Level Up Your Technical Career by Writing ✍️

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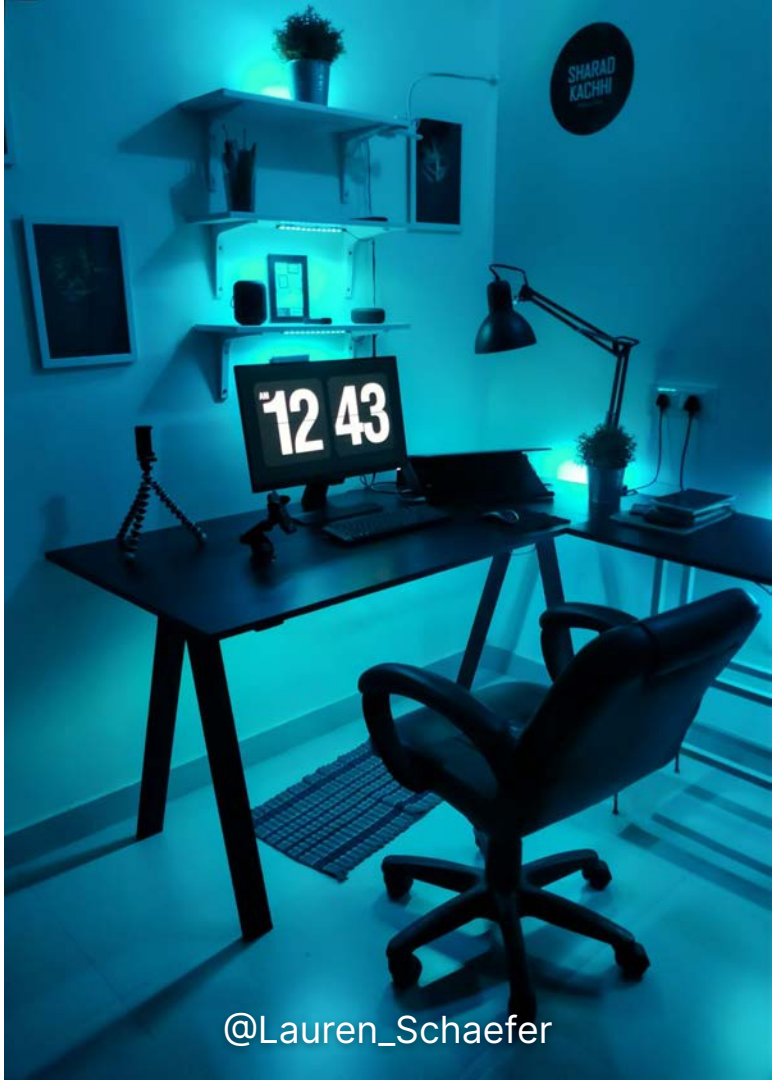
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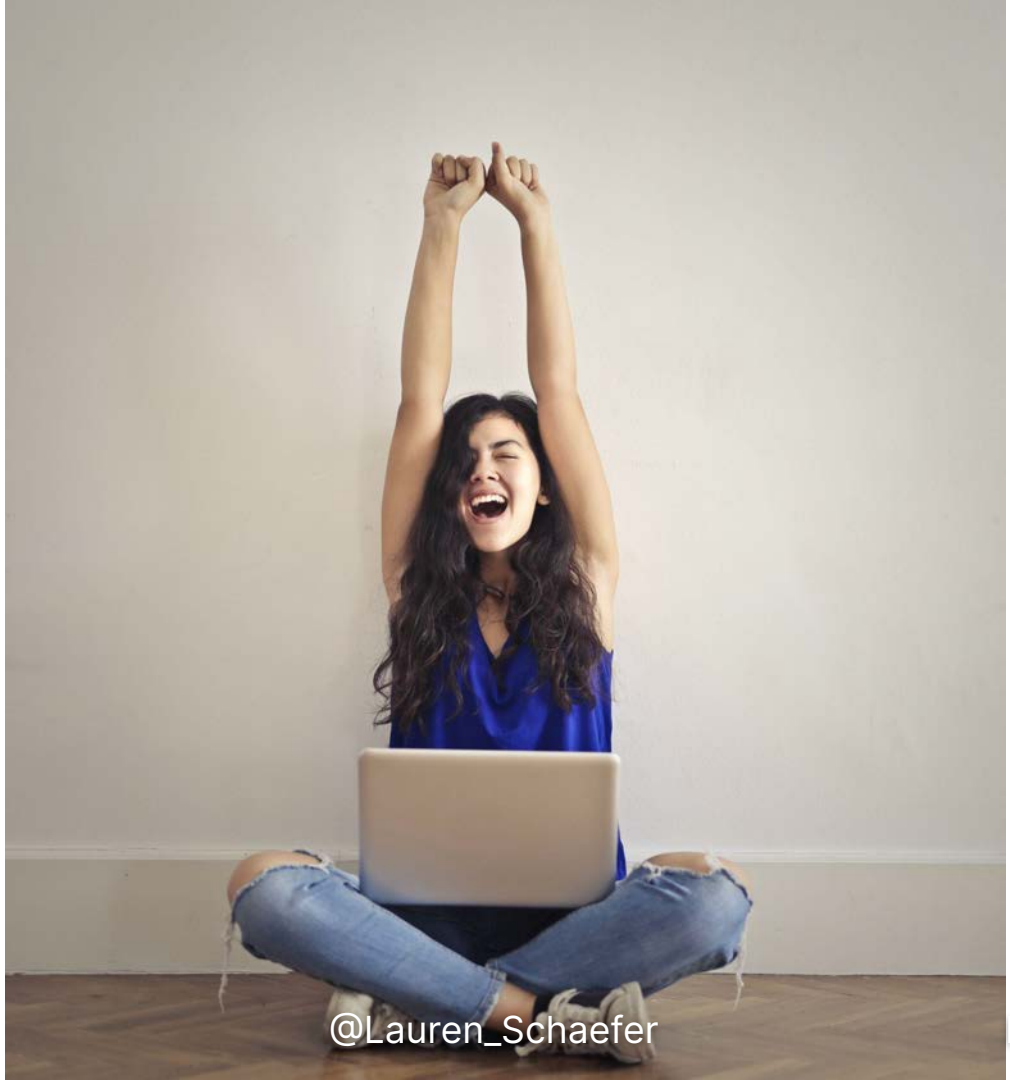
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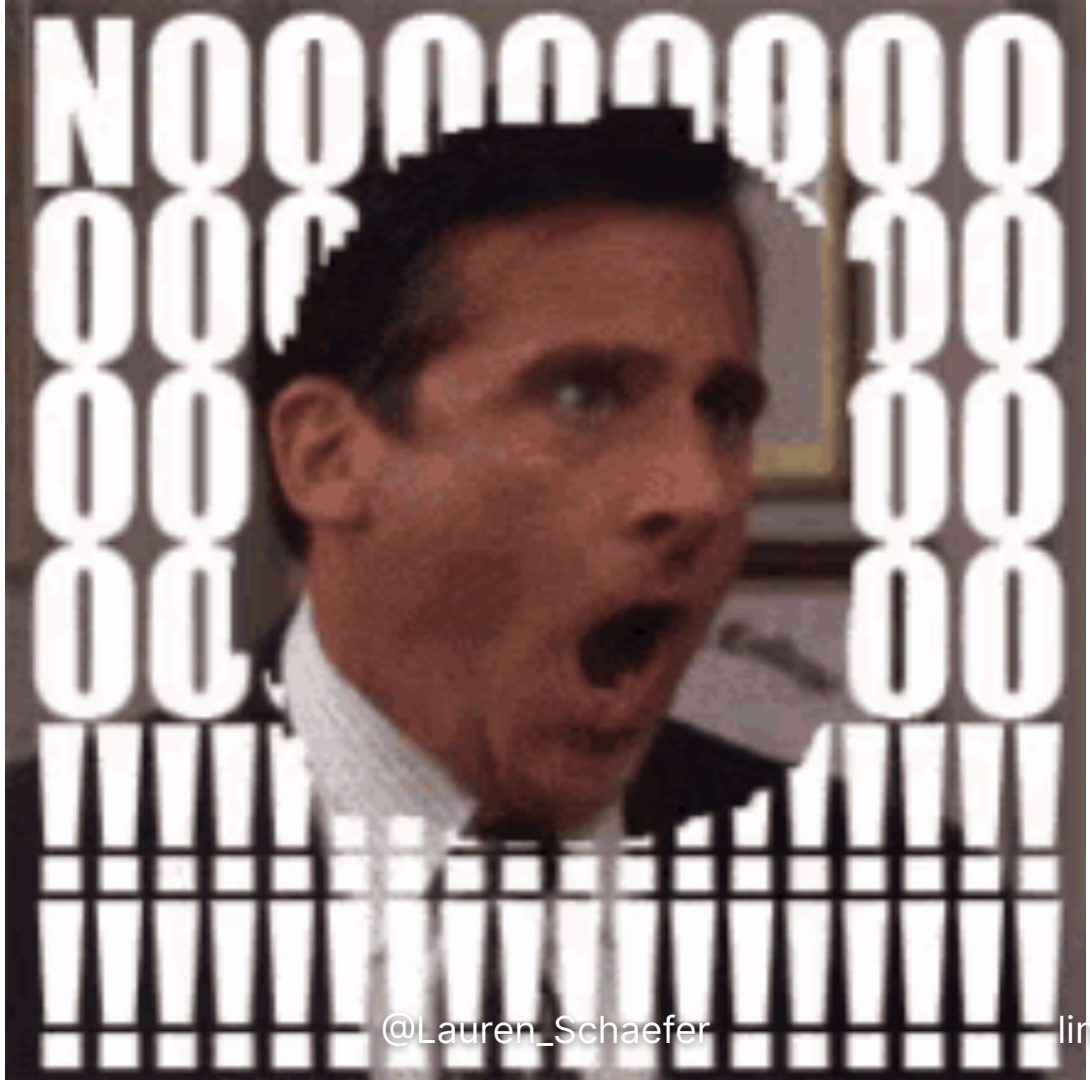
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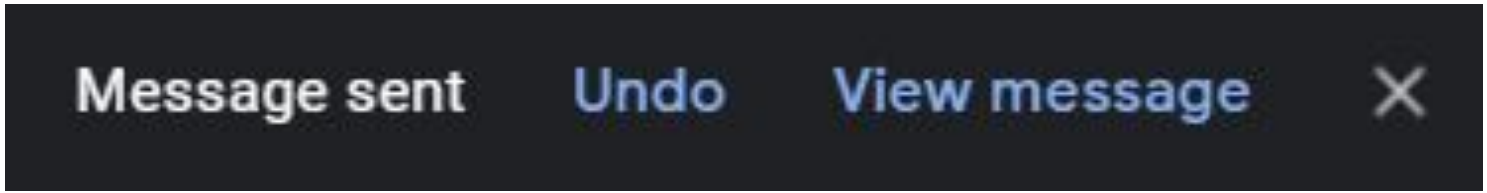
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Has your writing ever gotten you in trouble?

The written word is **powerful.**

Knowledge workers report spending about **20 hours a week on written communication.**

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3 ways to improve the quality of your writing

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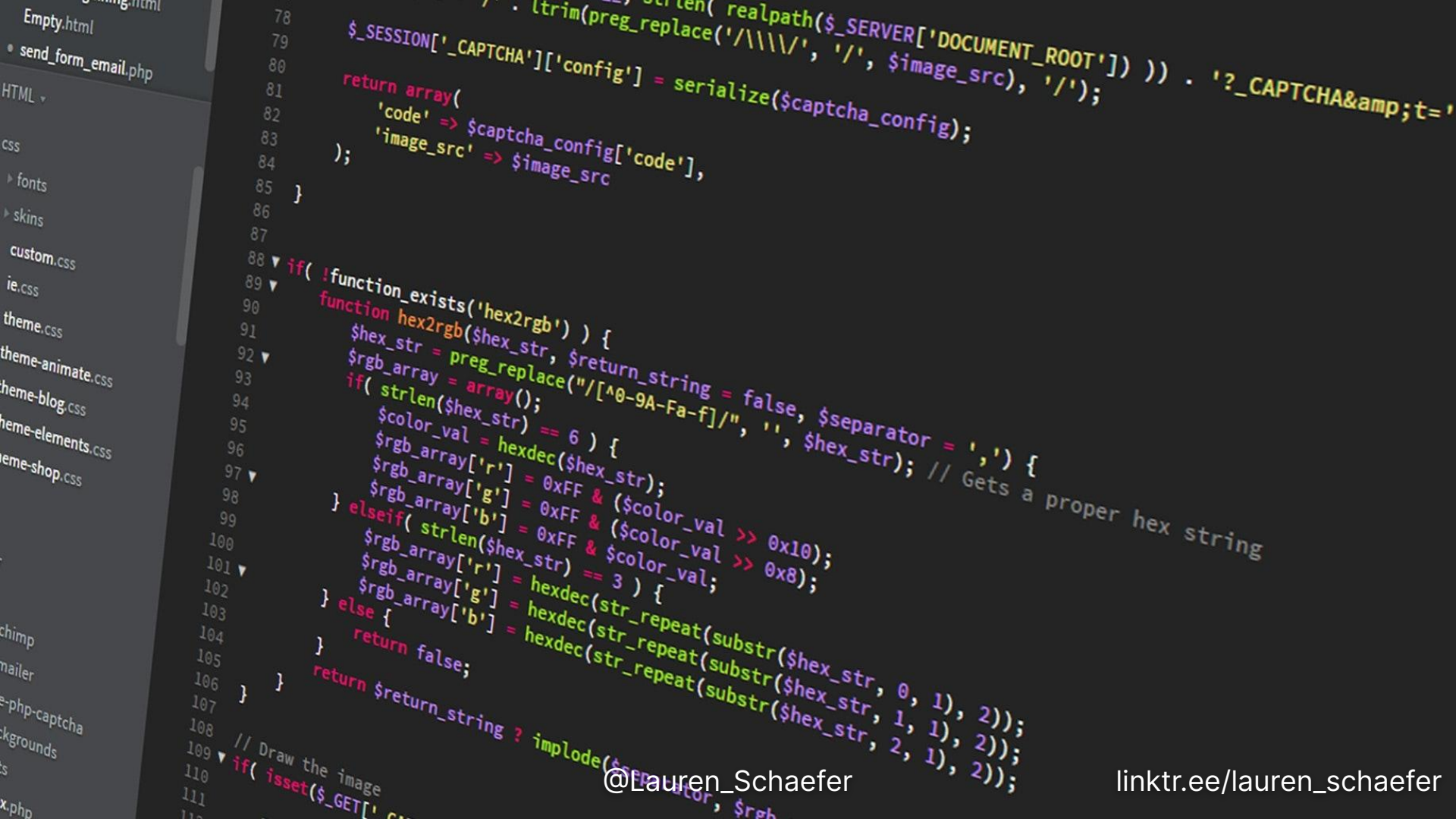
   help your users.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78 . trim(preg_replace('/\\\\/', '/', $image_src), '/');
79 $_SESSION['_CAPTCHA']['config'] = serialize($captcha_config);
80
81 return array(
82 'code' => $captcha_config['code'],
83 'image_src' => $image_src
84);
85 }
86
87
88 if(!function_exists('hex2rgb')) {
89 function hex2rgb($hex_str, $return_string = false, $separator = ',') {
90 $hex_str = preg_replace("/[^0-9A-Fa-f]/", '', $hex_str); // Gets a proper hex string
91 $rgb_array = array();
92 if(strlen($hex_str) == 6) {
93 $color_val = hexdec($hex_str);
94 $rgb_array['r'] = 0xFF & ($color_val >> 0x10);
95 $rgb_array['g'] = 0xFF & ($color_val >> 0x8);
96 $rgb_array['b'] = 0xFF & $color_val;
97 } elseif(strlen($hex_str) == 3) {
98 $rgb_array['r'] = hexdec(str_repeat(substr($hex_str, 0, 1), 2));
99 $rgb_array['g'] = hexdec(str_repeat(substr($hex_str, 1, 1), 2));
100 $rgb_array['b'] = hexdec(str_repeat(substr($hex_str, 2, 1), 2));
101 } else {
102 return false;
103 }
104 return $return_string ? implode($
105 }
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108 // Draw the image
109 if(isset($_GET['
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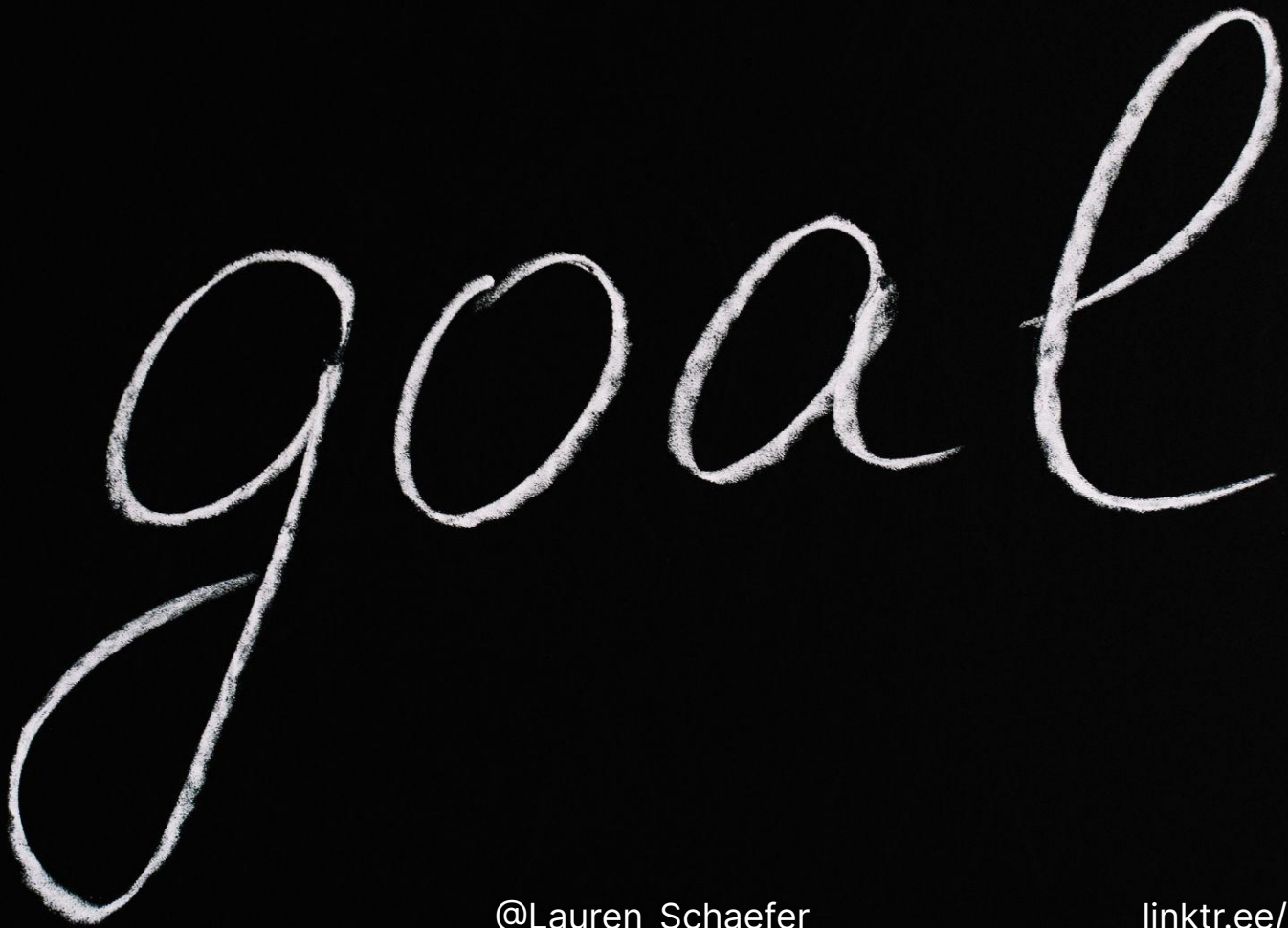
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Accepted answer

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Lauren Hayward Schaefer (3.3k●1●14●27) | answered Nov 15 '12, 7:53 a.m.
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Hi Morten,

I think you need to call manager.connect() before calling getWorkingCopy(). My code looks like this:

```
IWorkItemClient workItemClient= (IWorkItemClient)teamRepository.getClientLibrary(IWor
IWorkItemWorkingCopyManager manager= workItemClient.getWorkItemWorkingCopyManager();
manager.connect(workItemHandle, IWorkItem.SMALL_PROFILE, progress.newChild(20));
IWorkItem workItem= null;
WorkItemWorkingCopy copy= manager.getWorkingCopy(workItemHandle);
workItem= copy.getWorkItem();
```

Morten Madsen selected this answer as the correct answer

Comments

Morten Madsen commented Nov 16 '12, 2:59 a.m.

IT WORKS!!! THANK YOU!! :-DD

Lauren Hayward Schaefer commented Nov 16 '12, 7:04 a.m.
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You're welcome! :-)

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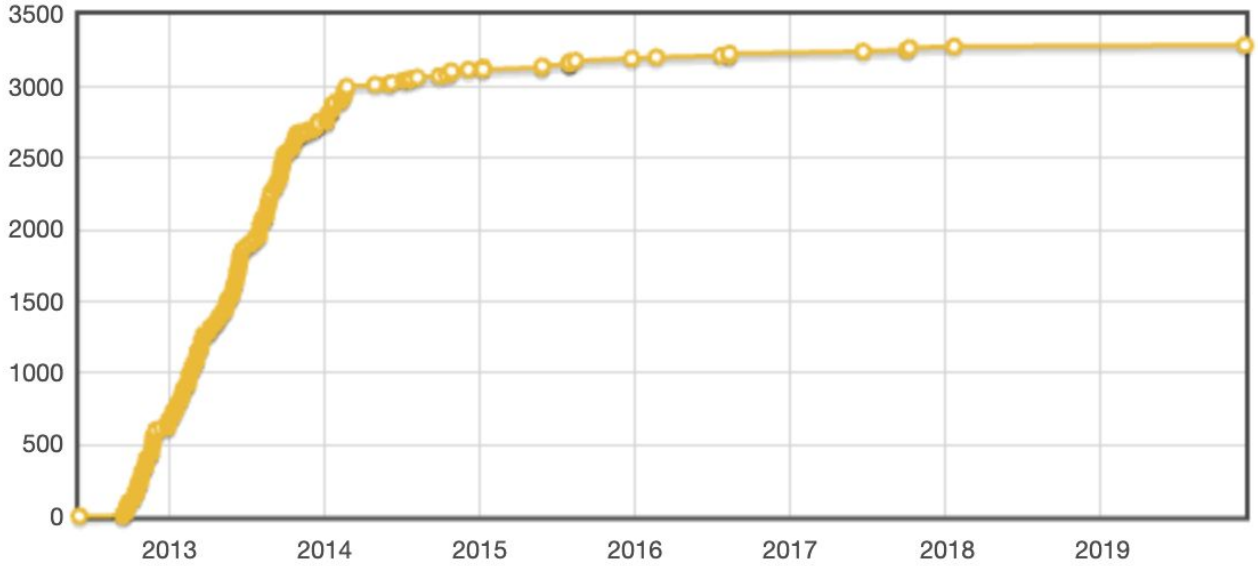

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Write to...
help your users

- Answer questions in forums
- Write blog posts and tutorials on your company's blog
- Write documentation
- Respond to users' bug reports and requests for features
- Write RFOs (reason for outage reports)
- Email your users
- Chat with your users on platforms like Slack or Discord
- Curate a newsletter

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Scope and **influence**

2. Write to...
educate the tech community.

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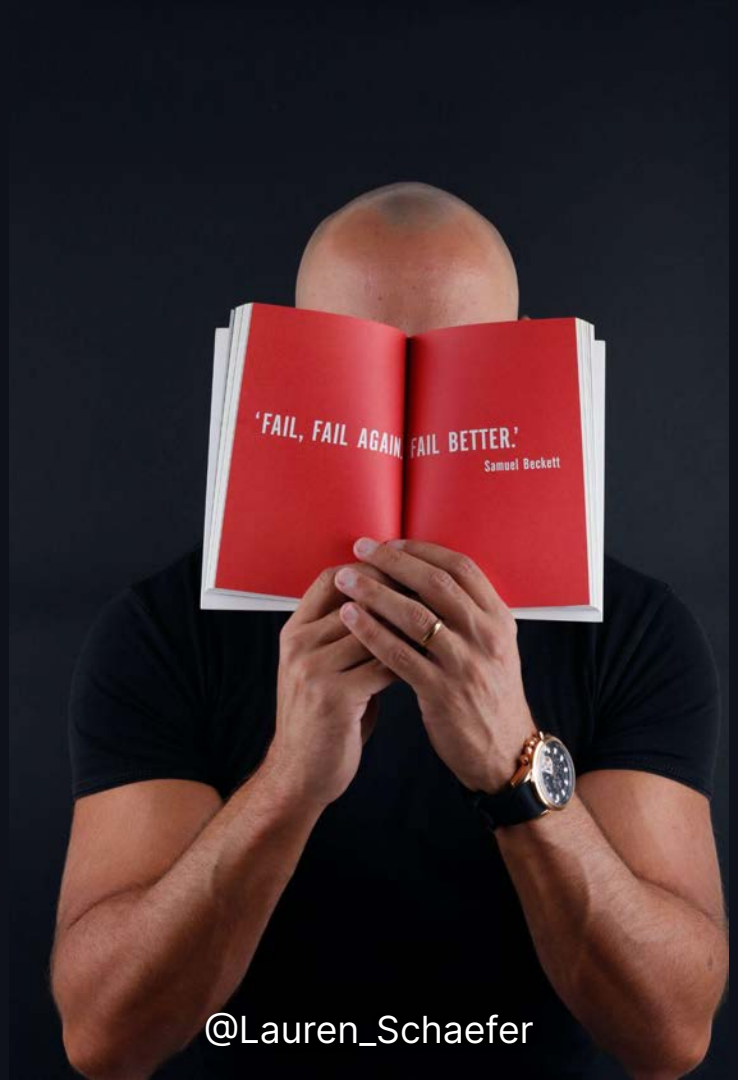

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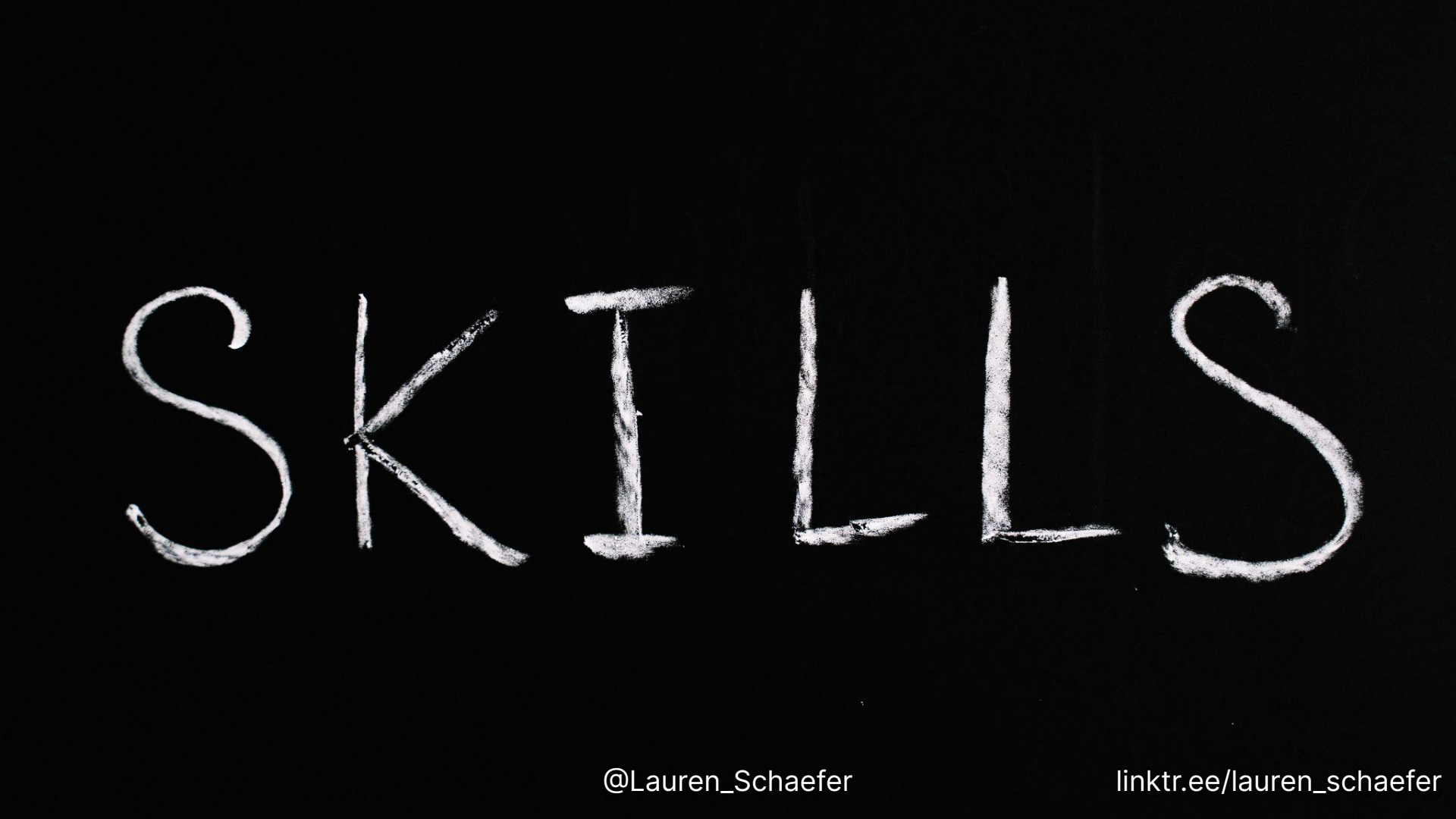
SKILLS

Write to...

educate the tech community

- Answer questions in forums like Stack Overflow or DEV
- Participate in discussions on open source projects
- Chat in tech communities on platforms like Discord and Slack
- Share micro-content on platforms like Twitter, LinkedIn, or Instagram
- Write tutorials or thought leadership articles on your own blog or on platforms like DEV, Medium, or LinkedIn
- Write a book

Write to...
educate the tech community

- Help others
- Help yourself (scope & influence)

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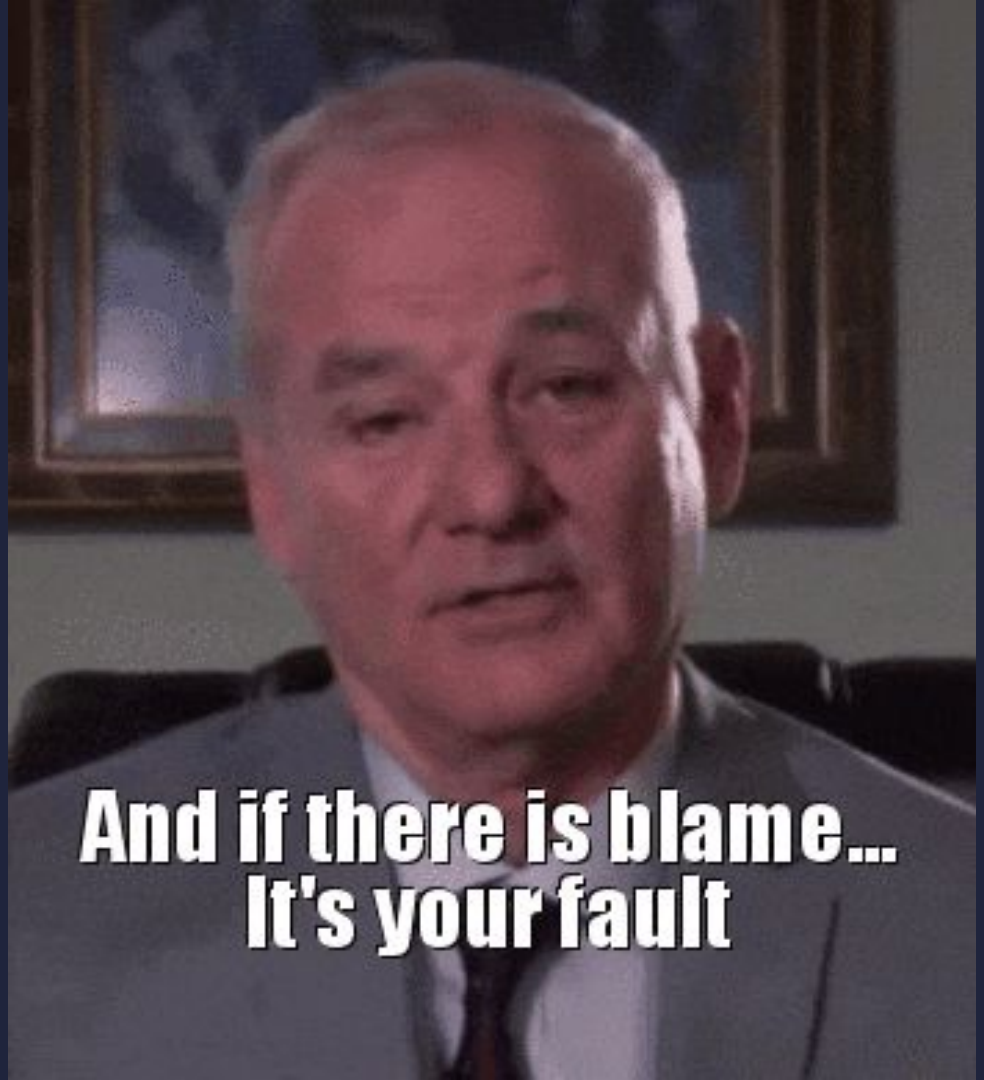
3. Write to...
document team knowledge.


And if there is blame...
It's your fault

Write to...
document team knowledge

- If you find yourself answering a question more than once, find a way to document it ❓
- When you make a decision, document the decision and why you chose it 🤝
- Document team processes 🧠

4. Write to...
encourage your teammates.

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Replying to @Lauren_Schaefer @LuceCarter1 and @joel__lord

We still talk about you and how amazing and brilliant and kind you are! <3

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Tell your teammates that **you appreciate them** and **they belong**.

Create a **culture of compliments**.

5. Write to...
record your accomplishments.

Do not waste your **performance review**.

Regularly document **tasks** and **compliments**.

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I am big enough to admit that I am often inspired by myself.

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3 ways to improve the quality of your writing

1. Don’t be a **jerk**.

Lauren’s scale of being a jerk

Unintentionally being a jerk

Unsure if you’re being a jerk but not putting in the work to find out

Not caring that your words could hurt others

Intentionally being a jerk

Be **empathetic.**

Use **inclusive language**.

Use your words to **make someone else's day a little brighter.**

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Collaborator

As simple as it should be, and no more! ❤️

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2. **Practice.**

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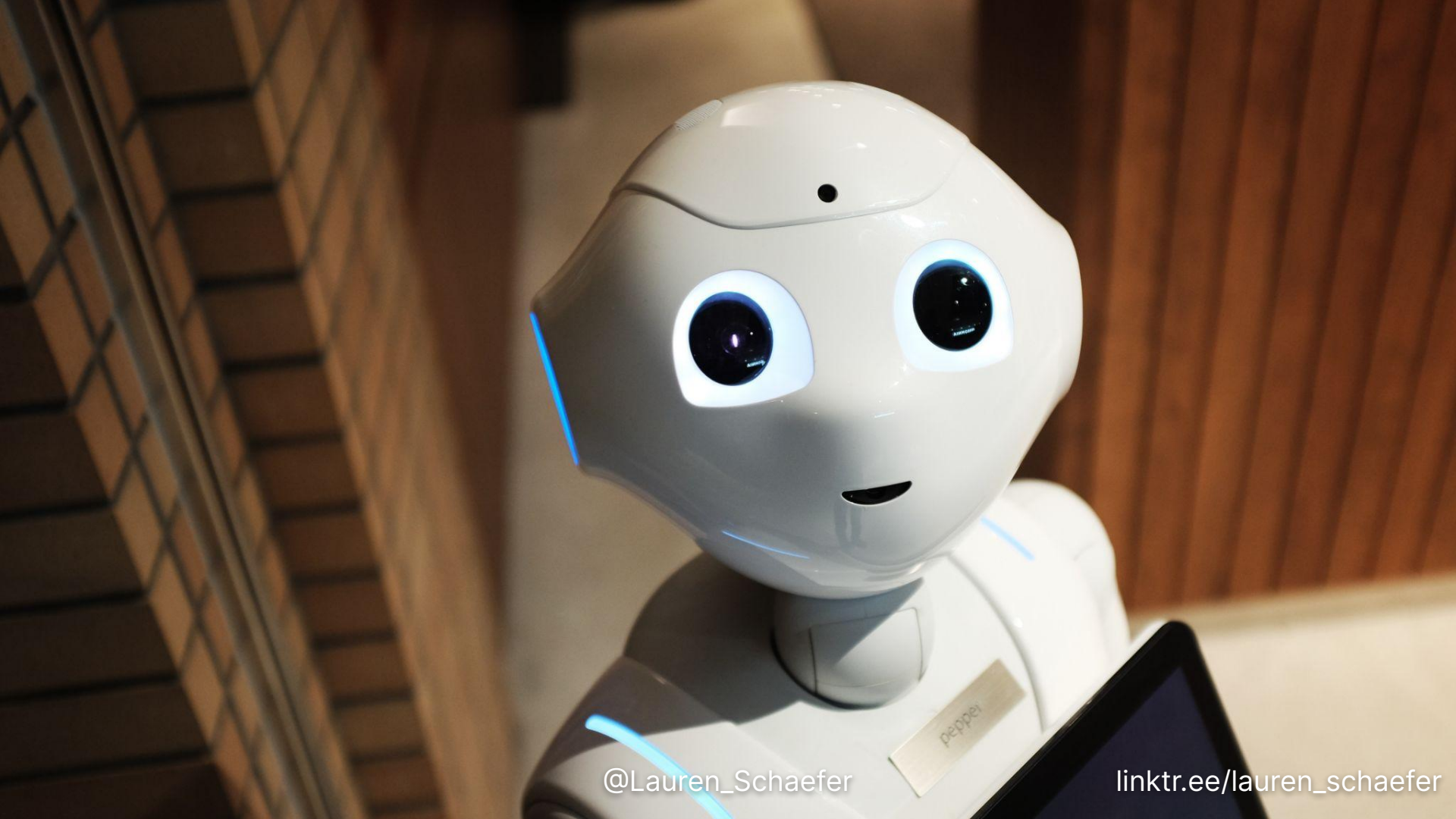
3. **Educate** yourself.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2. Practice
3. Educate yourself

Check out the **Grammarly for Developers blog.**

gram.ly/level-up-writing

Use the **power** of the **written word** to **level up your technical career.**

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