Overcoming the Challenges of a 1 Man Team

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Show of hands
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.
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
How do I get more time?

Be more productive
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Better tools + Efficient practices + People
Be more productive

1. Start with where you spend your time

2. Find/Use a “better” tool

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

3. Optimize and Automate
Example - JIRA

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

Time consuming: Respond to 10 similar tickets a day.
The Bottom Line

Not easy being a 1 man band
Don’t forget to build your network
Recognize and tailor your strengths
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