

Rishi's Operating Instructions

1. I trust you

I believe in everyone's professionalism, maturity, creativity and competence. I will assume that when working together we will all do our share of due diligence. If my direction is missing or unclear in any way, I trust that you'll clarify it with me.

2. I am a creative/collaborative communicator

I appreciate patience and respect when exploring different approaches to solve a problem. I will involve you in my process of exploration. I believe that the best solutions are the ones that emerge through a rigorous, thoughtful process and it'll be my endeavor to apply that amount of creative rigor. I believe design is never done. Iterations will stop based on context, experience and instruction.

3. I will always share my design feedback

You'll be the best judge of solving the actual problem, but I'll always offer my comments and feedback. My comments are not meant to increase work for you but instead are in the spirit of asking "can this be done differently or better"

4. I like to be early if possible

I tend to work on things as soon as they are assigned or brought up to me. I am comfortable with you having a different working style but not being on time with deliverables upsets me. Proactive updates about schedules and timelines are highly appreciated.

5. I like the flat organization

I tend to think of all of us as equals and will not hesitate to bring up design critiques or work related issues irrespective of levels. I expect to give and receive proper dignity and respect in all our communication and interactions and be aptly discreet when the situation so demands.

6. I like you to be proactive

If you think there are project related issues or personal issues that I am not responding appropriately to, you are invited to proactively mention it to me. It is highly likely that I have forgotten to get appropriate feedback from you or not set all expectations. This is something I am trying to work on.

7. I am easy going, non-confrontational and have close to infinite patience

I don't expect to give or receive prescriptions about work related issues, unless asked for. I will express my disappointment but will rarely ever confront you. I also have the ability to listen to you at any point for however long you want me to listen.

8. I am excited by concepts that are non-standard ,offbeat and experimental in nature

Usually: Cross-Cultural design, philosophy and design, service design, behavioral economics and design, trans-media design, design critique

9. I am here to be the best IA/ interaction designer that I can be

I strive to continuously learn and improve my skill and become a better person. You bring skills and personalities that help me achieve that. I also want to help you in whatever professional or personal capacity you'd want me to.

10. I bring a mix of optimism and skepticism

The optimism keeps me inspired. The skepticism keeps me grounded. I'll use both simultaneously to solve problems.

11. I am empathetic to multiple perspectives

I am a rational hedonist but you always have a chance to make me see things another way.

12. I strive to keep a cordial relationship and appreciate a sense of humor about things