



Range: Why Generalist Triumph in a Specialized World

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Within this book David Epstein goes over the multitude of reasons for which it is better to be a generalist over a specialist. The foundational axiom, ~~but~~ behind this book pertains to the problem of success which is currently present in societal consensus. That is that the route of specialization into a specific topic is the only which will lead to the most prosperous outcome. An example which ~~he~~ Epstein looks at the start of the book, the example is a Polish family where the father got his daughters to specialize in Chess. This led to the daughters becoming chess prodigies and world champions. Another case which Epstein gives is that of Tiger Woods. Tiger Woods is an individual who hyper-specialized early in his life. He became a golf prodigy when other kids were learning their ABCs. Another example which the author gives is that of Roger Federer who is a top tennis player within the world. The story is that of generalization. Roger Federer did not play organized tennis until he was, ~~an~~ fairly substantial age. This example showcases the benefits being a generalist can have on multitude of unexpected benefits. These include gaining skills that a otherwise

would not be attached ^{dit} to the ~~user~~ focus
which comes with intense specialization.
When you have range you can integrate skills
from a plethora of fields to the domain at
hand. An example of this is using skills attached
in Computer Science and the problem solving
skills which accompany it to solve a
problem in another domain which would
be otherwise very difficult. This book
is in ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ contention with the premise of
~~David~~ ^{David} Malcom Wedgell's thought process of
needing 10000 hours of work to
become a true specialist in a given
field. The ~~more~~ ^{more} ~~under~~ ^{under} ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~general~~ ^{general}
of this book lies within the ~~the~~
criticism of the ~~focus on~~ ^{focus on} early specialization
on this causes hyperspecialization, in one
aspect of life and lack of creativity,
ability to combine fields and the
possibility of using a solution constructed
in another field to the innovator and
possible paradigm shift in another field.
Another example of the ability to have
range is the fact that it is
useful within real life aspects
as it allows you to have a
wide range of possible conversation
topics which you can discuss
within life. The ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~other~~ ^{other} ~~part~~ ^{part}
of individuals in life can
within the workplace