

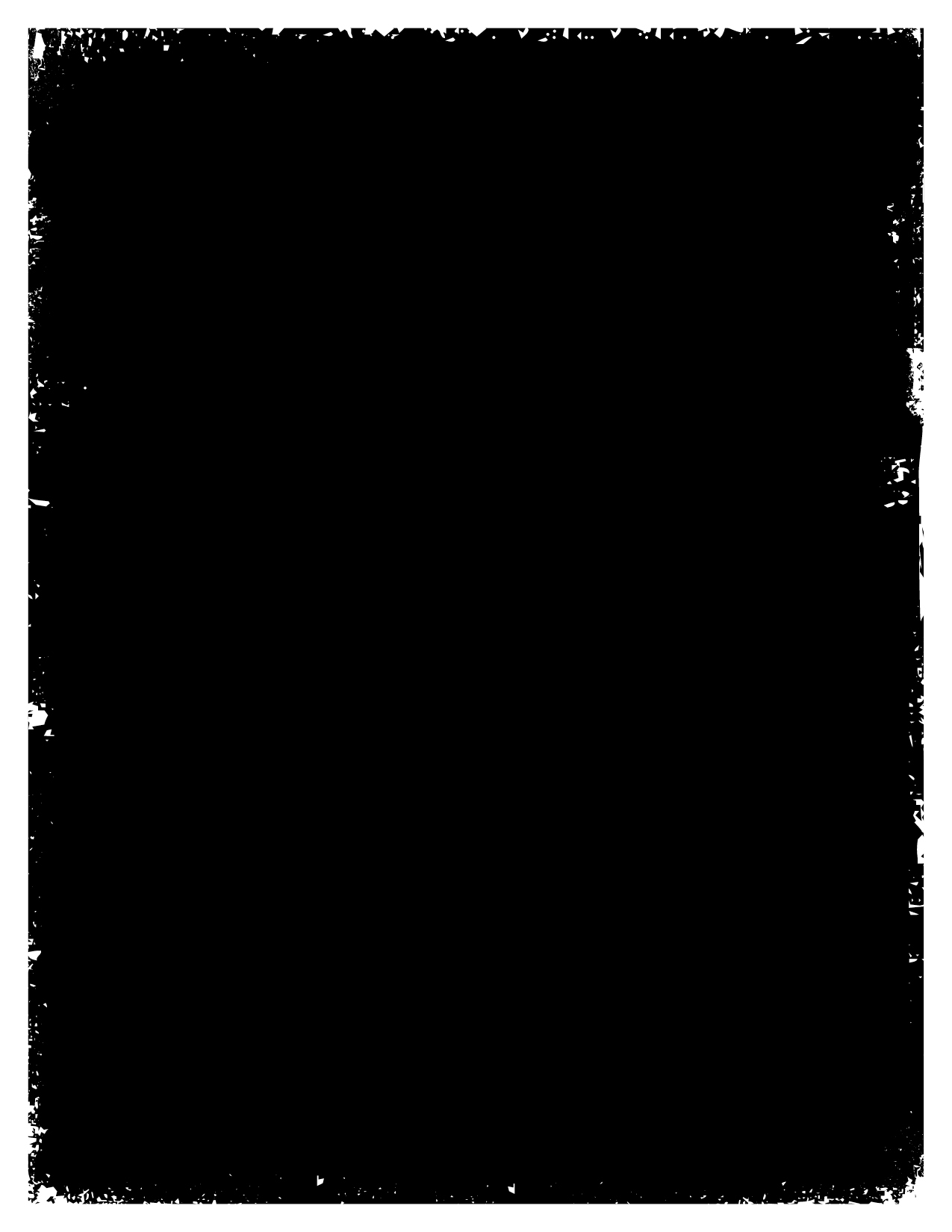
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Time Management Software

A Proposal To:

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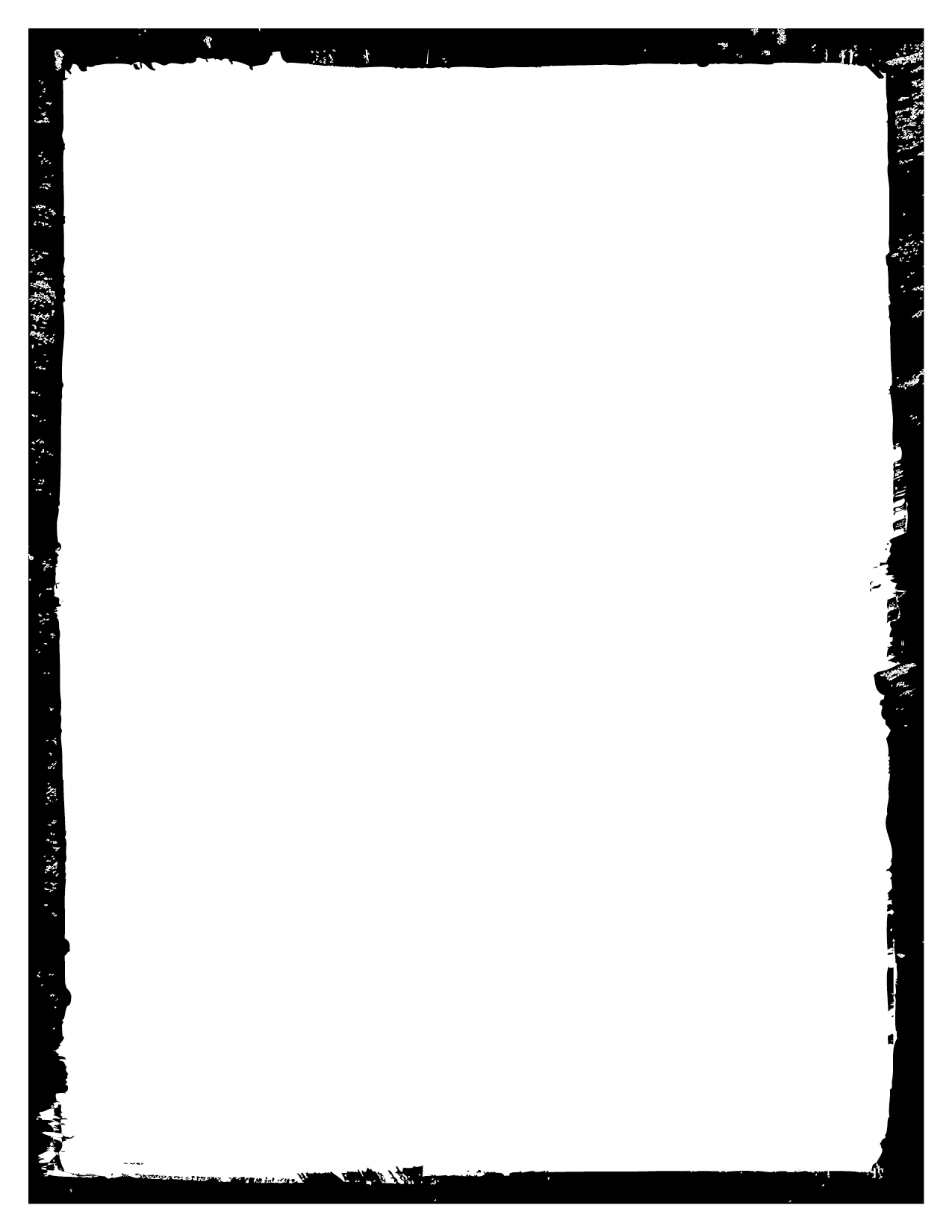
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Problem | Opportunity

In the world of Time Management Software, there have been numerous attempts to tackle the issues that revolve around time management via software. The only issue is that they are all attempting to do the same thing, regardless if it is open source, proprietary, or freeware. Most of these companies overcomplicate their products with too many functions that it actually requires the hiring of another employee or group of employees to handle others time, meaning they choose not to follow a *Keep It Simple Stupid (KISS)* design principle. Generally speaking, such companies attempt to handle the issues of time management for the purposes of recording time sheets of employees, invoicing, and payroll. However, I have not seen a Time Management Software yet that actually gets at the problem of time management.

We all have issues with time and simply recording your time spent does not help with the issues that revolve around managing your time. The term time management does not and should not mean time tracking. Time tracking deals with the record keeping of time for that purpose alone. Time management deals with implementing a method that effectively and efficiently allows one to complete a task or set of tasks on a daily basis. Furthermore, it assists one to not procrastinate on their duties and responsibilities to themselves and those around them.

Most software that exists today that claims to be a Time Management Software is really only Time Tracking Software and does not help one to identify and focus on their current activities and tasks. A true Time Management Software would allow for one to focus on their activities and tasks, which would allow for greater returns, save time, work smarter not harder, and reduce stress.

There is an opportunity in this marketplace, Time Management Software, for a true Time Management Software that follows a KISS design principle based upon a sound time management technique, the [Pomodoro Technique](http://www.pomodorotechnique.com/downloads/pomodoro_cheat_sheet.pdf).

Project Vision

The vision of this project is to develop Time Management Software based upon the [Pomodoro Technique](http://www.pomodorotechnique.com/resources/cirillo/ThePomodoroTechnique_v1-3.pdf), which allows an actor or user to manage their time by focusing on tasks and activities in order to increase returns, save time, work smarter not harder, and reduce stress.

Business Benefits

Although this proposed software maybe simple and differ greatly from those supposed Time Management tools that already exists on the market, it can still have a significant benefit to businesses. It can improve the work environment and company culture by reducing work overload and stress. It can reduce interruptions, distractions, and delays through providing a work-break-work philosophy. It can reduce time spent on projects. Additional components can be added during another phase that would allow for time tracking features by simply recording the number of pomodoro’s (A pomodoro in this context refers to a short segment of time (25 minutes) that someone dedicates to working on a task before taking a 3-5 minute break). This would reduce the need to record the actual time spent on work. Another additional component that can be added could be the ability to export to another file type for the purposes of reporting and payroll.

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