# Leveraging Entomological Technical Service

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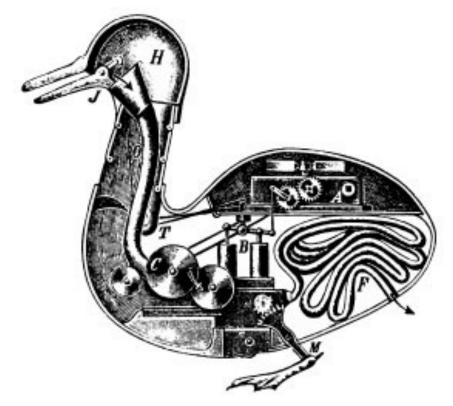
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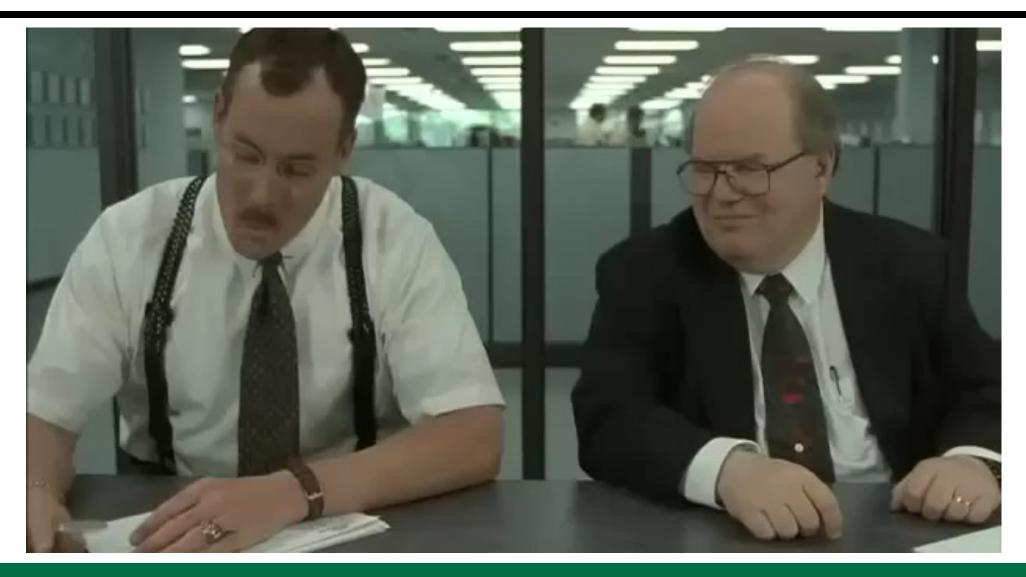
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The Digesting Duck was an automaton created by Jacques de Vaucanson in the mid 1700s in France.



### **Technical Services Interview**





## **Technical Services Entomologist**





#### What are Technical Services?

#### 15 U.S. Code § 1352 - Definitions

- (a) "<u>Technical services</u>" means activities or programs designed to enable businesses, commerce, and industrial establishments to acquire and use scientific and engineering information more effectively through such means as—
  - (1) preparing and disseminating technical reports, abstracts, computer tapes, microfilm, reviews, and similar scientific or engineering information, including the establishment of State or interstate technical information centers for this purpose;
  - (2) providing a reference service to identify sources of engineering and other scientific expertise; and
  - (3) sponsoring industrial workshops, seminars, training programs, extension courses, demonstrations, and field visits designed to encourage the more effective application of scientific and engineering information.



#### What Are Technical Services Worth?

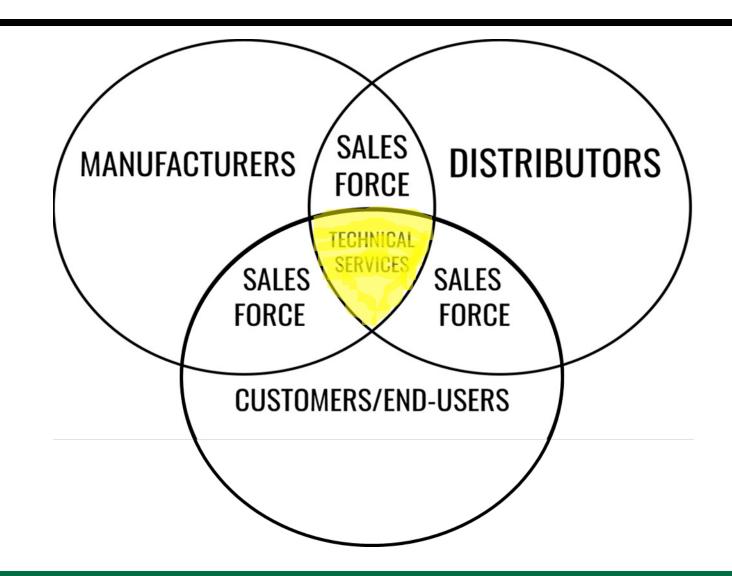
Because technical services are usually not purchased by end-users, their value for money (or benefit-cost ratio) cannot be directly measured.

—Philip Hider, 2008

- It's technical...
- It's service...
- It's often indirect...



#### **Visual Realm of Technical Services**





#### What Technical Services Should Do

- Train/exchange information with:
  - Sales team members.
  - Distributors.
  - Other technical types.
- Review IPM (IVM) plans & practices.
- · Present at internal & external events.
- · Monitor insecticide tolerance & resistance patterns.
- Assist w/field studies and bioassay methods.



#### What Technical Services Should Do

- Stay abreast of new technology & methodologies.
- Assist sales members w/ end-user issues.
- Help w/ label interpretation.
- Calibration/Characterization.
- Investigate & troubleshoot product failures.
- Participate w/ generation of new products (e.g. R&D).
- · Review research & professional comms (e.g. white papers).



### What Technical Services Do Not Do

- Sell you products.
- Arrange distribution or pricing agreements.
- Broker product returns.
- Make regulatory or label changes.
- Critique or explain competing products.
- Buy your loyalty.

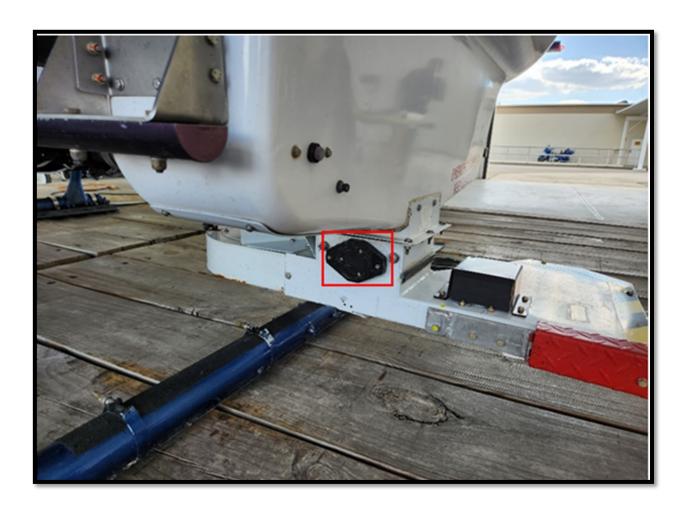




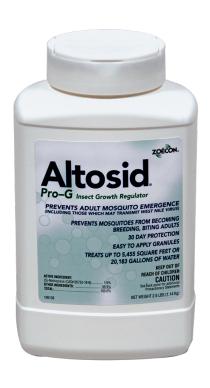








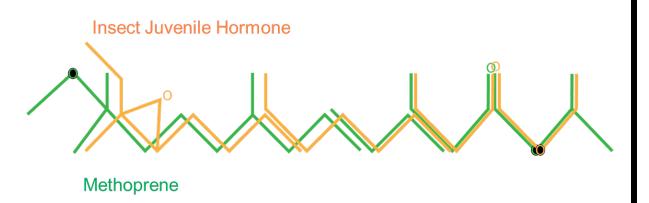








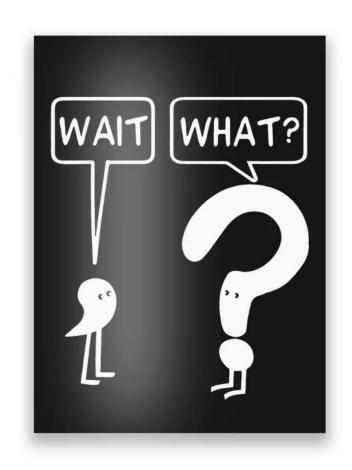
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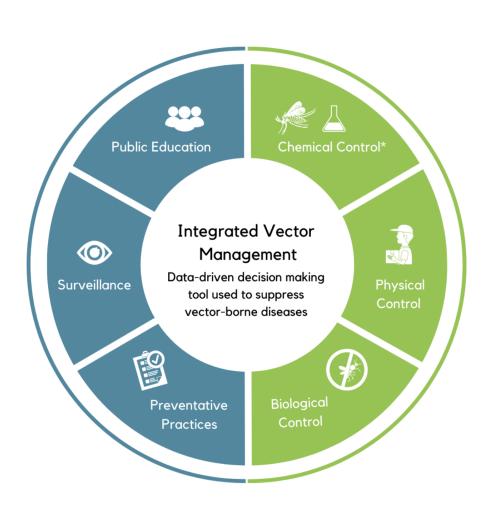




















#### What Can You Do?

