



HU DOES REQUIREMENTS?

BRINGING NUMBERS TO LIFE L24.2

This is a script for a two-person comedy routine, derived from the famous "Who's on First?" vaudeville routine by Abbot & Costello.

Hu Does Requirements?

Performed by two persons, John and Jay, on stage.

Cast:

John (or whoever is performing)

Jay (or whoever is performing)

Hu

Guy

Mythily

Whye

Sumadi

Clarity

Cras

Wolf

Giva

John: Hi Jay, I want to discuss a new cross-site project. We've put together a team, started the project, and I want you to manage it.

Jay: OK. I have not met the team, so you'll have to tell me their names, and then I'll know who's working on what.

John: Oh, I'll tell you their names, but you know it seems to me they give these employees now-a-days very peculiar names.

Jay: You mean funny names?

John: Strange names, like Tara Byte...

Jay: She has a friend, Justin Case

John: Rhoda Buch...

Jay: And that French woman.

John: French?

Jay: Luce Canon

John: Luce Canon. Well, let's see, here is the list..., Hu does requirements, uh...Guy does design, Sumadi writes the code...

Jay: That's what I want to find out.

John: I say Hu does requirements, Guy does design, Sumadi writes the code.

Jay: You've been the manager?

John: Yes.

Jay: And the Lead too?

John: Yes.

Jay: And you don't know the people's names.

John: Well I should.

Jay: Well then who does the requirements?

John: Yes.

Jay: I mean the fellow's name.

John: Hu.

Jay: The person on requirements.

John: Hu.

Jay: The requirements person.

John: Hu.

Jay: The person doing...

John: Hu is doing the requirements!

Jay: I'm asking you who's doing the requirements.

John: That's the man's name.

Jay: That's who's name?

John: Yes.

Jay: Well go ahead and tell me.

John: That's it.

Jay: That's who?

John: Yes.

PAUSE

Jay: Look, you gotta requirements person?

John: Certainly.

Jay: Who's doing requirements?

John: That's right.

Jay: When you pay the requirements person every month, who gets the money?

John: Every dollar of it.

Jay: All I'm trying to find out is the fellow's name doing requirements.

John: Hu.

Jay: The person that gets...

John: That's it.

Jay: Who gets the money...

John: He does, every dollar of it. Sometimes his wife comes down and collects it.

Jay: Who's wife?

John: Yes.

PAUSE

John: What's wrong with that?

Jay: I wanna know when you signed up the requirements person, how does he sign his name?

John: Hu.

Jay: The person.

John: Hu.

Jay: How does he sign...

John: That's how he signs it.

Jay: Who?

John: Yes.

PAUSE

Jay: All I'm trying to find out is the guy doing requirements.

John: No. Guy is doing design.

Jay: I'm not asking you who's doing design.

John: Hu's doing requirements.

Jay: One role at a time!

John: Well, don't change the people around.

Jay: I'M NOT CHANGING NOBODY!

John: Take it easy, Jay.

Jay: I'm only asking you, who's doing requirements?

John: That's right.

Jay: OK.

John: Alright.

PAUSE

Jay: Does the guy doing requirements have a first name?

John: Guy is doing design.

Jay: I'm not asking you who's doing design.

John: Hu's doing requirements.

Jay: Somebody!

John: Sumati's writing the code, we're not talking about her.

Jay: Now how did I get on the code?

John: Why you mentioned her name.

Jay: If I mentioned the coder's name, who did I say is doing the coding?

John: No. Hu's doing requirements.

Jay: Guys doing work?

John: Guy's doing design.

Jay: Somebody.

John: She's writing the code.

Jay: THERE I GO, BACK ON THE CODE AGAIN!

PAUSE

Jay: Would you just stay on the code and don't go off it.

John: Alright, what do you want to know?

Jay: Now who's writing the code?

John: Why do you insist on making Hu write the code?

Jay: I am just putting a guy on the code.

John: No. Guy is doing the design.

Jay: You don't want who to do the design?

John: Hu is doing requirements.

Jay: Somebody.

Together: THE CODE!

PAUSE

Jay: Look, you do software testing?

John: Sure.

Jay: The performance tester's name?

John: Whye.

Jay: I just thought I'd ask you.

John: Well, I just thought I'd tell ya.

Jay: Then tell me who the performance tester is.

John: Hu's doing the requirements.

Jay: I'm not...stay out of development!!! I want to know what's the guy in software testing?

John: No, Guy does design.

Jay: I'm not asking you who does design.

John: Hu does requirements!

Jay: Somebody.

Together: THE CODE!

PAUSE

Jay: The performance tester's name?

John: Whye.

Jay: For Clarity!

John: Oh, She's in Documentation.

PAUSE

Jay: Look, You got an architect on this team?

John: Sure.

Jay: The architect's name?

John: Cras.

Jay: I know I'm a bit pushy, what's his name?

John: I'm telling you now.

Jay: Then go ahead.

John: Cras!

Jay: Give me a break!

John: What for?

Jay: Please just tell me tell me who's the architect on the team?

John: Now listen. Hu is not the architect.

Jay: I'LL BREAK YOUR ARM IF YOU SAY WHO'S DOING REQUIREMENTS!! I WANT TO KNOW THE GUY DOING THE ARCHITECTURE?

John: Guy's doing design.

Jay: Somebody.

Together: WRITE THE CODE!

PAUSE

Jay: Doing translation?

John: Wolf.

Jay: Translating to wolf, and cras architecture.

John: Now you've got it.

Jay: ALL WE GOT IS A CONFUSED PROJECT!

PAUSE

Jay: You know I used to be a translator too.

John: So they tell me.

Jay: I get the code and do some fancy translating of somebody's code and an uptight designer comes in. Now the designer proposes this new project called LAVA. When he shows it, me, being a good translator, I'm gonna reject it because it cannot be translated. So I pick up the spec and send it to who?

John: Now that's the first thing you've said right.

Jay: I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

PAUSE

John: That's all you have to do.

Jay: Is to send the spec back to the requirements phase.

John: Yes!

Jay: Now who's got it?

John: Yes, but Mythili first, the assistant.

PAUSE

Jay: It doesn't matter HOW I send it. Look, if I send the spec back to the requirements phase, the assistant gets it. Now who has it?

John: Mythili.

Jay: Not how, who?

John: Mythili.

Jay: Mightily?

John: Mythili.

Jay: So I take the spec and send it to Mightily?

John: No you don't, you send it to Hu.

Jay: Mightily.

John: No, she won't pay attention.

Jay: I send the spec mightily to who?

John: No, you send it to Hu.

Jay: Mightily to who?

John: That's it.

Jay: THAT'S WHAT I SAID!

John: You ask me.

Jay: I send the spec to who?

John: Mythily.

Jay: Now you ask me.

John: You send the spec to Hu?

Jay: Mlghtily.

John: That's it.

Jay: SAME AS YOU! SAME AS YOU!!! I send the spec to who. Whoever it is keeps the spec and a guy keeps on designing. Who sends the spec to somebody, and then it goes to Clarity who throws it back to Cras. An Agile Sprint. Another guy gets up and sends a change request to Mythily to Who. Whye? I don't know! He's performance testing and I don't giva darn!

John: What?

Jay: I said I don't giva darn!

John: Oh, Giva's our release manager.

Jay: I'M OUTTAHERE!!!