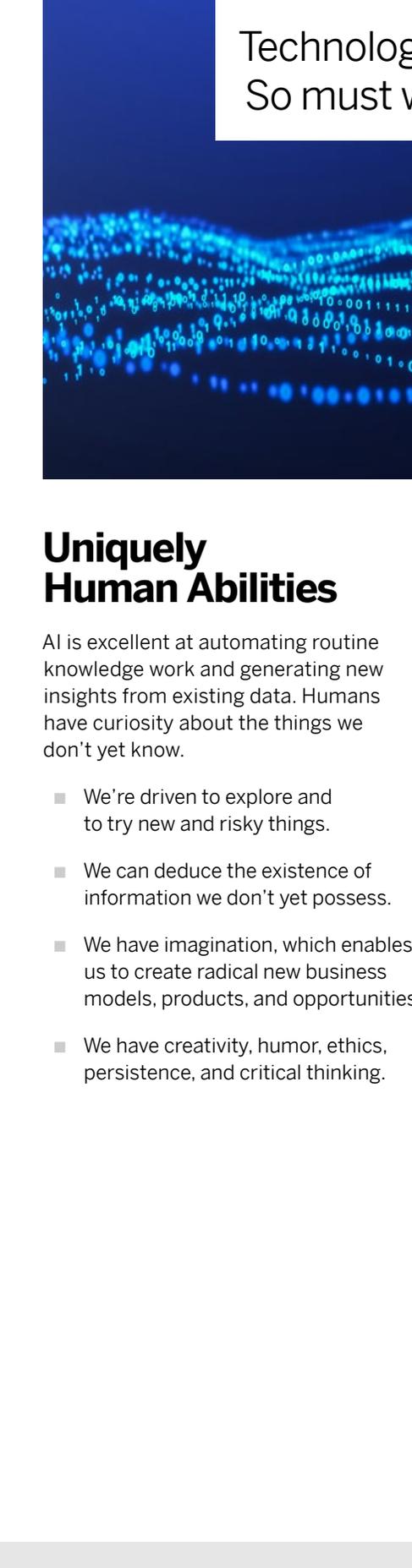


The Human Factor in AI

Human Skills for the Digital Future

Artificial intelligence is getting better at performing complex human tasks.

In an increasingly automated world, we will have to redefine our value by recognizing and nurturing skills that are uniquely human.



Technology evolves.
So must we.

Uniquely Human Abilities

AI is excellent at automating routine knowledge work and generating new insights from existing data. Humans have curiosity about the things we don't yet know.

- We're driven to explore and to try new and risky things.
- We can deduce the existence of information we don't yet possess.
- We have imagination, which enables us to create radical new business models, products, and opportunities.
- We have creativity, humor, ethics, persistence, and critical thinking.

There's Nothing Soft About Soft Skills

To thrive – even survive – in a world automated with AI, we need to cultivate creativity, critical thinking, curiosity, and other so-called soft skills. Everyone will need these skills, and most will need help acquiring and improving them.

We need to redesign our educational curriculum, starting as early as preschool, to emphasize the importance of combining analytical, critical, creative, and emotional abilities.

The world is full of problems too big and complex for individuals to solve.

Our ability to be cooperative, collaborative, open-minded, and willing to take risks is more relevant and necessary than ever.

If we rethink assumptions about education and the economy based on the idea that everyone has unique human abilities worth nurturing, we can retain options for everyone to earn a living and find innovations where we never looked for them before. While we let artificial intelligence get better at being what it is, we can get better at being human.

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