

A stylized illustration of a human brain, viewed from the side. The brain is filled with a complex network of glowing, fiber-like structures representing neural connections. The colors of these fibers range from deep blue and purple on the left side to bright green and yellow on the right side, with a gradient in between. The overall effect is that of a vibrant, active neural network. The background is solid black, which makes the glowing fibers stand out prominently.

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Point



It's not a lack of focus, but a lack of understanding its root cause



Focus Timelines

- Maximum Focus: ~90 minutes
- Medium Focus: 45 minutes
- Short Focus : 15 minutes

Why Focus Fades



Physical fatigue and
accumulated daily stress.



Distracting work environment;
location isn't suitable.



Burnout from overworking.



Tasks too difficult or too easy;
lack of challenge.



Lack of curiosity or purpose.



Succumbing to distractions;
procrastination.



Emotional instability;
mind wandering.

External Factors

1. Posture

Improve your posture

Good posture boosts blood flow, activating the prefrontal cortex. More oxygen to the brain enhances memory and focus.

2. Environment

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Clutter distracts the amygdala, keeping your brain in a state of constant excitement.

3. Timing

Work in the morning

One morning hour equals four evening hours. Your peak focus is within three hours of waking.

4. Exercise

20-min workout

Exercise releases serotonin, crucial for focus. It also reduces stress, stabilizes emotions, and helps you immerse in tasks.

5. Emotion

Achieve a "flow state"

Optimal challenge: new information at about 30%.

6. Temperature

Set room to 25° C

The most productive temperature. Cornell University research showed a 44% reduction in errors when temperature adjusted.

7. Meditation

Practice daily meditation

It enhances brain function, boosting cognitive ability. It also stabilizes emotions, increasing your ability to live in the present.

8. Sleep

Aim for 7 hours of sleep

Michigan State University reported that sleep deprivation increased work time by 14% and error rates by 20%.

9. Senses

Optimize sensory input

- ✓ Sight: Add light blue objects.
- ✓ Smell: Use aromatherapy.
- ✓ Taste: Eat chocolate.

10. Action

Optimize your workspace

Remove distractions, keeping only essentials. Changing locations hourly can boost focus by 1.5x.

Internal Motivation

Small Steps



Break down goals into smaller, achievable steps.

Feelings of progress fuel motivation.

Work Excitement



Act within 5 seconds before excuses creep in.

Starting tasks releases dopamine, naturally boosting motivation.

Gamification



When results lag, focus on the joy of growth.

Find value in your work and embrace change, like in a game.

Mindfulness



Focus on the "here and now," fully engaging with the present.

Organizes thoughts, boosting memory and cognitive function.

