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#GOTOams

White-hat attention jacking for accessibility, fun and profit

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Andy Budd

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A typical website visit in 2022

1. Figure out how to decline all but essential cookies
2. Close the support widget asking if I need help
3. Stop the auto-playing video
4. Close the “subscribe to our newsletter” pop-up
5. Try and remember why I came here in the first place

2:35 p.m. · 2. jan. 2022 · Twitter Web App

Our attention is being hijacked

**We can't avoid it happening to us,
because brains**

But maybe we can learn from it?



A woman with long brown hair, wearing a blue dress and a pink flower in her hair, is looking up at a man. The man is wearing a white shirt and a pink skirt. The background is a clear blue sky.

You, just doing your thing

Your attention

**Learn how to pay attention
to where your attention goes**

1. Working memory

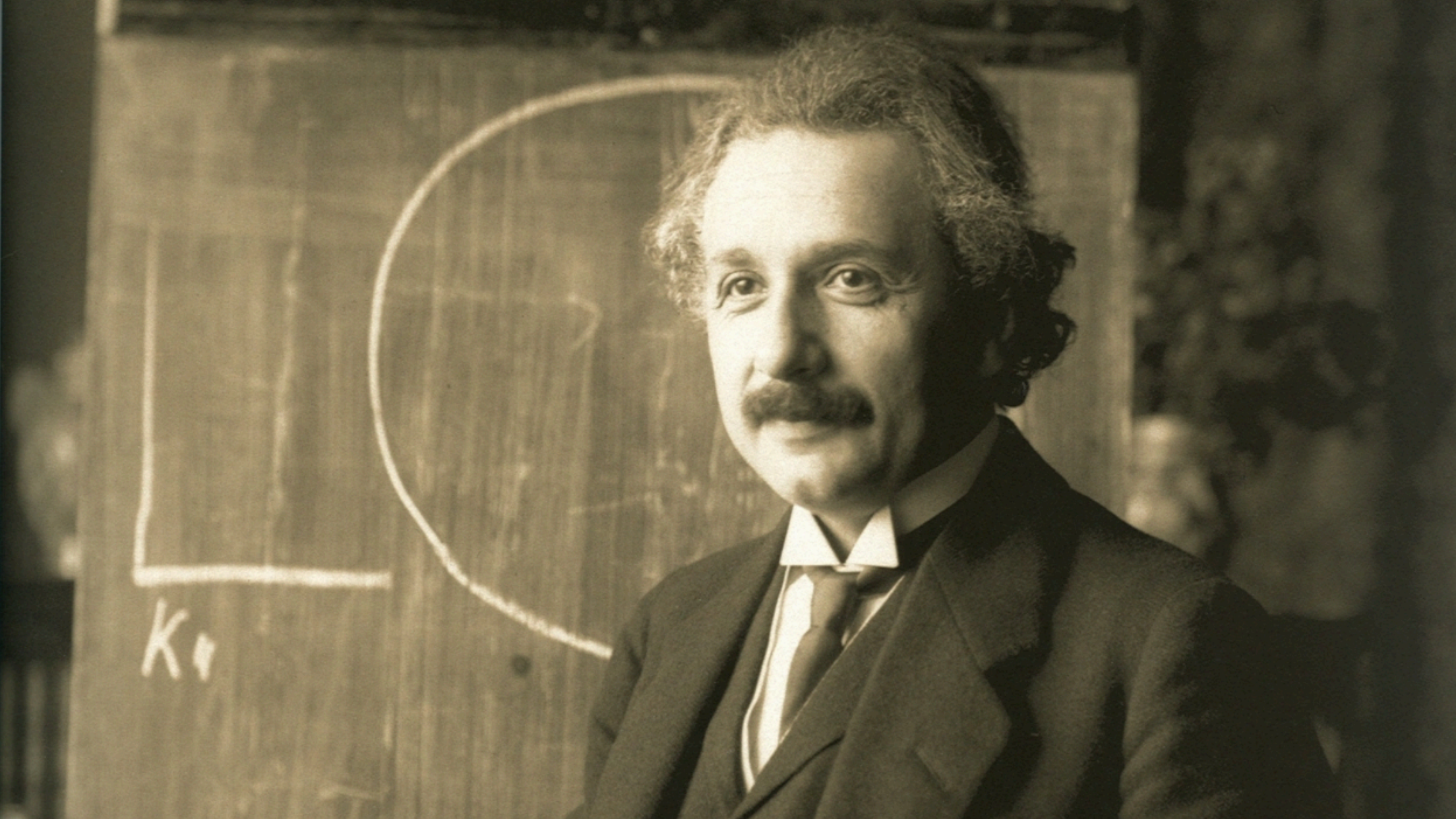
2. Cognitive load

3. Attention

1. Working memory

(~ *short-term memory*)

**How much new information
you can hold in your head**





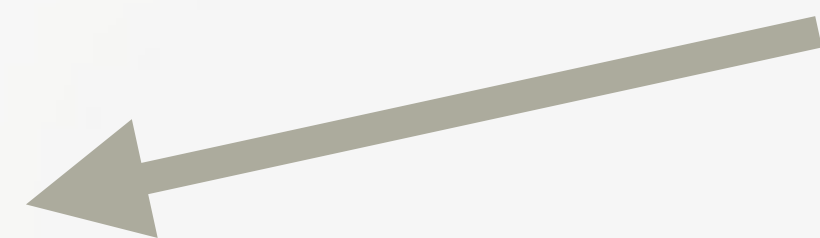
Working memory



Ooh, strawberries!



Everything else



«**Magic number 7, +/- 2**»

— Miller, 1956

Yeah, about that ...

«**Magic number 4, +/- 2**»

— Cowan, 2001

Sorry, but

It depends

— Reality, ongoing

Everybody agrees
the sieve is small



H1 A list of things

Oranges

Apples

Trees

Xylophones

Violins

Pianos

Flutes

Bread

Cheese

Muffins

Butter

Turnips

Tomatoes

Mice

Cats

WHY CAN'T I

HOLD ALL THESE GRAMMY'S?

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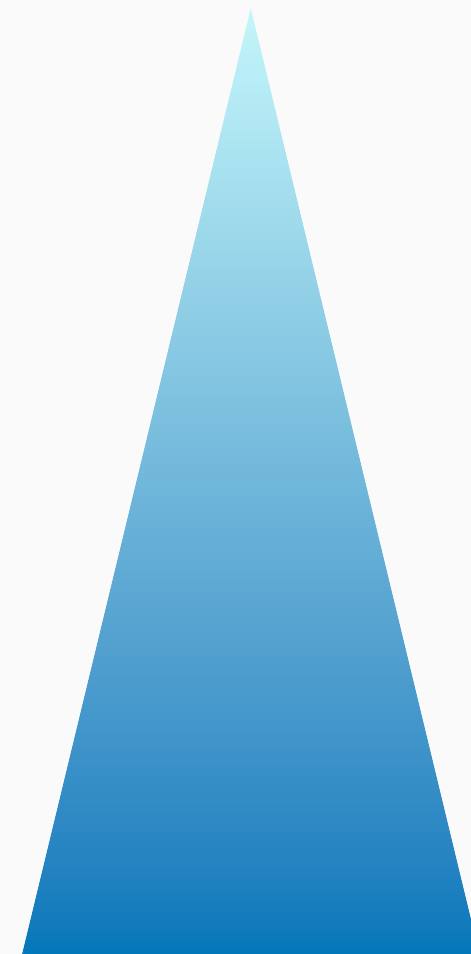
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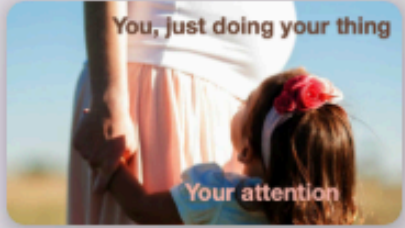
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You, just doing your thing

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Your attention

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Learn how to pay attention to where your attention goes

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1. Working memory
2. Cognitive load
3. Attention
4. Emptying the stack

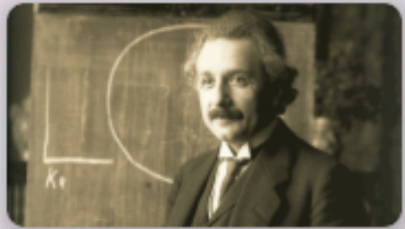
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1. Working memory
(~ short-term memory)

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How much new information you can hold in your head

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Einstein

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Working memory

Ooh, strawberries!

Everything else

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«Magic number 7, +/- 2»

16

Yeah, about that ...

«Magic number 4, +/- 2»

Sorry, but

It depends

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Vis fanelinje

Vis alle faner

Inspektør

✓ Navigering

Kun lysbilde

Lysbord

Disposisjon

Rediger lysbildelayouter

Vis presentatørnotater

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Vis linjaler

Hjelpelinjer

Kommentarer

Skjul samarbeidsaktivitet

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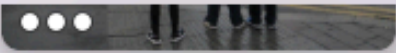
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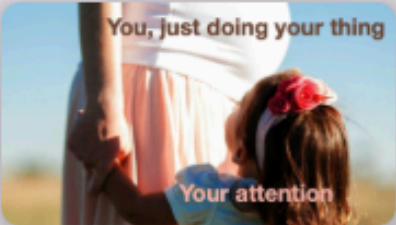
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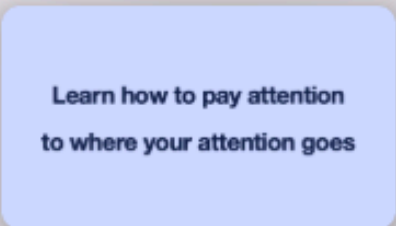
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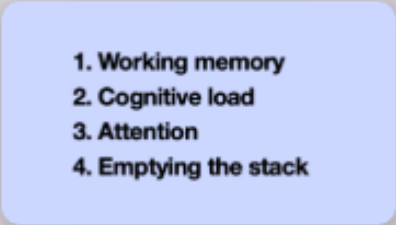
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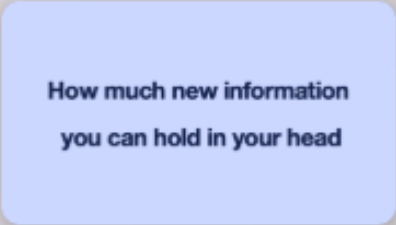
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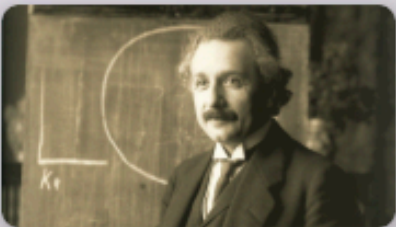
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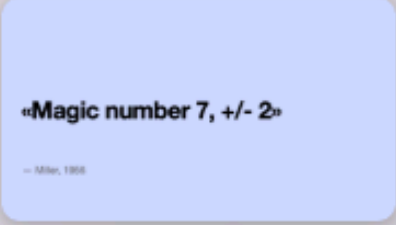
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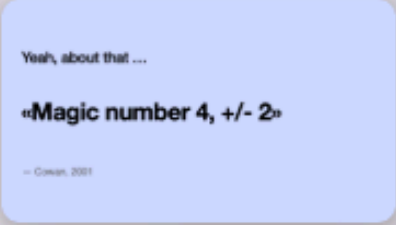
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2. Cognitive load

**We talk about reducing
cognitive load for teams**

**I think a lot about reducing
cognitive load for users**

**Cognitive load is ALL about
working memory**



**(Almost) everything
costs working memory**

**Complex information
costs more**



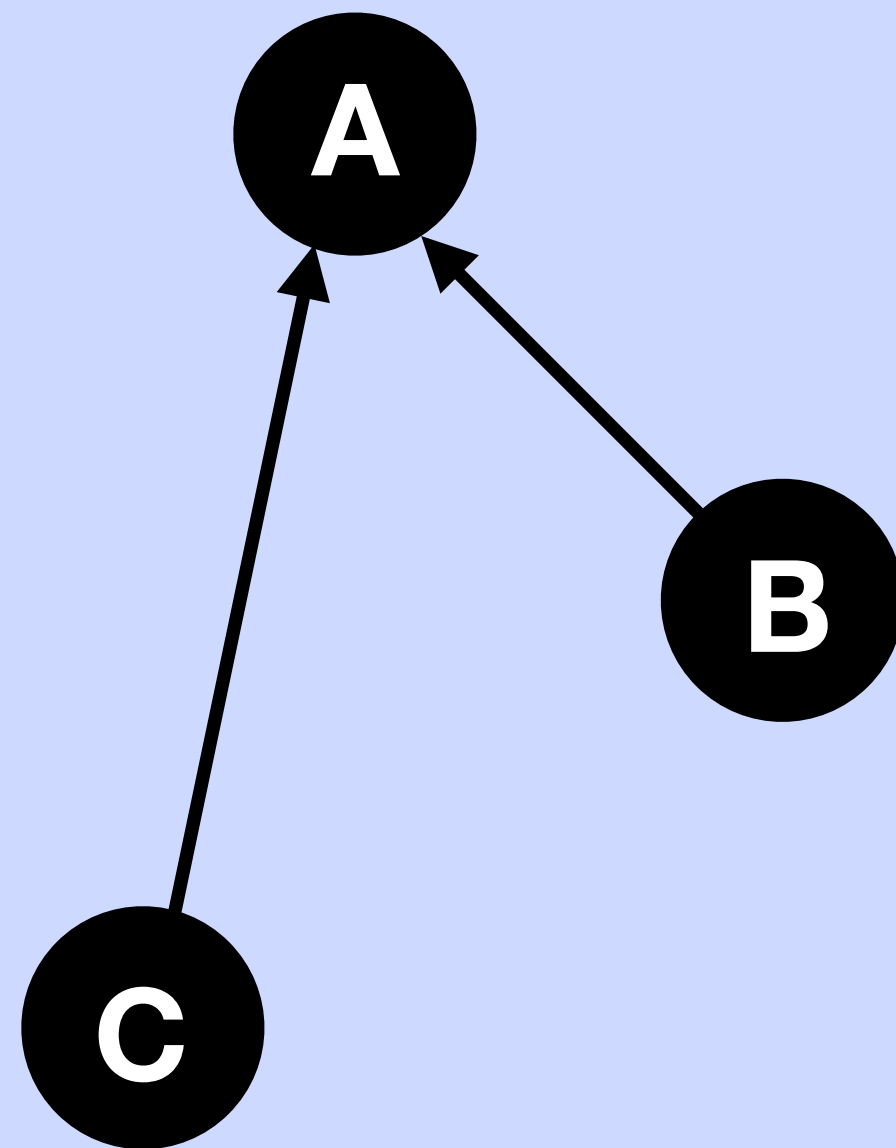
Simple information:

Describe a web page

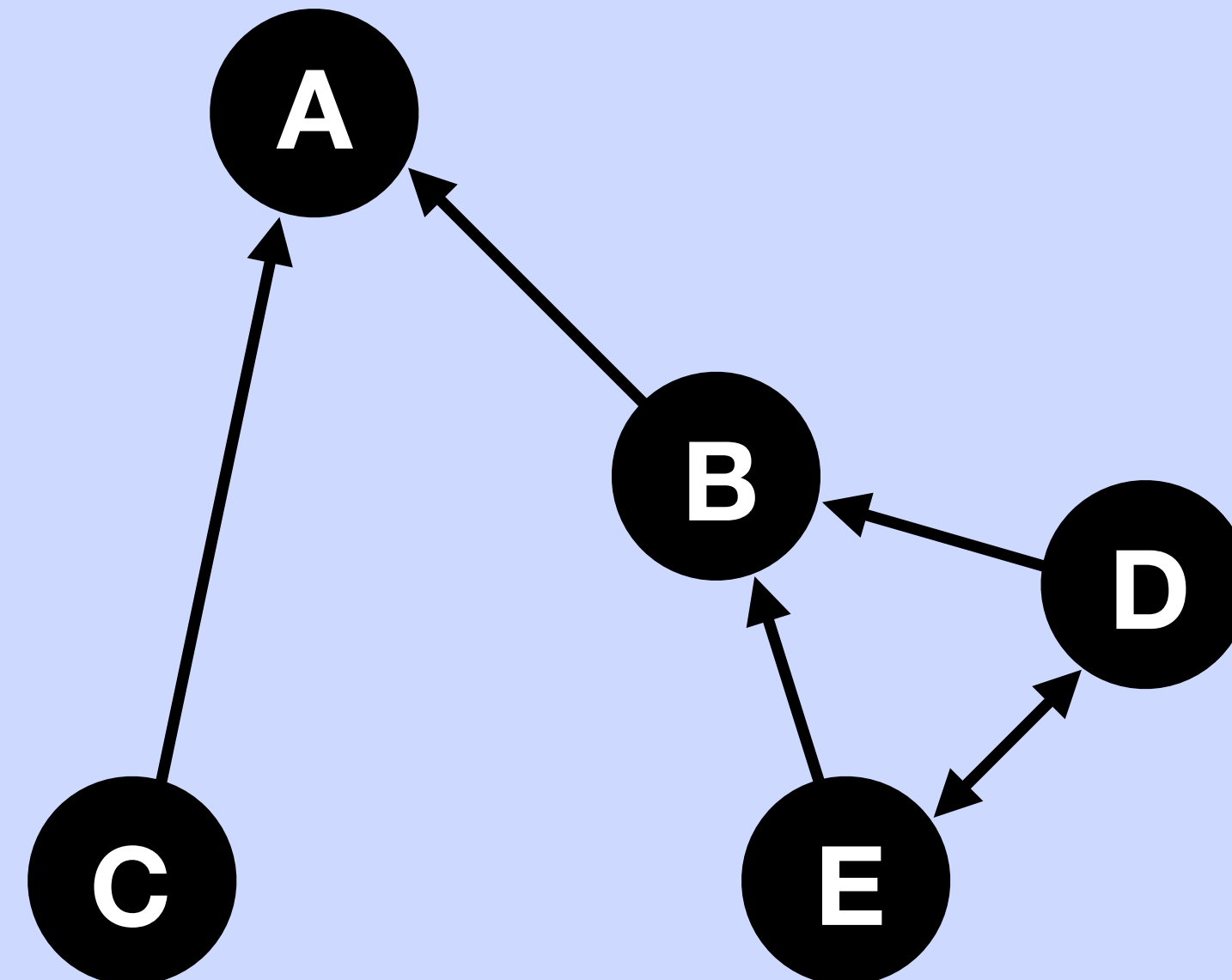
Complex information:

**Describe how html, css and javascript
combine to create a webpage**

Simple



Complex



3. Attention

— While **Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder** (ADHD) is a common culprit, affecting 4.4% of adults, it's not the only source of inattention. **Bipolar disorder** (estimated at 2.8% of adults), **major depression** (6.7% of adults), and **anxiety disorders** (19.1% of adults) can cause occasional inattention. More common conditions such as **stress** or **sleep deprivation** can cause inattention in people who don't experience it as regularly.

Brandon Gregory

Welcome to
HENLO

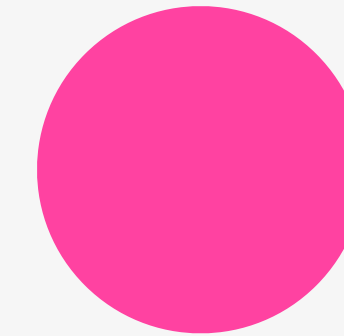
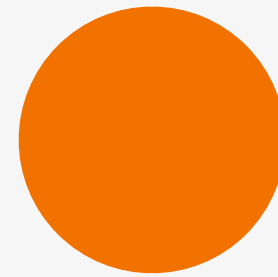
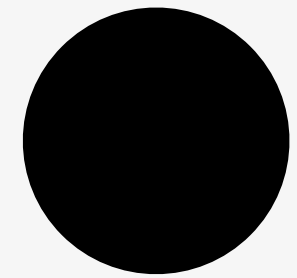


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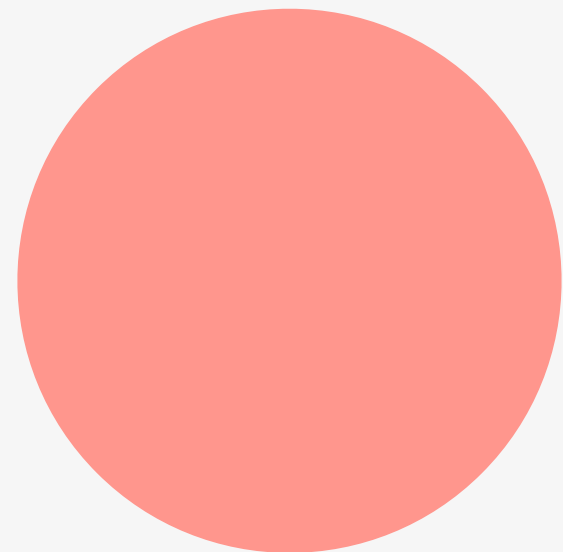
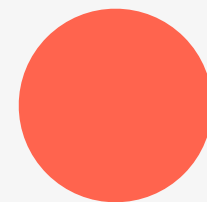
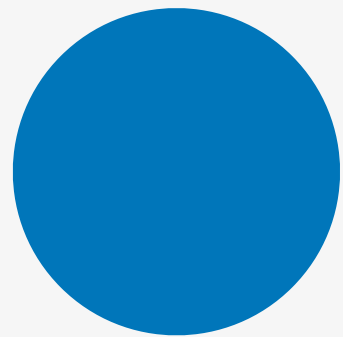


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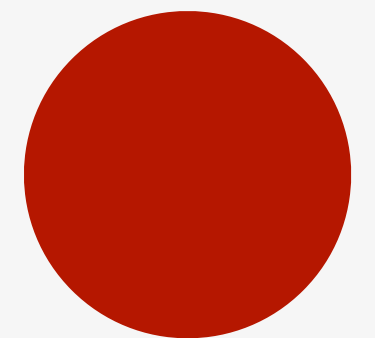
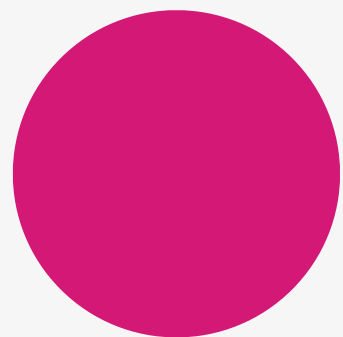


Aaaaagh my presentation is tomorrow 😱



Aaaaagh 😱😱😱

Did I eat lunch?



I have to buy Sophie a present

New stuff can also be internal

Privatperson

Arbeidsgiver

Samarbeidspartner



Meny

Søk

Logg inn

Privatperson



Logg inn på Ditt NAV

Se dine utbetalinger, meldinger, saker, sykefravær m.m.

arbeidsplassen

Ledige jobber

Finn ledige stillinger og registrer CV



Skjema og søknad

Skjemaer for å søke og ettersende vedlegg

Hva er situasjonen din?



Arbeidsledig eller permittert

Om pengestøtte, registrering som arbeidssøker, CV, og feriepenger av dagpenger.



Trenger hjelp til å komme i jobb

Om NAVs tilbud for deg som trenger hjelp til å komme i jobb.



Trenger hjelp til å fullføre utdanning

Om muligheter for deg som trenger hjelp eller ekstra støtte for å fullføre utdanning.

Chat med oss



**New information pushes
old information off the stack**



Interruption is «free»

«Wait ... what was I doing?»



costs working memory

**And probably something will
fall off the stack**



Lett bris
frå sørvest (m/s)

Regn
0,4–2,8 mm

Himmel

Tabell

Graf

Movement attracts attention

**Changes in animation
attract attention**

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KJØP BILLETTER NÅ

Ignoring motion is



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**Paying attention
costs working memory**



**... the longer,
the more it costs**



«Multi-tasking»

requires attention management

Multi-tasking:

- **Task 1**
- **Task 2**
- **Remembering the other task exists**
- **Managing switching between Tasks 1 and 2**
- **Remembering where you were on the other task**

Steering your own attention is



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Add things

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No, really, you need to choose at least one thing

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I have

And this

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You need

Add the

No, read one thing

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You must choose at least one

- ☐ Choice 1
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- ☐ Choice 3
- ☐ Unusual choice 4

Save things

Don't save

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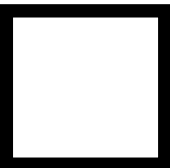
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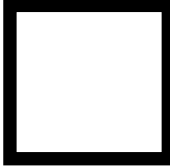
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Choice 3



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And this one  [Help](#)


Here is my answer to this question


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Clear my choices

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Thing 1 

 Thing 3 is not available at this time

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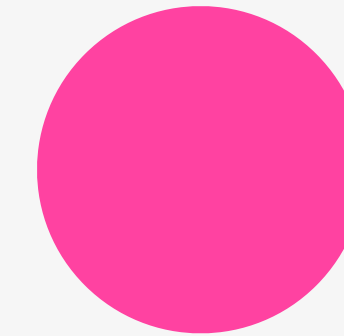
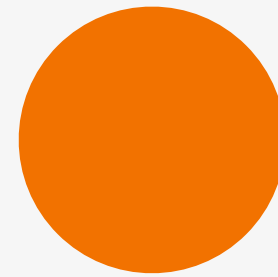
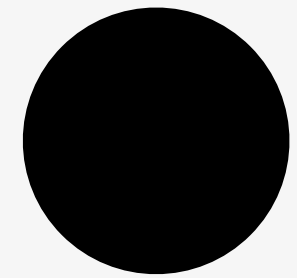
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«Inattentional blindness»

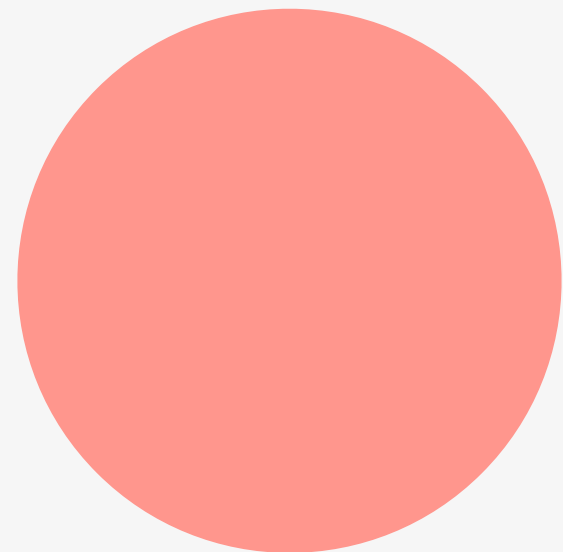
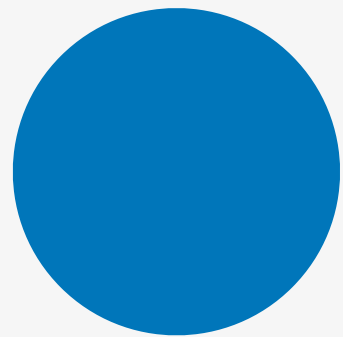


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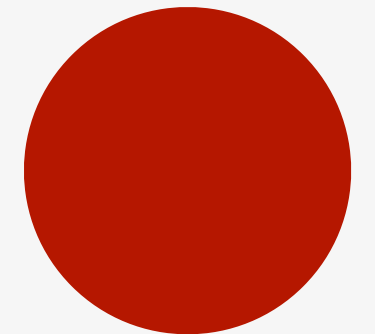


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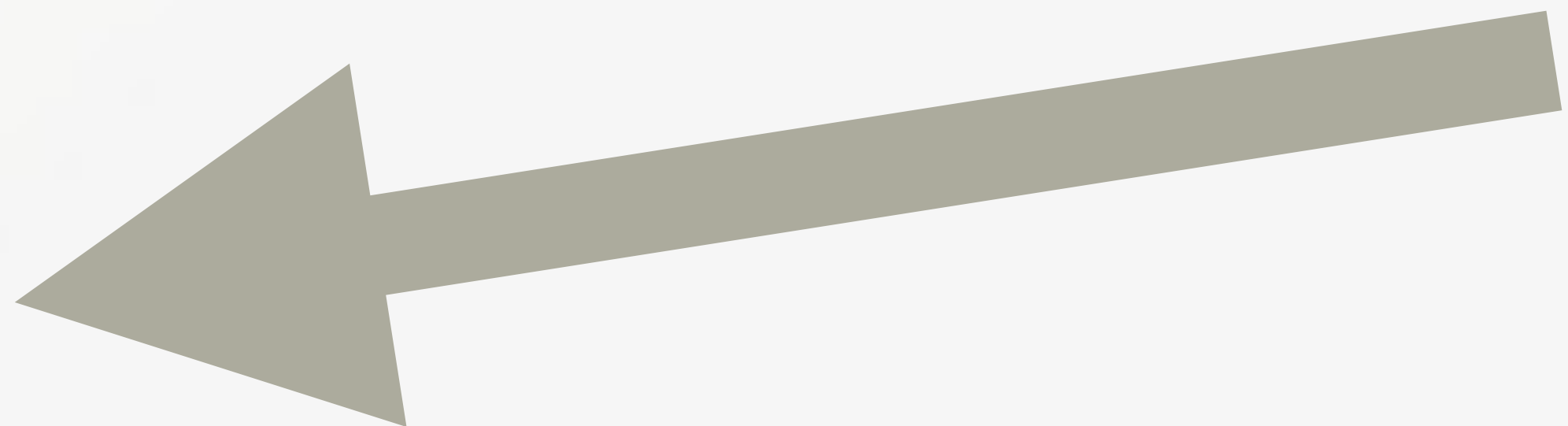
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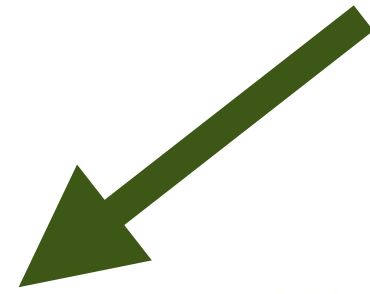
**How do you remove items
from the stack?**

1. *Wait*



2. Do something with it

Prior knowledge structure



New information









**It costs to connect
new information with old**

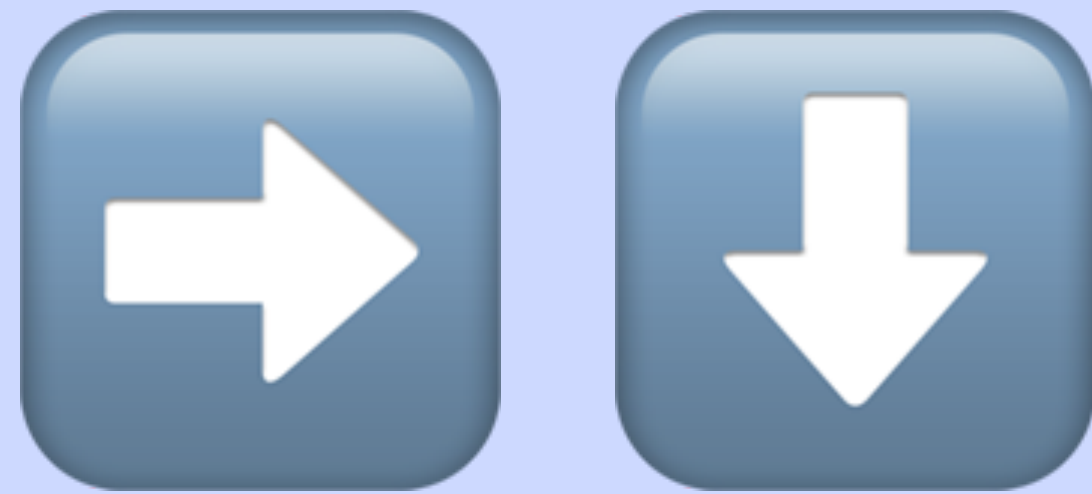
Static tricks for steering attention

And you will read this last

**You will read
this first**

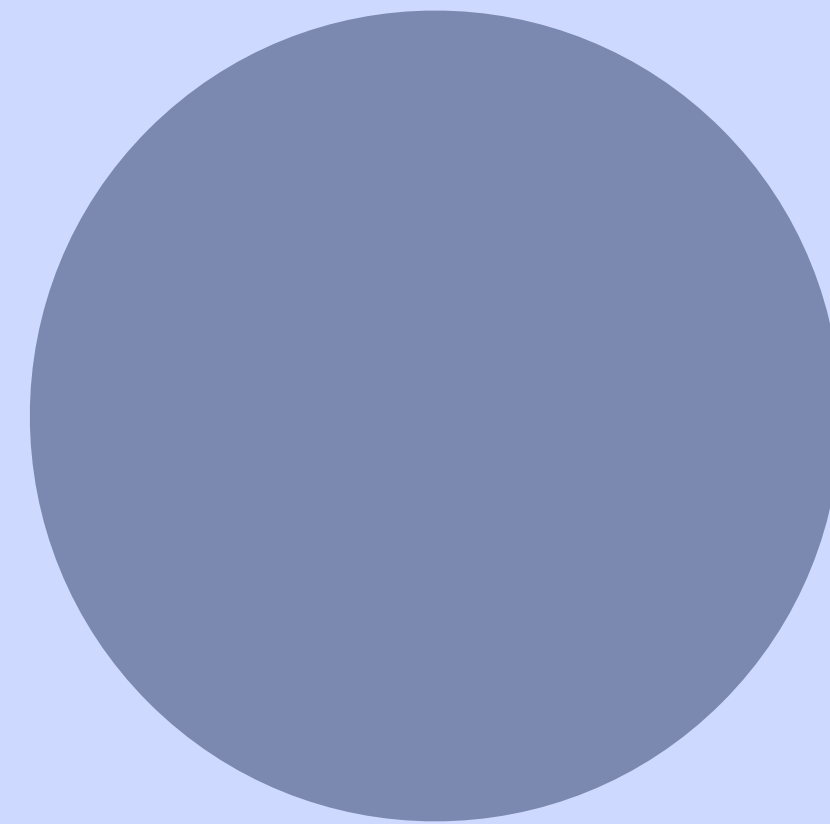
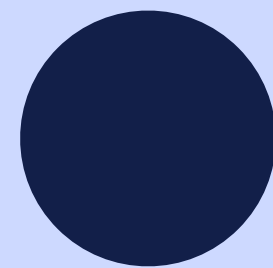
And then you will read this

Then this one

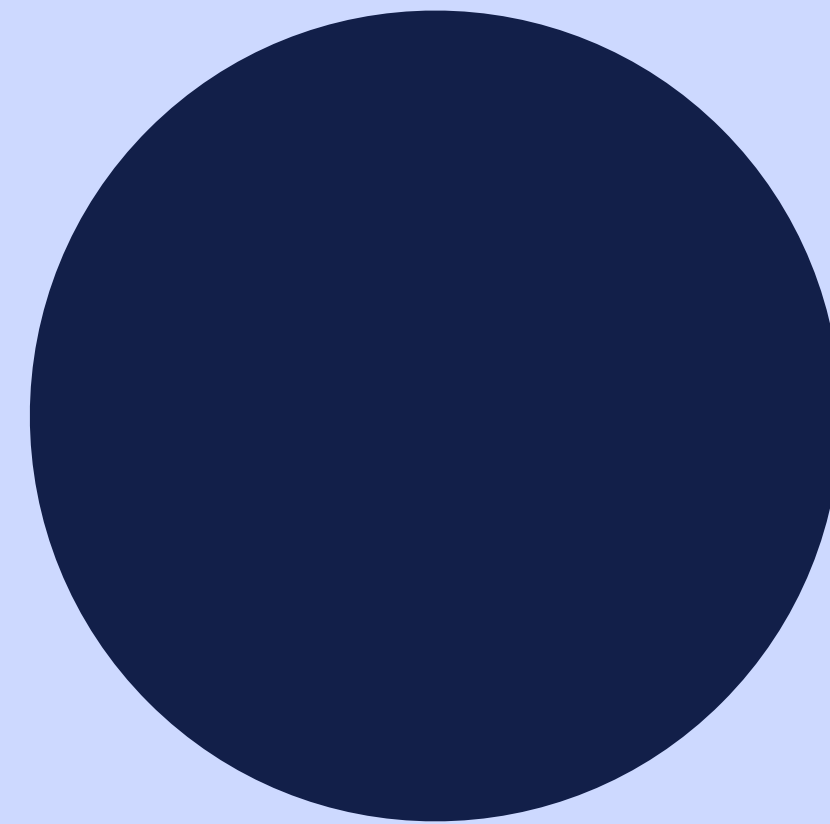
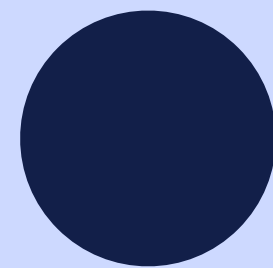


Reading direction

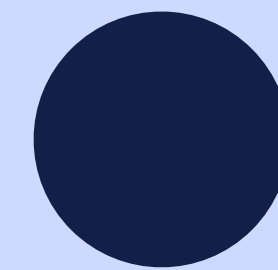
«Ink» has gravitational pull



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Register to vote

You can use this service to:

- get on the electoral register so you can vote in elections or referendums
- update your name, address or nationality by registering again with your new details
- get on or off the open register

This service is also available [in Welsh \(Cymraeg\)](#).

Deadline for registering to vote in the 5 May 2022 elections

You can no longer register to vote in the elections on 5 May.

You can still register for future elections.

Who can register

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You normally only need to register once - not for every election. You'll need to register again if you've changed your name, address or nationality.

Register online

It usually takes about 5 minutes.

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What you need to know

You'll be asked for your National Insurance number (but you can still register if you do not have one).

After you've registered, your name and address will appear on the electoral register.

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Chicken Game

Don't look at this
chicken



**HAVE YOU
SEEN HIM?**



NOW YOU HAVE :)

**Images are (almost) free
to process**

But what if you're blind?

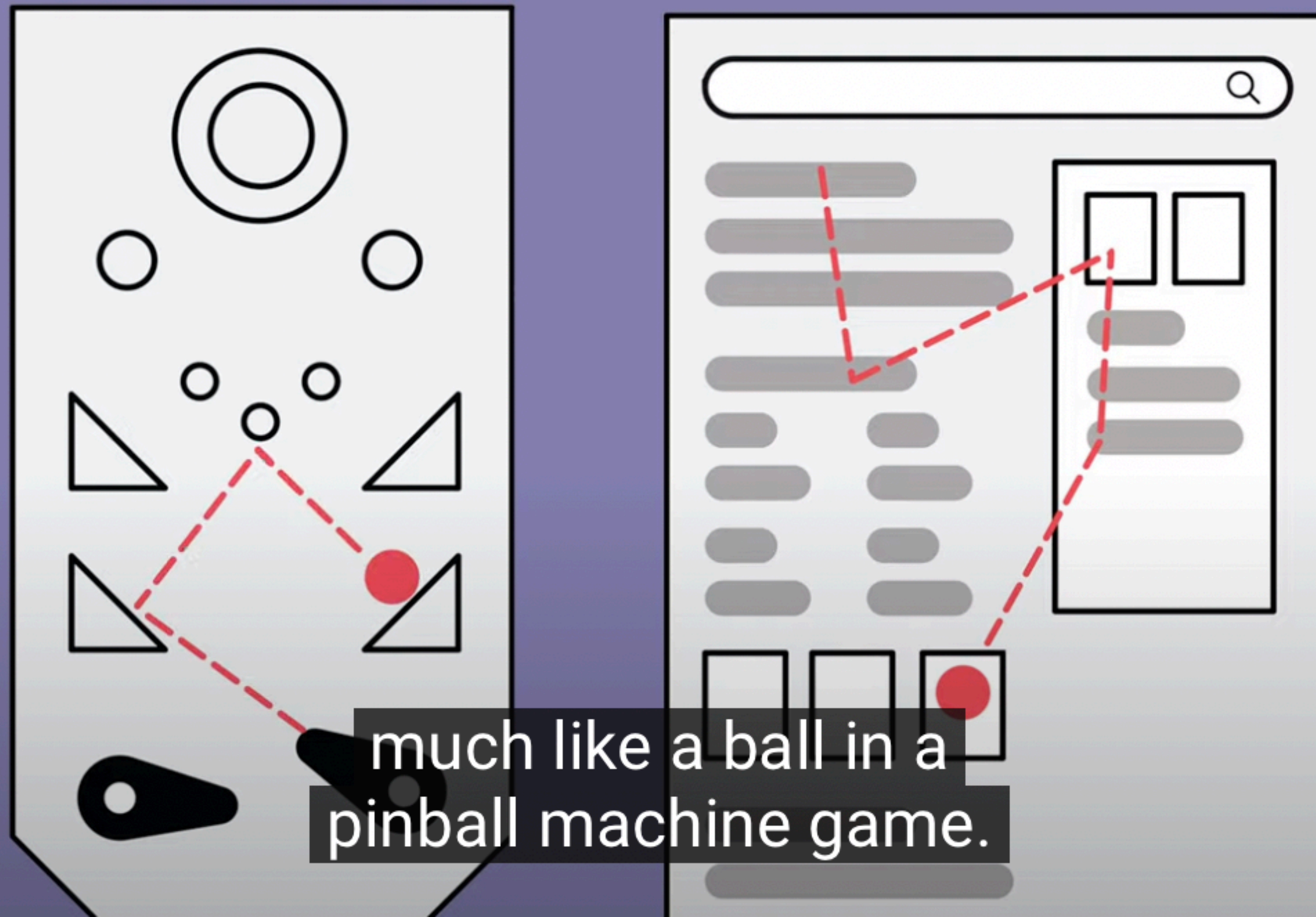
Visual is 3 dimensions
and **time**

Auditory is just linear time

The Pinball Pattern

PINBALL
MACHINE

GAZE
PLOT





ANALYSE

Hoe Nederland van het Russische aardgas af probeert te komen, met behulp van vloeibaar gas uit Rusland



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Ook witwas-verdenking voor Van Lienden en compagnons, 'geen nieuws' vindt hij zelf

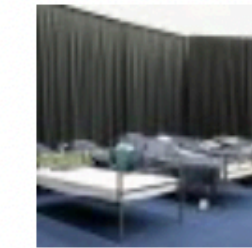


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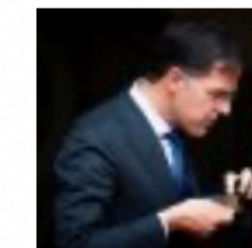
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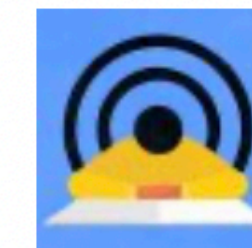
Advies: stop met de crisisaanpak asielzoekers, meer buffercapaciteit aan opvangplekken



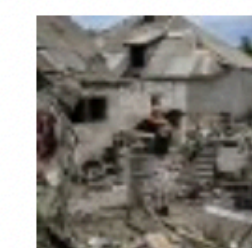
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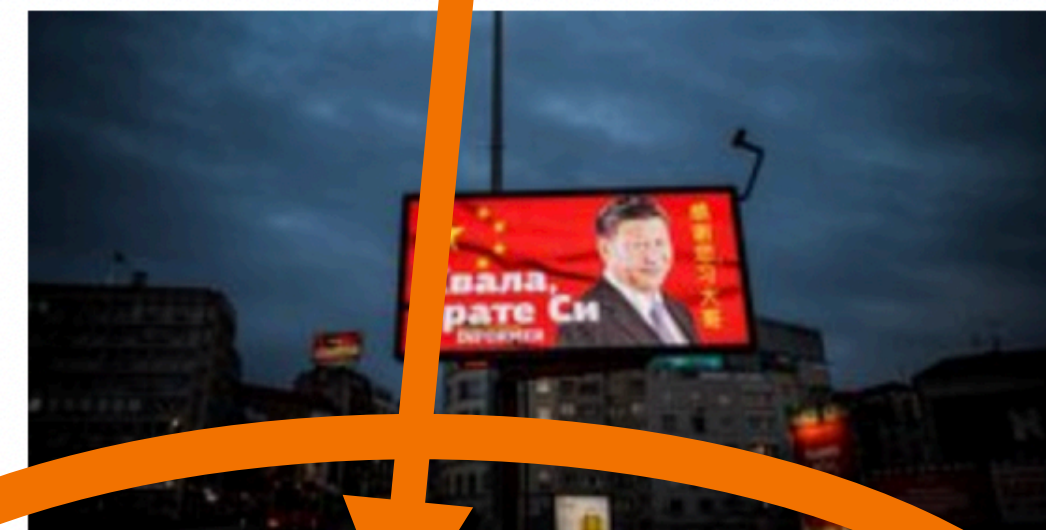


Hoe Nederland van het Russische aardgas af probeert te komen, met behulp van vloeibaar gas uit Rusland



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Ook witwas-verdenking voor Van Lienden en compagnons, 'geen nieuws' vindt hij zelf

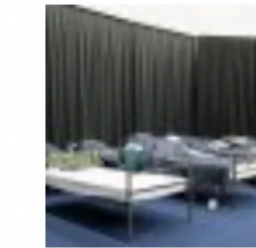


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The Great Translation Movement legt 'de donkere zijde van het Chinese internet' bloot

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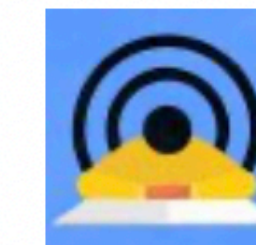
Advies: stop met de crisisaanpak asielzoekers, meer buffercapaciteit aan opvangplekken



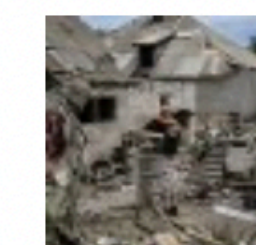
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**A screenreader user can't skip
to the bit that looks interesting**

**How do you know
how far forward to skip?**

**Attention-jacking works
just as effectively with sound**

- 1. Get to the point**
- 2. Prioritise carefully**
- 3. Don't auto-play media**

**If you are blind
you might have slightly better
working memory**

(not all studies agree)

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Remember to
rate this session

THANK YOU!



#GOTOams

**You have visual and auditory
working memory**

**They're both small,
but $a + b > b$, right?**

**TV and film done right
exploit this very well**



Orienting attention is free!

**Steering attention
is expensive**

