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Abstract

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As technology continues to evolve at a breakneck pace and organizations undergo constant change, the role of industrial project leaders is shifting in profound ways. This study explores what skills future industry leaders will need to successfully navigate these challenges and lead meaningful transformations in increasingly complex environments. To get a clearer picture, we combined interviews with industry professionals to gather a wide range of perspectives on the technical, commercial, and interpersonal skills that matter most. We also dug into existing research through a detailed literature review to better understand current trends and the hurdles leaders face today.

What came out mostly in our findings is the growing importance of adaptability, systems thinking, digital expertise, and emotional intelligence in helping leaders drive innovation and manage change effectively. We also found that having a broad, cross-disciplinary knowledge base and a strong grasp of market dynamics will be crucial for success. This report offers practical insights that can help shape training programs and strategies, ensuring that project leaders are equipped to meet tomorrow's challenges. By addressing these shifting needs, organizations can build a foundation for sustainable growth and resilience in a world that's changing faster than ever.

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I. INTRODUCTION

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In a VUCA (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity) environment, leaders have to navigate a world that is continuously evolving. Under-skilled workforce is more and more noticed in large companies. With the multitude of global events and the ongoing progression of the fourth and fifth industrial revolutions, a broadening of skills sets is necessary. In this context, companies must adapt to new expectations, and project leaders, in particular, must step up to drive change and guide organizations through these challenges.

As the business landscape continues to evolve, technical skills alone are no longer sufficient. The emphasis is shifting toward soft skills, often referred to as “human skills,” such as emotional intelligence, communication, empathy, adaptability, and collaboration. These skills are becoming increasingly essential for leaders at all levels, as they enable individuals to effectively manage teams, navigate ambiguity, and foster innovation. The growing demand for these soft skills raises important questions about the role of education in preparing future leaders and how organizations can cultivate these capabilities within their existing workforce.

Moreover, Companies have to face the transition from Industry 4.0 to the emerging concept of Industry 5.0 which emphasizes the collaboration between humans and advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, robotics, and automation. The adoption of digital technologies not only changes how and where people work but also the skills required to play an active role in the digital economy and how these skills are acquired and developed. It may require not only a re-imagination of work but education, social protection, regulations and the role of institutions in the design and safeguarding the future of work. Industry 5.0 is already beginning to shape the future of business, and future leaders must be prepared.

II. Methodology

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This section outlines the methods used to identify the key skills required for future industrial leaders, taking into account the rapid evolution of the workplace and its demands.

I.1 Data collection

In order to collect data, we primarily used three ways :

1. Interviews

For the interviews, we utilized a pre-established list of contacts provided by the client. These contacts represented a diverse range of perspectives and were distributed across six countries: France, Germany, Iceland, Lithuania, Indonesia, and South Africa. The interviewees held various professional roles, including:

- Senior Engineer
- Senior STEM Academic
- General Manager/Director/Executive
- Human Resources (HR) professional
- Postgraduate student
- Undergraduate student

To minimize potential biases, each of the six project members was tasked with interviewing six individuals, ensuring balanced representation from each country and role.

The interviews were conducted virtually using Zoom or Webex, depending on the preference of the interviewee. On average, each session lasted approximately 30 minutes.

In total, 16 interviews were successfully completed. Unfortunately, the remaining interviews could not be conducted due to unforeseen constraints or scheduling conflicts.

2. Surveys

Due to time constraints and the inability to conduct all planned interviews, we sought the client's consent to distribute surveys to the individuals who could not be interviewed. These surveys served as an alternative means of data collection. However, only one response was received through this method.

3. Literature review

To gain a comprehensive understanding of the key skills required for future industrial leaders, we conducted an extensive literature review. A total of 30 articles were selected, covering topics related to leadership, future workplace trends, technological advancements, and the evolving needs of industries.

Each member of the team was assigned five articles to read and analyze, ensuring equal distribution of the workload. Then each member summarized the key points and insights from their assigned articles, focusing on the most relevant findings for the project.

To ensure the entire team benefited from the collected knowledge, we created a unified summary synthesizing the key takeaways from all 30 articles. This approach allowed us to distill the voluminous data into actionable insights, providing a clear direction for our analysis and recommendations.

1.2 Data analysis

The data analysis process was conducted systematically to derive actionable insights from the diverse sources of information collected during the project.

The 16 conducted interviews were transcribed and analyzed using thematic coding. This approach allowed the team to identify recurring themes and patterns related to the skills and competencies required for future industrial leaders. Key steps included:

Categorization of Responses : Responses were grouped based on the professional roles of interviewees (e.g., senior engineers, HR professionals, and academics) to understand varying perspectives.

Theme Extraction : Repeated keywords and concepts, such as adaptability, emotional intelligence, and digital proficiency, were identified and categorized into overarching themes.

	themes	Frequency	country	role
0	decision-making	3	France, Indonesia, Germany	Architectural Firm Partner, Nuclear Engineerin...
1	teamwork	3	France, South Africa, Lithuania	Recruitment Manager, Software Engineer, Human ...
2	resilience	3	France, South Africa, Sweden	Director of Education, Telecom Engineer, Under...
3	business	3	France, Germany	Director of Education, Architectural Firm Part...
4	digital transition	2	France	Director of Education, Nuclear Engineering Stu...
5	mindset	2	Indonesia, South Africa	Human Resources Director, English Lecturer
6	lifelong learning	2	South Africa, Sweden	Telecom Engineer, Undergraduate Student
7	experience	2	Lithuania, South Africa	Software Engineer, Undergraduate Student
8	technical skills	2	France, Germany	Architectural Firm Partner, Nuclear Engineerin...
9	adaptability	2	France, Sweden	Director of Education, Telecom Engineer
10	communication	2	France, Lithuania	Recruitment Manager, Software Engineer

Excerpt : thematic analysis of the retranscriptions

Cross-Country Comparison : Data from the six countries were compared to highlight regional differences in leadership expectations and workplace needs. Insights from the interviews informed the development of the pyramidal framework, which organizes required skills into foundational, managerial, and strategic levels.

While only one survey response was received, it was analyzed alongside the interview transcripts using the same thematic coding approach. The team recognized that the survey lacked the depth of face-to-face or video interviews, but it nonetheless provided qualitative insights.

The literature provided an additional layer of depth by identifying emerging trends, such as the integration of AI in decision-making and the evolution of collaborative technologies.

The results of the interviews, survey, and literature review were synthesized to provide a comprehensive understanding of the skills required for industrial leaders. These findings informed the development of a pyramidal framework of leadership competencies.

II. A Detailed Analysis of the Pyramidal Approach to Future Skills for Industrial Project Managers

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The pyramidal approach is a visual representation of the skills required for future industrial project managers. This pyramid highlights a progression from fundamental skills and technical skills to a human centered approach.

II.1 Hard skills

Technical skills are crucial for industrial project managers, including electronics, microelectronics, embedded systems, software development, and emerging technologies like machine learning and artificial intelligence. These skills enable project managers to handle technical challenges and make decisions that are key to the success of any project.

Technical expertise, knowing digital tools and technologies is essential in today's digital age. Project managers must know collaboration tools, project management software, and data analysis platforms. These skills allow them to manage projects, ensure communication with team members, and make data-driven decisions that optimize project outcomes.

Data analysis and artificial intelligence are in the center of the industries for growth and process optimization. Project managers need to be able to use these tools in order to gain valuable insights from data, enhance operational efficiency, and identify emerging opportunities. Project managers who master data analysis techniques and understand the potential of AI, can drive innovation, improve decision-making, and enhance business outcomes.

To succeed in modern industries, project leaders need strong technical and digital skills. The French undergraduate explained how programming, especially in tools like Python, is becoming essential for tasks like simulations and modeling. However, many students lack enough practice with these skills during their studies. The German undergraduate pointed out that theoretical knowledge alone is not enough; hands-on training through internships and projects is very important to connect classroom learning to real-world needs. Universities should focus more on practical training and include tools like AI platforms and GitHub to better prepare students.

II.2 Soft skills

Clear and concise communication, written and verbal, helps project managers collaborate with team members, present ideas, and write reports. Communication skills help project managers build relationships with stakeholders, manage conflicts, and motivate their teams too.

Project managers must be able to lead and motivate their teams, delegate tasks, and resolve conflicts. They must have organizational and planning skills to ensure projects stay on track and meet deadlines too.

They must be able to think critically, identify opportunities, and take initiative to drive innovation. Project managers having a proactive and innovative approach, can find creative solutions to challenges, improve processes, and deliver new results.

Effective communication and management are crucial for project success. The manager from Singapore emphasized the need for clear communication and negotiation skills to build trust and drive results, particularly in sales and client interactions. The German undergraduate added that understanding business concepts like market dynamics and teamwork is essential for engineers transitioning into leadership roles. To foster these skills, universities should include business and management training in their curricula, ensuring graduates can lead teams, delegate tasks, and manage conflicts efficiently.

II.3 Evaluation of the environment

Project manager need to evaluate complex situations, identify problems, and develop innovative solutions. They can make informed decisions and anticipate future challenges.

Project managers must be aware about the latest trends and best practices. Moreover, they must learn from their mistakes and seek out new opportunities for growth, ensuring they remain effective.

Project managers must be able to build strong relationships with team members, stakeholders, and clients, including a positive and inclusive work environment that encourages collaboration and innovation. Project managers who understand the needs and motivations of their team members, can inspire and motivate them to achieve their goals.

Project leaders must think critically, adapt quickly, and collaborate effectively. The Senior Engineer from Indonesia shared how clear communication and teamwork helped her resolve production delays, highlighting the importance of aligning team goals. The manager from Singapore stressed understanding global trends and business

strategies to make informed decisions. Leaders should also embrace continuous learning and innovative approaches, as the German undergraduate suggested, to stay ahead in the ever-evolving workplace. These skills help leaders anticipate challenges and find creative solutions.

According to the analysis of the literature and the interviews, project managers need hard skills, soft skills, as well as an analysis of the environment. The adaptability is the key of success such as continuous learning, and a human-centered approach, which reflects the challenges and opportunities of a constantly changing world.

III. The future workplace

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The acceleration of the adoption of modern technologies driven by the COVID-19 pandemic has transformed how we work and interact with our professional spaces. Future workplaces will evolve based on major technological, socio-economic, and demographic trends. Here is an overview of the key anticipated models, supplemented with information from the provided documents.

III.1 AN INCREASING PLACE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Artificial intelligence is now fundamentally changing workplaces through the automation of complex tasks, increased efficiency, and enhanced decision-making. In "smart" offices, AI technologies provide real-time feedback to control local environmental conditions such as lighting, temperature, and quality of air to maximize comfort and productivity. Beyond the physical space, AI automates virtual collaboration tools to enable seamless interactions among remote teams. This includes personalization of employee experience, optimizing for individual stated preferences and requirements. Engineers need to have a basic understanding of these technologies, even if they're not directly working in those fields. For example, understanding how machine learning algorithms work can help an engineer make better decisions about data, models, and predictions in their own projects.

Decision-making, for example, is streamlined AI-based systems based on vast amounts of data would analyze it with remarkable speed and accuracy to offer actionable insights that organizations could act upon (Paschek, Industry 4.9 126). As such, particularly in the context of Industry 5.0, AI serves as the critical connection between the precision and focus of intelligent machines and the creativity of human innovation. The obvious progress made by this synergy is that it obviously increases productivity, and at the same time it is well aligned with the sustainable development goals by substantially reducing wastage of resources and promoting green practices (Developing Human Capabilities, p. 7-9).

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Digital technologies have a transformative impact on society and social interactions. A significant aspect of this transformation concerns the world of work, which has profound implications for individuals and broader social dynamics. The evolving nature of work, particularly through new work arrangements such as remote work, raises important concerns about the social dimensions of the future of work and its impact on social cohesion.

.... While these innovations may benefit some segments of society, they also exacerbate various social challenges, including work-life conflict, burnout, career stagnation, and job dissatisfaction. Remote work, which has been expanding since the pandemic, is criticized a lot. Managers want people to go back to the workplace. There is a real social effect on the conversation towards the coffee machine at work. Thus some companies are restricting the number of remote work allowed. Thanks to new technologies the world of work is digitizing, workers are still humans and they need social contact and cohesion. Bringing humanity at work seems thus to be a new challenge of the new world.

..... Another point where innovations can dehumanize the workplace is where most employees are no longer central to a company's operations due to practices such as outsourcing, franchising, and supply chain optimization. It leads to dispersed workplaces. Moreover, the rise of algorithmic management and employee surveillance, while enhancing productivity and performance, could undermine workers' autonomy and erode their voice in the workplace. Without appropriate checks and balances, these technological advancements may lead to worsening wages and working conditions, increasing precarity and vulnerability for workers. Bringing humanity at work seems thus to be a new challenge of the new world.

However, not all perspectives align with this pessimistic view. During the pandemic, some companies and thus some project leaders had to face remote work, sometimes for the first time. In order to maintain a social dimension in the work and a connection between the workers, some managers imagined some games like the “fridge game” which consisted of showing to the visioconference the interior of a fridge, and participants had to guess which one it was. Once again, a project leader have to adapt to new situations, to maintain social cohesion, and to help the group to do the same.

New technologies are driving the transformation not only in the physical spaces where work takes place but also at fundamental levels of how we actually do our work. The employment of IoT (Internet of Things) and connected devices acts as a game-changer in ensuring a better standard of working environments. These devices can automatically control aspects such as temperature, lighting, and air quality so that workers always function under conditions that make them comfortable and maximize their productivity based on employees' needs. In the meantime, the introduction of hybrid work modes offers both challenges and opportunities.

..... Such an arrangement, working from home and meeting in person, highlights the balance that employees are seeking between flexibility and valuable social interactions during collaboration. As such, companies are revamping workplace designs to better support these preferences by creating environments supporting both physical and virtual teamwork. In addition, the acceleration of the growth of automation calls into question the variety of skills necessary in this new work era; it, therefore, emphasizes the urgent need for lifelong learning and reskilling programs to help workers catch up with technological advancements (The Future of Work, p. 8-10; Think First Job, p. 310).

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The main working expectation since COVID 19 is about flexibility at work. During the pandemic, workers knew a new way of working, where they had more flexibility to work and deal with other preoccupations at the same time. New ways of working are characterized by both temporal and spatial flexibility. Temporal flexibility allows employers to offer adjustable working hours, which can be tailored to meet either customer demands or employee preferences. Spatial flexibility includes arrangements where employees work from home or another location on a regular basis, or even work remotely full-time, potentially from a location entirely different from their employer's office. Additionally, new types of collaborative spaces, such as coworking spaces, makerspaces, hackerspaces, and fablabs, have emerged to support these flexible work setups.

These arrangements are made possible by the extensive use of mobile and networked technologies, including the internet, smartphones, and cloud computing, as well as virtual communication tools like Zoom and Microsoft Teams that enable employees to collaborate in digital environments. At the same time, companies are increasingly relying on digital tools to organize work, with performance now often being monitored and managed through algorithmic systems that track employee productivity

In general, the expectation of employees is changing a lot, mainly due to changing societies and technology usage. Workers from these generations increasingly emphasize opportunities for personal growth and development, egalitarian workspaces, as well as the ethical congruence of their employers. For example, surveys among engineering students in France find a preference for jobs that offer intellectual stimulation, an appropriate balance of freedom versus teamwork, and a participative management style (Think First Job, p. 311).

Besides, there is growing interest in digital and immersive experience environments, as indicated by the emergence of such workplaces as the metaverse. Such environments meet the workers' wants for personalization and active engagement in their work settings. However, it raises fresh concerns of data privacy issues, inclusion, and whether these technologies would be universally accessible (The Past and Future of Work, p. 6). With these expectations changing, there is, in turn, a realization within organizations that there is the need to change their approaches to attract and retain top talent while promoting a culture for innovation and inclusion.

IV. COOPERATION BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES AND COMPANIES TO BUILD THE SKILLS OF THE FUTURE

Now that we've explored the key skills future project leaders will need, it's important to consider how to acquire them. According to an Human Resources Manager from South Africa, 70% of these skills are gained through experience, 20% through exposure, and 10% through formal education.

IV.1 THE ROLE OF EDUCATION

Firstly, education is fundamental because it equips future project leaders with the necessary technical competencies. It serves as the primary foundation for acquiring knowledge. As a future project leader, education offers a unique opportunity to explore diverse fields and broaden one's skill set. Students should not confine themselves to their specific academic program but should seek to diversify their learning. For instance, a postgraduate who is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Sustainable Management, Water and Energy in Germany, chose to explore a subject that wasn't officially part of his curriculum. He felt there was a gap in topics related to resilience and socio-economic systems, which he believed were crucial. This decision proved invaluable, as he realized that the topic of resilience, in particular, is often overlooked in many academic programs. In his view, resilience should be more widely addressed across various disciplines. This need for interdisciplinary learning is also true for engineering and business schools. While we often draw a sharp distinction between the two, the reality is that engineers need business education to reach leadership levels. Understanding business concepts such as market dynamics, customer needs, collaboration, production processes, and public services is essential for engineers to succeed in leadership roles.

Moreover, education is often the first place where students experience teamwork and collaboration within a structured environment. This was particularly evident for a project leader in Sweden in the railway sector, who graduated from Telecom Bretagne in France. During his studies, he participated in team-based projects, where team members were assigned, rather than self-chosen, mimicking the dynamics of a real company. The most valuable aspect of these projects, according to one of our interviewees, was the process of identifying roles within the team, determining who would take on the leadership position, and figuring out how to collaborate effectively. He believes these experiences are crucial for students to understand their strengths and where they fit within a team.

However, while education provides students with technical expertise and critical thinking skills, it cannot fully prepare future project leaders for all the challenges they will face. Schools can offer a solid foundation, but the development of other key leadership and interpersonal skills largely occurs after graduation, through hands-on

experience in the workplace and exposure to real-world projects. Education might give students a way of thinking and the technical tools they need, but it is the practical application of these skills in professional settings that truly shapes the most effective project leaders.

IV.2 IMPORTANCE OF EXPOSURE

Once in the workforce, workers will learn much more from actual projects, from working alongside experienced professionals, and from hands-on experiences. That's where future project leaders will truly understand the practical side of project management. Exposure fosters adaptability, teamwork, and emotional intelligence. This is why it's so important to continue learning and adapting once starting his career. That's what will make an effective project leader. Currently, in South Africa, leadership development is expected to occur after graduation, primarily through work experience. Engineers are supposed to gain leadership skills through mentoring, coaching, and practice in the workplace. (Industry preferences).

However, more and more universities are incorporating soft skills training, project management, and teamwork into their curricula. But it's still not universal. Many programs are still very technically focused. Ideally, students should have the opportunity to develop both their technical and soft skills in tandem. Internships and practical placements are great for this. Students get real-world experience and also learn how to communicate, collaborate, and manage projects.

Moreover, sometimes, the field of studies learnt at school is not the field of the engineer anymore. What students are learning at school, these technical competences are disconnected to the field where they will study in the future. Thus exposure is really important to discover new fields than those studied at school. For example, a project leader who is currently working in a company in the railway sector, graduated from an engineering school specialized in telecom. He only learnt about the railway sector during internship and work.

IV.3 EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY

Practical experience is a cornerstone of skill development. The rise of automation, hybrid work models, and changing social expectations have transformed the workplace. Practical learning helps students bridge the gap between these transformations and organizational needs.

Leadership, especially in resource-limited environments, greatly benefits from experience. It hones skills such as strategic thinking, collaboration, and team motivation. Exposure to advanced technologies, like supply chain management tools, helps leaders integrate these systems while preserving human creativity and problem-solving.

University programs should incorporate practical and interdisciplinary learning to prepare students for global challenges. Digital literacy and lifelong learning should be central to these experiences.

As global work environments become increasingly diverse and interconnected, the importance of adaptability and emotional intelligence cannot be overstated. Effective project leaders must navigate cross-cultural teams, manage remote work dynamics, and lead through uncertainty and change. That is why experience is so important, to learn to adapt and to face new situation, new team workers, new workplace....

IV.4 MAINTAINING THE SKILLS OF TODAY AND HELP THE TRANSITION TO SKILLS TO THE FUTURE

Moreover, it is crucial that both industry professionals and educational institutions work together to increase awareness of ELE and its importance. Without such efforts, South African engineering graduates may fall behind their international counterparts in terms of leadership capabilities, potentially affecting the country's competitiveness and progress in engineering and technology. (industry preferences)

Maintaining current skills while preparing for future ones is crucial. With rapid technological changes and evolving professional expectations, leaders must focus on adaptability, sustainability, and continuous improvement.

Educational programs must develop students' abilities in critical thinking, creativity, communication, and technological skills. Flexible, forward-looking curricula, like Indonesia's "Merdeka Belajar" program, can help students stay ready for technological advancements.

Universities must design programs that prioritize resilience, technology integration, and interpersonal skill development, ensuring students are prepared to meet the demands of an uncertain future.

Leaders must balance their current expertise with the ability to adapt to new technologies and trends. Both undergraduates from France and Germany emphasized the importance of developing specialized knowledge while staying open to learning AI, data science, and other emerging skills. The manager from Singapore and the Senior Engineer from Indonesia noted that mentorship and on-the-job training are crucial for leadership growth. Universities and companies should work together to create lifelong learning opportunities, ensuring students and workers can transition smoothly to the demands of Industry 5.0.

V. Conclusion:

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In conclusion, industries are evolving quickly, and the skills needed are changing just as fast. Some interviewees, like the manager from Singapore, noted that current technical skills, especially in technology-related fields, may soon become outdated. Which means that engineers should continue learning and adapt to the changes. The industry is transitioning from 4.0 to 5.0, which shows the importance of using technologies like AI to serve human needs and collaborate effectively.

Education has an important role when it comes to preparing engineers for those changes, but it often fails to do so. Many universities rely more on theory than practice, as confirmed by our interviewees (the senior engineer from Indonesia for example). To solve this problem, schools should work on encouraging students to work in groups by involving them in collaborative projects. This should help students develop both technical and practical skills, as well as the ability to work well with others.

Looking ahead, future leaders will need to handle advanced technologies while maintaining a focus on people. Companies must create flexible workplaces that encourage creativity. The rapid growth of AI and other technologies should not only improve efficiency but also align with ethical values. Lifelong learning and collaboration across different fields will be critical for engineers and project leaders to succeed in Industry 5.0.

In the end, combining both technical expertise and strong soft skills, and building closer ties between education and industry, will help shape the leaders of tomorrow. With this approach, organizations can ensure they are ready for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

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VUCA (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity): A term used to describe an environment characterized by rapid change (volatility), unpredictability (uncertainty), intricate interconnections (complexity), and unclear situations (ambiguity). VUCA is often used to describe the challenges leaders face in today's business world.

Human Skills (Soft Skills): Non-technical skills related to how individuals interact with others and adapt to their environment. These include emotional intelligence, communication, empathy, adaptability, collaboration, and problem-solving.

Industry 4.0: The Fourth Industrial Revolution, characterized by the integration of digital technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), robotics, and big data into manufacturing and business processes.

Industry 5.0: The emerging phase beyond Industry 4.0, focusing on the collaboration between humans and advanced technologies like AI, robotics, and automation to enhance human capabilities and improve productivity. It emphasizes human-centric technologies, sustainability, and personalized approaches to production.

Digital Proficiency: The ability to effectively use digital tools, platforms, and technologies in the workplace. It covers a wide range of skills, from basic digital literacy to advanced technical expertise in areas like data analytics, cybersecurity, and software development.

Emotional Intelligence (EQ): The ability to recognize, understand, and manage one's own emotions, as well as the ability to recognize and influence the emotions of others. Key components of EQ include self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy, and social skills.

Adaptability: The ability to adjust quickly and effectively to new conditions, challenges, or environments. It involves flexibility, openness to change, and the ability to learn from experience.

Collaboration: The process of working together with others to achieve a common goal. It involves communication, cooperation, and the ability to leverage diverse perspectives and expertise.

Innovation: The process of creating new ideas, products, services, or processes that add value. Innovation can involve technological advancements, but it also encompasses creative problem-solving and the implementation of novel approaches.

Upskilling and Reskilling: Upskilling refers to enhancing employees' current skills, while reskilling involves training employees for new roles or skills, often due to changes in technology or industry demands.

Change Management: The process of preparing, supporting, and helping individuals, teams, and organizations make organizational change. It involves planning, communication, and managing resistance to ensure smooth transitions.

Empathy: The ability to understand and share the feelings of others. Empathy involves recognizing others' emotions, listening actively, and responding appropriately.

Sustainability in Industry 5.0: The integration of environmental and social sustainability into the development and deployment of advanced technologies. This includes reducing waste, conserving resources, and improving social well-being through human-centric innovation.

Digital Transformation: The process of integrating digital technologies into all areas of business, changing how organizations operate and deliver value to customers. This includes adopting new technologies, processes, and business models.

Future of Work: The evolving landscape of work driven by technological advancements, changing societal needs, and shifting economic dynamics. This includes the increasing use of automation, artificial intelligence, remote work, and flexible work arrangements.

Agility: The ability to move quickly and easily in response to changes in the business environment. Agile organizations and leaders are capable of making rapid decisions and adapting strategies to meet new challenges.