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30 多年前的一次越洋旅途中,在航班上的漫长夜晚,我们萌生了撰写人件相关内容的想法。当时,我们正从洛杉矶赶往悉尼去教授软件工程的系列课程。在飞机上,我们难以入眠,索性谈论起自己经历的以及从客户那里了解到的软件系统的高复杂度。我们中的一人(不记得到底是谁了)从我们的讨论中总结道:"也许……软件系统的主要问题不在于技术,而在于社会性因素。"

我们花了好一会儿才想明白这其中的缘由,这和我们先前对软件的理解完全不同。我们和那些沉迷于高科技的人士一样,坚信技术就是一切,无论出现什么问题,总会有更好的技术为我们找到出路。但是,如果我们所面对的问题天生就属于社会学的范畴,再好的技术可能也提供不了什么帮助。例如,对于一组必须工作在一起的人彼此不信任的情形,就没有什么软件包或万能工具能改变他们,以解决这个问题。

这样的想法一经产生,就驱使我们展开对一些案例的研究,进而我们俩都认识到,在大多数项目中,社会性的复杂度远比技术上的挑战要难处理得多。而且,不可避免地,我们还要面临一个更加严峻的问题:即便我们意识到社会性因素比技术上的因素重要得多,也从来没有用这样的思维观念管理过团队。是的,我们也会不时地改善团队的协作环境,或者缓解团队的紧张情绪,但这些事情从来没有成为我们工作的核心。

如果我们早些知道人的因素要重于技术因素的话,我们的管理方式会有什么不同呢?于是,我们开始梳理这些想法。正好,我们手头上有空白胶片和油笔,

可以将这些令人炫目的想法记录到胶片中,传神而又真实地展现给我们在悉尼的 观众。哦,天呐!悉尼可是与美国和欧洲相隔了半个地球那么远,要是我们不回 家,谁又会知道我们此时此刻的重大发现呢?

接下来的一周,悉尼的观众立马加入了对人件的讨论行列,当然他们还有那么一点儿懊恼(看来,不只是我们才有唯技术是用论的观点)。最重要的是,人们 踊跃发言,分享了不少他们自己的案例,这让我们感激万分,而又备受鼓舞。

较之本书在1987年出版的第1版,我们通过大量的问卷调查和一线实验证明了第1版中关于环境影响的猜测(见本版中的第二部分),同时验证了我们关于团队结构和沟通上的一些更为激进的建议(见本书其余部分内容)。

本书的前两版使我们成了技术项目中人文问题研究的专家,而我们也在按着 这个思路不断前进。在本版新增的章节中,讨论了一些领导力上的病理症状,在 先前版本中这些没有作为病理来归纳;书中还讲述了会议文化的演进,以及如何管 理新旧成员水火不容的混合团队;我们也越来越清楚地认识到,一些日常使用的工 具会成为我们前进的阻力而非动力。

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