

What's in a productivity system?



You can learn a lot about somebody just by learning about how they get things done. Are they the sort of person who might have a perfectly color-coded email inbox, a flawlessly organized to-do list, and what's that, they just sent you a calendar invite for happy hour next week? Or are they more likely to have a giant pile of sticky notes they never look at, a computer desktop with so many files you can't even see the wallpaper, and today's main tasks written on their arm? Neither is wrong, but they're very different.

On this episode of *The Vergecast*, the second in our three-part miniseries about work and productivity and how to get more done in a digital world, we decide to get to know our colleagues in a new way: by asking them to share their own productivity systems. We didn't give them much specific instruction or homework, other than to come ready to answer a question: *how do you get stuff done?* Eight *Verge* staffers showed up, with eight very different ideas about what being productive means and how best to pull it off. Along the way,

we found some ideas to steal, a few new apps and tools to try, and a lot of new thoughts about our co-workers.

If you want to know more about the things we discuss in this episode, here are a few links to get you started:

<https://www.theverge.com/24226646/productivity-tools-tips-tricks-vergecast>