Grace Hopper Quotes

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The most damaging phrase in the language is: 'It's always been done that way.'

~Grace Hopper

Humans are allergic to change. They love to say, 'We've always done it this way.' I try to fight that. That's why I have a clock on my wall that runs counter-clockwise.

~Grace Hopper

A ship in port is safe, but that's not what ships are built for.

~Grace Hopper

The only phrase I've ever disliked is, 'Why, we've always done it that way.' I always tell young people, 'Go ahead and do it. You can always apologize later.'

~Grace Hopper

To me programming is more than an important practical art. It is also a gigantic undertaking in the foundations of knowledge.

~Grace Hopper

No computer is ever going to ask a new, reasonable question. It takes trained people to do that.

~Grace Hopper

You manage things, you lead people. We went overboard on management and forgot about leadership.

~Grace Hopper

It is often easier to ask for forgiveness than to ask for permission.

~Grace Hopper

One accurate measurement is worth a thousand expert opinions.

~Grace Hopper

Leadership is a two-way street, loyalty up and loyalty down. Respect for one's superiors; care for one's crew.

~Grace Hopper

The glass is neither half empty nor half full. It's simply larger than it needs to be. It is easier to get forgiveness than permission

~Grace Hopper

I've always been more interested in the future than in the past.

~Grace Hopper

From then on, when anything went wrong with a computer, we said it had bugs in it.

~Grace Hopper

If you do something once, people will call it an accident. If you do it twice, they call it a coincidence. But do it a third time and you've just proven a natural law!

~Grace Hopper

Some day, on the corporate balance sheet, there will be an entry which reads, "Information"; for in most cases, the information is more valuable than the hardware which processes it.

~Grace Hopper

If you want my ghost just say ' We've always done it that way.' and i will haunt you for 24 hours.

~Grace Hopper

I had a running compiler and nobody would touch it. They told me computers could only do arithmetic.

~Grace Hopper

You manage things, you lead people. We went overboard on

management and forgot about leadership. It might help if we ran the MBAs out of Washington.

~Grace Hopper

It is easier to apologize than to get permission.

~Grace Hopper

At any given moment, there is always a line representing what your boss will believe. If you step over it, you will not get your budget. Go as close to that line as you can.

~Grace Hopper

I will not take what you need to give me. I will take what you want to give me.

~Grace Hopper

It's always easier to apologize for something you've already done than to get approval for it in advance.

~Grace Hopper

We're just getting started. We're just beginning to meet what will be the future-we've got the Model T.

~Grace Hopper

If it's a good idea, go ahead and do it. It is much easier to apologise than it is to get permission.

~Grace Hopper

Developing a compiler was a logical move; but in matters like this, you don't run against logic - you run against people who can't change their minds.

~Grace Hopper

We're flooding people with information. We need to feed it through a

processor. A human must turn information into intelligence or knowledge.

~Grace Hopper

It's easier to apologize than ask for permission.

~Grace Hopper

We've tended to forget that no computer will ever ask a new question.

~Grace Hopper

Manage things. Lead people.

~Grace Hopper

I need something to compare this to. Could I please have a microsecond?

~Grace Hopper

If it isn't bolted down, bring it home.

~Grace Hopper

You manage things and lead people.

~Grace Hopper

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