

THIS IS NOT SCHOOL.

THIS IS DSI.

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What is your best strategy?



let S be the set of all possible strategies

$$\arg \max_{s \in S} P(\text{success} | s)$$

Want to know the answer?
Stay tuned...

Your **worst** strategy:



Daily Strategy (a prioritized list):

1. Stress that you won't finish today's assignment. Worry that you'll get behind.
2. Try to catch up on yesterday's assignment. Worry that you *are* behind.
3. Sleep a few hours.
4. Wake up having very little mental energy for tomorrow.



Your **best** strategy:



1. SET THE STAGE

(prepare your brain)

2. PLAY

(wrestle with it & have fun)

3. REFLECT

(remember your “why”)

Your **best** strategy:



Daily Strategy (a prioritized list):

1. **Take care of yourself** (~12 hours/day)
 - a. Eat, Sleep, Exercise
2. **Prepare for tomorrow** (~2 hours/day)
 - a. Do the reading the night BEFORE.
 - b. Let your brain chew on it while you sleep.
3. **Soak up as much as you can of today's topic** (~10 hours/day)
 - a. YOU WILL NOT SOAK IT ALL UP. Do what you can, then find a good logical stopping point.
 - b. Obeying #1 and #2 will maximize the amount you soak up.

3-month Strategy:

1. Perform the daily strategy EVERY DAY.
 - a. One day a week don't do DSI work at all.
2. "Catch up" during the break week (between week 6 & 7).
3. Pick a project that interests you.
4. "Catch up" while working on your project:
 - a. Your project will use at most 20% of the topics we've covered.
 - b. You can catch up on that 20% while doing your project.
5. Practice interviewing, and practice pitching your project.
6. Speak with confidence, sell yourself, and land a job.

NOW

Get to work.

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