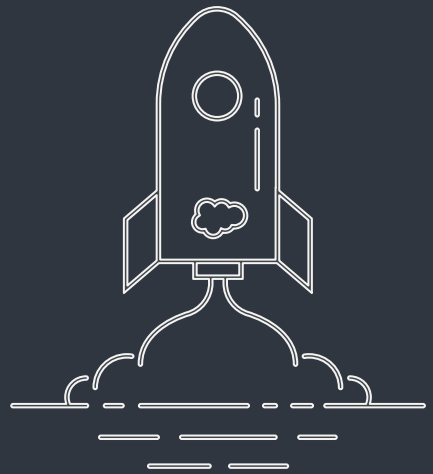
Superpowers

Make the computers work for you



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Thank you for being here!

Let’s have some fun.

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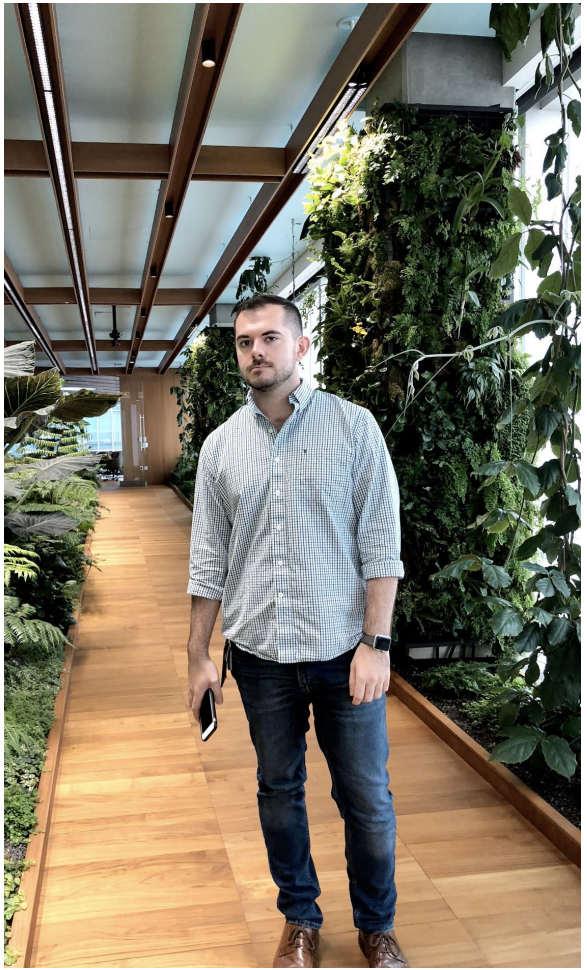

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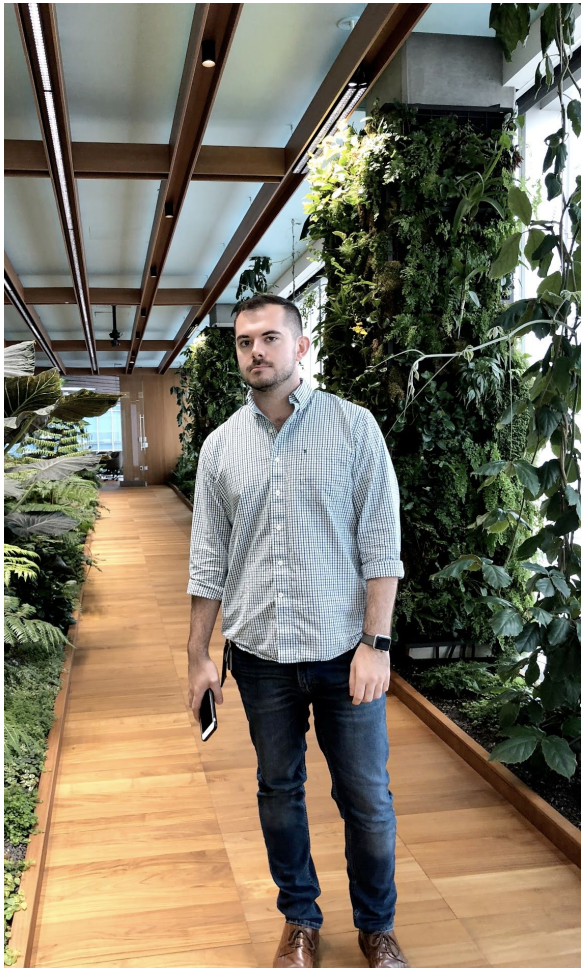

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  Want to make things simple and easy
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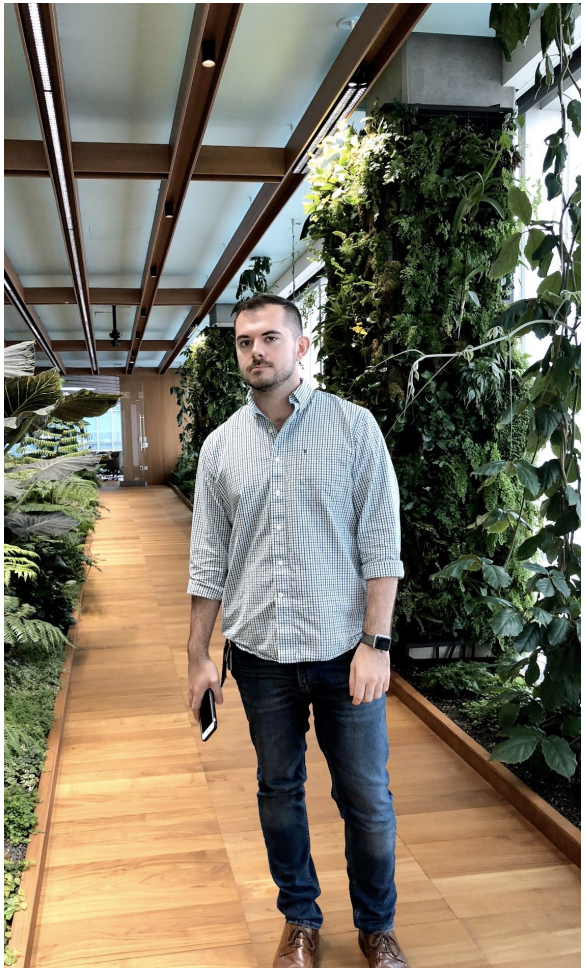

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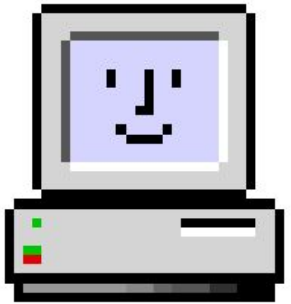
- Tools that *need instructions*
  How do I make the computer work for me?



Problems are everywhere

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Opportunities to improve

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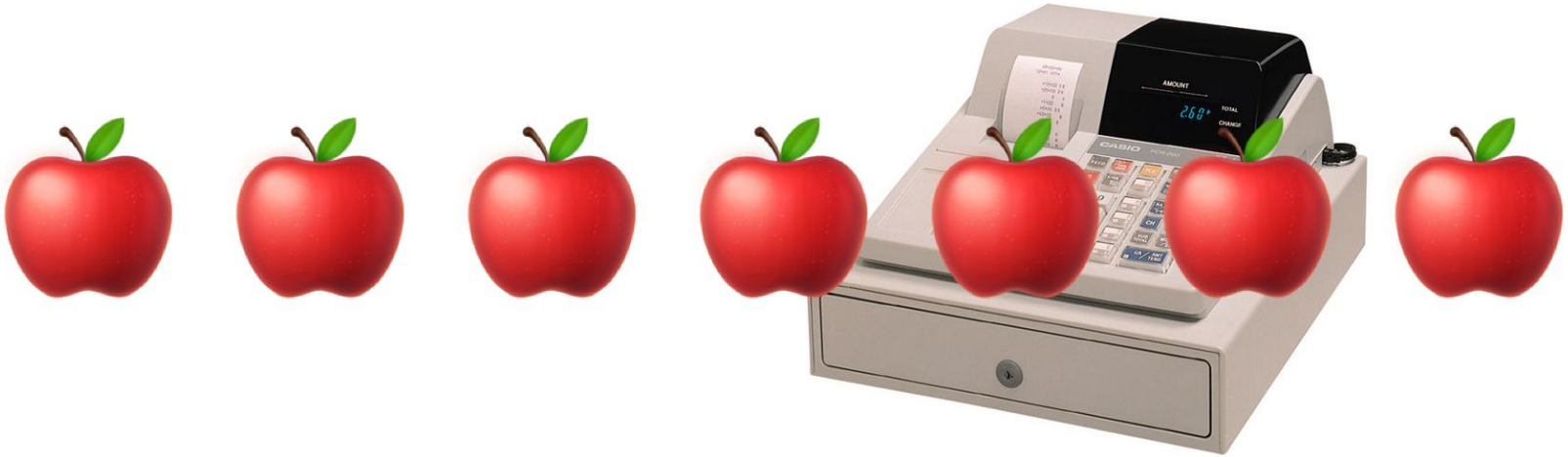
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Okay Jay, this is great for the apple cashier

... but how does that apply to me?

The basic idea is...
anything you do more than once,
a computer can help you out with.

Things a technology worker does...

1. Creating documents/emails
2. Sending calendar invites to coworkers
3. Sending links to coworkers

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Markdown

A quick way to format documents.

A lightweight, easy computer language.

Supported in GitHub, Slack, Quip, VS Code, many other tools

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# Titles

- Bullets

(Links)[https://salesforce.com]
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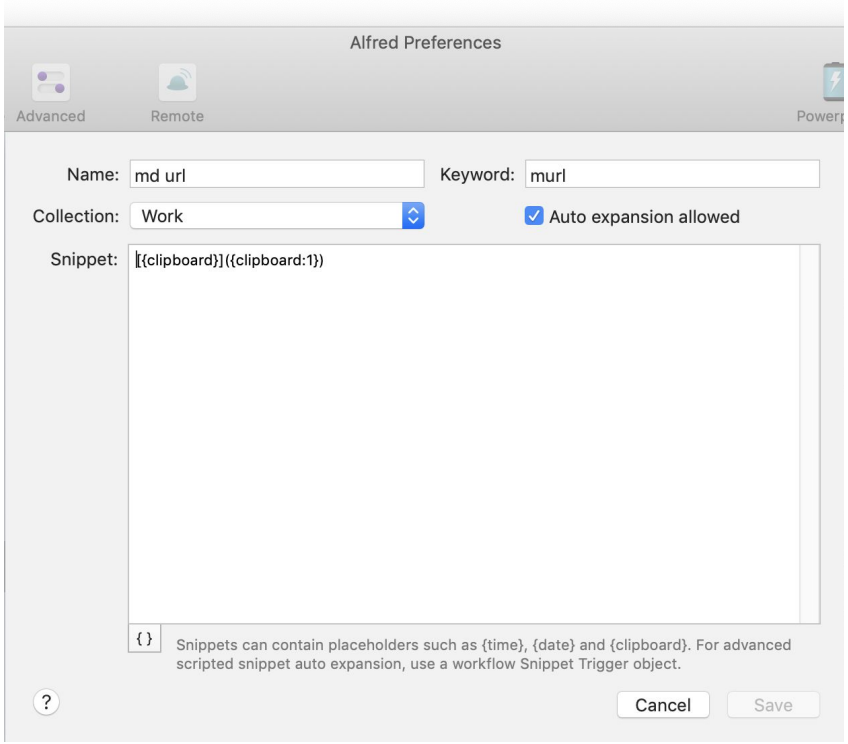
Memo Demo

Do more with your clipboard manager



Markdown Link Demo

:gap and :date demo

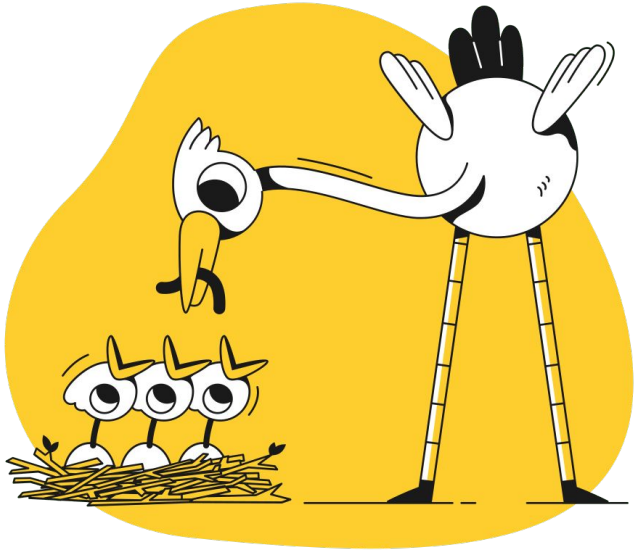
Stands for Goals, Agenda, Prerequisites.

Automated with aText text expansion.

I type “:gap” and the computer inserts a formatted copy of how I like to send meeting invites.

The bigger picture

be awesome



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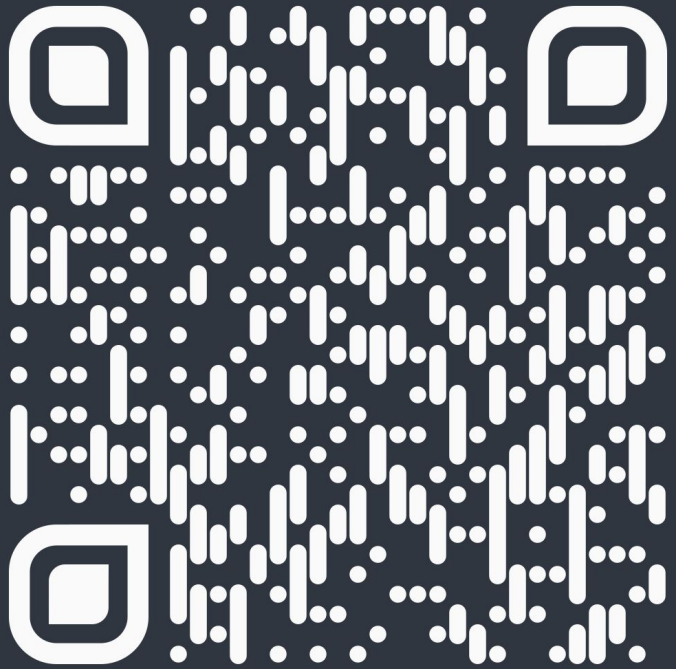
Where the cool kids hang out

- **Dev.to**
- **GitHub.com**
- **Glitch.me**
- Codepen.io
- Repl.it
- ProductHunt.com



Thanks!

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