How to Have a Life as Well as a Career – and Why!

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Don’ts

- Don’t overcommit
- Don’t burnout
- Don’t forget your family and loved ones
- Don’t freak out
Do’s

- Take a breath
- Have some fun
- Get some exercise
- Spend time with your friends and family
It is the end of your life. Write down three things you want people to remember about you.

• He was a good father
• He was a good husband
• He was a good computer scientist
Family

- Have dinner with the family every night when in town
- Work at home
- Don’t miss your kids plays, games, graduations, etc.
- Take your family with you when the trip allows it
Friends

• It is good to have friends other than those you work with
• However, colleagues can be interesting too
Get a Hobby
Get a Hobby (2)
Get Exercise
Get Exercise (2)
You can do this with colleagues
At a conference don’t just attend the sessions (and workshops)
Hiking at Another Workshop

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Have fun with your grad students
More grad students
More fun
Why?

- Life is too short