REMOTE WORKING TIPS

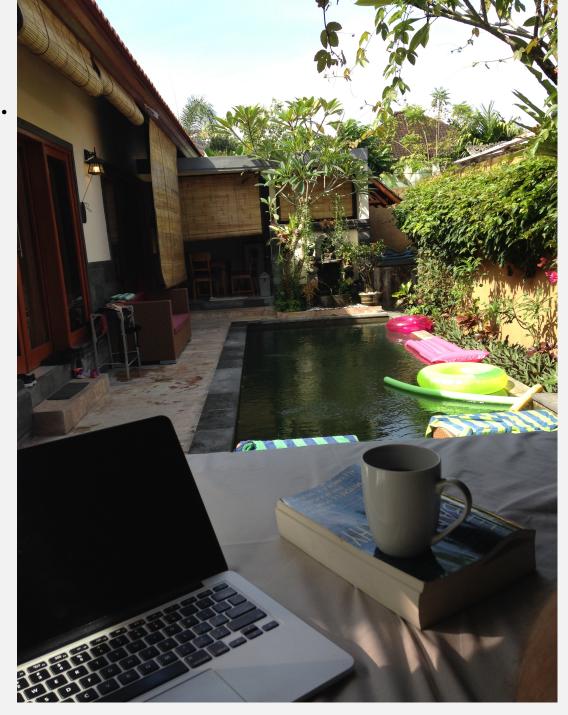
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Ah, the joy of working from home...

Even if your remote working experience is not like this, a few simple practices may help.



HAVE A DAILY ROUTINE... AND FORMALIZE IT!

- In-person work environments often give structure to our days, and these signposts may be absent at home
- If you have a daily routine, try to keep it going
- Consider formalizing your routine in the form of a written plan for the day
- This is also a great time to think about adding wellness practices to your daily routine. Popular wellness routines I've seen among remote workers include:
 - Yoga
 - Meditation
 - Journaling

GET DRESSED

Although it may sound attractive to sit around in your pajamas all day, every
day, this is likely not good for your well-being or your productivity. You don't
have to dress up, obviously, but some change to mark the night-to-day
transition is probably wise.

IDENTIFY AND CLAIM WORKSPACE

- Find a space to dedicate to working
- Many people benefit from working in a consistent location
- Others prefer to vary their location
- Know which you prefer and try to do that
- Whether your workspace is consistent or varied, set ground rules with any others sharing your environment about when you (and they) may and may not be interrupted

CONNECT WITH OTHERS

- Take breaks from work as you normally would
- · A quick video chat with a friend or colleague can work wonders
- Make sure to check in frequently with others you work with
- Reach out to others to offer support

BEGIN AND END WORK

- Technologically-enabled work makes it easy to blur the boundary between working and not working
- Avoid this trap by specifically setting (and sticking to) starting and stopping times for working