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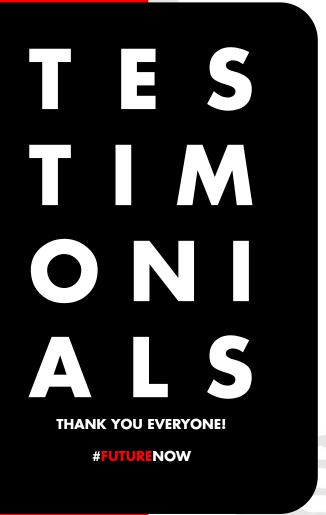
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We also live in a world full of challenges, and a world where all too often negative news gets amplified at the expense of good news, and where tales of hope, inspiration, and positivity get drowned out and lost in the noise. It's no wonder therefore that today more people are more anxious about the future than ever before. And, arguably, a society which believes it's marching towards the darkness, rather than the light, has a poorer future than one that doesn't. Hope, however, is all around us and it's our purpose to light the way so all of us, people and planet, can prosper.

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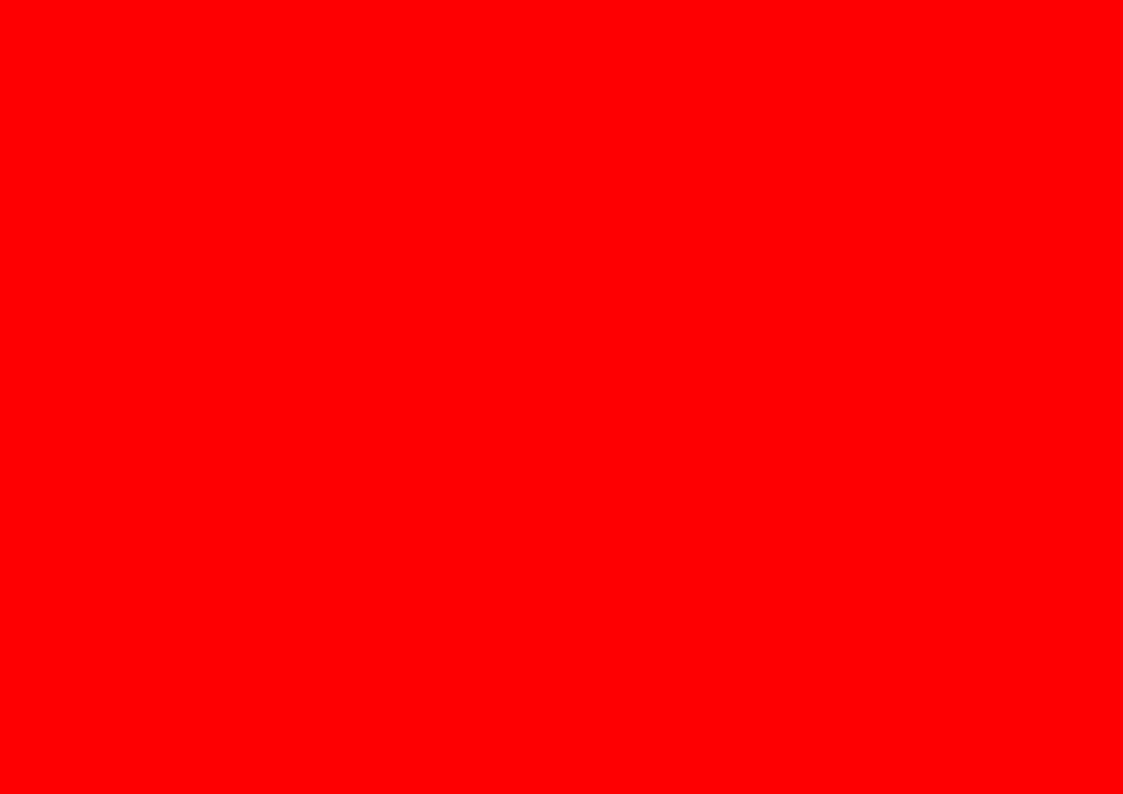
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# WELCOME FROM THE AUTHOR

# PEOPLE. PLANET. PURPOSE

THE SKELETON COAST . NAMIBIA . 19.9873° S, 13.2605° E

I chose this striking image to represent this section because in many ways it's representative of many of today's realities: The Skeleton Coast is complex and unpredictable, but home to an amazingly adaptable ecosystem, yet it's also representative of the stark contrast between the have and have nots, those with water and other resources and those without, our increasingly polarised society, and even the contrast between our habitable blue planet and the desolation of space. The desert and the sea are also relentless, just like the human spirit, and given the right conditions they can overcome everything in their path, just as humanity can when we work together for the benefit of everyone to create a brighter future for all of us.

HE GAP between what today's Industrial Age education system delivers and what employers need today, and what the future holds for us all tomorrow is widening at an exponential rate. In this Codex I offer and explore solutions to close this gap and create a future proof education system that prepares everyone for the threats and opportunities that lie ahead. I will also demonstrate how we can accelerate human learning and upgrade what I'll refer to as our own "Human Learning Algorithm."

This Codex is not some casual academic exercise. It's a living document that is informing my own children's education and the development of my philanthropic XPotential University initiative. It's also designed to encourage debate and invite critique about how we build vibrant education and life long education initiatives that unlock limitless human potential and prepare us all, young and old alike, for life and careers in the Exponential Future where the rate of business, cultural, and societal disruption accelerates to mind defying levels, and where reality becomes increasingly difficult to distinguish from Science-Fiction.

Education is one of humanity's greatest achievements but it hasn't always existed. When the first organisms sprang into life in Earth's primordial soup billions of years ago they survived and evolved by relying on their primal instincts alone. Over time though as life evolved and became more complex these instincts were augmented by the development of more advanced communications and social competencies, giving rise to more purposeful and structured forms of knowledge transfer. And, in time, what

we now refer to as our Industrial Age education system was born.

Education has always played a vital role in the development, evolution, and ultimately the survival of human society. Now though as we race headlong into the future stakeholders from all walks of life, from world leaders and Billionaire polymaths, to parents, teachers, and even students themselves, believe that if we carry on as we are and don't reform education urgently then we will be putting our children's futures at risk and along with it the future of our society. Reform is hard though, and the reform of an institutionalised system is even harder - hence this Codex.

As a lecturer and teacher myself, and as one of the world's most renowned Futurists I have a front row seat to the future and play a pivotal role in helping governments and the world's most recognised brands create it - which arguably puts me in the strongest position to help create a future proof education system.

As the pace of technological and societal disruption

accelerates today's world, let alone tomorrow's, will be unlike anything any of us have ever witnessed and our Industrial Age education system, which has evolved little in over two centuries risks woefully under-preparing us for the great period of business, cultural, and societal level disruptions that lie ahead - some of which, as you can see for yourself, has already arrived. It's time to fix education. For all of us.

Explore More,

Matthew Griffin Founder





STRONG education is the foundation of a healthy and wealthy life whose benefits can be passed down through the generations and whose impacts can ripple across the world to make it a more wondrous and prosperous place.

Today though formal education, whose purpose it to prepare students for whatever life throws their way, is no longer keeping pace with the needs and realities of today's technology driven society - increasingly it is like we are Cavemen wondering what the strange new tools we're making mean for us - and unless we are bold enough to acknowledge this and act to change it then we risk diminishing the relevance of one of societies most valuable and treasured institutions, and in a worst case scenario seeing it become irrelevant.

#### WHAT THIS CODEX COVERS

In this Codex you will discover why education needs re-inventing today so our students can have a prosperous future. I will also walk you through the problems our archaic industrial age education systems must overcome in order to remain relevant in the future, walk you through a tailor made battle tested future proof curriculum, and guide

you through the new tools that will help teachers become more productive and that will help students accelerate their learning by 3x or more, while boosting grades and expertise by 30% or more.

#### MIND THE EDUCATION GAP

It's no secret that the gap between what our industrial age education systems deliver and what employers, individuals, and society need to survive and thrive today, let alone in the future, is widening, and this is just one of the many reasons why today more companies than ever before are hiring what they refer to as "raw talent" straight from college and university and creating their own Nanodegrees and university programs to give those individuals the knowledge and skills "they really need."

However, while this gap has been getting slowly wider for centuries today, as we see technologies converge and their capabilities improve exponentially, this gap is now widening so fast that few companies and institutions can keep up.

In this Codex I'll explore these gaps and show you how not only we can create an education system that can keep up with the future but one that can also stay ahead of it.

#### WORRIED ?

YOU SHOULD BE.

IN AN AGE WHEN
STUDENTS CAN ASK
AI TO DO THEIR
HOMEWORK AND
ANSWER ALL MANNER
OF QUESTIONS MORE
STUDENTS ARE ASKING
WHY THEY NEED TO
LEARN ANYTHING.

THIS IS A GROWING PROBLEM.

#### **TEACHING TO THE 1960'S EXAM**

Travel the world, speak to stakeholders, and you'll quickly realise why today's education system, and the gap between it and the future, is widening.

You'll also ironically hear Ministers and the leaders of Secondary Schools and Higher Education institutions, as I have, including those from some of the most prestigious and highly awarded institutions in the world rail against the fact that despite the level of global change we've seen in just the last few years let alone decades exams have changed little since the 1960's when the world was a very different place.

However, unless those in power change the model of "Learning to the Exam" as well as the content of those exams then from a teachers perspective at least when our students pass them we can say mission accomplished - irrespective of whether those exams are truly fit for the modern age or adequately preparing students for the future. And in my experience, when it comes to ensuring our students are "Future Fit" few teachers are happy or comfortable with that permissible abdication of responsibility.

From my perspective, and speaking frankly, not only is changing the

examination system and the content of exams a wasted opportunity, but it's arguably scandalous.

#### AI RISKS AND ACCELERATED LEARNING

As more people and students worry about the impact of that increasingly powerful and sophisticated AI's will have on the future jobs market, with many experts expecting AI to partially or fully automate at least 80% of all jobs and up to 100%, I'll also show you precisely with examples, how teachers and students can use AI and other technologies to dramatically improve productivity, accelerate learning, and upgrade our own "Human Learning Algorithm."

#### **SOLVING BLOOMS TWO SIGMA PROBLEM**

Using these same Al's, and others, I will also show you how we can solve what many in education circles refer to as "Bloom's Two Sigma Problem" - namely the problem of affordably scaling 1:1 personalised tuition to students, and how we can use them to upgrade the "Human Learning Algorithm" so our students have a shot at competing against many of those same Al's whose knowledge and capabilities are already starting to exceed our own.

# ONLY EDUCATION REFORM WILL HELP STUDENTS COMPETE WITH AI.

IN 2023 CHATGPT HAD A VERBAL IQ OF 155, CONTAINED 1000X MORE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE THAN ANY HUMAN MIND, AND COULD LEARN 300 MILLION TIMES FASTER THAN THE HUMAN BRAIN.

AND IT'S JUST GETTING STARTED.

### THE POWER OF THE INDIVIDUAL





T'S AMAZING how few of us realise, I mean really realise and take it to heart, that in all of human history we are each by far the most powerful versions of ourselves that have ever lived. And we're getting more powerful as our society and our technologies evolve.

Despite this fact though none of us are taught how to leverage this almost "Limitless Potential" or "Power" at school or at home.

For whatever reason learning about the power we have at our fingertips today and how it could benefit us as individuals and society is more often than not left to us to figure out with little to no support from our wider education communities.

Not only is this a missed opportunity but it's potentially one of societies greatest oversights and the greatest waste of human potential of all time.

#### **UNLEASH YOUR POWER**

At no point in human history has anyone - whether they were Kings or Queens, Emperors, or world leaders - ever had access to more knowledge, more powerful technology, or had the ability to change the world in timelines that can now be measured in minutes, hours, and

days - not months, years, or decades. Notably at a speed and scale that were unimaginable just a few decades ago, let alone centuries or millennia.

Today our digitally connected society gives us all fast and easy access to capital, knowledge, expertise, resources, and skills, and our increasingly powerful technologies let us ideate, create, and publish new concepts and products hundreds of times faster and thousands of times cheaper than was possible in the past - and that's before we discuss the impact of Human-like Artificial Intelligence on our society.

#### DISRUPT THE WORLD IN A DAY

When you really think about the power each one of us wields today consider this ... If you produced and idea or a product in the morning, and if - a BIG if - you could execute perfectly you could have it in front of 4 Billion individuals and have changed the world order by the end of the day. That's the power we all have.

Ironically, we almost saw this happen when in 2019 Meta released their Libra Cryptocurrency which, had global regulators approved it, could have been used by over 2 Billion people by the end of the day ... You live in strange times.

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## IN OUR TECHNOLOGICAL ERA...

# THREE QUESTIONS NOONE'S EVER

ASKED YOU:

#### WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF:

# YOU HAD ACCESS TO ALL THE WORLD'S

# KNOWLEDGE

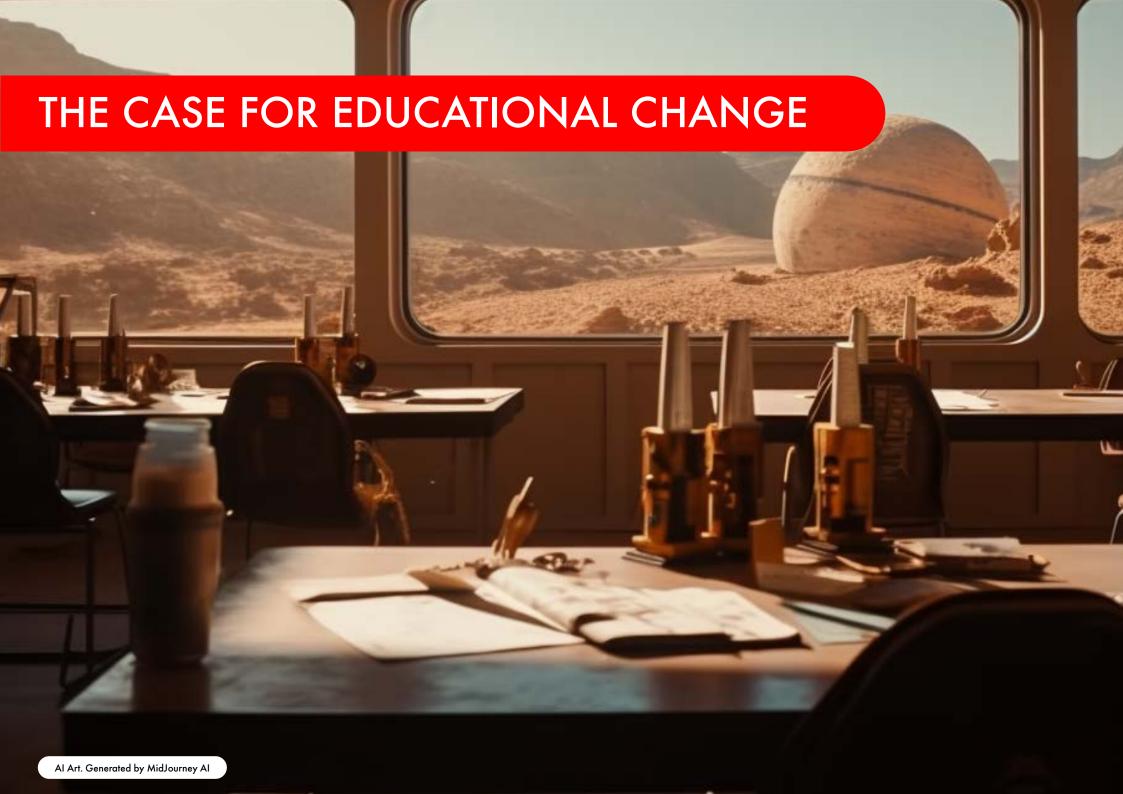
AI + DATA + THE INTERNET = " KNOWLEDGE "

# ACCESS TO ALL THE WORLD'S SKILLS?

ONCE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AUTOMATES JOBS AND SKILLS IT DEMOCRATISES ACCESS TO THOSE JOBS AND SKILLS FOR EVERYONE TO USE .

# ANDIFEABILITY BRIGMATER

TECHNOLOGY MAGNIFIES THE POWER OF INDIVIDUALS TO IDEATE AND DEVELOP NEW PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, AND TO EXECUTE AT DIGITAL SPEED AND GLOBAL SCALE.





THE TIME to change and evolve today's education and examination systems was arguably decades ago - and that's the view of the leaders of some of the world's most awarded and lauded educational establishments and regulators, as well as my own view.

However, trying to change national curriculums and a system which is as institutionalised as industrial age education is hard which is why many of those trying to make a difference in the end have resorted to building their own separate education platforms that compliment formal education.

### THE ERA OF SCI-FACT

We already live in a world where science fiction is science fact - a fact that is lost on many of us because it's a matter of perspective and exposure.

Step back in time two millennia and the ancient Greeks would have marvelled at the electric scooters we use today that would have easily beaten their fastest Olympians. Step back two centuries and people would have marvelled at the artificial suns in our homes and offices, our lights. And step back just two decades and people would have marvelled at our contactless payment

systems and online banking, our ultra thin TV's and our wearable gadgets, our ability to video chat with people on the other side of the world for free, our talking computers and virtual worlds, and much much more.

However, while all these advances are revolutionary in their own ways today we live in a world where even all these pale into near insignificance with what's here, let alone what's emerging.

After all, we already live in a world where we can 3D print human organs and other products on demand, a world where AI and robots design, evolve, and spawn new versions of themselves at digital speed, a world where autonomous companies operate and scale themselves, a world where genetically engineered designer humans and in vivo gene editing are a reality, and where quantum computers that are billions of times faster than the world's fastest supercomputers can be accessed from the cloud for free by anyone. And, as anyone who follows my work will know, I'm only lightly skimming the surface still.

### A FRONT ROW SEAT TO THE FUTURE

As a futurist I have a front row seat to the future we are building and as

a father I and many others around the world including royal households, world leaders, and visionary billionaire polymaths, as well as parents, students, and teachers, see the urgent need to modernise our industrial age education system which for the most part, and as many accept and admit, has changed little in what it teaches and how it teaches our children in almost two centuries.

With the global rate of change accelerating, driven by new technologies and an increasingly digital and virtual connected society, the need to modernise what we teach students and how we teach them so that they can be future ready and prepared for everything the future throws their way is greater than ever, and in the vacuum of government and examination board leadership we and our partners have decided to forge ahead, light the way, and create a curriculum that makes sure everyone is prepared and that in the future noone is out skilled, surprised, or left behind.

### A HUMAN SOFTWARE UPGRADE

In futurist circles one of the most popular sayings states that while technology is evolving at an exponential rate the human brain hasn't had a software update for over 300,000 years but

my reply to this point of view is that education is our software upgrade.

After all, it is education that has given us the mental tool kit and skills we needed to help us envision and develop our collective futures whether it's the discover of and invention of fire, the wheel, electricity, the loom, or the tractor, or whether it's the development of Artificial Intelligence, autonomous companies and vehicles, genetic engineering, or millions of other world changing innovations.

Furthermore, the benefits of education persist through the generations, like a pebble thrown into a lake the ripple effects radiate and have far reaching effects which not only magnify its importance in our society but also its impact.

As the world evolves around us we and our education systems need to evolve to, and that is why I created this Codex, XPotential University, and the 311 Institute's Exponential Futures Curriculum (EFC).

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### **OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

### PROGRESS THROUGH KNOWLEDGE.

### PROSPERITY THROUGH PEACE.

STRENGTH THROUGH UNITY.

- MATTHEW GRIFFIN . CEO . 311 INSTITUTE





AVE YOU ever taken time to consider what life will be like in the future? Say, for example, 5, 10, 20 or even 50 years out? Bearing in mind that in 10 or so years time your students will be entering the full time workforce, and that in another 50 they might still be working - albeit as they keep one eye on retirement.

If you're like most people then it's likely you have given the future more than just a passing thought, but it's also highly likely you spend much more of your time thinking about the near term than the medium or long term future.

When it comes to our children's education though I would argue we need to be thinking near, medium and long term, because while we're busying ourselves in the here and now our children are in an education system that's trying to prepare them for, among other things, life long careers that will span 50 years. And a lot will change in just the next decade - let alone the next 50 years.

Putting that into perspective if your son or daughter are 10 years old today then, depending on the country you live in, they'll be aiming to retire around the year 2080, or perhaps even later - dates that are beyond even the scope of even this Codex. And if you consider just how much life has changed in the last 50 years, bearing in mind that change over the last few decades has been comparatively modest, compared to what's coming at least, then soon you'll likely come to the realisation that life in 2050, let alone in 2070 or 2080, will make today look positively primitive.

### LIFE IN THE FUTURE

In order to try to put some of this in change in perspective I'm going to try and put it in context for you, with a twist at the end.

Imagine you're born with an inherited genetic disease, a terrible disease like Hunter's Syndrome, but the technology exists to edit it right out of your genes in vivo, and suddenly you no longer die at the age of 20 but 80. Or imagine that the DNA in your cells has been programmed to not just identify diseases like Cancer in your body but also programmed to produce the drugs needed to eliminate them on the spot, while elsewhere nano-machines with enzyme engines navigate around your bloodstream looking for other signs of trouble.

Imagine a world where people and

machines communicate with each other telepathically, where we can upload information to our minds, and not from text books or videos, while machines stream our memories to the internet, and where bacteria are our computing devices, storing our movies and processing information at a speed and scale we've never seen before.

Imagine a world where products are printed and assembled using tractor beams, and where your clothes and food are all made in your own home, on demand, where the only cow you'll see is in a museum, and where the world's largest organisations and transportation systems are all fully autonomous. And this is just the beginning. But what about the twist I mentioned?

Well, the twist is that all of this is already here, done and demonstrated and you can see it for yourselves. As a consequence, if you think the world your children are going to grow up in will resemble today's then short term at least you'll be right, but as all these breakthroughs become increasingly commercialised and mature your children's future will make ours feel like the Stone Age - this is the future I'm trying to help prepare our children for.

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### IN THE FUTURE WE WILL NEED TO

# ADAPT AND LEARN AT EXTREME SPEED





N MANY respects it can be said that we have trouble predicting the future - the further out we travel along the time line and the broader our area of interest the fuzzier and more inaccurate our predictions become. But what if we looked at things from a different perspective, what if we based our information on what really occurred in the future, not just an extrapolation of data, but data based on actual, observed fact?

In short, what if instead of being futurists we were time travellers with the power to go back in time with our perfect knowledge of today's world and we tried to use that knowledge to help the people in the past prepare for today's reality from the ultimate perspective - a Time Travellers perspective?

Ironically, even though you might think that being blessed with this perfect knowledge would be the best solution to helping us design the right fit education and training systems we need you might be surprised by the challenges we face.

In today's world, as certain jobs types begin to dead end we know, for a fact, that there is a huge demand for Cyber Security experts and Data Scientists across a wide range of sectors. Armed with this knowledge our time traveller steps into his time machine, sets the digital dial to the year 1980 and careers back in time through his inter-stellar wormhole.

Now, standing in his old schools assembly hall listening to the headmaster run through the daily roster he raises his hand from the margins, announces his presence, and boldly sets about regaling everyone about the fantastic tales of the future and what jobs there'll be when they all get there.

"There will be a huge demand for Cyber Security experts, and the pay will be great," he announces assertively.

"What's a Cyber Security expert?" hollers back the headmaster from across the hall.

"They're people who help protect computers, data, and networks from cyber criminals who are using the internet to gain access to them so they can steal information and secrets for financial gain and other malicious purposes," he answers.

"Sounds great," says the headmaster, "but just tell me one thing... What's the internet?"

As our Time Traveller tells the assembly

about the future, the role the internet plays in society and how it helps billions of people and millions of companies connect with one another he looks at their quizzical faces and with some trepidation the prospect slowly dawns on him that they think he's quite mad.

His grand aspirations of helping these children, their teachers, and the politicians of the time navigate and prosper in the future jobs market begin to unravel in front of his very eyes. To people living just a few decades ago a tale like this would seem fantastical.

Trapped by our linear view of the world I'd have to ask you what would you have thought if he was addressing you? If you'd had the power to change the education system, or the curriculum then, would you have, could you have?

As the pace of global technological development and disruption continues to accelerate ironically our own minds and biases could turn out to be our own worst enemies, and if we're going to give our children the best chance of prospering in the future we also have to change our thinking and embrace a futures mindset.

This is the Time Traveller's Dilemma.





S YOU'LL read about in greater detail later in this Codex it's going to be increasingly important that we all exercise our creative muscles now and in the future, especially since we face a future where Artificial Intelligence (AI) will automate more jobs faster, and where swathes of society are forced to switch career tracks faster than they're comfortable with, but also as AI automates Right Brain tasks and, most importantly helps democratise access to knowledge and skills which, in turn will help us unlock human potential on a level noone has ever seen before.

### **CREATIVE KIDS UNCREATIVE ADULTS**

As children it's recognised that we have almost limitless creative potential, and that as we age this potential diminishes until we get to the point where the only creativity most adults exercise is which new meal recipe to try out. And, when we look at who or what is to blame for this sorry state of affairs there are many culprits.

On the one hand there is the education system itself which, as we move through it, eventually forces us to choose just a single path and focus on a single academic field to the exclusion of almost everything else - including expanding

our minds and exploring the many other wondrous experiences our world has to offer.

We can also probably blame human nature. As we get older and enter the next stages of our lives we unsurprisingly prioritise work and family activities, and we just don't think about being creative or get the opportunity to be as creative as we were when we were children. With the inevitable result being that we de-prioritise it and under invest in it as a vital future skill.

### **WORKERS ON AUTO PILOT**

There's another silent culprit though that many of us don't give any thought to - our day jobs and the companies we work for.

When you bake it down every company irrespective of their sector is trying to achieve one thing - something the industry calls "Scalable Efficiency."

Ultimately all companies are trying to operate and do whatever it is they do as efficiently as possible and, if you want to be efficient, then you want all of the different units of the business - including your employees - to understand the tasks to be done and then do them as

efficiently and as quickly as possible.

Think about it. When was the last time that you as an employee had to use your imagination or creativity at work - you get assigned a task, you are required to complete that task as quickly and efficiently as possible, and then move onto the next one. And then you repeat this process until you retire.

To all intents and purposes as much as we all like to think we are valued and special when it comes to our jobs we are all cogs in the machine - human automatons with little to no creativity required. Unless, of course, you are lucky enough to work in a creative role such as marketing or R&D, of course. But even these roles roughly follow the same role - albeit they require employees to flex their creative muscles more than those people in other roles.

Look across job roles and the pattern is the same. Programmers ... sit down, write code, debug it, test it, document it, repeat. Sales ... sit down, pick up the phone, call people, qualify leads, close deals, repeat. Teachers ... sit down, settle students, teach students, grade and assess students, support students, complete the admin, repeat. And the lists could go on.

Where's the need for genuine creativity or creative expression?

Now look at your own job and ask yourself: When was the last time you got to be creative, when was the last time you had flex your creative muscle, and when was was the last time your company let you "go off script?" If the answer is never, or very little, then you likely see the point I'm making.

In the pursuit of scalable efficiency, and via our job descriptions, the companies we work for tell us what we need to do, why we need to do it, and when it needs to be done by - everything is laid out on a plate for us and at no point do we really need to think too hard about anything outside of our job remit, or flex that creative muscle. Andf, let's face it anyway the vast majority of jobs don't require you to be creative, your bosses just need you to get on with the job description and complete the tasks you're assigned.

Whirr. Click. Repeat.

And that latter statement, get on with the job description has another implication as well which just adds ironic fuel to the ironic fire of automation.

### **AUTOMATING THE JOB DESCRIPTION**

Whenever anyone says that their job can't be automated ironically it's this very job description that gives Al researchers almost all the information they need to automate your job.

After all, most jobs are a series of definable goals and targets, and tasks and workflows: "Do ABC in this order to get XYZ out." And, once you can define understand these steps then it's not hard to turn them into algorithmic steps in an Al machine learning model and automate someone's job.

In short, therefore, anything that is made up of steps - which is every process on Earth - can be automated with the only wrinkle being how complex each step is and how complex the overall task is. Even innovation is a series of steps which is why that too is already being automated as you'll see later in this Codex and in the complimentary Future of Innovation and Creativity Codex in the Codex of the Future Series.

In the business world a good example is the IPO process - once Goldman Sachs understood all 160 steps of the process of taking a company public they were able to create an AI model that automated their IPO teams. And that's an

example of how even a very complex set of jobs can be automated.

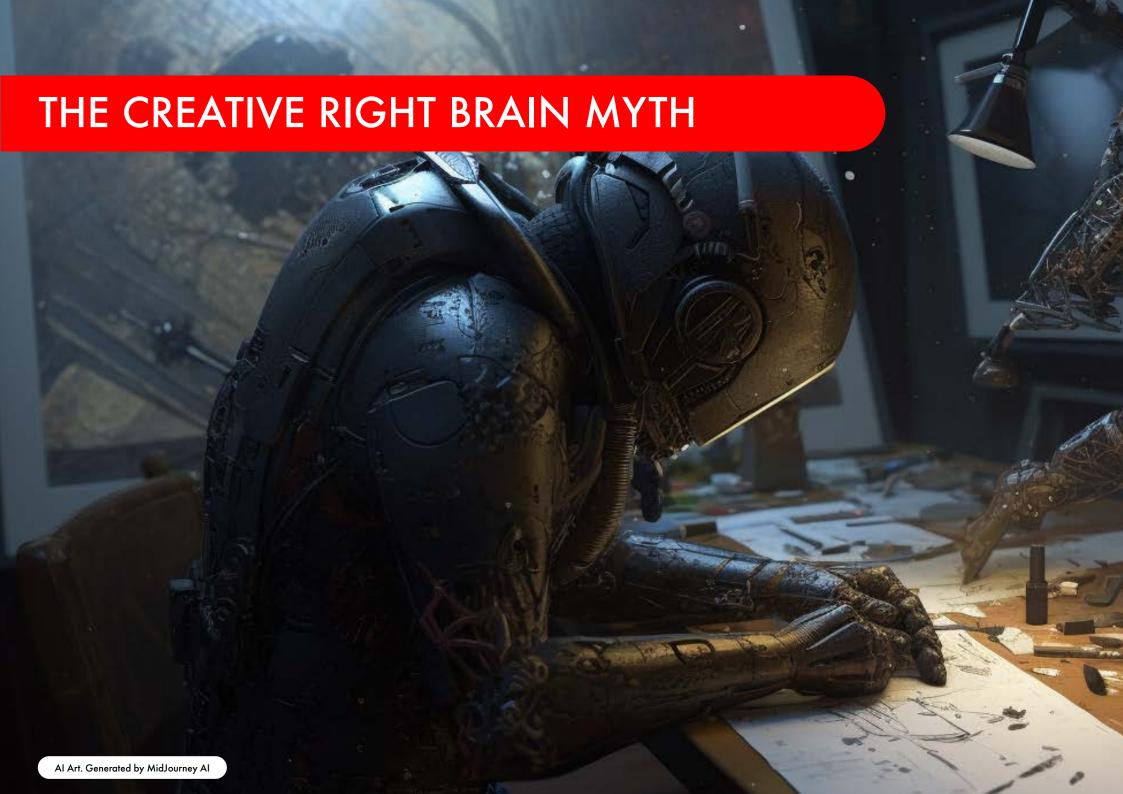
### **TEST YOUR CREATIVITY**

So, it seems that as an adult and to earn a wage you don't need to be creative to survive or thrive, you just need to be an efficient and effective employee - a good automaton.

So, in our pursuit to spark your creative muscle again here's a test you can do to see just how creative you really are and, in almost all cases, show you just how much your creativity has diminished over the years.

First sign into a platform like MidJourney, a simple Text-to-Image Artificial Intelligence system, then using nothing more than natural language text prompts ask it to generate some images, like some of the ones in this Codex.

Based on my observations my guess is that after roughly five prompts you're going to start struggling to think of what images to ask it to generate next and if that's the case then you have some work to do to re-ignite your create spark.





number of prominent voices around the world who advocate that the education system of tomorrow helps foster student's inner creativity, or in other words right brain thinking. The main reason for this being the fact that today many of the cognitive roles that are already buckling under the pressure of the first wave of automation are more left brain tasks than right brain ones.

Our brains are amazing, so much so in fact that some people say they're one of the miracles of the universe, something that, as grand a statement as it seems, is actually hard to refute, and they're split into two distinct hemispheres.

The left side of our brain is great for analytical and logical thinking, language, and reasoning, while the right hand side is great at managing abstract and creative thinking, emotion, intuition and spatial awareness - things that many analysts say machines will never be able to master, replicate or conquer. But, unfortunately they're already being proved wrong.

As a result those among you who are hoping that our right brains will be our saviours and help us fight back against the rising tide of automation might have to re-think things, but that said, things aren't a complete loss - provided we understand our strengths and have ways to harness them.

### **FLIGHT TO THE RIGHT**

At first glance this "flight to the right" as I call it makes sense. After all Artificial Intelligence and computers in general are much better at performing analytical and logic based tasks than they are at abstract thinking or being creative. But if we think taking flight from left brain professions over time and embracing right brain ones is a solid long term strategy then unfortunately we're lulling ourselves into a false sense of security. The reason for this is quite simple, because, you see, right brain skills aren't as hard as we think they are to replicate.

### THE AUTOMATION OF CREATIVITY

To highlight the issue we face I'm going to show you how today we're automating the process of creativity, ironically thanks to our own creativity - I know, it's nuts when you think of it in that way, but that is the beauty, and curse, of human ingenuity.

The first real world example I'm going to use involves using AI's that are

increasingly being referred to as Creative Machines to create "professional and unique music content in seconds," everything from classical music to funk, as well as, hang on while I cringe, pop songs. Pop songs that are so catchy they've already racked up hundreds of millions of hits on YouTube and charted - something that's not lost on Sony who recently signed a couple of them and used them to create the world's first ever Al music album.

Take that X Factor.

Elsewhere though other creative machines are also in on the act but this time they're tackling another challenge - innovation. And here again they're getting quite good at designing and innovating new products, products as diverse as aircraft parts, chairs and drones, and clothes, sneakers and even "self-evolving robots," without the need for any human intervention, for companies as diverse as Airbus, Amazon, DJI and Under Armour.

In the former's case they used what's known in the business as a Generative Adversarial Network, or GAN for short, to design new light weight components for the Airbus A380 to help reduce its fuel consumption, while in the latter's they were used to design new a new

range of sneakers called Architect, a "Futuristic marvel of design" according to Under Armour that can be 3D printed and bought online for a mere \$300.

While it has to be said many of these creative machines are still only capable of iterative innovation, and not primary innovation, I can already see evidence that it won't be long before we begin to see that, as some people say "most human of traits" become just another one of these amazing machine's skills. And if you think that these creative machines will just start and stop with traditional products then think again, they're also starting to innovate new chemicals, gene sequences, materials, and software.

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# MORE COMPANIES VALUE SCALABLE EFFICIENCY OVER EMPLOYEE CREATIVITY.

# GREATIVITY S # IS US APART FROM MACHINES WHEN DID YOU LAST USE YOUR GIFT?

# WORLD CHANGING TRENDS AND TECH



ODAY OUR VUCA-MAX world is changing faster than at any point in human history. To put this into perspective it's estimated that in the next 20 years technologically at least we'll see more progress made than in the past 20,000 years. Furthermore, as the rate of change accelerates and as every corner of society is disrupted not only are people finding it harder to envision what the future could look like and what's next, but they also have less time to develop a point of view and adapt.

It's unsurprising, therefore, that today more people are anxious about the future than ever before. So, in response to this problem and to try to simplify the Future and Deep Future for you I created the 311 Institute's **Codex of the Future**Series which gives you everything, literally everything, you need to envision, build, and lead your own desired future.

### THE 311 CODEX OF THE FUTURE SERIES

Created to democratise access to the Future and Deep future for everyone irrespective of their ability or background the 311 Institute Codex of the Future Series is quite literally a one stop shop for everything that you need to envision, build, shape, and lead your own future whether you represent a country, an

organisation, or are simply a future curious individual.

In it you will find intelligence and insights on every signal, technology, and trend you could possibly imagine, and many more that you couldn't, and every futures framework, program, and tool you could ever need.

To explore the entire series and download the others Codexes just click or scan the QR code below.





UR PAST, present, and future have many things in common, and the influence of trends throughout the ages is one of them. However, while the trends themselves have changed over time their direct and indirect influence on business, culture, and society remains as iron clad as ever.

Unlike the past though as connectivity, digitisation, and travel continue to make our world a smaller place today the impact of emerging trends, wherever they originate, can be felt almost instantaneously, transcend borders, and influence even the remotest regions of the world.

Furthermore, unlike the past global trends today have a much greater regional impact than they ever would have or could have in the past. Not only does this change our lives in ways that were unfathomable and unimaginable just a few decades ago, but it also forces us to adapt to and deal with far flung realities that historically were out of mind and out of reach.

### THE 311 ANNUAL TRENDS CODEX

As the rate of change accelerates exponentially and as our world becomes more complex to predict and navigate

it can be difficult to stay up to date with the trends that influence the topics you care about the most - like those we've discussed in this Codex.

To solve this I created the 311 Institute Annual Trends Codex, part of my Codex of the Future Series, a living Codex that's constantly updated with all of the latest trends and insights, and which you can download for free from the 311 Institute website.

As you'll see from the following pages in this section and the example trend I've done my best to simplify all of this complexity for you by splitting the Codex into STEEP, Sector, and Universal Line of Business categories, and providing you with easy to follow trends insights and calls to action that make it quick for you to find, learn about, and act on the trends you're most interested in.

### 311 TRENDS EXPLORER. FIND TRENDS FAST

**ECONOMIC** TRENDS

ENVIRONMENTAL TRENDS **POLITICAL** TRENDS

**SOCIETAL** TRENDS

TECHNOLOGICAL TRENDS

UNIVERSAL TRENDS

**BUSINESS MODELS** 

**CONSUMER BEHAVIOURS** 

**CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE** 

HR AND TRAINING

ICT

**MARKETING** 

**OPERATING MODEL** 

R&D

SECURITY

SUPPLY CHAIN

**AEROSPACE** 

AGRICULTURE

AVIATION

CONSTRUCTION

**DEFENCE** 

**EDUCATION** 

**ENERGY** 

**FINANCIAL SERVICES** 

GAMING

**HEALTHCARE** 

SUSTAINABILITY

WORKFORCE

WORKPLACE

INSURANCE

LOGISTICS

**MANUFACTURING** 

**MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT** 

RETAIL

**SPORTS** 

**TELECOMS** 

TRANSPORT

**SECTOR** TRENDS

### **CLIMATE CHANGE**

2ND YEAR ON THE LIST



### **QUICK TAKE**

Scientists saw it coming in the 1950's. They called it out and made films about it in the 1980's. And now, over forty years later individuals, governments, and organisations are starting to take unilateral global action to tackle Climate Change with many scientist arguing that we are now too late to avoid a "life altering" 1.5C increase in average global temperatures, and that we are within years of crossing a climate tipping point which will see its devastating global effects accelerate and create a run away cascade of **Extreme**Weather and devastation.

### **IMPACT**

The impact of Climate Change can be seen everywhere - from the changes of the seasons, and the subtle changes in the flora and fauna in peoples gardens, to the tree covered mountain slopes that used to be buried by glaciers and snow, to the expanding deserts of the Sahara, and the deep of the oceans. It impacts every living thing and every natural system on Earth.

From longer frost free growing seasons, to changes in global rain patterns, longer droughts and more intense heat waves, and more extreme weather, to more powerful hurricanes and higher sea levels, the consequences are as varied as they are acute.

If the world warms by 1.5C then the Arctic Ocean will become ice free once every 100 years, with extreme hot days in the mid-latitudes being at least 3C hotter than pre-industrial levels, and sea levels could rise by up to 0.77m, with a further decrease in global bio-diversity of between 5% and 8%. Meanwhile corals could decline by at least 70% with marine fisheries annual productivity declining by at least 1.5 Million tons. And a 2C rise would be exponentially worse for people and planet.

### **EXAMPLES**

Earth is mission critical for humanity and all life on Earth. And as the rate of Climate Change accelerates we continue to see a variety of records being set and smashed with climactic events that used to be once in a century becoming once a decade, and then the norm. And examples of these are plentiful.

Greenland's ice sheet, the world's second largest after Antarctica, is now melting 12 times faster than in the past 12,000 years and loosing over 532 Billion tons of ice a year - and that rate is accelerating. Not only does this melt account for almost 25% of today's sea level rise, but in 2021 the melt rate accelerated even further when, during a time when temperatures in the region were already 18C higher than average, three days worth of rain - where the rain itself was a first for the region - dumped over 7 Billion tons of rain water onto the ice sheet.

And, from the world's biggest, deadliest, and most damaging floods, to the world's biggest, deadliest, and most damaging droughts, heatwaves, hurricanes, and wildfires almost every country on the planet is now feeing the damaging impacts of climate change.

### **ACT NOW**

As we see elsewhere in our universe, from the dust dunes of Mars to the acidic oceans of Venus, our planet will always be able to adapt to new climactic conditions. But life on Earth will find it increasingly difficult as Climate Change accelerates and its effects become more extreme and pronounced. Therefore, ironically, tackling this trend is more about saving humanity's future than the planets.

### **EXPLORE:**

- Carbon Capture and Storage
- Emerging technologies and technology roadmaps
- Future of Agriculture, Energy,
  Government, Manufacturing,
  Sustainability, Transportation, and
  Work
- Net Zero Pledges
- Unilateral global accords and coordinated global action

## USING THE TREND SHEETS

IN THIS codex we've gone to great lengths to document the major trends affecting all sectors and line of business operations and simplify them for you. Furthermore, we're always surfacing more trends which is why this codex is regularly updated. As a result each trend contains all manner of action points, details, insights, and stats that you can use to your advantage, whether it's developing scenarios and strategies using the frameworks in this and our other Codexes, or whether it's just exploring the art of the possible. This is the key to the sheets:

### 1 / UNITED NATIONS SDG NUMBER

The UN SDG most impacted if you act on the trend.

### 2 / TREND NAME

The most appropriate name for the trend.

### 3 / YEARS IN THE CODEX

How many years the trend has been listed in our codex since the first edition.

### 4 / TREND LONGEVITY

■ LONG ● MEDIUM ● SHORT

The trends longevity and how long it is expected to have an impact for.

### **5 / TREND PRIORITY**

The higher the number the more attention and weight you should give the trend.

### 6 / TREND MOMENTUM

ASCENDING 
 ◆ FLAT 
 ◆ DESCENDING

The overall momentum of the trend.

### 7 / TIMING OF THE TREND

HERE NOW BEMERGING DISTANT

When the trend is expected to have a measurable and pronounced impact.

### **8 / RELATED TRENDS**

Other trends that either impact the trend or are impacted by it.

### 9 / DATA SOURCES

A list of our data sources for the trend.

### 10 / IMAGE

An image to portray the trend.

### 11 / ACTION

The action we suggest organisations take now based on the available data.

### 12 / EXPLORE

Other things you can or should explore to better understand the trend and how to solve or use it to your advantage.

### 13 / DISCOVER MORE

Click or scan the QR code to access more website resources related to the trend.



OU DON'T have to look far to see technology's impact on Human civilisation. Now though we live in an age where Artificial Intelligence with its grasp of human language and its ability to create content is capable enough to not just re-write human history, but also define and direct the future of Humankind itself. And if that doesn't give you pause for thought then it should.

Historically our technologies have been little more than dumb prosthetics but today they are increasingly intelligent, powerful, and sophisticated. Furthermore, when combined together and fused into our increasingly interconnected and digital society they are changing the world faster today than at any point in human history.

Despite this though we know that in time today's powerful technologies will be superseded by even more powerful ones, many of which we can see now circling above us like the stars in the Heavens, just biding their time waiting to fall to Earth where their impact will be total.

However, while this shouldn't be a surprise in itself what might be is the number of technologies that we, and increasingly the so called Creative Machines, who can create and invent their own products and realities

independently of humans, have at our disposal. Today I track over 600 with on average 60 being added every year.

### THE 311 EXPONENTIAL TECHNOLOGY CODEX

Consequently trying to stay abreast of these technologies and understand their impact on the topics you care most about, like those we discuss in this Codex, is difficult. So, to solve this I created the 311 Institute Exponential Technology Codex: The Next 50 Years, part of my Codex of the Future Series, a living Codex that's constantly updated with all the latest technologies and insights, and which you can download for free from the 311 Institute website.

As you'll see from the following pages in this section, as well as the collection of Annual Griffin Emerging Technology Starbursts, complete with that years biggest breakthroughs, and the example technology, I've done my best to simplify this complexity for you and provide you with easy to follow technology insights and calls to action that make it quick for you to find, learn about, and act on the technologies - and timelines - you care about the most.

# TECHNOLOGY ALCHEMY

# DON'T THINK ABOUT INDIVIDUAL TECHNOLOGIES THINK COMBINATIONS



IVING ROBOTS, which are in the Prototype Stage, is the field of research concerned with developing new ways to create robots that are alive, but not necessarily sentient, or, as others describe it "Programmable Organisms." Recent breakthroughs in the field include the use of Artificial Intelligence, a supercomputer, and stem cells to create the world's first truly living robots that were adaptable and responded to external stimuli.

### DEFINITION

Living Robots are neither traditional robot nor animal but are a form of re-programmable and controllable cell based living machine.

### EXAMPLE USE CASES

Today we are using prototypes to prove the theory behind the technology and refine it. In the future the primary use case of this technology could be almost unlimited and they could be used in everything from monitoring pollution levels all the way through to being involved in in vivo healthcare treatments.

### FUTURE TRAJECTORY AND REPLACABILITY

Over the next decade interest in the field will continue to accelerate, and interest and investment will continue to grow, albeit from a very low base, primarily led by university grants. In time we will see the technology mature to the point where it is safe and viable, as well as commercially feasible, but given the nature of the technology it is highly likely that it will be subject to stringent regulatory scrutiny which will inevitably delay its adoption.

While Living Robots are in the Prototype Stage, over the long term they will be enhanced by advances in Artificial Intelligence, Bio-Sensors, Creative Machines, Evolutionary Robotics, Semi-Synthetic Cells, Simulation Engines, Stem Cells, Synthetic Biology, Synthetic Cells, Synthetic DNA, and Swarm Robotics, but at this point in time it is not clear what they will be replaced by.

### MATTHEW'S RECOMMENDATION

In the short to medium term I suggest companies put the technology on their radars, explore the field, and establish a point of view, and re-visit it every few years until progress in the space accelerates.

### 15 SECOND SUMMARY

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PRIMARY GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AREAS

Investment

Regulation

Viability



### USING THE TECHNOLOGY SHE

AS YOU can see I've gone to great lengths to detail as many emerging technologies as possible and simplify them for you. As a result each technology sheet contains tons of information to help you develop new product concepts and explore the art of the possible. This is the key:

### 1 / HERO IMAGE

An appropriate image for the technology.

### 2 / QR CODE WITH HYPER LINK

Scan or click the QR code to be taken to the latest news about the technology.

### 3 / MANUFACTURING READINESS **LEVEL**

The average MRL on a scale of 1 to 9 where 9 is the most mature.

### 4 / TECHNOLOGY READINESS LEVEL

The average TRL on a scale of 1 to 9 where 9 is the most mature.

### 5 / WEAPONISATION POTENTIAL

The technology's average weaponisation potential on a scale of 1 to 10 where 10 is the most dangerous and deadly.

### 6 / TECHNOLOGY NAME

The technology's official name or the one that best represents it.

### 7 / INTRODUCTION

A quick introductory summary.

### 8 / DEFINITION

The best definition for the technology.

### 9 / EXAMPLE USE CASES

Uses cases to spark the imagination.

### 10 / FUTURE TRAJECTORY AND REPLACABILITY

The estimated future development trajectory including anything that could supersede it.

### 11 / MATTHEW'S RECOMMENDATION

My next step recommendations.

### 12 / STARBURST APPEARANCES

The annual Griffin Emerging Technology Starbursts the technology's appeared on.

### 13 / IMPACT

It's overall estimated impact, disruptive nature, and primary deployment method.





**EVOLUTIONARY** 

DISRUPTIVE



CENTRALISED



DISTRIBUTED



DECENTRALISED

### 14 / STATUS

This panel summaries the technology's market readiness with estimated dates.











CONCEPT PROTOTYPE PRODUCTISATION MASS ADOPTION

LOW HIGH \_\_\_\_\_

### 15 / PRIMARY GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT **AREAS**

The primary development regions.





### 2024 STARBURST REVIEW



N THE 2024 Griffin Annual Emerging Technology Starburst the timelines stretches to 2075 and tracks the development of 167 of the world's most promising emerging technologies, each with an addressable market value of over \$500 Billion spread across 13 categories, I promoted 35 new emerging technologies and demoted 35 - almost matching 2017 and 2018's record breaking figures which suggests we are near pre-pandemic norms.

and Foresight Codex and the How to Build Exponential Enterprises Codex.

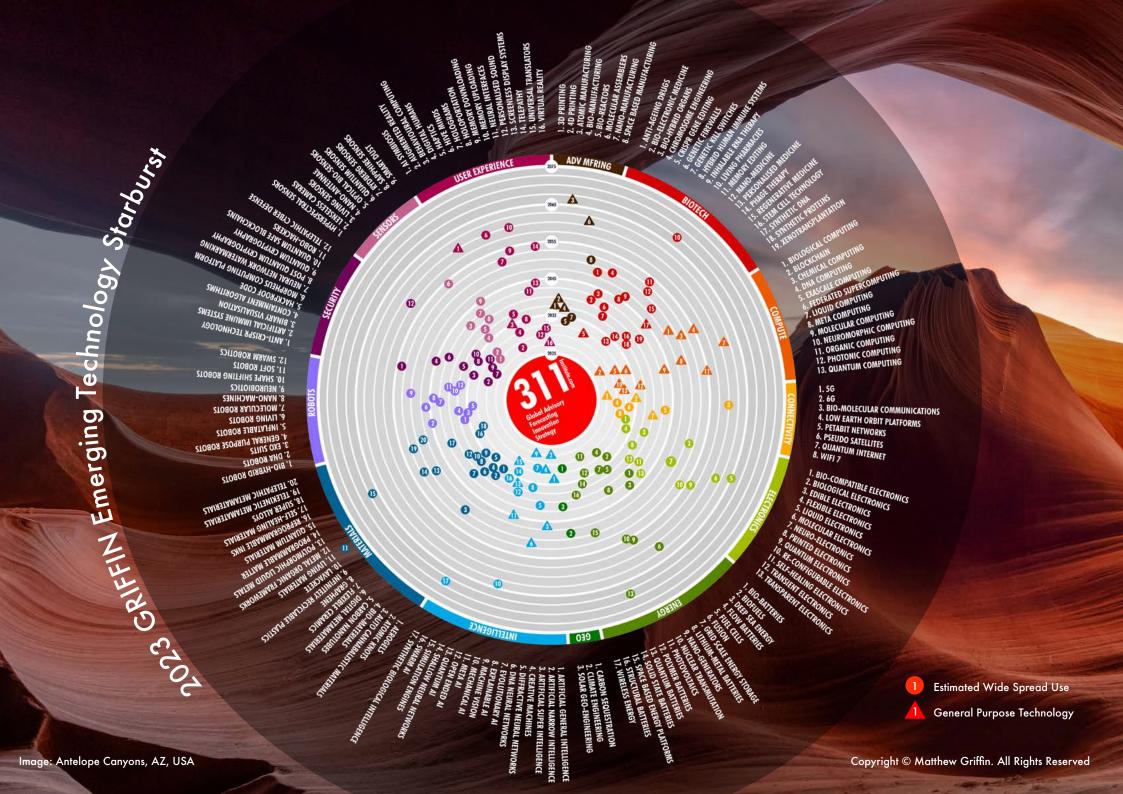
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### TIMELINE:

2025 to 2075





### 2023 STARBURST REVIEW



Technology Starburst I extended the timeline to 2075, an increase from the 2022 Starburst which only extended to 2070, and tracked the development of 167 of the world's most promising emerging technologies, each with an addressable market value of over \$500 Billion spread across 13 categories, I promoted 31 new emerging technologies and demoted 31.

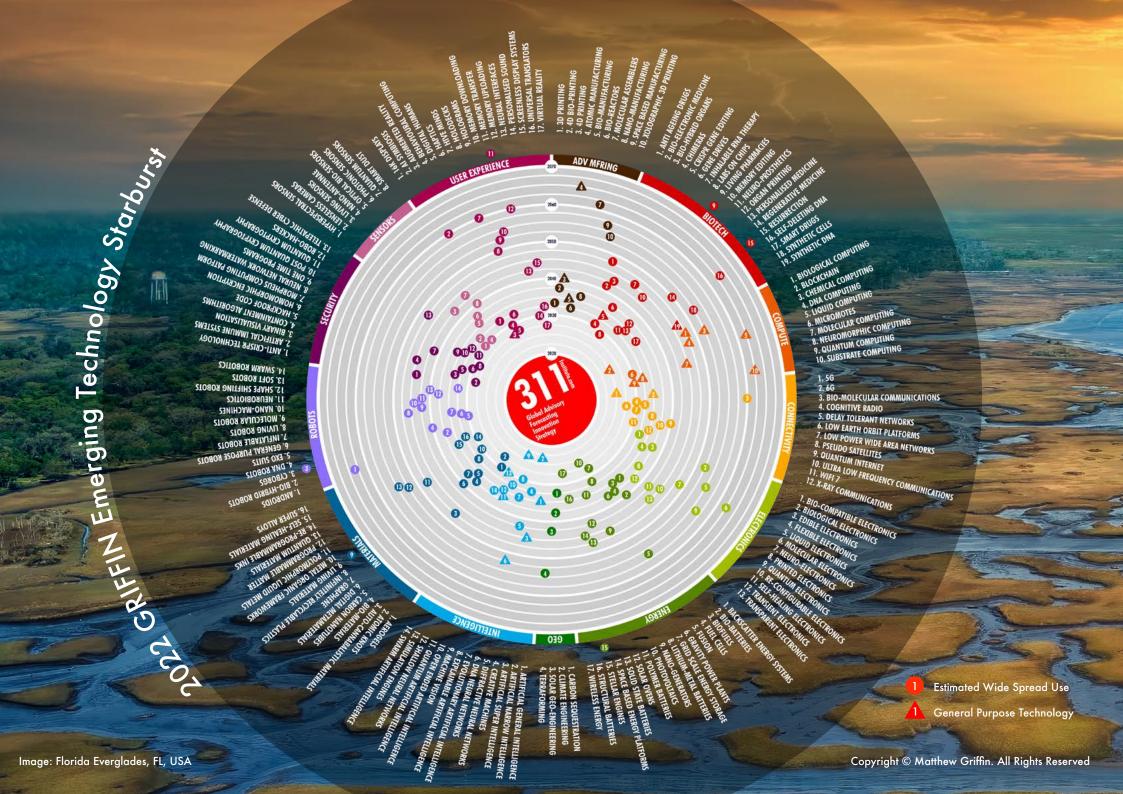
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### 2022 STARBURST REVIEW



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Technology Starburst, which displays
167 of the world's most significant
emerging technologies, each with an
addressable market value of over \$500
Billion spread across 13 categories, up to
a timeline of 2070, I promoted 28 new
emerging technologies and demoted 28.

In 2022 there was an up tick in notable world firsts compared to 2021 which as the global pandemic faded wasn't unexpected as investment and R&D flows started returning to pre pandemic norms. Therefore, as expected, I saw an increase in the number of new emerging technologies which were double the number spotted in 2021. Biotech, Compute, Energy, Intelligence, and Materials saw the largest gains.

2022's breakthroughs and stand out world firsts included: 100% effective personalised cancer therapies • Al designs new chemical weapons and simulates all known proteins • Al redistributes wealth better than politicians • Al generated content and Digital Humans move mainstream •
Chromosome Engineering accelerates
biological evolution millions of years
• First decentralised social network
launches • First flexible ceramic • First
lab grown blood cells • First Mechanical
Al • First stress measuring wearable •
First light based blood test • First tunnel
dug by autonomous swarm robots •
First telekinetic and telepathic materials
• Google staffer claims Al is sentient •
Lawyers drop NFTs to serve anonymous
crims • Human mini-brains beat machine
Al • Lab grown meat gains FDA
approval • Military drone fleets emerge

Molecular computers break records

• Russia first nation to use hypersonic

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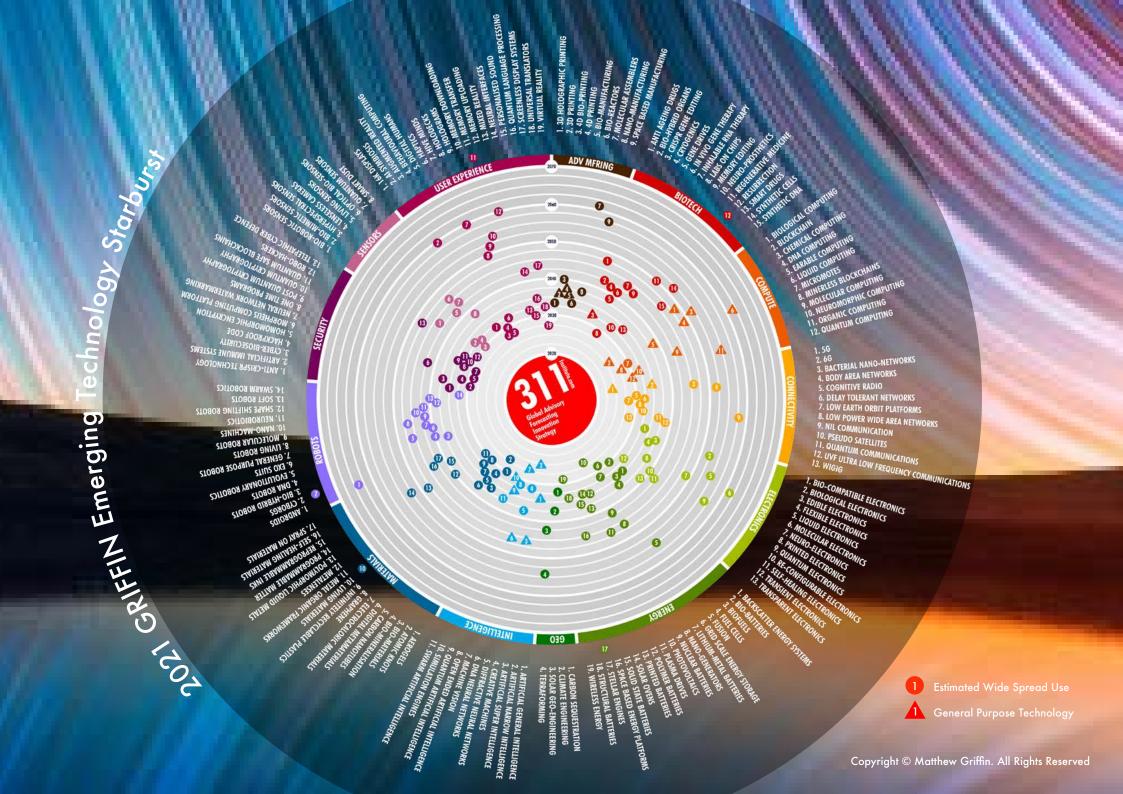
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### TIMELINE:

many more.

2022 to 2070





# 2021 STARBURST REVIEW



Technology Starburst, which displays 167 of the world's most significant emerging technologies, each with an addressable market value of over \$500 Billion spread across 13 categories, up to a timeline of 2070, I promoted 17 new emerging technologies and demoted 17 - the lowest of any year so far.

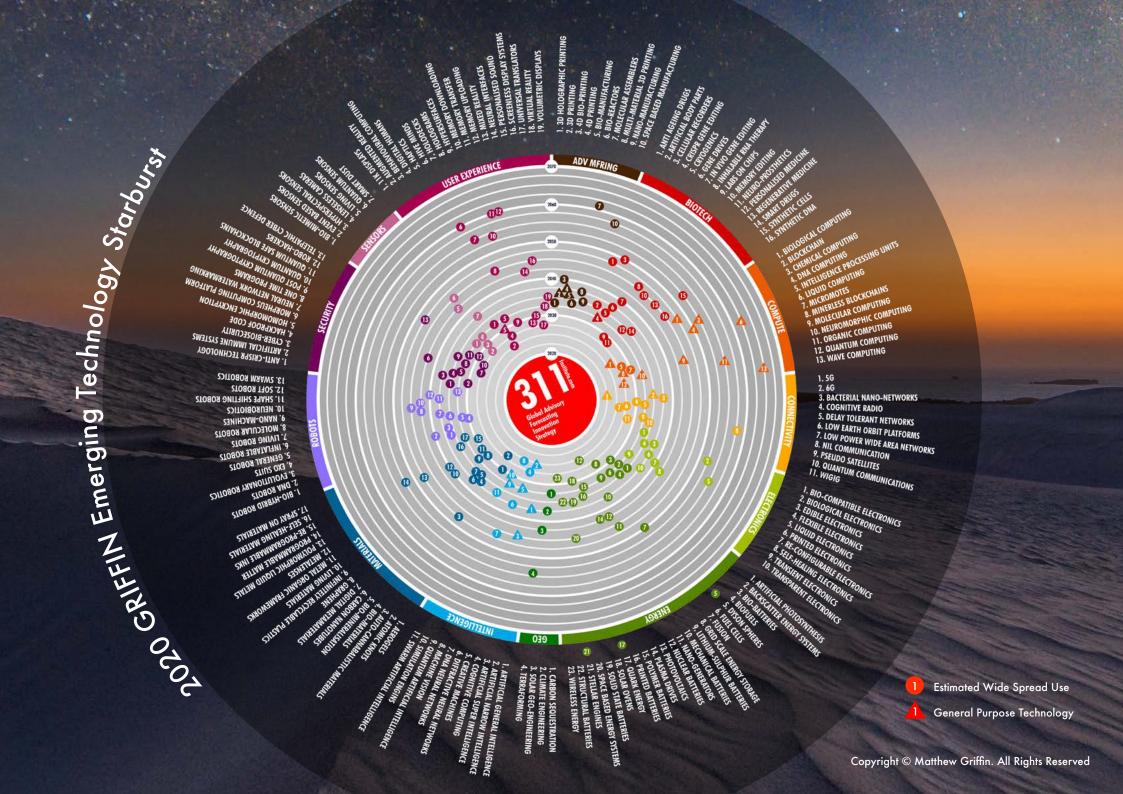
In 2021 there were fewer notable world firsts than in 2020 which, as in 2020, I again attribute to the fact that much of the worlds investment and R&D flows were re-aligned to fight the global pandemic, COVID-19. There was also a marked decrease, of approximately 23 percent year on year, in the number of new emerging technologies that appeared, and this marks the first consecutive year on year decline I've seen since I've been keeping records.

Unsurprisingly Biotech, Compute, and Energy saw the largest gains, and this was the year that many emerging technologies showed the world what they were capable of - whether it was using Al to develop vaccines or 3D printing to print out of stock parts for ventilators.

2021's stand out world firsts included: Al learning the art of "Diplomacy" • First 2nm computer chip • First 5G NR installation • First 5 minute EV charging system • First Al credited as an inventor • First autonomous Hunter-Killer drone kill • First Bio-Artificial Kidney • First empathetic first person VR surgery preview • First EV with 1,000km range • First green steel • First unethical Human burgers • First Internet of Electricity material • First mass biometric spoofing cyber attack • First Metaverse city • First re-programmable satellite • First spontaneously replicating living robot. And many more.

### TIMELINE:

2021 to 2070





# 2020 STARBURST REVIEW



N THE 2020 Starburst I extended the timeline to 2070, an increase from the 2019 Starburst which only extended to 2060, and tracked the development of 167 of the years most significant emerging exponential technologies, each with an addressable market value of over \$500 Billion spread across 13 major categories, one of which "Electronics" was a new addition. I also promoted 44 new emerging technologies, and demoted 45.

In 2020 there were fewer notable world firsts than in 2019 which I attribute to the fact that much of the worlds investment and R&D flows were re-aligned to help the world conquer the debilitating global pandemic, COVID-19. There was also a marked decrease, of approximately 40 percent year on year, in the number of new emerging technologies that appeared this year and this is reflected in the 2021 Starburst that saw the lowest number of new entries since my records began. Unsurprisingly though the Biotech and Intelligence categories saw the largest gains.

2020's stand out world firsts included:
Advanced DeepFakes • First 3D printed
mini human heart • First 6G satellite
test • First Al generated interactive
procedural VR game • First AR smart
contact lenses • First artificial living
cells • First Bio-Synthetic network •
First CRISPR in vivo gene editing • First
hypersonic weapons deployment •
First in vivo 3D Bio-Printing robot • First
novel Cancer vaccine • First pilotless
commercial aircraft • First protein folding
Al • First reversal of human ageing •
First room temperature superconductor •
First virtual food. And many more.

## TIMELINE:

2020 to 2070





many species survival design, but human education requirements are different to those of almost all of our distant, biologically related animal cousins thanks in no small part to a divergence between the two that arguably began several millennia ago when someone invented the first monetary based trading system - the same system that today underscores, and arguably defines, our capitalist society and influences almost every aspect of our daily lives - including the purpose and role of our education system.

#### **SHOW ME THE MONEY**

Hierarchical, role based societies that acquire and share resources, such as the provision of care, food, and protection for the good of the group, as exhibited in everything from ant and bee colonies, to lions and Meercats, have existed almost since the emergence of complex life itself. And in this way, at a fundamental level at least, it can be said that human society isn't too dissimilar to the societies we come across every day in nature.

However, when you replace the benign, collaborative free sharing of resources with the concept of monetary based trade, as well as the concepts of wealth

accumulation and creation, it not only changes the paradigm of the society, but also the paradigms and principles that underpin the education system itself, from what we teach and how we teach it to how education is embedded into the fabric of the society itself.

The stark difference between these two societal systems, namely a monetary one and a non-monetary one, can be best demonstrated via a simple visualisation exercise that you can do now: Take a moment and imagine how you and your family would live your lives today if money had never been invented.

My guess is that you'd live your life very differently from the way you do today, and that your behaviours and purpose in life will also have changed dramatically.

In the absence of money I believe we can confidently say that while education would still play a dominant role in society and our individual development, it's also fair to say that its priorities and role would change, and that as a consequence it would be a very different form of education system from the one we have today.

#### **GOING BACK TO BASICS**

In my opinion taking today's education system back to basics and examining the needs it's trying to fulfil means that today's and tomorrow's education systems have two main objectives.

The first objective education is trying to fulfil is to prepare students for life as independent,

fully functional adults, who fit in well with general society. The second objective, which as we aet older becomes the more dominant objective, is to help students improve their long term earnings prospects

so they can not just

there's the rub.

survive, but, as the saying

goes, thrive and live well. And

As long as our lifestyles and well-being are tied to today's capitalist need to earn money that we trade for goods and services, no matter how basic or

benign those are, from water and food, to housing and protection, then our education systems will always need to be aligned with the principle of preparing people for life long employment, and today lifelong employment means, in many countries means working for 50 years or more.

"How do we
prepare people for a future
where the the jobs of the future
are, to a large degree, unknown,
and where the rate of manual and
cognitive automation will continue
to increase at an exponential
rate?"

In a stable jobs
environment, where jobs
and careers, as they
used to be centuries
ago, were for life,
it was arguably
acceptable for
the education
systems of the
time to evolve at
a relatively slow
pace.

However, as
we enter an age
where the threat of
job commoditisation
and automation, both
in the cognitive and manual
workforces lurk around every corner,
and where the pace of technological
development is accelerating, we are
now beginning to see professions,
from call center agents and lawyers,
to professional drivers and radiologists
dead end faster than ever before. The

result of which is that the so called "Industrial age" education system that we rely on today, and that has served us well in the past, is drastic need of an overhaul.

#### **21ST CENTURY LUDDITES**

In the past as we've moved from one industrial revolution to another technology has helped both destroy jobs and create new ones.

Take, for example, the farm workers of the mid 1850's and early 1900's. After the emergence of agricultural automation and mechanisation the percentage of the population employed in agriculture fell through the floor, from a peak of approximately 45 percent in the 1850's to below 2 percent today. And as automation bites again, and as we see the emergence of fully autonomous farms, it could be argued that in a couple of decades time even this figure of 2 percent could appear high.

In the past Luddites showed their dissatisfaction of their situation and disdain for new the new technologies that were replacing them by smashing the weaving looms that took their jobs, but today smashing the distributed computing platforms that harbour the artificial

intelligences that will take many of our jobs won't be as easy.

As we head into another period of what some are describing as "tumultuous change," where there will be more technological progress made in the next 20 years than there was in the previous 20,000, and where many of the world's leaders believe that technological automation will, to quote the European Union's official 2017 report, "affect every strata of our society," I advocate that now is the time to drastically re-think our education systems, and create one that helps us all flourish, without worry, and prepares us for what's ahead, whatever the future holds.

#### PREPARING FOR THE FUZZY FUTURE

As many of you will already know, or should be able to surmise, it's much easier to predict what is going to happen in the near future than in the far future, and it's also much easier to predict what will happen within a narrow range of topics, than in a broad range.

When we're dealing with the future of education, which let's face it is in no small way linked to the future of jobs, tasks and work, whichever way you want to frame it, then we arguably have the

worst of both worlds because not only are we trying to predict what jobs will exist, and which ones will fade away in the next 20 to 50 years, but the sheer range we're trying to cover, both the known and the unknown, is vast.

When we're trying to design a future proof education system, if one could ever truly exist, this ultimately means that, in my mind at least, we have just three options open to us.

We can design an education system that is fit for a future we predict, the risk being that that future might or might not pan out as we expect, we can design it for an uncertain future, or we can design it for a hybrid of the two. In other words we try our best to predict the medium to long term future but build in enough contingency to help us manage the surprises that will inevitably pop up at one point or another. This latter approach is my preferred, and it will be the one that forms the basis of this Codex.

We're all seeing with our own eyes how quickly the future is arriving, and how fast things change, whether it's thanks to the internet and the smartphones in our hands, which didn't exist 20 years ago, that give us access to all the world's information, and increasingly, expertise,

or the emergence of self-driving cars and in-vivo gene editing that didn't exist a scant 10 years ago. As well as a myriad of things besides.

As a futurist I get a fantastic front row seat to all this action, and in addition to seeing the future arrive faster than many people anticipate I also see how the pace of technological development is accelerating exponentially - where science fact often makes science fiction look tame, and where the number of variables are increasing at an almost immeasurable rate every month.

It's also this same front row seat though that compels me to impress on you both the need for educational change and prompts me to play a role in stirring debate and action in search of a workable, fit for purpose solution.

#### THE UNIVERSAL TRUTHS

As we look into the future there are going to be a number of what I call "Universal Truths" that, as far as I can tell, will remain true throughout the 50 year time line of this Codex.

Firstly, the amount of work, or more specifically, the number of tasks to be done, will increase exponentially, and

the types of tasks will continue to be a mix of so called Routine and Non-Routine ones.

Secondly, technology will both compliment human workers, and in certain situations replace them. Inevitably technology advances will mean that the number and type of tasks that can be fully automated will also increase exponentially and at an accelerating rate, with some experts saying that in time everything will be automated.

Thirdly, as a result of all this, human workers will need to become increasingly adaptable and agile, and will need to become increasingly adept at jumping between different tasks and professions with minimal friction. Unsurprisingly, given our siloed career mentalities accomplishing this feat will arguably be the most difficult to accomplish and it will require changes in both our education system as well as how we support workers throughout their working lives something that I'll focus on in more detail later in this Codex.





N THIS Codex I am going to dedicate more time to proposing future education solutions rather than highlighting the challenges we all face from the rise of automation and more general disruption. The reason for this is simple. On the one hand as the spectre of technology driven automation casts its long shadow over every industry many of us are already seeing the composition of today's workforce change and the pressure on individual job categories ratchet up, so I believe finding a solution to this thorny issue is vital.

Meanwhile, on the other hand the potential impact of automation on human jobs is already well debated and documented, so for now I feel sticking my own oar into the mix will simply add more unnecessary noise.

#### THE PROBLEM TO SOLVE

Technology has always been both a destroyer of jobs, and a creator, this was true in the 1700's and it's just as true today. Today, however, just as in times gone by, it's also true to say that the majority of people have a better understanding about the professions technology will automate and eliminate in the next couple of decades than the ones it will help create.

While there has been, and will continue to be, much debate and speculation about the scope and scale of professions that future technology will help eliminate our problem, and your children's future problem, in my mind at least, boils down to the following burning question:

AS DIFFERENT careers dead-end how do we help those affected move between different professions quickly, and with minimal friction?

This simple question also belies two challenges, both vast in scope. The first challenge concerns the education system we need to put in place in order to support life long learning, and the second challenge, which is arguably the more difficult of the two to solve, concerns the creation of the right corporate and societal cultures that we need in place to support frictionless job mobility between different professions and industries.

At its most basic this is the equivalent of helping a tractor driver in the agricultural industry, for example, whose job was automated by the emergence of fully autonomous tractors in the 2020's, retrain and then gain gainful employment as a digital campaign manager in the advertising industry. Or as a cyber security expert in the technology

# MINDSET MATTERS.

# LOOM AND THE PRINTING PRESS . . .

YOU CAN EITHER BE THE OUT OF WORK FARM HAND OR THE CEO OF JOHN DEERE . . .

industry, and a million examples besides.

#### PREDICTING THE JOBS OF THE FUTURE

While there has been much talk about the professions that technology will help automate and dead-end, something

I discussed in an earlier chapter, along with the challenges we all have even when faced with perfect knowledge of the future in the Time Travellers Dilemma, there has been much less chatter and clarity about the new careers and jobs it could help create.

throughout their working In one respect at least there's a train of thought that one of the reasons why we focus more on the threats than the opportunities is that evolution has honed our survival instincts over time to focus more on the threats, the things that in the past might kill or harm us, than on new opportunities. The other reason of course is that we could just, frankly, be really bad at forecasting, out the box

thinking, and seeing over the horizon.

When trying to create a future fit education system knowing what professions could fall by the wayside is important but it's arguably much less valuable than knowing the ones that could be created, and to

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automation and change

affect more professions, and

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people switch professions quickly,

and stay gainfully employed

lifetimes."

date I haven't seen any reports, or anything that convinces me we know what's coming.

That said though there are a number of things we can be certain about, for example, that binary coding will increasingly give way to coding chemistry and the code of life itself, that

security experts, albeit with new talent sets, will be in increasing demand, and more, and I'll be focusing on this topic and delving into the future of jobs in more detail in my next complimentary Codex.

#### PREDICTING WHO'S AT RISK

cases entire companies.

Surprisingly there are a couple of fairly simple rules of thumb we can use to determine whether a specific profession or group of professions could be automated, and despite their critics they work fairly well, and these are: If your profession can be described in a single sentence, or the group of tasks you and your colleagues perform can be broken down into a series of simple individual steps, then you could all be prime candidates for automation.

No where is this more stark than in the financial services sector, for example, where even the people running and managing Initial Public Offerings, in this case at Goldman Sachs, are beginning to be automated.

As it turns out most IPO's have over 164 individual steps, which when evaluated and understood, can then all be individually automated, and then sewn together to create, in this case, the world's first fully automated IPO platform. And if something as complex as an IPO can be automated, and all the people with it, then as you'll probably be able to figure out, it's not that difficult to automate other things too. Like claims adjusters, professional drivers, radiologists, wealth advisors, or in some





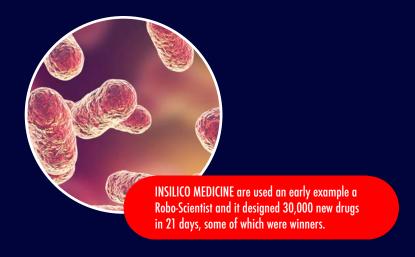




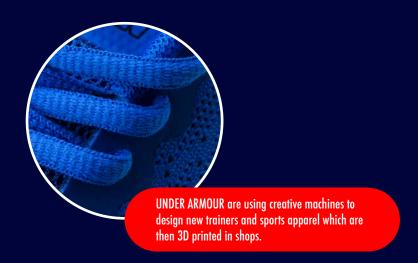
# SYNTHETIC CONTENT GENERATED BY CREATIVE MACHINES

As the capabilities of Creative Machines improve more and more companies and individuals will use them to push the boundaries of synthetic content creation and use them to generate everything from simple adverts and art, all the way through to using them to generate books, games, movies, and even digital humans.









# PRODUCTS DESIGNED BY CREATIVE MACHINES

As the capabilities of Creative Machines improve more and more companies are starting to experiment with them to create new product concepts, so here are some examples. And I could have also included Amazon and General Motors who are using creative machines to help them design fashion lines and cars - the floodgates are opening.

# FUTURE PROOF YOUR FUTURE CAREER





S I'VE described and explained many times over the years we all care about the future of work not necessarily because we care about the work itself per se but because we really care about being paid for something so we can do, see, and experience things and have or maintain our lifestyles. And there's the crux because if we, or more specifically technology, automate our jobs then it also eliminates our salaries.

Which then neatly brings me onto this dedicated section on how we avoid this problem where I'll not only be discussing and investigating the automation of hard and soft skills but I'll also be answering that singular question that everyone cares about, namely what jobs in the future will be well paid or highly paid, and then which of those will be performed by humans and not machines.

That's the ambition anyway and determining the answers, especially across a short, medium, and long term time horizon is quite the grand challenge.

So let's get into it.

#### **FINDING YOUR TRIFECTA**

When it comes to the future of jobs most

people don't just want to do a job that they enjoy, they also want jobs that are ideally economically, personally, and socially rewarding. Or as I call it - the ultimate Trifecta.

Despite this desire though the sad truth is that today the vast majority of people never realise their goals despite the fact that with some planning, some inner reflection, and some hard graft it's possible.

So, if it is possible to achieve your Trifecta then now you're likely asking yourself how, so just continue reading.

#### **Finding Your Purpose**

To first find a job that you would find personally fulfilling and rewarding you need to find out what would drive and inspire you to leap out of bed every morning. Fortunately, the Japanese concept of **Ikigai** provides us with a superb framework for doing just that, and I'll go into it in more depth in a couple of pages.

#### **Value Mapping**

Next, to find jobs that are economically

and socially rewarding - and this might sound odd at first - we need to dig into "Value." In short, and quite literally, what it is and what factors need to come together in order to create jobs that are highly paid in the marketplace, and then separately socially rewarding.

It's worth noting here that these two perspectives of value - AKA value to the market and value to society - are distinctly different and shouldn't be confused with one another. After all a job can be socially rewarding but not economically rewarding, and vice versa.

So, in my quest to try to help you realise your Trifecta I'll be digging into both kinds of value.

#### The Right Skills For The Right Job

Then, having deeply explored the first two my final task is to do my best to determine which hard and soft skills you will need to have in your metaphorical tool belt in order to win those rewarding jobs.

Then, of course, we or I in this case, have the added wrinkle - and it's a giant wrinkle at that - of also trying to figure out which of these hard and soft skills will be automated and when so that, ideally, and hence the purpose of this entire Codex, you can stay gainfully and happily employed in your perfect profession or professions until you choose to retire - irrespective of the changing market conditions.

#### SUMMARY

By following these steps it's then my hope that we will have a robust framework to assess what skills we need to thrive as the job market and technology both continue to develop and evolve over time, what new job categories might be created in the future, and which of those jobs will be the most difficult - for whatever reasons - to automate.

# THE ULTIMATE "FUTURE JOBS" QUESTION

# WHAT JOBS DO PEOPLE & THE MARKETS VALUE IN THE FUTURE & WHAT CAN BE AUTOMATED WHEN?

# FIND YOUR PURPOSE. IKIGAI.

N THE fast paced ever changing world of ours it's all too easy to get caught up in the daily grind and lose sight of what truly matters which is why all too often in some cases we find ourselves questioning the purpose of our existence, and wondering if we're on the right path. This is precisely just the kind of existential question that the Japanese concept of "Ikigai" was designed to answer.

#### **SPEND TIME WITH YOURSELF**

Ikigai, which literally translates to "Reason for Being," is the intersection of four key elements: What you love, What you're good at, What the world needs, and What you can be paid for. When these four elements align, you've found your Ikigai, and not only will you have found your purpose but you'll also be able to focus on finding a job that you love not loathe. For many people finding their Ikigai sounds easy enough, but in practise most people find it very difficult, if they even manage to discover it at all.

The first step is to take a deep dive into yourself. Ask yourself questions like:

What are my passions and strengths? What skills do I possess that could benefit others? And, what problems do I want to solve in the world?

Once you've identified your passions and strengths, it's time to explore how you can use them to make a positive impact on the world. This is where the element of "what the world needs" comes into play. Consider the issues that matter most to you and how your unique skills and talents can contribute to solving them.

It's also essential to consider the practicalities of pursuing your Ikigai. While it's important to follow your passions, it's equally important to ensure that you can sustain yourself financially so, unsurprisingly, this is where the element of "what you can be paid for" comes in and you should research potential career paths or business opportunities that align with your Ikigai and assess their viability.

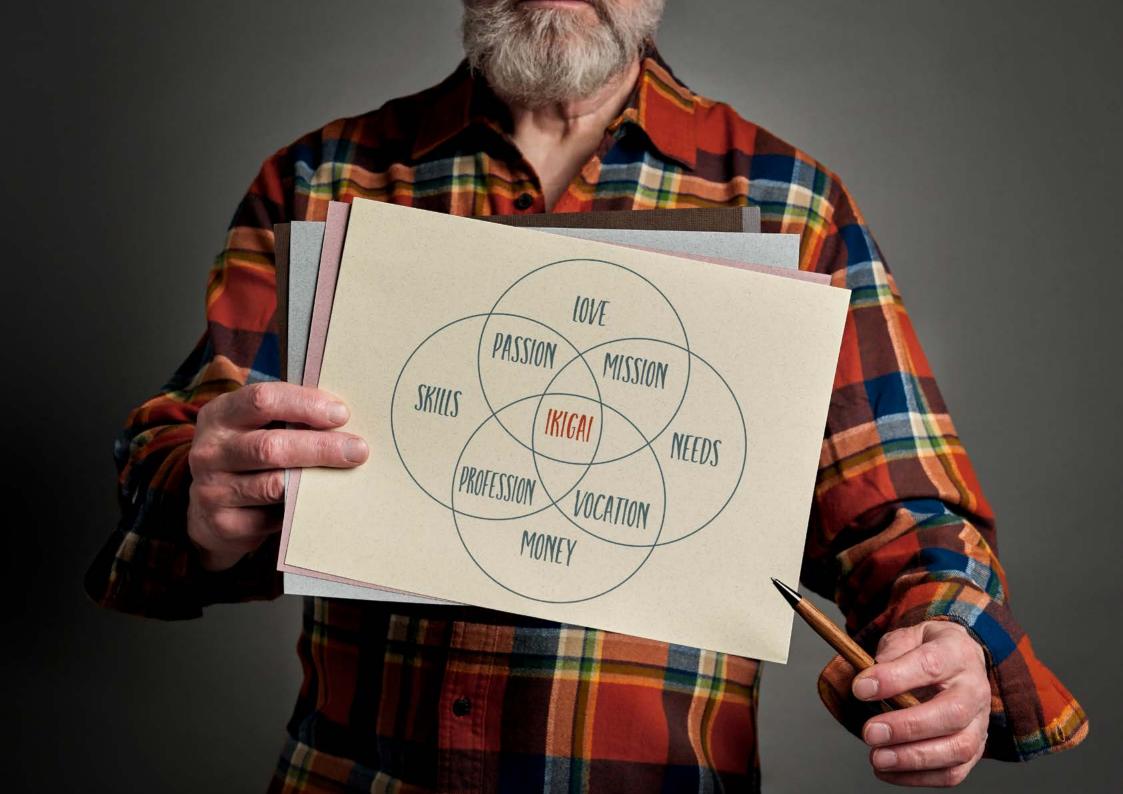
Discovering your Ikigai requires experimentation, exploration, introspection, experimentation, and a willingness to step outside your comfort

zone. It may involve facing challenges, overcoming obstacles, and taking risks, but the rewards of living a life aligned with your purpose are immeasurable, and when you find your lkigai, you wake up each day with a sense of excitement and anticipation. You're energised by the work you do and the impact you're making, and you should feel a deep sense of fulfilment and connection to something greater than yourself.

Finding your Ikigai is not a once in a lifetime event though. As you grow and evolve, so too may your Ikigai so it's important to regularly reassess yourself and make adjustments as needed.

#### **SUMMARY**

In a world that often prioritises productivity and success over personal fulfilment embracing Ikigai can supremely satisfying, and it means redefining success on your own terms and pursuing a life that aligns with your passions and core values. So, take the time to explore your inner self, ask yourself tough questions and be honest with



your answers, and surround yourself with people who inspire and support you. And most importantly, trust in the journey.

# THE TWO IMPORTANT DAYS IN LIFE ARE THE DAY YOU WERE BORN AND THE DAY YOU FIND OUT WHY.

# **DEFINING VALUE.**

anything associated with them, such as skills, are inherently tied with value, and importantly, as I explain in my Anchoring Constants Model which you can find in my Strategic Foresight for Leaders Codex, value as a concept is one of the few things that remains quite constant and persists through time no matter how our world changes.

Therefore, by being able to define value and understand what makes something valuable we can develop a robust jobs methodology that stands the test of time. And, as the world around us continues to change at an increasingly furious rate, having value as our anchoring constant is vitally important.

#### **VALUE DEFINITION**

When it comes to defining value fortunately it's quite simple, and we can define it as the worth, importance, or usefulness of something.

#### THE VAGARIES OF VALUE

Despite having quite a sensible and straight forwards definition there's a good reason why they say value is in the eye of the beholder - because it's highly fluid. After all, it can be logical and quantified, and at the same time it can also be illogical and intangible. Additionally though there are many other factors that determine whether something is valuable or not, and the how valuable it is, such as supply and demand, scarcity and timing, and many others.

Just taking a simple example if I tried to sell you a bottle of water in a supermarket for a million dollars then it's unlikely anyone would buy it. However, take that exact same bottle and offer it to a parched billionaire stranded miles from anywhere in the middle of a desert and I'm much more likely to seal the deal.

Using another example to demonstrate the fluidity of value children provide us with tons of examples, with many of them happy to part with large sums of money to buy the latest in game digital assets - most of which are literally worthless. But

they buy them anyway because, on the one hand they have a different view of money than us adults, and on the other the real value that they get from having these assets is attention from their peers.

#### Value and Jobs

Thankfully though, when it comes to understanding and rating the value of jobs and skills to the markets and to society we have a fairly good understanding of what makes a job valuable and why, so fortunately we don't have to get too deep into the weeds of this incredibly animated topic. And, we like simple.

# VALUE IS THE IMPORTANCE, USEFULNESS, OR WORTH OF SOMETHING.

THE DEFINITION OF VALUE.

# MARKET FACTORS AFFECTING JOB COMPENSATION.

So, YOU'RE a demanding ambitious human being and you want it all - you want a job that is financially and socially rewarding. Or maybe you just want to be rich and don't care too much about having a job that's socially rewarding, or maybe you care more about having a job with a great amount of social impact rather than the size of your pay packet.

If any of these scenarios sounds like you, and let's face it at least one of them should, then this is what I'll be digging into in this section and you might be surprised by all the different factors that have to align in order to make a job valuable in the market place - especially when it comes to jobs that are economically valuable and ergo highly paid.

#### **ECONOMIC VERSUS SOCIAL VALUE**

When it comes to projecting the true economic value of a job there are 18 factors that I've identified that are important. And, as you'll see for yourself, change the value of any one of them and

the amount of money that the market will be willing to pay you to do that job at best changes, and at worst collapses.

Unsurprisingly though, when it comes to the social value of an individual job far fewer of these factors are relevant, and with such an obvious imbalance between the two we could argue it's because the jobs market is therefore more closely aligned with the needs of capitalism rather than social good.

#### THE CATEGORIES OF VALUE

Below are the 18 umbrella categories that when combined determine the overall remuneration of a specific job when compared to others.

In short, the higher the score for all of these factors the more likely it is that that job will be highly paid - and I'll show you how this works in a live example at the end of this section. The umbrella categories are:

#### 1. Certification Requirements

The more certifications, credentials, and or licenses that a job requires, which often take an individual significant effort, money, and time to acquire and maintain, the more likely it is that the job will be higher paid.

#### 2. Confidentiality and Trust

The greater the level of confidentiality and or trust required in a job the more likely it is that the job will be higher paid.

#### 3. Complexity

The more complex or difficult the job is, and the more intricate the decision making, responsibilities, and tasks are - including Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) - the more likely it is that the job will be higher paid.

#### 4. Cultural Expertise

The greater the requirement for experience, knowledge, and the understanding of different business

practises, cultures, and languages, in a local or global context, the more likely it is that the job will be higher paid.

#### 5. Impact of Failure

The greater the consequences and costs of errors, failures, and or mistakes in the job, which can range from minor inconveniences to significant financial and legal liabilities and even the loss of life, the more likely it is that the job will be higher paid.

#### 6. Industry Profitability

The more profitable and financially healthy the individual industry in which the job is located is, with jobs in more profitable industries often commanding higher salaries than those in less profitable sectors, hence the disparity between the private sector and the public sector, the more likely it is that the job will be higher paid.

#### 7. Language Skills Requirement

The greater the need for proficiency in specific languages to effectively perform a job, especially those involving communication with diverse populations or international stakeholders, the more likely it is that the job will be higher paid.

#### 8. Level of Experience

The greater the amount of relevant work experience required to excel at or perform the job the more likely it is that the job will be higher paid.

#### 9. Level of Expertise

The greater the breadth and or depth of expertise, knowledge, and skills required, whether that is through certification and or through practical experience, to perform a job the more likely it is that the job will be higher paid.

#### 10. Level of Impact

The greater the impact that the job has on the overall performance, strategy, and success of a company, as well as its broader impact on the economy, industry, society, or combinations thereof, the more likely it is that the job will be higher paid.

#### 11. Level of Responsibility

The greater the level of accountability, responsibility, scale, and scope of the job, and the extent to which it involves managing people, projects, and resources, the more likely it is that the job will be higher paid.

#### 12. Level of Risk

The greater the potential for exposure to financial, legal, physical, and or reputational risk in the job, which may additionally require specialist experience and expertise to avoid and mitigate, the more likely it is that a job will be higher paid.

#### 13. Market Demand

The greater the demand for the expertise, knowledge, and or skills associated with the job, and therefore the greater the level of competition for candidates with those attributes in the labour market, the more likely it is that the job will be higher paid.

#### 14. Multi-Disciplinary Expertise

The greater the requirement for knowledge and skills that span a wide range of fields, and the greater the requirement for individuals who can apply and integrate these as appropriate within an organisation, the more likely it is that the job will be higher paid.

#### 15. Output Quality

The higher the expectations and standards for the accuracy, quality, and thoroughness of the work produced in the job, which in themselves might require more extensive attention to detail, effort, and expertise, the more likely it is that the job will be higher paid.

#### 16. Specialised Knowledge

The greater the need for deep, specific, and often proprietary knowledge in a particular field or industry, which may be acquired through extensive education, experience, and or training, the more likely it is that the job will be higher paid.

#### 17. Specialised Skills

The greater the requirement for advanced, specific, and often technical skills to perform a job, which may be acquired through extensive education, experience, and or practical experience, the more likely it is that the job will be

higher paid.

#### **18. Talent Scarcity**

The more scarce or rare the people with the attributes and talents needed to perform a job, whether that's because of the market demand and or the specialisms needed, and the harder it is to find and or attract people, the more likely it is that the job will be higher paid.

# ONLY 28% OF HOW MUCH A JOB PAYS YOU IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO YOUR HARD OR SOFT SKILLS.

# **SOME EXAMPLES.**

O, having explained how different factors affect the value and thereby compensation of particular jobs let's run some real world examples so you can see for yourself how changing just one of them - let alone many of them - can have a dramatic impact on the compensation people receive for doing those jobs.

#### TAKE THE ALTERNATIVE VIEW

However, as you look through the examples on the next couple of pages I'd also urge you to change your own perspective - whether you're an individual or a representative of a government or an organisation - because while today so called external forces have a huge, almost out sized, impact on the value of jobs and their compensation there are quite often things that you can do to influence them as well for your own benefit.

#### **EXAMPLE 01**

**OFFICE CLEANER** 

**AVG. WAGE RANGE** 

\$13 to \$16 Per Hour \$21,000 to \$34,000 PA

Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

# EXAMPLE 02 HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS CLEANER

**AVG. WAGE RANGE** 

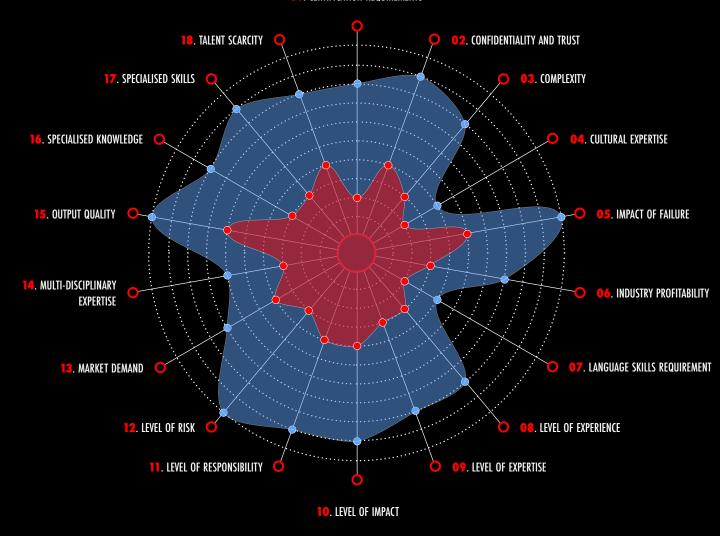
\$38 to \$48 Per Hour \$70,000 to \$100,000 PA

Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### **CHART KEY**



O1. CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS



## HOW MARKET FACTORS AFFECT JOB COMPENSATION

In this example, where we compare the job expectations and market dynamics for office cleaners versus hazardous chemical cleaners, both of which ostensibly have the same goals but very different expectations and requirements, we take a look at how changing different factors affect how much cleaners are paid to perform their jobs, and you can clearly see the impact that these factors have on the hourly and annual wage ranges.

#### **EXAMPLE 01**

#### **SOFTWARE DEVELOPER**

SCENARIO: FULLY AUTOMATED BY AI THEREFORE "TALENT SCARCITY IS LOW."

#### **AVG. WAGE DEPRECIATION**

EST. 90% to 100%

Sources: Multiple, inc. Labour Economics, G. Borjas; The Impact of Al on the Labor Market, Stanford University.

#### **EXAMPLE 02**

#### **SOFTWARE DEVELOPER**

**CURRENT REAL WORLD COMPENSATION** 

#### **AVG. WAGE RANGE**

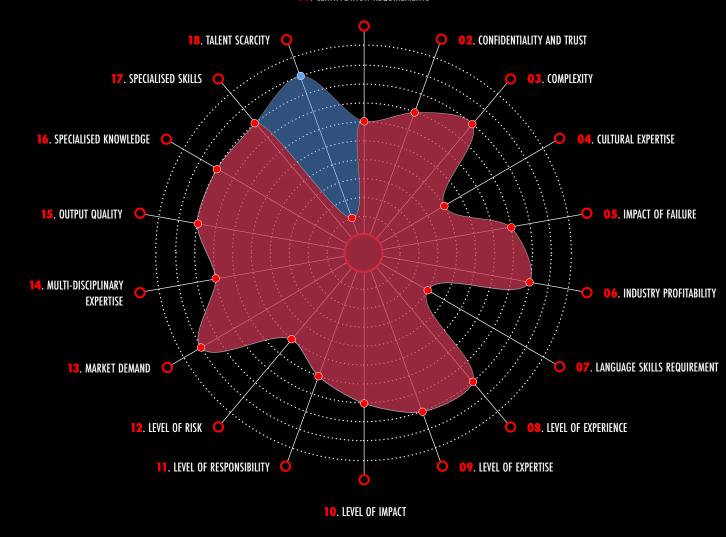
\$40 to \$65 Per Hour \$83,000 to \$133,000 PA

Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### **CHART KEY**



#### O1. CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS



## HOW CHANGING A SINGLE MARKET FACTOR AFFECTS COMPENSATION

In this example we look at the job role of Software Developer but change the Talent Scarcity variable. As we know one of the factors affecting job compensation is the Market Demand-Supply relationship, and today we live in a world where software developers are in high demand but where supply is often constrained - and we have accurate wage data for this. However, what if every other factor remained the same but talent was abundant, not scarce, or even fully automated by AI, what would be the impact on wages then?

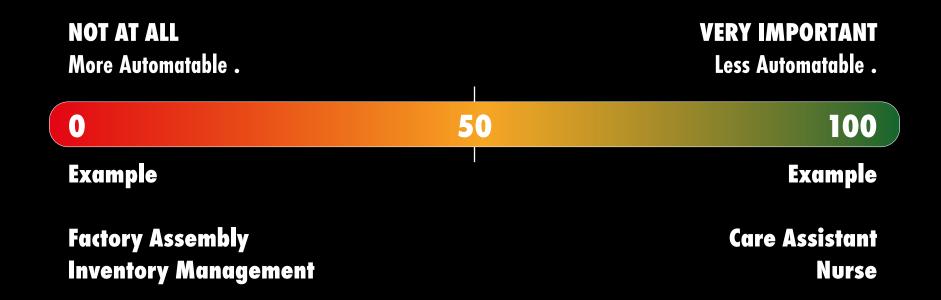


Sources: Investopedia, Paycom, SmartAsset

## WAGE SCORE: SLIDING SCALE SCORE CARD

In total there are 18 Market Factors that affect the amount of compensation a particular job receives and we can give each of these factors a score out of 10. Once totalled up, with a maximum score of 180 and the minimum score being 0, the rule of thumb is that the higher the score the more likely it is that that job will be highly paid, and vice versa. On our Wage Score 90 or below indicates a job will be paid below the US average, and a score above 90 will mean it's higher - all along a sliding scale.

## HOW IMPORTANT IS IT THAT THIS JOB HAS A PERSONAL HUMAN TOUCH?



## WILD CARD: THE REQUIREMENT OF THE PERSONAL TOUCH

Our objective is to establish the possible compensation potential for a job and its likelihood of automation in the future. However, while changing a single Market Factor, as we have seen, can dramatically change a jobs compensation, and while hard and soft skills can be automated in time, there is one thing that trumps automation in almost all cases and that's how much of a Personal Touch a job needs. The greater the personal touch, such as in a care home or hospital, the less likely it is that the role will be automated.

# **DEFINING HARD AND SOFT SKILLS.**

Praying to be as programmatic as possible about how we define things such as value, as well as hard or soft skills, what I am trying to do is avoid ambiguity, with my ultimate goal being to create a personal framework for you that stands the test of time and remains true and usable no matter how the world around you changes.

Furthermore, when it comes to skills I am also being careful to make sure the skills I cite are strictly categorised as either hard or soft and not as both - such as could be the case with 'Creativity' which on the one hand could be categorised as a hard skill because it's certifiable, and on the other hand can also be classified as a soft skill because it's seen as an innate part of the so called human condition.

The reason why I've chosen to be strict with this is because the clearer the delineation between the different categories of skills the easier it will be for us in the end to produce effective learning and development strategies that help you become future ready.

So, having set the scene, let's dig into the

definitions which will then serve as the baselines for this part of our exercise.

#### HARD SKILLS DEFINITION

Hard skills, which are often procedural or technical in nature, are specific teachable and quantifiable abilities that can be clearly defined and measured, and that can be demonstrated through specific accomplishments such as certification, or formal or third party training programs, or on the job training.

#### **SOFT SKILLS DEFINITION**

Soft skills, meanwhile, are almost the opposite of hard skills. They are behavioural, inter-personal, and nontechnical skills that enable individuals to communicate and interact effectively with others, and manage their own emotions and time.

# HARD SKILLS ARE SPECIFIC TEACHABLE ABILITES THAT CAN BE DEFINED & MEASURED

HARD SKILL DEFINITION.

# SOFT SKILLS ARE NON TECHNICAL SKILLS THAT DESCRIBE HOW YOU WORK & INTERACT WITH OTHERS.

SOFT SKILL DEFINITION.

# "SKILL IS THE UNIFIED FORCE OF EXPERIENCE, INTELLECT & PASSION."

- John Ruskin, British Philosopher

# HARD SKILL UMBRELLA CATEGORIES.

OVING TO the next step, in this section I'm going to lay out and dig into all of the categories of hard skills that the world at large relies on to keep the global economy and society turning. And, as you might imagine getting to the point where we have every hard skill represented in a category was no easy feat.

However, having accomplished this we're going to be in a great position to zero in on the skill categories that are the most valued in the future, and which will be difficult to automate and, because each category is comprised of a multitude of individual specialised hard skills it will be easier for us to analyse and examine those as well, with the final result being that we can include those in our final Life Long Learning program at the end.

#### HARD SKILL UMBRELLA CATEGORIES

As you can see I have 18 umbrella categories of hard skills, and I have been very specific, again, in separating them so that there is either no overlap between any of them or only minimal overlap.

An example of this are the separate Economic and Finance Skills categories.

While you could argue that these two categories could be merged into one they have been kept separate because Economic Skills relate more to macro and market economics, whereas Finance Skills are more related to corporate finance.

#### 1. Analytical Skills

This is the category of skills involved with gathering, interpreting, and analysing information which, in the main, are then used to make data driven decisions.

#### Examples include:

- Al systems auditing
- Business intelligence
- Data analysis
- Data visualisation
- Financial modelling
- Lean Six Sigma
- Predictive analytics
- Quantitative risk management
- Statistical analysis
- Supply chain analytics

#### 2. Business Management Skills

This is the category of skills required to effectively manage and or lead an organisation.

#### Examples include:

- Agile methodology
- Business analysis
- Business strategy
- Financial management
- ITSM
- Operations management
- Process improvement
- Product management
- Project management
- Quality management

#### 3. Business Operations Skills

This is the category of skills needed to manage the day to day operations of an organisation effectively.

- Contract management
- Facilities management

- Inventory management
- Logistics management
- Procurement
- Quality control
- Risk management
- Safety management
- Supply chain management
- Vendor management

#### 4. Clinical and Medical Skills

This is the category of skills required to provide healthcare services and support to patient care.

#### Examples include:

- ACLS
- Basic Life Support
- Clinical trial management
- EHR management
- Medical billing and coding
- Medical laboratory technology
- Nursing informatics
- PALS
- Phlebotomy
- Radiology

#### 5. Corporate Responsibility Skills

This is the category of skills required to ensure a company operates ethically and responsibly.

#### Examples include:

- Carbon accounting
- CSR reporting
- Environmental impact assessors
- ESG investing
- Ethical supply chain management
- GHG accounting
- Human rights due diligence
- Occupational H&S management
- Sustainability reporting
- Waste management

#### 6. Creative and Design Skills

This is the category of skills needed to create effective and some times engaging concepts and content across different design mediums.

- 3D modelling
- Animation
- Audio engineering
- Cinematography
- Graphic design
- Motion graphics
- Photography
- UX design
- Video editing
- Web design

#### 7. Economic Skills

This is the category of skills required to analyse and interpret macro and market economic data and trends.

#### Examples include:

- Econometrics
- Economic analysis
- Economic forecasting
- Financial modelling
- Game theory
- Macroeconomic analysis
- Microeconomic analysis
- Public finance
- Quantitative analysis
- Statistical modelling

#### 8. Engineering Skills

This is the category of skills needed to design, develop, and maintain technical concepts, products, and systems.

#### Examples include:

- Automation engineering
- Chemical engineering
- Civil engineering
- CAD
- Electrical engineering
- Mechanical engineering
- Project management

- Software engineering
- Systems engineering
- Structural engineering

#### 9. Finance Skills

This is the category of skills needed to effectively manage an organisations financial resources and make informed financial decisions.

#### Examples include:

- Accounting
- Auditing
- Budgeting
- Cash flow management
- Financial analysis
- Financial modelling
- Investment management
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Risk management
- Tax planning

#### 10. Green Skills

This is the category of skills required to promote environmental sustainability and reduce an organisations environmental impact.

- Carbon footprint analysis
- Energy efficiency
- Environmental impact assessment
- Environmental policy
- Green building
- Renewable energy
- Sustainable design
- Sustainable procurement
- Waste management
- Water conservation

#### 11. Information Technology Skills

This is the category of skills needed to develop, maintain, manage, and operate computer systems and software.

#### Examples include:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Cloud computing
- Cyber security
- Database management
- Data Science
- DevOps
- Network administration
- Robotics and Automation
- Software Development
- Web and mobile development

#### 12. Learning and Development Skills

This is the category of skills required to

deliver and develop training programs and facilitate learning.

#### Examples include:

- Blended learning
- Curriculum development
- E-Learning development
- Gamification in learning
- Instructional design
- Organisational development
- Special needs learning
- Training evaluation
- Training facilitation
- Training needs analysis

#### 13. Legal Skills

This is the category of skills needed to understand and apply legal principles and procedures within and outside of an organisation.

- Contract negotiation
- IP law
- Legal research
- Litigation and trial advocacy
- Legal compliance
- Legal writing
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Regulatory law and policy
- Risk management

Tax law and estate planning

#### 14. Manufacturing and Production Skills

This is the category of skills required to efficiently produce goods and manage manufacturing processes.

#### Examples includes:

- Additive manufacturing
- Automation and robotics
- CNC machining
- Continuous improvement
- Electronic assembly
- Lean manufacturing
- Quality assurance
- Process validation
- Safety compliance
- Statistical process control

#### 15. Physical Skills

This is the category of skills that involve physical coordination, dexterity, stamina, and strength.

#### **Examples include:**

- Arboriculture
- Commercial diving
- EMS
- Fire fighting

- Heavy equipment operation
- Personal training
- Pesticide application
- Phlebotomy
- Physical therapy
- Respiratory therapy

#### 16. R&D Skills

This is the category of skills needed to conduct research and develop new concepts, products, processes, and or services.

#### Examples include:

- Agile product development
- Clinical research
- Hazardous materials management
- IP management
- Laboratory animal science
- Laboratory safety
- Pharmaceutical research
- Project management
- Quality assurance
- Regulatory affairs

#### 17. Sales Skills

This is the category of skills required to effectively sell products or services and manage customer relationships.

#### Examples include:

- Account management
- Business development
- Consultative selling
- CRM
- Key Account Management
- Negotiation
- Sales analytics
- Sales leadership
- Sales methodology
- Strategic selling

#### **18. Specialist Trade Skills**

This is the category of skills specific to a particular profession or trade that often requires specialised certification and or training.

- Aerospace welding
- Avionics technician
- Elevator installation
- Underwater welding
- Industrial Radiography
- Land Surveying
- Locksmithing
- Metrology and calibration
- Non-destructive testing
- Welding inspection

# **SOFT SKILL UMBRELLA CATEGORIES.**

AVING THOROUGHLY categorised and investigated every hard skill in the previous section in this section we're going to be doing the same for soft skills and creating umbrella categories that cover them all.

#### **SOFT SKILL AUTOMATION**

While many of us recognise how different hard skills can be automated there are many people that say soft skills, or the majority of them, can never be automated by machines. But in the main that's an incorrect assumption.

Just as we see with hard skills soft skills are also process and work flow orientated. For example, a machine might not be able to empathise with people in the same spiritual way that a human might but using a variety of sensing systems they can identify a smile and determine the right response.

So, nevertheless, while humans have both a learned and innate ability to master different soft skills there are a multitude of ways that we can imbue technology with the ability to copy them, mimic them, and also in time master them - even if they are all just synthetic.

#### **SOFT SKILL UMBRELLA CATEGORIES**

Having conducted a thorough investigation of every soft skill used in society I have concluded that there are 15 umbrella categories of soft skills that cover them all, and you can see these categories as well as the associated individual attributes, skills, and traits that all contribute to that category listed below.

While many of these are quite obviously only soft skills the eagle eyed individuals among you might have noticed that "Creative" makes it into both the hard and soft skills lists. However, in my quest to clearly delineate between hard and soft skills there are creative skills that are learned and that employers require proof of in the form of certification, and then there's the rather chaotic, fuzzy, and sometimes messy human creative process that's most definitely a soft skill.

#### 1. Adaptability and Resilience

This category of skills is the ability to adjust to change and recover from adversity or setbacks.

- Adaptability to new situations
- Agility
- Cognitive flexibility
- Coping skills
- Emotional regulation
- Flexibility
- Grit
- Growth mindset
- Interpersonal adaptability
- Learning agility
- Mental resilience
- Mental toughness
- Open-mindedness
- Optimism
- Perseverance
- Positive attitude
- Proactivity
- Problem-solving
- Resourcefulness
- Self-awareness
- Self-care
- Self-efficacy

- Self-reflection
- Stress management
- Tolerance of ambiguity
- Versatility

These soft skills are all directly related to the ability to adapt to change, bounce back from setbacks, and maintain a positive outlook in the face of challenges. They involve the capacity to remain flexible, regulate one's emotions, and find creative solutions to problems, even under pressure.

Adaptability and resilience are essential for navigating the uncertainties and disruptions of modern life, both personally and professionally. They enable individuals to learn from experiences, grow through adversity, and maintain high levels of performance and well-being, even in difficult circumstances.

Some key aspects of adaptability and resilience include the ability to modify one's approach in response to new information or feedback, the mental toughness to persevere through obstacles and setbacks, and the self-awareness to recognize and manage one's own stress levels and emotional responses.

Please note that while some skills, such as problem-solving and open-mindedness, can also be relevant to other skill

categories, in the context of adaptability and resilience, they specifically refer to the ability to find effective solutions in challenging situations and remain receptive to new ideas and approaches in the face of change.

#### 2. Collaboration Skills

This category of skills is the ability to work effectively with others towards a common goal.

- Accountability
- Active listening
- Adaptability
- Collaborative problem-solving
- Compromise
- Conflict resolution
- Cooperation
- Cross-functional collaboration
- Cultural sensitivity
- Emotional intelligence
- Empathy
- Facilitation
- Flexibility
- · Giving and receiving feedback
- Interpersonal communication
- Interpersonal skills
- Motivation
- Negotiation
- Open-mindedness

- Patience
- Relationship building
- Respect for diversity
- Shared responsibility
- Teamwork
- Trust-building
- Virtual collaboration

These skills encompass various aspects of working effectively with others, including communication, interpersonal relationships, problem-solving, and adaptability. They contribute to creating a positive, productive, and successful collaborative environment, enabling individuals to work together towards common goals, navigate challenges, and build strong professional relationships.

#### 3. Communication Skills

This category of skills ability to effectively convey, interpret, and receive information through various channels and means.

#### Examples include:

- Active listening
- Assertiveness
- Body language
- Clarity
- Concision
- Confidence

- Constructive feedback
- Diplomacy
- Empathy
- Facilitation
- Interpersonal communication
- Interpretation
- Negotiation
- Nonverbal communication
- Oral communication
- Persuasion
- Presentation skills
- Providing feedback
- Public speaking
- Questioning skills
- Reading comprehension
- Storytelling
- Summarizing
- Tact
- Technical communication
- Tone modulation
- Verbal communication
- Visual communication
- Written communication

These soft skills are all directly related to the ability to effectively convey information, ideas, and feelings through various channels, as well as the ability to understand and interpret messages from others. They are crucial for successful communication in personal, social, and professional contexts.

#### 4. Creative and Innovative Thinking

This category of skills is the ability to generate novel ideas and approach problems in new ways.

#### Examples include:

- Adaptability
- Brainstorming
- Challenging assumptions
- Curiosity
- Design thinking
- Divergent thinking
- Experimentation
- Idea generation
- Imagination
- Innovation
- Lateral thinking
- Open-mindedness
- Original thinking
- Out-of-the-box thinking
- Problem reframing
- Risk-taking
- Unconventional thinking
- Visionary thinking

These soft skills are all directly related to the ability to generate novel ideas, approach problems from different angles, and think beyond conventional boundaries. They are essential for fostering creativity and innovation in various personal and professional contexts.

Please note that while adaptability and

risk-taking can contribute to creative and innovative thinking, they are also relevant to other skill categories, such as adaptability and resilience or leadership skills. However, in the context of creative and innovative thinking, they specifically refer to the willingness to adjust one's approach and take calculated risks when exploring new ideas and solutions.

#### 5. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

This category of skills is the ability to analyse information, identify problems, and develop effective solutions.

- Analytical thinking
- Asking questions
- Attention to detail
- Causal analysis
- Convergent thinking
- Decision-making
- Deductive reasoning
- Evaluation
- Evidence-based reasoning
- Inductive reasoning
- Inference
- Logical reasoning
- Objective thinking
- Problem identification
- Root cause analysis
- Strategic thinking

- Synthesizing information
- Systems thinking
- Troubleshooting

These soft skills are all directly related to the ability to analyze information, identify problems, and generate effective solutions using logical and systematic approaches. They are crucial for making sound decisions, solving complex problems, and thinking critically in various personal and professional situations.

Please note that while some skills like decision-making and strategic thinking can also be relevant to other skill categories, such as leadership skills, in the context of critical thinking and problem-solving, they specifically refer to the application of logical reasoning and analysis to make informed choices and develop effective strategies.

#### 6. Cultural Competence

This category of skills is the ability to appreciate, understand, and interact effectively with people from diverse backgrounds.

Examples includes:

Here is an alphabetical list of soft skills

that perfectly align with the umbrella category of "cultural competence":

- Adaptability
- Cross-cultural communication
- Cultural awareness
- Cultural intelligence
- Cultural sensitivity
- Empathy
- Ethnorelativism
- Global perspective
- Inclusivity
- Inter-cultural competence
- Multicultural collaboration
- Non-judgmental attitude
- Open-mindedness
- Respect for diversity
- Self-awareness
- Tolerance for ambiguity
- Understanding of cultural norms
- Valuing diversity

These soft skills are all directly related to the ability to understand, appreciate, and effectively interact with people from diverse cultural backgrounds. They involve recognizing and respecting differences, adapting to various cultural contexts, and fostering inclusive environments that leverage the strengths of diversity.

Cultural competence is essential for building positive relationships, communicating effectively, and

collaborating successfully in today's globalised world, where individuals from different cultures often work together towards common goals.

#### 7. Emotional Intelligence

This category of skills is the ability to manage, recognise, and understand one's own emotions and the emotions of others.

#### Examples includes:

- Active listening
- Adaptability
- Assertiveness
- Conflict resolution
- Empathy
- Impulse control
- Motivation
- Optimism
- Positive influence
- Relationship management
- Self-awareness
- Self-confidence
- Self-expression
- Self-motivation
- Self-reflection
- Self-regulation
- Social awareness
- Social skills
- Stress management

These soft skills are all directly related to the ability to recognize, understand, and manage one's own emotions, as well as the emotions of others. They involve developing a deep understanding of oneself, regulating emotional responses, and building strong, positive relationships with others.

Emotional intelligence is crucial for effective communication, collaboration, leadership, and overall success in personal and professional life. It enables individuals to navigate complex social situations, handle stress and challenges effectively, and create a positive impact on others through empathy, motivation, and strong interpersonal skills.

Please note that while some skills, such as adaptability and stress management, can also be relevant to other skill categories like resilience, in the context of emotional intelligence, they specifically refer to the ability to adjust one's emotional responses and cope with stressors in a healthy, constructive manner.

#### 8. Entrepreneurial Mindset

This category of skills is the ability to create value, identify opportunities, and take calculated risks.

#### Examples includes:

- Adaptability
- Calculated risk-taking
- Creativity
- Critical thinking
- Flexibility
- Future orientation
- Grit
- Growth mindset
- Initiative
- Innovation
- Leadership
- Opportunity recognition
- Optimism
- Persistence
- Proactivity
- Problem-solving
- Resilience
- Risk Taking
- Self-motivation
- Strategic thinking
- Vision

These soft skills are all directly related to the ability to think and act like an entrepreneur, whether in the context of starting a new venture or driving innovation within an existing organization. They involve the capacity to identify opportunities, generate creative ideas, take calculated risks, and persevere in the face of challenges.

An entrepreneurial mindset is characterized by a strong drive to create value, solve problems, and bring ideas to life. It requires a combination of creativity, strategic thinking, and the ability to adapt to changing circumstances. Entrepreneurs must also possess strong leadership skills, as they often need to inspire and motivate others to work towards a shared vision.

Please note that while some skills, such as problem-solving and adaptability, can also be relevant to other skill categories, in the context of an entrepreneurial mindset, they specifically refer to the ability to find innovative solutions to business challenges and quickly adjust strategies in response to market feedback or changing conditions.

#### 9. Interdisciplinary Thinking

This category of skills is the ability to integrate insights and knowledge from multiple disciplines to solve complex problems.

- Adaptability
- Applying knowledge
- Connecting ideas
- Contextual understanding

- Cross-disciplinary collaboration
- Cross-disciplinary communication
- Curiosity
- Holistic thinking
- Identifying connections
- Integrating perspectives
- Intellectual flexibility
- Interdisciplinary problem-solving
- Interdisciplinary research
- Navigating disciplines
- Open-mindedness
- Synthesis
- Systems thinking
- Transferring insights
- Valuing diversity
- Willingness to learn

These skills focus on the ability to think, learn, and work across multiple disciplines, integrating knowledge and insights from various fields to solve complex problems, generate innovative ideas, and gain a more comprehensive understanding of a given subject. They involve the capacity to connect seemingly disparate concepts, adapt to different disciplinary contexts, and collaborate effectively with experts from diverse backgrounds.

#### 10. Interpersonal Skills

This category of skills is the ability to interact effectively with others and build

positive relationships.

#### Examples include:

- Active listening
- Assertiveness
- Coaching
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Conflict management
- Diplomacy
- Empathy
- Emotional intelligence
- Facilitation
- Feedback
- Influence
- Intercultural competence
- Interpersonal awareness
- Mediation
- Mentoring
- Negotiation
- Networking
- Nonverbal communication
- Patience
- Persuasion
- Rapport-building
- Relationship management
- Social perceptiveness
- Stakeholder management
- Teamwork
- Trust-building
- Verbal communication

These skills are focused on the ability to effectively communicate, collaborate,

and build relationships with others, which are fundamental to success in any interpersonal context.

#### 11. Leadership Skills

This category of skills is the ability to guide, inspire, and motivate others to achieve a common goal.

Examples include:

- Adaptability
- Coaching
- Communication
- Conflict management
- Decision-making
- Delegation
- Emotional intelligence
- Empathy
- Empowerment
- Influence
- Inspiration
- Integrity
- Interpersonal skills
- Mentoring
- Motivation
- Negotiation
- Problem-solving
- Resilience
- Responsibility
- Self-awareness
- Servant leadership
- Strategic thinking
- Team building

- Transformational leadership
- Trust-building
- Vision

These skills are essential for effective leadership, as they enable individuals to guide, inspire, and support others in achieving shared goals. They encompass the ability to create and communicate a compelling vision, make sound decisions, and adapt to changing circumstances.

Leaders must also be skilled in empowering and motivating others, fostering collaboration, and managing conflicts constructively. Emotional intelligence and interpersonal skills are crucial for building strong relationships and creating a positive team culture.

Ultimately, these skills contribute to a leader's ability to drive organizational success and positively impact the lives of those they lead.

#### 12. Learning Aptitude and Mindset

This category of skills is the ability and willingness to acquire new knowledge and skills.

Examples includes:

Adaptability

- Application
- Curiosity
- Feedback-seeking
- Growth mindset
- Intellectual humility
- Learning agility
- Open Mindedness
- Persistence
- Reflection
- Resilience
- Self-direction
- Self-motivation
- Self-reflection
- Willingness to learn

These skills are essential for fostering a strong learning aptitude and mindset, enabling individuals to continuously acquire new knowledge, skills, and abilities throughout their lives. They encompass the openness, curiosity, and willingness to learn, as well as the ability to adapt to new learning situations and embrace challenges as opportunities for growth. Intellectual humility and selfreflection allow individuals to recognize their own limitations and learn from their experiences, while seeking feedback and applying new knowledge help them continuously improve. Ultimately, these skills contribute to personal and professional development, as well as long-term success in an ever-changing world.

#### 13. Moral Intelligence and Integrity

This category of skills is the ability to make ethical decisions and consistently act with honesty and integrity. Examples include:

- Accountability
- Compassion
- Consistency
- Courage
- Ethical decision-making
- Fairness
- Honesty
- Integrity
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Transparency
- Trustworthiness

These skills are crucial for individual and organizational success, as they form the foundation of ethical behavior and decision-making. These skills encompass the ability to act with honesty, fairness, and respect, while taking responsibility for one's actions and being accountable to others.

Trustworthiness and consistency are essential for building and maintaining positive relationships, both personally and professionally. Compassion and respect for others demonstrate a commitment to treating people with

kindness and dignity, while courage enables individuals to stand up for their beliefs and do what is right, even in the face of adversity.

Ethical decision-making is at the core of moral intelligence, involving the ability to consider the consequences of one's actions and make choices that align with moral principles. Transparency and integrity ensure that individuals act with openness and adhere to their values, even when no one is watching.

Ultimately, these soft skills contribute to creating a culture of trust, respect, and accountability, which is essential for fostering collaboration, innovation, and long-term success in any organization or community. By cultivating these skills, individuals can lead by example, inspire others to act with integrity, and make a positive impact on the world around them.

#### 14. Professionalism and Work Ethic

This category of skills is the ability to consistently demonstrate a strong work ethic and maintain professional standards in line with expectations.

**Examples includes:** 

- Accountability
- Attention to detail
- Commitment
- Continuous improvement
- Dependability
- Initiative
- Organization
- Punctuality
- Reliability
- Time management

These skills are essential for demonstrating a strong sense of responsibility, reliability, and dedication in the workplace. These skills involve being punctual, dependable, and accountable for one's actions and commitments, which are crucial for building trust and respect among colleagues and clients.

Attention to detail, time management, and organization are key skills that enable individuals to produce high-quality work efficiently and effectively. Initiative and continuous improvement demonstrate a proactive approach to work and a commitment to learning and growth, which are valuable traits in any professional setting.

Professionalism and work ethic are not just about completing tasks, but also about the manner in which they are carried out. Individuals who possess

these soft skills are more likely to be viewed as reliable, trustworthy, and valuable team members, leading to increased opportunities for advancement and success in their careers.

In summary, the soft skills associated with professionalism and work ethic form the foundation of a strong, positive, and productive work environment. By cultivating these skills, individuals can distinguish themselves as competent, committed, and reliable professionals, ultimately contributing to their own success and the success of their organization.

#### 15. Self-Management

This category of skills is the ability to regulate one's behaviours, emotions, and thoughts to achieve personal and professional goals.

#### Examples include:

- Accountability
- Adaptability
- Continuous learning
- Emotional regulation
- Goal setting
- Initiative
- Mindfulness
- Motivation

- Organization
- Persistence
- Planning
- Prioritization
- Resilience
- Self-awareness
- Self-confidence
- Self-control
- Self-development
- Self-discipline
- Self-motivation
- Self-reflection
- Stress management
- Time management

These skills are essential for individuals to effectively manage themselves, their emotions, and their responsibilities in various aspects of life. These skills involve being accountable, adaptable, and committed to continuous learning and self-development.

Setting and achieving goals, managing time effectively, and being organized are crucial for personal and professional success. Emotional regulation, self-awareness, and self-reflection are important for maintaining mental well-being and navigating interpersonal relationships.

Self-discipline, self-motivation, and persistence are key skills that enable individuals to stay focused, overcome

obstacles, and achieve their objectives. Stress management and resilience are essential for coping with challenges and maintaining a healthy work-life balance. Other related skills, such as initiative, mindfulness, and self-confidence, contribute to an individual's ability to take proactive steps, remain present and focused, and believe in their own abilities.

Information . Systems Thinking . Tact . Team Building . Teamwork . Technical

Tone Modulation . Transferring Insights . Transformational Leadership . Transparency .

Of Cultural Norms . Valuing Diversity . Verbal Communication . Versatility . Vision .

Communication . Time Management . Tolerance For Ambiguity . Tolerance Of Ambiguity .

Troubleshooting . Trust-Building . Trustworthiness . Unconventional Thinking . Understanding

Visionary Thinking . Visual Communication . Willingness To Learn . Written Communication ...

## **HUMANS VERSUS MACHINES.**

# THE EMOTIONS AND SOFT SKILLS THAT MAKE YOU UNIQUELY HUMAN

Accountability . Active Listening . Adaptability . Agglity . Aggression . Amusement . Analytical Thinking . Anger . Anticipation . Anxiety . Application . Applying Knowledge . Assertiveness . Asking Questions . Attention To Detail . Awe . Body Language . Brainstorming . Bravery . Calculated Risk-Taking . Causal Analysis . Challenging Assumptions . Clarity . Coaching . Cognitive Flexibility . Collaboration . Collaborative Problem-Solving . Commitment . Communication . Compassion . Compromise . Concision . Confidence . Conflict Management . Conflict Resolution . Connecting Ideas . Consistency . Contentment . Constructive Feedback . Contextual Understanding . Continuous Improvement . Continuous Learning . Cooperation . Coping Skills . Courage . Creativity . Critical Thinking . Cross-Cultural Communication . Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration . Cross-Disciplinary Communication . Cross-Functional Collaboration . Cultural Awareness . Cultural Intelligence . Cultural Sensitivity. Curiosity. Decision-Making. Deductive Reasoning. Dependability . Depression . Design Thinking . Diplomacy . Disappointment . Disgust . Divergent Thinking . Dought . Duplicity . Effective Communication . Emotional Intelligence . Emotional Regulation . Empathy . Empowerment . Enthusiasm . Envy . Ethnorelativism . Evaluation . Evidence-Based Reasoning . Excitement . Experimentation . Facilitation . Fairness . Fear . Feedback . Feedback-Seeking . Flexibility . Future Orientation . Giving And Receiving Feedback . Global Perspective . Goal Setting . Grit . Growth Mindset . Hate . Holistic Thinking . Honesty . Idea Generation . Identifying Connections . Imagination . Impulse Control . Inclusivity . Inductive Reasoning . Inference . Influence . Initiative . Innovation . Inspiration . Integrity . Intellectual Flexibility . Intellectual Humility . Interpersonal Adaptability . Interpersonal Awareness . Interpersonal Communication . Interpersonal Skills . Interpretation . Irrationality . Joy . Kindness . Lateral Thinking Mental Toughness . Mentoring . Mindfulness . Motivation . Multicultural Collaboration . Learning Agility . Logical Reasoning . Love . Mediation . Mental Resilience . . Negotiation . Networking . Non-Verbal Communication . Objective Thinking . Open-Mindedness . Opportunity Recognition . Optimism . Oral Communication . Organisation . Original Thinking . Out-Of-The-Box Thinking . Passion . Patience . Perseverance . Persistence . Persuasion . Planning . Positive Attitude . Positive Influence . Presentation Skills . Pride . Proactivity . Problem Identification . Problem Reframing . Problem-Solving . Providing Feedback . Public Speaking . Punctuality . Questioning Skills . Rapport-Building . Reading Comprehension . Reflection . Relationship Building . Relationship Management . Reliability . Resilience . Resourcefulness . Respect . Respect For Diversity . Responsibility . Risk Taking . Root Cause Analysis . Sadness . Satisfaction . Self-Awareness . Self-Care . Self-Confidence . Self-Control . Self-Development . Self-Direction . Self-Discipline . Self-Efficacy . Self-Expression . Self-Motivation . Self-Reflection . Self-Regulation . Servant Leadership . Shame . Shared Responsibility . Social Awareness . Social Perceptiveness . Social Skills . Stakeholder Management . Storytelling . Strategic Thinking . Stress Management . Stubbornness . Summarising . Surprise . Synthesising

# **HOW TO AUTOMATE ANY JOB.**

T'S SAID, far too often in my opinion, that you can't automate everything, with an intriguing example of this often being 'the art of human creativity.' This is also why when talking about the future of jobs so many experts keep telling us all to become right brained creative types. But, as I go into more detail in the Future of Creativity and Innovation Codex, even this most human of soft skills can and is already being automated.

The reason for this is actually quite simple - if you can break an action, job, or task into a process workflow, understand the inputs and outputs required at each step, then ironically we creative and ingenious humans, often using Artificial Intelligence (AI), can automate it. So let's run an example everyone can relate to.

#### **AUTOMATING CREATIVE DESIGN**

Take, for example, iterative innovation, a form of basic creativity. If I took a simple cup and asked you to make it fifty percent lighter then, once you've understood the context of my request,

you'll start going through a process, a series of steps, in your mind. Using your experience and knowledge mentally you're visualising cutting a cup in half, making its walls thinner or the cup smaller, using different designs or materials, or many other things. In parallel, you'll also be trying to assess which of these would work and give you the desired result. After all, if you just cut the cup in half then it'd be functionally useless so that's a fail. But, if you made it out of lighter materials then that could meet the brief while still leaving us with a fully functioning end product.

In the world of AI, to create a machine that can automate, or mimic or replicate, this process it has to know what a cup is and its function, the laws of physics and materials science perhaps, and many other things. But, if an AI engineer knows the steps you went through in your mind, and the experience and information that you drew on to achieve the end result, then they can turn each step into an algorithm then aggregate those together to create an AI model that now designs lightweight cups.

This methodology is true for everything, whether it's automating a CEO, an equities trader, lawyer, or anything else. Once we understand the processes involved in 'doing that job,' as well as the context, required inputs, and expected outputs, we can automate anything.

Basic automation though is quite simple to achieve, but automating more sophisticated processes, while not impossible, can be orders of magnitude harder. For example, creating an Al that iterates new cups is one thing, but creating an Al that invented the cup in the first place - a disruptive innovation - is an entirely different task.

#### **SUMMARY**

It's for this reason why when asked about what jobs can be automated it's very hard to argue, nigh impossible, that the answer in time isn't "100% of them."

Which then means we'll just have to keep coming up with new jobs to do - or maybe we could simply ask our creative AI.

# IF YOU UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS WORKFLOW, THE INPUTS & OUTPUTS THEN IN TIME TECH CAN AUTOMATE ANYTHING.

# HOW TO AUTOMATE ANY SKILL.

N OUR quest to try to find what jobs in the future will be both well paid and done by humans - rather than machines - we're going to need to explore and extrapolate out the future agency, autonomy, and capabilities of individual key emerging technologies, work diligently to understand how those change when different technologies converge, and then use those insights to create a time line of when we expect our hard and soft skills to be automated.

If we're thorough, and we do this task well, then we'll be able to create data based job competence maps for the jobs we care about that you can then use and adapt at your own leisure to develop your own customised near, medium, and long term Continuous Learning Program which will give you the best chance of staying gainfully employed in a well paid job for as long as desire - even if you do might occasionally have to switch career tracks as different jobs get automated.

In the following pages, and in the interest of true thoroughness I'm going to investigate all of the different automation technologies, including how and when

they'll automate skills, and then I'll be pulling back and taking a more macro view of what happens when technologies converge and the important role of System of Systems. And, of course, I'll be doing my best to make this exercise simple to follow and as future proof as possible.

#### **KEY EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES**

When it comes to helping you identify and understand the key emerging technologies that will automate skills the major advantage we have at the 311 Institute is that we're the world leader in identifying them, tracking their progress, and predicting their future capabilities and performance across very long time frames. And, when it comes to trying to answer the question of what we can automate, as well as how and when, the devil is very much in the details - details that we have.

To be thorough I'm going to be exploring two kinds of technology groups, namely those that I call **Enablers** that are responsible for collecting and gathering important data, which then becomes the input for the **Facilitator** technologies which aggregate and analyse it, determine a course of action and or make decisions based on it, and then perform an action in response - AKA an automation.

#### **Enabler Technologies**

role in the process of automation, in broad terms you can think of them as the technologies that are responsible for capturing, or increasingly in the future generating or synthesising, data that the downstream Facilitator technologies rely on to perform their duties. And such data can include almost anything and everything from generic structured and non structured data, text and video data, environmental data, as well as biometric and biomarker data.

#### **Facilitator Technologies**

And finally the **FACILITATOR**Technologies are those individual

technologies or technology combinations that, once they have the data they need, are responsible for performing or automating the actions and tasks we care about.

#### **TECHNOLOGY CONVERGENCE**

While individual emerging technologies can be used to automate skills their capabilities and performance are often multiplied many times over when they're combined with other individual technologies.

In the case of automation this often means that actions, jobs, or tasks that we previously thought would be impossible or almost impossible to automate, such as 'Creativity' are not only suddenly automatable but they're automated sooner than we anticipated.

All of which means that, if we are to minimise future surprise, we have to broaden our field of view to include not just the key individual technologies, but also the complimentary technologies that they could converge with.

#### **SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS**

And then we also have to be acutely

aware of what I call the System of Systems, which we can broadly describe as different collections of technologies or systems, that either work in unison with one another and that are often controlled and managed by a single Master System that's responsible for coordinating and controlling the actions, behaviours, and outputs of all the other systems under its management.

Overlooked by many experts the power of this model should not be under estimated, and I'll be discussing the technologies that are central to this in the next few pages.

#### **SUMMARY**

In our quest to be as thorough as possible, and to create a framework that can be adapted in flight if needed, as new information comes to light or new technologies emerge, we believe that looking at this subject from these four perspectives, as well as then combining this with insights into economic and societal value, will give us everything we need to develop leading edge insights that stand the test of time.

# **AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGIES.**

N THIS section, and as we start to bring this topic home, in true 311 Institute style we're going to do our utmost to make it as easy for you to understand the automation power and potential of the different technologies that will enable and facilitate the automation of every conceivable hard and soft skill across our Horizon 1, 2, and 3 time lines.

I'm going to do this by lightly diving into the distinct individual technologies that, whether they're used individually, in combinations, or even in System of Systems, will play their role in automating everything that make our economies run, and our society tick. And, of course, if you want to dive even deeper into these technologies, their capabilities, potential, and development projections then you can read all about them in my dedicated **Exponential Technology Codex:**The Next 50 Years which you can download for free from the 311 Institute website.

As touched on previously in order to automate an action, job, or task, the automation technology involved needs to be able to accept inputs, understand or analyse those inputs, and then be capable of acting on them to generate an output - whether that's a basic automation output generated by a basic technology, such as an RPA tool, or a highly sophisticated automation that's performed by a state of the art technology, such as some of the more advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies.

Now, with all that said, let's take a look at some of the Enabler technologies - the ones that help generate the data for the inputs - and the Facilitator technologies that analyse it and generate the outputs.

#### **AFFECTIVE COMPUTING**

An **ENABLER** technology Affective Computing is a combination of different technologies, such as AI and Machine Vision, that can be used to detect peoples emotional states and intentions with the purpose of collecting that data and then sending it through to another technology that can analyse and respond, in whatever way, to those data streams.

#### **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Both an **ENABLER** and **FACILITATOR** technology Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a technology umbrella term that incorporates everything from the most basic dumb and procedural "If This Then That" Machine Learning (ML) systems all the way through to increasingly sophisticated world transforming multitrillion parameter Deep Learning (DL) and Large Language Models (LLMs) AIs, and more. And, unsurprisingly, there's no getting away from the automation potential of this technology.

However, not only do we continue to see this technology developing at a very rapid rate, and even iterating and replicating itself with increasing levels of agency and autonomy, but it's also a General Purpose Technology (GPT) which makes it even more impactful and powerful.

Today there are an increasingly large number of AI variants, all with their own





unique attributes and capabilities, and there are more emerging all the time. As we look across Horizon 1, 2, and 3 time lines the sub categories include the following, which means that we will from here on in always be "Chasing the Dragon" ...

#### **Horizon 1**

- Al Agents
- Al Chatbots
- Artificial Narrow Intelligence
- Constitutional Al
- Generative Al
- Machine Vision

#### **Horizon 2**

- Analogue Al
- Artificial General Intelligence
- Embedded Al
- Embodied Al
- Evolutionary Al
- Open Ended Al
- Ougntum Al
- Swarm Al

#### **Horizon 3**

- Artificial Super Intelligence
- Biological and DNA Based Al

- Liquid Al
- Meta Al
- Organic Al
- Synthetic Biological Intelligence

#### **BEHAVIOURAL COMPUTING**

Both an **ENABLER** and **FACILITATOR** technology on the one hand Behavioural Computing can collect and generate input data, such as human Biometric, Biomarker, and Natural Language data, that can be fed into downstream automation technologies. But, in combination with especially AI and other interface technologies, it can also be used to automate outputs in new ways.

#### **NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING (NLP)**

An **ENABLER** technology many people see Natural Language Processing (NLP), which is the ability of technologies such as Al to process and understand the nuances of human language, as a critical component in helping machines understand and therefore automate all manner of things. As a consequence, it could easily be argued that of all the technologies involved in the automation process this one is one of the most impactful and important of all.

#### **ROBOTS**

A FACILITATOR technology robots, in all of their increasingly varied forms, whether they're biological, hybrid, or made of metal, whether they're inanimate or living, generalised or specialised, giant or nano scale, take an input and then perform an output. Furthermore, it's worth noting that for the purpose of our study this technology category does not include software robotic technologies such as AI or RPA so that we can clearly demarcate between them all.

#### **ROBOTIC PROCESS AUTOMATION (RPA)**

A FACILITATOR technology Robotic
Process Automation (RPA) has been
the primary go to technology used by
organisations to automate different things
for decades now. However, while it's
been a pretty dumb "If This Then That"
kind of technology up until now moving
forwards we can see how combining
it with increasingly sophisticated Al
technologies will help us create more
complex and sophisticated automations.

#### **SIMULATION ENGINES**

A FACILITATOR technology Simulation Engines take an input and then, as the name suggests run simulations to analyse it, determine a course of action, and generate a required output. Enabled by different combinations of technologies, which include everything from AI through to Ultra High Definition Rendering Engines and more, not only can this technology be used to simulate digital processes and create Digital Twins of everything from the Earth and mega factories, to individual drug compounds and even digital twins of humans, but it is also an incredibly powerful training tool that, for example, has helped advance the robotics industry by literal decades. It is, therefore not a technology to be under estimated.

#### **SYNTHETIC BEINGS**

- Digital Humans
- Virtual Beings

#### An ENABLER and FACILITATOR

technology this umbrella category of technologies can incorporate a variety of distinct individual technology categories including Digital Humans and Virtual Beings - which have their own capabilities and nuances - over time this category will play an increasingly important

role in automation as, on the one hand synthetic beings are used as the primary interface to capture and generate data from the things they interact with in the worlds they interact with them, and then, through combinations of technology analyse that data and generate an appropriate automated output. Over time, however, as the different technologies that they rely on improve we will see technologies grow in capability and sophistication, as well in agency and autonomy.

#### **SMART CONTRACTS**

A FACILITATOR technology Smart Contracts, which are linked to the Blockchain and Web 3.0 technology categories - neither of which are strictly speaking automation technologies - are small software programs that take an input and then in most cases quite tactically generate an output. However, over time as we see them converge with other technologies such as AI I would expect their automation capabilities and levels of sophistication improve dramatically.

## HARD SKILLS CATEGORY AUTOMATION CHART

PROJECTIONS FOR WHICH UMBRELLA HARD SKILL CATEGORIES WILL BE AUTOMATED, WHEN BY, AND BY WHICH INDIVIDUAL, CONVERGED, OR SYSTEM OF SYSTEM TECHNOLOGIES .

#### **AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGIES**

- 1. Al Agents
- 2. Al Chatbots
- 3. Artificial General Intelligence 10. Open Ended Al
- 4. Artificial Narrow Intelligence 11. RPA
- 5. Behavioural Computing
- 6. Constitutional Al
- 7. Digital Humans

- 8. Generative Al
- 9. NLP

- 12. Robots
- 13 . Simulation Engines
- 14 . Smart Contracts

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CONVERCED

#### **CHART KEY**

Numbers correspond to the technologies listed above.



Full Automation Medium

The **SQUARE** with the **BLACK** DOT is also a GRAPH.

Y Axis is the **Automation** Sophistication, Top is Highest. X Axis is Market Maturity, Right is Highest.

#### **USER INTERFACES**

When it comes to how people and machines interface with these automation technologies there lots of new UI technologies emerging. Explore them by clicking or scanning the QR Code.

### **HARD SKILL CATEGORIES**

- **ANALYTICAL SKILLS**
- **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SKILLS**
- **BUSINESS OPERATIONS SKILLS**
- **CLINICAL & MEDICAL SKILLS**
- **CREATIVE & DESIGN SKILLS**
- CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY SKILLS
- **ENGINEERING SKILLS**
- **ECONOMIC SKILLS**
- **FINANCE SKILLS**
- **GREEN SKILLS**
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SKILLS
- LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT SKILLS
- 13. LEGAL SKILLS
- MANUFACTURING & PRODUCTION SKILLS
- PHYSICAL SKILLS
- 16. R&D SKILLS
- **SALES SKILLS**
- 18. SPECIALIST TRADE SKILLS

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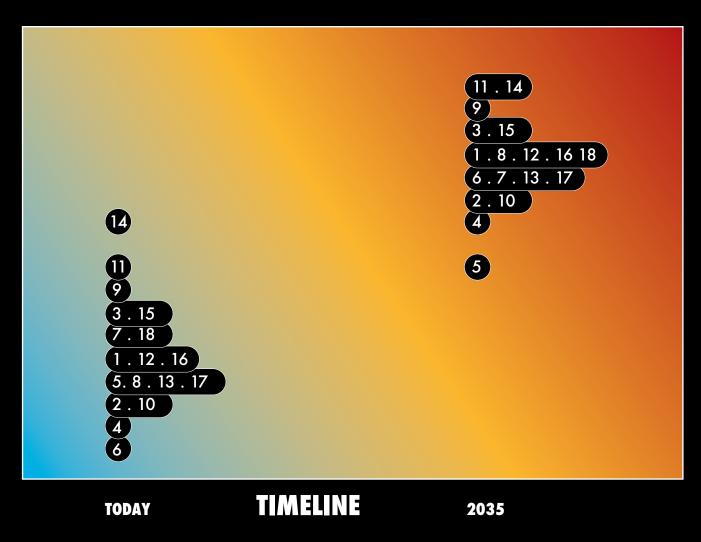
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- **COLLABORATION SKILLS**
- **COMMUNICATION SKILLS**
- **LEARNING APTITUDE & MINDSET**
- CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE THINKING
- **CRITICAL THINKING & PROBLEM SOLVING**
- **CULTURAL COMPETENCE**
- **EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE**
- ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET
- INTERDISCIPLINARY THINKING
- INTERPERSONAL SKILLS
- LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- **MORAL INTELLIGENCE & INTEGRITY**
- PROFESSIONALISM & WORK ETHIC
- 15. SELF-MANAGEMENT

INDIVIDUAL TECHNOLOGIES	CONVERGED TECHNOLOGIES	INDIVIDUAL TECHNOLOGIES	CONVERGED TECHNOLOGIES	SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS
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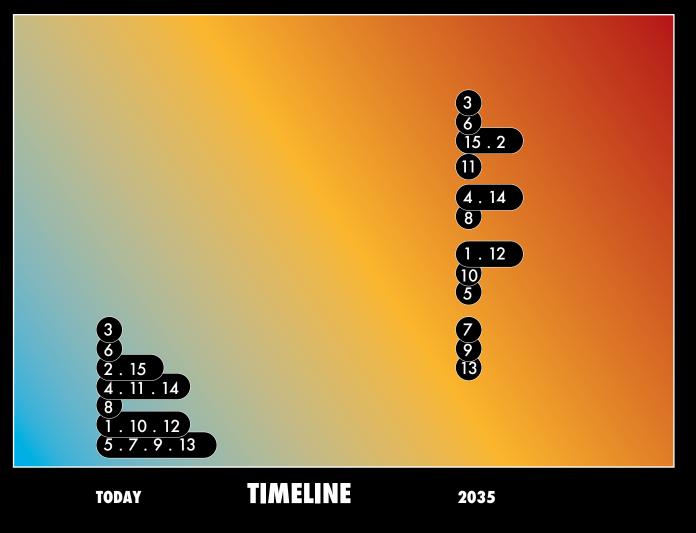
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- I. Analytical Skills
- 2. Business Management Skills
- B. Business Operations Skills
- 4. Clinical and Medical Skills
- 5. Corporate Responsibility Skills
- 6. Creative and Design Skills
- 7. Economic Skills
- 8. Engineering Skills
- 9. Finance Skills
- 10. Green Skills
- 11. Information Technology Skills
- 12. Learning and Development Skills
- 13. Legal Skills
- 14. Manufacturing and Production Skills
- 15. Physical Skills
- 16. R&D Skills
- 17. Sales Skills
- 18. Specialist Trade Skills

### PROJECTED LONG TERM HARD SKILLS AUTOMATION BY CATEGORY

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#### **SOFT SKILL CATEGORIES**

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- 1. Adaptability and Resilience
- 2. Collaboration Skills
- 3. Communication Skills
- 4. Learning Aptitude and Mindset
- 5. Creative and Innovative Thinking
- 6. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- 7. Cultural Competence
- 8. Emotional Intelligence
- 9. Entrepreneurial Mindset
- 10. Interdisciplinary Thinking
- 11. Interpersonal Skills
- 12. Leadership Skills
- 13. Moral Intelligence and Integrity
- 14. Professionalism and Work Ethic
- 15. Self-Management

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## PUTTING EVERYTHING TOGETHER.

BY BREAKING everything down to the most granular level, whereby we're able to individually assess the market value of a particular job and it's overall likelihood of automation we have created a future proof system that individuals and organisations alike can use to predict future job outcomes. So all that remains now is to put all the individual pieces together in a way that's easy to follow. As a consequence, and as you can see on the following pages with the examples we've provided, we've created the equivalent of a Job Card.

Once we have established todays baseline for the role, such as the core skills required, the market factors, and the level of personal touch that is required to perform it adequately - all of which we visualise in Job Card - we can then use our futures knowledge - of business, markets, technology, and other sources of information - to evaluate how they may all change in the future across the Horizon 1, 2, and 3 timelines we care about. Which then, in turn, allows us to accurately map the evolution of quite literally any and every role in the world with high degrees of accuracy.

#### **FORECASTING THE FUTURE**

By going through this exhaustive process it is ultimately our hope that you will have a method you can use to try to future proof yourself and your future career across whatever time horizon you care about.

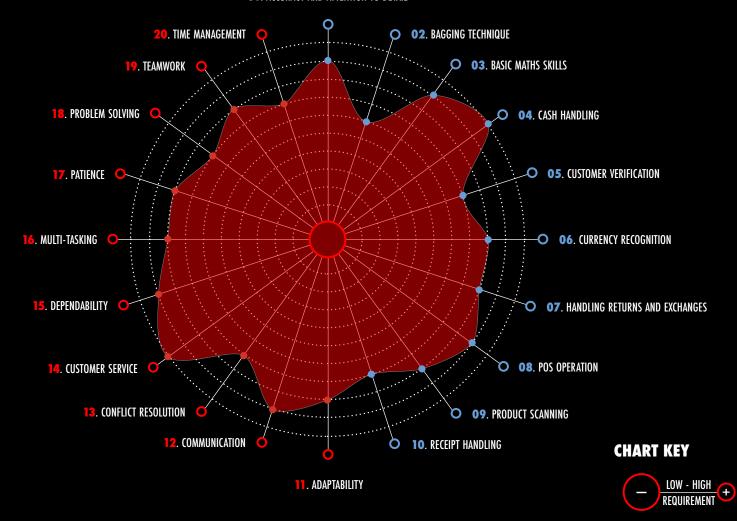
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#### **MARKET FACTORS**

The higher the Wage Score the more likely it is this is a highly paid job.

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2.	<b>Confidentiality and Trust</b>	5
3.	Complexity	3
4.	Cultural Expertise	4
5.	Impact of Failure	3
6.	Industry Profitability	4
<b>7.</b>	Language Skills Requirement	3
8.	Level of Experience	3
9.	Level of Expertise	3
10.	Level of Impact	2
11.	Level of Responsibility	4
12.	Level of Risk	3
13.	Market Demand	7
14.	<b>Multi-Disciplinary Expertise</b>	2
15.	Output Quality	5
16.	Specialised Knowledge	2
17.	Specialised Skills	3
18.	Talent Scarcity	4

WAGE SCORE 64/180 PERSONAL TOUCH LOW



## CASHIER: AUTOMATABILITY, JOB FULFILMENT, AND WAGES

In this example we look at the job of a Cashier with an average salary of around \$30,000 per annum and which has a low Wage Score of 64. Ten hard skills and ten soft skill competencies are listed with 01, 04, and 08 being the most important hard skills, and 12 and 14 being the most important soft skills. This role, with its low Personal Touch score, depending on the situation, and as we've seen with Amazon Go, can be fully automated wiping out the wage opportunity entirely, and also technology can be used to up skill workers faster as we have seen with Walmart which could depress wages as it increases the supply of potential candidates.

#### **DATA SCIENTIST**

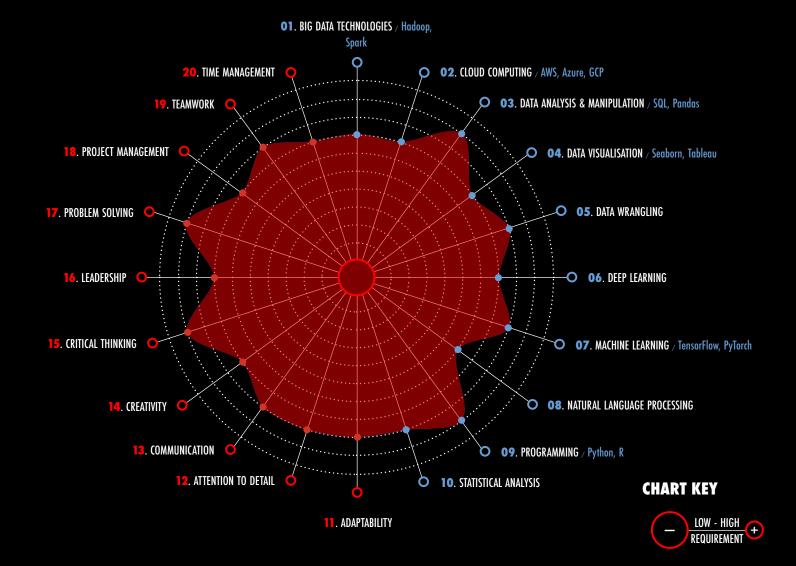
EST. WAGE: \$100,000 and above

#### **MARKET FACTORS**

The higher the Wage Score the more likely it is this is a highly paid job.

1.	Certification Requirements	6
2.	Confidentiality and Trust	8
3.	Complexity	9
4.	Cultural Expertise	5
5.	Impact of Failure	7
6.	Industry Profitability	8
<b>7.</b>	Language Skills Requirement	4
8.	Level of Experience	8
9.	Level of Expertise	9
10.	Level of Impact	9
11.	Level of Responsibility	7
12.	Level of Risk	6
13.	Market Demand	10
14.	Multi-Disciplinary Expertise	8
15.	Output Quality	9
16.	Specialised Knowledge	9
17.	Specialised Skills	9
18.	Talent Scarcity	9

WAGE SCORE 140 / 180 PERSONAL TOUCH LOW



## DATA SCIENTIST: AUTOMATABILITY, JOB FULFILMENT, AND WAGES

In this example we look at the job of a Senior Data scientist with an average salary of \$100,000 per annum and which has a high Wage Score of 140. Ten hard skills and ten soft skill competencies are listed with 03 and 09 being the most important hard skills, and 15 and 17 being the most important soft skills. Candidates with these skills are scarce, and also in high demand. This role, in time can be automated which wipes out the wage entirely, and using technology to up skill candidates would depress the wage by increasing the pool of available candidates. Furthermore, the low Personal Touch score means it's a candidate for automation.

#### **MULTI-NATIONAL CEO**

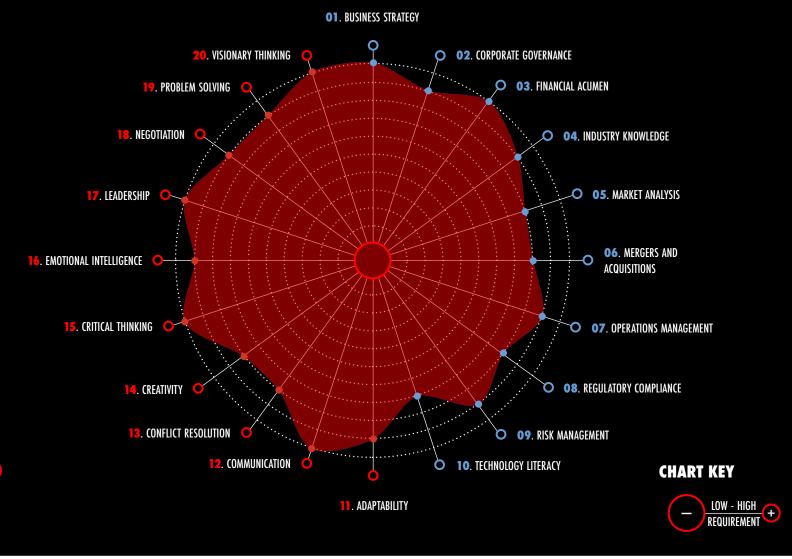
EST. WAGE: \$840,000 and above

#### **MARKET FACTORS**

The higher the Wage Score the more likely it is this is a highly paid job.

1.	Certification Requirements	7
2.	Confidentiality and Trust	9
3.	Complexity	10
4.	Cultural Expertise	6
5.	Impact of Failure	10
6.	Industry Profitability	9
<b>7.</b>	Language Skills Requirement	5
8.	Level of Experience	10
9.	Level of Expertise	10
10.	Level of Impact	10
11.	Level of Responsibility	10
12.	Level of Risk	9
13.	Market Demand	10
14.	Multi-Disciplinary Expertise	9
15.	Output Quality	10
16.	Specialised Knowledge	9
17.	Specialised Skills	9
18.	Talent Scarcity	10

WAGE SCORE 162/180 PERSONAL TOUCH HIGH



## CEO: AUTOMATABILITY, JOB FULFILMENT, AND WAGES

In this example we look at the job of a multi-national CEO with a wage range of at least \$840,000 or more and which has a high Wage Score of 162. Ten hard skills and ten soft skill competencies are listed with 03 and 09 being the most important hard skills, and 15 and 17 being the most important soft skills. Candidates with these skills are scarce, and the impact of the role and of failure is high. This role, in time could be automated, but the high Personal Touch rating means that it could be inappropriate for automation.





Ight on the challenges many of us will face in the future might be all well and good but what we're really interested in is putting forward a credible solution so these are the foundations, the soft skills, that I arguably propose all education systems should be capable of teaching and instilling in students.

In my mind however while you'll have already no doubt identified the fact that many of today's education systems already play on and teach these foundations, many of which are soft but important life skills, personally I don't believe that there is a strong enough emphasis or focus on many of them.

All to often these are skills that are taught indirectly, often by coincidence, inference or stealth, than by actually focusing on them as their own specific subjects, and that's what I propose here, that there is much more emphasis on each of them tomorrow than there is today, and if we get this right then we will have a generation of adaptable, resilient children.

#### **ADAPTABILITY**

In the future, where, as I've discussed in previous chapters, almost no profession

will be safe from automation, certainly in the long term, and where the pace of technological development is going to continue to accelerate exponentially, leaving no corner of society or industry untouched, it will be more important than ever that students are able to adapt and navigate change, whatever its pace or scale, at speed - speed being the key point here.

Today the majority of schools don't focus on adaptability at all. Once students leave the confines of the classroom they are going to be entering a world where advances in technology are going to accelerate the pace at which professions are automated and careers dead-end, and while we can all do our best to predict the short, medium and long term future of jobs the fact of the matter is the further into the future we travel the more difficult everything becomes to predict. Ergo, in my opinion, teachers would be wise to try to prepare their students for the unknown, and as a result, students ability to adapt is going to be vital in the years and decades to come.

#### **CHARISMA**

We've all come across those people, you know the ones, the people who seem at ease speaking to anyone and everyone,

and who have the almost annoying ability make everyone they meet feel special.

While there is much talk of developing and nurturing a myriad of alternative soft skills, which one could argue all, in one way or another, help contribute to an individuals charismatic personality there are no provisions made within schools to foster charisma specifically, despite the fact that we know, even today, that it's a special skill to have, and tomorrow even more so.

#### **COLLABORATION**

The ability to collaborate and work together within teams, whether those teams are physical and in your local area or virtual teams spread around the globe, will continue to be a vital skill just as it was all those millennia ago on the plains of Africa when humankind hunted in groups to find and take down large prey.

Today we are used to our teams being comprised solely of people, but as we race into the future again teams will be increasingly augmented by intelligent machines that will change team dynamics while at the same time improving productivity. As a result it will be

increasingly important that students are able to collaborate efficiently with both humans and machines, the latter of which will help spur a revolution in the field.

#### CONFIDENCE

Confidence is perhaps one of our most fickle skills. It's hard to attain, and easy to loose, furthermore getting the right balance can be difficult, tip the scale too far and people run the risk of coming across as arrogant, and no-one wants that.

From a confidence perspective at least, our journey through today's education system, just like in life itself, can be a roller coaster ride of highs and lows as students achieve success and grapple with failure on an almost daily basis. That said though very few people, if anyone, dispute the benefits that confidence can have on a students performance, both in the classroom and later on in life.

#### **CREATIVITY**

Every one of us is born with the creative flame within us that we express in different ways and with different levels of intensity. When combined with experimentation creativity, of all the skills

we posses, is probably the one we should give the most credit to because without it it could be argued that the human race wouldn't be what it is today.

#### **CURIOSITY**

During our formative years we are all curious, insanely so. Curious about each other and the world around us.

We are all natural born explorers and in our early years our curiosity appears almost limitless and unbounded, after all, this is the time in our lives where everything is interesting, new and unexplored.

Curiosity needs fostering and nurturing though, and often as we age unfortunately our curiosity seems to wane which is almost criminal, especially when you realise that almost all of today's great breakthroughs were the result of one of more individuals intense sense of curiosity and desire to improve on what came before, and change the status quo.

#### **EMPATHY**

Most complex animals are able to exhibit empathy in one form or another, but in the future empathy is, arguably, going to become a vital skill, and a more complex one to navigate, especially as we begin to see the emergence of machines capable of reacting to human emotional cues that will also be able to exhibit their own simulated emotions.

As technology continues to help make the world smaller students will be increasingly exposed to a greater variety of environments and situations than ever before, some of them real, and in their backyard, and others from across the other side of the planet, from the edges of space, or in new immersive virtual reality environments - environments that will be both real and simulated.

These new frontiers will offer students an unprecedented amount of exposure on a scale that previous generations could only have imagined and give them, on the one hand, the ability to understand some of the world's most pressing problems from the first person view, and on the other, present them with challenges when it comes to trying to separate truth from fiction.

#### **EXPERIMENTATION**

Combined with creativity, experimentation is probably one of the most important skills for students

to master as we head into the future, whether it's experimentation at a small scale, or a grand scale. It's also a skill that is increasingly catching the eyes of education researchers and policy makers alike around the world, and more schools are already starting to make room for it in their curriculums.

#### **EXPONENTIAL THINKING**

Step back just five or so decades to the time of your parents childhoods and it's fair to say that the majority of life was much more linear and local that it is today, or will be in the future.

Life changed, as it always does, but those changes were slower to permeate through society and their impact was more muted. Today we have the opportunity to curate revolutionary ideas and products that can affect billions of lives and at a speed that noone dared dream about just 50 years ago. As a result it's fair to say that increasingly our lives are impacted, for better or worse, by exponential advances in technology, and their capabilities, and by not just what happens on our doorstep, but also by what happens on the other side of the world.

Our world is increasingly exponential

and global and if our students, whatever their ages, are to realise their full potential then their thinking needs to shift from linear to exponential where a whole new world awaits.

#### **FOCUS**

We are all aware of just how important the ability to concentrate and focus on the task at hand is, but similarly we are all guilty at one time or another of suffering from what I like to call split brain syndrome where we try to take on too many tasks at once with the result being that none of them get completed properly.

On the one hand new technologies and tools could make students ability to focus even more challenging than it is today, but on the other, depending how these new technologies and tools are implemented, they could also help augment and improve it.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

While it could be argued that everyone has it within them to become a good manager the same isn't true of leaders, just ask anyone in business.

Very few people, if any, are born with

natural leadership skills, but the evidence of the benefits of good leadership and the positive impact it has on business, culture and society, are all around us. As we look to a future where technology, for example, will bring both great challenges and opportunities, I advocate that what we will need are more leaders, and fewer managers.

#### **MORAL COMPASS**

Everyone knows how important a good moral compass is, and while today's education system does the best it can to instil the right behaviours and thinking in its students the future will be full of ethical challenges and moral dilemmas, of a scale and intensity, that test the best of them.

As a result being able to objectively understand both sides of an argument objectively, and being able to find solutions to ethical dilemmas will become an increasingly important skill.

#### **PASSION**

You can always tell when someone is passionate about something. You can see it in their face and the way they hold and express themselves, and you can also,

for the most part, see the role it plays in their everyday lives.

Our passions inspire us and drive us, and that's why this arguably most human of traits, is one of the most important for educators to be able to tap into. But discovering a students passion relies on them being exposed to as many different experiences and situations as possible, and as we all know what excites and inspire one individual may bore another to tears.

In the past, when life was local and linear, not global and exponential, the vast majority of people were limited to the experiences within their local area. Step back just a couple of hundred years and the sum of most people's experiences were typically encapsulated within a ten mile radius of where they lived. Today though this is no more, technology helps us see beyond our previously limited horizons and experience new things in new ways, whether they're right in our backyard, or at the edges of known space.

#### **PERSISTENCE**

We can all empathise with the amount of hard work and persistence we've had to exhibit in order to achieve one or more

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goals, but persistence, or grit, doesn't come naturally to everybody. It requires a certain character and mental toughness to be persistent when things aren't going your way, and others around you are throwing in the proverbial towel.

The mindset of persistence is one that I believe can, and should be, taught from an early age, especially if it's tied to helping a student pursue their passions, and realise their dreams, and there are countless examples of where persistence has paid off and played a vital role in helping people change the world.

#### RESILIENCE

With so many things changing and changing fast not only can it be over whelming but it can be exhausting which is why one of the most important traits individuals must have in the future is resilience and the ability to get things done and get through things despite the odds.

#### **RESOURCEFULNESS**

There are many times in our lives when we need to be resourceful, whether it's when we're stranded on a tropical island in the middle of the great Pacific ocean with nothing to eat but sand, or building new products and companies. From my perspective as an entrepreneur I also believe it's an undervalued trait that's often under practised, other than, of course, on away day team building exercises.

#### **STORYTELLING**

Step back far enough in time and storytelling was an art, literally, murals of great expeditions and fantastic tales were painted onto the walls of the caves of our ancestors tens of thousands of years ago.

As complex language developed these cave paintings became the backdrops to the stories our ancestors told beside the camp fires that over time became the primary way knowledge was passed down through the generations.

Today we could argue that these cave paintings have been replaced by today's own digital murals, like the ones streamed live to us by the Insta's and Tiktoks of the world, that help individuals tell stories in new ways.

While this pictorial format of storytelling has somewhat survived, albeit in a radically different form, storytelling to groups around the camp fire has by

and large vanished, replaced by games consoles, social media and television, and other modern day distractions.

The result of which is that the art of storytelling itself has also been, at best diminished, and at worst lost.

That said though, ironically, even as storytelling itself fades as both a family and social art form, as adults we are constantly reminded of its power, to create action, empathy and vision, which in today's society are no less important than they were all those millennia ago. In fact in some respects we could argue that storytelling is now more important than ever - whether it's to sell an idea or point of view, a product or service, or to bring people together. It's time to bring storytelling back and evolve it for the modern age.

#### TIME MANAGEMENT

Often left off of lists time management is arguably one of the more crucial skills that employers, in all sectors, have always valued, and that will be no less true in the future - especially in a world where we are more likely than ever before to be bombarded by constant distractions and technology notifications.





SINCE WE'VE looked at the fundamental soft skills that all students should have in order to gave them the best chance of succeeding in the future let's have a look at the technologies teachers can use in the classroom to help pique students interest and help them reach peak potential.

From virtual classrooms and digital avatars, to 4D printing and neuro-stimulation devices, let's dive in.

#### **3D PRINTING**

3D printers are a makers best friend, helping students of all ages bring different ideas and worlds to life in ways that were unimaginable just a scant five years ago, and 3D printers are revolutionising manufacturing, both inside and outside of the classroom, at a global scale. In a way we can say they're helping turn the classroom desks in front of you into the factories of tomorrow. And that isn't an understatement.

While it's often all too easy to think that 3D printers are only capable of printing inorganic objects, made, for example, of plastic, I'd also like to take the opportunity here to highlight that today they're being used to manufacture inorganic products, such as furniture, jet

engines and sneakers, organic products, such as food and replacement human organs, and hybrids of the two types. As a result I would strongly encourage educators to look into the future of this revolutionary technology in more detail and think bigger and bolder.

3D printers and their newer cousins, such as 3D Bio-Printers and 3D Holographic printers, will continue to help students move from concept to the manufacture of physical objects with relative ease, which is a distinct advantage for students who are learning about design and technology, particularly when it comes to testing and visualising the limitations and constraints of particular concepts and ideas.

After all, being able to play with and interrogate physical objects can make it easier for students to spot and debate mistakes in their designs, for example, in the design of a bridge or building. This allows them to gain valuable problem solving skills in a creative, hands on way that would be otherwise near impossible, and when they spot errors in their designs they also have the technology they need to create and trial new ones at speed.

The benefits of 3D printers in the classroom though don't stop there

though. They can also help bring many other subjects to life too including Biology and Chemistry, as well as Geography and History.

Imagine, for example, being able to explore the ancient ruins of Pompeii or the hydrological landscape of the Himalayas using physical models, or disassembling different chemical compounds or exploring the make up of individual living cells. And all of that's before we get onto the topic of more altruistic endeavours that could include projects to create new prosthetics, and many other things besides.

As 3D printer technology and its related design software become increasingly advanced and capable the number of things that students will be able to create and manufacture will be unlimited - it's amazing what you can create when you have a factory on your desk.

#### **4D PRINTING**

Just as educators are starting to get used to the idea of being able to 3D print objects in the classroom a new technology, 4D printing, is starting to appear on the scene.

Related to 3D printing 4D printing adds

another dimension to the manufacturing process - time. As we begin to see the development of new types of materials and new design and manufacturing processes 4D printers will let students go even further than they can with 3D printers by allowing them to print objects, such as robots, that self-assemble themselves and work straight out of the printer. Cool eh!?

#### **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Without doubt Artificial Intelligence has the potential to be one of the most beneficial technologies used in education, but it could also easily become one of the most contentious and divisive.

As Al's abilities improve over the years and decades to come, which they will and at an exponential rate, it's likely that there will be a cacophony of technocrats advocating that the technology is used to replace teachers at scale while at the same time moderates advocate a middle road where Al's help augment teachers and the learning process.

Either way, and whichever route individual schools and school districts decide to take, new AI powered adaptive learning tools, that help students learn

at their own pace and in their own individual style, while helping deliver appropriately timed personalised interventions, will proliferate in the years to come.

Running parallel with these conversations and new learning aids though there will also be advocates promoting the idea of using Al as a broad brush tool to monitor students behaviours and academic progress both inside and outside of the classroom. While these conversations have great merit they also have the potential to introduce concerns about the privacy and welfare of students.

As the debates rage on though one thing will be certain, in the years to come Al will be used more, not less, within the academic environment. As a result we must all do our best to ensure it is used ethically and for the benefit of all with full transparency built in from the outset.

#### **AUGMENTED REALITY**

Augmented Reality is another technology that has the power to transform students learning experiences in new and exciting ways by bringing them to life in front of their very eyes.

For example, imagine being able to

explore and interact with the inner workings of the human body, or a dinosaur, right down to the cellular level in real time, or imagine exploding apart rocket engines with your fingers and being able to zero in on the individual chemical reactions in the combustion chamber before finally releasing your finger and letting the reactions kick off and shoot the rocket into virtual space.

Done right AR has huge potential to help transform the educational experience and sow the seeds of curiosity and imagination in a way that, again, was unimaginable even just a few years ago.

#### **BEHAVIOURAL COMPUTING**

The way we all interact with the devices and machines around us will continue to evolve in the years to come as we increasingly ditch our traditional computer interfaces in favour of new behavioural ones that we communicate with using simple biometric cues and our voices.

A revolution that's been decades in the making Behavioural computing, or Affective computing as it's also sometimes known, especially when we are referring to machines that can replicate human emotions, will

fundamentally change the way we interact with technology and our relationship with it. These are also, over time, going to be the same interfaces that are integrated into many of the new adaptive learning tools I mentioned earlier, and while advances in behavioural computing will ultimately benefit all of us in the medium term they're going to present students with new cognitive and emotional challenges.

On the one hand as students increasingly find themselves interacting with Al and their "synthetic personalities" on a more regular basis they are going to have to learn how to get the best from their interactions with them, and on the other hand, over time as these synths, as I'll call them, get better at tailoring their persona to the individuals they're interacting with students could suddenly find themselves emotionally engaged and invested with them.

Think, for example, of your own interactions with some of today's behavioural interfaces such as Alexa, Bixby, Siri, and others, asides from having to learn how to communicate with these new digital assistants effectively it's also likely you've had at least a couple of humorous altercations with them.

As these synths and their conversational

capabilities improve the way students communicate with them, and their relationship with them are going to change, and while adults will likely be adept at coping with these changes it'll be very different for a 5 or 8 year old. These synths aren't just voices in a machine, they're personalities personalities that sing us songs and entertain us, and that stoke our emotions, and the better they get the more we're going to have to think about how we tackle the so called ghost in the machine.

#### NEURO-STIMULATION TECHNOLOGY

As humanity continues to unlock the mysteries of the human mind, from the way it works and forms memories, to discovering new ways to leverage its plasticity for our advantage, we have recently reached the point where we are now able to both download and stream, as well as upload, thoughts and knowledge.

Furthermore, as Brain Machine
Interfaces, and the other technologies
that support them, such as Artificial
Intelligence, improve, and are embedded
into more everyday devices, such
as Virtual Reality headsets, we are
increasingly finding new ways to train
our minds more effectively, and retain

significantly more information for longer.

The upshot of which means that students cognitive and tactile capabilities and skills are significantly heightened and improved.

#### **ROBOTICS**

In the past the word robot referred to one thing - some form of mechanised automaton that was more likely to be found on the production line than in the home. Fast forward to today and the word encompasses a variety of different technologies that take a multitude of different forms.

Robots are no longer just pure hardware, they're also now pure software, in the form of avatars and bots, and they're no longer all hard, some are soft. But that's not all. Some are hybrids, made from both organic and inorganic components, and some are the size of a house while others are the size of individual molecules, and yes, just in case you were going to ask molecular assemblers are now real.

The world of robotics has come a long way since its early days, and that's before we start talking about the arrival of robots that can communicate with

humans telepathically, or robots that, through a combination of AI and cloud computing, have hive minds.

As robots become easier to build, and become more intelligent and capable, students are going to find themselves confronted with opportunities that very few though possible, whether it's creating Lego robots that move around a track or DNA and molecular robots that can form miniature factory assembly lines and build complex compounds.

#### VIRTUAL REALITY

Virtual Reality is a technology like none other, one that can make learning truly immersive, especially when it's combined with hepatic feedback technologies that provide real time tactile feedback in the form of gloves and other apparel, as well as other complimentary sensory technologies.

As VR continues to evolve with resolutions and the volume and variety of content increasing over time the beneficial impact it will have on the field of education would be very difficult to doubt.





HILE THE subjects and subject matter that schools have taught down through the ages have morphed and changed over time something that's remained consistent is the use of real world examples and experiences to augment and enhance student's learning experiences.

However, as the global rate of change continues to accelerate, and as the world becomes increasingly competitive, complex, and connected, I believe the way these experiential learning models are woven into the curricula also needs to change, and significantly.

As a result, as science fiction like technologies increasingly become science fact, whether it's the appearance of 3D and 4D Printing, Biological Computers, brain controlled prosthetics, Creative Machines, Deflector Shields, Holograms, In Vivo Gene Editing, memory editing, uploading and streaming, Molecular Assemblers, Nanobots, Neural Interfaces, self-coding and self-evolving Al's and Robots, Tractor Beams, and hundreds more, I'd strongly argue that schools must significantly increase their student's exposure to these and other exponential technologies, and actively promote an entirely new way of learning, working, and thinking. After all, it's difficult to provide students with practical

hands on experience with futuristic products and technologies that haven't been fully commercialised yet, or in some cases even invented.

To fill this gaping gap this is where I believe the introduction of school X-Labs, as I call them, gives schools a prime opportunity, today, to combine their traditional experiential learning models with more leading edge entrepreneurial, experimental and theoretical teaching, in an environment where educators and students alike can discuss and explore the technologies and innovations that will transform everyone's futures, and their implications, without boundaries, and with impunity.

Ultimately this approach, I believe, stands the best chance of preparing students with the hands on critical thinking and skills that will prepare them for whatever the future, and technology, throws at them.

#### **INTRODUCING X-LABS**

X-Labs is what I regard as the simple, but inevitable, evolution of yesterday's traditional school lab environments combined with futuristic and corporate accelerator twists, built on the foundations of a student first philosophy

that maximises their opportunities for entrepreneurial, exponential and innovative thinking, with hands on experimentation.

Today, even the most forward thinking will I school labs, I'd argue, aren't gap anywhere close enough to preparing students for careers in an increasingly complex.

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complex, dynamic, and fast paced future especially when set against the

backdrop of increasingly rapid technological

and societal change.

For example,
while I personally
track over 600 powerful
emerging technologies today,
which you can explore in more depth
in my complimentary Exponential
Technology Codex The Next 50
Years Codex, on average only 9, yes,
that's right, a measly 9, exponential
technologies, such as 3D Printing,
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Artificial Intelligence, Augmented Reality, Blockchain, Robotics, and Virtual Reality are even discussed in schools - let alone taught in depth, so it's by no means a stretch to say that this mismatch alone will leave society with an enormous skills gap in the years and decades to come.

Furthermore, when you consider the fact, for example, that both

Al's and robots are already able to selfcode, self-design, self-evolve, and self-replicate, albeit in a limited fashion for now at least, then over time that skills gap will get significantly wider, and at a much faster rate than we've ever seen before. This rate of change is also the prime reason why we

no longer have a choice but to include more experimental and theoretical teaching within schools.

X-Labs are designed from the outset to combine the best of creative, interdisciplinary exponential experimentation with a vibrant atmosphere, and

the entrepreneurship of world class corporate accelerators where students are free to explore and experiment with new ideas and concepts, as well as succeed and fail, with impunity, but without the pressure associated with companies fierce focus on business returns.

As we head into the Exponential Era, that will be dominated by increasingly democratised, intelligent, and powerful exponential technologies, and where students will face unprecedented personal and professional challenges throughout their adult careers having these types of workshop spaces will be increasingly crucial.

However, just as the scale of the challenge we all face is great so too is the need for cooperation, which is why X-Labs have to break free from today's status quo, and forge new partnerships and encourage new thinking - all things that are pivotal to making them successful.

# CREATE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES. THINK WITHOUT BOUNDARIES.

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Create active conversations with lots of different groups to stimulate innovative thinking, and always ask questions.

#### **GRAND CHALLENGES**

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X-Labs leaders should set a continuous series of Grand Challenges that encourage creativity, exponential thinking and problem solving.

#### **INNOVATIVE SPACES**

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Design and use spaces that encourage collaboration, creativity, and innovative thinking.

## BUILD YOUR OWN SCHOOL X-LAB

X-Labs need to be collaborative, entrepreneurial, multi-disciplined, open, and promote exponential and theoretical thinking, and experimentation.

With all this in mind, therefore, there are a host of new elements we need to incorporate that, when combined, will help change your schools culture of learning, your outlook on the future, and your students zeal for the future.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

**CONVERSATIONS** 

Students should have consistent and regular access to a vibrant community of inspirational and motivational leaders from a variety of backgrounds.

#### **MENTORS**

Experts who can up skill teachers and students, with a focus on creative and entrepreneurial thinking, and exponential technology are crucial.

#### PROBLEM SOLVING

Leaders must actively encourage and promote cross curricular thinking, and create novel theme based curricula that promote innovative thinking.

#### **RESEARCH HUBS**

Digital and physical hubs and resources that help teachers and students stay up to date, let them share ideas, and promote thought leadership, are crucial.

#### RISK CULTURE

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#### **PARTNERSHIPS**

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Continuous and controlled exposure to a wide range of diverse and inspiring partners will help provide students with fresh perspectives and ideas.

#### SCI-FI STORYTELLING

Writing science fiction stories is one of the simplest and most effective ways to stir students creativity and imagination, so choose your timelines and get writing.

#### TECH EXPOSURE

Continuous and controlled exposure to as wide a range of exponential technologies and their benefits as possible

#### ПMЕ

The majority of students best thinking takes place when there is an absence of duress and stress, so leaders must do their best to foster the right cultures.

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE.





talked about the reasons why today's industrial style education systems should change, and need to change. I've also highlighted the opportunities that educators and educational establishments have to reinvent themselves in order to help create tomorrow's future fit entrepreneurs, professionals, and inspirational thought leaders.

However, I'm also the first to acknowledge that the future we are all racing into is as confusing as it is fast paced, which undoubtedly then leaves you asking just one question:

## WHERE ON EARTH DO WE START!?

As any good coach, or teacher for that matter, will tell you the first thing you must do is actually START and get off the fence.

As for what comes next, well, take your time, but not too long, take baby steps, start simple, and don't be afraid to ask people for help, after all, we're all in this together.

#### 1. CULTURE

Without the right attitude and culture within your school all the changes you try to implement, and your transformation, will likely fail. Therefore examine your culture and take the right steps to foster the right culture using a top down approach.

#### 2. PREPARE

Next pull together a team of four to six enthusiastic and like minded individuals from inside and outside of your school, and include at least one or more senior stakeholders and sponsors - as your program gets off the ground you will need both sponsorship and air cover to help defend you and your team against the organisation's natural immune system which might try to kill it.

#### 3. EXPLORE

Get out of your comfort zone and explore the future and deep future for yourselves using whatever connections and resources you have available to you, and pull together a point of view.

#### 4. START SIMPLE

**TOP TIP:** Why not start by creating your own robotic vertical farm, Al image classifier, or running a science fiction writing competition set in the year 2050?

Start with baby steps. Learn to crawl before you can walk.

As a team filter and then prioritise your findings from the first step, categorising those findings by impact, where impact is how you decide to define it.

The next step(s) that you take should be low risk and low cost because at this point in time it's unlikely you have any funding or access to any significant or meaningful resources.

One of the simplest places you can start is by introducing and encouraging some of the concepts mentioned in this Codex, for example, the soft skills, into your everyday curriculum and teachings.

After this, the next step should be to begin opening up more of your faculty and student's thinking by introducing them to the future and future thinking something that can be done by creating appropriately tailored content, holding special assemblies or town halls, kick starting some projects, as well as using a

variety of other techniques.

#### 5. PARTNERSHIPS

The next step involves improving your faculty and student's access to future thinking individuals and organisations by forging new collaborative partnerships.

These partnerships could include other academic establishments, entrepreneurs, industry experts, innovation communities, and other inspirational entities, with the purpose of these partnerships being to provide you all with easy and frictionless access to new experiences, new mentors, and new thinking.

#### 6. REMOVE THE TRAINING WHEELS

Now, after a gentle start, correct the things that don't work, think bigger, hunt out more resources, be bold, start your own X-Lab, and scale.

And remember, if you need help there are plenty of people, not just myself, who are ready, willing and able to help. You are not alone.

# UPGRADING

## **HUMAN SUPER INTELLIGENCE**

... LEARN MORE . FASTER . AND COMPETE WITH AI .





S WE look towards a future increasingly dominated by powerful technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) each of us has the choice to either give in to the Machines as they automate more of the jobs and the workforce or find ways to turn them to our advantage and super charge our learning abilities and skills.

I prefer the latter which is why I have been busying myself with finding new ways to accelerate human learning and, as it were update our own "Human Learning Algorithm" so that together we can look forwards to a future where humans are as relevant as ever.

#### THE ERA OF HUMAN SUPER INTELLIGENCE

When we talk about the future of AI most people talk about two key events - the emergence of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI), whose abilities will rival those of all humans, and Artificial Super Intelligence (ASI), whose cognitive abilities will be so great that humans will be the intellectual equivalents of bacteria. Nice.

Despite this though noone as fas as I have been able to see talks about the emergence of Human Super Intelligence (HSI), and how we use AI to achieve this

will be the topic of this section.

#### INTRODUCING THE AI TOOLS

In the past century the average human IQ has increased by 3 points, and we're going to need to do a lot better than that if we want to remain competitive in a world that's increasingly dominated by progressively intelligent Machines.

While we have Adaptive Learning solutions that we can lean on today, which personalise the learning environment according to the students behaviours and responses, we also have Al itself that students and teachers can lean on - the raw technology.

While the user experience of interacting with Al's directly is often less appealing than most EdTech solutions, and Al requires more skill to get the best from it, it wouldn't be hard to argue that its ability to supercharge learning is already superior to many EdTech solutions.

So, in this section I'm going to look at how students and teachers alike can use a variety of freely available AI tools such as Google BARD and the famous OpenAI ChatGPT to dramatically accelerate their learning and improve learning outcomes by multiples.

## ACCELERATE LEARNING BY 2X

IMPROVE GRADES BY 30%

## PERSONALISE LEARNING

### UPGRADING THE HUMAN LEARNING ALGORITHM.

BEFORE I start I'd like to get this clear: in this section, using examples, I'm going to show you how teachers can use the aforementioned AI's, and others as they emerge, to create personalised learning plans for students while at the same time increasing productivity and student face time, and I'm going to show how students can use these same tools to learn at least three times faster and increase grades by over 30 percent.

What I'm not going to be doing though is giving you a walk through of how these tools work because by the time I've explained it they'll have been upgraded and the content will be out of date.

### **UNDER THE HOOD OF AN AI**

While I'm not going to dive into how tools like BARD or ChatGPT work in depth I will give you a high level introduction, and if you'd like to know more then just get in touch.

Both of these AI's are what we call Cognitive Artificial Intelligences. In geek speak they are Large Language Models (LLM) that can interpret natural human language inputs and produce professional human-like responses that rival those of many experts - hence their usefulness in the following tasks.

While they are both impressive feats of human ingenuity what's more impressive are some of the statistics especially when we look at ChatGPT which at the time of publication is widely regarded as the world's most sophisticated AI.

With over 1 Trillion parameters, which are the technology equivalent of the connections in the human brain, ChatGPT has a Verbal IQ of 155, putting it in the top 0.1% of human intellect, contains more than 1,000 times more general knowledge than any human mind, and learns and transfers information at least 300 Million times faster than any human brain - making it a formidable Personal Tutor and also a formidable competitor.

As AI continues to improve though, as its capabilities expands, and as new tools indubitably appear on the market, you can be assured that I'll keep this section

appropriately updated.

### WHAT COMES NOW

Today, until their user interfaces evolve or are incorporated into other products, the best way to get the most from these powerful AI's is via natural language text prompts, so in this section I will give you examples of the prompts you can use to achieve the goals of improving teacher productivity, and improving students learning speed and outcomes.





OR THOSE of you who wonder what the term "Prompt Engineering" really means in short it's tech slang that relates to how we use natural human language, in this case text based inputs, to talk to Artificial Intelligence Chatbots, like the ones I mentioned in the previous section, to get the outputs and results we want and expect.

While AI has gotten a lot better over the decades at understanding human natural language it's not perfect, it sometimes struggles with context, and it also struggles at remembering what's gone before. So, just as you would when talking to anyone - or anything - that doesn't speak your native tongue fluently you need to adapt how you communicate and that's where in this case the "art" of prompt engineering comes into play.

### **YOUR GO**

In my opinion the best way to learn how to communicate with these Chatbots is to not only experiment with - or engineer - your own text prompts, but also ask them questions that let them provide you with answers on how to get the most from them, something that ironically in the age of increasingly intelligence Machines noone seems to do. Other than yours truly.

In this section you will find examples of all the prompts I think you will need to improve your own productivity, learning speed, and learning outcomes, and each section is laid out by topic.

So, what are you waiting for? Let's get busy!

### ROSS DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE PROMPT CARD

#### **PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION**

In this section you will learn how to use prompt engineering to enhance students CROSS DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE and critical thinking. By leveraging prompts you will be able to generate assignments and avestions that challenge their ability to apply knowledge and understanding across different domains.





### **PROMPT VARIABLES**

Use a combination of these Key Phrases or Variables to engineer your perfect prompt

COMPARE

DESCRIPTOR EXAMPLE FIND ANALOGIES INTERSECTING IDEAS OUTCOME

For more ideas try this prompt: LIST THE KEY PHRASES OR VARIABLES I CAN USE TO IMPROVE CROSS DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE, WITH DESCRIPTIONS, AND AN EXAMPLE

### **EXAMPLE PROMPTS**

Here are two example prompts you can adapt to create your own tailored prompts

Can we [DESCRIPTOR] of [SUBJECT] to [OUTCOME] in [SUBJECT]?

Can we [Use the Principles] of [Physics] to [Understand How Athletes Perform] in [Physical Education]?

How can [SUBJECT] [DESCRIPTOR] in [SUBJECT] [EXAMPLE]?

How can [Maths] [Be Used to Understand the Structures] in [Biology] [Such as DNA]?

### CROSS DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE PROMPT CARD

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#### **EXAMPLE RESULT**

Here is an excerpt of the generated result for our first example prompt ...

Absolutely, the principles of physics can be directly applied to understanding athletic performance in physical education. Here are a few examples of how you can make the connection:

- 1. Basketball: In basketball, the path of the ball is an example of a parabola. This can be explained with projectile motion in physics. Understanding the angle and force of the throw can help players improve their shooting skills.
- 2. Soccer: The concept of momentum and collisions in physics is demonstrated in soccer when players pass the ball or when they collide with each other.
- 3. Running: The principle of friction can be applied to understand why runners wear spiked shoes. The friction between the shoe spikes and the ground provides the necessary grip that helps the athletes run faster without slipping.
- 4. Swimming: In swimming, principles such as buoyancy (why swimmers float), drag forces (resistance experienced by swimmers in water), and propulsion (how swimmers move forward) can be understood through physics.
- 5. Gymnastics: Principles of rotational motion, gravity, and energy transformation can be applied to understand how gymnasts perform flips and balance on beams.

So, if you're looking for a prompt for this, you could use something like:

"How do the principles of physics, such as projectile motion, friction, buoyancy, and rotational motion, apply to athletic performance in sports like basketball, soccer, running, swimming, and gymnastics?"

Then, you can break down the prompt into individual aspects and explore each one in detail. Remember, the key to cross-domain knowledge is understanding how concepts from one area can be used to explain phenomena in another.

### DEBATE PROMPT CARD

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#### **PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION**

In this section you will learn how to use prompt engineering to turn your Chatbot into a formidable DEBATE opponent that students can engage with in sparring matches and use to refine and hone their debating skills, while exploring diverse opinions and perspectives on a wide range of topics.





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### PROMPT VARIABLES

Use a combination of these Key Phrases or Variables to engineer your perfect prompt

ACTION ACTIVITY ARGUMENT POINTS COUNTER A

COUNTER ARGUMENTS EVIDENCE

ENCE OPPOSING POSITION

POSITION

REBUTTALS TOPIC

YOUR STANCE

For more ideas try this prompt: LIST THE KEY PHRASES OR VARIABLES I CAN USE TO CREATE A DEBATE, WITH DESCRIPTIONS, AND AN EXAMPLE PROMPT AND EXAMPLE DEBATE

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### **EXAMPLE PROMPTS**

Here are two example prompts you can adapt to create your own tailored prompts

Let's have a [ACTIVITY] on the [TOPIC]. I will argue in favour of [POSITION] and you will argue in favour of the [OPPOSING POSITION]. Let's begin our dialogue.

Let's have a [Debate] on the [Impact of Technology on Society]. I will argue in favour of [We Need More Technology in our Lives] and you will argue [Against It]. I will provide my own arguments and responses, not you.

[YOUR STANCE] [TOPIC] and [OPPOSING POSITION]. I want to [ACTIVITY] it and will provide my own arguments and responses, not you. [ACTION].

[I support] [Climate Science] and [You Don't]. I want to debate it and will provide my own arguments and responses, not you. Create an opening argument.

### DEBATE PROMPT CARD

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#### **EXAMPLE RESULT**

Here is an excerpt of the generated result for our first example prompt ...

Sure, I can help you with that. I'll argue against the statement "We Need More Technology in our Lives." Please keep in mind that my responses are generated based on general arguments and perspectives and may not necessarily reflect personal opinions. Let's begin!

Against: We Need More Technology in our Lives

- 1. Dependence on technology: Increasing our reliance on technology can lead to a significant dependence on it. When we become overly reliant on technology, we risk losing essential skills and knowledge that are necessary for our everyday lives. For example, relying heavily on GPS systems can weaken our ability to navigate using traditional maps or landmarks.
- 2. Social isolation: The widespread use of technology, particularly smartphones and social media, has led to a decline in face-to-face interactions. Many individuals now spend a significant amount of time engrossed in their devices, resulting in reduced social interactions and a sense of isolation. This can have adverse effects on mental health and overall well-being.
- 3. Job displacement: As technology advances, there is an increasing concern about job displacement due to automation. Many routine tasks can now be performed by machines, which may lead to unemployment and economic inequalities. While technology creates new job opportunities, the rate of job creation may not be able to keep up with the pace of job loss.
- 4. Privacy concerns: The proliferation of technology in our lives has raised serious concerns about privacy. With the constant collection and analysis of personal data, individuals' privacy can be compromised. Technology companies and governments may have access to sensitive information, which can be misused or exploited for various purposes.

### EXPLAIN PROMPT CARD

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PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION

In this section you will learn how to use prompt engineering to turn your Chatbot into the equivalent of a personal tutor that is able to EXPLAIN topics in depth and detail and in a style that suits the student. By doing this students will be able to dramatically accelerate the rate at which they master the topics they're interested in or have difficulty mastering.





PROMPT VARIABLES

Use a combination of these Key Phrases or Variables to engineer your perfect prompt

ACTION

DETAILS

PROBLEM

**REQUEST** 

**TOPIC** 

For more ideas try this prompt: LIST THE KEY PHRASES OR VARIABLES I CAN USE TO EXPLAIN CONCEPTS, WITH DESCRIPTIONS, AND AN EXAMPLE PROMPT AND EXAMPLE

**EXAMPLE PROMPTS** 

Here are two example prompts you can adapt to create your own tailored prompts

[ACTION] [REQUEST] in [PROBLEM].

[Explain] [How I Solve "X"] in [This Equation: 3x - 7 = 14]

[ACTION] the [TOPIC]. [DETAILS].

[Explain] the [Process of Photosynthesis]. [Include a Description of the Main Steps, the Role of Sunlight, and Why This Process is Important for Life on Earth].

### **EXAMPLE RESULT**

Here is an excerpt of the generated result for our first example prompt ...

To solve for x in the equation 3x - 7 = 14, you would follow these steps:

Begin by isolating the term with x. You do this by adding 7 to both sides of the equation. This gets rid of the -7 on the left side. The equation then becomes:

$$3x = 14 + 7$$

Simplify the right side of the equation by adding 14 and 7 together:

$$3x = 21$$

Finally, to solve for x, you want x by itself. So you divide each side of the equation by 3:

$$x = 21 / 3$$

Simplify the right side of the equation by dividing 21 by 3:

$$x = 7$$

So the solution to the equation 3x - 7 = 14 is x = 7.

### GLOSSARIES PROMPT CARD

#### **PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION**

In this section you will learn how to use prompt engineering to create GLOSSARIES for different subjects or topics, the style of which can be adapted to suit the individual requirements of students as needed.





### **PROMPT VARIABLES**

Use a combination of these Key Phrases or Variables to engineer your perfect prompt

FORMAT GRADE INSTRUCTION TOPIC

For more ideas try this prompt: LIST THE KEY PHRASES OR VARIABLES I CAN USE TO CREATE GLOSSARIES, WITH DESCRIPTIONS, AND AN EXAMPLE PROMPT AND EXAMPLE

### **EXAMPLE PROMPTS**

Here are two example prompts you can adapt to create your own tailored prompts

[ACTION] a [ACTIVITY] of [TOPIC] for [GRADE] students in [FORMAT]

[Create] a [Glossary] of [The Most Important Chemistry Terms] for [Grade 10] students in [List Format]

[ACTION] a [ACTIVITY] of [TOPIC] in [FORMAT] and [INSTRUCTION]

Create a [Glossary] of [English Vocabulary Terms] in [List Format] and [Give Examples of Each]

### **GLOSSARIES PROMPT CARD**

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#### **EXAMPLE RESULT**

Here is an excerpt of the generated result for our first example prompt ...

Absolutely! Here's a glossary of the most important chemistry terms for Grade 10 students.

- 1. Atom: The smallest unit of an element, made up of protons, neutrons, and electrons.
- 2. Molecule: A group of two or more atoms held together by chemical bonds.
- 3. Element: A pure substance consisting of only one type of atom.
- 4. Compound: A substance made up of two or more different types of atoms chemically bonded together.
- 5. Mixture: A combination of two or more substances that are not chemically combined.
- 6. Chemical Reaction: A process that involves changes in the structure and energy content of atoms, molecules, or ions.
- 7. Solution: A homogeneous mixture where one substance (solute) is dissolved in another (solvent).
- 8. Solute: The substance that is dissolved in a solution.
- 9. Solvent: The substance in which the solute dissolves.
- 10. Acid: A substance that donates hydrogen ions (H+) in a solution.
- 11. Base: A substance that accepts hydrogen ions (H+) in a solution, often producing hydroxide ions (OH-).

### LESSON PLANS PROMPT CARD

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#### **PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION**

In this section you will learn how to use prompt engineering to create tailored LESSON PLANS in minutes that you can use in class or at home.





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### **PROMPT VARIABLES**

Use a combination of these Key Phrases or Variables to engineer your perfect prompt

ACTION

**ACTIVITY** 

APPLICATION

CONTEXT

GRADE OUTCOME

ROL

**SUBJECT** 

TON

TOPIC

SKILL LEVEL

STYLE

For more ideas try this prompt: LIST THE KEY PHRASES OR VARIABLES I CAN USE TO CREATE A LESSON PLAN, WITH DESCRIPTIONS, AND AN EXAMPLE PROMPT AND LESSON PLAN

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### **EXAMPLE PROMPTS**

Here are two example prompts you can adapt to create your own tailored prompts

[ROLE] [ACTION] for [GRADE] that will let them [ACTIVITY] [TOPIC] and its [APPLICATION]

Acting as a [Science Teacher] [Create a Lesson Plan] for [Grade 6 students] that will let them [Explore and Analyse] [Climate Change] and its [Impact on their Local Environment]

[ACTION] [PURPOSE] [GRADE] to [OUTCOME and TOPIC]

[Create a Lesson Plan] [That Will Enable] [Grade 8 Students] to [Explain the Stages of the Water Cycle and How it Influences Weather Patterns]. Include [One Homework Activity].

### **LESSON PLANS PROMPT CARD**

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#### **EXAMPLE RESULT**

Here is an excerpt of the generated result for our first example prompt ...

Lesson Plan: Exploring Climate Change and Its Impact on the Local Environment

Grade Level: 6th Grade

Subject: Science

### **Objectives:**

- 1. Students will understand the concept of climate change and its causes.
- 2. Students will analyze the impact of climate change on their local environment.
- 3. Students will explore potential solutions to mitigate the effects of climate change.

### Materials:

- 1. Whiteboard or flipchart
- 2. Markers
- 3. Handouts or worksheets
- 4. Internet access (optional)
- 5. Science textbooks or reference materials

### Procedure:

### Introduction (10 minutes):

1. Begin the lesson by asking students if they have heard of climate change. Encourage them to share their thoughts or prior knowledge about the topic.

### MARKING RUBRICS PROMPT CARD

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PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION

In this section you will learn how to use prompt engineering to create MARKING RUBRICS that you can use to grade or mark any kind of assignments or work. When creating your prompt think about the specific goals and learning objectives of the assignment or work in question, the grade level, and the skills being assessed, then be clear with your descriptions and scoring criteria.





PROMPT VARIABLES

Use a combination of these Key Phrases or Variables to engineer your perfect prompt

ACTION ACTIVITY CITATION AND REFERENCING CONTENT UNDERSTANDING CREATIVITY CRITICAL THINKING

FORMAT GRADE PRESENTATION RESEARCH SKILLS SCORE SKILL LEVEL SUBJECT TOPIC WRITING QUALITY

For more ideas try this prompt: LIST THE KEY PHRASES OR VARIABLES I CAN USE TO CREATE A MARKING RUBRIC, WITH DESCRIPTIONS, AND AN EXAMPLE PROMPT AND RUBRIC

EXAMPLE PROMPTS

Here are two example prompts you can adapt to create your own tailored prompts

In [FORMAT] create a [ACTION] for a [GRADE] [ACTIVITY]

In an [Excel Format] create a [Marking Rubric] for a [Grade 6] [Science Essay]

Create an [ACTION] for a [GRADE] lesson on [SUBJECT] in a [FORMAT] with [SCORE] for each [TOPIC]

Create an [Assessment Rubric] for a [Grade 8] lesson on [Cyber Security] in a [Text Format] with [Scores out of 10] for [Each Topic]

### MARKING RUBRICS PROMPT CARD

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#### **EXAMPLE RESULT**

Here is an excerpt of the generated result for our first example prompt ...

Certainly! Here's an example of a marking rubric for a grade 6 science essay in Excel format:

Criteria	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Needs Improvement (1)
Introduction	<u> </u>	3	2	
Content Knowledge	4	3	2	j 1
Organization	4	3	2	1
Language and Vocabulary	4	3	2	1
Accuracy and Precision	4	3	2	1
Formatting and Neatness	4	3	2	1
Conclusion	4	3	2	1
Overall Understanding	4	3	2	1
Total Points	32	24	16	8

To use this marking rubric, you can assign a score of 4, 3, 2, or 1 to each criterion, based on the quality of the student's work in that particular aspect. At the end, you can sum up the scores for each criterion to calculate the total points and determine the final grade for the essay. Feel free to modify or customize the rubric according to your specific requirements or grading standards.

#### **PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION**

In this section you will learn how to use prompt engineering to create QUIZZES in different styles that let students test their knowledge of different subjects and topics.





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### PROMPT VARIABLES

Use a combination of these Key Phrases or Variables to engineer your perfect prompt

ACTION ACTIVITY FORMAT GRADE OUTCOME POINTS VALUE QUIZ TITLE STUDENT TYPE TOPIC

For more ideas try this prompt: LIST THE KEY PHRASES OR VARIABLES I CAN USE TO CREATE QUIZZES, WITH DESCRIPTIONS, AND AN EXAMPLE PROMPT AND AN EXAMPLE QUIZ

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### **EXAMPLE PROMPTS**

Here are two example prompts you can adapt to create your own tailored prompts

[ACTION] a [ACTIVITY] [FORMAT] to [OUTCOME] a [STUDENT TYPE] knowledge of [TOPIC]

[Create] a [Quiz] [With 20 Multiple Choice Questions] to [Test] a [12 Year Old's] knowledge of [Volcanoes]

[ACTION] a [ACTIVITY] [FORMAT] to [OUTCOME] [GRADE] understanding of [TOPIC]

[Create] a [Quiz] [With 10 Questions] to [Assess] [Grade 13 Students] understanding of [World War 2]

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#### **EXAMPLE RESULT**

Here is an excerpt of the generated result for our first example prompt ...

Absolutely, here's a multiple-choice quiz designed to test a 12-year-old's knowledge of volcanoes:

- 1. Which of the following is a type of volcano?
- A) Cinder Cone
- B) Spiral Cone
- C) Sugar Cone
- D) Pine Cone
- 2. What is the name of the world's largest active volcano?
- A) Mount Everest
- B) Mount Vesuvius
- C) Mount St. Helens
- D) Mauna Loa
- 3. What is molten rock called when it is beneath the Earth's surface?
- A) Lava
- B) Magma
- C) Ash
- D) Tuff

### SEARCH PROMPT CARD

#### **PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION**

In this section you will learn how to use prompt engineering to help students and teachers RESEARCH different subjects or topics so they can stay up to date with the latest developments and deepen their knowledge.





### **PROMPT VARIABLES**

Use a combination of these Key Phrases or Variables to engineer your perfect prompt

STUDENT DESCRIPTION FORMAT OBJECTIVES

For more ideas try this prompt: LIST THE KEY PHRASES OR VARIABLES I CAN USE TO RESEARCH TOPICS, WITH DESCRIPTIONS, AND AN EXAMPLE PROMPT AND EXAMPLE OUTPUT

### **EXAMPLE PROMPTS**

Here are two example prompts you can adapt to create your own tailored prompts

I am a [STUDENT DESCRIPTION] acting as a [ROLE] help me [ACTIVITY] [TOPIC] in [SUBJECT]

I am a [Grade 11 Student] acting as a [Research Buddy] help me [Research] [The Latest Trends] in [Computer Coding]

I am [STUDENT DESCRIPTION] and don't understand [TOPIC] help me [ACTIVITY] it then [ACTIVITY] on it

I am [16 Years Old] and don't understand [Climate Change] help me [Research] it then [Create a Quiz] on it

### RESEARCH PROMPT CARD

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#### **EXAMPLE RESULT**

Here is an excerpt of the generated result for our first example prompt ...

Sure, let's explore the latest trends in computer coding as of 2023.

- 1. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning: AI and ML have become crucial in coding. They help create more intelligent applications, predict user behavior, and automate testing and bug fixes. Python, R, and Java are popular languages in this field.
- 2. Quantum Computing: Quantum computing is a rapidly growing field. While still largely in the research phase, new programming languages like Q# from Microsoft and Qiskit from IBM are being developed specifically for quantum algorithms.
- 3. Low-Code/No-Code Platforms: These platforms allow people to create software without needing to know how to code, or with minimal coding knowledge. They are becoming increasingly popular for developing simple applications and prototypes.
- 4. Rust Programming Language: Rust is gaining popularity due to its performance and safety, especially in system-level programming. It's seen as an alternative to C and C++ for system-level programming.
- 5. Cybersecurity: With the increase in cyber threats, there's a growing demand for secure coding practices. Languages like Python and JavaScript are widely used for cybersecurity solutions.
- 6. Data Science: With the growing importance of data, coding related to data analysis, manipulation, and visualization is increasingly in-demand. Python, with libraries like Pandas and Matplotlib, is a key language.
- 7. Web Development: JavaScript along with frameworks like React.js, Angular, and Vue.js continue to dominate development. WebAssembly is also seeing growing usage as a high-performance web development language.

### EVISION NOTES PROMPT CARD

#### **PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION**

In this section you will learn how to use prompt engineering to create tailored REVISION NOTES in different styles that students can use to accelerate their learning and knowledge of different subjects and topics.





### PROMPT VARIABLES

Use a combination of these Key Phrases or Variables to engineer your perfect prompt

FORMAT GRADE ROLE STUDENT DESCRIPTION

For more ideas try this prompt: LIST THE KEY PHRASES OR VARIABLES I CAN USE TO CREATE REVISION NOTES, WITH DESCRIPTIONS, AND AN EXAMPLE PROMPT AND EXAMPLE

### **EXAMPLE PROMPTS**

Here are two example prompts you can adapt to create your own tailored prompts

[ACTION] [ACTIVITY] in [FORMAT] for [GRADE] students studying [TOPIC]

[Create] [Revision Notes] in [List Format] for [Grade 11] students studying [Computer Network Architecture]

In the [ROLE] [ACTION] [ACTIVITY] in [FORMAT] for a [STUDENT DESCRIPTION] studying [TOPIC]

In the [Style of Alan Turing] [Create] [Revision Notes] in [Essay Format] for a [Grade 8 Student] studying [AI]

### **REVISION NOTES PROMPT CARD**

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#### **EXAMPLE RESULT**

Here is an excerpt of the generated result for our first example prompt ...

Sure, here are the revision notes in list format for a Grade 11 student studying Computer Network Architecture.

- 1. Key Terms and Definitions
  - a. Computer Network: Interconnected computers sharing resources.
  - b. Network Architecture: Layout of the network, including physical and logical design.
  - c. Server: Central computer storing files and providing services.
  - d. Client: Computer requesting services from the server.
  - e. Router: Device that routes data packets between networks.
  - f. Protocols: Rules and standards governing communication between devices.
- 2. Types of Networks
  - a. LAN (Local Area Network): Network confined to a small geographic area.
  - b. WAN (Wide Area Network): Network that spans a large area, like cities or countries.
  - c. MAN (Metropolitan Area Network): Network spanning a large campus or city.
  - d. PAN (Personal Area Network): Network for an individual person, typically within a range of 10 meters.
- 3. Network Architecture Types
  - a. Client-Server: Network where one or more computers (servers) provide services to other computers (clients).
  - b. Peer-to-Peer: Network where each computer can function as both a client and server.
- 4. Network Protocols

### TUDY BUDDY PROMPT CARD

#### **PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION**

In this section you will learn how to use prompt engineering to turn your Chatbot into a powerful, interactive, conversational STUDY BUDDY that helps students achieve their learning objectives faster by auiding and prompting them through the subjects and topics they're interested in.





### **PROMPT VARIABLES**

Use a combination of these Key Phrases or Variables to engineer your perfect prompt

LEARNING OBJECTIVE ROLE SKILL LEVEL

For more ideas try this prompt: LIST THE KEY PHRASES OR VARIABLES I CAN USE TO CREATE A STUDY BUDDY, WITH DESCRIPTIONS, AND AN EXAMPLE PROMPT AND EXAMPLE

### **EXAMPLE PROMPTS**

Here are two example prompts you can adapt to create your own tailored prompts

[LEARNING OBJECTIVE] in [TOPIC] can you be my Study Buddy and help me?

[I Want to Become an Expert] in [Python Programming] can you be my Study Buddy and help me?

Acting as a [ROLE] can you [ACTIVITY] about [TOPIC] to an [SKILL LEVEL]

Acting as a [Nutritionist] can you [Help Me Learn] about [Nutrition] to an [Expert Level]?

### STUDY BUDDY PROMPT CARD

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#### **EXAMPLE RESULT**

Here is an excerpt of the generated result for our first example prompt ...

Of course! I'd be happy to be your study buddy and help you become an expert in Python programming. Python is a versatile and widely used programming language, so it's a great choice for learning and building various applications. To get started, let's outline a study plan. Here's a suggested roadmap for becoming proficient in Python programming:

- 1. Basics of Python: Familiarize yourself with the fundamentals of Python, including variables, data types, operators, control flow (if statements, loops), functions, and basic input/output operations.
- 2. Data Structures: Learn about essential data structures in Python, such as lists, tuples, dictionaries, and sets. Understand how to manipulate and perform operations on these data structures.
- 3. File Handling: Explore file input/output operations in Python, including reading from and writing to files. Learn how to handle different file formats, such as CSV and JSON.
- 4. Object-Oriented Programming (OOP): Dive into OOP concepts, such as classes, objects, inheritance, encapsulation, and polymorphism. Understand how to design and implement object-oriented solutions using Python.
- 5. Modules and Packages: Explore the vast ecosystem of Python modules and packages. Learn how to import and use external libraries to extend the functionality of your programs.

Remember that practice is key to becoming proficient in Python programming. Alongside studying these topics, work on coding exercises, mini-projects, and real-world applications to apply what you learn. Feel free to ask questions, seek clarifications, or discuss any challenges you encounter. I'm here to help you throughout your Python learning journey!

### MMARISE PROMPT CARD

#### **PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION**

In this section you will learn how to use prompt engineering to SUMMARISE different subjects and topics in different styles to help students learn faster, and improve their depth of knowledge and understandina.





### **PROMPT VARIABLES**

Use a combination of these Key Phrases or Variables to engineer your perfect prompt

ACTION

GRADE ROLE SKILL LEVEL STUDENT TYPE STYLE

For more ideas try this prompt: LIST THE KEY PHRASES OR VARIABLES I CAN USE TO SUMMARISE INFORMATION, WITH DESCRIPTIONS, AND AN EXAMPLE PROMPT AND SUMMARY

### **EXAMPLE PROMPTS**

Here are two example prompts you can adapt to create your own tailored prompts

[ACTION] the [TOPIC] for a [GRADE] who is an [SKILL LEVEL] in [FORMAT]

Summarise the [Krebs Cycle] for a [Grade 10 student] who in an [Expert] in [List Format]

Acting as a [ROLE] in [STYLE] [ACTION] [TOPIC] as a [FORMAT] for a [STUDENT TYPE]

Acting as a [Grade 5 teacher] in [Plain English] [Summarise] [The Water Cycle] as a [Short Story] for a [10 Year Old]

### **SUMMARISE PROMPT CARD**

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#### **EXAMPLE RESULT**

Here is an excerpt of the generated result for our first example prompt ...

Sure, given that the student is already an expert, this summary will use more precise scientific terminology. Here is a brief summary of the Krebs Cycle, also known as the Citric Acid Cycle or Tricarboxylic Acid Cycle:

The Krebs cycle, occurring in the mitochondrial matrix, is a key part of cellular respiration and plays a crucial role in the breakdown of glucose to produce energy for the cell in the form of ATP. The cycle begins with Acetyl CoA, a product of glycolysis (more specifically the linking step between glycolysis and Krebs cycle), which combines with Oxaloacetate (a 4-carbon compound) to form Citrate (a 6-carbon compound).

Through a series of eight steps, citrate is then transformed back into oxaloacetate, allowing the cycle to repeat. The steps include the following:

- 1. Citrate synthesis: Acetyl CoA combines with Oxaloacetate to form Citrate.
- 2. Citrate isomerized to Isocitrate: Through dehydration followed by hydration, Citrate is rearranged to form Isocitrate.
- 3. Isocitrate dehydrogenation: Isocitrate is oxidized by NAD+ to form Alpha-Ketoglutarate, releasing one molecule of CO2 and forming NADH.
- 4. Alpha-Ketoglutarate dehydrogenation: Alpha-Ketoglutarate is further oxidized, yielding a second molecule of CO2 and another NADH molecule, leaving behind Succinyl CoA.
- 5. Succinyl CoA conversion to Succinate: The energy stored in Succinyl CoA's thioester bond is used to phosphorylate GDP to GTP, which can be readily converted to ATP. Succinate is left as a product.
- 6. Succinate dehydrogenation: Succinate is oxidized to Fumarate by FAD, yielding FADH2.
- 7. Fumarate hydration: Water is added to Fumarate, converting it to Malate.
- 8. Malate dehydrogenation: Malate is oxidized by NAD+ to form Oxaloacetate, generating another molecule of NADH.

#### **PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION**

In this section you will learn how to use prompt engineering to turn your Chatbot into a powerful, interactive, conversational TEST tool that can test you on any subject or topic to any level in any format. You can also combine this with the Marking Rubric and Quiz prompts above to increase its effectiveness.





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### PROMPT VARIABLES

Use a combination of these Key Phrases or Variables to engineer your perfect prompt

ACTION ACTIVITY DIFFICULTY LEVEL FORMAT NUMBER OF QUESTIONS OBJECTIVES ROLE SKILL LEVEL

SPECIFIED TIME STUDENT TYPE TEST FORMAT TOPIC

For more ideas try this prompt: LIST THE KEY PHRASES OR VARIABLES I CAN USE TO TURN YOU INTO A TEST TOOL, WITH DESCRIPTIONS, AND AN EXAMPLE PROMPT AND EXAMPLE

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### **EXAMPLE PROMPTS**

Here are two example prompts you can adapt to create your own tailored prompts

I'm a [STUDENT TYPE] can you prepare [TEST FORMAT] that are [DIFFICULTY LEVEL] on the [TOPIC] then [ACTIVITY]?

I'm a [12 Year Old Student] can you prepare [10 Questions] that are [Hard] on the topic of [Computer Science] then [Provide Feedback Once I've Answered]?

Can you [ACTIVITY] [SPECIFIED TIME] with [NUMBER OF QUESTIONS] on [TOPIC] for a [STUDENT TYPE]

Can you give me a [Timed Test] with [20 Questions] on [Computer Science] for a [14 Year Old Student]

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#### **EXAMPLE RESULT**

Here is an excerpt of the generated result for our first example prompt ...

Absolutely, I'd be happy to assist. Here are 10 challenging questions on the topic of Computer Science. Please type your answers, and I'll provide feedback right after each one.

Question 1: What does the term 'algorithm' mean in computer science?

Question 2: What is the difference between an interpreted language and a compiled language?

Question 3: What is a Boolean in computer programming?

Question 4: Can you explain the concept of 'recursion' in programming?

Question 5: What is 'object-oriented programming'? Name at least two languages that use this paradigm.

Question 6: What is 'Big O notation' used for in computer science?

Question 7: In web development, what does 'HTML' stand for and what is its primary purpose?

Question 8: What is the role of a 'database' in a web application?

Question 9: Can you explain the difference between 'syntax' and 'semantics' in the context of programming?

Question 10: What is a 'data structure'? Can you name and briefly describe two types of data structures?

Once you provide an answer for each question, I'll give you the correct answer and feedback. Remember, these are challenging questions so don't worry if you don't know all the answers. It's all part of the learning process!

### TUTOR PROMPT CARD

#### **PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION**

In this section you will learn how to use prompt engineering to turn your Chatbot into a powerful, interactive, conversational TUTOR that can teach you about the topics you're interested in by taking on the role of a personal 1:1 tutor.





### **PROMPT VARIABLES**

Use a combination of these Key Phrases or Variables to engineer your perfect prompt

**ACTION** 

FORMAT

GRADE

OBJECTIVES ROLE

SKILL LEVEL STUDENT TYPE

For more ideas try this prompt: LIST THE KEY PHRASES OR VARIABLES I CAN USE TO CREATE A TUTOR, WITH DESCRIPTIONS, AND AN EXAMPLE PROMPT AND EXAMPLE

### **EXAMPLE PROMPTS**

Here are two example prompts you can adapt to create your own tailored prompts

[ACTION] as a [ROLE] [ACTIVITY] about [SUBJECT]

[Acting] as a [1:1 Tutor] [Teach Me] about [Biology]

[ACTION] as an [SKILL LEVEL] [ROLE] in the [SUBJECT] [ACTIVITY] a [STUDENT TYPE] about [TOPIC]

[Acting] as an [Expert] [1:1 Tutor] in the [Field of Genetics] [Teach] a [Year 7 Student] about [Evolution]

### **TUTOR PROMPT CARD**

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#### **EXAMPLE RESULT**

Here is an excerpt of the generated result for our first example prompt ...

Great! Let's start with the basics. Biology is a broad and complex field that covers many different areas. However, it essentially studies life in all its forms and processes. Here are some of the key aspects:

### 1. Cell Biology:

Cell Biology is about the basic unit of life, the cell. It focuses on the structures and functions of cells, including their behaviors, interactions, and environment. There are two types of cells: Prokaryotic (those without a defined nucleus, like bacteria) and Eukaryotic (those with a defined nucleus, like plant and animal cells).

### 2. Evolution:

Evolution is the process by which different kinds of living organisms are believed to have developed from earlier forms during the history of the earth. It's the unifying theory of biology, explaining diversity and the shared features of life. Charles Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection is a pivotal concept in understanding evolution.

### 3. Ecology:

Ecology is the study of the interactions between organisms and their environment. It looks at how different organisms affect each other, and how they are affected by their environment. It includes the study of individual organisms, populations, communities, ecosystems, and biosphere.

These are just a few of the many different areas of biology, and each one can be broken down into even more specific subfields. As you learn more about biology, you'll begin to see how these different areas interconnect and affect one another.

Do you have a particular area you're interested in, or should we continue with an overview?

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# EXPONENTIAL

### EXPONENTIAL FUTURES CURRICULUM

... THE FUTURE AWAITS.

HE 311 Institute's Exponential Futures Curriculum (EFC) which aligns with the United Nations Sustainability Development Goals (UN SDG) is a self-led or instructor led first of a kind future focused curriculum.

Used by governments and schools around the world it's being used to help them future proof their students and inspire them to change the world for the benefit of everyone and everything that inhabits it.

Collectively, in partnership, we achieve this by providing students with the community, exponential mindset, and tools to help them envision the future and deep future, and succeed in a rapidly changing world where the rules that governed the past increasingly no longer apply and where the rate of technology led disruption, for better and worse, is accelerating exponentially.

### **FUTURE PROOF AND MODULAR**

At a high level the curriculum is split into two distinct themes, each of which have their own distinct courses and both of which can be adapted on the fly as and when needed as the future evolves.

The first theme is the **Theory Module** 

in which students discuss and explore all seventeen UN SDG, their associated global challenges and impacts, and then explore, learn about, and discuss the technologies and solutions that will help us solve those challenges.

The second theme is the **Practical Module** where students are given the critical skills and thinking they need to build, launch, and scale their own exponential enterprises whose purpose it is to improve the world and solve the UN SDG challenges.

When run together these themes, and the courses within them, reinforce one another to give students unparalleled insights into the forces and technologies changing our world and the skills to prosper from them.

### **EXPONENTIAL FUTURES CURRICULUM GOALS.**

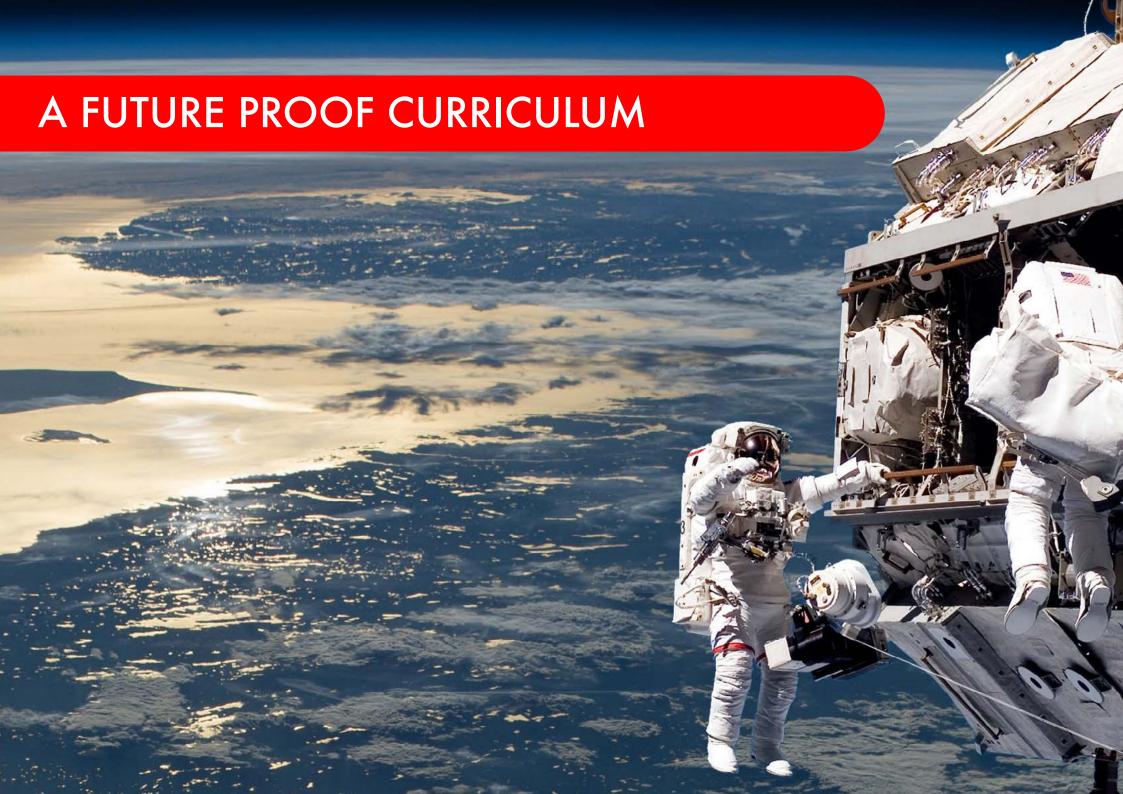
Help you become future ready by future proofing your thinking and your skills.

Give you the critical thinking and skills you need to envision, build, shape, and lead the future.

Help you realise your full potential for the good of others and the planet.

Give you access to a vibrant community whose sole purpose is to help you succeed.

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N A previous chapter I discussed the soft skills I consider to be the most valuable to master if students are to stand a good chance of being able to adapt and prosper in tomorrow's workforce, and let's face it, as you'd probably expect there are a lot. Now though it's time to turn our attention to the subjects themselves.

Subjects are potentially one of the education systems more contentious areas to discuss if only for the fact that while everyone has a valid point, and are quite right, in saying that every subject is valuable, the fact of the matter is that there is a limited amount of time to fit them all in. As a result we need to prioritise subjects, but prioritise wisely without leaving potentially dangerous gaps in students knowledge that could have negative consequences later on.

### A NEW WAY OF TEACHING

From subjects to Themes. Ever since the first formal curriculum was penned, something that's thought to have taken place in Middle Egypt around 2,000 BC, subjects have largely been taught in silos with the connections between them being vague and inferred rather than clear and reinforcing, and I think this is both a mistake and an opportunity. An

opportunity for us all to do substantially more and deliver better educational outcomes with less.

### WE MUST MOVE FROM TEACHING SUBJECTS TO CROSS DOMAIN THEMES

Take, for example, history. It's well understood that history is an important subject, but as we look to the future some argue that while interesting its relevance to many of us during our working lives is minimal, even though arguably it helps provide context to today's socio-political culture. And the same's also said to be true for geography, after all, when was the last time you had a discussion about Rill erosion?

Today we dedicate comparatively huge amounts of time to subjects and topics that, while playing an important role in helping us advance our general knowledge add little value to our day to day lives later on in life, whether it's domestically or professionally.

Furthermore, some topics, for example, such as map reading, that used to be used quite often by people as they went about their daily business have been

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automated and made easier thanks to advances in technology, in this case sat navs, diminishing their importance.

As a firm believer that students should have a good, grounded and rounded, level of general knowledge I also find it difficult to justify spending

significant amounts of time to teaching topics that, once students leave the classroom, are all too often locked away and forgotten in what amounts to the high school locker in our brains. And I'm not the only one, as you'll see later when we discuss alternative education strategies.

Connected Learning
eliminates the barriers
between traditionally siloed
subjects and teaching strategies
to bring topics to life in new ways
while at the same time having
a dramatic impact on the
development of crucial soft
skills.

alternatively we can de-prioritise them and ditch them.

But I think there's a third way. A new

approach that will not only help students still gain access to those important subjects, but also help bring them alive and reinforce them in new ways that help improve their relevance during our every day lives, and I call it "Connected Learning."

At its core
connected learning
de-constructs
the formal
and incidental
boundaries
between today's
individual, siloed
subjects and brings
topics that are
generally taught in
a static and isolated
way to life. So let's run
through an example, and

there are many I can choose from, but for now I'm going to illustrate the basic principle.

Today history and geography are taught as distinctly separate subjects, and never the twain shall meet, but the two are often interrelated. Take, for example, the

On the face of things when it comes to figuring out which subjects to embrace it looks like we have two options. On the one hand we can keep what I'll call broad base subjects as discrete subjects in the curriculum as we do today, or

Maginot Line, built by the French in the build up to World War II, and the glacial terrain of the Ardennes Forest.

Traditionally these two topics, namely World War II and Glaciology, would be taught in complete isolation to one another by different teachers in different classrooms, but they, like so many other topics are intricately intertwined. After all, the French specifically avoided extending the Maginot Line into the Ardennes Forest because of its rugged terrain, which at the time they thought would be a deterrent to the heavily armoured German army. And this is the opportunity to change how we teach and bring subjects and topics to life in new ways. At a practical level I advocate that teachers and classrooms should be bought together to teach alongside one another, a communal teaching strategy if you will.

Imagine, for example, in this case collapsing geography and history together, teaching students about the Maginot Line and educating them about how the Ardennes Forest region was geologically shaped by nature at the same time.

Now start expanding the concept further, why not throw in lessons about economics by introducing discussions and debates about how the line was financed, where that financing came from and how it was structured, the politics that raged around it, design, manufacturing, military strategy, and many things besides.

By exploring the benefits of connected learning suddenly we are de-constructing the distinct boundaries between individual subjects, and brining them to life in a way that not only provides student with valuable general knowledge, but that also helps them develop important soft skills that will be used in their everyday lives as they get older.

We are also, and this part isn't lost on me, eliminating the entire concept that underpins much of today's education system - the principle of siloed subjects, siloed lessons, and siloed teaching.

#### THE SUBJECTS

As the future continues to evolve so too will the subjects we teach, irrespective of how they're taught.

In this section I look into what we could be teaching to help students future proof themselves, as much as possible at least, and for the sake of simplicity I'm going to lay it out in today's traditional rote format and break them into Core and

Foundation subjects where core subjects have a more structured format, and where foundation subjects are more fluid and dynamic, for example, following the principles of connected learning discussed previously.

### CORE SUBJECT 1 COMMUNICATION

All of today's education systems prioritise their own sovereign languages, but while they prioritise literacy, writing and the spoken language they often stop short of teaching students about the more nuanced forms of communication, such as non-verbal communication, a form of communication which, if studies are to believed, is one of our most dominant forms of communication.

As a result I would argue that rather than simply teaching Arabic, Chinese, English, or Spanish, for example, teachers should help students master communication in all its forms, with both humans and machines - the latter being a phenomenon that will be increasingly prevalent in the years and decades to come.

## CORE SUBJECT 2 MATHS

The relevance of maths post education is often questioned, with trigonometry, for example, often being singled out as a topic that has little or no relevance in people's everyday lives. But today, while we continue to question the relevance of individual topics, maths is just as crucial as ever, if not more so, especially when you realise that it helps students grapple with optimisation and statistical problems, and that maths is the secret sauce that helps fuel everything from artificial intelligence and computer science, to cyber security, encryption, and even quantum mechanics - all of which are, and will continue to be for the foreseeable future, in high demand.

### CORE SUBJECT 3 SCIENCE

Today the world would be a very different place if it wasn't for the multitude of scientific breakthroughs we've witnessed down through the millennia, from the discovery of Penicillin to the invention of the combustion engine, and many others.

As we move into the future science will continue to play a greater, not lesser role in society, but as we move from the molecular to the atomic, the electronic to the biological, and from electrons to

photons and quanta, all fields which will help revolutionise every part of our society, from aerospace and energy, to healthcare, retail and transportation, needless to say what we teach will have change at an increasingly frenetic rate.

### FOUNDATION 1 CODING

Many people have latched onto coding, along with other so called "Digital skills," as being one of the must have subjects taught in today's modern classrooms, but in my opinion we run the danger of hanging too much hope one this single subject, in the way we're teaching it today at least.

While it's true that coding is an in demand skill today, and will be for the foreseeable future, it's also one that is already being automated by machines from a variety of multi-national companies ranging from Google to Microsoft and beyond. As a consequence we need to be very careful we don't accidentally railroad today's students into professions that could dead end in 20 to 30 years, when they'll still only be a third of the way through their working lives.

That said though coding is evolving and

as a subject it still has a huge amount of runway left, the upshot of which is the fact that today we should be teaching students about the principles of biological, chemical, DNA, liquid, molecular, neuromorphic and quantum computing platforms, as well as how to code life itself, a field known as Synthetic Biology.

Tomorrow's computing platforms will be capable of packing all of today's computing power into a package the size of nothing more than a fingernail, 1's and 0's will be replaced, or at least augmented by DNA, Qubits and polymer chains, and much more.

Meanwhile, Al's will be 3D printed, not just coded, and built from biological units and DNA, and all of that, which is still just the tip of the iceberg, is before we explore the new coding languages, simulation engines, and tools, that will emerge that will let us, and the machines, build and code new products millions of times faster than we do today.

### FOUNDATION 2 DESIGN THINKING

Another important subject in today's world, and one that is arguably under prioritised, design thinking draws on a

variety of soft skills, such as empathy, and combines the best of traditional creative arts with the latest in cutting edge design, whether it's process or product design, or more broadly systems design, all of which will be increasingly relevant in the future, whether it's being applied to the creation and development of new computer programs, 3D printed skyscrapers, or the development of new artificial organisms.

### FOUNDATION 3 ENGINEERING

Engineering is where scientific breakthroughs meet the road and are embedded into new products. For example yesterday's electromagnetic radiation discoveries were leveraged to engineer yesterday's televisions, just as today's quantum dot discoveries will be used to make tomorrow's televisions, as well as tomorrow's tricorder devices.

Engineering provides students with opportunities to build, explore and test how different ideas and concepts work, or don't, while at the same time helping them to improve their ability to reason and think things through in novel ways.

#### **FOUNDATION 4**

#### **ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Entrepreneurship encapsulates a wide variety of skills, many of which I've discussed previously. At its core entrepreneurship is about identifying a problem, an opportunity, developing a vision and then working creatively and pro-actively with others to turn that vision into a reality, and better yet, it's inter-disciplinary, drawing in one way or another on everything I've discussed in this Codex, from creative thinking and experimentation to problem solving and beyond.

In the future we will see the rise of more fully autonomous organisations than many expect, and in fact we're already seeing the first ones appear, so it's absolutely critical that students are able to think on their feet, see the bigger picture and have the skills they need to create and execute their visions.

Similarly, as the cost of building, operating and scaling businesses of all shapes and sizes in all industries, digital and physical, continues to plummet, dropping by more than a thousand fold in the last few years alone, we have an opportunity today like never before to create a new generation of visionary thinkers who can change the world. But only if we give them the tools and the

skills they need.

### FOUNDATION 5 HEALTH AND SPORTS

Healthy bodies and healthy minds will continue to play a vital role in helping people prosper and live well, but again today health and sports are all to often separated out into specific subjects, but as we continue to see the emergence of the Quantified Self, in both healthcare and in sports, I believe it makes sense to collapse the two together, and, as mentioned previously, eliminate the boundaries between silos.

Increasingly, thanks to the rise of new technologies, students will be able to see the impact that specific health and wellness programs have on their bodies and performance in real time, providing them with new insights and information that they can use to improve their health and performance.

## FOUNDATION 6 HUMANITIES

Every student should be provided with a grounding in citizenship, ethics, and social studies that incorporate elements of history, geography and political science which help them learn about the dynamics and nuances of human society.

As we head into the future though students will inevitably find themselves having to work within the framework of a decentralised global workforce that is comprised of both humans and virtual entities, and unless we help prepare them for this new world today they could find themselves quickly outpaced and lost.

Consequently I would strongly suggest that we evolve social studies to include teachings about synthetic intelligence and synthetic societies, abstract fields that today, admittedly are still emerging and difficult to get our heads around.

## FOUNDATION 7 SAFETY AND SECURITY

One of the more unfortunate aspects of today's and tomorrow's world is the fact that there are people who do great good, but also people who do great evil, and this isn't going to be going away in the future. If anything it will get worse which is why we need educated and informed students who can be part of the solution and not the problem.

As increasingly powerful emerging technologies, such as Artificial

Intelligence and Genetic Engineering, to name but two, become cheaper and increasingly democratised, as well as increasingly easy to leverage and use, by both humans and machines, safety and security are going to be a continued opportunity for school leavers, both in the short and long term - even though the technologies and tools will change.

future potential, a skill, that if mastered, will help give students the edge when they enter the workforce.

## FOUNDATION 8 TECHNOLOGY EXPOSURE

The pace of global change in the last decade has been faster than at any other point in human history, and everyone agrees that the pace of change will continue to accelerate throughout the next decade, and as I demonstrated on my Starburst in an earlier chapter, technology is at the epicentre of it all.

In a world filled with increasingly capable and powerful emerging technologies understanding what they are and what they can help us build and achieve is going to be crucial to our students futures. There is a caveat though. While I believe it is important to expose students to emerging technologies it's arguably more important to help them, to use a phrase, "skate to the puck," in other words help them see where they're going and understand their





T IS one thing to understand why we need to change what we teach our children and have the idea how to do it but it's an entirely different thing to actually do it and put it into action, and given the wide gap between the concepts and topics covered in the Exponential Futures Curriculum (EFC) and our Industrial Age formal education curricula it's natural to be slightly apprehensive when thinking about running your own EFC courses.

This is why as we and our partners moved from the Idea Stage to the Pilot Stage we documented everything about the first EFC trial runs - the highs and the lows, the good and the bad - so we could modify the things that didn't work in mid flight, find areas for improvement, and ensure that when it comes to running your own EFC courses you'd have everything you need to succeed first time every time.

#### **GETTING TO "GO"**

As with anything that you're thinking of doing firstly you have to have a reason for doing it. In this case I'm hoping I've made this abundantly clear, specifically to provide students with the modern day and futures knowledge and skills they need to survive and thrive in both today's

world and in the future that aren't taught as part of today's curriculum. Secondly, you need the full support of your school's leadership team, and thirdly you need a plan, access to resources, and time. It really is this simple.

Or it's supposed to be. But as we all know there are always different ways for different things to get in our way which is why I have created this codex and other content for you to explore and share with the result being that, arguably, the only thing you have to do is convince your school's leadership team to run a trial and I and our partners can even help with that. Which then leaves us with one question: What's stopping you?





S MENTIONED previously when we ran the first Exponential Futures Curriculum (EFC) courses, the Future of Food and the **Exponential Entrepreneurship** courses, we documented everything we observed. On the one hand this allowed us to modify the courses in mid flight and improve them, but on the other we believe the observations provide valuable insights into the behaviours of students and teachers, as well as the logistics of running the courses, that could be invaluable for those of you thinking about running your own courses but who are intrigued about the unknowns associated with running what is to all intents and purposes a first of a kind curriculum.

#### **BACK STORY**

For us and the school involved getting to the point where we had a viable curriculum to run and then being able to run it took just under three years, partly because the global COVID-19 pandemic delayed its implementation for two years or so.

#### **About the School**

While there are many schools who could have run the first courses the decision was made to run them at Sherfield

School in Hampshire in the UK, a private Primary and Secondary school with over 450 students ranging in age from 3 to 18 that's part of the Bellevue Group and global GEMS Group, and which has a long standing tradition of educational excellence and innovation, with our sponsor being none other than the Headmaster, Nick B., himself.

I must stress though that while our objective is to democratise access to futures education for everyone - irrespective of their ability, background, and circumstances, or school - that the decision to run the pilot at a private school was in part guided by the difficulty that UK public schools have adopting things outside of the traditional core curriculum - the very thing people everywhere agree needs updating.

Ultimately, the rather harsh fact of the matter is that when it comes to trying to do new things in new ways private schools have a lot more flexibility than their public school counterparts so, to be clear, in this case it was never a question of money or resources, simply a matter of flexibility and that's something that governments everywhere should take heed of, and it's a challenge I'll be tackling another day.

# SHOCKING!

AT LEAST 85% OF WHAT WE DISCUSSED AND TAUGHT IN THIS COURSE SN'T REPRESENTED IN EXAMS OR IN THE CURRENT UK SCHOOL CURRICULUM AT ALL

## THE FUTURE OF FOOD COURSE. FIRST RUN.

T'S THE last term of the academic year, during a very busy period for the school that includes everything from exams and mocks to end of term plays, and this course was run with **Year 6** students with an average age of 11.

Aligned to the United Nations Sustainability Development Goal (SDG) 2, Zero Hunger, this is a three week course with three one hour lessons and a small amount of after school homework.

We chose this course as our first because everyone consumes food and is familiar with it, as well as because it's crucial to human life and wellness.

Furthermore, in addition to growing food inflation and food insecurity, today over 1 Billion people still suffer from hunger and starvation on a daily basis which is no thanks in part due to the fact that currently 47% of all global agricultural yields - both animals and crops - are being wiped out by disease and pests as well as by extreme weather and water scarcity events. And all of these challenges are against the backdrop of a growing global population and middle

class which then ultimately leads us to argue that the way we produce food today is no longer future fit and that we must find new, better methods to produce it.

Fortunately for all of us though we have seen many breakthroughs, many of which are sci-fi-like in nature. These not only give us hope for the future but also eliminate many of the problems associated with current food production including animal welfare, deforestation, greenhouse gas emissions, epidemics, pollution, water consumption, and others, while at the same time dramatically improving food accessibility, affordability, quality, and yields. The result of which means that our children should be able to look forwards to a brighter future free from food conflict and stress

#### **LESSON OBSERVATIONS**

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#### **LESSON 1**

#### How Food is Produced and its Impact

1. Breaking Homework Rules. The decision to allow students to do the lessons' homework assignment in collaborative groups of their choosing with the people of their choosing, including parents, was a good one because it helped them practice and fine tune a wide range of future necessary

### **LESSON 1**

# WHICH STATEMENTS ARE TRUE? ALL. NONE. SOME?

- 1. WE DON'T NEED ANIMALS TO MAKE MEAT
- 2. WE DON'T NEED FIELDS TO GROW CROPS
- 3. WE CAN MAKE COFFEE WITHOUT THE PLANT
- 4. WE CAN MAKE FOOD FROM AIR
- 5. WE CAN PRINT FOOD IN SPACE

**ANSWER: ALL OF THEM** 

soft skills including collaboration, leadership, and organisation. It also gave them skills that are in sync with those in the real world where we generally don't work in isolation, while this is counter to the current educational establishments mantra of independent learning and evaluation it is a vital skill.

- 2. Broad Knowledge. During the lesson workshop discussing how food is produced today the children discussed many more ways than we anticipated, including foraging and hunting, so we increased the time allowed for this activity.
- **3. Complete Attention**. Throughout the one hour class we had their full attention about 97% of the time which equated to very high engagement, and that is probably made even better a statistic given the fact I'm not a teacher with the teachers authority.
- 4. General Knowledge . Having knowledge of other topics associated with this lesson such as cell reproduction, climate change, sustainability, and so on, proved to be important this "associated knowledge" could be one of the main limiting factors when it comes to trying to roll these kinds of lessons out to younger children. That said though if children didn't have this knowledge it wouldn't be

too big an issue.

- 5. Hungry for Knowledge. The children were hungry for futures knowledge and in many cases had already gotten a lot of information about this and other topics, such as growing food on Mars and in space, via their informal education networks such as friends and online content. This was notable because none of them knew we were running this course which shows there is already an existing level of interest in this topic and in information not contained within the traditional UK curriculum.
- **6. Like Ducks to Water**. Despite being told many times by people that you can't teach children about complex futures we consistently found that children grasped the concepts better and faster than the vast majority of adults I've encountered.
- 7. Permission to Think. Some of the children asked for permission to think out side of the box when we were discussing future food production methods which likely says something about today's culture.
- **8. Question Overload**. The children almost overloaded us with questions, most of which were intelligent and showed a high degree of fore thought and lateral thinking, the result of which

meant we will be adding dedicated Q&A time into lesson plans.

- 9. Right Fit. While we could teach this lesson to younger students in years 4 and 5 students Year 6 seems to be a good "minimum fit."
- 10. Supportive Parents. The children's parents, who we also needed to be "on board" with the initiative were not only supportive but they all saw the value with many of them turning into champions and sponsors of the program.
- 11. Teach the Teacher. The class teacher, Andrew R., grasped the lesson content fast which alleviated one of our main concerns about the implications of having to "teach the teacher."

#### LESSON 2

#### The Future of Food Production

At the end of Lesson 1 the children were set the homework task of writing a short story on answering the question: "How will food be produced in 2030?" The question was intentionally broad in order to give the children the opportunity to explore the subject in greater depth at their leisure.

As expected the vast majority of their stories demonstrated linear thinking which can be summarised as "more of the same (of today's traditional thinking - genetic engineering, more cattle and crops, and so on)."

Two students though did write about vertical farms and cellular agriculture, two new food production methods. However, even though their stories were high level and they had questions it was clear that they grasped the basic concepts even if they didn't understand them with any particular clarity.

Our first hand learnings from running Lesson 2 included:

- 1. Can't Wait. As we neared the end of the lesson the most dominant question was: "Why do we have to wait until the next lesson!?" which in this context meant they were eager to continue. Obviously it was an encouraging sign, and after the lesson a number of students came up to myself and the teacher to say the course was by far and away their favourite of all their classes.
- 2. Confused about Animals. It was interesting to see that as we talk about "Meat without the animal" and "Dairy without the animal" a significant number of the children were confused about what

we would do with all the livestock, in fact this became a minor sticking point ...

- **3. Guessing is not a Strategy.** When asked a set of five questions about the future of food production, shown on the adjacent page, just under 20% of the children thought all the statements were true. However, we had good reason to think a few were guessing.
- 4. Intelligent Questions. While there were tons of questions edging close to a hundred as the children's knowledge grew their questions became more informed and intelligent including questions about food cost, quality, safety, and taste, as well as its nutritional value, impact on jobs, water consumption, the future of livestock, and more. In fact many of the questions were as good as or better than those asked by adults.
- 5. Limit the Tech. Where possible minimise the use of technology, such as laptops, in the classroom because between WiFi issues and software updates we were at risk of loosing ten minutes of the lesson. Use technology only when necessary.
- **6. Question Overload .** As we stepped through the various new food production methods including 3D Printed foods, Cellular Agriculture, food from air, and

vertical farming, the volume of questions was non stop. There was also a huge amount of group chatter and excitement so much so that at one point I thought we would have tio abandon the lesson and turn it into one long Q&A session instead. Frankly, it was fascinating to see, but it also means that delivering these lessons exclusively online might limit their impact.

7. Shallow Knowledge. When it came to listing today's common food production methods in general all the students could list them as well as their inputs and outputs. Against the backdrop of a growing global population, climate change, and their environmental impacts they all classified them as unsustainable which was interesting to see.

However, when it came to conversations about ingredients - more "obscure" food staples such as Palm Oil, Soy, and Whey - they were less sure about how these were produced and when we discussed Oil Palm monocultures none of the children thought about biodiversity loss as a consequence. In fact they thought the impact of the farming method was "neutral" because while one rainforest tree is felled in Borneo, for example, it's replaced by an Oil Palm. This was also interesting to see.

#### **LESSON 3**

#### The Deep Future of Food, and Implications

This lesson focused on the opportunities that the new food production methods discussed in Lesson 2 give us to transform old foods and create new ones.

It also focused on the cultural, ethical, and social consequences of these new food production methods including how incumbent companies who are disrupted by them respond in the real world, using real examples, and their impact on jobs.

Given the seriousness of the topics and the age of the class I always believed that this lesson would be one of the most challenging in the course especially given the fact that many of the issues we covered aren't included anywhere in today's traditional school curriculum - which is why I included them in the first place. However, while I was right to a degree and cracks in the students general knowledge definitely showed, that didn't stop them coming up with some surprising out the box thinking.

These are our first hand learnings from running Lesson 3:

1. Fighting Competitive FUD . When it

came to discussing how to counter the behaviour and narratives that incumbent companies put out when faced with new disruptive market entrants that they are trying to put out of business or slow down, by trying to turn consumer opinion, marketing, and regulations and law against them, as expected there was a lot of silence.

In part this was because students aren't generally taught about the "realities" of business in the real world whether it's about competition, intellectual property, marketing, regulation, sales, or value propositions. However, it'd be also due to the fact that in order to counter the incumbents objections and win over customers the children needed to have a deeper understanding about not just the new startups businesses, products, and value propositions, but also the incumbents.

My feeling is that this is where a dedicated entrepreneurship course would be beneficial. That said though with prompting the children did start to get their heads around how to counter many of the incumbents arguments and began using arguments about regulation, sustainability, as well as product innovation to their advantage. Given the fact that this was an in at the deep end assignment the evolution in their thinking

**LESSON 3** 

# LET'S TALK PANDA BURGERS

- RIGHT?
- WRONG?
- **CULTURALLY INSENSITIVE?**

was impressive and would put many adults to shame.

- 2. Getting Out the Box. There was one student was reticent to present his idea and needed prompting to vocalise it because he thought it was impossible, namely the ability to create tasty edible plates and cutlery, the former of which could be wrapped around different foods like a Tortilla which was an interesting idea. Meanwhile, another student showed some significant out the box thinking and suggested developing foods with medicines in them, something that's ironically already been done and approved by the US Food and Drug Administration, but that we hadn't discussed. Both of these were excellent examples of lateral thinking.
- 3. New World Old Social Biases. When we discussed the ethics of Panda Burgers Right, Wrong, or Culturally Insensitive it was interesting to see that almost all the children thought they were wrong which then led us to have a conversation about the origins of food, cultural food bias and societal norms, and led us to discuss some of the foods that other cultures eat that we in the UK might find odd such those cultures who eat dog, frog, horse, and snake meats, for example.
- 4. Radical Lateral Thinking. It was quite

- staggering to see the children apply radical lateral thinking and start asking questions about what would happen if we used Cellular Agriculture to create Human Burgers something that has already been done then using their own initiative debate whether that was cannibalism, something that I'm sure parents will love discussing when the students get home ...
- 5. Surprising Creativity. When it came to thinking up new food products that could be created using the new food production methods the children had no shortage of ideas. However, as expected many of those stayed in the safe zone with the children principally focusing on combining existing foods, flavours, and food formats together. Later on though they did start including textures in their ideas, and it was also encouraging to see them evolve their thinking to include the possible health benefits of the foods they created.
- 6. Work to be Done. When we discussed what happens to those people who loose their jobs because of the adoption of some of these new disruptive technologies, such as automated vertical farms, there was a wide mix of answers ranging from retraining them, hiring them, and in one case letting them sort things out for themselves. My feeling is



# "YOU CAN'T TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT COMPLEX FUTURES."

# OBSERVATION

THEY PICK IT UP

FASTER AND BETTER THAN ADULTS

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that this would have been an interesting topic to spend more time on but alas we couldn't.

# TODAY INDIVIDUALS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD AT A SPEED AND SCALE UNIMAGINABLE JUST TWENTY YEARS AGO BUT MOST OF US AREN'T TAUGHT HOW TO UNLOCK THIS POTENTIAL.

## EXPONENTIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP. FIRST RUN.

HIS SHORT two week course, which was back to back with the Future of Food course, and where students had to start their own Future Food startups, was run with **Year 6 students** with an average age of 11.

Aligned to the United Nations
Sustainability Development Goal (SDG)
8, Decent Work and Economic Growth,
the content of this course teaches students
the entrepreneurial skills used by some
of the world's most prolific and successful
entrepreneurs and doesn't hold back.
In short it is not a course that has been
watered down to be age appropriate,
and this was intentional because we
wanted to see just how capable the
children were when literally put in at the
deep end.

The purpose of this course was to give the children the opportunity to create their own Exponential Startups then seek Seed Funding from an expert panel.

Today, not only do we live in a world where our children can create and scale businesses that sell to and impact billions of people faster than ever before, but as we see titanic technological shifts and global business disruption, they will need to be armed with the critical thinking and skills to navigate it all and thrive. At its core this these are the skills this course teaches.

#### **LESSON OBSERVATIONS**

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#### **LESSON 1**

#### **Startup Workshop and Pitch Preparation**

In this lesson we recapped the different ways that food production is changing and discussed how new technologies and the rise of an increasingly digital and connected society can help the children change the world and impact the lives of billions of people faster than ever before.

Next, in groups, we left them to ideate their new companies, coached them on the information they needed to include in their investor decks, and gave them the pitch templates they needed to complete - based on the real pitch decks used by many of the worlds most successful companies such as Uber to raise hundreds of billions of dollars worth of investment.

The students then worked in groups to develop their startups and pitch decks with oversight from myself and Andrew R. the teacher. They then continued working on them after school in their groups over the course of the week with assistance from anyone they wanted to be involved because, after all, that's precisely how it works in the real world - no barriers and no holds barred as they say.

#### **LESSON 2**

#### **Pitch Session**

In this second and ironically finally session the children got to present their startups and pitch decks to a panel of investors and trade equity and other tangible assets in return for Seed Funding.

It is important to say that at every step of the way through this course none of the children were given allowances, byes, or free passes because of their age. Giving them as authentic an experience as possible and treating them in the same way entrepreneurs more than twice their age are treated, both in terms of behaviours and lines of questioning, was done on purpose to see how they would cope and fare, and as daunting as that might sound this is our experience:

- 1. Creative Freedom. Having a standard pitch template to that students can follow, and use if necessary, is a must. But, that said, they should also be given full creative freedom to create their own if they wish to do so.
- 2. Variable Quality but Good . As expected the quality of the pitches, in terms of presenting styles as well as their branding and design, varied greatly. However, despite these variances all the pitches contained all of the necessary and vital information required by seasoned investors.
- 3. Levelled Up Job Almost Done. Despite some doubts it was clear that the children had in fact grasped and taken on board all the key learnings from both courses this and the Future of Food course as well as many of the subtler ones and

been able to successfully combine them. The evidence of this was everywhere.

In their pitches they included comprehensive information about everything from the competitive landscapes and their unique value propositions, all the way through to details about new business models and their impact on people and the environment. They also showed amazingly high levels of lateral thinking.

Overall the quality of their pitches and presentation styles would have put many real entrepreneurs to shame, and I speak from first hand experience. Bearing in mind that both courses were new, rushed, and were built in flight as they say, this was perhaps our most staggering observation.

4. Competitors Beware. When it came to listing their competitors almost all of the children were not only well informed, but they also displayed a very high degree of lateral thinking and ambition. In short they had almost everyone who's involved in today's food industry in their sights - and this was surprising.

Sure, they saw traditional food providers such as Asda, Marks and Spencers, Sainsbury's, and Tesco's in their sights, but they also had KFC and McDonalds in their sights as well. They even included Cargill, Deliveroo, Just Eat, and others as competitors they could take out, and I don't mean take out for lunch.

Furthermore, their value propositions against these companies were well thought out and almost every business model they sighted was Direct to Consumer (D2C) - the investors favourite kind of business model in today's environment.

What was perhaps most interesting though was that none of them had thought about partnering with said giants and instead decided in all cases to take them head on. Bold?

- **5. Social Good**. It was interesting, and heartening, to see that every pitch had philanthropic elements whether it was giving free food to the homeless, or providing food at a discount to the 810 Million hungry people on the planet.
- **6. Variable Pricing Models .** We also saw numerous examples of different pricing strategies for developed and developing nations which was interesting and showed a maturity of thinking that even some adult entrepreneurs gloss over or ignore.
- 7. Too Quick to Take the £££. When the

investors were making their offers only a handful of students asked what value those investors would bring to the table. Not only was this a missed opportunity but also a future coaching point.

- 8. Great Imaginary Skills. When the pitching teams described their leadership teams it was encouraging to see they all chose the right mix of skills and leadership qualities to develop their companies, with many of the world's top companies and universities being regularly cited.
- 9. Money to Buy Assets. Quite a number of students planned on using the investments they secured to buy assets and assets, such as factories and warehouses, rather than leasing these assets. This could be a future coaching point because as all business executives know Return on Capital Employed (RCOE) is a key performance metric for businesses, and it's generally yet another topic that's not taught in schools but is nonetheless vital to understand.
- 10. Child's Play. When asked complex questions about equity stakes, profit margins, pricing strategies, product development, sales to date, target markets, and other topics the great majority of students were able to think on their feet and could answer questions

that many adults might have struggled with quickly and competently. While they were obviously very impressive the big lesson here for both parents and teachers alike is that in many respects many students have skills far beyond their years.

# MYTH

# "YOU NEED TO TEACH CHILDREN LIKE CHILDREN."

# **OBSERVATION**

THEY PICK UP FUTURES CONCEPTS FASTER THAN ADULTS. EVEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP





N THIS section you will find all the guides, resources, templates, and course plans that you need to begin running your very own Exponential Futures Curriculum (EFC) program, and hopefully while trying to envision and forecast the future is complex by using the resources in this section you'll find that running your program isn't.

# TEMPLATES & RESOURCES



T THE 311 Institute our mission has always been to democratise access to the future so everyone can benefit from it and be prepared for what it holds. As a result we have taken the decision to open source our Exponential Futures Curriculum (EFC) under a Creative Commons (CC) license so that any school can create and run their own individual programs, and be a part of our community, should they wish to.

In this section you will find all the EFC templates and resources you need right at your fingertips, with editable PDF versions available online if you'd prefer to use those which can be accessed by clicking or scanning the various QR codes that you'll find dotted through this codex. And then, of course, if you do need help or have any questions then you are more than welcome to get in touch with me using any of the methods listed at the beginning of this codex.

# COURSE OUTLINE CARD 311 INSTITUTE: EXPONENTIAL FUTURES CURRICULUM: COURSE OUTLINE



This Course Outline Card helps you build out and visualise your course in full from start to finish. It is your single point of reference and should include as much background information and detail as possible.

COURSE NAME:	SCHOOL NAME: FOR YEAR GROUP(S):
ABOUT THIS COURSE Describe the course objectives, content, and expected learning outcomes	OVERALL COURSE STRUCTURE AND DETAILS Provide details of the course structure, lessons, and schedule
Tick all that apply: This course will be run In the Metaverse In Person Online	MATERIALS, RESOURCES, AND PRE-WORK Provide details of the materials, resources, and any student or teacher pre-work that is required
ASSESSMENT Provide details of how you will assess the course outcomes	



# LESSON PLAN CARD 311 INSTITUTE: EXPONENTIAL FUTURES CURRICULUM: LESSON PLAN



This Lesson Plan Card helps you build out your lesson and keep your class on track when learning about complicated or difficult topics. It can also help to give you peace of mind, knowing that everything is written down.

SCH	OOL NAME: COURSE NAME:	LESSON NAME AND NUMBER: FOR Y	YEAR GROUP(S):
	ABOUT THIS LESSON Describe the lesson objectives and overview  Tick all that apply: This lesson will be run In the Metaverse  In Person Online	LESSON STRUCTURE Provide details of the lesson structure, timings, and any homework	
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# EXPONENTIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP



that are not only extraordinary because of the sheer level and speed of technology led business, cultural, and societal change, but that are extraordinary because in our digitally connected world today individuals have the power to build and launch businesses that change the world and impact the lives of billions of people at a speed that was unfathomable just twenty years ago.

Today, it is no secret that all of us are the most powerful versions of ourselves that could ever have lived, much more powerful than the Kings and Queens, Presidents and Prime Ministers, of ancient times. All of which then leaves us with the question: How do we all tap into this potential? And that's what this course is all about - helping students reach what we call their "Unlimited Potential."

# COURSE OUTLINE CARD



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## **COURSE NAME:**

**EXPONENTIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP [SHORT COURSE]** 

**SCHOOL NAME:** 

**FOR YEAR GROUP(S):** 

YEAR 6 AND UP

**ABOUT THIS COURSE** 

Describe the course objectives, content, and expected learning outcomes

This course, which is part of the 311 Institutes's Exponential Futures Curriculum (EFC), has been tailor made to provide students with all the critical skills and thinking they need to create and launch their own exponential startups and both lead and navigate a future that no longer behaves in the same way as the past.

If you are running this course it is STRONGLY recommend that it is run as a COMPLIMENTARY COURSE to the other courses in the EFC.

Tick all that apply: This course will be run... In the Metaverse In Person X Online

**ASSESSMENT** Provide details of how you will assess the course outcomes

**OVERALL COURSE STRUCTURE AND DETAILS** 3

Provide details of the course structure, lessons, and schedule

This course has TWO LESSONS and will be run over consecutive weeks.

The lessons in this course are:

- 1. STARTUP WORKSHOP AND PITCH PREPARATION
- 2. STARTUP PITCHES

MATERIALS, RESOURCES, AND PRE-WORK

Provide details of the materials, resources, and any student or teacher pre-work that is required

**MATERIALS: Teachers Bible** 

PRE-WORK: None Required

RESOURCES: Interactive presentation tools; internet connectivity; Google Jamboard; laptops; marker pens; note books and paper; projector and or screen with audio; whiteboard; various software tools as appropriate (Adobe Express, Canva, Google Slides, Halo AR, iMovie, Kapwing, Keynote, Piktochart, QR Code Generator, et cetera ... )





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**SCHOOL NAME:** 

**COURSE NAME:** 

**EXPONENTIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP** 

**LESSON NAME AND NUMBER:** 

1. STARTUP WORKSHOP AND PITCH PREPARATION

FOR YEAR GROUP(S):

**ABOUT THIS LESSON** 

Describe the lesson objectives and overview

In this lesson students will be given the opportunity to create their own fictional startups - in line with the course or theme you've chosen - and will be tasked with creating a realistic pitch deck that they will present to a panel of judges in the next lesson in order to gain investment in return for equity in their companies.

The objective of this lesson is to give students the opportunity to build on what they have learned during the EFC program and create and virtually launch their own fictional startups - a task which will give them valuable entrepreneurial and leadership experience.

Tick all that apply: This lesson will be run... In the Metaverse In Person X Online

CRITICAL THINKING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Describe the critical thinking and skills this lesson will help develop

READING: I can explain, discuss, and present what I have read, focusing on a topic and using notes when necessary; I can back my views up with evidence

SPEAKING: I can pay attention and take part in conversations with others, staying on topic, and making and responding to comments; I can use spoken language to suggest ideas and explanations, and explore my imagination and ideas; I can assess different viewpoints and build on other people's contributions

WRITING: I can plan my writing by identifying the audience and purpose, and use this to choose the most appropriate form; I can use similar writing to help me; I can note down and develop initial ideas and carry out extra reading and research if needed; I can use layout features to structure a text and guide the reader; I can perform what I have written, using intonation, volume, and actions to make the meaning clear

LESSON STRUCTURE

Provide details of the lesson structure, timings, and any homework

TIME ALLOTTED: 60 MINS

- 15 Min . Introduce the Exponential Entrepreneurship course and the 311 Institute Pitch Template.
- 05 Min . Divide the class into two teams or more depending on the time available and the class size - with each team being given the task to create a fictional startup.
- 35 Min . Working in their teams, and with assistance from the teaching staff and 311 Institute Pitch
  Deck Template, students will now be tasked with creating a realistic and investor worthy pitch deck
  for their startups. They will need to provide all the necessary information with the aim of securing
  Seed Funding to fund their startup in the next lesson where they will have ten minutes to present
  their pitches and another ten minutes to answer questions and secure funding from a panel of
  judges.
- 05 Min . Close and provide a brief summary of the next lesson.

HOMEWORK:

 If possible spend time working in your teams to finalise and hone your pitches before the final lesson. Students can seek help and assistance from any source.

RESOURCES

TEACHER RESOURCES: Teachers Bible

STUDENT RESOURCES:



Click or scan to download this resource and other educational resources.



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**COURSE NAME:** 

**EXPONENTIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP** 

**LESSON NAME AND NUMBER:** 

FOR YEAR GROUP(S):

ABOUT THIS LESSON

Describe the lesson objectives and overview

In this lesson students will present their startup pitches to a panel of pre-selected judges who will evaluate and grade them, provide feedback, and award investment in return for equity stakes accordingly.

The objective of this lesson is to give students the business acumen, entrepreneurial experience, and the first hand skills they need to pitch their startups in a realistic environment similar to those experienced by other entrepreneurs.

Tick all that apply: This lesson will be run... In the Metaverse In Person X Online

CRITICAL THINKING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Describe the critical thinking and skills this lesson will help develop

READING: I can explain, discuss, and present what I have read, focusing on a topic and using notes when necessary; I can back my views up with evidence

SPEAKING: I can listen and respond appropriately to adults and other people my age; I can explain and justify my own answers, arguments, and opinions; I can describe, explain, and narrate for different purposes in a structured way including expressing feelings; I can pay attention and take part in conversations with others, staying on topic and making and responding to comments; I can speak clearly and fluently; I can take part in presentations and discussions; I can gain, keep, and monitor the interest of people listening to me; I can choose and use appropriate registers, formal and informal speaking, to communicate effectively

LESSON STRUCTURE

2. STARTUP PITCHES

Provide details of the lesson structure, timings, and any homework

TIME ALLOTTED: 60 MINS

10 Min . Provide advice on pitching and presenting.

- 40 Min . In their teams students will present their pitches to your pre-selected panel of judges who
  will then provide feedback and award their funding awards, or not, based on their assessments.
- 10 Min . Close and provide a summary of the course and learnings.

NOTES:

Depending on the class sizes and time available ideally students should have a maximum of 20 minutes to pitch - 10 minutes for the pitch and ten minutes for questions to secure investment.

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**RESOURCES** 

TEACHER RESOURCES: <u>Teachers Bible</u>

STUDENT RESOURCES:



# THE FUTURE OF FOOD



essential. And yet despite this today according to the United Nations over 690 Million people, or 9 percent of the world's population, suffer from malnutrition and hunger on a daily basis, and according to the World Food Program over 135 Million people suffer from acute hunger.

Furthermore, and perhaps even more staggering is the fact that in today's modern age with all of our advancements cumulatively these figures have risen by 10 Million people in the past year, and over 60 Million people in the last five years, with another 250 Million people potentially at the brink of starvation. All of which is before we discuss the impact that climate change and extreme weather will have on traditional food production which will only make things even worse.

From these statistics it is clear that the way we produce and distribute food of all kinds needs to change, and this is what this course explores as we highlight the problems, and discuss and explore the solutions which are already here and emerging as we attempt to take these numbers to zero.

# **COURSE OUTLINE CARD**



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### **COURSE NAME:**

THE FUTURE OF FOOD

### **SCHOOL NAME:**

FOR YEAR GROUP(S):

YEAR 6 AND UP

# **ABOUT THIS COURSE**

Describe the course objectives, content, and expected learning outcomes

This course, which is part of the 311 Institutes's Exponential Futures Curriculum (EFC), has been tailor made to address the gaps we see in many of today's current standard academic curricula whose content hasn't been updated in many cases for decades and as such fails to adequately prepare students for the significant disruptive technological advances that are already here and emerging, and that are changing global business, culture, and society at unprecedented scale and speed, and which if left unaddressed will have a derogatory impact on their future prospects.

During this course students will learn how current food production methods are being disrupted by new revolutionary technologies and how those new methods will help us solve global famine and UN SDG 2, Zero Hunger, while at the same time eliminating many of the agricultural industry's harmful environmental impacts by up to 100%. As we see the way we produce food, whether it be crops and fish or meat and other products, undergo a paradigm shift students will learn all about how we produce food today and its impact and discover new ways of producing these foods sustainably in a way that lets us solve almost all of today's grand food challenges.

Tick all that apply: This course will be run... In the Metaverse In Person X Online

ASSESSMENT
Provide details of how you will assess the course outcomes

# OVERALL COURSE STRUCTURE AND DETAILS

Provide details of the course structure, lessons, and schedule

This course has THREE LESSONS and will be run over consecutive weeks.

The lessons in this course are:

- 1. HOW FOOD IS PRODUCED TODAY AND ITS IMPACT
- 2. THE FUTURE OF FOOD PRODUCTION
- 3. THE DEEP FUTURE OF FOOD, AND IMPLICATIONS

# MATERIALS, RESOURCES, AND PRE-WORK

Provide details of the materials, resources, and any student or teacher pre-work that is required

MATERIALS: <u>Teachers Bible</u>

PRE-WORK: None Required

RESOURCES: Interactive presentation tools; internet connectivity; Google Jamboard; laptops; marker pens; note books and paper; projector and or screen with audio; whiteboard; various software tools as appropriate (Adobe Express, Canva, Google Slides, Halo AR, iMovie, Kapwing, Keynote, Piktochart, QR Code Generator, et cetera ...)





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THE FUTURE OF FOOD

ABOUT THIS LESSON
Describe the lesson objectives and overview

In this lesson we will introduce students to the Future of Food course, to the United Nations SDG 2 Zero Hunger initiative, and we will explore the agricultural industry's status quo and its current impact on the world. Together we will then explore how well positioned existing food production methods are to help us meet the demands of a growing global population against the backdrop of many other global challenges including but not limited to climate change and water scarcity, as well as food affordability, availability, quality, safety, security, and sustainability.

The objective of this lesson is to provide students with a well rounded understanding of today's food

Tick all that apply: This lesson will be run... In the Metaverse In Person X Online

CRITICAL THINKING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
Describe the critical thinking and skills this lesson will help develop

production methods, their impact, and their limitations.

SPEAKING: I can speak clearly and fluently; I can gain, keep and monitor the interest of people listening to me; I can choose and use appropriate registers, formal and informal speaking, to communicate effectively

WRITING: I can perform what I have written, using intonation, volume, and actions to make the meaning clear; I can note down and develop initial ideas

### **LESSON NAME AND NUMBER:**

1. HOW FOOD IS PRODUCED TODAY AND ITS IMPACT

**FOR YEAR GROUP(S):** 

LESSON STRUCTURE

Provide details of the lesson structure, timings, and any homework

TIME ALLOTTED: 60 MINS

- 05 Min . Introduce the Future of Food course
- 25 Min . Introduce the UN SDG 2 Zero Hunger objectives, progress to date, current food production methods and thinking, and their commercial, environmental, and social impacts
- 20 Min . Hold a class discussion to explore current food production methods; include different food
  types, where food is produced and the environments, where ingredients are sourced from and food
  miles, and explore farming cooperatives such as Fairtrade, as well as the impact of climate change,
  deforestation, desertification, and global population growth
- 05 Min . Groups to summarise their top three findings or insights
- 05 Min. Close and hand out homework task

HOMEWORK:

 In teams or as individuals write a short single page essay discussing how food will be produced in the year 2030

RESOURCES

TEACHER RESOURCES: Teachers Bible

STUDENT RESOURCES:



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**COURSE NAME:** 

THE FUTURE OF FOOD

**LESSON NAME AND NUMBER:** 

2. THE FUTURE OF FOOD PRODUCTION

FOR YEAR GROUP(S):

ABOUT THIS LESSON

Describe the lesson objectives and overview

In this lesson students will be given the opportunity to discuss future food production methods based on their current research and understanding. They will then be introduced to the new food production breakthroughs that are already revolutionising how and where we produce food and how we sustainably feed a growing global population, after which they will be given the opportunity to explore the breakthroughs in depth and ask questions.

The objective of this lesson is to move students from a linear mindset, where the future looks somewhat similar to today, to an exponential mindset where their thinking is aligned with a world where exponential technologies are accelerating the rate of change and making the impossible possible.

Tick all that apply: This lesson will be run... In the Metaverse In Person X Online

CRITICAL THINKING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Describe the critical thinking and skills this lesson will help develop

SPEAKING: I can summarise longer passages; I can explain and justify my own answers, arguments, and opinions; I can take part in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations, and debates

WRITING: I can note down and develop initial ideas and carry out extra reading research if needed

LESSON STRUCTURE

Provide details of the lesson structure, timings, and any homework

TIME ALLOTTED: 60 MINS

- 10 Min . Building on the students homework assignment from the previous lesson hold a class
  discussion to explore the main ways we produce food today and to discuss a few ways we could
  sustainably solve world hunger.
- 35 Min . Present the lessons Future of Food presentation which explores new methods of food
  production and the science behind them including how they solve many of the agricultural
  industry's current scaling and sustainability problems. It is also recommended that students be
  given the opportunity after each section to ask questions.
- 10 Min . Hold a class discussion, based on the new information and insights, and let students explore and question what they've just learned.
- 05 Min . Close and provide a brief summary of the next lesson.

EXTRA CURRICULA CREDIT:

Spend time exploring some of the ways the negative impact and implications of changing how we
produce food could be mitigated or solved.

RESOURCES

**TEACHER RESOURCES: Teachers Bible** 

STUDENT RESOURCES:





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**COURSE NAME:** 

THE FUTURE OF FOOD

**LESSON NAME AND NUMBER:** 

FOR YEAR GROUP(S):

ABOUT THIS LESSON

Describe the lesson objectives and overview

In this lesson students will be given the opportunity to further explore the future of food and will then be given the opportunity to leap their thinking forwards and explore what the far future of food production could look like, including its commercial and social benefits. They will also be given the opportunity to discuss some of the negative consequences of changing how we produce food, including the ethics of it and its impact on the agricultural community.

The objective of this lesson is to provide students with a platform that allows them to think through all of the different consequences of what is known as a "System Level Change" where we move an entire alobal system from doing things in one way to a new way.

Tick all that apply: This lesson will be run... In the Metaverse  $\square$  In Person X Online  $\square$ 

CRITICAL THINKING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Describe the critical thinking and skills this lesson will help develop

READING: I can pick out, write down, and present information from non-fictional texts; I can explain, discuss, and present what I have read, focusing on a topic and using notes when necessary; I can back my views up with evidence

SPEAKING: I can summarise longer passages; I can explain and justify my own answers, arguments, and opinions; I can take part in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations, and debates; I can assess different viewpoints and build on other people's contributions

WRITING: I can note down and develop initial ideas and carry out extra reading or research if needed

LESSON STRUCTURE

Provide details of the lesson structure, timings, and any homework

3. THE DEEP FUTURE OF FOOD, AND IMPLICATIONS

TIME ALLOTTED: 60 MINS

- 20 Min . Hold a class discussion, building on from Lesson 2, to further explore the positive impact and implications of changing how we produce food.
- 20 Min . Hold a class discussion, building on from Lesson 2, to further explore the negative impact
  and implications of changing how we produce food, including the ethics of it and its impact on the
  agricultural community. Students will then be invited to discuss solutions to these issues.
- 15 Min . Hold a class discussion to go beyond the future of food production methods presented in Lesson 2 to explore how they could be improved, and then explore what the far future of food could look like.
- 05 Min . Close and provide a brief summary of the learnings of the course.

HOMEWORK:

 Write a short single page essay discussing the future of food from your new vantage point, and compare it with the first essay you wrote after Lesson 1.

RESOURCES

**TEACHER RESOURCES: Teachers Bible** 

STUDENT RESOURCES:







NE OF the wonderful things about the human brain is that it never stands still. It's always on and we're always learning, even if we sometimes chalk our newly acquired knowledge up to experience rather than any specific formal education program.

However, as wonderful as our giant brains are it could also be argued that the rate at which we learn as we age decreases, but strangely it's not necessarily because our capacity to learn is diminished, it's simply often because life as usual takes over and we don't make time for learning new things in the way we were forced to, for want of a better phrase, as children.

Once we leave the formal education system it's easy for us to get stuck in the rut of the day to day, where the high point of our educational experiences are delivered to us via corporate training videos a couple of times a month, or documentaries on television.

In order to fully prepare ourselves for the future, a future we can all play a prosperous role in, where we are the sum of our knowledge and not of our individual professions, we need to embrace a culture of life long learning and be part of a corporate and societal culture that nurtures and supports it.

### SWAP PROFESSIONS AT SPEED

One of the greatest challenges many workers will face in the years and decades to come, whether they're blue or white collar workers, as I've discussed in previous chapters, will be the accelerating rate at which technology helps to automate and dead end an increasingly broad range of professions.

However, as everyone keeps saying, basing their future predictions solely on historical evidence, which is always a potentially dangerous scenario, we're always told that while technology helps destroy jobs it also helps create new ones. And it's this that will leave many people in a conundrum – as their own professions dead end, and redundancies loom, how are they going to be able to pull off the seemingly impossible, and make the jump to one of the new professions? Whatever those new professions might be.

Traditional experience and thinking tells us it takes years, often decades, to build up the experience we need to become experts in our respective fields and build careers in our chosen professions, and that jumping between professions is at best a difficult task, and at worst an impossible one - especially when it needs to be done at speed. But with the right

support and attitude anything is possible, even switching professions at speed, so let's walk through how we break with tradition to create a new breed of agile workforce that laughs, not sobs, in the face of change.

One of the greatest challenges we'll all face is that, while we can do our best to predict the jobs of the future, the fact of the matter is that inevitably, for better or worse, it's likely we'll be somewhat wide of the mark which makes preparing ourselves to take advantage of the changes in advance even more challenging. But there's hope, and it comes not from our traditional childhood education system, but from a modern on demand education system that already provides training services to many of the world's largest corporations, a system that is epitomised by companies like Coursera, edX and Udacity.

Third party corporate training providers have been around as long as there have been companies in need of their services, but just like the companies they serve they haven't stood still. Just as technology has had an impact on their clients businesses priorities and operations it's also had an impact on how these third party training companies build and deliver their services.

Step back far enough in time and these corporate training companies would use armies of employees to help them identify new professions as they emerged and build suitable training courses that were delivered in person. Over time these face to face training sessions became complimented by video on demand training courses, and then step forwards in time again and increasingly the majority of corporate training is now delivered over the wire, on demand to your laptop, to your mobile, over breakfast, lunch and dinner, at home and in the office. Training has truly become decentralised, global, and ubiquitous, and it's these three traits that we can leverage to our advantage in tomorrow's world.

Our first problem, namely identifying the demise of certain professions and the emergence of new ones across regions and sectors can be solved, or at least made easier to identify and chart, by analysing real time aggregated global demand trends across training providers, and the second, the issue of helping people jump between professions at speed can also be solved, to a great degree, by leveraging these same platforms, but in a different way than we do today.

Historically professionals have used

these platforms at the behest of their employers to help them stay sharp and on top of the skills they need to perform their jobs, and traditionally the training offered to employees was selected from a catalogue, and a generic catalogue at that. Today, however, training has evolved, and moved beyond the catalogue.

Fuelled by data collected from tens of millions of users from tens of thousands of professions today's online training platforms are now in a position not just to recommend specific training programs for employees, but they're also becoming increasingly adept at helping individuals identify the competencies they need to acquire in order to master particular professions. And it's this capability that we can leverage for our own advantage to help us stave off joblessness in the future.

As these platforms continue to leverage their extensive global networks to help them identify the emergence, then ascendency, of new professions over time, they'll be able to use their huge datasets to create exhaustive competency matrices that detail all the skills people need to acquire in order to master them. For example, if we take a closer look at some of today's popular professions we can see the competencies needed

to become a computer scientist include computer networking, databases, human computer interaction, operating systems, security engineering and software engineering, to name but a few, while a data scientists competencies include data management, data visualisation, machine learning, maths, statistical programming, and statistics.

As a result these matrices give people the opportunity to use them as improvised learning roadmaps to gain all the skills they need to help them jump from dead-ending professions to new ones at speed, provided of course we can learn at speed, something I discuss in the next section, and overcome today's societal biases, which I discuss in the next chapter.

# THE 10,000 HOUR MYTH

In 2008 an American author named Malcolm Gladwell posited that in order to become world class in a particular profession individuals had to put in at least 10,000 hours of practise. Over time though, and largely thanks to the popular media, this simple viewpoint quickly became accepted as the de facto amount of time needed to learn any new skill, and needless to say the difference between the two is vast.

Recently though there has been evidence from lifehacker Josh Kaufman to suggest that just 20 hours of dedicated practise can help individuals acquire the crucial foundational skills they need to improve their chances of being able to move between professions, and when this methodology is applied to the competency matrices I discussed in the previous section, then hopefully this should give us all hope that as one profession dead ends, and a door closes, another one opens.

# IN THE FUTURE UNIVERSITIES COULD ACT AS THE CENTERS FOR LIFE LONG LEARNING.

# UNIVERSITIES AS CENTERS FOR LIFE LONG LEARNING

HILE EVERYONE agrees that life long learning is important one of the next questions we have to ask is how we achieve it and which organisations lead it.

When it comes to who leads it there are four obvious answers that spring to mind, namely companies, governments, individuals, and universities. But, when we really dig into who is the de facto best, or could be I propose that it's universities that are the best placed to support life long learning and while you might think my reasoning for this is obvious it's actually for a reason that at first isn't obvious.

# **RULING OUT THE WORST RUNNERS**

When we look at why universities are best placed to lead when it comes to supporting life long learning initiatives it's because they have qualities that the other three suggestions don't so let's dig in.

Firstly, while companies might be an obvious choice the fact of the matter is that they only care about training

people in the activities, jobs, and skills that those companies need to support the activities and objectives of the company. In short, they'll only offer you training that benefits the company and therefore they take a company first not a "you" first approach. And, if they don't want to train you, or it's not in their interest for whatever reason, then they generally won't.

Secondly, we have governments, yet another seemingly obvious choice, but the fact is that most governments don't know what the skills of the future are, and normally lack the budgets, focus, and necessary vision to make life long learning and the platforms and initiatives they need to create and deploy a reality.

Thirdly, there's you. Now, I will assume that you are your own best champion already, however on the one hand it's likely that when it comes to trying to determine future skills and the future needs of companies and more importantly people who'll pay you for your knowledge and skills, you probably don't have all the data and insights you need, and that even if you do you don't

know where to go to acquire those new skills. And then there's also the obvious - you're more than likely busy any ways and will only start trying to figure out what new training you need when you already think your existing career or job is at risk so, until you see the need, you're highly unlikely to do any self learning or self development any ways.

All of which then leaves us with universities.

# **RULING OUT THE WORST RUNNERS**

Universities, in my opinion, have everything you need to help you not only become a life long learner but also learn the most relevant skills for you and for the market place as it evolves. They also have one other crucial aspect and this is why I think they are the best placed to be your guide and companion through your life long learning journey ...

Firstly, unlike companies who will only train you in the things the company needs - or values - universities can train you for what matters to you - they act in

your interest not in the interest of some company shareholder P&L.

Secondly, unlike governments, they have the resources they need to develop and evolve training courses across a huge spectrum of disciplines and fields.

Thirdly, unlike you they have the drive to create learning programs, but they also crucially have insights into almost every corner of the global economy and into every area of business so they can see new trends and new demands emerging ahead of time.

bring all of these factors together and what you have is an organisation that acts in your interests, whose mission is to help people learn new knowledge and skills, and that has both a broad and deep field of view of today and the future and understands what will be in demand across all industry sectors, geographies, and lines of business. Then add in the fact that universities often have the brightest people and minds and this makes them a slam dunk for being your de facto standard for life long learning.

# A SUITABLE COMMERCIAL MODEL

Having determined all this next we need to look at how we deliver this and

frankly, one of the simplest ways would simply for universities or collections thereof to offer life long subscriptions - not just to the university or to the prorgams they offer but to everything to events, mentors, and everything else that contributes to creating a vibrant learning and future focus community - all with you and your interests at the heart of it.





REATING AND nurturing a future fit education system is, of course, only part of the challenge as we all brace ourselves and try our best to prepare for an increasingly automated and uncertain future, because once students have left the relative safe confines of the formal education system they come face to face with the biases and challenges of the real world.

A world where different corporate and cultural biases and norms, that have arguably become engrained through the millennia, curb our ability to move frictionlessly between different careers, industries or jobs at speed, something that as I've discussed in previous chapters, will become increasingly important as the spectre of automation casts its long shadow over more jobs than ever before, and dead-ends careers with increasing voracity.

Today the biases I'm talking about exist almost everywhere, in every company, and in every country, and it's likely that you too, at one point or another have come face to face with them. For example, how many times have you heard of people switching careers? Or, at a more basic level, switching industries? And if they did was it simple and straightforward, or was it difficult and complicated?

### **BRINGING IT TO LIFE**

It's time to bring this to life with a real world example, and please do feel free to disagree with me, I love a good debate.

As I've discussed previously, and as no doubt you've already heard a million times over and more from other people, historically technology has always destroyed jobs, but similarly it has always helped create new ones - ones that almost no-one could have imagined until they finally appeared.

To some respect this is epitomised by the calamitous fall in the last century of the number of labourers as a percentage of the overall workforce and the heady rise of the number of computer scientists.

At a high level we can argue that the so called "amount of work to be done" increased, but that the type of work to be done, ergo in this case by humans, changed. And here's the conundrum that's amplified by today's societal biases and norms: How many computer scientists, for example, do you know that used to be labourers, of any kind?

I'll guess that you don't know that many, and pushing the boat out further I'll guess you don't know any at all. Part

of the reason for that could be the fact that as many of their jobs changed and dead-ended many of them retired, and the younger generations that would previously have filled their shoes chose to train to go into different professions.

However, just as both these options were as viable then as they are today there were still millions of people caught in the middle, and caught in a trap - people who were too young to retire, and too old to re-enter the formal education system. In these cases the only avenues often open to them were to re-train, often at their own expense, in their own time, and with no guaranteed job or outcome at the end of it.

Today re-training is the catch all answer handed out by everyone who's asked how we're going to manage the fall out from the "jobs apocalypse" that's supposedly around the corner. But while it sounds like a silver bullet to the problem of redundancies, and helping people switch professions, whatever their reason, it often isn't. So let's step through why re-training by itself isn't the answer, and how corporate culture and society have to change if we're ever going to stand a chance of limiting the impact of automation on individuals.

### A FIRST PERSON VIEW

Being made redundant is always a nasty shock to the system, and it's one that's often made more jarring if it's because you've been replaced by a machine - whether it's a robot in the 1960's or an Artificial Intelligence in 2025. And while redundancy often comes with a three month severance payment, free CV writing services, and "re-training" the fact of the matter is that the re-training that many companies offer, which is often via contracted third parties, are superficial sticking plasters at best and useless at worst.

The other fact of the matter is that in many cases the re-training options on the table are often ill suited to the individuals particular skills and goals, and then, of course, there's the fact that there's no guarantee of a job once you've completed them. In fact, when all is said and done, when many companies announce redundancies that's the point at which their former employees are officially no longer their concern. No golden handshake, just a termination contract, a pay check and the phone number of some strange company you've never heard of before.

If, as academic and government studies suggest, we are going to be faced with

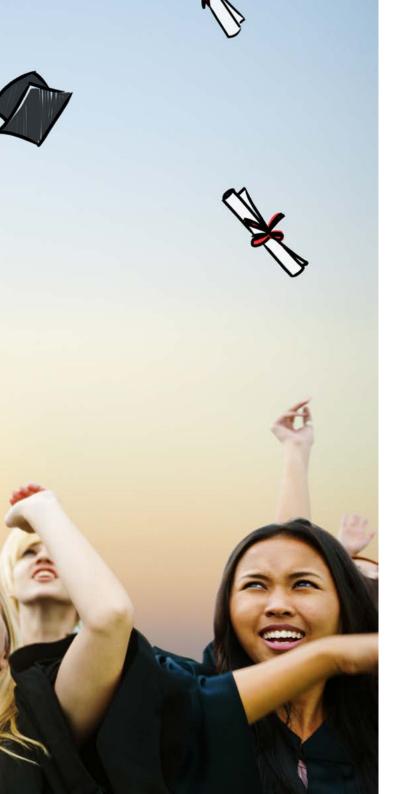
between 20 percent and 50 percent of all of today's jobs, from accountants and lawyers, to data scientists and taxi drivers, being automated within the next 20 years, or in some cases now as were already seeing in the finance and legal sectors, then this status quo isn't good enough. We will need a new approach to helping people caught in these situations, one where we all play a role in helping each other be successful and flourish.

One of the biggest challenges people who are laid off will face, as they do today, will be the challenge of changing professions and finding companies that are willing to take a punt on someone whose background is within another field - the equivalent of hiring an ex-labourer as your next accountant, for example.

If we're honest it has to be said that in today's world the majority of corporate recruiters, whether they're artificial intelligences that can analyse thousands of CV's and video submissions a minute, or humans, would likely put an individual like this to the bottom of the pile and hire an accountant who had a firm background as an accountant. The same is true for anyone in any profession who might, for whatever reason, want to switch professions.

Until we are able to overcome and remove the institutional bias that we have as a society to job mobility then there will only be one winner, the machines, and frankly that would be criminal.





HEN IT comes to education the time comes when we all have to take responsibility for our own life long learning initiatives, but we also have a responsibility to each other, to help identify and nurture talent, and help each other prosper and thrive irrespective of ability or background, and sometimes in the face of great hardship and adversity.

Education and the future are kindred spirits, both are adventures, filled with wonders and awe, and both are what we make of them, and that's as true today as it will be tomorrow and every day after that.

Now all that remains for me to do is to thank you for your time, and if you have any comments you'd like to make then please feel free to reach out.

I wish you, and your children, all the very best in the future,

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