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has not yet begun

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are unclear on the problem itself

have time to redesign your process and workflow

3 then try each of these strategies, in order.

Code-level strategies

Project-level strategies

Process-level strategies

Log it out.

Clarify the problem.

Optimize for “good enough.”

Trace it back.

Write it down.

Know when you're stuck.

Check the type.

Sketch it out.

Embrace your humanity.

Check the return type.

Explain it to your dog, cat, plant, or pet rock.

Disagree (with yourself) and commit.

Check the scope.

Explain it to a disinterested loved one.

Process in batches.

Check for name conflicts.

Reach out for help.

Flip your to-do list.

Check the sequence of events.

Let your subconscious do the work.

Be strategic and selective when choosing what to do next.

Excerpt to isolate.

Sidestep any black boxes.

Do one thing at a time.

Confirm browser support.

Manage your mental environment.

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Learn how to use these strategies in the book *Unstuck: JavaScript*. Free chapters and tips at unstuckjs.com

Here's how to use this.

Print this out.

When you get stuck, start in the top left corner and answer the questions — 1, 2, 3.

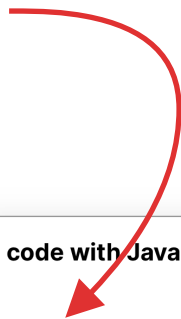
Your answers will guide you to one of three columns.

Start at the top and try the first strategy on the list.

Still stuck? Try the next strategy, and the next, and so on, until you get moving again.

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For example:



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