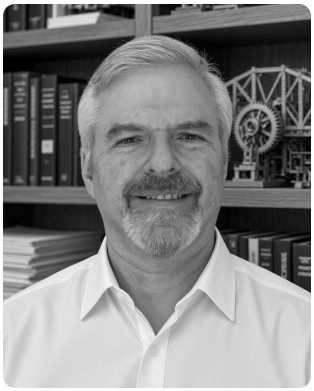
Mike Maier



Founder, Advance Now LLC · Creator of the A.N. Creation Office

Develop it. Make it. Prove it. Run it.

Mike Maier builds systems that work: people, machines, and AI. Over more than 30 years in engineering and manufacturing he has taken products from the first idea to the shipping dock, many of them with first-time inventors and small companies that had never done it before. Through Advance Now LLC he now integrates AI into engineering and manufacturing. A.N. Creation Office, free bots for running a small business, is a free project of Advance Now LLC.

Career highlights

- **Develop it.** Products taken from an idea to the shipping dock, many with first-time inventors. A three-year development program for a family of professional tool storage products, including military versions. New product introduction has been the constant across his whole career.
- **Make it.** A manufacturing process for every product he brought in. One of the first fully automated lines in his plant. Production and engineering for a molding plant with hundreds of people and over a thousand part configurations.
- **Prove it.** Capability and measurement studies, first-article inspection, and test evidence. A Six Sigma Black Belt's habit of checking the answer against the real process.
- **Run it.** Project, plant, maintenance and quality management. Took a plant through ISO certification and made it a model for the company's other plants.
- **Program it.** PLCs, robots, real-time industrial networks, databases, and now AI management systems. The A.N. Creation Office is built like a production system: written procedures, records and checks.

Education and service

B.S. Mechanical Engineering, University of Wisconsin–Madison · Six Sigma Black Belt · U.S. Air Force veteran

In his words

> "As AI gets better, a lot of traditional jobs are going to go away, and a lot more people are going to explore their entrepreneurial edge and try to build their own things. We want to help with that."
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> "I've spent much of my career pulling inventors and small companies through to a finished product. This is my way of getting that help to people who could never have paid for it."

Short bio (40 words)

Mike Maier has spent more than 30 years in engineering and manufacturing: product development, injection molding, quality, and running plants. He holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from UW–Madison, is a Six Sigma Black Belt, and served in the U.S. Air Force.

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