How I stopped overworking and achieved more

Staying productive is tough. I tested concepts from "Deep Work" and transformed my routine.



Key concepts of "Deep Work":

Work deeply: Focus on important tasks.

- Focus on important tasks.
- Prioritize "deep work" over shallow tasks.

Action: Writing a book vs. checking emails

Embrace boredom

- Train your brain to handle boredom for better focus.
- Set aside time daily to sit quietly or meditate.

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Quit social media

- Reduce time spent on social media platforms.
- Eliminate time-wasting apps.

Action: Take a week-long digital detox.

Drain the shallows

- Cut down on easy but low-value tasks.
- Plan and organize your day.

Action: Concentrate on more important tasks first.

Personal experience:

Before: Lengthy writing sessions, constant distractions.

After: Shorter writing times, greater focus.

Tools that helped:

- Focus: Blocks distractions.
- Serenity: Mutes notifications.
- Structured: Easy daily planning.
- UpLife: Guides meditation.
- IM+: Packs all social media into one app.

Takeaway: It's not enough to just read the book; you have to act on it.