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# Controlling the Time Robbers



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#### **Workshop Description**

Controlling the Time Robbers

Time management is about organizing the use of your most precious resource, your time. One common goal that most of us share is to be our most productive throughout the day. This session will identify ways to better utilize and structure your daily time to maximize your contribution to your team's continued success. We will take a look at strategies to efficiently navigate through your day from managing and responding to emails; to planning and running effective meetings; to dealing with multiple demands and prioritizing your workload.

#### **Learning Objectives**

Identify the 'time robbers' within your life.
Discover concepts for effective planning to set and accomplish goals
Recognize distraction and distractive behaviors within your daily interactions



#### Disclaimer:

- Time management is truly individualized. It can only be identified, monitored and resolved by the individual.
- The information that you are about to receive is designed to be tips and suggestions not a prescription or a cure.
- These suggestions only work when practiced over time.
- This session does not hold a magic pill, recipe or solution to dissolve all time related issues.
- This session does not have the ability to add additional time within each day or the technology to clone any individual to assist in accomplishing additional tasks.

Thank you!



#### **Symptoms of Poor Time Management**

What is Personal Time Management?

Personal Time Management (PTM) is about controlling the use of your most valuable (and undervalued) resource.

TIME TIME TIME



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#### **Myths of Time Management**

•	There's too mu  o True o False	ch to do; I can't handle it all.
•	There's plenty of True  o False	of time; I can do that <i>later</i> .
•	I'm busier than another time.  o True o False	usual right now, so it makes sense to <i>shift</i> some tasks off to
•	Re-scheduling of True  o False	something to a later time is procrastinating.
•	This little task in True  o False	is not important.
•	Planning my tin  o True  o False	me just takes <i>more</i> time.
•	The busier I am  o True  o False	n, the <i>better</i> I'm using my time.
•	•	ied, busy, so I <i>must</i> have a time management problem.
	<ul><li>True</li><li>False</li></ul>	

## **Common Symptoms of Poor Time Management**

Fellow workers may notice this first
Tellow workers may house this first
How many adults even notice this?
lty Concentrating
You often don't need to just to just get through the day!
You can't remember what you did all day, what you are yesterday.
Sleep
This affects everything else!
al Disorders
Headaches, rashes, tics, cramps, etc
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#### **Your Closet - Your Time**



# Cluttered Closet

- Limited amount of **space**
- Crammed with more <u>stuff</u> than <u>storage</u>
- <u>Items</u> jammed into any available pocket of <u>space</u>, in no particular order
- Haphazard arrangement makes it difficult to see what you <u>have</u>
- Inefficient in its use of organizing tools



# Cluttered Schedule

- Limited amount of *hours*
- Crammed with more <u>tasks</u> than time
- <u>Tasks</u> jammed into any available pocket of <u>time</u>, in no particular order
- Haphazard arrangement makes it difficult to see what you <u>have</u> <u>to do</u>
- Inefficient in its use of <u>time</u> <u>management</u> tools

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Is time sy	nonymous to?			
	<ul><li> Life</li><li> Value</li><li> Quality</li></ul>	<ul> <li>□ yes □ no</li> </ul>		
What are sabout time	some common say	rings or clichés		a Company
What are s	some value words	that you associate v	with time?	
In your gr	oups re-write you	r phrase or cliché. 7	Γhis time, replace the v	alue words.
		n the new phrase. Ded these values inclu	escribe how your life nuding time.	night be different if

#### **Examining Attitudes and Values Towards Time**

Just as we grow up with attitudes towards work, we also inherit attitudes about leisure time. These attitudes have much to do with our daily pace, our relationship with time, and our perception of time itself. This exercise will help you become more conscious of the forces which have shaped your attitudes about time, and your current way of using time.

1. List the attitudes or values towards time which you have inherited. To help generate the list, consider how you were raised. Check off anything which describes your family's attitude about or experience with time.

My family was extremely organized and followed schedules.
My family was extremely disorganized and did things at random times.
I am related to a procrastinator.
My parents were very time conscious, used scheduled, laid down deadlines, specified times for meals etc
Time was used to punish me (confined to my room for a certain period of time, loss of play time). I had little free time.
Free time was punishing because I was often bored.
My family was always punctual for appointments.
My family was always late for appointments.
Other
Other

2.	Consider your answers. List one or two attitudes or values towards time which you learned as a child.
3.	What has changed from your childhood? As an adult, how do you view time differently today?
4.	What new attitudes do feel you must develop about time? What can you do to feel more comfortable about the way you use time?

# Biggest Time Wasters

1.
2. Interruption
3. Procrastination 4.
5. Poor delegation skills
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Let's take a look at a few time wasters
• Interruption
There will always be interruptions. It is how they are handled that wastes time. Do you drop everything? Do you plan for them?
• Hopelessness
<ul> <li>People "give in", "numb out", "check in and out" and "march through the day "without connection or motivation</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Poor delegation skills</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>This involves not sharing workload with others</li> </ul>
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#### **Burnout**

#### What is burnout?



A Feeling of physical and emotional exhaustion due to stress from working with people under difficult or demanding conditions. Burn out is followed by signs such as chronic fatigue, quickness to anger and suspicion, and susceptibility to colds, headaches, and fevers.

#### 13 Signs of Burnout

- 1. Chronic fatigue exhaustion, tiredness, a sense of being physically run down
- 2. Anger at those making demands
- 3. Self-criticism for putting up with demands
- 4. Cynicism, negativity, and irritability
- 5. A sense of being besieged
- 6. Exploding easily at seemingly inconsequential things
- 7. Frequent headaches and gastrointestinal disturbances
- 8. Weight loss or gain
- 9. Sleeplessness and depression
- 10. Shortness of breath
- 11. Suspiciousness
- 12. Feelings of helplessness
- 13. Increased degree of risk taking

#### **Prevent Burnout**

#### Communicating for Healthy Interactions

- Stay Focused
- Listen Carefully
- Try to See Their Point of View
- Respond to Criticism with Empathy
- Own What's Yours
- Use "I" Messages
- Look for Compromises
- Take a Time-Out
- Don't Give Up
- Ask for Help If You Need It

#### Time Management Helps You:

- Reduce wasted time
- <u>Improve</u> productivity
- Make time for the important relationships
- Focus time and energy on what is most important
- Make time for things you want and value
- <u>Improve</u> your performance while reducing stress
- Find greater balance and fulfillment
- <u>Set and achieve</u> your long-term goals



What Makes You Feel ...

Exhausted		Energized	
	Depressing news		Sunshine
	Interpersonal hassles		Exercise/sports
	Death	_	Children
	Sickness		An inspiring speech
	Overwork	_	Laughter
	Too many people		Fruit
	Too few people		
П	A heavy meal		Coffee
_	Children		Music
			Good friends
	A boring speech		Time alone
	Alcohol/medication		Medication
	Rainy days		Sugar
	Sugar rebound		New ideas

#### **Incorporate Time Savers**



- Establishing daily, short-term, mid-term and long-term priorities
- Ensuring all meeting have a purpose, time limit and include essential people
- Maintaining accurate calendars

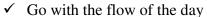
Using checklist/to-do lists

i.e. - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fjjKuoeYP5A&feature=related

#### **Tips for Scheduling A High-Energy Workday**

- ✓ Up and at 'em
  - o Get a solid 8 hours of sleep
  - o When you wake up visualize your day the way you would like it to be
  - o Give yourself time to prepare for the day (avoid the rush)
  - Motivate yourself be reading an inspiring quote or passage/listen to upbeat music
  - o Motion creates emotion do something physical in the morning
  - Make time for breakfast
- ✓ Getting there is half the fun
  - Enjoy your commute (reinforce w/upbeat music)
  - o Arriving early
  - o Review your "to do" list





- o Learn when you need a break or to switch activities
  - **30/30** or 45/15 methods
  - Apps on smartphone
- o Breaks can allow you to:
  - Switch brain hemispheres (numbers vs details)
  - Release tension (stretch/laughter)
  - Obtain oxygen (deep healing breath go along way)
- ✓ Ease into the evening
  - o Review the day's successes
  - o Play relaxing music

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#### **Time Management Questions to Ask Yourself**

this what I want or need to be doing right now?
here can I help?
here am I really needed?
o I need to do this now?
o I need to do this at all?
this what I want or need to be doing right now?
yes, then keep doing it. If no, stop! The act of questioning yourself makes you ware of your actions

How Do You Spend Your Week?							
Hours left in							
each day:							
Daily Activities:	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Sleeping:							
Personal Care/							
Grooming:							
Meal Preparation/							
Eating/Clean-up:							
Family							
Commitments:							
Socializing/							
Entertainment							
(with friends):							
Relaxing (alone):							
Exercise/							
Sports:							
Transportation							
(work, school, etc):							
Work:							
Classes/							
Studying:							
Other	<del></del>						
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Other							
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How Do You Spend Your Day?	
Hours left in your day:	
Daily Activities:	Hours spent
Sleeping:	
Personal care/grooming:	
Meal preparation/eating/clean-up:	
Family commitments:	
Socializing/entertainment (with friends):	
Relaxing (alone):	
Exercise/sports:	
Transportation (work, school, etc):	
Work:	
Classes/Studying:	
Other:	
Other:	

How Do You Spend Your 'Work' Day?	
Hours left in your workday:	
Daily Activities:	Hours spent
Meetings:	
Telephone (Placing & Receiving):	
Email (Placing & Receiving):	
Actual Job Specific Duties:	
Networking:	
Future Planning:	
Completing Past Tasks:	
Ongoing Projects:	
Training:	
Other:	
Other:	

Time Management Tool Adapted from Study Guides and Strategies www.studygs.net

now i	nuch time does it take to:
•	Make dinner reservations
•	Make dinner
•	Write thank you note
•	Create party invitation
•	Pay bills
•	Make doctor's appointment
•	Fix bicycle
•	Back up computer
•	Plan weekly meeting at work
•	Write a speech
denti	fying Your Energy Cycles and Sources
•	Mornings are the best time for me to
	- and the worst time for me to
•	Afternoons are the best time for me to
	<ul> <li>and the worst time for me to</li> </ul>
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	Evenings are the best time for me to
	Evenings are the best time for me to  - and the worst time for me to
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#### What's working?

•	No matter how busy I get, I always find time for						
•		ell defined when it comes to					
•		on how long it takes me to					
•	I never procrasti	nate about					
•	I am never late f	Cor					
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#### **Time Management Tips**

#### 1. Write things down

A common time management mistake is to try to use your memory to keep track of too many details leading to information overload. Using a to-do list to write things down is a great way to take control of your projects and tasks and keep yourself organized.

#### 2. Prioritize your list

Prioritize your to-do list helps you focus and spend more of your time on things that really matter to you. Rate your tasks into categories using a ABCD prioritization system.

#### 3. Plan your week

Spend some time at the beginning of each week to plan your schedule. Taking the extra time to do this will help increase your productivity and balance your important long-term projects with your more urgent tasks. All you need is fifteen to thirty minutes each week for your planning session.

#### 4. Carry a notebook

You never know when you are going to have a great idea or brilliant insight. Carry a small notebook with you wherever you go so you can capture your thoughts. If you wait too long to write them down, you could forget. Another option is to use a digital recorder.

#### 5. Learn to say no

Many people become overloaded with too much work because they overcommit; they say yes when they really should be saying no. Learn to say no to low priority requests and you will free up time to spend on things that are more important.

#### 6. Think before acting

How many times have you said yes to something you later regretted? Before committing to a new task, stop to think about it before you give your answer. This will prevent you from taking on too much work.

#### 7. Continuously improve yourself

Make time in your schedule to learn new things and develop your natural talents and abilities. For example, you could take a class, attend a training program, or read a book. Continuously improving your knowledge and skills increases your marketability, can help boost your career, and is the most reliable path to financial independence.

#### 8. Think about what you are giving up

It is a good idea to evaluate regularly how you are spending your time. In some cases, the best thing you can do is to stop doing an activity that is no longer serving you so you can spend the time doing something more valuable. Consider what you are giving up in order to maintain your current activities.

#### 9. Use a time management system

Using a time management system can help you keep track of everything that you need to do, organize and prioritize your work, and develop sound plans to complete it. An integrated system is like glue that holds all the best time management practices together.

#### 10. Identify bad habits

Make a list of bad habits that are stealing your time, sabotaging your goals, blocking your success. After you do, work on them one at a time and systematically eliminate a bad habit, it to replace it with a better habit.

#### **Wise Principles of Good Time Management**

- 1. Learn your signs for having a time management problem.
  - Ask your friend/family about you. Perhaps they have noticed signs.
- 2. Most people feel that they have a time management problem. Verify that you really have a problem.
  - What do you see, hear or feel that leads you to your conclusion?
- 3. Don't have the illusion that doing more will make you happier.
  - Is it quantity of time that you want, or quality?
- 4. Time management problems have many causes and usually require more than one technique to fix.
  - You don't need a lot, usually more than one, but not a lot.
- 5. One of the major benefits of doing time planning is feeling that you're in control.
- 6. Focus on results, not on busyness.
- 7. It's the trying that counts at least as much as doing the perfect technique.

#### **Tips for The Future**

- Find a way to realistically and practically analyze your time.
- Do your "to do list" at the end of the previous day, use A and B to mark priorities.
- At the end of the day take 5 minutes to clean up your space.
- Learn the difference between "Where can I help?" and "Where am I really needed?"
- Learn the difference between "Do I need to do this now?" and "Do I need to do this at all?"
- Delegate!
- Use a "Do not Disturb" sign!



#### What's My Level?

- Another quick tip is creating a visual queue for others
- You could use the stop light method which is placing color coded stickers or decals on your office door/desk
- Each decal would represent your availability, i.e.
  - Green = available
  - Yellow = maybe
  - Red = bad time to interrupt



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#### 16 Ways To Lead A Bad Meeting

By Wayne Hedlund - APRIL 2, 2015

#### 1. Begin the meeting late.

Whatever you do, be sure to NOT start the meeting until everyone has arrived. Even better, show up late yourself to the meeting.

#### 2. Kill several trees.

Hand out lots of documents and papers. Make sure several of the documents were handed out at the last meeting. To add a layer of confusion to the meeting, include a document or two which you will never explain or refer to. Lots of paper will help you feel important and will require everyone to shuffle things around a lot and look busy.

#### 3. Take attendance before you begin.

You know, like your teacher's did in school. This will remind the team that you are in charge and that they should never miss a meeting.

#### 4. Vote on the previous meeting's minutes.

This is especially effective when there is no reason to vote on the previous meeting's minutes (for example: it's not a meeting that requires a vote based on an article in your organization's by-laws.) The best way to facilitate this act of boredom is to request that everyone read the minutes from top to bottom; then ask for a motion to accept the minutes, for a second motion, and be sure that all in favor says, "I". Don't forget to personally record who made the first motion and who seconded as well.

#### 5. Rehash old conversations.

From the minutes, go over all of the previous meeting's discussions, adding commentary and inviting additional discussion. One of the best ways to frustrate your team is by spending the bulk of your meeting re-hashing conversations and decisions that have already been made.

#### 6. Recruit a scribe or note-taker on the fly.

In particular, do so after you've already led the meeting for 15 minutes and ask the scribe to write down what's already happened. You can also ensure your scribe loses several hours sleep that night if you ask him about every 4-5 minutes, "Did you get that in the minutes?"

#### 7. Overload the agenda.

Make sure there are more items on the meeting agenda than you will have time to address. This will provide an amazing tension in the room as the participants wonder if the meeting was meant to be an all-day meeting. It will also create an added layer of discontentment because the meetings will never seem to accomplish the designated goals.

#### 8. Do most of the talking.

You love the sound of your own voice as well as your own opinions, so you know your team will hang on your every word. Well, not really. If they hung on your every word the meeting wouldn't be very boring would it? No. Just talk a lot and make sure what you have to say is mostly irrelevant and delivered with the least amount of energy and passion as possible. Think of your History Professor in college.

#### 9. Lose track of the conversation.

Focus is your enemy. Go on as many rabbit trails as you want, especially if they aren't on the agenda or if they are discussions you have already hashed over in past meetings. Make sure you never really get back to the agenda item. Just close down one of the rabbit trail discussions, make sure it was recorded in the minutes, and move on to the next agenda item. Bonus idea: skip one agenda item.

#### 10. Interrupt people.

If people start talking, wait until they are just getting to their point and either finish their sentence for them or thank them for their comments and move on to the next agenda item without inviting other thoughts. Note: never ask your note-taker if they got other people's comments in the minutes, just yours.

#### 11. Veto discussions.

An alternate to interrupting people would be to allow the team to discuss the topic at hand without your input for a long time and then veto their ideas with the one you've been planning all along. Don't allow the team to question your decision, just move on to the next agenda item. Another option would be to ask someone else to lead a discussion while you are away on a business trip and then veto the decisions made in the room later in the week via email. These tactics require preparation: you have to have already made up your mind about what you want to do, before you ask for the team's input.

#### 12. Assume everyone is on board.

This is easy to do. Just make sure you NEVER ask people if they understand or agree with the ideas or decisions being made. Don't encourage questions either. If someone does ask a question, let them know they will understand once the discussion is over. Don't follow up later to find out if that happened. Also, it's really good to be slightly condescending when people ask questions. This will help them realize that they are big boys and girls and should be able to figure out what's going on themselves. This will ensure others don't ask questions later in the meeting.

#### 13. Don't hold anyone accountable.

Make sure nobody gets held accountable for outstanding action items assigned to them. One great method to accomplish this is to simply "forget" to send previous minutes. Also, don't worry about setting due dates. If there is a due date and something doesn't get done, just set a new due date. Using these methods, you will be sure to get almost nothing done as a team.

#### 14. Mix things up.

Detail oriented tactical conversations don't mix well with big picture strategic conversations. So to lead a bad meeting, mix them into the same meeting. Start talking tactical, like who is going to do that upcoming event, and then move into a strategic discussion about why it's important; then go back to more tactical. This method will confuse and exhaust your team over the long haul.

#### 15. Avoid constructive conflict.

You probably have this one figured out. Best case, avoid all conflict. If you can't prevent conflict, then simply pick which side of the conflict you are on and join in the battle. The key to avoiding constructive conflict is to ensure that everyone involved is defensive and focused on protecting themselves and their ideas. Do that, and you will succeed every time in alienating and destroying team trust.

#### 16. Go long.

No. That's not a football reference. I just mean that you should make sure your meetings all go much longer than scheduled. Bonus: start a new discussion 2 minutes before (or after) the meeting is supposed to end.

#### **Step-By-Step How-To Plan to Set up Effective Meetings**

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By Melanie Woodward - Updated April 14, 2018

If you are like most people I know, the thought of spending a day in back-to-back meetings brings feelings of dread. Meetings may be boring, are often unnecessary, and definitely take time away from other work. But meetings can be very efficient and productive if they are planned right. Here are some simple steps for planning effective meetings

#### Decide If You Really Need a Meeting

First, decide if planning a meeting is really necessary. Oftentimes, we think of a formal meeting as the best way to share information or discuss a topic. But if your news can be delivered via email or conference call, or just by rallying a few people in your office for 15 minutes, then skip the formal meeting.

#### Only Invite the People That Really Need to Be There

Ever been invited to a meeting and wondered — halfway through — why you are there? Don't waste people's time by inviting them to a meeting that they do not need to attend. That will not be an effective meeting. Does someone from accounting need to be present at the meeting to answer budget questions?

Then invite one individual from accounting who is suited for that task.

If a colleague or supervisor needs to be informed of what was discussed at a meeting, you don't need to invite them to the actual meeting. Simply prepare a meeting summary and send it to them afterward. They will appreciate the time saver and you have the assurance that — because you put the information in writing — that they are fully informed of discussions.

#### **Send Out Meeting Reminders**

Life is busy and calendars quickly become booked with scheduled activities. Send out a follow-up meeting reminder two days before your meeting. This will confirm those people who responded that they would be in attendance and also lets you know ahead of time if schedules have changed and key participants cannot make the scheduled meeting time.

#### Have an Agenda

To plan effective meetings, you must first plan what will be discussed. What is the objective of the meeting? What are you seeking to accomplish? Develop a meeting agenda ahead of time and distribute it to attendees. Indicate the start time and include a short list of topics to be addressed. Don't bog down your own meeting with a lengthy, overly detailed agenda. Indicate by name any individuals that will be responsible for reporting on a specific area.

#### **Be Clear About Expectations**

When you first send out notification of the meeting, be clear about its purpose and your expectations. Will the meeting revolve around a presentation and attendees should be prepared to take notes? Or is this a brainstorming session where attendees are expected to show up with ideas and suggestions?

In some corporate cultures, employees are gathered to listen only and then head back to their workspaces. In other companies, employees freely participate. In today's collaborative workplaces, interaction and sharing of ideas are not only welcome at meetings; it is frequently the purpose of the meeting itself.

#### **Start on Time**

If you are the person who typically shows up for meetings on time, then you understand how frustrating it is when the actual meeting doesn't get going for 15 minutes as folks trickle into the room. What inevitably happens is, going forward, everyone knows that these meetings never start on time so *everyone* starts showing up late. Take charge of your meeting. Start promptly at the given start time. Shut the door and begin. Those stragglers will quickly get the message that they are arriving late and they should only make that mistake once.

#### **Keep It Short and Simple**

Most meetings are slated for an hour when — in many cases — 30 minutes or even 45 minutes will suffice. When too much time is allotted, the usual outcome is that time is wasted. People linger after the meeting is over or spend too long on a given agenda item. Keep meetings short and to the point.

#### **Stay on Topic**

An agenda alone will not run your meeting efficiently. Stick to the agenda and keep discussions from wandering off on tangents. Address any off-topic questions, stating that it is a topic for another meeting, it will be addressed privately, or the like. No one likes a runaway meeting where the purpose of the meeting took a backseat to other conversation.

#### **Take Smaller Meetings Outside the Conference Room**

Sitting in the same familiar conference room gathered around the same familiar table is just that — familiar. To encourage employees to interact, think creatively, and have lively discussions, consider taking the meeting outside of the standard conference room.

Consider meeting at a table outside if venue and weather allow. Try gathering in a common area that has sofas and small tables instead of a large conference table and swivel chairs.

#### Don't Be Afraid to Take a Different Approach

If the approach to the meeting isn't working, don't be afraid to switch course. For example, if a brainstorming session is yielding a quiet room with very little dialogue, change direction. Be flexible and pay attention to how the overall meeting is progressing.

#### **Use Technology**

Plan to use technology to keep attendees engaged. In today's digital world, most people are used to seeing graphics or videos to support the words they hear. Appeal to that mindset and incorporate audiovisuals when planning your meeting.

Computers projected onto large screens and Smart Board presentations that encourage interaction are a welcome change from the standard lengthy PowerPoint presentations.

#### **Send out a Meeting Summary**

Within a day after the meeting, send out a brief summary of what was discussed. Disseminate this via email to all those in attendance, those that were unable to attend the meeting, and those that need to be informed. Also include any action items, specifying who is responsible for each item as well as the due date.

#### Sample Meeting Agenda

## **Team Meeting**

Date:

Place:

#### **Meeting Roles**

Host:

Facilitator:

Time-Keeper:

Refreshments:

Note-taker:

Buddy for absent members:

#### Meeting Objectives:

- 1.
- *2*.
- *3*.

#### Next Meetings dates and places:

#### Agenda:

Time	Item	Type of Action	<b>Decision Required?</b>
9:00	Welcome/Introductions	info sharing	no
9:15	Action plan updates	discussion	yes
9:30	Specific Topic	discussion	yes
9:45	Planning	discussion	yes
10:00	Meeting summary & adjourn		

#### Before you leave, what is your plan?

- Get started.
- *Get into a routine.*
- Do not say yes to too many things.
- Do not commit yourself to unimportant activities, no matter how far ahead they are.
- Divide large tasks
- Do not put unneeded effort into a project.
- Deal with it for once and for all.
- Set start and stop times
- Plan your activities.

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#### Goals -

#### Objectives – Priorities

List three goals or objectives that are most important to you, and indicate whether they are long range, medium range, or immediate:

	Long Range	Medium Range	NOW!
1.			
2.			
3.			
How much time have you set aside to meet each goal during	ng your week	?	
A.			
В.			
C.			
Does your time allocation reflect the priority of your goals	3?		
Can you change your hourly commitments to meet your pr	riorities?		
Where do you have the most flexibility: weekdays or week	xends?		
Can you change one or the other? or both?			
Can you change your goals? What are your options?			

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