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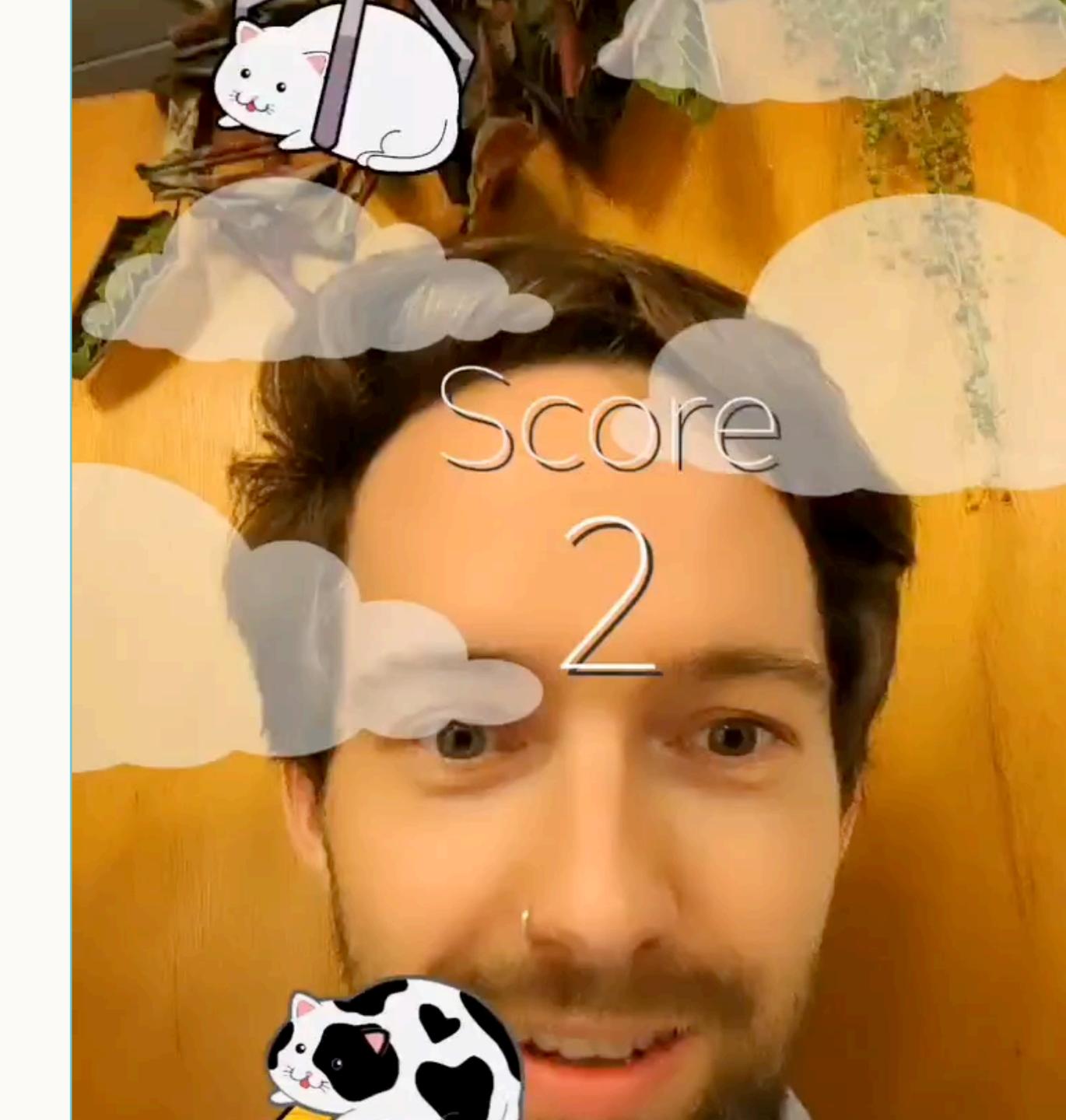
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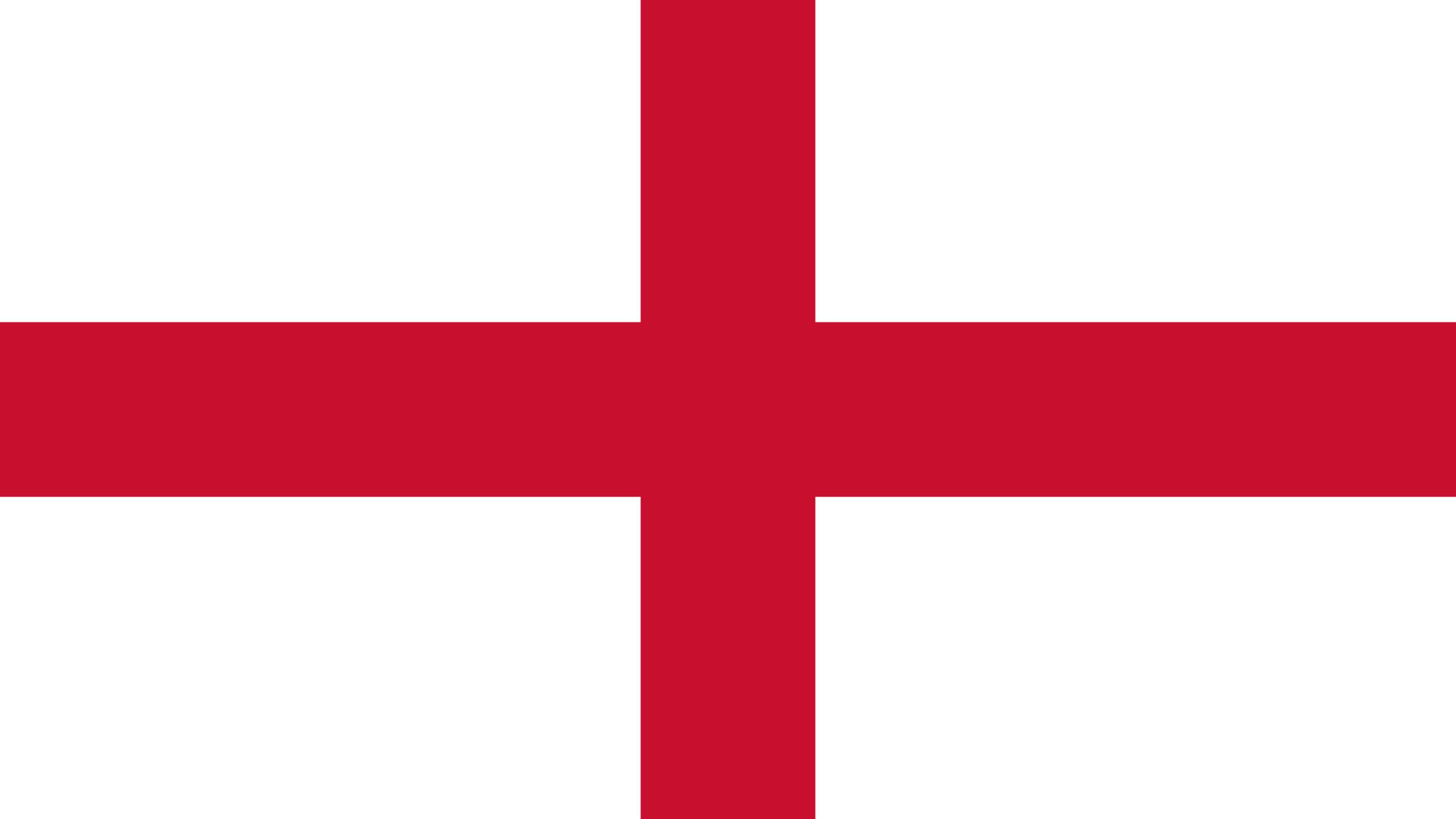
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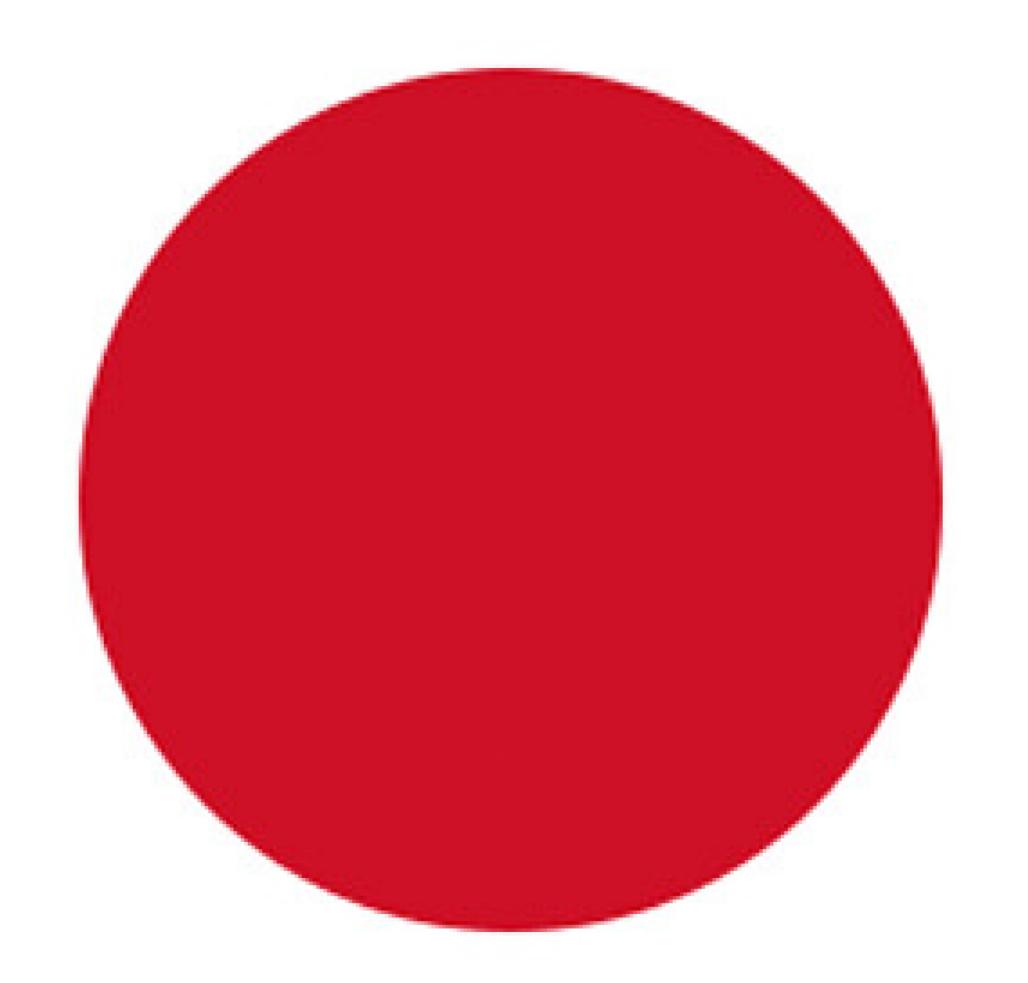




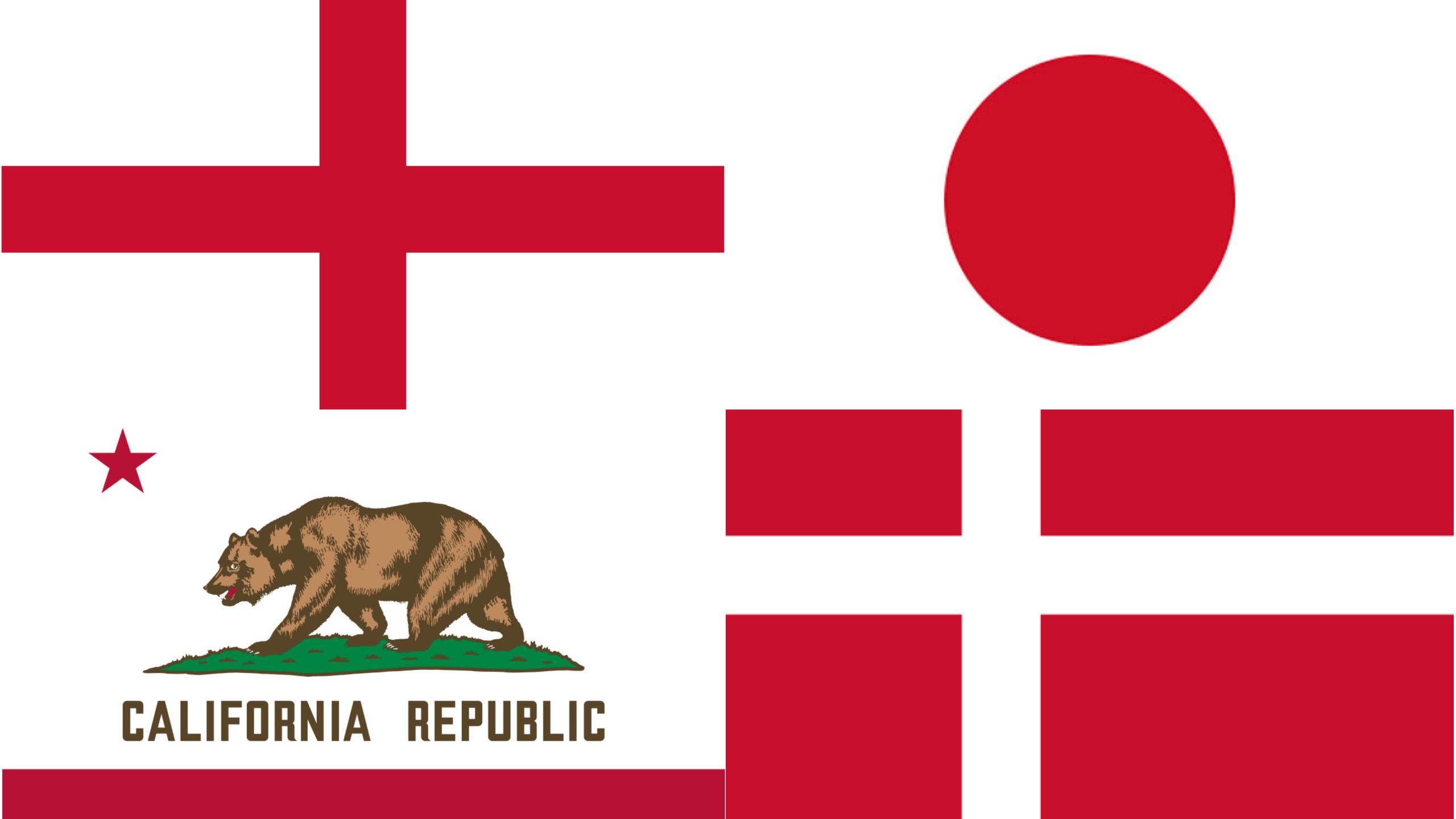




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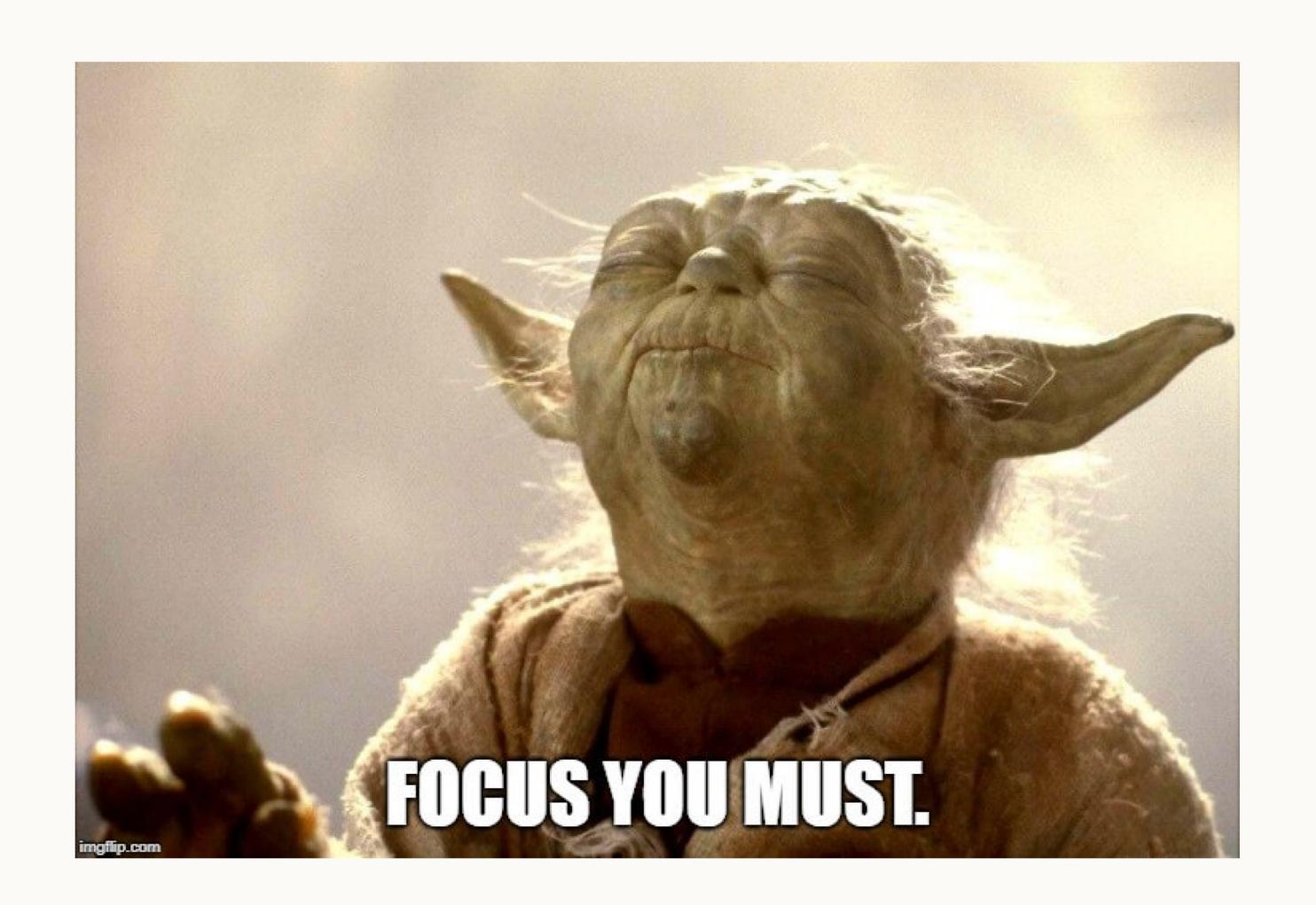






creating space

time environment mindset





creative brain

who created the concept of the 9-5 work day?

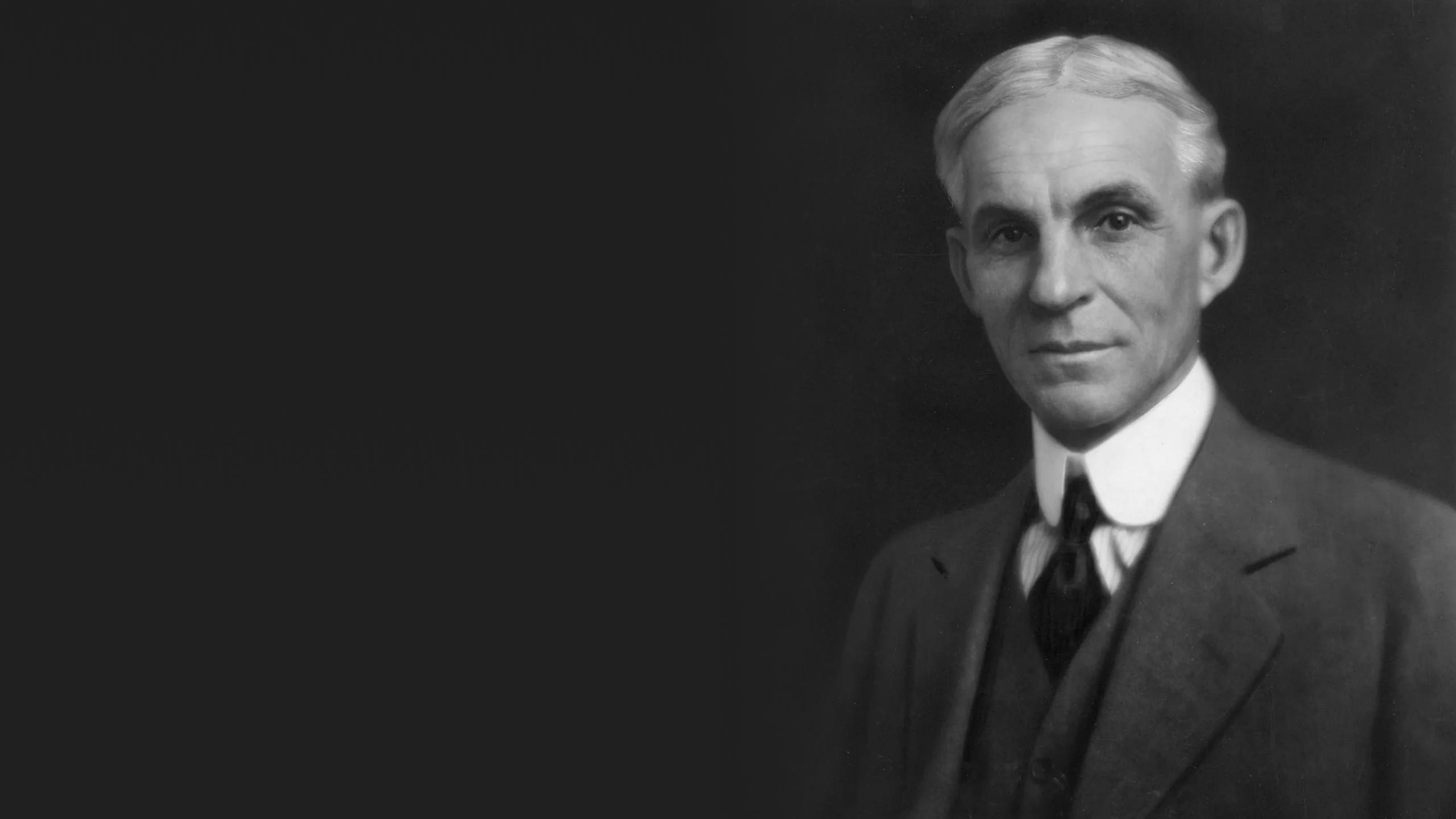




z^z 8 hours sleep



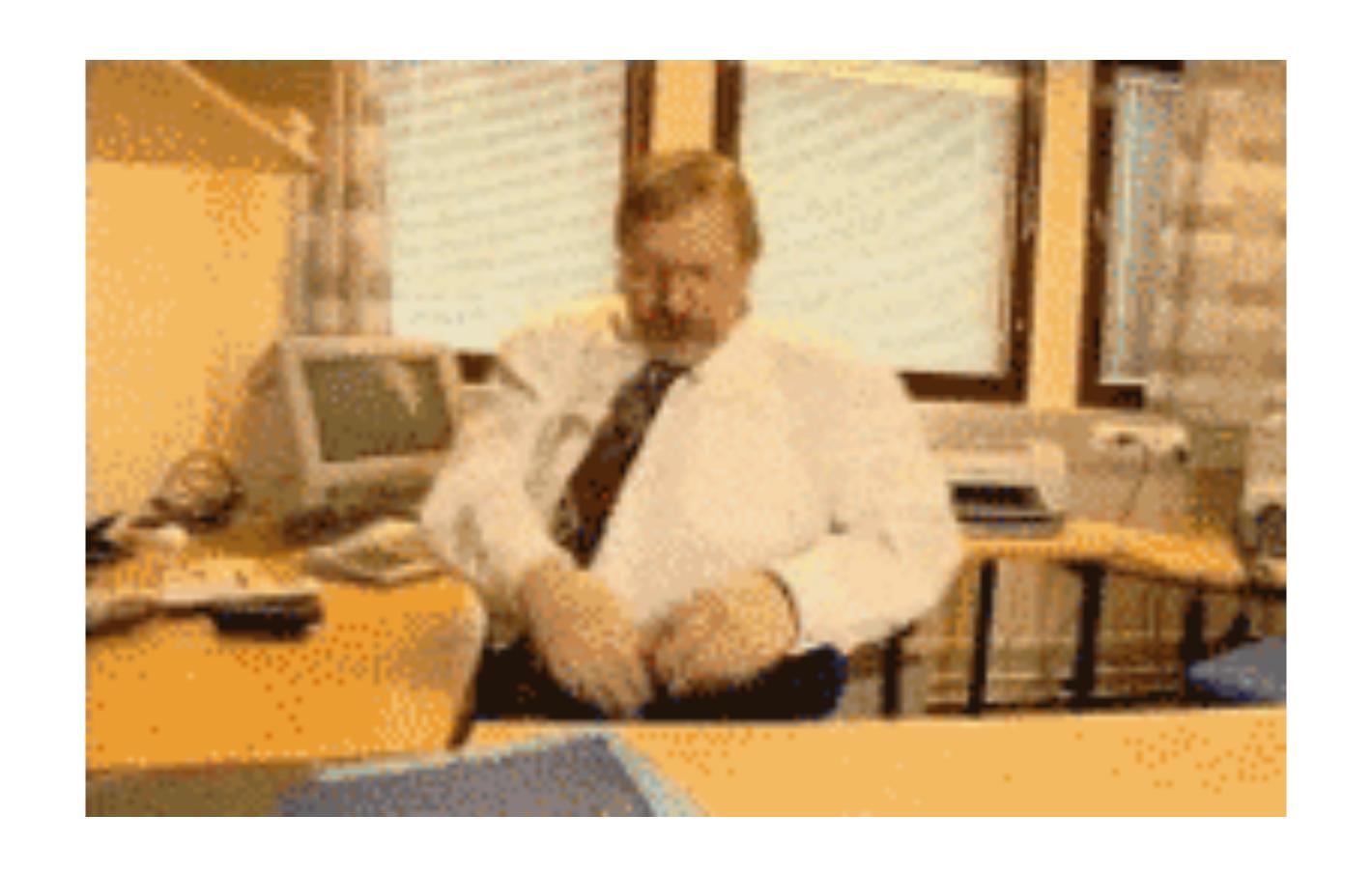
8 hours of recreation





time

environment mindset







"not all organizations are intelligent and progressive. lots are run by crass people. they make little, bitty cubicles and stuff people in them. barren, rathole places."





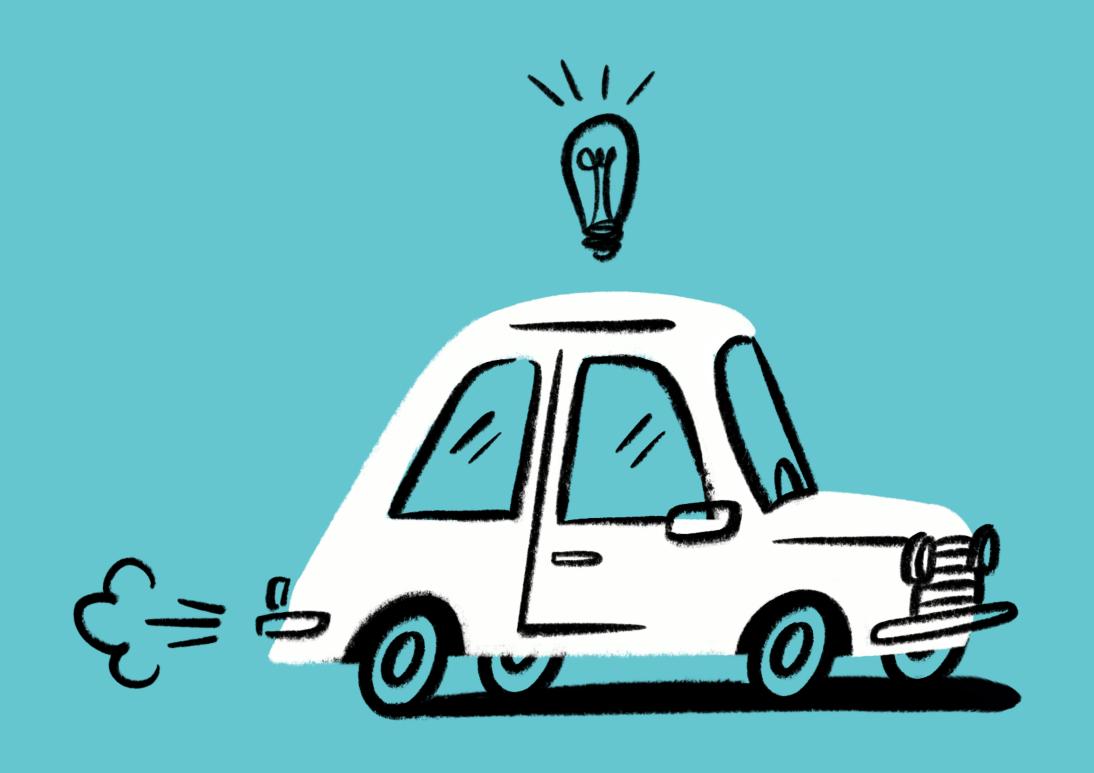




where do you do your best thinking?











time environment

mindset

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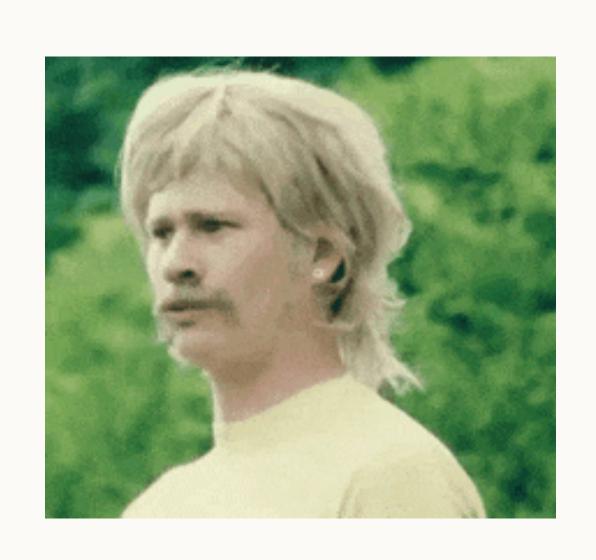
AUTHOR OF *SO GOOD THEY CAN'T IGNORE YOU*

monday	1 hour
tuesday	1 hour
wednesday	1 hour
thursday	1 hour
friday	1 hour

(x)day 5 hours



60% of your work week sending email or instant messages



what is "shallow work?"

"noncognitively demanding, logistical-style tasks, often performed while distracted. these efforts tend not to create much new value in the world and are easy to replicate."

shallow work ≠ unimportant work

deep work is valuable

deep work is rare-

deep work is meaningful-

planning is key?

"you do not rise to the level of your goals. you fall to the level of your systems. your goal is your desired outcome. your system is the collection of daily habits that will get you there."

"think about it.
deeply. then let it
disappear."



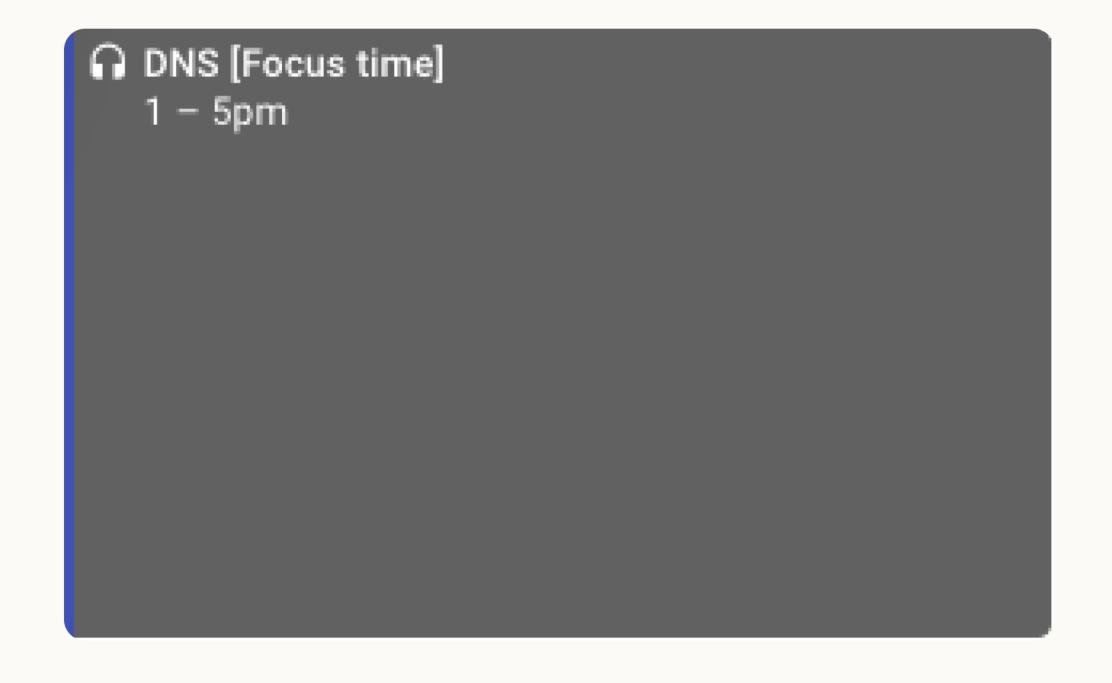
a few tips & principles for creating space



creative time

protecting time to think

give yourself the opportunity to think by protecting your time. block your calendar. get away from the office to be less available



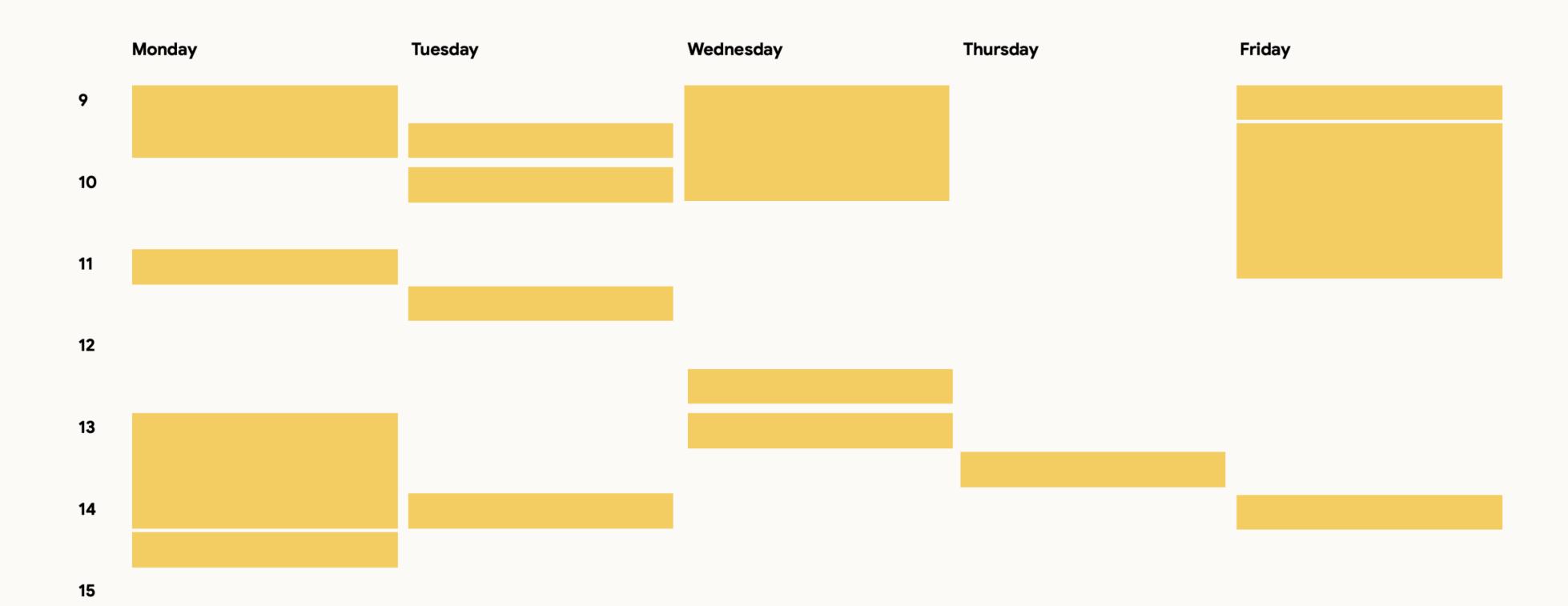
communicate your intentions

let people know what you'll be doing during that time. make sure people understand why you need time to focus.

 NS [Focus time] Heads down time to focus on Play 2023 strategy. Will decline meetings
 1 − 5pm

reduce task switching

try and pair similar tasks together (1:1s, planning, creative time).



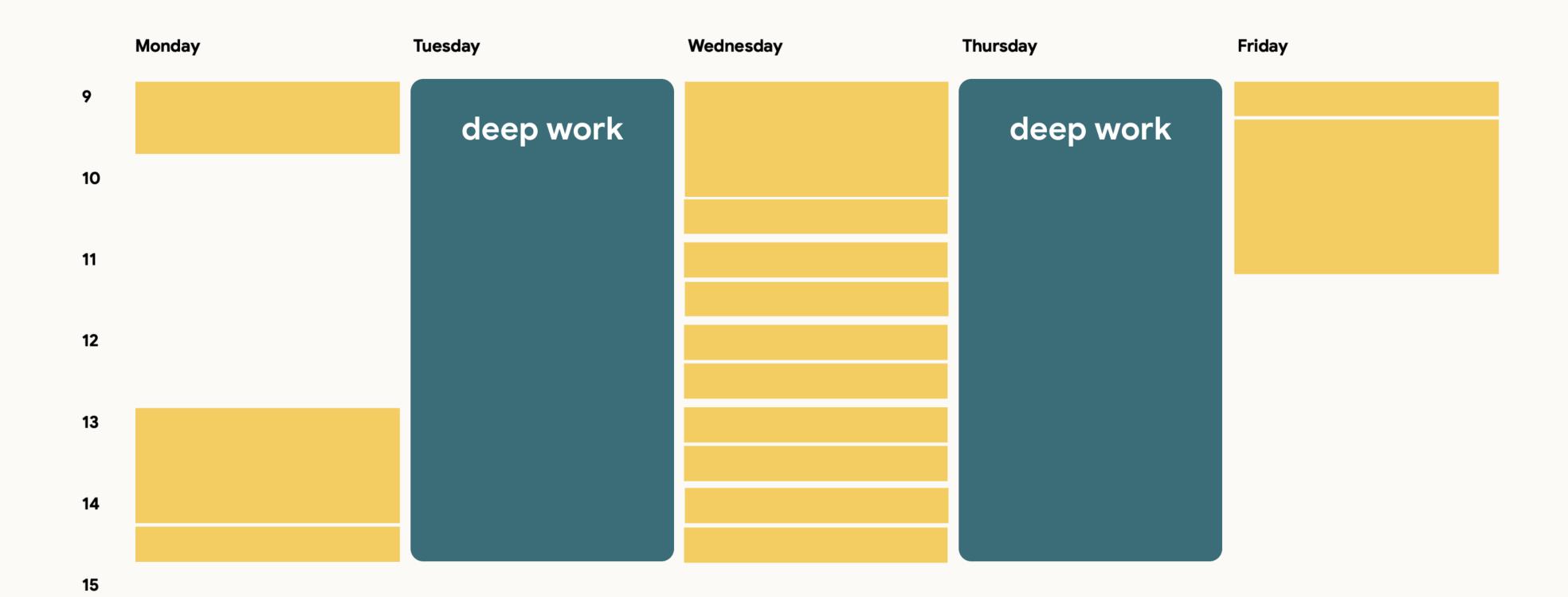
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deep work

make it a routine to block time for deep thinking



creative environments

separate your work space & living space

try and have a separate space in your home where you do work. keep it as separate as possible from the areas where you live.

separate space, separate tasks

don't jsut sit on your couch. plan your space around you, and how you like to work. plants for oxygen. feng shui. standing and sitting. lighting. your video call background.

mindfully crafted space

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inspiration, not distraction

focus your space on the things that inspire you. keep it clear of things you know distract you

creative mindset

adapt to your schedule

we can't all choose our working hours, but try to work around when you work best. more energized in the morning? do you most important tasts first thing.

energize your mind

if you aren't adding value by forcing your mind, try to energize it. take time to regroup, refresh, and find new drive. avoid burnout.

know what inspires you

don't forget the things that inspire you. it might be a place, an activity (walking), or a song. remember these things and go back to them in your time of need.



focus your goals

choose 3-5 things you want to do this week. put them on a post-it at your desk. keep focused on what's most important.

get mocks approved

plan sprint

collaborate & listen

don't be afraid to ask for help. get outside perspective to help reenergise your mind. listen to what is being said, and adapt your thinking.

mentors & influencers

find coaching and mentoring outside your every day peers. find people that energise you, either by sheer quality or by differentiation of thinking

a last thought...

