Crash and Burn: Learning from Failure

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“Failure is not an option”
Gene Krantz

“One fails toward success.”
Charles F. Kettering
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Failing Intelligently

- Failure does mean it was bad
  - An opportunity to learn
- Occurs when experimentation is necessary
  - Covid-19 crisis

“An inventor fails 999 times, and if he succeeds once, he’s in. He treats his failures simply as practice shots.”
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- Obstructions
  - Cost
  - KIMS - a catch-all database they already dropped money on that does a so-so job for the archive
  - Issues with IT staff
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- Progress made
  - General server for the archive that only 4 people have access to make changes to
  - Making headway with IT staff
  - We have offsite back ups