

is the glass half full or half empty?.. (4)

The optimist says the glass is half full.

The pessimist says the glass is half empty.

The personal coach knows that the glass goes from full to empty depending on the circumstances, and reminds the drinker that he can always fill the glass when he wishes.

The computer programmer says the glass is full-empty. The algebraic simultaneous equation theorist says that if the glass is equally half full and half empty, then half full = half empty; therefore $\frac{1}{2} \times F = \frac{1}{2} \times E$; therefore (by multiplying both sides of the equation by 2) we show that $F = E$; i.e. Full equals Empty!

The efficiency analyst says the glass is operating substantially below optimization level, being consistently exactly 50% under-utilized during the period of assessment, corresponding to an overresourcing in meeting demand equating to precisely 200% of requisite capacity in volume terms, not accounting for seasonal trends and shrinkage, and that if the situation continues there is in theory opportunity for savings or expansion.

The cynic... wonders who drank the other half.

And anyway... attitude is not about whether the glass is half full or half empty, it's about who is paying for the next round.

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