

# Habit Mastery: Creating the New Normal

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Changing habits, at its core, is simply a process of changing what's normal for you.

This is something I've done myself a gajillion times over the last 7-8 years:

- not smoking became my new normal (lots of pain for a month or so)
- running became normal
- eating vegetarian became normal
- later eating vegan became normal
- writing every day became normal
- not having sugar in my coffee became normal
- eating whole foods (instead of junk foods) became normal
- meditating every morning became normal
- having less stuff and a simpler home became my new normal
- reducing and eventually (mostly) eliminating sugar became normal
- and so on: no car, walk and ride mass transit, do less, becoming content with myself, working for myself, etc.

In fact, you could say the last 8 years of my life has been a constant adjusting of what's normal. Adjusting normal is my normal now.

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