# CONFIGURE YOUR BRAIN!

Learn patterns of how your brain functions



## **STRUCTURE**

- Stress effect on your brain
- Ways to break thoughts cycle
- Forming habits
- Changing reactions



# STRESS EFFECT ON YOUR BRAIN

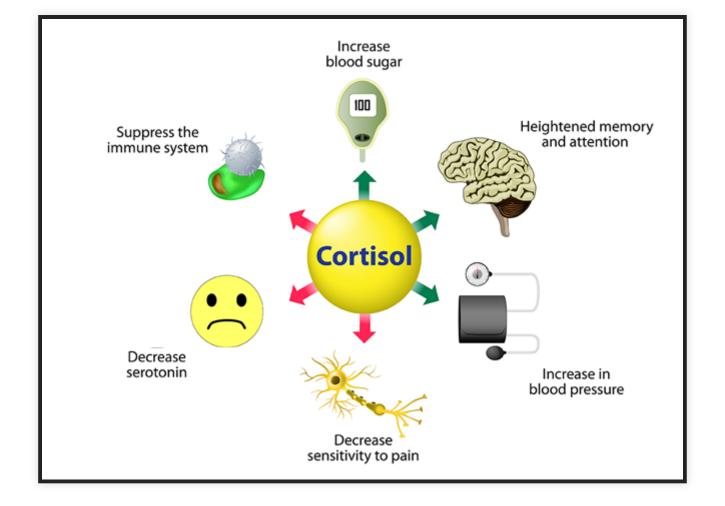
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#### **SHORT TERM STRESS**

- improves focus and releases energy
- supresses digestion system and immune system





#### **CHRONIC STRESS**

Response to emotional pressure suffered for a prolonged period of time

- overworked
- unrealistic deadlines
- multitasking
- arguments at home



#### **CHRONIC STRESS EFFECTS**

- stronger amygdala more fear
- weaker hypocampus less learning and memory
- shrinking of prefrontal cortex less cognitive ability
  - loss of synaptic connections between neurons



## SYNAPTIC CONNECTIONS

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- neurons 1 or 0
- synapses
  - sender signal 0..1
  - receiver sensitivity 0..1



#### **BRAIN ACTIVITY**

#### Stable patterns of neuron firing





#### **NEUROPLASTICITY**

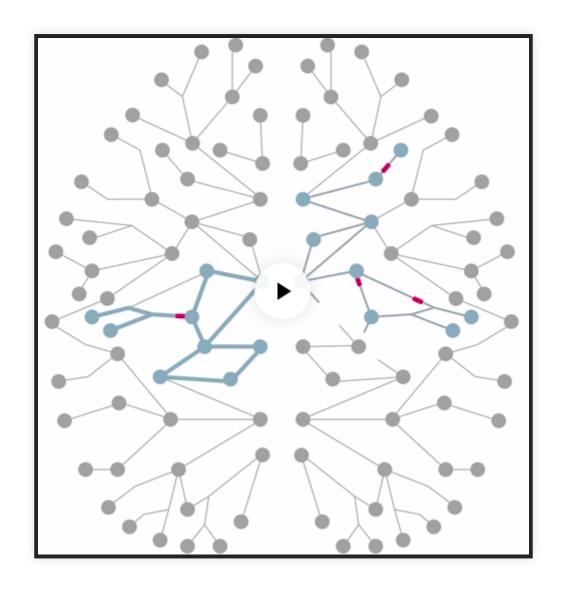
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- automates repeated processes
  - allows to learn a skill
- uses well established roads
  - the more you think/feel/do it, the more you think/feel/do it
  - obsessive



- builds new roads
  - resistant to change
  - no fixed personality
- breaks abandoned roads
  - can get rid of any habbit
  - important to constantly stimulate different paths





# WAYS TO BREAK THOUGHTS CYCLE

- alcohol
  - screws up synapses, kills neurons
- sports
  - requires special setup
- meditation
  - hard to learn



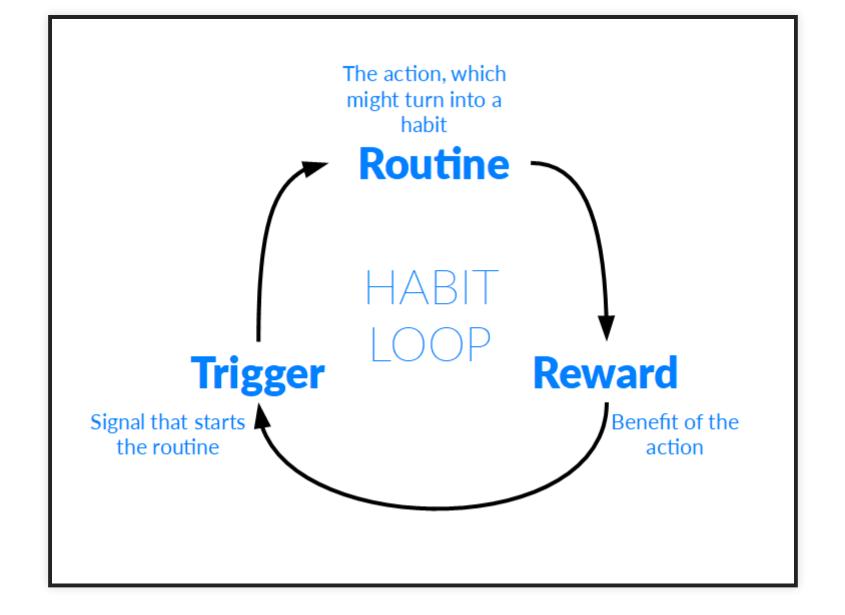
#### **CONCENTRATE ON ONE THING**

- do something that requires concentration
- notice that you are thinking about something else
  - I am thinking about work
- get back to concentration object
  - Where was I? ...
- no push
  - fighting the thoughts is thinking those thoughts
  - just do something more important



# **FORMING HABITS**





#### CHANGING REACTIONS

- everything that happens in the brain is real
- after you noticed that things went wrong
  - understand where you started to go off the path
  - identify exact trigger
  - think of what you wish you have done
  - live it up in your brain
    - feel the trigger
    - do the right thing
- iterate on failure



# **THANK YOU!**

