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with
The Lazy Project
Manager

The Lazy Project
Manager
and
The Art of Productive
Laziness'



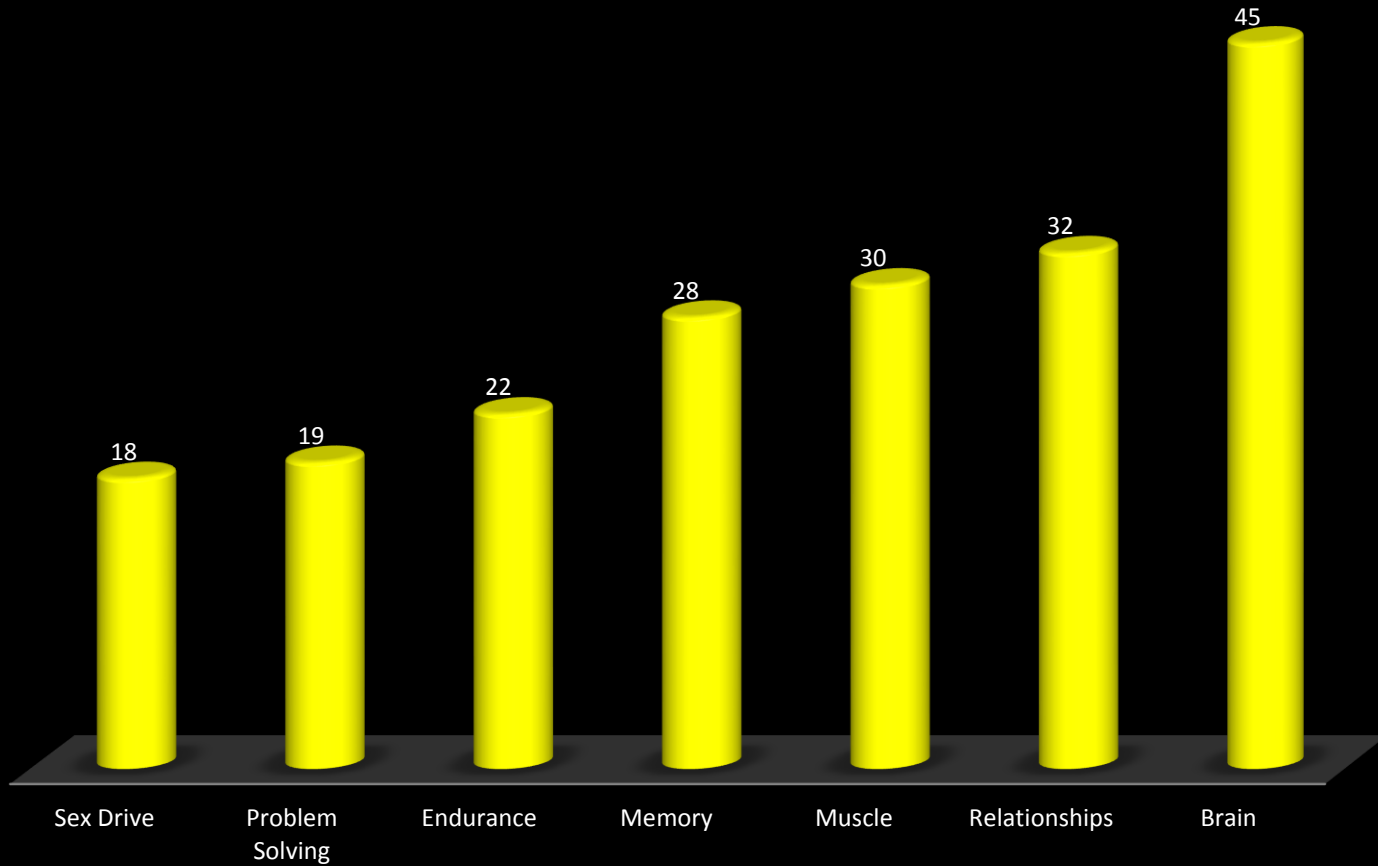
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Perhaps why you should ignore me

Peter Taylor

Peak



Knowing you



Robert Heinlein

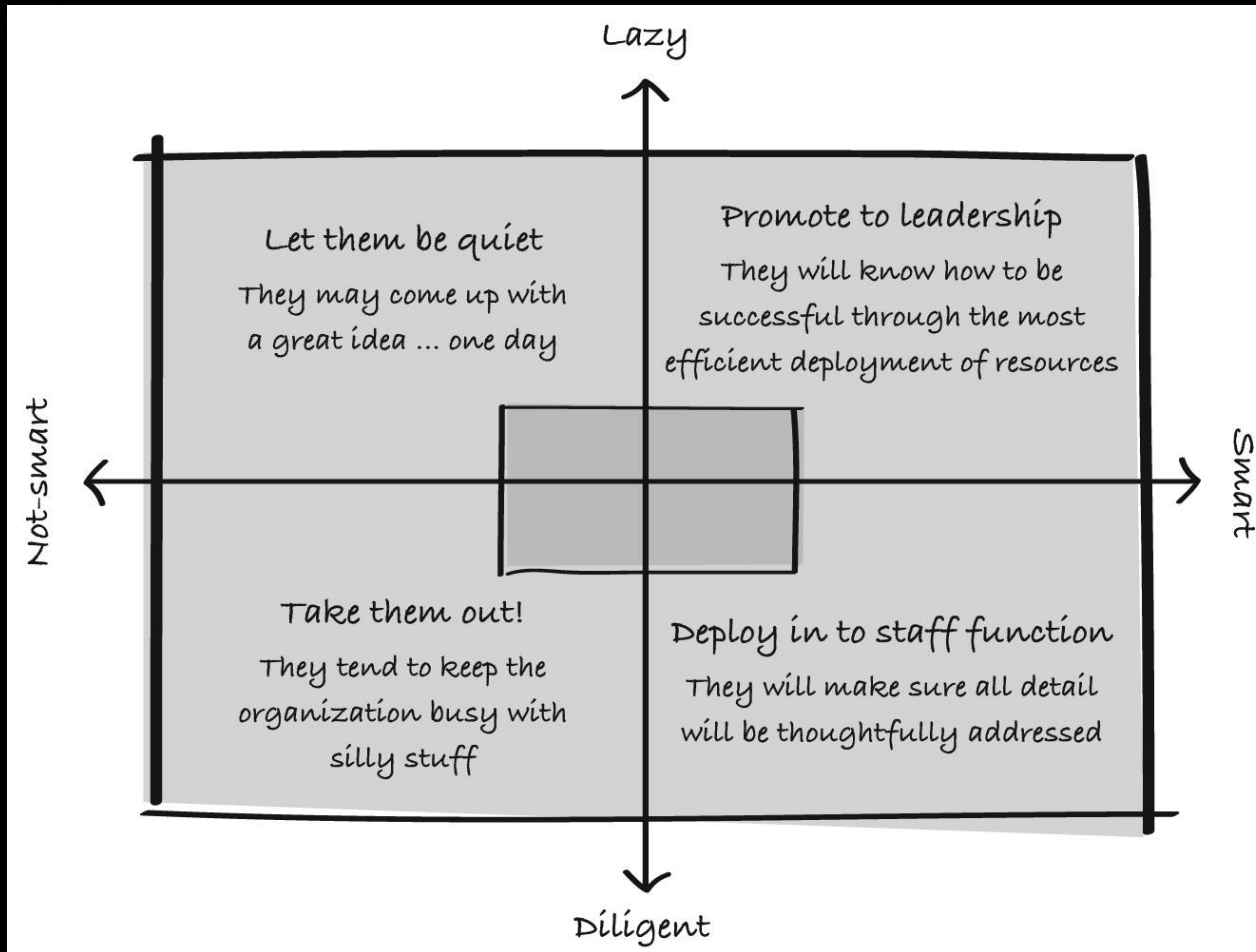
**'Progress isn't made by early risers. It's made by
lazy men trying to find easier ways to do
something.'**

The science of laziness



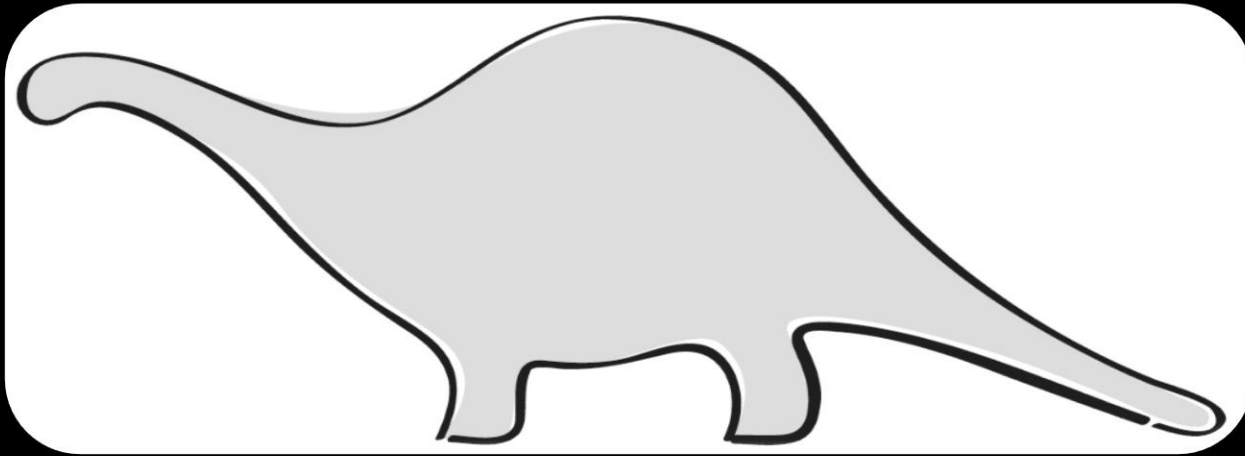
The Pareto principle was suggested by management thinker Joseph M. Juran; it was named after the Italian economist Vilfredo Pareto, who observed that 80% of property in Italy was owned by 20% of the Italian population.

The intelligence of laziness



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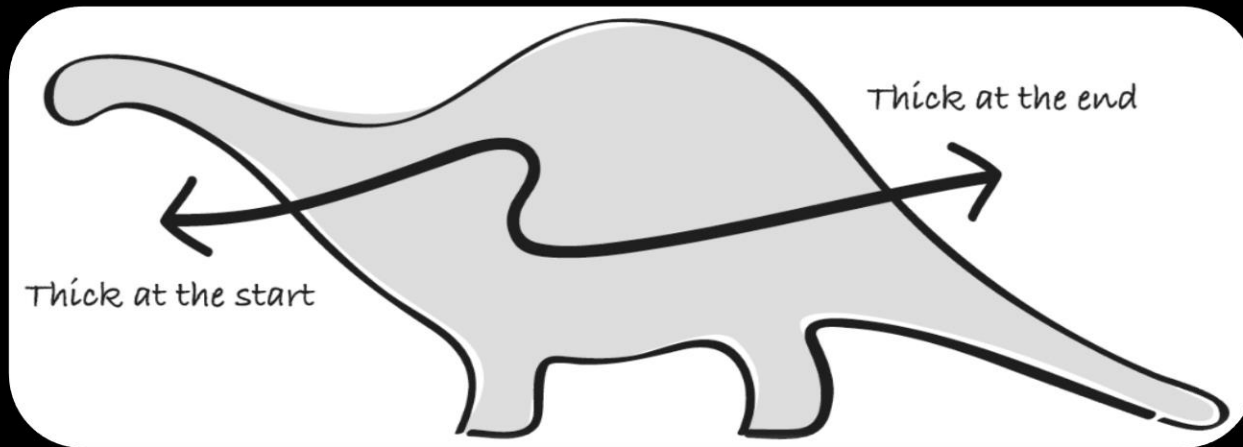
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Theory by Miss Anne Elk:

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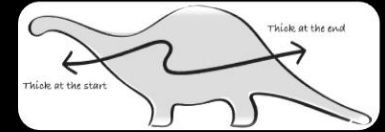
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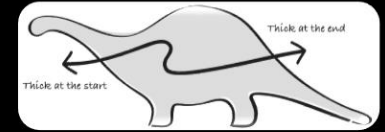
Thick at the start...



'A bad beginning makes a bad ending' Euripides

- **Ahead of the Game**
- **Manage the Sponsor**
- **Manage the Creep**
- **Communication Breakdown**

Much, much thinner...



'A whole is that which has beginning, middle and end' Aristotle

- **All in a Fun Day's Work**
- **Breathing Normally**
- **A lot of 'Love' in the Room**
- **The lights are on (but no-one's at home)**

Breathe Normally



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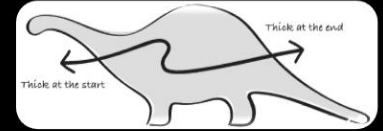
In the event of an emergency, an oxygen mask will drop in front of you from the panel above. Place the mask over your mouth and nose, straighten out the strap, and pull the strap to be sure it is tight on your face. After you are wearing it securely, a tug on the hose will start the oxygen flow. It makes sense to put your own mask on first, before helping others.

Breathe normally...

The art of 'breathing normally'

- Stay calm in a crisis
- Plan for the crisis
- Breathe normally
- Filter, filter, filter
- Delegate, delegate, delegate
- Prioritise, prioritise, prioritise

Thick again at the far end...



'The world is round and the place which may seem like the end may also be only the beginning.' Ivy Baker Priest

- **The Missing Link**

Donald Rumsfeld said...



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'As we know, there are known knowns

There are things we know we know

We also know there are known unknowns

That is to say we know there are some things we do not know

But there are also unknown unknowns

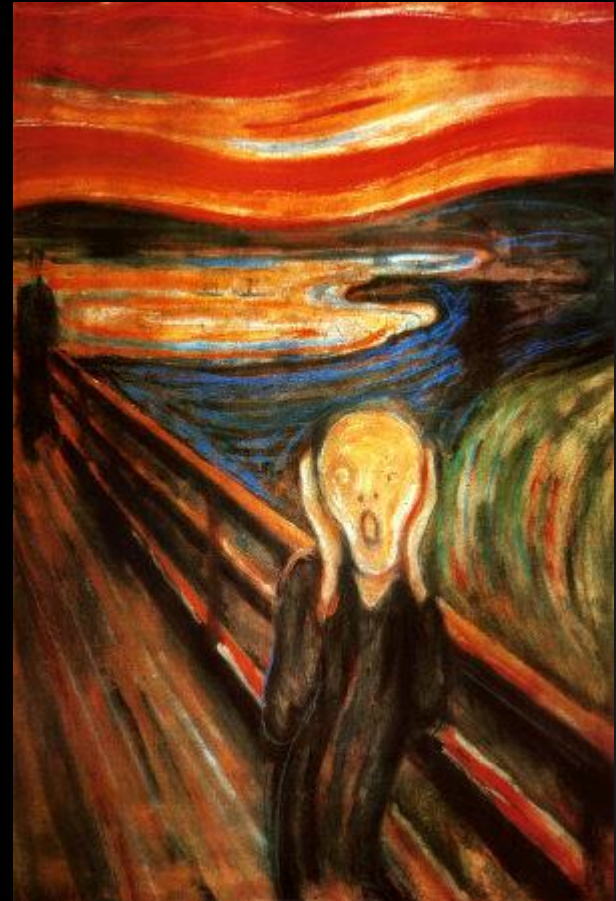
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Insanity

Definition of Insanity

“Insanity means doing the same thing
you did in the past ... but expecting
different results”



The Project Retrospective

Regardless of what we discover, we understand and truly believe that everyone did the best job they could, given what they knew at the time, their skills and abilities, the resources available, and the situation at hand.

- **Ask the 5 Key Questions**

- What worked well that we don't want to forget?**

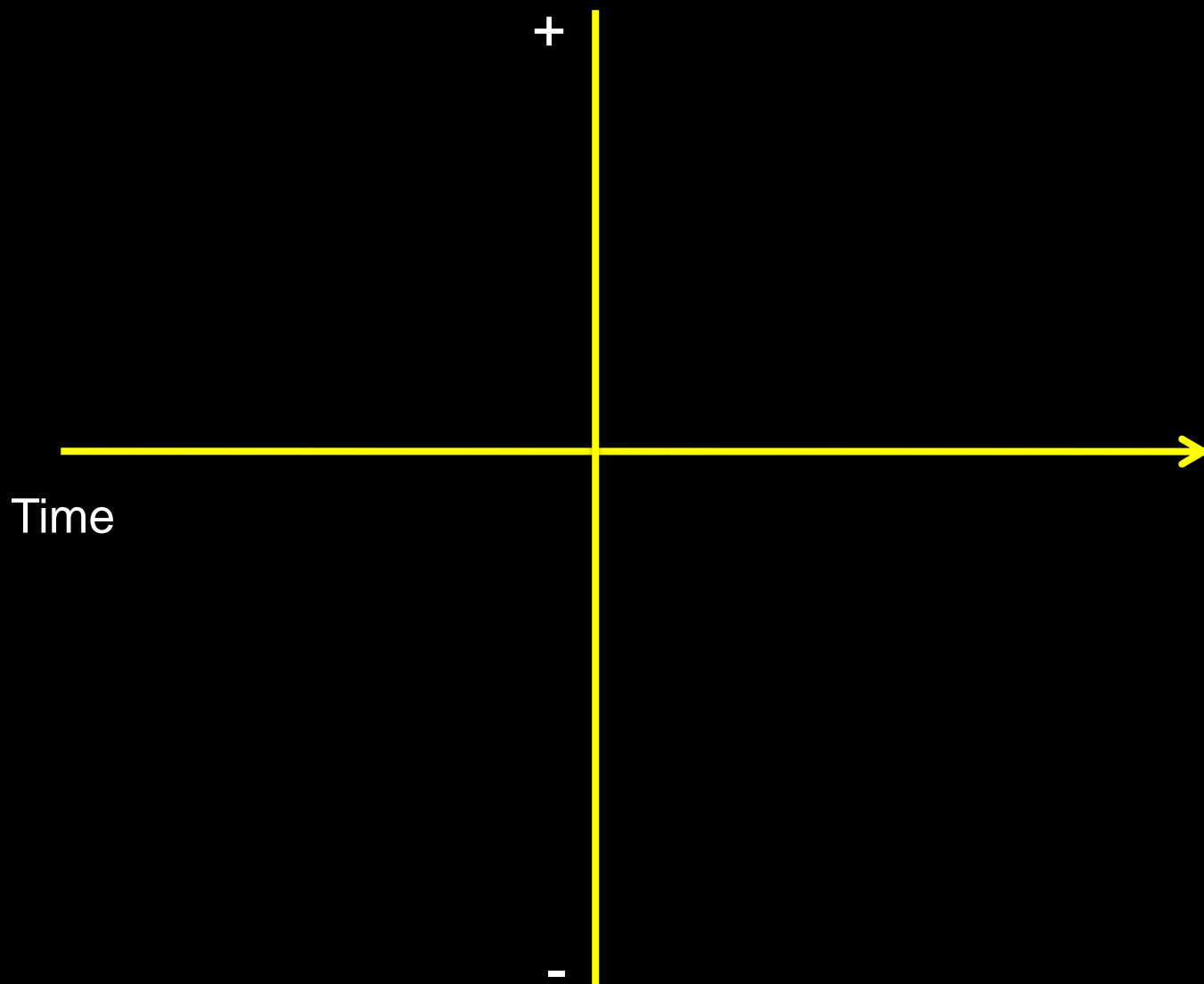
- What should we do differently next time?**

- What still puzzles us?**

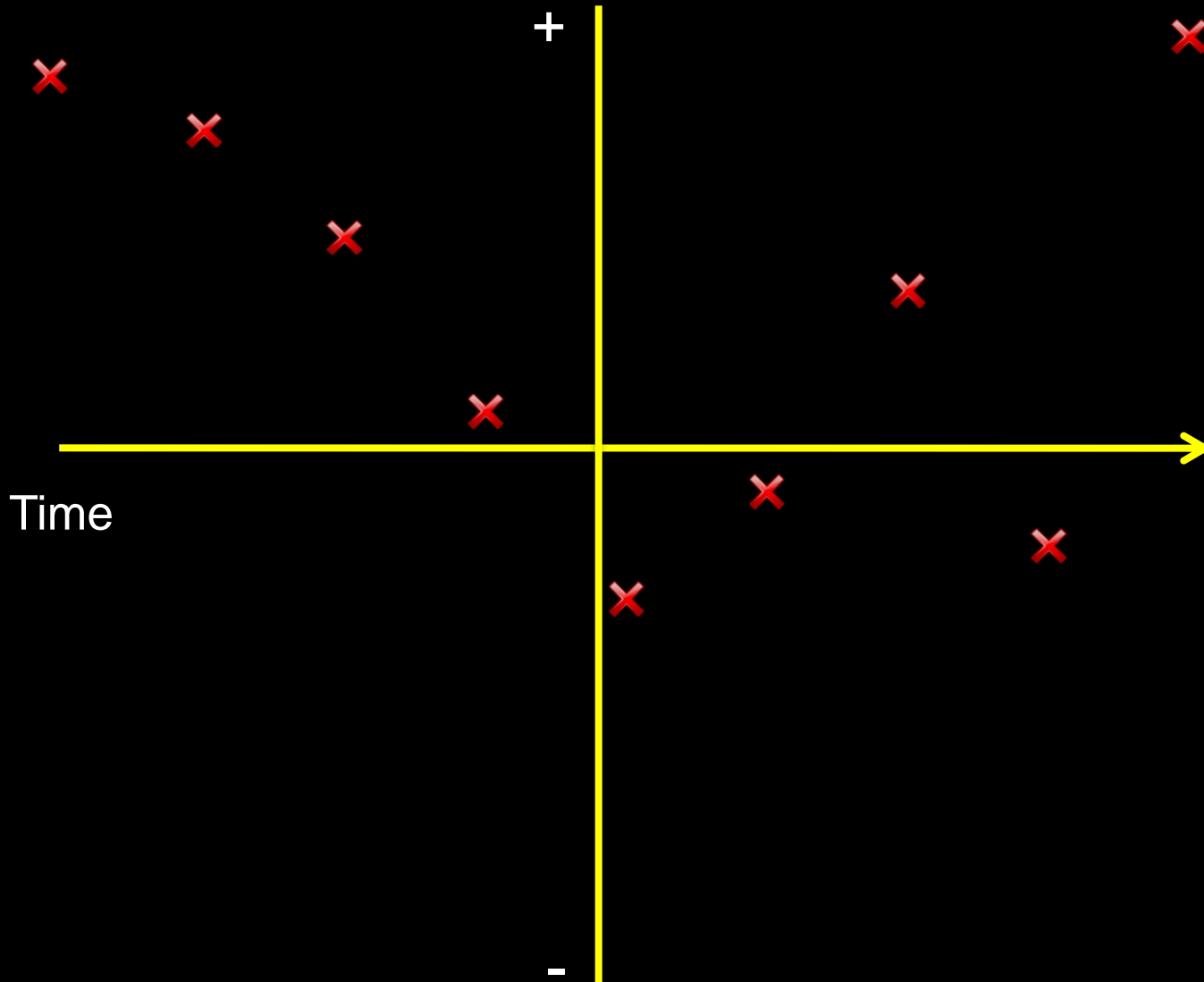
- What do we need to discuss in greater detail?**

- What did we learn?**

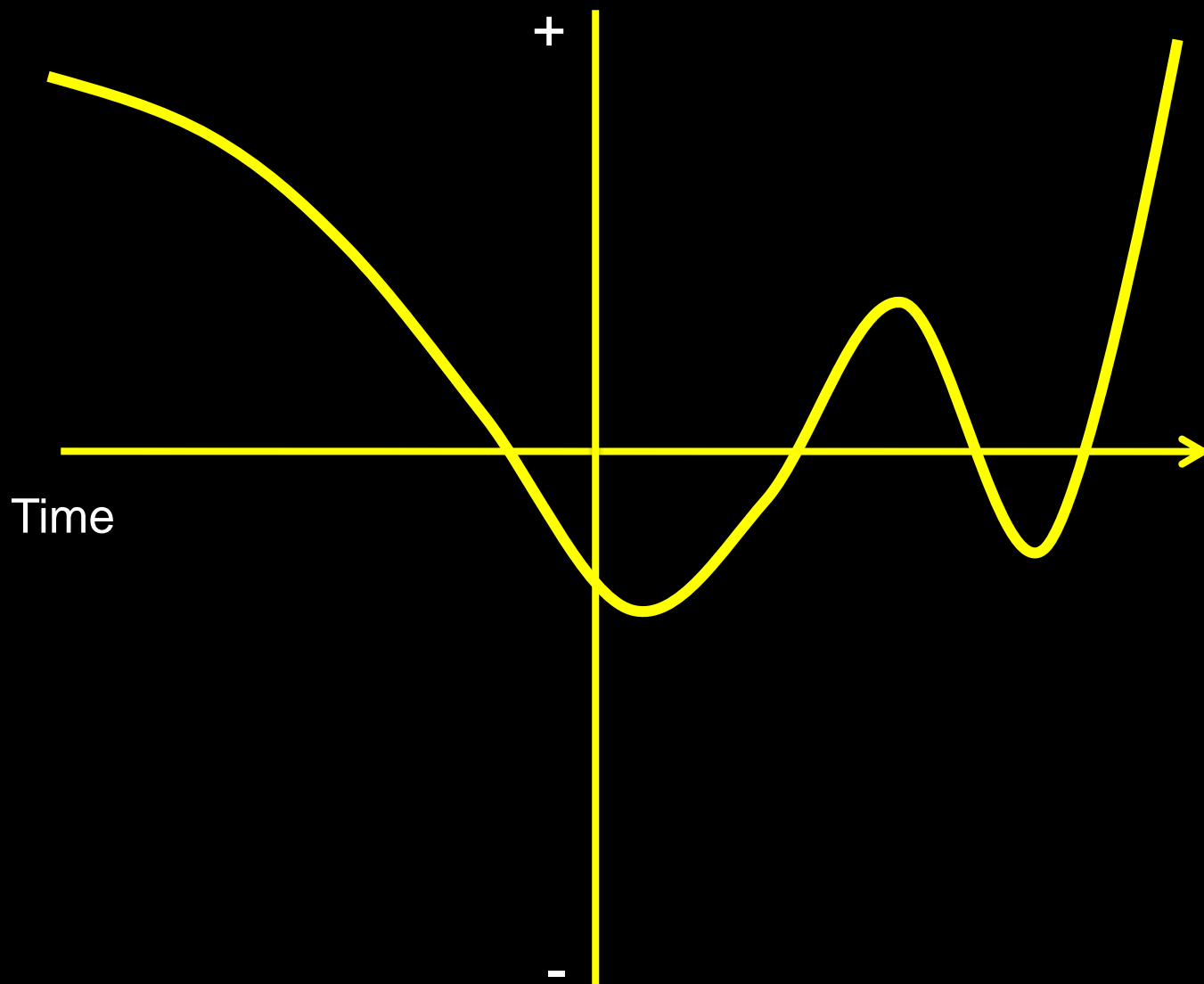
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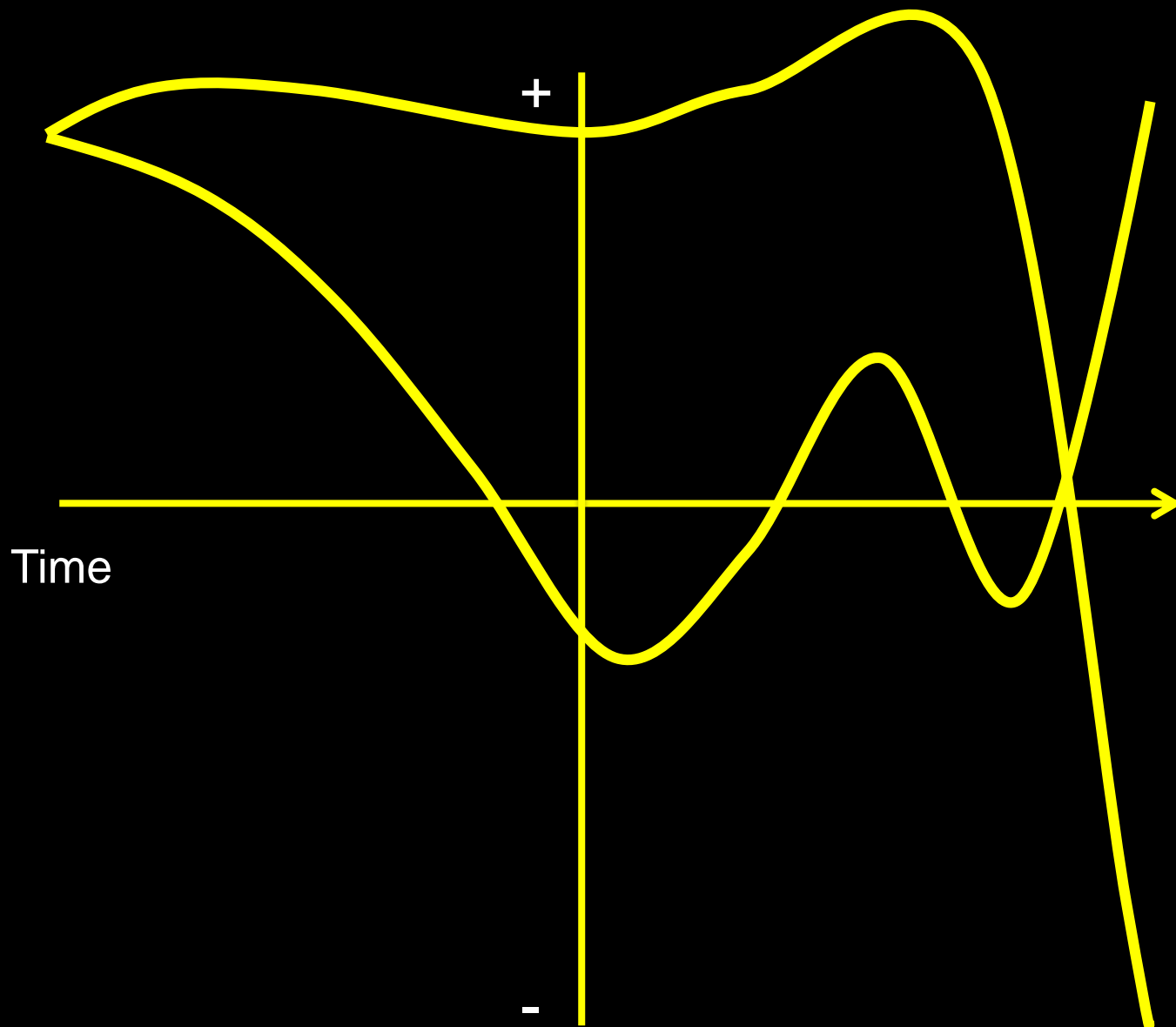
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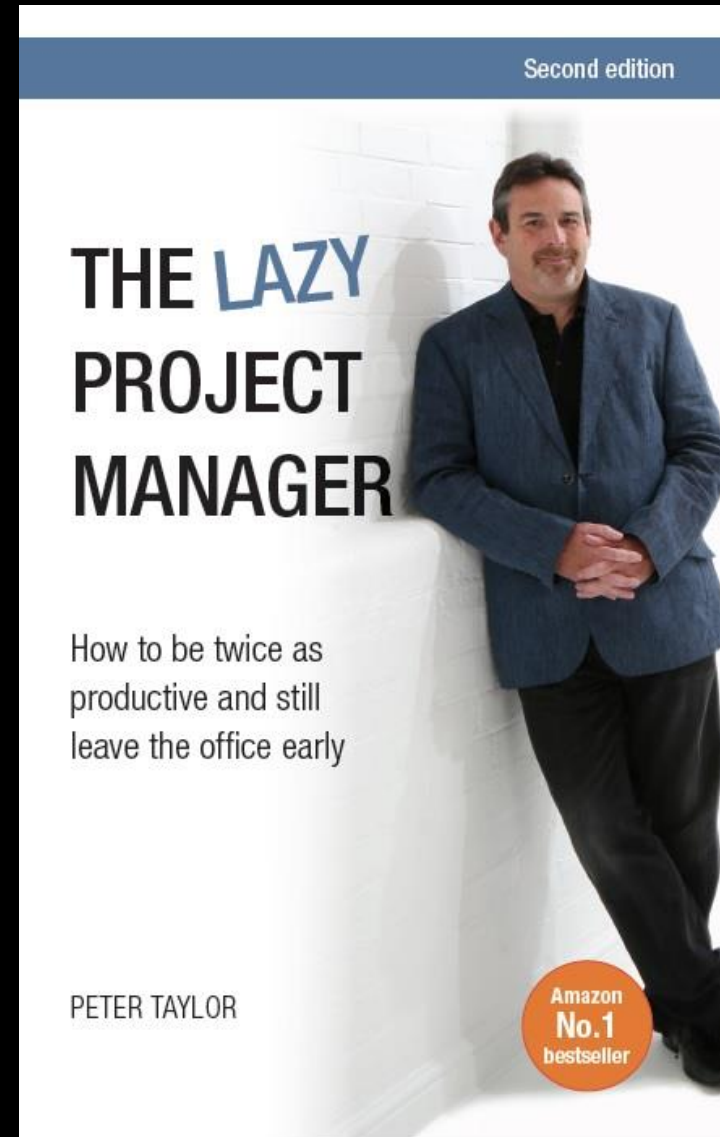


One good reason...

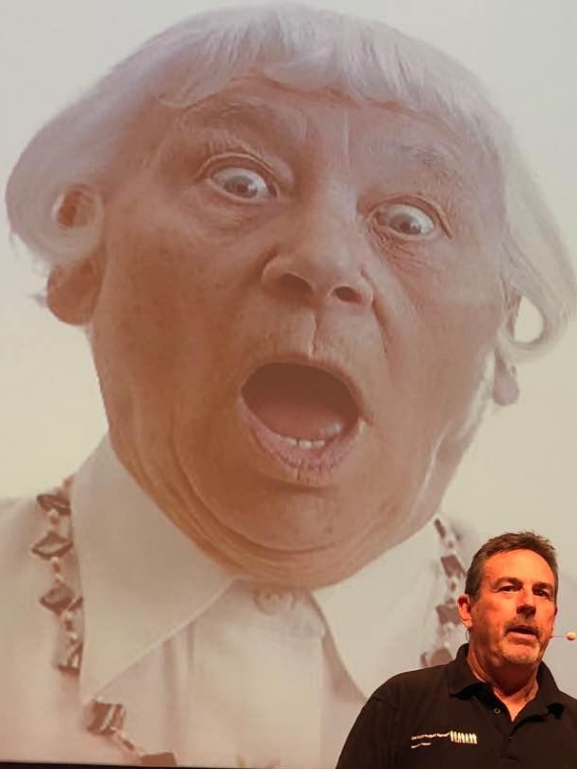
You can cheat!

Yes, you can cheat!

You can skip all the way to chapter which is entitled 'Quick Tips to Productive Lazy Heaven'.



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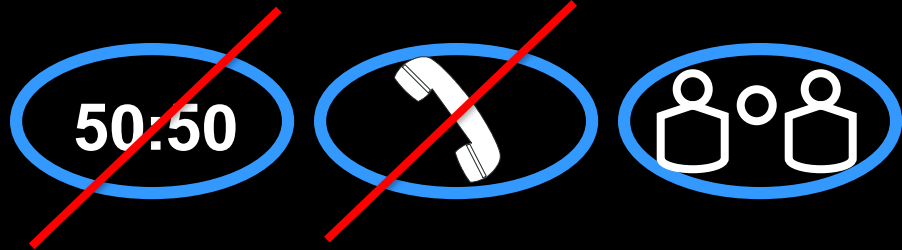
PMI Budapest, Hungarian Chapter



Who Wants to be a Lazy PM Millionaire?



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11 Questions to \$1 Million
To start an easy question
for \$1,000



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And now for **\$1,000,000**



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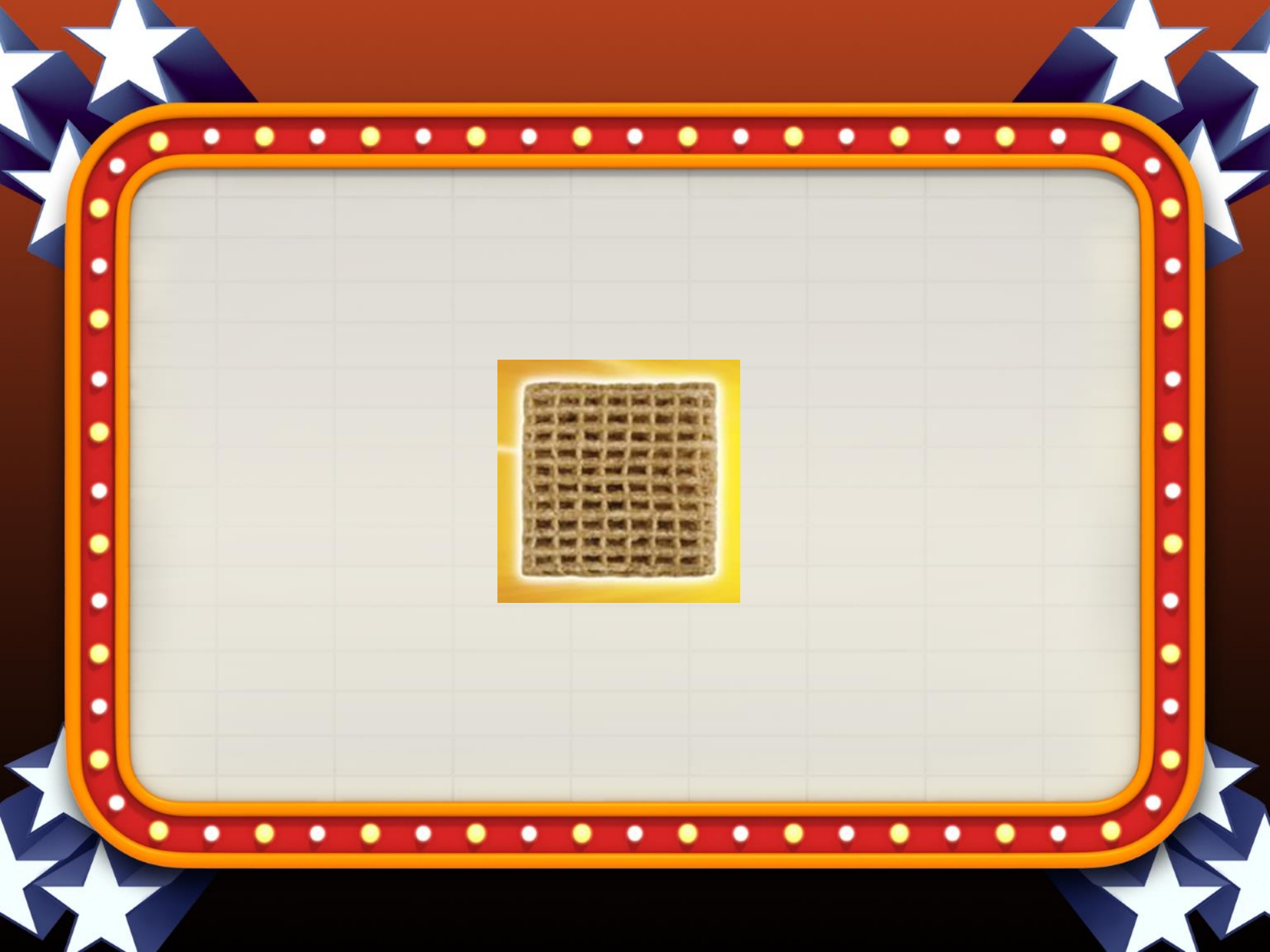


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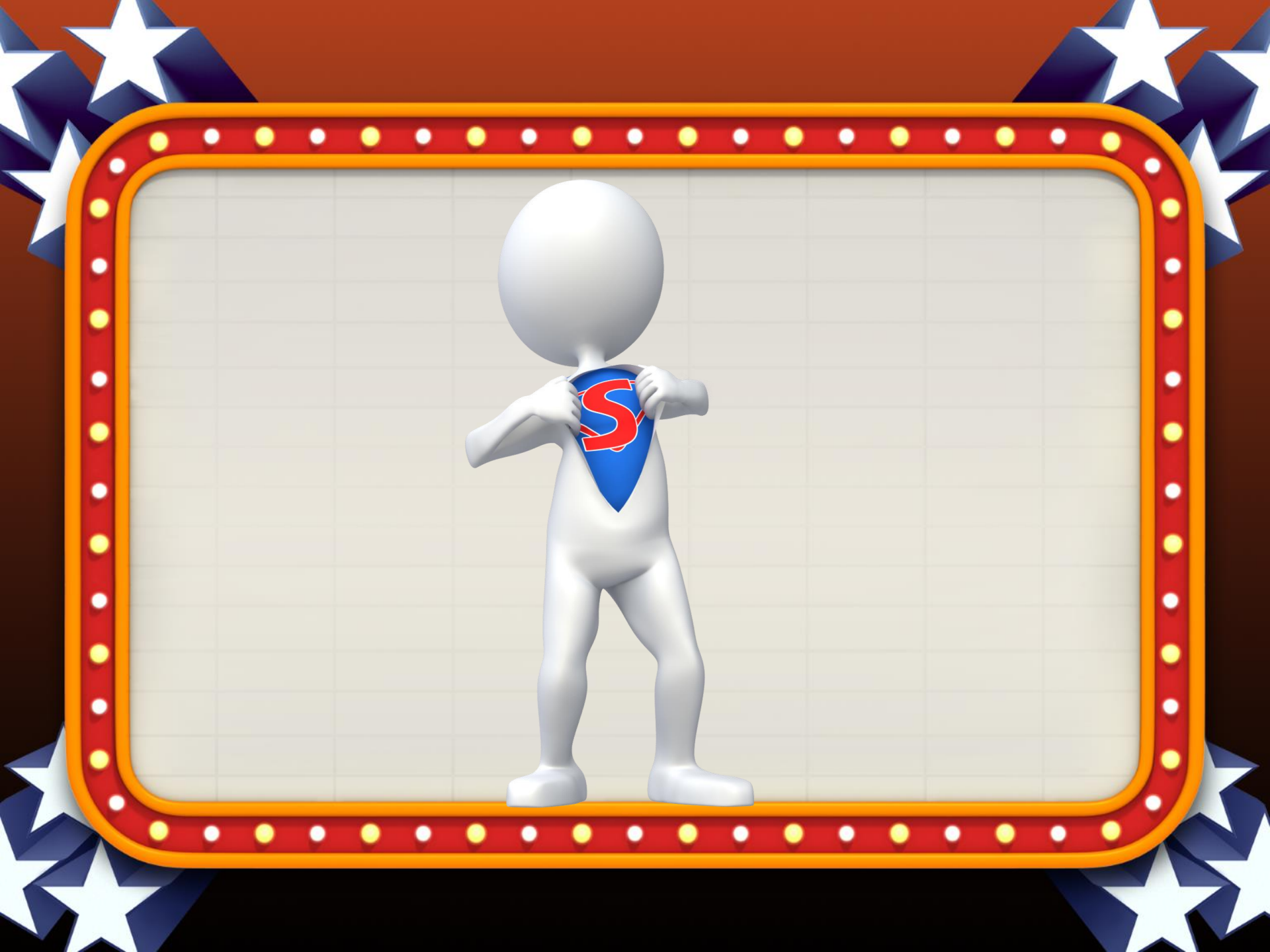
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What are you?



What is a Project Manager?

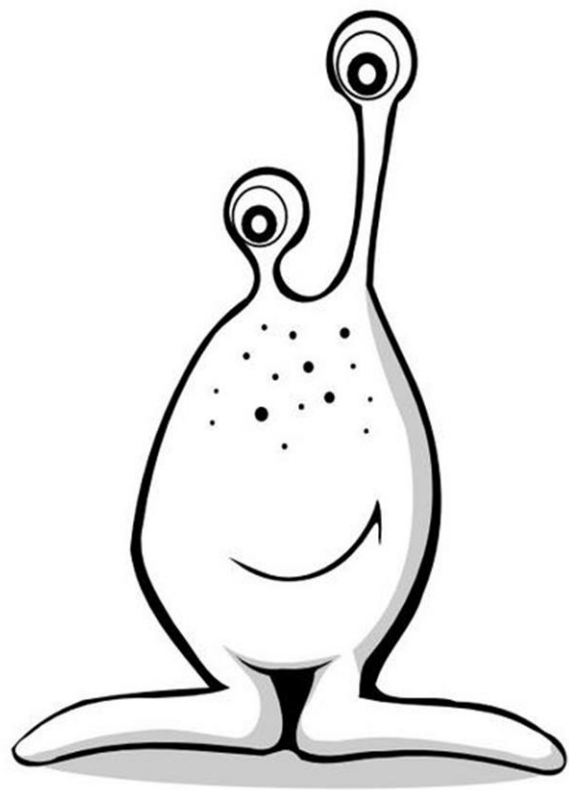
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- A project manager is a professional in the field of project management
- The person with authority to manage a project
- The person responsible for the project
- Individual or body with authority, accountability and responsibility for managing a project to achieve specific objectives
- The individual in charge of the progress and performance of the project on behalf of the project owner
- The individual accountable for all aspects of a project

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- A person who defies the 9-5 routine
- A person not afraid of leading
- A person not afraid of risk
- A person who wants to make a difference
- A person who likes people
- A person who manages projects (successfully)



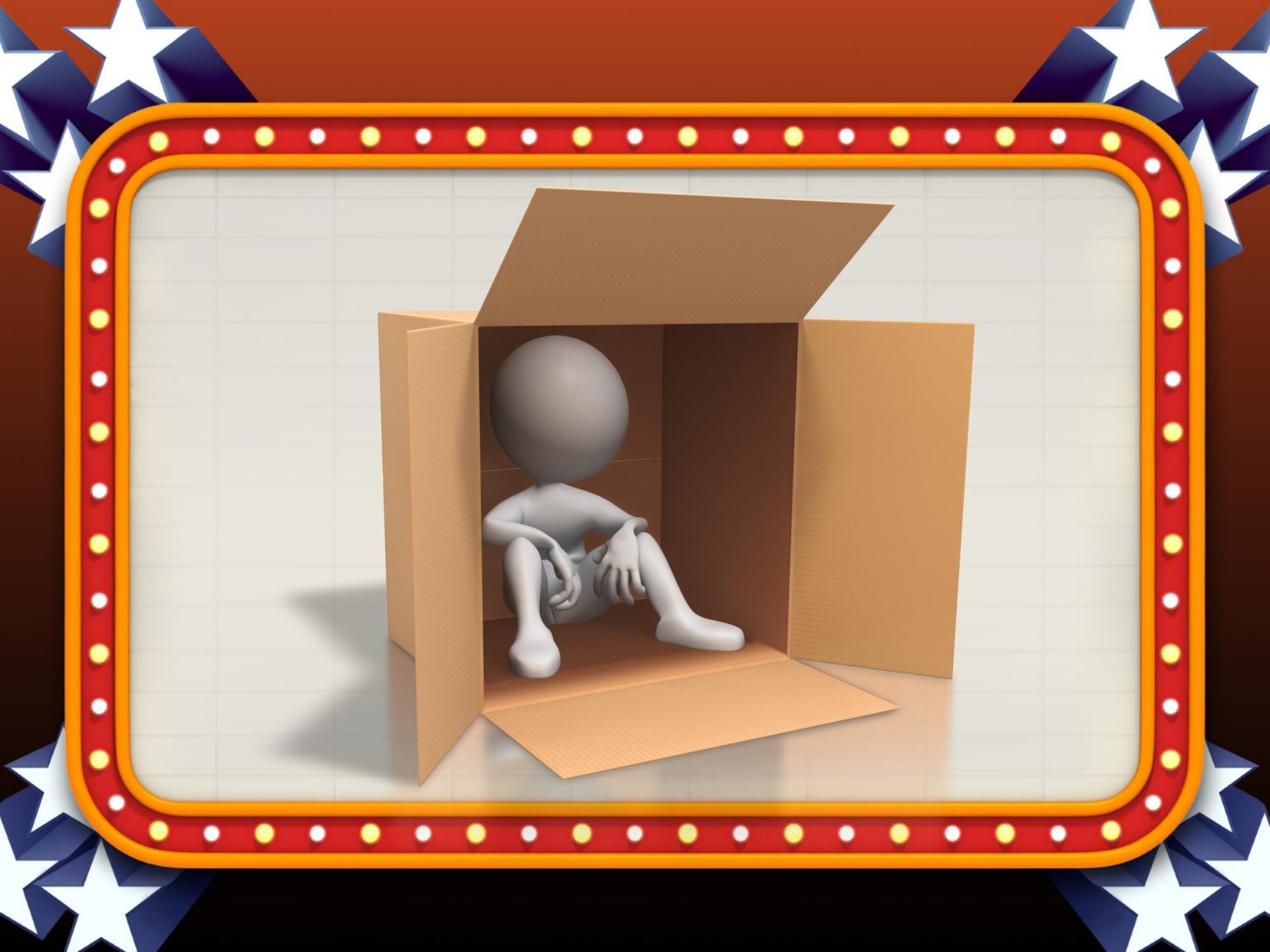
Are you important?

20 Trillion!



Are you important?





When will they understand you?



Famous 'Historical' PMs

Science and Art: Leonardo da Vinci

Manufacturing: Henry Ford

Engineering: Isambard Kingdom Brunel

Cultural: Nelson Mandela

Military: Attila the Hun



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Leonardo da Vinci 'Art is never finished, only abandoned...'

Henry Ford 'I'm looking for men who have an infinite capacity to not know what can't be done...'



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Nelson Mandela 'It always seems impossible until its done...'

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When will 'we' be famous?

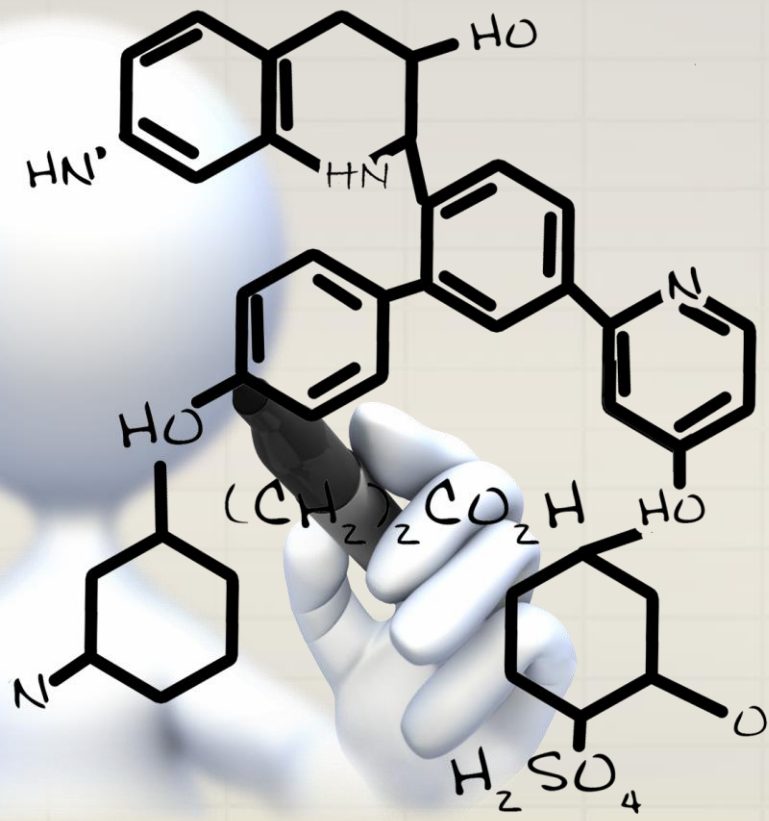


Projects are Branded ...

... Project Managers are not!



Warning!



The representation of you



- Project Failure
10.5 million hits
- Project Success
39.9 million hits
So SMILE
- Sad PM
1.5 million hits
- Happy PM
11.4 million hits
So SMILE Be PROUD



What can you do?

Goals

- 
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

Be proud to be a PM

Tell people what you do

Have that 'elevator' speech ready

Speak at non-PM events

Network outside PM groups

LinkedIn discussions and more

Write – blogs, books, articles, comments

Market project management (and you)

Offer your skills





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ALL RISE!

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