Hit Refresh Minimalism – Digital

A checklist for a lighter, intentional, distraction-free life

Digital Minimalism

- A zero-fluff checklist to declutter your digital life
- Best used: Saturday mornings with coffee 🥏

Inspired by Cal Newport | Matt D'Avella | r/DigitalMinimalism

Why Digital Minimalism?

- Less digital noise
- More focus and control
- Better mental space
- Ask yourself: Is this tool helping—or hijacking—my attention?

Step 1 – Set Intentions

- Before decluttering, define your why:
 - What matters most?
 - What do you want less of?
- Rule: If it doesn't serve your values, delete it.

Step 2 – Inventory Everything

- Audit all digital spaces:
 - Laptops / Phones / Cloud / Drives
 - Email inboxes
 - Apps & subscriptions
 - Social media accounts
- Target: Fit private life into 32 GB
- Public files? Store on cloud/laptop, not phone.

Step 3 – Ruthless Cleanup

- Files:
- X Delete duplicates, old PDFs, tutorials
- Sort by theme: Work / Finance / Health
- → Apps:
- Remove all but essentials (email, authenticator)
- Social apps? Laptop only.

Step 4 – Simplify Storage

- Keep it clean:
 - Desktop = Empty
 - Downloads = Temporary
 - Photos & docs = Backed up monthly

(Yes, including those 2012 vacation photos!)

Step 5 – Inbox & Notifications

Emails:

- Inbox Zero = Peace
- Unsubscribe aggressively
- Use folders + filters

Notifications:

- ON = Work essentials
- OFF = News, Likes, Endless pings

Step 6 – Digital Hygiene

🔐 Passwords:

- Use a password manager
- Close accounts you haven't used in 6+ months

Browser:

- Clean history, cookies, and old bookmarks
- Bookmark bar = only current needs

Step 7 – Weekly Rituals

- Your Saturday Morning Refresh
- Backup files
- Clean desktop
- Review screen time
- Delete unused apps
- Inbox Zero moment
- Takes 30 mins. Feels like digital therapy.

Step 8 – Boundaries + Detox

- 30-Day Digital Reset
- No optional tech
- Reintroduce tools only if essential

% Try:

- Grayscale phone
- Internet-free mornings
- Digital Sabbath once/week

Final Thoughts

Minimalism ≠ less tech.

It's about intentional tech.

- © Let your digital life:
- Fit in a single 32 GB pen drive
- Be manageable in one weekend
- Support your real goals, not sabotage them
- Ready to Hit Refresh?