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Abstract

Most interventions for compulsive pornography use rely on abstinence tracking, environmental restriction, and willpower. These approaches produce short-term suppression and high relapse rates because they target the behavior rather than the decision-making process that precedes it. The Accountabilio Method treats the urge, not the behavior, as the primary unit of intervention. Each urge is documented as data, its internal rationalizations are externalized in writing, and a reasoned counter-response is produced. Repeated across hundreds of instances, this process is proposed to weaken the automatic pathway from urge to behavior and establish a competing pathway of recognition and reasoned response. This paper describes the theoretical basis, the four-stage protocol, the documentation standard, the relapse procedure, and the limitations of the framework.

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1. Introduction

Compulsive pornography use is widely treated as a self-control problem. The implicit model is that the user wants to engage in the behavior and lacks the discipline to resist. This model is inconsistent with the typical presentation. Individuals seeking help have usually attempted cessation repeatedly over many years, often using multiple strategies in combination. Effort is not absent. Strategy is.

A more accurate framing is this: the subject does not want the behavior, yet returns to it. Any adequate model must account for that contradiction.

Clinical observation across coaching cases points to a recurring sequence. The subject holds a clear intention to abstain. At some later point, that certainty becomes unavailable, and engaging appears reasonable. After the act, clarity returns, usually with shame. The intention never changed. What changed was the subject's access to it at the moment of decision.

This document sets out a framework built around that observation. The account given here draws on approximately 40 coaching cases, together with the author's own recovery, and on the entry records those subjects produced while applying the protocol. The evidentiary limits of that basis are set out in section 9.

2. Why conventional approaches fail

2.1 Willpower and suppression

Deliberate thought suppression is associated with increased accessibility of the suppressed content, an effect documented in the ironic process literature (Wegner, 1994). To not think about a target, the subject must monitor for it, which keeps it active. Restriction also raises perceived value through reactance (Brehm, 1966). The forbidden object becomes more salient, not less.

2.2 Environmental restriction

Blockers and device restrictions reduce access but leave desire intact. They also displace the problem into a technical challenge, which some subjects find engaging in itself. Restriction is useful as a supporting measure and insufficient as a primary one.

2.3 Streak counting

Day counting makes the metric abstinence duration rather than pattern change. Three consequences follow. First, the subject accumulates an unspent store of tension with no outlet, which raises relapse pressure over time. Second, a single lapse resets the metric to zero, producing an all-or-nothing appraisal (“the streak is gone, so the day is lost”) that extends a single event into a multi-day binge. Third, the count provides no information about what caused any individual urge.

2.4 Accountability partners

Peer accountability operates on the conscious, deliberative level. It does not address the subject's own implicit valuation of the behavior. Partners also tend to be available on a schedule, while urges are not.

2.5 Information acquisition

Reading and viewing educational material increases knowledge. Relapse is not caused by a knowledge deficit. Subjects who can accurately describe the neurological consequences of their behavior still engage in it, because in the moment of the urge, declarative knowledge is not the operative system.

3. Theoretical framework

3.1 The parasite model

The method names the compulsive process “the parasite.” This is a deliberate externalization device, not a claim about a distinct biological entity. Its function is to make an internal process available for observation.

The analogy is structural. A parasite attaches to a host, feeds on the host's resources, adapts to survive intervention, and acts contrary to the host's interest while using the host's own systems to do so.

The clinical justification for externalization is as follows. The rationalizations that precede relapse are generated internally and are therefore experienced as the subject's own reasoning. Content experienced as self-generated is not subjected to scrutiny. Assigning the process a separate identity creates the separation required for evaluation. The operating principle: a process cannot be controlled until it can be distinguished.

Subjects with a religious framework often map this onto existing concepts of spiritual attack. The protocol is unaffected by this substitution.

3.2 Conditioning and the forbidden fruit effect

Section 3.1 described the compulsive process. This section addresses how it acquired its hold.

The behavior is encoded through repetition. Each instance pairs a high-magnitude stimulus with relief from an aversive state: stress, boredom, loneliness, fatigue, rejection. Repeated over years, usually beginning in adolescence, the pairing is learned the way any reinforced behavior is learned. The subject does not decide that pornography is valuable. The implicit system concludes it from the evidence of repetition, and it is not consulted about the conclusion. Where the underlying deficit is longstanding, such as an unmet attachment need in childhood, the behavior may be encoded as a substitute for that need.

Neuroplasticity is the mechanism by which the conclusion becomes structural. Pathways that are used repeatedly are strengthened and become easier to activate. In the addiction literature, the accumulation of the transcription factor ΔFosB in the reward system is the most frequently proposed substrate for this consolidation, with sustained exposure producing changes that persist well beyond the period of use (Nestler, 2008). The evidence base is drawn primarily from animal models of drug exposure, and its application to compulsive pornography use remains a proposed extension rather than an established finding (Love et al., 2015). The framework does not depend on the specific mechanism being correct. It depends only on the observation that repeated use produces a pathway that is progressively easier to activate and does not decay at the rate the subject expects.

What makes the pathway difficult to avoid is that it generalizes. A single consolidated route becomes reachable from an expanding set of entry points. What began as a response to one state becomes available in response to many: stress, boredom, fatigue, loneliness, a passing image, an unrelated memory, a particular hour of the night, an argument, a success. This is why subjects report that the urge appears to come from nowhere, and why eliminating individual triggers produces so little. The triggers are not the structure. They are entrances to it, and new ones form as readily as old ones are closed.

The decision to quit does not touch any of this. It is almost always driven by consequences: lost energy, lost focus, lost time, damage to relationships, conflict with the subject's values or faith. The consequences change the subject's assessment of the behavior. They do not change what the implicit system learned about it. The subject now knows they should stop, while the part of them that encoded the behavior as valuable still wants it, and that part was never addressed by the decision.

This gap produces the forbidden fruit effect. The subject prohibits something they still want. Prohibition raises its salience through reactance (Brehm, 1966), and maintaining the prohibition requires continuous monitoring, which keeps the target active rather than suppressing it (Wegner, 1994). The result is that the first weeks of a quit attempt frequently make the behavior more present in the subject's attention than it was before the attempt began. The subject interprets this as weakness. It is a predictable consequence of the strategy.

3.3 The premise and the objective

The framework rests on one premise, which is tested directly at intake.

Every subject is asked a version of the same question: if a button existed that would delete this addiction permanently, would you press it? Across approximately 40 coaching cases, the answer has been yes in every instance, without hesitation and usually with some force. There is no clinical subtlety in the result. It establishes the premise the entire method is built on.

The premise is that the subject does not want the behavior. This is not an assumption made on the subject's behalf, and it is not encouragement. It is a fact the subject has already supplied, and it can be returned to them as evidence whenever they describe themselves as someone who lacks the will to stop.

If that is true, the problem is not an absence of desire to quit. The problem is access. Years of conditioning have produced a state in which, at the moment of the urge, the subject loses contact with something they know with complete certainty at every other time. The process described in 3.1 supplies rationalizations, the subject believes them, and the truth becomes temporarily unavailable. The certainty returns afterwards, intact, which is why the shame is so reliable. Nothing was learned during the relapse that the subject did not already know before it.

The objective of the method follows directly. It is to hardwire the truth that the subject does not want this, so that it remains available at the one moment it currently is not. The documentation protocol in section 4 is the means: the rationalizations are transcribed so they can be examined, the truth is written in response, and the pairing is repeated until it is as automatic as the pathway it competes with.

The second objective is to remove the value the implicit system assigned to the behavior. This is done by stating accurately what the behavior delivers. Pornography does not relieve stress, boredom, anxiety, or loneliness. It numbs the subject to the point of not feeling them. The distinction is not semantic. Relief would mean the causes had been addressed; numbing means the causes remain exactly as they were, and the subject returns to them with less capacity than before. The subject is typically able to confirm this from their own history as soon as it is put to them, having never once got up from a relapse and found the underlying problem resolved.

A behavior that is correctly understood as a painkiller for a wound it never treats is not prohibited. It is devalued, and devaluation does not produce the forbidden fruit effect described in 3.2, because nothing is being withheld from the subject that they still believe is worth having.

3.4 Suppression and shadow formation

Section 3.2 established that the behavior carries acquired value and that prohibiting it raises its salience. This section addresses what happens when the subject attempts to eliminate a valued behavior by force.

Willpower-based methods operate by denial. The subject identifies the desire, judges it unacceptable, and refuses it. No revision of the underlying valuation takes place. The desire is not resolved. It is removed from awareness.

Material removed from awareness in this manner does not cease to exist. In Jung's formulation, content that the conscious personality refuses to acknowledge accumulates in the shadow, the region of the psyche containing what the subject has declined to integrate (Jung, 1959). Shadow material remains active. It exerts influence on behavior from outside conscious observation, and because it is not available for inspection, the subject cannot account for its effects.

Two consequences follow for the compulsive user.

First, the suppression is experienced as self-punishment. The implicit system has encoded the behavior as valuable, frequently as a substitute for an unmet need. When the subject forces that content down, the subjective experience is not of discarding something harmful but of denying oneself something needed. This is why extended periods of forced abstinence are commonly reported as depriving rather than liberating, and why the subject's resolve degrades over time rather than strengthening.

Second, the suppressed content returns. Shadow material seeks expression and will find an available route. The route it has used successfully in the past is the compulsive behavior itself. This produces the pattern reported by nearly every subject with a history of streak-based abstinence: a period of apparently successful control, followed by a sudden and disproportionate collapse, often a multi-day binge rather than a single lapse.

The timing of that collapse is not random, though subjects experience it as such. The longer the suppression is maintained, the more material accumulates, and the lower the regulatory threshold required to release it. This accounts for the common report that the relapse occurred after a period during which the subject felt strong, and was triggered by something that would not have been sufficient earlier in the streak. The trigger did not cause the collapse. It merely coincided with the point at which the accumulated pressure exceeded the subject's remaining capacity to contain it.

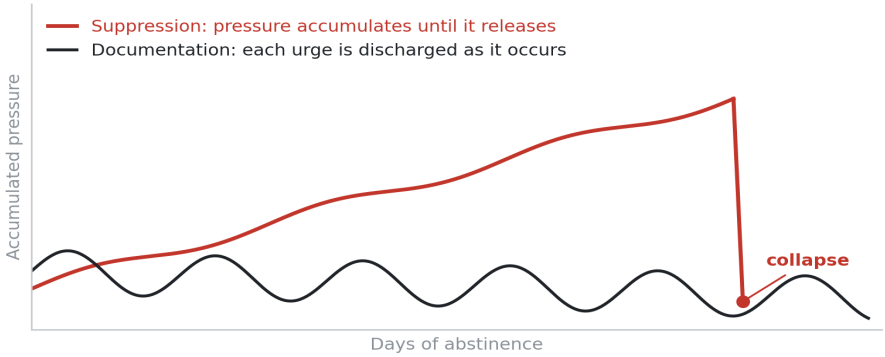


Figure 1. Suppression defers expression and increases its magnitude. Documentation discharges each urge as it occurs.

The practical implication is that suppression does not reduce the behavior's hold. It defers expression and increases its magnitude when expression occurs. Each failed streak also supplies the subject with further evidence of personal inadequacy, which strengthens the emotional state the behavior is used to relieve.

The method's response is to reverse the direction of the intervention. Rather than pushing the content out of awareness, the protocol brings it fully into awareness and engages it directly: the rationalizations are transcribed rather than refused, and answered rather than suppressed (sections 4.2 and 4.3). Material that is examined does not accumulate as shadow. The objective is integration and revaluation, not elimination.

3.5 The relapse sequence

Relapse does not present as a decision. It presents as a gradual loss of intentional control, described by subjects as sliding, dissociation, or narrowed awareness. The observed sequence is:

1. Predisposing state. Fatigue, stress, emotional injury, boredom, or sleep debt reduces regulatory capacity.
2. Cue. An internal image, memory, or external stimulus activates the pathway.
3. Persuasion. A series of brief rationalizations appears. Each is individually plausible. All point in one direction.
4. Narrowing. Future consequence becomes cognitively unavailable. The subject is present only to the urge.
5. Act. The behavior occurs with minimal experienced decision.

Stage 3 is the intervention point. Everything before it is largely outside immediate control. Everything after it is too late.

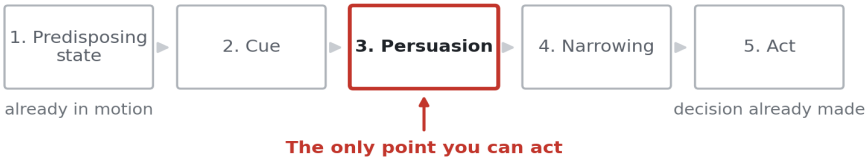


Figure 2. The relapse sequence. Stage 3 is the only point at which intervention is both possible and effective.

4. The method

The protocol has four stages: Disrupt, Unwire, Rewire, Hardwire.

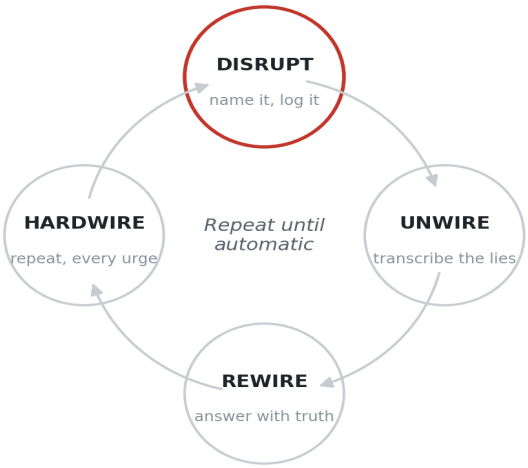


Figure 3. The four stages run as a loop, executed at every urge regardless of outcome.

4.1 Disrupt

Objective: interrupt automaticity by bringing the urge into explicit awareness.

The subject names the process at onset (“this is the parasite”) and immediately begins documentation. The act of writing is itself the disruption. It shifts processing from the automatic system to the deliberative one and halts the narrowing described in 3.5.

Documentation at this stage records: date, time of onset, intensity on a 1 to 5 scale, and the identified trigger, categorized as internal (emotional state) or external (stimulus or situation).

4.2 Unwire

Objective: separate the subject from the process by externalizing its content.

The subject writes down what the parasite is saying, verbatim. Summary is not acceptable. “It wanted me to give in” has no therapeutic value. “You already wasted the day, start tomorrow” does.

Two effects are proposed. Acutely, transcription reduces urge intensity by removing the content from the privileged position of unexamined internal speech. On paper, the reasoning is evaluated as it would be if a third party had offered it, and its flaws become apparent. Cumulatively, repeated transcription trains recognition of the process's characteristic voice, analogous to the noticing skill developed in mindfulness practice.

4.3 Rewire

Objective: install a competing response.

The subject writes a direct answer to the transcribed rationalizations. The answer is reasoned, not motivational and not self-critical. Shame-based responses are counterproductive and are explicitly excluded.

An effective response addresses three points: where the behavior reliably leads, the fact that it does not deliver what it promises, and what the subject actually wants instead. The response should engage both the logical and the emotional level. Length is not the variable of interest.

The stage closes with a short action plan: a specified sequence of what the subject will do in the next ten minutes. This is not a distraction technique. The subject at the point of an urge is in a passive state, and passivity is the condition the process exploits. Deciding anything further while depleted is unreliable, so the plan is written as steps to execute rather than intentions to hold. Specifying it at the time of the entry, while the deliberative system is already engaged by the writing, is what makes it available a few minutes later when it is not.

4.4 Hardwire

Objective: consolidate the new pathway through repetition.

The preceding three stages are executed at every urge, without exception, whether or not the urge was resisted. A relapse does not exempt the subject from the protocol. It makes the protocol more necessary, since a completed relapse contains more information than a resisted urge.

The relevant question is not how many days have elapsed. It is how many repetitions have been performed. The process is expected to feel mechanical initially and to become automatic with volume.

5. Documentation standard

Each entry records:

Field	Purpose
Date and time	Identifies temporal clustering
Duration (onset to resolution)	Corrects the subject's overestimation of urge length
Intensity (1 to 5)	Enables correlation between trigger type and severity
Trigger, internal	Identifies emotional vulnerability states
Trigger, external	Identifies situational and stimulus exposure
Transcribed rationalizations	Primary data; the source of pattern recognition
Counter-response	The intervention itself
Action plan	Converts intention into an executable sequence while regulatory capacity is low
Free journal entry	Captures the antecedent chain and anything the structured fields do not cover

The aggregate dataset is the diagnostic instrument. Individual entries are of limited value. Across dozens of entries, patterns emerge that are not accessible to introspection: that urges cluster at a particular hour, follow a particular interaction, or that a specific rationalization appears in the majority of relapses while being absent from resisted urges.

Measured urge duration is typically far shorter than subjects estimate. Across the entry records available from these cases, observed averages fall around thirty minutes, with a range from ten minutes to roughly one hour. Making this visible to the subject has independent therapeutic value.

5.1 Worked example

The following is a representative urge entry, recorded in the application at the time of the event.

Date and time: 14 March 2026, 23:40

Intensity: 3

Trigger: Instagram, scrolling, tired, ignored

Parasite (what the lie is saying)

> *"Just this once, you've had a brutal week and you deserve something. Can't you feel this? It's sitting in your chest and it's not going anywhere until you deal with it. This is painful and you need relief, right now, and this is the only thing that actually gives it to you. Nobody is going to know. You're already tired so tomorrow is a write-off anyway, you may as well start properly on Monday. And it's not like you were going to sleep well tonight regardless. One video, ten minutes, and then sleep."*

True you (the response)

> *"I have been here before and it has never gone the way it promises. The pressure is real, but it does not get released, it gets numbed for a few minutes and then it comes back heavier than it was, with shame on top of it. I have never once got up afterwards and found the thing that was hurting had been dealt with. It is a painkiller for a wound it never treats. I will not feel rested afterwards, I will feel worse and I will sleep less than I would have. The week being hard is the reason I need my sleep, not a reason to lose another hour. Nobody knowing is not the point. I know, and I am the one who has to live in this body tomorrow. This feeling passes on its own if I let it. What I actually want is to wake up tomorrow without that specific feeling of having lost the night. That is available to me right now, for free, by putting the phone down."*

Action plan (next ten minutes)

1. Phone on the desk, not the bed.
2. Out of the bedroom, drink a glass of water, stand in the kitchen for two minutes.
3. Back to bed with the light off, no screen.
4. If the urge is still here in twenty minutes, log a second entry.

Journal

> Forty minutes of scrolling in bed after a long day, and nobody replied to the message I sent earlier. The trigger was not the content I saw. It was the scrolling itself and feeling ignored. I was already feeling unimportant before any of this started. Second night this week I have done the same thing with the phone in bed.

5.1.1 Commentary

Four features of the entry carry the therapeutic work.

The transcription is verbatim. The parasite's argument is recorded as it was experienced, in the second person, with all of its reasoning intact. Written down, the chain is visible as a sequence of claims rather

than a single feeling, and the claims are weak ones. “You deserve something” and “Monday” do not survive being read back.

The response answers the specific claims. It does not assert resolve or restate a goal. It addresses what the argument actually offered, which is the standard required in 4.3.

The action plan converts intention into a sequence. A plan specified in advance, in ten-minute scope, removes the requirement to decide anything further while depleted. Its function is not distraction. It is to give the subject something to execute at the moment execution is hardest.

The journal field surfaces the antecedent. The subject identifies that the chain began before the trigger, and notes a second occurrence of the same pattern in one week. That observation is what later appears in the aggregate record as a trigger cluster.

The entry took under four minutes to complete.

5.2 Aggregate analysis

Individual entries record events. The aggregate record is what makes the pattern visible, and the framework treats it as the diagnostic instrument proper. In the Accountabilio application this is presented to the subject as a set of views over the accumulated entries.

Trigger frequency. Each trigger is counted across all entries and ranked. This separates the triggers the subject believes are responsible from the ones that actually recur. The distribution is typically uneven: a small number of triggers account for the majority of urges, while the remainder appear once or twice. Resolved triggers are marked as such, so the subject can see which cues have lost their force over time.

Urge and relapse distribution by day. Urges and relapses are plotted by day of week. Clustering identifies recurring weekly conditions, such as a particular commitment, a change in structure at the weekend, or an interaction that reliably precedes the pattern.

Intensity over time. Mean intensity is tracked across a selectable window. This is the method's primary progress measure, and it is deliberately not a day count. A subject whose mean intensity falls from 4.2 to 2.8 across two months is improving, including in a period containing relapses.

Time of day distribution. Urge intensity is mapped by hour against day of week. Temporal clustering is among the most actionable findings available, because the hours in which urges concentrate are hours the subject can restructure. Late-night clustering, for instance, commonly indicates a sleep-timing problem rather than a desire problem, and is addressed as described in section 7.

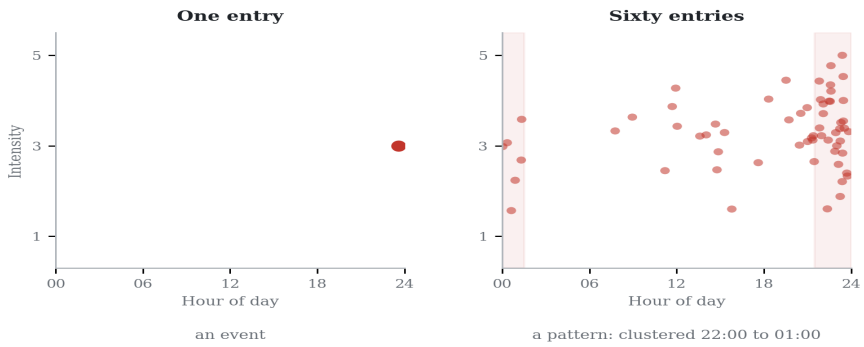


Figure 5. A single entry records an event. The aggregate record records a pattern the subject cannot see by introspection.

5.2.1 Interpretation

The combined view functions as a map of where the compulsive process is drawing its leverage. Its purpose is not record-keeping. It is to locate the areas of the subject's life in which the pattern is embedded.

The relationship is consistently bidirectional. Triggers point to deficits, and addressing those deficits reduces the triggers. A subject whose data shows prolonged passive scrolling preceding the majority of relapses does not have a pornography problem isolated from the rest of their life. They have a stimulation and attention problem with pornography as its terminal expression. The intervention indicated by that finding is not harder resistance at the point of the urge. It is the scrolling. Likewise, triggers clustering around boredom indicate an absence of meaningful engagement, triggers clustering around loneliness indicate a social deficit, and triggers clustering around fatigue indicate a sleep deficit.

This accounts for a frequently reported and poorly explained phenomenon. Subjects who achieve sustained abstinence report broad improvements in domains apparently unrelated to the behavior: work output, physical condition, social confidence, mood. These are routinely attributed to abstinence itself. The more parsimonious explanation is that the process of identifying and correcting trigger conditions requires the subject to address the specific deficits the behavior was compensating for. The behavior was the symptom through which those deficits expressed themselves. Resolving them produces the improvements, and the cessation of the behavior follows from the same work.

Stated directly: each trigger in the record is a piece of information about an area of the subject's life requiring attention. The aggregate record is therefore not merely a measure of the problem. It is the subject's own instruction set for addressing it.

6. Relapse procedure

Relapse is treated as a data event, not a moral event.

Shame following relapse is the primary driver of binge extension. The appraisal “this is ruined” converts a single event into a multi-day episode. The framework therefore prohibits shame-based processing and substitutes analysis.

The relapse entry adds the following to the standard fields:

- The full antecedent chain, extended backwards in time beyond the immediate trigger
- Affective state before, during, and after
- The identified weak link
- A specific corrective action

The antecedent chain is the critical addition. Relapses frequently originate hours before the act. A representative chain: prolonged passive scrolling, leading to dopaminergic desensitization, leading to the perception that ordinary activity is understimulating, leading to the attractiveness of a higher-magnitude stimulus. The intervention point in that chain is the scrolling, not the final act.

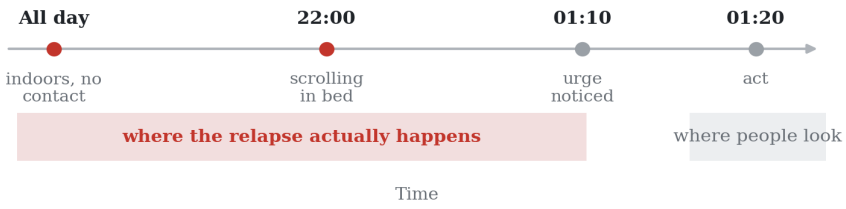


Figure 6. The antecedent chain of the relapse in 6.1. The act is where attention goes; the chain is where the intervention belongs.

6.1 Worked example

The following relapse entry was recorded by the same subject two days after the urge entry in 5.1.

Date and time: 16 March 2026, 01:20

Urge intensity: 5

Triggers: Instagram, scrolling, tired, alone

What led to the relapse

Worked late, ate at my desk, did not go out all day. Got into bed at about ten and started scrolling. I was not looking for anything, but I kept going for over an hour. By the time the urge came I had already decided, I just had not admitted it yet. I noticed it and thought about logging it and did not. I told myself I would log it afterwards instead.

How I feel about it

Flat. Not as bad as I expected, mostly just tired and annoyed at myself for the hour before it rather than the thing itself. Some shame, but less than last time.

What I learned

It did not start at the urge. It started when I got into bed with my phone, and before that when I spent the whole day indoors with no contact with anyone. The scrolling was the relapse already in progress. Also: the moment I chose not to log it was the actual decision point. Not logging was the relapse. The rest followed.

Action plan to prevent this

1. Phone charges in the kitchen overnight, starting tonight.
2. Leave the flat once a day, even for twenty minutes.
3. If I notice myself scrolling in bed, that is an urge entry in itself, before any urge arrives.
4. Create a habit tracker for meditation. By training my mind to be more present I can have greater cognitive function to make the right choices, meaning to actually process and log the urge instead of sliding past it.

Journal

Third time this month that the phone in bed has been in the chain. I have been treating this as a porn problem and it looks more like a phone and isolation problem that ends in porn.

6.1.1 Commentary

The entry is written in the same register as the urge entry. There is no apology in it, no resolution, and no self-assessment beyond what is observable. That is the standard the framework requires, and it is what makes the entry usable afterwards.

The antecedent chain is extended backwards. The subject does not record the relapse as beginning at the urge. It is traced to the hour of scrolling, and from there to a day spent indoors without contact. This is the chain described above, recovered after the fact.

The weak link is identified precisely. Two candidates are named: the phone in the bedroom, and the decision not to log the urge when it was noticed. The second is the more valuable finding, because it is specific to this subject and would not appear in general advice.

The affective record is honest and unremarkable. “Flat, tired, annoyed, less shame than last time” is more useful than a stronger statement would be. It also supplies a baseline: a subject who reports catastrophic shame at every relapse is describing an appraisal pattern that is itself a treatment target.

The corrective actions are structural, not resolutions. Charging the phone in another room is a change to the environment. “I will try harder in bed” is not, and would not have been accepted here. The third action is the most significant: it moves the subject's intervention point earlier in the chain, from the urge to the behavior that precedes it.

The fourth action belongs to a second category. Charging the phone elsewhere changes the environment; a meditation practice changes the subject's capacity to notice and act within it. Both are legitimate corrective actions, and the distinction matters when reviewing an entry: an action that targets capacity is slower to take effect and should not be expected to prevent the next relapse on its own. Here it addresses the specific failure the entry identified, which was not the urge but the subject's inability to engage with it at the moment it appeared.

The closing line in the journal field is the kind of observation the framework is designed to produce. It took one relapse entry and two prior urge entries to arrive at it, and it reframes the problem in a way that changes what the subject works on next.

7. Supporting conditions

The protocol operates on the decision point. Its effectiveness is modulated by the subject's baseline regulatory capacity.

Sleep is the primary variable. Deep and REM sleep are back-loaded within the sleep period and are disproportionately lost under short or fragmented sleep. These stages support emotional processing and glymphatic clearance (Xie et al., 2013). Subjects reporting fragmented sleep consistently present with the cluster of symptoms that characterize the predisposing state in 3.5: brain fog, dissociation, flat affect, and low energy. Correcting sleep is frequently the single highest-yield intervention available.

Energy expenditure matters where the subject is practicing retention. Retained energy that is not deliberately channeled into defined activity accumulates as tension and raises relapse pressure. Channels should be specified in advance rather than left implicit.

Meditation trains the capacity the protocol depends on. The method requires the subject to notice an internal process while it is running and to respond rather than follow it, which is the same operation practiced in attentional training. Subjects who meditate regularly report catching the urge earlier in the sequence described in 3.5, at persuasion rather than at narrowing. The practice does not reduce the frequency of urges and should not be presented as doing so. It increases the probability that an urge is registered as an event rather than passed through.

Journaling outside the protocol supports it without substituting for it. Entries made at the point of an urge are written under load and are necessarily narrow. A regular unprompted journal gives the subject a place to work through the material the entries surface: what the recurring triggers point to, what the deficits actually are, and what is happening in the areas the aggregate record identifies. Subjects who keep one tend to arrive at the observations described in 5.2.1 faster than those who only complete entries.

Physical activity, structured social contact, and meaningful work each reduce time spent in the predisposing states listed in 3.5.

These are supporting conditions, not substitutes for the protocol. Subjects who optimize them without addressing the decision point continue to relapse under sufficient load.

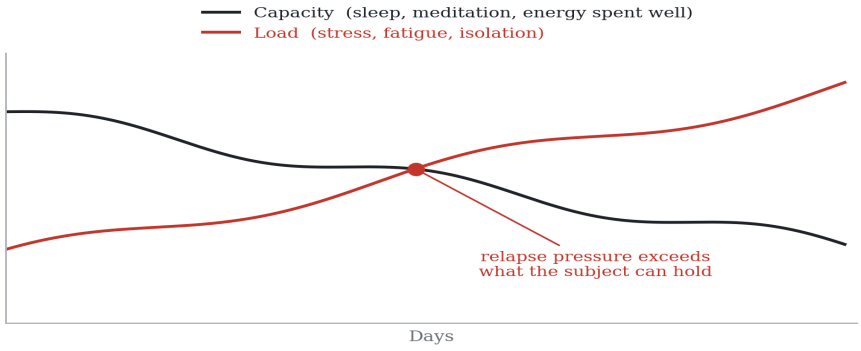


Figure 7. Supporting conditions raise capacity and lower load. They change when the threshold is crossed; they do not remove it.

8. Expected progression

Immediate cessation is not the expected outcome and should not be presented as the success criterion.

The expected trajectory is a decreasing relapse frequency: from daily to weekly, weekly to monthly, monthly to quarterly, and onward. Any sustained reduction in frequency constitutes progress and indicates the pathway is weakening.

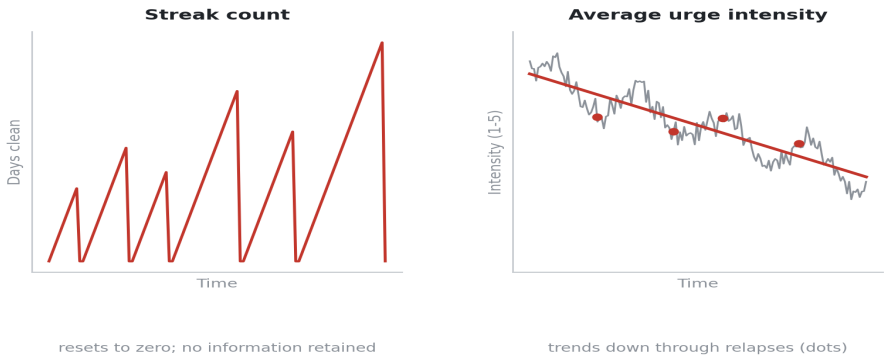


Figure 4. Streak counting discards information at every lapse. Mean urge intensity records progress continuously, including across relapses.

In cases where the method is reported as ineffective, review of entry volume is the first diagnostic step. Insufficient repetition, incomplete entries, and summarized rather than verbatim transcription account for the majority of reported failures.

9. Limitations

1. The framework has not been evaluated in controlled trials. Evidence consists of case observation and self-report across approximately 40 coaching cases, with no control condition, no independent assessment, and no systematic follow-up after the coaching period ends. Figures given in this paper are descriptive summaries of that sample, not estimates of effect.
2. The parasite construct is a therapeutic device, not a verified mechanism. Its justification is functional.
3. Compliance demands are substantial. The protocol requires written documentation during an aversive state, which is the point at which compliance is least likely.
4. The method is not a treatment for the underlying conditions that frequently co-occur: depression, trauma, attachment disruption, or other diagnosed disorders. Where these are present, concurrent professional treatment is indicated and the framework should be positioned as adjunctive.
5. Self-reported data is subject to recall and motivation effects.

10. Summary

The Accountabilio Method relocates the intervention from the behavior to the urge, and from suppression to documentation and reasoned response. Its central claims are that compulsive use persists because the implicit system has encoded the behavior as valuable, that suppression strengthens rather than weakens this encoding, and that the encoding is revised through repeated conscious engagement with the process at the moment it activates.

The subject is not instructed to resist. The subject is instructed to observe, transcribe, answer, and repeat.

Appendix: entry templates

The following templates reproduce the fields described in section 5. They may be copied into a notebook or used as printed sheets. The application reproduces the same structure.

A1. Urge entry

Date and time

Intensity (1 to 5)

Trigger (short tags)

Parasite: what is it saying, word for word

True you: the answer, logical and emotional

Action plan: what you will do in the next ten minutes

Journal: anything else

A2. Relapse entry

Date and time

Urge intensity (1 to 5)

Trigger (short tags)

What led to the relapse: the full chain, extended backwards

How you feel about it

What you learned: the weak link

Action plan: what prevents this one specifically

Journal: anything else

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