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Overcoming the Challenges of a 1 Man Team

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Show of hands

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There is no “I” in TEAM, but there is a “ME.”

A **group of individuals** who use **teamwork** and their **strengths** to reach a common goal.

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Challenges of 1 Man Team

Lack of idea diversity

Must be master of all trades

Only 24 hours in a day

How do I validate or get ideas?

Build your network

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What if I don’t have the answer?

Understand your skills fingerprint

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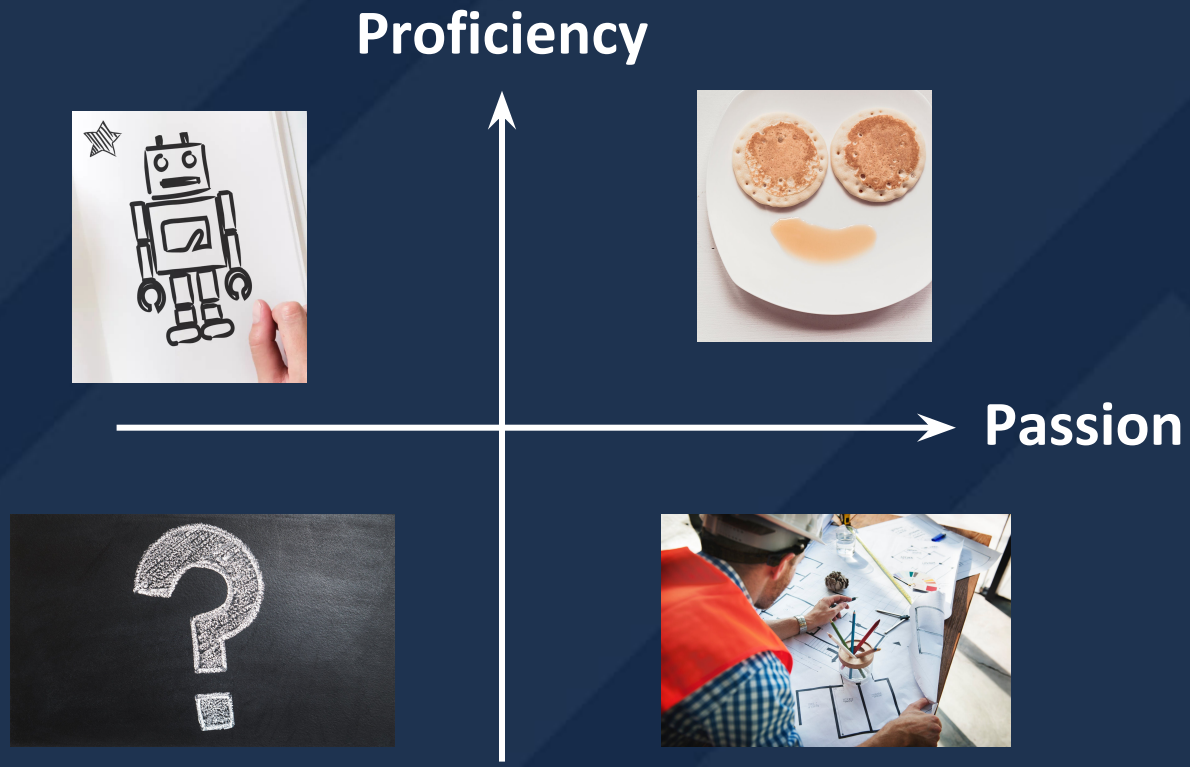
Skills Fingerprint



How do I get more time?

Be more productive

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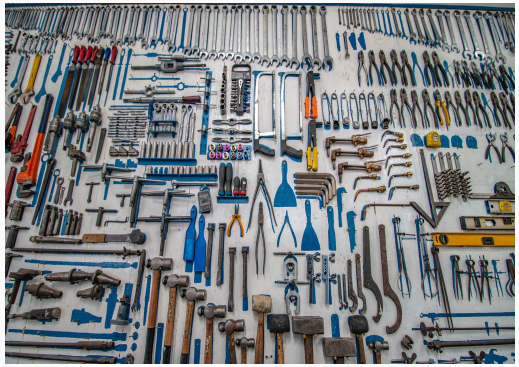
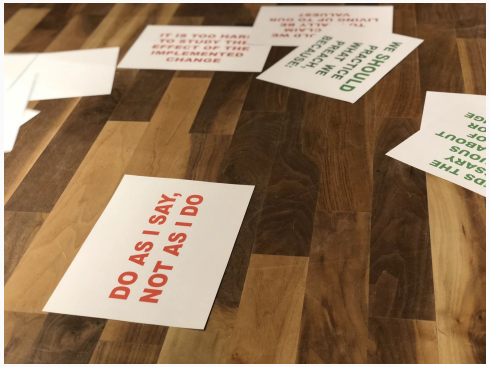
Be more productive

Better tools



Efficient practices



People

Cesar Carlevarino Aragon, Carine L., Brooke Cagle

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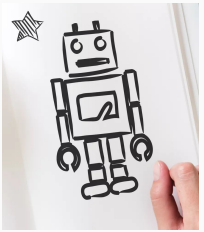
Be more productive

1. Start with where you spend your time

2. Find/Use a “better” tool

3. Optimize and Automate



“Better”: Can it be automated?
Can it integrate with your other tools?

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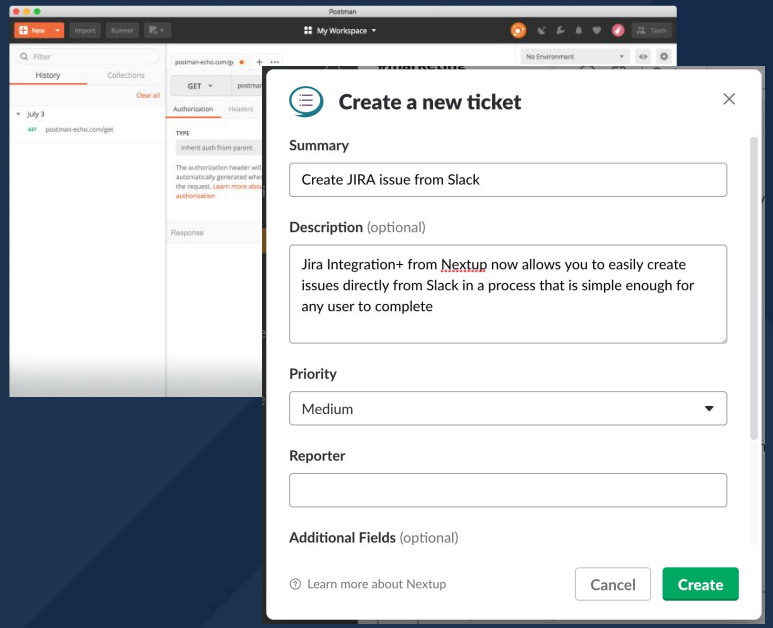
Example - JIRA

Time consuming: Creating and logging time.
More than 10 clicks and 7 fields to fill out



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Example - ServiceNow

Time consuming: Respond to 10 similar tickets a day.

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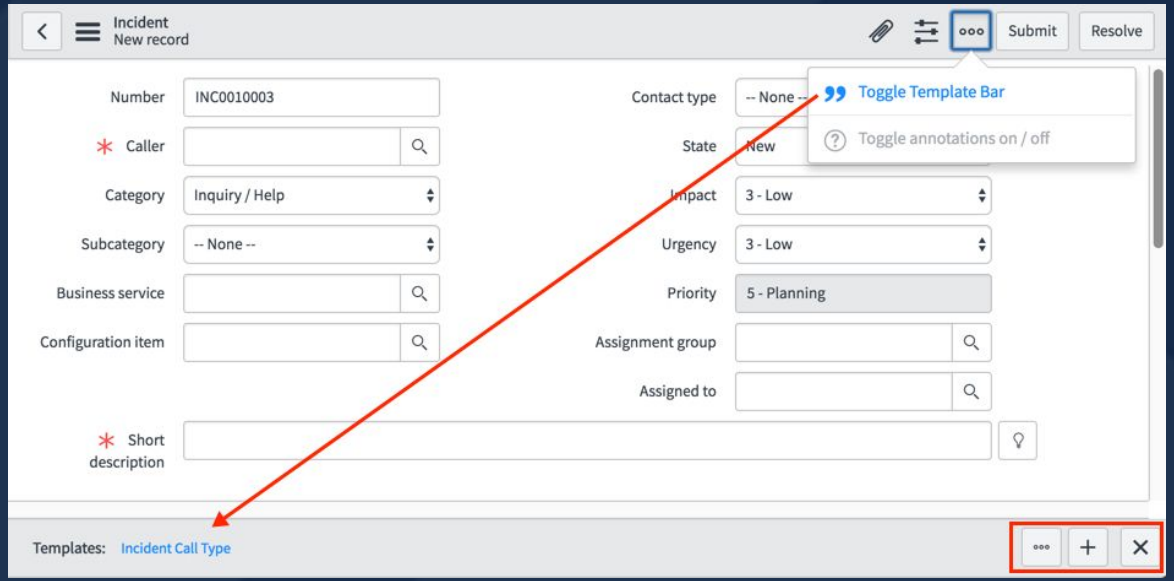
ServiceNow Templates



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The Bottom Line

Not easy being a 1 man band

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Don’t forget to build your network

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Recognize and tailor your strengths

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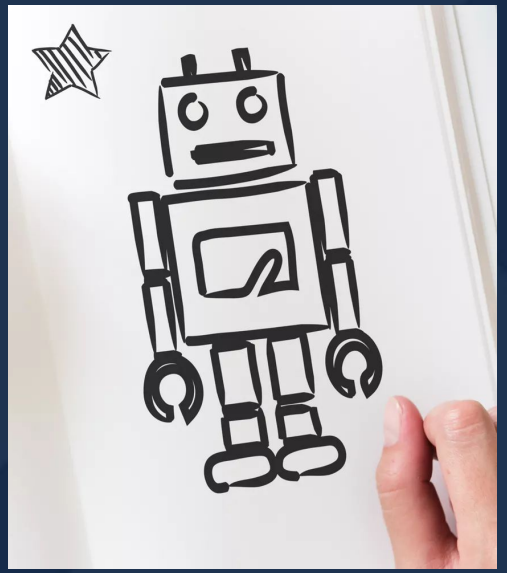
Optimize your tools and practices



Tips

Useful techniques:

- Retrospectives
- “Flow” (state of focus)
- Shuhari (art of mastery)
- Pomodoro (timeboxing style)
- Skills fingerprint

How to find tools:

- Slack Apps
- Medium posts
- Zapier connectors
- ProductHunt

How to map practices:

- Process trees
- Lean Six Sigma techniques (fishbone, 5 whys, root cause)
- Mind maps
- Team playbooks
- Roles and Responsibility

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Tips url (deck included):
https://tinyurl.com/1-man-team

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