



“Bloodhound on my Trail”: developing the Ferranti Argus computer and its lessons for modern engineering

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Why do some projects succeed, while others languish? Should new projects be formally organised, or left to assemble themselves in the hope a solution will emerge? How is new technology developed in practice?

This lively paper uses the history of technology to look at the organisation of R&D. It looks at the “rocket science” behind the Bristol Bloodhound Mark 2 guided missile and shows how the guidance system was developed, prompting a major switch from analogue to digital control.



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