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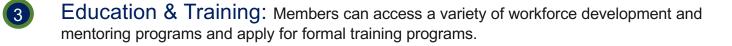
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# **Time Management**

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# Learning Objectives



Discuss key time management strategies



List resources to assist with time management approaches



Identify common pitfalls that impact time management



# **Time Management**





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## **Key Questions**

## Where are you spending your time?

Baseline

## Are you working on the right things?

Goal Setting Prioritization

## Are you productive when you are working?

Don't mistake movement for work W=fd Managing interruptions Distraction Procrastination Scheduling Understanding the value of your time



# Key Concepts

## Know where you are starting

Data collectionSurveysTracking forms/ Activity logsSaveMyTime <a href="https://savemytime.co">https://savemytime.co</a>

Know where to allocate your time

Improve your productivity

**Deal with specific impediments** 



# How Good is your Time Management

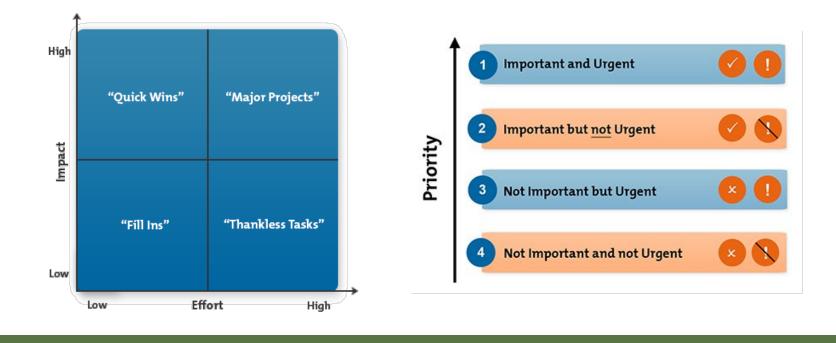
# We all get the same 24 hours, why is it that some people achieve so much more with their time than others?

Self Survey



# Prioritizing

#### **IMPACT VS EFFORT**





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Source: mindtools.com

# Scheduling



- Morning task?
- Schedule highest concentration when you are most alert
- ► Find the system that is right for you
- Use your prioritization
- ► Time buffers for travel
- Plan for breaks
- Use batching and time blocks
- Not all meetings have to be 1 hour



# Organizing Your Day



### Notebook

- First or last 15 minutes is for organizing
  - To Do List
  - Personal KanBan
  - Trello
  - Digital calendars- use 1 calendar
  - Project Management tools (i.e. Smart Sheet)
- Clear your desktop
- Create an action area for the current work
- Schedule tasks in small time buckets
- Scan your documents
- Use Cloud files
- Plan for breaks
- Nutrition and Sleep



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## Kan Bans



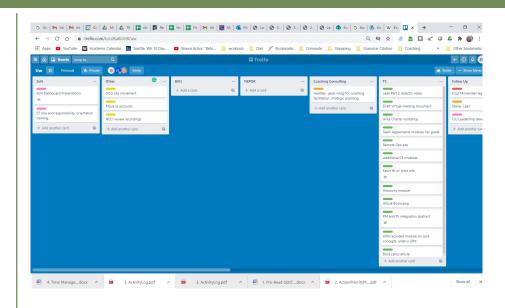


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# Key Time Management Strategies



- Prioritize- find your 80/20 Rule
- Schedule
- Organize your day first thing in the morning or at the end of the day
- Create a routine
- Build good habits & get rid of bad habits
- Notebook your thoughts, conversations, ideas
- Add time buffers to your schedule
- Nutrition
- Sleep
- Breaks
- Meditate every morning
- Exercise every morning
- Organize your life
- Turn off social media app notifications



## 1-All

Which of the strategies do you think you should implement for your self?

Are there other strategies that you would like to invoke or that you have successfully invoked?





# Distractions

#### Focus

- Environment: comfortable, landscape photos, shut out noise (using instrumental music, white noise)
- Nutrition- water, eat breakfast
- · Get up and move around

#### Mindset

- · Have a focused time to deal with worries
- 1 task at a time
- · Close email and chat

### Identify your Interrupters (interrupter log)

- Interrupters log
- Separate valid from invalid interrupters
- Plan your calls
- Consider the interruption before getting caught up in their urgency
- Available and Unavailable time (be careful with too many barriers and let people know what constitutes an emergency)
- · Learn to say "No"

Invitation only time

· Reward yourself

- Social media impact
- IM impact

Prioritize

- Browsing
- Phone calls
- Other people
- You- sleep, nutrition, energy level

Switch between hi and low attention tasks



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## Procrastination

### Choosing enjoyable over priority

- Not laziness
- Habit

### Overcoming the Procrastination Habit

- · Recognize if it is a problem and why
- Imposter syndrome, fear of failure
- Don't like the task
- Forgive your self of the past
- Don't label yourself a "procrastinator"
- Use self-controlling language "I choose to" versus "I have to"
- Move the task to the top of the day and do it in bite size (time bound) pieces
- Reward your self
- · Ask someone to partner with you
- Tackle issue as they come
- Minimize distractions
- Scheduling
- Prioritizing

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## Resources

- 1 Minute Manager, Ken Blanchard, PhD
- Mindtools- <u>https://www.mindtools.com/pages/main/newMN\_HTE.htm</u>
- Rate your time management skills <u>https://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/newHTE\_88.htm</u>
- Do More Great Work, Michael Bungay Stanier (reducing busy-work)
- Getting Things Done, David Allen
- Savemytime.co <u>https://savemytime.co</u>
- The Procrastination Cure, Jeffery Combs
- The Power of Habit, Charles Duhig
- Procrastination quiz <u>https://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/newHTE\_99.htm</u>
- Pomodoro <u>http://www.marinaratimer.com/</u>
- Trello trello.com.
- Lifehack- lifehack.org (Productivity)
- Toggl- toggl.com
- Productive quiz <u>https://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/productivity-quiz.htm</u>
- Meetings <u>http://www.liberatingstructures.com/</u>



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# Thank You!

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## **Resource Leveraging**

- Personal SWOT
- Knowledge and Education Leverage
- Technology Leverage



# Appendix





## Managing Email

Check regularly- but not continually

- Receive at certain times
  - □ < 2 mins- Read and reply
  - □ >2 mins- schedule on calendar or add to To-Do list

Categorize email folders

- ► Action Items, Waiting, etc.
- Projects
- Classes

Use Rules to sort mail

► Blogs, etc.





- Meetings are expensive
- Effective meetings can save well over this amount
- Ineffective meetings:
  - Loss of resources
  - □ Loss of the return on the unperformed activities
  - Loss of motivation



#### Other Meeting Topics include:

- 1. Reasons for meetings
- 2. Scheduling
- 3. Agenda
- 4. Minutes
- 5. Meeting support roles
- 6. Visual meetings
- 7. Continuous improvement



### **REASONS FOR MEETINGS**

- Sometimes a meeting is not the best use of everyone's time.
- Sometimes not everyone should be at the meeting
  - 1- way Communication (Sharing)
  - Gather input (Gathering)
  - Make decisions (Deciding)





### SCHEDULING

- Administrative assistance
- Regular meeting dates
- Doodle polls- respond within 24 hours
- Virtual: Skype, Zoom, Adobe Connect





### AGENDA

### Pre-published

- At least 2 days prior for weekly meeting
- Includes minutes, agenda, action items

Objective, handouts, roles

Each agenda item:

- Time frame
- Outcome
- Type of discussion (S, G, D)



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### **MINUTES**

### Action Items

- 1. What
- 2. Who
- 3. When
- 4. Comments

**Discussion / Decisions** 

Distributed within 2 business days of meeting





## **MEETING SUPPORT ROLES**

Facilitator – Process Checker

Scribe

Time-Keeper







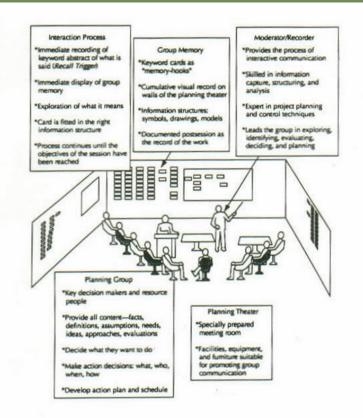
### **VISUAL MEETINGS**





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Source: R. Cillis, "Strategies for Successful Project Implementation," in M. Fangel, ed., INTERNET Handbook of Project Start-Up (Hilleroed, Denmark: INTERNET Committee on Project Start-Up, 1989).



## **CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

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Group Effectiveness Scale

Meeting Evaluation by Meeting Mentor





## Pitfalls

- 1. No To-Do List
- 2. No Personal Goals
- 3. No Prioritization
- 4. Distractions Rule
- 5. Procrastination
- 6. Take on Too Much
- 7. Thrive on "Busy"
- 8. Multitasking
- 9. No Breaks
- 10. Ineffective Scheduling

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