

Webinar:
**Playful Productivity
&
Looking Busy**

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10:00 to 11:30am, 14 July 2020

Background

On 1st February 2019 I created a document with no words in it, which was to become my PhD thesis. On 3rd of April 2019 I submitted a 100,000 word thesis written in roughly eight weeks and exactly 40 working days. On 10th July 2019 I passed my PhD viva with no corrections. This certainly was not expected or on the cards for me. I am a slow reader and a slow writer. I hadn't finished a written exam since I was 18. I hadn't covered myself in glory academically at school or since. All this setting aside the fact that I had basically bashed this thesis out as quickly as I could, to keep myself in paid work. But on the 10th July, when I was as surprised as my supervisors at the result (who had wisely prepared me for major corrections) I started to think I might have learnt some useful ideas about work worth sharing.

This session aims to:

- Outline my experience of learning an efficient and effective way of writing that felt fun and enjoyable
- Explain principles & practices that underpin this approach
- Discuss ways to test whether similar changes could help in your work
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