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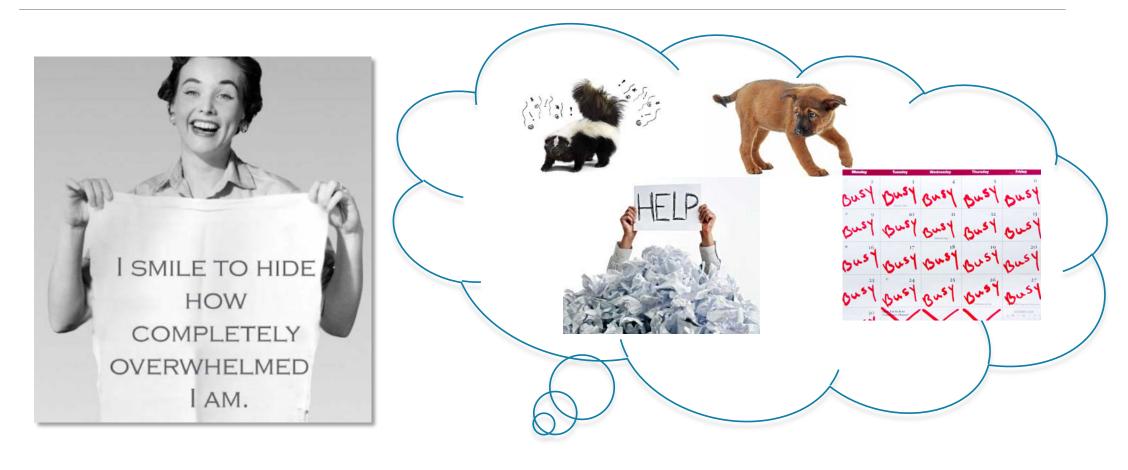


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Squirrel Syndrome: The symptoms are usually easy to recognize. It's that inexplicable sudden pull when working on a project to lose focus and investigate something else that catches your attention.



## Organizing for the Busy Entrepreneur

■ Working Smarter...Not Longer work



Avoiding Burnout:



Creating balance between Work & Life



- 1. Tame the Paper Monster
- 2. Planning is the Key to Success
- 3. Stay on Top of Projects with Mind Mapping

### #1 Rule:

### Everything Needs a Home



"A place for everything and everything in its place."

-Mrs. Isabella Beeton, 1861,

-Mrs. Beeton's Book of Household Management





# Taming the Paper Monster











# Taming the Paper Monster: Down and Dirty Paper Sort







# Taming the Paper Monster: Batching



#### Group by Action needed:

- Phone Calls
- Errands
- Computer
- Calendar Scheduling
- Read

## Taming the Paper Monster: The Art of Filing



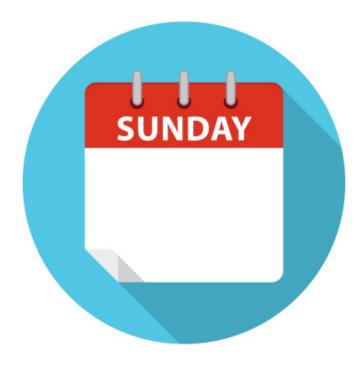
- Know where the information "lives".
- You want to be able to retrieve the filed information easily and quickly in the future.



## Planning: Plan to Plan



Designate a specific day to plan for the week ahead.



# Planning: 25-Minutes a Week Calendar System

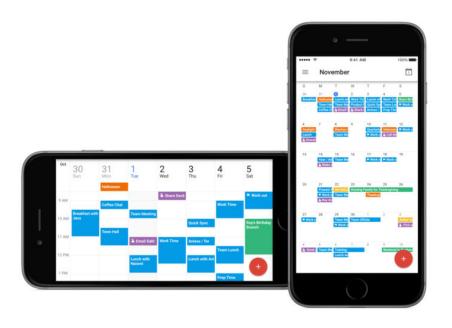




# Planning: Paper vs. Digital







# Planning: 25-Minutes Minutes a Week System Do a Quick Paper Sort





Gather all ACTION papers related to your week ahead.



# Planning: 25-Minutes Minutes a Week System Review Your Previous Week



How do I feel about last week?

Did I overschedule?

What did I accomplish/not finish?

Did I have quality family time?

Did I take of me?

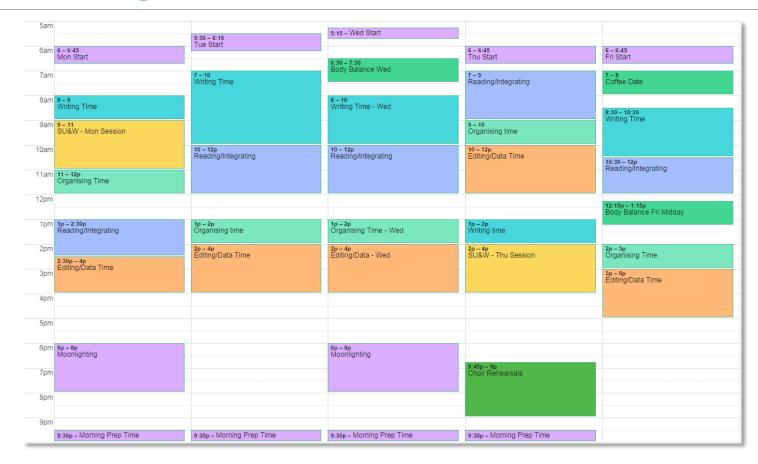
- Eat right
- Exercise
- Find "me" time



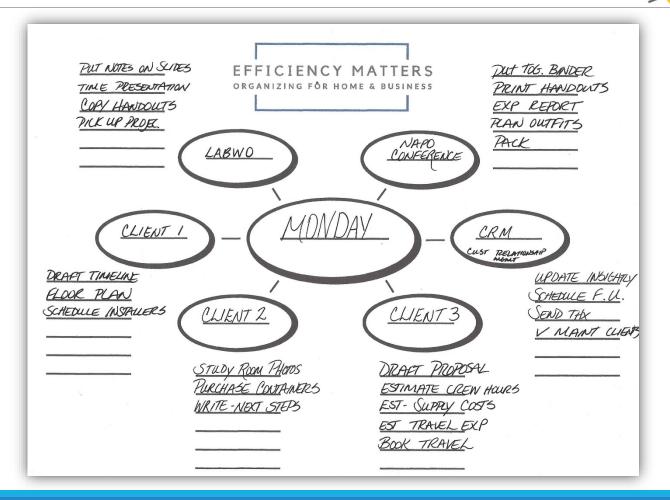
# Planning: 25-Minutes Minutes a Week System Time Blocking for the Week



- Meetings
- Appointments
- Work Time
- Me Time
- Exercise
- Meals
- Family Time
- Free Time



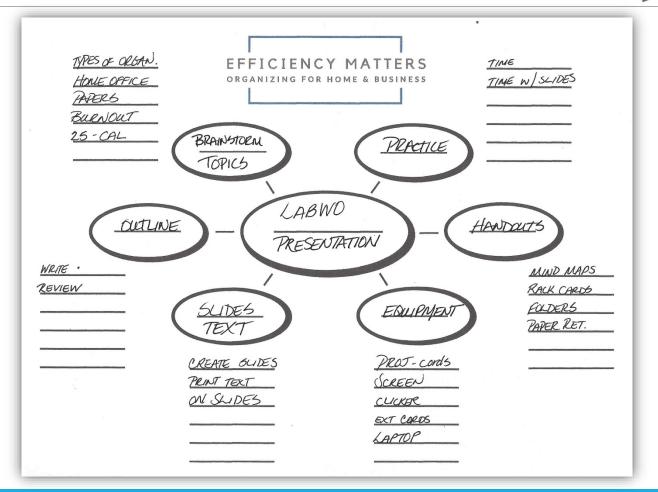
# Mind Mapping: Project Management



- WORK

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# Mind Mapping: Organizing Your Day

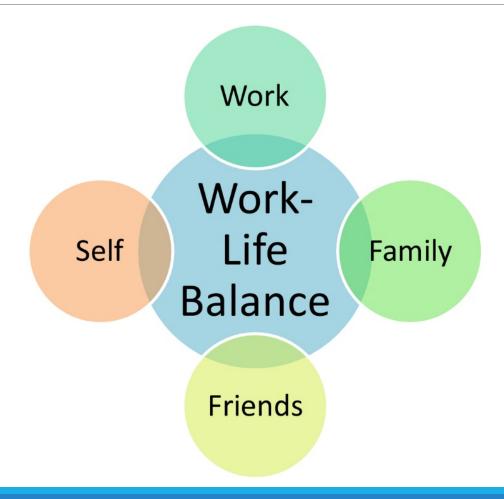


**WORK** 

**SMARTER** 

# Avoiding Burnout: Creating Balance Between Work & Life





### What is Burnout?



















## Stay in Control of Your Time: Don't Skip Your "25-Minutes a Week"







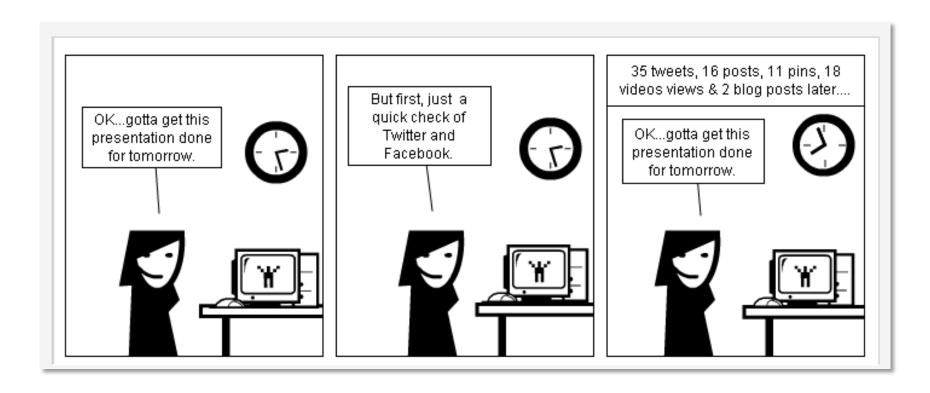








#### Schedule a Time...Stick To It...Set a Timer





## Set Specific Hours: Start & Stop

- Meetings
- Projects
- Workday

### Set Realistic Expectations



Break projects into smaller pieces so you can see your successes.



### Schedule "Real" Time Off





# Organizing for the Busy Entrepreneur: Take the Challenge





It's a Marathon – Not a Sprint

#### **Take the Challenge:**

- Try 1 or 2 of the tips that I discussed today for two weeks
- Send me an email and let me know how it went

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