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Advance Now releases the Inventor's Project Manager, a free AI project manager that takes an idea to a product that sells

It runs an invention from the first conversation through design, prototypes, tooling, production approval and launch, with plant know-how in molding, plastic part design, quality and manufacturing built in. It starts from a short message pasted into a Grok bot.

Advance Now LLC has released the Inventor's Project Manager (https://ancreationoffice.com/inventor/), a free AI bot for inventors and small product companies. The inventor makes a new bot in Grok and pastes a short message from the website. The bot sets itself up, helps set up a private folder for the project, and opens with "Tell me about your invention." Right after that first conversation, it reads the idea back in two or three plain lines before any analysis starts.

It works in six stages, each ending with the inventor's own decision to go, hold or drop: fact-finding (what the product is and which rules apply), a design loop, a prototype loop, a tooling loop, qualification and launch. Along the way it keeps a real project record: a charter and schedule, decisions, an action list, a costed bill of materials with tooling, a spending register, a risk analysis table and change notices, written for that product rather than pasted from a template. Twenty-six screening questions pick the standards that apply early, and every requirement is traced to the actual document, never to AI memory. When the product needs the plant, it brings that in too: a molding defect, a plastic part review, a control plan, a like-for-like comparison of supplier quotes.

"I've spent much of my career pulling inventors and small companies through to a finished product," said Mike Maier, founder of Advance Now. "This is my way of getting that help to people who could never have paid for it."

Built like a plant, not a chatbot

The bot works from written procedures, check sheets and templates drawn from Maier's 30+ years in product development, injection molding, quality and plant management, and from published sources. It keeps the facts an inventor gives it apart from its own estimates, saves everything to a private folder the inventor chooses, such as their own Google Drive or OneDrive, and reads back each save. Its instructions tell it never to act without the inventor's yes for that one item, and signing, paying, filing and ordering stay in the inventor's own hands: it prepares the work, and the inventor decides.

"The point is to bring the risks up early, while you still have time to deal with them, before they turn into a crisis," Maier said.

The Inventor's Project Manager is one of the eight free bots of the A.N. Creation Office, alongside its sister product, the Entrepreneur's Office Manager, which runs the business around the invention; the two share one folder.

Availability

The Inventor's Project Manager is free under a Creative Commons BY-NC-SA 4.0 license, including for inventions the user goes on to sell. It is written for Grok and needs at least a SuperGrok subscription; any AI that can read a web link can follow its procedures, which are open on GitHub (https://github.com/mminwi/an-creation-office). Like

every bot in the office, it is marked Experiment: new and still being tried. AI can make mistakes; inventors check what matters before they rely on it.

About Advance Now LLC

Advance Now LLC integrates AI into engineering and manufacturing. It was founded by Mike Maier, who holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from UW–Madison, is a Six Sigma Black Belt, and served in the U.S. Air Force. A.N. Creation Office is a free project of Advance Now LLC. https://advancenowllc.com

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