

From Chaos to Cadence

Building Resilience Through Life's Rhythms









Three dimensions of resilience





Program: Resilience Diagnostic (v5) | Type: Pre-Program



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Distribution









Top Strengths v5

Lowest Risks v5

Factor		Category	Score		Factor	Category	Score
1.	Curiosity	Feel	4.28	1.	Sadness	Collapse	2.32
2.	Altruism	Flow	4.14	2.	Job confusion	Overload	2.35
3.	Metacognition	Think	4.13	3.	Anhedonia	Collapse	2.40
4.	Creativity	Think	4.07	4.	Hostility	Defend	2.52
5.	Positivity	Feel	3.98	5.	Envy	Defend	2.58
6.	Social fitness	Feel	3.87	6.	Procrastination	Disengage	2.59
7.	Safety	Secure	3.83	7.	Loneliness	Collapse	2.60
8.	Flow	Flow	3.82	8.	Forgetfulness	Disengage	2.65
9.	Nature-relatedness	Energise	3.79	9.	Self-doubt	Collapse	2.67
10.	Decisiveness	Think	3.76	10.	Boredom	Disengage	2.71

Areas to focus on



Low Strengths v5

High Risks v5

Factor		Category	Score		Factor	Category	Score
1.	Rhythm	Secure	3.02	1.	Multitasking	Overload	3.88
2.	Sleep quality	Energise	3.17	2.	Worry	Avoid	3.49
3.	Tactical calm	Secure	3.19	3.	Avoidance	Avoid	3.44
4.	Fitness	Energise	3.22	4.	Hypervigilance	Avoid	3.32
5.	Health awareness	Energise	3.27	5.	Rumination	Defend	3.23
6.	Bounce	Secure	3.39	6.	Judgemental	Defend	3.20
7.	Purpose	Flow	3.42	7.	Intensity	Overload	3.03
8.	Fulfilment	Flow	3.53	8.	Distress	Avoid	3.03
9.	Nutrition	Energise	3.54	9.	Overload	Overload	2.98
10.	Contemplation	Secure	3.59	10.	Frustration	Defend	2.96

Check body, check emotion, check mind





Ultradian Rhythm: Practices





BIO-HACK STRESS



Breathe out when stressed out

Exhale 6 seconds ... Inhale 4 seconds ...



EXPERIMENT!

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5 min = 30 sec

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Tactical calm











Bio-HACK STRESS

How police officers respond to simulated violent cases



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LET'S TALK ABOUT SLEEP



WHAT DO YOU MOST OFTEN DO BEFORE BEDTIME?

A. Relaxation exercise

B. Reading/Journaling

C. On screens

D. Connect with my partner



SLEEP



1 hour on screens before bedtime postpones by 3 hours the peak release of melatonin.

> Matthew Walker -Neuroscientist

BIOLOGY OF SLEEP

CIRCADIAN 24hr plus...



PRIORITISE SLEEP



¹Based on a McKinsey study of 81 organizations and 189,000 people around the world. For more, see Claudio Feser, Fernanda Mayol, and Ramesh Srinivasan, "Decoding leadership: What really matters," *McKinsey Quarterly*, January 2015, mckinsey.com.

Source: McKinsey analysis and synthesis of neuroscience research. See article for additional citations.



Power up



EXERCISE



HOW PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IMPACTS THE BRAIN





The human body does not perform optimally when maintaining static postures for prolonged periods of time. \ge

Stanford University, EHS

Lifestyle hazards

Smoking (HR 1.95) Physical inactivity (HR 1.72) Sitting (HR 1.33) Short/long sleep (HR 1.31) Poor diet (HR 1.11) Long sleep + inactivity (HR 2.68) Sitting + inactivity (HR 2.42) Inactivity + sitting + long sleep (HR 4.23) Smoking + alcohol + short sleep (HR 4.68)

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Traditional and Emerging Lifestyle Risk Behaviors and All-Cause Mortality in Middle-Aged and Older Adults: Evidence from a Large Population-Based Australian Cohort

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Exercise: five forms of fitness





DOES YOUR ENERGY LEVEL INFLUENCE YOUR DECISIONS?

A. Not really

B. Sometimes

C. Most probably



JUDGES AND PAROLE GRANTING





RECHARGE LIKE AN ATHLETE

Encourage **(micro) breaks** between calls and at lunch time



THE COST OF BACK TO BACK CALLS







Source: Microsoft Human Factor Lab, 2021

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"A person's <u>creative</u> output increased by an average of 60% when walking" Oppezzo & Schwartz, Stanford University, 2014, "Give your ideas some legs"

"All truly great thoug are conceived by walking" Friedrich Nietzsche

HOW OFTEN DO YOU HAVE ENERGIZING INTERACTIONS?



A. More than once a day

B. Once a day

C. Once a week

D. Less than once a week

CONNECTION

Social connectedness protects and promotes mental health.

Perkins et al., 2015

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Which activity gives you energy?

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU PRACTICED THAT ACTIVITY?



A. Yesterday

B. Last week

C. Last month

D. I can't even remember

Natural Rhythms – Connect









The downward spiral – Warning signs



Intensity, complexity, multitasking, confusion

Multi-tasking can damage the part of the brain – anterior cingulate cortex – responsible for emotional control

University of Sussex

STAY ON THE TASK



Monotask on important work



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BLOCK IT OR LOSE IT

Block a **Deep Work** session 1x/day

Strategic vs Reactive

If you value your time, your focus or your relationships, this book is essential reading' Jonathan Haidt, author of *The Righteous Mind*.

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How to Control Your Attention and Choose Your Life



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The downward spiral



Intensity, complexity, multitasking, confusion

The downward spiral



Intensity, complexity, multitasking, confusion

Loss of attention, boredom, distraction

Attention control





- A professional in flow can be 500% more productive.
- Flow can double team productivity.

McKinsey Quarterly, Jan 2013 RECOVERY

Delta brain waves

Serotoninl/ Oxytocin STRUGGLE Beta brain waves Cortisol/ Norepinephherine

FLOW Theta/Gamma brain waves

> Dopamine/Endorphins Anandamide

RELEASE Alpha brain waves Nitric Oxide

Flow Genome Project, Steven Kotler, Jamie Wheal, Stealing Fire, 2017



FLOW



- **1.** Goals are clear
- 2. Competence and challenge are high and matched
- 3. Feedback is immediate
- 4. Concentration deepens
- 5. In the present
- 6. Control is no problem
- 7. Sense of time is altered
- 8. Loss of ego

Autotelic experience



FLOW



Multiple benefits of FLOW:

- **Productivity** +500% (Study by McKinsey and Co.)
- Creativity +400 to 700% (Study by Flow Genome Project)
- Learning capacity +490% (Study by the

US Military – Steven Kotler)

How can we build supportive rhythms for ourselves and our teams?

Take the assessment





https://resilience.guide/start/2024GRSCAW



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