

The Skills You'll Need to Thrive in the 21st Century Workplace



*“It is not the most intellectual of the species that survives; it is not the strongest that survives; but the species that survives is the one that is **able best to adapt and adjust to the changing environment** in which it finds itself.*

- Charles Darwin





Can a Robot Perform Your Job?

According to McKinsey & Co., 45% of all work activities could be automated **RIGHT NOW** using already demonstrated technology, so higher-level **cognitive** and **social** skills that **cannot be performed by a computer or robot** are most in demand in the 21st century workplace.

To succeed in the 21st Century, you need a T-shaped set of skills.

← General knowledge and skills →



I AM THE
LEFT BRAIN

Decisive!
011001011 LOGIC

Accurate
ANALYTIC

REASON
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
PRACTICAL
Strategic

CONTROL

SCIENCE
Realistic
Belief

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I AM the
Right BRAIN!

Intuition
Love LOVE love
Love thou art
Poetry

FREEDOM

Passion
Vivid

CREATIVE

YEARNING

PEACE



Top 21st Century Workplace Skills

Social Skills

- Flexibility/Embracing Change
- Positive Attitude/Passion
- Cross-Functional Collaboration
- Communication Skills
- Social/Emotional Intelligence
- Cultural Sensitivity

Top 21st Century Workplace Skills

Cognitive Skills

- Critical Thinking
- Computational Thinking
- Digital Fluency
- Using Technology to Solve Problems
- Information and Media Literacy
- Creativity/Creative Problem-Solving
- Storytelling
- Taking Risks/Learning from Failure



Top 21st Century Workplace Skills

Most Important Skills:

→ Curiosity

→ Self-Directed Lifelong Learning



“The cure
for boredom
is curiosity.
There is no
cure for
curiosity.”*

* Quote widely attributed to Dorothy Parker. Source obscure.

THANK YOU!