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Vienna, Austria – Although we are taught to work independently, learning efficient delegation skills could have a great influence on one's career.



The over-emphasis on flying solo can also be attributed to our experiences with school and study. Letting someone else work on your exams and dissertations is utterly forbidden; even if ghost-writers are used on projects and dissertations, they are only allowed to correct the language and cannot touch the content.

However, in professional life the rules are different, and many fresh graduates find it hard to adjust. Attempting to do everything independently can be a major career error.

Excessive self-reliance can work out particularly badly for those who seek their fortune outside a company and choose self-employment. The majority of self-employed people work constantly, trying to do everything themselves with little economic success to show for it.

At school, it makes sense to work hard and develop your own content, to learn and to practice your skills. But in professional life, the most successful people manage to take internal or external employees, and then build them up and develop them to help shoulder the burdens. The idea is that although you are capable of doing all the work yourself, you do not need to.

Moreover, we live in an era where in most occupations it is impossible to build up a fortune based on your own work alone. Your salary covers the basics of life, perhaps a fairly nice apartment and the odd vacation. Nowadays, the people who really get rich are those who know how to leverage the skills of others.

To make it clear: it is important to be able to do things by yourself – if you can't do this, you can't get a job! But the secret of professional success is to delegate, reserving for yourself only the tasks at which you truly shine.



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