

*How to start writing and
get your research paper done*

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How to start writing and get your research paper done

Experiment/ simulations done
Data analysis done
Figures created
Discussed with the colleagues
Presented at the conference/ seminar

For one reason or another the paper is not written

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Busy-ness

New projects

Поездки на синхротрон/ конференции

Личные обстоятельства

Emergencies, putting out fires

Everyday long to-do lists

Как результат:

Прокрастинация с написанием статьи



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Даже если наконец удалось освободить время
для работы над статьей:

Надо еще почитать

I don't know enough

I don't feel ready to write

I need to re-run the analysis

It will take too long, I won't have enough time

My supervisor won't like it

The referee will criticise me

The editor will reject it

Perfectionism: continuing to polish and improve

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Как начать писать статью
и завешить её в короткий срок



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What?

WHAT are you going
to work on?

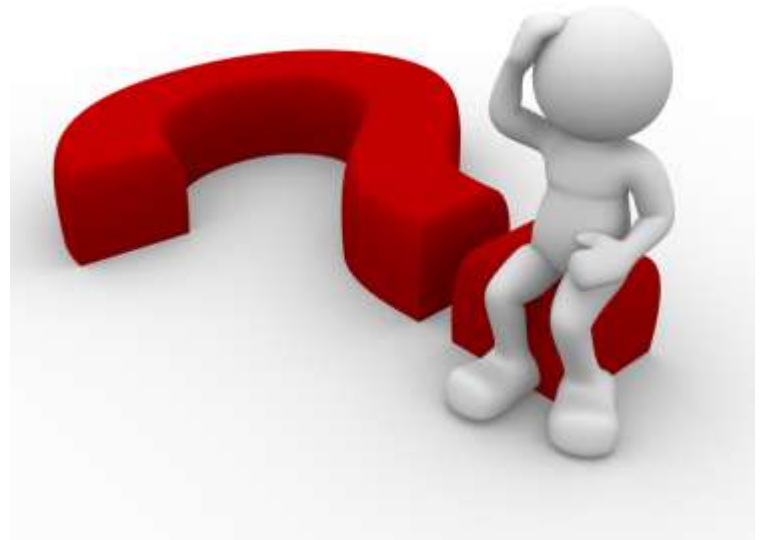
Какую статью будете писать?
В какой журнал?



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Why?

WHY do you want to do it?
Why is it important?



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By when?

By WHEN do you want to
have it ready?



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“No deadline – no work gets done”

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“Writing hour”:

Create time for writing your paper:

one hour per day

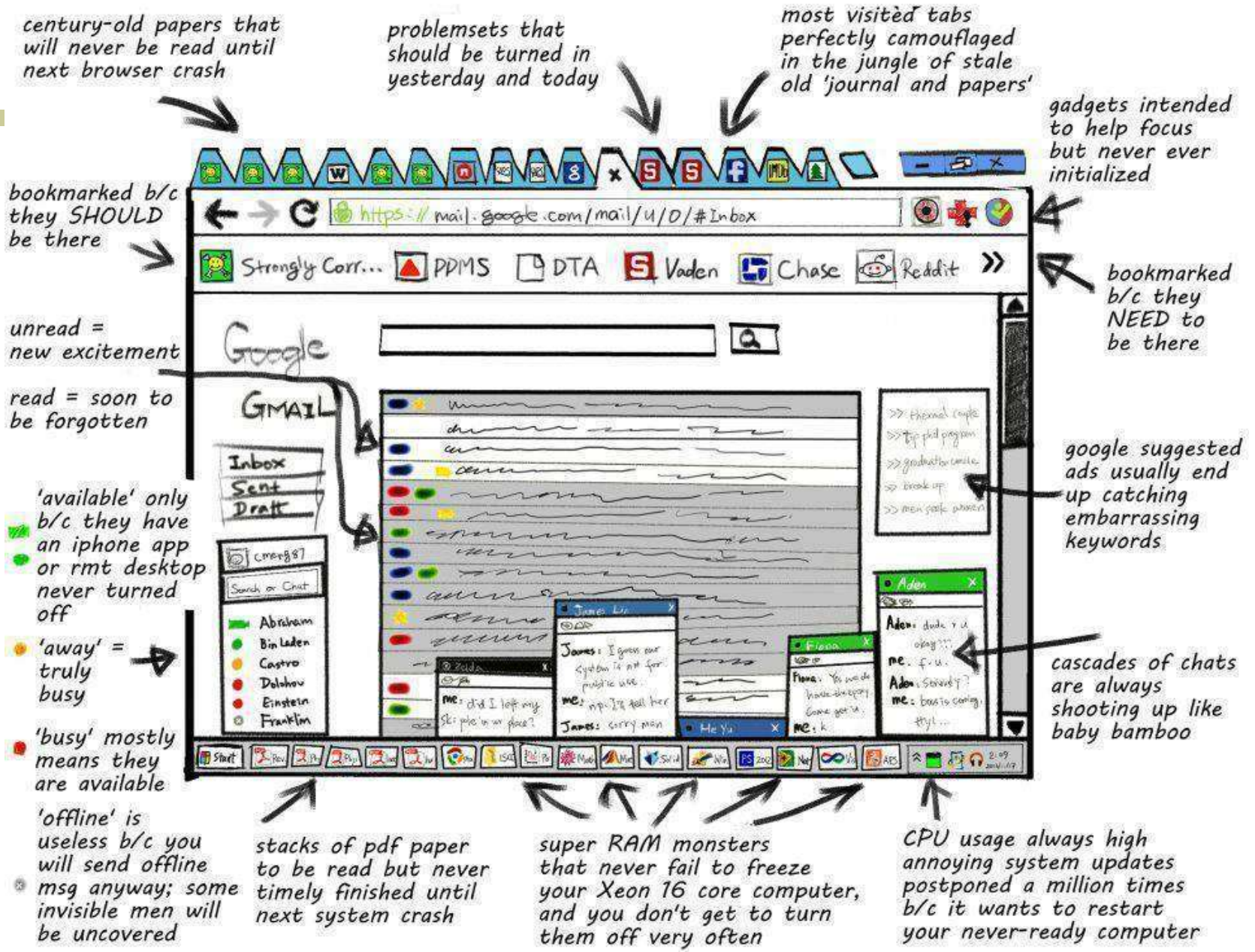
or

one hour per week

Finite time



The browser of a scientist.



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How to start writing

Become a master at
hiding from everyday
busy-ness just to
work on your paper



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“Writing hour”



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Schedule vs Inspiration

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I write only when inspiration
strikes. Fortunately it strikes
every morning at nine o'clock
sharp.

W Somerset Maugham

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Perfectionism

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5 stages of writing:

Pre-writing
Drafting
Revising
Editing
Proofreading

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BOOKS AREN'T
WRITTEN
THEY'RE
REWRITTEN

Michael Crichton

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Not worrying about flow, style, storyline,
engaging audience or critical writing

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Staying on track



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CREATIVE PROCESS

1. This is awesome
2. This is tricky
3. This is shit
4. I am shit
5. This might be ok
6. This is awesome

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- 1) “Writing hour”:
one hour per day or one hour per week
- 2) Break down your project into small manageable tasks: one figure, one figure caption, draft an introduction
- 3) Putting the worries about rejection or it not being good enough aside for this hour



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