



fat-controller BOT 7:59 PM

Spotted approval request - raising IDS ticket...

Train is waiting at the station, ticket 96381, waiting on approval from one of: @ralph,@colin,@tonyg,@cullepl,@fat-controller, https://jazzop27.rtp.raleigh.ibm.com:9443/ccm/resource/itemName/com.ibm.team.workitem.WorkItem/96381

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tonyg 10:20 PM approve 96381



fat-controller BOT 10:20 PM approval recorded in RTC

Ticket 96381 resolved

Mind the doors please! Choo Choo 🚋 🚋 @marian



marian 10:20 PM Thanks

Feedback matters.



Failing at Fun

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How do you know you're having fun if you're not measuring it?



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Failing at Fun Forgetting to fix the other stuff.



A layer of fun



A layer of fun ... on top of a terrible workspace ...



A layer of fun ... on top of a terrible workspace ... is **still** terrible.



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Fun is important.

Recap on achieving fun: 2. Add fun things

1. Get rid of un-fun things

Doing 2. without 1. is going to fail.



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