

Skills that matter most in the age of AI: curiosity

"Every answer should lead you to another question." Anesh Raman

In a time when AI is reshaping how we work, curiosity is one of our greatest advantages and one of the most important skills we can develop. It helps you stay adaptable, keep learning, embrace new tools and skills, and think differently about the work you do.



Deeper Dive

How to build your curiosity

Find a curiosity thread and pull on it.

Try picking one assumption you want to challenge about yourself, your role or a project you're working on and ask yourself:

*Why do I/we do it that way?
What could I/we do differently?*

Notice which question sparks your curiosity - then keep pulling on that thread by exploring it further, asking more questions, trying a new experiment, or talking about it in a team.

Use AI as a starting point to help you decide what to explore

Don't use AI to replace your curiosity - but use it to spark new ideas, questions, and directions to explore.

Try this AI prompt:
"I want to build the muscle of curiosity. I am (more about you), I'm excited about X and afraid about X. Can you give me 5 things to get started with?"

Not every idea will be useful, but one or two might spark a curiosity thread you want to pull on.

Create more curiosity in a team

At your next team or project catch-up, try creating space for people to explore ideas and be curious together. This could look like asking:

*"What haven't we questioned yet?"
"What might we be missing?"
"Is there another way to think about this?"*