

How to trick yourself into writing a thesis

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My biggest struggle is tricking these gremlins to look the other way

Productivity vs Efficiency

Efficiency is deceiving, effort is often spent on tangentially related things (💩).

Productivity is hard because what I write is often not what I imagined in my head (😞).

Beating the efficiency (👾) gremlin: Workflow!

Setting up a **good workflow** is important for me to focus my mind on the correct things.

Live demo: Latex using Overleaf, **git**, and, **vim**.

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