Questions asked in the March 10 GTD Connect® Webinar – David Allen's Lists

Q: When I look at this, the first thing I think of is "backing up the data." Does he periodically print these out and/or have weekly backups?
A: yes

Q: That sounds much clearer from David

Q: I can hear Kelly clearly

Q: David's fine!

Q: Well, yeah, but should we be interacting with each other or with presenter?

Q: We hear you both!

Q: Questions box distracting - not a fan!

Q: I would like to see how David processes into these lists.

Q: Now that David is using a MAC, is he thinking of changing this system?

Q: Funny, I thought David would have a small number of contexts - surprised he has so many

Q: It seems based on what I am hearing that paper is the best medium

Q: yes you can have epro on a mac

Q: Seems fine

Q: Tell David he can use Text Expander on the MAC, it will function like "Gyrocube"

Q: Best way about seeing questions is to see how well Kelly integrates it - nice job Kelly

Q: Loud and clear.

Q: What computer application is David using?
Q: kelly - you're doing great

Q: Howdy!

Q: New idea on managing electronic reference.

Q: But it's partially blocking the slides

Q: Nirvana is the best GTD tool EVER!

Q: Can you please move the boxes?

Q: Nirvana is the BEST GTD electronic tool.

Q: ditto re evening questions

Q: i separate @computer by required my frame of mind... braindead, creative, explore...

Q: can hear david fine

Q: redesign my system with the "flu" concept!!

Q: me too - i'm going to take that one!

Q: re how to remember where you put stuff... weekly review!!

Q: Is there a good enough screen size to work with your lists?

Q: Thank you Kelly!

Q: David, do you really work with the lists on your mobile?

Q: David, do you not find lists on the BlackBerry way to small? The screen is too tiny for me to have a good working view of my lists. What about you?

Q: Thank you David. Thank you Kelly.It was great

Q: See ya

Q: David sounds good... :)

Q: I like before trip...

Q: thank you david and kelly, this webinar was really helpful :)

Q: it sounds like a mixing reporting and the actual management of tasks

Q: so you lotus notes and sync it with a blackberry?

Q: how do you keep updates/changes to your lists synchronized between your PDA and computer?

Q: second the @before travel list :)

Q: Sound is fine for you both

Q: thanks, this was great!

Q: Kelly, is there someway to publich all the comments that are in the Questions Book?
A: these ques?
Q: Yes, Everything that everyone is writing and saying is vauable. I would like to look back at them. :)

Q: yes, sometimes things are so important and time-sensitive you have to put yourself in the appropriate context

Q: overhaul my reference lists, they're everywhere

Q: i like the state of mind "sub-context!

Q: i haven't seen a system that gets that gtd is a process and supports that process, eg a "view" for capture and another view for review.

Q: i like being able to see peoples comments

Q: Thank you!

Q: it would be cool if a system could take a checklist and make a project

Q: david is easy to hear

Q: I can hear both of you fine

Q: I find I sometimes bog down my system by adding complexity. Only weeks later do I realize that I am disincentivizing myself from working my system. How do you avoid this?

Q: I hear fine

Q: How many items is too many for a context?

Q: Sometimes I get 50 items in a context and it becomes overwhelming.

Q: sure, from the Godfather.

Q: where are all of these checklists ... are they in word, excel, or what?

Q: what is a David Allen mindmap??

Q: What does David think of the Things app ... too complex of a system or just right?

Q: for anyone out there using Things, do you use Tags for contexts?

Q: I was the queen of paper - for decades, I tried every paper-based organization system - and have recently gone paperless, using Things on iPhone and I feel completely liberated and more organized than ever!

Q: what app does iPad person use???

Q: does DA sometimes have trouble rememberimg exactly where he put something like us mere mortals?

Q: what's the difference between lists and check lists?

Q: I assume David uses his "Today" as his index card for things he has to do today, no?

Q: when are you going to make a GTD app for iPad?

Q: Would you sell EProductivity for Mac on GTD CONNNECT??
A: it's in our online store
Q: screenshot a mindmap SOON!

Q: Excellent!

Q: My Next Action will be to Purchase Eproductivity!

Q: This was awesome, thoanks David & Kelly!

Q: sounds great

Q: lists of restaurants!

Q: make an @Before Travel list!

Q: add Marshall Goldsmith's evening questions to my Weekly Review

Q: Do others out there keep their checklists in the same program as their tasks?

Q: Is this where the details in these lists are located, or is this just a list of them and then each list lives somewhere else?

Q: thanks.

Q: Can you give a sample of a checkist?

Q: Are these checklists the same one we saw on the first screen or is this a different set of checklists?
A: different
Q: I'm going to collect all my lists into the same place.

Q: Doesn't SEARCH faciliate retrieval as opposed to having to drill down/dig for it?

Q: Thanks ... very helpful

Q: that multiple items question is what I'm saying when questioning how to keep computer and mobile together

Q: how do you keep your computer and mobile system work together.

Q: i fell off the office floor

Q: How can you make this work on a mobile base and sysn with the computer -- i.e., iPad

Q: I have been trying to use Nozbi, but am confused. Are labels the same as subprojects ... do I need subprojects ...

Q: that's great info on contaxts vs. actions. how do labels fit in?

Q: are lists and contexts the same thing?

Q: so how do labels fit in?

Q: so contexts, labels and tags are all the same?

Q: I mean sync iPad and your computer -- or other mobile device

Q: OmniFocus on the iPad is excellent

Q: Voice quality is so much better now

Q: I will keep using OmniFocus with in-cloud sync of data, a must these days

Q: have a great day all of oyu

Q: thanks so myuch

Q: could we get a quick look at the customized weekly review checklist, please?

Q: this validates my lists and GTD capabilities!

Q: I use Toodledoo and that's working great for me. I can access it on android phone and PC

Q: I like the questions box!

Q: uncatagorized is reallly In Box

Q: In Box in that it's not processed yet

Q: I got my son going on things and i think it's great and he loves it. I would use it too but I'm a PC guy

Q: its an add on to lotus notes

Q: it's just cool how eproductivity really follows the GTD model

Q: Kelly that makes great sense.

Q: Thanks David and Kelly!

Q: I'll definitely work on my checklists. I do have thoughts more than once too many times!

Q: to the person who wonders about iPad, i believe Omnifocus (the GTD app I use) is on the iPad and is awesome

Q: everyone should check out "personal brain" it's awesome - a very dynamic mindmapping tool

Q: THANK YOU DAVID AND KELLY!

Q: i second the "how to remember where i put stuff" question

Q: keep the bug!

Q: I agree, I would love to see an example mindmap and have an idea of how this processes down to a more actionable level.

Q: Drink more Bordeaux!

Q: I find that I don't work off my context lists very much, opting instead for my projects list. I think this might be some kind of negative avoidance - seen this before? Thoughts?

Q: i get the "why have an idea more than once" but i often forget that i've had the thought! so remembering where i put it seems pretty important!

Q: More lists (instead of just tasks/actions)

Q: I hear Kelly well, but David's audio is poor.

Q: How does DA access these lists when he's not at his desk?

Q: Does DA collect stuff for these lists on his PDA?

Q: I can't see the entire list because of the questions, but I'm surprised there isn't a deferred context.

Q: HI, we can see Kelly's question window over the ppt
A: I know, something is off, she knows, Thanks AM

Q: LIke sailboats, making GTD work is more about the adjustable nut on the end of the tiller than it is about the device

Q: kelly is cutting out periodically here too

Q: I get the list stuff. I'm more interested in dealing with projects and actions. pls speak to best way to avoid need of inputing data items in multiple locations

Q: I wasn't referring to multiple devices. I mean multiple project, action, context lists

Q: Does David use similar categories in his filing cabinet?

Q: Yes, the question "bug" is really fun to see the ideas going through the listeners minds

Q: thanks kelly! :)

Q: yeah, it helps us talk to each other... ;)

Q: eProductivity includes higher horizons, i believe

Q: thanks kelly and david!

Q: is "personal brain" David's mindmapping tool?

Q: i'm less afraid to create more lists :)

Q: me too -- love to see a mindmap

Q: will he show a mind map?

Q: What about Omnifocus?

Q: consider different topics

Q: Need to get clear on each item so it goes on the right list.

Q: I can hear both of you fine!

Q: Comfort with my system because it works for me.

Q: Before Trip has helped me a ton, thanks!

Q: Kelly can you move your navigation panels?

Q: Please ask Eric NOT to write an eProductivity app for the iPad (iPhone) so I'm not tempted to switch systems.

Q: I haven't seen a GTD software system include higher horizons yet (though OmniFocus facilitates it).

Q: Oh boy oh boy David's lists
A: I know! How exciting!
Q: horizons of focus seems very useful - any application have this function built in?

Q: WIll this be on connect for later viewing?

Q: Liking seeing people's comments and questions so far.

Q: a rare look

Q: ... a delicate personal balance?

Q: Thanx Ojai!!

Q: Good Morning Kelly! Dave Littlehales here...

Q: I would ned lotus notes first... correct?

Q: Both audio is fine now

Q: you can have eproductivity on mac???
A: yes
Q: I have far more Waiting Fors than Actions
A: me too
Q: lotus notes - eproductivity

Q: How many active projects does David have?

Q: thank youi

Q: eg. checklist + items for the board meeting

Q: The question box is blocking some of the screen

Q: I'd love to see a mind map or two

Q: Do you ever split lists up across devices? ie Errands on your Palm or do you just print errands every day?

Q: Too funny :-D

Q: That's funny, I thought he'd have more

Q: List of non-fattening comofrt foods

Q: Just be relaxed in the idea that this will never be done

Q: oh yeah..future webinar on mind maps is a great idea

Q: I'll show you mine

Q: How long should action items remain in these lists before getting moved to the someday maybe lists? Reviewing the same action items every week for months can feel demotivating, advice?.

Q: thanks

Q: Does David attempt to capture all the reading material he consumes as reference?

Q: toodledo has a good mobile applicaion and web access

Q: what are the checklists?

Q: Thanks!

Q: Having more references

Q: all audio is fine here

Q: thank you

Q: make more use of "Someday/Maybe" (or similar subsets)

Q: like others, I'd like to see an example of one of David's mind maps

Q: My @Computer list gets so long it's dizzying. I've considered the tips in the book on breaking out "@Computer" but they don't work for me... any additional insights on how to prevent "@computer" from becoming so long that it's numbing?

Q: Why isn't "Books - Might want to read" on the someday/maybe list?

Q: thanks! great stuff as always!

Q: list of meds is invaluable

Q: did dave switch to apple because of Kawasaki?

Q: Are your screen shots from a PC or Mac?

Q: Hearing you both fine

Q: I've got most of these lists already on my iPad!!!

Q: David is OK now.

Q: Can you tell us more about eProductivity?

Q: Thanks Kelly!

Q: Yes - I like the emergency grab list too - I'm right by the Sacramento River levee

Q: Where do these checklists reside? Is this Lotus Notes/eProductivity?
A: yes
Q: I want to learn more about Personal Brain and Mind Manager

Q: labels and tags are ONE way you can use to set up contexts in your GTD system

Q: can hear fine!

Q: can hear you both fine

Q: got the next actions down by category, can you talk about the "great idea" about a specifc project, do you just keep that on an Ideas list and look at in WR?

Q: yes, sounds good

Q: Is that referene list you speak off similar to the format used in the Evernote appl

Q: thank you

Q: I have no audio has it started yet?
A: it is just starting
Q: emergency list

Q: Informant has Toodledo underneeath in the background. I like it.

Q: Sounds much better

Q: I like the Online surfing category.

Q: I use Informant and love it. For me, it's the right level.

Q: Nothing to test your system like a good flu :)

Q: II've heard them say that you should move things to Someday until you're committed to taking an action towards that item. I agree that having it just in your to-do can be demotiviating. I felt much better once I moved those to Someday.

Q: Yes, I can see using that one too.

Q: like it to. Feels much more interactive with others.

Q: my wife sizes

Q: thank you from Slovakia

Q: Need more checklists!!

Q: In my custom WR, i check my drafts folder, check expenses, empty deleted items, clean briefcase, clear phone messages etc.

Q: My favorite is my "Waiting For" list !!! i remeber everything that everyone else forgets!

Q: Terrific...thanks so much!!

Q: 1st Webinar, loved it thanks

Q: thanks that was very informative and helpful.

Q: isn't uncategorized similar to miscellaneous?

Q: Validates much of what I do. But need to capture more, esp. stuff I reuse (like David's house directions).

Q: Thanks

Q: I like the Emergency Go List

Q: Does David have ALL Waiting For in one list - i.e. personal and work in the same list?

Q: Are these lists integrated in DA's paper files, as well? Or checklists?

Q: spouse's sizes!

Q: thanks very much!!!

Q: good sound

Q: thanks, was very interesting!

Q: great soudn

Q: Here him fine.

Q: How many different places do David's lists reside? If there are numerous locations what method is used to review?

Q: Thanks!

Q: I can hear both really well. David alot better now that he has switch to VOIP.

Q: thanks

Q: +1 for aviod need of inputing data in multile locations

Q: Sound is perfect all the way to Denmark :-)

Q: Audio is fine from both of you on this end

Q: are you still promoting netcentrics. Does not seem that they are updating that program or that it is a focus for their company.

Q: thanks!

Q: Where is "Project Support Material" kept and is it tied together in any way to eProductivity?