

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

- **A/S (Abbreviations/Shorthand):** A dedicated system or page for recording shorthand notes and symbols to ensure the practitioner can decipher their own entries years later. Each subject has its own A/S, and a global A/S exists for system-wide conventions
- **ACEPOS (Absolute Cosmic Eternal Perfect Ontological Structure):** An idealized, perfect organizational structure that the author warns against; the mapping system is intended to reflect the practitioner's actual brain patterns, not a "perfect" objective reality
- **ACTS (Act-Communication-Thought System):** A personal hybrid system that integrates this notebook method with David Allen's "Getting Things Done" (GTD) methodology
- **Carry-about notebook:** A mid-sized, durable binder that the practitioner carries at all times to record thoughts in the "hostile environment" of the world
- **Cht (Cheat Sheets):** Highly condensed pages, often formatted as lists or tables, used for quick reference of raw data or information with high density
- **Common-store binder:** Large binders kept on shelves for the long-term archival and storage of subjects that are not currently being actively carried in the carry-about notebook
- **DD (Data Dictionary):** A record used to track and define unique words or specialized meanings that the practitioner creates as their thought system evolves.
- **Extra-Subject Architecture:** The domain of the system that manages the relationships between different subjects, including the GSMOC and the subject registry
- **GKI (Global Knowledge Infrastructure):** One of the author's personal subjects involving the study of how information and knowledge are distributed across society
- **GSMOC (Grand Subject Map of Contents):** A master map of every subject the practitioner thinks about, acting as a "mirror of the mind"
- **I (Index):** A segment used to link specific words or concepts to the various subjects in which they appear
- **Information Density:** The metric of how much data is recorded on a single page; the system often uses high-density templates (e.g., 40+ lines per page) for maps and lists.
- **Intra-Subject Architecture:** The organizational framework and components (such as SMOCS and Speeds) contained *within* a single specific subject
- **Late Binding:** A core principle of only creating organizational structures (like indexes or TOCs) when they are actually needed, rather than in advance
- **Magnet Words:** Primary structural terms placed on a map that serve as "gravitational" focal points for related thoughts or speed IDs

- **Mental Coercion:** A state where a linear structure (like a standard TOC) forces the mind into specific, restrictive patterns; the mapping system aims to be "uncoersive".
- **MOC (Map of Contents):** A non-linear, visual alternative to a Table of Contents that uses spatial positioning and font size to denote the relative importance and connection of ideas
- **P&P (Purpose & Principles):** A foundational page for each subject that defines its boundaries, what it includes or excludes, and its connections to other subjects
- **Pan-Subject Speed List:** A general list used to capture all thoughts regardless of category when away from specific subject binders
- **PJ (Project):** A segment signifier used to identify pages that track the progress of active projects
- **POI (Point of Interest):** Deep, long-form dissertations or multi-page entries focused on a specific, limited topic within a subject
- **REF (Reference):** Pages dedicated to notes, quotes, and annotations derived from external sources like books, articles, or web pages
- **RS (Research):** Active inquiry notes intended to fill gaps in a map by investigating a specific train of thought using multiple sources
- **SMOC (Subject Map of Contents):** A visual map that indexes all items and connections contained within one specific subject area
- **Speeds / Speed List:** Terse (1–50 word) entries of individual thoughts, usually recorded as single lines for rapid capture
- **Subject Speed List:** A list of captured thoughts that belong specifically to one established subject
- **TOC (Table of Contents):** A linear list of entries, generally considered by the author to be inferior to maps for capturing the complexity of non-linear thought