Effective Time and Communication Management

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How to manage your time?

- What is time?
- Time is constant...
- What is life?
- Life is all about balance and working to live not living to work
- How use your time effectively?
- Getting ahead requires <u>discipline</u>, <u>self-motivation</u> and the <u>ability to</u> <u>prioritize</u>!

What Happened to the Day?

- Look down at the clock at the bottom of your computer. Ask yourself: where you are at, where you want to be
- Evaluate your environment and plan!
- Unplanned life is more reactive and spontaneous than planned (Henry Mintzberg)
- Stress and complain of doing nothing value

Where do I Start?

- Identify and prioritize long term goals your goals (personal goals, career goals). More than one year.
- Identify and prioritize short term goals (less than one year, at least one week)
- Merge short term goals with the long term goals into one master list
- Aim provides potential!

Time Thieves

• Procrastination

- "The task is unpleasant or uninteresting.
- You fear failure
- You don't know where to begin"
- Excessive Emailing
- Just call!
- Excessive Meetings
- Team Conflicts

Managing your Time Effectively

- Tackling Procrastination
- Controlling Your Email Habits
- Control Your Meetings and Attendance
- Conflict Resolution
- Prioritize Your Work
- Effective Delegation (balance between autocratic, democratic and laissez-faire)

Focusing on the Big Picture

- Freeing yourself from the routine of daily operations and concentrating on future growth and development
- A big-picture view is your main vision, it is your belief, it is what your life is all about, of what you want it to be.

Conclusion

- Prioritize your projects
- Map out your schedules well in advance
- Focus on forecasts
- Recognize distractions or "time thieves"
- and ultimately you achieve your long term goals
- Stay focused "on" the business and not to get caught up "in" the business!