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Things To Do While Waiting

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So your flight's delayed. Or an event you were going to attend has been canceled. You're stuck waiting for an appointment far longer than you anticipated.

You've entered what I call *liminal time*. And this, dear reader, isn't a curse. It's an opportunity. As Austin Kleon wrote in Steal Like An Artist:

"Take time to be bored. One time I heard a coworker say, "When I get busy, I get stupid." Ain't that the truth. Creative people need time to just sit around and do nothing."

Inspired by recent events, here's a list of things you can do while occupying this phase of existence. Some require a willing companion, others you can do by yourself.

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"A poetic exploration of patience, presence, and the relationship with time."

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5 Things That Work for Me · Austin Kleon

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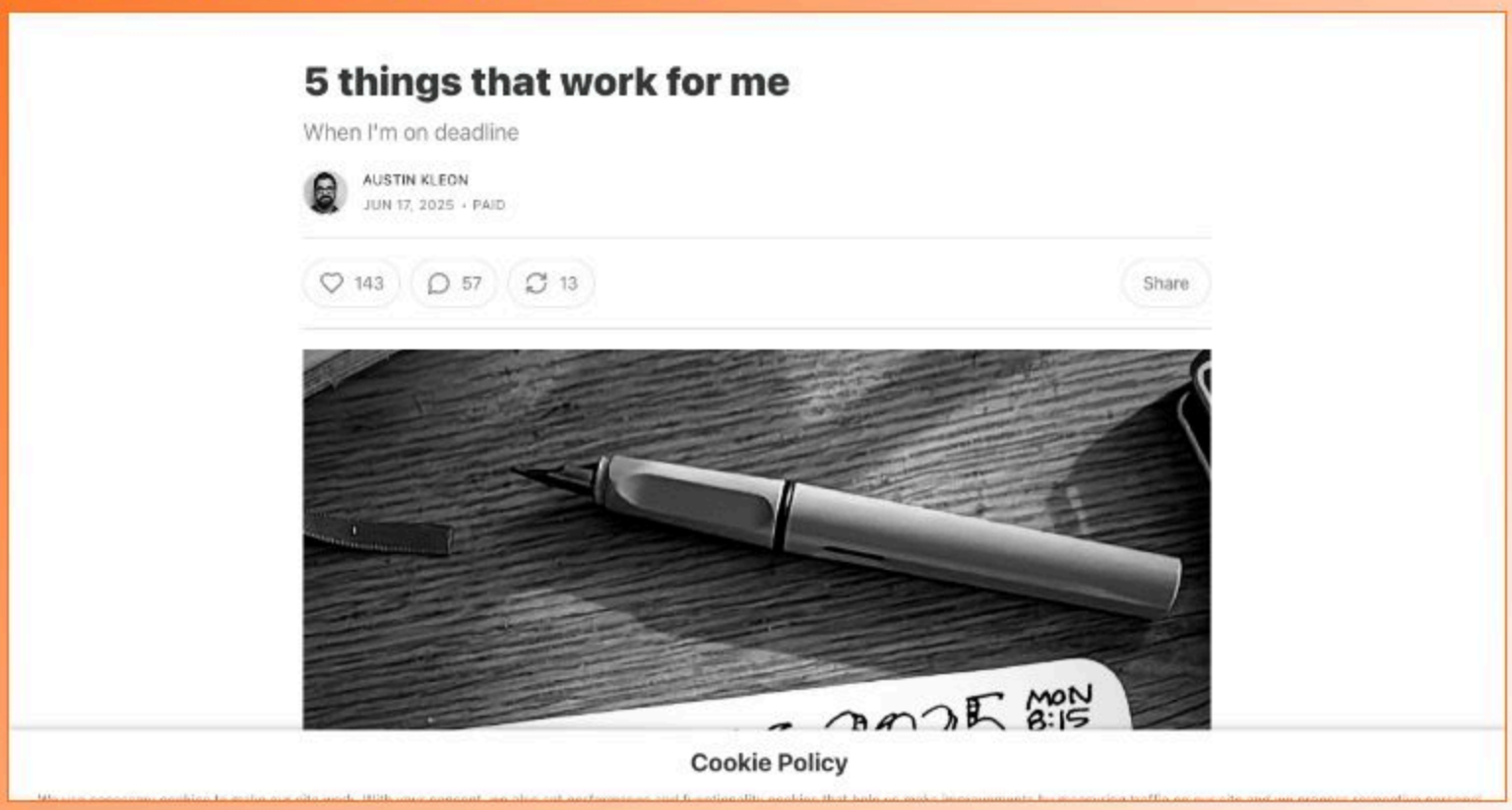

"Austin Kleon shares five simple practices that help him stay creative and grounded."

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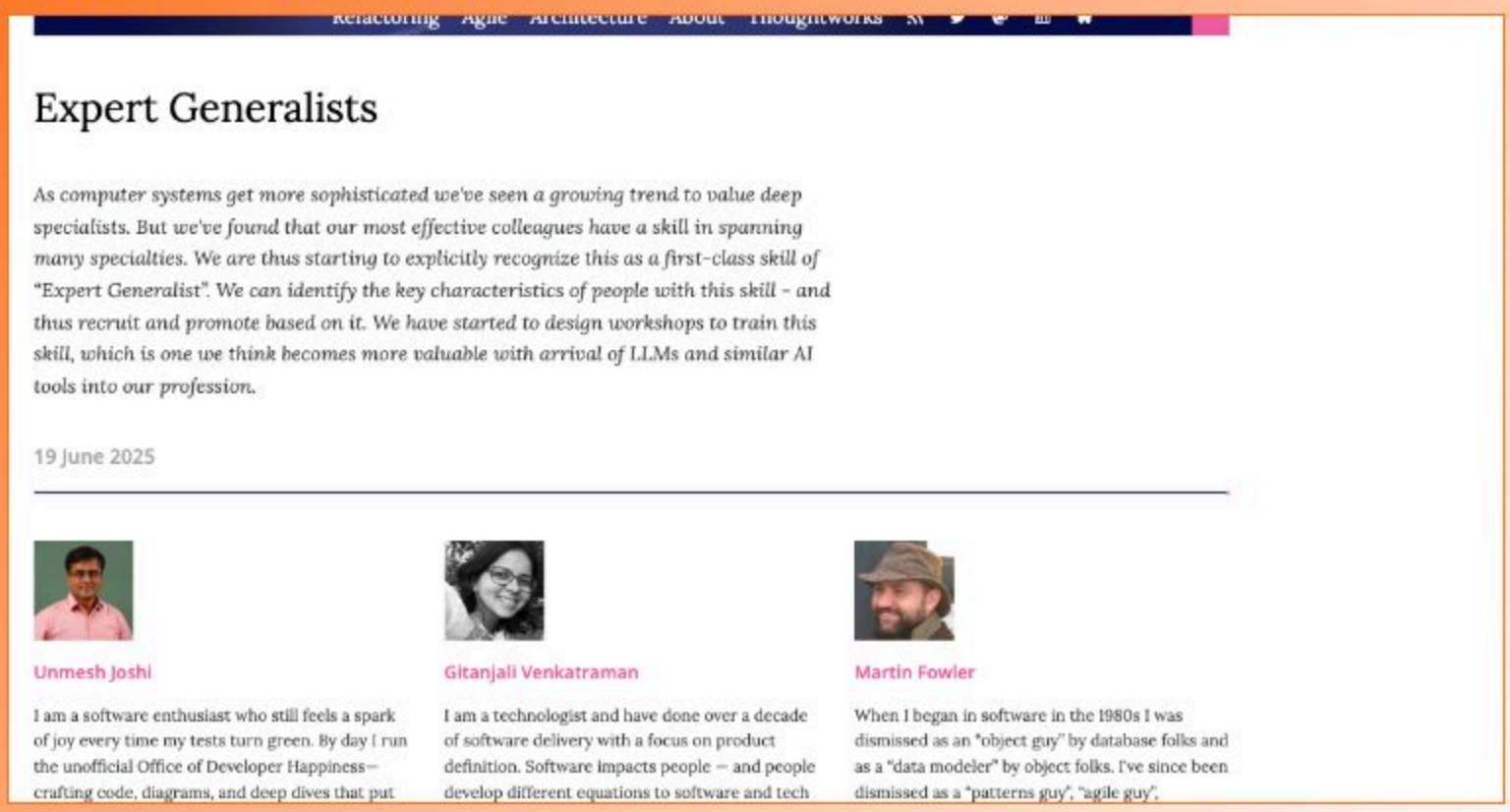

"Being an Expert Generalist should be treated as a first-class skill, one that can be assessed and taught."

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MIT Study: Using ChatGPT Won’t Make You Dumb (Unless You Do It Wrong)

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"A nuanced AI study, you’ve got to love it!"

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AI coding trackers are here. Proceed with caution

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"Companies are finally starting to track AI usage within their engineering orgs. Should we be worried or remain cautiously optimistic?"

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9 Ways to Truly Differentiate Your Content in an AI World | WordStream

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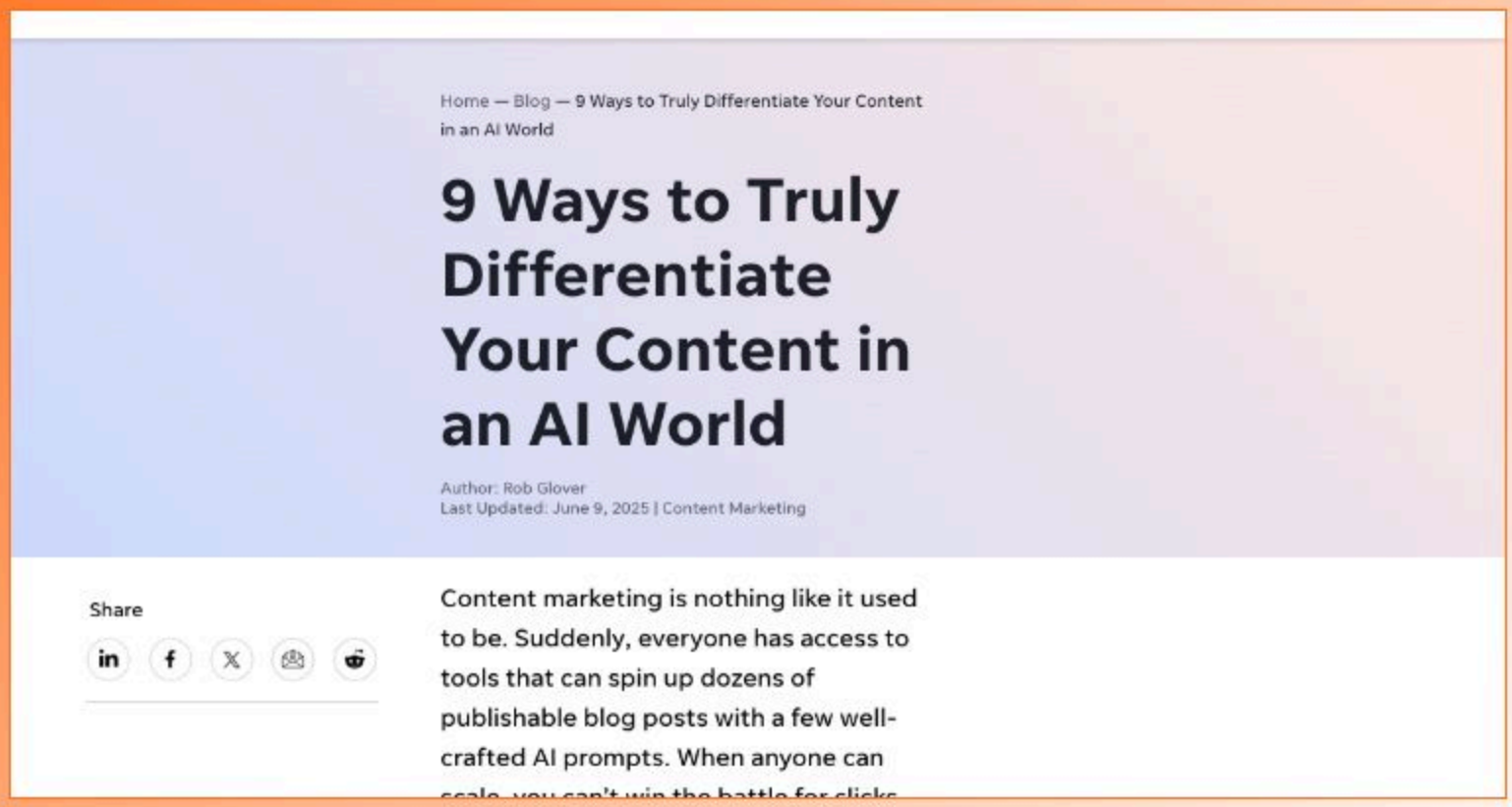

"Learn how to differentiate your content from marketing experts so everything you create stands out on crowded platforms."

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Asking What—When—Where—Why—Who—How… and Then Some… for the Toyota Practical Problem Solving – AllAboutLean.com

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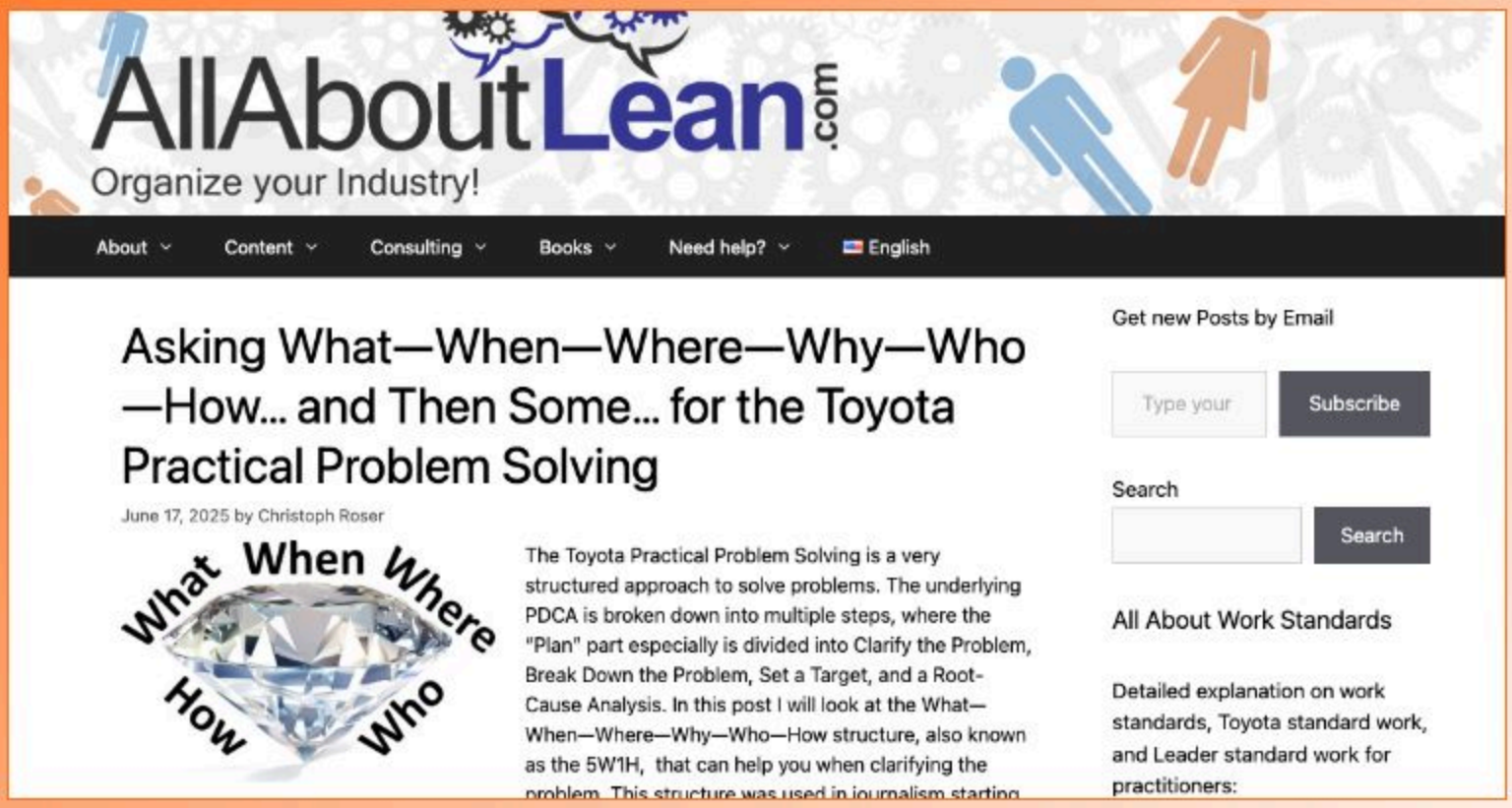

"The Toyota Practical Problem Solving is a very structured approach to solve problems. The underlying PDCA is broken down into multiple steps, where the "Plan" part especially is divided into Clarify the Problem, Break Down the Problem, Set a Target, and a Root-Cause Analysis. In this post I will look at the What—When—Where—Why—Who—How structure, also known as the 5W1H, that can help you when clarifying the problem. This structure was used in journalism starting around 1913, but may originate from Greek antiquity. It is also a useful structure for problem solving."

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Being an “Intrapreneur” as a software engineer

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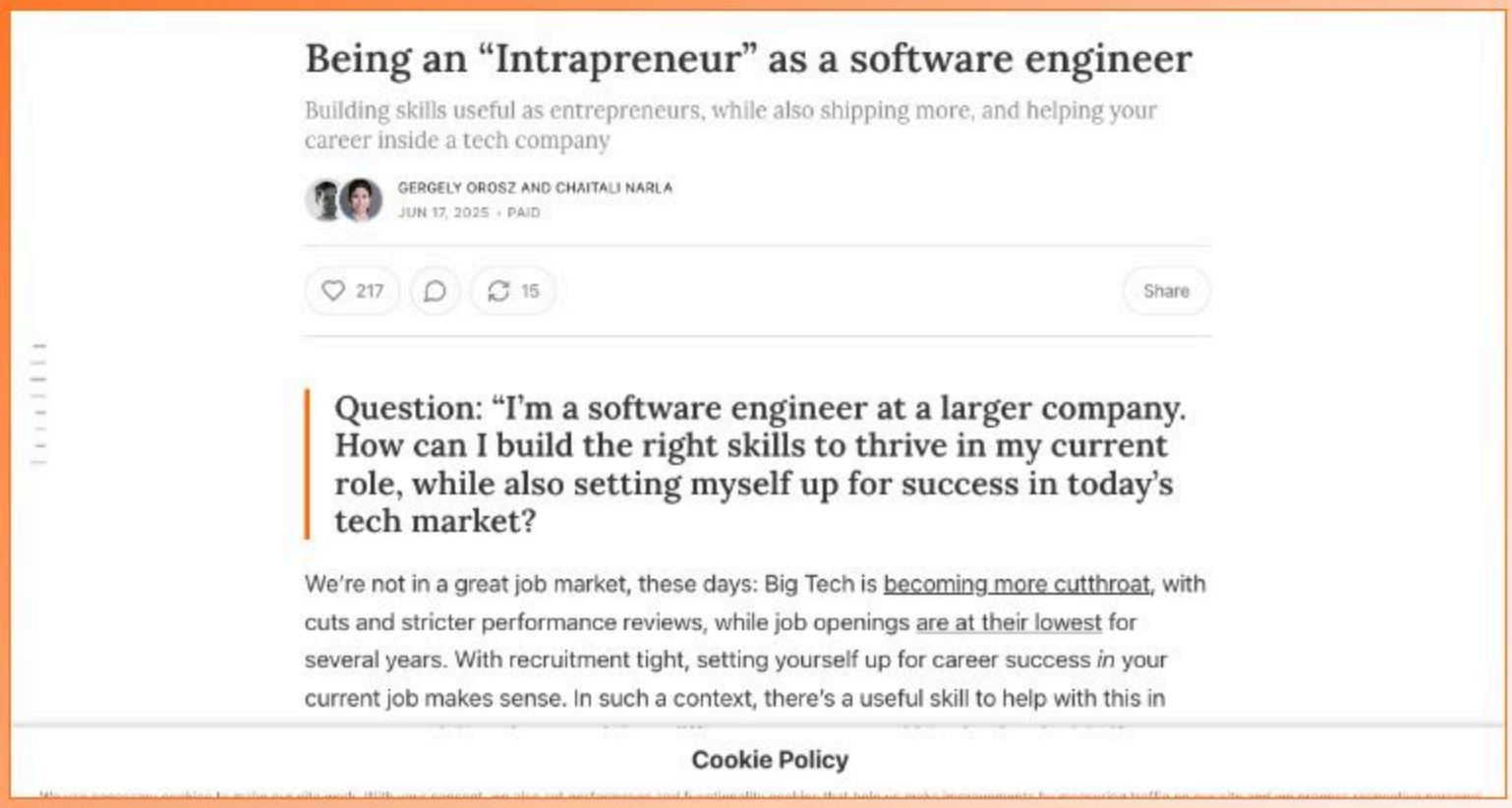

"Building skills useful entrepreneurs, while also shipping more, and helping your career inside a tech company. A guest post by Chaitali Narla."

3 brilliant critical thinking tools used by Daniel Dennett

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3 brilliant critical thinking tools used by Daniel Dennett

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

● An important question to ask yourself is, "What if I'm wrong?" ● "Occam's razor" helps you shave the unnecessary junk from your ideas, while "Occam's broom" helps you see relevant facts others may be sweeping under the rug. ● While Dennett recommends these tools, he adds that engaging with others is vital for uncovering the best explanations for how things truly work.

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snorting the agi with claude code

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I was planning to write a nice overview on using claude code for both myself and my teammates. However, the more I experimented with it, the more intrigued I became. So, this is not an introductory article about claude code - Anthropic already released an excellent version of that. Instead:

> *We will be doing Serious Science™*

What does that mean, exactly? Well, some of this is valuable, but other parts are a bit more...experimental, let's say.

> *"Sometimes science is more art than science, Morty. A lot of people don't get that." - Rick Sanchez*

Additionally, I wouldn't say this is the most budget friendly project. I'm using Claude Max which is $250 a month. I'll let you decide on how much money you feel comfortable lighting on fire.

Nevertheless, let's not waste any more time...

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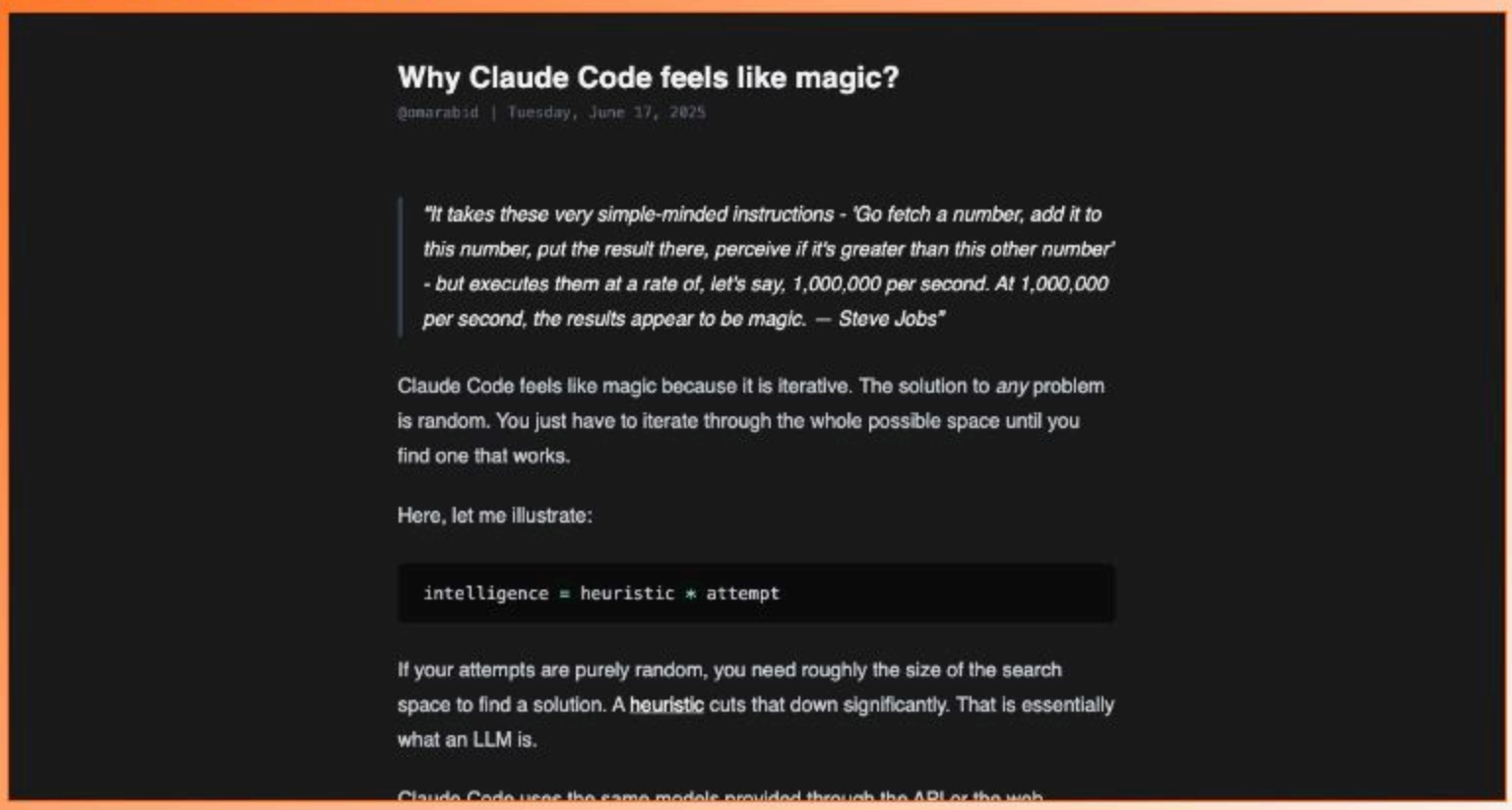

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Claude Code feels like magic because it is iterative. The solution to *any* problem is random. You just have to iterate through the whole possible space until you find one that works.

Here, let me illustrate:

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intelligence = heuristic * attempt
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If your attempts are purely random, you need roughly the size of the search space to find a solution. A heuristic cuts that down significantly. That is essentially what an LLM is.

Claude Code uses the same models provided through the API or the web

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