When someone mentions strategy, do you cringe? It's not that you don't think strategy is important. It's just that thinking strategically doesn't come naturally to you. You spend your time in the here and now, carefully working through the things already on your plate and putting out fires as they happen. There are days you think that it would be helpful if you were a strategic thinker, but who has time to sit down and craft a strategy? Actually, you do and you can't afford not to!

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