

The first day at Microsoft: A fender-bender

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This is the first of what might be a series of stories on the subject, *So what happened on your first day at Microsoft?* Some facts may have been altered to preserve the anonymity of the subject, but the essence is true. Our first storyteller is “Employee X”:

At the end of my first day, I back out of my parking space and accidentally hit a Lexus parked behind me. Oh great, my first day at work, and I dent somebody’s fancy car. I leave a note of apology on the windshield, with my name, email address, phone number, and a promise to pay for whatever repairs are necessary.

The next day, I come to work, and I have a new email message.

From Bill Gates.

Oh my God, I dented Bill Gates’ car.

Fortunately, he said not to worry about it.

Bonus: [Russell Ball](#) shares [a voicemail message left by a new employee on his second day](#).

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