

EIGHT TOOLS TO GET YOU UNSTUCK

There are a ton of great productivity “round ups” that have good lists of tools to make your day better and more successful, but few for people that are specifically looking to get unstuck. Almost all of us get stuck from time to time. To help meet this need, below is a list of eight great online tools that might help you get going again if you find yourself needing some clarity, a nudge or some feedback.



I. Great Decisions by Great Life Software

The [Great Decisions](#) app by Great Life Software helps you make choices that people might struggle with in their personal and professional lives. It combines several tools that help you identify and then weigh all the variables that affect a decision, enabling you to truly see how things fits together and accurately assess risk.

Some of the tools used in the Great Decisions app are virtually identical to the tools people have been using to make decisions for years, reducing any potential learning curve. The app allows you the ability to save the work you do, and even share it with others (perfect for work environments). Great Decisions is available for Apple devices only through [iTunes](#).

II. Mindbloom Life Game

Mindbloom’s [Life Game](#) is a free tool for personal growth. You start by creating a tree that represents everything in life that is important to you, helping you choose what to focus on. You help the tree grow by feeding it whatever inspires you: music, messages from loved ones, photographs, etc. As your tree grows, you keep it healthy by developing positive habits and taking steps in line with what you value most. You can also share your progress via social media sites. The Life Game is a mix of behavioral science and social gaming with some media thrown into the mix as well.

III. SelfStir.com

[SelfStir.com](#) is a 360-degree feedback system. This completely free tool gives you a better understanding of:

- Core work competencies
- Leadership skills
- Status of relationships with family, friends, and peers

The system is designed to draw attention to your blind spots, problem areas you may not be aware of that could be holding you back.

SelfStir.com also connects you with other like-minded individuals (as well as coaches). In addition to self-assessments, SelfStir helps you create a to-do list of actionable steps to help you grow your competencies, provides a journal for you to track your progress, and delivers recommended content to help broaden your breadth of knowledge.

IV. DISC Personality Test

DISC is a method of understanding and even predicting human interactions and behavior based on four key attributes: Dominance (D), Influence (I), Steadiness (S), and Conscientiousness (C).

DISC theory aligns these attributes along two axes: Passive vs. Active, and People-Oriented vs. Task Oriented:

D: Active, task-oriented

I: Active, people-oriented

S: Passive, people-oriented

C: Passive, task-oriented

Understanding your DISC personality can help you determine what sort of work environments you can thrive in and help you understand or even predict your interactions with others. 123test.com offers a [free DISC personality test](#) that you can take so you can see your personal attributes.

V. Omni Outliner

The Omni Group's [Omni Outliner](#) is a powerful tool for organizing your thoughts and keeping your life organized. This tool is especially useful for collaborating, so it can be a good tool for coaching conversations.

One can create a vision statement and outline broad steps on how to achieve this vision and then go into further detail for each step, setting milestones to track progress, and much more. This tool provides an easy, step-by-step approach to breaking out of a rut and creating lasting change.

When you have a lot going on in your head, Omni Outliner is also great for sorting thoughts and helping you prioritize what matters. You can create templates and develop a system for managing all the information coming at you. Omni Outliner is available for [Mac](#) and [iPad](#).

VI. Todoist Karma

Every productivity tool round up has their favorite to do list app but [Todoist Karma](#) has taken it to the next level with a suite of tools. The Todoist app is available for 13 different platforms (including Android, Apple, and Windows), allowing anyone to identify essential tasks, organize them by type, set priorities, track productivity, set reminders, and more. When you are stuck and don't know what to tackle next, a well-organized to-do list is your best friend. Where Todoist Karma goes above and beyond is it quantifies your progress and visually displays daily and weekly trends based on what you have accomplished.

VII. XMind.net Mind Mapping Tool

Continuing with the trend of organizing your thoughts and tasks, [XMind](#) is a mind-mapping tool designed specifically with that task in mind. Gather your ideas, create a logical structure for them, and identify the connections and relationships between ideas, then map out the action items needed to make your ideas a reality.

XMind is perfect for when you are teeming with ideas but you cannot get them out of your head. This mind-mapping tool allows you to take a step back and look at the big picture, identify what is important, and elaborate on points of weakness or vagueness. XMind is perfect for brainstorming by yourself as well as collaborating with other members of a team. There are three tiered plans to choose from, ranging from the basic free plan to a professional version that gives you special brainstorming and presentation modes.

VIII: Binfire

For those struggling to get massive projects going [Binfire](#)'s online project management suite is well-suited for large-scale endeavors. It's especially useful for working with teams who may be scattered around the globe, a common feature in lean startups or any business that uses virtual employees and independent contractors. You can limit access to sensitive information strictly to those who need to know, share files and track versions, and track a task's progress with ease. Managing large projects can be daunting no matter what field you are in: marketing, sales, Web design, engineering, etc. Binfire's tools help you break everything down so that you can identify the starting point. Plus, it includes a variety of productivity tools so that you can be sure you are staying on track.