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*My crucial software applications;
Money Brainstorming; Breathe;
Losing Money*

1.1 Get Money

Had a talk with Friend 2231. He says (again) that I should work somewhere if only to have money coming in and to put food on the table. He says that when I save up \$250 to \$500,000 then I can take a break for two years, I guess, without living precariously.

1.2 Bose Quiet Comfort

BTW noise-cancelling headphones are the shit. I just got my Bose Quiet Comfort and it is *amazing* how much A/C noise (for instance) it cancels out, with only a slight watering of the eyes.

2.1 MC

Realised this morning that Emacs is MC. And again, I felt slightly disappointed rather than elated. There must be something I'm looking for that lies in the journey and not the goal.

2.2 Mental Math

I can solve 2 by 2-digit products in about 20 seconds.

(I do most sooner but once in a while I get stumped and take a looong time)

3.1 Money

I'm worried because it seems like I'll need a LOT of money to get anything lasting done in this world. Quant trading seems to be the best way to get that money, but I don't think I can do the work to get into that field and to thrive in it.

I could try my hand at writing. Tales from em-world: where most things are better, even the drama, horror, action, sex etc.

But what messages should I try to convey to my readers? How much better em-world is than ours, and why we should get there ASAP.

Everything requires work and I don't want to work. If you want nice things, you have to work.

4.1 My crucial software applications

- Never lose data again

- Communicate arbitrary data with humans in a precise, archive-able, reference-able way without fear of eavesdropping

5.1 Bad Signalling

Been thinking about competition today as a result of reading Age of Em. It seems like competition can be a force for good since it makes humans do better than they ordinarily would. And I think competing for a quant job will make me a better person in that I'll be able to do more good with the money I make. I might even be able to teach others how to compete for quant jobs.

[Sounds like a tortured way of convincing yourself to get back to work]

6.1 Money Brainstorming

How much do I need to make during the next (multi-year) Hachimaki?

Also, I'll need \$800,000 to set myself up for the next 10 years with a house, car, and living expenses at my current comfort level.

The goal is to have a house of my own, a car, and \$500K in the bank (or easily accessible).

Since I have (pretty much) no money now, I need a job. I want to go for the highest paying job i.e. quant trading. I also have skills as a Web developer so I can keep that as a backup. I then want to develop side businesses as a long-shot. Each of the side-businesses is something I'd rather spend all my time doing.

Once I get a stable job, I must re-prioritise my free time until I get what I want e.g. once I get a quant job, I must spend all free time developing my hobbies. Once I get a programming job, I must spend my free time working to get a quant job.

What can I do while not "working" to increase my chances of attaining my goal?

- Put up some kind of poster (Labour creates all wealth) that reminds me of my Hachimaki
- Make it easy to read about quant trading, finance, wealth management
- Play mathy games

6.2 Get a quant job

According to Auquan's "Beginner's Guide to Quantitative Trading"¹, to become a quant I need to

1. Get good at math and statistics
2. Learn Python or R
3. Apply these to some simple trading strategies

6.3 Eyesight

For the past few months I haven't felt much need to wear my glasses even though I'm on the computer a lot (ca. 7hrs a day, the past few weeks).

¹<https://medium.com/auquan/a-beginners-guide-to-quantitative-trading-e6ed5d6b1c0d>

6.4 Estate Building Costs

Friend 5641 estimates that the total development cost for 100 3-bedroom apartments (not counting land costs) is \$54,000,000.

6.5 He had no idea

Remember in my first year in college when that Nepali guy met some dude on a local flight who invited him to his house to hang out. And the Nepali guy would have gone if everyone hadn't told him that he was going to get hit on. LOL.

8.1 Breathe

Lately, the recurring thoughts, "I want to die," "I want to kill people," "I hate myself" have been popping up again. Theory: making myself take deep breaths when these thoughts come up will help them subside and not torture me. Been trying it for two days now and it seems to be working...

8.2 Introduction to Algorithms - CLRS

Before I start interviewing again, I want to implement all the algorithms in CLRS² and have them at the tips of my fingers. I'll also have to put in time at HackerRank since so many people outsource initial screens to them.

Algorithm design strategies:

²"Introduction to Algorithms" by Cormen, Leiserson, Rivest, and Stein

- Incremental e.g. make this little bit satisfy the invariant, and keep increasing the little bit

- Divide and conquer

Troubleshooting strategies:

- If your algorithm doesn't work, work out the smallest failing test case by hand

8.3 Don't Leak Power

Therefore, today's assignment is as follows: over the coming fifty years, monitor both your worries and your words. If you catch yourself leaking out more than a tiny percentage of your personal power on things you cannot personally control, repair that leak. Then find a way to channel that awesomeness to somewhere it will make a difference instead. Watch the results, and write back to me only when you have realised how well it works. Mr.

Money Mustache, *How Big is your Circle of Control?* 7 Oct 2013

9.1 iMarkets Live Presentation at Four Points Sheraton

Video Pre-presentation by Les Brown, Author & Speaker

“Wealth is found in the cemetery, cuz that’s where you find unrealized potential”

“If you’re the smartest person in your group, you have to get a new group”

“The Will to Do It”

Presentation by “Legendary”

IML will never give you a book to read; Everything is in video format.

Product Testimonies

This is 11:13. It’s been one hour and there have been no technical details.

One guy testified that he lost money (due to not following risk practices)

(This is really like a church)

(I’m outta here)

9.2 Losing Money

Lesson learned: once you can’t tell exactly how much you’ve spent, forget about sticking to a budget because your expenses will go to infinity.

9.3 Draft letter to Friend 6 563 about my ultimate goal

I come in peace.

I want to play with all humans. How can I do that?

By “humans” I mean things I can model as humans.

By “play” I mean to have a mutually-enjoyable interaction with a creature.

One way to play with all humans is to meet all humans, determine their preferred means of interaction and then interact with them in that way.

I want to satisfy the preferences of all humans. How can I do that?

Determine their preferences then satisfy those.

I want to choose the day of my death. How can I do that?

By “day of my death” I mean the day I permanently stop doing the things I want to do.

9.4 Free Writing

Rewrite Neon Genesis Evangelion in present or near-future terms



The meaning of the Neon Genesis movies? The Japanese beating their breasts and saying, “we know how to suffer.”



Lesson from NGE 3.33: the world doesn’t need YOU. You might make things more

efficient, but as long as there is The Will to Do It, humanity will find a way even if it takes 10 times more resources.



Write really short reviews of books. Remember your review of Blindopraxia?

Peter Watts' novels: Blindsight and Echopraxia (Blindopraxia) are a prophecy about what will happen to humanity when we are confronted with a united , intelligent enemy.