IT Depends

or: How do you define pedantic?

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Origins

- 140/280 characters conversations
- Strong opinions
- Complex topics
- A desire to teach a person to fish
- I’m not sure, but I’m happy to nonexclusively own it!
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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trademark_symbol
“Wi-Fi Design is more art than it is science”
○ Do I need a survey?
○ What AP should I buy?
○ How do I configure security?
○ Should I use RRM?
○ Why is my Wi-Fi broke?
○ Is this a good design?
○ Do I need a controller?
True story: “Bob” reached out to me and asked if they needed an AP on a Stick survey

Temporarily install wireless APs in the locations specified on your architectural drawings. Then, using a laptop equipped with an 802.11 wireless adapter and the site survey software that is commonly supplied with wireless adapters, determine the signal strength within each coverage area.

A pedant is a person who is excessively concerned with formalism, accuracy, and precision, or one who makes an ostentatious and arrogant show of learning.

The only time when it depends is when it depends. There are many times when it doesn't. I would never hire anyone to design, validate, or operate my network if all they could say is “it depends, it depends, it depends." usually based on corner cases. Often amounts to not trusting your own exper and afraid of being wrong.

There’s focused and the minority use case folk, and they can holler about whatever they like. :)

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It’s like...“it depends” is the answer instead of realizing it’s a simple way to say “there’s more work to do”

Source: Ryan Adzima
For my part

- Consider the source.
- Easy, Cheap, Good – which two are you asking for?
- Try and be as comprehensive as you can be – we know not everyone is an expert.
- Demonstrate some skin in the game.

*Source: Me*
Thanks for listening to me from my soapbox. Enjoy your conference and stop me and say hi if you enjoyed the preaching.