# Getting Things Done for Hackers

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### Commitments

Time

Relaxed confidence

Lazy

```
for inbox in inboxes:
while len(inbox) > 0:
    item = inbox.pop()
    if item.needs action:
        if item.can_be_delegated:
            item.delegate()
            waiting_for.append(item)
        elif item.is_quick:
            item.do()
        elif len(item.actions) > 1:
            projects.append(item)
            next_actions.extend(item.actions)
        else:
            next_actions.append(item)
    elif item.may_be_needed_later:
        filing_system.put(item)
```

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while next_actions:
action = next_action.pop()
action.do()
```

### **Next actions**

- a physical action ("write", not "think about")
  - thinking is part of planning! and that should happen during a review phase
  - planning can be broken down into next actions, however
- it's clear what I need to do
- duration at most 15 minutes, preferably
- I'm committed to doing it
- does not depend on anything, can be done immediately
- it's clear when it's done

- next actions
- projects
- someday/maybe
- waiting for

- filing system
- calendar
- read & review folder
- journal/diary?

## Weekly review

- inboxes
- projects
- next actions
- active files
- waiting for
- calendar
- journal/diary
- someday/maybe
- ... everything

### Hacker-ish stuff

- automate what you can
- checklist everything else that is repetitive
- keep on top of e-mail
  - reduce amount of incoming mail
  - keep separate "needs responding" folder
- bug trackers: mix of inbox, someday/maybe

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