The Checklist Process

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- ✓ Experts in aviation and medicine (high stakes) have reduced error rates by implementing checklists.

- ✓ The magic is not in the **checklist**—it's in the **process**

- ✓ This can work for *us*

  - Doing better on exams (avoid the avoidable)
  - Spending time to build knowledge, skills of value
  - Practicing a good engineering process

The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right, Atul Gawande, (Picador, 2011)

The Trick To Surviving A High-Stakes, High-Pressure Job? Try A Checklist, Shankar Vedantam, Hidden Brain Podcast, 30 Oct 2017, www.npr.org/2017/10/30/559996276/the-trick-to-surviving-a-high-stakes-high-pressure-job-try-a-checklist, accessed 3Nov2017.

✓ Ask: ***What goes wrong***

On a test, for example:
- Wrong sig figs
- Calculator error
- Fail to answer the question asked
- Ran out of time

✓ Ask: ***What can be done to <u>NOT</u> do that***

- ???

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Simply making a checklist does not reliably work

What works is following this process ahead of time

For us: follow this process while studying