F**KUP ALMANAC

Volume 1 - Foundations Of The Digital World

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BOOK PITCH

The Fuckup Almanac, Vol. 1 treats engineering failures and technological disasters as data — moments where systems expose their true structure and organizations reveal how decisions are really made.

The book introduces the foundations of modern IT in a conversational, beer-talk tone with academic-level fact-checking, *requiring no prior technical background* beyond curiosity about how systems work — and fail.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

T*he Fuckup Almanac, Vol. 1* looks at engineering failures and IT disasters as a source of data and lessons, not embarrassment or spectacle. When systems break, they reveal their real structure: hidden assumptions, trade-offs, and decision paths that remain invisible as long as everything appears to work.

This is **not** a *disaster-porn* collection or a book written for *schadenfreude* — even if it can be read that way. Failures are used deliberately as a tool to ground understanding of mechanisms, not to celebrate collapse, but to explain why complex digital systems behave the way they do.

The book introduces the foundations of modern IT in a clear, conversational tone with strict fact-checking and no required prior knowledge. It won't teach you how to build the next YouTube or pass a job interview, but it will teach you how to understand systems well enough to spot weak points and structural risks.

Failures are not exceptions.
They are the system speaking honestly

STRUCTURE

The book is structured around five core pillars of modern IT

COMPUTE – how processing really scales, stalls, and fails

NETWORKING - why "the Internet just works" is an illusion

STORAGE - data durability, corruption, and false assumptions

SECURITY - responsibility gaps, and security tools turning against their owners

RESILIENCE - redundancy, recovery, and why "five nines" lie

BY THE NUMBERS

- **96 real-world engineering failures** across cloud, infrastructure, and software
- **28 explainers** breaking down comples concepts in layman's terms
- **500+ verified sources** in the bibliography
- **Zero prerequisities** – no technical background required
- **Strict fact-checking** paired with an accessible, narrative tone

HOW IT'S WRITTEN

- Explanation over instruction
- Ideas and mechanisms, not checklists
- Failures used as data
- Metaphors to ground abstractions
- Plain language, no jargon worship

A friendly map to the territory,
not a detailed topographic map.

WHO THIS BOOK IS FOR

Students & Juniors

Mental models before manuals. Understanding concepts before diving into textbooks and docs.

Curious minds

How modern IT really works — and fails. Context beyond outage headlines and tech hype.

Seasoned Professionals

Failure patterns as warnings. A checklist of what *not* to build, assume, or ignore.

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW ANGLES

- Why failures explain systems better than success stories
- Do we really need jargon to explain complex systems?
- If you can't explain it simply, do you understand it?
- Why "virtual" failures now have real-world consequences
- What programmers can learn from civil and aerospace engineering
- Why complexity grows faster than our ability to control it
- Why adding tools often makes systems weaker