

# Beyond the Films: Spaced Repetition Software in Radiology Training and Education

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## Background

Spaced repetition software (SRS) is a powerful tool that can be applied to various fields, including Radiology education and training. SRS systems are designed to optimize learning by spacing out review sessions over increasing intervals of time, which enhances long-term retention of information. In Radiology education and training, where memorization of anatomy, pathology, and diagnostic criteria is crucial, SRS can be particularly beneficial.

## Study aims

- **Aim 1** : To explore the potential of spaced repetition software (SRS).
- **Aim 2**: To study the role of spaced repetition software as a tool in Radiology education and training.

## Methods

We reviewed existing literature on effective learning strategies, analyzed our findings and presented different ways in which SRS can be a valuable tool in Radiology education, training and continuing medical education.

## Results

- **Learning Anatomy and Pathology:** SRS offer dynamic flashcards that foster skill development in identifying anatomical structures and pathologies. They could play a pivotal role in memorizing anatomy and medical terminology, employing visually engaging flashcards to enhance retention. Their versatility extends to pathology and differential diagnosis training, bridging theory and practice through interactive flashcards.
- **Radiology board exams:** In board exam preparation, SRS are poised to become a cornerstone, providing targeted decks of flashcards that optimize study time.
- **Continuing medical education (CME):** CME will benefit from SRS, ensuring up-to-date learning with coverage of recent research and diagnostic updates. The spaced repetition algorithm maximizes information retention, eliminating the need for rote memorization and promoting deeper understanding.

- **Collaboration:** SRSs' collaborative features create a supportive learning environment, allowing radiology educators and students to exchange decks. This collaborative approach fosters a sense of community, enhancing the learning experience.
- **Customization:** Additionally, SRSs' high degree of customization caters to individual learning styles, enabling users to adjust review frequencies, incorporate multimedia elements, and create personalized decks aligned with their strengths and preferences.

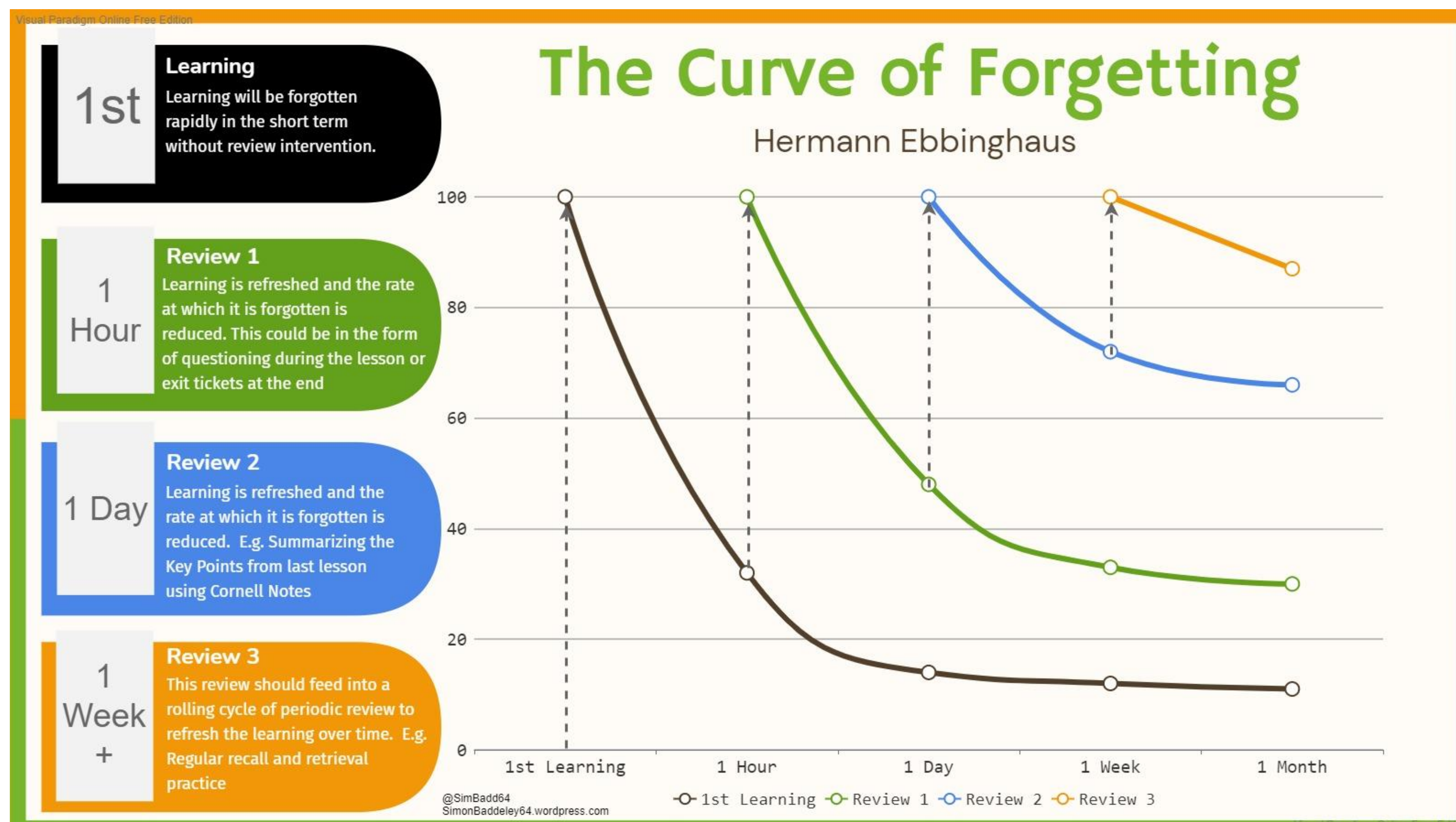
In summary, SRSs' multifaceted capabilities position them as an indispensable tool in radiology education, seamlessly blending innovation with adaptability to meet diverse learning needs.

## Conclusion

Spaced repetition software are versatile and innovative platforms that have the potential to revolutionize the way radiology educators and learners approach skill development, exam preparation, and continuous professional growth. As the field of radiology continues to advance, SRS are poised to play an increasingly significant role in shaping the future of radiology education.

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**Figure 1:** An illustration of the Ebbinghaus memory curve; **Source:** (3)