



TIME MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY



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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Gain best practices to set goals that improve your time management
- Understand how to prioritize your daily tasks
 to improve productivity
- Learn strategies to overcome procrastination
- Improve your workflow through time management techniques



EXERCISE 1

What is one thing you want to get better at when it comes to prioritizing your work and managing your time?

LET'S TAKE A QUICK POLL





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BECOME A GOAL SETTER

"The bad news is that time flies. The good news is that you are the pilot."

-Michael Altshuler



Make sure your goals include the **Three P's**



POSITIVE:

Goals should be phrased positively, so they help you feel good about yourself and what you're trying to accomplish.

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PERSONAL:

Goals reflect your own dreams and values, not those of friends, family, or the media. When crafting your goal statement, always use the word "I" in the sentence to brand it as your own.

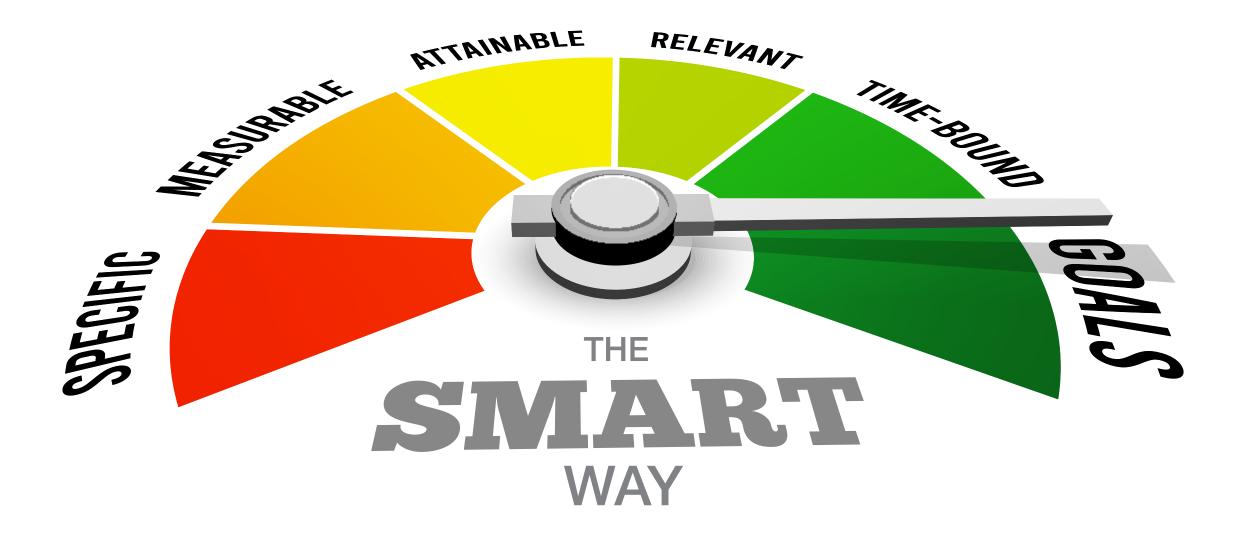
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GOAL ACHIEVED



POSSIBLE:

When setting goals, be sure to consider what's possible and within your control.





PRIORITIZE YOUR GOALS

STRATEGY #2 - PRIORITIZE YOUR GOALS



When we get serious about prioritizing our goals, we make room for them in our lives. *That means letting go of other, less important goals.*

EXERCISE 2 - Why are some people unwilling to give up things in order to achieve their goals?



Jot down a goal you'd like to achieve professionally or in your personal life.

Now make a list of all the things you need to give up in order to achieve that goal.



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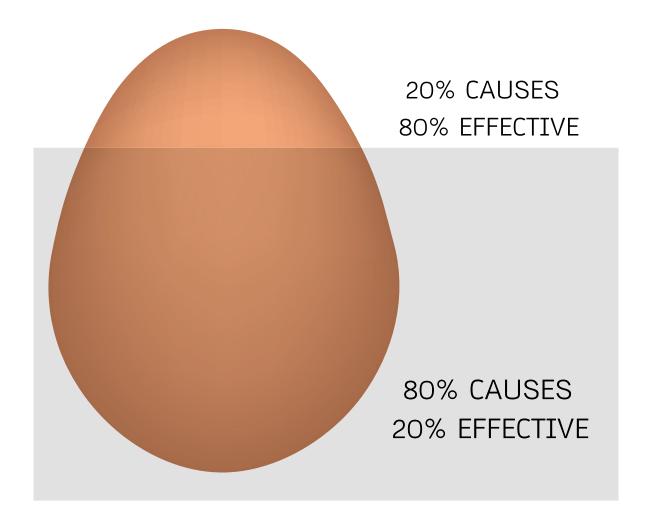
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What did you discover?



PRIORITIZE YOUR TIME

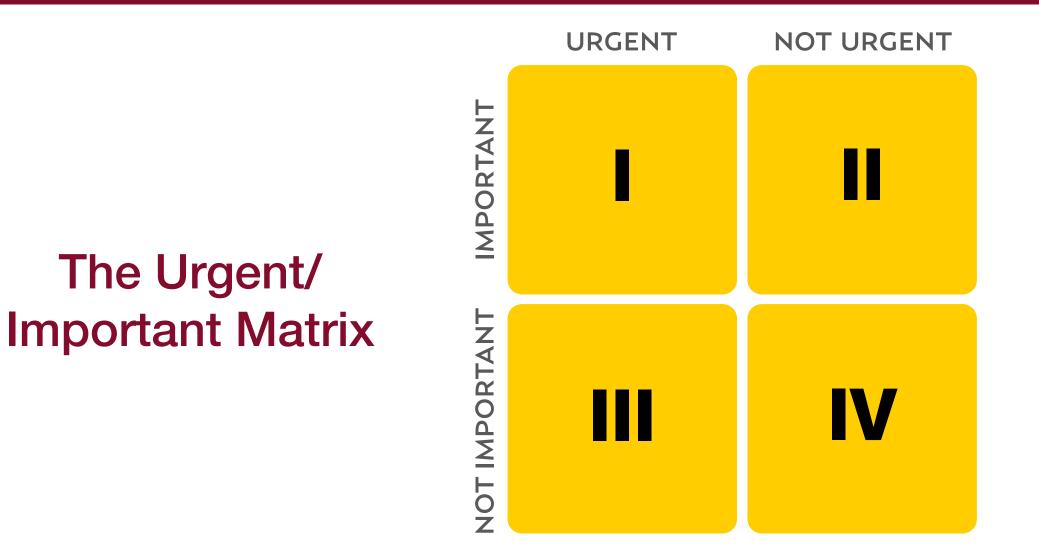
STRATEGY #3 - PRIORITIZE YOUR TIME



THE 80/20 RULE

Pareto's Principle states that 80% of your results come from only 20% of your actions.

STRATEGY #3 - PRIORITIZE YOUR TIME



URGENT

NOT URGENT

Urgent and IMPORTAN Important

- Crisis
- Problems
- Deadlines

Important, **But Not Urgent**

- Opportunities
- Progress
- High value
- Long term

IMPORTANT NOT

Urgent, But **Not Important**

- Maintenance
- Routine tasks

Not Urgent and Not Important • Trivia



BE ASSERTIVE

STRATEGY #4 - BE ASSERTIVE

USE THE POSITIVE NO APPROACH

Say no, followed by an honest explanation

Example: "I am uncomfortable doing that because..."

Say no and then briefly clarify your reasoning without making excuses. This helps the listener to better understand your position.

Example: "I can't right now because I have another project that is due by 5 pm today."

STRATEGY #4 - BE ASSERTIVE

USE THE POSITIVE NO APPROACH

Say no, and then give an alternative.

Example: "I don't have time today, but I could schedule it in for tomorrow morning."

Empathetically repeat the request in your own words, and then say no.

Example: "I understand that you need to have this paperwork filed immediately, but I will not be able to file it for you."

Say yes, give your reasoning for not doing it, and provide an alternative solution.

Example: "Yes, I would love to help you by filing this paperwork, but I do not have time until tomorrow morning."

Provide an assertive refusal and repeat it no matter what the person says. This approach may be most appropriate with aggressive or manipulative people and can be an effective strategy to control your emotions.

Example: "I understand how you feel, but I will not [or cannot]..."



CREATE YOUR OWN PRODUCTIVITY JOURNAL



Get a spiral notebook and label it as your Personal Productivity Journal or your Professional Productivity Journal.



Label each page with the day and the date and what needs to be done that particular day. Next, prioritize each task in order of importance.



Highlight the top three items and focus on those first. Cross off items as you complete them. Items that are not completed should be carried over to the next page.



Personal development expert Brian Tracy believes that when you write down your action list the night before, your subconscious mind focuses on that plan while you sleep.



STEVEN COVEY'S "BIG ROCKS" PRINCIPLE



ROCKS

The general idea is to fill your glass jar first with rocks. Plan each day around your most important tasks that will propel you toward achieving your goals. These represent your highest priority projects and deadlines with the greatest value, often important, but not urgent tasks that move you toward your goals.



PEBBLES

Next, fill in the space between the rocks with pebbles. These represent tasks that are urgent, and important, but contribute less to important goals. Without proper planning, these tasks are often unexpected, and left unmanaged, can quickly fill your day. Working to reduce these tasks will give you more time to work toward your goals.



SAND

Now add sand to fill your jar. In other words, schedule urgent, but not important tasks, only after important tasks. These activities are usually routine or maintenance tasks that do not directly contribute to your goals.



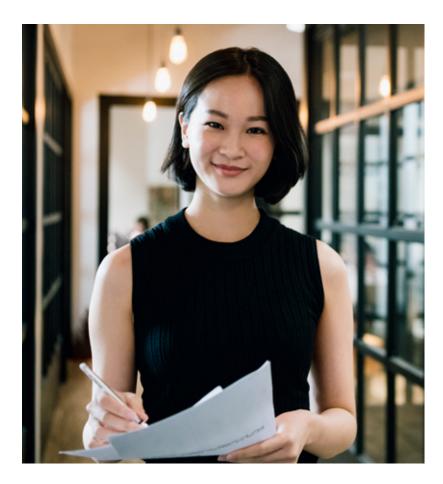
WATER

Finally, pour water into your jar. These trivial time-wasters are neither important nor urgent and take you away from working toward high return activities and your goals.



CHUNK, BLOCK, AND TACKLE

STRATEGY #7 - CHUNK, BLOCK, AND TACKLE



CHUNK: Break large projects into specific tasks that can be completed in less than 15 minutes.

BLOCK: Rather than scheduling the entire project all at once, block out set times to complete specific chunks as early in the day as possible. This should allow you to ignore most interruptions and focus on just this task.

TACKLE: Now tackle the specific task, focusing only on this task rather than the project as a whole.



READY, FIRE, AIM!

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STRATEGY #8 - READY, FIRE, AIM!



READY! Do not over-plan each of your actions. By the time you fire, the target may have moved.

FIRE! Remember the 80/20 rule and just take action. Even if you don't hit the bull's eye, you'll probably still hit the target.

AIM! Make new plans based on new information. Readjust your aim based on where you hit the target.



TACKLE PROCRASTINATION

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LET'S TAKE A QUICK POLL



STRATEGY #9 - TACKLE PROCRASTINATION

Nine Ways to Overcome Procrastination



DELETE IT - What are the consequences of not doing the task at all? Consider the 80/20 rule; maybe it doesn't need to be done in the first place.



DELEGATE - If the task is important, ask yourself if it's really something that you are responsible for doing in the first place. Know your job description and ask if the task is part of your responsibilities. Can the task be reassigned to someone on your team?



DO IT NOW - Postponing an important task that needs to be done only creates feelings of anxiety and stress. Do it as early in the day as you can.

STRATEGY #9 - TACKLE PROCRASTINATION



ASK FOR ADVICE - Asking for help from a trusted mentor, supervisor, coach, or expert can give you some great insight on where to start and the steps for completing a project.



CHOP IT UP - Break large projects into milestones, and then into actionable steps. As Bob Proctor says, "Break it down into the ridiculous." Huge things don't look as big when you break it down as small as you can.



OBEY THE 15 MINUTE RULE - To reduce the temptation of procrastination, each actionable step on a project should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

STRATEGY #9 - TACKLE PROCRASTINATION



HAVE CLEAR DEADLINES - Assign yourself a deadline for projects and milestones and write it down in your day planner or calendar. Make your deadlines known to other people who will hold you accountable.



GIVE YOURSELF A REWARD - Celebrate the completion of project milestones and reward yourself for getting projects done on time. It will provide positive reinforcement and motivate you toward your goals.



REMOVE DISTRACTIONS - You need to establish a positive working environment that is conducive to getting your work done. Remove any distractions.



EAT THAT FROG!

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"What is your frog?"

10 TIME MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY

- 1. Become a Goal Setter
- 2. Prioritize Your Goals
- 3. Prioritize Your Time
- 4. Be Assertive
- 5. Create Your Own Productivity Journal

- 6. Use Steven Covey's "Big Rocks" principle
- 7. Chunk, Block, and Tackle
- 8. Ready, Fire, Aim!
- 9. Tackle Procrastination

10. Eat That Frog!

EXERCISE #3

Which strategy do you plan to use after this webinar?

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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