

## The Elusive Engineer: Some Solutions

1. If the elusive co-author does not answer his phone or return messages, try his pager if he has one.
2. Use e-mail or, if you're really lucky and gutsy, get your network admin to slip in a network broadcast message just for Dr. Habbibi.
3. Use hall talk--if you see someone in the hall who knows Dr. Habbibi, mention that you're waiting on critical files from him.
4. Send Dr. Habbibi a fax.
5. Make Security your friend, especially Security attached to Dr. Habbibi's building.
6. Find out what kind of car Dr. Habbibi drives, and leave notes on the windshield.
7. Find out what meetings he is scheduled to attend and, if possible, hover outside the meeting room door.
8. If you know someone else is going to the secured building, send a message with that person.
9. If Dr. Habbibi has an officemate, have that person leave notes on Dr. Habbibi's computer.
10. Inundate Dr. Habbibi's admin with urgent pleas. Find out when Dr. Habbibi will be in the office so that you don't waste your messages.
11. Have your manager talk to his manager.

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