

Competitive Audit

<https://zapier.com/blog/best-pomodoro-apps/>

1. Pomofocus.io

- Pros
 - Nice UI design — pure color, no distraction
 - Brief introduction of the Pomodoro Technique. If one is already familiar with the technique, they can just use it and the explanations won't appear. But if someone needs some information, they can easily scroll down and find it.
 - [continued] Nice and neat, include a lot useful information: time left for current, task list, number of pomos planned, estimate finishing time. Small icons for statistics, settings, etc.
 - Time & current task on page title. Convenient for users to know how much time left.
- Cons
 - The stop/pause function set on by default. (Maybe should be off by default as per Prof.?)
 - Doesn't automatically jump to the next task when the estimated amount of pomos are finished for one task.
 - Can't reassign worked pomos (i.e. can't change which task I worked on during this pomodoro after it is done)
- Features
 - Change task during pomos
 - Able to edit the number of pomos for each task at any time.
 - Set cycle length
 - This website implemented this feature with the "number" input type in HTML. i.e. users would click on <> to adjust numbers.
 - In contrast, the second website implemented this with the "range" input type in HTML. i.e. uses drag the button to adjust numbers.
 - Speaking of customized cycle length, we may also need to set reasonable bounds for it. This website does not display the bound but the second website does.
 - Set number of pomos before long break
- Advanced settings / functions
 - Create task template
 - Notification
 - Ranking in stats. Maybe is motivative. (Forest also have this feature).

2. <https://pomodor.app/timer>

- Pros
 - Colors for labels. Better visual effect, I guess.
 - Cute little emoji in title.
 - Give both time and #pomos in stats report.
- Cons
 - No tasks, but labels instead. Thus the user may still need some other form of TODO list to keep track of their tasks.
 - Didn't give users a chance to set estimated number of pomos.
- Features

- Stats given as pie chart / ring chart. I think this might not be that helpful for cross-date comparison, because people would more likely want to see which day they are most productive/ how their productivity is compared to other days. But I think this would be helpful for cross-tag comparison, because this would show the proportion of time the person spent on each subject.
 - I'm not sure how pomofocus dealt with it since that's a paid feature 😞 but forest also made bar graphs for cross-date comparison and pie chart for cross-tag comparison.
 - Advanced settings
 - Cannot change cycle length while the timer is running (good for development simplicity)
- ### 3. Pomotodo
- Features distinguished from above two
 - Integrates pomo clock with to-do list
 - Pomo cannot be interrupted. If want to stop, the user has to abandon the current pomo.
 - clear and nicely designed stats section. Bar graph for workday analysis, pie chart for tag analysis, clock-like chart for best worktime analysis. Provided total number of pomos finished, daily average, monthly average.
 - allow users to pin a task so that it would appear on the top of the screen. So the user would have a clear idea of what to do next.

User Empathy

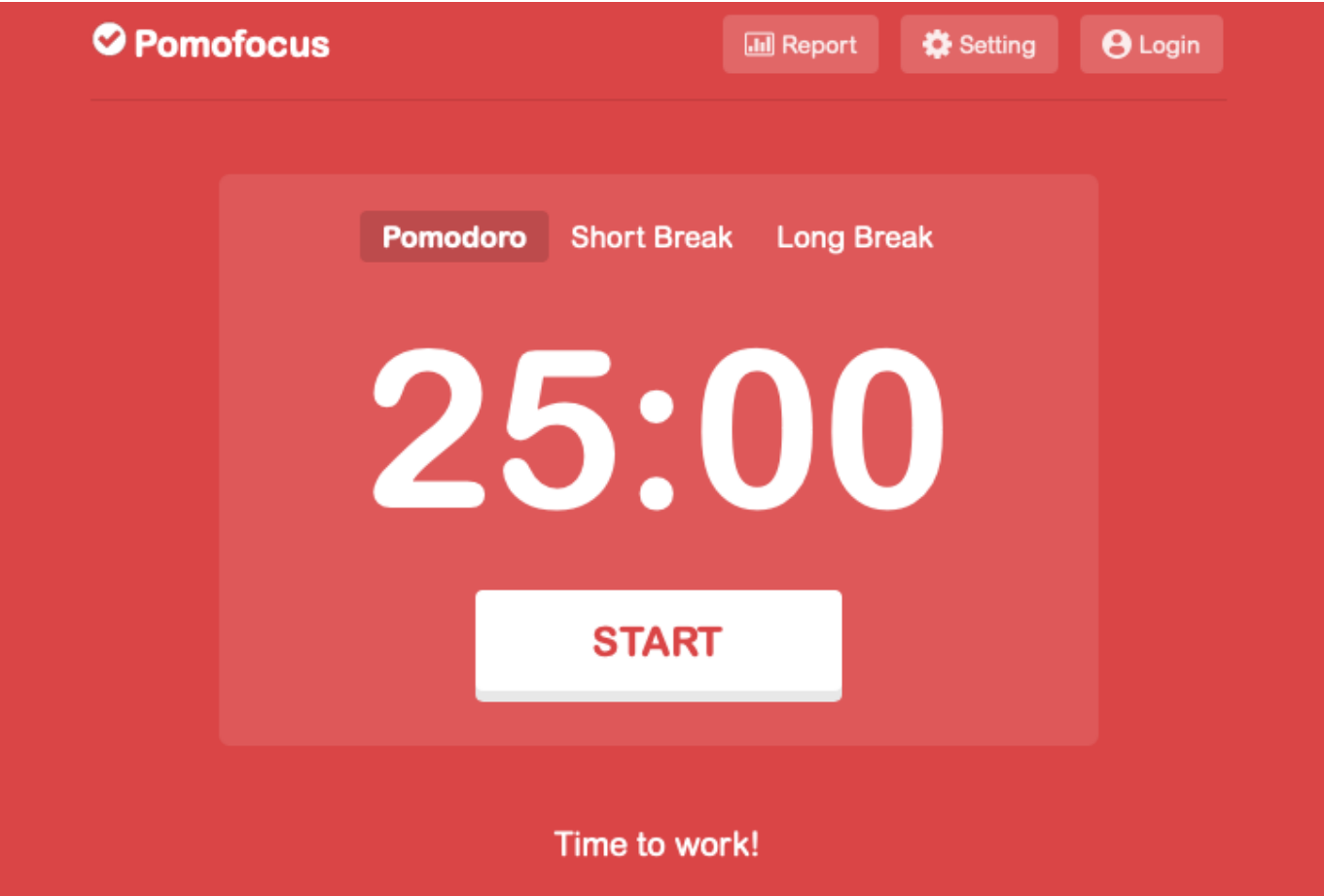
- How I would use the pomo app

I would expect myself to be using this technique when I'm doing some work that does not require long-time concentration (e.g. the cse110 labs 😊), so I can easily catch up from where I stopped before the break. If I'm really trying to use this technique when I'm doing some more "immersed" work like working on a math problem or trying to debug my code 😞, I would appreciate it if there's an option to turn off **auto-start**, so I would have more flexibility to decide the length of each work cycle. (This would lead to problems in stat section, though).
- How some other user would use the app

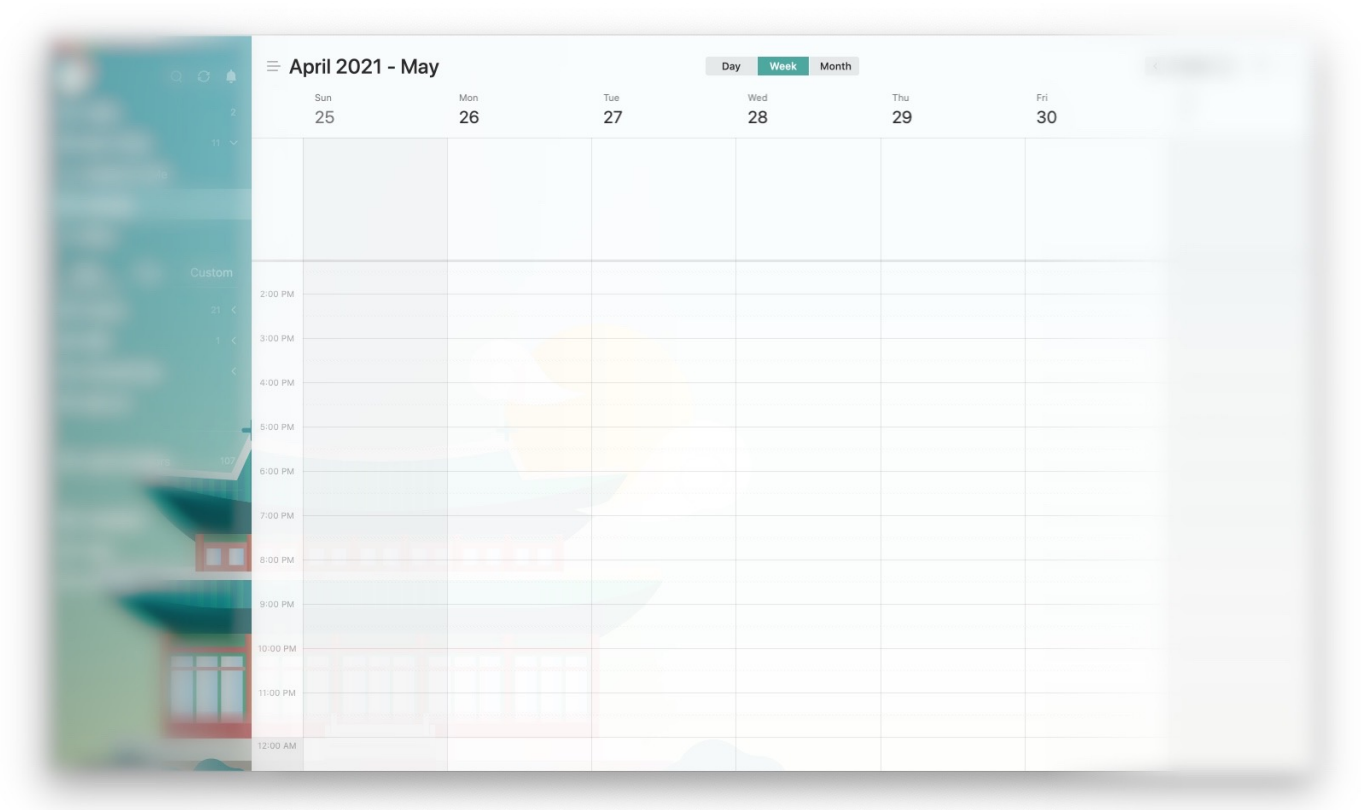
A self-employed person might want to use the pomo app since his/her time is more likely to be flexible. I imagine they would have the need to find out a routine/work rhythms that maximizes their productivity. So they might appreciate **statistic reports** such as what time in the day they are most productive, how many hours are they able to concentrate on average, etc. They may also like the function to **adjust length of work cycles** so they can set it to the state they are most comfortable with.

Mood Boarding

pomofocus, by far my favorite web pomodoro app design



TickTick, a calendar app that I like



Pomotodo

110 brainstorm meeting ✓

Start Pomo

Jan 30

Finished 1 pomo

15:24 - 15:24 The first pinned todo is the Focused Todo

Add a new todo

☐ 110 brainstorm meeting (0/4)

☐ Click the pin button will pin this todo to the top

☐ Drag and drop to reorder

☐ Double click to edit a todo

☒ Append "!!" to the todo will mark its priority as 2

☐ Use #tag to organize your todo list

☐ Click the #tag will filtrate the todo list by this #tag

☐ When finished a pomo, you can click a todo to fill pomo description

> Completed todos

Stat

Weekly cumulation

1

Goal

Daily goal

1/8

Pomo history

All time pomos

1

Todo history

All time todos

2

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