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*“Cordyceps” by Benedict_SC;
Lifehack: I am just the mes-
senger; Snakes on a table;
Principal-Agent problem*

0.1 Galaktikan Song

(To the tune of “We are the champions”)

We live a culture, my friends
We’re coöperating till the end
We live a culture
We live a culture!
No more defecting
For we live a culture. . .

1.1 JOKE

Success ain’t worth it except on
your own terms.

—Mark Twain

2.1 Notes from the talk with Friend 8914 on the day after Friend 342’s traditional wedding

Old-time trad procedures:

- Express interest
- Fortune telling
- Whispering (negotiation)
- Wine-carrying ceremony
- “Come and take your wife”

Advice for peace in a marriage (from her
Dad):

- Satisfy sex demand
- Ensure there is enough money

2.2 Trauma

Friend 3657 had a child to term who died.
She had recurrent dreams of her carrying
the baby.

2.3 “Cordyceps” by Benedict_SC

Just finished Cordyceps¹, a cool novel about
forbidden knowledge. It was subtly, and en-
joyably scary.

Elephants in popular culture:

¹[http://archiveofourown.org/works/
6178036/chapters/14154868](http://archiveofourown.org/works/6178036/chapters/14154868)

- An elephant never forgets
- The elephant in the room
- Don't think about a pink elephant

2.4 Features I want in Calendar

- Easily convert JD to Gregorian and vice versa
- Arrange days in 10s or in 7s or in 4s
- Edit recurring events in whole, for one occurrence, or for future occurrences
- Comes with foreign and astronomical calendars pre-loaded
- Calculate times in other timezones

3.1 Ways in which I think

Slave contract work; wedding planning

Journal Diary; Language fieldwork; attempts at backup program; blood pressure; Heimat

Publishing Website; letter

Learning probability; reading the GTD book

Programming work-sample test

Brainstorming That thing with the index cards; making lists; what I do when I'm free writing

Library management library directory; Music; Pictures

How to find more ways I think

- Check all the folders and first-level sub-folders in my home dir
- Check the list of MC buildings

Random things:

- I need to switch thoughts quickly
- My thoughts should be queryable by spacetimestamp, tag, fulltext, and referenced artefacts

3.2 Brainstorming why I want a backup language/version controlled memory/ark

To think means to transform inputs into outputs.

Inputs can be any sensation I perceive.

Outputs are sentences in my backup language that I've committed to memory.

3.3 Linux Skilz

To pause a process given its PID:

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kill -STOP [pid]
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To restart it:

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kill -CONT [pid]
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3.4 Feelings

Friend 9960 said (once, when we were out having dinner) that men don't have feelings.

By that she meant, women are so used to men not *showing* feelings that they round it up to men not *having* feelings.

3.5 Snapshotting my thinking process

Processes in Racket generally have (my thought processes generally have):

stdin Memories

stdout Publications

stderr Log messages

command Processing checklist/program

arguments Variable data

[tags] Metadata about processes

Here's how snapshotting of GOWs (groups of workspaces) works:

Press Mod-C and a dmenu-like menu of GOW names appears from which you can select the one you want.

All the windows of the GOW you are on disappear and the windows of the new GOW appear, each one in the workspace where it was opened last.

3.6 Designing a language of (UNIX) processes

Objects

1. Process
2. Workspace

3. Group of Workspaces?

Let's define a portable process that can be suspended then resumed later, or even on a new OS.

Its internal datastructures get written to a UNIX filesystem.

Perhaps another filesystem holds inputs

3.7 For the greater good

Friend 9960 is chronically tired but she can't (or won't) slow down the pace of her work.

She's starting to get grey hairs.

3.8 Soundtrack

Piano Black (from Cowboy Bebop soundtrack)

4.1 You could use some weed

After a deciday session, and a 2-hr wedding planning call in which I had to lie down because I was tired, I had to drink 2 beers to have a call with my contract work-boss and then process all the meeting notes.

I said to myself near the end of the session, "you could use some weed."

6.1 Free Writing

Around 1247hrs

The Society for Good Enough Detail
...holds its meetings at the Sweetness Express every 3-day (the insufferable nerds)

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Ensure I don't schedule meetings on rest days ever again so that I don't "drop balls" on those days

Pre-wedding ops meeting

Agenda: 1) Peoples' property "walking" during the weekend. 2) Write receipts for all expenses you incur

Other notes:

FYI some guests will eat *infinite* food/drink so try to avoid them

Show the wedding planning meeting attendees pictures of my staff

(New Rule: if *anyone* at a meeting is bored or tired, move for adjournment but DON'T say it is because you saw *that* guy yawning)

Perhaps buy Ferrero Rocher anytime Friend 2231 comes, to go with his coffee. Well, actually he likes Nature Valley just fine...

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I need to always have visors with which to look at the sun [And a cape of invisibility -Me, JD245 8156]

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We, the family corporation, need to hold an annual board meeting that lasts for 5 days:

1 day to arrive, 3 days of discussions, then 1 day to depart

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Add "The Hurt Locker" to my movie library since it seized my attention on second viewing

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Friend 1688's labour is worth at least \$110/mo to me

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It'll be hard to leave my room unlocked if everyone here isn't under my payroll

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I should pay attention to things worth greater than \$100 to me

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Try to say "Good night" to Friend 6795, in order to learn his language. "Good night" is what he taught me when I asked him to choose something to teach me.

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Would *I* want to live in Des Moines, IA?

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Friend 2231 will offer me a \$40,000 line of credit for well researched and *realistic* plans.

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Possible persona for me: King of Pounded Yam

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Friend 2231 wants to

- Maintain his lifestyle

- Keep helping people
- Not have to hustle ever again

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You're gonna make a bet [about what you can do with seed funding]

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That image of Trump touching the glowing ball in Saudi Arabia makes me wanna pee in terror

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Make a line of "technical" perfumes which have a secret hatch

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Jude's labour is worth at least 5,000/mo to me

6.1 The Showman

Friend 1 thinks of himself as into show business. "I like nice things because I'm into show business," he says, in his dialect.

6.2 Seek ye first...

From Friend 2231, I get the feeling that hoarding riches is bad, even if you're doing it for a good cause.

Yes, I know it seems to contradict him saying, "make a lot of money so you can be comfy" but still...

Perhaps I should gift my children with knowledge, rather than an Estate.

6.3 Fighting theory

Perhaps all those snake stances are to test whether your opponent will be unduly dazzled by your moving arms.

6.4 Girl trouble

Friend 2604 sez: Don't tie anybody down by dangling, even inadvertently, the prospect of marriage before them.

7.1 Thunderbird hack

To set the default calendar in Thunderbird, right-click on all the other calendars and click calendar properties on the pop-up menu, then make them read-only.²

7.2 Mu?

Are the following books trying to say the same thing?

- Algorithms to live by
- Getting Things Done
- Your Brain at Work

7.3 Lifehack: I am just the messenger

Use the words, "I am just the messenger" to avoid being a relay between two parties that aren't communicating directly.

²<https://support.mozilla.org/en-US/kb/changing-calendar-preferences>

7.4 Yusssss!

Oh and Friend 412 and Friend 7956 are engaged.

*** sniffs ***

The star, Spica, shall remain in my mind as a symbol of your partnership.



7.5 False Witness

Instead of suspecting Friend 9161 at the drop of a hat, I should have gotten a statement from him, first, as to whether he had received money twice.

7.6 Listening to Stories

I like making complex analogies.

8.1 Telling Stories

My moralising stories should end with "...and all was as it was before." to signify that I perturbed the world just enough to make the point.

8.2 Wedding Planning as a Service

I'll charge > 4X whatever Friend 342's wedding planner charged. I'll also bill expenses separately.

8.3 General

Galaktika: Perhaps VR room should have two sides private: floor and back of the person speaking. The other sides are determined by the host.

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Don't attribute to malice what can be completely attributed to stupidity

—A wise person

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Q: Why don't tradespeople drop all they're doing and come to serve when I call?

A: Because Jesus loves me.

JOKE

Shouldn't it be *nwa ebule Chukwu* not *nwa aturu Chukwu*?

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What sorts of things can I do in one minute?

Soundtrack

Car24 - Cowboy Bebop Soundtrack

8.4 Ontology

In Galaktikan, a thing is defined by its actions, not its name.

8.5 Snakes on a table

Me: Do you have a list of (non-political) “snakes” I can throw on the table to get people talking again?

Friend 7 573: Jesus, Okapi, Keynesian economics. Is love neurochemical?

9.1 Donald Knuth

Knuth na my papa.

(I just read his 2011 message finalising the MMIX hardware spec forever)

9.2 Memory

finding Vol 1 of TAOCP in the university library, excitedly reading the introduction, then promptly falling asleep once I got to the technical bits.

9.3 JOKE

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9.4 Memories

The wide smile of that beggar boy when I made a face at him.

9.5 Sage Advice

Eat enough garlic.

9.6 Story idea

Driving past a demon at night who is enchanting the bay across which the bridge runs

9.7 Heaven

For Friend 9 161, heaven is being in a band with friends and getting to play something fun, like the *ishaka*.

For Friend 1 651, heaven is sitting with friends eating cake, suya, and peppersoup.

9.8 Principal-Agent Problem

If the story of the servants and the talents contains a solution to the principal-agent problem, then I should consider Bible scholarship at least part-time.

9.9 Story idea

One day a cache of futuristic technology appears. $1E16$ cards sorted randomly by serial number, and each one having 1 of 4 colours (based on the serial numbers) . Magic happens when you write spells on them and then get a human to read them in the right order.

9.10 General (2)

@2327

Whew. I think I’m finally ready for the wedding.

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During the past 3 days, I've been running my A/C and turning on the fan on the highest; and my head still sometimes feels too hot.

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With love, 10 people can fit in a matchbox.

— some Yoruba song

Memory

During graduation weekend, being with my host parents and my family, and also a bit drunk, trying to convince them that computer science was the king of sciences.

Trip for Two

1. Rwanda
2. Rome
3. Sweden
4. Boston
5. Iowa
6. Atlanta ?
7. California

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When Friend 5486 heard we were gonna pray specially for Friend 1862 at mass this morning, she said, "Is it that one who used

to carry her slippers on her head so she could move faster?"

Even though I didn't know her well, Friend 1862 sounds like my kind of gal.

9.11 Cosmic Joke

Friend 342's wedding fell on a 0-day.