



Book Club - External

At Focused Labs, we like to keep our skills sharp and continuously learn. We regularly select a book, read it asynchronously, and meet to exchange our interpretations and ideas. This helps us learn about each other, deepen our understanding of our craft, and make conversations about technology feel like second nature.

Expected Outcomes

The Book Club requires a time investment from each member, so we expect to see returns! Some of the highest-valued outcomes include:

- Safe exchange of ideas and opinions
- Challenging our preconceived notions
- Building a shared and effective vocabulary for the team to discuss complex ideas
- Deepening our appreciation for what each person brings to the discussion

Not Just Books!

Sometimes it makes sense for us to spend our Book Club time differently, most commonly in the form of a Study Group. For example, the team can choose to work on a common certification goal, like the CKAD, during this time. At the end of the day, the Book Club should always be in service of our Core Principles, even if the practice is dynamic. Don't be afraid to suggest a book or course that you have in mind!

Logistics

- We organize in the #bookclub channel, find us there!

Currently Reading: XP Explained

- Date of First Book Club: Thursday Feb 23rd @5PM Central

Previously Read

- How to Win Friends and Influence People
- Practical Object Oriented Design in Ruby
- Domain Driven Design Distilled
- How JavaScript Works *Parker's favorite*
- CKAD - Study Session
- Remote: Office Not Required
- Team of Teams: New Rules of Engagement for a Complex World