How To Make Life-easy

Ever wonder what websites and getting organised have in common? Me neither, in fact, just like the average highschooler, I tend to spend more time on the former. The problems with this habit recur frequently, for example when a student browses Youtube for too long before they remember about that essay they could positively swear is due in two weeks. Actually, it is… but that was two weeks ago. Yikes!

Now, even though websites are the common culprits for underproductivity and thus lead to a lack of organisation, I have decided to make the best of both worlds, or as Luis Ribeiro would say: “fill two needs with one deed”. In order to improve one’s organisation skills, a website can be made entirely from scratch and serve as a multipurpose tool that can keep track of deadlines, projects and personal progress.

What is the point of this project?

This blog is about getting organised **by making your own website**. As I go along, I will be incorporating new and better web design practices, such as using PHP, web frameworks, calendars, graphs, diagrams and an agenda, in order to enhance my website and increase its pizzazz. My goal is to maintain an efficient digital agenda that I can use to keep track of my tasks. This goal I would like to share with you in hopes you can benefit from my project.

This seems cool alright! How can I motivate myself to do this daily?

While starting a project like this can be a fun afternoon well spent, maintaining it and integrating it in your daily life is a daunting Mt. Everest-like, gargantuesque commitment that easily whisks you away from your objectives. To counter this, you’ll need a game plan:

1. Start small and take incremental steps that add up over time. A bird in hand is worth two in the bush, so don’t forget to start somewhere; big dreams don't come true overnight.
2. Keep a log of the progress you’ve made and write down feedback from others as well personal thoughts. Having a journal is a great way to stay oriented in the direction you want to go.
3. Set a working schedule, structure the websites such that it requires low maintenance, and most importantly,

DEDICATE SOME TIME TO ACTUALLY USE THE WEBSITE

Pro tip of the day: The goal here is to be organised. Therefore, if you create tools that enable you to achieve this, be sure to take full advantage of them.

I get by just fine, time crunching, work binging, deadline stressing. Why, oh why should I even consider making an effort?

In case it wasnt crystal clear by the heading, bad habits lead to intensive stress periods that prevent you from balancing school and life. The problem we highschoolers face in terms of finding the will to get organised stems from the tolerance towards the “minimal effort” organisational systems we brag about. Sure, I can forgo the planning process on my assignments, wait until the eve of the due date to start and avoid asking for feedback on my drafts (which I can also neglect writing), but is it truly worth the cataclysmic panic attacks?

Short answer: NO.

Bonus: assignments don’t have to follow this nonsensical and nightmarish script.

I find this project to be important to share because practising will improve my organisational skills. From personal experience, the less stress I have to deal with, the better my life is and according to a recent survey of my English class, this is surprisingly a common belief.

Concluding thoughts

Having said all this, the underlying concept is to explore a diversity of ideas that contribute to the website project by easing the task of being organised through web development. Will these ideas be super amazing and work magically? Good question, we’ll find out together. One thing I can say for sure is that these ideas will be prototyped, tested and polished in order to develop and consolidate organisational skills because no highschooler should live with unnecessary stress.