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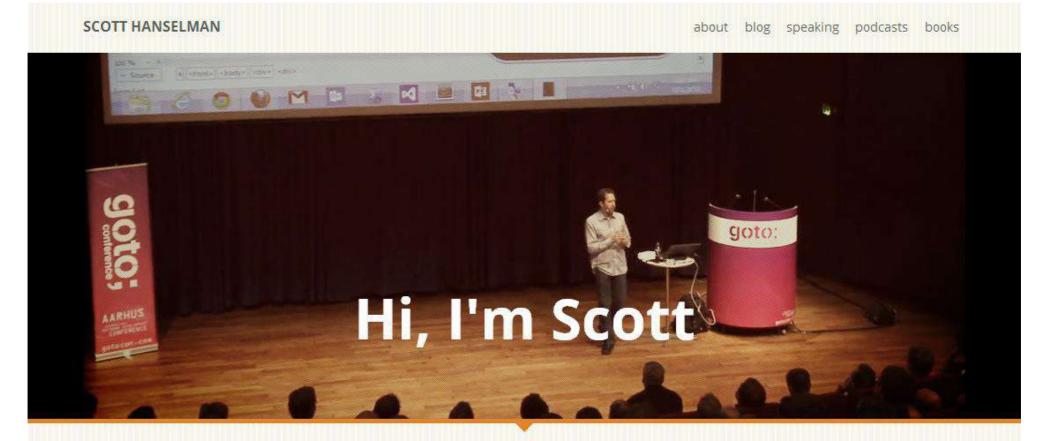
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Productivity in a time of Coronavirus

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Person



I'm a teacher. I speak all over to whoever will listen. I have written code that you've used. I've been blogging for over a decade, coding for twice that, and podcasting for over half that. I code, write, speak, empower, promote, braid, learn and listen - usually not in that order.







Is Hustle culture healthy?

Wakeup. Kick ass. Repeat.

Remote != Quarantine



Pressure to OVERwork

Avoid Doomscrolling

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Deliberate Practice Be intentional and present

Make a Nest

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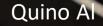
Make a Nest

Is now the time to create?

Everyone's an expert at something



There are no professionals.



We are all amateurs.

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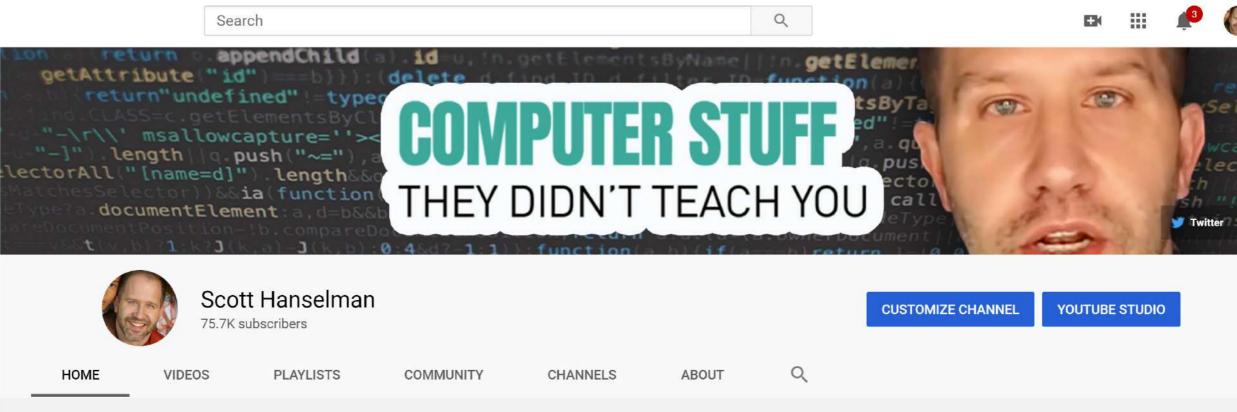
Do you have 20 years experience?



WoC Tech Chat

Or the same year's experience, 20 times?

Stay curious



Computer Stuff They Didn't Teach You PLAY ALL

These are videos I've made to help fill in the gaps on all those little things that we should have learned in school but no one really sat down and took the time. Perhaps you picked these concepts



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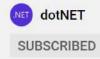
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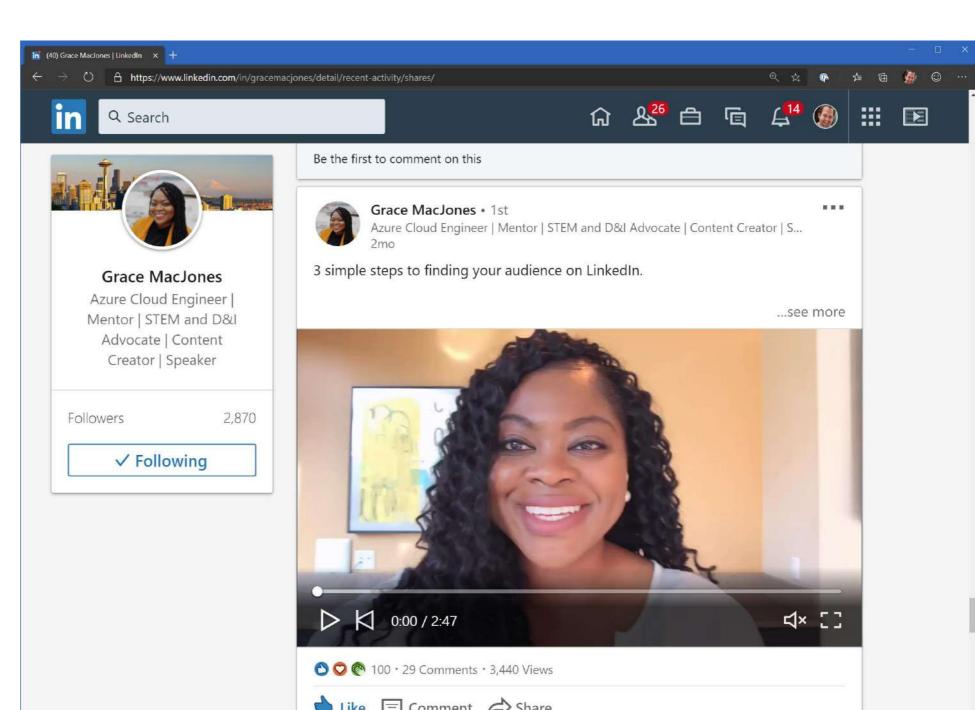
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Where's YOUR network?



lf you can't find it, build it

Surround yourself with folks who lift you

Scaling yourself

The less you do, the more of it you can do.

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- Me, just now



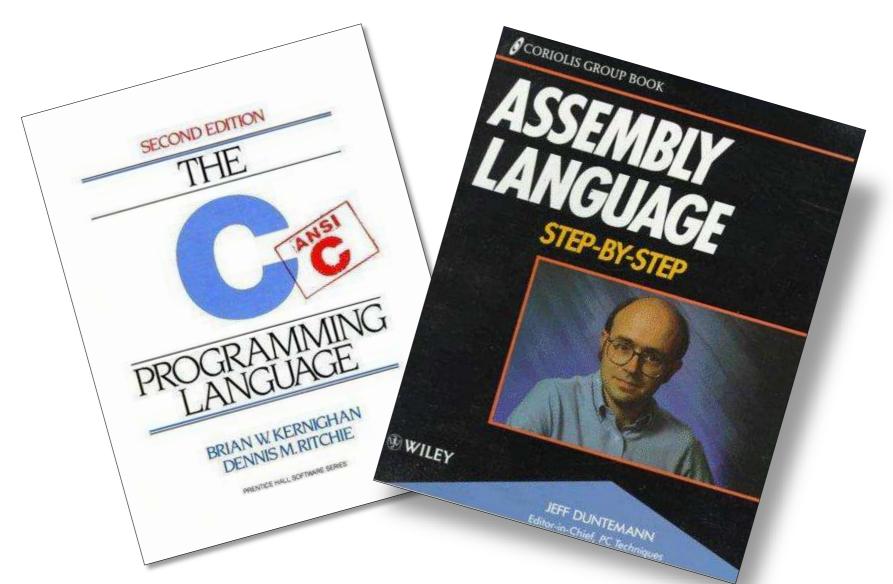
It's OK to be a funny little knife that isn't amazing at everything.

At least BUT be a good knife.

Don't skimp on the basics.



Developing in the 80's and 90's



The Quantity of Information you have to process has changed



How much of your day is

- Context switching?
- Interruptions?
- Meetings that could have been an email?
- Panicking?
- Thrashing?



Danger of Death by Failing

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Danger Signs

- Missing deadlines
- Feeling like a failure
- Family complains
- "I just need to work late to catch up."

a strategy.

Hope is not

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Effectiveness

doing "right" things, i.e. setting right targets to achieve an overall goal

Goal-oriented

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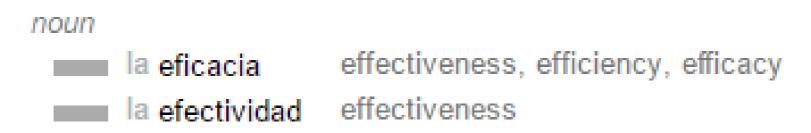


Efficiency

doing things in the most economical way (good input to output ratio)

Process-oriented

Translations of effectiveness



Effectiveness vs. Efficiency

Effectiveness is doing the right things.

Efficiency is doing things right.





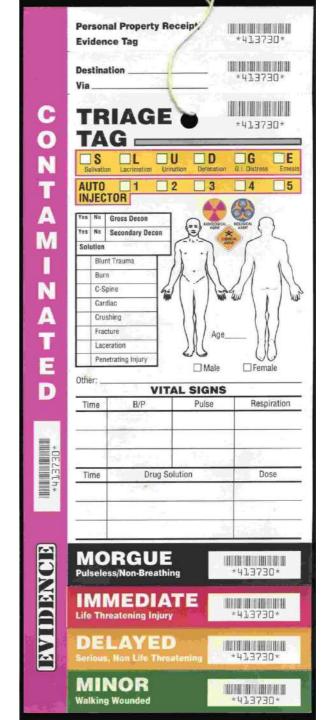
Information coming in... needs to be **triaged** and acted on.

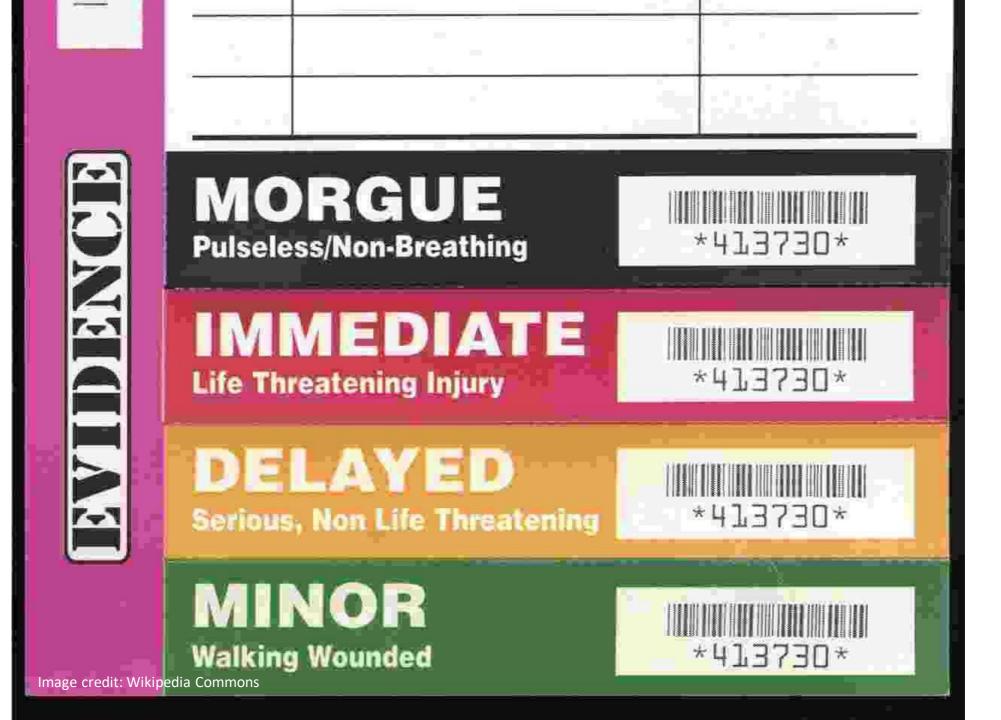
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Triage

•from the French ve rb trier, meaning to separate, sort, sift or select





Three-Fold Nature of Work

Pre-defined Work

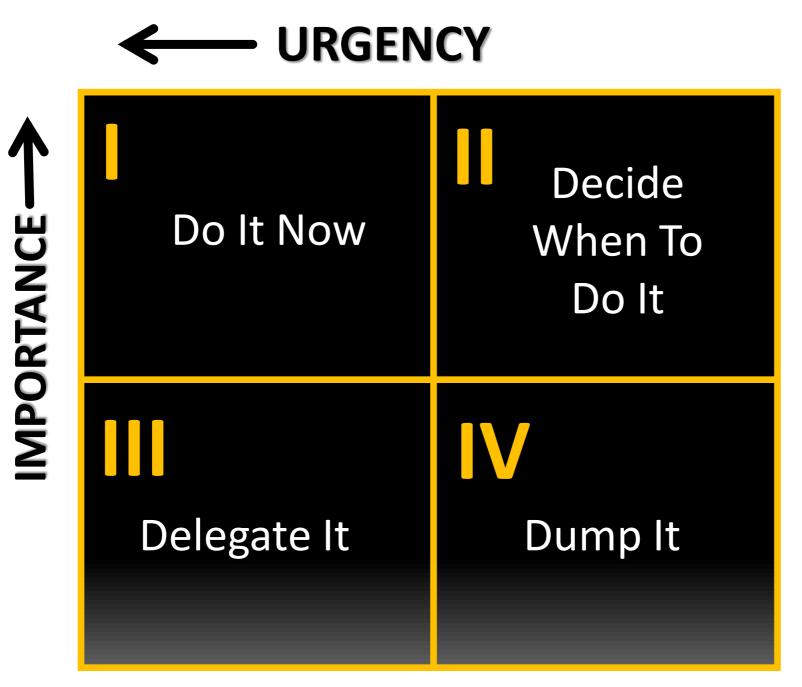
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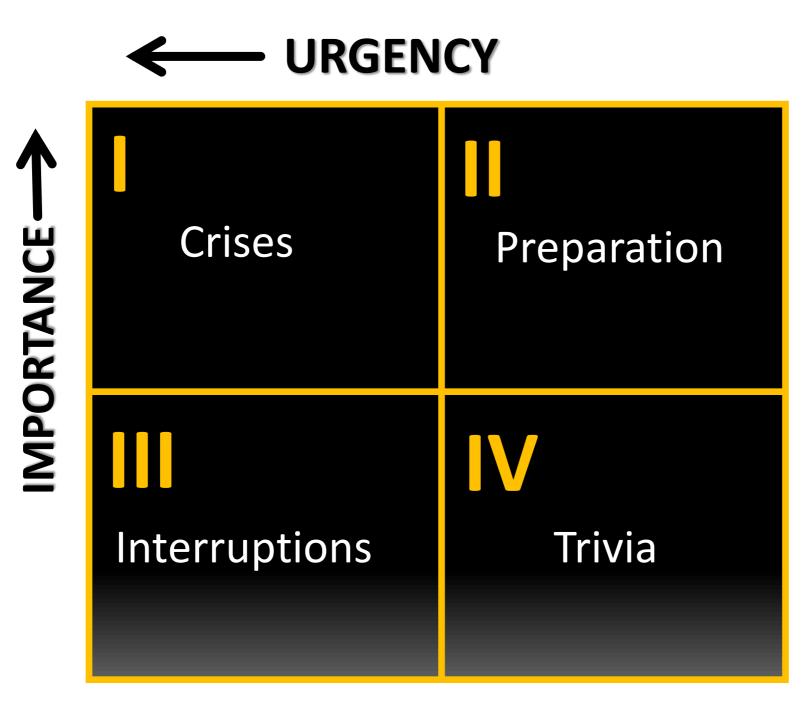
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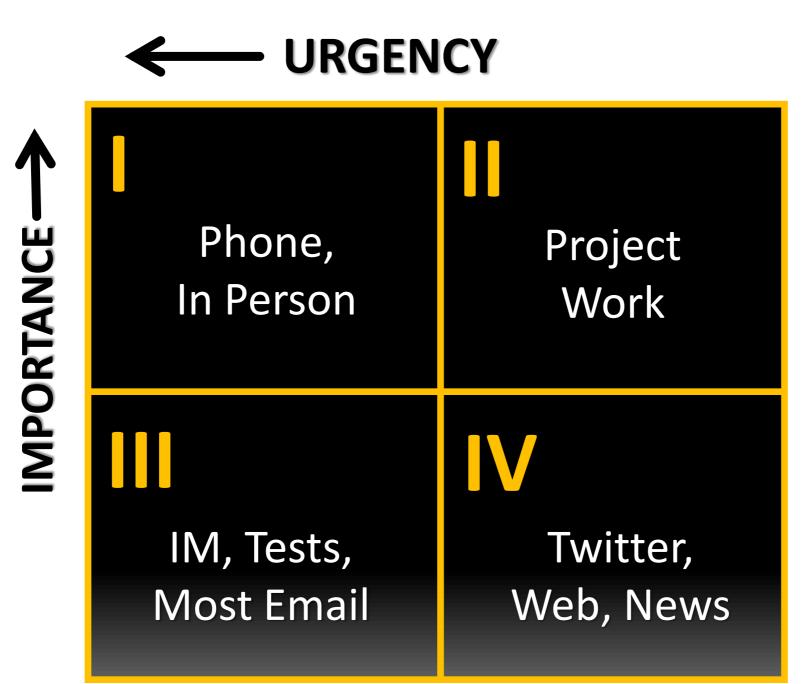


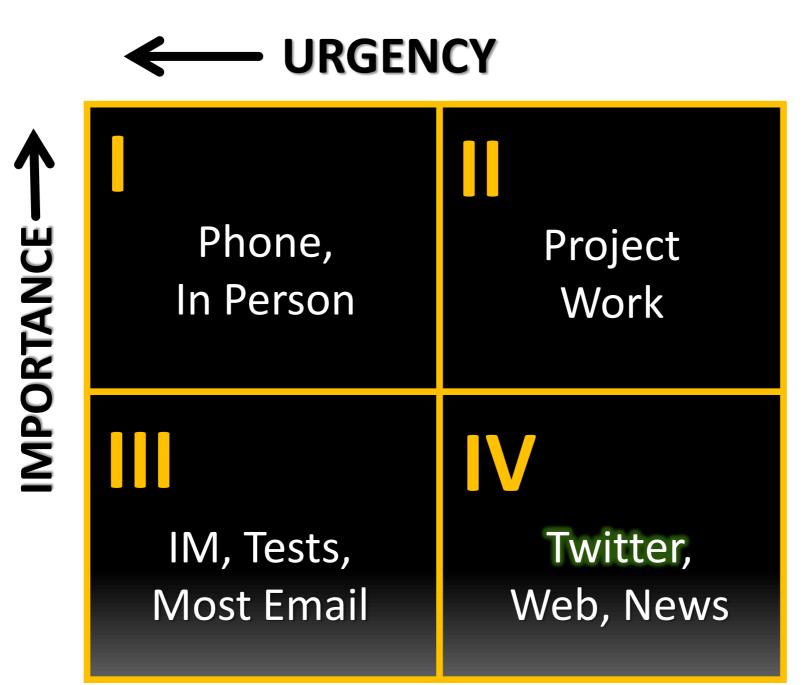
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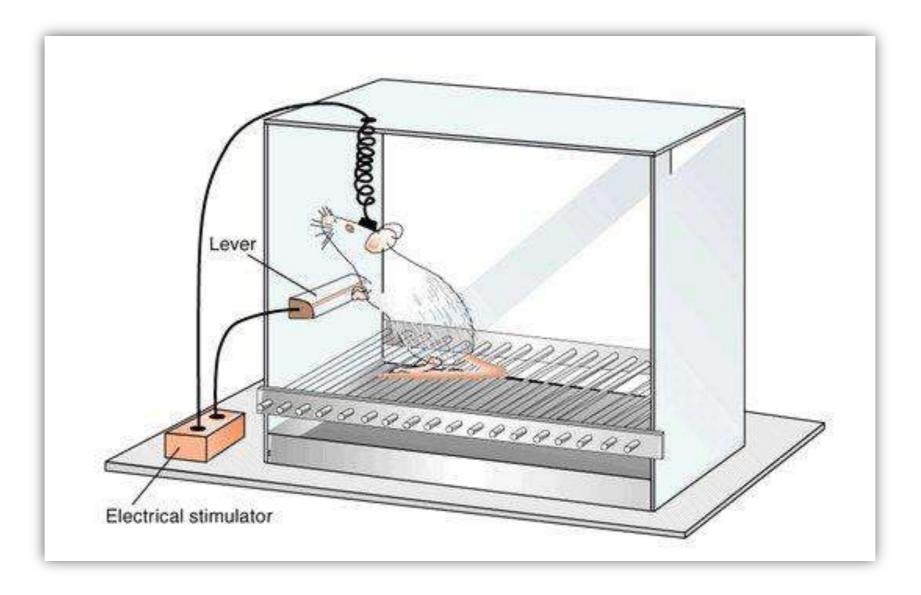
Do It
Drop It
Delegate It
Defer It















All Systems that work need to have Flow Control, so Drop Packets.

Communication is Fault Tolerant.





Sometimes Dropping the Ball is the right answer

Communication is Fault Tolerant.



"Psychic Weight"



Consider the Rule of 3

Write down three outcomes for the day.

...for the week.

... for the year.

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Monday Vision, Friday Reflection

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Being busy is a form of laziness lazy thinking and **indiscriminate action.**

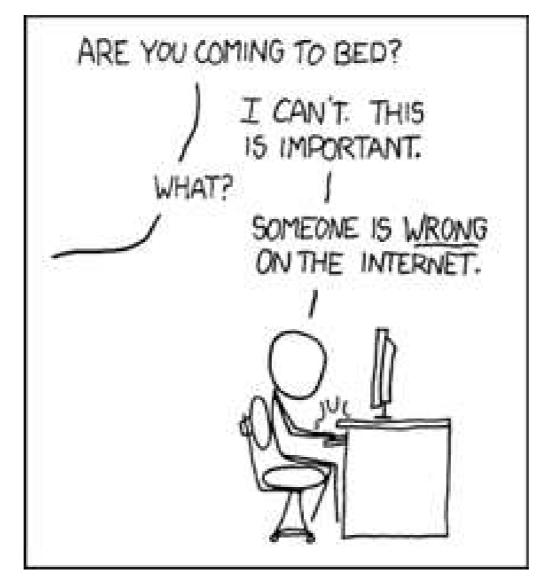
– Timothy Ferriss

Being creative and making something is the opposite of hanging out.

- David Rakoff



Let it go



http://xkcd.com/386/

Efficiency

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Identify Data Streams Twitter, Facebook, Google Reader, Email, Snail Mail, SMS, Skype, GChat, Comments, Contact Form, Voicemail, etc.

Sort by Signal vs. Noise

Which packets can be dropped?

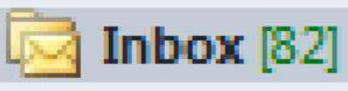


My Sorted List

- Phone
- Work Email
 - Bosses
 - CC:ed vs. To:
- Personal Email
 - Wife, Parents, Family
 - All Others
- Twitter
- Google Reader
- Television

Email Rules/Filters

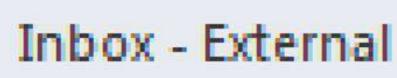
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Bosses (3 up)



Big-Ass Mail (12)

ONE Email Rule to Rule Them All

Email

Don't check email in the morning If you respond, they will respond... You teach people how to treat you.

Don't put energy into things you don't want more of.*

Conserve Your Keystrokes

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You have a finite number of keystrokes left in your hands before you die.

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how many keys do you have left?

"You have a finite number of keystrokes left in your hands before you die."

Exactly how many is that?

How old are you?	Age	
How fast do you type?	WPM	
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why does this matter?

what can you do?

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Where?

• Find a Trusted Source

and put stuff there



The Trusted Source

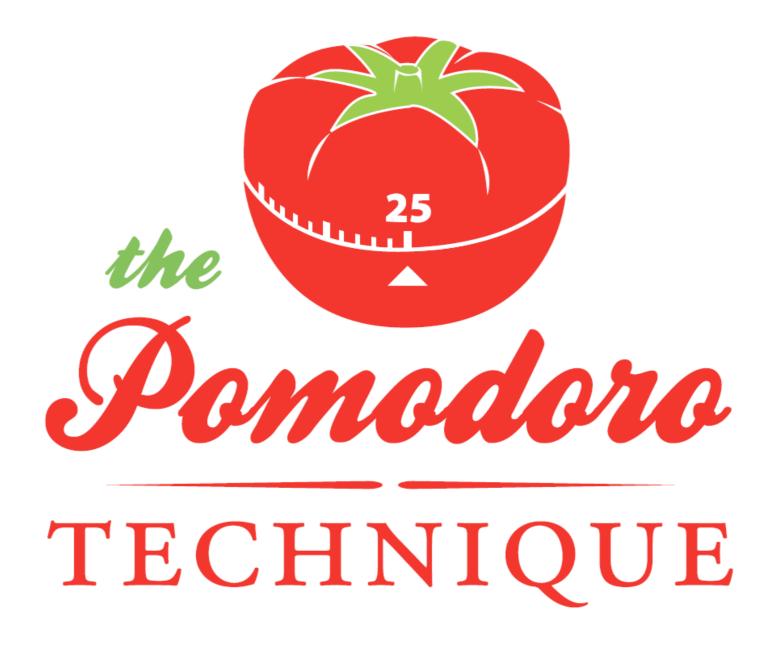
- Pick one location for a medium
- Keep it...
 - open all the time
 - updated all the time



Schedule Work Sprints



Pee Wee's Big Adventure

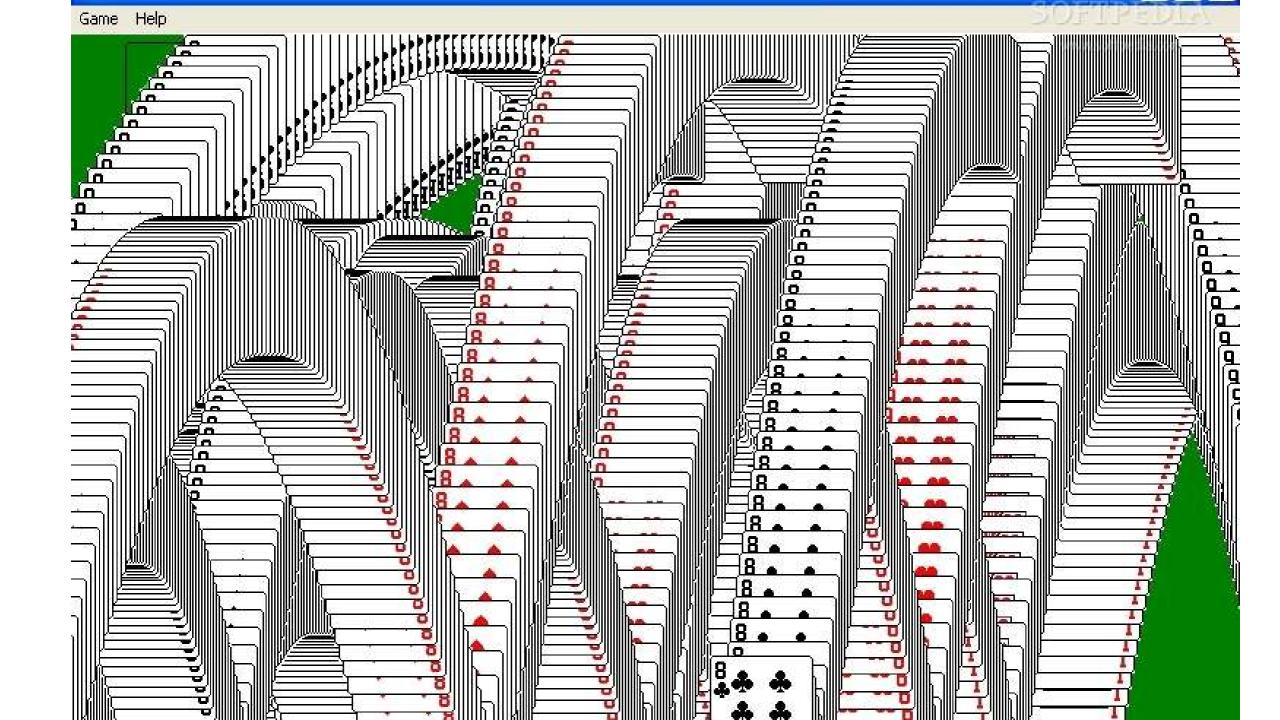


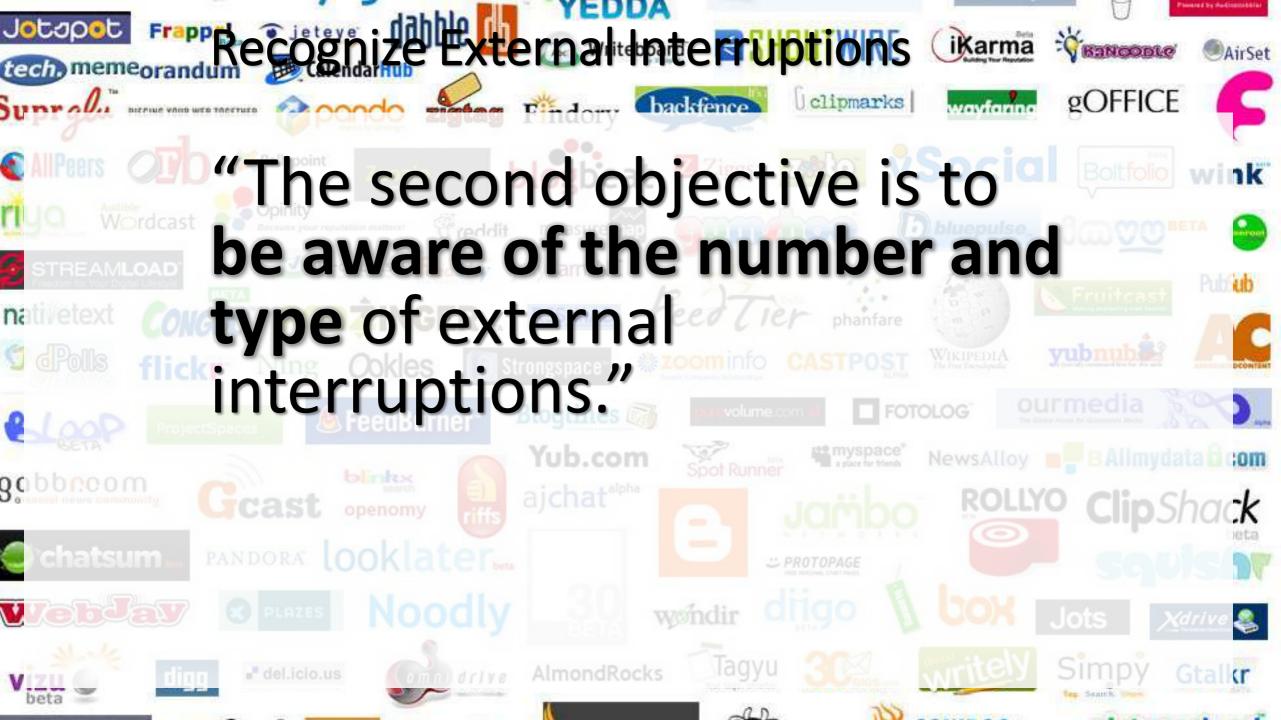
Recognize Internal Interruptions

"The first objective is to be aware of the number and type of internal interruptions.

Observe them, accept them, and schedule them or delete them..."







Interruptions



Principles of Flow

Everything important will find its way to you many, many times: don't worry if you miss it.

Remain in your flow: be wrapped up in the thing that has captured your attention.





The worst app on my iPhone is this thing called "Phone" where you have to speak synchronously with other humans

Multitasking

The optimal number of threads in any system is one. This includes humans.

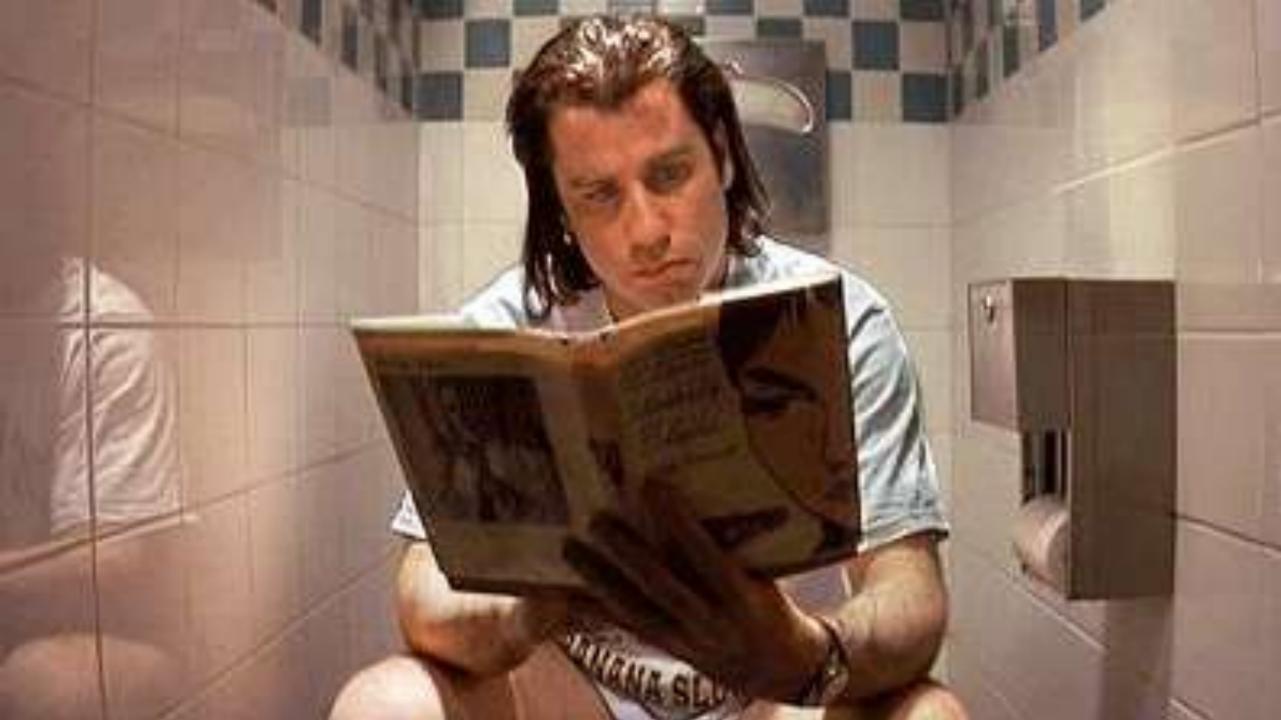




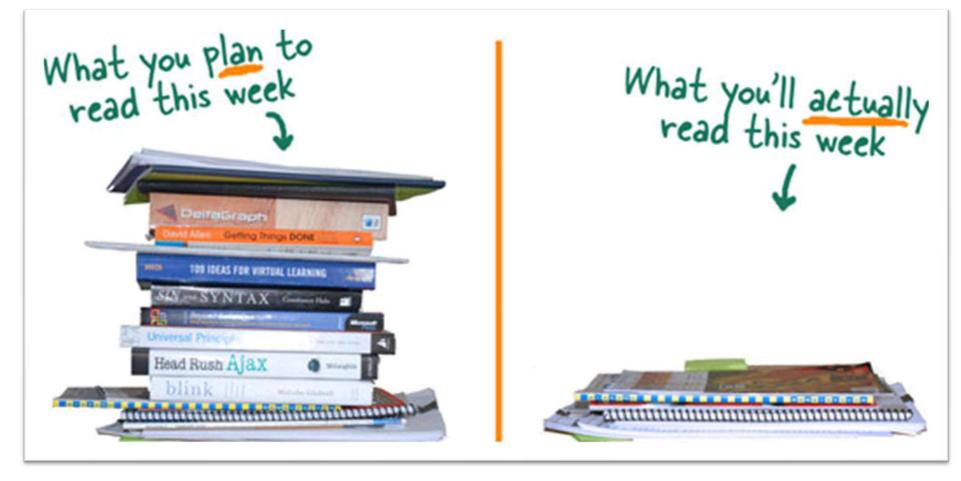
Possible Multitasking

What CAN you do at the same time?

- Walk and Chew Gum
- Workout and listen to Podcasts
- Drive and do Email by Voice
- Commute and Read
- Commute and Think
- Utilize Idle/Waiting Time



Don't set up "guilt systems"



* Kathy Sierra via "The Myth of Keeping Up" http://headrush.typepad.com/creating_passionate_users/2006/04/the_myth_of_kee.html

You don't scale.

You can't simultaneously be current on:

- Technology
- Current events
- Pop culture
- Professional practices
- Health/fitness/diet trends

Let someone else guide

In any thing you need to learn, find a person who can tell you what is:

- Need to know
- Should know
- Nice to know
- Edge case, only if it applies to you specifically
- Useless



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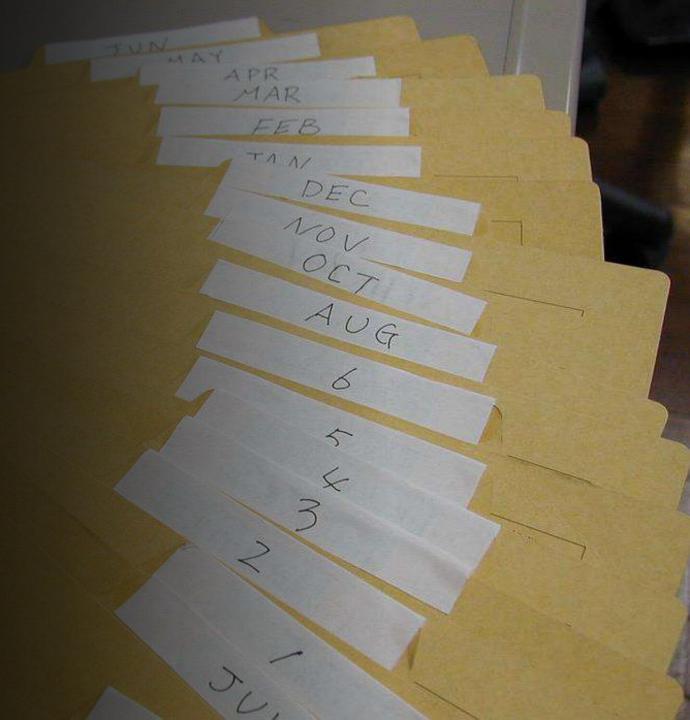
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RescueTime.com



43 Folders for Physical Things

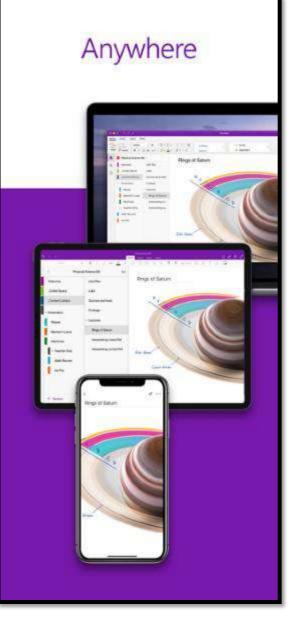
One Physical Trusted Source



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OneNote & OneNote for iPhone

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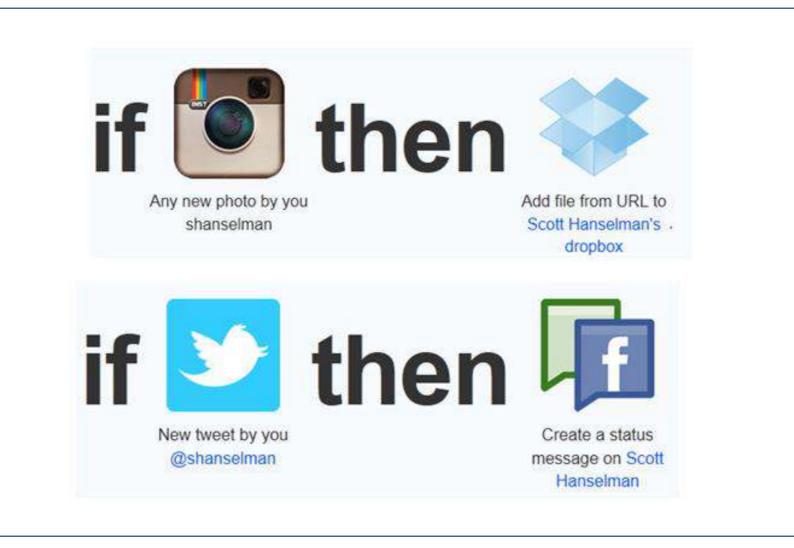
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Throw it out.

If it's not helping me to make money, if it's not improving my life in some way, it's mental clutter and it's out."

- Christopher Hawkins

Throw it out.

If it's not helping me to _____, if it's not improving my life in some way, it's mental clutter and it's out."

- Christopher Hawkins

Your Homework, friends





Turn off distractions



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How are you triaging your inbox? Are you effective? Are you efficient?



Consider your personal Toolbox

Share your energy

- Put out good work.
- Don't waste your keystrokes.
- Share your experiences.
- Be kind.
- That energy will come back to you.



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