



The Productivity Paradox

More Tech, Less Output?

The world is silently enduring a pandemic of infinite doomscrolling. Glued to the screens, we are stuck in a loop of quick and cheap dopamine that is beginning to yield consequences.

Brain Rot

*With the global daily screentime averaging 6 hours and 40 minutes, the Oxford University Press officially named **Brain Rot** as the word of the year (2024).*

Loosely defined as the deterioration of a person's mental and intellectual state, brain rot is a concern not just among kids and teens but adults as well. And its effects are silently creeping into workplaces and reflecting on employee performances as well.

Users check their phone **every 12 minutes.**

Sometimes up to **144 times on a daily basis**

Alarming Brain Rot Statistics

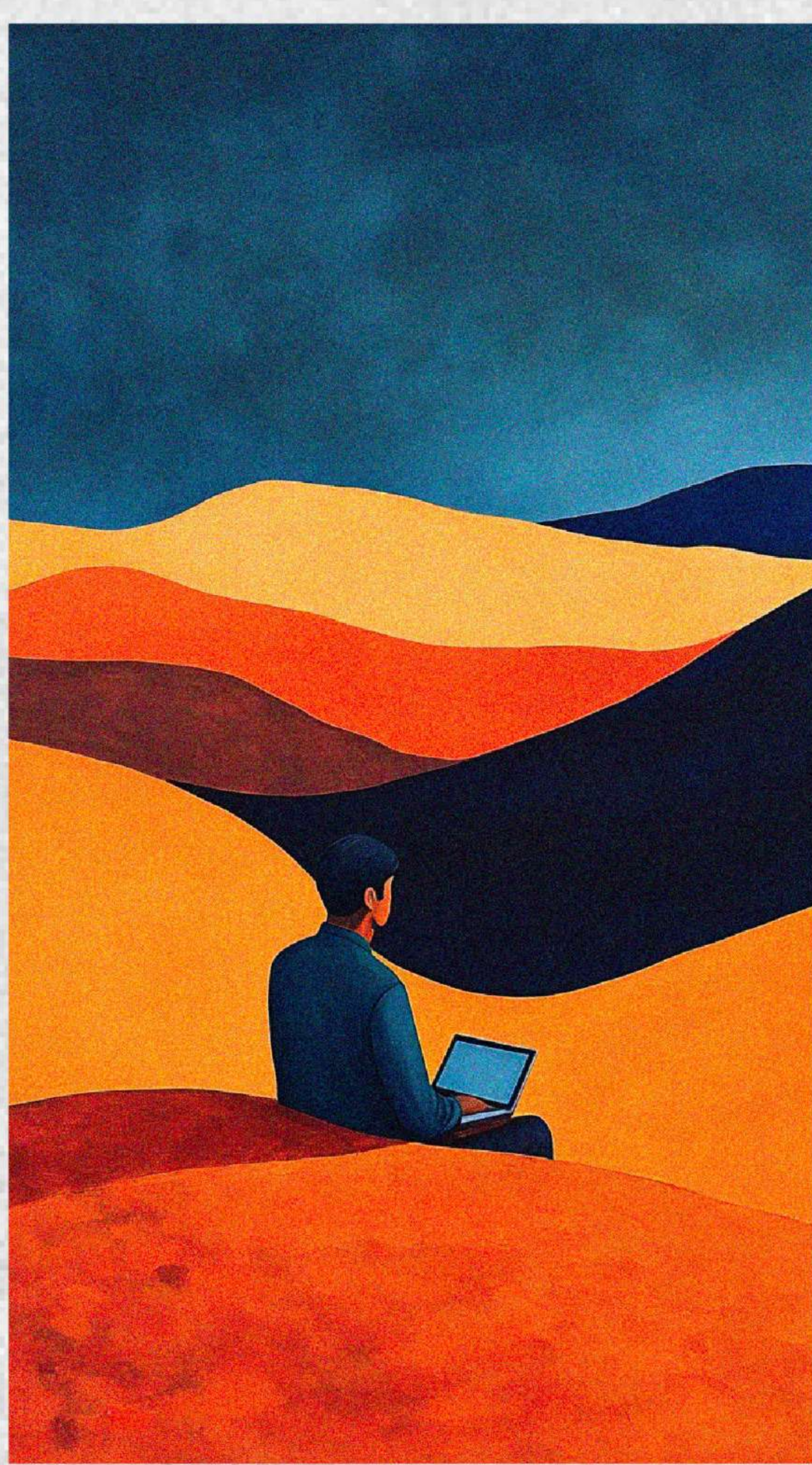
People spend over **2 hours 22 minutes daily on social media apps.**



The Impact Of Digital Distraction On Workplace Productivity

Excessive consumption of trivial, short-form content at and outside work can lead to cognitive decline, resulting in reduced focus and diminishing decision-making abilities. Besides these, brain rot is also causing:

- Delays and reduced efficiency due to constant shifting between phone and tasks
- Difficulty in sustaining a 'deep work' state of mind
- Lack of motivation or interest in tasks that demand a sustained cognitive effort
- Increased procrastination and starting troubles
- Elevated levels of dependency on tech and GenAI even for familiar tasks
- Reduced empathy and emotional intelligence
- Superficial communication and stifled imagination
- Diminishing intellectual curiosity and homogenized thinking and more



The Brain Rot Antidote

Enterprises witnessing decreasing productivity and performance should acknowledge the possibility of brain rot effects. If symptoms of digital distractions are noticed, you can:

- Encourage focus enhancement techniques such as the Pomodoro technique
- Foster digital literacy and digital detox initiatives
- Safe and mindful use of productivity tools
- Implement professional training programs to revive empathy and critical thinking skills
- Promote lifelong learning by incorporating the KASH model
- Leadership modeling and training to acknowledge concerns on a policy level

The slow death of cognitive skills is not just hazardous on a collective scale but at an individual level as well. Ultimately, small gestures and initiatives boil down to employee welfare and ultimately enterprise productivity and performance.

If your enterprise shows any such symptoms, it can be brain rot, skill gaps, or both. Let us fix them regardless.

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