


Stephen Wolfram Q&A

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March 31, 2020

From: Jai Preston

Q: Did you go all in on remote CEOing pre-wife and pre-kids, or the reverse? And how was your schedule and/or productivity impacted with the change?

A: I met my wife after I'd been a CEO for a while, but before I was a remote CEO (and, yes, we've now been married a long time). Kids came after I'd been remote for a few years. I might have data that would confirm or deny this, but my impression is that the main effect of having a family is that my schedule got more regular, [Read more »](#)

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From: [Reddit AMA](#)

Q: Do you ever work from your living room or dining room table? Or is it important to only work from your "home office" setup to keep things productive?

A: Mostly I work in my home office because I have the best setup there. Sometimes (e.g. at a meal time) I'll take a laptop to somewhere else in the

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From: Jai Preston

Q: Running a single, simple company is one thing. Certainly you're quite an obsessive person. Do you find it hard to switch between focuses and/or problems? Can you work on t such great problems in the same day without something less cognitively demanding (such sleep) to break them up?

A: I used to find it somewhat hard. But in the pas 20 years I've trained myself to switch quickly. New meeting, new topic (or not a meeting at all): I just have to start thinking about the new topic, and I quickly get drawn in. (Before 20 years ago, it was different. [Read more »](#)

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Q: Describe your usual day, worst day and the perfect day of your work.

A: I have personal analytics tools that tell me how productive I am. A very good day is one where I type more than 100,000 characters. (I wonder ho

house, though usually it's just "backup" in case my family gets out their laptops too. I also have a computer connected to a treadmill, [Read more »](#)

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were thinking really to do this here. 🍌

Realistically ... I work on long projects where I seem to remain focused for a decade or more ... but locally I can be quite distractible. Like I just glanced over at my email even as I'm writing this. [Read more »](#)

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minimum when I'm traveling. For me, it's just a laptop and a good headset. The "next level" involves a secondary screen that I can use to do bit of multitasking when I'm sharing my main laptop screen. For longer periods, I find it helpful for some (but not all) tasks to have big monitors.

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