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# Get More Done with Less Stress!

## Time Management for Fit Pros

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## **EXERCISE:**

### **Why Does This Matter?**

Make a list of all the reasons time management matters to you.



**“I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself,  
not the life others expected of me.”**



# Who IS this guy?



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  - “NYC’s Only Unicorn Fitness Cult”
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# 5 STEPS TO EFFECTIVE TIME MANAGEMENT

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1. CAPTURE - Possible Actions, Tasks, Projects, etc.
2. ANALYZE - What should happen and *when*?
3. SCHEDULE - “To Do List” existing in time
4. EXECUTE - Follow your plan!
5. AUDIT - How did it go? What might you change next time?





# 1. Capture

# Great Capturing Helps You...

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- Reduce Stress
- Clear Mental Clutter
- Feel Accomplished at the End of the Day
- Never Drop a Ball Again
- Improve Relationships (*Say What!?*)



# 4 Methods for Capturing Actions

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1. Notebook
2. Time Management Planner
3. Digital Document
4. Productivity Application
  - e.g. ToDoist, Asana, Trello
  - PRO TIP: Use email when away from your system





# Other Capture Lists

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- On-Going Projects List/ 12 Week Plans
- Someday List
- Meeting Lists (Personal & Professional)
- Education List



## **MF's 1 on 1 Meeting Template**

### **CHECK-INS:**

- GAINS: What's gone well since our last meeting? What have you accomplished?
- METRICS: Link to any KPI dashboards
- EDUCATION: What did you do for Con Ed this week? What takeaways do you have?
- MANAGEMENT: How is your team doing? How are their rocks?
- CUSTOM: Touch on any custom topics you've committed to checking in on each meeting.

### **TO DOs:**

- Review last week's To Do's and confirm they're done

### **SHORT TERM ISSUES:**

- MF: Issues to discuss in our next meeting in order of importance and urgency

### **LONG TERM ISSUES:**

- MF: Issues we're committed to discussing within the next 12 months and NOT this quarter.
  - NOTE: We clean this out each quarter as the final step in our Quarterly Check-Ins

# Trackers

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- Daily Habits Tracker - Personal/Fitness
- Weekly KPI Tracker - Business
- Quarterly Projects Tracker - Business/Personal
- Annual Savings Tracker - Monthly/Quarterly



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## 2. Analyze



# What Are My Priorities?



Important vs.  
Not Important

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How Important  
and/ or Urgent is  
this task?



Urgent vs.  
Not Urgent

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How does your  
To Do list reflect  
tasks that are  
time sensitive?



Fun vs.  
Not Fun

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Do I enjoy doing  
this task? Does it  
energize me?



Hard  
vs. Easy

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How cognitively  
demanding is  
this task? Is it  
difficult?

# The Shutdown Ritual

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## Final 30 Minutes of Workday:

- Handle New Tasks
  - Do, Delegate, or Schedule
- Plan the Next Day
- “Lubricate” Your Morning
- Tell Your Brain You’re “DONE”







### **3. Schedule**



# Days and Weeks

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- “What’s the *earliest* I can do this?”
  - NOT: “What’s the *latest* I can do this?”
- Create Time Blocks for Projects
- Plan Your “Life” (Commute, Meals, Sleep, Fitness)
- Create Buffer Blocks Between Appointments



# Days and Weeks

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- Use Automated Scheduling
- “Success dies in the white space.”
  - Social media, emails, news apps, etc.
- Stage your day the night before

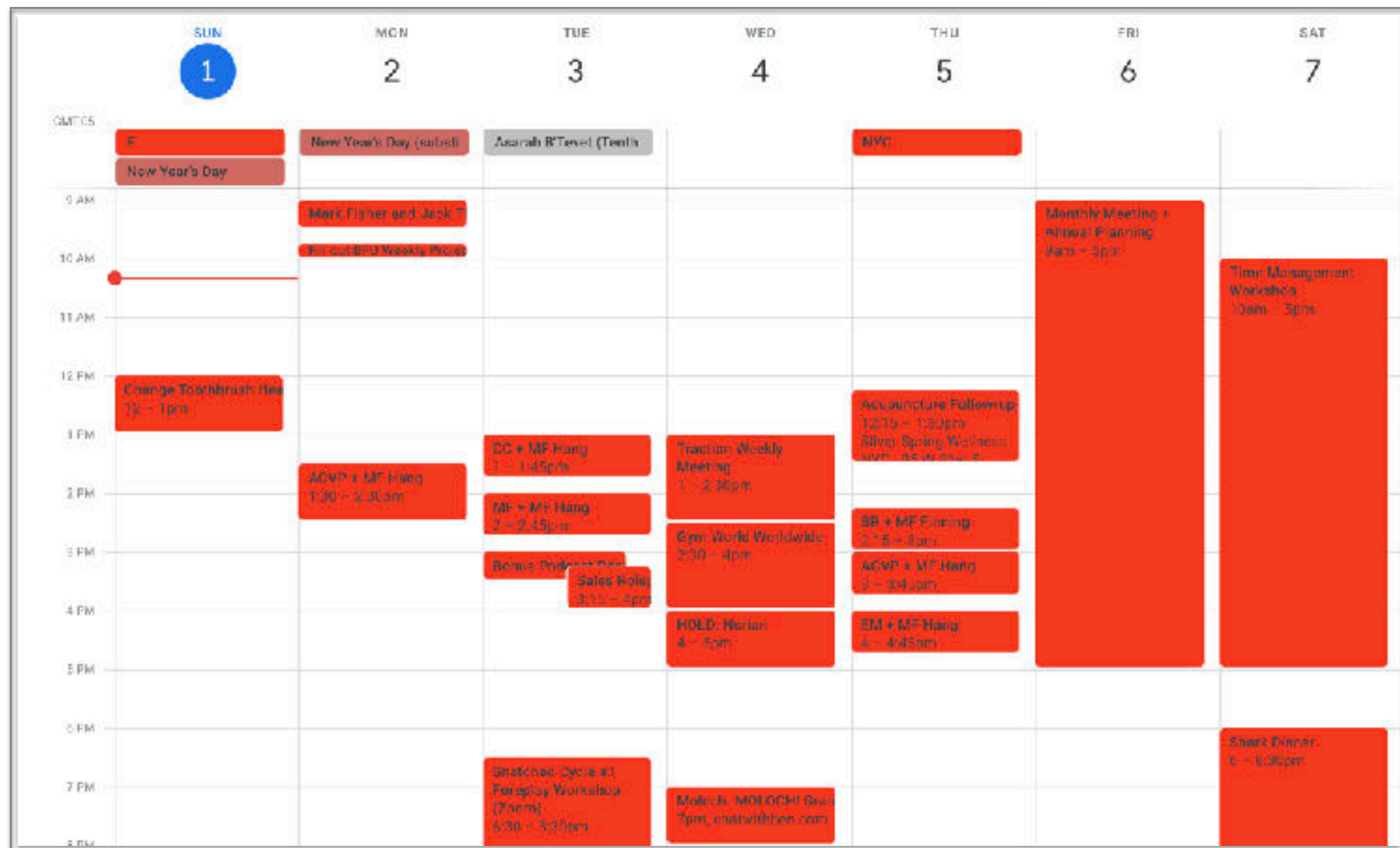


# Months and Years

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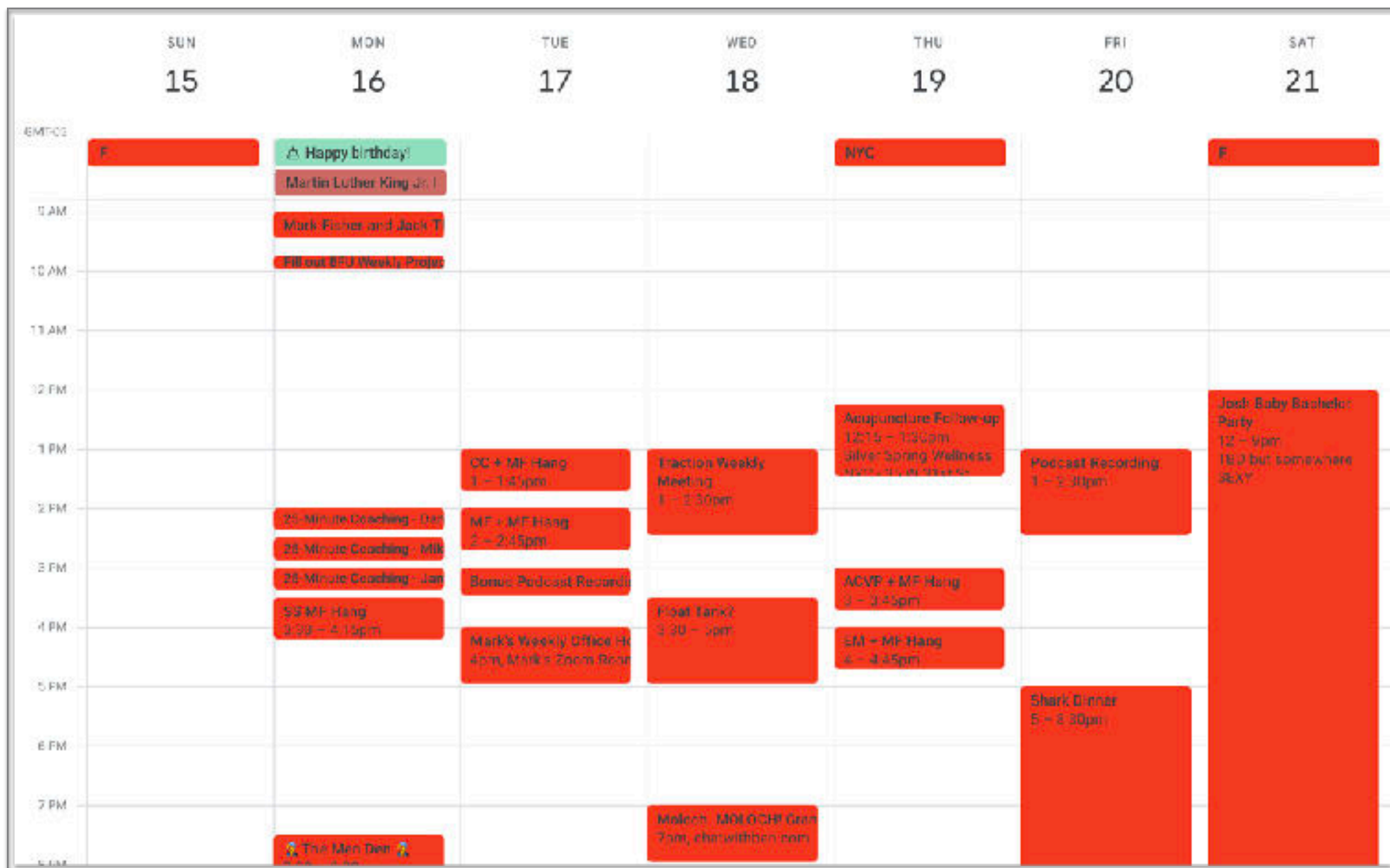
- Repeating monthly/annual tasks OR long term scheduling
  - Calendar reminders
  - Schedule emails (e.g. Boomerang)
- Consider a 12 Week Plan
- Build in a buffer for complicated projects
- Schedule big picture thinking
- Schedule renewal: time off!







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GMT-05	F			NYC			F
9 AM		Mark Fisher and Jack T					
10 AM		Full cut BDU Weekly Brief					
11 AM							
12 PM							
1 PM		🔥 MF + MF Top-Top Strategy	CC + MF Hang 1 - 1:45pm	Traction Weekly Meeting 1 - 2:30pm	Monthly Call BDU 1pm, Michael's Zoom Room	Podcast Recording 1 - 2:30pm	
2 PM		25-Minute Coaching - Tim	MF + MF Hang 2 - 2:45pm				Jack and Christine Baby Shower 2 - 6pm
3 PM		25-Minute Coaching - Alex	Bonus Podcast Recording	Full Team Meeting (In Person) 2:30 - 4pm	ACVD + MF Hang 2 - 2:45pm		
4 PM	Analyse party 4 - 6:30pm	BR MF Social Hang, 3rd	Mark's Weekly Office Hang 4pm, Mark's Zoom Room		EM + MF Hang 2 - 2:45pm	Creative Planning - Mark Fisher, Getting 3:30 - 5pm allison/creativeplanning	Christine + Jack's Last 4pm, 330 1st St, Jersey
5 PM				Forum 4:30 - 7:30pm			
6 PM							
7 PM		🍷 The Men Den 🍷					





## 4. Execute



# 3 Obstacles to Execution

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## 1. Physical Interruptions (External)

- SOLUTION: Boundary Setting

## 2. Digital Interruptions (External)

- SOLUTION: Manage Devices

## 3. Mental Interruptions (Internal)

- SOLUTION: Re-Train Your Brain





# Getting & Staying On Track

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- Reduce “Activation Energy” Requirements
  - ACTION: Lay it all out the night before
- The Pomodoro Technique
  - ACTION: 25 min. spring // 5 min. break
- Create Positive Reinforcement
  - ACTION: Use trackers
- Eliminate Temptation
  - ACTION: Put phone on “Do Not Disturb”





## 5. Audit

# 1% Better

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- DAILY: Adjust tomorrow based on today's results
- QUARTERLY: Audit your system
  - How are you spending your time?
  - Do you have the right Capture tool?
  - Do you have the right calendar/Schedule tool?
  - What other Execute strategies can you test?



# Final Thoughts

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- Thank you to Amy, Ryan, Steffi, and IDEA
- YOU!
- For follow-up/ free resources:
  - [mark@businessforunicorns.com](mailto:mark@businessforunicorns.com)
- Don't forget why...









# Thank You!

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