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an introduction for software engineers

Wait, isn't this a tech meetup?



What is management?

Management == Project Management? Management == Leadership? Management == Scrum? Management == Allocation of Capital?

High Output Management

"A manager's output =

the output of his organization +

the output of the neighboring organizations under his influence"



Management is a means of abstraction *for an organization*







Punchline

Teams are Modules

Managers are their Public Interfaces

Managerial Leverage & Task-Relevant Maturity (TRM)

TRM = 1/(required oversight)



Managers vs. Engineers



Management skill set - or is that engineering?

- creating processes
- anticipating problems
- creative problem solving
- monitoring performance of systems
- designing communications structures
- architecting concurrent systems
- collecting and understanding data
- + leadership

Common Failure Modes

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For Engineers as Managers

Staying in the Code aka: doing your old job

Being a Reluctant Manager

Not Hiring the Best

Engineers Gone Wild

"We're a very flat organization."

Transitioning to Management



Recommended Reading







Wrapping Up

- Management != rocket science but respect it
- Engineering is a great background for management
- If you're gonna do it, do it well

Was this useful?

Questions?

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